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## MEAP scores follow state trend downward

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

The most dramatic drop came in reading, where scores

went from 89 percent testing proficient last year to 74.3 percent for this year's graduates. Writing was down from 78 percent to 65.7 percent; math declined from 76 percent to 62.7; and science was down from 74 to 64.3 percent.

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

"We do know for sure, the class of 2006 was the first to require students to take all portions of the MEAP as a graduation requirement," he said.

"Prior to that, students were strongly encouraged to take the MEAP tests, and the expectation was they would take all portions of the MEAP. In reality, not all students took all portions."

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan said the latest scores show how the need for the newly created core curriculum for Michigan high schools is critical to the state's future.

"It's not rocket science," said Flanagan. "How can students score well on the MEAP, and next year on the new Michigan Merit Exam that includes the ACT test, if they don't learn the content of the test. If they don't

take algebra and biology, how are they going to know the answers to those questions on the test, let alone have the knowledge to succeed in the global marketplace when they enter the work world?"

Among the new graduation requirements being handed down by the state, students will have to take four credits of English, four credits of math, three of science and three of social studies.

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

"We're working on plans to improve," Simescu said. "I

### MEAP RESULTS

Here's a look at how Plymouth-Canton students did on the MEAP tests compared to statewide scores:

	PCEP	STATE
Reading	74.35	70.08
Writing	65.78	55.19
Total ELA	69.15	61.56
Math	62.72	52.37
Science	64.35	56.77
Soc. Studies	41.85	36.79

think we have a good team in place, and we'll address the concerns and work out a plan.

"We made AYP (federal Adequate Yearly Progress

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



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



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Lee Hunt trains, heat or no heat, running along Joy Road from Lilley to Ridge and back. The Canton resident is a former track and field athlete for Eastern Michigan University.

## Race down to money vs. name recognition

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Beating the heat

Locals finding ways to keep cool during hot week

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Logan Lazorka had the right idea Tuesday afternoon.

As temperatures outside soared to nearly 100 degrees, 10-year-old Logan and his mother, Laurie, got out of the heat and into the cool comfort of Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

"There's just nothing to do," Logan said, and his mother had to agree with the often-exaggerated

summertime complaint of many school children. "I usually play basketball and go outside with my friends but after about five minutes, it's just too hot."

Canton Township officials agree with the Logans' decision to leave their home in Plymouth to spend an afternoon doing something indoors.

The township is urging residents to exercise caution during the extreme heat, and further asks that

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## Canton voters ready to cast ballots

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Canton voters will head to the polls next week for a primary election to decide who will be on the Nov. 7 general election ballot in congressional, state and county races, as well as the nonpar-

tisan circuit and district court judge races. Voters living in the Van Buren Public Schools district will also decide on a continuation of its non-homestead operating millage.

"It's important to remember that this is a primary, so voters must vote in their

party," said Township Clerk Terry Bennett. "For all partisan elections, you must vote in the same party or you'll be instructed that the ballot is improperly marked, and if you leave it like that, only the nonpartisan and proposals sections will be counted."

Voters will select one of

the Republicans running for United States Senate; Michael Bouchard or Keith Butler will run against Democrat Debbie Stabenow.

Running for County Executive are Republicans Ramon J. Patrick and Deborah West, and Democrats Robert A. Ficano,

Ricardo Rodger Moore and Marion Ector.

In the Wayne County Commission race, voters will choose Democrat Kevin McNamara or Toni Clark, or Republican Loren Bennett or Gerald Law.

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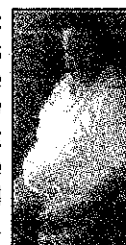


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Rotary rummage sale

The Canton Rotary Club hosts its annual Rummage Sale Aug. 12-13 at Mettetal Airport on Lilley Road in Canton.

The sale takes place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13. Among the available items will be housewares, children's items, clothing, furniture, appliances, holiday items and a variety of miscellaneous items. The club is now accepting donations.

To arrange for drop-off or pick-up of items, or for more information, call Bill Brown, (734) 455-3344 or (734) 420-2733.

Alternate route suggested

Due to construction on Canton's Ford Road, alternate access routes are suggested for those attending Friday evening's V98.7 Smooth Jazz concert being held 6-8 p.m. in the Harvard Square parking lot.

Sheldon Road north of Ford will be closed, so alternate access routes to Harvard Square are Lowe's and Target entrances on Ford Road, and the access drive from Morton Taylor north of Ford east to Harvard Square.

Friday's show features the Jesse Falter Quartet. The show is free and guests are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs.

The V98.7 Smooth Jazz Concert series is sponsored by

Canton's Downtown Development Authority and Canton's Leisure Services. For more information, call (734) 394-5367.

**School supplies**

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

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

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

Band car wash

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

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

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

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

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

500 awards in the last two decades.

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

Orchestra auditions

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

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

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

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society. In Fall 2006 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

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

Call Clara, (734) 254-0849 or e-mail to [sws259@comcast.net](mailto:sws259@comcast.net) for more information.

■ The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 9-10. This year the craft show will be moving to the lawn of the historic Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street. Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$150 for the weekend.

Applications are available to download at [www.plymouth-fallfestival.com](http://www.plymouth-fallfestival.com) or for more info call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

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

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Senior Olympics

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

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

Chamber golf outing

Golfers are still needed for the Aug. 8 Canton Chamber of Commerce golf outing at Pheasant Run Golf Course. To Register for this event, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Golf/sponsorship packages are still available but going fast, and offer a savings of \$50. Call Melanie at (734) 453-4040, to secure your reservations.

Leadership Canton

Applications are now being accepted for Leadership Canton 2007. Learn about community leadership building, meet community leaders and gain experience in the community planning process. This program is open to all persons living or working in Canton. Every year, each class develops a positive community project. Class size is limited. Tuition and Application are required by Aug. 18. Classes start in October. For more information, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Free preschool

Plymouth Canton Head Start is offering free preschool for children ages 2.5 to 4. The group will be offering a free car wash/open enrollment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at 44649 Michigan Avenue in Canton (in the parking lot of the Sheldon School House). For more information, call (734) 326-6271.

Sale to benefit veterans

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 is having its

annual rummage and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 17-19 at the 100F hall, located at 344 Elizabeth (at Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. Anyone who would like to donate items can deliver them to the hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 15-16. Donations are tax-deductible. All proceeds will be used to benefit veterans.

Fall fest meeting

For more information, contact Eunice Taylor at (734) 254-9617.

International festival

The 2006 International Summer Festival is scheduled for 1-6 p.m., Aug. 12 at the Crescent Academy, which is located at 40440 Palmer Road in Canton. The event will feature ethnic foods, a bazaar, rides and open house tours of the academy's new facility. There is free admission for the event, which is being sponsored by the Crescent Academy and the Canton Muslim community.

Canton High 25th class reunion

Plymouth Canton Class of 1981 will hold its 25th reunion on Aug. 26 at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth Township. This will be a casual, low-cost event so as many people as possible will want to attend. We are asking for \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. We will be having appetizers, pizza and cake. One alcoholic beverage will also be provided. There will also be a cash bar.

If you are interested in attending, please send your check made payable to "Kallie Michels/Canton-1981" to Kallie Bila Michels at: 48714 Pine Hill Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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● **LADY IN THE WATER** (PG-13) 9:20 FR/SAT 11:40  
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**TAKING IT ON THE SHINS**

"Shin splints" are a painful condition caused by inflammation of the thin layer of tissue that covers the shinbone. The pain is centered about two-thirds of the way down the shin from the knee, and it stretches over about three to four inches. Those who are particularly vulnerable to shin splints, which are usually the result of excessive stress on the legs while walking or jogging, are people with flat feet, unusually high arches, or poorly aligned knees. Treatment consists of rest and cold compresses. More importantly, prevention involves maintenance of a regular physical workout routine without drastic changes in duration or intensity. It also helps to stay away from hard surfaces while running or walking.

The pain from shin splints can last from several days to a week, but may become chronic if you don't allow enough time for your leg to heal. Substitute non-weight bearing exercises, such as swimming, for your usual workout until the pain has gone. When you require the care of a physical therapist, contact the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY at 455-8370. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. New patients are gladly welcome.

P.S. Dancers are particularly susceptible to shin splints.

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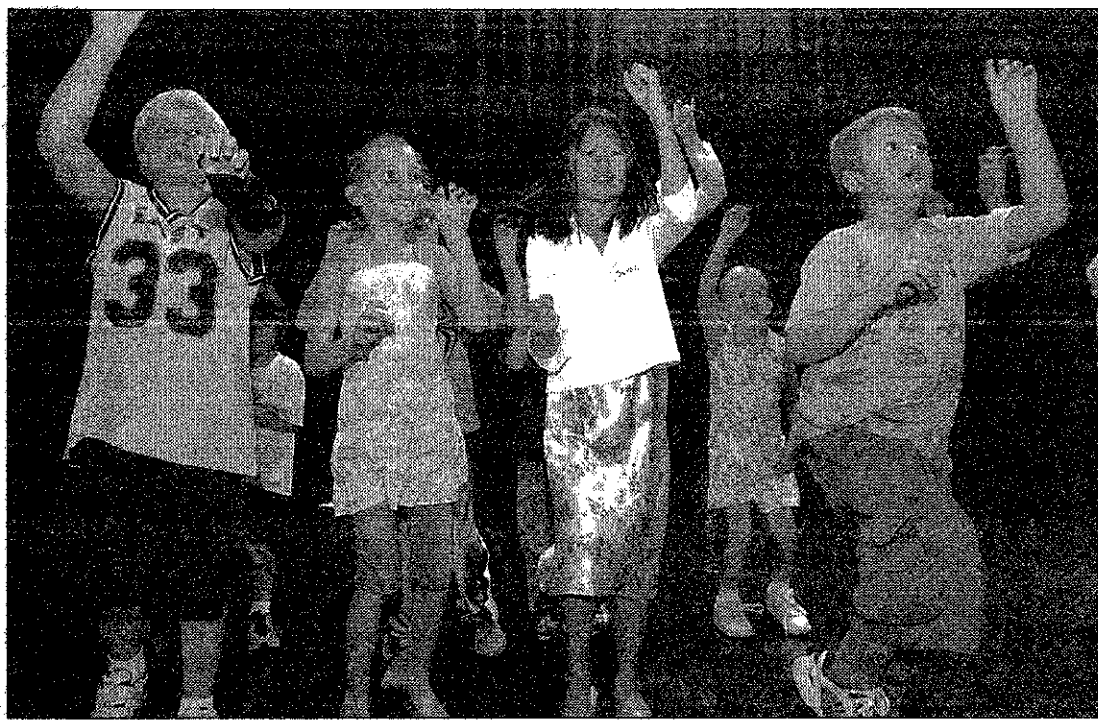
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Justin Ralph, 9 (left to right), from Canton, Nissa Kasparian 7, Sarah Huang 10 and Mitchell Cimino 6 join in the fun participating in the game Captains Corner at the first day of Ever After Productions Drama Camp. Some 54 campers, ages 5-15 are participating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

## Going into production

Company hosts week-long theater workshops

Ever After Productions is hosting week-long summer theater workshops for young people.

These week-long workshops emphasize basic theater concepts, development of skills, improvisation and appreciation for the arts.

According to organizers, they're designed to appeal to beginners, as well as older students who want to refine their theatrical talent.

The final workshop is next week, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Aug. 7-11. Participants must bring a lunch and beverage each day.

At the end of the week, the young actors will present a short performance for family and friends on the last day in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater.

The program is for children



Drama Camp instructor Ryan Dooley 16 hands out the scrip for The School for Princesses to campers (all from Canton) Rachel Amodio 12 (left to right) Allison Fries 11, Rebecca Kurzyniec 12, Rebecca Herschok 12 and Mardi Fries 6 at the Ever After Productions Youth Drama Camp of Cherry Hill Village Theater.

5-15 years of age, and the fee is \$130.

For more information call

(734) 751-4887 or visit online at [www.everafterproductions.org](http://www.everafterproductions.org).

## Stewart: Allegations are a distraction

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Historical Museum executive director Beth Stewart is responding to allegations that she used the museum, of which she's been director for 17 years, for political gain in her quest to become the Republican nominee for the 20th state House seat in the Aug. 8 primary.

Citizens to Save the Museum, as well as supporters of 20th House District Republican candidate Mark Abbo of Northville Township, have criticized Stewart for using the museum's nonprofit bulk rate stamp, conducting her campaign at the museum during a book signing by former Gov. William Milliken and using the museum's newsletter as a campaign tool.

In a letter to the editor in today's *Plymouth Observer*, Stewart denied using the museum's bulk mail rate for political mailings.

"I used the bulk mail permit number, which I was informed by the Post Office in Plymouth was permissible as long as I paid the proper postage rate, which I did for each and every mailing," Stewart wrote. "I paid the same rate as every other candidate running for office."

Stewart, who earlier told the *Plymouth Observer* she paid \$75 for use of the meeting

room at the Plymouth Historical Museum after a June 12 book signing by Milliken, said in her letter she paid for the use of the room by Milliken.

"I paid to rent the Museum for the Milliken event, and the meeting held after, just as anyone can," Stewart said. "It was an event open to the public, and there were other candidates in attendance that evening."

"In my role as executive director of the PHM, a position I've held for 17 years, I have always conducted myself with honor and integrity, and I would never do anything to compromise that or to jeopardize the museum's tax-exempt status."

Citizens to Save the Museum, with the only identified member being Carl Berry of Plymouth Township, has filed complaints with the Michigan Secretary of State office, complaining of Campaign Finance Act violations, and with the IRS, claiming nonprofit 501(c)(3) violations by the Plymouth Historical Museum board.

The museum board was expected to meet Wednesday night a third time with attorney David Thoms of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone to discuss the alleged violations. The board has asked Stewart not to utilize her office or any

equipment at the museum until the investigation is completed.

"As a gesture of good faith, I have informed the museum board of directors that I will continue my leave of absence until the museum is free and clear from these baseless allegations," Stewart wrote.

In an interview, Stewart said the issues have been "set up, to be a distraction" to her campaign, but said, "I haven't been asked by people" about the accusations during door-to-door campaigning.

"I think this is small potatoes as far as the IRS is concerned," Stewart said. "I think it will be done and over with very shortly."

Political analyst Bill Ballenger, editor and publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*, said he believes the political fray will be a non-factor in the Aug. 8 primary.

"Technically, maybe nothing was done wrong, but you shouldn't mix up partisan political mailings with museum business," Ballenger said. "Even if it's legal, it's not a smart thing for somebody to do."

"However, with the expected low voter turnout in the primary, I don't think something like this will be the deciding factor," he added.

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## Chamber hosts annual golf outing

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual golf classic takes place Tuesday, Aug. 8, at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Club.

Reservation deadline has been extended to Aug. 4. Reservations can be made by calling the chamber office at (734) 453-4040. This event is open to the public, and there are various packages available for purchase.

n Golf for Four Package, \$550 - Includes golf with cart for four, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, BBQ Buffet Dinner

banquet, prizes and a gift package.

n Individual golf, \$150 - Includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, BBQ Buffet Dinner Banquet, prizes and a gift package.

n Dinner only - \$35. The outing will be a scramble format, there will be a Best Ball Tournament, Mulligans and Skins games, 50/50 tickets sold throughout the course with quality door prizes. Six hole-in-one's with giveaways such as resort vacation packages. At the end of the outing

six contestants will have a chance to win \$50,000 cash by making a 165 yard Hole-in-One.

"Our golf outing offers a great opportunity to reward employees and/or potential clients, and helps to promote your business while supporting camaraderie amongst your employees," chamber president Dianne Cojei said.

For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com), or call the Chamber at (734) 453-4040

## RACE

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comes money."

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

"Look at the race six years ago, Teresa Folino got the Right to Life endorsement and almost won," Ballenger said. "She wasn't viewed as an

attractive candidate, and (John) Stewart snuck in because he was pro-choice, and the only one in the race that was. Abbo is a much stronger candidate than she (Folino) was."

On the Democratic primary ticket, Ballenger gives the nod to Marc Corriveau of Northville Township over Joanne Lamar of Plymouth and Joe Hawver of Plymouth Township.

Corriveau reported spending \$4,526; Lamar \$3,158 and Hawver \$1,334.

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

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

## HEAT

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anyone experiencing heat related medical problems call 911 for help.

Canton Emergency Management suggests drinking plenty of water, avoiding alcoholic or caffeinated drinks which cause dehydration, wearing clothing that allows for circulation, limiting vigorous activity, planning outdoor activities prior to 10 a.m. or after 2 p.m., seeking shelter in the shade if you must go outside, and using air conditioning if possible.

If air conditioning is not available, residents can go to Canton's local cooling center at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Residents will need to stop by the front desk to sign-in before being directed to a cooling room. The cooling center will be offered Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., on Saturday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, please contact the Summit at 394-5460.

According to Kathy Rich, Canton Emergency Management Planner, older adults are at higher risk for experiencing heat-related illness. Existing health conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity can heighten their vulnerability. Certain prescription and over-the-counter medications can also increase risk.

Excessive heat can be very dangerous, Rich said.

"What I find is that a lot of times elderly people won't turn on their air conditioners, for conservation. Then they get overheated," she said. She asked that residents check on their elderly or homebound neighbors to be sure they are comfortable and safe, and to transport them to the Summit if they need to use the cooling center.

The cooling center was at the Canton Public Library, but the library's air conditioning system has not been working properly, Rich said, so the Summit is the new location.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Armed with a tall cup of water, Chris Jahoda stands in a bit of shade along Canton Center Road south of Ford while advertising CICI's all-day buffet.

"That actually works out better because that's our emergency shelter. We have the capacity, if need be, to feed people and give them water, and there are showers there," she said.

Despite the hot weather, the Canton Fire Department is reporting no increase in medical runs due to the heat.

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## VOTERS

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In the judge races, the two top vote-getters in each race will advance to the general election ballot.

Circuit court judge candidates are Neil Sawicki, John J. Sullivan, Jerome C. Cavanagh, Wanda Evans, Judith Ann Grady and Leonard Mungo. District court candidates are Brian J. Stacey, Ronald W. Lowe and Jim Plakas.

Voters in the Van Buren district will vote on a continuation of the non-homestead millage. The millage affects

commercial and industrial properties, rental homes, vacation homes, and some vacant land, said district spokesman Paul Henning.

"This is just a renewal of mills, so it will not make anyone's taxes increase. We're just asking that the tax remain the same," Henning said.

And it's crucial to the district's operations.

"Right now we have \$7,383 allowance per pupil from the state. If we don't get the renewal, it will be cut to \$5,263 per pupil," Henning said. "We have approximately 6,000 students in the district; 24 percent of our revenue

would be cut."

The millage contributes to the district's operating budget.

"The operating budget is the budget that pays for everything that makes the school operate every day. We're talking about electricity and gas, personnel and payroll, and books. This is the meat of what we operate on," Henning said. He added that the renewal should not be confused with the bond for a new high school, which was voted down earlier this year.

Polls are open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Aug. 8.

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# Major developer commits to Pinnacle Aeropark project

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

Beneath a tent set up on vacant land at Sibley and Vining, Ficano officially announced the proposed agreement for Frankel to develop 150 acres at the Pinnacle Aeropark on county-owned land near I-275 and Sibley Road in Huron Township, south of Detroit Wayne County Metro Airport.

"This has been nine years in the making," Ficano said. "In the past three years that I have been in office, we have doubled the effort. Stuart Frankel believes in our plans and is putting his money on the table."

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

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

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

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

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

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Wayne County executive

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

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

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

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

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

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

Boike and Commissioners Joe Palamara, D-Grosse Ile

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

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

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

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

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

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

Frankel said he sees this project as a legacy.

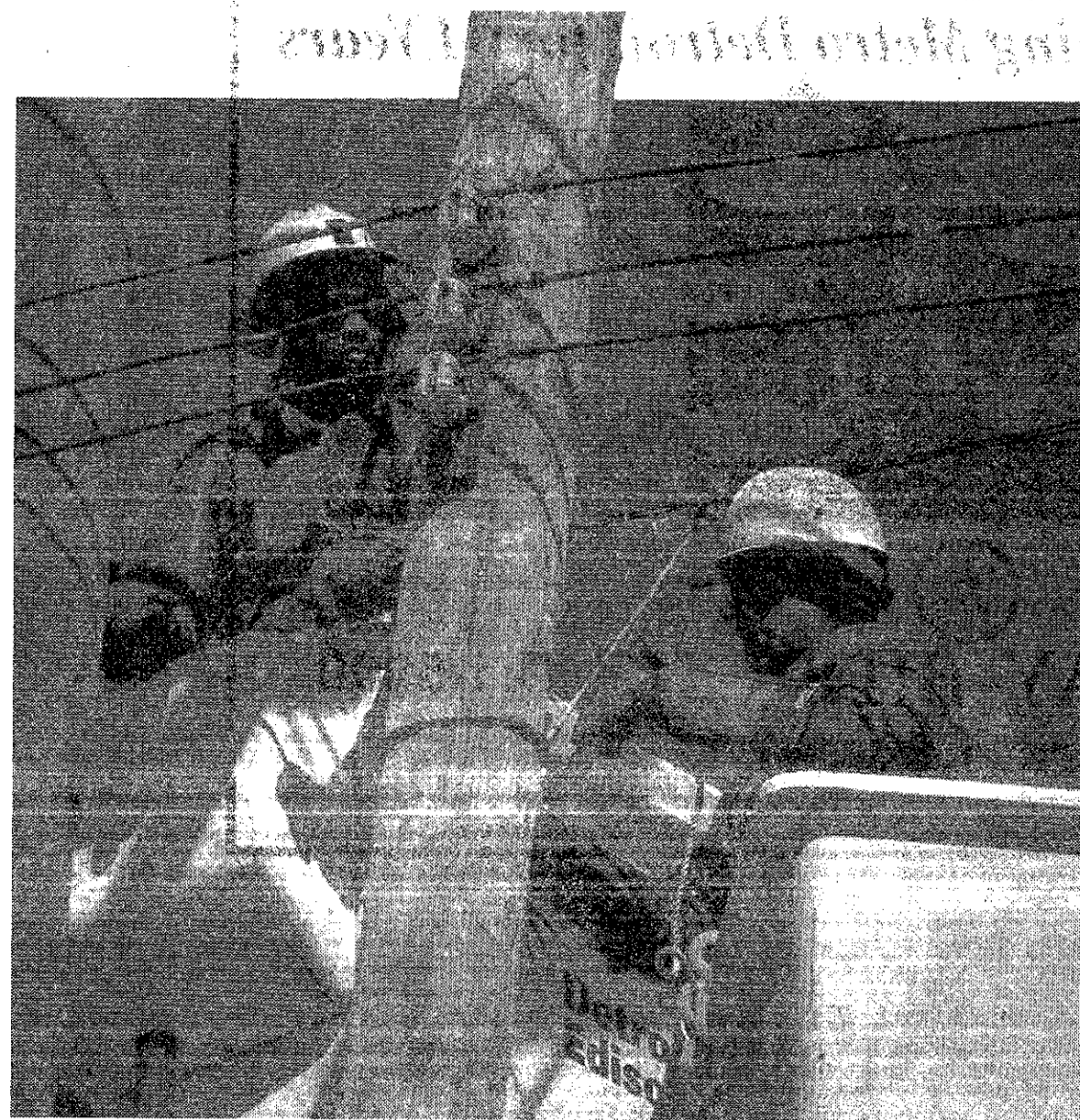
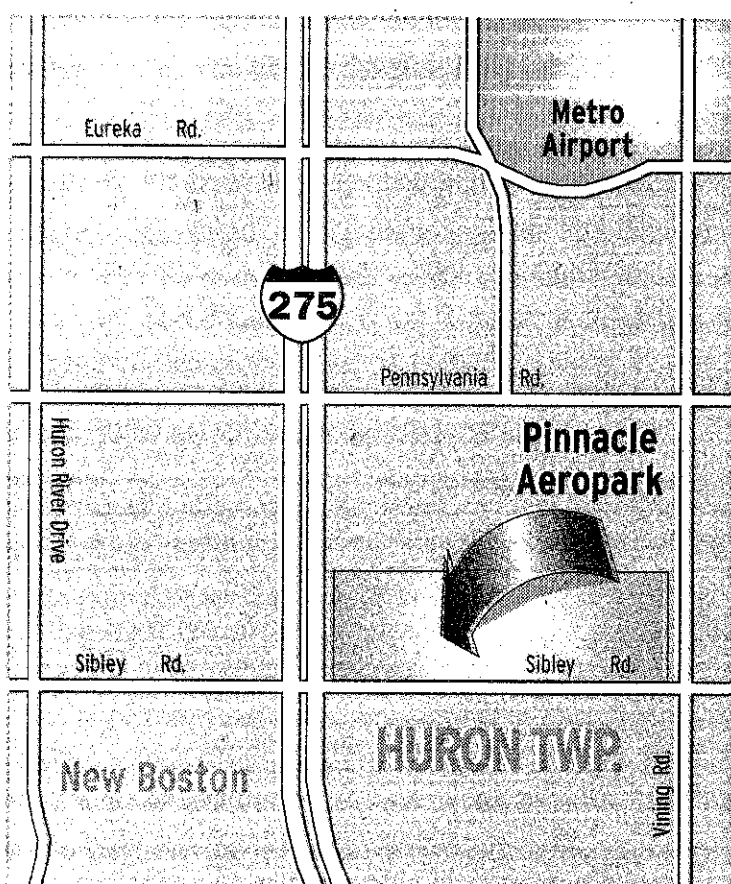
"I've been in business 40 years and I like to do things that are difficult, everyone can do easy things," he said. "I'm willing to take the responsibility, I like the challenge."

Ficano praised the state's

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

## Van Andel Global Trade Center hosts trade program in Livonia

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

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

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

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

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

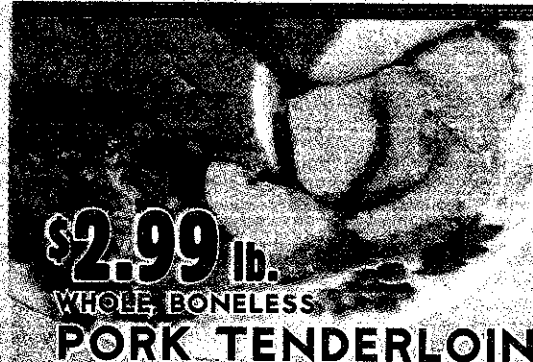
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## OUR VIEWS

# Lowe the best choice for court

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Stewart, Corriveau our House picks

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

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

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

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

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

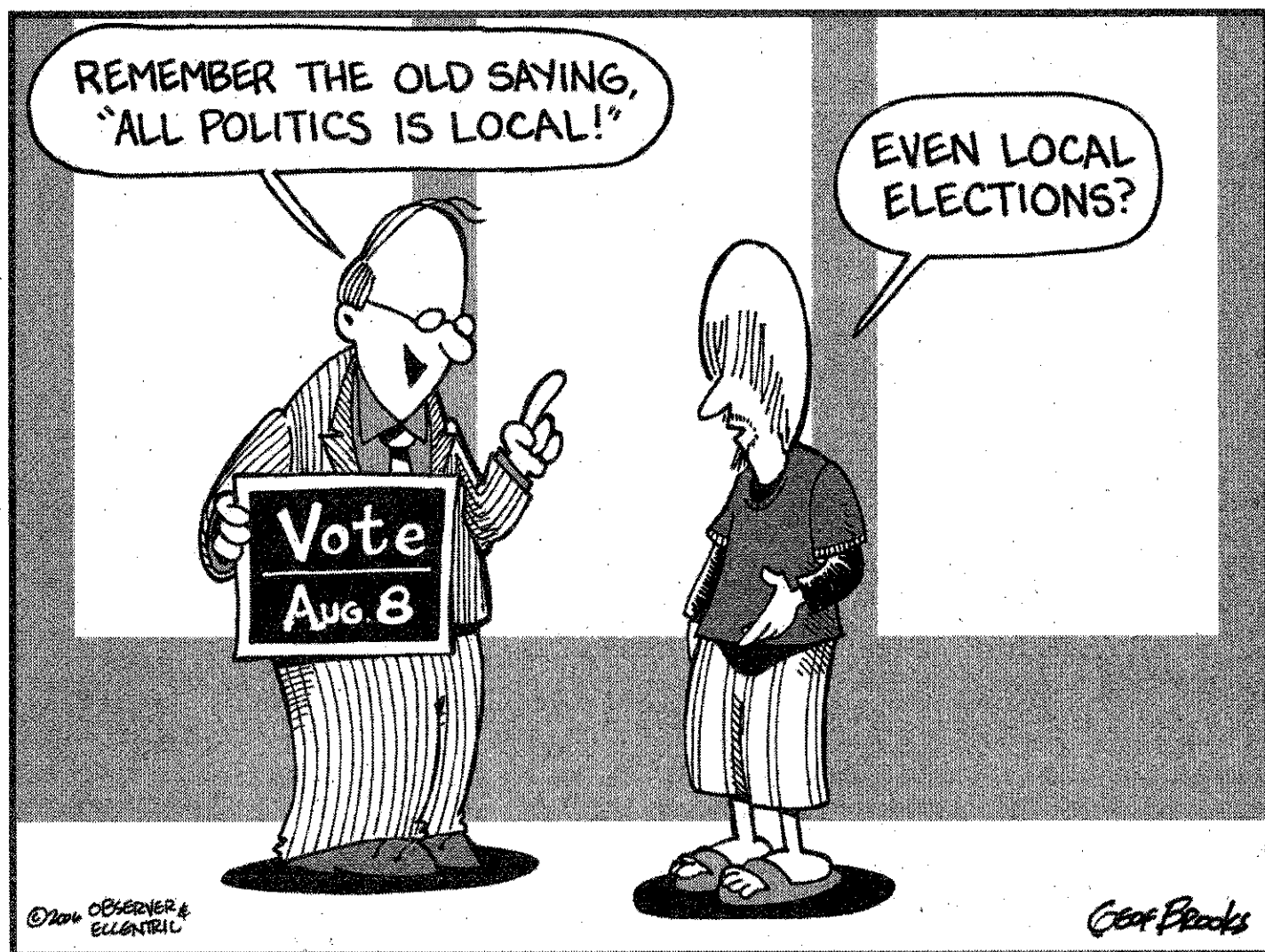
The other Democrats — Joanne Lamar and Joe Hawver — are also solid candidates. Lamar's expertise is in health care and she's served four years on the Plymouth-Canton school board. Hawver has a youthful passion that will serve him well as he gains experience. We believe Corriveau, however, has the best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



Stewart



Corriveau



## LETTERS

### Responding to critics

As you may know, it has been alleged that I have improperly used my relationship with the Plymouth Historical Museum for political gain. While I believe such allegations to be false and politically motivated, it has become necessary for me to respond to them — not so much to defend myself but to defend the museum.

In my role as executive director of the PHM, a position I have held for the past 17 years, I have always conducted myself with honor and integrity, and I would never do anything to compromise that or jeopardize the museum's tax-exempt status.

I have tried to run my campaign the same way, and went above and beyond what was required of me by taking a leave from my position at the museum before I did any campaigning for office. This was not something I was required to do — but felt it was the right thing to do.

As for the allegations made by the so-called "Citizens to Save the Museum":

n The allegation that I used the museum's bulk mail rate for political mailings is false. I used the bulk mail permit number which I was informed by the Post Office in Plymouth was permissible as long as I paid the proper postage rate — which I did for each and every mailing. I paid the very same rate as every other candidate running for office. This can be verified at the post office with my check receipts.

n I paid to rent the museum for the Milliken event and the meeting held after, just as anyone can. It was an open event to the public and there were other candidates in attendance that evening.

n I informed the museum membership in our newsletter that I was taking a leave of absence to run for office — period.

Please look at the people behind these allegations and at what their motivations are before you pass judgment. As a gesture of good faith, I have informed the Museum Board of Directors that I will continue my leave of absence until the museum is free and clear from these baseless accusations.

**Beth Stewart**

Candidate for State Representative  
20th District

### Call a cease-fire

Just another election year, just another race for state rep.? No. The race for the GOP nomination in the 20th District has turned terribly ugly, and we have the usual suspects to thank. As one of the candidates in this race, and one who is running a campaign of ideas and issues, I am calling for a cease-fire between the Abbo and Stewart camps. While the bickering goes on, the issues get lost, and the future of our state's economy hangs in the balance.

From all indications, Beth Stewart made all the legal arrangements to use the museum as she did. However, considering the political atmosphere and the long history of bad blood between her camp and Abbo's, it was poor political judgment. It is never a good plan to paint a target on your chest when the establishment's political SWAT team is on the prowl. Anyone who has paid attention to

local party politics over the last 30 years knows that Carl Berry and Co. will pull the trigger on any chance to do the bidding of their Lansing masters.

The circus atmosphere of these party-controlled primaries is a major reason why turnout is so low. The voters see these shenanigans for what they are: nasty political dogfights that choke the life out of real political discourse. It is a shame that we are still involved in these senseless shoot-outs, where political hacks of questionable marksmanship cause much collateral damage — be the victims museums or mobile homes. Right, Carl?

Even though Beth Stewart showed poor judgment in this case, she does make one very salient point. When you hear political charges and accusations, it is critical that you consider the source. The attack dogs that work for Mr. Abbo and his Lansing cronies will stop at nothing to win, and will not let decency or compassion get in their way. This race can be won on the issues, not by using political assassins.

The voters have a choice to make on Aug. 8. They can reward this kind of behavior, or they can elect someone who is focused on results for Michigan.

**Jason Vorva**  
Plymouth

20th District candidate, GOP

### Disgusted with attacks

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

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

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

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

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

Beth Stewart and her husband, John, have been 22-year ambassadors of our communities, promoting Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and Canton across this state. They are members of the local

Chambers of Commerce. In an interview with another newspaper, Beth Stewart was the only candidate out of the seven running for state representative that knew the elected officials of each of our communities. The list of Beth Stewart's involvement in our communities is an extensive one. She has left a lasting legacy to our western Wayne County communities through her generous giving of her time. What Beth Stewart has so graciously done for us over the past 22 years she will do for us in Lansing.

**Bob and Shirley Zaetta**  
Plymouth

### Supporting Abbo

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

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

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

When Mark Abbo joined the Northville Township Board in 1992, the township was in dire financial trouble. Mark placed a laser-like focus on financial accountability, and required department heads to manage to their budgets. Today, Northville Township is financially sound, and we have placed a tax cut on the Aug. 8 ballot. As our next State Representative, Mark Abbo will return fiscal responsibility to Lansing. This is why I'm supporting Mark Abbo for state representative.

Vote for experience on Tuesday, Aug. 8. Vote Mark Abbo for state representative.

**Chris Roosen**  
Northville Township trustee

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# State grading system for new teachers falls short of mark

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



Paula Wood

I am in complete agreement that our programs to prepare teachers should be held accountable for the classroom effectiveness of our graduates. But the key issue is: are the criteria established by the state going to help us produce quality teachers? My belief is that this plan will do very little to achieve this goal. Why? Because a number of the criteria have little to do with whether or not the teacher in front of the classroom received a quality education.

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

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

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

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

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

The state also wants to grade us on the amount of time students take to complete their program.

But this has nothing to do with how effective a teacher is.

Traditional, full-time students who have family financial support generally finish college in less time than part-time students who have to

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

work to support themselves and, often, families.

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

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

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

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

In short, the new grading system encourages institutions to enroll the traditional, younger student who has enough financial resources to complete a program in a traditional period of time.

It discourages institutions from enrolling nontraditional students who might require more time to get through a program due to life circumstances, but who might also make excellent teachers.

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

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

## LETTERS

### Biased editorial

While editorial opinion is certainly only opinion, ethics suggest that at the very least these opinions should be driven by fact, not fiction.

The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative has every right to suggest that the Michigan Civil Rights Commission promoted a biased campaign against MCRI under the guise of a public body. Mark Bernstein, as chair of that commission, repeatedly made statements of fraud and deceit well before hearings in the matter were complete or a report produced. He then followed up their claims of fraud with a partisan fund-raiser to oppose the passage of the initiative.

Your claim of a section on the MCRI Web site devoted to the opposition distorts the fact that the article you cite is one of dozens of informative links concerning this ballot initiative. If citizens want to become more informed on this issue, the Web site provides hours of research material on the subject of affirmative action, developments in states like California where a similar initiative passed 10 years ago, and other general resources. An inconvenient truth for your editorial writer, but something that certainly could have been included in your commentary.

Recently, a law firm representing opponents to the initiatives would not deny that Shanta Driver, a member of its firm, will promote efforts to encourage county clerks to leave the initiative off of the ballot, unlawfully disenfranchising voters who have the right to make a choice. Does the *Observer* support this type of activity? Do you not consider this at least slightly radical?

Your editorial concluded: "MCRI still has a long way to go to earn any credibility." I suggest they are far closer to credible than their opposition or the author of your commentary.

John C. Whaley  
Livonia

### Disappointing articles

As a voter who lives in Plymouth Township, I am extremely disappointed at the focus of the article by Tony Bruscatto in the *Observer* on Sunday, July 16. This article and the one about Beth Stewart that appeared in the *Observer* on Thursday, July 13, were neither fair nor balanced news stories.

First, the articles did not mention the fact that Beth Stewart was informed that she could use the Historical Museum's bulk mail permit, and Beth paid the post office directly for her mailing, paying the proper bulk rate — the same rate every candidate is paying. Secondly, the articles did not mention that she paid to rent a room in the museum for an event after former Gov. Milliken's book signing event. In fact, anyone can rent the museum meeting room. She had her materials at the museum, but Ms. Stewart did not have them on display during the book signing.

Ms. Stewart took a leave of absence from her

job June 1 — before she began any campaigning — and is not holding any more meetings in the museum, nor is she using their bulk mail permit any longer. She told Channel 4 News that she is sorry that she opened herself up to criticism and gave her opponent, Mark Abbo, an opportunity to distract voters from the real choices facing voters in the Aug. 8 primary election. Let's get back to the real issues.

Linda Brandt  
Plymouth Township

### Vote for Stewart

Do you ever wonder how a small town like Plymouth can look so beautiful, so well cared for, and have as many activities as we do?

Beth Stewart is one of the people in our town who works hard to provide arts, cultural and educational activities and programs for the community, which not only improve the quality of life, but contribute to the economic well-being of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton.

While schools have limited dollars, Beth, working with teachers and administrators, was instrumental in securing sizable grants for PCEP's history programs.

And each school year, thousands of elementary students learn about the history of our community and state by visiting the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Beth has the wisdom to know that we need to take care of and preserve our natural and man-made resources.

She is the first to jump in, lend a hand, and not go home until the job is done. Just as we have been the recipients of Beth's hard work here in Plymouth and western Wayne County, the entire 20th House District and the state of Michigan will benefit by electing Beth Stewart as our state representative. And once in a while, her efforts help to make even impossible dreams come true.

It wasn't that long ago that saving the Penn wasn't considered a viable idea. Beth was one of the people who jumped in first to support the Friends of the Penn.

When high school students were looking for information about rescuing the barn at PCEP, Beth was a valuable resource for the students. The research they gathered was one of the contributing factors that helped preserve the barn, an important piece of our history.

She knows the people who live in this community. She balances work, family and community service, and always has the energy to do more ... not just when people are looking, and not just during an election year.

Please vote for Beth on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Elaine Attridge, Cindy Bartlett, Colleen Brown, Tracy Danner, Melanie Elliott, Jackson Elliott, Kathy Ann Hosten, Debra and Marcel Madonna, Ruth and Larry Martin, Dave Munson, Peter and Jan Nelson, Beth Savalo, Darrin Silvester

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# Executive faces opposition from former police officer Ficano says economy key issue



**ELECTION 2006**

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

Robert Ficano, 53, of Livonia is running for his second term as county executive. He has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State



Robert Ficano

University and law degree from the University of Detroit School of Law. He was Wayne County sheriff from 1982 to 2002. He was elected county executive in 2002. Ficano is single and has two children. **Q. What makes you the most qualified to hold this office?** A. As the chief executive officer of the largest county in the state and the 11th largest in the country, I have a view many are not privileged to receive. I see a way for us to work together to help us believe again in ourselves by delivering achievable objectives that take into the new century economy. Sitting on numerous boards, meetings with business leaders, other elected officials and forums such as Town Halls to meet with citizens across the county brings a tremendous responsibility and opportunity

to have all stakeholders represented at the table to identify and solve problems. **Q. What are the three most important issues facing the county and how would you address them?** A. Most citizens tell me the biggest problem we face is the economy, however, I believe economic transformation is part of life. I would say our lack of self-confidence and aggressive movement for substantive change is the larger issue. Local, regional and national government and business leadership must work together to lead with our strengths to reverse job loss, ineffective education standards, and citizens leaving the state seeking opportunities elsewhere. **Q. What county services would you consider vital and least eligible for cuts?** A. Core services include public safety, roads maintenance, mental health services for our most vulnerable citizens, economic development, public health, children and family services, emergency management and homeland security, parks. The two Wayne County golf courses had been losing money and running

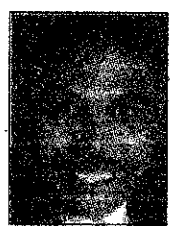
deficits for years. After a thorough review and assessment, it was decided that we would bid for golf course maintenance and concession services. The vendor that could provide the best services most cost effectively was selected. **Q. Just a few quick, personal trivia questions: What type vehicle(s) do you own?** A. Jeep Liberty and Dodge Pick-up. **Q. What was the last book you read?** A. The Defining Moment: FDR, A Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope by Jonathan Alter. **Q. What was the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?** A. March of the Penguins.

## Wayne County Fair takes contest entries

The Wayne County Fair is taking entries for two contests. The Car & Motorcycle Show, Aug. 12, is open to entries in muscle car, antique/classic, street machine, sports car, motorcycle and truck. Pre-entry fee is \$8, day of event entry is \$10. Even day registration is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds, Quirk Road just west of Belleville Road off the I-94 N. Service Drive in Belleville. For information, call (734) 635-1828 or (734) 697-7002. A Cutest Pet Contest is taking pre-entry photos through Aug. 6. Winners will be determined by votes. Photos will be turned in at the Community Arts Building at the fairgrounds 3-6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7. Voting ends 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. Photos must be at least 3-by-5 inches and not larger than 8-by-10 inches. Send entries to Cheryl Toms, 18273 Savage Road, Belleville, MI or email to [talisman@aol.com](mailto:talisman@aol.com). For information, call (734) 697-3963 or (734) 635-1828.

## Moore hits hard with fentanyl response

Ricardo Rodger Moore, 34, of Detroit is challenging Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano in the Aug. 8 primary for the nomination of the Democratic Party. He has a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan



Ricardo Rodger Moore

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

Moore is single and has a son.

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

**Q. What are the three most important issues facing the county and how would you address them?** A. Leadership - The current Wayne County executive has proven with the harmful drug fentanyl to ignore critical issues. The county knew about the drug in September 2005. However, nothing was made public until mid 2006! Accountability - The deficit of Wayne County is being spread over a five(5) year period. This is not acceptable. Political Courage - Wayne County residents need to know they have a county executive that will hold other elected officials to a standard. Robert Ficano lacks the courage to stand face to face against the tone of corruption. **Q. What county services would you consider vital and least eligible for cuts?** A. All county services are important. The problem is there are too many questionable contracts in Wayne County and too many unqualified appointees in government. **Q. Just a few quick, personal trivia questions. What type vehicle(s) do you own?** A. 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee. **Q. What was the last book you read?** A. Taking Over by Bishop Eddie Long. **Q. What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months.** A. A Few Good Men and The Negotiator on DVD ... my oldies but goodies.

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# Grumpies grill Stabenow on the issues

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

The Grumpies are getting as informed as they can.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ON THE ISSUES

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

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



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

high end in the global economy."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"There isn't any agreement that would satisfy the likes of me," he said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Red Cross urges you to give blood now

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

"It's just saying what you did giving blood is priceless," Ward said.

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

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

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

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



FILE PHOTO

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

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

"We really do need the public support," Ward said. "It's a priceless gift."

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

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

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

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

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

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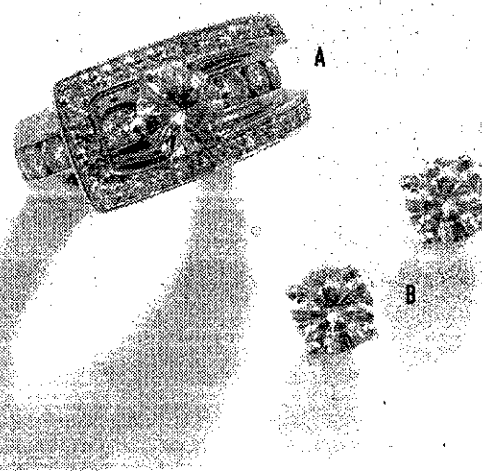
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# Canton offers tips on how to protect local waters in August

In an effort to help protect our water resources, residents are urged to conserve water during the month of August. By over watering lawns, pollution is easily carried into storm drains that lead directly to lakes and stream. By using less water you can help prevent pollution and save money.

The following are simple steps to help conserve water and protect lakes and rivers from pollution:

■ **Water wisely:** In general, lawns need about an inch of water a week. Over watering lawns results in shallow-rooted plants that are less tolerant to heat and drought, making them more prone to disease. Avoid over watering by using a rain gauge and watering only when necessary. Residents and businesses can also help conserve water and lower water rates by voluntarily limiting outdoor water usage to odd/even days. Residents and businesses with odd numbered addresses are asked to water only on odd numbered dates. Likewise, those with even numbered addresses should water lawns, fill swimming pools, and wash cars only on even numbered dates.

In addition, residents are asked to voluntarily limit outdoor water use between the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. Water consumption is often at its peak during this time of day and observing water use restrictions enables all customers to continue receiving an even distribution of water with minimal low-pressure problems.

■ **Improve your aim:** Adjust your sprinklers to water only your lawn and plants, not your driveway, sidewalk, or street.

■ **Use mulch:** Place a thick layer of mulch, about four inches, around trees and plants. This helps to retain water, reduce weeds, and minimize the need for pesticides.

■ **Sweep it:** Clean sidewalks and driveways with a broom instead of a hose. You'll save water and keep unwanted pollutants out of the storm drain.

■ **Put rainwater to work:** Use rainwater to water your plants. Direct downspouts toward your plants and green areas or collect water with rain barrels for later use.

■ **Mow high:** Make your lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high. Three inches is recommended. Longer grass has deeper roots and requires less water.

Urging residents to conserve water is just one step to keeping water clean. Additional steps include: keeping pollution out of storm drains; carefully storing and disposing of household cleaners, chemicals and oil; cleaning up after your pet; choosing earth-friendly landscaping; using fertilizer sparingly and carefully; and practicing good car care. Information on all these steps can be found at [www.semcog.org](http://www.semcog.org) or in the information racks located inside Canton's Administration Building.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

"We're no longer doing produce," McCreedy said. "We hadn't made money on it for the last couple of years. We just couldn't see doing it this year."

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

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

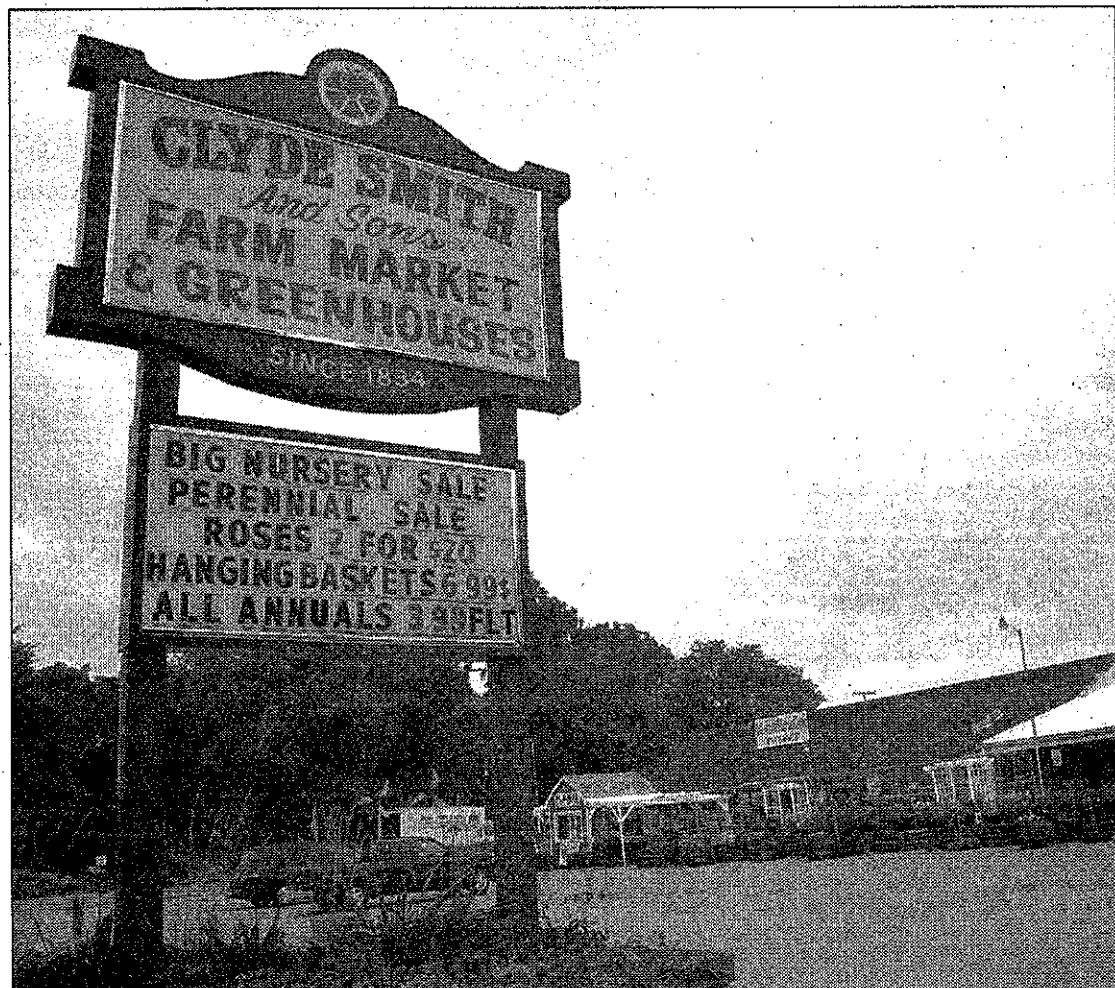
After that, the future poses a big question mark for a family business started by Stephen Smith in 1834, when Andrew Jackson was president and three years before Michigan celebrated its statehood.

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

"It upsets me to think that after all these years it wouldn't be Clyde Smith's anymore,"

# A troubled future

## Garden center feels pinch of bad economy



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

Westland historian Jo Johnson said. "It's kind of a shock. I guess I thought that Clyde Smith & Sons would always be there. It would bother me to see it go under after all these years."

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

children pitching in.

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

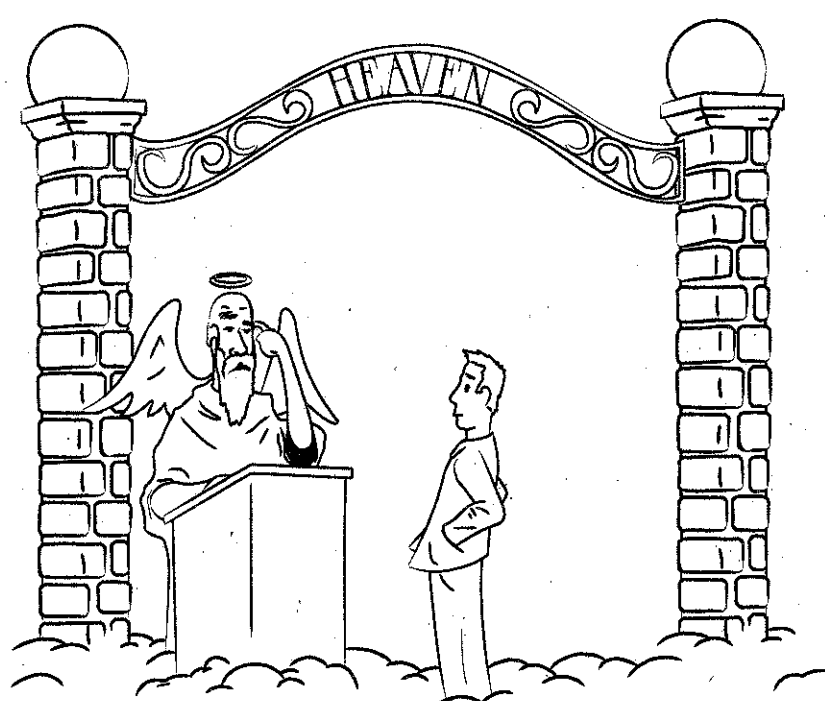
"Think of what you paid to heat your home last winter and multiply that by a hundred or more," McCreedy said. "It's hard to make money. People are spending all their money on groceries and gasoline to get to and from work, and a lot of people are out of work."

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

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

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

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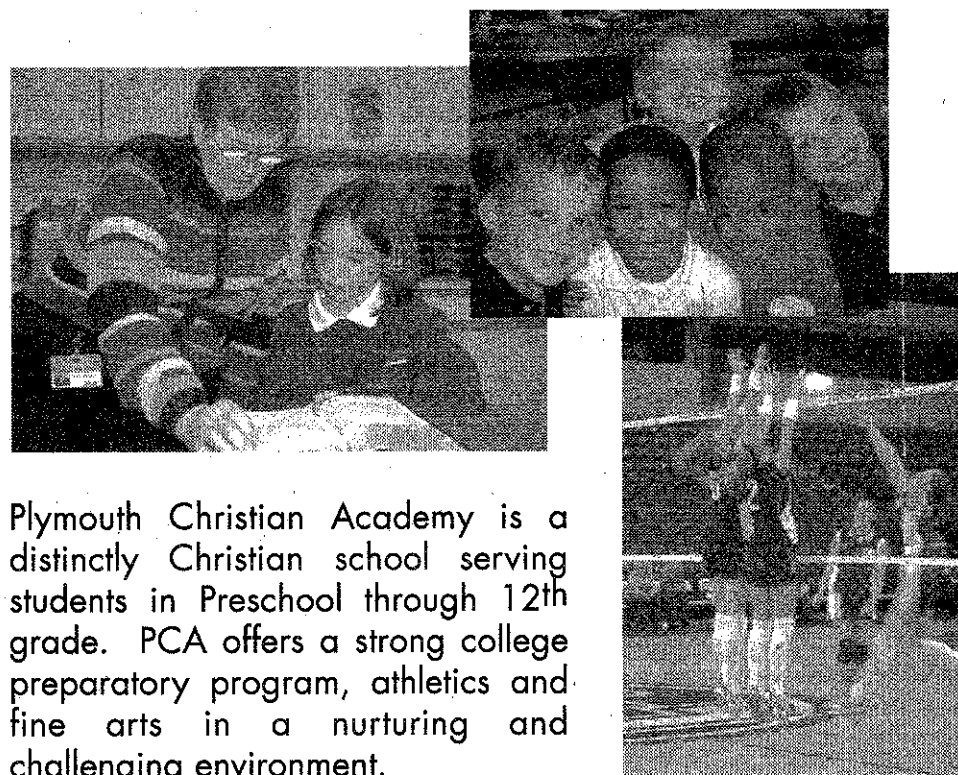
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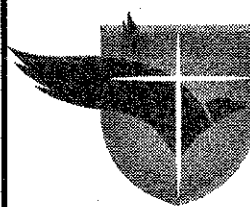


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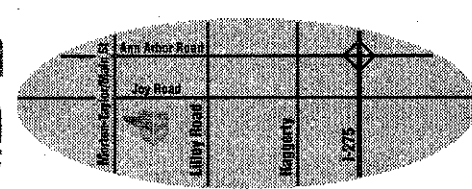
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# Hermann's fund-raiser aims to raise awareness about autism

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Jacob is high-functioning, but it's really a struggle," said Carrick. "It's one of the fastest-growing mental prob-

lems in the country. Everyone I talk to says (the struggle) is mind-boggling."

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

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

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

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

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

Kimberly Gingell, a former Plymouth resident who now lives in Garden City, is a friend of Rhonda Stacer and

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

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

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

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

Hermann's Olde Town Grille is located at 195 Liberty, at the corner of Starkweather.

For more information, e-mail Carrick at [info@autismchild.org](mailto:info@autismchild.org) or call (734) 338-9248.

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# Looking for good homes

## PETCO teams up with rescue groups to help unwanted animals



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

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

The organization, which rescues purebred and mixed breed Samoyeds and finds them new homes, is participating in several adoption events at PETCO to raise funds and

awareness for pet rescue and help find local, homeless Samoyeds a new home for life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The foundation was founded in 1999. It works with 3,700 nonprofit groups around the country and has raised more than \$30 million. It's currently holding PETCO Foundation's

annual Round Up/Spay Today fund-raiser.

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

The fund-raiser started last Sunday, when donations of \$140 exceeded the company goal of \$100 a day.

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

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

"Pet overpopulation is not just a concept, it has a face," said Paul Jolly, vice president and director of the PETCO Foundation. "In fact, it had 4 million faces last year. That's the number of animals euthanized in our country's shelters."

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

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

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

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### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-July 25, 2006

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

General Fund	101	\$ 303,686.73	Fire Fund	206	45,228.91
Police Fund	207	52,534.99	Summit Operating	208	20,487.76
Cable TV Fund	230	895.91	Twp Improvement	246	2,045.00
E-911 Utility	261	10,483.20	Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	5,080.87
Federal Grants Fund	274	2,160.00	Auto Theft Grant	289	751.71
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	164,303.65	Golf Fund	584	16,990.45
Water & Sewer Fund	592	11,293.84	Construction Escrows	702	35.18
Post Employ. Benefits	736	3,433.59	<b>Total - All Funds</b>		<b>739,360.79</b>

**PUBLIC HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT TRANSFER FOR DIVERSIFIED MACHINE, INC. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. for the tax abatement transfer for Diversified Machine, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. for the tax abatement transfer for Diversified Machine, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the resolution for application of Diversified Machine, Inc. for transfer of Industrial Facility exemption Certificate #99-581 for real and personal property. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF DIVERSIFIED MACHINE, INC. FOR TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #99-581 FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and, WHEREAS, Diversified Machine, Inc. has filed an application for a transfer of an existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a facility acquired from UniBoring Company (Certificate #99-581) within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and, WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on July 25, 2006, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor, and representatives of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and, WHEREAS, transfer of ownership of the facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and, WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the approval of the transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #99-581 considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Diversified Machine, Inc. for a transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #99-581 with respect to an existing facility acquired from UniBoring Company, and located on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: **Parcel Number 003-99-0008-713** Part of the Southwest \_ of Section 1, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as described as follows: Commencing at the South \_ corner of Section 1, T.2.S., R. 8 E., thence North 02 Degrees 07 Minutes 49 Seconds West, 85.5 feet along the North and South \_ line of Section 1, thence South 88 Degrees 45 Minutes 59 Seconds West, 49.51 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing South 88 Degrees 45 Minutes 59 Seconds West, 696.16 feet to the Easterly Right of Way of I-275 Expressway and a nontangent curve concave to the Southeast, having a radius of 11,334.16 feet, to which point a radial line bears North 81 Degrees 06 Minutes, 34 Seconds West, thence Northeasterly, 759.83 feet along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 03 Degrees 50 Minutes 28 Seconds (The chord of said curve bears North 10 Degrees 45 Minutes 40 Seconds East, 759.69 feet), thence North 88 Degrees 42 Minutes 27 Seconds East, 526.00 feet, thence South 02 Degrees 07 Minutes 49 Seconds East, 743.59 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 10.50 acres of land. be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #99-581 when transferred shall be and remain in force and effect expiring December 30, 2007. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. APPROVE THE SENIOR ALLIANCE MULTI-YEAR PLAN FOR FY 2007 - FY 2009. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution affirming approval of the Senior Alliance Multi-Year Plan for Aging Services. Motion carried by all members present. **Resolution Affirming Approval of the Senior Alliance Multi-Year Plan for Aging Services** WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees, Wayne County, Michigan, recognizes the role of The Senior Alliance as the designated Area Agency on Aging for Southern and Western Wayne County to be responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, monitoring and managing a comprehensive organized service delivery system of services for older adults and caregivers; and WHEREAS, the 34 communities of Southern and Western Wayne County, including the Charter Township of Canton, comprises the Planning and Service Area and the agency's governing body; and WHEREAS, the Office of Services to the Aging require local Area Agencies on Aging to request approvals of their Multi-Year Plan from their local governments; and WHEREAS, The Senior Alliance has submitted such a plan in accordance to the Federal and State laws; and WHEREAS, The Senior Alliance has held public hearings, public input sessions, and a Key-Informant Survey was distributed to the client, caregiver and service provider population for feedback, which contributed to the development of the Multi-Year Plan for Fiscal Year 2007-2009. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Canton approves the Multi-Year Plan for Fiscal Year 2007-2009, as presented, and that the Clerk will forward an official copy of this resolution to the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, the Michigan Commission on Aging, Wayne County Executive, Robert Ficano, and the Executive Director of The Senior Alliance, Bob Brown. **APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Charter Township of Canton Board on July 25, 2006. **Item 2. RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to re-appoint Randy Blaylock and Steven Johnson to the Zoning Board of Appeals to three-year terms to expire on August 31, 2009. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR DELTA KAPPA GAMMA'S ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs for Delta Kappa Gamma's annual craft fair on Saturday, October 21, 2006 at West Middle School. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. GERIC BECK ROAD INVESTMENTS LLC REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Geric Beck Road Investments LLC. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of Geric Beck Road Investments LLC** WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 30.37 acres located on the east side of Denton Road between Geddes Road and Michigan Avenue be rezoned from RR, Rural Residential and R-1, Single-Family Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District and R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential. WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone tax parcel nos. 126-99-0010-000, 126-99-0011-000, from R-R, Rural Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District; to rezone parcel no. 126-99-0013-003, from R-1 Single-Family Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District; and to rezone part of parcel no. 126-99-0006-000 from RR, Rural Residential to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential. **Item 2. CONSIDER JB DONALDSON REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for JB Donaldson rezoning. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of JB Donaldson** WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 4.85 acres located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue from LI-R to LI-1, Light Industrial 1 District WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone 4.85 acres of property identified by property tax EDP No. 098-99-0028-708 to LI-1, Light Industrial-1 District, as shown on the map. **Item 3. SET MILLAGE RATE LIMITS FOR DECEMBER 1 2006 TAX LEVY AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FY 2007 BUDGETS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo that the maximum millage rates to be levied by Canton Township on December 1, 2006 be set as follows: Charter Mills (General Fund) 2.3660 Fire Protection Special Assessment 2.3580 Police Protection Special Assessment 3.2260 Total 8.6500 I further move that a Public Hearing be held on September 12, 2006 to receive public input on the proposed millage rates and the proposed 2007 budgets. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. FLEET CARD FUELING SERVICES. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the fleet card fueling services contract to Speedway Super America LLC. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. CONTRIBUTION TO MMMA MEMBER RETENTION FUND AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the contribution of \$350,000 to Canton's Member Retention fund in the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. I further move to approve the following budget amendments for this contribution: Police Fund: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: General Insurance #207-301-911-0000 \$200,000 Contribution to Fund Balance 207-301-999-0000 (200,000) Total \$ -0-. This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Police Fund budget. Water & Sewer Fund: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #592-000-699-0000 \$150,000 Increase Appropriations: General Insurance #592-441-911-0000 \$150,000 This budget amendment increases the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$30,758,240 to \$30,908,240. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. APPROVAL OF ROOF REPAIR AT CHERRY HILL SCHOOL. (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the price quote submitted by C. Davis Roofing Services, LLC for \$7,400 with a ten percent contingency of \$740 for a total amount of \$8,140 (Historic District Commission Capital Projects - Capital Outlay Historical Account # 101-803-976-1000) for installing a flat roof at the Cherry Hill School. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE PARK MAINTENANCE FACILITY. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the reprogramming of \$52,955 in Community Improvement Capital Projects Account #246-750-970-0000 from Paved Surfaces on Township Property - \$250,000 budget line item, to the Parks Maintenance Building Upgrade - \$1,000,000 budget line item. The budget reprogramming would revise the Parks Maintenance Building Upgrade project budget to \$1,052,955 while the Paved Surfaces on Township Property budget would be revised to \$197,000. I further move to approve the bid from Flowtronex PSI, Ltd., 10661 Newkirk St., Dallas, Texas, in the amount of \$37,430 to be taken from Budget Account #246-750-970-0000 Community Improvement. I further move to increase the TMP Associates, 1191 West Square Lake Road, contract amount from \$53,500 to \$69,180. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. CONSIDER OFFER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY UNDER WAYNE COUNTY TAX FORECLOSURE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the offer to purchase the following two (2) properties under Wayne County tax foreclosure at the minimum bid amounts listed; Parcel #1 (Tax ID # 131-01-0258-000) for an amount of \$1,278.38 (Account # 101-200-971-0000 (Capital Outlay - Land), and Parcel #2 (Tax ID # 139-99-0001-000) for an amount of \$49,496.93 (Account # 101-200-971-0000 (Capital Outlay - Land). Further, I authorize the Municipal Services Director to make the written offers on behalf of the Township Board. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the Canton Board of Trustees accept the assignment of right to purchase tax parcel 71-052-99-0014-000 from Dearborn Realty for future road right-of-way. The purchase price and closing costs shall not exceed \$150,000 and will be funded from the Community Improvement Fund. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** There will be no Board Study Session on August 1, 2006. There will be no Board Meeting on August. 8, 2006 due to the Primary Election. The next Board Study Session will be Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. — Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor — Terry G. Bennett, Clerk —

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org)  
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### DEATHS

<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>Donald "Frog" Forrester</b> Forrester, 62, of Plymouth, died July 31.	<b>Mary M. Tiell</b> Tiell, 60, of Plymouth, died July 27.
<b>H</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>Jeffrey Mark Herter</b> Herter, 46, of Plymouth, died June 5.	<b>David A. Timcoe</b> Timcoe, 64, died July 22.
<b>Donald William Huth</b> Huth, 93, of Detroit, died July 29.	<b>Julia Knight Whitefield</b> Whitefield, 89, of Birmingham, died July 27.
<b>M</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Barbara H. Marzolf</b> Marzolf, 83, of Lake Isabella, died July 30.	<b>William Wakefield McKee</b> McKee, 94, of Troy, died July 26.
<b>Theodore Stanley Marecki</b> Marecki, of Troy, died July 25.	<b>Kam Yuen Yee</b> Yee, of Livonia, died July 25.
<b>Frank Miller</b> Miller, 90, of Dexter, died July 29.	
<b>S</b>	
<b>Gregory Jones-Sieloff</b> Jones-Sieloff, of West Bloomfield, died	

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A14.



### 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:

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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
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### CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

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

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1997	GMC	YUKON	P/U	3MARM1480RR609460
1998	PONTIAC	GR. AM	4 DR	1G2NE52T0WM522290
1993	BUICK		4 DR	1G4HP53L8PH469916
1986	VOLKSWAGON	JETTA	4 DR	VWVGWH0166WG46838
1993	JEEP	CHEEROKEE	4 DR	1J4FJ68SXPL626951
1990	TOYOTA	COROLLA	4 DR	JT2AE94A2L3332983
1988	FORD	RANGER	P/U	1FTBR10C7JUE06656
1995	FORD	F-150	P/U	1FTBF15N55LA37108
1993	MERCURY	TRACER	4 DR	3MAPM10J4PR636883
1992	MERCURY	TRACER	4 DR	1MEPM36X5NK645262
1994	MERCURY	TRACER	4 DR	3MARM1480RR609460
1995	MERCURY	COUGAR	2 DR	1MELM62W8SH626789

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# Association releases new diet and lifestyle recommendations

A healthy diet and lifestyle are key weapons in the fight to prevent cardiovascular disease – the nation's No. 1 killer – according to new American Heart Association diet and lifestyle recommendations published in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

Intended for healthy Americans age 2 and older, the recommendations, which replace guidelines issued in 2000, now recommend:

- further reducing saturated and trans fatty acids in the diet;
- minimizing the intake of food and beverages with added sugars;
- emphasizing physical activity and weight control;
- eating a diet rich in vegetables, fruits and whole-grain foods;
- avoiding use of and exposure to tobacco products; and
- achieving and maintaining healthy cholesterol, blood pressure and blood glucose levels.

"The previous recommendations stressed a healthy dietary pattern; the new ones broaden that concept to include the importance of a healthy lifestyle pattern. The two go together – they should be inseparable," said Alice Lichtenstein, chair of the American Heart Association's Nutrition Committee and Gershoff professor of nutrition science and policy at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, at Tufts University in Boston.

"The key message of the recommendations is to focus on long-term, permanent changes in how we eat and live. The best way to lower cardiovascular risk is to combine physical activity with heart-healthy eating habits, coupled with weight control and avoiding tobacco products," Lichtenstein said.

The association continues to emphasize achieving and maintaining a healthy body weight, but is putting more emphasis on balancing the

number of calories consumed with the number of calories burned. More emphasis is put on food preparation methods that avoid adding saturated fat, sugar or salt and portion size control.

More than 90 scientific publications were reviewed by a panel of nutrition and cardiovascular disease experts for the new American Heart Association recommendations. Besides the goals and recommendations, the statement has new sections with practical information for consumers such as knowing your caloric needs, food preparation tips and some examples of dietary patterns consistent with the new recommendations.

As in the past, the recommendations also address special groups such as children, older adults, individuals with metabolic syndrome or chronic kidney disease and certain socioeconomic groups at high risk for cardiovascular disease (CVD).

Most importantly, these new recommendations address a key challenge faced by increasing numbers of Americans: maintaining a healthy dietary pattern while eating more foods prepared outside the home.

Environmental factors strongly influence how Americans eat and exercise. Accordingly, a new feature of the 2006 American Heart Association Diet and Lifestyle Recommendations is a list of ways that practitioners, restaurants, the food industry, schools and local governments can help the general public adopt these recommendations. Examples include displaying caloric content prominently on menus, reducing portion size, limiting trans fatty acids and using low-saturated-fat acid oils in food preparation.

Another major change in the dietary recommendations is a lower goal for saturated fat – from less than 10 percent to less than 7 percent – and establishing a goal for trans fatty acids of less than 1 per-

cent of total calories.

"The point is not to calculate the amount of saturated and trans-fatty acids in the diet, but to choose foods that minimize your intake. For example, you can choose leaner cuts of meat and lower-fat dairy products, smaller serving sizes, avoid foods made with hydrogenated fat and include more fruits, vegetables, vegetarian options and fish in the diet," Lichtenstein said.

Saturated fatty-acids occur naturally in foods from animals, such as meat and dairy products, and tropical oils such as coconut and palm oil.

Trans-fatty acids – which are now required to be shown on the Nutrition Facts panel of packaged foods – are commonly found in commercially baked and fried foods, such as crackers, French fries, cakes, pies, bread and cookies.

"Almost anyone can make changes in how they eat and move their bodies to bring themselves closer to the recommended goals. The changes can be small but need to be maintained. In no way are we saying people will have to give up all the things they enjoy; they just may have to make a few modifications in their current habits," Lichtenstein said.

"A good first step to improve your diet and lifestyle – start paying attention to portion size and liquid calories, such as those in soft drinks, fruit drinks, fruit juices and alcoholic beverages. The next step is to try to get at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day," Lichtenstein said. "It does not have to be done all at once – accumulating 30 minutes throughout the day is fine – and, of course, more is better. No one is too old or too out of shape to make small changes to increase physical activity."

The association urges industry to gradually reduce the salt and sugar content of processed foods and to increase the proportion of whole grains compared to white flour in baked

## RECOMMENDATIONS-AT-A-GLANCE

- Consume an overall healthy diet
- Balance calories consumed with calories burned to maintain a healthy body weight
- Increase awareness of caloric content of foods for the portion sizes you normally eat
- Know how many calories you need a day
- Aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity daily
- Consume a diet rich in fruits and vegetables
- Include a wide variety of fruits and vegetables in your diet daily
- Emphasize vegetables and fruits – not fruit juices – that are deeply colored (spinach, carrots, peaches and berries)
- Prepare fruits and vegetables with little added saturated or trans fat, salt and sugar
- Choose whole-grain, high-fiber foods
- Consume 2 servings of fish, especially oily fish, at least twice a week
- Examples of fish relatively high in omega-3 fatty-acids include salmon, trout and herring
- Children and pregnant women should follow FDA guidelines for avoiding mercury-contaminated fish. Fish with potential for the highest mercury contamination are shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish.
- Limit intake of saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol
- Choose lean meats and vegetable alternatives
- Select fat-free (skim) and 1 percent fat dairy products
- Minimize intake of partially hydrogenated fats
- Minimize the intake of beverages and foods with added sugars
- Choose and prepare foods with little or no salt
- Consume no more than 2300 mg of sodium per day
- Middle-aged and older adults, African-Americans and those with high blood pressure should consume for no more than 1500 mg
- Consume alcohol in moderation
- Limit alcohol intake to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men
- One drink is equal to 12 ounces of beer, 4 ounces of wine, 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits or 1 ounce of 100-proof spirits

goods, among other recommendations.

For a free brochure about the new recommendations called "Making Healthy Food and Lifestyle Choices: Our Guide for American Adults," visit [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org) or call 1-800-AHA-USA1.

# Wounded Warriors' backers plan for new benefit

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

The U.S. Army Band also will perform, Stottlemeyer said. Veterans Haven President Vince Berna issued a statement seeking help in selling out the 1,200-seat Ford Center for Greenwood's concert.

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

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

Greenwood's concert will mark the second year that Stottlemeyer has organized a fund-raiser to help wounded soldiers. Last year, he led a



Greenwood

committee that brought the Glenn Miller Orchestra to Burton Manor for a benefit that raised \$48,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## AUGUST

## Country/Western style BBQ

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

## Annual bazaar

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

## Bicycling group

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

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

## Monthly dance

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

## Treasure Hunt

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

## Speaker

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

more information, call (734)455-2300.

## Treasure seekers

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

## Vacation Bible school

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

## Vacation Bible School

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

## Vacation Bible School

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

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

## Meditation classes

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

## Nagaasaki remembrance

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

## Crosstalk

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

## Bicycling group

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

## Arctic adventure

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

## Bethany Together picnic

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

## God's Family in Action

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

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

## Vacation Bible school

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

## Conference

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



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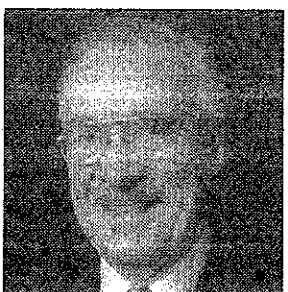
## ALICE MARIE KINGSLEY

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



## BARBARA H. MARZOLF

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



## FRANK W. WHITSON

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



## DALE J. BRUBAKER

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

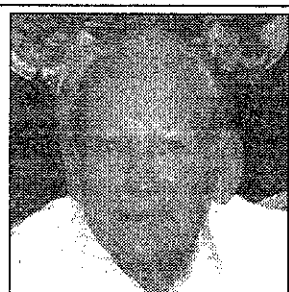


## DONALD "FROG" FORRESTER

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

## HOWARD R. BENWAY

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



## DONALD WILLIAM HUTH

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

## FRANK MILLER

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

## JEAN G. WOOLSEY

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

## JULIA KNIGHT WHITFIELD

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



## SHIRLEY I. MONFORTON

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

## VERONICA BALOG

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

## SISTER JANICE DWYER

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

## FRANK W. O'DONNELL

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

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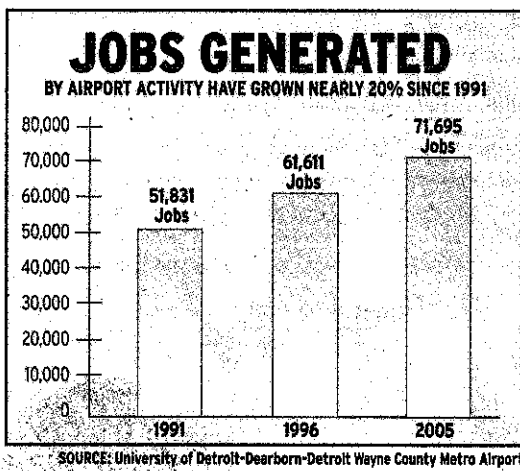
# U-M study: Airport generates \$7.6 billion economic impact

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

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

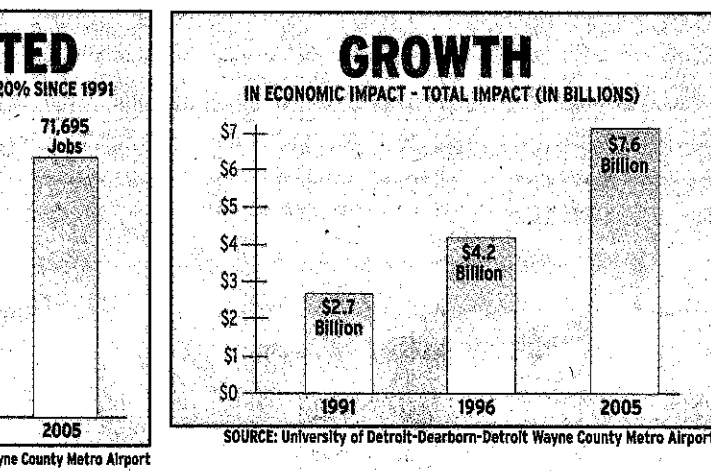
The Economic Impact Study was compiled by faculty members and students from iLABS, the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Management's Center for Innovation Research.

The study, led by Lee



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

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



and January 2006.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Those who stayed in the

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

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

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

The Economic Impact Report including color graphs and charts are at [www.metroairport.com](http://www.metroairport.com)

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

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

Criteria for the award include: demonstrating that the library provides new, inno-

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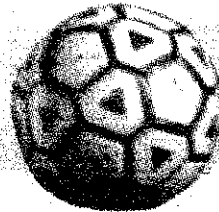
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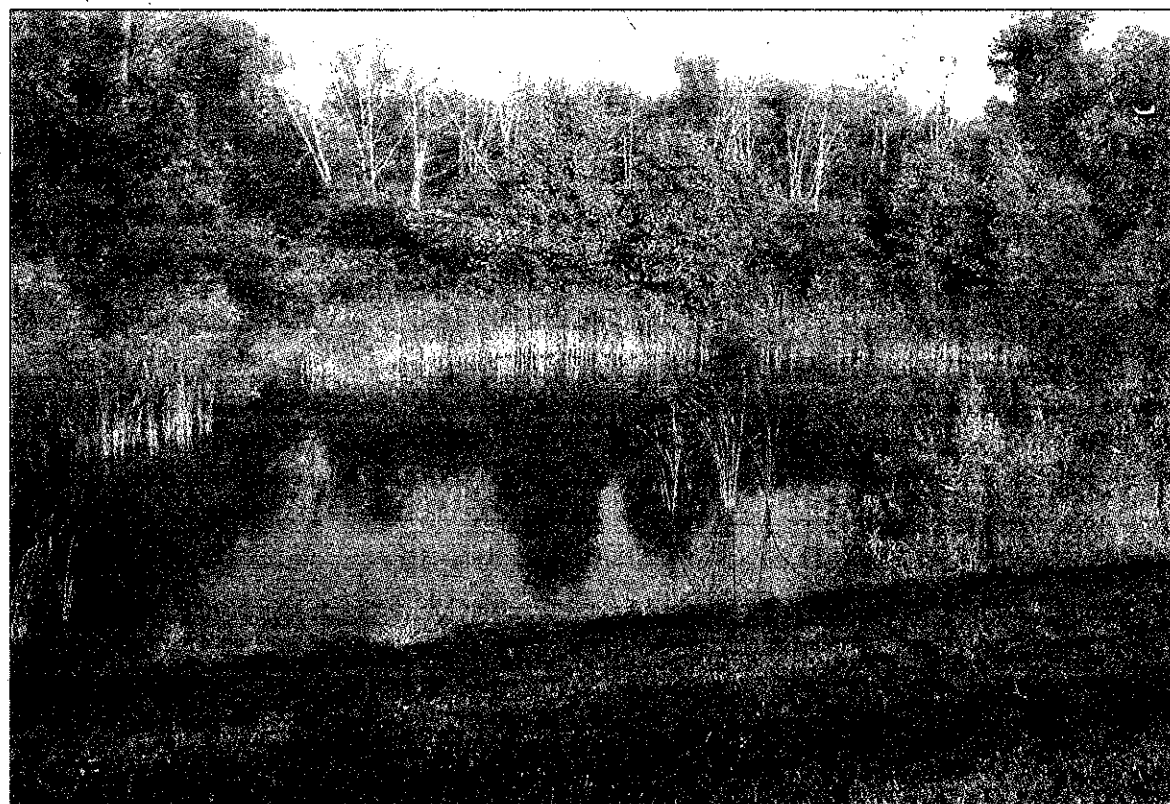
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# SPORTS

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

## Reel fish story

### Young Livonian nets prize bass in neighborhood pond

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I've fished their before, I've

PLEASE SEE BASS, B3



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

## Sidelines

### Icers Boston bound

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

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

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

### Canoe duo 8th

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

### Triple jumper 10th

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

Competing in the Boys Intermediate division (15 year-olds), White also qualified for the Nationals in the long jump (20-11), 400 intermediate hurdles (1:00.5) and 4 x 100-meter relay.

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

### Pride places 9th

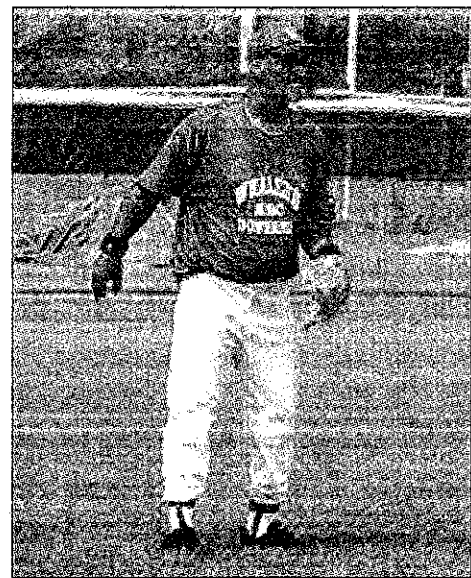
The Plymouth-Canton Pride was well represented in last week's USSSA World Series held at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla.

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

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

### Canton car wash

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



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

## Special Olympics serves up softball classic

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

Divisions were broken down based on ability level.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Among the runners-up were:

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

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## Redford amputee scales new heights

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE SEE AMPUTEE, B3

## Hawks stifled

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Tickets go on sale for MU sports conference

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

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

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

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

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

experts."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Bucks 2 wins away from national title

BY DAN STICKKRADT  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

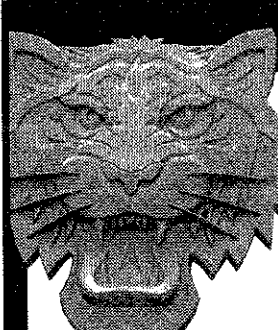
Ian Daniel (Troy Athens/Oakland) and Ty Shipalane have moved into the starting backfield.

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

The unknown factor is all right with the Bucks.

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

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## The New U12 Michigan Dragons

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

**Don Massey Field in Plymouth**  
**Sunday, August 20th**  
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The Dragons will play approximately a 50 game season competing in the Kensington Valley Baseball Association including 6-7 tournaments and a week long tournament at Cooperstown Dreams Park. Previous travel baseball experience is preferred. All players must turn 13 after May 1, 2007 to be eligible. If you plan on attending or need further information, please contact:

**Patrick Malzone at 248-478-7794**

The Senior Alliance will hold a Public Hearing regarding an amendment to the FY 2007 - FY 2009 Multi-Year Plan for Care Management Services to older adults in Western and Southern Wayne County.

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## Rams shut down veteran Jet Box, 8-1

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

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

Jet Box, an unlimited-age

### SANDLOT BASEBALL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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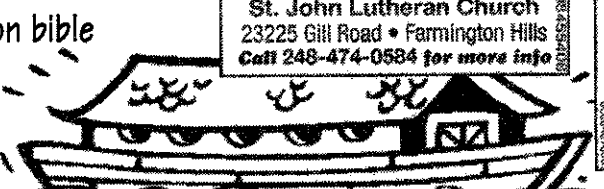
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## EMU's Convocation Center lands 2007 state girls basketball finals

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

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

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

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

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

"People will find the Convocation Center to be per-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## BASS

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

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

Parks and his family enjoyed the fruits of his

catch as they were able to filet the largemouth.

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

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

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

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## AMPUTEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Team camp champ

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



## O&E golf tourney

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

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

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

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

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

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

## \*Hole-in-one club

Among the aces recorded recently at Fox Hills in Plymouth:

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Girls hockey tryouts

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

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

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

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

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- 5 Boot liner
- 8 Dangle
- 12 Pliny's bear
- 13 Greek P
- 14 Verdi opus
- 15 Alda or Ladd
- 16 Attend a banquet
- 17 Bearded flower
- 18 Losses traction
- 20 Incline
- 21 Canvas supports
- 24 Loud
- 27 Wildlife refuge
- 28 — annum
- 31 Prof.
- 32 Itinerary word
- 33 Fix potatoes
- 34 Boxer, maybe
- 35 Figure out
- 36 UPS competitor
- 37 Be a royal pain
- 39 Mistakes due to carelessness
- 43 Accustom
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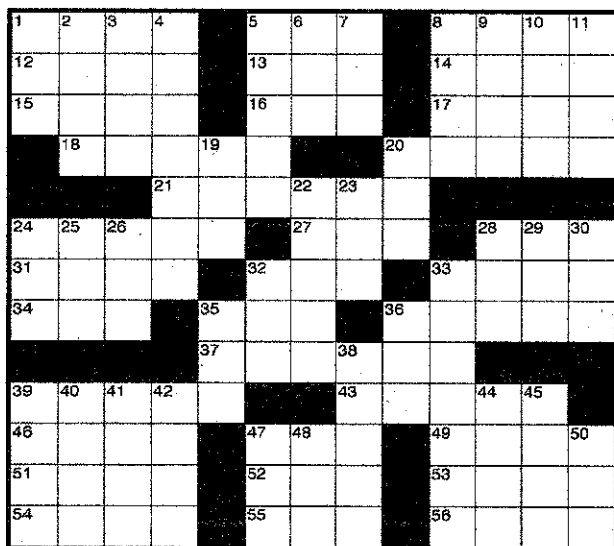
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- 47 Drag along
- 49 Reported
- 51 Stanford rival
- 52 Powdery residue
- 53 Beige
- 54 Unfreeze
- 55 Soggy
- 56 Did a salon job
- 1 Sine — non
- 2 WWW addresses
- 3 Baroness Karen
- 4 Most wacky
- 5 Garlic juicer
- 6 Caught ya!
- 7 Bunkhouse item
- 8 Go belly-up
- 9 Old Italian currency
- 10 Valthalla host
- 11 Memoir topic
- 19 Bad hair
- 20 Job application info

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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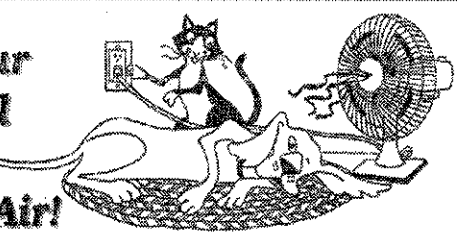
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## STEREOTYPING

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

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

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

time-off benefit.

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

## SOURCES

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

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

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

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

## VISION

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

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

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



Nabil Nasr

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

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**NAIL TECH**  
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## Help Wanted-General 5000

**MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICERS**  
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**Oil Change Technicians**  
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**PAINTER ASSISTANT**  
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Fulltime, Tues-Sat. for busy Westland hair salon. Customer service skills & basic computer skills a must. Call Anne at 734-728-9222; 734-673-8224

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Call: 734-522-9310 or fax resume: 734-522-1454

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**TEACHER ASSISTANT**  
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Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL (7355)

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Applicant should possess the following skills: Ability to drive manual transmission straight diesel powered truck. Must have clean driving record and chaffeur's license. Flexible work schedule. Ability to lift and carry up to 50 pounds. Capable of loading and unloading truck with HILLO and/or power jack. Must be a team player. Day shift Monday-Friday. Benefits included.

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## Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
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Mail: The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Human Resources Department 36251 Schoolcraft Road Livonia, Michigan 48150 734-953-2057  
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## DENTAL ASSISTANT

Westland office needs part or full time, exp. assistant. Call: 734-425-9130, fax 425-7675

## DENTAL ASSISTANT

Experienced.  
Call 734-941-0343

## DENTAL ASSISTANT Part-Time

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Canton office. Tuesday's only. Fax resume to 734-459-5069 or Call 734-459-4960

## ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT

Growing orthodontic office looking for another assistant, parttime. Exp necessary. Fax resume to: (248) 360-7879

## RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE MANAGER

F/T, Dental exp. req. Livonia office. 734-674-7728

## STERILIZATION ASSISTANT

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## Medical Assistant

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## MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Experienced for pediatric office in Westland. Call 734-326-6333 or Fax resume: 734-326-7105

## MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Warm, caring person full time for ophthalmology practice in Livonia. Health care experience strongly preferred. Apply in person only Mon-Fri. 8:30am-11:30am. 29927 6 Mile Rd.

## MEDICAL BILLER

Part-Time, exp. necessary. Bingham Farms. Call Sharon (248) 646-5985

## MEDICAL BILLER

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## Help Wanted-Health & Fitness 5100

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## TELEMARKETERS & INSTALLERS

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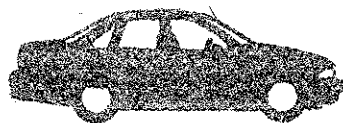


# Automotive

## Volvo Revamps XC90 In '07 By Refining Engine, Safety Features

Advertising Feature

### Thursday Drive Time

By Tenisha Mercer  
Avanti NewsFeatures

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

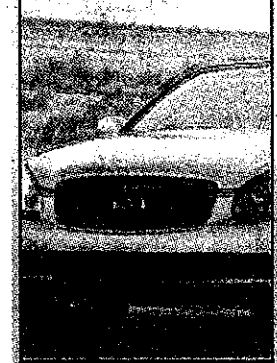
The park assist camera, a wide angle camera that displays the area behind the vehicle while showing the path the vehicle will take in reverse, will be available this fall. It shows the space behind the vehicle on the navigation screen on the dashboard, giving drivers a third eye to reduce crashes.

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2007 Volvo XC90  
Vehicle class: Luxury sport utility vehicle.  
Power: V-8, six-cylinder, diesel engines available.  
Mileage: 17 city / 22 highway.  
Where built: Gothenburg, Sweden.  
Price as tested: \$43,350.

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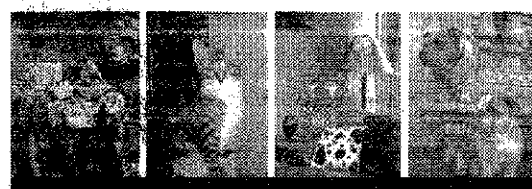
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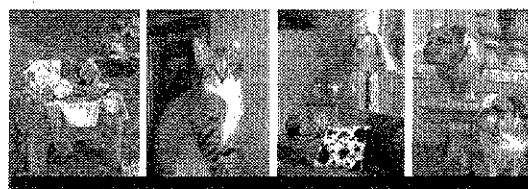
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14 Mile. 248-594-4545BLOOMFIELD - Fri. & Fri.,  
Aug. 3 & 4, 9am-5pm, 1195  
Stuyvesant, S. off Quanton  
11th E. of Lahser, Toys, tires,  
jewelry, collectibles, etc.BLOOMFIELD - Fri.-Sat., 9-3pm. Household  
items, adult clothes, aquar-  
iums. 5507 Farmers Lane,  
near Quanton & Franklin.BLOOMFIELD HILLS Shop  
Late Fri. Sat. Aug. 5, 12-  
8pm, Sun. Aug. 6, 12-5, 40  
yrs. in 1 home - Hummels,  
furniture, dolls, household,  
toys. 1623 Holt Tower, W. of  
Franklin, N. of QuantonBLOOMFIELD HILLS - 2786  
Hunters Bluff, E. of Opdyke,  
S. of Lake, Aug. 3, 9-4 & Aug.  
4, 9-noon. Patio furniture,  
household, toys. Don't miss!!!BLOOMFIELD HILLS  
1644 Bracken. Furniture,  
books, tools, clothes, misc.  
All must go! Fri. Sat. Sun.,  
Aug. 4-6, 9am-4pmBLOOMFIELD TWP. Multi-  
family garage sale, Sat. only  
8-3. 2611 Hunters Bluff, On  
Square Lk. in Bloomfield  
Crossing sub.Canton 1980 Bellingham, off  
Palmer Rd., 1 blk. E. of  
Sheldon Aug. 3, 9-2; Aug. 4,  
9-3. Furniture, household items,  
women's clothing, toys, videosCANTON COBBLESTONE RIDGE SOUTH  
SUB-WIDE SALE  
E of Beck, S off Faltz to  
Hillcrest. Aug. 3, 4, 5, 9am-  
5pm.CANTON - Garage Sale, Fri.-  
Sat. 9-5. 47525 River Woods,  
W off Beck btwn Gaddes &  
Cherry Hill. LOTS of house-  
hold goods!

## Garage Sales 7110

CLAWSON - 2 Family Sale.  
One day only! Aug 5, 9-3pm.  
Many good buys! Children's  
items, furniture, etc. 110  
Fisher Ct., N. of 14, E. of Main.COMMERCE TWP: 1860 Viking  
Circle, off Oakley Park, W. of  
Welch. Sat. & Sun. 9am-5pm.  
Misc. household, a few things  
from grandpa's house, tools,  
women's business clothes size  
14 & up, electronics, etc.DAVISBURG - Giant Sale! Aug.  
3-5, 10-5. 13660 French Lane,  
off Ormond, btwn Parker &  
Big Lake. Quality household,  
clothes, garden, sports, toys,  
furniture, much more!DEARBORN  
3 FAMILY GARAGE/ YARD  
SALE, AUG. 4 & 5, Fri. & Sat.,  
9am-5pm, 24600 Darnmouth,  
2 blocks W. of Telegraph. All  
items garage, \$1; yard  
items priced separately.DEARBORN HEIGHTS  
Aug. 3-5 10-5pm 27322  
Doxator, btwn Ford & Inskter  
Rd. Four family. Furniture,  
golf clubs, much, much more!DEARBORN HTS.  
Golfview Manor Subdivision  
Garage Sale  
40+ homes, N. of Warren, E. of  
Inskter, Aug 5 & 6, 9am-5pm.DEARBORN HTS. NORTH  
Fri.-Sun., Aug. 4-6, 10am-  
6pm, 8411 Norborne, N. of  
Ann Arbor Trail, W. of Beech  
Dale. Misc., baby items, boy's  
clothes, 2003 Viking pop-up,  
1995 Ford Eclipse Conversion  
van. 734-765-7234Detroit 22151 Fenkel, E. of  
Telegraph. Aug. 4-8, 11-7.  
Automotive tools, woodwork-  
ing tools, lawn equip., 1982  
Harley, chainsaw, much more!FARMINGTON BROOK  
SUBDIVISION SALE  
Thurs., Aug. 3 & Fri., Aug. 4,  
N. of 12 Mile Rd.,  
E. off Hagerty.FARMINGTON HILLS Huge  
sale w/ tons of great stuff. Golf  
clubs, Queen bed frame, tools,  
TV, dining table/ 4 chairs, teen  
girl Abercrombie style clothes,  
mens XL Aug. 4, 5, 6, 9am-7  
pm, 32783 Biddlestone Lane,  
N. of 11, E. of Farmington Rd.FARMINGTON HILLS  
Rolling Oaks Subdivision  
Sale. Thurs.-Sat. Aug. 3-5.  
Btwn 13 & 14 Mile &  
Farmington Road & Drake.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Aug 4 &  
5, 9am-4pm, 35845 Aspen,  
Green Valley Estates, 9 Mile &  
Halstead (must enter off 9  
Mile). Quality childrens  
clothes, women's mens, toys,  
games, bikes, household.FARMINGTON HILLS HUGE 3  
FAMILY SALE! Appliances,  
baby clothes, toys, etc. 33584  
Rhinwood, 8 Mile &  
Farmington Rd. Thurs.-Sun.Farmington Hills  
Normandy Hills Sub.  
Aug. 4-5, 9-4, 11 Mile Rd. and  
Farmington. EVERYTHING  
FROM A TO Z!FARMINGTON HILLS- Mov-  
ing! Collectibles, Rockwell,  
Snowglobes, MCD toys,  
& many misc. items. Fox Grove  
off of 13 Mile. 8/3-8/5, 9-5pm.FARMINGTON- MULTIFAMILY  
GARAGE SALE. Antiques, chil-  
dren's items, household goods  
& MORE! 8/4-9-4pm and 8/5  
9-1pm. 33325 Shawassie in  
dwn Farmington.FARMINGTON: REAL DEALS  
Garage Sale 8am-4pm, Sat.,  
July 5, 32323 Valley View  
Circle, E. of Power Rd. btwn  
Grand River & ShawassieGARDEN CITY - 33560  
Marquette, Aug. 4-5, 9-5pm.  
Weber grill, yard tools, misc.  
household, crafts, & more!  
Something for everyone!GARDEN CITY 30936 Pierce,  
S/Ford Rd. E/Merriman, Kids'  
clothes, misc. items. Good  
stuff! Fri. Sat. Aug. 4-5, 9am-  
5pm. Sun. Aug. 6, Noon-5pm.LIVONIA VERY LARGE MOV-  
ING SALE - SAT 8/5, 9am to  
5pm. Tools, Household, Baby  
Clothes, Electronics, Sporting  
Goods & Bldg. Materials.  
34463 Richland Court, W. Off  
Stark & S. of Plymouth.  
LET'S MAKE A DEAL!!LIVONIA - Aug. 3-6, 9-5pm.  
Home apparel, books, brand-  
ry, Christmas toys, DVD's,  
video games, maternity, furni-  
ture. 15130 Sunbury, off 5  
Mile, btwn Middlebelt/Inskter.LIVONIA  
Beans, treadmill, household,  
misc. items. 15412 Sunset, S.  
of E. of Merriman, Thurs., Fri.,  
(Sat. 7), 9am-5pm.

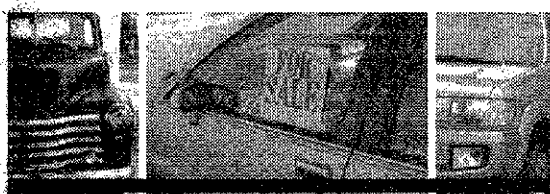
## Garage Sales 7110

LIVONIA Garage Sale - Fri.-Sat.,  
Aug. 4-5, 14520 Garden east  
of Middlebelt, north of Lyndon  
Furniture - Ikea bed, entertain-  
er, bookcases, fitness  
equipment, clothing, more!LIVONIA ONE DAY ONLY!  
Everything must go! Make an  
offer! Friday, August 4, 7-3  
Melrose Livonia 9am-5pm.LIVONIA Garage/ Estate Sale,  
Fri. & Sat. Aug. 4 & 5, 9am-  
4pm, 14010 Richfield, N. of  
Cranbrook, W. of Newburgh.  
Oak armoire, trains, 1950s  
stove, misc. furniture.LIVONIA - Garage/Yard Sale,  
Thurs.-Fri., Aug. 3-4, 8-  
12noon. 35777 Michele, off  
Farmington, btwn Joy &  
Plymouth Rd. Mostly furniture.LIVONIA - 30208 WESTFIELD  
W. of Middlebelt  
S. of Plymouth  
Aug. 4 & 5  
9am-4pmLIVONIA- Fri.-Sat. Aug. 4-5,  
9-4pm. Lots of toys & misc.  
household. 35851 Summers  
Street, W. of Newburgh, N. of  
Soniccraft.NORTHVILLE GOOD SELEC-  
TION OF DESIGNER fabric for  
draperies & upholstery, 1-10  
yard pieces, plus a variety of  
items. Aug. 3-5, 9am-5pm,  
19852 Pierson, off 7 Mile btwn  
Hagerty & Northville Rd.NORTHVILLE 3 FAMILY SALE  
1999 Seabrook Ct., Highland  
Lakes Condos, btwn 7 & 8  
Mile Rd. Thurs-Sat., 9am-  
4pm. Toys, clothes, furniture,  
tools & misc.NORTHVILLE  
Aug. 4-5, Fri. 9-3pm, & Sat.,  
9-1pm. 19241 & 18212  
Parkshore Drive, Stonewall  
Sub. off Beck btwn 6 & 7 Mile.NORTHVILLE  
366 Welch Rd., Center St &  
8 Mile area. 9am-4pm Fri., Aug.  
4. Furniture, household,  
clothes, misc. items.NORTHVILLE-8/4 & 8/5  
From 9-4. 47102 E.  
Chigwidden Dr. N. of 8 mile,  
E. of Beck. Furniture, house-  
wares, books, & much more!NORTHVILLE-MOVING SALE  
8/3, 8/4, & 8/5, 9-4, 22125  
Napier, in btwn 8 & 9 mile.

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NOVI 6 FAMILY SALE! Aug. 3 &  
4, 9am-4pm, 43322 &  
43358 Ashburn, N. of 8 Mile, E.  
of Novi Rd. Furniture, baby/  
kids items, clothes, toys,  
household - lots!NOVI  
Sat. Aug. 5, 41600 Tamara  
St. Orchard Hills, 10 Mile &  
Meadowbrook, 8am-1pm.  
Everything Must Go!!FIND IT ONLINE  
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nishing, Caplan Interiors

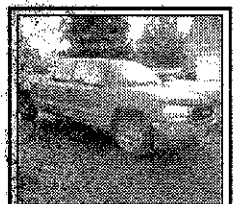




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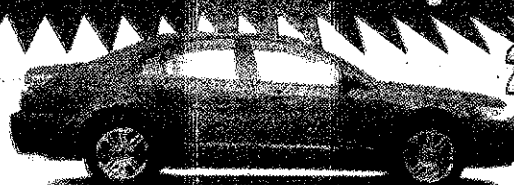
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# SET IN CONCRETE



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



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

## Stamped or patterned walkways and patios take on a new look

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

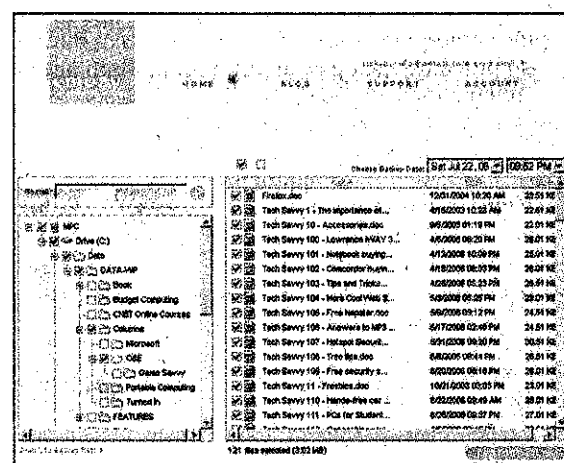
"It is a maintenance-free end product, except you have to reseal it in about three or four years," Vento said.



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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D4

## OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

### Anybody wanna buy Ben Wallace stuff?



Dick  
Purtan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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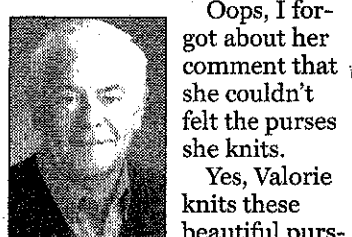
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# I'm looking for good news

As you know, we have a new Maytag Neptune front load washer in our house and my wife Valerie has been testing it for almost three months. The good news is that she doesn't have anything bad to say about it. She absolutely loves the washer.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Oops, I forgot about her comment that she couldn't felt the purses she knits. Yes, Valerie knits these beautiful purses and then puts them into a washer full of the hottest water possible. She even turns up the temperature on the hot water tank before she does this. During the felting process, she stops the washer to check how much the purses have shrunk. When they are the proper size, she removes them and stuffs them with paper and lets them dry. They then go to a charitable cause via an auction. The problem occurs because the door on the washer locks during operation and Valerie can't check the shrinkage factor. You could say it's good news

that you can't open the door while it's washing. I can imagine one of my granddaughters walking by a door with a window in it, water splashing against the glass, and the child's natural curiosity causing her hand to pull on the door handle. The good news is I won't have to mop up a lot of water. Maybe you have some good news that you would like to share with me. How about telling me of an appliance in your home that has never needed service? Is there such a thing? How about a description of the surface condition of an appliance? Has the paint faded or peeled on your dishwasher? What do the shelves look like in your refrigerator? Drop me a note and you can even mention the brand name and the age of the appliance. Here's another angle to reporting good news to the Appliance Doctor: How about a story concerning a service call on an appliance? Tell me about it. How did an appliance repair company create a positive impression with you? Use its name, even the technician's name. Did they do something out of the ordinary that made you very pleased with the service? Well, here's some good news

from the perspective of the appliance repair business: I hardly ever get a complaint about the amount of money charged for repairs. I swear, not so many years ago, I used to get at least a dozen a week. This is a good sign, folks. It means several things that are of a positive nature and of benefit to Michigan consumers. We have become smarter consumers and more than ever can recognize when we are being ripped off. The unethical companies have been exposed enough times that they changed their ways or went out of business. The Appliance Repair Act, which became law in 2002, is serving its purpose in helping to protect consumers. Years ago, I used to hang my head in shame when asked what industry I was working in. Good news today is, I hold my head up high. Stay tuned. Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to [mklemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com) and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

## Students get garden club scholarship

Four Henry Ford Community College students recently received scholarships from the Garden Club of Dearborn to help them further their education in environmental studies. Charles R. Ford of Southfield, Sarah Rosaen of Garden City, Jesse Rose of Wyandotte and Ashley Wright of Romulus each received scholarships for tuition at HFCC. The scholarship fund, which was created and funded by the Garden Club of Dearborn, focuses on helping HFCC students who have developing interests or majors in environmental studies, biology, horticulture, botanics or other studies that have a focus on the environment. In order to apply for the Garden Club of Dearborn Scholarship at HFCC, students must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher in sci-

ence courses and must also be enrolled for nine credit hours or more once the scholarship is received. Applicants also must be enrolling in courses that will lead to careers in environmental studies. Currently, HFCC has a \$10,000 endowed scholarship from the Garden Club of Dearborn. The club, which has been donating to HFCC for at least 10 years, also contributes to the scholarship yearly. The Garden Club of Dearborn is the oldest service group in Dearborn. The club was created in 1915 with Clara Ford as its first president. For more information about the Garden Club of Dearborn, call (313) 563-1558. For more information on HFCC, visit [www.hfcc.edu](http://www.hfcc.edu) or call toll-free (800) 585-HFCC.

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Garden tour

Michael Saint of Good Earth Landscape & Interior Design LLC in Clarkston announces a tour of his gardens, with donations going to The Master Gardeners Society of Oakland County. The tour will take place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. Donation \$5. Saint's goal is to raise \$1,000. For more information, e-mail [MichaelSaint@goodearthlandscape.com](mailto:MichaelSaint@goodearthlandscape.com) or call (248) 620-7188. Go to [www.good-earthlandscapellc.com](http://www.good-earthlandscapellc.com) for a locator map.

### Rose workshop

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

### Drought-tolerant plants

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

### Arranging flowers

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

### Bromeliad show

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

Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 380-7359. More than 200 plants will be on display from this fascinating and diverse plant family, which includes the pineapple and Spanish moss. Demonstrations, books, supplies, and plants for sale will be featured.

### Conference

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

Space is limited, so sign up soon. Registration is \$95 (\$75 for Practical Gardening Institute members), including parking, admittance to the zoo, lunch, all five presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and book signing with Janet Macunovich. Bring your books to the signing, or buy copies at the conference. To register, go to [www.practicalgardeninginstitute.com](http://www.practicalgardeninginstitute.com) and visit the Gardeners' Market. The conference will feature in-depth seminars, and time to interact and talk with presenters and fellow gardeners. Topics will be Gardens of the World (Pam Palechek), Vines and Vertical Features (Sue Grubba), Water Gardens (Scott Bates), Rock Gardens (University of Michigan Herbarium curator Tony Reznicek) and 8 Months of Color (Janet Macunovich and Steven Nikkila).

**Hidden Lake classes** Classes offered at Michigan State University Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton include Ornamental Grasses for the Home Landscape (6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3; cost is \$16), Stone Troughs (10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 5; \$45), Seven Steps to Success with Roses (6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8; \$16) and European Hand-tied Bouquets (6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9; \$20). Pre-registration is required. Call (517) 431-2060. The ornamental grass class will feature an indoor slide lecture and a walk through the display gardens. The stone troughs class is a workshop in which participants will learn how to make a beautiful, durable, hyper-tufa container for gardening that is lighter in weight than a stone trough. Dress to make a mess. The troughs will have to sit for a few days before they can be taken home. The roses class will feature a slide program presented by Nancy Lindley, owner of Great Lakes Roses. She will

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

### Beetle control

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public. The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. Admission is free. Reservations aren't required. Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For information, visit [www.GreatLakesRoses.com](http://www.GreatLakesRoses.com) or call (734) 461-1230. The schedule includes Japanese Beetle Control for Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14), a lecture and hands-on demonstration by Roger Lindley.

### Master gardener

The Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County Master Gardener Training Program will begin Aug. 22 and run through Nov. 14. Seats will be offered on a first come-first served basis. The application fee is \$25 and the class fee is \$300. For an application, call MSUE-Oakland County at (248) 858-0887, or go to the MSUE Web site at [www.msue.msu.edu/oakland](http://www.msue.msu.edu/oakland) and look under horticulture and gardening. The 13-week class will meet 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the MSUE offices in the Oakland County Service Center, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Each session will focus on a different horticultural topic that will prepare participants to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn master gardener certification.

### Volunteers sought

Do you live in a condo or apartment and miss gardening? The Royal Oak Garden Club is seeking volunteers (club members only) to tend these Royal Oak community gardens now to October: Gilda's Garden, Community Center Garden, Community Center Iris Garden, Cemetery Garden and the Zoo Garden. Club membership is \$10 per year. Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540. Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail [mklemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com), fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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## Fine art for the home

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

## CONCRETE

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### COLOR YOUR WORLD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### PATTERNED CONCRETE

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

His firm does stamped con-

### ARTISTIC CONCRETE

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crete but uses patterned concrete in many homes and businesses.

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

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

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

"You can do a simulated bamboo floor with a rough texture."

Real bamboo floors are expensive, DeCillis said.

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

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

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

"It really brings the color out."

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

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

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

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

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

"You should take your shoes off and pick a pattern that is comfortable on your feet," DeCillis said.

People are looking for earth tones, gray tones, but often in interiors, they look for something "wild and crazy looking, like red and blue or deep green tones that wash together with earth tones."

"This kind of look shouldn't look like anything else," DeCillis said.

DeCillis said his company contracts homes in the mid-range value, with homeowners looking for a more glamorous look and feel to them.

"It's something a little nicer than the vanilla concrete," DeCillis said. "It's finding its way into a lot of interiors."

"For the basement or a family room, you'd want something nicer than stained concrete."

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## Birmingham is also site of a farmers market

In an article about farmers markets July 20, the market in Birmingham was unintentionally left out.

The lively outdoor market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday, until Oct. 22.

It takes place in public Parking Lot 6 on the east side of North Old Woodward, north of

Harmon Street, across from Aunt Olive's Good Food to Go in Birmingham.

It has more than 30 booths featuring locally and regionally grown produce, including organic vegetables, fruits, flowers and garden plants, and has gourmet coffee and fresh French toast.

The market is a volun-

teer effort, started by Birmingham residents Julie Plotnik and Stephanie Jacobson, and is supported by the Principal Shopping District.

It is managed by Michigan farmer Richard Hobson, who serves as the "Market Master" in charge of all market operations, including the farmers and their goods.

— Lana Mini, Staff Writer

The July 20 article inadvertently omitted information about the Rochester Farmers Market.

### ROCHESTER FARMERS MARKET

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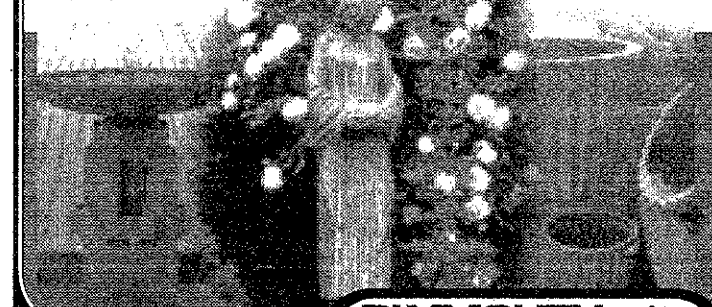
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## Stand On A Better World award nominations sought

Mannington Mills, a leading manufacturer of fine flooring, has announced the call for nominations for the 2006 Stand On A Better World Awards.

Nominations are being accepted exclusively at the awards Web site, [www.StandOnABetterWorld.com](http://www.StandOnABetterWorld.com), now through Thursday, Aug. 31.

Winners will be announced in October. The awards ceremony will take place Nov. 16 in Philadelphia at the National Liberty Museum.

Founded in 2005, the Stand On A Better World Awards honor women across the country who are enriching the lives of others and making a positive impact in their communities.

The program offers three award categories: social, reaching out to help improve the quality of life of others; economic, helping to change the economic situation for individuals or organizations; and environmental, demonstrating a commitment to preserving our country's natural resources.

Complete information and rules are at [www.StandOnABetterWorld.com](http://www.StandOnABetterWorld.com). Any U.S. or Canadian female citizen is eligible to be nominated. There are no age restrictions.

One winner will be chosen in each category, with a grand prize awarded to the top-scoring recipient.

Among the prizes are: \$25,000 grand prize, donated to the winner's chosen charity; \$10,000 to each of two other winners, donated to their selected charities; \$1,000 for five additional finalists, which will be contributed to their favorite charities; and all-expense-paid trips to Philadelphia for the top three winners and a guest to the Stand On A Better Awards ceremony.

Each of the top three winners, and the people who nominated them, will receive free Mannington flooring prod-

ucts.

The award winners will be chosen by a selection committee that includes:

■ Leeza Gibbons, television news journalist and host, radio personality, producer and businesswoman.

Gibbons is founder of the Leeza Gibbons Memory Foundation, a non-profit that supports those affected by Alzheimer's disease and the search to find a cure.

■ Dorothy Hamill, figure-skating legend and Gold Medalist in the 1976 Winter Olympic Games.

Hamill, who recently appeared on FOX-TV's *Skating with Celebrities*, supports a number of charitable organizations, including the International Special Olympics and March of Dimes.

■ Christine Todd Whitman, the first female governor of New Jersey.

She served in the cabinet of President George W. Bush as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from January 2001 until June 2003.

■ Deborah Bell, the grand prize winner for 2005 and co-founder of Refuge International.

The 2005 winners were: Social - Deborah Bell of Gilmer, Texas, who co-founded Refuge International ([www.refugeinternational.com](http://www.refugeinternational.com)), a non-profit dedicated to improving the quality of life for Guatemalans.

Economic - Kip Tiernan of Boston, founder of Rosie's Place ([www.rosies.org](http://www.rosies.org)), a shelter in Boston that provides services to poor and homeless women.

Environmental - Sharen Trembath of Angola, N.Y., founder of the Great Lakes Beach Sweep, responsible for cleaning up more than 95 miles of New York State shoreline.

Based in Salem, N.J., Mannington celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2005. For more information, visit [www.mannington.com](http://www.mannington.com).

## BROIDA

FROM PAGE D1

As you know, I'm a fan of leveraging multiple backup solutions. Once a week I make a copy of my entire hard drive.

But I also like to back up just my data, and I like to store it someplace other than my office (in case of fire, theft, gravity or some other localized catastrophe).

### MOZY

Enter Mozy ([mozy.com](http://mozy.com)), which stores copies of your files in a secure online bunker. (Actually, it may be nothing more than some guy's garage, but I like to think of it as a bunker.)

Services like this are nothing new, and in fact number in the dozens (if not hundreds), but Mozy is special for a couple of reasons.

First, it's free. When you sign up, you're immediately given 2 gigabytes (GB) of backup space. That's enough to store a lot of data: Word and Excel files, an Outlook database, your browser's bookmark list, and other crucial day-to-day stuff.

Second, it's highly automated. After installing the Mozy software (currently available for Windows only; a Mac version is in the works), a wizard helps you select the data you want to back up.

Specifically, Mozy supplies predefined "backup sets" for common data types like photos, e-mail, office documents and

financial records. A few clicks is all it takes to select all your indispensable stuff.

After the initial backup, the software automatically makes incremental additions. That is, it adds only those files that are new or have changed.

Thus, subsequent backups take much less time, and they happen at regular intervals, while your computer is idle, with no effort required on your part.

Indeed, Mozy makes backups almost entirely hassle-free. What's your excuse now?

The beauty of an online backup is that you can restore your data to any PC from any PC.

Suppose your notebook hits the pavement and you have to use a loaner while it's being repaired. Just sign into your Mozy account via the Web browser and you can download your data to the new system, easy-peasy.

Mozy's not perfect, of course. The initial backup can take upwards of two days to complete, depending on how much data you have.

Mozy estimates a data transfer rate of 1GB per day; I was able to get my 1.3GB backup uploaded in about nine hours.

But that was only after a few tries. The first couple of attempts resulted in error messages, after which the backup had to be restarted from the beginning. Eventually it worked, though I couldn't tell you what made the difference.

It's worth noting that you can restore

data only a few times per month, though I don't consider that a major shortcoming. It is hoped you won't need to do it at all.

As for the 2GB space limit, that may be more than ample for some users and only scratch the surface for others. For me, it's enough to hold everything except my music and photo collections, which are too large to effectively back up online anyway.

If you need more space, Mozy's prices beat those of most competing backup services: 5GB for \$21.45 (annually), 30GB for \$54.45, and 60GB for \$109.45.

An even better deal is available from Carbonite ([carbonite.com](http://carbonite.com)), which offers unlimited online storage for just \$5 per month (or \$50 annually).

Like Mozy, it supplies software that will automatically ferret out your important data and perform backups for you.

But as you know, I'm a sucker for free, which is why I'm sticking with Mozy for now.

I highly recommend giving it a try. It won't cost you a penny, and it could just save your (data's) life.

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## PURTAN

FROM PAGE D1

afro wigs alone take up an entire closet.

Big Ben is now a Bull (note that I said "is" and not "full of"). He has gone from being a hero - "da man" - to being one of the bad guys (not to be confused with the Bad Boys).

I don't begrudge him this opportunity. Not one bit. Many of us would change our loyalties in a heartbeat for \$60 million. Not me, of course.

But, there remains this "stuff" problem. Now that he's in the enemy camp his stuff is contaminating all my other stuff.

You can't have an obsolete Ben Wallace jersey next to a Rasheed Wallace because things have changed and all Wallaces are now not equal.

When I look at my Ben Wallace bobbleheads they just seem to be mocking me. Their incessant up-and-down

movement screams "Sucker!"

What's a fan to do? It's not like I can go on eBay and sell this stuff. It's doubtful that anyone in Chicago wants a Big Ben Pistons jersey.

I'm thinking garage sale but my neighbors all have the same problem.

Maybe I can ship it all to Canada. The *Observer & Eccentric* isn't published there so, maybe, our friends to the south haven't heard the news yet.

It's not like they're all spending their dollars on Toronto Raptors stuff, eh?

I think it's time to arrange a trade.

Do you think the folks at the Palace will take a couple of old number threes in exchange for a Nazr Muhammed? (He's the new guy.) I'll even throw in an old Jerry Stackhouse to sweeten the deal.

Anyone have Larry Brown's number?

You can reach out and touch Dick Purtan electronically at [dickpurtan@womc.com](mailto:dickpurtan@womc.com). And, of course, hear him on the radio 5-10 a.m. at the Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.

## HOME CALENDAR

### Auction

DuMouchelles will conduct an auction Friday-Sunday, Aug. 11-13, at 409 E. Jefferson in Detroit. Auction times are 6:30 p.m. Aug. 11, 11 a.m. Aug. 12 and noon Aug. 13.

An exhibition will take place Friday-Saturday, Aug. 4-5, and Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 8-10. Exhibition hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the other four days.

Call (313) 963-6255 or visit [www.dumouchelles.com](http://www.dumouchelles.com). Featured items include a 1971 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow, an extensive collection of Pepsi memorabilia, musical instruments, furniture, porcelain, fine art, and early 20th century German tin-windup toys.

### Detroit walking tours

Preservation Wayne presents guided walking tours of five historical areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center), 10 a.m. Saturdays now through September.

It also presents Tuesday After Work tours in downtown Detroit 5:30 p.m. every week. Tours of the New Center area are available by appointment. Each tour offers a blend of the history of the area and what is happening now. Cost is \$10. Visit [www.preservationwayne.org](http://www.preservationwayne.org) or call (313) 577-7674.

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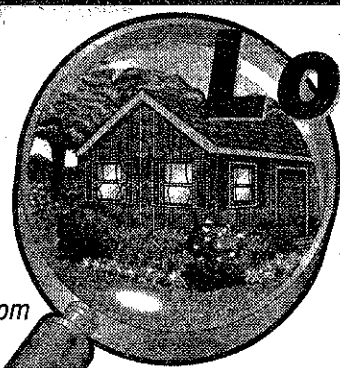
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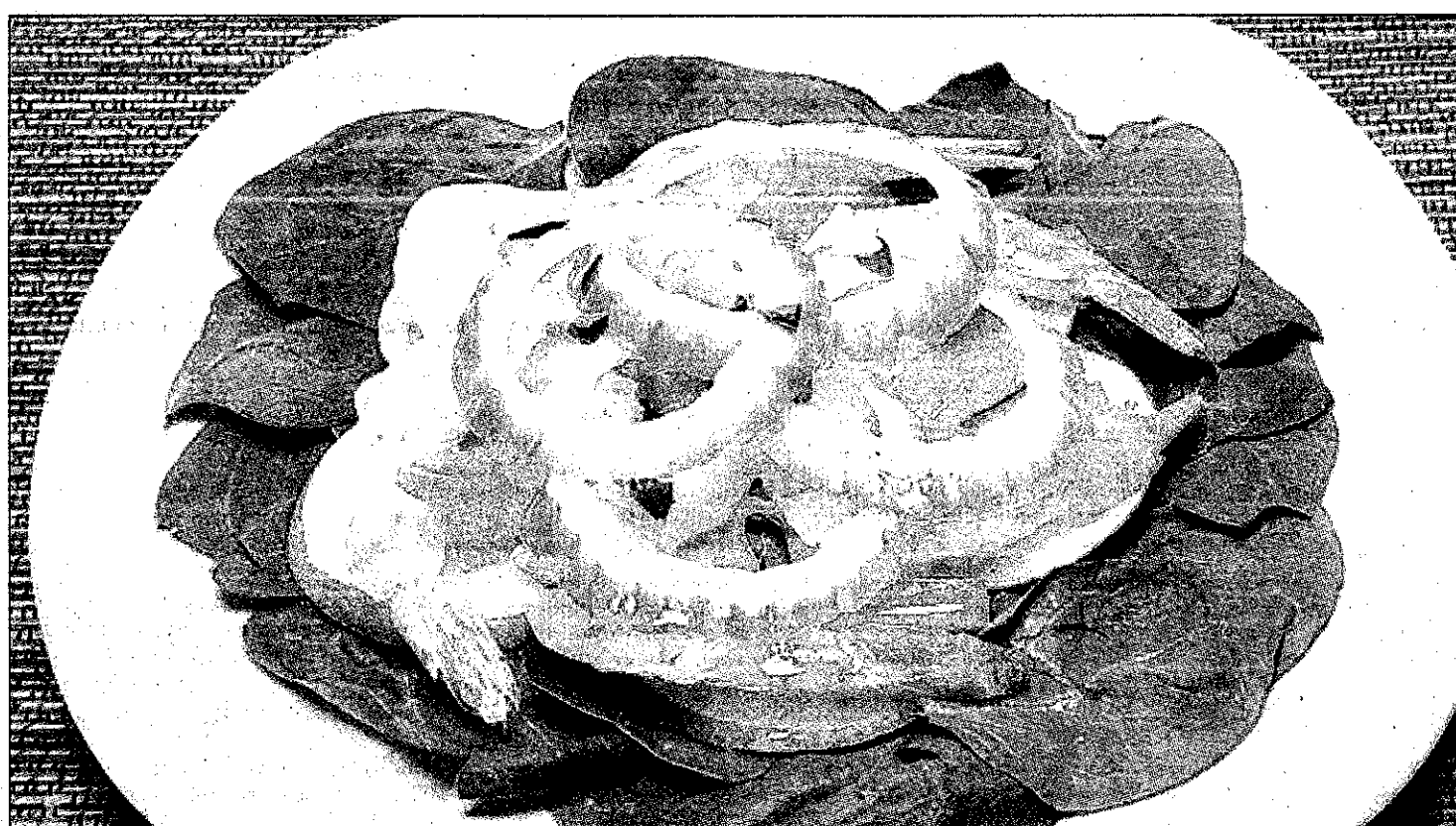
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This spinach and shrimp salad displays a mini-rainbow of colors: green, orange, gold, red and white, a feast for the eye and the body.

## Color is healthy way to healthful eating

Summer is the season to eat in color.

The season's fruits and vegetables are at their peak. Markets display ripe nectarines, plums, tomatoes and peppers. So the summer plate should be colorful, too.

Eating in color is a healthier, as well as prettier, way to eat. The deeper the color of vegetables and fruits, the more likely they are to be high in nutrients and health-protective phytochemicals.

Nutritionists have encouraged people to sample the spectrum of color available this season. Doing so makes it more likely you will eat the five to nine daily servings of vegetables and fruit that the American Institute for Cancer Research's health experts recommend. Colorful vegetables and fruit have been found to contain the essential vitamins, minerals, fiber and the phytochemicals that are found only in plant foods all of which your body needs to stay healthy. The more colors on the plate, the

healthier the meal.

Deep orange and bright yellow signal the presence of the phytochemical carotenoids, including beta carotene, powerful antioxidants thought to reduce the risk of cancer and heart disease. Those colors can also indicate a rich source of vitamin C.

Bright pinks and deep reds add lycopene, a powerful antioxidant also believed to fight some cancers and heart disease. Green vegetables are rich in other phytochemicals. The carotenoids lutein and zeaxanthin are found in spinach, collards, kale and broccoli. The antioxidants found in these healthful greens and other cruciferous vegetables may fight cancer.

Even some white food is good for you. Allium vegetables such as onions, garlic, chives, scallions and leeks contain phytochemicals that have health-protective qualities.

This spinach and shrimp salad displays a mini-rainbow of colors: green, orange, gold,

red and white, a feast for the eye and the body.

### SPINACH AND SHRIMP SALAD WITH CITRUS DRESSING

12 ounces large shrimp  
8 cups baby spinach leaves (or flat-leaf spinach), stems removed, rinsed and dried  
2 firm nectarines, halved and cut into thin slices  
2 medium red bell peppers, seeded and halved  
4 very thin slices red onion  
1/2 cup fresh orange juice  
Juice of 1 lime  
1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric  
2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1 teaspoon fresh oregano, minced

Place shrimp in a large saucepan filled with cold water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. When shrimp have turned pink and curled, drain and peel them. Remove their veins. Halve each shrimp lengthwise and set aside.

Arrange a quarter of the spinach in a bed on each of 4 dinner plates. (If using flat-leaf spinach, first tear it into bite-size pieces.) Arrange 4 nectarine slices on each bed of spinach. Cut pepper halves into strips. Cut strips into thirds. Arrange one-fourth on top of nectarine slices. Arrange one-fourth of the shrimp over the peppers. Separate onions into rings and arrange over shrimp.

For the dressing, whisk orange and lime juices in a small bowl with turmeric and oregano. Whisk in oil.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spoon 2 tablespoons dressing over each salad. Sprinkle oregano on top and serve. (Salad can be assembled and dressing made up to 4 hours ahead. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Dress and garnish just before serving.)

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 160 calories, 3 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 17 g. carbohydrate, 16 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 184 mg. sodium.

Information courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

### FOOD CALENDAR

Send items to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (734) 591-7279.

#### Gluten Free Dinner

Fried artichokes, penne with fresh tomato basil sauce, mixed field greens with white balsamic vinaigrette, steak Siciliano, Monday, Aug. 7, \$23. Giulios, 31735 Plymouth, Livonia (734) 427-9500.

#### Cooking classes

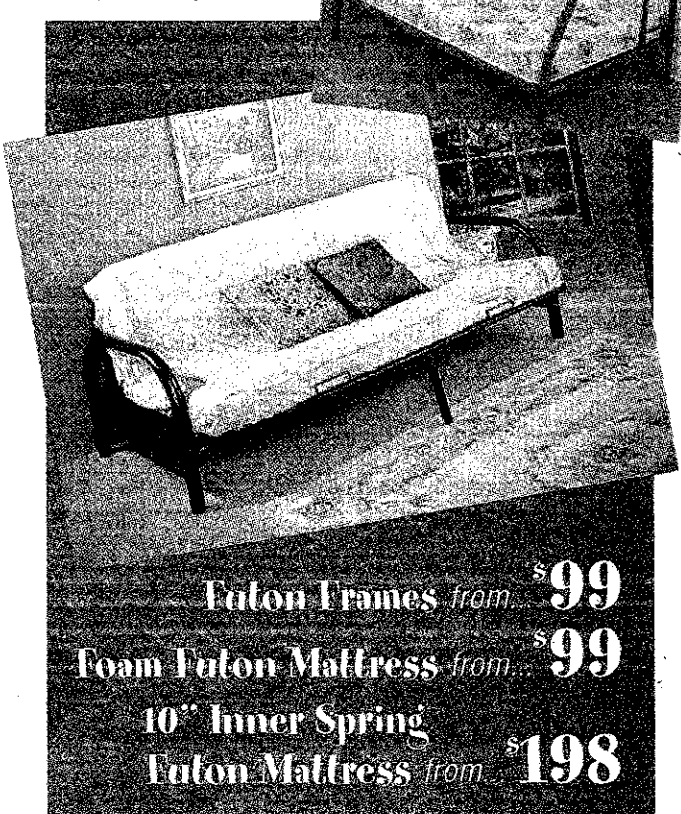
The Community House offers the following culinary classes to the public this summer: **Gluten Free Baking**, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7, \$30; **Fresh Italian**, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, \$24, \$6

materials fee paid to the instructor; Sushi, bring a notebook and pencil, class is demonstration only, instructed by Changpheng Sayanthone, co-owner and chef of Tokyo Sushi and Grill in Birmingham, Troy and Auburn Hills, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, \$29; **Time to Cook**, learn how to manage your time in kitchen, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, \$25; **Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar, Italian Style**, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22, \$29, \$6 materials fee payable to instructor.

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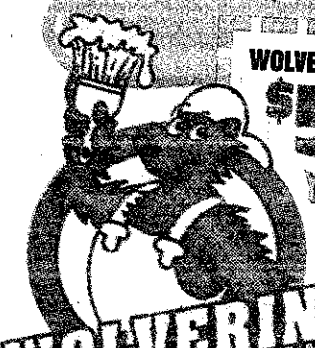


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# Locals buy French wine chateau Season's vegetables make good salads

Chateau des Karantes (kahr-ahnt') is a new French wine in our market. Owner/partners Dr. Walter Knysz, who also owns the Bloomfield Hills-based Great Expressions dental centers, and Jean-Jacques Fertal, a partner with Knysz in Eagle Eye Imports, bought the chateau last year. The first wine releases from the 2005 vintage are in the Michigan market now.

Knysz revealed that he had the purchase of a French chateau in his mind before he had a serendipitous meeting with Fertal and the start-up of Eagle Eye Imports. His search became easier when French native Fertal, now an American citizen residing in Rochester Hills with his family, could speak French with agents seeking to find a suitable purchase.

## WHY KARANTES

Fertal explained the beauty of the site in the La Clape area of Coteaux du Languedoc in southern France. "Standing on a foothill within the Karantes estate, you can see the Mediterranean from which sea breezes keep the vines cool. In another direction, there's the famous Clape Mountain, after which the region is named. Farther in the distance are the Pyrenees Mountains with snow-capped peaks."

Previously, Karantes was owned by the Barbera family. The Barbera sons still work the vineyard with estate manager and winemaker Christophe Coppolani. During World War II, Chateau des Karantes was occupied by German troops, who constructed gun turrets in the hillside overlooking Narbonne Plage (a beach about two miles from Karantes), to fend off the Allied troops they believed would invade from the south. Instead, as we know, the invasion came from the north in Normandy. Fleeing German troops burned area homes and these ruins still remain.

## EXPERIENCED WINEMAKER

"When I went for an interview," 40-year-old Coppolani revealed, "I said to myself, 'I want this job.' The location with its hilly terrain and gravel, sand and clay vineyard soils has so much potential."

For 13 years, Coppolani was vineyard manager and on the winemaking team of Champagne Louis Roederer, including its famed Cristal.

He also has experience in that capacity at Roederer USA in California and has



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worked for other wineries in France and Portugal.

Chateau des Karantes is 200 acres, 43 of which are currently under vine, planted to red varieties carignan, grenache, syrah, and mourvèdre, with a small one-acre parcel of a white variety named terret, planted on the estate in 1927. Some carignan vines can be traced back to 1928. New syrah plantings have been made and more are planned.

## WHAT TO BUY

In limited quantity, at \$10 each, three wines from the 2005 vintage were introduced early this summer. Blanc des Karantes is a delightfully crisp white wine made 100 percent from the terret grape. Then there's Rosé des Karantes, a blend of mourvèdre, syrah, grenache and carignan. Rouge (red) des Karantes is 100 percent carignan, made from 60-year-old vines. At \$10 (and we've seen it some places for \$8), these wines are hard to beat.

Eye-catching labels, designed by French artist Michel Cros, will help you to locate the wines easily.

Just being introduced now at \$15 is 2005 Domaine des Karantes, Coteaux du Languedoc, La Clape, a delicious blend of grenache, syrah and carignan. Enhance a summer barbecue with it and you'll make friends for life!

Near the end of this year, 2005 Chateau des Karantes \$20, a grenache, mourvèdre and syrah blend, will be introduced. Then in early 2007, the 2005 Chateau des Karantes Cuvée Diamond, a grenache, mourvèdre and syrah blend at \$40 will be launched, as a best of the best from the estate vineyards.

Keep reading us and we'll let you know when they're available. We tasted barrel samples that are already delicious!

The Healds are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

## WINE PICKS

**Pinot Grigio** (also known as **Pinot Gris**) hits the mark as a cool, summer wine with lots of flavor.

**Pick of the pack:** 2005 Morgan Santa Lucia Highlands R&D Francioni Vineyard Pinot Gris \$16. **Also recommended:** 2005 Coppola Bianco \$11 and 2005 Babcock Santa Rita Hills \$15.

**Wallet pleasers:** 2005 McManis \$10 and 2005 Meridian \$10.

**Chardonnay's** most instructive pair. We've had many requests to recommend flavorful unoaked (oak free) chardonnays. The operative word in the request is flavorful.

Many unoaked chardonnays do not have a lot of flavor. But here's a pair you should try in order to learn if you really like unoaked chards.

2005 St. Supery Napa Valley Oak Free Chardonnay \$19

2004 St. Supery Napa Valley Chardonnay \$19

Considering the expense of French cooperage, you may be surprised to see the price the same for both wines. The winery answer is that the oak-free wine is line priced with its tank fermented sauvignon blanc and the barrel fermented and barrel aged chardonnay has been underpriced for a long time. We buy that. Here's the better point. Try the wines as a pair and you don't have to choose the one you favor based on price.

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

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California cooks show the way: Use the season's bounty of fresh vegetables, in all their appealing variety, to put together salads with minimal cooking.

Bonus point: Gorgeous greens plus other ingredients' colors can make each salad plate a small still-life work of art.

A trio of salads is offered here for home cooks by chefs from restaurants in Monterey County. Salads are a tradition for this area, with its Mediterranean-like climate. The region includes the lush Salinas Valley — self-proclaimed "salad bowl of the world" and the nation's largest producer of salad greens.

Salinas is Steinbeck country. The writer once called the local lettuce-growing industry "Green Gold," and he chronicled it and Salinas farmers in his 1952 masterpiece, *East of Eden*.

The following recipes bring with them a local sense of delight in fresh vegetables, along with touches of Mediterranean flavor. Take them as inspiration, if you like, for your own variations, tossing in what's best in your own backyard or farmers market.

This recipe from John Pisto, chef-owner of John Pisto's Whaling Station, Monterey, Calif., is a variation of a classic salad, making the most of crisp romaine lettuce paired with salmon. Pisto says he is an enthusiastic fan of using "the local stuff" — and that applies to wherever is local for you.

## BLACKENED SALMON CAESAR SALAD

1 egg  
4 anchovies  
1/2 cup red-wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons kosher salt (see note)  
3 garlic cloves  
1 lemon (juice only)  
1 1/2 teaspoons dry mustard  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
3 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
2 heads of romaine lettuce  
1/2 cup croutons (purchased or homemade)  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
Fresh pepper to taste

Submerge egg in a pan of boiling water for 1 minute (see note). Remove from pan and set aside in cold water. Place anchovies in wooden bowl. Add vinegar and crush anchovies into a paste using a wooden spoon. Add kosher salt and continue making paste. Press garlic cloves and add to the mixture. Add lemon juice, mustard and Worcestershire sauce and stir. Crack egg and discard egg white. Add yolk to mixture and stir. Slowly pour in olive oil, stirring continuously.

Tear lettuce into bite-sized pieces and place in bowl. With tongs, gently mix lettuce with dressing until no residue is found on the bottom of bowl. Mix in croutons and sprinkle with cheese and fresh cracked pepper.

## BLACKENED SALMON

6 salmon filets (8 to 10 ounces)  
Blackening rub of your choice, homemade or store-bought

Preheat oven to 350° F. Heat cast-iron skillet over medium to high heat.

Coat the salmon well with blackening rub. Brown salmon well on both sides. Then transfer to 350° F oven, and bake until it flakes, about 10 minutes.

Serve blackened salmon on top of the Caesar salad.

Makes 6 servings.

Note: Regular salt is twice as salty as kosher salt; and one minute is sufficient to cook ("cod-dle") the egg, Pisto says.

Wine suggestion: a Santa Lucia pinot noir.

Recipe from chef John Pisto, of John Pisto's Whaling Station, Monterey, Calif.

The following two recipes are offered by Cal Stamenov, executive chef of Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley, Calif. The first is a combination using the most colorful beets you can find, plus asparagus, feta cheese and a citrus vinaigrette. The second stars carrots, with a passion-fruit juice dressing.

## ROASTED BEET AND SUMMER VEGETABLE SALAD

1/2 cup olive oil  
1/2 red onion, thinly sliced  
8 sprigs thyme  
1/2 cup sherry wine vinegar  
Eight 2-inch-diameter beets (mixed red, yellow and chioggia; see note)

2 fennel bulbs, thinly sliced  
30 asparagus stalks, blanched (see note), cut into 1-inch pieces

## For the Vinaigrette:

1 1/2 oranges  
1 lemon  
1/2 lime

1/4 cup olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste

## For the Vegetable Garnish:

1 cup green beans, blanched and cut into 1-inch pieces  
1/2 cup cubed feta cheese

1 head frisée (cleaned, white only) or curly endive, chopped

4 tablespoons chopped oil-cured black olives

1 navel orange, peeled, segmented

1/2 red bell pepper, finely diced

1/2 yellow bell pepper, finely diced

12 sprigs chervil

1 cup baby spinach

1 cup shredded lollo rosa lettuce or red-leaf lettuce

1/4 cup finely chopped fennel fronds

To prepare the beets: Combine olive oil, red onion, thyme and sherry wine vinegar to make a marinade. Then prepare each color of beets separately; toss each color in 1/2 of the marinade. Roast each color separately in a pan covered with foil at 400° F for 45 minutes or until soft (tip of knife should insert easily). Cool, peel and cut into assorted geometric shapes. Add fennel and asparagus to cooked beets, and mix.

To make the Vinaigrette: Juice 1 1/2 oranges, lemon and lime to make 1 1/2 to 2 cups of juice; heat the juice in a small saucepan over medium heat, until reduced by three-fourths (when you are left with about 1/2 cup). Cool. Whisk olive oil and season to taste with salt and pepper.

To serve: Arrange some of each vegetable — green beans, feta cheese, frisée, olives, orange, peppers, chervil, spinach, lettuce and fennel fronds — on each plate, dividing them up equally. Arrange beets on top; drizzle with vinaigrette.

Note: Chioggia beets, with the concentric rings of alternating red and white, are often called "candy cane" beets. If they are not available, use whatever colors you can find. To blanch asparagus, plunge into boiling water for about 1 minute, then immediately into cold water.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Wine suggestion: a Monterey County chardonnay.

Recipe from chef Cal Stamenov of Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley, Calif.

Carrots are available year-round, but are at their peak from October to April, Stamenov says. "I visit the neighboring farm stand, Earthbound Farm, and use the sweet red, yellow and orange baby carrots in this salad, which reflects the sweetness of your spring produce."

## SIX CARROT SALAD

6 large or up to 25 baby carrots, peeled and blanched to desired texture, i.e. al dente (see note)

12 large green or white asparagus spears, blanched until tender, about 1 minute

1 cup cubed feta cheese

## For Passion Fruit Dressing:

2 cups passion fruit juice (see note)  
1 lime, juiced  
1 cup olive oil

Salt and cracked black pepper

Herbs: 3 tablespoons each finely chopped parsley and mint

10 mustard leaves

To prepare Passion Fruit Dressing: Over medium heat in small saucepan reduce juice slowly to 1/2 cup. Watch carefully to keep color and consistency. Whisk in drizzle of olive oil as needed to thicken. Add lime juice, seasoning to taste. Season to taste with salt and cracked pepper.

To assemble Carrot Salad: Cut blanched carrots and asparagus into a variety of shapes, as desired. Toss with dressing and feta cheese. Garnish with assorted herbs.

Makes 4 to 6 servings. Note: Use as many varieties of carrots as you can find if you want a colorful medley and adjust the number according to the sizes. If you cannot find passion-fruit juice, you can substitute a mix of orange, lemon and lime juice, or just use orange juice.

Wine suggestion: a Carmel Valley Sauvignon blanc.

Recipe from chef Cal Stamenov of Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley, Calif. (Recipes made available to the AP by the Monterey County Visitors Bureau.)

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# Getting creative with broccoli

BY DANA JACOBI  
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Should you eat broccoli every day? It is a powerhouse vegetable, so it would be a health-savvy thing to do. But alternating it with other cruciferous veggies like cauliflower, cabbage, kale, collard greens and Brussels sprouts assures a wider assortment of the health-protective phytochemicals that make this family of vegetables so valuable.

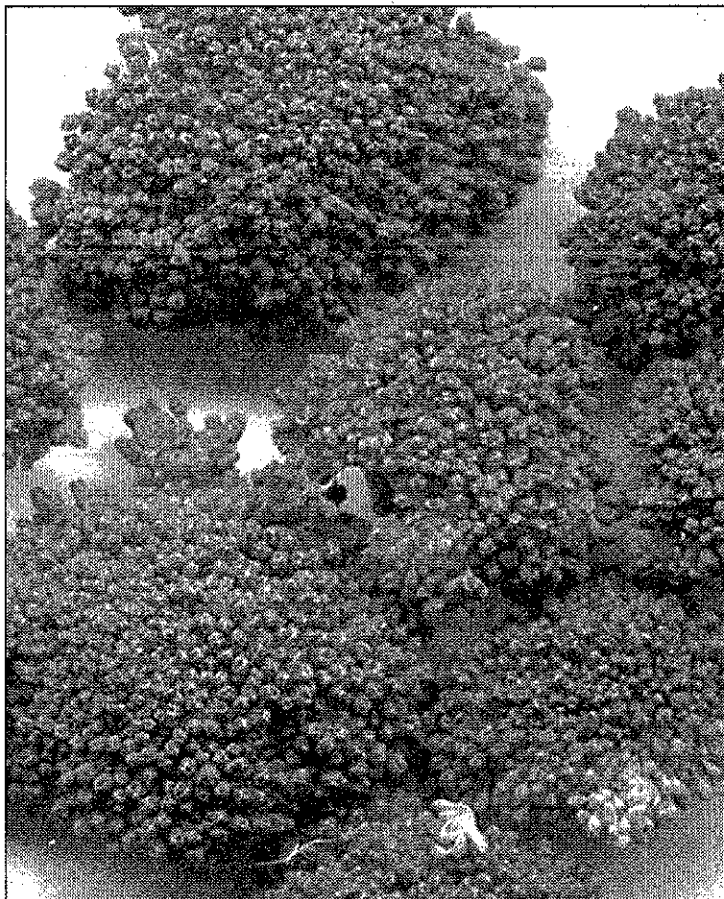
Even so, I love a culinary challenge, which is why I decided to eat broccoli every day for a week, but in a different form each time. I made a soup, a stir-fry, a casserole, a salad, a quesadilla, a drink and a dip.

For the soup, on a hot day I tossed a cup of broccoli florets into the pot while making the classic cold soup, vichyssoise. The result was pale green, creamy and refreshing.

The stir-fry combined sweet red pepper, black beans and shiitake mushrooms with a bottled peanut sauce I had on hand. For the casserole, I added frozen broccoli to my favorite tuna-noodle casserole, making it a more complete one-dish meal.

After these dishes, I wanted to be more creative. For a salad, I started with canned salmon and added generous amounts of finely-chopped raw vegetables including broccoli, celery, green pepper, parsley, scallions and red onion plus lemon juice and olive oil. This succulent salad was so good that I still make it.

On the fourth day, not wanting to see broccoli again, I sneaked some chopped



steamed broccoli into a corn-and-mushroom quesadilla. It was good, and I was glad that I could barely taste the broccoli. The next day, using my juicer, I made a vitamin-rich cocktail by pureeing spinach, celery, cucumber, parsley and broccoli stems; then added both pineapple and lime juices. It was emerald green and delicious.

For the last day, I created this Broccoli Pesto for a dip, but it is thick enough to be spread on crostini. It is also excellent mixed with warm whole-wheat pasta or brown rice.

Broccoli proved so versatile that I repeated this exercise with other foods. The results led to my most recent book, *12 Best Foods Cookbook*.

## BROCCOLI PESTO

2 cups broccoli florets, stem removed  
1-2 cloves garlic, chopped  
½ cup basil leaves, lightly packed  
¼ cup walnuts  
Freshly ground black pepper  
3-4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
¼ cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese  
Salt, if desired

Place the broccoli, garlic,

basil and nuts in a food processor or blender. Add 4 or 5 grinds of pepper. Purée until the broccoli is finely ground but still grainy.

With the motor running, drizzle in just enough of the oil to make the mixture spreadable and soft enough to use as a dip. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and blend 15 seconds longer. Transfer the pesto to a bowl.

Mix in the cheese and season to taste with salt, if desired. Cover tightly and refrigerate 2 hours before serving to allow the flavors to meld. This pesto keeps up to 2 days if stored tightly covered in the refrigerator.

To use with crostini, spread 1 to 2 tablespoons pesto on each slice of grilled or toasted bread (preferably whole-wheat Italian).

Makes 1 cup of pesto, enough for 8-12 crostini or as a dip with sliced raw vegetables such as carrots and red, orange, or yellow bell peppers.

Per tablespoon: 43 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), less than 1 g. carbohydrate, 1 g. protein, less than 1 g. dietary fiber, 22 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is author of *The Joy of Soy* and recipe creator for AICR's *Stopping Cancer Before It Starts*.

# Tasty cabbage slaw dresses up fish tacos

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tilapia is the gently flavored, nutritious and low-fat centerpiece of these tacos. Dress up the fish with tasty vegetables, smartly seasoned – and there's a meal to make people happy.

On a hot day it's an advantage that the work involved is minimal. The easy recipe is from the "superfast" section of *Cooking Light* magazine's July issue. The sturdy texture of corn tortillas works best for these tacos, the magazine's recipe developer says, but you can use flour tortillas.

Since the recipe makes more slaw than necessary for the tacos, serve the extra on the side. With its fresh tang of lime balancing the chili-flavored fish, diners are going to wel-

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come second helpings.

## FISH TACOS WITH CABBAGE SLAW

4 cups very thinly presliced green cabbage  
1 cup chopped plum tomatoes  
½ cup thinly sliced green onions  
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro  
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice  
5 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 pound tilapia fillets  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
Eight 6-inch corn tortillas

Combine cabbage, tomatoes, onions and cilantro in a large bowl. Add juice, 1 tablespoon olive oil and ¼ teaspoon salt; toss well to combine.

Heat remaining 2 teaspoons

oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Sprinkle fish evenly with chili powder and remaining ¼ teaspoon salt. Add fish to pan; cook 3 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork or until desired degree of doneness. Remove from heat, and cut fish into bite-sized pieces.

Warm tortillas according to package directions. Spoon about ¼ cup cabbage mixture down the center of each tortilla. Divide fish evenly among tortillas; fold in half. Serve tacos with remaining cabbage mixture.

Makes 4 servings (serving size: 2 tacos and about 1 cup cabbage mixture).

Nutrition information per serving: 305 cal., 9.8 g total fat (2 g saturated), 26.5 g pro., 30.1 g carbo., 4.4 g fiber, 75 mg chol., 445 mg sodium.

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# The Famous Kimono Wrap

Project Runway designer Kara Janx dishes on 'the dress'

By Wendy White



Janx

jersey wrap dress edged in emerald green, tied at the waist with an obi-inspired sash. Judge Michael Kors commented that what she was wearing was much more interesting than what she showed on the runway.

The rest is history. Janx's kimono wrap dress (\$210) was soon featured in magazines and orders came pouring in.

For Fall, Janx has added a version in silk (\$350), and a versatile silk wrap skirt that doubles as a baby-doll dress.

Janx visited Detroit to judge Haberman Fabric's "Make It Work" fashion design challenge on Aug. 1. With her, she brought variations of her kimono dress and shared its story.

Formerly an architect, Janx launched her first clothing collection in 2002, but got off to a slow start until she appeared on Project Runway. Now, despite her newfound fame, she is keeping her company tightly focused on hip and functional "democratic fashion" for the urban girl. Her line also includes underwear, bikinis and an eccentric wool hat for women, along with silk-screened tees and military jackets for men.

We caught up with Janx to find out what she's been up to, and just what it is about that dress!

How is life after Project Runway?

It's been great. It really has. There's been such a positive response to both me as a person and the business. It's been an incredible ride. It's taken me places I couldn't have imagined taking myself.

Are you non-stop busy?

I'm so busy that I'm running on empty. I'm like dead. I wake up in the morning, and I'm like where am I? But I love it so I don't like to complain.

So your kimono dress is a hit?

I was fortunate to have that kimono dress shown at the end of the show, and it was serendipitous and so bizarre. Since then I've sold thousands and thousands of dresses. I just happened to wear it to the final challenge. I had worn everything in my closet, and I thought 'oh I'll just wear this thing.'

It was so twisted, and the editing just kind of allowed it to get a lot of attention.

Why do you think it's so popular?

It's flattering—it completely hides the bumps and gives you a divine waist.

What will you talk about in Detroit?

I'm going to be bringing the different variations of the kimono dress, and talking about the evolution, what it's all about, and how it's become a craze. And how I've sort of manipulated the whole design.



What is your design philosophy?

I think just to keep it very true to my personality. I make things that are multifunctional—very wearable, timeless pieces, that are really well thought out with interesting silhouettes, where you can manipulate them and wear them in different ways.

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