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City eyes lighter parking touch

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

After hearing complaints from merchants and customers that parking enforcement in downtown Plymouth is, well, being enforced, city officials have agreed to look at possibly making some adjustments that could result in a more friendly shopping experi-

Two weeks ago, merchants told city commissioners the parking ordinance officers are too strict in handing out parking violations, tarnishing the city's image and chasing away customers.

Retailers cited customers who were given \$15 tickets for being parked only minutes past a two-hour time limit, or while loading packages into their cars.

As a result, the city commission's parking committee has agreed to meet with the **Downtown Development** Authority to discuss how the current parking ordinance can be modified.

"We're going to consider not enforcing parking at all on Saturdays, and if we should consider converting 10 parking spaces in the lower parking deck from two hours to eight-hour parking," Mayor Dan Dwyer said. "(DDA chairman) Mike Wright and I will meet with all of the restaurant owners because there are still a lot of complaints about restaurant employees."

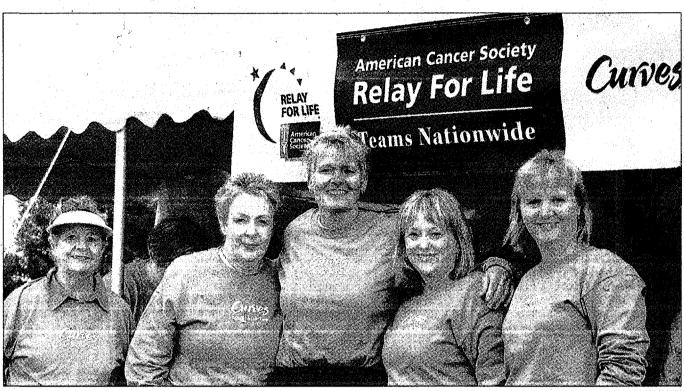
In fact, it was mainly the complaints about restaurant employees taking up prime downtown parking spaces for extended periods of time that resulted in merchants requesting stricter enforcement

"The ordinance officers were just enforcing what we told them to enforce," Dwyer said. "A lot of this, to me, is Plymouth adjusting to finally having parking management. The entire community needs to adjust, and maybe the way we do it needs to adjust."

Sandy Marulis, owner of Michigan Made, has been the most outspoken about the parking enforcement

policy.
"I feel it's a real move in the right direction," Marulis said. "Guys walking around with big sticks chalking tires, it's not the welcoming look we want for downtown Plymouth."

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The Curves for Women team was the highest fund-raiser for the third time, raising more than \$16,000 this year. Kim Scartelli, who owns the Canton, Plymouth and South Lyon centers and whose father died of cancer 10 years ago, said many members are recovering from cancer issues.

Walking with a purpose

24-hour relay raises \$250,000 for cancer research



Sybill O'Brien (left) and her daughter. Becky O'Brien. walked for Team Spring for Hope at the Canton Relay for Life Saturday. The teams hail from Plymouth, Ann Arbor and Traverse City, and Plymouth. Becky is a cancer survivor.

Barb Berberet of Canton was pleased to do the survivor walk at the Canton Relay for Life this weekend.

"It means a lot," said Berberet, a breast cancer survivor who walked with the Geneva Presbyterian Church team at the Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20, benefit for the American Cancer Society at Heritage Park in Canton. "You see so many people with the same appreciation that you have to be here another year."

Berberet, who faced breast cancer in 2003 and again in 2006, did the 10 a.m. survivor walk Saturday and was waiting to go back on the park track that afternoon. Walkers walked continuously from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday, with some 70 teams participating in the ninth annual Canton event, also held for the ACS in a number of

other communities. The Geneva team had some 22-25 walkers.

"I think attitude's the biggest thing," Berberet said of the cancer battle. "Can't give up. Ninety-eight percent of the battle is to have a good attitude, not give up."

Nearby in the park was the Dodson Sun Jewels team with a motto of "Lighting a Path \dots Touching a Heart." Representatives from Dodson Elementary in Canton walked in memory of Principal Cheryl Clason, who died of cervical cancer in July 2006, and student Andrew Holmlund, who died earlier that year of Ewing's sarcoma.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful cause," Dodson parent Kelly Tullius of Canton said, taking a break from volunteer duties. Fifth-graders at Dodson chose the team name. "Raising lots of money, hopefully to find a cure."

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Board gives school winner a jump-start

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education did what many expected when it appointed Nancy Eggenberger of Canton Township to fill the unexpired term of former board member Mark Slavens, who resigned May 8 as he was being elected to a third term to become a Wayne County Circuit Court judge.

After interviewing four candidates who expressed interest in the five-week term, the board voted 6-0 to give the appointment to Eggenberger, who finished first in the May 8 election and was slated to begin her own four-year term July

"Your life will never be quite the same again, I can assure you," said board Secretary Judy Mardigian, who was appointed in March 1998 to fill an unexpired term. "I want to thank you for all the years of service



Nancy Eggenberger, the newest Plymouth-Canton school board member, is sworn in by Supt. Jim Ryan (right) while board President Barry Simescu observes.

you've already given the district. and I want to congratulate you for what I think will be very good times ahead under your leadership." Kurt Heise of Plymouth

Township, who also interviewed for the position, told trustees in his opening statement the board should appoint Eggenberger. After

Eggenberger was seated, Heise said the board should appoint him when it fills the first year of Slavens' fouryear term in July because voters supported him behind Eggenberger and Slavens.

"I think Nancy's elevation establishes a precedent and practice, which I hope will be honored in the future," Heise said. "I think we have to respect the will of the voters and do the right thing come July. When the next vacancy opens up, I think they (the school board) should go for the number three person, and I think that should be me because I finished third."

Heise said he will put in a letter of intent when the board begins taking applications July 1. Larry Martin of Plymouth Township and John Nichols of Canton Township, who also interviewed Tuesday, said they will seek the July appointment.

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Appeal denied

Options few after high court says no to new trial for convicted killer Islam

> BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Supreme Court has ruled against a new trial for a Plymouth man who is serving life in prison for the December 1999 murder and dismemberment of his estranged wife.

The state's highest court upheld a December 2006 judgment by the Michigan Court of Appeals, which earlier overturned a ruling by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Patricia Fresard that awarded Azizul Islam a new trial.

Islam was convicted in October 2000 in the murder of his estranged wife, Tracy, in their Roe Street home, and then dumping her limbs in a restaurant Dumpster in Dearborn and her torso in a field near Toledo.

Islam's attorneys claimed a threeinch hacksaw blade with dried bloodstains on it found in the basement of Islam's home was planted by dog handler Sandra Anderson of Midland, Mich. Anderson, along with her cadaver dog, Eagle, helped Plymouth police find bloodstains belonging to Tracy Islam on the basement floor of the home.

While the blade wasn't used as evidence in the trial, Fresard ruled that since Anderson was an expert witness for the prosecution and the saw blade was mentioned, Islam's conviction should be thrown out.

In his concurring opinion, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Markman wrote that even though the planting of the bloody hacksaw blade by Anderson constituted an effort to taint evidence, it didn't affect the outcome of the trial.

"The trial court, however, stated three times that there were no saws with the victim's blood or remains on them and that each of the saws discovered was irrelevant as evidence," wrote Markman. "In addition ... the victim's blood was found underneath a coat of fresh paint on defendant's basement floor, on the paint roller, mop, vacuum cleaner, carpet, boots and sink pump. Defendant also tied himself to the crime with statements he gave to the police, which expressed remorse and admitted some level of participation in the death."

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Convicted killer Azizul Islam (right) sits with former attorney Michael Schwartz at 35th District Court in Plymouth in this 2000 photo.

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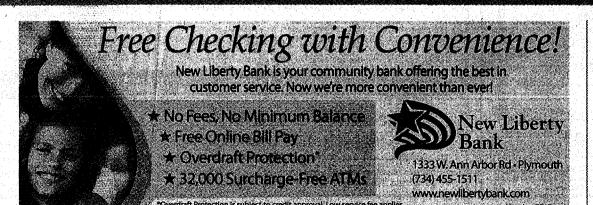
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The Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club goes to the dogs with the club's fifth annual Tails & Trails Charity Dog Walk Saturday, June 2, in Heritage Park in Canton.

Kiwanis Club goes to dogs with benefit

The Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club goes to the dogs with the club's fifth-annual Tails & Trails Charity Dog Walk Saturday June 2, in Heritage Park in Canton.

Sponsored by Pet Supplies Plus, all proceeds from the

annual event will benefit Paws with a Cause and the Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club. The event is one of the Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club's major fund-raisers and allows them to sponsor community programs throughout the year including the donation of personal dictionaries to each and every third grader in the Plymouth/Canton school district.

The day begins with a pet first aid seminar, followed by the dog walk through some of the most beautiful areas of Heritage Park. A packed program of events for all the family includes games for dogs and kids, contests, kids' activities tent, face painting and balloon animals and pet-related vendor booths with plenty of information and samples to give away.

Though organizers hope there'll be no growling dogs, any growling stomachs can

be quieted at the event's food concession stands, to the sound of doggy-themed music courtesy of Silver Sounds DJs.

Heritage Park is located behind the Canton Public Library, at 1200 S. Canton Center.

Registration is \$15 per dog in advance or \$20 the day of the event. Walk-ups are welcome, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged and the first 80 registered dogs will receive a free "goodie bag." Current vaccination records must be presented at check-in.

For more information or to register, visit www.pckiwanis.org or call Carol at (734) 451 3500.

AT&T rolls out U-verse TV over Internet service

BY DAVE VARGA STAFF WRITER

A new competitor with a familiar name is ready to start competing for cable television dollars across the metro Detroit area.

AT&T launched is new Uverse television system Tuesday, offering high-speed Internet service and television programming over the same lines. More than 50 Detroit area communities are currently being served, though not all parts of all communities are up and running yet, officials say.

"It's television like you've never seen it before," claimed Gail Torreano, president of AT&T Michigan during a press conference at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce office.

Among the innovations that make it "cooler than cable," according to officials, are access to 25 high-definition channels, web or remote access to schedule your digital video recorder, the ability to record four programs at once on the DVR, quicker channel changing, and more.

To find out if your neighborhood has service yet, visit uverse.att.com and fill in your address or phone number or call (888) 320-2167. You can also register to get an e-mail notice when service is available to your house.

Prices vary depending on the choice of three speeds of Internet service and five television packages.

AT&T's Web site advertises one package of 190 TV channels, the Internet Express (the starting speed) and up to three HD ready receivers — one is a digital video recorder - for \$74 a month. Some initial discounts are also offered. A package with the fastest speed Internet service, over 300 channels including a movies package, plus HBO and a sports package, starts at \$119 a month.

Livonia Councilman Brian Meakin said residents there have been asking for competition for 20 years. "I'm just excited. I can't wait to see it at my own home,"

Over the next several years, AT&T will invest \$620 million and hire 2,000 new positions, Torreano said. Some 1,200 people will be hired by the end of the year, she said. Those jobs, scattered around Michigan, will include technicians, dispatchers and more.

Torreano credit the work of lawmakers and Gov. Jennifer Granholm for passing legislation, pushed by AT&T, that set up a template agreement to cover the entire state, rather than requiring individual franchise agreements with individual communities.

Torreano also cited the support of local officials who supported the legislation. "They understood that consumers, their constituents, wanted a choice. They've been asking for that for quite a while."

The communities included in the initial rollout are Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Canton Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Franklin, Garden City, Lathrup Village, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford, Rochester Hills, Southfield, Troy, Wayne, Westland and West Bloomfield Township.

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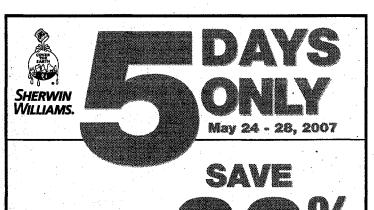
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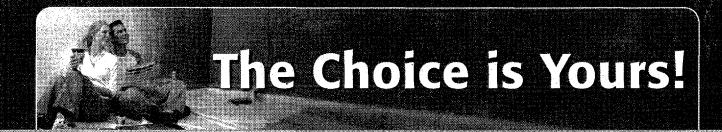
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Rouge rescue

Plymouth Township officials will celebrate the Rouge River with its fourth-annual Rouge Rescue day 9 a.m. Saturday, June 2, at Plymouth Township

Participants are invited to bring their work gloves to help plant native shrubs and wildflowers along the Tonquish Creek and near the pond. Later in the day, officials host their first Rouge Rescue Fishing Derby, the second-annual Rouge River Treasure Hunt and other children's activities.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.; children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The planting starts at 9 a.m., the Fishing Derby at 10 a.m. and the other activities run 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, visit www.plymouthtwp.org or call the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4.

Town hall meeting

State Representative Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, will host a town hall meeting on fighting the importation of Canadian and out-of-state trash 7 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at the Plymouth Township Board Room.

Plymouth Township Hall is located at 9955 N. Haggerty (north of Ann Arbor Road). For more information, call

(517) 373-8924. Trash pickup

Plymouth Township officials are reminding residents there will be no trash, recycling or compost collection Monday, May 28, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Trash collection will be delayed a day, to include Saturday, June 2.

Items should be out to the curb by 7 a.m. the day after normal collection days.

For more information, call (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4.

Charity golf outing

Cooper-Standard Automotive hosts a charity golf outing to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, a nonprofit organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

The event takes place Monday, June 11, at the St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. It is being coordinated by a team of Cooper-Standard Automotive employees and is open to Cooper-Standard employees, customers, suppliers, and guests. The outing will begin with a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m., and a dinner at the conference center.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan is a chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America, the largest wish-granting organization in the world. Since its inception in 1984, the Michigan chapter has granted almost 5,000 wishes to children and their families.

Crafters Wanted

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 7-

Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the three-day weekend. Jewelry vendors will be juried this year and have an earlier deadline of June 30.

Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Businesses at Fall Festival

Businesses interested in participating in the Plymouth Fall Festival on Sept. 7-9, may sponsor the entertainment venues, or have a booth downtown during the Festival.

Sponsorships can include ads in the Fall Festival Guide, banners on the stage, and many other ways to get exposure for your business. Visit www.plymouthfallfesti-

val.com for application forms or call Colleen Brown, (734) 455-1614.

Brick paver class

The Rock Shoppe on Gotfredson Road in Plymouth offers a free class on brick paver installation 10 a.m. Saturday, June 2.

Participants can listen to the experts from Santsar explain the step-by-step process of installing a brick paver patio, sidewalk or driveway. Free design help will also be avail-

Register on-line at rssales@tds.net or call (734) 455-5560. The Rock Shoppe is located at 6275 Gotfredson Road in Plymouth at the corner of North Territorial and Gotfredson roads.

Senior Day

The Plymouth Council on Aging invites all older adults to participate in National Senior Health and Fitness Day 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 30 at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center.

"We want to demonstrate that exercise can be fun," said Roberta Pummill, program coordinator for the Council on Aging. "This day will give you a chance to experience some appropriate and enjoyable forms of exercise. It's also a great opportunity to find out about health related resources in our community The event will include free

blood pressure checks, hearing evaluations, dietitian, certified social worker, vitamin supplement expert, yoga breathing techniques, fall prevention/safety therapist, Tai Chi demonstration, massage therapist, Medicaid/long-term care cost information and estate planning information, diabetes awareness, physical therapist, life-skill coaching, reverse mortgage specialist, chiroprac-

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tic evaluations and more.

Train ride

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging sponsors a two-hour dinner/train ride aboard the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train on Sunday, July 22.

Cost is \$49 per person and includes a two-hour train ride, three-course meal and live jazz entertainment. The senior bus will be available for those who need transportation.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, for reservations and information.

Garden Walk

No-No's Garden Walk Adventure II features six home gardens, lectures, artists, all designed to provide a memorable Garden Walk experience. The event takes place 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 23. A free plant goes with the first 250 tickets sold.

Tickets are \$10 and are available in Plymouth at Backyard Birds, in Northville at Gardenviews, in Novi at Anglin Nursery and in Brighton at Bordine Nursery.

More information is available on-line at www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Baccalaureate Mass

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth hosts its annual Baccalaureate Mass and reception 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9.

Colleen Misiak, coordinator of youth ministry, is extending an invitation to all area graduates to join in worship and prayer. Graduates are to arrive in capand-gown and meet in the social hall on the lower level at 3:30 p.m. Mass follows at 4 p.m.

To register, go to the church's Web site at www.olgcparish.net (click on Life Teen to download response form), or call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 243.

Historic home credits

The Plymouth Preservation Network hosts a workshop designed to show homeowners how to receive income tax credits for making improvements to historic homes 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

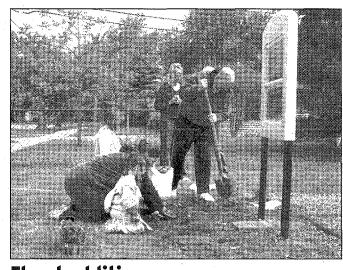
Improvements can include new roof, air conditioning and heating systems, kitchen and bathroom renovations or painting. The seminar will feature Bryan Lijewski, architectural coordinator for the Michigan Historic Preservation Office.

For more information, visit the Plymouth Preservation Network's Web site at www.plymouthpreservation.org

Art in the Sun

An annual Father's Day tradition, Northville's juried fine arts festival, Art in the Sun, returns June 16-17.

In its 19th year, the event features over 100 artists in all mediums of fine art, lively music throughout the festival, and concessions. Over 20,000 people will take in the sights and sounds at one of Michigan's best-juried shows. Festival attendees will again be able to paint on a mural – a fun addition for young and old



Floral addition

Families arrived early Saturday morning, May 19, at Jack Wilcox Park, located at Dewey and Byron, to plant flowers they brought to add additional landscape beauty to the park. They brought shovels and watering cans to create two new flower gardens. Organizers Sharon and Mike Bright hope that this will be the start of an annual event. A plaque was added to the newly created flower garden to celebrate the event.

alike. Patrons will also revel in the unique boutiques, galleries, and patio dining in downtown Northville.

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Family safety fair

USA Credit Union's Plymouth Branch hosts the third-annual Family Safety Fair, an informative, fun, and free event for the public focusing on important safety issues. The event takes place 10 a.m.

to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at USA Credit Union's Plymouth branch at the corner of Plymouth and Haggerty Roads.

The event features the Plymouth Fire and Police Departments, Blaine Fowler from the 96.3-FM Morning show, a child ID program, Car-Seat safety information and a host of entertainment for the kids including a strolling magician. There will also be free refreshments and a drawing for a Family Four Pack prize worth \$200.

For additional information about the Plymouth Safety Fair, call Melanie Zidonis at (248) 322-9800, Ext. 1023.

Diabetes workshop

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a Diabetes Workshop 1-3 p.m. Monday, June 4, at the Plymouth District Library's Waldorf Room.

A registered dietitian/certified diabetes educator will present the program, emphasizes healthy food choices, weight loss and physical activity based on the findings of the Diabetes Prevention Program Study.

This two-hour program is designed for people who have risk factors for diabetes, such as family history, and who want to learn how to prevent

or delay the onset of the disease. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, to sign up. The program is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

Franciscan Peacemaking

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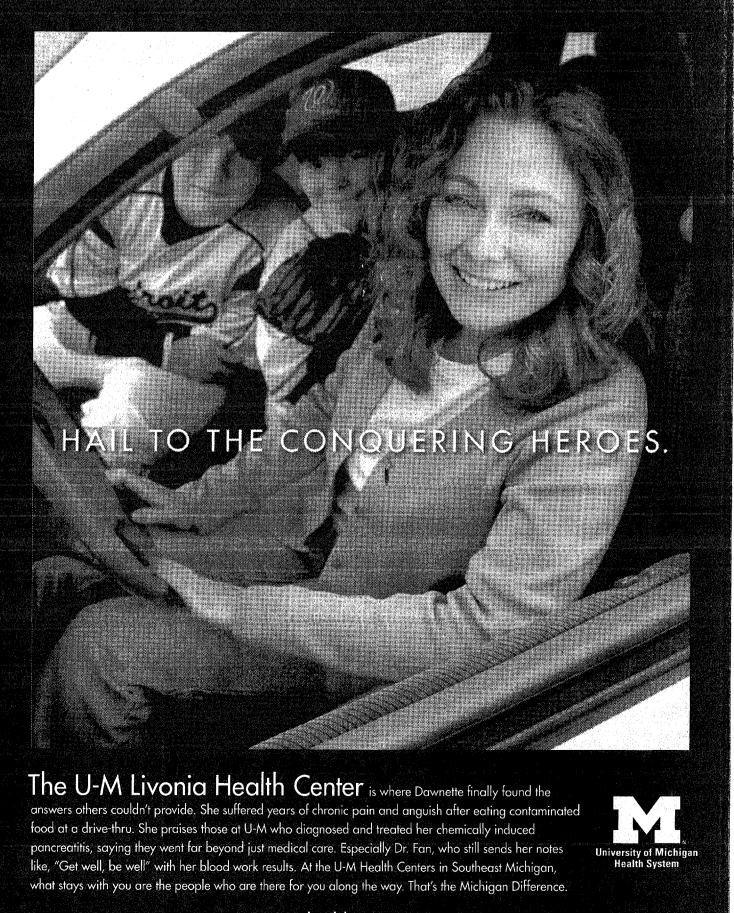
How peace in our everyday life is achieved through forgiveness and loving kindness. Personal peace can set the stage for an international peace.

A presentation by the internationally known author, poet, and spiritual master Rev. Murray Bodo, takes place 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township.

Bodo is the author of 21 books, including his work on St Francis of Assisi, Francis: The Journey and the Dream. Bodo has conducted Pilgrimages to Assisi for over 30 years and is intimately familiar with the spirit of St Francis and St Clare.

Tickets are \$15. OLGC is located at 47650 N. Territorial at Beck. For more information call St. Aloysius Parish, (313) 237-5810 or Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.





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St. John the Baptist 100th **Anniversary**

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Detroit celebrates its 100th anniversary with a jubilee banquet 1 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan in Warren. Cost is \$50. For more information, e-mail Joseph Szafranski at joseph_szafranski@msn.com or call (248) 661-0099.

Grade School Reunion

In conjunction with its 100th anniversary, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Detroit hosts a reunion of all former students of the parish grade school (1940s to 1980s). The event takes place 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 22, at the St. Josaphat Banquet Center, 26440 Ryan (one block south of I-696) in Warren. Cost is \$45. For more information e-mail Eugenia Tkacz at genia46@juno.com or call (734) 284-2159. Deadline for tickets is Friday, June 1.

Tarzan Day

Individuals with disabilities are invited to join Tarzan in searching for hidden treasures, while having climbing the Treasure Tree, making a craft and enjoying a snack from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 9, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. Fee is \$5 for Wayne County residents; \$6 for others. Pre-registration with payment is required by June 6. Participants are invited to dress in the theme - monkeys, birds, Jane, safari hunter, etc.

Contact Margaret Martin at (734) 722-7620 or mmartin@ci.westland.mi.us. Gallery exhibit

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The Lawrence Street Gallery will be exhibiting the works of Donna J. Engstrom and Mary Macey, from May 29-June 30. The public is invited to the opening artists' reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 1. "Intimate Views" is a joint mother-daughter exhibit featuring mixed media pieces by Donna J Engstrom and photography by her daughter, Mary Macey. Lawrence Street Gallery is located at 22620 Woodward in Ferndale, in the second block south of 9 Mile on Woodward's east side. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. For more information, visit the gallery's Web site at www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Suburban GOP Women meet

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host a presentation of Lia Sophia Jewelry available for purchase during its meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 24, at the Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 39325 Six Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$12. For reservations and menu selection, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and quests welcome.

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For a unique and truly rewarding life experience, we invite you to become a Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan hospice volunteer. We are in search of kind, compassionate individuals to help support our patients and families in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The next training session is June 9, 16 and



Driving for kids

Field Elementary PTO President Ann Marie Genrich-Rockov (left), Field Principal Kurt Tyszkiewicz and PTO Vice President Heather Heap (right) accept a check for \$450 from Jason Scott, general manager of Dick Scott Dodge. The money was raised in the dealership's 'Drive for the Kids' program last month in conjunction with a school fair sponsored by the PTO. The Dodge Division of DaimlerChrysler donated \$50 to the PTO to use toward expenses involved in hosting the event and an additional \$5 for each demonstration drive completed with an evaluation form. Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan minivans were provided for parents and friends to test drive and evaluate. Dick Scott Dodge supplied the vehicles, and volunteers from the dealership were on hand to assist in the fund-raising activity.

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Golf league

The Livonia Women's Golf League is hoping to expand with 18-hole women golfers. The league plays at Whispering Willows Golf Course on Newburgh just south of 8 Mile Thursday mornings teeing off at 8 a.m. beginning May 3. Cost is \$25 per week, which includes golf and a cart. Non-residents are encouraged to join. For more information, call Kathy, (248)

Register for St. Genevieve School

St. Genevieve Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. The school, preschool through eighth grade, is accredited by the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools. It's at 28933 Jamison in Livonia, east of Middlebelt, south of Five Mile, and offers full academic curriculum, full- and half-day preschool and kindergarten, extended-day program before and after school, CYO program and more. (734) 425-4420.

Waste to Watts The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

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Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC willprovide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

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"These wonderful people are what make the Plymouth Community such a great place to work and live," said Fran Toney, executive director of the chamber.

Plymouth service clubs nominated the most outstanding volunteers within their organization to receive this award. The 2007 honorees are:

■ Sanford Burr - Plymouth Historical Museum

■ Jean Wagner - Plymouth

■ Tracey Hrubiak -Plymouth Newcomers &

Neighbors Loren L. Roberts -Vietnam Veteran's of America

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■ Joan Anderson – Plymouth Community Council on Aging

■ David Campbell - Rotary Club of Plymouth

■ Jim Jabara - Community Foundation of Plymouth

In addition, LaSalle Bank won for the Best Booth, Station 885 was named best restaurant and Mother's Pizzeria was named — for the fourth time in five years — winner of the Best Pizza contest.

Scholarship winner

Emily Sinnott of Plymouth, 17, has been selected to receive a Michigan Retailers Association Scholarship for the 2007-08 school year.

A total of 40 scholarships are being awarded this spring. An independent panel of educators made its decisions based

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ic performance and extracurricular activities of the applicants. Emily, who has worked the last couple of

on the academ-

years at sideways in downtown Plymouth, won a \$1,000 scholarship. She plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study elementary education.

Comerica honor

Plymouth resident Nancy Robinson received the Chairman's Outstanding Achievement Award from Comerica Bank.

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Robinson, a vice president at Comerica, received a prize package totaling \$5,000 and one week of paid vacation. Robinson, who joined Comerica in 1984, also will be recognized at a special din-

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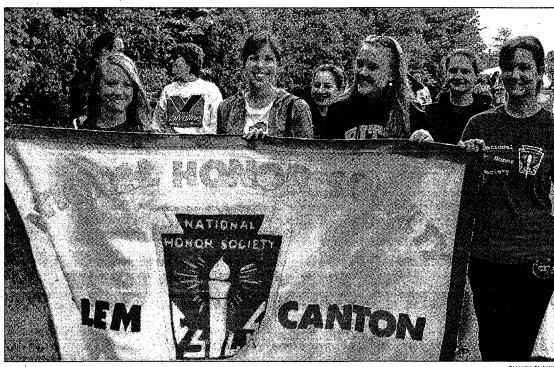
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Canton High School National Honor Society members Corin Olsen (from left), Michelle Drennon, Brook Davis and Megan Holmes walked in Saturday's Relay for Life.

RELAY

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There were some 35 Dodson team members who appreciated that the rain stopped Saturday. "We have some good troupers who walked in the rain," Tullius said. "The kids are very upbeat, they're very excited to be involved in the

Before he died, Andrew Holmlund was known to draw a sun on his school papers, so Relay team members had a sun cookie cutter made to create sun cookies in his honor, which they sold along with dolphin cookies for the school name. Jewelry was also sold, as Clason had made jewelry.

Down the path was Marcia Barker of Canton, program coordinator of the Canton Public Library. "This year, we have joined with the (Canton) chamber as part of a larger team," said Barker, whose Friends of the Library/library staff team had about 20 walkers.

"My husband passed away from leukemia," Barker said. She noted this year's Relay seemed a bit slower than previous ones, although used books at their tent were selling well. The library/chamber of commerce team was called "Fishing for a Cure."

Barker, who was glad to see IKEA and other businesses involved, had walked the path, "spending my money furiously. There are some very clever ideas out there. I think there are some new ideas this year. You certainly won't starve to death if you've got a few bucks in your pocket."

Kathy Hosten of Whitmore Lake was busy at a tent for the Plymouth A.M. Rotary, Tanger School and Carlson Wagonlit Travel of Plymouth, where she's a travel agent. Interact students from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, involved in Rotary's high school arm, donated their time and talents.

Team captain Hosten lost her grandfather to cancer, and her sister and dad are cancer survivors. She noted the Tanger educators had a ball toss game for kids with goldfish prizes.

"Just because I've had so many friends and family who have been stricken by cancer," Hosten said of her participation in the event, which includ-

are still some avenues for

ed a Saturday night candlelit luminary ceremony.

Rob Richards of Belleville was busy Saturday afternoon manning the Plymouth Church of Christ tent with wife Deb. They sold baked goods to raise Relay funds.

"My dad's mom died of cancer when I was young," he said. Church members, under the direction of worshiper Dee Dee Massimilla, were glad to participate. The church had some

30 walkers, including sur-

"It's just been a fun experience today," Deb Richards said, noting she's also with the BeckRidge Chorale, which had a Relay tent as well.

The total announced Sunday morning for fund-raiser was \$245,947, a little short of the \$260,000 goal. As of Monday, it was \$252,722.52, said Cheryl Gniewek of the American Cancer Society. Visit the ACS Web site at www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/ca

nton to donate, or call Gniewek at (248) 483-4348. "The event was wonderful. It

was very well-planned. We had tons of people who all really had a great time," said Gniewek, a Canton resident.

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Anderson later served time after being indicted by the U.S. Justice Department for planting evidence at crime scenes, including the bloody hacksaw blade in Islam's home.

Tim Baughman, chief of appeals for the Wayne County

Islam, but they represent only slim chances to overturn his first-degree murder convic-"He could file a petition with

the U.S. Supreme Court, but in my opinion he has little or no chance of it being heard on grounds the ruling conflicts with federal law," Baughman

said. "He also has a year to file a writ of habeas corpus in the

Swor, did not return messages from the Observer. Islam is currently serving a

Islam's attorney, William

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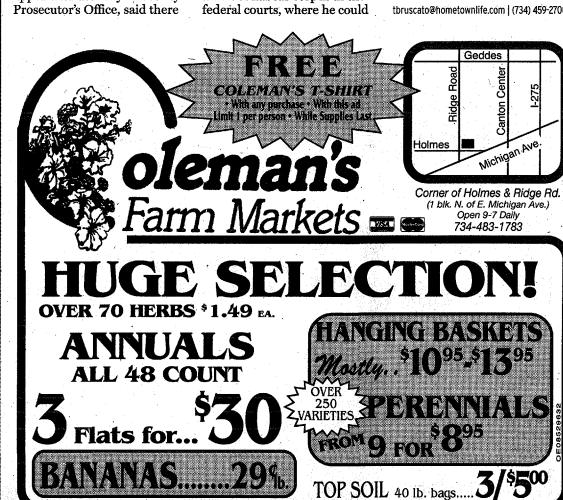
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ongratulations to all college and high school graduates, especially my niece, Jennifer, who has graduated from Michigan State

University. For those who will not be furthering their education -Ibelieve there is no greater investment than a good education — it is important to review some of the basics of personal financial planning. Graduates must recognize

the importance of having their financial house in order. Graduates today will be living longer in retirement than they work. I believe the day you start your career is the day you have to start planning for retirement.

Go back a mere 100 years, when life expectancy was in the early 50s; retirement wasn't an issue. Even 50 years ago, when people retired, life had already taken its toll and people only lived five to 10 years into retirement.

Today, people don't exist in retirement, they live in retirement. To be successful in retirement, you need to make sure you have a rising income.

You can't live on a fixed or a shrinking income like retirees did 50 years ago. Now think about what retirement will be 40 and 50 years down the road. All the rules will change. Graduates today will not have pensions and who knows what the future of Social Security will be.

There a lot of uncertainties about the future. One thing, however, is certain - graduates today will have to accumulate a substantial amount of money so that they can have a long and happy retirement.

Traditional wisdom says when you start to work you should begin investing in a 401(k) or Roth IRA. However, I believe that there are a couple of others steps to consider.

Anyone carrying a balance on their charge cards needs to begin an aggressive program to pay them off. The average charge card interest rate in 'America is 18.5 percent. I can't think of any investment that will guarantee that return. Paying off charge cards is one of the best financial moves anyone can make.

Secretary of State will close for holiday

All branch offices of the Secretary of State and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day. Secretary of State Super Centers normally offer Saturday hours but will be closed on Saturday, May 26.

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It is also important that grads select the right charge cards. For those who do not have balances, the key element is the grace period, the time from when you charge an item to when the payment is due. For those who carry balances, interest rate and how it is calculated is the key factor. An excellent Web site to use in shopping for charge cards is www.bankrate.com.

The second item graduates need to have before beginning an investment program is an emergency fund kept in money market accounts, short-term certificates of deposits or in

ultra short-term bond funds. I recommend three to six months of living expenses not what you can live on, but what you actually do live on. This emergency fund allows you to have resources for unforeseen events.

As an investor, one of the worst things that can happen is being forced to sell an investment. Having an emergency fund will avoid this problem. Once charge cards are paid

off and an emergency fund is established, graduates should start saving for retirement by establishing a Roth IRA.

A Roth IRA allows money to

grow tax-free, not tax-deferred as in salary deferral programs. Most new grads will likely fall in the lowest tax bracket and the tax saving by using a salary deferral program is minimal. Establishing a Roth IRA and fully funding it is a great way to begin an investment program. Once the Roth IRA is fully funded, then participate in the company's salary deferral program.

For those lucky graduates who work for a company that offers a matching program, I recommend participating up to the matching amount, then use the new money for the

Roth IRA. Once the Roth IRA is fully funded, start again with

the salary deferral program. Congratulation, graduates, as you begin the next phase of your life. Get off on the right track by getting and keeping your financial house in order. Doing that will make life a lot easier in the future.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).



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Canton couple doing their part to bring Reformed church to area

STAFF WRITER

A Canton couple is leading the effort to bring a Reformed church to metro Detroit.

Margaret Waldecker, along with her husband, Richard, hosted a meet and greet at their home May 21 and will have an informational meeting on June 5 to discuss the possibility of bringing a Presbyterian-based Reformed church to the region.

Margaret Waldecker called the offices of the Rev. Sherman Isbell in Virginia in January to inquire about forming a church in the area and says it quickly snow-

"He was so enthusiastic over the phone that it totally

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took me by surprise," she said. "I thought I would tell him I was in Michigan and that he would say because of our economy 'Oh, they're failing.' But he was so encouraging."

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, May 24, 2007

The June 5 informational meeting will be followed by a worship service on June 6. The worship service will be at the Canton Historical Museum, which is located on Canton Center Road just south of Cherry Hill.

Isbell and the Rev. Sean Humby will be in town for both of the June events to get a feel of the area. They can then make a recommendation to their Presbytery either for or against a church in the area.

"I'll be happy with whatever they decide because that will be the Lord's will," said Waldecker, adding that interest in the church has been growing. "We're very excited and really grateful at the response we've been getting. People are hungry for this."

Waldecker, who was raised in the Catholic faith, said when she and her husband began studying the Reformed theology 15 years ago, a light bulb went off.

"I was born and raised in the Catholic church and I was not a happy camper," she said. "Something told me the Reformed church was it. It all fit together."

According to a Web page dedicated to the local efforts, the Reformed church cherishes "the pursuit of personal godliness and loving relationships among the people of God." The church uses the authorized King James version of the Bible.

Isbell said he was excited to get Waldecker's phone

"We're trying to make the effort to bring in new churches," he said, adding that attendance at the upcoming events is open to everyone. "It's not a matter of any commitment. Those that want to hear good preaching and enjoy fellowship with Christians are welcome."

If the Presbytery decides to bring a church to the area, Waldecker said she's open to the location being in Belleville, Northville, Livonia or Downriver.

"It's entirely up in the air,"



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Margaret and Richard Waldecker want to establish a Reformed Church congregation in Canton.

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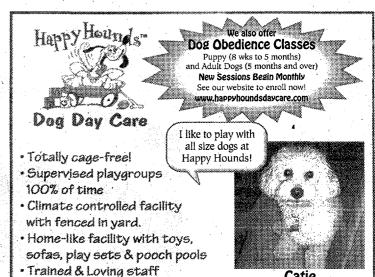
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OUR VIEWS

Take a moment on Memorial Day

For too many people, Memorial Day means the unofficial start of the summer — a time to fire up the barbecue, head to the lake, or hold family gatherings. Not enough of us take the time to ponder the day's true significance, which is to honor the U.S. men and women who have died in military service to their country.

This is particularly the case during a time of war, when we see firsthand the sacrifices our troops make defending our freedoms and way of life.

The war in Iraq has now gone on more than four years longer than our commitment in World War II and approaching the length of the Civil War, two conflicts that consumed our nation. Yet the reality is that this war has not impacted the daily lives of most Americans, which seems unfair considering some Americans have sacrificed everything. Just ask the families of the more than 3,400 service men and women who have been killed in Iraq.

In fact, since President Bush infamously declared "mission accomplished," close to 3,300 soldiers have been killed in Iraq. And despite repeated claims from Bush administration officials that things are improving in Iraq, military deaths have continued to increase. More than 400 soldiers have been killed in 2007, including 104 in April, which was one of the highest totals of the war.

Those soldiers hailed from all corners of America, including local heroes Trevor Blumberg of Canton; Bryan Burgess, who had ties to Westland, Garden City and Canton; U.S. Marine Nicholas Manoukian of Lathrup Village; Sajer Georges, a Marine interpreter from Southfield; and U.S. Army Infantryman Joe Blake, a former Southfield Christian student.

Their names are but a part of the latest chapter in a stirring legacy of Americans who proudly served their country and paid the ultimate price to be an American. Dating back to the American Revolution, more than a million American soldiers have died as a result of our wars. Their names fill military cemeteries and monuments across this nation.

Come this Memorial Day, which is Monday, their names should also fill our thoughts and prayers. Because without the sacrifices they made, we would not enjoy the freedoms that we will take advantage of this

If you have the time, participate in one of the Memorial Day events planned around the area. If you don't have the time for that, at least take a few moments to think about what it means to be an American and the price so many have paid to bestow that honor upon us all.

All-day kindergarten? Let the parents decide!

The state Legislature is considering requiring kindergartners to attend school all day.

Proponents point to research showing higher test scores for students enrolled in full-day kindergarten.

Some districts, including Southfield and Pontiac, already mandate it.

Other districts offer it as an alternative. All-day programs are popular among parents who work outside the home and need to have their children in a supervised setting from morning until afternoon. Open-enrollment districts that offer it increase their numbers and collect more from the state in per-pupil funding.

But, one size does not fit all. At the young age of 5, not all kindergartners are ready for a full day of school. There is a wide variance among them in their social, emotional and physical development. Some may be able to handle the classwork, but they need less structured time during the day for rest and play.

Just because a child is not in school does not mean he isn't learning. A child at home with a parent who can spend time one-on-one with him every day reading, playing and discovering the world around them may learn more than a child enrolled in school who has to share his teacher with 24 or more classmates.

Parents know their children best and understand their individual needs. We think they — not the government should decide whether their 5-year-old is ready to be in school all day.

Just like all children aren't the same, school districts differ, too. Many are using up their fund balances just to meet their current budget expenses. Requiring all-day kindergarten would double their costs at a time when they can't afford it.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who supports the legislation, has offered \$200 million in her proposed budget for districts that offer all-day kindergarten.

But with the current state budget crisis, we think the money would be best spent somewhere else while parents decide for their own children what's best for them.



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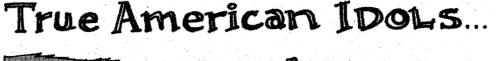
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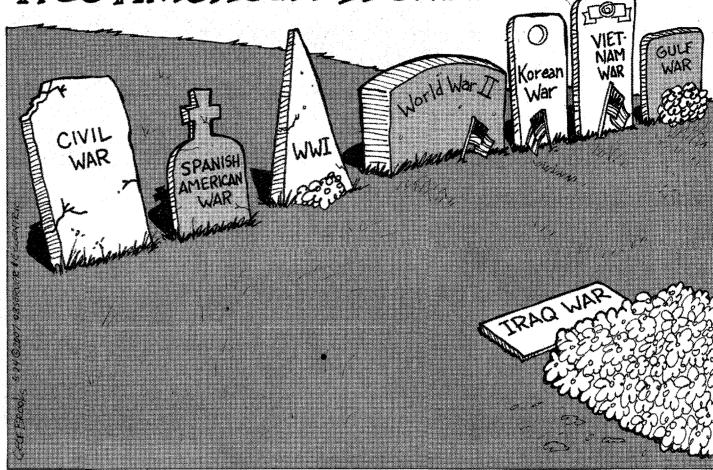
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LETTERS

Think of the children

I'm so tired of the Plymouth Observer defending, and taking the side of the teachers in funding issues.

Voters have expressed time and time again that they are tired of the excessive spending by the Board of Education. Can you please write a complete and accurate article listing all the salaries (all hidden raises), benefits (health care co-pays), extra pays for all activities, and pensions given to all Board of Education person-

The time has come for all Board of Education personnel to start taking salary reductions, pension reductions, and reduce if not eliminate raises. Teachers time and time again refuse to take any cutbacks, who do they think they are? Are teachers exempt from cut-

Mr. Ham-Kucharski keeps getting cut off in trying to convey his message to the public. I would really appreciate the Plymouth Observer writing an article explaining to the teachers the ne reductions in their salaries and all benefits. The turn-down of the bond issue numerous times clearly points out where the Plymouth Township residents stand.

It's time we start thinking of our children, not the salaries and future benefits of the teachers! If the current teachers are not happy, I'm confident that the thousands of new unemployed college grads will fit the need.

Keith Martin

Plymouth Township

Beautiful bookstore

Attention, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton residents: The City of Plymouth has a lovely bookstore called The Book Cellar and Café located on Ann Arbor Trail.

It is a beautiful store and is owned and operated by some very nice people. It was a loss to our community when The Little Professor Book Store closed. We should support this store because it is an asset to all in the community. It is more than a store selling books.

Stop by the store and see for yourself what all the store has to offer. Let us start supporting those in our immediate community.

> Pete and Judy Rakowski Plymouth Township

Socialist ideas

State Rep. Marc Corriveau seems to have taken a page out of the communist rule book when it comes to trash and

I have one simple question for Mr. Corriveau: How many landfills does he or the State of Michigan own? I'll tell you: NONE! Yet he prattles on about how "Michigan" only charges 21 cents a ton for trash. Landfills are not owned by Michigan, yet Mr. Corriveau seems to think he has some sort of perfect intuition to decide how much landfills should charge. He wants the charge to be \$7.50

I wonder how he decided on that number. Did he do a cost analysis of how

much it costs to build and run a landfill? I would guess that his proposed price has more to do with how much money he thinks he can squeeze out of people and that Mr. Corriveau hasn't got the slightest idea of how to run a landfill business.

He states that charging more will reduce the amount of trash that enters the state. Well, duh! It will also probably destroy a rather prospering part of Michigan's economy. I wonder what other businesses he might decide he should be setting prices for next. Maybe gasoline is priced too low, or too high. Maybe milk. Maybe fast food, or paper, or who knows what.

I have to wonder if Mr. Corriveau or people that think like him have ever read or understood the Constitution or the Declaration of Independence. Do the words life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness ring a bell?

I don't remember reading "unless some pandering politician thinks he knows better" in any of these documents. I think Mr. Corriveau should keep his

Keith Trombley

Canton

Telling people about Comfort

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your recent article in the Observer regarding Operation: Quiet Comfort, published on May 17, 2007. I am an original member of this group, the mother of founder Lori Pate and a Livonia resident. My daughter, Sherry Stokes, also a Livonia resident, is a board member and very involved in the group as well. Our membership consists of people from all over the United States as well as our state of Michigan and are a very hard-working group.

This nonprofit group does fantastic work in spreading cheer and providing comfort to wounded troops in combat support hospitals. Everything that is done for them is a result of contributions, financial or otherwise made by the general public. People who become aware of Operation: Quiet Comfort seem to immediately want to belong, help or contribute.

I am certain your article will have spread this word to many, who would not otherwise be aware of Operation: Quiet Comfort and that could mean one more hospitalized soldier that will be reached as well. Sincere thanks for your effort to inform the public.

Barbara Stokes Livonia

www.operationquietcomfort.com

Story was wonderful

Thank you for the wonderful article! We sure appreciate the gift you brought to the table.

Kindest regards,

Lori Pate Proud Mom of a Marine recruit president

Operation: Quiet Comfort

Standout teen journalist

I just wanted to comment on the teen

journalist articles that are running in your paper. One writer especially stands

The ones that I enjoyed reading are those written by Emberley Neidhardt. She wrote one about local venues including The Token Lounge which brought back memories for me as I grew up in Garden City and went there often.

Also, she wrote a good article about the Science Center/DIA. I had been thinking about going to that exhibit at the Science Center (the body works) and taking my high school age kids. They read the article and were then interested in going. We all went and had a great time.

I hope to read more articles from Ms. Neidhardt. She writes very well for a high schooler and my kids and I enjoy reading her articles. I wonder if she will be writing articles over the summer? We will be looking for them. She appears to have a good future in journalism.

Kenneth Mach

Appalled by racism

Recent comments about African Americans made by "celebrities" Michael Richards, Don Imus and Rush Limbaugh prove that racism is alive and flourishing. The first two have been publicly and privately chastised. Yet Rush Limbaugh who played a song on his radio program titled Barack, the Magic Negro to the tune of Puff the Magic Dragon remains a popular right wing conservative radio host. Recently, he spoke to a sold-out crowd in Novi.

Locally, Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca showed leniency to a white laid-off engineer after making disparaging remarks about the future of released killer Nathaniel Abraham, a young African American. Gorcyca then attempted to absolve himself by stating Gov. Granholm has proposed releasing thousands of prisoners because of budget

I am appalled by the lack of civility and the unfairness of racist comments and actions.

Hannah Provence Donigan Commerce

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QUOTABLE

"I'm the new guy on the block and you have to generate name identification and get your message out ... That's what happens when you run against two incumbents. (Eggenberger) has been active in the community, and the support of the MEA clearly made a difference in this election... I made a personal investment in this race, and I thought it was worth it."

- Kurt Heise, Plymouth-Canton Board of Education candidate on raising nearly \$9,000 for his campaign

Money hasn't talked — yet — in local school board race

onventional political wisdom says that, while name recognition and grassroots campaigning are quaint attributes, money generally does most of the talking

It isn't always true; Dick DeVos spent about 80 gazillion dollars in a failed effort to unseat Jennifer Granholm in the last gubernatorial election. And right here in beautiful downtown Plymouth-Canton, it proved not to be true in the latest school board election, where winner Nancy Eggenberger spent about a quarter of what third-place finisher Kurt Heise spent, and won the election handily, even out-polling incumbent Mark Slavens, who won the second seat

on the board and was in the middle in terms of fund-raising.

Eggenberger said her final campaign report will show she spent in the neighborhood of \$2,000 on the race, a pretty respectable neighborhood. Heise, meanwhile, said he spent some \$8,800 — much of it his own money.

Brad Eggenberger came in with the homespun advantages — name recognition (she's been a big part of a variety of committees and activities) and grass-roots support. (Of course, having the teach-

ers' union endorsement didn't hurt, either).

All that means a guy like Heise, who just moved into the district in November, would naturally have to

spend a little more money to overcome those advantages (as an irate caller pointed out to me this week).

But four times the amount? That's a lot of overcoming.

The infusion of cash into the local school board race shouldn't come as that big a surprise. Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network — a nonpartisan, nonprofit coalition concerned about the influence of money in politics and the need for campaign finance reform in Michigan — said there is more money in campaigns at almost every level of politics, including school board races.

"It may be nothing more than people who think he's the best candidate, or maybe there are people with hopes of getting a contract or favorable consideration," said Robinson, adding that money in general translates into victory. "Statistically, in 95 percent of Michigan elections the person with the most money wins."

And, despite his relative lack of success in running for higher office, Slavens may be as responsible as anyone for turning the local school board race into an actual political contest.

Before Slavens got on the board and began actively seeking seats in the state House and Senate, the school board race was generally a quiet little affair, populated by people simply seeking to serve their school district and, more importantly, their children.

Now, before any Slavens supporters start popping buttons, we've always believed that's why Slavens got into it, too. He's a caring, thoughtful person we believe did a good job while on the school board. But it wasn't long before he was challenging (and losing to) Phil LaJoy for a seat in the state House.

And rumors persist he got his current gig — appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the 3rd Circuit Court — as a reward for taking on (and doing surprisingly well against) political behemoth Bruce Patterson for Patterson's state Senate seat.

Now, word on The Grapevine has it that Heise, a Republican who is director of Wayne County's Department of Environment, was attempting to land the school board seat as a springboard into the state Legislature. At the League of Women Voters forum a couple of months ago, the top names in local Republican politics were in the audience to support Heise.

And, lest you think Heise is the only one who benefited from political sources in this campaign, know this: One of Eggenberger's largest donations, nearly \$1,000, came from the Michigan Education Association, a pretty active political beast in its own right.

Heise's list of contributors includes many political biggies and many others who live outside the district. Among those are Detroit Water and Sewerage Department head Victor Mercado; Patterson and two of his staffers; Suzanne Sareini, Dearborn city councilwoman; Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume and Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack. For his part, Heise downplayed the political nature

of his donors.

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"I've been involved in public service for over 15 years and I have a lot of friends," Heise said. "I'm the new guy on the block and you have to generate name identification and get your message out. That's what happens when you run against two incumbents.

"Nancy has been active in the community, and the support of the MEA clearly made a difference in this election," he said. "I made a personal investment in this race, and I thought it was worth it."

In the end, it may be, particularly if the political rumblings about Heise's ambitions are true. Heise's appearance in this area provokes something of a "chicken or the egg" argument: Did he move out here and then decide to get into politics, or did he decide to get into politics and move here because there may be an abundance of opportunity here?

There's no way of knowing, and Heise isn't saying; he was noncommittal on his political future during his endorsement interview with the *Observer*. But this much is true: Republicans would love to make Democrat Marc Corriveau, who beat their anointed one, Mark Abbo, in last year's 20th House district election, a one-term state representative.

There's nothing wrong with political ambition, and Heise makes an attractive candidate. He runs a county department with a \$153 million budget, he's well-spoken and educated himself on local issues in short order. We actually think Heise should get the nod when the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education replaces Slavens in July.

If he gets that spot, and can parlay it into a successful run at the state Legislature, maybe money will have talked in this race after all.

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Change is inevitable, but making progress is optional

t's that time of the year, similar to when the swallows return to Capistrano and the lemmings march off a cliff. From May 30 to June 1, some 1,700 of Michigan's top civic, political and business leaders are expected to attend the 27th annual Regional Detroit Chamber's Mackinac Policy Conference on Mackinac Island.

Here's hoping for a renewed investment

in leadership, collaboration, creativity, change, innovation and desire to reinvent ourselves to thrive in the disruptive 21st century global, knowledge economy.

There is no shortage for leaders in the public and private sector to address vexing problems confronting our region and

state. What is needed is bold, decisive leadership that recognizes that what we once had is now gone. We are faced with a new reality, an ultra-competitive global competition.

Some refer to the chamber's Mackinac Policy Conference as the "world's biggest schmooze fest," an event where you can accomplish "a year's worth of networking in four days." The less charitable call it pogo, or "vertical vibration," where a lot of jumping up and down goes on — but not much forward progress takes place.

Will many years of planting ideas, listening to high-priced keynote speakers, networking, overindulging in drinks and fudge — even where political careers are launched — produce tangible results this year or next? Will we see a productive shared vision, common agenda and a set of specific actions that will help move our city, region and state forward?

This year's Mackinac Policy Conference holds out the promise of offering a different vision and outcome because of the "One D" seeds that were planted far in advance of the chamber's event.

What is "One D," you ask? No, it does not stand for depressed. It is "One Detroit!" It signifies an effort by a group of regional civic organizations committed to working collaboratively to transform metro Detroit into one of the world's great regions.

Founding members are the Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan, Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau, Detroit Regional Chamber, Detroit Renaissance, New Detroit and the United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

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One D's final report will be unveiled in detail at this conference. Its goal is to

ensure the region works together to achieve measurable goals in six areas of priority: economic prosperity, educational preparedness, regional transit, race relations, regional cooperation and quality of life.

Dennis Archer, chairman of the Detroit Regional Chamber, former mayor of Detroit and now chairman of Dickerson-i Wright law firm, promises not only to outline plans, but to provide the community with an ongoing report card on the progress being made to accomplish specific goals.

A year ago, when our state and region was crying out for focus and leadership, the Detroit Regional Chamber began a 10-county regional planning process. Under the direction of then-chamber chairman Cindy Paskey, president and CEO of Strategic Staffing Solutions, and chairman-elect Archer, the organization was able to convince the energetic and able Edsel Ford to champion this planning effort. Ford, not interested in planning without action, integrated the chamber's efforts with similar activities undertaken by Michael Brennan, CEO of the United Way of Southeast Michigan, and Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of Detroit Renaissance.

We certainly have capable individual leaders and organizations in the region. Working together, they can accomplish much.

CHANGE BEGINS WITH YOU

This brings me to you. Yeah, you — don't be looking around for someone else' — I mean you! One D also means you. These leading organizations cannot do it alone, anymore than the police can protect your community without your help—you are an integral part of the solution. Your desire to change the way we do business, your upbeat attitude, your willingness to pitch in and help, are critical pieces of the One D jigsaw puzzle. Taken together with the work of the governor, state Legislature, civic, social, religious, labor and local governments, we can accomplish great things.

One D has the potential to be both courageous and contagious. Everyone, regardless of title or background, must realize the true renaissance of Detroit, our region and state, must begin with you.

Will we sail boldly into the future or will we hop on our solo pogo sticks? Which will it be?

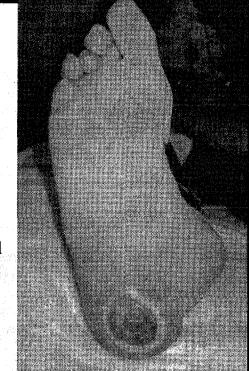
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Brink, Sr., and Catharine "Katie" Brink (nee Towsley). She had a broth-

er, the late Edward H. "Ted" Brink, Jr.

She graduated from East Grand Rapids

Highs School in 1946 and attended the

University of Michigan. She lived in

the Birmingham/Bloomfield area

since 1959. Mimic was a successful

businesswoman through her career in real estate sales, which began in 1970.

She was a longtime member of the

Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of

Realtors, and held a real estate broker's

license until her death. She was active

in the community, as a benefactor and

participant with the "Our Town" com-

mittee of the Birmingham Community

House since 1998. She was a member

of the Birmingham Junior League in

the 1960's and a sustaining member

thereafter. One of her favorite Junior

League memories was chairing the Junior League Follies; and she also

the St. Dunstan's Theater Guild of

Cranbrook. Mimi enjoyed music,

poetry, theater, dancing, shopping, gardening, and celebrations with her

four children and her nine grandchil-

dren. Mimi was a wonderful mom,

always putting her children first,

encouraging and inspiring them and

everyone she know by her enthusiastic

William E. Chickering III and wife Sandy of Placerville, CA; son John E.

Chickering and wife Karen of

Rockford, MI; daughter Catharine

Ratledge (nee Chickering) and hus-

band Keith of Dearborn, MI; and

daughter Melissa Oakley (nee Frick)

and husband William of Lake Forest,

IL. She will be missed by her grand-

children, William E. Chickering IV of

Pasadena, CA; E. Michael Chickering of Elk Grove, CA; Jullianne

Chickering of Birmingham, MI; John

E. Chickering Jr., of East Lansing, MI;

Marilyn Andrzejewski of Farmington

Hills, MI; David Koch of East

ansing, MI; William, Carter and

and by her beloved poodle dog companion, Bubbles. Visitation with

Vednesday, May 23 from 2:00p.m. to

4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the William R. Hamilton

uneral Home, 820 East Maple Road,

Birmingham. Funeral service Thursday 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn

Cemetery - Grand Rapids. Donations

in lieu of flowers can be made to The

Birmingham Community House, or to

Spencer

Oakley of Lake Forest, IL;

family will take place

xample. She is survived by her son

Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are

welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share. Youth wanted

Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

Divorce recovery Continue to 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at First Presbyterian Church Emeritus Room (upper level), 200 E. Main, Northville. The cost of the workshop is \$45 (scholarships available). To register, call (248) 349-0911.

UPCOMING

Franciscan peacemaking

How do we find personal peace in a chaotic world? How peace in our everyday life is achieved through forgiveness and loving kindness. Personal peace can set the stage for international peace. These topics will be discussed during a presentation by the internationally known author, poet and spiritual master Rev. Murray Bodo, OFM at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road at Beck, Plymouth. Tickets \$15. For more information call St. Aloysius Parish (313) 237-5810 or Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (734) 453-0326, ext.

Garage sales

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 1-2, at Cherry Hill Village and Cherry Hill United Methodist Church near the intersection of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. If you need it, you will find it. Call church for more information or directions (734) 495-0035.

Car wash

Fundraiser for Girl Guard Troop noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at The Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. \$3 cars, \$4 trucks/vans. For details, call (734) 722-3660.

Rummage sale

Sellers wanted for rummage sale to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 2 from when Riverside Park Church of God is promoting an outdoor mini flea market (weather permitting) to the public. Spots are available to rent at only \$20 each; 8-foot tables are an additional \$5. You must register by May 30. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. "One man's junk is another man's treasure" as the old saying goes. Find out for yourself on June 2.

Texas Hold-em

Tournament 5:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 2, at St. John Bosco Church, 12170 Beech Daly, Redford. \$30 cash buy in, first prize is \$500. Prizes prorated for smaller groups, age 18 and over, pre-registration required 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (except for noon to 1 p.m.) Monday-Friday. Call (313) 937-9690.

Monthly dance

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Saturday, June 2, at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster road, Redford. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 261-

Worship service scheduled

The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) holds its first Wednesday evening worship service 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, at the Canton Twp. Historical Museum on S. Canton Center Rd. at the corner of Heritage Park Drive. The Rev. R. Sherman Isbell and the Rev. Sean Humby will preside. An informational meeting will be held at the museum 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, for those who have questions about the church. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170 or go to www.westminsterconfes-

sion.org. Prayer series

How to spice up your prayer life includes Help! I Don't Have Time to Pray on June 7, Conversations with Jesus June 14, and Prayer Walking July 5, at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Rummage sale

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 7-8, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 9, in St. Joseph Church parish hall, 16101 Rotunda Dr., Dearborn. For details, call (313) 593-4510 or (313) 336-3227.

Italian night & auction Cherry Hill United Methodist Church

presents the first Italian Night & Auction Friday, June 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner and Craft Show, 7:30 p.m. Auction, in the social hall at 321 S. Ridge Road, one block west of Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Come one, come all. Free dinner, fun and a chance to support the church and its Habitat for Humanity Project. Call and

reserve your spot at (734) 495-0035. **Baccalaureate Mass**

And reception for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at 47650 North Territorial at Beck. All area high school and college graduates are invited to attend. Graduates are to arrive in cap and gown and meet in the social hall on the lower level of the church at 3:30 p.m. To register, call (734) 453-0326, ext. 243 or visit www.olgcparish.net and click on Life Teen to download response form.

Monthly breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, Saturday, June 16, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford road, next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

Community garage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, rent parking spaces for \$20 each (money raised from your spot is yours to keep), a limited amount of tables will be available for an additional \$10 charge, no weapon sales, at The Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For details, call (734) 722-3660. Summer safety event

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Westland Fire and Police department staffs talk about safety to kids. No charge. All invited. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Father and Son Dinner

4-6 p.m. June 16, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for dads and their son. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. Cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by June 13 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia.

Summer camp

The camps run 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 18 to Aug. 24, for students in grades K-8, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland, Camps include Bible study, literacy lessons, field trips, games, activities. No charge. All invited. To register, call (734) 728-3440.

Vacation Bible School

6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 18-22, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The backyard of the church is being transformed into a Western town. There will be some new aspects of the VBS this year including a live band and dinner beforehand. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

Avalanche ranch

Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon July 23-27, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. \$25 for first child (includes music CD, \$20 each additional child (no CD). If you have western theme items we can borrow or for more information, contact Laura Kloiber at (248) 348-9675 or send e-mail to

Ifkloiber@ameritech.net. Crafters wanted

St. Aidan Catholic Parish in Livonia is hosting a craft show to raise funds for their youth for their pilgrimage to Sidney, Australia for World Youth Day in 2008. Crafters are needed for a show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Monsignor Brunett Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Save your table today. Call Ruth McCarthy for an application (734) 464-5973.

Uplifting church services Want a unique church experience?

Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia,. Call (734) 464-0990.

ONGOING

Preschool registration

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile. west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Depression recovery

Trapped by depression? Depression Recovery Program began 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Cherry Hill

Church, 33144 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. You can be happy again! Call (734) 673-5917 for more information.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal) Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

Alpha sessions

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone : to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions which began 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Alpha is a low-key, friendly, fun and pressure free class. Free - " child care available during class. To ... register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

Worship services

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more informa-

tion, call (734) 261-1455. **Farmington Women Aglow**

Meets from 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Donuts and coffee served.

Kids night

Activities include games, crafts, mission projects, and seasonal events 5:30-7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. The program is free and open to all children kindergarten through sixth grade. Light supper included Call (734) 421-7620.

Classes

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, guilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Open registration began March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020

Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Recovery program Ward Evangelical Presbyterian

Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women

find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit

www.celebratcrecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study The Gospels and You Bible Study

began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

Sunday service All are welcome to attend worship

service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Scripture study

Board the Starship Evangelize, seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study - The Book of Numbers - 10. a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For information, call Mary Rice ... at (734) 522-1095.

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MARSHALL R. PICKELL

Age 77 of Novi. May 19,2007. Beloved husband of Janis; loving father of Nancy Kelly, Tim, Paul, (Laurie) Pickell and Kate (Todd) Hoeravf; dear grandfather of (Lisa) Hendricks, Hendricks, Paul Jr., Lauara, Cristen, Abby and Zack Pickell. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Celebration of Marshall's Life will be in the near future In Lieu of flowers the family request Memorial Donations to the Fox Run Student Scholarship Fund, 4110 Fox Run Rd., Novi, MI 48377

ROY GALDES

May 21, 2007. Father of John, Roy, Brian, Noreen, Mary and Judy; brother of many, grandfather of 17.

ANN M. TALBOT

Age 59 of Batavia, IL, formerly of Plymouth, MI, unexpectedly passed away Monday, May 21, 2007 in her home. Ann a loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother was born on June 26, 1947 in Jackson, MI. She was the daughter of Julius and Lucille Miller. Ann "Queen" Talbot married John Talbot on March 28, 1970 in Jackson, MI. Ann graduated from Western Michigan University in 1967, with an Associates Degree in Business. She owned and operated The Drapery and Upholstery Shoppe. Ann was also active in The Red Hat Society and the Welcome Club of Fox Valley. She is survived by her loving husband, John; her two sons, Christopher Talbot of Livonia, MI, and William (Dawn) Talbot of Rineyville, KY; three grandchildren, Joshua Talbot, and Kyle, and Shannon Greenleaf; two sisters, Joette (Dan) McCully, and Cheri (Jack) and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Ann is preceded in death by her grandson Coby Talbot and her brother Fritz Miller. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 3 pm at the Moss Family Funeral Home, 209 S. Batavia Ave. (Rt31) in Batavia. Visitation will be from 1pm until the hour of the service. Interment will be private. Memorial contributions in Ann's honor may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association in Memory of Lucille Miller. For additional information please contact the Moss family Funeral Home in Batavia at 630-879-7900.

NICHOLAS CAMPBELL

May 18, 2007 at St. Petersburg, FL, age 86. He served in the Coast Guard as a Machinist Mate during World War Two. He is survived by his wife Grace of 65 years. Also survived by nieces, nephews, great-nieces and Services were held Thursday at 1pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

ROBERT LAGUE NULTY

local resident and business man, passed away on May 18, 2007. He was born in 1907 in Smith Center, KS and grew up in Jewell, KS. Bob attended Kansas State College and graduated in automotive engineering from General Motors Institute in Flint. Up until 1946, he worked in the automotive industry in Detroit and Jackson, MI. At that time, he founded Great Lakes Airmotive at Willow Run Airport and served as the Cessna Aircraft dealer for the state of Michigan. It was at this time that the family moved to Plymouth. In 1961, he sold the business and returned for a brief time to the automotive industry. From 1969 to 1978, he, along with his son, Bob, operated the Colony Car Wash on Ann Arbor Road. Bob and his wife, Florence (nee Sederlin) enjoyed many years of flying and RV traveling throughout the U.S. in their retirement. Bob was an excellent pilot, hunter and fisherman. Bob was predeceased by Florence, his wife of 72 years, in April 2004. Bob is survived by his son, Robert D. (Phyllis) of Northville, MI, his daughter, Jane Sloan (Laird) of Sugar Land, TX and Grand Manan, Brunswick, grandchildren Tammy Nulty of Plymouth, Laura Vargas (Doug) of Burke, VA, Lance Sloan (Kim) of Sugar Land, TX and Tom Garner (Kathy) of Louisville, KY and great- grandchildren, Trevor and Austin Garner and Valerie and Philip Vargas. He is also survived by his sisters, Kathleen Conrad of Atchison, KS, Betty Hutchison of Indianapolis, IN and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on May 23, 2007 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



ALLEN J. HERDMAN Age 82, died Friday, May 18, 2007, at

Mercy General Hospital in Muskegon, MI. Allen was born May 17, 1925, in Harrow, Ontario, to Mildred ("Nonie") (McLean) and Allen Herdman, Sr. He served in the Canadian Air Force during World War II. In the late 1970's he established Herdman Service Company, a heating and air-conditioning business, which he maintained for many years. On April 4, 1953, he married Jesa Gryce, his loving wife of more than 54 years, in Windsor, Ontario. He and Jesa retired to Ferrysburg ten years ago after living and raising their family in the Detroit area. Allen was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He shared his love of the outdoors with all his family, also spending many years as the leader of Boy Scout Troop 007 in Livonia, MI. He encouraged his children's math skills by teaching them cribbage when they still had to use their fingers to count to fifteen. He gamely mastered the computer at age in order to keep in touch with his far-flung family. And he could fix any air conditioning compressor you put in front of him. His other interests included tennis, golf, billiards, cross-country skiing, bicycling and traveling. Allen was also a member of the American Legion Post #28 in Grand Haven. Survivors include his loving wife, Jesa; three sons: Terry Herdman of Livonia Jav Herdman of Commerce, MI, and Frank Herdman of Santa Fe, NM; a daughter, Laurie Herdman of Victor, ID; four grandchildren: Randi Pananen of Holland, Bailey Schreiber of Victor, ID, Jordan Schreiber of ctor, ID, and Henr fondly remembered participating with ID; two great-grandchildren, Erik and Ava Pananen of Holland; a brother, Hal (Beth) Herdman; and many loving nephews, nieces, and other family The service for Allen was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Grand Haven with Rev. Daniel Anderson officiating. Memorials to Love, INC are appreciated. VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven is handling arrangements.

DONALD N. CATLETT

ge 65, of Farmington Hills. May 21, 007. Beloved husband of Mary Ann for 44 years. Loving father of Shannon (Rebekah) Catlett and Sabina Catlett. Cherished papa of Cayley and Jacob. Dear brother of Marsha (Bob) Roth. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association, Funeral

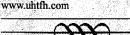
arrangements have been entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington.

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VIRGINIA BACHUS RICHARDS

Age 76 of Westland died suddenly, peacefully surrounded by her family May 18, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Stewart Bachus and Gerald Richards. Dear mother of Susan Bachus, Michael (Nancy) Bachus, (Jeanne) Bachus, Barbara Jeffrey Ferson, Christopher (Kelly) Scott) Bachus and Cornelius Bachus. Dear grandmother of Brendan and Ariadne heridan, Valerie, Laura and Rebecca Christopher Bachus, Sean (Natalie) Ferson, Melissa Ferson, Jacob Bachus, Megan and Justin Korpal and Jennifer and Courteney Bachus, sister of Dorothy Mitchell Brown and Andrea Sunday. A private family service has been held. Memorials would be appreciated to your local Meals on Wheels. Please and post à tribute at



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CALENDAR

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Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

Explore your destiny - God's wonderful plan for your life. Sunday Worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck), Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship service At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight

support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Margaret at (734) 838-0322. Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study

group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern

Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com. **Detroit World Outreach**

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-

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Journey of Faith hosts 'U2Charist'

The walls of Christ Episcopal Church in Dearborn are expected to reverberate with the music of the Irish band U2 during a special worship service, known as U2Charist, beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 16. The church is located at 120 N. Military in Dearborn.

Hosting the service is Journey of Faith Church, formerly known as St. David's in Garden City. Partnering with Journey of Faith will be the Episcopal diocesan office of Youth



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"By Episcopal church standards, our services are highly informal in dress and style," said Journey of

Faith pastor Mark Jenkins. "We're trying to reach those who find less traditional approaches to worship more

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Delivering the message for the U2Charist will be Sarah Dylan Breuer of Cambridge, Mass., who developed the idea of the U2Charist service in 2004. Since then the U2Charists have grown beyond their origin in the Episcopal Church to become a worldwide phenomenon.

The U2Charist service focuses on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, which have been endorsed by every nation in the world and many religious denominations, including the Episcopal Church, to eradicate extreme poverty and global AIDS.

"Our service will follow the pattern of Journey of Faith's weekly worship service and incorporate multimedia featuring music from U2 including such favorites as 'Where the Streets Have No Name,' Yahweh,' and 'One,'" added Pastor Jenkins.

The band U2 has given permission to use their music in such services as

long as emphasis on the MDG is maintained. Bono, the lead singer of U2, has been very outspoken on issues for social justice and has initiated several programs including the ONE Declaration, www.one.org, an effort to rally people in the fight against poverty and AIDS.

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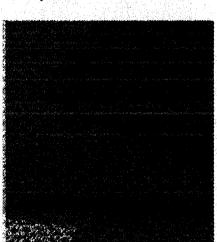
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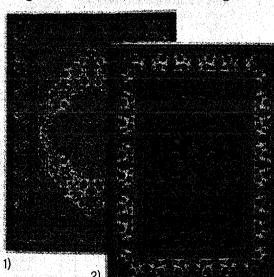
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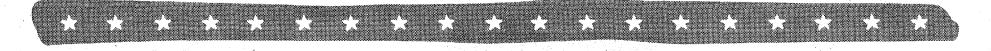
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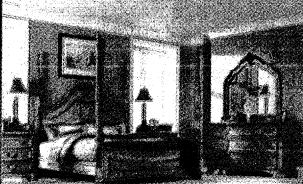
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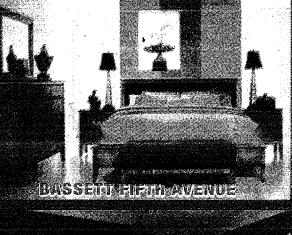
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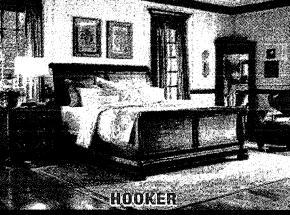






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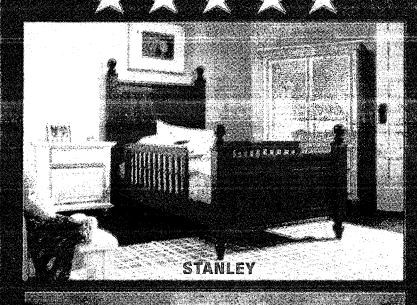
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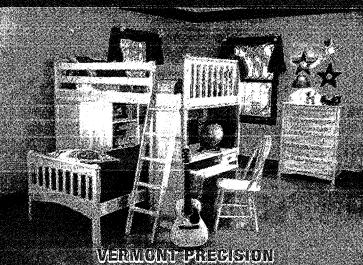
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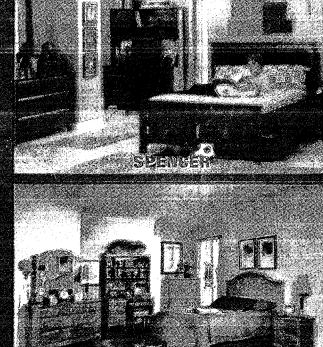












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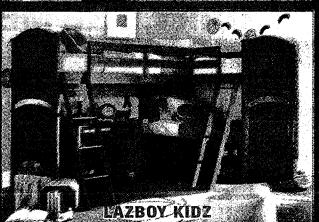
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WLC spoils Wildcats' dreams of WLAA title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's hopes of winning the 2007 Western Lakes Activities Association softball title were shot down by a BB Tuesday afternoon.

Walled Lake Central senior pitcher Brittany Burkhardt, who hadn't pitched in two weeks due to a hand injury, threw a two-hitter at the Wildcats in the Vikings 8-3 victory at Plymouth.

A win in Tuesday's make-up game would have earned the Wildcats a spot in Wednesday's WLAA title game against Livonia Stevenson. Instead, they were forced to make a trek to Central on Wednesday for a second-place cross-over game against the Vikings.

"I'm very disappointed — I can't put it

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any better than that," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "You can't play like we did today this late in the season and expect to come out on top.

"We had five errors today. I don't think we had five errors combined in our previous 10 games."

The Wildcats' lineup was shuffled due to the absence of freshman standout Stacey Klonowski, who missed the game due to a school-related obligation.

"I had a weird feeling all day about this

game, especially knowing Stacey wasn't going to be in there," said Canfield. Burkhardt retired 12 of the final 13 bat-

Burkhardt retired 12 of the final 13 batters she faced. She struck out eight and walked three — two in the first inning.

Plymouth pitchers Megan Patterson and Ally Ciotti didn't walk a batter, but they yielded eight hits and three hit batsmen (all in the fifth inning).

The Wildcats grabbed a 1-0 lead when Erin Rodes opened the bottom of the first with a walk, advanced to third on a pair of wild pitches and scored on a passed ball.

Central knotted the game at 1-all in the top of the third when lead-off hitter Kathy Rusette (who finished 3-for-4 with three runs scored) went all the way to third on a throwing error. She then scored one batter later on Krista Hakola's fielder's choice grounder.

Plymouth regained the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the third when Jessica Cicirelli led off with a single, was sacrificed to second by Rodes and scored on an error.

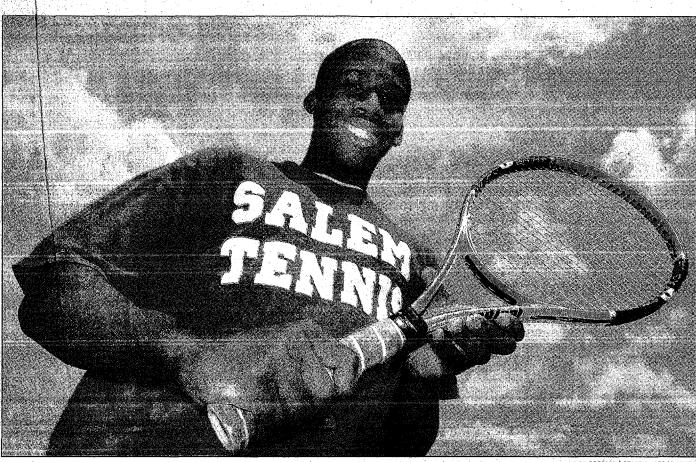
The Vikings leap-frogged the 'Cats in the fourth, 3-2, when Kara Reickert, who had reached on a double, and Carly Dodge, who had walked, both scored on wild pitches.

Undaunted, Plymouth tied the game at 3-all in the bottom of the frame on freshman Amanda Burnard's towering home run over the right-center field fence. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, Burnard's hit was their last against the hard-throwing Burkhardt.

Central scored three pivotal runs in the fifth thanks to a pair of hits and three hit batsmen. Rusette added an RBI double in the sixth.

The loss dropped Plymouth to 21-5.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's top tennis player, Lawrence Washington, enjoyed an incredibly successful junior season as he finished 22-2 with a Western Lakes Activities Association No. 1 singles title.

Smashing success

Strong work ethic makes self-taught Washington an ace

BY ED WRIGH

Flash back for a moment to the summer of 2000.

Each morning, like clockwork, the 10-year-old boy would grab his bucket filled with tennis balls in one hand and his racquet in the other.

He'd then walk from his home on the corner of Sheldon and Palmer roads in Canton to Freedom Park, which was directly across the street.



When he reached the park's tennis courts, he'd place the bucket just beyond one of the courts' baselines and begin hammering ball after ball through the humid summer

On some days his older brother would hit with him. Many days he'd match up with other players at the park who, like him, were hooked on the sport.

The boy's name was Lawrence

Washington, Salem's No. 1 singles player for the past two years.

And the relentless, self-motivated, hours-long practice routines he put himself through as a pre-teen are paying huge dividends now.

UNPARALLELED SUCCESS

Last weekend, Washington advanced to the semifinal round of the Division 1 Regional tennis tournament in Ann Arbor before getting

PLEASE SEE WASHINGTON, B2

Incredible comeback

Rocks erase 8-0 deficit, win 9-8

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Overcoming a touchdown deficit is manageable in football, but highly improbable in baseball.

With that in mind, you can call the Salem baseball team's 9-8 victory over Walled Lake Western Monday afternoon "Mission: Improbable."

Thanks to some clutch, two-out hitting by a pair of sophomores and a dominating

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relief performance from a junior pitcher, the

Rocks overcame an 8-0 fourth-inning deficit to post the thrilling comeback triumph over the visiting Warriors.

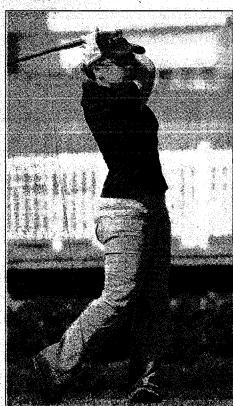
Salem trailed 8-7 with two outs in the bottom of the seventh when sophomore Chris Kordick knotted the game with a sharp, two-strike single to left that plated Sam Ott. Sophomore second baseman Kyle Bricker put the icing on the incredible comeback when he singled in Kyle Powell.

Junior right-handed pitcher Justin Horger no-hit Western over the final three innings to earn the win.

The Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over victory, which was a make-up from a previously rained-out contest, improved the Rocks' record to 10-18. Western slipped to 14-13.

Things looked dire for the Rocks through the first four innings when Western scored two runs in the first, three in the second and third, and

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, B3



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Patricia Burns watches one of her drives split the fairway during Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton, Burns fired a 105.

Northville golfers ace WLAA conference meet

BY BRAD EMON STAFF WRITER

Order another extra trophy.
For the third year in a row Livonia
Stevenson and Northville will share the
Western Lakes Activities Association girls
golf crown.

Stevenson, the regular season champion at 11-0, fell eight shots short of the Mustangs in Tuesday's WLAA tourney held at Canton's Pheasant Run.

And based on the formula of total points for the regular season and tournament finish, both teams wound up with 22 points.

Northville's four-player tournament total was 362, while Stevenson finished at 370. Livonia Churchill wound up third with 381, while Walled Lake Western took fourth with 385. Sophomore Alicia Weber was the WLAA medalist with a 77, one shot ahead of defending Division I state champion Shannon Warner of Churchill, a junior who fired a 78.

Senior Susan Snyder added an 80 to earn All-Conference honors and was followed by teammates Taylor Johnson (99), Kelley Hill (106) and Arianne Frink (106).

The Mustangs finished runner-up during the dual-meet season to Stevenson after losing by three strokes, 176-179, in a match See more golf results, Page-B7.

on May 14. Just two days earlier, Northville lost its No. 2 player, Kirsten Freisch to a broken elbow.

"Everybody stepped up, I did not realize we had this kind of depth," Northville coach Mary Jane Ossola said. "Taylor Johnson had not broken 100 and she goes 91 in the (Oak Pointe) regional and 99 today.

"And it helps to have the conference champion (Weber), and she's a sophomore. She's been averaging 88 (for 18) and her previous best was 82 at the regional. Snyder has an 87 average and she goes 80 today."

Stevenson's top scorer was senior Abbey Wolfe, who shot an 86 to make All-Conference. She was followed by senior Chelsea Bathurst (88), the defending medalist; senior Chrissy McHenry (95), senior Lauren Geiger (101) and junior Laura Sims (103)—all of whom made All-Division.

"It was not our best day and we were only eight strokes behind from winning the whole thing," Stevenson coach Jason Delo said. "We lost to a good team. If we had lost to somebody else it would have been more frustrating. It was not a real surprise. When

you have the medalist (Weber), it makes a difference. And their number two kid (Snyder) played very well."

The most troublesome spot on the course was the 231-yard, par-4 No. 15 hole and the 429-yard, par-5 No. 16, according to Delo.

"Those are the hardest holes and it separated a lot of teams," the Stevenson coach said. "There's a lot of water, woods. We probably lost eight strokes right there."

Ironically, Stevenson had won the tour-

nament two years in a row.
"It was not a bad day," Delo said. "We would have liked to be outright champs,

but a championship is a championship." **Irvine cards ace**

For Westland John Glenn's Heidi Irvine, it was a memorable first WLAA tourney.

The freshman broke 100 for the first time this year with a 97, thanks in part, to a hole-in-one on the 108-yard, No. 7 hole.

"I hit a 7-iron, it landed on the left side of the green and it curved in," said Irvine, who earned All-Division honors along with teammate Jessie Veltri, who shot a 94. "Everybody is screaming. The first person I'm going to tell is my mom (Judy)."

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If you know of an elite slow-pitch softball power hitter who resides in Plymouth or Canton – or you are one yourself – contact Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright at (734) 953-2108 or

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Schmitt is grand at Grand Prix

Canton High School junior Allison Schmitt had quite a weekend at the Eric Namesnik Memorial Grand Prix swimming event in Ann Arbor May 18-20. Competing in a meet

stocked with former Olympians, Olympics hopefuls and many of the elite collegiate swimmers from across the country, Schmitt had an outstanding three days. Her most noteworthy performance came when she anchored the Club Wolverine 400meter medley relay team to a gold medal. When Schmitt hit the water, she was 1.79 seconds behind the Athens (Ga.) Bulldogs, however, she passed NCAA All-American Jessica Cole in the final five meters to earn the win.

Schmitt was also the lone high school swimmer in the 100 freestyle finals. She was fifth after 50 meters, but came back to finish second behind Andrea Hupman, a 2007 collegiate All-American from Northwestern University.

She capped her weekend with a fifth in the 200meter freestyle.

Diesels to host camp

The Detroit Diesels, a minor-league football team that plays its home games in Livonia, will be hosting a youth football camp June 25-27 from 9 a.m. to noon for kids between the ages of 7- and 14-years-old. Participants will be divided into four age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

Coaching will be provided by the Detroit Diesels coaches and players.

The camp will be held at Emerson Middle School, which is located at 29100 W. Chicago in Livonia. The \$30 fee includes a camp T-shirt, a Diesels season pass (\$48 value) and a last-day pizza party.

For more information or to reserve a spot in the camp, call (313) 299-1277.

Belcher sets mark

Canton senior Tim
Belcher blazed to a schoolrecord time of 39.6 seconds in the 300 hurdles at
Friday's Division 1 Regional
meet at the P-CEP stadium. The former record
holder was Rodney
Preston, who set the old
standard of 39.8.

Soccer meeting

All boys interested in playing soccer for Plymouth High School in the fall are encouraged to attend a meeting Tuesday, June 5, at 7 p.m. in the school's media center.

Plymouth takes Flight 'A' crown

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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's softball team captured the "Flight A" championship in last weekend's Madonna University Invitational — just not the way it would have liked.

The Wildcats led 8-1 in the third inning in the "A" final over cross-campus rival Canton when Chiefs head coach Jim Arnold pulled his team off the field moments after Canton left-fielder Stephanie Sadek was hit by a pitch for the second time in the game.

"I was proud of the way the girls played all weekend, but I was disappointed with the way it ended," said Plymouth head coach Val Canfield. "After Jim took his team off the field and told the umpires he was forfeiting the game, I told my players to line up, shake the Canton players' hands and walk off the field with their heads high. I told them to be proud of their accomplishment."

When reached by telephone on Tuesday, Arnold politely declined to comment on the incident under advisement from Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman.

Heinzman could not be reached prior to Tuesday night's deadline.

According to sources who were at the game. Arnold argued to the umpires that Sadek was hit intentionally by Plymouth pitcher Megan Patterson. Canfield denied the allegation of the intentional

"(Sadek) crowds the plate and had been hit by about eight pitches during the tournament," Canfield said. "There's no way we were throwing at

her intentionally." The Wildcats continued their hot streak by going 4-1 over the weekend to improve their overall

record to 21-4. Patterson yielded just 16 hits in five games. "We had a lot of players step up and play well, but Megan was probably our MVP," said Canfield. "She

did a great job out there and we played great defense behind her." The Wildcats rocked a pair of home runs in the forfeit-shortened contest against Canton. Patterson helped her own cause with a round-tripper and a

triple, and Stacey Klonowski hit a four-bagger that Canfield called, "the hardest hit ball I've ever seen." Other offensive contributors in the win over the Chiefs were Beth Heldmeyer, Melissa Butzow, Kim

Klonowski and Amanda Burnard.

The Wildcats opened the weekend with a 15-2 rout of Livonia Ladywood. Patterson and Amy Ciotti combined on a two-hitter while Heldmeyer (2-for-3, two runs), Kim Klonowski (2-for-4, three runs, RBI), Burnard (2-for-4, two RBI), Stacey Klonowski (3-for-3, two runs, four RBI) and Jill Brennan led the winners' 11-hit attack.

In Game 2, Patterson two-hit Milford in the Wildcats' 8-0 victory. The winners scored three runs in the second and fifth and singles in the third and

"Our defense played outstanding," said Canfield. Kim Klonowski went 2-for-3 with a home run. Also excelling at the plate were Burnard (2-for-2, two runs), Stacey Klonowski (2-for-3, two runs), Brennan (1-for-2, run) and Bondy (1-for-3, two



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Amy Bondy, who is pictured sliding safely into home in a game earlier this year against Livonia Franklin, played a key role in the Wildcats' success this weekend.

The Wildcats' lone blemish on the weekend was a 6-2 setback to Taylor Kennedy. Half of the runs the Eagles scored in their six-run second inning were unearned. Brennan accounted for Plymouth's only runs when she drilled a two-run single. Plymouth advanced to the "A" final by blanking Novi, 3-0, as Patterson and Ciotti combined on a one-hitter. Stacev Klonowski delivered a two-run triple and Kim Klonowski contributed an RBI single.

SALEM GOES 2-3

The Rocks lost their opener, 12-3, to eventual champion Anchor Bay. Liz Thomas and Amanda Emmons paced Salem's seven-hit attack with a pair of hits each. Emmons also contributed two RBI.

"That Anchor Bay team can hit," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "And we're not a morn-

Salem suffered a heartbreaking 1-0 loss to Novi in its second game of the tourney. Starting pitcher Melissa Leach hurled a walkless two-hitter, striking out seven, but she didn't get any offensive support.

"Novi scored their run in the first inning, then we played excellent defense after that," said Southerland. "But we couldn't get a run across the plate."

Liz Thomas, Mary Cox and Christina Parsons accounted for the Rocks' three hits.

"We had runners on base in every inning except one, so I thought for sure we would put a hit or two together and get a run," said Southerland.

It was the Rocks who posted a 1-0 victory (over Lincoln Park) in Game 3. In the eighth inning, Kelly MacDonald's bunt scored Mary Cox from third with the game's lone run. Salem's defense shined in the bottom of the inning thanks to great plays by Parsons and Cox. Leach excelled on the mound. striking out nine while yielding just three hits and two walks. Salem did not commit an error.

The Rocks split their pair of games on Sunday, falling to Milford, 3-0, before blanking Marine City, 2-0. MacDonald just missed throwing a perfect game in the nightcap as she yielded just one hit -aseventh-inning single. Kelly Behr, Abby Pairitz and Cox paced the offense.

WASHINGTON

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sidelined by the eventual Regional runner-up. His final season record: a remarkable 22-2, which included an undefeated record in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The self-taught Washington's achievements are extra-impressive when you consider many of his opponents played year-round and were tutored throughout their formative years by highly paid coaches.

I'd walk over to the courts across the street from my house and hit for hours," said Washington, reflecting on his introduction to tennis. Sometimes, I'd meet people there and play with them, sometimes I'd hit with my brother and sometimes it would just be me. But I played every day because I loved to play the sport.

"I learned the sport by playing it. I played and watched the tournaments on TV 24/7."

LASTING IMPRESSION

Washington made a strong first impression on Salem tennis coach Bill Nelson, who slotted the talented player into the No. 4 singles hole as a freshman. He's been number one on the Rocks' depth the past two springs.

"The most impressive thing about Lawrence is his dedication to the game," said Nelson. "He plays as much as he can, whenever he can.

"I know when he was a kid he'd walk over to that park and hit for hours and hours, hitting and serving. He had the drive it took to improve

8. (tie) Plymouth and W.L. Western, 4; 10.

FLIGHT RESULTS

(tie) Livonia Franklin and Westland John

No. 1 singles: 1st place: Washington (PS)

Wasielewski (N), 6-1, 7-5; Szydiowski (PC)

defeated Szydlowski (PC), 6-4, 6-0;

Semifinals: Washington (PS) def.

Glenn, 3; 12. Wayne Memorial, 0. CHAMPIONSHIP

his game to where it's at now, which is a very high level."

Nelson said Washington's mental approach to the sport is on a par with his lofty physical skills.

"A lot of times, when you watch Lawrence playing in a match, you can't tell if he's winning or losing because he's always so focused," the veteran coach said.

"The exception was after Lawrence won the conference meet this year. He wanted that so bad and when he finally won it, he beamed from ear to ear."

CAPTAIN LAWRENCE

Nelson's admiration for the Rocks' top netter is shared by Washington's teammates, who elected him as one of the team's captains prior to this "In the 20-some years I've

been coaching, I've probably only had about three twoyear captains," Nelson revealed. "I was a little concerned at first when Lawrence was voted captain because he's kind of a quiet kid. But his leadership skills really came out before the season started. He didn't mess around when it came to leading the team in drills and everything else a captain

Washington's serve has been clocked at 108 miles per hour, which, according to Nelson, will improve with time and better mechanics.

'I've told Lawrence that if there's one part of his game that needs improving, it's his serve," said Nelson. "It's not that he doesn't have a good serve. He does. But he uses a quick arm movement instead of getting his entire body into

it. Once he does that, watch out.

SWEAT EQUITY

Washington has honed his game with a weekly practice routine that takes up two hours every weekday and four hours on weekend days. He also works out on a regular basis at Lifetime Fitness in Canton.

"If I ever get tired of playing so much, I'll take a week off," Washington said. "But that doesn't happen very much."

Washington said many of his classmates have had a lukewarm opinion of tennis - until they come watch one of his matches.

"Once they see one of our matches, they say, 'Oh my gosh, you're pretty good!" he said. "I'm trying to get them to come around to the sport."

THE NEXT LEVEL

Washington is destined to play the game at the collegiate level; he's just not sure where quite vet.

"Temple, Villanova, Lehigh and Depauw have shown interest in me so far," said Washington, who has a stellar 3.5 grade-point average. "If I had to pick one now, I'd probably pick Temple because it's a good business school."

Nelson noted that Washington does more than improve his own game during the summer — he helps other, less-fortunate, players hone their skills.

"Lawrence and his dad are involved in a program that teaches the sport of tennis to inner-city kids," said Nelson. "It's his way of giving something back to the sport."

TENNIS RESULTS

WLAA CONFERENCE def. McCathney (LS), 6-1, 6-0. **TENNIS TOURNAMENT** No. 2 singles: 1st: Bakshi (PS) def. Patil (LC), 6-4, 6-1; Semis: Baskhi def. Curran (N), 6-4, Saturday at P-CEP Courts FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 28; 2. 6-3; Patil (LC) def. Hamann (WLC), 6-2, 6-4. No. 3 singles: 1st: Baskins (N) def. WLN, 6-2, 6-4; Semis: Baskins (N) def. Yanalunas Livonia Churchill, 19; 3. Plymouth Salem, 14; 4. Plymouth Canton, 12: 5, W.L. Northern, 11: 6. W.L. Central, 10; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 10; (WLC), 6-4, 6-1; WLN def. Burnstein (PS), 6-

> No. 4 singles: 1st: Irvine (N) def. Benson (PS), 7-5, 6-2; **Semis:** Irvine (N) def. Koch (LS), 6-1, 6-1; Benson def. Anderson (LC), 6-

No. 1 doubles: 1st: H. Zhang-Schecter (N) def. Cunningham-Frangie (LC), 6-2, 6-2; Semis: H. Zhang Schecter (N) def. WLN, 6-2, 6-0: Cunningham-Francie (LC)

Hollingsworth-Kang (PC), 7-5, 6-3. No. 2 doubles: 1st: K. Zhang-P. Irvine (N) def. Peczynski-Martin (LC), 6-0, 6-4; Semis: K. Zhang-irvine (N) def. Collins-Bagazinski (LS), 7-6, 6-2; Peczynski-Martin (LĆ) def. Johnson-Rivamonte (WLC), 6-2, 6-2. No. 3 doubles: 1st: Mills-Hagan (N) def. Fortney-Mazur (LC), 7-5, 6-2; Semis: Mills Hagan (N) def. Indianer-Niwa (WLC), 6-0, 6-3; Fortney-Mazur (LC) def. WLN, 6-2, 7-5.
No. 3 doubles: 1st: McHenry-Raymond (N) def. Clairmont-Yandric (LC), 6-1, 6-2; Semis: McHenry-Raymond (N) def. Popoff-(LC) def. Orlos-Northey (LS), 6-3, 6-3.

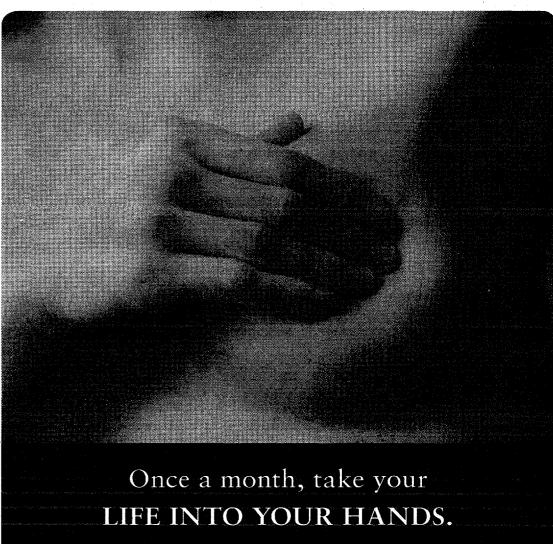


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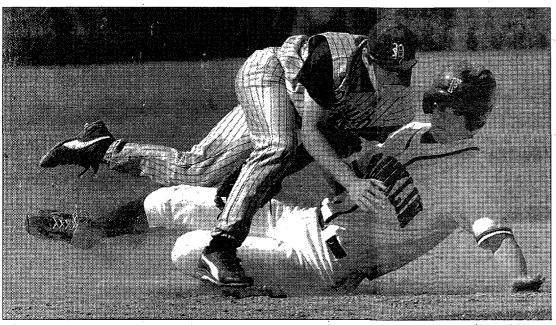
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Plymouth's second baseman Ben Kosmalski puts the tag onto Franklin's Sean Sciba during a WLAA Western Division game last week. Kosmalski played a key role in the Wildcats' success at Saturday's Gibraitar Carlson Invitational.

'Cats win CG tournament

Plymouth's baseball team earned a trophy and some much-needed momentum heading into next week's Division 1 District tournament last weekend by capturing the Gibraltar

Wildcat coach Chuck Adams. "We are getting quality innings from our starters over the last two weeks and we're finding ways to win ball-

"I would still like to see our defense tighten up a bit more, but, overall, I'm happy with our effort and our play at this point in the season."

Plymouth and Carlson both finished 2-1 in the tourney, but the Wildcats were declared the champs because they yielded fewer runs than the Marauders.

The Wildcats' only loss came in the opener when they fell 2-0 to Trenton despite a solid, complete-game pitching effort from junior Garrett Rebain.

Plymouth then rocked Flat Rock, 14-3, thanks to Tyler Locklear's complete-game mound gem. Sophomore Ronnie Goble earned a completegame victory in the finale, a 10-6 victory over

Agape rally edges B-M, 4-3

Canton Agape Christian's baseball team constructed a dramatic, three-run seventhinning rally Tuesday afternoon to edge visiting Britton-Macon, 4-3, in a non-league contest played at Griffin Park in Canton.

The Wolverines improved to 9-4 behind thanks to the rally and a complete-game, four-hit pitching effort from junior right-hander Jared Miller (5-2). Miller struck out 13 and walked

Ethan Walker ignited the rally with a lead-off triple. He

scored on a single by Kevin Reith, who scored on Tyler Majeski's one-bagger. Miller then delivered the game-winning single, plating Donald Mullett.

Reith finished the day 3-for-3 with two RBI.

AGAPE 8, FRANKLIN ROAD 6: On Monday, the Wolverines chalked up an impressive victory in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game played at Griffin Park in Canton.

The victory improved the Wolverines to 8-4 overall and 53 in the MIAC. Franklin Road slipped to 7-7 and 5-1, respectively. Agape trailed 6-4 before mounting a four-run, fifthinning rally. Franklin Road outhit the winners, 6-5.

Brandon Pierson earned the complete-game victory on the mound for the Wolverines, striking out six. Mark Knudsen suffered the loss for Franklin Road. Kevin Reith (1-for-3, run, two RBI, two stolen bases). Daniel Walker (1-for-2, two runs, double) and Pierson (three runs) paced the Agape offensive attack.

Carlson Invitational.

"I think we're peaking at the right time," said games.

BASEBALL

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one in the fourth. The eighth run came on Ryan Warwick's towering home run in the fourth.

Salem's rally started in the bottom of the fourth when Matt Woster walked, advanced to third on a pair of wild pitches and scored on Powell's RBI ground-

The Rocks got back into the game big-time in the fifth when they mounted a four-run rally with two outs. Horger ignited the fuse with a single, Heath Parling walked and Woster singled, loading the bases for Sam Ott, who ripped a long triple to left-center to make it 8-4. Ott then scored

on a fielder's choice to bring Salem to within 8-5.

Following a non-productive sixth inning, Salem erupted in the seventh when Parling led off with a single and scored on Woster's double. After Western starting pitcher Zach Gatten was relieved by Marc Carnacchi, Ott walked and Drew Grabowski reached on an error to fill the Sacks with Rocks.

After Powell narrowed the deficit to 8-7 with a fielder's choice ground-out and the next batter popped out, Kordick and Bricker delivered their dramatic game-tying and game-winning

Salem out-hit Western, 10-8, thanks to two-hit efforts from Ott and Woster. Woster scored three

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times and Ott knocked in three. Lead-off hitter Brett Lubanski and No. 3 hitter Andy Buchanan both ripped a pair of hits for the Warriors.

Horger retired eight of the 11 batters he faced after taking over for starting pitcher Joe Posler to start the fifth. Two of the baserunners reached on errors; the other a walk. Carnacchi reached first to start the fifth, but he was erased on a Bricker-to-Parlingto-Kordick double-play.

Gatten allowed eight hits and struck out five in six-plus innings of work. Carnacchi suffered the loss when he gave up the tying and winning runs in the seventh.

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Garden City Schools

Chiefs fall to Panthers in final of RU Classic, 9-0

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

For an inning or two Saturday, Mike Taylor had that "here-wego-again" feeling.

His Redford Union varsity baseball team trailed Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 4-0 after just a half inning of the Redford Union Baseball Classic semifinal. It was reminiscent of how the Panthers were defeated last month in the opener of the Hank

Klotz memorial tourney. This time, however, the host Panthers rallied for a 7-6 win and went on to pound Canton, 9-0, in the championship to improve to 24-5 entering Monday's crucial Mega White showdown with

league-leading Ypsilanti. "It crossed my mind," said Taylor, about possibly again not being in the title game for a tournament on RU's home field.

 Redford Union bounced back in the opener when they scored three runs in the second and two in the third, to tie the game at 6-6. Third-inning RBI singles by Nick Levinson and Tristin Lompra (2-for-3) knotted the contest, and the Panthers won the matchup when senior Eric Mullen (3-for-3) singled in junior Chris Gazley with two outs in the

Also registering three hits in the opener was Jason Matties.

In the championship game against the Chiefs, who had routed Riverview 11-3 at Pearson **Educational Center (where other** tourney games were held), it was Mullen's time to shine. He pitched a complete-game shutout, scattering nine hits (two each by Brad Barath and Kyle Gring).

The Panthers came out strong with a six-run first, a surge featuring senior Toby Matchulat's tworun double, a laser beam over the centerfielder's head which scored the game's first two runs.

Before the big inning came to an end, Mullen helped his own cause with a two-run double

down the left-field line and Levinson knocked in another with a hit.

In the meantime, Canton (12-12) could not get a clutch hit despite numerous scoring oppor-

The Chiefs had runners on the corners with no outs in the third, on singles by freshman callup Cody Blakita and Matt Barylski, only to leave them stranded.

HOT AT THE CORNER

Then, in the fifth, singles by Blakita, Gring and Ryan Neu loaded the bases with one out. But Panthers third baseman Lompra stymied Canton's bid with successive defensive gems

First, Lompra field a hot shot off the bat of Dan Milus and threw home for the force. The next batter, Daniel Stoney, smoked a one-hopper to Lompra, who fielded the ball and fired a strike to first baseman Matchulat (2-for-3, four RBI).

'We had the bases loaded a few times late," said Canton head coach Scott Dickey, lamenting his team's inability to hit with men in scoring position. "But when you're down 8-0, it's tough to play small ball."

Redford Union tacked on runs No. 7 and 8 in the fourth on a double to right by Matchulat. The Panthers made it 9-0 in the fifth, following a leadoff triple by Matties and a single by Lompra.

"That second game surprised me a little bit," RU's Taylor said. "Canton's a nice program and we did a nice job jumping out on them early."

Taylor praised the job turned in by Mullen as well as the fielders behind him.

"Mullen pitched a great game," he continued. "There were two innings where he had guys on third but he kept changing speeds. We had good defense, too, which kept them at bay." The Chiefs took care of

Riverview in their first game, behind a strong pitching effort by freshman Kevin Delapaz.



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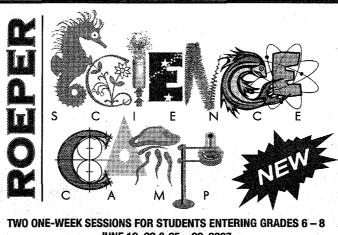


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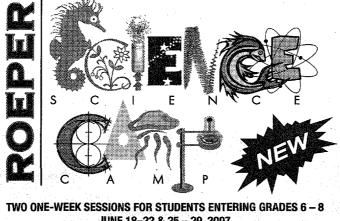
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS-May 15, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave), Kirchgatter Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Conklin Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda.

Motion carried by all members present. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Growth Works Update Dale Yagiela, Founder of Growth Works, Brian Spitsbergen, Youth Assistance Director, Growth Works Discussion on the current status of the Canton Human Services Building and update on the Youth Assistance Program. Item 2. Youth Advisory Council Ann Conklin, Leisure Services Director, Jon LaFever, Recreation Coordinator, Youth Advisory Advisors: Laura Schulz & Dain Fordell, Youth Advisory Council Members: Amanda Baydoun, Cassie Johnson, Ari Patel & Preethi Bandri. An update on the activities of the Youth Advisory Council. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to close the study meeting and move to the Board meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. GENERAL CALENDAR PUBLIC HEARING Item 1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2007 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m. to hear comments on the necessity of sidewalk repairs pursuant to the Township Sidewalk Ordinance and Sidewalk Repair Program Policy and as Provided in Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989. Motion carried by all members present. Several residents spoke in disagreement of markings showing residents responsibility and would require an additional inspection. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to close the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m. after hearing the comments on the necessity of sidewalk repairs to the Township Sidewalk Ordinance and Sidewalk Repair Program Policy and as provided in Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the attached resolution requiring replacement of sidewalks in Mayfair Village 1 & 2, Wilshire, Windemere, Sunflower East 1 & 2, Sunflower Village #5, Oak Vale and Miscellaneous Locations as indicated on the attached list and published in the Canton Observer on May 3 and May 6, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Director Faas stated for those who may not have been able to attend the public hearing those who may not have been able to attend the public hearing please call Public Works at 394-5150 as soon as possible if they feel a reinspection is warranted. Item 2. CONSIDER ACCEPTING STANTEC CONSULTING MICHIGAN, INC. PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2007 WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION AND REPLACEMENT PROJECTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize and award Stantec Consulting Michigan, Inc. to provide professional engineering services for the 2007 Water Main Construction and Replacement Projects in the amount of \$86,645 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$8,665 for a total of \$95,310. Further, to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion carried by all members present. Other: Supervisor Yack stated there is a regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board

Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. Adjourn

Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 8:43 p.m. to adjourn.

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.cantop-mi.org after

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK BESTS SHOT PUT

Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 40-9 Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 40-7.75 Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 39-5.5 Chelsea Carradine (Thurston) 36-9 Brigid Molloy (Ladywood) 35-3.5 Ashley Price (Franklin) 34-7 Olivia Rork (Luth. Westland) 34-6.25

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Brittany Petty (Plymouth) 5-6 Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 5-2 Liz Hollaway (Franklin) 5-2 Shaakira Haywood (Plymouth) 5-2 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 5-1 Kathryn Berger (Ladywood) 5-1 Megan Matheny (Canton) 5-0 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 4-11 Kara Piorkowski (Stevenson) 4-10

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community

Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for the Partial Re-Roofing of Salem High School. Bid

documents are available by phoning the District's Construction Management firm of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400 or

are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield;

Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills;

Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange,

Grand Rapids; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed

The bid division description for this project is: 109:Roofing. A pre-

bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2007 in

the McCarthy & Smith, Inc. site trailer located at Salem High

School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. Bids are to be

submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction

Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the bid division being bid

identified on the outside of the envelope. All bids should include 2

copies (1 original, 1 copy) and are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon

Educational Center on or before 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2007

where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional

information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance &

Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the

right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its 2007 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review by May 24, 2007 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor, located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan between the hours of 8:30 am

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 6:30 pm. Everyone is

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Madonna-bound

Canton senior Ryan Waidmann, a three-year varsity standout for the Chiefs' basketball program, has signed a letter of intent to play for Madonna University beginning with the 2007-08 season. Waidmann, who led the Chiefs to a pair of District titles during his junior and senior campaign, is pictured above with Madonna Head Coach Chuck Henry and Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS

at WAYNE MEMORIAL Tuesday, May 29: (A) Westland John Glenn vs. (B) Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Friday, June 1: Belleville vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Garden City vs. Romulus, noon; champi-

a.m., varuen ---, onship final: 2 p.m. at LIVONIA STEVENSON Tuesday, May 29: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Livonia Franklin, 2:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Stevenson vs. (D) Plymouth, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2: Canton vs. A-B winner, 10

onship final: 3 p.m GIRLS SOFTBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS **DIVISION 1**

a.m.; Salem vs. C-D winner, 12:30 p.m.; champi-

at WAYNE MEMORIAL Tuesday, May 29: (A) Westland John Glenn vs. (B) Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Friday, June 1: Garden City vs. Romulus, 10

at LIVONIA STEVENSON Tuesday, May 29: (A) Livonia Stevenson vs. (B) Plymouth, 2:30 p.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. (D)

Livonia Churchill, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2: Salem vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Canton vs. C-D winner, noon; championship final: 2 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS **DIVISION 1**

LIVONIA CHURCHILL (Host) Tuesday, May 29: (A) Livonia Stevenson at (B) Pinckney, 7 p.m.; (C) Livonia Franklin at (D) Livonia Churchill, 6 p.m.; (E) Northville at (F) Nednesday, May 30: A-B winner vs. C-D winner,

5:30 p.m.; Salem vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 1: Championship final, 4 p.m. WAYNE MEMORIAL (Host) Tuesday, May 29: (A) Ann Arbor Pioneer at (B)

Canton, 7 p.m.; (C) Garden City at (D) Wayne Memorial, 6 p.m.; (E) Ann Arbor Huron at (F) Thursday, May 31: A-B winner vs. C-D winner.

TBD; Westland John Glenn vs. E-F winner, TBD Friday, June 1: Championship final, 7 p.m. DIVISION 4
ANN ARBOR GREENHILLS (Host)

Tuesday, May 29: (A) Yosilanti Calvary Baptist Christian at (B) Plymouth Christian Academy, TBD; (C) Ann Arbor Greenhills at (D) Lutherar Westland, TBD.

Thursday, May 31: Allen Park Cabrini vs. A-8 winner, TBD: Saline Washtenaw Christian vs. C-D winner, TBD. Friday, June 1: Championship final, 5:30 p.m.

Whalers drop their 2nd straight in 'Cup'

Tyler Ennis figured in on all four goals and Brennan Bosch added a goal and an assist as the Medicine Hat Tigers led from start to finish in a 4-1 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in a 2007 MasterCard Memorial Cup game played before 12,601 at the Pacific Coliseum.

The Whalers are now 0-2 and have to defeat Lewiston (1-1) to remain alive in the tournament.

Medicine Hat improved to 1-

Vancouver leads the fourteam field with a 2-0 record. In all, Ennis — a '89 birthday who scored 26 goals and 24 assists for 50 points in 71 games during the regular season and entered the game with eight goals and four assists in 22 playoff games - scored twice with two assists. Daine Todd added the other Medicine Hat goal.

James Neal scored the lone Plymouth goal, his third of the tournament and 16th of the playoffs.

Medicine Hat led 2-0 after one period and 3-0 after 40

Bosch started the scoring at 1:57 of the first period for Medicine Hat when he batted home Ennis' shot from the left

wing past Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth. Ennis scored from the right hash mark and when he beat Neuvirth fivehole at 4:25 of the period to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead.

At that point, Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci pulled Neuvirth in favor of Jeremy Smith, who went the rest of the way. Neuvirth faced five shots and made three saves, while Smith went 30-of-

"I thought Smith played pretty well," Vellucci said in a post-game press conference. "He hasn't been in net for us in quite a while, so he's going to be rusty. Even though he was thrown in there at the start of the game, I thought he made some big saves for us. He played well for not being on the ice for awhile. Michal didn't get a whole lot of support and it was more to try to change the momentum of the game.

The Whalers were hoping to get off to a good start, but it didn't happen that way.

"We got down two goals real quick — be it they weren't great goals, but I'll take full responsibility," Vellucci said. "They came out flying and we weren't ready. It's the coaches' job to get them ready and they weren't ready.

Plymouth didn't get many breaks in the game. Tom Sestito missed an empty net on the left wing lip of the Medicine Hat crease midway through the first period and later in the game hit the crossbar in an attempt to score a shorthanded goal.

Ennis scored his second goal. of the game at 1:43 of the second period to give Medicine Hat a 3-0 lead when he onetimed a shot past Smith from the right circle. Todd scored on a rebound a 0:38 of the third period before Neal came back with the Whalers lone goal at

1:32. Medicine Hat outshot Plymouth, 37-24.

'It's a one-game elimination from here on out," Vellucci said. "We give ourselves a chance with a win tomorrow (against Lewiston) and then, whatever happens between Vancouver and Medicine Hat on Wednesday, there could be a three-way tie. We have to show the character we've shown all season — we started the season at 8-9-0-0 (in November).

"Everyone counted us out and we ran off a great record. So now it's a one-game elimination and anything can hap-

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LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

The U.S. Open is coming up at Oakmont. But before you hand the trophy to Tiger Woods you might want to consider many reasons why he won't win this year.

Tiger Woods, with 57 career wins, is already the greatest

golfer of all time. This would be true even if he should not win another tournament. Having said that, he has not won a U.S. Open since Bethpage in 2002. This is the major that he struggles with most and there are reasons for it.

If Tiger Woods has one weakness in his game it is his inability to hit fairways with consistency. At most major championship venues --especially the Masters -- missing the fairway off the tee does not

penalize you that much. But no tournament puts a premium on tee shot accuracy more than the U.S. Open. So while Tiger can still hit greens from the rough in most tournaments, that won't be the case in the U.S. Open.

At an Open, the United States Golf Association works to "protect par". The idea of this is making the golf course play as long as possible while often lowering par along with it. The other thing they do is grow the

rough from 4-6 inches in length making it near impossible to hit greens from there after a stray tee

This is exactly why Tiger will

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Lady Warriors excel in western excursion

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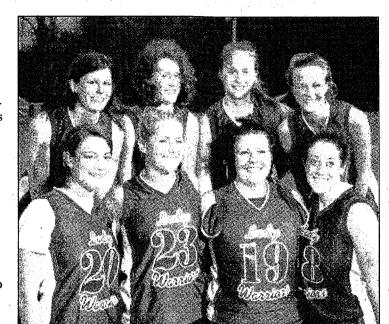
The Lady Warriors' "B" team defeated Kalamazoo United, 8-4, in the opener thanks to goals form Chelsea Olson (four), Melissa Gianni (two), Megan Burke, Jennifer Herzfeld, Stephanie Pettovello and Natalie Sitko. The winners' defensive effort was led by Laura Koehler, Stephanie Poe, Brittany Lewis and goalie Lauren Miller.

The "B" squad dropped its second game on Saturday, 8-1, to Portage Northern. Pettovello tallied the lone goal.

The "A" Lady Warriors knocked off Portage Central, the No. 2-ranked club lacrosse team in the state, 11-5. Katie Spangler led the impressive victory with five goals. Also finding the back of the net were Lauryn Ebersole (four goals), Amy Coleman and Emily Cox.

Stephanie Matusiak, Jessica Murray, Nicol Sheldon, Arielle Pietron and goalie Nicol Rottell paced the winners' defensive effort.

The Lady Warriors capped a



The six seniors on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team were honored prior to the Lady Warriors' May 11 game. Pictured are (front row from left) Megan Early, Sarah Palczynski, Lauren Patterson, Ashlie Forchione, (back row from left) Jillian Miller, Rhiannon Haller, Heather Duncan and Alex Rabe.

victorious day with a 7-4 triumph over state-ranked Battle Creek United. Ebersole tallied six goals while Spangler netted one. Defensively, PCS was led by Alex Rabe, Heather Duncan, Lauren Patterson, Ashilie Forchione and Jillian

"It was a pretty good day for us," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "We walked away with a 3-1 record after beating the number one and two club teams in the state."

The successful effort left the Lady Warriors with a 9-6-1

PCS lacrosse team wins 17-1

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team edged its record over the .500 mark May 17 with a dominating 17-1 victory over Romulus.

The Warriors built an 8-1 halftime lead and never looked back to improve their ledger to 9-8.

goals), 11 Warriors found the back of the net. Scott Darel, Ben Feeley and Norm Freda tallied two goals each while Danny Norris, Scott Wisniewski, Nick Thompson, Paul Gustafson, Alex Avramoski, Ken Herzfeld and Kyle Dunleavy scored one

The following players

chalked up assists for the winners: Connor Martin (two), Jacob Underwood (two), Darel, Murphy, Wisniewski, Freda, Patrick Downey, John Olevnik, Mac Ganzak, Sam Kokoszka and Feeley.

PCS outshot its foe, 43-9, and won the ground-ball battle, 65-19.

GOLF RESULTS

80; Taylor Johnson, 99; Kelley Hill and Arianne Frink, 106 each; Eve Avdoulos, 114. Stevenson (370): Abbey Wolfe, 86; Chelsea Bathurst, 88; Chrissy McHenry, 95; Lauren Geiger, 101; Laura Sims, 103; Elizabeth Grace, 113. Churchill (381): Shannon Warner, 78; Danielle Lesniak, 96; Amanda Dobos, 102; Lexi McFarlane, 105; Jessica Burdett, 106; Gina Jordan, 160. W.L. Western (385): Marni Weinstein, 80; Michelle Cha, 98; Melanie Wilkerson, 103; Megan Purcell,

W.L. Northern (413): Allie Buttery, 93; Vikki Zolkewsky, 104; Sarah Holm, 106; Dana Thomas, 110; Kesley Williams, 114; Rachel Blanzy, 119. W.L. Central (422): Sarah Johnson, 81; Danielle Walker, 109; Kelly Miller, 111; Ashley Phillips, 121; Riley Collins, 126; Chloe Akers, 128. John Glenn (427): Jessie Veltri, 94; Heidi Irvine 97; Courtney McKinney, 108; Dakota Howell, 128; Jamie Young, 130; Justine Woodard, 140. Franklin (427): Paige Scarpace, 99; Mariel Meyer 100; Jessica Stchur, 107; Georgia Patrick, 121;

104; Amanda Schwandt, 106; Andrea Newcombe,

Scarpace (LF), 99 each; 15. Mariel Meyers (LF), 100; 16. Amanda Dobos (LC), 102; 17. Melanie Lauren Bailey and Heather Bacon, 131 each. Plymouth (435): Patricia Burns and Liz Anderson, Wilkerson (WLW) and Laura Sims (LS), 103 each. **TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING** 105 each; Missy Gosbee, 111; Melissa Miller, 113;

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 362 strokes; 2.

Livonia Stevenson, 370; 3. Livonia Churchill, 381; 4.

Walled Lake Western, 385: 5. Walled Lake

Northern, 413: 6. Walled Lake Central, 422: 7. Livonia Franklin, 427; 8. Westland John Glenn, 427;

9. Plymouth, 435; 10. Wayne Memorial, 494; 11.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Ali-Conference: 2. Shannon Warner (LC), 78; 3.

(tie) Marni Weinstein (WLW) and Susan Snyder (N),

Alf-Division: 7. Chelsea Bathurst (LS), 88; 8. Allie Buttery (WLN), 93; 9. Jessie Veltri (WJG), 94; 10.

Chrissy McHenry (LS), 95; 11. Danielle Lesniak (LC),

96; 12. Heidi Irvine (WJG), 97; 13. Michelle Cha

(WLW), 98; 14. (tie) Taylor Johnson (N) and Paige

Salem, 516; 12. Canton, 714.

Medalist: 1. Alicia Weber (N), 77.

Wayne (494): Berlynn Beaver, 105; Taylor Tuttle, 117: Samantha Cruse, 133: Robbie Tomlin, 139:

Krystle Crandall, 149. Salem (516): Emily Patton, 112; K.T. Coffey, 134; Krystle English and Erin Classen, 135 each. Canton (714): Chelsea Osburn and Kara Gregory,

107 each: Alexandria Wee, 140. **FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS**

(based on dual meet/tourney) 1. (tie) Northville and Stevenson, 22 points each; 3. Churchill, 18; 4. W.L. Western, 17; 5. (tie) W.L. Northern and Franklin, 13 each; 7. W.L. Central, 11; 8. Plymouth. 9: 9. John Glenn. 7; 10. Wayne, 4; 11. (tie) Canton and Salem, 2 each.

Dual meet standings: 1. Stevenson, 11-0; 2. Northville, 10-0; 3. (tie) Churchill and W.L. Western, 8-3 each; 5. Franklin, 7-4; 6. (tie) W.L. Northern and Plymouth, 5-6 each; 8. W.L. Central, 4-5; 8. John Glenn, 2-8; 10. (tie) Wayne and Canton, 1-10 each; 12. Salem, 0-10.

Western Division standings: 1. Northville, 5-0: 2. W.L. Western, 4-1; 3. Franklin, 3-2; 4. Plymouth, 2-

3; 5. Wayne, 1-4; 6. Canton, 0-5. Lakes Division standings: 1. Stevenson, 5-0; 2. (tie) W.L. Northern and Churchill, 3-2 each; 4. W.L. Central, 1-2; 5. John Glenn, 1-3; 6. Salem, 0-4.

Salem prepares for District with 4-0 win

STAFF WRITER

Bring on the Division 1 District tournament - Salem's soccer team appears to be ready.

Proof of the Rocks' high-level preparedness was written all over their 4-0 victory over Walled Lake Western Monday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association. The victory improved Salem's record to 5-9-1 heading into next week's Division 1 tourney that will be hosted by Livonia Churchill.

"The game was a lot closer than the final score would indicate," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Western played a very spirited game."

Salem's two goal-keepers — Jill Slabey (first half) and Ashley Tucker (second half) — were solid as a rock, each stopping three shots.

"Jill and Ashley did everything we needed them to do," said Nora. "They kept everyone calm in the back, which is what we need to succeed."

Lindsay Newton staked Salem to its 1-0 halftime advantage when she scored 20 minutes in off an assist from Sara

Stanislawski.

Katie Shull expanded the Rocks' lead to 2-0 a short time into the second half when she converted a penalty kick after getting dragged down in the 18yard box.

"We kind of took off after Katie's goal," Nora said.

Rachel Gizicki cemented the victory when she scored off an assist from freshman Taylor Burgoon with 10 minutes to play. Burgoon, who was playing in her first varsity contest, capped the scoring a few minutes later with a goal that was assisted by Cally Brooks.

"The girls gave us exactly what we asked for tonight," said Nora. "We wanted to see the same intensity level throughout this game that we saw during the last seven minutes of our game against Flint Powers last week, and that's what we saw."

W.L. CENTRAL 2, PLYMOUTH 1: On Monday in a WLAA cross-over consest, the Vikings prevailed thanks to Sam Echols' two goals. Val Klemmer netted the only goal for the Wildcats.

L'VONIA STEVENSON 2, CANTON 1: On Monday, turnabout was fair play as the Spartans avenged a

girls soccer loss three days earlier with a 2-1 victory at Canton in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover between second-place division finishers.

Canton took a 1-0 lead on Kerry McWhirter's goal in the 32nd minute.

But Stevenson, pushing up more offensive players late in the game, struck for the equalizer when freshman Kayla Kimble scored from Kathleen Griffin on a play started by Victoria Slavin.

Griffith then scored the gamewinner with only three minutes remaining off a corner kick from Taleen Mergian. "That was a good win for us,

especially after Friday," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said of the 2-1 setback at home. "There was some redemption there. But more importantly, it's good to finish the regular season with a win prior to the districts. "I was pleased with the girls"

effort level tonight, and to tie and win the game in the last 10 minutes take character and perseverance which we definitely had " tonight."

Stevenson enters the Division I state tournament with a 9-6-3 overall record.

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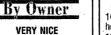
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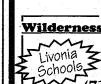
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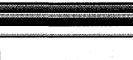
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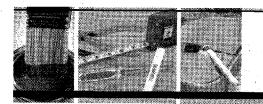
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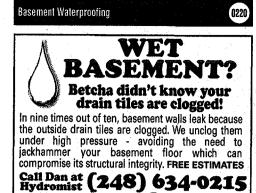
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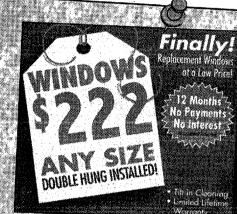
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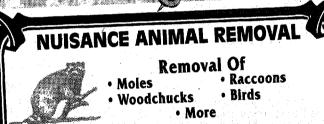
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don't feel complete as a boss, confesses a businessman, who asks not to be named.

"The gratification of achieving something can be so much more than just planning for it and stepping aside and letting others do that work. Delegating may be important, but it's hard to let go of the other stuff."

Reactions to workaholism are mixed. "It is both criticized and applauded in our culture," points out BJ Gallagher, workplace behavior management consultant at Los Angeles' Peacock Productions. "Workaholics are dedicated, committed, loyal and willing to put the company first. We reward them with promotions and raises. We speak out of both sides of our mouth. If workaholism were generally frowned upon and punished, people wouldn't do it. Instead, they make more money, get promotions and get recognition." **OPPOSING VIEWS**

Discussions about workaholism often make workaholics feel guilty, as the anonymous person above reveals. Eric Darr, provost and associate professor of Management at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology in Harrisburg, Penn., explains that there are degrees of delegation. "A workaholic would be tempted to delegate a piece of work and have second thoughts about whether the person is up to the task," he observes.

"This is a sure-fire way to destroy team member morale and motivation." Also, he maintains that the delegation may be inauthentic, because it doesn't allow an employee to make decisions. He manages all 75 faculty and staff at the University.

Gallagher, in Los Angeles, describes her perspective as "contrarian." She advises you to "understand your own motivation for being a workaholic. If:

-- "you love it,

-- "it gives great enjoyment, and -- "it's fulfilling,

do nothing and keep doing what you do, because that's what made you successful. A workaholic who loves to work is cool.

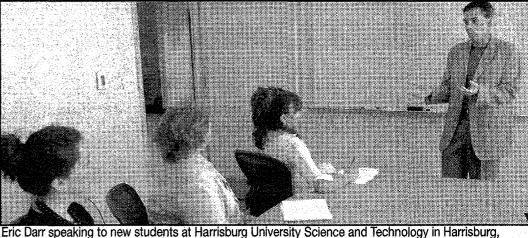
"If you're driven by insecurity, the fear of being a fraud or perfectionism," she adds, "that will keep you from moving up, because you'll hold onto responsibilities you should be delegating." **EFFECTIVENESS**

A conscientious workaholic saddled with too much essential work may be compelled to become a better leader. Daniel Harkavy, CEO of Building Champions Inc., in Lake Oswego, Oregon, has 18 coaches on staff working with executives, entrepreneurs and highproducing salespeople. Many of the firm's clients receive help in improving their quality of life by reorganizing their work.

Harkavy recommends breaking down -- in writing -- the three to five most important skill sets and responsibilities for everyone on the team, advice he calls "extremely important when (any) new team is formed, because team members can identify with them.

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Penn., on managing workaholism and work-life balance. (L toR) Meghan Flynn, director of Advancement Services; Carol Descak, vice president for Enrollment Management; and Taleen Palmer. Advancement assistant. Darr is provost at the University and teaches management. Photo credit: Jason Minick

their tails off," he comments, "as sole producers. This is no longer a good tradeoff for an organization. Your primary role is to tap into, develop and leverage other people. You're robbing the organization if you're not developing others.

You can enlist the aid of people around you, too. Darr says to seek out a workaholic with a balanced approach on another team as a possible role model. "Workaholics will accept other workaholics," he states. They're often people who, like entrepreneurs and professionals, when they don't work. aren't paid. Harkavy indicates that getting help from others can aid in developing realism.

Should you really ask for help? "I would suggest that your readers leave the workaholic leader alone," Gallagher mentions. "Let him do his thing and enjoy his work. The only danger . . . is that workaholics often expect others to be workaholics, too. . . . You might have to help your workaholic boss understand that not everyone lives to work. Some people work to live. And that's okay, too.

Workaholics are motivated by intellectual stimulation, a high need for achievement, and a sheer love of the process of working," she continues. "They feel most alive when they are working long and hard. In short, working makes them happy. Certainly, there's nothing wrong with that."

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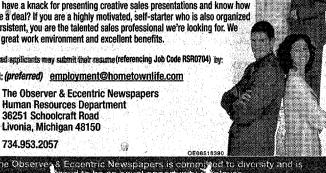
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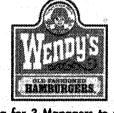
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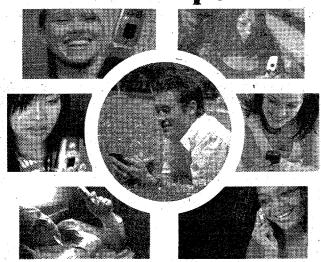
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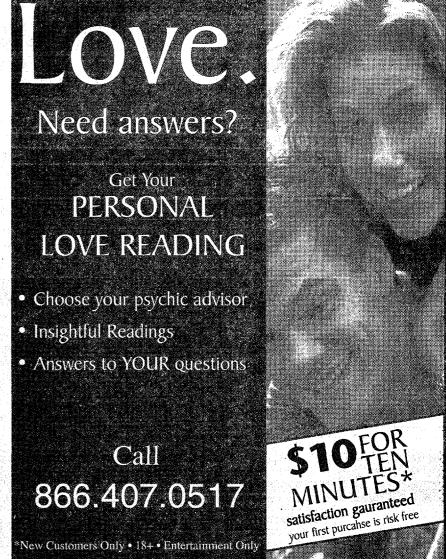
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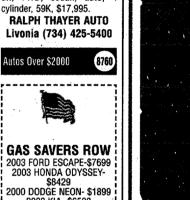
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By Dale Buss

Senior drivers are one of the biggest challenges - and yet greatest marketplace opportunities -on the road today. Elderly motorists have the highest crash rates of any American demographic, and as a group they're driving

growing as a target for auto makers, including Ford and Toyota, who design their vehicles to try to appeal to them. One thing these auto makers and others are eyeing is the fact that the typical U.S. driver is only going to get older as the baby boom generation approaches retirement age and beyond. Today, one in seven licensed drivers is 65 years old or older, but within two decades that ratio will be almost one in four. And rather than hanging up the keys because driving might be getting a little more difficult for them, this cohort is going to be aggressively searching for

more miles than ever. But that also means that they're

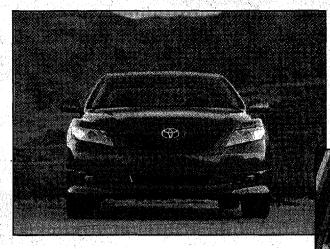
and safely behind the wheel. "This is a huge number of people, and they are people who were all born and raised and grew up with cars in their families," noted Eero Laanso, human-factors engineer for Ford Motor Co. "They've led active lifestyles involving cars. And just because they reach a certain place in their lives, they're not going to say, 'I'm too old to drive now."

products and companies that help them stay comfortably

Toyota is one company that has learned this lesson well. It placed five Toyota and Lexus vehicles on the Top 10 Vehicles for Seniors list on Edmunds.com, the automotive web site: Toyota Avalon, Toyota Prius, Toyota Sienna, Lexus LS 460 and Toyota Camry and Camry Hybrid. And Ford placed the Ford Five Hundred sedan.

"That self-parking system [on the LS 460] is the kind of design feature that's really helpful," said Elinor Ginzler, director for livable communities for AARP, in Washington,

One feature that is prominent in these models is what Toyota calls "360-degree handles" that allow doors to be opened from the outside using only major arm muscles -in contrast to "paddle handles" that require strength in the



Toyota Camry boasts many featues that elderly owners especially like. including a special touch plate located by the front seat to assist entry and

The Taurus X offers many senior-friendly features, including "command" seating that is a few inches higher than average for its SUV segment.

fingers and wrists, which often is compromised by arthritis and other conditions in the elderly.

Toyota also is rolling out brighter instrument displays in many vehicles, using what is called "vacuum fluorescence" technology instead of liquid crystal, the conventional but dimmer method. Designers have begun to incorporate larger type fonts throughout vehicle interiors -including the clocks. And while other makers have migrated toward joy sticks or other multi-input devices for manipulating navigation screens, Toyota has stuck with touch screens.

"They're easier and much more intuitive for entering destinations," said Fred Lupton, manager of the humanfactors group at the Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor,

Toyota's most specific design nod to seniors is what Lupton called an "assist plate" in the Camry: a sturdy palm rest, about the surface size and shape of a pack of playing cards, that is positioned on the door side of the driver's seat shield. "As an elderly person turns in the driver's seat to get into and out of the vehicle, they can use this specific spot to push themselves up and our, or guide themselves in," Lupton explained.

Meanwhile, Ford has been using a contraption it calls a Third Age Suit to allow product developers to experience first-hand some of the limitations of aging around which they want to design. It's essentially a big jump suit with

enough extra material, straps and other contraptions to cramp vision and hearing and to limit severely the mobility of every joint and appendage.

"It's something that a 35-year-old engineer can wear and it does a good job of simulating for him what it would be like to be one of our customers who is 30 years older," explained Laanso. Ford has quietly been modifying some of its vehicles

based in large part on insights from using the Third Age suit over the last few years. Senior-friendly enhancements are most prominent so far in the upcoming 2008 Taurus X, an overhaul of the mild-selling Freestyle SUV.

For example, doors open wider than in most other models, which the elderly appreciate. Another plus is that the seats in the Taurus X are three to four inches higher than the segment average, easing entrance and exit. Senior drivers also appreciate the greater visibility afforded by the resulting "command seating," Laanso said.

And in what Laanso called the direct result of a "eureka moment" with the Third Age suit, Taurus X features a wide-angle mirror that can be flipped down where a sunglass holder typically resides. "It allows the driver to see and maintain eye contact with everyone in the second and third rows of the vehicle instead of having to turn his neck, which gets more difficult as you age," Laanso noted.

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Notebooks that won't break the bank

n the market for a new PC? I recently took three notebooks for a spin, all of them priced below \$1,000.

What can you get for under a grand? More than you might think. Let's start with the \$899 Acer Aspire 9300-5005 (us.acer.com).



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screen, fullsize keyboard, roomy hard drive and other impressive features, it's designed to take the place of a desktop PC. Seriously,

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you wouldn't want to travel with this model. It weighs more than 9 pounds and measures nearly 16 inches from end to end, making it a poor fit for backs and backpacks alike.

But as a permanent resident on your desk, it's a welcome sight. My favorite feature is the built-in webcam, which makes for easy videoconferencing.

The webcam can face you or rotate 180 degrees to face away from the notebook. Sign up for the free Ustream.tv service and you can use the Aspire to broadcast live events over the Internet.

The notebook also comes with a dual-core AMD processor, a 120GB hard drive, 1GB of RAM, and Windows Vista Home Premium.

In short, it has the muscle to handle any mainstream computing task, though you might find it sluggish for things like video editing.

In fact, the Aspire could really use another gigabyte of RAM. Unfortunately, you'll have to replace the existing RAM modules to perform this upgrade, so it'll cost you more than if you could just drop in an extra module.

My other complaint with the Aspire is its woefully weak speakers, a poor match for the big, beautiful, moviefriendly screen.

You can always plug in external speakers, but the jack resides in the front, creating an aesthetic boo-boo.

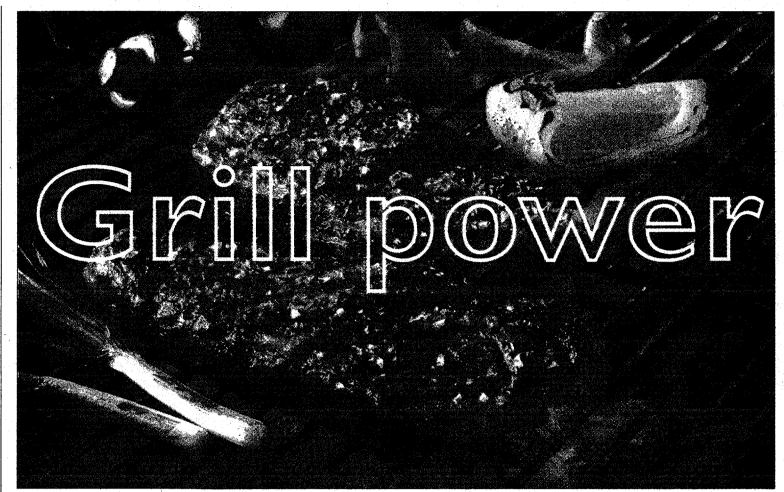
GATEWAY NX570X

The Gateway NX570X (http://tinyurl.com/yvak2s) starts at just \$699.99, though my review unit was priced at \$858.99 owing to a processor upgrade.

Personally, I'd skip that small bump in processor speed and spend the \$150 on an extra gigabyte of RAM. (Windows Vista will run much quicker for it.) I'd also throw in an extra \$50 to swap the 80GB hard drive for a 120GB model.

As you may have guessed by now, Gateway offers a boatload of configuration options. You can pick and

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D3



THE BEEF CHECKOFF

Garden Herb Top Loin Steaks are seasoned with thyme, oregano and garlic.

Put these tips in your barbecue and smoke them

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

aybe it's all about being outdoors. Perhaps it's the aroma of the mesquite, hickory or cedar woods or the smell of a Texas-style rub or sweet and tangy tomato-based sauce that wafts through neighbors' open windows, spurring neighbors to jest, "Hey, I'll be over in a few minutes to eat."

Here are some pointers for

tified master chef and

Schoolcraft College:

marinades.

grilling from Jeff Gabriel, cer-

instructor of culinary arts at

Wipe off excess oil from

Season with salt and pep-

The best looking or pres-

entation side of the item

always goes down on the

grill first. Once the item is

turned to the second side, it shouldn't

To make hatch marks on a grill, gen-

tly work a spatula under the food and

be turned again.

Memorial Day ranks as the traditional time to fire up the grill, which may draw snickers from the diehards who grill yearround. But 65 percent of consumers rank Memorial Day as the second most popular barbecuing holiday (behind only the Fourth of July), according to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association.

Grilling is as American as the hamburg-

give it a guarter turn. Let

the food cook on the first

side another minute or two

before turning it over.

Whenever a barbecue sauce or glaze

is used, it is usually applied near the

end of the cooking process in several

thin coats rather than one thick coat.

Turn the food once to cook the second

Since most foods cooked by grilling

are relatively thin and tender, they

once they have been turned.

shouldn't require much cooking time,

Thicker cuts, or those that must be

cooked to a higher internal doneness

may need to move to the cooler portion

of the grill, so that they don't develop a

charred exterior, or they also may be

moved from the grill altogether and

allowed to finish cooking in the oven.

PLEASE SEE GRILL, D3



Try this Mini Burger Buffet with the Smoky BBQ Cheddar (left), Taco or Buffalo Style burgers.

Here are grilling recipes, courtesy of The Beef Checkoff.

GARDEN HERB TOP LOIN

STEAKS 2 boneless beef top loin (strip) steaks,cut 1-inch thick (about 10 ounces

Seasoning: 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano 2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon peel 3 cloves garlic,

chopped 1/4 teaspoon black pep-Combine seasoning

ingredients in small bowl; reserve 2 teaspoons for garnish. Press remaining seasoning

evenly onto beef steaks. Place steaks on grid

over medium, ash-cov-

ered coals. Grill, uncovered, 15 to 18 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

Carve steaks into slices. Sprinkle with reserved seasoning and salt, as desired.

Makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tip: To prepare on gas grill, preheat grill according to manufacturer's directions for medium heat. Grill steaks, covered, 11 to 15 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. (Total preparation and cooking time: 35-40 minutes).

Nutrition information per serving: 219 calories; 9 g fat (3 g saturated fat; 4 g monounsaturated fat); 84 mg cholesterol; 64 mg sodium; 1 g carbohydrate; 0.4 g fiber; 31 g protein; 8.9 mg niacin; 0.7 mg vitamin B6; 1.8 mcg vitamin B12; 2.2 mg iron; 36.2 mcg selenium; 5.8 mg zinc.

PLEASE SEE BEEF, D3

Tell us about cooking with your Dad

Two weeks ago we honored mothers with recipes and stories from readers.

Now we'd like to honor fathers in the same way.

Tell us about your cooking experiences with Dad, or your memories of how he'd work in the kitchen or at the grill preparing his

If he gave you favorite recipes that you use today, let us know about those as well.

We'll share the recipes and stories with our readers in articles

for Father's Day. If we use your recipe and/or story, we'll send you

Please send a short summary with the recipe, the community where you live and a phone number where you can be reached in

Send to Ken Abramczyk, food editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com.

Please send the information by Wednesday, May 30.

ACCENTS Grill buying

Before you buy a grill, keep in mind these simple priorities from the **Associated Press:** Consider cost, but view

your purchase as an invest-

ment. Give the grill the wiggle test to be sure it isn't flimsy and parts are welded.

Beware of add-on features like side burners, which hike costs. Ask yourself if you'll really use them.

Look for good customer support and maintenance. Remember that grills, like cars, require cleaning and upkeep.

Further information is available at these Web sites:

http://www.hpba.org (the Hearth, Patio, & Barbecue Association Web site) -This includes information about the industry and tips for grilling. A new consumer guide with advice on buying a grill, party planning and recipes may be downloaded at

http://www.hpba.org/nbm. http://www.vikingrange.c om (Web site of Viking, a leading outdoor kitchen manufacturer)

http://www.weber.com (Web site of Weber-Stephen Products Co.)

http://www.charbroil.com (Web site for Char-Broil) -Click on the new Tec series for an explanation of infrared heat.

http://www.girlsatthegrill.com - Cookbook author Elizabeth Karmel offers tips on grill shopping and grilling basics. Click on "grilling 101" for basic information.

http://www.barbecuebible.com - Barbecue University TV host and cookbook author Steven Raichlen advises how to buy a grill and more

http://www.bbqqueens.c om - Tips and recipes from Barbecue Queens Karen Adler and Judith Fertig. http://www.traegergrill.c om - Web site for pellet

grills, with a video describing how the grill works.

For the birds Wild birds are extremely

beneficial for both your yard and garden, as well as being simply enjoyable for their beauty, say James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features. The Careys continue:

"Besides adding active life and cheerful sounds, birds devour large quantities of insects and are one of the best natural means of keeping pests in check all summer long.

"Strategically adding feeders, bird seed, and nectar or sweet liquids for hummingbirds, will draw birds in and keep them in view for hours of Mother Nature's free entertainment.

"For best results, keep feeders in the open away from shrubbery and not too close to buildings. If you have a kitty roaming outdoors, add a bell (on it) to give the birds fair warning."



Clean your washer for sake of health

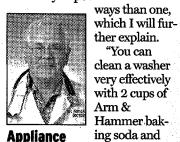
av friend Diane Armstrong, who writes a column for the *Timmins Times* newspaper in far northern Ontario, sent me the following e-mail.

It's very important in more ways than one.

"You can

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with 2 cups of



Appliance

Joe Gagnon

the hottest Doctor water available. "Take a brush, dip it into the water and brush all around the upper ring between

the tub and top of the washer. "It's just astounding to see the amount of crud (can't think of a

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better word) that builds up around that upper ring.

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"Let it go a full wash cycle, and by the time it has finished the 'wash,' there will probably be enough suds to do three loads of laundry!!!!

"My Kenmore washer was bought in 1976 when we still had four kids living at home. I clean it with baking soda at least every three months and it's still working like a charm.

"The only repair done in the past 31 years was to replace the hoses a few times - not that they were leaking, but as a precautionary measure.

"Just thought I'd share this with you and your readers." Just how important a task this

is, I will let you be the judge. Several years ago there was a study conducted by two different universities in Florida and Arizona.

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The studies confirmed that on top-loading washers there could an accumulation of fecal matter and other bacteria built up under the top lid of a washer. You can call it the stain effect - or for families using diapers, the source is obvious.

This study prompted the state of Maryland to pass a law mandating that appliance repair technicians must wear rubber gloves when working on a consumer's washing machine.

It is thought that a busy service technician can spread some grade of hepatitis from house to house. Another published fact of the

university studies proved that once bacteria accumulated under the lid, it could be rinsed free in the following wash loads and deposited into other clothes.

I might call that a never-ending cycle unless you take the time and effort to perform the cleaning task at hand.

All of this reminds me to ask you to be considerate of the service technician who comes to your home when called to fix a major home appliance. Clean up the area in which that person will be working. During the hot summer months, these repair people may have already changed shirts three times before they arrived at your door. Someday I'll tell you the story of the guy who kept a house full of pet snakes. 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? Email your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded.

White delights bloom in spring and summer

pring is here and summer is officially on the way. Hearty winter menus and big red wines gradually yield to lighter fare at this time of year. Long-cooked meats such as lamb shanks or pot roast accompanied by cabernet, merlot or syrah will be replaced by gazpacho, summer salads and anything grilled outdoors.

Such menu changes signal light reds and whites as wines of the season.

In warm weather, dining moves from the kitchen or dining room to the deck where al fresco equals casual eating outdoors. Selected wines need to be refreshing — which translates to chilled.

HOT WINES TO CHILL

Our recent tastings have showcased a plethora of unique white wines from all over the globe, many of which are recommended in the list accompanying this column at www.hometownlife.com.

Don't limit your "wines to chill" choices to chardonnay and sauvignon blanc. Be a little adventurous and try wines made with some delicious, but unusual, grape names. Remember, too, that not all wines, especially those from European countries, have the grape name listed on the label.

Pinot grigio is enormously popular, but have you tried the great Spanish white wines made from the albariño grape? How about Italian whites made from vermentino, fiano, gavi, greco or falanghina? Great white wines from France's Rhone Valley are made from viognier, roussanne and marsanne.

Chenin blanc has its home in France's Loire Valley, but several delicious versions are produced in California. Riesling is home to Germany and France's Alsace region, but the recent resurgence of its popularity has given rise to more riesling from California, New Zealand, Australia and even South America.

We believe, however, some of the best rieslings and gewurztraminers are grown in Michigan.

Peninsula Cellars Manigold Gewurztraminer \$20 that won the Chairman's Award (unanimous gold) in the first week of May at the prestigious 26th annual Riverside International Wine Competition in California.

BE ADVENTUROUS

Wine retailers and restaura-



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

WINE PICKS

If you must have more color in your glass, try these refreshing Rosé wines. They pair well with Mediterranean-style tapas. meze, roast chicken, grilled sausages, salmon and sushi.

2006 Marques de Caceres

2006 Kenwood \$9 2006 Goats do Roam \$10 2006 Vina Robles Roseum. Paso Robles \$13 2006 Abacela Southern Oregon Rosado \$14 2005 Pietra Santa Rosato

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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.

with unfamiliar names are a hard sell. It's understandable that consumers prefer recognizable names.

Wine aficionados are experimental, so why not try something new or unusual? We've tasted each of the wines listed below and believe that you can perk up pouring a great white wine with an uncommon name or grape variety.

Eleanor & Ray Heald 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. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

Simple steps can reinvigorate decor

STAFF WRITER

Look at your collections and in your closet - creative ways to rejuvenate your home decor are right at hand.

That was the message from Katherine Scully of Architectural Digest, at a slide presentation she gave at Drexel Heritage in Bloomfield Hills last week.

"Collections are a way that you open up yourself to your guests," Scully, executive director/home furnishings for the magazine, told the estimated 120 guests Tuesday evening. "You tell your story with your collections.

"If they're not out, they should be. Let 'em live, let 'em breathe."

Scully, who in her job oversees all aspects of the home furnishings industry, suggested displaying collections in an interesting container (such as buttons in a bread bowl) or in an artistic arrangement (such as hanging hats on a wall in a grouping that makes the cluster look like a wall sculpture).

In other examples, black and white photos of New York were displayed in similar frames containing chrome, which was reflected in the chrome of the furniture; and curves of a collection of spheres were echoed in the

BY MARY KLEMIC shape of the furniture and the

line in a painting. "Let the collection dictate the other things in the space."

Items in your closet, indicating what you're comfortable in, could offer ideas for room color, Scully said. She gave an example of a choice of colors that was influenced by those in a Ferragamo scarf.

"Color is one of the important ways to set the tone for your home," Scully said.

She advised balancing warm and cool colors in a room. In an example, the white chairs offset the red in the sofa and rug.

"Art can certainly suggest color in a space," Scully said.

For example, the blue in a painting was picked up by the blue in the chairs and in the vase of hydrangeas.

Paint a small area first and live with the color, seeing how it changes in the light, Scully said. Windows are another impor-

tant feature. "People are drawn to the light,"

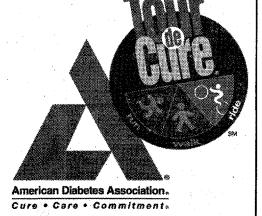
Scully said. If you have dramatic windows, consider leaving them completely uncurtained (concealed, motor-

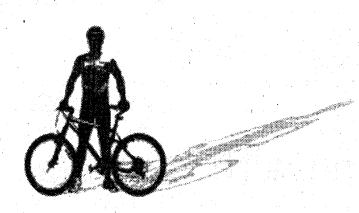
ized shades can provide privacy when wanted) and placing low furniture by them, she said. If you have shutters or blinds, remember that their shadows can add a dramatic element to a

room, she said. Among other suggestions from

Scully: ■ To make a two-story fover more welcoming, add a large table and put a piece of art, a plant or something else interesting on it. "You need a focal point."

To dampen an echo in a space, have a soft and absorbent object in it, such as a rug or a tapteurs have told us that wines





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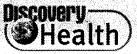
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er, as 74 million U.S. househölds own at least one

barbecue grill, according to the HPBA. Before you jump headlong into working with that grill you got for Christmas or for a birthday, take time to learn how to work the grill, whether it is the trademark kettle charcoal grill from Weber or the high end gas grills with what appear to be

enough BTUs to heat your back yard.



Just remember these few pointers from two chefs before you stoke those flames.

"One of the biggest mistakes is people like to load the grill up with charcoal and it's too hot," said Jeff Gabriel, certified master chef and instructor of culinary arts at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"If they're grilling anything in a marinade with an excess amount of fat or oil, it hits the coal and catches on fire, creating a chemical fire

"Usually that's the biggest problem. All that grease starts dripping, it ignites and you get a chemical-type flavor in the food."

Jamie Purviance, who like Gabriel is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., has written several cookbooks for Weber Grills, including the just-released Weber's Charcoal Grilling: The Art of Cooking with Live Fire.

"You'll get someone who cooks everything over the same heat, and I'm talking about charcoal here, and they'll cook like it's going to get done at the same time, but with certain foods it's going to require a lower temperature for a longer period of time," Purviance said.

BARBECUE VS. GRILLING

And don't confuse barbecue and grilling. They aren't the same technique.

"Grilling is cooking tender, small cuts of meat, fish or poultry over direct heat. Barbecuing is using more of the indirect heat (heating or placing the coals on one side and placing the food on side with a lower temperature), used on whole chickens, leg of lamb or complete slabs of ribs," Gabriel said.

With direct heat, it is easy to overcook or burn items, Purviance said.

The grill also is covered for indirect heat with the vents open.

"If it isn't vented, the smoke will turn yellow and give the food a really bad taste," Gabriel said. "It always has to be vented."

Too many cooks flip the food too often, too. "Another problem is leaving the lid is off for too long or too often," Purviance said. "It's important to keep the lid on to cook evenly. The indirect heat creates a current of heat and allows it to circulate.

"If you have the lid off, you let too much air in and it causes flare-ups when you cook off grease."

GREAT GRATES

Another critical part of grilling is searing to get the caramelized, crispy crust on chicken, ribs, onions, pineapple and other foods.

The grate also has to be hot enough to sear the food and when the lid is removed, it also lowers the temperature of the grate.

"The grate has to be hot enough to sear the food," Purviance said.

Grillers shouldn't move the food around too often, either.

"Every few seconds they might move it to another section of the grill, but they really should let it sit and caramelize," Purviance said.

"Let it develop a crust and a texture on the surface and the food will release off the grate more

easily." Too much flipping causes the food to stick, fall

apart and lose that solid crust. Some ill-advised cooks use barbecue sauces as a

marinade. That's a no-no, too. "It's meant to be a glaze, and only used right

before it is done," Gabriel said. Gabriel likes rubs on chicken.

"If you grill a chicken, it tastes better with a rub,

and you should leave the skin on. It produces a protective coat that leaves the moisture in. And if you don't want to eat the skin, you don't have to. Just leave it on when you're grilling it."

Rubs are best on larger cuts to be barbecued (cooked over indirect heat), Gabriel said. Purviance said a rub "is the fastest way to add

flavor to food. "It also creates a little bit of crust," Purviance

said.

Sauces should complement the flavor of the rubs, Purviance said.

"If you have a Latino rub, you should have a Latino sauce," Purviance said.

Gabriel said cooks don't need to make fancy sauces.

"Wine sauces and cream sauces don't go with it." He suggests sun-dried tomato vinaigrettes, olive tapanade and salsas. The tapanade goes great on a Mediterranean-style tuna with olive oil. Gabriel's favorite?

"I like grilling salmon, as it's a fatty fish," he said. Shrimp without the shell gets dried out, so the shells should be left on. Big prawns can be split and left in their shell for a great grilled meal, similar to lobster tail.

For side dishes, try seasonal foods, such as asparagus salad, marinated tomatoes and roasted potato salad, Gabriel said.

Don't spend a lot of time in the kitchen, but rather spend it at the grill outside. Gabriel teaches a one-day class June 11 at Holiday Market in Royal Oak (this class is sold out), and will teach a two-day class on June 26 and 27 at Schoolcraft College. (Visit webadvisor.schoolcraft.edu for information.) Purviance's Weber Grill cookbooks are available at all bookstores.

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MINI BURGER BUFFET

- 1½ pounds ground beef 1 large clove of garlic
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

Flavor variations: Smoky BBQ, Buffalo Style or Taco (recipes follow)

Combine basic mini burger ingredients in medium bowl, adding desired flavor variation ingredients and mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into twelve/2-inch thick mini pat-

Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals.

Grill, covered, 8 to 10 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness, until not pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning

Serve mini burgers as directed in desired Flavor Variation. Makes 12 burgers.

Smoky BBQ Cheddar: Add 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese to Basic Mini Burger mixture. Halfway through grilling, baste patties with \(\frac{1}{4} \) cup prepared hickory barbecue sauce. Place burgers on bottoms of 12 split small dinner rolls. Top evenly with 24 sweet or dill pickle slices and 4 cup prepared coleslaw. Close sandwiches. Serve with additional barbecue sauce, as desired.

Buffalo Style: Add 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper and 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese to Basic Mini Burger mixture. While patties are grilling, combine 3 table-

1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1 teaspoon black pepper

spoons melted butter and 4 cup hot pepper sauce. Set aside. Place burgers on bottoms of 12 split small dinner rolls. Top evenly with thinly sliced celery, shredded carrots, as desired, and some of the hot sauce mixture. Close sandwiches. Serve with blue cheese dressing, as desired, and remaining hot sauce mixture.

Taco: Add 1 package (1.25 ounces) taco seasoning mix to Basic Mini Burger mixture. While patties are grilling, combine 2 cup dairy sour cream and 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice. Set aside. Cut burgers in half and place both halves in each of 12 taco shells. Top evenly with shredded lettuce, chopped tomato, shredded Cheddar cheese or Mexican cheese blend, prepared salsa and sour cream mixture, as desired.

Here are recipes, courtesy of Jeff Gabriel, certified master chef and instructor of culinary arts at Schoolcraft College.

BARBECUE MARINADE

- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 ounces bourbon
- ½ cup cider vinegar 1 ounce Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard 1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon onion powder 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 teaspoon chili powder

Mix all ingredients together. Pour over meat or fish. Marinate 2 hours or overnight in refrigera-

DRY RUB FOR RIBS AND CHICKEN

- 11/2 cups Old Bay seasoning 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons basil, dried
- 1 teaspoon marjoram, dried

1 teaspoon cumin

- 2 tablespoons oregano, dried
- 2 teaspoons dark chili powder
- 1 tablespoon thyme, dried 1 tablespoon coriander, ground 1 tablespoon sweet paprika

Dry blend all ingredients together. Liberally rub entire surface of the meat. Allow to cure overnight under refrigeration before smoking. Hot or cold smoke as desired and, if necessary, finish cooking in oven until desired doneness.

ASIAN BARBECUE SAUCE

- 2 cups hoisin sauce 2 cups Cattleman's Barbecue
- Sauce 1/2 cup dark sesame seed oil
- ½ cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons lemongrass, minced
- 2 tablespoons garlic, minced 2 tablespoons ginger, minced
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped Juice of one orange

Mix all ingredients together. Refrigerate until ready to use.

TOMATILLO SALSA

8 ounces tomatillos, husk removed, small diced 3 tablespoons red onions, finely Black pepper, as needed Sugar, a pinch if tomatillos are too sour ½ cup tomato juice

Juice of 1 lime

Salt, as needed

3 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 cup cilantro, chopped

Mix all ingredients together. This salsa goes especially well with simple seafood, such as grilled shrimp, tuna or scallops. It is great with shrimp cocktail or raw oysters, Gabriel says.

PINEAPPLE SALSA

1 cup pineapple, ripe, peeled and cored, small dice 2 teaspoons dark brown sugar 1 teaspoon rice wine vinegar or

1 tablespoon jalapenos, seeded, minced

white vinegar

- ¼ cup red peppers, small dice ¼ cup scallions, thinly sliced Juice of one lime 1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped
- Salt, as needed Pepper, as needed 2 tablespoons orange juice

Mix all ingredients together. Serve with tuna or shrimp.

It's a roasting heat.

FROM PAGE D1 choose just about everything, which is rare for notebooks and ideal for buyers who have

specific needs. The core system has a travel weight of about 7 pounds heavy, but not bad considering its 15.4-inch screen, multi-format DVD burner, and six-cell battery (which should last you

charges). I liked the NX570X's snazzy looks and scratch-resistant outer lid, but I had trouble getting used to the curved, speed

bump-style mouse buttons. But that's a small complaint about an otherwise solid notebook. Even the \$699.99 base system would be more than sufficient for a student or mod-

HP COMPAQ 6515B

I also recommend more RAM for the \$929 HP Compag 6515b (hp.com), a business-class notebook that's lighter and more compact than

Though it won't win any beauty contests (or speed

all-important areas of security. connectivity and portability.

Just how secure is this notebook? In addition to various password-protection tools, it offers a fingerprint scanner you can use to lock out other users entirely.

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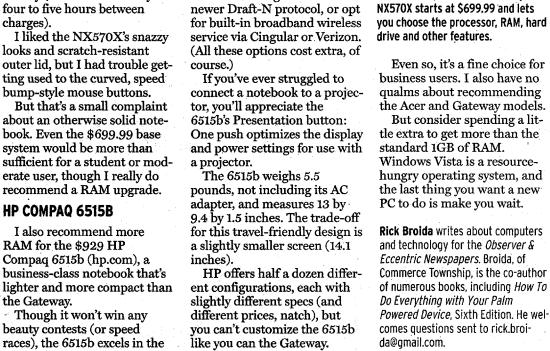
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Even so, it's a fine choice for business users. I also have no

But consider spending a little extra to get more than the

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Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How To* Powered Device, Sixth Edition. He wel-

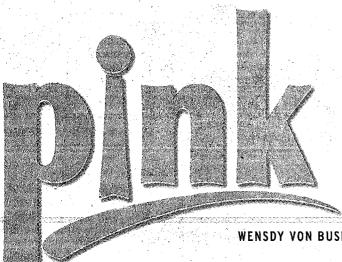




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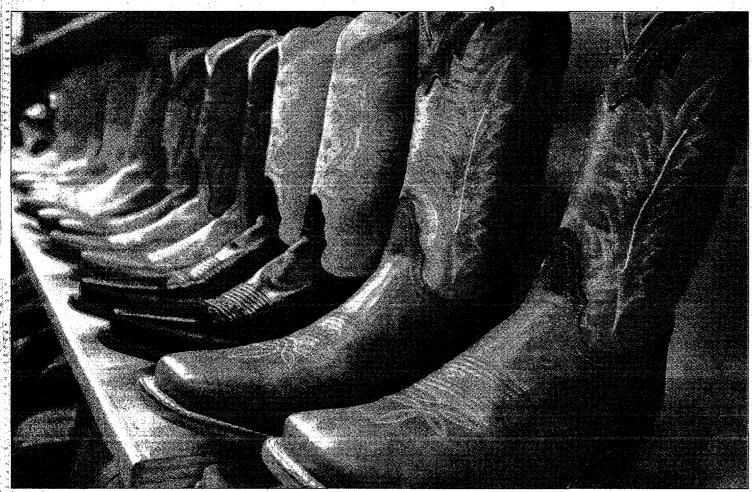
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TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ladies boots by Tony Lama — hand-crafted in El Paso, Texas — line the shelves at Scott Colburn Western Wear in Livonia. Options include a square-toed boot with a turquoise shaft adorned with white and brown stitching (front), to more traditional pointy-toed "cowboy" styles in different color combinations.

Kick up your heels with Western flair

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

Once, on a road trip through the Grand Canyon, I fell in love with a pair of cowboy boots in a small shop in Arizona. The Luchese boots were black and white, hand tooled from leather soft as butter. They felt like a million bucks - with room in the toe and slip in the heel — but they were \$325. To this day, I remember that pair as 'the one,' and kick myself for not bringing them home with me.

According to author Jennifer June, such footwear infatuation is hard to shake.

In her book, "Cowboy Boots: The Art and Sole," (Rizzoli New York, 2007) June says boots have a way of capturing the imagination. Her small tome makes cowboy boots larger than life, with 300 full-color photos, fashion tips, a buying guide and brief history of the great American accessory.

Cowboy boots debuted in the 1860s as purely functional footwear for work on the Western ranch. As fashion, cowboy boots have enjoyed several peaks in popularity. Singing cowboy Roy Rogers inspired legions of little boys to wear them in the 1950s. The movie Urban Cowboy spurred a boot trend in the '70s, while the early '90s line-dancing craze roped in a new legion of fans.

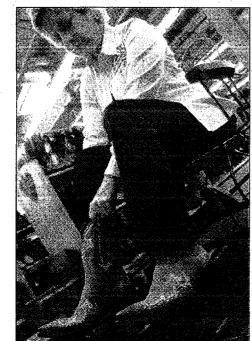
Yet despite fads, cowboy boots have endured as a wardrobe staple that never really goes out of style.

At Scott Colburn Western Wear in Livonia, cowboy boot devotees range from horseback riders to motorcyclists, along with everyday men and women who just like the fit and feel

of a great boot. "The biggest part of our business is people wearing them on the weekends with jeans and a T-shirt," said Boot Sales Associate Mike Bishop. "People say once you wear a boot you

don't go back to anything else." Sarah Colburn, who took over the shop from her late father, also inherited his love of cowboy boots.

Scott Colburn's feet were short and wide, Sarah said, and it was almost impossible for him to find shoes that fit — until he met Victor Borg of Stewart Custom Boots in Tucson, Ariz. For the rest of his life, Colburn had his boots handmade by Borg, and to this day Borg flies in to measure Scott Colburn's



TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHEE

Sarah Colburn tries on a pair of flashy Old Gringo cowboy boots at her Livonia store.

clients for custom boots. The shop sells more of that brand of boots than anywhere in the world, and counts more than 800 members in its Stewart Boot Club.

As for Sarah Colburn, she owns 30 pairs of cowboy boots of all different labels, many made from exotic materials like lizard, python and horn-backed gator. She even has a pair just for Christmas, adorned with red poinsettias.

"Wearing cowboy boots presents an independent American image. It kind of makes you stand a little taller, lean back a little farther. People saunter when they wear them," she said. "I'm going to the opera tonight and I'm wearing my brown ostrich cowboy boots with my Eileen Fisher."

According to Linda Leannais, owner of Arizona Saddlery in Rochester, there's always a specialty market for boots. Her customers include children who want to bring cowboy dreams to life at Halloween or costume parties, and riders on the rodeo circuit. German tourists often stop in looking for authentic American souvenirs.

"You can wear them all year 'round. They go good with everything — skirts, pants,

How to Buy:



purchase boots at a specialty store. Set aside an hour to try on different pairs, and consult with a boot

expert to find the perfect fit. 🔻 II y other western-inspired trends, suci straw cowboy hats, embroidered shirts, turquiose jewelry or big belt buckles. Just don't go overboard with the cowgirl look.

shorts. They give a lot of expression to your outfit, they show a lot of character," she said.

Distressed brown leather boots are the most popular right now, Leannais said, although her current favorite is a pair of pink

boots adorned with pink and brown stitching. "I'll wear those boots with my blue jeans and more of a fashion top, with my turquoise earrings and rings. I like to cross over, mix it up. wear street and Western together," she said.

Mixing styles is the key to pulling off cowboy boots, according to Lexa Leatherdale of Neiman Marcus, Somerset.

"It's really nice when the cowboy boot is used as an accent piece." Leatherdale said. "A really great cowboy boot makes a great statement. They're a really fun accessory."

Hollywood trendsetters have lately made vintage cowbov boots a coveted look, adorned with everything from hearts and cacti to hula girls and guitars, but boot experts recommend starting with something more subtle for your first pair.

Set aside at least an hour to 'test drive' several boots, and invest in a pair of basic brown

And remember, if you're far from home and you fall in love with a pair that seems a bit expensive, don't leave them behind on the long and dusty trail. They're probably meant to be.

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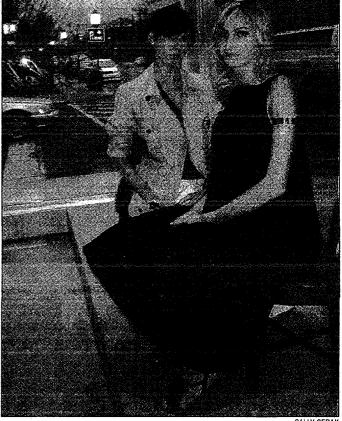
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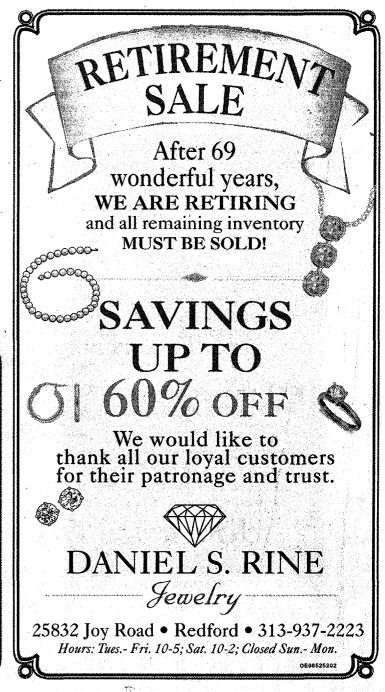
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Alluring Fashion

Alexandrea Coe (left) and Chelsea Von Mach take a break from modeling at Linda Dresner in Birmingham. Dresner, a style icon who operates eponymous high fashion boutiques in Birmingham and New York City, presented an enchanting fashion show during the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's 25th Annual Dinner, "An Evening of Allure," at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi on Saturday. Forty models presented the season's hottest looks during the show. Dresner, a 10year cancer survivor, also hosted a pre-party at her store (above).



Star-Studded Style

We asked a couple performers at Detroit's Downtown Hoedown this past weekend about their cowboy boots:

"I have a ton. I have my couple favorite pairs because they're really comfortable and molded to my feet. In the winter I wear them with just jeans and a cute shirt, and in the summer with dresses. That's pretty much my staple outfit."

Jessica Harp, The Wreckers

"I have at least six pairs in different colors, some with jewels. You can put jewels on them yourself. I always wear cowboy boots on stage, either that or bare

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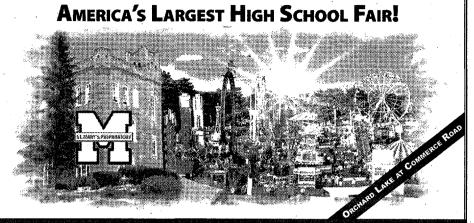
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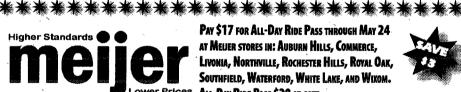
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For Angela Desveaux music is a retreat

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Angela Desveaux has never performed inside a museum, and she's never played before a Detroit audience.

The Montreal songstress will soon be able to check both off of her to-do list, as she is scheduled to perform two sets May 25 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Desveaux's life was always surrounded by music. She grew up in Cape Breton, an island near Nova Scotia, but her family moved around Canada a lot.

Music remained the one constant.

"My parents were both music lovers," she said, speaking from her Montreal home May 17. "When you move about, you retreat in the basement and listen to

She sought out other musicians early on and began playing and singing in bands. She ultimately found herself ensconced in the Montreal music

About three years ago Desveaux found the courage to take her songwriting to the next level and pursue a solo career. She sent Howard Bilerman, former drummer of the Montreal sensation Arcade Fire, a copy of her demo.

He really pushed me to go out on my own," said Desveaux. "Before him I had a more commercial country sound. He



Angela Desveaux

ANGELA DESVEAUX

What: Alt-country

singer-songwriter

performs two family-

friendly shows during the

Fourth Fridays event.

When: 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, May 25.

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made me realize you don't have to do

Desveaux broke from those confines and found a more honest representation of her own — rather personal — alt-country songs. She recorded Wandering Eyes with Brian Paulson (Slint, Wilco), using all analogue equipment. Thrill Jockey

Records released it. Though Bilerman is no longer playing

with her band, Desveaux said he left a strong imprint on the record and her music.

Some of the songs on Wandering Eyes, mostly those dealing with heartbreak, were written years earlier. About half of the material is new, and more upbeat. Songs like Heartbeat and Good Intentions have

a more positive feel to them.

All of the songs have moments of discovery or truth in them.

"If I wrote it, something startled me in my life," she said. "It lets me release the frustration."

Desveaux will stop in Detroit while performing a handful of dates in the area. She will appear at various festivals this summer, in both Canada and the United States. For more information, visit www.angeladesveaux.com.

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DJ Dan Bell spins to a filled Hart Plaza at the 2006 Movement festival. Buy tickets or weekend passes now to be in the mix Memorial Day weekend.

Techno weekend

Detroit flexes its electronic muscle

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Memorial Day Weekend in Detroit is meant for celebrating electronic music. And 2007 will be no exception.

Movement: Detroit's Electronic Music Festival promises legendary performances by the likes of Moodymann (Kenny Dixon Jr.), Model 500, Germany's Booka Shade, Detroit's

Godfather of Techno Juan Atkins, Octave One, and dancefloor master Jeff Mills.

Jason Huvaere, festival director, noted that this year's headliners are all influential Detroit artists. And if he has his way, they'll all sound better than ever.

Huvaere noted that the single most significant difference at this year's festival involves enhanced sound for each of the stages. The festival's structure will be altered to better accommodate ambient music. Only two of the four stages will be open from noon to 2 p.m. daily. Listen for ambient artists like sound

sculptor Jeff Greinke, Pole and Higher Intelligence Agency. Paxahau is coordinating Movement for the second consecutive year. The local promotions group previously sponsored a stage and events surrounding the festival.

Huvaere said Movement is more than a "demonstration of electronic music in Detroit," it's representative of the genre on a global scale and brings in people from across the world to experience it.

The city is the clear beneficiary," he said. What began as a free, city-sponsored Memorial Day

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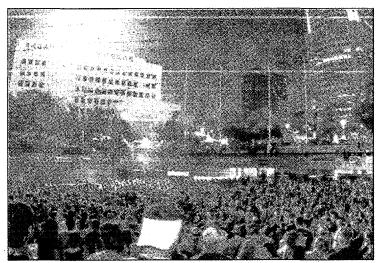
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Weekend festival later became a ticketed event.

"I've found that the audience seems to be a lot more specific," said Huvaere, a Birmingham native. "They are truly festival fans, instead of festival fans and wanderers.

"While we're not in the business of turning people away, it's nice to see a concentrated audience."

Huvaere anticipates Movement will draw about 45,000 people to Hart Plaza over the course of the holiday weekend.

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ON THE DECKS

The following artists are scheduled to perform at Movement, Detroit's Electronic Music Festival this Memorial Day weekend.

DJ sets:

3 Chairs featuring Rick Wilhite, Theo Parish & Malik Pitman Alton Miller Angel Molina Baby Ford and Zip Bad Boy Bill Brian Gillespie **Charles Webster Christian Smith Chuck Daniels** Claude VonStroke Damian Lazarus **Delano Smith** DJ Boogie DJ Dick DJ Godfather DJ Rashad DJ Seoul **Evol Intent Gary Martin** Gridlok John Acquaviva **Kevin Saunderson** King Britt Lazy Fat People/mirko



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German producers Booka Shade, currently among the world's most exciting live electronic music acts, will mark a Detroit debut during this year's Movement festival.

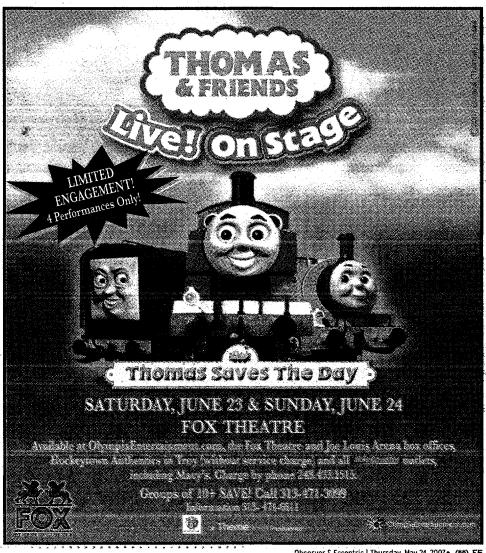
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Monolake Moodymann, featuring Pitch **Black City** Mr. V Octave One, featuring Random Noise Generation Paco Osuna Pier Bucei Pole Rhythm & Sound, with vocalists Willi Williams. Lloyd Barnes aka Bullwackie and Milton Henry **Robert Rich** Robin Judge Ryan Crosson Scan 7 Vladislav Delay

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Swashbuckling Fun!

Depp doesn't disappoint in 'Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End'

> BY LANA MINI FILM CRITIC

 $\star\star\star\star$ (out of 5)

It's the best in the *Pirates of the* Caribbean trilogy and epitomizes what summer films are all

about: Excitement and adventure.

The much hyped and much anticipated Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's *End*, that opens this weekend, is 170 minutes

of complete fun.

Summer movie preview, who says it's too Page 12.

And anyone long just doesn't know how to

have a good time.

What's better than nearly three hours of good-looking pirates: Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp), Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) and Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) swinging from ropes, battling the trap of Davy Jones and turning back and forth against each other?

Add to the mix a swashbuckling Keith Richards, who has some important advice for his son Captain Jack, plus a film-making budget reported to have exceeded \$300 million (the visual effects are perfect) and it looks like this is going to be bigger than Curse of the Black Pearl.

We're not going to ruin the experience for you by discussing the fate of each character, nor will we reveal the special effects that will make you smile and cheer in your seat. The Pirates experience is best if you walk into the theater with little knowledge of what's to occur - except a film where every scene is epic and visually captivating.

Director Gore Verbinski could have cut the running time if he chose to listen to those who complained that Pirates 2 was a bit too long. But, instead he stayed true to his vision of



Chow Yun Fat, Geoffrey Rush and Johnny Depp star in "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End."



PLEASE SEE PIRATES, E13 Geoffrey Rush, Keira Knightley and Johnny Depp prepare to face their next battle.

'Pirates' marathon

The Phoenix Theatres in Farmington Hills will show Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End for 30 hours straight, starting at 8 p.m. Thursday,

If that's not convenient enough, you can order tickets online at www.phoenixmovies.net or www.movietickets.com. The theater is in the West River Centre, 30170 Grand River, east of Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-0060 for more information.

Phoenix Theatres is the only known Detroit-area movie theater planning to keep its doors open all night long, catering to those who miss out on the first showing and cannot wait another minute to see Michigan native Jerry Bruckheimer's latest epic pirate film.

So if you want to see it at 4 a.m., you can.
"Due to the national groundswell of demand for this film and the excitement it's generated, we've decided to start at 8 p.m. Thursday and keep it going - non-stop - straight through the night, early morning hours and on into the normal rotation of show times on Friday," said Phoenix Theatres president Cory Jacobson. "It was-actually the employees who came to us, so excited about this film that they wanted to go all night

"Our staff is really excited about Johnny Depp and Pirates, and for the cause of the adventure we wanted to do this."

The High Strung unveil 'Get the Guests'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Quirky pop rockers The High Strung are set to celebrate the recent release of Get the Guests the band's third CD and first on Park the Van Records.

On May 18, FILTER connected with Josh Malerman, the voice behind The High Strung, to learn more about the band's highly unorthodox library tour, and just what it means to open for alt-country darlings, Son

FILTER: How's the tour been? What sort of impact has it had on the band overall — the constant traveling, performing?

JM: "The best tour of our young lives. Playing with Son Volt is so different than playing alone that it's damn near alarming. And not just the size of the crowd. I mean, I'm writing to you from our dressing room in the balcony of the 9:30 Club in Washington, D.C., while our laundry is getting done in the room next door. Usually I'd answer this from the back seat of our bus — ripping the Wi-Fi off a coffee shop or something.



"The constant touring is something we're more than used to. I'd say that the biggest impact it's had on us is making us tighter live. We hardly get a chance to practice so the only time we play is in front of people and when you play in front of people, you want to play well.

FILTER: Tell me about the CD release party — Why did you choose the Lager House and how did you decide on openers The Hentchmen and Mano y

JM: "Well, The Lager House is a blast every time we play. We love the sound guy there to death. I'm not sure, maybe it's just a place we understand very well. The other two bands are

great and, if you want to make the whole night outta sight, you make sure all the bands are

FILTER: Tell me about the Library Tour, where did the idea come from and why did it seem a suitable format for The High Strung?

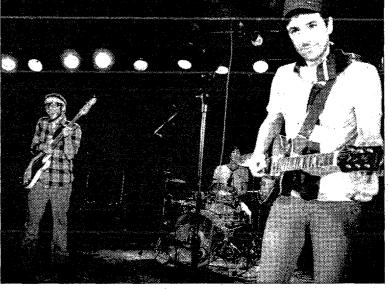
JM: "A librarian in Michigan thought of it. He's actually on his way here right now. Why did it suit us? I guess you'd have to ask him that. He saw us play and thought of it. I guess I could argue that my writing books has something to do with it. Or the fact that the songs are very character-driven. But all that would be terribly peripheral - meaning none of that really plays into the show we put on there. Maybe we're just charming."

FILTER: Did it broaden your audience?

JM: "Yes, it broadened the audience. It was the first all-ages tour we've ever done."

FILTER: Was it a strange juxtaposition to perform in a rock club one night and a library the following day?

JM: "The juxtaposition you speak of was and is pretty nuts.



The High Strung

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It makes our club gigs into the most maniacal gigs. Almost too much energy. Trying to make up for the lack of booze at the

FILTER: On Get the Guests, your third full-length record, what was the band's initial vision? What do you feel are some of its highlights? Are there certain songs on it that you particularly enjoy performing live?

JM: "No original vision other than to do something better than the last one. All the songs are equal to me - more or less. But the reaction, the hits have been Maybe You're Coming Down with It, What a Meddler, Arrow, Missed Easily and The Baddest Ship.

"I like playing them all but some of them have guitar solos that are maybe too hard for me to do! Sounds ridiculous but it's true."

See if Malerman can nail those complicated guitar solos at 9 p.m. Friday, May 25, at The Lager House, 1254 Michigan Ave., Detroit. \$5 at the door. Call (313) 961-4668.

FILTERED TOP FIVE

The Prime Ministers' frontman Todd Wicks is no stranger to solid power pop and indie rock. This week he shares his current five favorites:

RECORDS

1. GIMME FICTION BY SPOON.

"I'm about two years late to this record, I know. Stripped-down, pianodriven, good songs all the way through. Looking forward to seeing them at Tastefest (sorry, Cityfest)."

The Prime Ministers

2. ESSENTIAL DIVINYLS BY DIVINYLS.

"Much more than one-hit wonders. Watch some of their old live clips on YouTube; Chrissie Amphlett is one of the greatest 'frontpersons' ever."

3. STEEL WHEELS BY THE ROLLING STONES.

"When a man tires of the Stones - even just-pretty-good '80s Stones - he is tired

4. THE WEIRDNESS BY THE STOOGES.

"As someone who never worshiped their first two albums, I can enjoy this for what it is: a big, stupid, fun rock

5. CHANGING TIRES ON THE ROAD TO **RUIN BY SUPERDRAG.**

"Straightforward, gimmick-free powerpop group from Tennessee who persevered for years, making largely unheralded records. In other words, excellent role

The Prime Ministers will perform Thursday, May 31, at the Berkley Front. The band's new CD, Efficiently Yours, is available now on iTunes and through CDBaby.com. For more, visit www.theprimeminis



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Lemon Grass Crusted Halibut at Kona Grill is presented nicely, with white cheddar mashed potatoes, sauteed baby bok choy and a coconut-curry sauce.

Kona Grill

Exciting twists on American cuisine featured

BY ELEANOR HEALD CORRESPONDENT

Over the last several years, the Big Beaver corridor in Troy has been attracting upscale chain eateries. All the buzz about major development of the route that includes up-market shopping destination Somerset Collection, along with further commercial and residential growth, has been the driving force.

The latest chain to mark the eastern end of the corridor as home is Arizona-based Kona Grill, a casual American grill and sushi bar, owned by Kona Grill, Inc., which currently operates a total of 16 restaurants across the United States.

In its main dining area and lounge leading to an enclosed outdoor patio, the standalone unit seats 270 in a contemporary setting with 2,000-gallon saltwater aquariums, natural stone and light-colored woods offering a resort-like, casual atmosphere.

Although the name hints Hawaiian, only a few menu items such as the Big Kahuna Cheeseburger, Maui Onion Soup, Big Island

Meat Loaf, Macadamia Nut Chicken and Kona Steaks suggest that food direction. There's a lot more.

PLEASING LOTS OF TASTES

What Kona Grill does best is satisfy a wide array of food preferences with freshly-prepared foods Americans like to eat at reasonable

prices. Time was when a restaurant with myriad themes was doomed from the start. Not today.

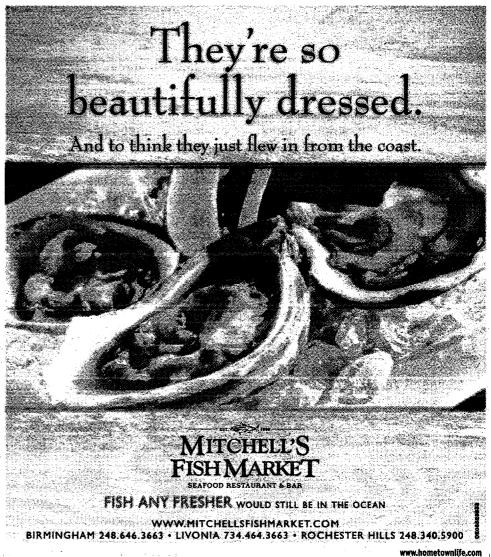
> Americans love burgers and they don't necessarily need to be beef. Ahi tuna is gaining popularity and Kona Grill's version with avocado and basil pesto aioli sauce, served with taro chips, is one reason why.

Appetizer sections of a menu filled with small plates have loads of appeal. A dynamite dozen grace Kona's menu. Add salads and the count swells to 19.

Want pizza? There's the nearly obligatory Margherita, but more tempting are Garlic Shrimp, Shiitake Goat Cheese and Kona, the latter with Andouille sausage, mushrooms,

PLEASE SEE KONA, E9





KONA

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roma tomatoes and mozzarella

THEN THERE'S SUSHI

If there's a food trend that Americans have adopted with gusto, it's sushi. Kona Grill's offerings include a sashimi assortment in addition to various sushi with both cooked items and raw seaf od.

Traditional Rolls and Kona Rolls, which are higher priced, are complemented by Chef Specials, such as the six-piece Tempura Roll with tuna, scallions and yamagobo with sumiso and sriracha.

HALF-PRICE TIME SLOTS

Call it Happy Hour if you like, yet Kona's takes a different twist. During the time slots listed in the information box with this feature, Kona Grill's lounge area offers a selection of half-priced appetizers, pizzas and sushi rolls in addition to a selection of drink specials.

An eight-piece Spicy Tuna Roll, regularly \$6.25, is half price and so are such tasty treats as all the pizzas, regularly priced between \$8.50 and \$10. Popular appetizers like

KONA GRILL

Where: 30 E. Big Beaver Rd. (at Livernois), Troy (248) 619-9060.

Open: Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, until midnight. Happy Hour with half price items

Monday-Friday, 3-7 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 p.m. to midnight.

Food style: Everything Americans love to eat from sushi to Thai to steak and pizza.

Cost: Lunch, \$8-\$13 average. Dinner, \$12-\$20 average.

Reservations: Recommended.

Sweet Maui Onion Rings, Avocado Egg Rolls, Kona Calamari, Tacos and Potstickers, regularly \$5.25 to \$8.25, are half price. Satisfying your hunger during off-peak hours can be wallet pleasing.

If you can't get away for the long Memorial Day weekend, take your palate on a taste trip at Kona Grill. Make a reservation because this new spot could easily fill every seat during peak hours.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

Taste 'Great Lakes Great Wines'

Help support scholarships and travel expenses of the Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute by attending the Great Lakes Great Wine event at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 7.

The event features wine from vineyards from around the Great Lakes region including Michigan, Canada, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and New York. The Great Lakes Walk Around Tasting will include specialty dishes from local top area restaurants and country clubs.

The walk around tasting features more than 500 wines to sample from that have been judged earlier that day.

Entertainment on the Deck with the Sheila Landis Trio will round out the evening.

Tickets are \$45 per person.

The event raises money for scholarships, and travel funds for the student competition team which earned a first-place gold medal in the American Culinary Federation regionals, and will now travel to Florida for the national competition

The Great Lakes Walk Around Tasting will be held at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Visit www.Oaklandcc.edu/culinary or call (248) 522-3700 for more information.

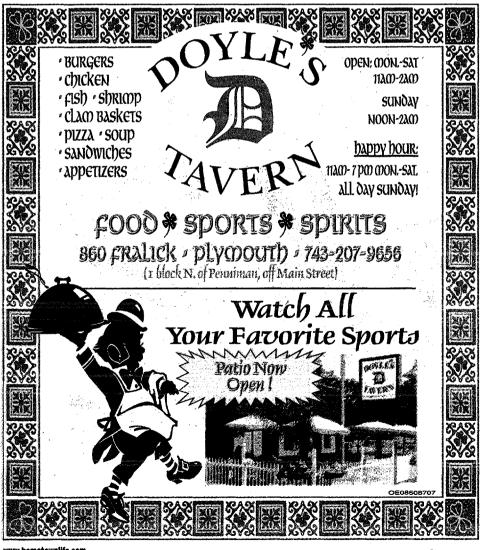
On Memorial Day, May 28, bd's mongolian barbeque will be hosting a price rollback to 1992 to celebrate the restaurant's 15th birth-

Lunch costs \$7.95 that day, while dinner will be \$10.95 for unlimited stir-fry.

Customers also can enter for a chance to win one of the prize giveaways. The grand prize is a 40-inch plasma TV. One grand prize will be awarded. Also, each participating location will give away one first prize of a MP3 I-Player with headphones.

Participating locations in Michigan are; Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, Canton, Dearborn, Flint, Novi, Roseville, Royal Oak and Sterling Heights.

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ART EXHIBITS

Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit

Urban Alchemy, Artifacts Transformation art exhibition with 19 artists, event preview and auction 6 p.m. May 24, tickets \$85, Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit, 4885 15th St. (313) 515-0399; public showing May 26-June 2, 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit (313) 899-CAID (2243), email info@thecaid.org

Cranbrook Art Museum

(248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Detroit Institute of Arts

While the museum is closed for renovation, eniov mini golf on the front lawn Wednesday Sunday beginning May 27; Summer Music & Film Series June 9-July 29 in the Detroit Film Theatre, all at 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Flint Institute of Arts

Artists of the Great Lakes: 1910-1960, May 26-Aug. 19, \$7, free admission to permanent collection galleries, 1120 E. Kearsley (off I-475 in the Cultural Center Park between University of Michigan-Flint and Mott Community College, Flint, (810) 234-1695, www.flintarts.org

University of Michigan Museum of Art

Imaging Eden: Connecting Landscapes, Lyle Gomes' landscape photographs, through June 3, 1301 S. University (at South Forest), Ann Arbor, (734) 763-UMMA, www.umma.umich.edu

Wayne State University's Community Arts Gallery

Michigan Water Color Society's 60th Annual Exhibition, June 22 to July 20, opening reception 5-8 p.m. June 22, at 5400 Gullen Mall, Detroit, Call (313) 577-2423.

ART GALLERIES

ArtCraft Custom Framing

Art on the Avenue, an exhibit featuring works of the Colored Pencil Society of America-Detroit Chapter 104, June 4-June 23, reception 6-8 p.m. June 9, 32410 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-9000.

Artcraft Gallery

Dani - Message from Life, art works of David Wickman and Rory McShane, through May 31, 32410 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-9000.

Ave Maria Fine Art Gallery

Porches and Gardens, acrylic paintings by Bertie Bonnell, through May 31, Domino's Farms Office Park, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Ann Arbor, (734) 930-7514, www.avemariaart com

Biddle Gallery

2840 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte,(734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com

Cass Cafe

Disposable Heroes, paintings by Ron Zakrin, exhibit runs through June 16, 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-1400.

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4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901

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39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-



3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Habitat Gallery

4400 Fernlee, Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590.

Kresge Art Museum

Circus: The Art of the Strange & Curious, through July 27, museum is located at Physics and Auditorium roads on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

Northville Art House

215 W. Cady, Northville (one black south of Main, two blocks west of Center).

Oakland University Art Gallery

208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005 or www.oakland.edu/ouag

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Mino Watanabe-Dunning, paintings, through June 16, reception 6-8 p.m. June 1, First Floor Gallery; Main Gallery, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Student and faculty art show, opening reception, 6 p.m. June 1, June 1-June 16, 407 Pine, Rochester (248) 651-4110.

paulkotulaprojects

Cut, with Scott Klinker, Heather McGill, Kathleen McShane, Abigail Murray, Jill Slosburg-Ackerman, through May 26, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, www.paulkotula.com, (248) 544-3020.

Pewabic Pottery

10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954 or www.pewabic.org.

Sherrus Gallery

The Heart of Nigeria, featuring Nigerian twin brothers, Kehinde and Tayewo Oyedeji of KennyTay, through May 30, 109 N. Center, Northville, (248) 380-0470, www.sherrusgallery.com.

ART, ETC.

artBLAST

Tickets on sale for artBLAST, July 3, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, tickets specially priced \$100 for family, \$45 adult and \$30 for seniors and children under 16, ticket prices increase June 19, 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, visit www.BBArtCenter.org or call the BBAC at 248-644-0866.

Arts on the Avenue

60 artists, June 2-3, Monroe Street between Michigan Avenue and Morley (west of

Southfield Freeway), Dearborn, (313) 943-3095.

Detroit Urban Craft Fair

Applications online for DUCF, Aug. 4, at Majestic Theater Complex, visit www.detroiturbancraftfair.com, deadline is May 25; fair also seeking sponsorships from independent businesses, e-mail sponsors@detroiturbancraftfair.com

LaShon F. Williams, founder of Divorce Recovery Today, Inc. will sign copies of her After Divorce, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 26, Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend. Birmingham, call (248) 645-9061.

CHORUS

Celebration Youth Orchestra

Auditions, 10:20 a.m.-7:45 p.m. June 15, 10:20 a.m.-12:15 p.m. June 16, Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton, must be scheduled in advance, call (734) 451-2112.

Two to Four! with The Dearing Concert Duo, Arts), Detroit, \$10-\$20, (248) 474-8930, www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

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CLASSICAL

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club

harpist Lynne Aspnes, harpsichordist Bethany Cencer, Detroit Symphony Orchestra bassoon-ist Marcus Schoon, 7 p.m. June 3, 217 Farnsworth (behind the Detroit Institute of

Concerto No. 3, May 24-26, all at Max M. Fisher

Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.the-

Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the

0-Zen Lounge

Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; 80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday;

Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664. Cliff Bells

Scott Gwinnell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543.

and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell,

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.

The Magic Bag

MoZella with Sara Celina, May 24; Gaelic Storm, May 31; Ian Hunter, June 8; Buckwheat Zydeco, June 10, all at 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, call (248) 544-3030 or visit www.themagicbag.com

Main Street Billiards

215 S. Main, Rochester (248) 652-8441, www.mainstreetbilliards.net

Blackthorn, 9:30 p.m. June 1, 2, 8, 19, at 12 Mile and Coolidge, in Berkley, call 48-399-6750 or visit visit www.blackthorn1.com.

The Modern Exchange

River City Rebels, Thieves Agreement, The Stallion, Summerwake, Captain, 8 p.m., June 1. at 12219 Dix-Toledo, Southgate, \$10, all ages.

Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites, 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.

Station 885

Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885

COMEDY

Rickey Smiley will have crowds cracking up this weekend. He's among The All Stars of Comedy, with Arnez J., Earthquake and **Anthony** Anderson. The show begins at 8 p.m. Friday, May 25, at Detroit's Fox Theatre. Tickets \$51.50 to \$78 are available at OlympiaEntertain ment.com or call (248) 433-1515.

COMEDY **Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase**

Elliot Branch, May 24-26; Dustin Diamond, May 31, June 1-2; all at 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

Civic Theater Improv-Ability features spontaneous comedy from up-and coming and veteran improvisers like Simply Coney, Left of Center, and Group Date. Shows 8 p.m. Thursdays in June, at 33332 Grand River, Farmington, \$10, call

(248)546-9315

JD's House of Comedy Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo ama-teur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club

Bill Bushart with Keith Lenart, May 25-26, all shows 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208

The Comedy Room at Portofino

Jeff Havens and Duane Gill, May 25-26, 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte, call (734) 624-5561 or visit www.portofinoontheriver.com.

The Second City
Michigan Impossible: All Laid Off & No Place to Go, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com; Register now for Adult classes, \$200 for an 8-week course, call (248) 348-4448. Class sizes are limited, and registration is processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

DANCE

Dance workshop

Marylynn Benitez, world renowned ballroom and Latin dance champion, will host a weekend workshop 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 2. at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 2510 S. Telegraph, Suite 200, in Bloomfield Hills. Call

Dancing in Summer

Dancing in Summer will showcase works by Lourdes Bastos, Megan Marie Brunke, Heather Glidden, Erika Hassan, Aimee McDonald-Anderson, Beth Wielinski, and Suzaane Willets-Brooks, June 27 through July 1. Performance Network Theatre, 120 F. Huron. Ann Arbor, Tickets \$17-\$25, call (734) 663-0681.

Music Hall Center for the Performing

Detroit Windsor Dance June 2 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$11-\$50, call (248) 645-6666.

Detroit Zoo

HimalAmazon: The Extreme Log Ride, photorealistic animation with digital surround sound. (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

Disney's High School Musical: The Ice

Inspired by movie, Feb. 29-March 2, 2008, tickets \$17-\$28, on sale, call (248) 645-6666. www.ticketmaster.com.

Livonia 20

Naruto the Movie: Ninia Clash in the Land of Snow, 7 p.m. June 6, \$10, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia, www.FathomEvents.com, www.naru-

Redford Theatre

Stagecoach, May 25-26; Back to the Future, June 8-9; Till the Clouds Roll By, June 22-23; The Best of Years of Our Lives, July 6-7; King Kong, July 20-21; Shall We Dance? Aug. 3-5; On The Town, Aug. 17-18, at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit.

Landmark Main Art Theatre

Midnight movies: The Princess Bride, May 25-26; Donnie Darko, June 1-2; Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, June 8-9; The Big Lebowski, June 15-16; Wet Hot American Summer, June 22-23; The Goonies, June 29-30; Buffy Sing-A-Long live show, July 6-7; Dynamite Warrior, July 13-14: Trey Parker's Canniball The Musical July 20-21; Army of Darkness, July 27-28; Suspiria, Aug. 3-4; In 3-D, Creature from the Black Lagoon, Aug. 10-11; A Clockwork Orange, Aug, 17-18; Serenity, Aug. 24-25; and Brazil, Aug. 31-Sept. 1.

The Ark

Jesse Richards, June 1; Dick Siegel, June 2; Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper, June 3: Dirty Dozen Brass Band, June 4: Trina Hamlin June 5; Delta 88, June 7; Chris Thile, June 10; Steppin In It, June 9; Ari Hest, June 10; Lonesome Country, June 11; Chick Corea and Bela Fleck, June 12; Mindy Smith, June 15, all at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451.

Trinity House Theatre

Floyd King and the Bushwackers, 8 p.m. June 8. at 38840 West Six Mile. Livonia, \$12, \$9 for members, call (734) 464-6302 or visit www.trinityhouse.org

Unity Acoustic Coffee House

Matt Watroba and Robert Jones, 6 p.m. June 2; Muruga and The Global Village Ceremonial Band, 7 p.m. June 9, all at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia. \$12-\$15 donation.

Who's At First

Canadian Arctic Blast Folk Festival (fifth annual folk festival), 7:30 p.m. June 9, with Garnet Rogers, James Gordon, Alex Sinclair and Matt Watroba, Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, 320 W. 7th St. (corner of Washington, \$17, WhosAtFirst.org, (248) 541-4100.

FUND-RAISERS

The Emergency Animal Relief Foundation

4-9 p.m. June 3, Fox & Hounds Restaurant, 39560 Woodward, www.ovrs.com for informa-

A Salute to Gerhardt Knodel

A benefit for the Gerhardt Knodel Scholarship Fund begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, reserve



MUSIC

Energetic and sophisticated Brazilian/Latin Jazz artists Blackman/Arnold Trio, featuring one of Detroit's top percussionists, Larry Fratangelo, performs from 6-9 p.m. every Sunday at Pi Restaurant, on the southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway in Southfield, (248) 208-7500. The restaurant features European cuisine in an elegant atmosphere. Bar and outdoor patio seating available.

tickets at (248) 645-3032. Includes a preview of Hot House: Expanding the Field of Fiber at Cranbrook. 1970-2007.

Children's Leukemia Foundation Walk

The CLF is holding its first Walk on June 9, at Kensington Metropark in Milford. The money raised will help Michigan families hattling leukemia. lymphoma and related blood disor ders by providing necessary information, financial assistance, and emotional support programs. Details at www.leukemiamichigan.org or call (248) 353-

Out of Africa: Sunset at the Zoo

This annual Detroit Zoo benefit features a strolling supper, zoo-themed martinis, live entertainment, dancing, and live and silent auctions, 7-11:30 p.m. June 15 at the zoo. Tickets \$125 to \$500 per person, call (248) 541-5717 ext. 3750.

Broadway Lights, Woodward Nights

Gala fundraiser featuring Conductor Thomas Wilkins and the DSO, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward (313) 576-5111 www.detroitsymphony.com

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.

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts

Jean Luc Ponty, June 1, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$39.50-\$62, call (248) 645-6666.

pi Restaurant

12 Mile Rd. and Northwestern Highway, Southfield, call (248) 208-7500 or visit www.piofsouthfield.com

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Kerry Price on June 2, all at Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest cor ner of 10 Mile and Telegraph). Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

MUSEUMS

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 \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Ansel Adams exhibit runs through May 27, extended hours 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 26; the museum will close at 5 p.m. May 27 and reopen Nov. 23 after the completion of its renovation, at 5200 Woodward Avenue,

Detroit. Call (313) 833-7971.

Detroit Science Center

Our Body, The Universe Within, features real, preserved human bodies, extended run through Sept. 3, 5020 John R, Detroit, exhibit costs \$19.95-\$24.95, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Exhibit Museum of Natural History

University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arhor (734) 764-0478

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. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen

Display on Mothers, Daughters and Leaders of Oakland County, Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, through June 16, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays: 1005 Van Hoosen Road, off Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Dixieland Flea Market

Hot rod and custom car show 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 26, DJ and prizes, Telegraph and Oakland (southeast corner of intersection of Dixie Highway), Pontiac

Michigan Beer and Brat Festival

4-8 p.m. Saturday, May 26, Crystal Mountain, Thompsonville, \$15 (must be 21 to enter). (800) 968-7686

Thunder Rolls in Belleville

Belleville's fourth annual ride and Memorial Day service, 11 a.m. registration May 28, ride at 1 p.m., service at 2 p.m., riders begin at Wayne County Community College off of I-94 and Haggerty, \$10 registration for ride, (734) 697-5090

Michigan Steel Drum Festival

2 p.m. to 2 a.m. June 2, Hockeytown Cafe, 2301 Woodward Ave. in Detroit, \$10 admission. Call (313) 965-9500.

Detroit Derby Girls

Detroit Pistoffs vs. Devil's Night Dames, June 2; Pistolwhippers vs. D-Funk All-Stars, June 23; Detroit Derby Girls Championship Bout, July 21, all at Masonic Temple Drill Hall, 550 Temple, Detroit, \$15, www.detroitderbygirls.com.

Michigan Elvis Fest

Honoring Elvis Presley, July 13-14, Riverside Park, Depot Town, Ypsilanti, www.mielvisfest.com

Birmingham Historical Museum & Park

Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, museum open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556

W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817.

Detroit Historical Society

Offers tours of historic spots, cost is \$20-\$25 per tour, call (313) 833-1405, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

Historic Ford Piquette Ave. Plant

Tour the Birthplace of the Model T, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., every first and third Saturday of the month, May to October, 461 Piquette Ave., Detroit, call (313) 868-2377.

Preservation Wayne Walking Tours

Walking tours of Downtown Detroit are hosted 10 a.m. Saturday, May through September, various starting locations, \$10, call (313) 577-3559 or visit www.preservationwayne.org.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Avon Players

1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills, reserve tickets at. (248) 608-9077

Broadway Onstage

21517 Kelly Road, Eastpointe, call (586) 771-

Farmington Players Community Theater

Oklahoma!, May 24-27, 31, June 1-3, 7-9 at Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, \$16-\$18, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org.

Ford Community & Performing Arts

15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 943-2354 or www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

Heart of the Hills Players

Warren Community Center, 5460 Arden, Warren, \$12, call (248) 650-3871.

Oakland Theatre Guild

High School Musical, through May 27, Starlight Theater, between Claire's and Kohl's stores Summit Place Mall, Waterford (248) 335-1788, www.starlighttheater.net

Players Guild of Dearborn

21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn, call (313) 561-TKTS

The Ringwald

22742 Woodward Ave. Ferndale, call (248) 556-8581o or visit www.WhoWantsCakeTheatre.com.

South Lyon Theatre

126 E. Lake Street, South Lyon, Visit www.thephoenixplayers.org or call (810) 227-4594.

St. Dunstan's Theater Guild of Cranbrook

Amadeus, June 1-9, in the outdoor Cranbrook Greek Theatre, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 737-3587 or visit www.StDunstansTheatre.com.

StarBrite Productions

The Foursome, through June 16, cocktails and dinner at Guiliano's Guiliano's Italian Ristorante in Premier Entertainment Center. show is at The New Premier Theater 33151 23 Mile Rd., 2 miles east of I-94, in Chesterfield Township, www.starbriteprod.com for information or call (586) 725-2228 for reserva-

Village Players of Birmingham

34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple), (248) 644-2075 or www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

Meadow Brook Theatre

Nunsensations! The Nunsense Vegas Revue by Dan Goggin, May 31-June 10, \$28-\$38, call (248) 377-3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com.

Performance Network Theater

Amadeus, through June 10, 120 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, www.performancenetwork.org, (734)

The Performance Network 120 East Huron, in Ann Arbor. Call (734) 663-

Music Hall Center for the Performing

Arts An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin, June 21, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$27.50-\$58.50, call (248)

TICKETS ON SALE

DTE Energy Music Theatre

Eddie Money opens DTE Energy Music Theatre's summer concert season, 7:30 p.m. May 25; Fall Out Boy, May 27; Montgomery Gentry, June 2; Legends of Motown: The Temptations Revue featuring Dennis Edwards and The Contours featuring Sylvester Potts, Sunday, June 10; Doobie Brothers/Peter Frampton, June 14; Barenaked Ladies, June 15; The Fray, June 16; Def Leppard, July 24; Ted Nugent, June 22; Chicago and America, June 29; Toby Keith, July 5-6; Moody Blues, July 20; B.B. King Blues Festival, July 29; Opie & Anthony's Traveling Virus, Aug. 4; Bryan Adams with George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Aug. 8; Rush, Aug. 28, call (248) 645-6666 or visit palacenet.com.

The Palace of Auburn Hills

Champion Cage Fighters, May 26; Gwen Stefani, June 1; John Mayer, July 5; The Police, July 17: Dave Matthews Band, Aug. 23, visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tick-

Fox Theatre

All Stars of Comedy, May 25; Godsmack, June 1; Alison Krauss & Union Station, July 31; tickets at OlympiaEntertainment.com or (248) 433-1515, for information, call (313) 471-6611.

Fisher Theatre

3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.BroadwayInDetroit.com or at www.ticketmaster.com.

Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival

14th annual series, June 9-24, featuring music of Ludwig von Beethoven and Leon Kirchner. subscriptions for five concerts is \$125, seven is \$160, single tickets are \$35 (Saturday concerts), \$30 (others), \$10 for those 25 and under, (248) 559-2097, www.greatlakeschambermusic.com

Gem Theatre

Respect: A Musical Journey, until July 1, (313) 963-9800, Ticketmaster charge by phone (248) 645-6666, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Gem Theatre box office and all-Ticketmaster locations.

WINE EVENTS

Morton's The Steakhouse

A Toast to Tuscany, 6 p.m. June 7; Women of Spirit Wine Dinner, 6:30 p.m. July 19; Morton's. The Steakhouse in Troy, (248) 404-9845, www.mortons.com.

Sizzlin' summer flicks

Summer movie season is here! Here's a peek at the first half of the summer movie season.

OPENS FRIDAY, MAY 25

Bua

A lonely waitress with a tragic past, Agnes rooms in a rundown motel, living in fear of her abusive, recently paroled exhusband. But when Agnes begins a tentative romance with Peter, an eccentric, nervous drifter, she starts to feel hopeful again - until the first bugs arrive.

A psychological thriller in which nothing is quite as it seems. Directed by winner William Friedkin and adapted by Tracy Letts from his hit off-Broadway play, *Bug* stars Ashley Judd, Harry Connick Jr., Lynn Collins, Brían O'Byrne and Michael Shannon. (LIONSGATE FILMS), Rated R.

I Want Someone To Eat Cheese With

A romantic comedy about a man and his unnatural relationship with women and food. Featuring Jeff Garlin, Sarah Silverman, Richard Kind, Amy Sedaris, and Bonnie Hunt. Actor-turned-director Jeff Garlin directs from his own script. (IFC FILMS). This film is not yet rated.

Once

Exclusively at the Birmingham 8, then later expands to Ann Arbor and East Lansing. A modern day musical set on the streets of Dublin. Featuring Glen Hansard and his Irish band The Frames, the film tells the story of a street musician and a Czech immigrant during an eventful week as they write, rehearse and record songs that reveal their unique love story. Also starring Marketa Irglova. Written and directed by John Carney. (FOX SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES). Rated R.

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End

Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) join with Captain Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) in a desperate quest to free Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) from his mind-bending trap in Davy Jones' locker - while the terrifying ghost ship, The Flying Dutchman, Davy Jones and the East India Trading Company, all wreak havoc across the Seven Seas. Navigating through treachery, they must forge their way to Singapore and confront Chinese Pirate Sao Feng (Chow Yun-Fat). Produced by Jerry Bruckheimer and directed by Gore Verbinski from a screenplay written by Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio. (WALT DISNEY PICTURES). Rated PG-13.

Waitress

One woman trapped in a life from which she dreams of escape. Jenna's (Kerri Russell) secret ambition is to save enough money from her waitressing job to leave her overbearing and controlling husband (Jeremy Sisto). Jenna is a sharp, sassy woman with a gift for making unusual pies whose recipes are inspired by the trials, tribulations and circumstances of her life. An unwanted pregnancy changes the course of events giving her an unexpected confidence via letters to her unborn baby. Written and directed by Adrienne Shelly. Also starring Nathan Fillion, Cheryl Hines, Adrienne Shelly, Eddie Jemison and Andy Griffith. (FOX SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES). Rated PG-13.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

Mr. Brooks

Starring Kevin Costner, Demi Moore, William Hurt and Dane Cook, directed by Bruce A. Evans. Mr. Brooks seems like the perfect man: a successful businessman, great father and loving husband. But he has a secret: he's addicted to killing and is so clever no one has ever discovered him - until now. (MGM).

Gracie

Set in 1978 and inspired by real life events of the Shue family (actress Elisabeth Shue and actor Andrew Shue), Gracie is the



"Hairspray" opens July 20th.

story of a 16-year-old girl, who after a family death changed her life, fought for and won the right for girls everywhere to play competitive soccer. Starring Elisabeth Shue, Carly Schroeder, Andrew Shue and Dermot Mulroney. Directed by Davis Guggenheim. (PICTUREHOUSE). Rated PG.

Knocked Up

Writer/Director of The 40-Year-Old Virgin, Judd Apatow writes a comedy about a one-night stand with unexpected consequences: Katherine Heigl joins Virgin alums Seth Rogen, Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann for a comic look about the best thing that will ever ruin your best-laid plans: parenthood. Allison Scott (Heigl) is an up-and-coming entertainment journalist whose 24-year-old life is on the fast track. But it gets seriously derailed when a drunken one-nighter with slacker Ben Stone (Rogen) results in an unwanted pregnancy. (UNIVERSAL PICTURES). Rated R.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Hostel 2

Writer/director Eli Roth takes us back to where it all began, and deeper into the darkest recesses of the human mind. In Hostel: Part II, three young Americans studying in Rome set off for a weekend trip when they run into a beautiful model from one of their art classes. Also on her way to an exotic destination, the woman invites the coeds to come along, assuring them. Will the girls find the oasis? Or are they poised to become victims for hire, pawns in the fantasies of the sick and privileged from around the world who secretly travel here to savor more grisly pursuits? (LIONSGATE FILMS).

Severance

A coach lurches out of the hustle and bustle of Budapest and heads toward the mountainous border. Aboard are seven employees of the international weapons manufacturer Palisade Defence, global suppliers of innovative weaponry for the past 75 war-torn years. The lucky group are being treated to a team-building weekend at the company's newly built luxury spa lodge by their president, George Cinders. But things quickly go awry as the colleagues find themselves faced with the chop when their corporate weekend is sabotaged by a deadly enemy. Forget office politics, only the smartest will survive this bloody office outing. Christopher Smith wrote

and directed, starring Franka Potente. (MAGNOLIA PICTURES).

Surf's Up

Animated comedy that delves behind the scenes of the highoctane world of competitive surfing. Teenage Rockhopper penguin Cody Maverick (Shia Labeouf) – an up-and-coming surfer – enters his first pro competition. Followed by a camera crew to document his experiences, Cody leaves his family and home in Shiverpool, Antarctica, to travel to Pen Gu Island for the Big Z Memorial Surf Off. Along the way, Cody meets surf nut Chicken Joe (Jon Heder), famous surf promoter Reggie Belafonte (James Woods), surf talent scout Mikey Abromowitz (Mario Cantone) and others. Also starring Diedrich Bader and Jane Krakowski. (COLUMBIA PICTURES/SONY PICTURES ANIMATION). Rated PG.

La Vie En Rose

From the slums of Paris to the limelight of New York, Edith Piaf's life was a battle to sing and survive and live and love. Raised in poverty, her voice and passionate romances and friendships with the greatest names of the period - such as Marlene Dietrich, Charles Aznavour and others - made her a star across the world. But in her attempt to tame her tragic destiny, the Little Sparrow, her nickname, flew so high she could not fail to burn her wings. (PICTUREHOUSE). Rated R.

Ocean's Thirteen

Reunites stars George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, Casey Affleck, Scott Caan, Eddie Jemison and Shaobo Qin with Carl Reiner and Elliott Gould. Al Pacino joins the cast as Willy Bank with Ellen Barkin starring as his right-hand woman. Directed by Steven Soderbergh and written by Brian Koppelman & David Levien. In this film, Danny Ocean (Clooney) and gang try to pull of their most ambitious casino heist yet. (WARNER BROS.). Rated PG-13

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 Nancy Drew

The young amateur detective has a passion for solving mysteries and is known for getting herself into and out of some tricky situations. The teen detective, who has been a popular

storybook character, comes to life starring Emma Roberts. In the story, Drew moves from friendly River Heights to the big city of Hollywood and immediately sets herself apart from her self-absorbed Hollywood peers. Rather than be a fashionista, she's a well-mannered, penny loafer girl who doesn't care

Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer

Marvel's first family of superheroes, The Fantastic Four, meets their greatest challenge yet as the enigmatic, intergalactic herald. The Silver Surfer, comes to Earth to prepare it for destruction. As the Silver Surfer races around the globe wreaking havoc, Reed, Sue, Johnny and Ben must unravel the mystery of the Silver Surfer and confront the surprising return of their mortal enemy, Dr. Doom, before all hope is lost. Starring loan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba, Chris Evans, Michael Chiklis, Julian McMahon and Andre Braugher. Directed by Tim Story. (20TH CENTURY FOX). This film is not yet rated.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22 Broken English

Parker Posey plays Nora Wilder, a 30-something Manhattanite, who is cynical about love and relationships. Nora plugs away at her job in a posh downtown hotel and can't help but wonder what it is she has to do to find a relationship as ideal as her friend Audrey's (Drea De Matteo) "perfect marriage." It doesn't help that her overbearing mother (Gena Rowlands) takes every opportunity to remind Nora that she's still unattached. After a series of disastrous first dates, she meets Julien (Melvin Poupaud), a seemingly devil-may-care Frenchman with a passion for living. Expecting another disastrous ending, Nora tries to avoid making the same mistakes. She finds herself in Paris looking to break old patterns. Inevitably, Nora has to look inward before she can find a new outlook on life and most importantly, love. Created by first-time writer/director Zoe Cassavetes. (MAGNOLIA PICTURES). Not yet rated.

Crazy Love

Dan Klores' tells the astonishing story of the obsessive roller coaster relationship of Burt and Linda Pugach, which shocked the nation during the summer of 1959. Burt, a 32-year-old married attorney and Linda, a beautiful, single 20-year-old living in the Bronx had a whirlwind romance, which culminated in a violent and psychologically complex set of actions that landed the pair's saga on the cover of endless newspapers and magazines. With the cooperation of the principals, Burt, now 79, and Linda, 68, Klores examines the human psyche and the concepts of love, obsession, insanity, hope and forgiveness. The film recently had its world premiere at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival and earned the Best Documentary award at the 2007 Santa Barbara Film Festival. Directed by Tony Award winner George C. Wolfe and written by Stephen Adly Guirgis. (MAGNOLIA PICTURES). Not yet rated

DOA: Dead or Alive

Four beautiful women begin as rivals in a secret invitationalonly martial arts contest, but find themselves teaming up with one another against a sinister force. Tina Armstrong, played by Jaime Pressly, is a superstar in the world of women's wrestling. Christie, played by Holly Valance, is a beautiful cat-thief and assassin-for-hire. Princess Kasumi, played Devon Aoki, is an Asian warrior-aristocrat, schooled by martial arts masters. Helena Douglas, played by Sarah Carter, is an extreme sports athlete whose tragic past binds her to the remote palace in Southeast Asia where the Dead or Alive tournament takes place. (DIMENSION). Rated PG 13.

Evan Almighty

Steve Carell, reprising his role as the polished, preening



Kevin Costner plays an unlikely role in 'Mr. Brooks.'

newscaster Evan Baxter of Bruce Almighty, is the next one anointed by God to accomplish a holy mission in the new comedy Evan Almighty. Blockbuster comedy director Tom Shadyac returns behind the camera for this next episode of divine intervention. This time, however, his cast grows two-bytwo. Newly elected to Congress, Evan leaves Buffalo behind and moves his family to northern Virginia. Once there, his life gets turned upside-down when God (Morgan Freeman) appears. (UNIVERSAL PICTURES). This film is not yet rated.

A Mighty Heart

Film based on Mariane Pearl's account of the terrifying and unforgettable story of her husband, *Wall Street Journal* correspondent Danny Pearl. The film chronicles his famed reporting for the newspaper and his subsequent abduction and murder in Pakistan in 2002. (PARAMOUNT VANTAGE). This film is not yet rated.

September Dawn

A dramatic recreation of historical events that occurred in the fall of 1857. The religious fanaticism, betrayal and subsequent massacre that serve as a background to the Romeo and Juliet love story are a tragic part of America's history. Starring Jon Voight, Trent Ford, Terence Stamp, Lolita Davidovich. (BLACK DIAMOND PICTURES). Rated R.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 Live Free or Die Hard

John McClane is back for Independence Day 2007. Bruce Willis reprises his signature role as the New York City cop who always finds himself in the wrong place at the wrong time. An attack on the vulnerable United States computer infrastructure begins to shut down the entire nation. The mysterious figure behind the shattering scheme has figured out every digital angle - but he never figured on an old-fashioned, "analog" fly-in-the-ointment: John McClane. Also starring Justin Long, Maggie Q, Timothy Olyphant. Directed by Len Wiseman. (TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX). This film is not yet rated.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29 Evening

An outstanding cast unites for a drama adapted by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael Cunningham from the best-selling novel by Susan Minot. The film explores the romantic past and emotional present of Ann Grant (Vanessa Redgrave) and her daughters, Constance (Natasha Richardson) and Nina (Toni Collette). As Ann lays dying, she remembers, and is moved to convey to her daughters, the defining moments in her life 50 years prior, when she was a young woman (Claire Danes). Patrick Wilson plays Harris, the man Ann loves in the 1950s and never forgets. (FOCUS FEATURES). This film is not yet rated.

Ratatouille

Animated. A rat named Remy dreams of becoming a great French chef despite his family's wishes and the obvious problem of being a rat in a decidedly rodent-phobic profession.

When fate places Remy in the sewers of Paris, he finds himself ideally situated beneath a restaurant made famous by his culinary hero, Auguste Gusteau. Despite the apparent dangers of being an unwanted visitor, Remy's passion for cooking soon sets into motion a rat race that turns the culinary world of Paris upside down. Directed by Brad Bird. Featuring the voice talent of Janeane Garofalo, Brad Garrett and Patton Oswalt. (WALT DISNEY PICTURES / PIXAR ANIMATION STUDIOS). Not yet rated.

You Kill Me

Frank (Ben Kingsley) is a hit-man from Buffalo whose drinking is getting in the way of his killing. He's sent to the West Coast to dry out where he lands a job at a mortuary and meets Laurel (Téa Leoni), tart-tongued and dangerously devoid of boundaries.

When violence erupts back home, Frank is forced to return. But Laurel isn't far behind and may just be the secret weapon Frank needs to settle old scores. (IFC FILMS). This film is not yet rated.

PIRATES

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the story, and kept the integrity high of each beloved character. And that means some long scenes. Thankfully so.

The only criticism is the story might sometimes seem a bit confusing for youngsters to follow. Wait, did Turner just switch sides from good to bad? What's good and what's bad and what is up and what is down? Did Turner's father just do him in? Is Davy Jones an evil being or

just a cursed one? Whose sides are Sao Feng (Chow Yun-Fat) and Captain Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) really on?

But, arrrrgh, that's the legend of the pirate. Sides are switched to suit the pirate – take as much as you can and give nothing back, right?

The film is PG-13, and the opening scenes – the first five minutes – might be a bit too intense for kids under 13. But after that, matey, get ready to navigate through treachery with a magical compass, a mysterious map, bottle of rum and the weirdest, yet best-looking pirate, ever to hit the big screen.

Midnight movies return to Main Art

Catch the following cult classics this summer. All shows begin at midnight at the Main Art Theatre, Main Street at 11 Mile in Royal Oak.

- The Princess Bride, May 25-26
- Donnie Darko, June 1-2
- Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, June 8-9
- The Big Lebowski, June 15-16
- Wet Hot American Summer, June 22-23
- The Goonies, June 29-30

- Buffy Sing-A-Long live show, July 6-7
- Dynamite Warrior, July 13-14
- Trey Parker's Cannibal! The Musical, July 20-

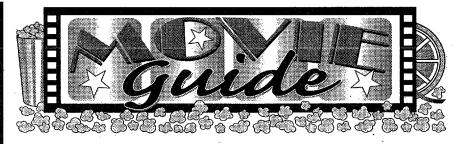
- Army of Darkness, July 27-28
- Suspiria, Aug. 3-4
- In 3-D, Creature from the Black Lagoon, Aug. 10-11
- A Clockwork Orange, Aug. 17-18
- Serenity, Aug. 24-25
- Brazil, Aug. 31 to Sept. 1



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Orchard Lake St. Mary's hosts what is considered America's largest high school fair, which is on tap for this weekend (May 25-28).

About 125,000 people attended the St. Mary's Polish Country Fair last year, eating about 25,000 pierogis on the school's campus at 3535 Indian Trail (at the intersection of Commerce and Orchard Lake roads).

(There's other Polish foods served there, like stuffed cabbage and kielbasa.)

The fair serves up the traditional treats, too, including hamburgers, corn dogs, french fries, candy apples, snow-cones and ice cream.

The midway will be filled with 45 carnival rides, but the fair preserves a "country fair" appeal, with games, a home and garden expo, arts and crafts, dancing, live entertainment and a Vegas and bingo tent.

New this year is the AAAsponsored NASCAR Nextel Cup Show Car and Simulator Race Car.

Polish culture, of course, is the big draw, with Polish pottery, books and art. A Sunday Mass in Polish at 9 a.m. is scheduled in the main tent.

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Admission: Fair is free, parking is \$7 per car, kids' all-day ride passes are \$20 at gate.

An annual rite of spring

Eddie Money opens DTE Energy Music Theatre Friday

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

"Baby hold onto me, whatever will be, will be ... I said uh, hold on, uh, hold onto me."

Eddie Monday sang those words into the phone last week, while on a tour bus, in excitement for his show this Friday, May 25, at DTE. On the bus, he wasn't quite

sure where he was, somewhere in Mississippi, he said. That's because he lives on the road. Money performs concerts 11 months a year, but DTE is special to him because he's opened the summer season here for years.

Hence, singing enthusiasm.

"We're planning on having Anita Baker sing *Be My Little Baby* with me at DTE," Money said. "Michigan is such a good market for me, really a great audience, every time."

He then broke into a perfectly pitched version of *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*, the song that his 18-year-old daughter Jesse Money plans to perform at the show. And, he's hoping Mitch Ryder will join him on stage this year too for a version of *Jenny Take A Ride*.

"We like to plan collaborations with Detroit musicians whenever we come out," Money said.

At the show, fans will hear the hits: Shakin', Two Tickets To Paradise, I Wanna Go Back, Think I'm In Love, Walk On Water and Baby Hold On.

"I always love doing *Life For the Taking*, so that's on the list too."

Money's been a busy man this past year. He's helping his daughter with her singing career — she just completed a hip-hop version of *Shakin*'.

"I didn't think I'd like it, but I was sur-



Eddie Money

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Eddie Money, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 25, \$27.50 pavilion and \$10 lawn Fall Out Boy, 6 p.m. Sunday, May 27, \$38 pavilion and \$26.50 Montgomery Gentry w/Flynnville Train, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2, \$35.50 pavilion and \$10 lawn are on sale now

prised, it's really cool."

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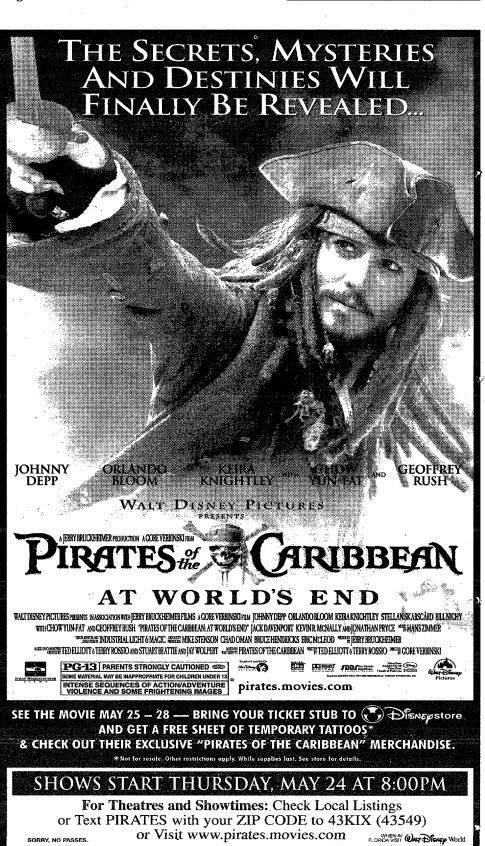
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"Back in the '70s I played a lot of benefit shows for Native American causes," Money said. "(These organizations) have never forgotten it and are good to me."

And he's on the fourth act of a musical — in the works for at least two years — titled *Two Tickets To Paradise*.

The story is about a young man in the 1960s who has a dream, who is musically influenced by the Beatles and Rolling Stones, then decides to go to California to become a star. It's the story of Money's colorful life that focuses on a lot of issues from that era that are still of interest today: Such as his brother's tour in Vietnam, and his own issues with alcohol, which he is very open about.

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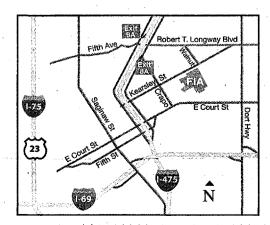


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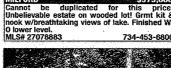
















































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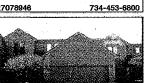




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Survey shows Realtors going high-tech

Realtors invest heavily in technology with more than half of brokers, sales agents, associate brokers and managers saying they spent more than \$1,000 last year, according to a new survey by the National Association of Realtors.

The 2007 Realtor Technology Survey, conducted by NAR's Center for REAL-TOR Technology, also found that 25 percent of respondents spent more than \$2,000 on technology in 2006. In addition, approximately two-thirds of those surveyed have a real estate business Web site, and a quarter spends more than \$1,000 annually to maintain their site. Nearly all of these sites – 93 percent – provide listing search capabilities. Other than their own Web site, the most popular sites for Realtors to display their listings include the local MLS, their broker's Web site and REALTOR.com.

"Realtors have invested a lot of time and millions of dollars in building and improving real estate technology, and the demand for additional technology is high," said Mark Lesswing, NAR senior vice president and chief technology officer. "While eight in 10 Realtors think the current technology supplied by their broker is valuable, two-thirds would like their broker to expand the amount of technology offered. Eighty-four percent of those surveyed were also inter-

ested in augmenting the technology and services offered by their Multiple Listing Service."

One of those services is the Comparative Market Analysis, which compares a home to similar properties that have sold in an area. Ninety-four percent of those surveyed include a CMA as part of their listing presentations, and most Realtors are satisfied with the program. However, 35 percent thought the program could be improved by offering the ability to personalize designs and making it easier to use.

The most popular devices Realtors use in their day-to-day business include digital cameras, desktop computers and cell phones. The survey also revealed the growing popularity of smart phones or PDAs, which provide phone, Internet and e-mail capabilities. In 2005, only 8 percent of respondents used a smart phone compared to 28 percent in 2006, and as many as 30 percent of respondents plan to purchase or replace one in the coming year.

Realtors' use of automated forms and transaction management software is also on the rise as real estate transactions become more complex. In fact, more than three-fourths of Realtors surveyed said they must manage as many as 20 documents to complete a real estate transaction. Fifty-nine per-

cent of those surveyed use an automated forms management program to help streamline the paperwork involved in a transaction. Twenty-three percent of respondents use a transaction management system, which tracks each step of the real estate process, and 69 percent of those who aren't currently using a transaction management system are interested in adopting the technology.

"By integrating and adopting innovative systems and processes, Realtors continue to advance real estate technology, improving communication with home buyers and sellers and streamlining transactions," said NAR President Pat V. Combs, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and vice president of Coldwell Banker-AJS-Schmidt. "However, real estate is still a high-touch business. Building strong, personal relationships with homebuyers and sellers and understanding their unique needs, is essential to helping them find the home of their dreams."

Indeed, survey respondents cite referrals and repeat business as the top sources for generating the greatest number of leads. One-third of respondents said that more than half of their business comes from referral clients, which makes staying in touch with current and past clients crucial to a Realtor's success. The most popular way



to maintain relationships with current clients is through phone calls (48 percent) and e-mail (39 percent).

Two-thirds of Realtors continue to communicate with their former clients at least once or more every quarter. The methods, however, have changed. Electronic newsletters have gained in popularity as a way to stay in touch with former clients; other favored methods are mailings and market updates. By comparison, the telephone has fallen out of favor; in 2005, one of every three Realtors picked up the phone to reach out to former clients, but less than 1 percent of Realtors in the current survey relied on phone calls to stay in touch with their past client base.

The 2007 Realtor Technology Survey was based on data from field research conducted from Feb. 28 to March 14 of this year. CRT e-mailed the survey to 21,869 NAR members, including Realtor brokers and agents, and generated 468 usable responses. The survey is available for free download at www.realtor.org/crt.

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Health care key industry in office space trends

A new study by the National Association of Realtors predicts employment related to office-based occupations will rise by 6.5 percent nationally through 2009 and grow nearly the same amount from 2010-14.

The study, "Who are Your Future Tenants? Office Employment in the United States: 2004-2014," demonstrates why the shift to the service sector in the U.S. economy has made the need for office space an important economic indicator.

"Capital flowed into commercial real estate at record levels in 2006, and office properties are one of the most sought-after commercial sectors for investment," said Paul Bishop, NAR manager of real estate research. "Even so, as employers seek out quality office space and implement space-saving tactics like telecommuting and office hotelling, investors must make smart, informed decisions about target markets and buildings."

The report identifies total office employment demand for 23 major metropolitan markets. Top office growth markets include New York City; Los Angeles; Chicago; Washington, D.C.; and Philadelphia. The research further compares employment in a particular industry in local markets to the employment percentage of the same industry in the national economy. This comparison helped determine the importance of each industry to local employment and allows investors to focus on cities that have greater numbers of jobs in highgrowth sectors.

Health care services are expected to be one of the industries that will drive demand for increased space through 2014. For example, the study shows that health and educa-

tional services will play a big role in employment in Baltimore, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

Nationwide, other sectors which should show big increases in office employment include legal and accounting, architectural and engineering, and computer system design services.

"Commercial real estate now has a beacon to help illuminate the types of office space that will be most in demand in the next decade," said Cindy Chandler, 2007 Realtors Commercial Alliance Committee chair. "Commercial practitioners will be able to spend their time focusing on prime tenants, such as medical services companies. This kind of research gives practitioners a competitive edge in providing space for the office tenants of the future."

Chandler noted that this type of research is valuable not only to commercial brokers and property managers, but also to the investment community, to help identify markets with diversified industries and buildings that could be retrofitted for an industry likely to experience future growth.

In addition to identifying broad categories where office demand will grow the most, the study also pinpoints specific segments within each category requiring a proportionally higher amount of office space.

The complete text of the study is available at NAR's Web site at www.realtor.org/ncrer.nsf/pages/commercial?open-document.

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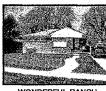
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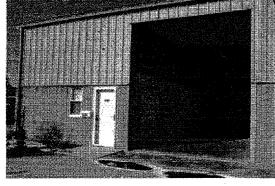
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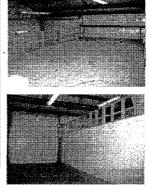
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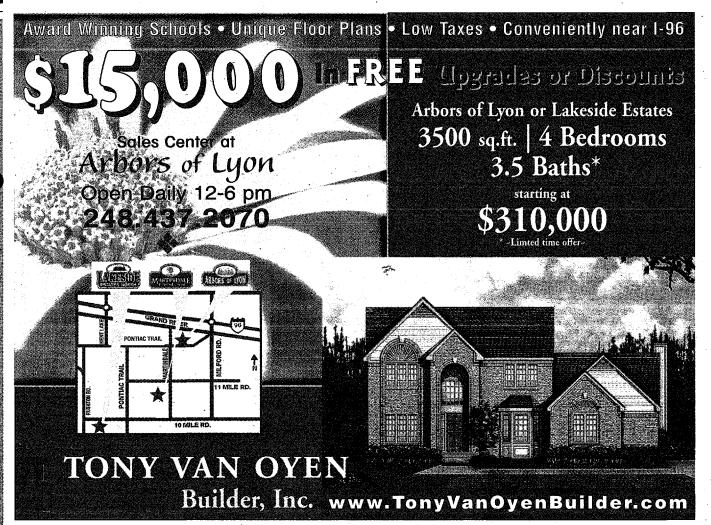
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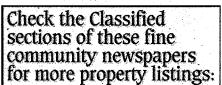
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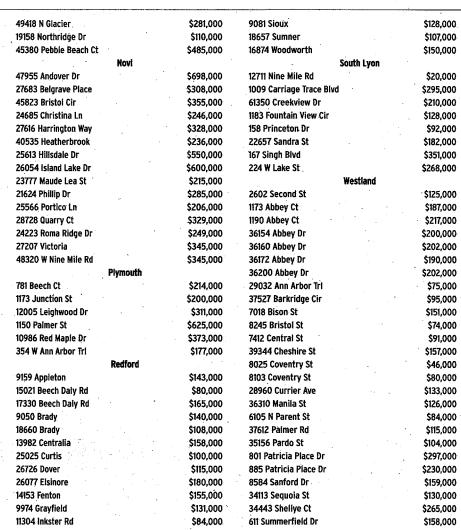


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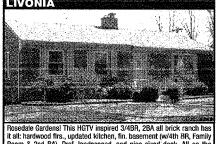


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willing to lend any money at whatever cost and have, in many instances, breached their written loan commitments for which they could be held accountable. You should consult with your real estate attorney about pursuing the bank for the damages which you have sustained and seek alternative financing. Unfortunately, your bank's self-serving action is contributing to the downward spiral of the economy in Michigan because it is



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precluding legitimate builders from completing and/or commencing welldesigned and well-planned community associations.

Q. I understand that there is a condominium complex that has its own winery. What do you know about it?

A. I am aware of a condominium complex in Tempe, Ariz., which recently became one of the few residential communities in the nation to have its own winery. The condominium management sees a winery as a more

sophisticated micro-brewery concept with wine education and tasting event potential. The winery plans to supplement a system in which residents can purchase memberships for \$500. Collectively, the members are in charge of the wine deciding when it will age and making decisions along the entire wine-making process from grape to hangover. Members must buy a barrel of wine which costs \$9,000.

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

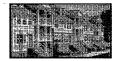


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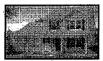




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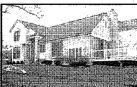
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National City Bank	(586) 825-0825	5.875	1.75	5.5	1.875	J/A
Northlawn Financial	(248) 988-8488	6	0	5,75	0	J/A/V/F
Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 726-2274	6	. 0	5.625	0	J/A/F
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6663	5.5	3	5.125	3	J/A/V/F
United Mortgage Group	(586) 286-9500	- 6	0	5.625	0	J/A
York Financial Inc.	(888) 839-9675	6	0	5.75	0	J/A

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\$435,000 (26201630) TOO NEW FOR PICTURE!

Garden City 734-591-9200
THIS HOUSE IS-REALLY NICE. Huge Addth gives you everything and is very well done. Over 3000 SF nestled on 10+ wooded acres. Loaded w/ updates. Beautiful hrdwd fls. Huge cntry kit w/ loads of table space. Great home for a family.

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\$174,800 (27080842)

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Livonia 734-326-2000 Livonia 734-455-7000
ONE IN A MILLION is this 3 or 4 BD ranch BerTTER THAN NEW! Chic town home in Livonia featuring complete renovation from top to bottom! 2 1/2 baths, fin and nicely appointed upgrades offering a bsmnt and 2 car att garage on a beautiful landscaped lot.

\$219,900 (27072952)

\$129,900 (27024359)

(27082941) \$182,500 (27057855)

Lyon 734-455-7000 Milford COUNTRY LIVING WITH CITY ACCESS! 3BR/2BA ranch on 1/2 acre. Newer kitchen, roof'06, 2x6 const. Andersen wndws, neutral carpet+pergo, glass block wndw in full bsmt. 34x36 att radiant heated gar.

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Novi 248-348-6430 Novi 248-348-6430 Novi 248-348-6430 CHARMING 3 BR, 2.5 BA END UNIT GLEN HAVEN CONDOTastefully decorated COZY & PRIVATE Lovely 3 bedroom/1.5 DON'T WAIT ON THIS ONE! 4br + loft. 3193 to a grage. Updated baths, new roof, A/C built condo. Feature sheet in home. kitchendining area. Living room w/ frpic. w/2 wic's & full bath. Community. Walk to pool & clubhouse. Home warr.



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\$450,000 (27081352)

\$155,500 (27055929)

\$224,900 (26164408)

\$459,900 (27069599)

\$159,900 (27044750)

\$179,900 (27070885)

\$150,000 (27032438)

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