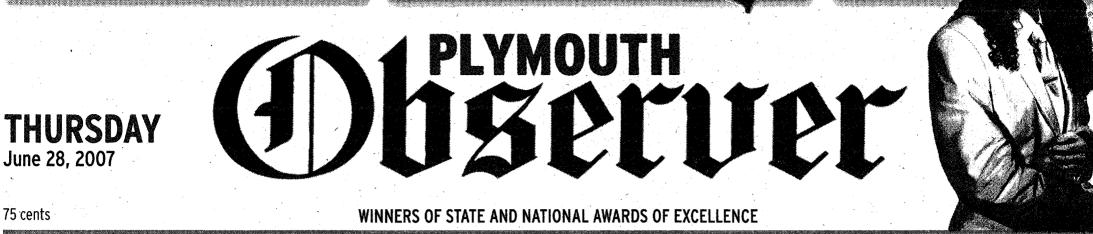


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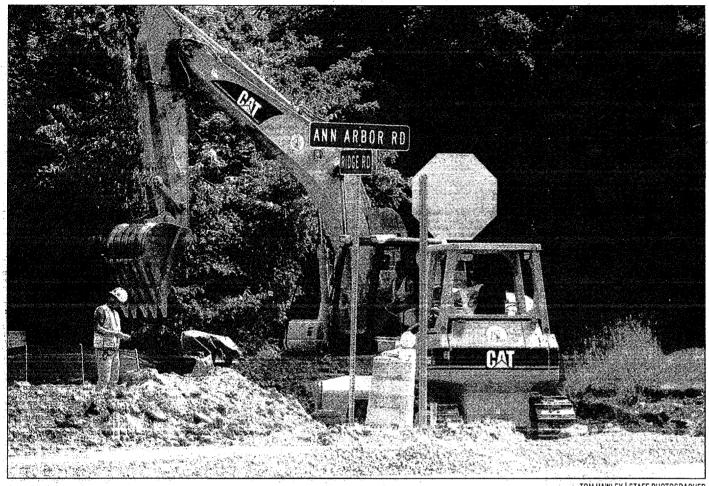


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Construction crews this week began work on improvements at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge that will eventually lead to the installation of a traffic signal at that intersection.

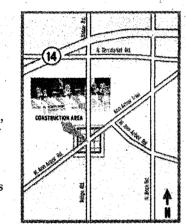
Road work will help junction see the light

BY BRAD KADRICH

Plymouth Township resident Sally Bashau drives her children to school, one to Isbister Elementary, the other to West Middle School, and so has to travel the daily traffic gauntlet that can build up at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge.

Accidents and near-misses are a fairly regular occurrence there, with residents trying to get out of neighborhoods and east-west drivers traveling at speeds in excess of the posted 55 mph limit.

That's why residents in the area - along with Plymouth Township officials — have clamored for years to have a traffic light at the intersection. A signal was installed last year during M-14 construction, and a blinking light was recently taken



down as work crews begin road improvements that will lead to the installation of a light.

"I have to go through that intersection every day," said Bashau, who lives off Ann Arbor Road near Gotfredson and works at The Picnic Basket. "I feel sorry (for every time you try to turn

there. They need to get (work) done before somebody

Work started this week on the intersection improvement project, which Michigan Department of Transportation officials said will include center-turn lanes, through lanes and right-only lanes.

Construction on the \$850,000 project, being paid for using funds dedicated to safety projects, is expected to last through mid-September, MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said.

The road will first have to be widened, and then right-turn lanes will be added along Ann Arbor Road, Morosi said. The center-turn lane will be added

Southbound Ridge is

closed for the next month. When MDOT reopens the road to southbound traffic northbound Ridge will be closed for 30 days.

"During those closures, traffic will be redirected to Beck Road," Morosi said.

Residents bombarded elected officials and MDOT staffers with complaints and requests for the traffic signal. Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington considers the intersection one of the township's most dangerous, and is glad to see work finally beginning on improving it.

"It's long overdue, and I'm grateful to MDOT for listening to the concerns of the community," Tiderington intersection safer.

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Township swallows half of hike

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township residents will have dodged half of a pretty big bullet if their township board members follow through on a plan they developed to raise water rates 15 percent.

While that's still a fairly hefty hike, it's only a little more than half of the 29 percent the township's rate is being raised by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. The township board came to a consensus at its Tuesday meeting that residents struggling in a sluggish Michigan economy shouldn't have to shoulder the entire burden.

The board eschewed mendation from its auditor, Plante Moran, to raise rates 25.1 percent, instead opting to eat some of Detroit's rate hike with a portion of the \$9 million surplus in the township's water/sewer fund.

Residents currently pay a combined \$5.42 per 1,000 gallons in water/sewer usage (\$2.36 for water, \$3.06 for sewer). That combined rate will rise to \$6.23. The board is scheduled to bring its water/sewer ordinance back for a first reading at its July 17 meeting.

"Do you use the reserves because of the way the economy is and the way families are strug-

gling, or do you (raise the rate) and say, "This is what we need?" township Treasurer Ron Edwards said. "I don't think the residents will sit still for 25 percent. If you raise it too high, people aren't going to use their water and we're right back there anyway."

Joe Heffernan of Plante Moran told board members direct costs for operating the fund have gone up 17 percent. The fund's surplus has dwindled over the last five years, from some \$14 million to \$9 million due to increases in expenditures and the board's reluctance to raise water rates.

Heffernan pointed out the costs have gone up the last couple of years, due to thing like the township's share of, improvements to the Ypsilanti Communities Utility Authority plant, the new water tower and the new township hall

"You still have a little room, but it's going away," Heffernan said of the surplus. "In the nottoo-distant future, the surplus won't be there."

By contrast, the Plymouth City Commission recently voted not to increase water rates to its citizens, who pay a combined \$9.51 now (\$4.10 per 1,000 gallons for water). DWSD did not recommend a rate hike for the city.

District puts kids back on bus last; the traffic signal will be said. "I believe it'll make that installed when construction residents). You take a chance is complete. BY TONY BRUSCATO

STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan said the number of students who will be affected by the increase in elementary walking distance from a mile to 1½ miles has been reduced significantly.

Ryan said of the 2,400 students who were initially affected by the change approved by the Board of Education, the final number will be 641 students who previously rode a bus who will now be required to walk to school.

"We literally looked at every single home and applied the district's safety standards," Ryan said. "We don't want kids to cross any major roads, and everybody has to have safe walkways, though that doesn't necessarily mean a sidewalk.

"We will soon notify the parents of those 641 students, and will prepare our principals, because I

know there will be an increase in parent traffic," he added.

Ken Jacobs, the assistant superintendent for administrative services, said while it may appear the district back-tracked on the busing issue, it just took time to look at each student's situation before making a final decision.

"We already provide busing to kids who live within a mile if there are no sidewalks, predators, all those kinds of things," Jacobs said. "The school board told us they wanted to maintain similar parameters."

As a result of the change, Ryan said the projected cost savings will most likely drop from \$206,000 to about \$40,000.

■ The Board of Education Tuesday night passed the 2007-08 budget. As expected, trustees approved a \$151.6 million operation that included \$4.2 million in reductions and used \$3.6 million in fund equity to balance the budget.

Plans rolling for pre-parade bikers

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Using largely just word-of-mouth last year, Ron Edwards was able to muster some 60 kids on bicycles for the preparade opener to the Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade.

This year, he's hoping getting the word out early will help triple that number. Edwards said there's enough room for some 180 riders, ages 5 and older. The group would ride out in front of the annual holiday Kiwanis parade.

"We really want to get kids involved," said Edwards, the Plymouth Township treasurer. "Parades are about kids, about families. It's a great thing for young people to be a part of."



Last year, some 60 youngsters on bikes kicked

off the Fourth of July parade. This year, organizers are hoping to triple that number.

There are some requirements for youngsters who wish to ride in the preparade. Bikes must be decorated with

a Fourth of July theme, and the riders must be wearing bicycle helmets. The ride will take some 15 minutes.

Anyone interested in riding should call Edwards at (734) 354-3214.

Meanwhile, parade and Plymouth-Canton schools officials still have a limited number of spots available to children who want to walk in the actual parade. Some 100 children are being sought to march, holding signs thanking the community for various aspects of education.

Students who'd like to march should e-mail Linda Paris at parisl@pccs.k12. mi.us or call Ruggirello's office, (734)

The parade kicks off at 7:30 a.m. July 4, traveling on Main Street from Theodore to Hartsough.

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Coming Sunday in Health



Red Cross holds holiday blood drive. See Sunday's Health Section.

Citizenship classes

The Community Literacy Council hosts a free 13-week Citizenship Preparation class at the Plymouth District Library. The classes, which run 7-9 p.m., started Wednesday, June 27, but students can still get in and catch up.

The class is offered to Western Wayne County adults who meet federal naturalization requirements and CLC eligibility including reading level of fourth grade or above.

A certified and experienced CLC tutor and educator will teach the class. Study books and audio CD's will be provided free through a grant from ProLiteracy. Worldwide's National Book Scholarship Fund.

Space is limited; call the CLC, (734) 416-4906, for more information and registration.

Historical walking tours

The Plymouth Historical Museum, in partnership with the Plymouth Preservation Network, continues their historical walking tours with:

■ July 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m. - The History of the Railroads in Plymouth. Plymouth is the only place in Michigan where you can find railroad



tracks that travel in all four directions of the compass. Gary Stone, member of both the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Preservation Network, discusses how the railroads changed Plymouth forever. This tour will also cover historical sites located in the north end of Old Village.

Tickets are \$10 per person. ■ July 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m. - The Penn Theatre & The Albert E. Patterson House. Ellen Elliot, from the Friends of the Penn, will be the personal tour guide inside the historic Penn Theatre. Then it's just a short walk to the Albert E. Patterson House. Built circa 1930, this beautifully restored arts and crafts home is a treasure of the historic district. Due to small places behind the scenes at the Penn, this tour is limited to 10 people. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours (1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) or through PayPal at www. plymouthhistory.org/walkingtours.html

Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday July 14, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by "appointment only," and limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, please make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734)354-3243.

lce cream social

Plymouth Community Council On Aging hosts its annual "Ice Cream Social"



Spanish specialty

Linda Yang (left) and Nickolas Wasylyshyn, shown here with Canton High School principal Dr. Cassandra Smith, scored in the top 97 percent in the country on the National Spanish Exam. Yang and Wasylyshyn are both freshman at Canton High School, and enrolled in Spanish II taught by Kathy Hunt. The National Spanish Exam is an on-line, standardized assessment tool given voluntarily by more than 3,000 teachers throughout the country to measure proficiency and achievement of students studying Spanish as a second language.

1:30-3 p.m., Monday, July 9 at the Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail in the Pavilion overlooking the pond.

Reservations are required, tickets are available 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday at the PCCA Office, 201 Main, in downtown Plymouth. Ticket prices are \$1 for PCCA members and \$3 for non-members. There will be a special demonstration by "PAWS With A Cause" dogs trained to provide lifetime team support for people with disabilities and to encourage independence.

For any additional information call (734) 453-1234, Ext.

Webkinz raffle

Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. Foundation is sponsoring a Webkinz Raffle, with the drawing set for 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

More than 30 Webkinz will be

raffled off, with proceeds to benefit Rotary projects and Tanger School. Tickets are \$1 each or seven tickets for \$5. Winners need not be present to win.

Tickets and Webkinz are available at Gabriala's, 322 S. Main, Plymouth and from Plymouth A.M. Rotarians. For more information, contact club president Beth Stewart, see the Rotary Web site at www.plymouthrotaryam.org/, Gabriala's Web site at www. gabrialas.com/ or the Webkinz site at www.webkinz.com/

Chamber golf

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual golf outing Monday, July 9, at Northville Hills Golf Club, an award winning Arnold Palmer Championship Golf Course.

The outing begins with free clinics at 10:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Dinner and cocktails will be

immediately following in the Northville Hills Clubhouse.

Individual golfers are \$300 per person or \$1,000 for a VIP Foursome, which includes golf cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, dinner, cocktails and a tee sign.

The chamber's golf outing will also be the location of the. 2007 Corporate Challenge. Each participating foursome will be placed in one of four business categories to compete for top honors. There will be one trophy awarded to the winning foursome of each category. The four categories for the 2007 Corporate Challenge are Financial, Professional, Industry and Automotive.

This outing, sponsored by Victory Honda of Plymouth, is one of the chamber's major fund-raisers and supports its community programs, including Plymouth 101, Walk of Trees, Scarecrows in the Park and Santa in Kellogg Park.

For more information, contact the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Summer cinema

The Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth plays host to a variety of summer cinema matinees.

Sponsored by Plymouth District Library, Wolverine & Spartan Shop, Michigan Made & More, Signature Audio Services, Book Cellar & Café, Bennigan's Grill & Tavern and Cold Stone Creamery, movies play Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3.

The schedule: July 19 & 21 - October Sky; July 26 & 28 - Curious George; July 3 & 5 - The Secret Garden; July 10 & 12 - Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants; July 17 & 19 The Goonies; July 24 & 26 -Mary Poppins; July 31 & Aug.

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- The original Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory; Aug. 21 & 23 - Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone.

Grief support workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a one-day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July

The workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend.

There is no charge for the seminar. Ward Church is located in Northville at 6 Mile and Haggerty. Registration is not necessary, but if further information is needed call Barb Brace at Ward Church, (248) 374-5943. For information about New Hope Center for Grief Support's other age and loss specific groups call (248) 348-0115.

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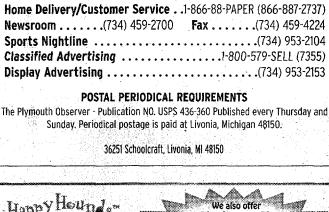
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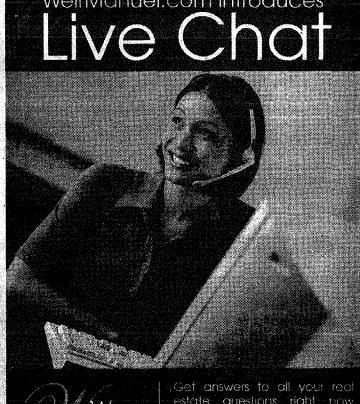


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More than just 'oohs' and 'ahhs'

Holiday fireworks come with their share of dangers

BY MATT JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

A series of explosions Monday rocked Redford Township's Bell Creek Park - all in the name of fireworks

The pyrotechnics, staged by federal agents, were intended to illustrate for young people the dangers of illegal fireworks. The most dramatic display came when an M-80-type device cut a mannequin in half at the waistline.

"What could it do to you? That's something to think about," George Krappmann, a supervising special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, told children gathered at Bell Creek's soccer fields. A closer inspection revealed the explosion also took the fingers off the mannequin's right hand.

That mirrored a case Krappmann handled one Fourth of July: A boy took a bottle rocket, thought to be a dud and, with a friend, cut it in two and lit it. "It blew half his hand off," Krappmann told the children.

The message wasn't lost on Anita Stanfield of Farmington Hills, 16, who asked several questions of Krappmann.

"I thought it was very helpful and useful," Anita said of the event.

Anita said she's known people who've used illegal fireworks. She said she plans on taking in a professional fireworks show this Fourth of July season. "They're very fun, very exciting," she said.

Kameron Barden, 10, of Detroit, liked the event, too. "I liked it how — when the man blew up," Kameron said.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who sponsors the event each year, told the children that the safest thing they can do with fireworks is - don't.

"Probably the best thing you can do is go to a professional show and not touch one yourself," Ficano said.

If vou do use fireworks, he continued, be safe, do it with

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George Krappmann, ATF group supervisor, shows and explains the different illegal fireworks.



ATF explosion specialist Yvonne Meyer sets up a table of illegal fireworks. Michigan law says that anything that leaves the ground or explodes is illegal.

adults and have water nearby. "Fireworks are very, very dangerous," he said.

State law limits legal fireworks to those that don't spin, twirl, leave the ground or create a loud explosion. Legal fireworks include sparklers (up to 14 inches), snakes, fountains, paper caps and toy noisemakers. Such things as bottle rockets, firecrackers and Roman candles are illegal to possess in Michigan.

On the federal side, illegal possession of an M-80 or a shell intended for professional use carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison, Krappmann



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Anita Stanfield, 13, of Farmington Hills attending Lkebula Village Summer Program in Detroit, plugs her ears as the first explosive is set off by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). They were partnered with Wayne County CEO Robert Ficano to promote a safe Fourth of

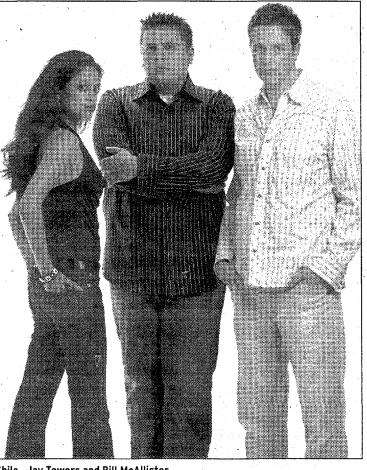


A commercial aerial device was set off as part of the illegal fireworks demonstrated by ATF.

said. "It's nothing to mess around with," he said.

Two other M-80 devices were set off Monday at Bell Creek. One exploded by itself and the other nearly vaporized a watermelon. In addition, a threeinch shell intended for professional use was also exploded.

Free home smoke detectors were handed out to people attending the event. The smoke detectors were courtesy of the Detroit Red Wings, team member Henrik Zetterberg and Lowe's Home Improvement.



Shila, Jay Towers and Bill McAllister

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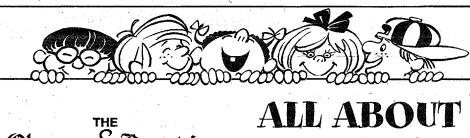
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com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address. Deadline to enter the July contest is 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

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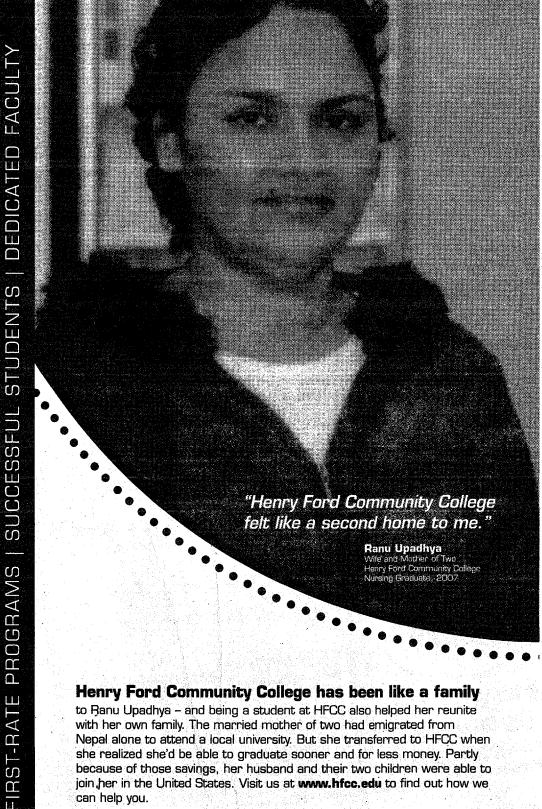
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For women only - BOW program returns to Kensington for more adventure

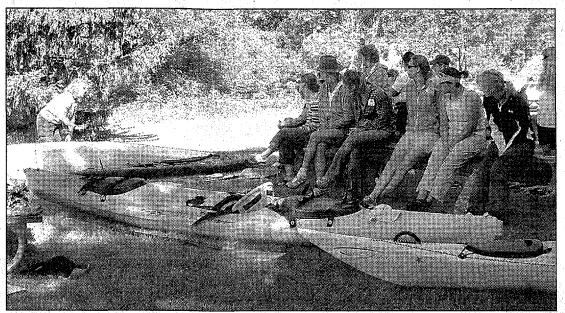
BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

Call it a different twist on a

spa day. But, instead of bubbling foot baths and hot stone massage treatments, senses will be enlightened through adventure, camaraderie and all the beauty Mother Nature has to offer at the Eighth **Annual Women Outdoors:** Kensington Adventure, a Becoming an Outdoors Woman program by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"No malls, no kids, no traffic, no errands. This a is a day to revel in the joyful beauty of new-found outdoor skills, said Carol Fink, Kensington Metropark Farm Learning Center interpreter who helped coordinate the event. "BOW is like a spa for the body and soul."

The day-long workshop for women age 16 and up, is set for Saturday, June 30 at Kensington Metropark and will include beginnerlevel instruction in kayak-



Women gather around for instruction before heading out in kayaks on the Huron River during last year's BOW program.

ing, archery and geocaching. All activities take place at the Farm Center and on the Huron River.

"The BOW program gives women an opportunity to experience adventure, new skills, and fun while being in a safe environment," said Fink, of West Bloomfield.

Each year, different workshops are offered. New this year is the geocaching segment, which will teach participants how to use a Global Positioning Satellite unit to find a hidden cache.

The kayaking workshop is a popular mainstay at the event, in which women learn the

basics of paddling and safety on a scenic trek down the Huron River.

Fink said the goal of the program is to introduce outdoor sports and recreation to women who may not otherwise give such activities a try. Past participants have ranged in age from late teens to 65



BOW women celebrate at the end of the day-long outdoor workshops sponsored, in part, by Moosejaw, a locally based outdoor outfitter.

"This is a time for women to bond and find new courage, strengths and confidence in themselves," said Fink. "Many times, we need to step outside our comfort zones to find our true selves.

Registration is still open and the cost for the day is \$60, which includes instruction, program materials and lunch. Enrollment is limited to 40

Moosejaw, Heavner's Canoe Rental, Safari Club International, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Huron-Clinton Metroparks are sponsoring the event, which will include cool giveaways from Moosejaw, an

outdoor outfitter. For more information or to register, call Kensington Metropark at (248) 685-1561.

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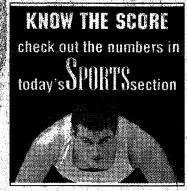
HITTING THE STAGE

Music in the Park

- The "Music in the Park" concert series is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The schedule (concerts are noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park, unless otherwise noted):
- July 4 Matt Watroba
- (Plymouth Township Park)
- July 11 Biakuye Duo ■ July 18 - elmo THUMM
- July 25 Harpbeat
- Aug. 1 Equinox
- Aug. 8 Candy Band Aug. 15 - Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express and
- Aug. 22 Laz and the
- Gemini Good Mischief Band Music in the Air

The "Music in the Air" concert series is hosted by the Downtown Development Authority Friday nights in Kellogg Park. The schedule

- (concerts start at 7 p.m.):
 June 29 Harper, originally from Australia, brings his international flavor of blues-rock to the park in Plymouth.
- July 6 Redhill, Detroit's original Detroit Country band.
- July 20 Randy Brock Group with the blues, the blues and nothing but the blues.
- July 27 Sarah Lenore Band, featuring Plymouth's



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- Aug. 3 Trilogy, where 30 years of great songs plus six great guys equals a great night. Aug. 10 - Delta Rhythm
- Kings. ■ Aug. 17 - Steve King and the Dittilies.
- Aug. 24 Lady Sunshine and the X Band brings their own brand of blues and soul.
- Aug. 31 King Sweat closes the season with soul. Blue Cross Blue Shield

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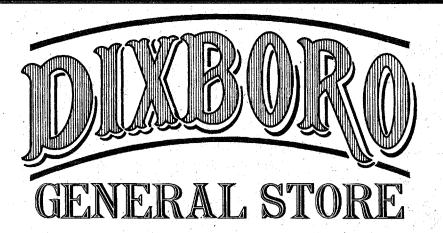
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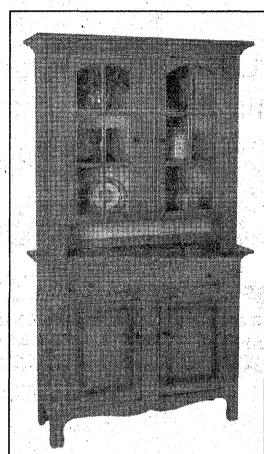
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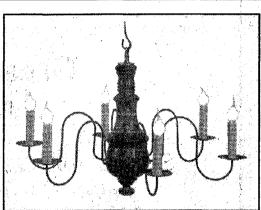
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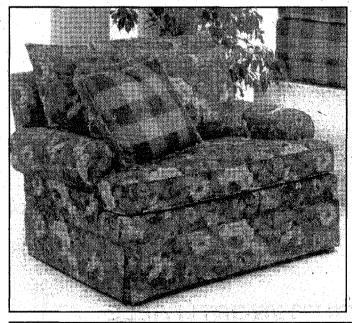
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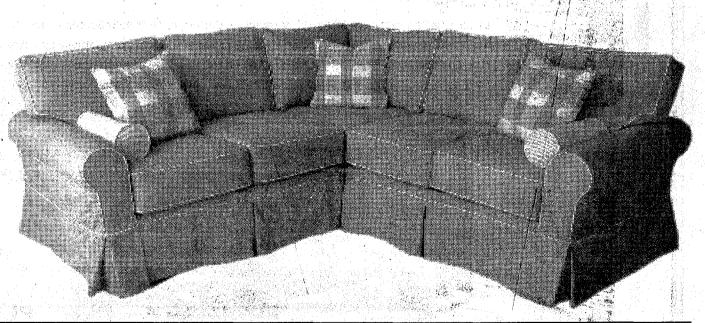












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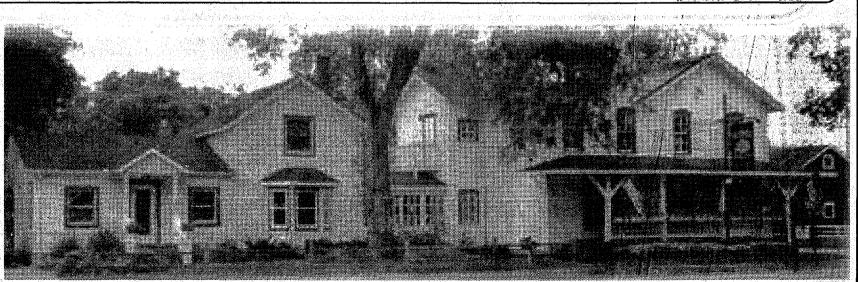
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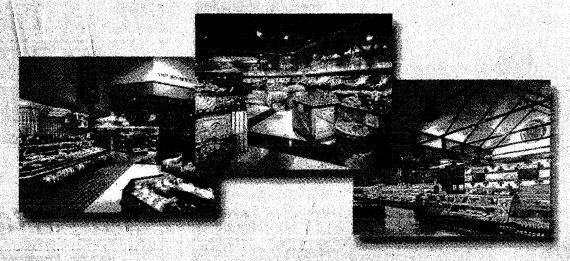






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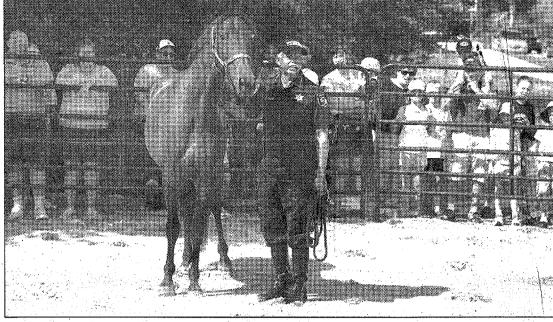
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Sheriff holds open house at Mounted Unit barn

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Evans is inviting the public to an open house at his
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Since last year's event, the Sheriff has added several new horses to the Mounted Unit stable and guests attending the event will have an opportunity to get up close and personal with the new mounts. Sheriff Evans and Mounted Unit officers will conduct tactical demonstrations, show visitors how they groom and train their mounts and answer questions.

Children will be able to interact with these majestic animals in the beautiful Hines Park setting, which is the unit's primary patrol area. The department also will have its armored personnel carrier on display, as well as numerous other fun interactive Sheriff's Office displays.

Refreshments also will be available at the event.

"This is a great chance for people of all ages to come out and learn about the history and importance of Wayne County's Mounted Unit," said Sheriff Evans. "I encourage everyone to stop by and have some fun."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

\$170,600 in scholarship money to students for the 2007-08 school year. Ten full-tuition scholarships from the Sisters of Mercy and 19 named scholarships are being awarded along with \$20,000 in scholarships provided by the Mercy Alumnae Association. Scholarships are awarded based on applications and student-written essays. For information on donating to the Mercy High School Tuition Assistance Fund, or establishing a new named Mercy scholarship, con-

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OUR VIEWS

One storm water permit for watershed makes sense

It is said that everyone who lives within an urban watershed like that of the Rouge River actually resides on the headwaters of the river.

That is not to say that all the 1.5 million people who live within the Rouge River watershed have a stream or river running through their backyard. But all the storm water that runs off of their homes, lawns, driveways and streets and into storm drains actually makes its way directly into the Rouge through a series of underground concrete pipes.

The surge of that storm water every time it rains is now the leading cause of pollution to the Rouge River, which winds its way through much of metro Detroit before emptying into the Detroit River. The storm water is laced with motor oil, antifreeze, pet waste and fertilizers, which are destructive to the river and its wildlife.

This is the main reason the federal and state governments have mandated that each community implement storm water discharge plans. Because of the federally-funded Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, communities along the Rouge have been far ahead of most of the country when it comes to managing storm water. In fact, every Rouge community has already created a management plan to meet Phase II storm water regulations, which requires municipalities to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

However, communities must re-apply for these permits every five years, and within the next year all the communities in the Rouge watershed will have to get new permits, which include plans for illicit connection inspections, public education and water quality monitoring.

Currently there is a push by the Alliance of Rouge Communities, which includes 43 members, to get one permit for the entire watershed, rather than have each community apply for its own permit. According to ARC officials, this would save staff time, resources and, most importantly, money.

However, these same officials say they have been met with resistance from officials with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the agency that processes the permit applications. This seems to fly in the face of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's call for communities to consolidate and regionalize services as a way to save money.

It doesn't make sense for 43 communities to essentially duplicate the same work, when it could be done once by ARC staff. It would also be easier for the state to comb through one permit rather than dozens.

In the past, the state has encouraged communities to tackle water quality issues on a watershed-wide basis, because what one community does to the river impacts every community downstream. Here is a great opportunity to allow communities in the Rouge River watershed to do just that — plus save lots of money.

Declaration of Independence still provokes, inspires

Every few years a pollster will take to the streets in the weeks before Independence Day, read a statement and ask whether the person being polled agrees or disagrees with the statement. Invariably the majority of those polled express shock at the radical ideas being proposed and ignorance that the ideas come from the revered document that we celebrate on the Fourth of July.

The Declaration of Independence is both cautious and revolutionary. The framers made their declaration out of a "decent respect to the opinions of mankind" which required that the revolutionaries make a strong case for why the colonies should separate from Great Britain's authority.

The framers also took the consequences of what they did very seriously: "Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes."

But they boldly declared in Thomas Jefferson's rich phrasing: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness,"

But the part that causes many modern Americans to hesitate is the heart of the matter: "That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new Government, laying its foundations on such principles ..."

The Declaration then lists the grievances against King George III so that the world would understand their

This Declaration has been an inspiration to generations of oppressed people throughout the world, offering a new and more just foundation for government than the rights of kings or the power of armies; a government established to uphold the life and liberty of its citizens.

To that end, the framers made a bold pact that we would do well to join "for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

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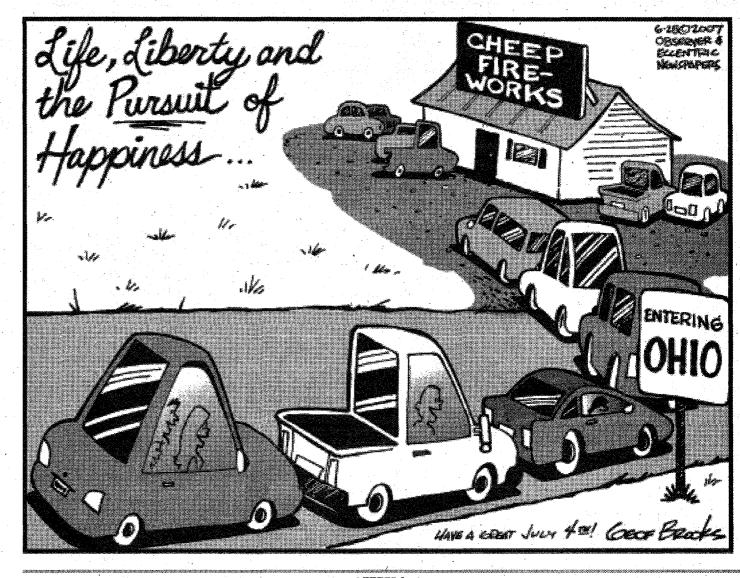
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John J. Ronayne Plymouth

Poles' roles in history

Now that the 400th anniversary of the establishment of the Jamestown settlement is being observed, and the baseball season is in full swing, it may be of interest to many, especially to the baseball enthusiasts who attended the recent Hot Stove Baseball speaker series sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library, to learn of the origin of this, one of the most popular sports in this country.

According to the published work on the subject of sport, *History of Physical Education*, baseball originated in Jamestown, but the publication is for some reason timid of telling how it got there in the first place.

With minor modifications, baseball is palant, a game played for centuries in Poland. It was played in Jamestown by the Poles who, among others, arrived there on "Mary and Margaret" in September 1608. Many more Poles arrived in Jamestown in July 1610 on ships commanded by Lord Delaware. One of them, Zbigniew Stefanski, in his memoirs wrote, "After New Year, on Sundays, I together with other Poles, among them Sadowski, Mata, Mentus, Sojko and Zrenico, used to joyfully play palant using balls made from rags. Often, when we were playing, Indians used to come, sit around, watch and marvel at this Polish game."

It should be added here that these Jamestown Poles, besides introducing baseball into the American sports arena, were pioneers of the colony's industry. They were engaged as artisans and instructors in the manufacture of glass, pitch tar, soap ashes, wood and other products.

Within a short time, samples of their work, presumably the green glass bottles and vases of that period, were sent to England. These were the first "Made in America" items shipped abroad. In a testimony of the colonists' leader, Capt. John Smith, recorded in the book *The True Travels, Adventures and Observations of Captain John Smith*, published in London in 1630, John Smith states the arrival in Virginia in 1608 of artisans from Catholic Poland saved the first English settlement in America from failure.

In 1609, it was recorded that when Indians set an ambush to kill Capt. Smith, the Poles saved his life, and captured an Indian chief

Indian chief.
In a special edition of *U.S. News*and World Report dedicated to "First
Americans," relating "What really happened in Jamestown 400 years ago," as noted on its front cover, these Poles' role in helping build the foundation of today's America has been for some unknown reason completely omitted; likely a biased historical account by dishonest, perhaps prejudiced, historians as it appears to be much too often the case.

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

LETTERS Support the MDA

As an intern for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), I have been afforded a wonderful opportunity to help others while learning and growing as a person and intellectually. However, the most important part of this experience was realized when I had the opportunity to attend MDA Summer Camp at both Camp Cavell in Lexington, Mich., and Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, Mich.

Immediately upon my arrival to camp, it was obvious how important this camp is to the children. Each child was full of joy, smiling and laughing, with full confidence in themselves and their abilities. The word "disability" was not part of the camp for the youth, and was replaced by the word "ability." They were no longer the minority, but the majority. After being at the camp for only moments, I no longer noticed the sea of wheelchairs, but only the faces of the smiling children.

By attending camp, I was able to understand why the volunteers who aid the children return year after year, many having a special bond with their camper. At camp, the children can climb trees, ride horses, swim, dance and play as able-bodied children can. They can also ask questions and support each other in their time of need. No one at camp is alone. They have not only each other, but a support network of friends, volunteers and sponsors who care

deeply abut each child.

The camp is held every year for youth affected with one of 43 muscular dystrophies and, for many of them, MDA Summer Camp is the "best week of the year!" Each child is able to attend the camp free of charge, and the \$650 cost to send a child to camp is covered by the generous support of community members and corporate sponsors. The biggest fund-raiser for the camp is the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, which airs annually in September.

I strongly urge anyone interested to volunteer or support the MDA Summer Camp program. It is only with the help of the community that these children can hope that a cure is found for their disease. But until then, we continue to fight for the children in our communities served by MDA and provide them with an opportunity to build confidence in themselves and allow them to experience things many of us take for granted.

Kate Day

Regional Public Affairs coordinator Muscular Dystrophy Association

Get less with Republicans

Everyone likes a bargain. We all like to get our money's worth when it is spent. We don't like to be ripped off, short-changed or invest in anything with low value. This is just human nature. So why do we accept something less from our government?

One fallacy Republicans have been touting since taking control of some state and federal government branches is the privatization of government being more efficient, or it gives Americans more value for their tax dollars. Nothing could be further from the truth. Compare the operating models providing the service.

One has a government employee as the manager, being held accountable by an accounting office and our representatives. Tax dollars are spent to provide the salaries for the employees doing the work, oversight is from our paid representatives in government and expenses and outside material are done from a competitive open bid process. No fat here, just a possibility of an uninspired work force.

The other operating model is a service done by a private company, with a chief operating officer, demanding lots of money, a board of directors being paid, shareholders wanting a return and, of course, an exploited work force, inspired occasionally, but generally paid too little for an adequate living. There also is the family member receiving a salary and not contributing to the service being rendered. And, of course, there is the profit that must be made.

Every company today must make money, that is undeniable. But many companies put making money ahead of making a product consumers need or providing a service consumers need. The U.S. auto companies are perfect examples of this. Figure out how much money they want to make and then build cars to make that much money. U.S. auto companies are SUV producers and not car companies. Asian auto manufacturers scrutinize the market for what customers need, make it better than the current products, build the car and then sell it for more than it costs to make.

I was reminded of the efficiencies of government when Gov. Jennifer Granholm of Michigan and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger of California proposed privatizing the state lottery. Both states have budget issues and each promised a lump sum to solve today's problem. And each claimed the lottery could increase sales, if it was in private hands, because the private companies could spend money on marketing to increase sales. But what about tomorrow and what about the original promise of the lottery? "All funds go to support education." Are we not going to support our schools tomorrow? Nearly every state that has a lottery adopted it to improve funding for schools, but has reduced tax funding for schools by the amount the lottery has provided. I can guess that each state lottery has a

few officials that have suggested ways to promote sales and increase revenues, but they have been turned down by representatives of the people because it will cost money. Put a Republican crony in charge of a government service and then tighten the budget until it is no longer effective, then privatize it eventually at 10 times the expense to the people. The revolving door for Republicans to the private industry for companies they worked with in government far exceeds any non-Republican government employees.

Frances Meese Westland

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"It's had a significant impact on what goes on around there ... It's a very difficult situation with the underpass project languishing, there's not a lot of activity there."

Paul Sincock, Plymouth City Manager, on the impact the Sheldon Road underpass project is having on local business.

State has plenty of bad news, but some good is trickling in

ell, for Michigan, the bad news is kind of old hat, but it's worth reciting. Understanding the good news requires a bit of thought, but it is significantly more interesting.

First, the bad.

According to the most recent number from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Michigan continues to lose the most jobs of any state and post the highest unemployment percentages in the nation.

Between April and May, we lost a net 55,500 jobs and posted an unemployment rate of 6.9 percent. Over the year, unemployment increased in only three

states — and, yes, we were one.

Dana Johnson, the balanced and
sensible chief economist at Comerica,



Phil Power

may have put it best: "Michigan is rapidly becoming a relatively poor state." Michigan's per person output fell from 96 percent of the national average in 2003 to 89 percent in 2006.

The state's Gross Domestic Product (GDP, the best measure of the output of the economy) declined by

0.5 percent, while the nation as a whole expanded by 3.4 percent. However, Johnson points out that Michigan's economic weakness was confined to just three industries — manufacturing, construction and government.

They play a disproportionate role in this state's "misery index." Together, those three sectors accounted for more than 80 percent of Michigan's net declines from 2003 to 2006, even though they made up only around 35 percent of the state's GDP.

But enough bad news. Now for the better stuff. An EPIC/MRA poll released last week indicated that 300,000 to 600,000 Michigan residents were considering leaving the state. "That's practically a whole Congressional district," said Ed Sarpolus, vice president of the polling firm. Michigan's U.S. House delegation is now at 15 members, down from our peak of 19 in the 1960s and 1970s.

That might mean we could lose another Congressional seat after the next census. So what on earth is the good news?

Well, as scary as those numbers are on the surface, if you dig into the digits, it turns out the folks who are thinking of leaving are mostly less-educated, less-skilled and lower-earning.

For example, 9 percent of those asked from Macomb County (where only 21 percent of residents have a bachelor's degree or higher) said they felt certain they would move out of Michigan.

By contrast, no one surveyed from Oakland County (where 41 percent of residents have a B.A. or higher) was planning to leave.

College kids are, by and large, planning to stay. The survey found only 7 percent of those with college degrees planning to fly.

Meanwhile, those holding only high school diplomas were twice as likely to leave. Meanwhile, 18 percent of those with no degree of any kind said they would be willing to move.

Nor is the solid middle class planning to head to Manitoba. Just 3 percent of those earning between \$75,000 and \$100,000 were planning on leaving. By contrast, those earning between \$25,000 and \$50,000 were six times as likely to report that they are discouraged and looking for sunnier pastures.

I certainly don't want to minimize the human pain and anguish felt by many, many Michiganders. But the plain fact is that if Michigan is going to thrive, it will be through our higher-educated, more skilled people, not the relatively unskilled.

The policy set by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Cherry Commission to improve educational results and double the number of college graduates within the next decade makes perfect sense.

More subtle but equally important is a paper prepared by Tom Ivacko, of the University of Michigan's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy (CLOSUP). Ivacko argues that the 20th century Michigan economic model of low-skill, high-wage manufacturing no longer works and that the only hope for a prosperous future is based on a knowledge economy. He concludes, "A critical component in establishing a sustainable and successful knowledge economy is human capital, a critical mass of talent based on a cultural context that promotes higher education and life-long learning, entrepreneurialism, innovation, risk-taking and diversity."

He recites U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data, which show Michigan growth in employment and number of firms in knowledge economy sectors such as financial services, professional and business services, education and health services and so on. Growth in these sectors is admittedly less robust than it is nationwide, but the data show noticeable growth in our economy that's all too easy to dismiss as a one-state recession.

Ivacko's paper also points out that Michigan's economy is becoming more balanced and diversified than our history of top-heavy reliance on manufacturing.

He concludes, "Whereas the overwhelmingly negative portrayal of Michigan's economy over the last half-decade has resulted in a public sense of gloom and self-doubt, this report presents evidence of numerous positive developments occurring in the state economy. ... While there are certainly long-term struggles yet to come, there are also signs that Michigan is navigating a historic transformation between economic models, as its former industrial foundation gives way to a growing post-industrial knowledge economy."

All in all, the bad news is, well, bad. But it's beginning to be balanced by the good. There are all kinds of sad and cynical associations with the phrase, "light at the end of the tunnel" (used in connection with the war in Vietnam.) Maybe it's accurate in our case.

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Attacking recruiters over war is misdirected anger

BY BRIG GEN. SUZANNE VAUTRINOT
CORRESPONDENT

Several recent confrontations have put some of our airmen in harm's way. These conflicts didn't occur on the streets of Baghdad or in the skies over Afghanistan, but right in America's backyard.

Over the past few weeks, protestors in several U.S. communities have shown their displeasure over the war in Iraq and the Defense Department's "don't ask, don't tell" policy by targeting military recruiting stations. While some protest peacefully, others resort to setting off smoke bombs, tossing paint onto buildings, vandalizing vehicles, breaking windows and shouting profanity at recruiters. Even more troubling is protestors picketing and vandalizing recruiters' homes, placing their families in danger.

Subjecting military recruiters to a public stoning when citizens are unhappy with public policy is like smacking a dog because his owner put an ugly sweater on him. It's misdirected anger at best and criminal at worst.

The dark days of Vietnam, when many citizens openly vilified and harassed young service members returning from southeast Asia, should have served as a harsh lesson as to what happens when Americans turn their frustrations on fellow countrymen. The physical display of frustration builds contempt and anger on both sides.

Recent protests in New York City; Milwaukee; Syracuse, N.Y.; Winona, Minn., and other American communities have subjected our young soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines to real danger. These junior troops are not villains, not decision-makers and certainly not targets. But that's what they're being made out to be.

Recruiters come from the operational Air Force. They are security forces, mechanics and medical technicians. Many have returned from deployments in the Middle East as well as humanitarian missions in Indonesia and Africa. Respect for their contributions and a little "humanitarian" response in their hometowns seems a small thanks to request.

We live in a complex world, one where terrorists ignore compassion, perspective and humanity. Your Air Recruiters don't hide behind tall fences or security guards. They can be found at the mall, in the school cafeteria and on neighborhood streets, talking to parents, teachers and prospective recruits. They are highly visible members in America's communities. However, this doesn't mean they should bear the brunt of the public's dissatisfaction with decisions made by officials in Washington.

Force will continue to deter them and defend America.

Recruiters are often the only military members in the communities they serve. In each of them, you'll find a patriot who holds integrity, service and excellence as core values. They are someone's parent and child, someone you'd like to have as a

When these honorable men and women volunteered for military service, they understood the potential dangers that lay ahead. None expected to come under fire on the streets of America.

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While many Americans may grow increasingly frustrated with the situation in the Middle East, support for our troops is strong. We all take an oath to protect and defend the Constitution, which allows the privilege of free speech. All we ask is that citizens speak to those with an ability to change policy, rather than insult or attack those who defend their rights to speech as well as their homeland.

It's time to stop the harassment of recruiters and heed the lessons of a generation ago. After all, we are all one team. We are all Americans.

The writer, a brigadier general, is command-

er of the Air Force Recruiting Service.

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Service provides seniors care in their home

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

Lenore Daniels felt like she was being pulled in too many directions, trying to care for her father after he had an operation and keeping tabs on her aging aunt.

"I can't be in three places at one time," Daniels says.

Seven years ago, Daniels heard about Home Instead Senior Care and thought it was worth a try, even though her aunt, Olga Christian, was ada-

mantly against getting help.
Earlier this month, sitting in her Livonia home, Christian says she would be lost without the help she gets from Home Instead caregivers.

Daniels is among a growing number of family members taking on the role of caregiver as more and more adults age well into their 80s and 90s. There are 33.9 million people caring for someone 50 or older in the United States, according to a 2005 study by the AARP and the National Alliance for Caregiving.

"She's been a mom to me," says Daniels, a 50-year-old Ypsilanti resident who has recently been forced to juggle a lot of family turmoil, including the death of her older sister to breast cancer and helping to care for her 85-year-old father.

At first, Christian needed minimal help three times a week running errands and making sure meals were made. Now Home Instead caregivers are with Christian 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Christian, 89, has congestive heart failure, arthritis and other illnesses.

When her load became nearly unbearable, Daniels considered taking Christian to a nursing home.

PEACE OF MIND

"But there's nothing like her being in her own home," Daniels said. "There's piece of mind. These women who come here are like family."

That sentiment is at the heart of how Home Instead came about, according to Glenna Yarouch, owner of the Home Instead franchise in Livonia. Other franchises are



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Margaret Baron of Home Instead, right, helps adjust Olga Christian in her Livonia home where Christian has been in need of 24-hour, in-home care.

located throughout the U.S. and around the world.

"We want to help seniors stay in their own homes," Yarouch says. "They may need a little assistance or a lot of assistance, like bathing, meal preparation, running errands and getting to doctor appointments. Most of the folks who are using home care are using it as an alternative instead of assisted living or nursing homes."

A large portion of Yarouch's clients have Alzheimer's, others need help doing laundry or want to have someone available to go for walks. Many live alone, some stay with their grown children and other clients even live in assisted living facilities and require extra attention.

SERVICE NEEDS VARY

Home Instead provides non-medical needs, there is a three-hour a week minimum and clients decide if they want day, evening and weekend hours. Rates vary depending on the services required. While Home Instead isn't a maid service, the caregiver can provide light housekeeping, laundry and ironing.

"Some are very active and go to senior centers or go dancing and maybe they don't drive anymore and others are bedbound," Yarouch says.

Occasionally, clients are near the end of their lives and Home Instead caregivers work with their families and with hospice to allow them to die in their homes.

"We're at the bedside of many of our clients at death, side by side with the family member if that's what they have chosen," Yarouch says.

The Livonia franchise opened in June 2002 and today Yarouch has more than 700 clients throughout western Wayne County, including Livonia, Westland, Plymouth, Northville, Canton, Garden City, Detroit and other communities.

"Families decide what type of schedule they are looking for," Yarouch says. "They fill out a service agreement outlining services and prices and we can get started immediately."

tely."
Typically, the children of

clients call for the initial appointment.

"It's for us to understand the dynamics of the entire family environment and to make sure we get a compatible match with a caregiver," Yarouch

"It's not just cooking them lunch," she added. "Personalities should match."

STANDARDS MATTER

Only 5 percent of the people who apply to be Home Instead caregivers are hired after rigorous reference and criminal background checks, Yarouch says adding that Home Instead caregivers are bonded, insured and must complete training programs and pass tests covering practical situations that might arise while caring for the elderly.

Margaret Baron, a Livonia resident, is Christian's Home Instead caregiver on the weekends. On Sundays, Baron says, she enjoys making Christian Belgian waffles with enough left over for her to freeze and eat during the week.

Home Instead handles all the billing, payroll, taxes,

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Win free home care for a senior citizen by writing in 500 words or less the challenges you've faced, how you've embraced your role as a caregiver for a senior loved one and how a Home Instead Senior Care caregiver could make a difference.

MORE INFORMATION

The contest is sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care and *Caring Today* magazine. One entrant will win \$5,000 of free home care and two winners will receive \$2,500 of free

. Winning essays will be published in the November/ December issue of *Carring Today* and the top 10 essays will appear on www.caringto-

insurance and administrative responsibilities for the caregiv-

"The most important part is for the family to recognize they need help and be willing to accept the help," Yarouch says. "An agency can fill in all gaps the families are struggling with. The most important part of working with an agency is getting one that is reputable. Ask questions and ask for references. Make sure the people you are using are accessible, responsible and reliable."

Time is stretched to the breaking point for people, like Daniels, who are caring for elderly family members.

Patricia Volland, senior vice president of the New

day.com or www.homeinstead. com/ct. Visit the Web site to read stories of past winners and to learn more about the contest rules.

You must be at least 18 and a legal resident of the United States. Only one entry per person is allowed. Entrants must be the caregiver and not a third party.

Submit entries online at www.caringtoday.com or by mail to *Caring Today*, 145, Post Road East, Westport, CT 06880.

The entry deadline is July 16. For more information, contact Glenna Yaroch with Home Instead Senior Care in Livonia at (734) 525-5300.

York Academy of Medicine and director of the Academy's Social Work Leadership Institute, was among a group of people recently who commissioned a study, "Squeezed Between Children and Older Parents: A Survey of Sandwich Generation Women."

The poll, which surveyed women ages 35-54, showed that more than 60 percent of women concerned about an aging relative's health have difficulty managing stress and are about three times more likely than non-caregivers to worry "a great deal" about having enough time for family

"In the end, a relaxed caregiver who is not stressed is a better caregiver," Yarouch says.

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JUNE

Summer Bible studies

Continue 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the gym at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington road. north of I-96, Livonia). The public is invited to the a presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a 12-part DVD series on the authority of the Bible. Visit www.christoursavior.org for more information.

Summer camp

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School, 9600 Leverne, Redford is accepting applications for their summer camp. Care is offered for infants through 8th grade from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (734) 646-4857 for more information. Summer camp

The camps continue 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, through 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.

UPCOMING

Sunday school classes New adult Sunday School classes begin July 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Classes include The Joy of Signing (sign language), Inside the Middle East, and Keys to Spiritual Freedom.

Tim Zimmerman and the Kings Brass will perform for a birthday celebration for our great nation 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial. The group will be playing sacred music and a special tribute to our nation's veterans. Call (734) 455-2300 for tickets and dinner reservations

Carillon series

Concert

10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, July

8, July 15, July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, and Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515.

Life celebration

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St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will commemorate the death of Janet Noble-Richardson, pastor of the church at the time she was killed in a rear end collision on the Ohio Turnpike on July 11, 2006. The Life Celebration will take place 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the church, 16700 Newburgh, south of Six Mile, Livonia, A memorial to Noble-Richardson will be unveiled at the end of the service. Noble-Richardson, 44, served as the church's pastor for 17 years. For more information, call (734) 464-8844

Women's retreat St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholic moms to a Mom's Summer Retreat on Wednesday mornings this summer. to enjoy prayer and adult discussion of topics relevant to their daily life. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast and conversation with other moms 8:30-11 a.m. July 11, July 18, Aug. 1, and Aug. 8, at the church located on the southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth roads. Discussion topics are Everyday Prayer on June 20th; Marriage, July 11th; Motherhood and Mary, July 18; Teaching Your Children the Virtues, Aug. 1, and Living your Faith Every Day, Aug. 8. Moms may register for as few or as many sessions as schedules permit, each at \$5 per meeting. Children's Ministry activities are \$2 per child per session. Contact (734) 261-1455, ext. 207 or e-mail.swilliams@livonistmichael.org for infor-

mation and registration details. Blood drive

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 15, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, ext. 309.

Wellness lecture/healing workshop With Dr. Saul Shaye, a chiropractor, presents the message: A Funny Thing Happened on my Way to Disprove God during services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, July 15, workshop 1-4 p.m.

(suggested donation \$15), at Unity

of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Shave has demonstrated a special gift of spiritual healing. Personal appointments with him are available during the week. For more information, call

(734) 421-1760. **Vacation Bible school**

Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with

God! takes place 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 16 -20, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster. Livonia. The sessions, for age 3 to children entering 5th grade, include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. The children will also learn about the sponsored mission - Heifer International, a charity that through donations, helps children and families around the world receive training and animal gifts to help them become selfreliant. All are welcome to attend. The cost is \$18 for the first child in the family, \$12 for any additional children. After July 8, there is an increase to \$20 for the first child and \$14 for additional children. For more information or to register, call (734) 422-1470 or e-mail: christianeducator@sppc-email.org.

Soccer mini-camp 6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 23-27, for boys and girls ages 5-12 (any skill level), at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$20 per student, includes instruction. snacks and soccer ball to take home Fee payable at time of registration. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. Call (734) 522-6830.

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.

Come sing in instant performances of the world's greatest choral music in Summer Sings 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 25 (Messiah by George Frideric Handel), and Aug. 29 (Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten), at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maples, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no long-term commitment. For more information, call (248) 644-2040, ext. 136.

Vacation Bible school

July 28 to Aug. 1, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 525-3664 or visit www.BethelOfLivonia.com.

Anniversary Mass

50th anniversary of Fr. Solanus Casey's death 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at St. Bonaventure/ Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, For information, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 140 or ext. 169.

Song ministry

Rev. Bob Herriman, song evangelist, appears 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are invited to witness this ministry through word and song.

Vacation Bible school

Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13-17, with a church picnic finale on Aug. 19, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All kids age 2 through fifth grade are invited. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us.

Church Women United

Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring 1 salad for every 3 persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Ave., Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

Crafters needed For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Cruise St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington, Livonia.

Space limited. 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.

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ONGOING

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.

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by 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. 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.

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Summer worship Summer schedule for worship to

Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440. **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.

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.

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.

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 information, call (734) 261-1455.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets 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 or (248) 890-5494.

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. Doughnuts and coffee served.

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, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Open registration 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 Cafe (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.

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

Scripture studies From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower

visit www.DueSeason.org.

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. 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.

Unity of Livonia

Shabbat services

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

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.

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Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

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MICHAEL G. McGHIE Of Howell

His Legacy...Michael died Tuesday June 19, 2007 at the age of 54. He was born June 28, 1952 to John and Elsie (Crimp) McGhie in Detroit, MI. Mike served in the Army in Vietnam. He owned Midwest Management, a property management company, with his partner and friend of 30 years, John Morrissey. He was an avid reader of Nero Wolfe, enjoyed going to the movies and loved a good laugh. Mike was a hard worker and was a wonderful friend to many. His Family...Mike is survived by his daughter, Kodi Hall of Williamston; brothers, Thomas (Louise) McGhie of Livonia and Patrick (Lyn) McGhie of Hudson, NH; his sisters, Linda (Neil) Manning of Hastings, and April McGhie of Livonia; step-mother, Brenda McGhie of Livonia; his significant partner in life, Paula Berbaum of Howell; and many close friends. His Farewell Service...A Healing Farewell was held Saturday June 23, 2007, at Borek Jennings Funeral Home-Lamb Chapel in Howell with Rev. Dale Hedblad as celebrant. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Please leave a message of comfort for Mike's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guest book at borekjennings.com.



CAREY DEE RITENOUR-EVERHART

Age 49, of Southfield entered into rest Saturday morning, June 23, 2007 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Carey is the owner of Carey's Greenhouse in Southfield. She is the loving wife and companion of over 16 years to Wayne Everhart; devoted daughter and best-friend of Edward Ritenour (retired Southfield Police Chief): cherished sister of Michael (Angie) Ritenour; aunt of John and Elizabeth; and step-mother of Jessica and John Everhart. She was preceded in death by her mother, Yvonne, in 1995. Visitation will begin Friday, June 29th at 5 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 7 p.m. at HALEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS in Southfield (24525 Northwestern Hwy. - south of 10 Mile / east of Evergreen on southside servicedrive). Private burial will be held at the Southfield City Cemetery. On-line condolences and directions at www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com HALEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS (248) 356-4800



GORDON B. RIGGS

76 years old, passed away peacefully on June 20th. Husband of the late Diane Keena Riggs. Survived by daughter Pamela Riggs Maturo of Ann Arbor, grandchildren Lulu and Paulie Maturo, sister Martha Lee Davis of California, brother Kenton Riggs of Colorado and dear friend Susan Gierak of Birmingham. Born in Lafavette. Indiana, attended Purdue University, served in the United States Army, and graduated Harvard Business School. Gordon worked for over thirty years at Ford Motor Company in Product Planning and Corporate Strategy and acted as the first American member on the Board of Directors of Mazda in Hiroshima, Japan. An active member of his community, Gordon served on numerous Birmingham civic and charitable boards, was Chairman of the Board of the Community House and honored as 1st Citizen of Birmingham in the year 2000. A memorial and reception will be held at the Community House in Birmingham on July 20th at 4:30 pm. In lieu of flowmemorial contributions may be made to the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham 48009 or Children Charities Coalition, 44765 Woodward Ave., Pontiac 48341.



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LEROY E. WESTFALL June 22, 2007, Age 86, Life

long resident of Plymouth. Volunteer fireman with the Plymouth Township Fire Department, employee of Daisy Air Rifle and CSX Railroad. Army veteran of World War Two serving in the Aleutians and the European Theater of Operations. Life member of VFW Lodge #6695 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Carolyn. Dear father of Deborah (Dana) Johnson, Patrice (Stephen) Phillips and Gregory (Karen) Westfall. Also leaves six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Brother-in-law of Luree Westfall, Visitation Thursday 3-9pm Schrader-Howell Funeral 280 South Main Street, Plymouth with funeral services following on Friday at 11am. Share

memories at schrader-howell.com.

DOROTHY D. HUHTALA Age 85, June 25, 2007. Beloved wife of the late William. Dear mother of Daryl (Nancy), Carole (Steve) Schneider, Dawn, Mark, Lisa (Rod) Zielinski, and the late Dale. Loving grandmother of eight and greatgrandmother of two. Funeral services Friday, 7:00 p.m. at R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Visitation Friday, 2p.m. Please sign the online guestbook at rggrharris.com

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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) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734)

525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road) Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

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Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735. **Community Bible study**

Studying the Book of Corinthians, breakfast at 7 a.m. for Bible study from 8-9 a.m. at the Kerby Coney Island, Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

New contemporary service 9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation, For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

Join in 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

New modern-style worship

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96, presents a modern-style worship service. The multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various. instruments. Dramas, led by the members, are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach director, at (734) 522-6830.

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A balance sheet keeps you in touch with your financial situation

t wasn't long ago that I put my winter clothes away and now we are just about ready to celebrate the Fourth of July. And before you know it, it will be Labor Day and the summer will be over.

Since we are midway through 2007, it's time to update the personal balance sheet.

A personal family balance sheet is nothing more than a listing of all assets and liabilities. Subtracting assets from liabilities 131

equals net worth, the number you can use to see how you are progressing in achieving your personal financial goals and **Money Matters** objectives.

Rick Bloom sonal financial

balance sheet, it is easy to value your stocks, mutual funds and

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bank accounts. In addition, knowing your liabilities is easy, too.

It is easy to find out what you owe on a mortgage, charge cards and other types of debt. What makes doing a personal financial balance sheet somewhat tricky, particularly now, is how you value your real estate.

BE REALISTIC

Unfortunately, real estate has taken a hit in Michigan. When it comes to preparing your personal financial balance sheet, you have to give a fair valuation to your house. Remember, your house is not worth what you think it's worth or what you hope it's worth. It's worth what it could sell for.

One way to determine the valuation is to look at what similar homes have sold for in your neighborhood. There are some Web sites that can help determine value. One is www.zillow. com. However, even when using a Web site, you have to be careful in determining valuation.

What is the fair value of collectibles? It is what a willing buyer and willing seller can agree upon. My recommendation is to once again use the internet and to consider sites such as eBay.

CASH FLOW IS KEY

Along with the personal family balance sheet, it's also an excellent time to do a cash-flow statement, listing what revenues came in vs. what went out. I cannot stress enough how important it is for people to know what it costs them to live for one month. That is what a cash-flow statement offers.

I am often asked by individuals if they can afford to retire. My question back to them is, What does it cost to live a month? If you don't know, you can't determine whether you have enough resources to retire.

A personal family balance sheet and a cash-flow statement are relatively simple and straightforward documents. Preparing these documents on a regular basis allows you to remain in touch with your financial situation and judge your progress.

To help prepare the documents, software programs such as Quicken or MS Money can help or do it the old-fashioned way, with pencil and paper. It doesn't matter how it gets done, the important thing is that it gets done.

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Bucks romp

The Michigan Bucks set a club record 17-game match streak without a loss with a convincing 5-1 men's soccer vice tory over the Indiana Invaders Saturday night in conjunction with 14th annual Saginaw 7-11 Soccer Classic held at the Saginaw Soccer

Complex. Kenny Uzoigwe scored in the 69th and 85th minutes (penalty kick) for the 2006 North American Premier Development League champions, who improved to 7-0-3 in the Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

Mo Dube added a goal in the 90th minute (from George Josten) and assist (to Eric Brunner in the fifth minute) for the Bucks.

The first-place Bucks led 2-1 at halftime thanks to an "own goal" courtesy of the Invaders (3-5-2). Saidi Isaac scored for the Invaders in the 18th minute from Ryan Stewart.

Bucks goalkeeper Steve Clark made three saves, while Justin Holmes had 11 for the Invaders.

inducted former player Benji Djeukeng, former coach Steve Burns and former general manager Jim Duggan (Livonia) into their Hall of Fame, return to action Tuesday, July 3 to face the second-place Chicago Fire Premier before returning home Sunday, July 22 to face the West Michigan Edge in a 7 p.m. start at Lake Orion High School.

Dwyer fans 14

Pitcher Shea Dwyer struck out 14 and pitched a complete-game as Livonia Post 32 won the opener, 13-3, in an American Legion baseball double-header Sunday against host Waterford Cardinals at Waterford Mott High School.

Livonia Post 32 wás led offensively by John Rodeman, who collected three doubles, a single, two RBI and scored three runs. Derrick Poremba also added two hits, walked twice, scored two runs and knocked in a run.

Dwyer scattered three hits and walked only two in the victory. The Cardinals won the nightcap, 3-2, as pitcher Josh Payzant took the loss.

Lady Ocelot honors

Stephanie Squires of Redford has been named an Academic All-American, with a 3.6 or higher grade-point average. Squires was a member of the 2006-07 women's soccer team.

The National Junior College Athletic Association, which honored Squires, also named three of Schoolcraft's teams "Academic Team of the Year," because of their composite gradepoint averages. They are the women's cross country team, women's soccer team and bowling team.

MHSAA comes down on coach

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association has handed Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph the harshest penalty possible after he coached former Chief standout Corey Phillips in a national seniors tournament in Virginia Beach, Va. last month.

Randolph, who has transformed the Canton wrestling program from an also-ran into a state-ranked power the past five years, was given a one-year suspension by the MHSAA. Several other Michigan high school wrestling coaches who actively coached in the tournament were either suspended or resigned, according to MHSAA spokesperson John Johnson.

"Would I have stepped on the mat down there if I had known I was going to be suspended for one year? Absolutely not," Randolph emphasized. "This suspension is just short of ripping my heart out."

Randolph, a physical education teacher at Canton, will appeal the suspension at a hearing before the MHSAA's Representative Council on Aug. 13 in East Lansing, according to Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman. The 19-member

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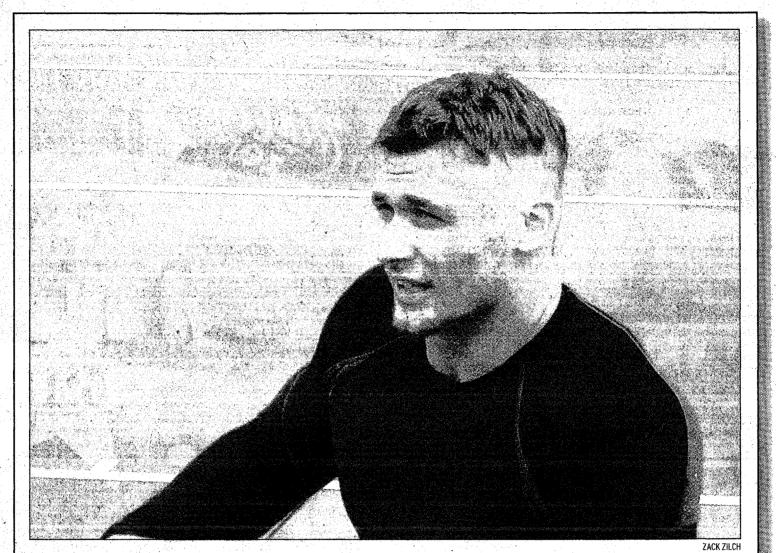
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Paul Terek will be headed to the IAAF World Outdoor Track & Field Championships, scheduled for late August in Osaka, Japan, for the third time in his career.

Terek in World Championships again

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Paul Terek apparently can't get enough of Japan.

The Livonia decathlete will be making his third trip to the Orient in the last nine months - this time it's Osaka - for his third appearance in the IAAF World Track & Field Championships (scheduled for late August).

The Livonia Franklin High grad, who earned a spot in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece (21st overall), parlayed a solid Friday showing at the AT&T USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Indianapolis into a second place finish overall and automatic berth on the U.S. squad.

The 27-year-old Terek, who scored a total of 8,064 points, will be joined by reigning World Champion and 2004 Olympic silver medalist Bryan Clay, who did not finish the Indy meet; 2003 World Champion Tom Pappas, who placed first in Indy with 8,352 points; and third-place finisher Robert Arnold, the NCAA champion from the University of Arizona.

Terek has appeared as an obstacle

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Recently named was Livonia Churchill's Warner, who earlier in the **Division 1 state** champion at **MSU's Forest Akers West**

Warner reaps honor Churchill junior named Miss Golf

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Apparently Michigan's new Miss Golf doesn't plan to miss any golf this summer.

Livonia Churchill's Shannon Warner, recently named the state's top player by the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association, has currently put off plans to have surgery for a cyst on her bothersome wrist.

The junior, the two-time Division 1 state medalist, shot 70 Monday during the opening round of stroke play for the Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) Girls Junior Championship held at Owosso Country Club.

In addition to competing recently in the USGA Girls Junior Qualifier (where she shot an uncharacteristic 81) and playing in the upcoming Michigan Women's Amateur, Warner has a schedule packed summer, which also selected American Junior Golf Association events.

"It maybe comes from the repetitive motion, but it (the wrist) has not hurt recently and I'm not sure when I'll get it looked at - I'm playing well right now," Warner said.

During her junior year, Warner captured the Division 1 state girls golf tournament at Michigan State's Forest Akers (West Course) by five strokes

shooting 72-73-145 after annihilating the field by 11 strokes as a sophomore when she shot

69-67-136. She was medalist in 10 of 11 dual matches this season, sporting a nine-hole average of 37 and an 18-hole average

of 74. As an eighth-grader, Warner dreamed of becoming the state's Miss Golf.

"It's definitely amazing, the best feeling in the world," Warner said. "It's always been one of my goals."

Warner, who does not turn 17 until Oct. 7, works under the tutelage of Paul Haase at Miles of Golf in Ann Arbor. She also has a practice membership at Northville Hills Golf Club.

Warner says "it's too early" to determine where she'll play collegiately. She prefers to stay ground as a normal teenager. who hangs out with her friends when she's not practicing or competing.

In wake of a sports seasons switch due to a federal court decision which will move volleyball and girls golf to the fall, Warner has already made a decision to play both sports.

She was a reserve defensive specialist on Churchill's state Class A championship volleyball team.

"It's a matter of sitting down with the coaches and athletic director and try and figure it out," Warner said.

Go west, young man

Teen in Final 4 of Pitch, Hit & Run contest

California's calling Zach Vera-Burgos.

The 14-year-old Garden City resident is one of four national finalists in his age division (13-14) in the Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run competition, having found out Monday that he made the cut thanks to excelling at the June 9 Michigan round hosted by the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park.

Zach and his family are looking forward - obviously - toward making the junket to San Francisco, where he will compete against the other national finalists 1 p.m. Monday, July 9 at the home of the San Francisco Giants, AT&T Park. Later that day, he will shag fly balls during the Home Run Derby and attend the Major League Baseball All-Star Game the following

day.
"He made it to the national finals and now we're trying to make some travel plans," said his dad, Dave Vera-Burgos. "It's pretty exciting and pretty overwhelming."

Dave Vera-Burgos said the highly anticipated telephone call finally came early Monday morning, following a late night of attending the Livonia Spree fireworks. Zach, meanwhile, spent Sunday night at a friend's house and wasn't even home when the phone rang.

"They called at 8:30 (a.m.) and the answering machine grabbed it," Dave explained. "Before she (his wife, Sherri) could play it, she accidentally hit delete and couldn't hear the message. But she saw the number on caller ID and called them back."

When Zach's parents found out he qualified for nationals, they called him at his friend's and told him to get home right away, without telling him why.

"They didn't know what it was about, whether there was a death in the family," Vera-Burgos noted. "But when he got home, his brother (Jeremiah) and sister (Hannah) welcomed him with a homemade poster, 'San Francisco, Here

Zach couldn't believe his eyes.
"He was like, 'no way," Vera-Burgos continued.
"He was just in shock, he couldn't believe it." Thanks to the message from program spokes-

man Matt Hilley, of LEJ Sports Group in Georgia, Zach is one step away from finishing what he started when he signed up for Pitch, Hit & Run. Without even considering the long journey to California, it's been quite a trip already: More than 600,000 youngsters competed across the country, with Zach prevailing against local, regional and state opponents.



Garden City's Zach Vera-Burgos is one of four national finalists in the 13-14 age division of the Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run contest.

RARE OPPORTUNITY

A day or so later, the news was still hard to fathom for the family, which also includes Garden City High School junior Ben Vera-

Although thrilled Zach and a family member will enjoy a two-night all-expenses-paid stay in San Francisco, that doesn't enable both parents and all three siblings the opportunity to share in the once-in-a-lifetime experience - at least, without having to come up with some serious cash.

For starters, in order for all of the Vera-Burgoses to watch Zach pitch, hit and run for

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The Plymouth Whalers' whirlwind of the playoffs, Memorial Cup and post-sea-

son continued at the National Hockey League Entry Draft, held June 22-23 in Columbus, OH.

Fresh off their second Ontario Hockey League championship in their 17-year history, the Whalers had eight players sign National Hockey League contracts this spring. Three remaining Whalers were selected in the NHL Entry Draft.

Goaltender Jeremy Smith (Brownstown) was taken in the second round (54th overall) by the Nashville Predators. Left wing/center Chris Terry was taken in the fifth round (132nd overall) by Carolina. The Hurricanes then turned around in the sixth round and took defenseman Brett Bellemore 162nd overall.

Smith posted a 2.59 goals against average, .923 save percentage and 23-6-0-1 record with Plymouth while sharing time with Michal Neuvirth. Nashville's goaltending situation is in a bit of flux, with Tomas Vokoun being traded to Florida, Chris Mason taking over the number-one goaltending job for the Predators and Pekka Rinne signed as a potential back up.

Smith - the highest-ranked North American goaltender in the NHL Entry Draft, according to the NHL Central Scouting Bureau - is seen as a goaltender of the future in Nashville. With Neuvirth signing with the Washington

Capitals, Smith's future is right now with the Whalers.

"He's not big in stature now, but he's going to continue to grow, as will all the kids,' Nashville assistant general manager Paul Fenton told the Tennessean. "We think Smith has the chance to be a big-time goaltender. He's athletic, he's quick and he's on top of pucks coming to him."

Smith's selection was the highest the Predators have spent on a goaltender since Brian Finley was taken sixth overall in 1999.

"We haven't been this excited to be able to take a goaltender in a long time," Fenton said. "Certainly Brian Finley didn't turn out (two games for Nashville before moving to Boston), but Smith is probably the next best goaltending prospect we've been able to take since then. How often do you get a chance to take the number-one rated goalie in the draft?"

The NHL Entry Draft was nerve-wracking for Terry, as he sat through the entire first round on June 22, then through at least a couple of hours the next day.

Every time a pick came close, I'd cross my fingers," Terry told the Raleigh News-Observer. "It was a long wait, no doubt, but it was well worth

Terry was an integral part of the Whalers' championship run last season with 66 points in 68 games. When James Neal missed the final month of the regular season with a knee



Plymouth Whalers Chris Terry (left) and Jeremy Smith (right), along with teammate Brett Bellemore (not pictured), were selected in last weekend's National Hockey League draft. Terry and Bellemore were taken by Carolina while Smith went to Nashville in the second round.

injury, Terry fit in seamlessly on a line with Evan Brophey and Jared Boll, scoring seven goals with 16 assists in 13

Terry acknowledged there's a Hurricanes-feel to the Compuware Sports Arena in a different part of Hockeytown.

"I'm pretty familiar (with the Hurricanes), being that Mr. (Peter) Karmanos owns the Hurricanes and also the Whalers," Terry said. "We have a lot of banners and pictures around our building and our head coach is always talking about them.

Bellemore had an even longer wait. Since he wasn't listed among the 210 skaters rated by Central Scouting, his selection was delayed a little

That's typical for a stay-athome defenseman who was a healthy scratch of the first month of last season but then blossomed into an excellent defender once getting into the lineup. Bellemore didn't score a goal, but led the OHL with a plus-48 plus-minus rating.

"I know I've worked extremely hard to get to this point from the beginning of last season when I was out of the lineup," Bellemore said. "I had to work just to get playing time. This feels so good. It's been a long year, but it's all worked out for the best.'

Terry and Bellemore are the 12th and 13th player Carolina

has selected from the Whalers since Karmanos bought the Hurricanes in 1994. KNOW THE SCORE check out the numbers in

Trio of Whalers drafted by NHL teams, eight others sign MISL expands with addition of Ironmen

> The New Jersey Ironmen officially joined the ranks of the Major Indoor Soccer League June 21 at a ceremony held at the Newark City Hall.

New Jersey becomes the ninth MISL team — and third to join since the conclusion of the 2006-07 season — and will begin play during the 2007-08 season.

In addition to unveiling the team name and logo, the organization also introduced a 20-year banking and business executive, Tony Novo as its General Manager and Vice President of Business Operations. Additionally, two-time MISL Coach of the Year Omid Namazi was introduced as the Ironmen's head coach and Vice President of Soccer Operations. The team will play a 15-game home schedule at Prudential Center in the Downtown Core Redevelopment District of Newark.

"We are welcoming another piece of Newark's transformation and a new resident to our city in welcoming the New Jersey Ironmen to Prudential Center," Mayor Booker said. They will bring visitors to our downtown, excitement and luster to our soccer fans, and strength to our economy. The New Jersey Ironmen will kick a winning goal for Newark."

The team identity for the New Jersey Ironmen results from an online team naming campaign waged during the month of February. The interactive online campaign, supported by the Newark Star-Ledger, solicited feedback from soccer fans from Newark, all across the state of New Jersey, as well as throughout cyberspace. Fans were asked to select from a compila-



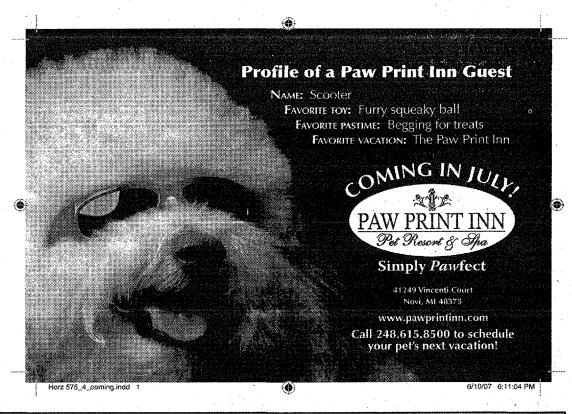
tion of five names, or fans could submit their own nicknames. Among the 4,500 responses, the nickname Ironmen, symbolic of the industrial origins of the Ironbound neighborhood, was,

by far, the leading vote getter. Representative of its community, the steely-looking, hardedged logo depicts the tough attitude of the predominantly Portuguese-speaking community, made up by Brazilian and Portuguese ethnicities.

The New Jersey Ironmen will join the Baltimore Blast, California Cougars, Chicago Storm, Detroit Ignition, Milwaukee Wave, MISL Monterrey Club, Orlando Sharks, and the Philadelphia KiXX in the 2007-08 MISL regular season, scheduled to commence in mid-October and conclude at the end of March.

"Today marks the culmination of a journey to return indoor soccer to its historical origin, Newark, NJ," added MISL Commissioner Steve Ryan. "Not . only are we proud to bring the Major Indoor Soccer League to the 1885 site of the first-ever recorded 'indoor soccer match' in the United States, but we are eager to have the opportunity to offer affordable and exciting family entertainment to a community rich in cultural diversity."





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MHSAA mandates 'dead period'

For the first time this summer, all schools in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's membership must enforce a "dead period," when school coaches have no contact with students in an athletics setting on or off school premises.

The dead period is a minimum of seven consecutive days, with each school deciding when those days will occur. In surveys conducted this spring, more than 90 percent of MHSAA-member schools indicated that their dead period will include the Fourth of July.

"Some of our constituents think a dead period is long overdue, and some don't think seven days is enough," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA. "It is what it is, a de-escalation of pressures on kids and coaches out-of-

season, one of several coming to school sports in Michigan."

The creation of the dead period is one of three actions taken by the Association's Representative Council a year ago which have been widely publicized and went into effect on June 1.

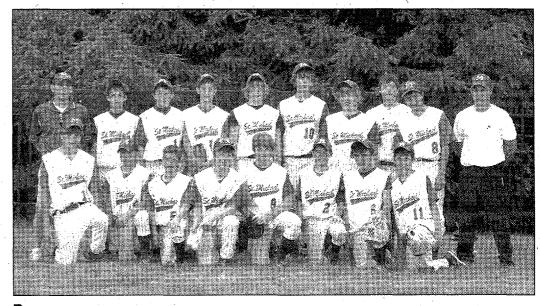
The others are the creation of a preseason down time before each sports season and a ban on curriculum offerings focusing on a single MHSAA post-season tournament sport.

The preseason down time prohibits schools from conducting open gyms and other activities for a period of 6 to 14 days prior to the start of each season which could be construed as out-of-season practice or even tryouts for a team.

The down times are from August 1 to the first practice date in fall sports, 14 calendar days before the first practice date for each winter sport, and from March 1 until the first practice date in spring sports.

In the school curriculum, effective with the 2007-08 school year, if a class offers instruction specific to an MHSAA tournament sport, the class must offer instruction on at least of three topics in equal proportion taught to all students enrolled, and the class must be open to all students.

"The down time will allow schools to more clearly distinguish the start of each practice and its tryout period," said Roberts. "There have also been a number of schools conducting classroom offerings which have appeared to their opponents as school-sponsored out-of-season practice, especially in football."



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The Livonia St. Michael's seventh- and eighth-grade baseball team recently finished with a 12-1 overall record, including an 8-0 league mark while outscoring their opponents 105-24. In 40 innings, pitcher Dan Muller struck out 93 batters en route to a 6-1 record. He allowed just eight runs on five hits. Jon Ferrar, Tim laquinta, Adam Michael and Muller led the offense, each hitting over 3-0. Members of the Gaels, who fell in the Catholic Youth Organization playoff semifinal include (front row, from left): Jake Widmer, Jake Kelley, Matt Gove, Marshall Hart, Joe Barczuk, Mike Rybinski, David Oliver, Mario Carbanaro: (back row. from left) coach Kevin Rogers, Kyle Cser, Josh Dehetree, Cody Nalecz, Muller, Michael, laquinta, Ferrar and coach John Gotts.

the national championship, they have to buy four additional tickets to the Home Run Derby. Dave said one standing room ticket, on e-Bay, was going for about \$200 as of Tuesday.

And then there was the little matter of extra airfare. The hotel shouldn't pose a problem because, "we're going to cram into the one room they're giving us," said Vera-Burgos with a chuckle.

One way or another, they'll be there.

Dave wondered out loud whether anybody might have insider information about how to score some of those Home Run Derby ducats, as close to face value as possible, for example.

But nothing is going to spoil the party for Zach and his family, not if Dave can help it.

"His siblings have just helped him out tremendously by practicing," he said, referring to Ben, Jeremiah (entering seventh grade) and Hannah (entering fifth grade). "They were out shagging fly balls when he was hitting them. There's no jealousy at all. They're just so happy for

Of course, they'll be happiest if they can all be on the West Coast, inside AT&T Park on July 9 to hopefully watch Zach finish what he started. It's been quite a trip already, without even considering where he's headed when he roared past the competition at the local and state level, taking final swings toward an achievement that about 600,000 youngsters signed up to pursue several months ago.

(Vera-Burgos said anybody with information that could help cut some of the family's trip expenses should call him at (734) 427-8345.)

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council is made up of athletic directors, coaches and school administrators from across the

Heinzman said she is hopeful the punishment will be lessened due to Randolph's impeccable history leading up to last month's tournament.

"It was Casey's first violation of any kind and he did not know all the rules about coaching student-athletes at national tournaments," said Heinzman.

"Rules were broken and there will be consequences. We just weren't expecting the maximum penalty."

Johnson said the length of the suspensions the MHSAA hands out are formulated by the association's member schools.

"Our schools consider coaching and competing in national tournaments a very serious situation," he said. "Our schools determined a long time ago that our coaches and athletes should not be competing in national competitions, like wrestling tournaments and the McDonald's All-Star basketball

"Student-athletes can lose up to a year of eligibility if it is proven that they competed in a national event.'

Under Randolph's guidance, the Chiefs have captured two straight Division 1 District titles in 2006 and 2007. In 2006, Canton advanced all the way to the state team tournament in Battle Creek before getting upended by Rockford.

Randolph is a two-time Regional Coach of the Year and his teams have earned Academic All-State honors

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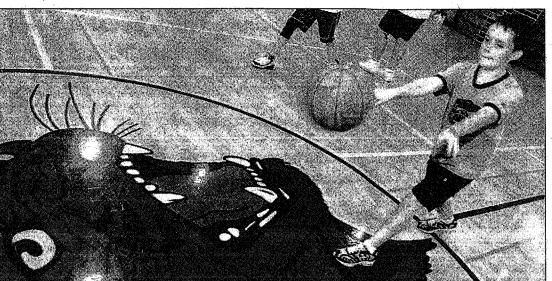
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Redford's Kyle Warner, 10 (above), practices bounce passing with his 7-year-old brother, Jeremy, at the Panthers



Kids get cagey at youth camp

STAFF WRITER

It might be boiling outside, but basketball-loving youngsters are chilling this week at the annual Redford Union Panthers Youth Basketball

Kids entering grades 3-8, mostly from the Redford Union district but also from Garden City, Farmington and Belleville, have worked up a sweat inside the Hilbert Middle School gym, learning all about the fundamentals of the sport while at the same time getting a primer from RU coaches about what might be called the "Panthers way of doing things" down the road, whether in middle school or high school.

For example, high school junior varsity head coach Mike Soukup, with the help of assistant coach Diane Ziroll, incorporated the playground "monkey in the middle" game into a drill about how to pass the rock with zip and accuracy to a teammate.

"We've got to start thinking (about the) next level," said Soukup to the group of middle school youngsters convened for the afternoon session (those entering grades 3-5 took part in morning sessions). "Say it with me, 'Fake a pass to make a pass."

Soukup had campers break into pairs and practice making passes past a defender stationed between them. Any ball tipped on the way to the intended target resulted in the guilty party changing places with the middle man, if you will.

Also on the agenda was another installment of Soukup's Basketball 101. He asked the youngsters how long they could hold onto the basketball before launching a pass. "Twenty-four seconds?"

responded one of the campers. Soukup then rejected that answer with a buzzer sound.

"Nope, it's five seconds. You have to make a pass after that."



Waiting for the ball during a passing drill is 10-year-old Divieian Otero of Redford.

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What: Redford Union Panthers Youth Basketball Camp Where: Hilbert Middle School Good times: Boys and girls entering grades 3-8 learn how to pass, dribble and shoot while enjoying fun activities and challenges such as "Dribble War" and "Around the World."

Fun sayings: Campers are hearing instructors Alan Kruck, Mike Soukup and Diane Ziroll keep drills light with catch phrases such as "Fake a Pass to Make a Pass" and "Use the Square, That's Why It's There." Stuff: Every kid will receive a camp T-shirt, and some will win prizes for winning various

Following a break for water and other assorted replenishing drinks, the campers geared up for other drills and fun activities or challenges (such as "Dribble War," where two opponents square off in the midcourt circle and dribble away, trying to knock the ball out of the hands of the other with a wellplaced bounce or two.)

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contests.

Camp director Alan Kruck, who also is RU varsity girls basketball camp, said girls

participated last week with this week just for the boys. Although the numbers for both sessions combined (about 40) wasn't what was hoped for, Kruck emphasized everybody is learning, having fun and walking away with T-shirts and (if they won a skills challenge or activity) prizes.

"They're working really hard," said Kruck, in the Hilbert hallway away from the myriad sounds originating from inside the gymnasium - namely bouncing basketballs, whistles and echo-laden instructions from Soukup. "Kids just love the

competition." One who really fits that category, 11-year-old Alejandro Rodriguez (entering sixth grade at Hilbert), couldn't keep the smile off his face. And why not? He's soaking it all in about how to properly let the basketball roll off his fingertips, one area of his game that he pinpointed for improvement before the week began.

"I'm learning about handling and shooting and about something I've been doing wrong with my shot form," said Alejandro, who already is a three-year vet of Redford Parks and Recreation-sponsored basketball teams. "I'm trying to correct it. The coaches are great and we are very disciplined.'

That doesn't mean they can't have fun, however.

"We get to do a tournament, and we had King of the Court," Alejandro explained. "We get to play a lot of games."

After all is said and done, the instructors hope they are planting the seed to be reaped later, when kids advance to middle school and high school competi-

"It's nice to see them coming in (at middle school and high school) with some sort of mindset of what we're looking for, rather than coming in cold and having a lot of the 'driveway' basketball players coming in, not knowing what to do," Kruck





The Buick Open Pro Am?

LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

They invited me - again. That's right, the good folks at Buick saw fit to ask Jeff Lesson to play in the Buick Open Pro Am (you will have to ask them why). That is the event the day before the tournament starts that features four amateurs playing with one PGA tour pro on the same course (Warwick Hills) they play the event on.

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nervous teeing off on number

and Vijay Singh - the top two

I played in the Pro Am

Am, unless you are paired with Tiger Woods, hole number one is usually the only hole where a large crowd sees you. I just wanted to put it in play and not embarrass myself. I actually had a birdie on the par five first hole - then came down to earth immediately after that. It was fun. I will have a full report on my 2007 experience in next week's column.

Buick suffered a major blow when Tiger Woods

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announced he would not play in this year's event due to the birth of his child. Obviously, one cannot fault Tiger for his decision. However, the news could not come at a worse time for Buick or the Flint area. Tiger simply means big gates and big money for Buick and the charities it helps. With the economy and auto industry the way it is, the news is even more painful.

Jeff Lesson is a WWJ Sports Anchor/Reporter and host of

the award winning feature "Lesson on Golf" on WWJ Newsradio 950 weekend mornings at 5:45, 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 AND every

Saturday morning 7-8 am on 1270 XYT The Sports Station. Don't forget to check out lessonongolf.com for half off golf at great courses!

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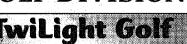


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Diesels ready to roll in Livonia

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Detroit Diesels owner Allen Seder categorizes his football team as "a melting pot."

"We're the most culturally diverse of any team we play, and I'm proud of that," said Seder, whose team launches its North American Football League home schedule at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Livonia Franklin against the West Michigan Force. "We've tried to create a family atmosphere and it's worked for us.

As Seder says the Diesels are made up players from all walks of life - teachers, bricklayers, lawyers. The team's oldest player is 46-year-old Gerald Hughes.

We have some guys who have never played organized football, but they're phenomenal athletes," he said. "It's a different cast. Some guys just love the game. Some hope they're going somewhere. For others, they just like have the chance to hit people. They like the physical contact. For other guys it's their last hurrah.'

The Diesels, who for five years played at Downriver locales, opened their 2007 season last Saturday with a 21-6 win over the host Flint Fury.

Some familiar area names figured prominently in the vic-

Former Westland John

Glenn High quarterback Randy Sinnott fired a 30yard touchdown pass to Jeff Elswick in the first half. All-Observer running back T.J. Dillard (Wayne Memorial) added a 5-yard second-half TD run, while another well-known All-Area player, Mike Macek (Redford Union), scored on a 14-yard TD run to seal the win.

The defense, which held Flint to six yards total offense in the first half, was led by defensive back Absalom Goode (Wayne).

The Diesels had 175 players try out and head coach Rob Streeter scaled down his roster

They practice Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at Emerson Middle School in Livonia.

"We have a two-and-half window, it's like a regular college practice," said Streeter, who played at Olivet College and teaches Special Education for the Taylor Schools. "There's a lot of teaching session, skill drills by position, team conditioning and we go over the type of plays we're going to run. It's pretty regimented because of the limited time. In three days we try and get in as much as we can."

Streeter is surrounded by a full complement of assistants including player-coaches Steve Messam, who played

at Central Michigan, and Ed Somerville, who played at Adrian College. Ben Sikora, a Junior College All-America at Harper-Rainey Community College (Ill.) also serves on the

The Diesels are 48-19 over a five-year period. Two years ago they captured the Eastern Lakes Division of the Northern Conference of the NAFL. Ten new starters cracked the lineup this year. Seder estimates there is a "50 percent turnover" of players each season.

The NAFL features a total of 120 teams from across the country and Canada.

"It's a true national championship (playoff)," Seder said. "It's a national system. We're recognized by the NFL and the NCAA. One of our former players, Marlion Jackson (of Saginaw Valley State) was on the practice squad last year for the Atlanta Falcons and got called up at the end of the year. We have three in the Continental Arena (Indoor) League with the (first-place) Port Huron Pirates. Seven have gone off to college and played Division II (NCAA)

Seder estimates he spends anywhere from \$30,000 to \$40,000 each year to keep the Diesels afloat.

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can," said Seder, who does marketing and entertainment booking. "It's an expensive proposition. We sell sponsorships (for the game program). The players pay dues (\$100 each). But we have nice uniforms (like the St. Louis Rams). When we play in Ohio, Wisconsin or Canada, we take a nice tour bus. I try and pick up as many expenses as possible, but sometimes it comes down to nickels and dimes."

The Diesels will play six home games during the season, which runs through late September. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students (children under-5 are free).

"Livonia (Schools) treats us well, they welcomed up with open arms, and we've been working with the (Livonia) Y where we just had a (youth) camp," Seder said. "We want to get out into the community as much as possible. We made the move because we want more guys from the area."

The object is always to win, but Seder, who played four years of football at Hillsdale College (1971-75) for Muddy Waters, wants to keep things in perspective.

"For three days a week guys come together and focus on football," he said. "And of course, have fun.'

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The goal of the amp is to prepare young placers for their upcoming gridiro seasons. For more information, call (734) 485-2561 or tisit www. velocitysp.com/canon.

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High school basefall players (in the 2007-201) classes) are invited to sign unfor the "Michigan All-Star Slowcase," slated for Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3 near Grand Rapids at FifthThird Ballpark, home of the class A

West Michigan Whitecaps.

For more information, call (616) 635-0010 or go to gvsulakers.com and go to baseball camps. There will be at least 12 Michigan colleges in attendance.

Coaching opportunities

■ Plymouth High School is looking for a varsity boys found at www.pccs.k12.mi.us Athletic Department.

■ Canton High School is looking for a head coach and an assistant coach for its boys lacrosse team. Candidates for both positions need to be high school graduates, have coaching or playing experience in the sport, have a time schedule compatible to that of the high school, have CPR training, and have the demparents and their children.

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The Plymouth Wildcat Youth Skills Camp will be held -27 HOIII 5-7 P.III. OH the PCEP varsity football field. It is a fundamental camp for kids who are in 5th through 9th grades.

Interested participants should visit www.plymouthwildcats.com for a copy of the camp brochure. For additional information, contact head coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696.

Plymouth volleyball

The annual Plymouth High School Volleyball Team Camps will be held July 23-25 (Monday through Wednesday) in the Plymouth gymnasium. A camp for current Wildcat volleyball players will be held 8:30 a.m. to noon while a separate one for fifth-through ninth-graders is set for 1-4 p.m. each day.

The cost of the morning camp is \$95; the afternoon camp is 500

Contact Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland at (734) 223-1737; or at mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, 2007 for the following

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Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Charter Township of Canton Engineering Dept., 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699 McGraw Hill Construction - Dodge, Plan Room, 20475 Woodingham Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48221-1260; Construction Association of Michigan, 43636 Woodward, P.O. Box 3204, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; Reed Construction Data, Electronic Plan Room, (www.reedepr.com); Construction News Service, 1773 RW Berends Drive S.W., Wyoming, MI 49519; and Wade Trim Associates, Inc., 25251 Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180.

Copies thereof for bidding purposes may be obtained at the office(s) of Wade Trim Associates Inc., 25251Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180, starting on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, upon making a payment of fifty (\$50.00) Dollars if picked up or sixty-five (\$65.00) Dollar, if mailed (checks or money orders only – payable to Wade Trim, no (ash), none of which will be refunded.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or bid bond, in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid, drawn payable to the Charter Township of Canton as security for the proper execution of the Agreement.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the Project Name, Bidder's name, address and telephone number, and the date and time of bid opening.

A mandatory prehid meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at Canton DPW Building, 4847 Sheldon Road, Canton, Michigan. Representatives of OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are required to attend the prebid meeting.

The deadline for questions regarding the Project is Friday, July 13,

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mark Schobert or Steve Kalinowski, Wade Trim (734) 947-9700.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has

sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers. Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides.

The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

Residents or business owners who have not received the report or have further questions can contact the Plymouth Township. Water and Sewer Department at (734) 354-3270.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -June 19, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, June 19, 2006 at 1150 Canton

Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Kirchgatter to move from open session to closed session for the purpose of discussion of labor negotiations. Motion carried unanimously Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy,

McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Rick Eva Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by Zarbo, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourn Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from

closed session to open session and adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Motion - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. carried unanimously. Bennett, Clerk -Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter

Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular Board Approval. Publish: June 28, 2007

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON COMBINED NOTIFICATION FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 16, 2007, the above named Township will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93.383) for the following projects located in the Charter Township of Canton: PROJECT: Automatic Doors, Summit on the Park Community

Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, \$30,000.00. (New) PROJECT: Cross-trainer, Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, \$1,275.00. (Public Services) (New)

PROJECT: Housing Rehabilitation/Lots Purchase, \$150,000.00. ("Continuing Relevance") PROJECT: Human Services Center Building Improvements, 50430 School House Road, \$58,636.00. ("Continuing Relevance")

PROJECT: HelpSource, \$2,499.00 (Public Services) (New) DETERMINATION: It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the Charter Township of Canton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows: Housing Rehabilitation is categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58.35(a)(4). Human Services Center Building Improvements is categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58.35(a) (1). Installation of automated Doors at and purchase of cross-trainer for the Summit Community Center are categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58.35(a) (2). HelpSource adult day services and/or teen parenting programs are categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58.35(a) (3) (i). An Environmental Review Record has been made by the Charter Township of Canton which documents the environmental review of the projects and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file with the Charter Township of Canton and is available for public examination and copying (for a fee) upon request at the office of the Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188-1699, 734-394-5194, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Nor further review of the projects is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds. All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Community Services Division at the above described address. Such written comments must be received on or before July 13, 2007. All such comments so received will be considered by the Township and the Township will not request the release of federal funds or take administrative action on the projects before the date

CERTIFICATION: The Charter Township of Canton will undertake the project with Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974. The Charter Township of Canton is certifying to HUD that the Charter Township of Canton and Thomas J. Yack, in his capacity of Township Supervisor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon approval, the Charter Township of Canton may use the Block Grant funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant; or (b) that the Applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in an environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at: McNamara Federal Building, 17th Floor, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226. Objections to the release of funds on the basis of other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after July 31, 2007, will be considered by HUD.

specified in the preceding sentence.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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Livonia decathlete Paul Terek (right) equaled his best time in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.7 seconds in the AT&T USA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships held last weekend in Indianapolis.

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course contestant on two Japanese game shows including Ninja Warrior (reaching the third stage), a program that has aired in the U.S. on the G4TV network, along with the Muscular Athletes Championship (which he took first place).

"I can't look at second place as a failure, but there are a lot of things I need to work on," Terek said of his Indy performance. "It's like every other decathlon, some good, some not so good events. But overall it was a success for the reason that I made the (U.S.) world championship team. I'm starting to get a better understanding of my events and starting to make adjustments on my own."

On the first day, Terek scored 4,234 points highlighted by equaling a personal best 48.7 seconds in the 400-meter dash.

His other marks included 11.03 in the 100 dash; 7.26 meters in the long jump; 50 feet, 1.25 inches in the shot put; and 6-7.5 in the high jump.

On a wet surface Saturday, Terek

recorded a personal best 14.92 in the 110 hurdles, considered his weakest event, but plummeted to 139-09 in the discus, an event held under slippery conditions due to the rain. He finished out the meet by clearing 16-8.75 in the pole vault, his strongest event; followed by a throw of 173-09 in the javelin; and a clocking of 4:39.98 in the 1,500 run.

'The hurdles are coming along OK.," Terek said. "I've got a lot more hip flexibility. It's not like can can't do it ten times in a row consistently. And it was good that I tied my best 400 time."

Terek had a new set of poles ordered, but was pleased to have his old set finally shipped back in time from Italy where he scored 8,134 points in a MultiStars Meet (held May 5-6 in Desanzano).

Over Memorial Day weekend, Terek took a step backwards competing in a meet held in the Dominican Republic.

"I took only four or five days off coming off Italy, I got sick when I came back, and that killed my training," he said. "I thought I was better than what I was. I needed to take a

whole week off. I bit off more than I could chew if I can use that cliche. I was worn out.'

Before heading to Osaka, Terek returns to train at his base in San Luis Obispo, Calif. where he'll review video, fine-tune his technique, and shore up timing issues under the

watchful eye of coach Hary Marra. "There were bright spots, the 110 hurdles and the 400 with/not a lot of speedwork," Terek said. "But this was also the litmus test to see where I'm at in the other events."

Had Terek met his average point totals in the discus, javelin, pole vault and 1,500, he might have challenged Pappas for the national title.

"I got a great base in the fall,"
Terek said. "We did a lot of running
- striders, hills, sprint technique, little segment things. For three weeks we ran five days per week. But in the 1,500 I did not feel as good as I did in Italy.

Terek's sole focus now is Osaka. "It will be hot," said Terek, who looks to improve on his 12th-place finish in the 2003 World Outdoors in Paris and 13th in 2005 in Helsinki.

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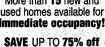
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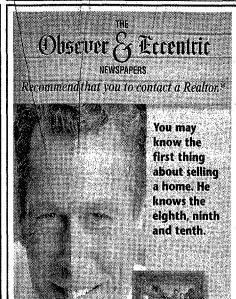
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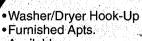
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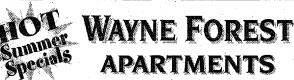
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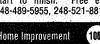
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Who tends to regurgitate lists? People disagree. Business psychologist and coach Debra Condren of Manhattan Business Coaching in New York City maintains that most of the people who list their way through your lives are women, in their early 20s and administrative. But then there are the retired flight attendant who can't stop listing, the realtor who details the events of the day in progress and the salesperson so busy telling you about how busy he is that you feel yourself

wilting. Managers tell business psychologist Larina Kase, president of the national consultancy Performance & Success Coaching L.L.C., in Philadelphia, Penn., that their employees can't stop the "to-do" mantra that they use to

explain why they can't take on more assignments. She also reports that managers and executives do the same thing.

Clinical psychologist Robin Goodman of New York City hears it among her peers and in her practice. People seem to bring it on themselves through ever-present technology. They also equate power with busy-ness. Martyrdom, she says, may also be at work, as is "guilt over working -- or not. Then there are the whiners and complainers. You want to say to them, 'You do have the choice."

Mick Quinn, author and teacher at the Choice for Enlightened Living Foundation in Wyckoff, N.J., views "busy-ness (in many cases) as avoidance of commitment in disguise."People may not want to commit to you, to the job, to shared objectives, perhaps because they're too wrapped up in their lives. "The intent is," he says, "to gather and protect for 'me.' This creates an endless to-do list, with little hope for the fulfillment we think lies in wait for us at the end of a busy life.'

Goodman talks about the force of human nature, which causes people to compete and engage in oneupmanship. Quinn agrees, commenting, "Busy-ness can make us seem important, especially to others

who are busy, too."

Kase believes that some people mean to be asking for help when they list their activities, but such passivity "backfires, because it doesn't send a favorable impression. You appear stressed out and incapable."

'LESS IS MORE'

scheduling."

You have many options when you confront a list-declarer. Condren taps the communication delete key by interrupting, telling the person, "Just think about it and e-mail me or call me back.' This is my 'I'll-take-your-answer-off-theair' reply (to cut off) thinking-out-loud

Goodman advises you to inject a bit of sympathy if life is difficult for the person right now. She suggests using a firm hand with "busy-junkies":

-- "Don't enable the person.

-- "Don't take the bait.

-- "Don't reinforce it or praise it.

-- "And don't jump on the bandwagon and compete with it." She suggests changing the subject so

you aren't drawn into the person's addiction.

Watch out for your own personal list, too. If you must justify what you're doing, Kase says to mention one or two demands, followed by a simple

Mick Quinn maintains that people who are constantly speaking about how busy they are want to avoid commitment. He teaches at his Choice for **Enlightened Living** Foundation in Wyckoff, N.J.

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statement, such as "I can get that done for you tomorrow."This tactic will be much more effective than a recital. Or ask which of the projects the person wants you to do. She maintains that "less is more."

Quinn concurs, suggesting, "Edit your own words and actions so that you are not automated by them." He maintains that you'll be less likely to invest much time "with those who are unable or unwilling to let go of their endless lists.'

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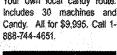
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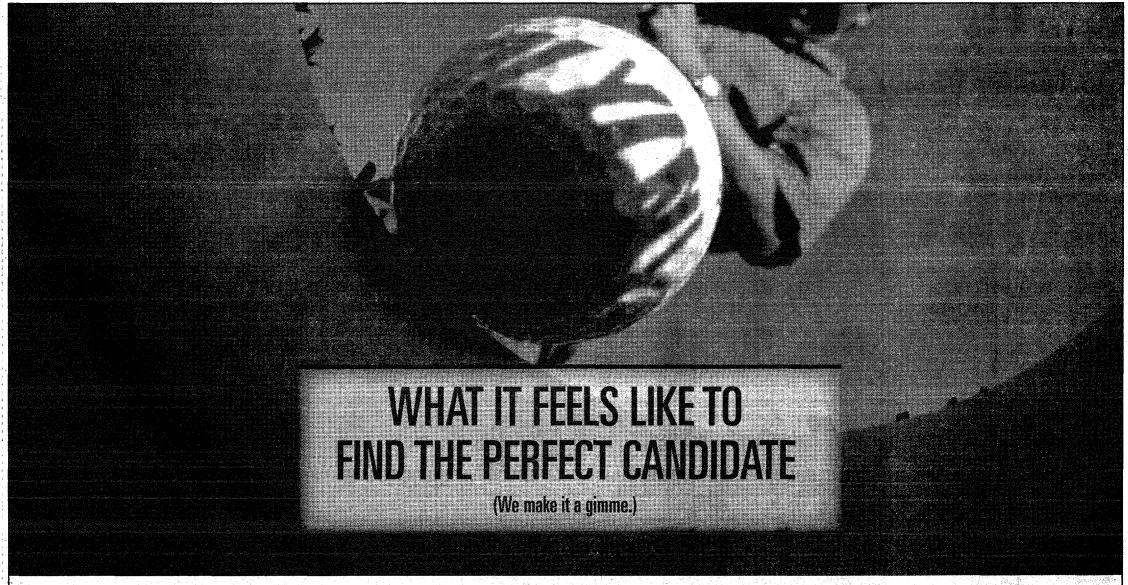
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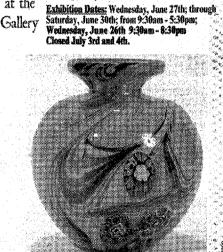
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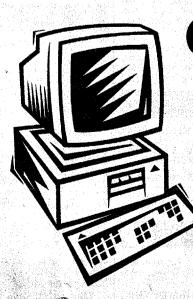
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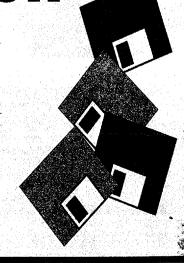


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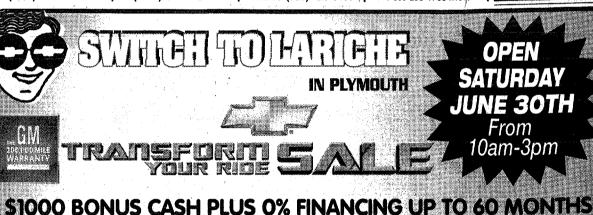
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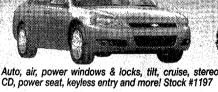
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INFINITI QX56 CAN TAKE A TRAVELING FAMILY A LONG WAY,

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For my money, there's no better test of a large SUV than the family road vacation. That's the single best practical reason to drive one of these behemoths anyway - notice that "prestige" and "road presence" are not practical reasons - so a vehicle like the Infiniti QX56 better stand up to this test.

And on a four-day trip to visit relatives elsewhere in the Midwest, QX56 indeed came up roses for me, my wife and two college-age kids who cocooned themselves in it for a several-hour journey. Though not everything was perfect, QX56, Infiniti's largest offering, provided us with comfort, convenience, driving command, plenty of amenities and not intolerable gas mileage. It ranks up there with my favorite large SUVs.

Actually, one major feature stood out in my book: Intelligent Cruise Control. This innovation automatically allowed me to maintain appropriate distance from the vehicle ahead on I-94 and other highways. Using a combination of laser sensors, throttle and brake actuators and the braking system, the QX56 emits a laser signal that measures the distance to the vehicle ahead, then automatically adjusts the QX56's speed to maintain a pre-selected following distance.

It's impossible to understate how much I appreciated this innovation in the QX56. I - maybe like many of you -am a bit of an incorrigible tailgater, or at least a closer driver than I should be, especially at high speeds. I also am one who enjoys the ergonomic benefits of using cruise control on long trips, but I also am easily annoyed at the continual need to coast or to disengage cruise control even in interstate driving because of how much speeds vary even among left-lane drivers. Many years ago, when I was a reporter in Detroit for The Wall Street Journal, I remember taking a ride in a car

with a radar-braking system that was concocted by an inventor in Mt. Clemens. Wow - would he ever enjoy the QX56! This system is what he envisioned, and I doubted could happen, 20 years ago! Intelligent Cruise Control kept me more than a safe

distance from the car ahead. It slowed the vehicle gradually, not jarringly, when necessary. In short, it



The spacious and practical interior of the QX56 makes long trips an easier task.

delivered all the fun and convenience of cruise-control driving and eliminated nearly all the hassle and frustration.

I must admit that I tested this feature just a bit, on purpose. Infiniti's instructions say that Intelligent Cruise Control isn't to be engaged in city or congested driving, so I didn't do that. But I did deliberately come in too fast behind a slowing car in front of me just to see how much braking assistance, and how quickly, would be delivered by the feature. And then I immediately saw its limitations: I had to put on the brakes quite quickly, waking up my unappreciative family and slinging a few things around the cabin.

But Intelligent Cruise Control wasn't all there was to appreciate about the 2007 QX56 that I drove. Stylingwise, QX56 strikes a nice pose for design-oriented Infiniti, which is difficult to do with a behemoth vehicle that's meant to be boxy. Inside, QX56 makes good use of the ample space with luxurious appointments of leather and faux wood accents, and even noticeably thick carpeting on

The front seats feature 10-way power adjustment for the driver and eight-way for the front passenger. The "extra" two-way adjustment for the driver is a lumbar-support feature, which was a lifesaver on the long trip for an aging boomer like me; Infiniti should have gone ahead, however,

and put lumbar supports on the passenger side as well. That was an unfortunate oversight.

A great feature of the second-row seats that you don't find in some SUVs is that the captain's chairs recline, providing for great comfort customization. The highmounted third-row seat proved capable of accommodating two teenagers comfortably, but anything

other than a dog in between them would have been a squeeze. Overall, however, the second-row seats and the ride back there proved somewhat uncomfortable, ultimately betraying the fact that the QXZ56, likes its sibling Nissan Armada SUV, is based on Nissan's Titan 16. truck platform.

QX56 provided a rather athletic ride for such a beast, and the 320-horsepower, 5.6-liter V8 furnished ample punch and sustained power in every situation. Gas mileage was a predictable disappointment; EPA ratings are 13mpg in the city and 18 on the highway. Fortunately, the vehicle has a huge gas tank.

At a suggested price of \$57,560, the 2007 QX56 more than holds its own with other luxury-grade hulking SUVs, in a market segment that clearly is challenged these days. New for the 2008 version will be some exterior design tweaks to make it cleaner, instrument-panel prettification, power folding of the third-row seat, and other improvements.

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COURTESY CASUAL CONCEPTS

This coffee table from Casual Concepts turns into a fire pit and grill, and back to a



FIRESIDE HEARTH & HOME BY WILLIAMS PANEL BRICK

Like other outdoor furnishings, fire pits come in a variety of styles. The Fogata Grande, with cast-iron bowl and concrete supports, can be used for a wood fire or a fire from a gas log kit.

Going to the mats

optional canopy and drapery

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ing room.

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sun panels, is at the Henredon

Furnishings for the lanai -

and other outdoor areas - are as

sophisticated as those for the liv-

Sofas, lounge chairs, swivel

dining chairs, cushioned chaises,

Upholstered pieces, weaves

with traditional wicker and teak.

Fabrics are easy-care, and colors

Among popular colors for out-

rockers, sectionals, high-back

coffee tables, end tables, otto-

mans and rugs are examples.

and slings can be found along

door pieces are burnt orange,

as sea green and spa blue, said

of Allstate Billiards and Patio

Roy Farmer, president and CEO

mustard and brown, as well

Interior Design Showroom at the

Now to Monday, July 2, vote for your favorite pink ribbon welcome mat, choosing one of the top five designs entered in Carpet One Floor & Home and Country Living's Design for Pink contest.

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Casual Concepts in Rochester

carries a coffee table with a sunk-

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Laneventure's patented drainable

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at MDC, are designed to

allow rain to run through

Visit www.CountryLiving.com to cast your vote. The winning design will be included in this fall's Carpet One Welcomes Your Support campaign, which raises funds for breast cancer research and awareness.

Also, the winning design will be featured in the October issue of Country Living. And the winning designer will receive \$2,500 worth of Lees carpet, available exclusively at Carpet One Floor & Home, and 10 welcome mats with their own design.

This spring, Carpet One Floor & Home stores throughout the country — including McLeod Carpet One Floor & Home partnered with Country Living magazine to create the Design for Pink contest.

Consumers nationwide entered their pink ribbon welcome mat designs for a

chance to be included in Carpet One Floor & Home's fall 2007 welcome mat collec-

coffee table.

Twenty-five percent of sales from the welcome mats will go to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation in the United States and to Canadian Cancer Society breast cancer research and support programs in

Canada. Since the campaign started in 2004, Carpet One Floor & Home stores have raised more than \$450,000 for the cause.

For more information about the contest, Lees carpet or other flooring options, go to McLeod Carpet One Floor & Home at 42598 Woodward, or visit CarpetOne.com.

New sites served up

Sub-Zero Inc. and Wolf Appliance Inc., leading manufacturers of premium refrigeration and cooking appliances, have announced a renovation to their Web sites, accessible at subzero.com and wolfappliance.com.

The new sites act as a virtual showroom for Sub-Zero and Wolf products.

Enhanced interactive tools and imagery

for each of the brands are at the core of the

sites' changes. Sub-Zero's commitment to food preservation is demonstrated throughout the sites with images of cheeses, fruits and vegetable. Cooking confidence inspired by Wolf is underscored with customers' own real-life stories about the challenging

dishes they successfully executed. With just a few clicks, it is easy to visualize design flexibility by changing appliance finishes, cabinets, walls, counter tops, trim and floors to reflect personal styles and color palettes.

The Appliance Selector, customized for dimensions and product interest, allows visitors to start planning their dream kitchen.

Product pages allow consumers and designers to view appliances in different kitchen environments. The zoom feature brings visitors up close and personal to the pictures, while videos outline key product attributes.

When owners register their appliances online, they automatically receive e-mail updates on food storage, use and care as well as ongoing tips, recipes and quick-start videos loaded into their online accounts.

This feature educates consumers inside and out about their Sub-Zero refrigerator, freezer or wine storage unit and Wolf cooking equipment.

Kitchen designers, architects and builders also benefit from the ew Web sites. They can view the online specification library, download CAD or request a trade kit that will supply them with the resources they need for easy planning and installation of Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances.

The Design Resource Center is another tool created for trade professionals to learn about new and upcoming products as well as view articles and information written specifically for them.

For more information about Sub-Zero and Wolf, visit subzero.com or call (800) 222-7820.

TECH SAVVY TO RETURN

Rick Broida is off this week.



Heirloom rice varieties offer flavorful way to get your grains

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, June 28, 2007

BY JIM ROMANOFF FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maybe it's time to look beyond brown rice.

If you're searching for ways to get more whole grains into your diet, brown rice-versions of Arborio, basmati and jasmine are fine options that offer pleasant, nutty flavors and aromas.

But don't limit yourself to those old standbys. The market is full of newly available heirloom whole-grain varieties of rice that offer a wonderful variety of tastes, textures and colors.

Here's a few to consider: Bhutanese red rice, also called Himalayan red rice. Rich in minerals that give it a russet color, this rice has a nutty, earthy flavor and cooks in about 30 minutes. It's excellent on its own or in pilafs, salads or even puddings.

Wehani rice, which takes about 45 minutes to cook, also is reddish but with more honey tones. Similar in flavor to brown basmati rice, it's slightly sweet and has a chewy texture. It has a wonderful popcornlike aroma while cooking, and makes a good base for a cold rice salad.

Brown Kalijiri rice also is similar in flavor and aroma to basmati. Its tiny grains cook in only 20 minutes and have a firm, yet delicate texture. This rice needs no seasoning and goes well with just about anything.

Black rice is one of the more unusual varieties. It often is called ``forbidden'

rice because at one time. according to legend, it was only prepared for the emperors of China.

When cooked, black rice becomes purplish in color and has a soft bite with a lot of rich, nutty flavor. Try black rice mixed with other wholegrain varieties in a pilaf, as a side for grilled salmon, or in a rice pudding with mango and coconut milk.

Don't confuse this black rice with black sticky rice, which is glutinous, similar to a sushi

■ Then there's wild rice, which is a whole grain, but really isn't rice at all. It's actually the seed of a marsh grass native to the Great Lakes region. Wild rice takes 40 to 50 minutes to cook, but it is richer in protein and other nutrients than true rice.

Wild rice is quite toothsome and has a distinctive, nutty flavor with hints of smokiness. The long earth-toned grains make it a visually attractive choice for pilafs or for blending into a mixture of whole-grain varieties.

Wild rice also is delicious in salads such as this one, which features shredded chicken, snow peas and an Asian-style dressing laced with fresh ginger and toasted sesame oil.

Poached or grilled chicken works well in this cold, summer salad. It's also a gréat way to use up the leftovers of a whole roasted chicken. For a vegetarian version, try substituting diced, baked tofu for the chicken.

ASIAN WILD RICE SALAD WITH CHICKEN

Start to finish: 1 hour 20 minutes (20 minutes active)

Servings: 4

For the dressing:

3 tablespoons rice vinegar 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil

2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger 1 teaspoon soy sauce ¼ teaspoon salt

Freshly ground black pepper For the salad:

% cup wild rice (4 ounces) 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

1 teaspoon soy sauce

1½ cups shredded cooked chicken 1 cup fresh snow peas, stemmed and cut in half on the diagonal

½ cup thinly sliced red bell pepper ¼ cup chopped scallions

⅓ cup golden raisins To make the dressing, in a small bowl whisk together the vinegar, sesame oil, ginger, soy

sauce, salt and pepper. Set aside. In a medium saucepan, combine the wild rice, sesame oil and soy sauce with 2\% cups of water. Bring to a boil, then adjust heat to a simmer, and cook, covered loosely, until the rice is tender and fully tender and the grains have fully puffed open, about 50 minutes. Drain the rice in a colander, and transfer to a serving bowl to cool.

When the rice is cool, add the chicken, snow peas, red pepper, scallions and raisins. Add the dressing and toss to coat. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate until serving time.

Nutrition information per serving: 275 calories; 7 g fat (1 g saturated); 40 mg cholesterol; 34 g carbohydrate; 21 g protein; 2 g fiber; 344 mg sodium.

Sequoia Grove takes back cabernet

ow many times have you heard this story? A person travels to wine country, is smit-A person travels to white country, 2 ten, gets a job and eventually works his/her way up to a leadership position.

That's exactly what Mike Trujillo did. Now, he's head of winemaking operations at Sequoia Grove Vinevards.

Trujillo was farming 3,000 acres with his father in southern Colorado and attending Colorado College when in 1981 he used his time during spring break to visit Napa Valley

and the Sequoia Grove winery. Impressed with Trujillo's agriculture and engineering background, then owner Jim Allen offered Trujillo a job. As a result, Trujillo planted a new vineyard for Allen in Napa's Carneros region that today produces chardonnay and pinot noir for Domaine Carneros'

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Trujillo learned the craft of winemaking from Allen as well as winemakers Tony Soter and the late legendary André Tchelistcheff. Later, he took courses in enology and viticulture at the University of California Davis and the Napa Valley School of

Cellaring. When Allen retired in 2001, Kobrand Corporation purchased Sequoia Grove and a new and exciting chapter began for Trujillo. With the backing of his new owners, Trujillo took the winemaking reins, canceled contracts with his poorest growers and added some of Napa's best in order to source the finest cabernet sauvignon grapes.

In spring 2006, Trujillo took his 2002 vintage cabernets on a marketing tour to major U.S. cities. He set up blind tastings for a total of 412 wine professionals that included his 2002 Sequoia Grove Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$32) and the 2002 Sequoia Grove Rutherford-Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (\$57) plus cabernets from Beaulieu Vineyards Georges de Latour, Caymus, Groth, Pine Ridge Rutherford, Rudd Oakville Estate, Shafer and Whitehall Lane. Average scores of all participants placed his 2002 Sequoia Grove Rutherford Reserve in first place and his 2002 Sequoia Grove Napa Valley in third. Incredible since the average price of the other seven wines was \$73.

"Our objective was not to beat any one producer, but only to show the top value that Sequoia Grove wine delivers," Trujillo says.

We say that Sequoia Grove cabernets over-

"In my winemaking I strive for balance and varietal character," Trujillo said. "I don't get carried away with the big, high-alcohol wine trend that influences much of the industry today. I strive for richness and balance from start to finish.'

WHAT TO BUY FROM SEQUOIA GROVE

* 🗷 2005 Carneros Chardonnay, \$24, was

Cabernet Sauvignon is the most popular red among U.S. wine consumers, Lower-priced cabernets are lighter in style with those at \$50 and higher more complex, layered and richer. In addition to those from Sequoia Grove, we highly recommend the following for your Independence Day celebrations. Pick of the Pack: 2004 Terrato Devils Peak, Napa Valley \$50 (Bordeaux varietal blend with cabernet franc as predominant varietal, following the traditions of St. Emilion)

Outstanding: 2003 Wild Oak by St. Francis \$30 2004 Bennett Lane Napa Valley \$55

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2004 Napa Cellars \$25

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2003 J. Lohr Carol's Vineyard Napa Valley \$50. Wallet Pleasers: 2003 Kendall-Jackson Meritage S12 NV True Earth Mendocino blend \$13 (produced from organically-grown grapes, 80 percent from 2005, 15 percent from 2006)

2005 Clos LaChance Ruby-Throated \$18

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor. or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the

lactic fermentation and aged on the lees for 10 months. It exhibits a pure apple, pear fruit expression with just a hint of new French oak. Broad and creamy, this wine is rich, yet delicate. Pair it with seared scallops in a light cream sauce, whitefish, crab or lobster. Trujillo said of this wine: "Barrels are vessels for maturity, not

■ 2003 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, \$34, is blended with five percent merlot and aged in 40 percent new American oak, a technique Trujillo learned from Andre Tchelistcheff. It boasts dark cherry, coffee and bright red and black fruits and is accessible yet ageable. ■ 2002 Rutherford Reserve Cabernet

Sauvignon, \$58, is a blend of all five Bordeaux varietals: 86 percent cabernet sauvignon, five percent each of cabernet franc and merlot, 3 percent petit verdot and one malbec. The wine was aged in 55 percent new French oak giving it a lush, silky texture with black fruit and cocoa followed by a long complex finish. This is Sequoia Grove's flagship wine.

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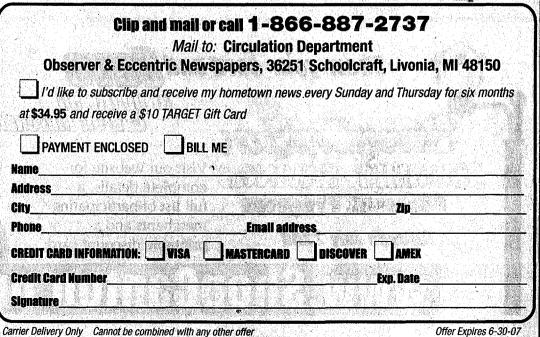
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GARDEN CALENDAR

Welcome nature in your own back yard

ne of the truly great, unspoiled places in our country, Denali National Park, boasts just about the best natural wildlife you can find anywhere.

Located in the middle of Alaska, within this massive park you can see golden eagles floating across the sky, above moose wandering across the plain.

A herd of caribou tries

Rangers maintain the

park in this natural state

You can go in, but just to

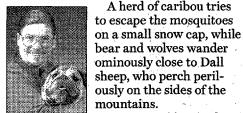
hike, and you must bring

out whatever you bring in.

You can ride into the park,

but only in the buses the

by keeping crowds out.



Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

park provides.

The people going to the park abide by the rules for a number of reasons, including heavy policing by rangers and the lim-

ited access. Mainly, though, people who trek all the way up to Alaska go because they want to see the land and wildlife, not On our last trip to Alaska, we saw a

wolf carrying away a leg of a Dall sheep for dinner. Not a pleasant sight, but amazing when you realize it's all very real, not a show on the Discovery Channel. Nature being nature is compelling and fascinat-

You don't have to travel north of Anchorage to experience nature. You can see it in your own back yard. You just need to know how to make your yard wildlife

If you think about what species will look for, you then know how to draw animals, especially birds, to your environment. Food, water and shelter will bring the critters around.

(If I remember my commercials correctly, you can substitute malt liquor for the water if you want to attract bulls.)

Begin by planting your yard with native foliage. Get bushes and trees the animals will recognize. If they don't know what the seed or berry on the plant is supposed to be, they likely won't eat it, and almost

.G. writes: "Regarding

the Observer & Eccentric

Mr. Gagnon's article in

June 14 titled 'Cleaning solves

his advice and added vinegar

However, the pump filled to

I tried to pull the tube out to

anything apart until you find

There are little screws to

remove on the top plate of the

condensate pump; doing so

will allow you see everything

you need to know. The rest is

ering a Kitchen Aid built-in

Bill writes: "We are consid-

refrigerator for our new home.

It comes with a 10-foot water

When we discussed replac-

supply line made from some type of plastic composite.

ing the plastic line with cop-

per, both the salesperson and

void the warranty on the appli-

installer told us this would

ance. We checked with the

out how it's put together.

the top and water overflowed.

clean it, but

had a problem

doing that. Is

it supposed

to be forcibly

pulled out, or

unscrewed? I

don't want to

for any help."

ruin it. Thanks

Thanks for your note. It's

a smart move

never to force

should it be

air conditioning problem,' I

have a question. I followed

to the condensate pump.

Doctor

Joe Gagnon

certainly won't be attracted by it. Many times people will place a bird

feeder, which works as its name implies. Bushes you plant for the birds will selfreplenish, which brings birds around even longer, and makes your responsibility to refill a feeder diminish.

On its Web site (www.nwf.org), the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) recommends plants including Northern White Cedar, Black Oak, Grey Dogwood and Northern Hackberry. Many more very nice plants also made the list.

Of course, another positive of making your yard wildlife friendly is that lots of good-looking plants make the yard look

To attract birds, have the sound of moving water. This can be done with a fountain, or a drip can. A bird bath can be good, too, but think about it: Would you rather go to a regular pool or a wave pool? It turns out birds dig the wave pools.

For shelter, those native plants and trees will be great, but consider nest boxes, or even bat boxes. The bats won't get in your hair, I promise. The nest boxes will allow birds to make your yard a home, but the shape and size of the box can affect what type of bird uses it. Check out nwf.org for more info.

Also, keep your cats inside. Nests and bird feeders can be a buffet for outdoor cats. As said here before, outdoor cats pose one of the greatest threats to wild birds, simply through their hunting prac-

Birdhouses can be fun to make, or just fun to shop for. Many are very cute, and certainly they can serve as wonderful

Still, a more natural setting, with lots of bushes, rocks, logs and even dead foliage, will give many more birds very comfortable hiding places. In fact, the NWF reports that a snag, which is a dead tree in various states of decay, provides habitat for about 1,200 species of wildlife nation-

Sometimes it's not what you do, but

Pesticides can be devastating to the wildlife populations. Frog numbers have been diminished by some pesticides that mimic their hormones, lowering their reproduction.

Buildup in water heater

KitchenAid customer service,

"We have previous expe-

rience with Sub-Zero, but

aren't really excited about

it. Kitchen Aid seems to give

us what we want, including

more freezer space and a less

intrusive ice maker. Should we

abandon KitchenAid because

It appears that Whirlpool,

which produces KitchenAid

dence in some sort of plastic

Regardless of that fact, I

wouldn't use its recommended

plastic tubing and I would stay

with the old-fashioned copper

It is beyond my understand-

ing how they can tell you that

your warranty would be voided

They, along with all manu-

facturers, have recommended

copper since the ice maker

there have been several

in the plumbing industry.

Is this what is going to hap-

pen 10 years from now with

Stay with copper! If they

void your warranty, call me. I'll sue them for you.

Karen writes: "We have

a 40-gallon hot water tank,

which is about 7 years old.

or uses the washer or dish-

washer, the hot water tank

will start making loud bang-

After someone takes a shower,

KitchenAid refrigerators?

was invented. In past years,

recalls on plastic piping used

if you used copper.

products, has a new confi-

of their water feed?"

tubing.

which also told us that the

warranty would be voided.

causes banging noise

I know, you thought all that ended when

ing noises. The banging slows

about five to 10 minutes. What

is causing the banging noise?

explodes?"

Should it be replaced before it

A water heater can have a

lot of noise coming from it

because there is a buildup of

minerals lying in the bottom

of the tank. It can build to as

high as five inches from the

bottom of the tank upward

The boiling of water in the

bottom of the tank will travel

through the shale and cause it

the popping or banging noises.

The efficiency of the tank

suffers, but it won't explode.

the life span of today's water

heater is in the seven- to 10-

When you get a new one,

make a habit of draining off a

few gallons of water from the

bottom of the tank. Doing this

every month will help prevent

the same occurrence. Stay

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Radio WAAM-AM (1600) at 8 a.m.

at 6 a.m. Sundays. He is a board

year period.

I am told and believe that

to break, and hence we have

and turns into shale.

down and gets quieter after

DDT was eliminated, but almost any pesticide can be big trouble when used improperly, and some trouble even when used correctly.

Pesticides in the environment kill the bugs, but in turn also can kill the birds. by poisoning them or by taking away their food source. Think twice and do your homework before starting any pesticide treatments.

Even though summer has just begun, remember the cold season stands ominously on the horizon, just a few months away, filled with things to make you sad, like cold weather, chilly rain and the Lions. Nature will go on even as nice weather exits.

You can help the wild critters get through the winter. Just remember what any species needs for survival, and double it in the cold weather.

For food, consider suet for the birds. This has high energy, which can make your yard a-flutter with wings throughout the cold season.

Shelter again becomes important. The fauna and boxes you placed in the warm weather can help increase survival during

Water becomes rare in freezing conditions, so having the fountain with running water can keep a supply ready for the wildlife in your area. (They do make heated bird baths, but I always picture the birds sitting around the edges, submerged to the waist, drinking wine and looking for the Jacuzzi button.)

By doing these things, you can help make your yard nature friendly. You will have your window view of the animal kingdom, and they will have their safe haven. Good for both sides.

To paraphrase the voice that spoke to Ray Kinsella in Field of Dreams: Build it, and they will come.

But if you do it too well and end up with a moose in your bird bath, I take no responsibility.

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Flag giveaway

Children visiting the Kids Castles in Art Van Furniture stores Saturday, June 30, will receive an American flag in honor of Independence Day (while supplies last).

areas for youngsters in select

Visit www.artvan.com for store loca-

Table runners Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers home decor classes for different sewing levels. For registration and other informa-

tion, call (248) 541-0010 or e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Art For Your Home II: Table Runners, 5:45-8:45 p.m.

Ford House

The summer schedule for the Behind the Scenes and Specialty tours at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores includes: Garden and Grounds Exploration, 11 a.m. Friday, July 6; and The Wednesday, July 11.

optional general tour of the house's interior can be added on for \$7. Reservations are required; call (313) 884-4222. The house is at 1100 Lake Shore Road. In the July 6 tour, guides will lead guests through the immense gardens and grounds of the estate, including areas that aren't often visited (such as Bird Island). Visitors on the July 11 tour will delve into the secret stories behind the great art at Ford House and the individuals who helped the Fords amass their collection, and get a glimpse of paintings in the attic and basement not on display.

Send calendar items to Mary Klemic, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com,

HOME CALENDAR

Kids Castles are supervised play stores, including those in Southfield, Westland and Novi and on 14 Mile in

tions and a complete list of events.

Thursdays, July 12-26 (cost is \$60).

Secrets Behind the Paintings, 7 p.m. Behind the Scenes tours are \$10. An

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, fax (248) 644-1314.

Garden staging

Learn how to stage your garden for all year in Staging Your Garden for All Seasons, a class scheduled 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, Cost is \$19, plus a \$5 materials fee payable to the instructor in class.

For registration and other information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www. communityhouse.com. The instructor will be certified master gardener Michael Saint, who owns

Good Earth Landscape Institute in Clarkston.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses in Sumpter Township, offer a series of free public programs at the nursery, 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter roads.

The schedule includes Garden Preparation and Planting of Roses, a slide lecture and hands-on garden demonstration of some special techniques, 1 p.m. Sunday, July 1 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 2); and Japanese Beetle Control for Roses, a lecture and hands-on demonstration, 1 p.m. Sunday, July 8 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 9).

Each presentation lasts about 1½ hours. Reservations aren't needed. Dress for the weather. For more information, call (734) 461-1230 or visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Marv Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (248)

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Redford

Visit several lovely gardens on the Redford Garden Walk, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 14. Tickets are \$5. Tickets and maps of gardens are available at the Community Center (12121 Hemingway). Township Hall (15145 Beech Daly) and the Redford Public Library (25320

Six Mile).

The event is sponsored by the Redford Township Beautification Commission.

For more information, call Janet Watson at (313) 255-5293 or Dorothy Morris at the Redford Senior Center, (313) 387-2788.

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ple, just as lush as some of the fine fabrics," Antenucci said.

For example, "Sunbrella® fabrics have expanded so much from classic nautical," she said. Waffle-weave, white piqué materials are "so lovely and crisp," Duncan said.

Chat sets, featuring a low table between dining and coffee table height, are popular, Farmer said.

"Most people still look for a dining set," he said.

Glass was the predominant material of table tops. Now among other material options is resin made to look like

When planning an outdoor space, consider your lifestyle and budget, as well as the lighting (and where it comes from) and the amount of room.

"You want to create (a place) inviting people to sit and chat," Duncan said. "Design comfortable conversational seating."

The furniture configuration could include a love seat and pieces allowing people to put their feet up, she said. And it's important to have something such as a cabala, awnings or a tent that will provide protection from the weather. Antenucci suggested coordi-

nating the decor in the outdoor space with that the interior room closest to it. Furniture of too large a scale could overwhelm the space. A way to illuminate the area is to line the edge of an umbrella with small, decorative lights.

Marquis Vintage Garden

Get on the ball.

items, available at Macy's, help set the tone for outdoor entertaining. For example, float tea lights and long grasses in the outside ring of a chip and dip serving piece, and place flowers in the center.

T.J. Maxx home fashions spokesperson Sonya Cosentini suggested ways to bring decorating themes outdoors: For example, give your out-

door space a Far East look and feel by making a Shangri-La Use oversized throw pillows

as furnishings, with woven fabrics in celestine green or Light the area with candles and lanterns in dark crimson

glass with green, purple and orange accents. Serve finger foods in iridescent bowls and patterned

plates with Oriental themes. ■ Rosanne Designs - (248) 540-1492.

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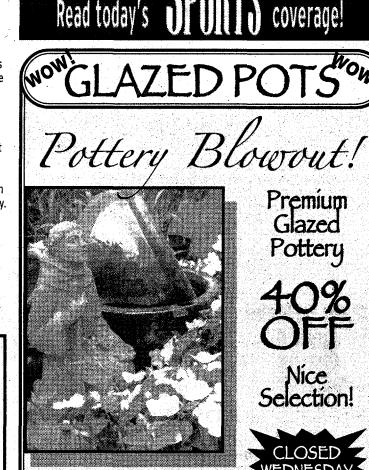
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state.com. ■ Fireside Hearth & Home by Williams Panel Brick - Canton, (734) 981-4700; Utica, (586) 726-7100; www.williams-

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Biker Style

Women Who Ride Redefine 'Motorcycle Chic'

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK

When you see Lila Lazarus on Fox2 News, she looks so pulled together you'd never guess she just hopped off a Honda Shadow. With gas prices skyrocketing, Lazarus has lately taken to riding her motorcycle to work.

When she arrives, she grabs her suit and stilettos from her saddlebags, retouches her helmet hair, and she's camera-ready.

"It gives your commute a little bit of adventure," Lazarus said. "It's a great way of life." Lazarus started riding six years ago, when she cov-

BIKERS ROCK BALL

When: 5:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, June 30 **Where:** The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham Attire: Motorcycle chic Festivities: Live entertainment, indoor and outdoor open bars, live and silent auctions, and a photo with a replica of

the famous "Captain America" motorcycle from 'Easy Rider.' Tickets: \$225 per person, benefit Bikers for Kids Visit: www.bikers4kids.com

ered a Harley-Davidson motorcycle safety course. Always a good sport for firsthand reporting, she jumped into the saddle and never looked back.

"The moment I sat down on a bike I was hooked. On Sunday I took the driving course, On Monday I took the written course. On Tuesday I bought a bike," she said.

Lazarus will act as **Mistress of Ceremonies** at the upcoming "Bikers Rock Ball" at the Townsend Hotel. Organized by Michael Assarian, founder of Bikers for Kids, the event

will raise money for children's charities by bringing together an upscale crowd of cyclists. The attire is "motorcycle chic," and Lazarus represents a breed of bikers finding a new way to dress the part.

According to the Motorcycle Industry Council, an estimated 10 percent of today's motorcyclists are women, and those numbers continue to grow. Women ride for different reasons, but they all want to look fabulous doing it. Cate Strumbos, owner of Great American Chopper in Clawson, says manufacturers are responding to a rising

demand for women's clothing and accessories. "These aren't 'biker chicks'," Strumbos said. "These are women who ride. They can afford their own bikes, and all the accessories that go along with them. They want to be sexy, but they also want to be chic and sophisticated."

Munday Lindsey, a Pilates teacher from Bloomfield Hills, is a prime example of "motorcycle chic." A few years ago, she left the back of her husband's bike to take the driver's seat of her own. Now, from her hot pink helmet to her Cole Haan boots, she's the ultimate biker babe. Lindsey said she isn't interested in emulating the stereotypical men's outlaw style, but creating her own.

"It's not just your black T-shirt anymore," Lindsey says. "It's a black sleeveless linen shirt, a little leather bolero jacket with jeans and my skull belt buckle. You make your own look."

She has been known to ride her Harley to Townsend Street Pilates in workout wear, or arrive at fancy restaurants dressed for a dinner date with her husband John Lindsey, Regional President for Fidelity Bank Oakland.

Lindsey says she shops at Great American Chopper and Motor City Harley Davidson, but she also trolls department stores like Nordstrom, and boutiques like Luxe and 110 Couture, for clothes and accessories to wear when she rides.

Instead of plain denim, she finds designer labels with embroidery or rhinestones. When it comes to T-shirts, she looks for scoop necks or V-necks stamped and bedazzled with designs.

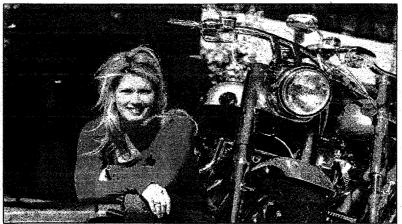
Skulls, currently popular in street fashion, translate well into biker wear and Lindsey wears a silk skull scarf under her helmet, skull jewelry and her signature Virgins, Angels & Saints belt buckle.

And she never rides without lipstick Lindsey says biker style is about freedom and breaking all the rules, just like motorcycling itself.

"I think what Llove about riding is you're living on the edge, and this gives you a chance to dress on the edge," Lazarus said. It is a little bit naughty, but boy is it fun."



Fox2 News Anchor and Reporter Lila Lazarus has been known to ride her Honda Shadow to work.



Munday Lindsey with her Harley-Davidson Swift Tormentor.

WHAT TO WEAR

Whether you're a true biker babe or just want to look like one, here are some ways to rev up your style, courtesy of Munday Lindsey:

Denim: Jeans are a motorcycling must-have. Look for embroidery. rhinestones, and above all a great fit – avoid extreme low-rise jeans or you'll

risk wardrobe malfunctions. **Tees**: Try scoop necks, V-necks, and tees bedazzled or stamped with cute designs so you don't look masculine on your motorcycle.

Color: Black can be so blah. Don't be afraid to stand out with a splash of color.

Jackets: Leather is necessary for protection on the road. Jazz up jackets with princess waists, fringe and decorative elements that set you apart from the boys.

Belts: Cinch up style with a statement

belt buckle adorned with flowers, gems

Boots: No need to stick with traditional motorcycle boots. Anything made from leather with non-stick rubberized soles will do, so explore.

Handbags: There's no place for a purse on a bike, so Lindsey uses a little Loius Vuitton wristlet just big enough for her cell phone, credit card and lipstick. Helmets: Let's face it, helmets are not

cute, but stickers and airbrushing can add fashion to function. Hair: Minimize helmet hair with a braid,

or by tying your hair up in a silk scarf. Carry a sample size of your favorite hair product for a quick spritz at your destination.

Safety: The most important element of motorcycle clothing is protection. Please consult safety standards when purchasing clothing to wear when you ride.

JARED SHOW Jared Galleria of Jewelry at **Great Lakes** Crossing is hosting a Le Vian Jewelry Gala 10 a.m.-9

p.m. today. The Le Vian jewelry dynasty dates back to 15th century Persia, when the family was entrusted to the lavish jewels of King Nadir. Fifth-generation jeweler Eddie Le Vian will meet the public during this festive black tie affair at 3960 Baldwin in Auburn

ART'S ALIVE

"Let Yourself Go" tonight with fashions by Monique Lhuillier as Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset hosts a pre-party for "Art's Alive," the grand opening gala for the new Detroit Institute of Arts. Don cocktail attire and enjoy drinks, hors d'oeuvres, splendid company and a fashion show of Lhuillier's Fall 2007 collection. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Designer Salon on Two. Tickets, \$125, include a \$25 gift card for Saks and benefit the DIA. Call (313) 833-1923.

YOGA FOR A CAUSE Yoga instructor Jannell Eagan will host a special 2-hour Slow Flow class to raise money for breast cancer research 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 29 at the Yoga Shelter in West Bloomfield. About 150 yogis and yoginis are expect-

ed to take part in the class, which will feature music, giveaways, heart openers and healing messages. Donations, \$20 per person, will benefit the "Rockers for Knockers" Breast Cancer 3-Day relay team of Bethany Ponichter and Holly Miller. All levels welcome. Call (248) 538-0200.

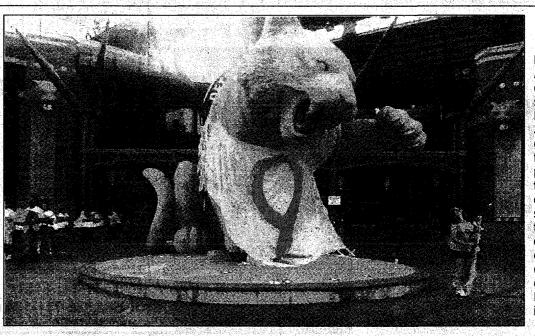
WOMEN'S CARING

Stake your spot at the area's most legendary garden party as Women's Caring Program hosts its 28th annual Twilight Gathering, 5:30-8 p.m. July 12. Nearly 800 women are expected to gather on the lush grounds of Carol Walter's Milford home to meet, greet and celebrate as they contribute to subsidizing childcare for lower-income families. For tickets, \$100 in advance; \$125 at the door, call (248) 415-1442, e-mail RSVP@ WomensCaringProgram.org or visit www.WomensCaringProgram. org. Read next week's PINK for more.

FASHION WEEK

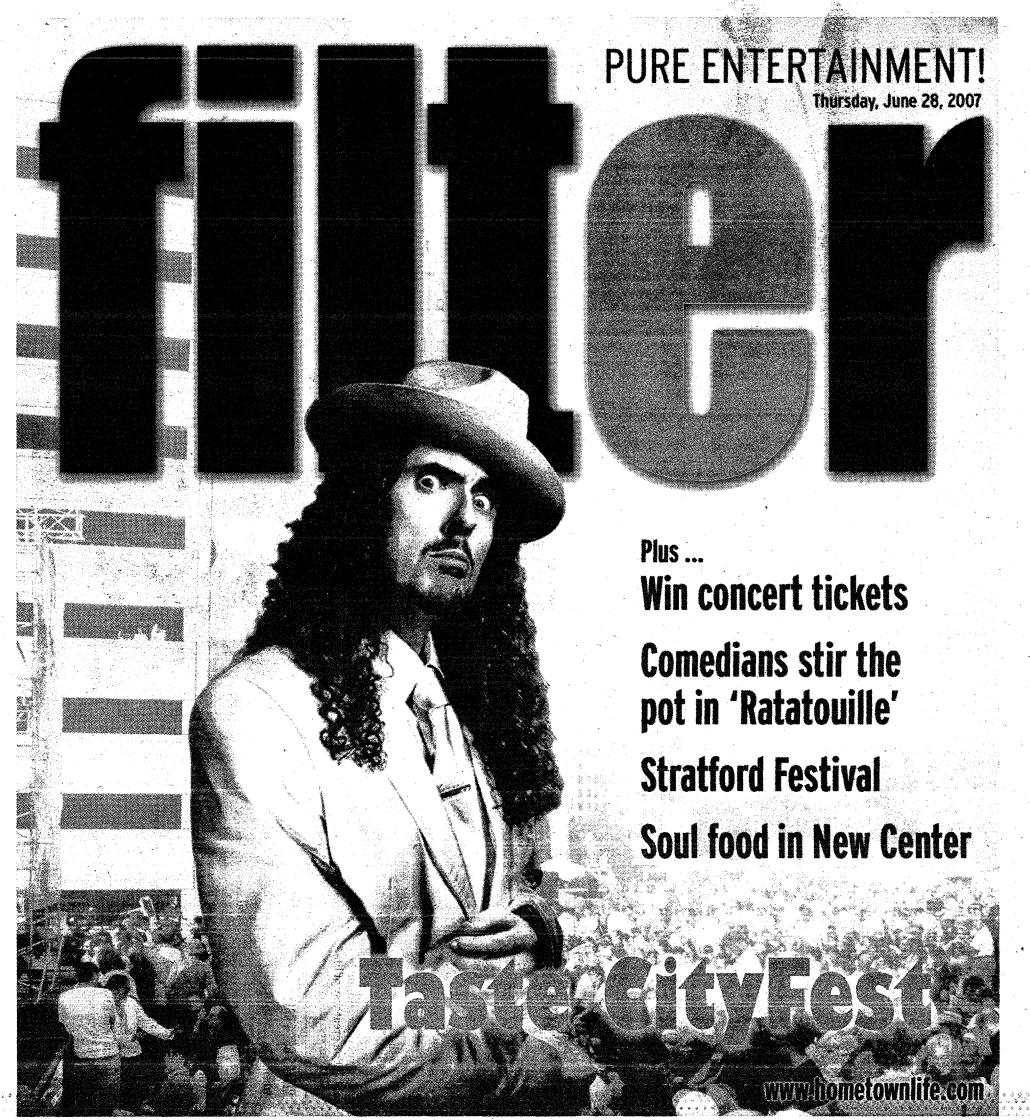
Celebrate "7 Days of Fabulous" during the third annual Motor City Fashion Week, July 30-Aug. 5 at 4731 Grand River in Detroit. Produced by local fashion designers Dana Keaton and Sharryl Cross, MCFW includes an Opening VIP Party, fashion art exhibit, workshops, student designer contests, trunk and runway shows. Proceeds benefit The Children's Center and DivaGroove Fashion Mentoring Program. Visit www. motorcityfashionweek.com.





Purr-fectly Pink Fashion students at the International

Academy of Design & Technology dressed the Comerica Park tiger statue in PINK during the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday, June 16. To create the tee, students constructed a pattern from cotton fabric they had on hand, and spraypainted it to resemble tie-dye. With the tiger's 24-foot waist and one paw on the ground, the T-shirt wouldn't simply go over the its head, so they finished assembly on the figure. IADT continually partners with charitable organizations, allowing students to give back while gaining real-world experience. For information about IADT. call 888-838-2111 or visit www. iadtdetroit.com.



Crowd purrs for Ryan Adams prior to the release of 'Easy Tiger'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Ryan Adams embraced the intimate nature of Detroit's Gem
Theater June 20, during a
sold-out stop on his current tour. Between songs
he bantered about with
an enthusiastic crowd,
even putting on a halfhearted hip hop persona.
"We're just gonna play
some music up in here - in
this piece," he announced with
a laugh.
skat

Switching gears ever-so-quickly, Adams moved into two new songs, performing *The Sun Also Sets* and *Oh My God, Whatever, Etc.* Both appear on his latest *Lost Highway* release, *Easy Tiger*, along with a duet recorded with Sheryl Crow called *Two*, and an off-kilter offering titled *Halloweenhead*.

The album was released Tuesday, June

Adams, formerly of Whiskeytown, has

crafted quite a successful solo career, one consisting of nine albums recorded in seven years. Much of the notoriety hinges on an accessible alt-country

style marked by Adams' impressive voice and unmatched, intimate songwriting. It seems he's never more inspired than when he's utterly heartbroken.

Accompanied by five musicians known as The Cardinals, Adams took the stage under a haze of blue lights. He had to forgo playing guitar due to a torn ligament (reportedly the result of a

skateboarding accident last month), so he perched restlessly on a stool, cradling the microphone and signaling changes to the soundman instead.

The Gem's elegant surroundings didn't go unnoticed. Adams wore a suit coat and tie, and was the only member lining the stage who intermittently hid behind sunglasses.

Between each song, stage lights faded quickly out and came back in, punctuating his emotive performance - and provoking an already outspoken audience.

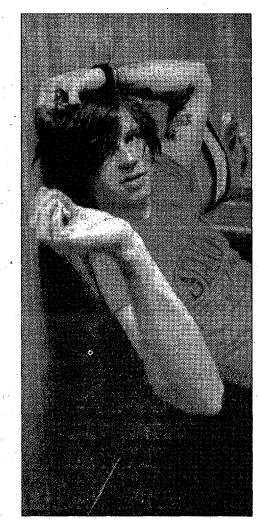
Songs like Let It Ride capitalized on hushed harmonies while early favorites like Goodnight, Hollywood Boulevard and My Winding Wheel earned relentless applause. Adams taunted the crowd to stop clapping along to Beautiful Sorta, and later dedicated I See Monsters to Nick Nolte.

Though the audience felt comfortable enough to shout out song titles, Adams insisted on sticking to a rehearsed set list. But he did so with humility, whispering into the mic: "We have to pretend we're not friends now" before continuing.

Much of the set list featured songs from his 2005 album, 29. He and The Cardinals kicked out *Elizabeth*, You Were Born to Play That Part, Strawberry Wine, and later as an encore Blue Sky Blues and Starlite Diner.

For more on Ryan Adams visit the Web at www.ryan-adams.com/RyanAdams.

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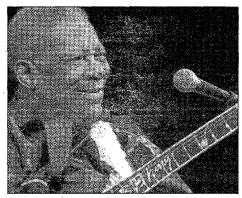
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Front Row with Filter

There's nothing like listening to a favorite band at an outdoor venue, kicking back on a blanket under the stars, or dancing in the crosswind of a summer breeze. *Filter* wants to hear about your best outdoor concert memories -- and help you make new ones -- with our Front Row with Filter ticket giveaway. *Filter* has two pairs of front-row seats to give away to lucky readers for the following shows:

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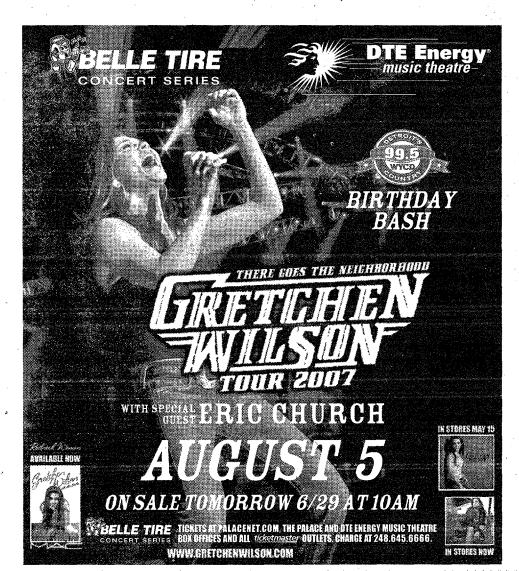
- July 14 Solid Gold Dance Party featuring Village People, Thelma Houston, Taste of Honey, Peaches & Herb, Trammps, France Jolie, Anita Ward and the Solid Gold Dancers and Band.
- July 29 2007 B.B. King Blues Festival featuring Al Green, Etta James and Roots Band
- Aug. 12 Aretha Franklin Meadowbrook Music Festival
- Aug. 11 Nickel Creek with Fiona Apple
- Aug. 17 David Sanborn and Tower of Power
- Sept. 15 Gordon Lightfoot Enter to win by sharing your most memorable concert experiences from DTE Energy Music Theatre (formerly Pine Knob) and Meadowbrook Music Festival.



Write to Filter about your favorite outdoor concert experiences at DTE Energy Music Theatre or Meadowbrook Music Theater to win tickets to the B.B. King Blues Festival on July 29 or several other shows.

Were you there when Iggy & The Stooges reunited in 2003, or Christina Aguilera closed her "Stripped" tour in 2004? Perhaps you recall the Red Hot Chili Peppers in the early 1990s, or Bob Seger rocking a week's worth of sold-out shows in the early '80s? Did you splash in the rain during a raggae show, or experience romance with the DSO onstage? Whatever the decade or genre of music, tell us in 50 words or less why the memory persists.

E-mail your entry, along with your name, age and address, to frontrowcontest@hometownlife.com through noon, Sept. 1. Entrants will remain eligible to win all remaining tickets, and winners will be chosen and notified at least nine days before each concert. All entries may be published in upcoming editions of Filter. Call (734) 953-2019 for more information.



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Stratford stages outsider-themed plays

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Shakespeare is the heart and soul of the Stratford Festival in Ontario but it is only part of the broad range of theatrical offerings presented.

In his last year at Stratford, artistic director Richard Monette has chosen the theme of the outsider and three distinctly American works are being staged to explore that theme and other aspects of the American spirit.

To Kill a Mockingbird

Harper Lee's richly evocative classic novel To Kill a Mockingbird was made into an equally distinguished film with a transcendent performance by Gregory Peck

as Atticus Finch, a lawyer who takes on the job of defending a black man accused of rape in Depression-era Alabama.

Playwright Christopher Sergel has reimagined the book into a stage production that puts a different emphasis on some issues but does a fine job of realizing the two essentials of the novel and movie - the tense courtroom drama and the interplay of the three children at the

story's center and the attempts to bring out Boo Radley.

The Stratford production, directed by Susan Schulman, has three excellent young actors playing the roles of Scout $\,$ and Jem Finch and their friend Dill. Thomas Murray is all angles and unease as Jem, a boy on the cusp of manhood. Spencer Walker captures all the bravado of Dill, a character famously based on a young Truman Capote. Best of all is Abigail Winter-Culliford as the 9-year-old Scout, a precocious, outspoken and, yet, sensitive young girl. She is wide eved and direct.

The play is told, like the novel and movie, by an adult Scout. The older Jean Louise is on stage throughout and the play rolls out as a memory. Michelle Giroux does a fine job of telling a story Southern-style in a graceful

Stratford veteran Peter Donaldson is a retiring but righteous Atticus, the very essence of a decent man who tries to see good even in those who embrace the racism of his time and place. He is the outsider. Other excellent performances come from Keith Dinicol as the wise sheriff. Dion Johnstone as the accused Tom Robinson and Dayna Tekatch as the false accuser, more victim than villain.

Charlotte Dean's set captures the grit and small town ambiance of Depression America.



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Peter Donaldson portrays Atticus Finch in 'To Kill a Mockingbird' at the Stratford Festival this summer.

Of Mice and Men

John Steinbeck's stage adaptation of his novel Of Mice and Men deals with a whole class of outsiders, but tells the specific story of two drifters with dreams of something better than the hand they've been dealt.

The era is the Depression again, the setting is a ranch in California. George and his simple-minded companion Lennie are on the run from one problem and into another when they sign on as ranch hands.

Graham Greene, best known for his role in Dances With Wolves, plays the hulking, childlike Lennie whose love of soft things to pet leads to disaster. Nichola Van Burek plays the smart, dreaming George, who fills Lennie's head

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Family fun promised at artBLAST

Guests can have a literal blast in Birmingham on July 3.

When the sky lights up over the city, fireworks will provide an explosive end to a night of fun as the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center hosts artBLAST, an all-ages party full of art adventures, food and live music.

Formerly known as Summer Solstice, artBLAST is a summer celebration for the entire family. The event has raised over \$300,000 for

the BBAC since its inception in 2003. Proceeds go directly towards educational and community programming at the center.

The event is made possible by signature sponsor TriMas Corporation. along with additional support this year from the Birmingham Fire Department. Says Fire Chief Timothy G. Wangler of the collaboration with the BBAC, "We are working together to coordinate events for a wonderful, safe, family experience - before,

during, and after the fireworks."

The center opens for artBLAST ticket holders at 7 p.m. The annual City of Birmingham fireworks take place at approximately 10 p.m., adjacent to the BBAC on the Lincoln Hills Golf Course. Complimentary parking for artBLAST ticket holders is provided at Birmingham's Seaholm and Groves high schools, with SMART shuttles to the BBAC. artBlast will be

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DSO performs at Salute to America concert

Set your patriotic fire aflame this Independence Day with fun, family, fireworks and patriotic music when the Detroit Symphony Orchestra returns to The Henry Ford's Greenfield Village for the annual Salute to America concerts.

Now in its 15th year, the ramilu Salute to America concerts take place in Greenfield Village at The Henry Ford in Dearborn on Saturday, June 30; Sunday, July 1; Monday, July 2; and Tuesday, July 3. The DSO concerts begin at 8:30 p.m. each evening and gates open at 6 p.m. In honor of The Henry's Ford's Rock Stars Cars and Guitars show, currently on exhibit, the evening will commence with a prelude concert by Michigan's own "blue-eyed soul singer" Stewart Francke at 7:30 p.m.

New this year, children ages 12 and under will be admitted free on LaSalle Family Fun Nights, June 30 and July 1, thanks to LaSalle Bank.Children must be accompanied by a paying adult who must possess a coupon for free admittance. Coupons can be downloaded at www. LaSalleBank.com.

Also new this year are special VIP pass-

es which will be available for the June 30 and July 2 concerts. VIP passes include chairs in the best seating section of the park as well as parking in the exclusive Eagle Tavern lot (closer to Walnut Grove,

where the concerts take place). The cost for VIP seating is \$50 per person.

Led by the DSO's resident conductor Thomas Wilkins, this year's Salute to America concerts will feature the DSO performing such steadfast favorites as *The Star Spangled Banner*, the Armed Forces Salute -

in tribute to our veterans from all five branches of the armed forces — and much more. Once again, each concert will conclude with a spectacular fireworks exhibit. The display follows the thrilling finale of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, complete with the booming of four authentic Hotchkiss cannons from 1876.

Returning for the festivities this year is 13-year old Kendall Pennington, the little girl with the big voice from Washington, Mich., who stole the hearts of audiences at last year's concerts singing *Over the Rainbow*. This year Kendall will sing selections from *The Sound of Music*, as well as *America the Beautiful*.

Adding to the excitement, a "flyover" in a vintage aircraft courtesy of the Yankee Air Museum will take place on the opening and closing nights (June 30 and July 3). While picnicking on the grounds, audiences can enjoy mingling with the many historic presenters in period clothing who roam the crowd, including the Greenfield Village Trio and Quartet. Food and beverage concessions will be available at the rear of the concert grounds during the DSO concerts, and will be open from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each night, offering a wide variety of menu choices.

Tickets for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Salute to America concerts at Greenfield Village range in price from \$12 to \$19 for members/subscribers; \$14 to \$22.50 for non-members/subscribers. \$50 VIP passes are available to both members and non-members. Members of The Henry Ford must purchase tickets through The Henry Ford by calling (313) 982-6001 or online at www. TheHenryFord.org. Detroit Symphony Orchestra Subscribers must purchase tickets through DSO by calling (313) 576-5111 or online at www.detroitsymphony. com. Nonmembers/ Non-subscribers can purchase tickets through either outlet.

ART BLAST

staged rain or shine on July 3, regardless of rescheduled fireworks.

New to artBLAST this year is after-BLAST, an opportunity to wind down after the fireworks (and avoid lengthy traffic back ups) at the art center with munchies and nostalgic videos for the entire family.

All artBLAST tickets include admission to afterBLAST, although after-BLAST tickets may be purchased separately for \$5 at the door.

BBAC instructors and local artists facilitate artBLAST events, which are all included in the admission price. Eventgoers can create digital "dog tags," figure drawings, tribal beads, mini-canvas paintings and felting projects among other things. Everyone is invited to get a crystal ink tattoo and participate in creating an interactive window mural that will stay in progress throughout the night.

Artist demonstrations will include ceramic wheel throwing, sculpture, and painting.

Dinner includes Michigan favorites like classic coney islands, sliders, Better Made chips and Faygo products. Musical entertainment is by Joel Mabus, a popular figure on the national folk music circuit.

The BBAC is a regional non-profit art center committed to promoting the

FIREWORKS

(Start times at dusk unless otherwise indicated)

Birmingham/Beverly Hills

July 3, Lincoln Hills Golf Course (Lincoln and Cranbrook), (248) 644-1800, http://www.ci.birmingham.mi.us

Clarksto

July 4, Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road (248) 625-1924, http://www.twp.independence.mi.us

Clawson

July 4, Clawson Park, Main Street, north of 14 Mile Rd., (248) 589-0334, www.ci.clawson. mi.us

Kensington Metropark

July 4, at dusk, vehicle permit required, 2240 W. Buno Rd., Milford (248) 685-1561, http://www.metroparks.com/events/cal_events.php

Lake Orion

June 30, Green's Park on M-24 (Lapeer Road), right next to Lake Orion, (248) 393-0600, www.downtownlakeorion.org.

Rochester Hills

10 p.m. June 28, Borden Park (Hamlin and John R), (248) 656-4663, www.rochester-hills.org

Stony Creek Metropark

June 30, 4300 Main Park Rd., Shelby Township (northeast of Rochester), vehicle permit required, (586) 781-4242, www. metroparks.com/events/cal_events.php

Westland

10:15 p.m. July 4, behind City Hall, 36601 Ford Rd., west of Wayne Road, (734) 261-5955, www.ci.westland.mi.us

visual arts with classes for all ages and levels. Each year it offers 500 classes for 4,000 students including year-round classes and art camps attended by over 1,000 youths annually. The BBAC campus features seven-classroom studios, four galleries with free exhibits open to the public, art camps, special events, and a retail gallery shop.

Additional support for artBLAST 2007 is provided by Casino Windsor, Comerica, Econ Global Services, Snethkamp Chrysler Jeep, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, Deneweth, Dugan & Parfitt and SMART.

Ticket prices are \$110 for a family, \$50 for adults, and \$35 for seniors and children. To purchase, visit the BBAC website, www.BBArtCenter.org or call the BBAC at (248) 644-0866. The BBAC is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook, between 14 and 15 Mile Roads.



Disney's 'Ratatouille' capitalizes on comedy

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

Disney-Pixar's latest animated adventure *Ratatouille* tells a heartfelt tale of a fish out of water.

That is, if the fish is a high-brow rat named Remy who's most at home in the kitchen.

Unlike his rodent cohorts, Remy has a superior sense of smell which has led to an unexpected love of fine foods. He's not con-

tent to pick through trash to dine, like his chubby brother Emile. He'd rather risk getting caught by a human to munch on fresh fruit, taste fine spices or cook elaborate meals.

"If you are what you eat, then I only want to eat the good stuff," said the little blue rat, voiced by gentle comedian Patton Oswalt (*The King of Queens*).

The studio's initial thought in developing rats for *Ratatouille*, said Director Brad Bird, was to "de-ratify" them.

"When I got involved I felt that was a mistake," he said. "Let's use the ick factor."



Director Brad Bird ('The Incredibles') creates a loveable rat tale in 'Ratatouille.'

Animators studied the mannerisms and appearance of real, caged rats to create believable creatures. Remy stands apart from his brethren, choosing to walk on two legs rather than four.

Bird, perhaps best known as the Academy Award-winning director of *The Incredibles*, joined this project in 2000, helping refocus its script and breathe an air of beauty and realism into the film.

The movie's producer, Brad Lewis, noted that it was a long process to complete *Ratatouille* - about six years. Just weeks after completing it, the "Brads" were busy promoting the movie on a



Janeane Garofalo voices a French chef named Collette in the new Disney Pixar feature 'Ratatouille.'

press tour across the states - along with comedians Oswalt and Janeane Garofalo, who voices the role of the only female chef in the kitchen. As Collette, she's strongwilled and fights against the odds, a common theme threaded throughout the story.

Never before has a cartoon rat been so

adorable. From his wiry blue fur to the sheer pinkness of his button nose, it's easy to like Remy. And he, it turns out, wishes he were human.

Oswalt was chosen for the role thanks to a bit he performed on his first record,

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CityFest

Newly named festival features music, food, art

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BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

With so many festivals coming and going, how do you choose which to attend?

How about the festival with a conscience plus big names in food, music and art?

Comerica CityFest this year has progressively gone green, implementing a

recycling program and asking vendors to bring environmentally friendly products.

The musical lineup this year is strong as ever: Spoon, Cheap Trick, The Wailers, Femi Kuti and funny 'Weird Al' Yankovic.

Comerica CityFest (formerly the Tastefest) is known for bringing in

emerging and already established acts: Cake, Jet, Ziggy Marley and Joan Jett have played previous years.

For the 19th year, the event is happening in the New Center, July 4-8. The festival is outdoors on West Grand Boulevard between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge Freeway. Visitors can sample food, shop, dance, hear music, watch extreme sports, view art and a lot more all along the urban backdrop of the city.

First the music.

You can see Spoon, an underground rock band; The Wailers, the most legendary reggae band in musical history; Femi Kuti, the Afro-pop star who's entering the mainstream, and 'Weird Al,' (need we say more?).

Also performing are Bobby Blue Band, master blues and soul artist; Cheap Trick, rockers (If the words Live At Budokan mean anything to you, you'll want to be here); Yo La Tengo, indie band; Deniece "Niecy" Williams, R&B songstress, and Brian Culbertson, jazz keyboardist.

Locally the hot bands performing are The GO, The Detroit Cobras and Ty Stone.

World-jazz guitar masters Sean Blackman and John Arnold are also performing.

If music isn't your thing - but we know it is, since metro-Detroiters love their rock - you can shop at the Second Avenue Street Market, get henna tattoos and check out trends from boutiques like Burning Bead Studio from Berkley, seductive clothing from Royal Oak's Noir Leather, City Knits of Detroit, and a lot more.

Kids' events include:

■ Kevin Collins and his African Drums, an authentic local African drum troupe, will perform and discuss the cultural significance of drums. Shows are noon-6 p.m. each day.

■ Kids+Chemistry, free hands-on

chemistry experiments for kids, noon to 6 p.m. July 7.

Miniature
Motorways, a six-lane
slot car track, noon to 6
p.m. each day

■ The Detroit Derby Girls Roller Derby will strut their stuff every day. The team is Detroit's only skater-owned and operated, all-girl, flat-

track roller derby league. There's also rock climbing; modern skate, and BMX aerial demos; interactive basketball and extreme Hula Hooping by Revolva. She's Detroit's new sensation who does wild hula hoop dances with mind-boggling flexibility to funky music.

Featured artists will be showcasing their work at a special event 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday, July 3, in the lobby of the Fisher Theatre. The event is free and proceeds from purchased art will benefit the New Center Area.

Artists include:

■ Chris Turner, of Detroit, who is an artistic staple in the city. He creates sculptures out of throwaway objects and is co-designer of the Millennium Bell in Grand Circus Park.

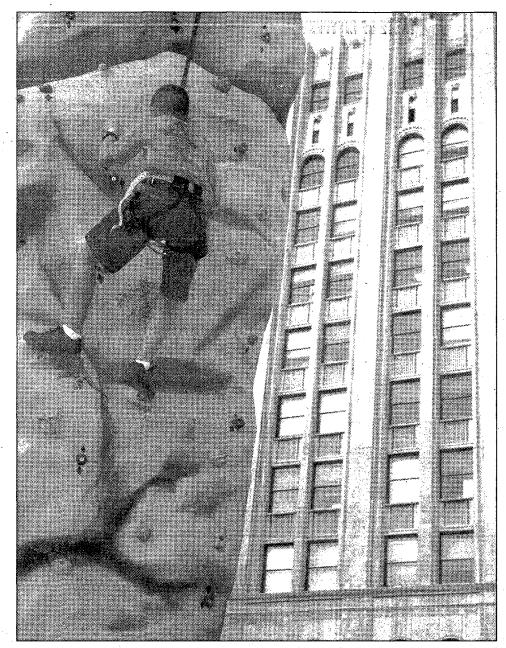
■ Carl Lundgren, of Detroit, is an illustrator of rock poster art.

■ Glen Barr, of Detroit, is a world class surrealist painter who blends retro and futuristic icons into fantasy scapes.

Gwen Joy, of Redford, is a painter of "trippy, child-like art that incorporates renditions of real people, animals and combos of both." She is the creator of Joy Toys, a doll that's part animal and part clown.

■ Niagara, of Detroit, is one of the city's best-known painters and silkscreen masters, with art in the genre of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein. Niagara is known worldwide.

■ Leni Sinclair is the photographic archivist of the Detroit music scene going



Simulated rock climbing is part of the excitement along with food, music and shopping.

THE MUSIC SCHEDULE

Motor City Casino Stage Wednesday, July 4

Femi Kuti and The Positive Force, 5:30 p.m.; Spoon, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 5

The Wailers featuring Elan, 5:30 p.m.; "Weird Al" Yankovic, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, July 6

Brian Culbertson reunited with Steve Cole, 5:30 p.m.; The Detroit News Battle of the Bands Winner, 7:30 p.m.; The Displays, 8:30 p.m.; Lupe Fiasco, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 7

Deniece Williams, 5:30 p.m.; Yo La Tengo, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 8

Bobby "Blue" Bland, 3 p.m.; Cheap Trick, 6 p.m.

metroPCS Jazz & Blue Stage Wednesday, July 4

Gerard Gibbs & ReORGAN'YZ, noon; GEQ, 2 p.m.; Jesse Palter, 4 p.m.; NILS, 6:30 p.m.; Ryan Shaw, 9 p.m.

Thursday, July 5

Paul Carey Quartet, noon; Patrick Sweany, 2:30 p.m.; Measured Chaos, 5 p.m.; Gorilla Funk Mob starring Allan Barnes, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Friday, July 6

Marvin Jones Trio featuring Cornelius "JuJu" Johnson Jr., noon; Malik Alston & special guests Badriyyah Wazeerud-Din (vocals), Neco Redd (vocals), Monica Blaire (vocals), Sean Blackman (guitar), & Alma (spoken word), 2:30 P.M.; Lin Rountree, 5 p.m.; Hot Club of Detroit, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 7

Collaboration, noon; Tumbao Bravo, 2:30 p.m.; Sandra Bomar and the Jazz Experience with special guest Brenda Perryman, 5 p.m.; Rayse Biggs, 7:30 and 9 p.m.

Sunday, July 8

PicNap Poetry featuring The Detroit Slam Team, noon; TFO, 2 p.m.; Reverend Robert Jones and Sweet Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church Choir, 3:30 p.m.; Detroit Soul and Blues Revue featuring Sir Mack Rice, Alberta Adams, Johnnie Bassett, and RJ Spangler &

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TASTE OF CITYFEST:

The flavors of the foods at Comerica CityFest promise to be pretty intense. (After all it was originally dubbed Tastefest because of its huge selection.)

Fifteen years ago at festivals, the idea of a falafel sandwich over a burger seemed way too exotic, but today it's nearly mainstream there.

Festivals are a great way to try samples of foods that you might

not otherwise be daring enough to order as an entree at a

restaurant.

Here are some uncommon items that will be offered at CityFest. For the unadventurous, don't worry, all the basic festival fare will be available, too.

Never had a BBQ portabello? Mario's, a legendary Detroit Italian restaurant, will offer that.

You'll get a shot of energy from the collard greens with Ethiopian Injera bread at the Taste of Ethiopia stand.

Under the Eagle, a Polish restaurant, will offer a refreshing dill pickle soup.

Aw Shuck's will have popular, roasted, sweet corn on the cob.

And if you're not counting calories, Union Jack's is cooking up, gulp, deep fried Mars bars.

And there's kabobs, gyros, samosas, peach cobbler and paella.

Tiki Huts will pour real fresh fruit smooth-

Other restaurants include American Masala (Indian); Chan's Cafe (Asian); LaPita Restaurant (Middle Eastern); The Melting



Roasted corn on the cob is one of the annual favorites among CityFest patrons.

Pot of Troy (eclectic); Mookey's Beans and Greens (soul); Olympian Cafe (Greek); The Potato Factory (assorted toppings on butterfly chips); Vicente's Cuban Cuisine, and Zumba's (Mexican).

Even the desserts are exotic with the Centaur Bar creating Cheesecake Lollipops; Alinosi will offer decadent ice cream, Casey's New York Style Ice will sell assorted flavors of Italian ice and Sweet Potato Sensations has everything sweet potato-related.

Fresh squeezed lemonade is a CityFest tradition and there's also beer and wine.

Lana Mini

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the Rhythm, 6 p.m.

PURE Detroit Stage Wednesday, July 4

Demon Days: An official Planet E Selection plus Carl Craig presents Detroit Live featuring Marcus Belgrave (Tribe), Wendell Harrison (Tribe) & Kelvin Sholar (Q Tip band), noon

Thursday, July 5

Hellen, 4 p.m.; The Fondas, 5 p.m.; Serenity Court, 6 p.m.; The Hentchmen, 7:30 p.m; Luck Be A Lady: A Detroit Hip-Hop-Soul Jam, hosted by RenSoul.com featuring: DJ Sicari, DJ K-Fresh, MC Finale, Monica Blaire, Neco Redd, Angelique Brown, Invincible, Miz Korona, L'Renee, Patrice Williams, with special guest Tanya Morgan, 9 p.m.

Friday, July 6

Carjack, 4:30 p.m.; The Come Ons, 5:30 p.m.; The Satin Peaches, 6:30 p.m.; Jeremy Ellis & John Arnold, 7:30 p.m., Exchange Bureau featuring Billy Love "Live", 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 7

Liz Copeland, 3 p.m.; Anthony "Shake" Shakir (Frictional Recording), 4:30 p.m.; Freer, 6 p.m.; The High Strung, 7:30 p.m.; Heartthrob (five), 9 p.m.

Sunday, July 8

God's Army, 2:30 p.m.; The Singles, 4 p.m.; The Silent Years, 5 p.m.; The Hard Lessons, 6:30 p.m.

New Center Council Park Stage Wednesday, July 4

GooseGator, 11:45 a.m.; Matt Dmitz, 6 p.m.; Scott Kinison, 7 p.m.; Scream Ray, 8 p.m.; Inside Outlaws Collective, Doop DuPrie, Ty Stone, 9 p.m.

Thursday, July 5

Simplicity (two 45-minute sets), 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Gretchen Wolff, 6 p.m.; Shotgun Wedding, 7 p.m.; Silent Violet, 8 p.m.; Thunderbirds Are Now!, 9 p.m.

Friday, July 6

Baby Pepper and The Family Pleasers (two 45-minute sets), 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.; The Syreens, 6 p.m; The Drinking Problem, 7 p.m.; The Sirens, 8 p.m.; The Detroit Cobras, 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 7

Roots Vibration, 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Dooley Wilson, 6 p.m; The Expatriates, 7 p.m.; Siddhartha, 8 p.m.; 9 p.m., The GO, 9 p.m.

Sunday, July 8

Polka Floyd, 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Youth Group of Rome, 4 p.m.; Citizen Smile, 5 p.m., The Cetan Clawson Revolution, 6 p.m; The Displays, 7 p.m.





Soul food and Motown pair in Detroit

CORRESPONDENT

Table Hopping

Some themes click and others don't. That's the nature of the restaurant business.

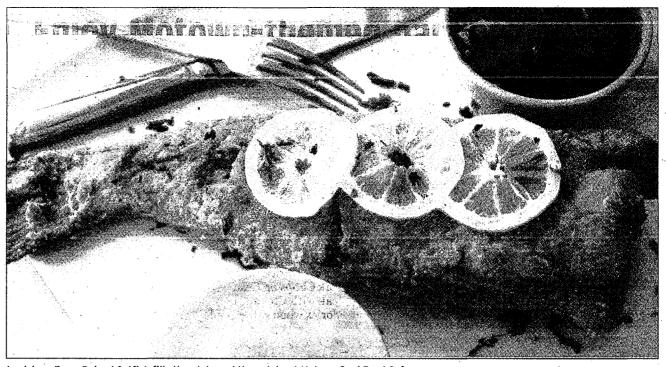
Earlier this month, Southern Hospitality Restaurant Group, which owns and operates Seldom Blues Restaurant and Jazz Supper Club in Detroit's Renaissance Center and Detroit's Breakfast House &

Grill @ Merchants Row in the heart of Campus Martius, changed the name of its former Grand City Grille to Motown Soul Food Café in Detroit's New Center area.

Grand City Grille, popular when the Fisher Theatre stage was lights-up, didn't play to a full house at other times. Thus, its closure after a year and a half.

DESTINATION THEME

"It's funny," said Frank Taylor, CEO of Southern



Louisiana Farm-Raised Catfish fills the plate and the palate at Motown Soul Food Cafe.

Hospitality Restaurant Group, "we kicked around the idea of a casual soul food restaurant in an upscale setting with top professional service before we decided on the Grand City Grille concept.

"Area diners really wanted a more casual style for nonshow times. We recognize this now and were willing to change to satisfy diners who come downtown for casual events. When the Fisher Theatre has shows, we'll adjust hours of operation to accommodate theater-goers."

Taylor believes that Detroit has yearned for a soul food restaurant and potential diners want it with beautiful

ambience and professional waitstaff.

MOTOWN AND SOUL FOOD

Connecting Motown with soul food is also important to Taylor. "Both are Detroit signatures," he said. "Motown never died. When a person thinks of Detroit, they remember the Motown music era that put Detroit on the map."

Only Motown music is played in Motown Soul Food

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MOTOWN

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Café. The timeless sounds of Marvin Gaye, the Temptations, Four Tops, Martha Reeves & The Vandellas, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder and Smokey Robinson & The Miracles lift your spirits to another era where, according to Taylor, "the words made sense."

Except for the inclusion of Motown artists' wall art and Detroit historical graphics, the look that was once Grand City Grille remains. And that's not a bad thing because it has class — lots of class

ALWAYS IN SEASON

So many of metro Detroit's restaurants have seasonal offerings. Soul food is not seasonal. That's its attraction.

On a seasonal menu, you're not likely to find appetizers such as Southern Fried Chicken Wings, Salmon Croquettes, Fried Oysters, Fried Green Tomatoes or Homemade Chicken & Dumplings as the house soup.

Call Pineapple & Spiced Pecan Spinach Salad upscale southern.

N'Awlins Shrimp Po Boy and N'Awlin's Oyster Po Boy state their origin among other sandwiches including BBQ Meatloaf and Fried Shrimp Grilled Cheese

Choice of two sides (one of which

MOTOWN SOUL FOOD CAFE

Where: 3011 W. Grand Blvd. (first floor of Fisher Building), Detroit (313) 556-9993.

Open: Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 5-10 p.m.; Sunday Soul Food Brunch, noon to 4 p.m.

Food style: Classic southern soul food inspired by Detroit native and executive chef Jerry Nottage.

Cost: \$6-\$15.

Reservations: Recommended.

Smoke free.

should be the Macaroni & Cheese), and a corn muffin accompany all main dishes. Try the Southern Fried Chicken, Southern Fried Pork Chops or Texas Chicken Fried Steak with Cream Gravy.

Never count calories when eating soul

But do leave room for dessert such as peach cobbler, sweet potato pie or banana pudding:

Hmmm. Classic soul food and Motown in Detroit. A destination theme that should be attractive this time around. Give Motown Soul Food Café a try when downtown for an event or make it a destination.

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Enjoy Motown-themed parties

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If you like to party outside and enjoy Motown music favorites, then it's time to take in a summertime garden patio party atmosphere at the Courtyard at the **Ritz-Carlton Hotel** in Dearborn.

Motown in the Courtyard takes place 4-7 p.m.
Thursdays through Aug.
23. The courtyard will be transformed club-like atmosphere with dancing, socializing and free live entertainment.

Entertainment is varied each week and will include performances by local favorites Taylor Made and Horizon.

Nestled in a cluster of trees, this outdoor space conveys comfort and style with cocktail and cabaret tables combined with comfortable and relaxing seating throughout The Courtvard.

A selection of beer and wine along with themed specialty summer cocktails like the "Berry Gordy Martini," a fruity blend of vodka, Cointreau, Chambord and cranberry juice and the "Devil with the Blue Dress," a combination of vodka, Blue Curacao and lemonade are sure to be a huge "temptation" for all. Other crowd pleasers feature a Motown twist - Molasses Barbecue

Chicken Wings, Crusted Catfish Fingers with Spicy Remoulade and Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes.

The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn is located at Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center
Drive, Dearborn

For further information, call (313) 441-2100.

Dream Dinners, a chain of meal assembly stores, will partner with Ford Motor Co. through Aug. 31 to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Dream Dinners allows guests to create their own dinners, by rotating through fully equipped refrigerated recipe stations, complete with chopped and prepared ingredients, and assembling pre-selected dinners that can be customized to their family's tastes. When the session is done, consumers leave with a diverse selection of dinners.

Stores in Commerce Township, Livonia and Rochester Hills will be donating \$20 for each 12-dinner session attended by Ford employees to JDRF. Ford employees can log onto dreamdinners.com/FORD to book a session.

For more information, visit www. dreamdinners.com.





Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Get Out! at least two weeks in advance to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include a short summary with details of the event, address of the event location, date and time, a phone number and/or Web site that members of the public can contact for more information. Visit hometownlife.com for more listings.

ART EXHIBITS

Cranbrook Art Museum: Hot House: Expanding the Field of Fiber at Cranbrook 1970-2007, through -Oct. 14; Material Memory: World Textiles from the Collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and Gerhardt Knodel, through Dec. 30, (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, enjoy mini golf on the front lawn Wednesday-Sunday, Summer Music & Film Series through 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, through 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.flint-arts.org

Wayne State University's Community Arts Gallery: Michigan Water Color Society's 60th Annual Exhibition, through July 20, at 5400 Gullen Mall, Detroit. Call (313) 577-2423

Eastern Michigan University University Gallery: 100 Years of Emil Weddige, through Aug. 10, honors Weddige 100th birthday with display of stone lithographs over past 60 years, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti (734) 487-4065.

University of Michigan Museum of Art: Out of the Ordinary/Extraordinary: Contemporary Japanese Photography, through Sept. 16, exhibition of 11 photographers challenges Western assumptions about Japanese culture; curator's tour, 3 p.m. July 22; 1301 S. University, Ann Arbor (734) 763-UMMA.

ART GALLERIES

B. (Gallery): New Works by Matt Lewis, through Aug. 31, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham (248) 540-0046.

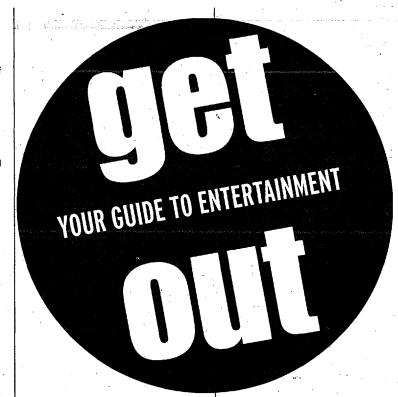
Cranbrook Art Museum: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www. cranbrookart.edu. Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

David Klein Gallery: fresh with works by Brian Barr, Ben Hall, Dalton Jamieson, Ben Kiehl, Mary Kim, Kelly Reemtsen, Lauren Semivan, through Aug. 4, 163 Townsend, Birmingham (248) 433-3700, www.dkgallery.com

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.

The Janice Charach Epstein Gallery: Through the Eye of the Needle - Fabric of Survival, tapestry exhibit of Esther Krinitz, who survived Nazis in Poland and relocated to United States, through Aug. 9, located in the Jewish Community Center on Orchard Lake Road and Maple in West Bfoomfield, meet daughters Bernice Steinhardt and Helene McQuade, 2 p.m. July 15.

Lawrence Street Gallery: Ceramic and Fiber Art, Suk Jin Choi and Jung Yeon Choi, opening reception 6-9 p.m. July 6, exhibit



(east side of Woodward, two blocks south of Nine Mile), Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com
Lemberg Gallery: A Changing Exhibition, through Aug. 11, reception 5-7 p.m. July 18, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com

Livonia Civic Center Fine Arts Gallery: Exhibit of Recent Work of Suzanne Bauman, July 1-30, reception 2-4 p.m. July 14, located in Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Rd., east of Farmington Road, (734) 466-2491, visit www.suzannebauman.com, call (248) 647-8938, for artist info.

Nextstep Studio & Gallery: Craig Paul Nowak, through July 28, 530 Hilton, Ferndale (248) 342-5074

Arthville Art House: Nature's Garden: A Plein Air Juried Exhibition, July 6-Aug. 12, preview event 5:30 -8:30 p.m. July 6, 215 W. Cady St., (248) 344-0497.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Israel Davis (ceramic works), July 6-Aug. 4, opening reception 6-8 p.m. July 13; Jan van der Marck, July 6-Aug. 4, opening reception, 6-8 p.m. July 13; juror's gallery talk, 2 p.m. July 14; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

paulakotula projects: New exhibit runs through July 14, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, www.paulakotula.com, (248) 544-3020.

The Print Gallery: Mark Wolak, Abstract Paintings, through July 14, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com, www. MonaLisaMania.com

River's Edge Gallery: SLAW, Detroit's king of retro paintings, exhibit through July 9, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, e-mail riversedgegallery@wyan.org, or Web site www.artattheedge.com

ART, ETC.

ArtBLAST: Formerly Summer Solstice, a. summer arts celebration for entire family, art workshops, artist demonstrations, dinner with Michigan favorites, fireworks, event begins at 7 p.m. July 3, fund-raiser for Birmingham Bloomfield Arts Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter. org or call the BBAC at (248) 644-0866. Art in the Park: Art Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 14-15, Warren's New City Square, east of Van Dyke, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads, Warren Cultural Commission, Warren Tri-County Fine Arts.

Bagley Housing Gallery: The Canadian/ Columbian Connection, paintings by Patricia R. Edie and Jeanne Poulet, through July 14, 2715 Bagley, Detroit (313) 964-5942, www.bagleyhousing.com Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Adult

Art Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 9-13, instruction in mixed media, painting with color, metals and ceramics, 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, for details, visit BBArtCenter.org

Detroit Artists Market: Baseball as Art,

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Orchard Lake Fine Arts Show: Aug. 3-5, campus of Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 3535 Indian Trail (corner of Commerce and Orchard Lake roads), artists preview party, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 3, tickets \$25 at www.TicketWeb.com, free admission on Saturday and Sunday, www.HotWorks.com for information

Paint Creek for the Arts: Creativity Camp, children 6-11 work with professional teaching artists in visual and performing arts, through June 29, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, (248) 651-4110.

Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery: Enrichment classes for ages 7-12 taught by artists who show in gallery. Mandala's, July 9; Live Among Elements, July 16; Recycle/Reuse, July 30, and other classes, 4301 Orchard Lake Rd. No. 120, West Bloomfield, www. orchardlakeart.com, (248) 538-9021.

BOOKS

Signing of A Thousand Bones, P.J. Parrish: 5:30 p.m. July 8, Barnes & Noble, 2800 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills (248) 853-9855; 7 p.m. July 9, Book Connection, 19043 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia (248) 471-4742; 7 p.m. July 10, Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Rd., Northville (248) 348-0696.

CAR SHOWS

Troy Museum & Historic Village: Motoring Memories, second annual car show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., July 14, classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles, vintage hat show at 1 p.m., exhibit of model cars, special children's activities, food for purchase, trophies for exceptional cars, live entertainment, \$3 per person donation, children under 10 free, 60 Wattles Road (on northwest corner of Livernois intersection), park at Zion Lutheran Church, 3668 Livernois, south of Wattles, and ride the

free shuttle to the museum (248) 524-3570, www.troymi.gov/museum.

CLASSICA

Seven Mondays at 7 Carillon Series: Anne Kroeze, 7 p.m. July 9; Tin-Shi Tam, 5 and 7 p.m. July 16; Toru Takao, July 23; Jim Fackenthal, July 30; Baird Carillon, Burton Memorial Tower, 881 N. University, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-4414.

CONCERTS-THIS WEEK

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Chicago and America, June 29; Toby Keith, July 5-6, call (248) 645-6666 or visit palacenet. com.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: John Mayer, July 5; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

CONCERTS-FUTURE

BTE Energy Music Theatre: Summer of Love 40th Anniversary Tour with Jefferson Starship, The Music of Moby Grape with Jerry Miller, Big Brother & The Holding Co. and Ouicksilver Messenger Service, July 15; Moody Blues, July 20; Def Leppard, July 24; B.B. King Blues Festival, July 29; Opie & Anthony's Traveling Virus, Aug. 4; Bryan Adams with George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Aug. 8; Velvet Revolver with Alice in Chains and Kill Hannah, Aug. 27; Rush, Aug. 28, call (248) 645-6666 or visit palacenet.com. Meadowbrook: Blues Traveler, July 24, (248) 645-6666.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: The Police, July 17; Dave Matthews Band, Aug. 23, visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

Joe Louis Arena: Screamfest '07 with T.I. Ciara, T Pain, Lloyd and Young Joc, Aug. 16, (248) 645-6666, OlympiaEntertainment.

CLUBS

The Ark: Beausoleil with Michael Ducet, June 28; Jackie Greene, June 29; Ricky Skaggs, June 30; James Hunter, July 1; Marcia Ball, July 2; Carrie Rodriguez, July 5; Tcheka, July 6, Feufollet, July 7; Ramblin' Jack Elliott, July 8; Uszturu Hungarian Folk Music Ensemble, July 9; Bill Bynum with David Mosher, July 10; Eric Taylor, July 11, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor (734) 761-1800, www. theark.org

Baker's Keyboard Lounge: Meri Slaven, vocalist, with quartet of pianist Scott Gwinnell, bassist Dennis Horvath, drummer Scott Kretzer and saxophone player/flautist Carl Cafagna, June 30, \$5 cover, 20510 Livernois, Detroit (313) 345-6300.

Big Rock Chophouse: Outdoor patio now open 7:30 p.m. Thursday nights with Girls Night Out, June 28; and Brian Macias, Eric Rowland and Eric Stoddard, July 12, Aug. 16; 245 S. Eton, Birmingham, (248) 647-7774 or visit www.bigrockchophouse.com. Bosco: Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

Buzz Bar: Cherrie Amour CD release party featuring Ray 7, June 28; Larry Fratangelo's One Nation Under a Buzz P-Funk Jam Session, June 28; John Arnold's Brokefunk DJ set, June 28; Soul Shaker, June 29; Sunglasses at Night DJ set, June 30, 546 E. Larned, Detroit (313) 962-1800, www.buzzdetroit.com.

Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge: 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 Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

Envy Nightclub: DJ MoBeatz, Suga Rae, L. Renee, at Syditty Clothing Launch Party, July 6, \$10-\$20, free to those weating Syditty clothing, 234 W. Larned, Detroit (313) 221-4264, www.sydittyclothing.com Full Kilt Celtic Pub: Country music performer Jessie Lynn, July 6, 143 N, Main, Mt. Clemens, (586) 307-8450.

O-Zen Lounge: Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; 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; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

Cliff Bells: Scott Gwinnell and his 16piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543. Ginopolis on the Grill: Don Swindell and

Ginpolis 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.

Pi Restaurant: Johnnie Bassett, June 29-30; D-Lee Group, July 13-14; Ed Stone, July 20-21; Michael Gabriel, July 27-28; Sandra Bomar, Aug. 3-4; Jessie Palter, Aug. 10-11; Shahida Nurullah, Aug. 17-18; Sheila Landis, Aug. 24-25, 28875 Franklin Rd. (southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 208-7500, www.piofsouthfield.com Motown in The Courtyard at The Ritz-Carlton,

Pearborn: dancing, socializing, free live entertainment, 4-7 p.m. Thursday evenings through Aug. 23, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn (313) 441-2100.

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 Rěnaissance 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 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Mark Knope, June 29-30; all at 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

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. Ristoric Holly Hotel Comedy Club: Dwayne Gill, July 6-7; Tim Joyce, July 13-14; Connie Ettinger, July 20-21; Al Aprill July 27-28, \$10, 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208. JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Steve Hofstetter,

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Detroit Opera House: Dennis Miller, June 28, performance is benefit for JVS, a non-profit human service agency, \$45-\$500, available at the Detroit Opera House box office and at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Macy's, to purchase tickets contact 248-645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com, VIP tickets available through JVS (248) 233-4225, www.jvsdet.org.

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 lim-

ited, and registration is processed on a first-come, first-serve basis, adjaction in

DANCE

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 through July 1, Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, Tickets \$17-\$25, call (734) 663-0681. Summer Ballroom Dance Camp: 8-15 year-olds can learn waltz, fox trot, tango, rumba, salsa and merengue, noon-1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, through July 12, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 2510 S. Telegraph, Suite 200 (corner of Square Lake Road), Bloomfield Hills, (248) 454-1715. Fred Astaire Dance Studio: Eddie Apolonov, dance champion and professional coach, available for sessions, 1-10 p.m. July 10 and 1-5:15 p.m. July 11, call (248) 454-1715 to reserve, 2510 S. Telegraph, Suite 200, Bloomfield Hills

FAMILY

Detroit Zoo: Asian Festival, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. June 30, plaza east of Ford Education Center, free with zoo admission, \$7-\$11, 10 Mile Road and Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org. Westland Summer Festival: June 28-July 4, carnival midway, horseshoe pitching contest, mad science show, ice cream eating contest, live entertainment, including Alexander Zonjic, 8:30 p.m. July 1, (734) 261-5955.

FILM

Commerce Township 14: Dale, documentary on NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt, June 28, \$10, 3033 Spring Vale Dr., also at Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia and Forum 30 with IMAX, 44681 Mound, Sterling Heights, www.dalethemovie.com Redford Theatre: 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: Buffy Sing-A-Long live show, July 6-7; Dynamite Warrior, July 13-14; Trey Parker's Cannibal! 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.

Rochester's Movies in the Moonlight: Happy Feet!, July 7; Christmas with the Kranks July 14; preshow begins at 8:30 p.m., East Third and Water, one block east of Main, free admission, bring your own chairs, concessions available, (248) 656-0060, www.DowntownRochesterMl.com.

FUND-RAISERS

Bikers Rock Ball: Four course dinner, open bar, music, motorcycles parked along Merrill Street, Lila Lazarus, mistress of ceremonies, music by Simon Vitale Band, 5:30 p.m.-1 a.m. June 30, The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, benefit for Bikers for Kids, \$225 person, \$400 couple, (248) 884-KIDS, www.bikers4kids.com Benefit on the Bay: supports Capuchin Kitchen of Detroit, dinner dancing and entertainment, 5:30 p.m. Aug. 17, \$50, Mac & Ray's Harbor on Lake St. Clair, 30675 N. River Rd., Harrison Township, (313) 579-2100, ext. 201 for ticket information.

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



MUSIC

Don't miss Tortoise July 2 at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street in Ann Arbor. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. Cover is \$18, call (734) 996-8555.

Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483. Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club: Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

Lansing Old Town JazzFest: Aug. 3-4, Mose Allison, Too Smooth for Notes, Lanswingers, Lansing All Stars, Jim Cooper, Koke McKesson and Sunkwa. three-stage event, corner of Turner and Grand River in Old Town's historical commercial district, visit www.jazzlansing.com, (517) 371-4600.

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 Historical Museum: Detroit: The Reel Story summer film series on weekends. starts June 30, 'Encore on Woodward: Detroit's Fox Theatre, 1 p.m. every Saturday; Preservision: Neighborhood Theatres, 2 p.m. every Saturday; Cinerama Adventure. 1 p.m. every Sunday; free with regular museum admission, 5401 Woodward (northwest corner of Kirby), Detroit (313) 833-1805 or visit www. detroithistorical.org.

Detroit Institute of Arts: DIA is closed; will 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: Night at the Museum: the movie and the museum, July 8. museum open until 9 p.m., movie at dusk, Top of the Park, on the last night of Ann Arbor Summer Festival's festivities on Ingalis Mall (between Washington and North University), planetarium shows, 6:30

and 7:30 p.m., docent-led dinosaur tours, 7 and 8 n.m. www.annarhorsummerfestival org/top.shtml, the University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0478, www.lsa.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum 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.

Plymouth Rides the Rails: through Nov. 1, artifacts, model trains, \$5 adults, \$2 students, \$10 families. \$1 AAA discount, 155 S. Main, Plymouth (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm: 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays; 1005 Van Hoosen Road, off Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road, (248) 656-4663, rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org Troy Museum & Historic Village: Video screenings of past lectures, Tuesdays; craft demonstrations, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays; family activity, 1 p.m. Thursdays; family-centered programs, Fridays; Music in the Air, Sundays; programs run through August, 60 Wattles Rd. (on the northwest corner of Livernois intersection), www.troymi. gov/museum or call (248) 524-3570.

MORE MUSIC

Dearborn Homecoming: KC & The Sunshine Band, 8 p.m. Aug. 4, Ford Field, Cherry Hill and Brady, www.cityofdearborn.org

Comic Opera Guild: 5th Victor Herbert Festival: Her Regiment, 8 p.m. June 30; Mile. Rosita, 3 p.m. July 1, Kresge Hall, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia (734) 973-3264, minimum donation \$10.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Detroit tours: Guided tours by Detroit Tour Connections, Brush Park Walking tour, meet before 1 p.m. July 15 at The Inn at 97 Winder Street; Downtown Coney Island Tour, meet at Bagley Fountain on Cadillac

Square, 1 p.m. July 21; Downtown Retail Shopping Tour, at Bagley Fountain 1 p.m. Aug. 11, Sept. 8 and Oct. 20, and Downtown Highlights tour, Bagley Fountain, 1 p.m. Aug. 19, Sept. 16 and Oct. 14, \$10 a person, no reservations needed except for 8 or more, (313) 283-4332, www.detroittourcon nections.com.

More downtown Detroit tours: Wednesday walking tours, downtown buildings from the 1800s, 6 p.m. July 4 and Sept. 5; historic churches, July 11 and Sept. 12; old hotels, July 18 and Sept. 19; downtown places with pewabics, July 25 and Sept. 26; nudes in downtown art and architecture, Aug. 1; animals in downtown art and architecture. Aug. 8; Park Avenue walking tour, Aug. 15; downtown photography tour, Aug. 22; downtown courts, cops and lawyers, Aug. 29, \$10 a person, no reservations required, tours start from the lobby of the Compuware Building (former Renaissance Center) (313) 283-4332, www.detroittourconnections.com

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PAN-Fest: Project Accessible Hollywood (digital media festival to celebrate stories of everyday people) with director Christopher Coppola, Mobiflicks competition, Cell Phone Art, learning seminars,

special guest Elmore Leonard screens Out of Sight and discusses work, July 16-July 22, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, www.pahfest.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, through October, 461 Piquette Ave., Detroit, call (313) 868-

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THEATER-COLLEGE

Central Michigan University Summer Theatre: [Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, July 12; Crimes of the Heart, July 13; Catfish Moon, July 14; Waterford Performing Arts Center, 1151 Scott Lake Rd., Waterford (248) 673-4205, www.cda.cmich.edu/ut/utsummerseason.htm.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Avon Players: Auditions for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, 1 p.m. July 14, 2 p.m. July 15, register 30 minutes before auditions, sing and read from show, dance at auditions, copy of script at Rochester Hills Public Library, show dates in September, 1185 Washington (one mile east of Tienken and Rochester roads) in Rochester Hills, www.avonplayers.org. The Hats Off Players: The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged), July 12-15, \$11, Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti, www.riversidearts. org, 810-229-2315 or emailing medel3@ sbcglobal.net

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THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

Escanaba in Love: Jeff Daniels' new show opens Sept. 12, at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave, Detroit . Tickets, \$19.75 to \$39.50, go onsale 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 6 by calling (313) 963-9800. Visit online at www.gemtheatre.com.

Red Hot Mamas: In laws in an argument, a play by David Christner, runs July 20-Aug.18, Broadway Onstage, 21517 Kelly Road, Eastpointe. Tickets \$16, call (586)

Quiet down, hear the artwork

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

You can almost hear it approaching. But it won't make a sound.

This July, Paint Creek Center for the Arts will present *Silence*, an all-media exhibit juried by Jan van der Marck, for-

mer chief curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

All works included in the show will relate to the abstract theme of silence. Artists from across Michigan are expected to participate. The

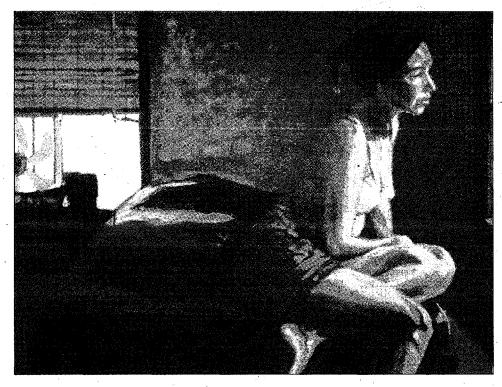
Exhibition Committee came up with the idea last spring and placed a call for artists.

"In choosing 'Silence,' we were looking for a theme that would evoke a variety of responses," said Mary Fortuna, the PCCA's exhibition director. "Silence can mean stillness, the absence of sound. It can also refer to a refusal or failure to speak out or to the suppression of speech.

"You get interesting results when you invite artists to challenge their usual ways of thinking."

Adding the theme to an all-media show enabled the PCCA to narrow the focus, while still allowing for an open field of creativity. The result, Fortuna said, was a host of interesting, inventive responses to the idea of silence.

Thirty-nine works by 30 artists were chosen by van der Marck from a total of 58 submissions. The highly regarded curator, art historian and author was the PCCA's first choice for juror. "These are



Above, Ted Ramsay's 'Bedroom Place/Mental Space' is an oil on canvas that will appear with work from 29 other artists during an exhibition in downtown Rochester. Above right, Carol Cameron's 'She Doesn't Talk' will be featured in the 'Silence' exhibit. It is mixed media with tapestry and wood.

his choices," said Fortuna. "He didn't have much trouble."

The public is welcome to meet van der Marck during a free gallery talk on July 14 in which he will discuss the works included in this exhibition. It will be an informal affair, Fortuna noted, with an opportunity to ask questions and gain insight.

"He's very articulate," said Fortuna.
"He knows why he likes what he likes."

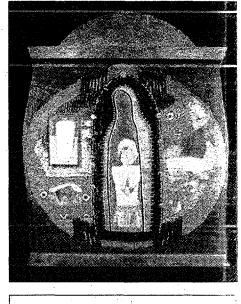
This show fits into Paint Creek Center

for the Arts' mission - to enrich the lives of area residents while providing opportunities for Michigan artists.

The center opened in Rochester in 1982 and offers a year-round exhibition schedule, in addition to art classes, community outreach, and Rochester's annual Art & Apples Festival.

Its programs are made possible with the support of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

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SILENCE

What: All-media exhibit juried by Jan van der Marck.

When: July 6 - Aug. 4, with an opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 13, and Juror's Gallery Talk at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 14. Both are free and open to the public. Hours: The center is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Where: Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester.

Participating artists: Alice Allhoff; Suzanne Andersen; Carl Angevine; Hartmut Austen; Clara Beckmann; Hanne Bloot; Carol Cameron; Sandra Cardew; Donna Cyrbok; Carl Demeulenaere; Darcel Deneau; Rose DeSloover; Stig Eklund; Gary Eleinko; Terry Ford Holcomb; Eric Law; Jacque Liu; Jill Maki; Carol J. McCluskey; Frank Pahl; Ted Ramsay; Julie Sabit; Terri Sarris; Lindsay Satchel; Jon Strand; Rebecca Tufts; Elijah Van Benschoten; Norwood Viviano; Mary Weiss and Lori Zurvalec.

More information: Call (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

Sandoval brings his spicy Cuban jazz to Ann Arbor

BY LANA MINI

STAFF WRITE

Ah-h-h, the Ann Arbor` Summer Festival.

Swing music, country and indie performances have taken the stage this week, and on Friday, June 29 at the Power Center, it's the hot, spicy sound of Cuban-born jazz trumpet legend Arturo Sandoval.

Sandoval is a founding member of Irakere, a Grammy Award-winning band whose blend of jazz, classical, rock and traditional Cuban music changed the world of jazz.

Born in Artemisa, on the outskirts of Havana, Cuba, he discovered

music at the age of 9, when the townspeople formed a brass band and gave him instruments to play.

Three years later, he began studying classical trumpet, but it was Dizzy Gillespie's sound that hooked him on jazz.

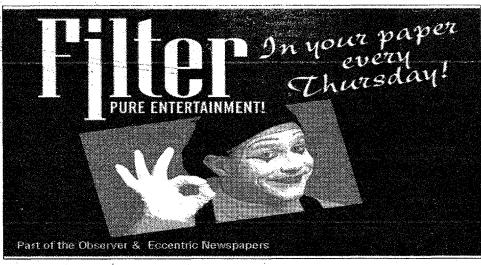
Sandoval can burn through an Afro-Cuban groove, tear up a bebop tune, soar over a Mozart concerto and sooth you with a luscious ballad; with equal power and grace. "I owe my life to the music so I must respect it.... that's why I play every day and I give it my body and my soul," he said.

Sandoval was voted Cuba's Best Instrumentalist in 1982, 1983 and 1984. He defected from his homeland, was granted political asylum here, and has never looked back. "I've been in the U.S. for 15 years and I give everything I have to living as an American. ... I don't want to feel like a stranger here because I love this country and it has my heart," he said.

He's won four Grammy awards and an Emmy. Sandoval is also a tenured professor at Florida International University, and works abroad with institutions offering several scholarships, exercise books, clinics and seminars. He maintains one of the most extensive educational programs in the industry.

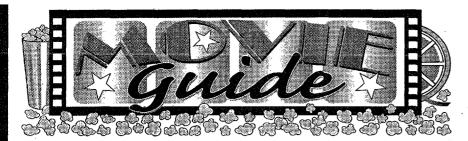
Sandoval's music can be heard on CDs by Gillespie, Woody Herman, Bill Conti Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra, Paul Anka, Rod Stewart and Alicia Keys.

Showtime is 8 p.m., Friday, June 29. Tickets are \$38-\$52. Visit Michigan League Ticket Office, 91. N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, call (734) 764-2538 or visit www.annarborsummerfestival.org. The Power House is located at 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor.









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STRATFORD

with dreams of a ranch of their own.

But the world they live in is full of meanness and tragedy is always just a wrong look or word away. Director Martha Henry brings out the different kinds of alienation in this setting but doesn't create a strong enough George-Lennie connection.

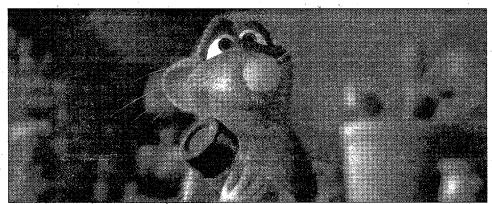
Greene brings out the child in Lennie but does not quite convey the latent menace. Van Burek is a crisp, fast talking, emotionally torn George.

A scene between Lennie and Curley's wife, who brings on their tragedy, is well

done, underplayed and sensitive even in its horror. But the final bitter scene doesn't seem to resonate as fully as it should.

The production does have some excellent performances from Stephen Russell as the epitome of the cowboy, Slim; Jerry Franken as the sad old, amputee Candy; Philip Akin as the smart and ostracized black hand, Crooks; and Jennifer Mawhinney as the sexually frustrated Curley's wife. Also of note is John Pennover's set in the small theater-in-the round Tom Patterson, which economically creates ranch, barn, bunkhouse and autumnal woods.

Next week: 'Oklahoma' and 'Merchant of Venice' will be reviewed by Hugh Gallagher.



Remy the rat has good taste in 'Ratatouille.'

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Feeling Kinda Patton, which centered around his love of food.

In the film, Remy idolizes a famous, deceased, Parisian chef named Auguste Gusteau (Brad Garrett) whose motto is "anyone can cook." After an unfortunate series of events that separates Remy from his family, he teams up with a bumbling young chef named Linguini. The two cook up quite a stir in Gusteau's fine restaurant.

Garofalo's Collette agrees to help Linguini struggle his way through the culinary world - not knowing his secret "little chef" is a live rat he keeps under his hat.

Garofalo said she didn't recognize her own voice upon seeing the film. In it she speaks with a French accent.

"I never spoke French; I've never been to France," she said. She initially thought she had been replaced.

Both Garofalo and Oswalt are self-confessed "foodies" so the film's subtext, a love of food and sharing food, made complete sense to them.

Oswalt noted that voicing these characters was an "exhausting" experience. But the effort paid off in the end.

The animation plays off of the mystique of Paris, with plenty of views of the Eiffel Tower and lifelike representations

of delectable Parisian food. "The food had to look really good," said Bird. Lewis added: "The city had to live up

Lewis added: "The city had to live up to everyone's expectations of what it is."

Bird said that perfectly replicating the City of Lights was not the goal, however, just as it was not the intent of animators to perfectly replicate water in *Finding Nemo*. It's more about evoking the feeling of being under water, or in this case along the romantic streets of Paris.

A wonderfully comic element comes in the form of Anton Ego (Peter O'Toole), a menacing food critic, and Head Chef Skinner (Ian Holm), a scheming boss who tries to keep Gusteau's unknown heir away from the restaurant. But secrets are revealed, and in true Disney fashion it's up to Remy to save the day.

Though the two comedians had never toured together before, their current press tour became the perfect opportunity for Oswalt and Garofalo to take the stage, too. They hit Detroit's City Theater on June 20, after a day of interviews at Dearborn's Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

As for *Ratatouille*, the movie hits theaters June 29. The film is preceded by an enjoyable animated short, titled *Lifted*. In it, aliens have landed above a remote farmhouse in an attempt to abduct a sleeping farmer. What ensues is belly-laugh funny and certainly worth getting to the theater on time.

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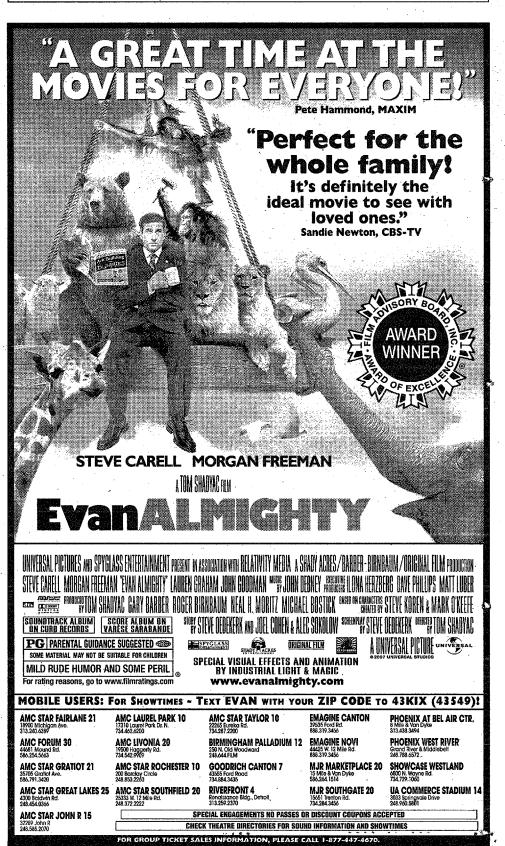
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Planning key part of fire safety at home

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recently announced the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2007: "It's Fire Prevention Week - Practice Your Escape Plan." This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week, taking place Oct. 7 through 13, focuses on how to plan and practice escape from a home if a fire occurs. NFPA has been the sponsor for Fire Prevention Week for more than 80 years.

In 2005, U.S. fire departments responded to 1.6 million fires and 24 percent of these were home fires. Home fires killed 3,030 people that year - roughly eight people every day – yet only 23 percent of households have developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. It's not enough just to have a home fire escape plan in place; everyone in the home must also practice the plan. Visit FPW's official Web site (www. firepreventionweek.org) to learn more about how to escape a home fire.

Mike Kish, inspector with the Farmington Hills Fire Department, recommends a related Web site of the same organization, www.nfpa.org/factsheets. He agrees having, and practicing, a home escape plan is

"The plan is called EDITH - it stands for Exit Drills in the Home," Kish said. He just went over such a plan with a resident concerned about escape routes from a two-story colonial home.

Kish noted an escape ladder is recommended if no other option will work. "The parents need to practice that when the kids aren't around," to make sure the adults can use the ladder. If you can get out on your garage roof during a fire and summon help, either by



phone or from neighbors, that's good.

The public is invited to practice their escape plan by participating in The Great American Fire Drill. During the month of October, NFPA and its mascot Sparky the Fire Dog are urging people to "Practice Your Escape Plan." People participating in The Great American Fire Drill will be able to sign up and be counted at www.sparky.org/cool.html. Information will be available this summer on how to download an "I Did the Drill" certificate.

It's important to be prepared to escape from a fire if one occurs, but it is equally important to prevent fires from happening in the first place. NFPA suggests taking steps to avoid fires by making sure your home and activities that take place there are as safe as possible. The leading causes of home fires are cooking, smoking, heating, electrical equipment, and intentionally set fires. Cooking leads to the most fires and injuries while fires caused by smoking leads to the most deaths. Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more statistics about fires and useful safety tips on how to prevent them.

Kish recalled a house fire years ago in which six children died in Detroit. He did a home escape plan for Channel 7 news then, at the same time his now college-age son had a school assignment on fire escape planning.

Kish noted the importance of a home floor plan being studied, how to get out, crawling low in case of fire, and having a meeting place such as your mailbox, a tree or neighbors' home.

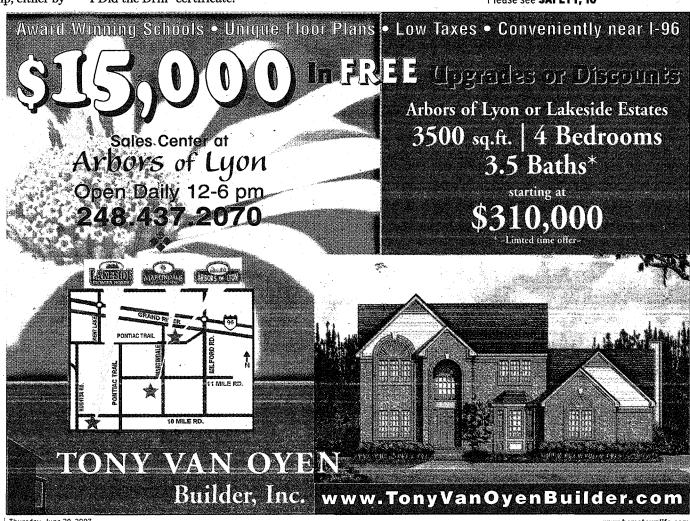
He advocates replacing smoke alarms at home a minimum of 10 years (read the warranty for specifics). Not everyone's getting the message on smoke alarms, as some have dead batteries, are deliberately disabled when cooking smoke sets them off or are too

Kish has found Farmington Hills is becoming more diverse, with schoolchildren getting the fire safety message but not always their parents. If 9-

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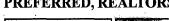
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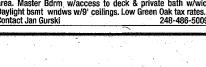


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43805 Arlington Rd.	\$217,000
3648 Aspen Ln	\$388,000
503 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$183,000
300 Cherry Stone Dr	\$135,000
43581 Cherrywood Ln	\$244,000
43651 Cherrywood Ln	\$268,000
443 Cornell St	\$240,000
43776 Cranford Ave	\$175,000
45402 Cypress Ct	\$435,000
40446 Deer Creek Dr	\$85,000
39482 Dorchester Cir	\$300,000
2672 Emily Ct	\$295,000
44210 Fair Oaks Dr	\$223,000
1731 Glenshire Dr	\$223,000
42661 Keystone Ln	\$209,000
44718 Kirk Ct	\$232,000
46592 Larchmont Dr	\$250,000
259 Liberty St	\$216,000
2172 Lone Wolf Ln	\$185,000
46977 Mornington Rd	\$310,000
47572 Ormskirk Dr	\$40,000
3736 Parklawn Dr	\$225,000
1927 Pebble Creek Dr	- \$241,000
39605 Peters Dr	\$178,000
1885 Pinecroft Dr	\$150,000

42606 Redfern St
48237 Rockefeller Dr
42474 Saltz Rd
47360 Saltz Rd
436 Sandalwood Rd
45245 Seabrook Dr
49440 Shenandoah Cir
41517 Singh Dr
41105 Southwind Dr
2053 W Franklin Dr
48807 Westbridge Dr
8436 Westchester Ln
Farmingto
35531 Heritage Ln

33500 Colony Park Dr 31226 Country Blf 28104 Gettysburg St 23196 Mission Ln 29583 Pond Ridge Rd 33705 Quaker Valley Rd 32533 Sanctuary Ct 34699 Valley Forge Dr

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49440 Shenandoah Cir	\$413,000	
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41105 Southwind Dr	\$106,000	
2053 W Franklin Dr	\$132,000	
48807 Westbridge Dr	\$58,000	
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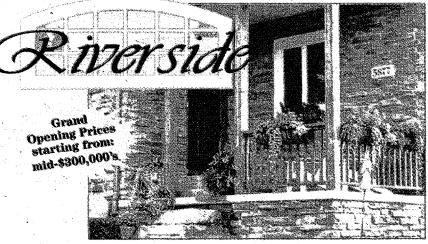


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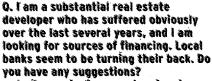
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Corn storage facility could be wave of future

Q. This sounds corny, but I've heard about a condominium storage facility for corn. Do you know anything about it?

A. It has been recently reported in the Des Moines Register that Iowa farmers and investors are joined together to build a condo storage facility that can hold hundreds of thousands of bushels of corn. The farmers own storage rights equal to the number of shares they hold in the condo and pay an annual fee that covers insurance, maintenance and other costs. Apparently, this is as a result of the growing need for ethanol, but this may be a coming trend throughout the country.



A. Several of our major developer clients have considered going to hedge funds and insurance



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companies for liquidity and/or venture capital. In particular, hedge funds are looking for distressed properties and/or developers in southeast Michigan because they believe the economy will turn around and they can

get a piece of the action. There are opportunities for financing if you are resourceful and have the right contacts.

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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Investors

Dr. John Hayes, president of HomeVestors, will discuss the state of the real estate industry and what it takes to be successful in any kind of market at the monthly meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on July 12, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742.

Auction July 25

The Auction Services Group of Benja E. Sherman & Sons, a Chicago-based national real estate auction company, will be conducting the sale of eight single family homes, seven condominiums and 56 home sites throughout metro Detroit. The auction will be held in the ballroom of the Troy Marriott,

200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, at 7.p.m. Wednesday, July 25.

Neumann Homes Inc., a Chicago-based national home builder, has elected to auction these properties to reduce the marketing time necessary to sell them in a slow marketplace."We have experienced the same slowdown that other builders have experienced throughout metro Detroit," said Neumann President and CEO Kenneth P. Neumann. "We've made a business decision to utilize the accelerated sales method to complete a close-out of several of our communities which will allow our team members to concentrate their efforts on our most recently developed communities in the four regions around the country that we are building in."

"This will be the second auction that we will have conducted for Neumann Homes in metro Detroit," said Robert Roggeveen, president of The Auction Services Group of Benj. E. Sherman & Sons. "Last year, we sold 66 properties for over \$8,000,000."

All of the homes and condominiums will be open for viewing during the following scheduled open house dates and

Thursday, July 12, 7-9 p.m., Sunday, July 15, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 1-4 p.m.

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"We're finding the smoke detector issue is probably the biggest thing," he said. Kish agreed fire extinguishers are good for the kitchen, provided they're far enough away from the stove and you know how to use them. They need to be replaced or serviced every six-12 years, depending on the type of extinguisher.

NFPA has taken the lead in public fire safety outreach by serving as the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for 85 years. The annual public awareness and safety commemoration, which is proclaimed by the president of the United States each year, is observed by fire departments in the U.S. and Canada to mark the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

NFPA has been a leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

Realtors help visually impaired kids

Each year, the Western Wavne Oakland County Association of Realtors selects two local charities to support. For the spring 2007 event, WWOCAR selected the Blind and Visually Impaired Children's Fund (BVICF).

Teachers and students from the BVICF attended a bowling and pizza party in which WWOCAR members bowled for the group and participated in other fund-raising activities. One of the many highlights of the evening was a solo performance of The Star Spangled Banner by one of

the students.

The event raised \$4,578.53 for the Fund. A check was presented to the Foundation on June 11 at the WWOCAR headquarters, 24125 Drake Road in Farmington.

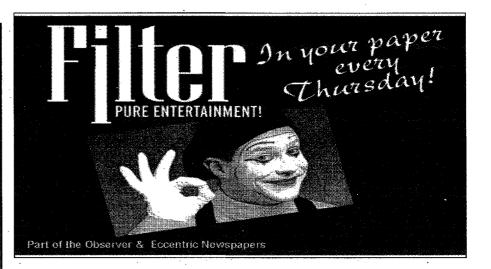
In addition to the BVICF, WWOCAR has selected the Ronald McDonald House to support in an event to be held later this year.

The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors represents more than 4,200 Realtors and affiliates who conduct business in the metropolitan Detroit area.

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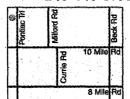


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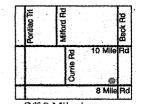
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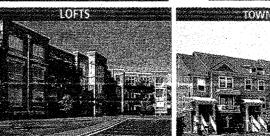
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Westland 734-326-2000 Westland 248-348-6430 Westland 248-851-1900 FRISTINE WESTLAND RANCH Updated square feet, family room, den, upfated square feet, family room, den, upfated kitchen, newer windows, vinyl & roof. A great family home on a dead end street.

Dimensional roof '04, h20 '01, paint '06, bath & kitchen. Separate LR & FR. Large 2+ newer carpet over hdwd firs, furnace & AC car garage. Sunroom. Private yard. Home is clean, ready & priced for quick sale! \$174,972 (27100327)

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