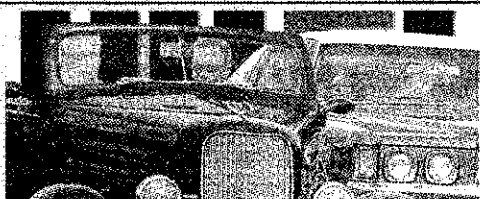


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Census figures show Canton is growing larger, more diverse

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It's not a new story, and it wasn't a surprise when the mid-decade census figures were released Tuesday. Again, Canton showed faster growth than anywhere else in the state during the last five years, growing at

a rate more than 10 times the state's total population.

Canton's 2005 population was 90,501, compared to 76,310 in 2000, representing a 19-percent increase.

The mid-decade census is helpful, according to Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"In our case, though, I think they missed the numbers," he said,

adding that he thinks Canton's population is closer to 86,500 than it is to 90,000. He said he based his opinion on figures from the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

"SEMCOG has proven its ability to collect data over the years, and their estimates say we're smaller than the Census Bureau says we are," Yack said.

Still, if the census figures are errant, there's no harm to Canton.

Yack said there's no doubt that the township is growing, even if the population hasn't topped 90,000.

"We're growing now for the same reasons we were growing during the building boom we were having up until last year," he said. "The same elements are at work. There's a quality of life issue. We have good

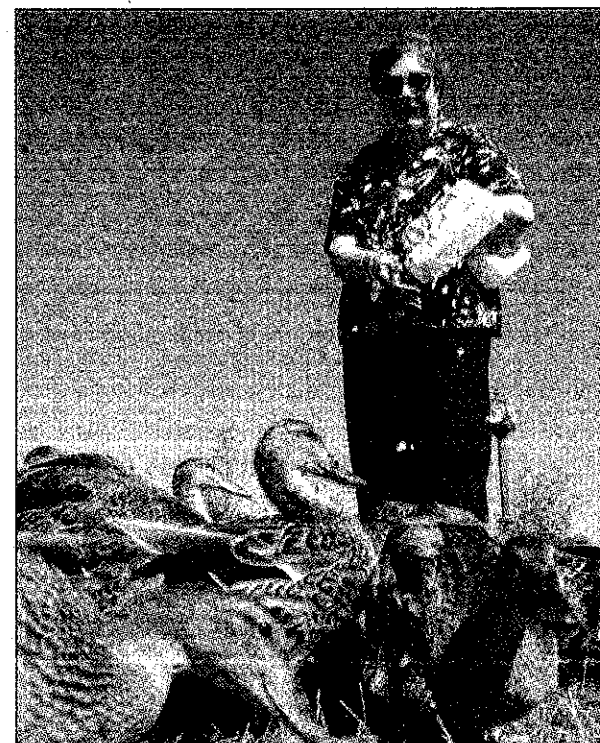
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Roadside shopping

Roadside vegetable stands were a common sight back when Canton was known as the 'Sweet Corn Capital' of the state. Ernie Constantino's stand on Cherry Hill west of Beck is one of the few left in the township, now that subdivisions are the big cash crop. Dawn Lawson and her five-year-old daughter Ashlyn visited Constantino's stand on Monday and purchased a few ears of sweet corn for dinner.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nancy Spencer feeds the ducks at Heritage Park and watches out for their welfare. She was concerned that someone was killing the birds, but the DNR report suggests the ducks have been dying of disease.

No fowl play

DNR says ducks died of disease, not attacks

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The cause of death for two of nearly 20 ducks that died this summer at the Heritage Park ponds has been determined to be a botulism type C infection, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

In July, Canton resident Nancy Spencer, who has for years been visiting, feeding and recording the health conditions of the ducks at the park, told Canton Police she was concerned that someone was killing the birds. She believed their necks had been broken, she said.

Canton Police contacted the DNR, which conducted a necropsy to determine the cause of death. Results of the necropsy showed the duck died from botulism type C.

According to the DNR, type C botulism occurs primarily in waterfowl and other birds living in an aquatic environment. It becomes most common when stagnant water gets warm, and animals feed on toxic dead invertebrate animals found in the pond sediment.

However, the ponds pose no threat to people, according to Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin, because swimming is not permitted in the ponds. According to the DNR, humans cannot be infected with type C botulism unless they ingest it, or the bacteria comes in contact with an open wound.

Still, Spencer is concerned about the possibility of a young child becoming infected.

"You see children getting too close to the ponds all the time. What happens when one of them falls in and swallows the water? That's a tragedy waiting to happen," she said.

The DNR strongly discourages the feeding of any waterfowl, stating feeding concentrates birds at feeding stations, encouraging the spread of diseases. The DNR also states when waterfowl are concentrated by artificial feeding, disease and other mortality factors can cause serious waterfowl death.

According to a DNR statement, "Waterfowl should be enjoyed and appreciated, but encouraged to maintain themselves in their natural habitats."

For further information on wildlife visit the MDNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

The Canton Police Department has closed the investigation and encourages residents to follow the DNR recommendations of not feeding wild waterfowl, and prevent stagnant water from pooling during the summer months.

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Staff 'pumped up' as Workman gets ready

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Jim Burt sat in his temporary office at Dodson Elementary Tuesday, planning where to paint lines on the blacktop at his new school, Workman Elementary, so kids will know where to line up in the mornings.

"There's a million-and-one details," said Burt. "My goal is to make sure that from day one teachers and kids know routines and procedures. I don't want kids to be confused on the first day of school."

Burt, 56, has been a teacher and administrator in the Plymouth-Canton district for 34 years, opening Miller Elementary as a teacher in 1972. He's been developing a plan to open Workman since March 2005, even while still principal at Eriksson Elementary. It's now down to crunch time.

If all goes well with the state fire marshal and Canton Township inspections this week, teachers will be moving into their



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Officials say Workman Elementary, located at Cherry Hill and Denton, is set to be up and ready on time for the start of the 2006-2007 school year.

classrooms next Tuesday. An open house for parents and students is scheduled 6-7:45 p.m. Aug. 30, with the first day of classes Sept. 5. Letters should arrive in mailboxes this weekend for Workman families to outline details.

"We'll have maps for people, kids will know who their teachers

are so they can meet them, they'll be able to tour the school and use the playground ... get the lay of the land," Burt said.

"In an established school, most things are just routines that 95 percent of the kids understand when they return the following year ... like how lunch works or where to stand in line," he said.

"It's my job to make sure there is as little confusion as possible that first day. I want this to feel like it's not something brand new."

Burt has had to take care of every last detail for the opening of Workman, including ordering desks, books and classroom

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Coming Sunday in Health



School is about to begin and it's time for children to get their vaccinations. Learn what you need to know.

Internet safety awareness for parents

Canton Police Department is offering a free seminar designed to provide Internet safety awareness for parents. On Saturday, Aug. 26, from 9-11 a.m., crime prevention Sgt. Scott Hilden will be discussing the dangers of the Internet including online predators, social networking sites such as myspace.com and what parents should do to protect their children online.

According to Hilden a recent study by the U.S. Department of Justice found that one in five children received sexual solicitation or were approached online within the past year.

"Pedophiles and other child exploiters have direct access to children through the Internet. They will troll for kids on sites like myspace.com, in chat rooms and through the use of blogs. It is extremely important that parents understand the risks and educate their children," Hilden said.

This seminar, being held at Canton's Summit on the Park, is free, but space is limited. To reserve a spot contact Canton Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at (734) 394-5325.

Carwash for vets

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 Plymouth/Canton will host a car wash on Sunday, Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Lighthouse Carwash on Ford Road, which is located on the south side of the road between Haggerty and Lilley roads.

The owner, Paul Berry, donates all the cash proceeds to the chapter that will wash and dry your car this day.

Free legal aid

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. will conduct a free outreach clinic on civil legal services for senior residents of Wayne County, who are 60 years of age or older at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, at Summit On The Park in Canton.

Attendees are asked to register before 10:30 a.m., as a Legal Aid attorney will assist only those persons who have done so by that time.

For further information, contact Gina Polley, director of community relations and governmental affairs, by phone at (313) 964-4111, ext. 6440 or (877) 964-5310, or by e-mail at gpolley@ladadetroit.org.

Nursery school registration

Creative Day Nursery School, located on Cherry Hill Road in Canton, is accepting registration for the fall. Creative Day is a developmental school that encourages children to learn at their own pace while promoting social skills through music, art, story time and hands-on activities. Both morning and afternoon classes are available. For more information, please call (734) 981-3990.

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



Rewarded for reading

Earlier this month, hundreds of young readers invaded the Canton Public Library for a week's worth of summer reading celebrations, which were the culmination of the library's summer-long reading program. It proved very popular with 3,212 children signed up in three age groups. X-treme readers, entering grades 4-6, earned the privilege of attending a special after-hours reading party by completing a reading log. The kids, all 267 of them, enjoyed a special performance by entertainer Joel Tacey, along with pizza and ice cream sundaes. The Drive in to Summer Reading program for adults was also a big hit with 341 participants, a great turnout for the first-time program. "We weren't sure what to expect this first year but we are really happy with the response," said program coordinator and Adult Services Librarian Laura Fawcett. "Adults like to read as much as kids, and for some, the reading program gave them an excuse to find the time to read over the summer. What great role models."

information, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

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 backpacks.

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.

Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2006-2007 school year Aug. 25-26 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided

with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

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

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

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

Coping with grief

Heartland Hospice announces a new support group for widows and widowers. The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is held from 10-11 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Heartland Healthcare Center, 7025 N. Lilley Road in Canton. The focus of the group will be on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. The group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge to attend. For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice Bereavement coordinator, toll free at (888) 973-1145.

New insurance agent

Tamara Brown of Canton recently joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent serving the area from 137 Cady Center in Northville. She recently completed an



Brown

extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared her for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/casualty and life insurance. Brown's training included the agent career school at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. Farm Bureau agents are licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement, and business.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent, Brown was a real estate appraiser in Marysville, Mi. She has been active in the Marysville Volleyball Club of which she was a coach and director. Brown has a husband, Jon, and three daughters: Alysha, Chelsey and Blake.

Student honored

Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS), Wayne State University (WSU), recently awarded a scholarship to Hiral V. Patel of Canton. A second-year EACPHS physical therapy student, he received an EACPHS Physical Therapy Program Scholarship recognizing outstanding achievement.

Sale to aid 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.

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A Finnish study shows that strengthening the neck with isometric exercises can effectively relieve chronic neck pain and restore neck mobility. The study involved female office workers with chronic neck pain and, in some cases, limited neck range of motion. The group was divided in thirds, one of which was assigned standard endurance exercises, in which they repeatedly lifted their heads off the floor without resistance. Another third did isometric (static) exercises, which involved virtually no head movement. The rest were assigned to standard strengthening exercises for shouldered and arms, as well as aerobics and whole-body stretching. At the end of a year, both the endurance and isometric groups had far less pain than the whole-body exercise group.

Neck pain can be caused by a specific injury or by the accumulation of several minor factors. Developing bad postural and back care habits, prolonged sitting in a car or on a bike, or poor physical strength and fitness can all be contributory factors. For further information or to schedule an appointment for physical therapy care, call the **HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY** at 455-8370 to schedule an appointment. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. We have easy access and parking. New patients are gladly accepted.

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Canton man sentenced in death of 8-month-old infant

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Carlee Hines Jr., 24, was sentenced to a minimum of 22 to 60 years in prison Monday by a Wayne County Circuit Court judge after pleading no contest to the charge of felony murder for the death of his then girlfriend's 8-month-old baby.

Judge Carol Youngblood of the 3rd Circuit Court handed down the sentence after Hines pleaded no contest to the charges he murdered infant Eryck Fossett in January. Hines faced the possibility of life in prison.

According to police reports, Canton Police were called to the home where Hines and Fossett, and Fossett's mother, Erica Rodwell, lived. The caller reported that the baby was not breathing. When police and firefighters arrived they determined the baby had died sometime during the night.

Hines was arrested the following day. After his arrest, he



Hines Jr.

Eryck had been fussy and crying during the day on Jan. 9. Hines was watching Eryck at Hines' mother's home, where he, the baby and the baby's mother lived.

Rodwell, left for work at approximately 9 a.m., and because she worked two jobs, didn't come home until after 9 p.m.

During the day when Eryck was in his care, Hines, who is not the baby's biological father, was irritated because the baby was crying and wouldn't stop.

"He was playing a video game, and was losing, and he was upset about that, coupled with the fact that the baby wouldn't stop crying," Sgt. Rick Pomorski said when he read

Hines' statement in court.

Hines told police he gave up on the game and put Eryck in his high chair and fed him. But the baby continued to cry, Pomorski said.

"He took him upstairs, and he shook him, but he wouldn't stop crying. At that point, he said he hit the baby a couple of times, and the cries changed to whimpers," Pomorski said.

Hines said he put the baby to bed.

Rodwell came home at some point after that, and didn't check on Eryck before she and Hines went out for the evening, according to Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden.

When emergency workers arrived the next day, they pronounced the baby dead. The cause of death was internal bleeding, and the injuries included broken ribs and lacerations to the spleen and liver.

"He (Hines) caused injuries that the Wayne County Medical Examiner said caused the death of the child," said Pomorski.

Canton hires two new police officers

The Canton Police Department recently hired two new officers.

They will fill vacancies created by retired officers earlier in the year.

Ryan Waite, a 22-year-old Marysville resident completed his associates degree at St. Clair County Community College and received his Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) certification from Macomb Police Academy in December of



Waite



Hayford

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Brandon Hayford, a 22-year-old Monroe resident completed his associates degree at Monroe Community College and received his

MCOLES certification from Schoolcraft Community College in November of 2005.

Candidates for the Canton Police Department go through a vigorous testing process that includes written and physical agility tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations and an extensive background check.

To find out more about opportunities at the department visit www.canton-mi.org.

Grant hike means millions

Raise, student influx bring district more cash

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will receive a \$210 per pupil state foundation grant increase beginning Oct. 1, the result of Gov. Jennifer Granholm signing the K-12 budget bill Tuesday afternoon.

School districts now will get at least \$7,085 per pupil, with some districts getting more than \$11,000 for each child. Plymouth-Canton will receive \$7,410 per student.

The amount of the increase came as somewhat a surprise to Plymouth-Canton school officials, who were expecting more than what was approved by legislators. The district, in its 2006-07 budget projections, penciled in an increase of \$225 per student.

"At the time we put the budget together, the business folks and lobbyists had been saying we would get \$230 per student, so we budgeted \$225," said Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business serv-

es. "I don't think anybody thought it would come in below that, and there was no indication in the House and Senate fiscal hearings that it would. Things happened after that."

The \$210 boost will result in an increase of \$3.9 million of new revenue for the district, which Brand says is about \$278,000 less than projected in this fiscal year's budget.

"When we're as tight as we are, it could post a challenge," Brand said. "However, at year end (June 30), I think we'll be in decent shape and better than what the board was projecting."

"I don't think \$278,000 on a \$150-million budget will be an issue," she said. "That's not even one-tenth of 1 percent. I think most entities would be pleased with revenues within that."

The district projected a \$4.4 million budget shortfall for this school year, and officials are hoping that an increased enrollment in the range of 400 students - which would bring in an

additional \$2.2 million - plus the increase in state funding will erase some of the deficit.

"Our expenditures were projected to go up \$5.1 million, but we made program and budget reductions in the amount of \$2 million this year," Brand said.

Under the education bill, school districts with declining enrollment will receive an additional \$23 per student to help close the gap in funding. However, Judy Mardigian, Plymouth-Canton school board vice president, said the legislature needs to address additional funding for school districts that have increasing enrollment.

"I find it interesting the state can find supplemental funding for districts with declining enrollment, but we have growing enrollment and we are funded very inequitably compared to other districts," Mardigian said. "Addressing this issue needs to be done."

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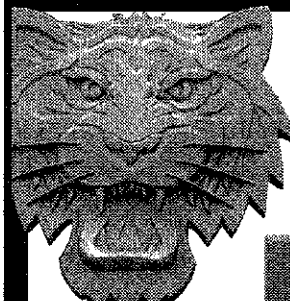
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Northbound Sheldon is closed between Ford and Warren. The construction could impact the DDA jazz concert traffic at Kohl's.

Road construction woes could impact jazz concert traffic

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

There are going to be blue notes and orange barrels crashing together on Ford Road this Friday, as Canton Township Downtown Development Authority hosts an installment of its outdoor jazz series in the middle of road construction.

"The location for this concert is the Kohl's parking lot," said DDA Executive Director Kathleen Salla. "So the construction on Sheldon Road, as well as on Canton Center, has us concerned."

She added that Wayne County has said the Sheldon Road project should be completed by Friday, but deadlines for construction are typically tenuous, so it may not be. But with a little planning,

the Kohl's parking lot is not difficult to reach.

"It's best if concert goers and shoppers plan to enter the shopping center by traveling westbound on Ford Road and entering the shopping center from Ford Road," Salla said.

"Because of construction, there is no left turn allowed for eastbound travelers."

It's worth the trip, Salla said, adding that last Friday's concert at the Home Depot parking lot was very well attended, and there are people who have been returning every week to enjoy the series.

The Aug. 18 concert will feature John E. Lawrence. The concert will begin at 6 p.m.

The series will wrap up Sept. 8 with a performance by Alexander Zonjic and Friends at the Village Theater.

Tickets are now on sale for the final concert of the DDA's V98.7 Smooth Jazz Series.

Zonjic has performed on stages around the world as a solo performer, with his own group, and as part of jazz great Bob James' band.

The Sept. 8 show is the final show in this summer's series; concerts have been every Friday night in July and August at various venues along Ford Road in a portable stage called "Canton Live."

The concert series was sponsored by Canton's Downtown Development Authority and Canton Leisure Services.

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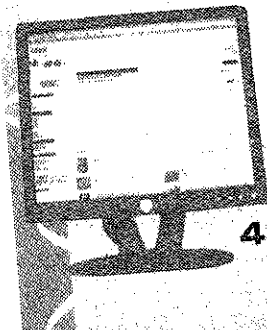
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WORKMAN

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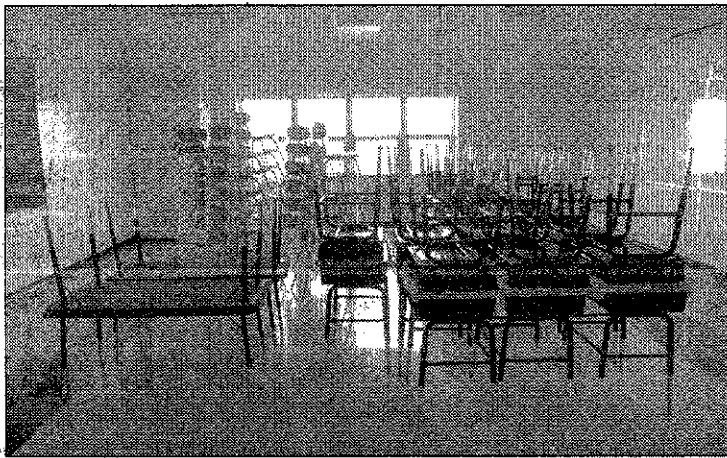
"The parent handbook is done," he said. "Parents want to know the rules, where they can park and drop-off students."

"Teachers will be showing kids around the school (the first day)," he said. "Especially for little kids, I want them to know before lunch starts what table they will be sitting at and where to buy hot lunches and milk."

Burt said he wants students to feel connected to the school and he'll give them an opportunity to take part in some decision-making.

"One of the small things I can do to help get kids connected to the school is to have some say in the mascot and school colors," Burt said. "There will be a nomination and voting process that will take place in September."

Burt says the entire process of getting Workman open has been seamless from the beginning. Sue Iwema, a literary intervention specialist, has been working with teachers on which of the more than 10,000 books to order, and then



Classroom desks and chairs are ready to go at Workman Elementary as the school district gets set to open its newest building.

teamed with Burt to get those books in place before next month's opening. Iwema said parents have been a big part of the team.

"Parents have been streaming in, picking up books and putting contact paper on the paperbacks," Iwema said. "It's been a big undertaking."

Iwema said there's a lot of excitement in the air with the anticipation of the opening of Plymouth-Canton's 16th elementary school.

"When you talk to any teacher coming into Workman, they're pumped up," Iwema said. "All the energy that has

gone into this, it's pretty exciting."

Workman has the same basic blueprint as Dodson; however, it's constructed with an additional wing that houses a half-dozen more classrooms. It was built to have at least five classes of every grade, with a cap of 750 students making it the largest elementary in the district.

With the addition of the Talented and Gifted program for one year – the result of Miller Elementary being closed for remodeling – Workman will have at least 700 students when it opens.

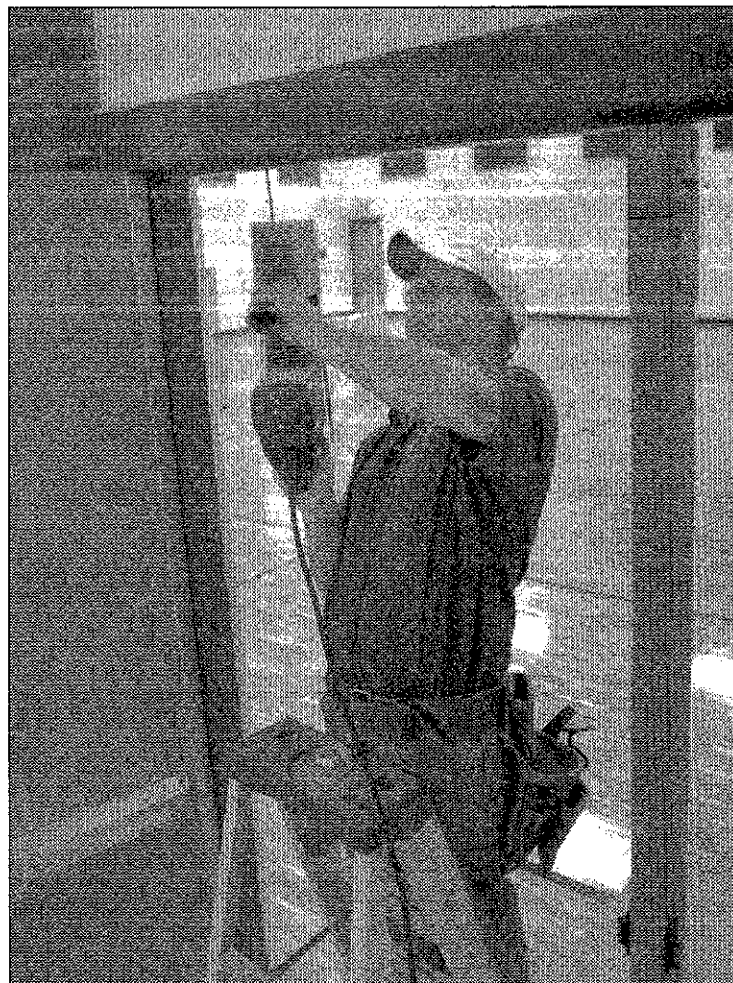
"We're not anticipating any problems, we expect to be open on time," said Brian MacAskill, senior project manager for McCarthy & Smith, Inc. Construction Services of Farmington Hills. "We've been blessed with good contractors, and it's been a big help. We're right on schedule."

Burt said he hasn't run into any major problems the past 17 months. However ...

"I've only awakened two mornings and said 'I don't think all of this is going to get done,'" Burt chuckled. "But, I've really enjoyed coming to work every day, and appreciating the responsibility the district is giving me to get this school open."

"It's not unlike moving into a new house," he said. "In the first month, all the blinds aren't up and all the pictures aren't hung, but at least you know the clothes are in the dresser, you have a bed to sleep in and you know where the pots and pans are."

Burt said parents and students can get updates on Workman Elementary and the various events planned at the school by logging on the Web at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/workman>.



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Jamie Haas installs door hardware at one of the entrances to the gym at Workman Elementary. The gymnasium floor is freshly finished.

CENSUS

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schools and excellent leisure services, a safe community. If you have the ability to select where you live, Canton offers a lot of reasons to live here."

And he swears there are plenty of housing options.

"It's going to sound odd, but you can get a starter home in Canton for \$200,000 and work your way up from there," Yack said.

The population has also grown increasingly diverse in recent years.

Nearly 15,000 residents reported they are foreign born, and nearly half — 7,638 — are naturalized citizens.

The number of Canton residents who described themselves as white in the 2005 census was 69,147, or 76.4 percent of the township's population (compared to 74.7 percent nationwide).

In 2000, there were 64,045 white residents, accounting for 83.9 percent of Canton's population.

The fastest growing ethnic group are Asian residents, who now number 13,162, or 14.5 percent of Canton's population (compared to 4.3 percent nationwide). In 2000, there were 6,664 Asian residents in Canton, accounting for 8.7 percent of the population. The increase represents a doubling of the number of Asian residents.

The African American population also grew rapidly, from 3,466 (4.5 percent of Canton's

population) in 2000, to 6,653 (7.4 percent) in 2005, representing an 84-percent increase.

"Because of the automotive industry, and the strength of Ford and Visteon, there are a lot of technical jobs here, which attract workers from India and Asia and the Middle East. Those are cultures which place a high value on education, so naturally when employees go to work for the Big Three, they find their way to Canton when they're looking for somewhere to live," Yack said.

It's a trend that once started, grows, Yack said.

"It's not uncommon for people of other cultures to seek out and gravitate toward communities where there are others who share their culture," he said. "We have a mosque and two Hindu temples, so there is a strong eastern community here."

Canton's grown older, as well. The median age in 2000 was 33.4. Five years later, it was 35.3 years old. The number of senior citizens has also grown from 4,531 in 2000 to 6,236 in 2005.

The population of people under the age of 5 grew from 6,715 in 2000 to 8,503 in 2005.

In the 12 months leading up to the 2005 census, 1,850 babies were born to Canton mothers, and of those, 566 were born to unmarried mothers, according to census data.

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Helping drive boyhood dream

Plymouth Dodge dealer sponsors NASCAR team

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Auggie Vidovich was a youngster, he spent a lot of time grading and setting concrete forms for his dad, who was in the construction business.

Now, Vidovich is living a boyhood dream as a NASCAR driver, and he's getting some local help for this weekend's race at Michigan International

Speedway. Plymouth dealer Dick Scott Automotive Group is one of Vidovich's sponsors for the Michigan race.

"It was kind of a friend-of-a-friend deal, someone talked to us and we decided to do it," director of dealership operations Nicole Scott said. "It's a real good thing for us. Dodge is big into NASCAR and it goes hand-in-hand with what we're doing here."

Vidovich earned the 2003

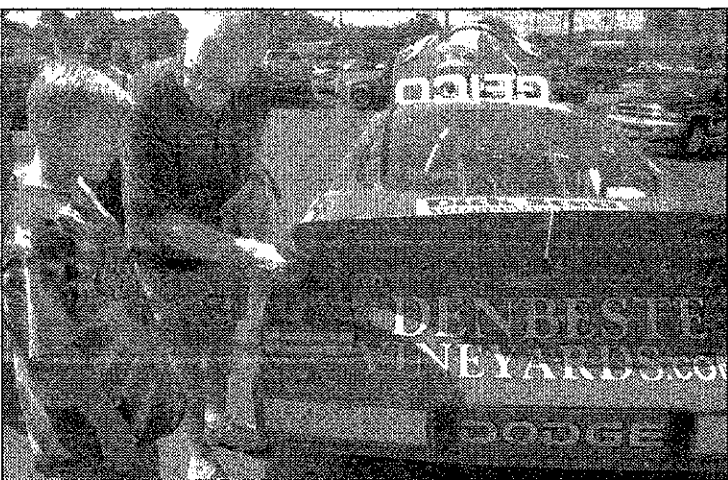
NASCAR Elite Division Featherlite Southwest Series championship and, despite a limited 2004 schedule, led the Southwest series in laps in the lead and was second in series points.

He won from the pole in a Southwest Series race in California, then got a chance to fill in for NASCAR driver Mark Martin of Roush Racing. He was later signed to drive full time for Biagi

DenBeste Racing in the #4 GEICO car.

Vidovich, who starts in his eighth race of the year this weekend, was in Plymouth Wednesday to sign autographs.

"It's an awesome opportunity," Vidovich said. "I like being around people, and anything I can do to help the team and help the sport is great."



Bill Bresler | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tony Covitz and grandson Stephen Kovitz check out the NASCAR Dodge at Dick Scott Dodge Wednesday. Driver Auggie Vidovich spent a few hours Wednesday signing autographs.

Car show, cruise return to Hines Park

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The focus may be on Woodward Avenue and this weekend's Woodward Dream Cruise, but Joseph Langa is looking to Hines Park, where the Rolling Thunder Car Club will host the Hines Park Car Show and Cruise on Saturday, Aug. 26.

Thirty cars have pre-registered for the event and Langa is anticipating a larger number of cars registering the day of the show and cruise that he hopes will become the grand finale of the car cruise season.

"Before they put their cars away for the winter, I want to help wean them off of their cruise high of the summer," said Langa, a Redford resident.

This the second year the car club, Langa's Dragon Head Productions, and the Wayne County Parks have teamed up to host the show and cruise. The show will be from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the field next to the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on Hines Drive just south of Ann Arbor Trail, with a six-mile car cruise from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive happening 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Langa is hoping to attract

250 cars competing in 16 categories — everything from open rod, closed rod, convertible and factory muscle to custom, Euro, Mustang and special interest. There also are categories for 1950s, 1960-69 and 1970-79 street machines and original restored, trucks and race/truck.

The show is sharing the park with people taking advantage of the weekly Saturdays in the Park when Hines Drive is closed to vehicular traffic from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The closing will be extended an hour to accommodate the car cruise.

Preregistration numbers are down from the 72 that signed up last year, and Langa hopes to grow the show and cruise by letting cars enter the day of the event.

"Usually, 70 percent of the cars show up the day of the show," he said. "We turned away 40 cars last year because they didn't pre-register."

Day of show registration will cost \$10 and will include trophies in 21 classes. Those interested in just showing their cars will be charged just \$5. Registering for the show is a must. Only registered cars will be able to cruise Hines Drive.

Part of the proceeds from the

show will go to the Friends of the Park for maintaining and purchasing equipment for the playgrounds, ball fields and picnic areas.

The Classic Band will perform throughout the day, and a food concession will be open. The authors of two books will be there to sell and sing their books — *The Boys Club* and *Dragonina, The Mystic Mountains*.

Langa has also lined up the Marriott Hotel as the show and cruise headquarters and is putting together packages with special rates and tour packages.


Langa's dream is for the car show and cruise to become a popular cruise destination and ultimately the final cruise of the season. He also believes the more cars the show and cruise attract, the longer the actual cruise time will be.

"My intention is to go to a full cruise, so it can be the last cruise of the season," Langa said.

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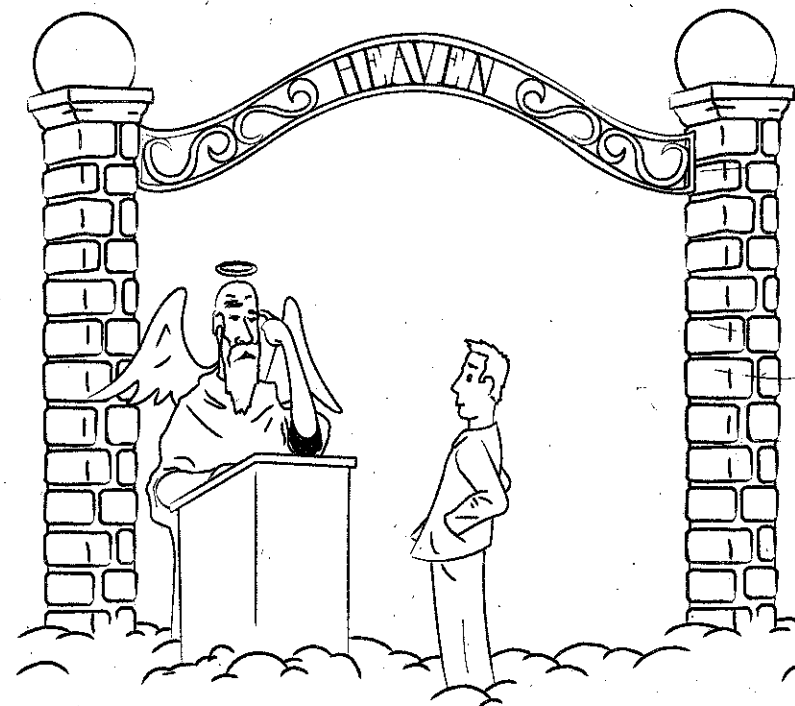
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Hazardous waste drop-off scheduled

Canton's annual Hazardous Waste Round-up will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Canton's Department of Public Works Building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road. This event is open to Canton residents only and is an excellent opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable, or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected on Sept. 9 include, but are not limited to, fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, expired medicine, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, house-

hold batteries, propane tanks, mercury waste, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kerosene, motor oil, and acids.

Canton will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive material, smoke detectors, and tires. To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not acceptable please call Canton's Public Works Division at (734) 394-5150.

For year round disposal, Canton Waste Recycling (CWR), located at 42020 Van Born Road, will accept limited items on scheduled Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on scheduled Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Items accepted

for drop off at CWR include, batteries, oil, antifreeze, and paint (limited to five one-gallon containers). CWR's next scheduled recycling date is Aug. 25. Additional dates can be found in your monthly Focus Newsletter under the community calendar or by calling CWR at (734) 397-5801.

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Canton man hurt in serious car accident

A 29-year-old Canton man was seriously injured after his car went off the road and rolled at least two times. According to Canton Police reports, the driver was thrown from his car.

The accident occurred at about 10:30 a.m. Aug. 12, on Beck south of Geddes, and the Canton Police Department accident investigation team was called to investigate. "He was going northbound

and tried to pass another car but he realized he couldn't," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "He pulled back into his lane, but when he did, he hit the shoulder, which was gravel, and lost control of the car."

A witness said the man's car struck a culvert and went airborne, flipping two or three times. The driver was thrown from his car, and landed on the road.

He was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where he was treated for broken bones and cuts.

His injuries were not life-threatening, according to police.

There is no indication that drugs or alcohol played any part in the accident, but the crash remains under investigation.

Carol Marshall

Ontario woman dies in crash at Hix, Ford

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 19-year-old Windsor woman was killed in Westland in the early morning hours last Thursday when her car was broadsided by a Chevy Blazer as she failed to stop at a flashing red light, police Sgt. Rob Collier said.

The accident happened just before 5:30 a.m. on Aug. 10 at the Ford-Hix intersection on the city's west side.

Police don't believe that alcohol was a factor in the two-car crash, Collier said.

The Windsor woman was driving her 1995 Chevy Beretta southbound on Hix when it was struck by a 2002 Chevy Blazer driven by a 36-year-old Westland man,

Collier said.

The Blazer was being driven westbound on Ford by the local man who, according to Collier, was on his way to work. He wasn't seriously injured.

He isn't expected to face criminal charges, although the Wayne County Prosecutor's office is reviewing the accident.

"I don't think he had a chance to stop," Collier said. "She was at fault."

Authorities didn't release the names of either driver. Both of them were alone in their respective vehicles, Collier said.

Another vehicle traveling westbound on Ford managed to stop before the woman ran through the flashing red light. But the Blazer driver was on the inside lane, and his view of

the southbound Beretta was likely blocked, Collier said.

Numerous witnesses told investigators that the Windsor woman failed to stop at the flashing light, the sergeant said.

The weather was clear and didn't play a role in the accident, he said.

The Ford-Hix intersection isn't considered one of the city's most dangerous. Collier confirmed that 31 accidents occurred in the intersection in 2005, ranking it 13th for the most accidents. The Wayne-Ford and Ford-Newburgh intersections tied in 2005 for the most accidents, at 53 each, Collier said.

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Girl Scouts plan camp improvements

The Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council Board of Directors has negotiated the sale of Camp Hilltop, one of three camp properties, to the City of Ann Arbor for \$2.2 million. Ann Arbor officials intend to transform the Camp Hilltop property — which is nestled between two existing parks — into a city park, linking three other public parks or greenbelt areas.

"We believe this sale is in the best interest of the Huron Valley Girl Scouts and future Girl Scouts. The transition provides Huron Valley with needed resources for necessary improvements at our Camps Linden (Linden) and Crawford (Milan) and provides the city with an additional public park," said Gail Scott, CEO, Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council, which serves the Plymouth-Canton area.

For more than 60 years,

Camp Hilltop in Ann Arbor has been an introduction to camping for thousands of girls. The camping lodge was gutted by fire in April and, based on the insurance assessment, the property sustained a considerable amount of damage.

Some of the proceeds from the sale of Camp Hilltop and the insurance settlement will be used to develop the "village" concept on the Camp Linden property. The village is a central troop house/bathroom-shower building surrounded by small sleeping/living "pods" to sleep anywhere from 6 to 12 or more girls or summer camp staff. The separate pods will also house small, medium and large troops with shared spaces that even accommodate dads or male summer camp staff. To view architect's rendering visit www.gshvc.org

"Our main objective is to keep girls camping and

expanding their natural curiosity about the out-of-doors," Scott said. "This project will meet our objectives and is a win-win for the Ann Arbor community and also the Girl Scouts."

Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council serves 1 in 5 girls living in Livingston, Monroe, Washtenaw and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties. To become a Girl Scout or volunteer, call 1 (800) 49-SCOUT.

Wounded soldiers to benefit from Sept. 30 event

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.

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.

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A classic (rock) story

Old friends come full circle through music

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

They were approaching their 50s. Life was somewhat ordinary — routine; quiet.

Too quiet. So, they decided to crank it up — literally.

Rick Colley and his long-time friend, Brian Chesley, went back to their roots. Both were musicians while growing up, but then, life happened, and they found themselves getting married, starting careers, raising children and coaching Little League.

The far-fetched idea of playing guitar together emerged at Chesley's son's graduation party. Colley knew a little guitar and Chesley was



Last Man Standing is, from left: Larry Hassell, Tom Hathaway of Canton, Brian Chesley, Rick Colley and Ken Lehto.

learning how to play.

"From there, we had fun, just goofing around," said Colley, 52, of Livonia. "Then, Brian had the idea that we should do a gig and I said, 'What? Are you crazy?'"

They practiced and recruited other musicians from Colley's job at Ford Motor Co., where he is a designer.

"We started learning songs and we really put our minds to it," Colley said. "We started to get more and more and I was amazed."

They named themselves Last Man Standing and ended up playing gigs all around metro Detroit. Their first gig was at a Knights of Columbus hall in Allen Park. An acquaintance owned a bar in Wayne, where they "packed the house" for their first gig there for a meager payment of \$300.

The band played a class reunion at Hillsdale College and earned a whopping \$2,000. They were shocked by the payment — which, of course, was used to buy more equipment.

Now, a couple years after forming the band, they usually play at Cowley's pub in downtown Farmington, where Colley and Chesley used to hang out after they turned 18 — the legal drinking age back then.

Colley and Chesley have been friends since junior high school and graduated together from Farmington High School in 1972. Cowley's was then called The Village Inn.

Today, they return to their "old stomping grounds" to play for friends, family and patrons of all ages. Their next gig at Cowley's is Friday, Aug. 18.



From left, Brian Chesley, Rick Colley, Tom Hathaway of Canton and Ken Lehto jam classic rock tunes at Cowley's in downtown Farmington.

"It's just been a lot of fun," Colley said. "We're just like kids again."

They can play at least 100 songs by classic rock artists such as John Cougar Mellencamp, Bad Company, The Eagles, Eric Clapton, Santana and The Doors.

Band members include Colley on guitar and vocals;

Chesley of Clarkston on keyboard and rhythm guitar; Larry Hassell of Southgate on drums; Tom Hathaway of Canton on bass guitar; and Ken Lehto of Royal Oak on lead guitar. All members, except Chesley, are designers and engineers at Ford Motor Co.

"We don't look like typical band members," Colley said. "We're just five middle-aged guys having a great time."

Chesley said it's great to spend time with an old friend like Rick.

"It means a lot to me," he said. "To have this much fun at 51 or 52 years old, just makes it that much better."

The band agrees that their families come first. They only play once a month and they take time off in the summer for family vacations and the like.

Although Chesley said he has no intentions of hanging up his rock 'n' roll any time soon, he said it's cool how it all came full circle.

"I get a real kick out of it," he said. "It's just kind of poetic, in a way. It's the perfect ending to play at Cowley's."

Colley agrees. "We'd be happy to play at Cowley's once a month for the rest of our lives," he said.

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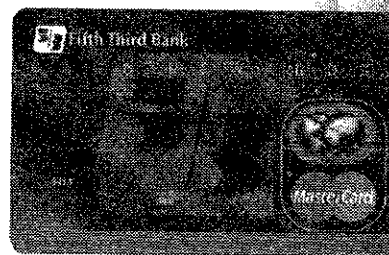
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Sisters of Mercy elected to regional leadership team

The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Regional Community of Detroit have elected the following members to their regional community leadership team to serve from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008.

■ Sister Gilmory Bauer, RSM, President; Sister Judith Frikker, RSM; Sister LuAnn Hannasch, RSM; Sister Margaret Platte, RSM.

Sister Gilmory Bauer has been a member of the Regional Community of Detroit leadership team since 1998 and was elected President in August 2005. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from Mercy College of Detroit and a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University.

Sister Gilmory lived and ministered with poor persons in Argentina for four years and taught at high schools there and throughout Michigan for nearly ten years. She was adjunct faculty at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich., and assistant professor at Mercy College of Detroit, University of Detroit Mercy, and Mercy College of Northwest Ohio.

Sister Gilmory developed the women's program at Mercy Education Project in Detroit and served as its coordinator. She serves on the board of Our Lady of Guadalupe Middle School for Girls and chairs East Detroit Not-for-Profit Housing Corporation (McAuley Commons).

■ Sister Judith Frikker has been a member of the Detroit Regional leadership team since 2002. She holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Mercy College of Detroit and graduated from Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine with an MD.

Sister Judith worked as a medical doctor at Mercy facilities in Michigan and Guyana before moving to Chile in 1987, where she was a primary care physician for 12 years and did pastoral work in parishes. Upon her return to the U.S., she worked in a clinic for the uninsured in the Detroit area before her election to the regional leadership team. She serves on the board of Freedom House and of St. Joseph Mercy - Oakland in Pontiac.

■ Sister LuAnn Hannasch holds a bachelor's degree in Nursing from Nazareth College near Kalamazoo and a master's degree in Nursing from the University of Iowa.

Sister LuAnn has ministered in health care in Iowa and Michigan as a nurse, manager, parish nurse and board member. She was director of mission services and parish nurse liaison for Mercy Health Services North in Grayling and most recently was director of mission and spiritual care services for Mercy Hospital in Port Huron. She serves on the board of Mercy Medical Center - North Iowa, in Mason City, Iowa.

■ Sister Margaret Platte has been a member of the Regional Community of Detroit leadership team since 2002. She holds bachelor's degrees in English and Education from



Standing: Sister Margaret Platte, RSM and Sister Judith Frikker, RSM; Seated: Sister Gilmory Bauer, RSM (president) and Sister LuAnn Hannasch, RSM.

Mercy College of Detroit, a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Detroit and a master's in pastoral ministry from St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.

Sister Margaret served as a principal and teacher at middle schools in Michigan and Iowa for more than 20 years. She served in pastoral ministry at St. Mary Cathedral Parish in Gaylord for six years and then as director of pastoral care at McAuley Center, the Regional Community of Detroit's retirement center, for six years, during which time she was a member of the Farmington/Southfield Vicariate Pastoral Council. She serves on the board of Mercy Education Project in Detroit.

The Regional Community of Detroit is part of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, an international community of Roman Catholic sisters who address human needs through collaborative efforts in education, health care, housing, and pastoral and social services. The Detroit regional community includes 178 sisters and 42 associates serving in Michigan, Iowa and several other U.S. states.

The Sisters of Mercy have been an important part of the Farmington Hills community for more than 40 years. They built their administrative headquarters and Mercy High School at the corner of 11 Mile Road and Middlebelt in 1965. The campus also housed the corporate offices of Mercy Health Services. In 1984, the Sisters of Mercy consolidated their Iowa and Michigan facilities for retired sisters at McAuley Center on the 11 Mile Road campus. McAuley Center today is home to some 50 retired Sisters of Mercy.

In 1992, the Sisters sold a portion of Mercy Center to the city for what is now the William M. Costick Activities Center. In recent years, the Sisters of Mercy and the city have collaborated to plan environmental improvements to the shared campus.

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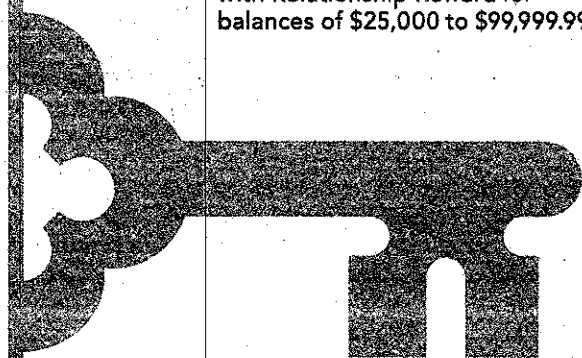
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OUR VIEWS

Rouge results must be heeded

Canton officials received some good news last month about the health of some of the creeks and rivers that flow through the township.

Each year, dozens of volunteers venture into the creeks looking for signs of life during two annual "bug hunts." Their objective is to find aquatic insects, such as mayflies, caddisflies and stoneflies, which are indicators of good water quality. Friends of the Rouge, the group that organizes the bug hunts, released the results from the spring bug hunt last month. According to the report, volunteers found an excellent variety of benthic macroinvertebrates (water insects) at several sites in the headwaters of the Lower Rouge River.

The volunteers sampled a total of eight sites and, in general, the further upstream the site, the more organisms were found. In other words, the areas with less development had the best results. That is not surprising, considering the fact that development, which replaces open space and wetlands with impervious surfaces like strip malls, parking lots and streets, is often the main source of pollution in local waterways.

Major Lower Rouge tributaries, including Fowler Creek and Fellows Creek, generally showed great diversity. The Fowler Creek site, near Prospect and Cherry Hill roads, had a total of 18 different types of insects, including mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies, as well as three species that are very sensitive to pollution.

The results for the Fellows Creek site near Napier and Powell roads also produced a good variety of insects, but as the volunteers moved downstream, less bugs were found, particularly in the Vintage Valley Subdivision. The one pleasant surprise, however, was that further downstream in Flodin Park more insects, including caddisflies and mayflies, were found than in the last decade. Friends of the Rouge believe the increase is due to the creation of the Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail and habitat work the township has done in recent years.

Results for some of the township's other streams weren't so good. In Willow Creek, near Ford and Lilley roads, only six types of organisms were found. Canton officials believe the main reason for this is raw sewage leaking into the river.

All in all, indications are that the Lower Rouge and its tributaries, at least in western Canton, are still high-quality streams. But these results should be a wakeup call to Canton planners. Development, which has occurred at a blistering pace in much of Canton, has its pitfalls, particularly for the water quality of the township's waterways.

As the township begins to build out, planners need to keep these streams in mind. That means working with developers to maintain the remaining wetlands and wooded buffers that protect the streams.

Make understanding music to our ears

Reach out and touch somebody's hand, make this world a better place, if you can ...

Those words of Motown legend Diana Ross in 1970 in her first solo hit form advice we all could use now, following the terrorist plot thwarted last week in Britain. Officials say a group of extremists had planned to blow up 10 airplanes headed to the U.S.

By now, we all know those officials were talking about a group of Muslim extremists. And with that ethnic designation, the line separating the area's Arab community from others in the metropolitan area got a lot less imaginary.

Yet it is our imaginings that are the real threat to peace in our Wayne and Oakland communities, such as Troy, which is known as the second most diverse city in the state, behind Ann Arbor. Or in cities like as West Bloomfield with its Jewish and Chaldean populations, and Canton with its mosque and Hindu temple.

Stereotypes about these groups live because they are nourished by anger and fear as we conjure up misdeeds, real or imagined, that fit within the amoebic outlines of misunderstanding.

Remember the World War II Japanese camps, created in reaction to an act of war? We now are at war again, a war with terrorists. But we must battle against another kind of war, a war of terror in which suspicion rampages within our communities.

We have our own war here at home, a war to fight prejudice by starving stereotypes.

We must look to the religious clergy to initiate dialogue, and to our schools to foster understanding.

That, however, isn't enough. We must all reach out to someone with a smile or a handshake, instead of a snarl.



Setting an example

As a longtime member of this community, please allow me to publicly extend a warm "thank you" to the parents, students and staff of Miller Elementary School.

In order for much-needed renovations to take place, students and staff will be taken out of Miller and students will be bussed to a vacant Livonia school. Because Miller is predominantly a walking school, the vast majority of these students have never rode a bus. Not once have I read or heard of parents reacting negatively to this situation.

Miller parents have set a wonderful example for their children, showing them that sometimes change, though hard, may be necessary and for the betterment of the whole. I am not a Miller School parent and do not live within the Miller School community.

I'm just proud of how these Plymouth-Canton families have handled this change and how they represent the best of what is Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. You set a wonderful example for all of us.

Cindy Bastion
Canton

Heed Yack's endorsement

I read the letter last week regarding Yack's support of Jim Plakas vs. Judge Ron Lowe. I have known Tom Yack for many years and respect his decision. This letter gave me some reason to do some research.

Yack has never controlled any member of the judiciary at the 35th District Court. He is a member of the court's advisory board and has a 1/5th voice in the review on many occasions and my research shows that Judge Lowe is very arrogant, very narrow-minded, cannot make a decision, and one should give Tom Yack credit for coming forward and taking a stand against a man who should not be a judge.

Mr. Yack is highly respected in the community and has done an excellent job in formulating the growth and development of Canton. He has very high morals and standards, and if Tom Yack doesn't want a 12-year seasoned judge on the bench, one must wonder why. In my opinion, this is nasty politicking and just another way for Judge Lowe's campaign committee to secure votes. The voters need to do their own homework and not just vote for a man "because he is an institutionalized judge." If you look at the total votes cast on Tuesday, you will see that Stacey and Plakas took 6,859 votes together of the 15,537 cast. That is almost half of the citizens voting that wanted a change at the 35th District Court. Voters, do your homework.

John Kerr
Canton

Saving Miller Woods

I would like to publicly acknowledge the filing of the deed restrictions for Miller Woods by Dr. Jim Ryan and the Plymouth-Canton Community School Board.

The filing of this deed restriction with the Wayne County Registrar of Deeds formalizes the intention of the previous school board members to keep Miller Woods as a designated nature preserve for the community to enjoy and take pride in.

Miller Woods is a climax forest, representative of the Michigan territory as it was during the early 1800s. This 10-acre parcel has never been farmed; the trees are hundreds of years old. This parcel of forest is

likely the only remnant of old-growth forest in southeastern Michigan, according to University of Michigan forest ecologists.

The Friends of Miller Woods works to preserve and protect the forest for the enjoyment and education of our community. Future initiatives planned include upgrading interpretive signage and developing new self-guided tour pamphlets. We will soon be expanding our guided tours, too, with walks planned for the fall and winter seasons. Generous thanks again to the PCCS board for their support. You are all honorary "Friends" of Miller Woods.

Cheryl Bord
President
Friends of Miller Woods

Millage failure

Now that the dust has settled and the new school board has been seated, let's talk about the failed millage. Thank God it failed.

If you do not know the history you will make the same mistakes again! The history is this: When Salem and Canton high schools were built we had the best tech/vocational programs in the state. It was a showplace that voc/tech people everywhere came to visit to see our program for themselves.

We had numerical machining, computer-aided design, plastics, heat and air conditioning, high-tech, welding, robotics, electronics/computer repair, auto body repair, word processing and home construction, to name a few.

Of the few that have survived, most are shows of the original. Why have they mostly all gone away? The students, for the most part, won't or can't take these courses. When we had all of these wonderful courses, my title was "career counselor." As part of promoting these programs I took all ninth-grade English classes on an in-school field trip to visit all of these wonderful classes. Each teacher made a brief presentation of their program and answered any questions. In the spring, at scheduling time, I revisited each English class to speak to them about their scheduling choices for the upcoming year with special emphasis on the great career opportunities there were in the vocational courses available to them in 10th grade. After doing all of this promotion, most of these courses were discontinued because too few students requested these courses. What do you think would happen today after the district invested millions of new tax dollars in a new high-tech program? Today, with the new state requirements, the student has fewer elective classes than they had when I worked for the district. Also, in the past, the state poured millions of vocational dollars into the high schools today, all of those dollars go, as they should, to the community colleges. Thank God the millage failed.

Why the building millage failed should be obvious. Many of our community work for the Big Three or the suppliers of the Big Three. By the way, have you given thought to when Plymouth-Canton matures, which we will, what will we do with all of our empty schools? It's the economy, stupid! Public relations are at an all-time low, unless you believe the voters are dumb as dirt. How do you think voters feel when you announce: 1.) the old barn must be moved to we can build new tennis courts (like we need more tennis courts in order to improve our MEAP scores); 2.) spend \$10,000 to find out why the millage failed;

3.) hire a district-wide art coordinator for \$85,000 (art is important, but I think we can live with it, even if it is uncoordinated).

Donald Chumbley
Plymouth

The right thing

I sent this letter before the election, because the outcome doesn't matter with respect to the issues involving the Plymouth Historical Museum.

I have been complaining about the political use of the museum for the past six years and this was the first year blatant abuses took place, which could be documented. I have a strong objection to individuals using charitable organizations' assets for personal gain. If such a thing didn't take place why did the Museum Board vote unanimously to relieve the director of her position?

My goal wasn't to get someone fired from their position, but to have the museum be a museum and not a springboard for a political career. There were several attempts to get them and Mrs. Stewart to stop what they were doing, but to no avail. Every document, information and charges, including the proof were given to the museum and their attorney in an attempt to get the museum to stay out of the political arena.

If Mrs. Stewart was so interested in protecting the museum why did she use the museum assets for her political gain? As I see it, I took the steps necessary to ensure the protection of the museum, which the museum is now putting policies in place to ensure this never happens again.

Yes, I support many different candidates for public office and will continue to do so. I do not believe the Stewarts belong as representatives in Lansing. I have been threatened with physical harm, arrest and an ongoing bad attitude of John Stewart. This type of behavior has been demonstrated to many people and only because they disagree with his positions. I still believe the right to disagree without threat or fear is still a part of this free country.

There is much more to say about all of this, and I have realized this is not a popular position to have taken. I believe we all at some time in our lives need to stand up and let our voices be heard. It is too bad it was related to politics and other candidates, but the museum and Mrs. Stewart committed the violations, not I. This, too, shall pass and the museum will be a place for all to stop by and visit.

Carl F. Berry
Plymouth Township

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QUOTABLE

"We're getting some students from private schools. While we like to think we have a very good school district, we assume the economy has something to do with much of the increase."

— Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan, on the additional 400 students attending district schools this fall

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In governor's race, voters will be looking for 'hope'

The 2006 governor's race has primarily narrowed down to a race about jobs, who can save them and who can create them. The old theme of jobs, jobs, jobs and more jobs will permeate the airwaves for the next three-plus months.

As the election heats up and Gov. Jennifer Granholm revs up her campaign spending, I am certain we will hear a few other issues creep into the race, from abortion and the "extreme" views her challenger, Dick DeVos, promotes to the fact that he was a prime sponsor of the 2000 unsuccessful voucher program for failing public schools.



Tom Watkins

Both candidates and their "independent" support groups will spend millions of dollars getting their "jobs" message out. DeVos will promote his business acumen, stating that in these tough economic times we need a businessman who has made the tough decisions and has grown a business in today's global market. He will continue to be attacked for "exporting" or "outsourcing" Michigan jobs to China. He will be wrapped so tightly with President Bush that before the election is over you will think they are Siamese twins.

Granholm will tout her "plan" to diversify Michigan's economy and point to the landing of Google in Ann Arbor as exhibit A that the plan is working. She will be challenged every step of the way by the DeVos camp, which will point out that "Michigan remains in a single state recession." Voters will be asked the proverbial campaign question: "Are you better off now, than you were four years ago?"

Before the election is over, you will think Granholm's middle name is "layoff" or "recession."

Yet, I believe that the candidate that will prevail in November will be the one that gives Michigan a reason to believe in itself again. Hope

and faith in our future is what the voters want from the leader of our state.

Who will paint a believable picture of a shared vision and common agenda that will move us forward? Who do we truly believe cares about our children and grandchildren? Who do we believe, when the TV commercial lights are turned off, will truly stand up and fight for our future?

Who can capture the core of hope? How do we take the reality we face and make it work for the working people of Michigan? We need to believe that tomorrow will be better than yesterday, that our best days lie ahead and not behind us. We need to have a leader that can inspire confidence that we can build strong families and communities, not around "jobs of the future," but jobs for today.

Michigan and America are best when we believe in ourselves and have hope for the future. We need a true leader, not a cheerleader mouthing the old cheer "Lean to the left, lean to the right, stand up, sit down, fight, fight, fight!" We need to move past the historic political gamesmanship of the past and understand that we are fighting for our future.

Michigan's gubernatorial races are historically close. We have chosen Democrats and Republicans. We want leaders that can inspire trust and hope, like Lincoln during the Civil War, FDR during the Great Depression, Kennedy during the Cuban Missile Crisis and Reagan during the Cold War.

We need leaders that can recapture our historic sense of innovation, ingenuity, creativity, hard work and opportunity for all.

As voters enter the voting booth, the names that will appear on the ballot will be DeVos and Granholm, but the voters will be looking for "Hope."

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LETTER

Who does senator work for?

State Sen. Bruce Patterson prides himself on his near-perfect attendance. In the past, his office sent out a "District Update" that listed his main accomplishments as consistently showing up and voting.

The question is, when he shows up to work, who is he working for?

From the looks of his voting record, the answer is not us. Instead, he takes the sides of special interests and lobbyists who have poured

big money into his campaigns. I remember reading about those past lavish Patterson trips paid for by lobbyists, too. My family and I want a voice in Lansing that speaks to our needs and concerns. Patterson will not be getting my vote. I'd rather elect someone who both shows up to work and gets something accomplished for the good of my family.

Sarah Harbison
Canton

There was nothing dreamy about the origins of the auto

This is Dream Cruise Week, a time when the automobile is exalted to unimaginable heights and placed on a pedestal of glorified nostalgia.

Even people who have had a hot-and-cold relationship with their vehicles, as I have, over the years, find it fascinating. Dream Cruise brings out some of the most remarkable cars ever created, as well as a host of interesting people.

But it's the cars that make the show.

I have never found cars to be anything more than a means of transportation, which is what they originally were designed to be. The earliest cars were little more than metal boxes with wheels. They didn't work very well, either.



Greg Kowalski

It didn't take long, however, for designers to embellish the vehicles with all manner of decorations ranging from flower vases to big chrome fenders. Engineers continually made improvements, replacing crank starters with switches and carburetors with fuel injection, among many, many other changes.

Owners did their part with such amenities as suicide knobs (remember them?) and fuzzy dice.

I do a lot of local historical research and inevitably the auto industry pops up. Everyone knows that the auto manufacturers played a critical role in the development of the whole metropolitan Detroit area. The early auto barons, like Henry Ford, the Dodge Brothers and William Durant, were fascinating people who amassed vast wealth and wielded the power of medieval kings.

Indeed, their factories grew to be fiefdoms populated by thousands of people who were little more than serfs. A lot is being made today of how workers' benefits have put a stranglehold on automakers' profits, but few speak about how that came about.

In the early days of the auto industry, working conditions in the plants were abysmal. They were excruciatingly hot in summer and dirty and dangerous all year round. The Dodge Brothers, who were two of the most colorful characters in Detroit's history, were considered among the better bosses by the workers. They were known to bring in kegs of beer for the workers on hot summer days.

Good for morale, questionable for quality control. But when the Dodge Brothers died — both within a year of each other — the workers held silent vigils.

Back in the plants, working conditions remained pretty awful. Aside from the dirty,

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dangerous conditions, workers were treated as chattel. If you wanted to keep your job, you were expected to supply "gifts" to the bosses. Attempts to form unions were crushed, often violently. If you were even suspected of union activity, you were summarily fired. Corporate spies operated through the plants, reporting on workers' activities. And if you happened to be black, you could expect to get the absolute worst jobs, such as working in the foundry.

Even so, the workers did unite. But not without a battle — sometimes literally. My mom was a nurse's aid years ago and she remembers seeing union organizers being brought into the emergency room, bloody and beaten.

Eventually the pendulum swung, and unions — for better or worse — took up a dominant role in the plants. But they remained a tough environment. My father was a Chrysler plant manager in the 1960s and he used to tell me the most incredible stories. (One guy brought a spear to work. He wasn't planning on hurting anyone. He just wanted to practice throwing it on the roof.)

The auto plants have always been a tough place. My dad made it clear to us that he didn't want any of his kids working there. My brother did end up at a Chevrolet plant, but as an electrician in skilled trades. Even so, it was a grueling, dangerous job.

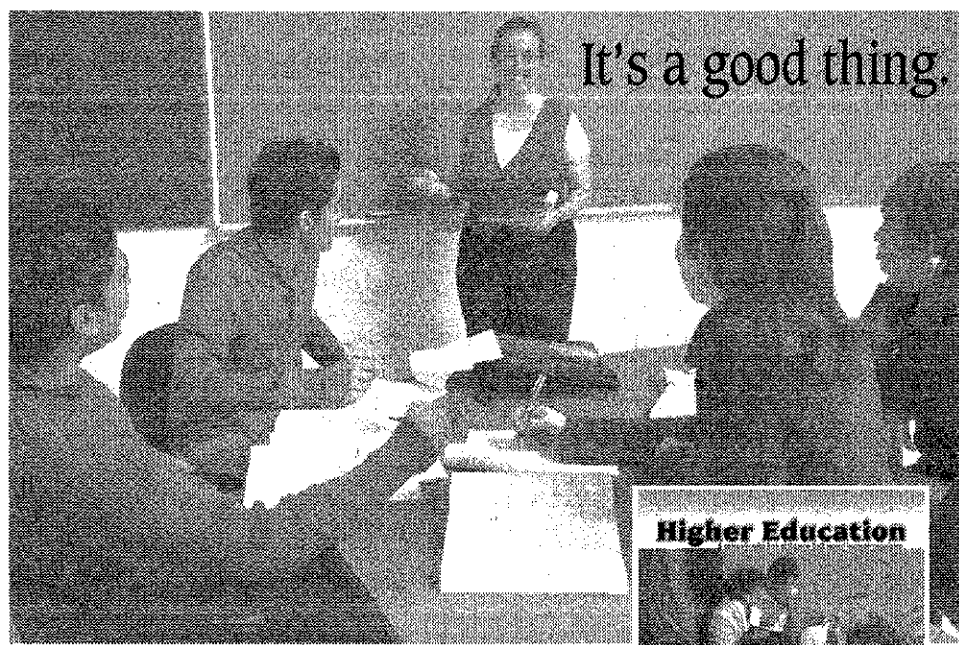
In a way, the automobile has brought out the best and worst in our society. It was created by brilliant businessmen and engineers and powered by hard-working individuals, some of whom gave their lives for their jobs.

Think about that, too, as you watch the classic cars roll down Woodward.

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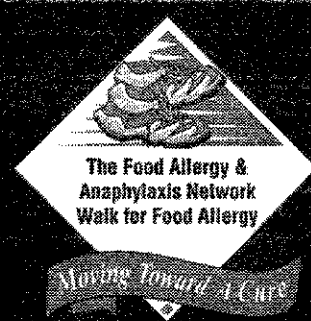
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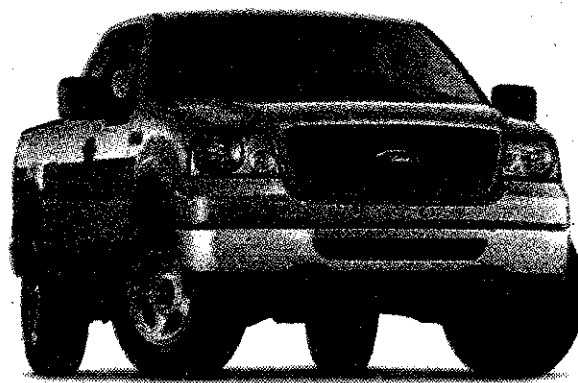
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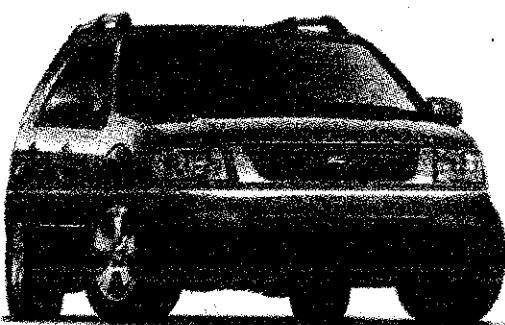
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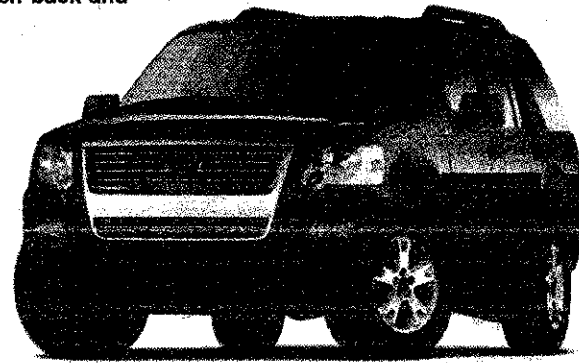
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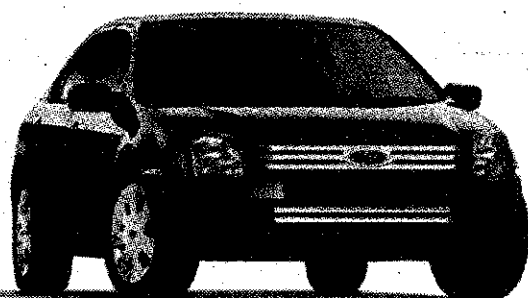
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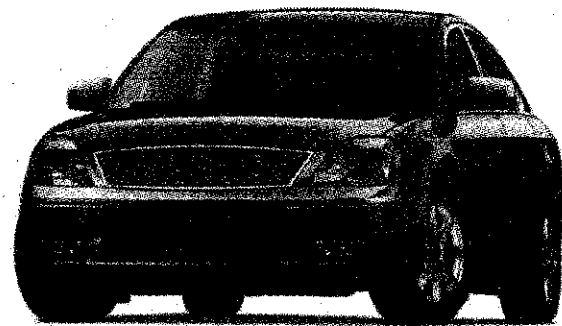
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At 90, CRC still leading source for analysis of public issues

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

In November, Michigan voters will decide on five and possibly six state ballot issues. Serious voters will turn to the Citizens Research Council of Michigan for detailed, well-researched and balanced analysis of the issues before casting their ballots.

For 90 years, the CRC has been providing credible research on public issues that has won the respect and endorsement of political leaders across the spectrum.

"We have three essential principles that we operate by," said Earl Ryan, CRC president, "accuracy, objectivity and independence, and we think that adherence to those three principles will result in credibility and I think that is what the council is known for."

The CRC, now with offices in Livonia and Lansing, began March 22, 1916, at the height of the Progressive Movement as the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research (the name was changed in 1951). Civic-minded business leaders such as Joseph Crowley of Crowley Milner Department Store, Norval Hawkins of Ford Motor Co. and Sidney Miller of the Miller, Canfield law firm were on the initial board.

"It was the faith of the early organization that good facts would lead to better decisions that would lead to better government. That belief is basically our mission," Ryan said.

Policy makers, state legislators, media, business leaders and academics have all made use of the CRC. On its Web site www.crcmich.org, the organization includes some testimonials that show the range of support for CRC's research.

Former Gov. John Engler wrote: "I have had a long relationship using the publications of the Citizens Research Council ... you do a lot of good work here and we appreciate the support that keeps this operation so vital and relevant to the debates in Lansing, to Michigan's economic future and the Michigan's future, period."

Michael Flanagan, Michigan superintendent of Public Instruction, said: "Its consistent record of objectivity and thoroughness has made the CRC a high-quality and immensely credible resource for policy makers at the state

and local leadership levels."

COMMUNITY LEADERS

CRC has been involved in research for the state's Constitutional Convention of 1963, research leading to adoption Wayne County's charter in 1981 and research leading in 1996 to new methods of distributing Community Health funds.

"We make a real effort to be objective, and by objective I don't mean piling up 10 pros and 10 cons. Objectivity to me is the habit of mind where you draw your conclusions from a fair assessment of all the available facts rather than tailoring the facts to meet some preordained conclusion," Ryan said.

The CRC is still an organization of concerned community leaders. The 72-member Board of Trustees forms the membership in the nonprofit organization. Members come from the business, media, academic and legal communities and reflect a diversity of viewpoints. Patrick J. Ledwidge of Dickinson Wright law firm is the chairman.

A 27-member Board of Directors, chaired by Kent Vana of the Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett law firm, formulates policy, selects the president, approves the budget and approves the research agenda.

"There are three ways where something can get on the research agenda," Ryan said. "There are certain things we always do. We always analyze every statewide ballot issue, which is what we're doing right now. We maintain an outline of the Michigan tax system. We monitor the state budget. These are things that we do on an ongoing basis."

CRC also gets requests from businesses, legislative assistants and governmental organizations. The Board of Directors has to determine if the organization, with a staff of eight plus an intern and a budget of \$925,000, is able to spend the time and resources on a particular project.

"Does it have broad public interest or does it reflect narrow public interest? Is it significant, does it reflect something that most residents of Michigan should be concerned about?" Ryan said. "If the board says we approve, then it becomes the province of the staff. The next time the board sees it is when it's released to

the public. There is no prior approval."

Funding comes from annual contributions from the business community and foundation grants. Ryan said the organization is also building on a \$3 million endowment.

BALLOT ISSUES

The CRC is currently looking at two of the most controversial ballot issues, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative and the Stop Overspending (SOS) initiative, which is still pending ballot approval.

Ryan said Tom Clay, the former state budget director and now CRC director of state affairs in Lansing, will be analyzing the SOS proposal "sentence by sentence." The proposal would prohibit state legislators from receiving pension and retirement benefits and limit state spending. Ryan said Clay would examine the impact of taking legislators off the state pension plan and also provide a comparison with other states that have already

imposed similar tax and spending limitations.

The organization will release its report on the controversial anti-affirmative action proposal shortly.

"We have looked at other states, done a legal history of affirmative action racial programs dating back to the Civil War," Ryan said. "We take race issues from the Civil War to the (U.S. Supreme Court) Michigan decision of 2003," Ryan said.

Ryan, a Northville resident, has been president of CRC since 1996. With degrees in political science from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University, Ryan began working with CRC in 1967 before leaving for positions in Michigan state government and public research organizations in Louisiana and Indiana.

CRC was located in Detroit until 1995 when it moved to Farmington Hills. In 1998, the organization moved to its current office on Six Mile in



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Citizens Research Council of Michigan president Earl Ryan (left) talks with staff member Eric Luper during a meeting in their Livonia office.

Livonia. It also has a two-person Lansing office.

"It's a good spot for us," Ryan said. "We don't view Detroit as our focal point, it's one of the governments we look at but we view the state of Michigan as our target."

And CRC research is avail-

able to all residents of the state at its Web site

www.crcmich.org.

When the CRC Board of Trustees holds the annual meeting Sept. 29, Ryan said they will take a few minutes to mark the group's 90th anniversary.

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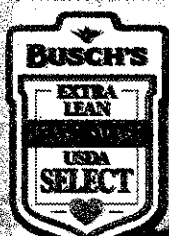
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Meals on Wheels seeking volunteers

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When 67-year-old John Morrissey of Plymouth had an operation in January to correct congestive heart failure, one of his main concerns — besides recovery — was how he was going to be able to live on his own for several months.

"I don't have any relatives around, I could barely walk from one room to another and I couldn't drive for three months," Morrissey said.

Fortunately for Morrissey, the Meals on Wheels program helped make certain he was able to get a daily nutritious meal, something which had been in doubt after his operation.

"It was nutritional, and low sodium, which is just what I needed," he said. "There are a lot of people a lot worse off than I am who really need it."

While Morrissey said he'll be back on his own soon, there are others who need the Meals on Wheels program on a more permanent basis. Betty Hesselgrave, who runs the Meals on Wheels program out of Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth, said the group prepares and delivers about 55 meals a day.

"I feel I'm helping to keep people in their homes instead of having to go into assisted living," said Hesselgrave, 79, who has run been with Meals on Wheels for 32 years, including 12 in Plymouth.

"Sometimes our driver is the only person the client sees all



Volunteer driver Terry Koetting makes a delivery to client John Morrissey.

day, and I know it makes the drivers feel they're doing something worthwhile."

Hesselgrave said the main parameter for participating in the Meals on Wheels program is being at least 60 years old, or married to someone who is 60 and in need.

Thirty-four Wayne County communities participate in the Meals on Wheels program, which is federally funded through the county's Senior Alliance program. The federal money pays for week-day meals, but not for holidays.

"We fund-raise the money to cover the cost of holiday meals because the federal money can't," said Lori Vail, Senior Alliance program specialist.

Vail said enough money has been raised to begin

deliveries on Labor Day, Thanksgiving (700 meals county-wide), Christmas (750 meals) and Easter (600). However, having enough drivers to deliver the meals is the problem.

Hesselgrave said Labor Day meals in Plymouth are frozen and sent a week beforehand. However, she's looking for drivers who can help with the holiday deliveries.

Don Carter said he was restless after retiring more than two years ago, and decided to become a driver for Hesselgrave.

"I just love it," said Carter, 71, of Plymouth Township. "I think it's the greatest thing I've ever done in my life."

"It's very rewarding, no question about it," he added. "You learn about how lucky you are, and how you



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Betty Hesselgrave and Sally Dauderman packaged 53 meals for delivery and 21 for in-house use at Tonquish Creek Manor.

appreciate what you do and don't have. And the people are just wonderful. My wife thinks I should write a book about the experiences I've had."

Carter, who delivers one day a week, said he's manipulated his route to end at someone's house that likes to talk, in order to give them the time they deserve.

"A lot of people don't have anybody to talk to all day long," he said. "You may be the only person they see all day."

Mary Collrin of Plymouth Township said Meals on Wheels has become more than just a hot meal each day.

"The volunteers are just wonderful, they've become friends of mine," said Collrin, 52, who has been blind since she was 21. "It's just great to have somebody to talk to."

"It's also a way I can show my doctor that I can live alone and be independent," she added.

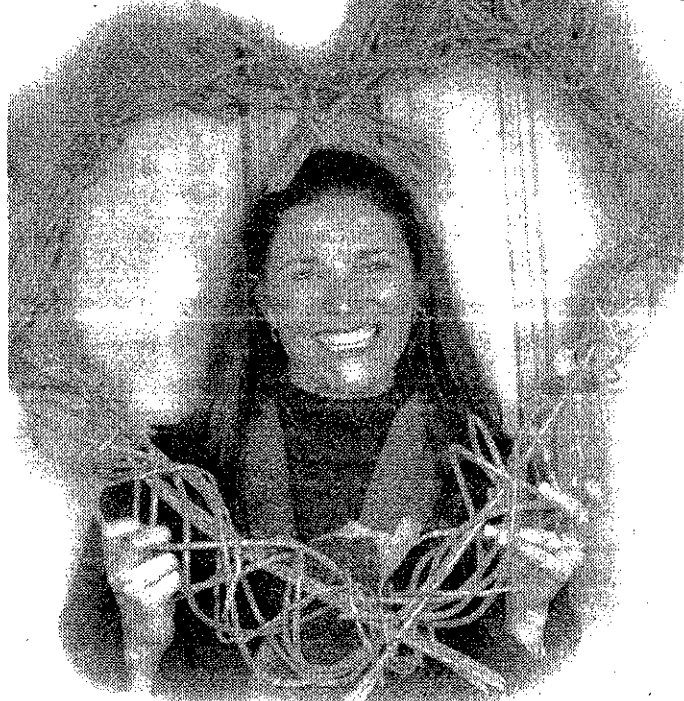
Collrin said with the help of Carter, she's met several people who have become friends.

"He introduced me to other people he's met on his route, and we correspond back and forth with each other," Collrin said. "I can't thank him enough."

Anyone interested in becoming a driver for Meals on Wheels in Plymouth can call Betty Hesselgrave at (734) 453-9703. Seniors who want to receive a noon lunch at Tonquish Creek Manor can make arrangements with Hesselgrave.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 31st, 2006 for the following:

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VACATING OF ALLEY
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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday August 21, 2006 at 7:00 pm at **KIWANIS PARK** at the corner of **Auburn and Junction Streets**, concerning the question of whether or not the following portion of an alley is to be vacated.

(In the case of inclement weather the Public Hearing will be held in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan)

DESCRIPTION:

A portion of a 15 foot wide public alley, extending 114 ft from the west R.O.W. line of N. Harvey Street, between Church Street and William Street, adjacent to:

Lots 13, 14, 15, Kate E. Allen's Addition to Park Place, L.19 P.45, W.C.R. also known as addresses 854, 834 and 808 Church Street, City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan and Lot 168, Kate E. Allen's Addition to Plymouth Village, L.22 P.54 W.C.R. also known as address 173 N. Harvey Street, City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

All interested parties will be given ample opportunity to participate in the hearing and, at the close of said hearing, comments and suggestions of these citizens participating will be considered by the City Commission prior to rendering its decision.

For questions concerning this Public Hearing contact the Building Department at (734) 453-1234 ext. 232.

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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AUGUST

God's Family in Action

Vacation Bible School continues 6-9 p.m. to Friday, Aug. 18, at Trinity Church of Livonia. Preschool, elementary, junior high and adult classes offered (fellowship meal at 6 p.m.). Music, singing, crafts, puppets, food and fellowship centered around the book of ACTS. To register send e-mail to TrinSunSchool@aol.com, or call (734) 425-2800, or (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. It continues to Friday Aug. 18 at Riverside Park

Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Rummage sale

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 17-18, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 19, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

Divorce recovery program

7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 to Sept. 28, and Oct. 19 to Dec. 4 (no workshop Thanksgiving Day), presented by Single Place Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. For information, call (248) 349-0911.

Conference

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

watchman.com.

Glow golf

7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at Fun Zone, 41953 Ford Road, Canton. Cost is \$17 and includes one round of glow golf (Indoor miniature golf played under black lights), and pizza and pop. Advance ticket not required but appreciated. Presented by Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church. Call (248) 374-5920.

Breakfast meeting

Saturday, Aug. 19, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. For information, call (734) 513-9479.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Nankin Mills administration office parking lot on Hines Drive, one mile east of Farmington Road, Westland. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are wel-

come. All riders must wear a helmet.

For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Bridge club

7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, presented by single adult ministries at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No fee or registration required. Call (248) 374-5920.

Pig roast

Sunday, Aug. 20, in Papp Park, Taylor. Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. Cost is \$20. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

Outdoor volleyball

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, and every Tuesday, at Rotary Park on Six Mile, between Merriman and Farmington roads, Livonia. Male and female Single Point Ministries (age 30 and up) of every skill level. Just stop by and mention Single Point Ministries. Call (248) 374-5920.

Hands on handbells

No experience necessary for this refresher course in basis ringing skills 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24 in the Holy Trinity Bell Loft in the Lutheran church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Learn to read music 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, in the choir room. Call (734) 464-0211.

Rummage sale

Clean and usable items needed for rummage sale Aug. 24-26, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. For more information, call (734) 721-3599.

Casting call

The Passion Play of Detroit is seeking volunteer cast and crew members to participate in a dramatic depiction of Jesus Christ and the events surrounding His death burial and resurrection in "HE'S ALIVE." Bring your talent and passions to this impacting community outreach at the vision/casting meeting 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, and 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Beck, between Five and Six Mile roads, Northville. Passion Play Ministries International is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to equipping people from all nations with the greatest hope message the world has ever known. Visit www.passion-play.org or call (248) 246-6391.

Lighthouse Cafe

7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, cards, board games, ping pong, specialty coffees, snacks and music, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. \$5 payable at the door. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Free concert

Members of Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations, will meet at the fountain for a free concert featuring Steve King and the Dittiles 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth. Call (734) 513-9479.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Kensington Metropark, Milford. 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.

Women's fellowship

International cuisine potluck 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Room C317 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Guest speaker is Lydia from Taiwan who speaks on how she came to the Lord. Please bring a family dish from your ethnic background. For more information, call Single Point Ministries office at (248) 374-5920.

Allen Family concert

Featuring Todd Allen, his wife Michelle and their eight children 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at First Baptist Church of Farmington, 33400 Shiawassee. Call (248) 474-0350, Ext. 221.

Mom2Mom sale

Table renters wanted for sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. \$1 admission. Bake sale. Cost is \$25 for 6-ft. table, \$30 for 8-ft. table. Call Rhonda Harris for rental reservations or more information (734) 532-7818 or send e-mail to Harrisar@aol.com.

UPCOMING

Lifeworks

Dick Bont continues his series on creating and recreating relationships 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No registration or cost for this event. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920. Presented by Single Point Ministries (30 years and older).

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Nankin Mills administration office parking lot on Hines Drive, one mile east of Farmington Road, Westland. 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, Sept. 2 (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.

Catholic programs

You've been coming to Catholic liturgies for years with your spouse, but just haven't taken the plunge to become Catholic yourself. The opportunity has arrived at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington road, Livonia. Sept. 5th sees the start of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for those who would like to become Catholic. Call David Conrad, Director of Faith Formation, at (734) 425-5950 to discuss your conversion journey and begin formal entrance into the Catholic Church.

Fall program

Explore contemporary moral issues via sci-fi. Morality, conscience, human dignity - the Catholic Church's understanding of these topics shapes her understanding of today's hot topics: euthanasia, assisted suicide, the theory of just war, stem cell research, and more. Join us for an explanation and exploration of these and other topics using sci-fi episodes starting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Remarried workshop

7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 6, to Dec. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This course is a must for any couples thinking about remarriage or already remarried. We can assist couples in blending families, parenting issues, communications, and finances. Call (248) 374-7400 for more information. No charge. Come for 1 session or all 13.

Prosperity program

Stretton Smith's 4 T Prosperity Program 8 p.m. Wednesdays Sept. 6 to Nov. 22, at unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Sign-up fee including book is \$35.. Call (734) 421-1760.

Mom2Mom sale

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School in Redford. Admission \$1 per adult. Strollers welcome. If you are interested in renting a table at the sale, there are still some available. Call (313) 415-1977.

Bible study

Explore the Gospel of Mark, chapters 8:22 to 16:8 Thursdays for eight weeks beginning Sept. 7, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Vendors wanted

For Yard and Craft Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Denton Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton, Belleville. Space available indoors and outdoors. Call (734) 941-2378 or (734) 495-0811.

Remembrance service

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford, will hold a service of prayer, music, and scripture 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, marking the 5th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. Please join us in worshipping our Lord and Savior as we commemorate/remember lives that were lost and place ourselves in God's hands. Any questions, call (313) 937-2415, or e-mail jmanor@hosannatabor.org.

Spirituality of aging

A look at our spirituality and our purpose in live now, at this age and time, with Sister Arlene Kosmatka, O.P. beginning 9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Brunch praise and worship

Fall Into The Arms Of Jesus with speaker Robin Sullivan at Brunch, Praise & Worship, Fellowship 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Sheraton Hotel on Haggerty. Nov. \$18 per person by Sept. 8, \$22 at the door if available. Order at Robinsullivan.com or by phone at (248) 921-5453. Limited seating.

Re-marriage retreat

Remarried Ministries present a week-end getaway to Maranatha Retreat and Conference Center in Muskegon Sept. 22-24. Cost is \$299 per couple and includes two nights lodging, five meals, speakers Brent and Bonnie Keen, music by Bonnie Keen. Campfires, fun and fellowship. Remarried couples can call (248) 374-5912.

Religious education

Registration now being accepted for children's religious education on Sundays, sessions begin Sept. 24, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Attend 9:30 a.m. Mass as a family on Sunday followed by separate education sessions for children and adults that runs until noon.

Mom2Mom sale

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at

Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. \$1 admission. Bake sale. Call (734) 421-8628.

Crafters needed

Riverside Park Church of God is sponsoring a craft bazaar Oct. 21 at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like to purchase a table for this event, contact the church office to register at (734) 464-0990.

Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a' Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555 S. Lilley, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Riverside Park Church

A new study of each book of the Bible began at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh and Plymouth, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0990 or visit www.rpcog.org. This will include who authored it, the history and the how it applied then and now.

Personal ministry

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

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Bible and playtime

For moms and tots began 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiawassee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

Scripture studies

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Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

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HELEN ELAINE PIETILA

(nee Maatta). Age 86, of West Bloomfield, formerly of Farmington Hills, passed away Friday, August 11th. She was the beloved wife of the late Henry; dearest mother of Robert (Marion) and Keith (Loretta); loving grandmother of Kristen, Hilary, Christopher (Robyn) Krekeler, Alex and Megan; dear great-grandmother to Max, Sam, Gabriella, and Isabella. Helen was born April 24, 1920 in Ishpeming, Michigan. She was preceded in death by 9 brothers and sisters. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 19th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48335. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the church are welcome. "QUIET PEOPLE ARE WELCOME EVERYWHERE". Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

JENNIE L. WORLEY

August 15, 2006, age 73. Beloved wife of Paul. Dear mother of Cheryl (Gordon) Mack and Paul (Karen) Worley. Grandmother of Katie and Philip, sister of Madonna Colip. Visitation Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile, 1 mile W. of Farmington Rd., Thursday 1-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, (W. of Sheldon), Friday 11 am (Visitation 10 am). Memorials to American Cancer Society or Angela Hospice.

JOSEPH BURCH

Age 89, August 11, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Vera (Meagher). Loving father of Richard, Daniel, Joseph, Jeanette Oehrlin, Marcella Sanborn, and Rita Hall. Dear grandfather of 24 and great grandfather of 20. Brother of the late Frank Bachynski, Emily Campeau, and Victor Bachynski. A Funeral Mass was held Monday, August 14, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, Garden City. Arrangements by the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City.

LUCILLE W. SLOAN

Age 87, widow of Samuel Winfred Sloan, died Monday, August 14, in Lexington, KY. Born in Big Stone Gap, VA, she was a daughter of the late Robert Jackson and Margaret Graham Wilson. Devoted to her family, she was a wonderful homemaker and seamstress. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Faulkner of Lexington; grandchildren Katherine Faulkner, Carolyn Hankins, Kelly Stewart, and Laura Keefer; three great grandchildren; and son-in-law, Jon Reynolds. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Donna Reynolds. A private memorial service will be held in Mannington, West Virginia. milwardfuneral.com

OLIVE VIRGINIA BRASCH

Passed away on August 11, 2006. She was born on December 30, 1917 in Martinsburg, West Virginia. She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church of Birmingham. Wife of the late Ellis H. Brasch. Mother of Ellis H. Brasch, Jr. of Oregon and Jeffrey P. Brasch (Debra) of Missouri. Grandmother of Kari, Tyler, Hillary, Seth, Hannah and Nicholas. Great Grandmother of Aidan and Kiley. Sister of Elizabeth Shade and Paul Shade. Aunt of Greg and Lisa. Funeral service at the William R. Hamilton Co., 820 East Maple, Birmingham, Thursday, August 17, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. Visitation one hour before service. Pastor Cary M. Richert of Redeemer Lutheran Church of Birmingham officiating. Interment to follow in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy, MI.

OLGA CHRISTINE ERICKSON WRIGLEY

Age 88, passed away August 1, 2006. She was born March 19, 1918, in Detroit to Charles Watt and Jane Sreator Erickson. She graduated from Miss Newman's Private School for Girls; attended the University of Michigan; was a member of Collegiate Sorosis sorority, and graduated in 1939 with a major in English Literature. She and Leslie, high school and college sweethearts, were blessed to celebrate 50 wonderful years of marriage. Olga was a lifelong member of the (Episcopalian) Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, member of the Jenny Lind Club (Swedish) of Michigan, actively involved in the Daughters of the American Revolution-Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Detroit Association of University of Michigan Women, Detroit Alumnae of Collegiate Sorosis, Chairman of the Torch Drive for the United Foundation in Indian Village, Indian Village Garden Club, Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, The Women's City Club, past member of the Detroit Athletic Club, Recess Club and Detroit Boat Club. She and Leslie had a great appreciation of fine art. In 1960 they opened the Kenilworth Art Gallery on Pierce Street in Birmingham and later moved the gallery to Grosse Pointe, where they lived. Later she became a member of the Grosse Pointe Women's Republican Club, an alternate delegate of the Republican county and state conventions, charter member of the Republican Committee, member of the Grosse Pointe Boat Club, the Miami Circle for the University of Miami, Florida, and The Captain's Circle of Princess Cruise Lines. She is survived by daughters, Anne (Thomas) Molesky and Alice (Andrew) Baetz; son Leslie (Robin) Wrigley, Jr.; grandchildren, Cheryl Baetz (Mark) Pennings, Michelle Baetz (Michael) Kunzler and Christopher Baetz; great grandchildren Michael and Erickson Kunzler; niece, Rebecca Rutherford (David) Ebershoff and nephew Charles (Ann) Rutherford. She was predeceased by her husband Leslie Grainge Wrigley, and her sister Rebecca Jane (Robert) Rutherford. On Friday August 25, a private interment will be at the Erickson family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery with Chaplain Lauren Cousineau of St. Anne's Mead officiating. Her memorial service will be at St. Anne's Mead Retirement Home (16106 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield) in the Hollingshead Room at 1:45 PM. Rev. Steven Kelly, Rev. Dr. Barton DeMerchant, Rev. Dr. Nancy Turner Jones and Rev. Canon William Logan will be officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit; St. John's Episcopal Church, Detroit; St. David's Episcopal Church, Southfield, or St. Anne's Mead.

ROBERT "BOB" PISTONETTI

Age 81, August 14, 2006. Beloved husband of Thelma. Loving father of Denise, Lynn (James) Harvey, Candace (Steve) Woodward, and John Brinkley. Proud grandfather of Devon and Tony. Dear brother of Eleanor Piantoni, brother-in-law of Lloyd Hissong and Paul (Margie) Smith. A memorial gathering will be on Saturday, 10am, until time of service, 11:30am, from McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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ROBERT H. ZIMMERMANN

Age 81, a resident of Bingham Farms for 58 years, passed away on August 12, 2006. Bob was born in Saint Petersburg, Florida on April 1, 1925. Mr. Zimmermann was President of Hoge-Warren-Zimmermann, a construction company in Detroit. He was a Pharmacist-Mate in the United States Navy during WWII serving in the South Pacific Theatre of Operations. He attended Kenyon College in Ohio. Bob was a member of Bloomfield Open Hunt Club and served as a director for several years. He served as Bingham Farms Councilman for 33 years and also enjoyed sailing & private flying. Mr. Zimmermann is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lillian H. Zimmermann; daughter, Sarah (Jack) Michael of Beverly Hills, MI; son, Craig Zimmermann of Bingham Farms, MI; grandchildren, Amy and Gary; and brother, Richard M. Zimmermann. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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GOP's Johnson hits campaign trail

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Two days after being given the nod to be Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos' running mate, Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson is already out campaigning as a member of the team.

Monday morning, the DeVos camp named Johnson as the lieutenant governor candidate on the GOP ticket this November. Democratic Governor Jennifer Granholm is sticking with her current lieutenant governor, John Cherry Jr.

"Ruth Johnson joins the team for change ready to help lead Michigan's turnaround," DeVos said in a press release. "Her decades of public service at the state level and in Michigan's second largest county make her qualified to assume the governorship if necessary."

Johnson said she's honored to be on the DeVos ticket. What she brings to that ticket, she said, is experience.

"I bring local and state legislative experience," she said. "I



Johnson

Michigan House of Representatives as well as a 10-year member of the

know how the system works and how to get things done."

Before being elected to the county clerk position, Johnson was a six-year member of the

Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Things are going rapidly. Just a day after being announced as DeVos' running mate, she and the candidate were on their way to the Escanaba State Fair to press the flesh with the 100,000 plus people expected there.

While the needs and wants of the Upper Peninsula are going to be different than those in Troy and West

Bloomfield, there are a lot of issues that are the same on either side of the bridge.

"We're in a single-state recession," Johnson said. "Michigan is at the bottom of the list in every category. Foreclosures are extremely high, unemployment is extremely high and young people are leaving the state. They want to work here but we don't have jobs."

She said she would like for

her 7-year-old daughter to stay in Michigan for college and a career, but she might not make that choice if the state's direction does not change.

"DeVos has a track record of success and he's got a good plan," Johnson said.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said he put Johnson on a short list of likely choices for the DeVos pick.

"He's a west-side male and she's an east-side female," he said. "It gives geographic and gender balance to the ticket."

She also comes with her own set of credentials, which helps

to balance the fact that DeVos has never done anything in the public sector.

Patterson said the balance of a woman on the ticket and someone with government experience is another in a line of good campaign choices by the GOP candidate.

"DeVos has done a good job of getting his name out there," Patterson said. "The economy is terrible and the governor can't seem to do anything about it. This is a horse race."

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THE DELI CHANGES HANDS

Thomas Gallant is the new owner of The Deli on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Each day, he's welcoming new and returning customers.

His plan?

Gallant hopes to draw people in with a new menu of gourmet goods - from fresh subs to salads and imported chocolates.

He described the process of taking over the business as nothing short of a "dream becoming a reality," and added that he made the move with help from his friend and family.

"The Deli is generating a lot of attention," Gallant said. He's making changes to the menu and offering a new variety of gourmet sandwiches. Corned beef is cooked on-site, and fresh bread for the sandwiches is baked daily at Cantoros Italian Bakery.

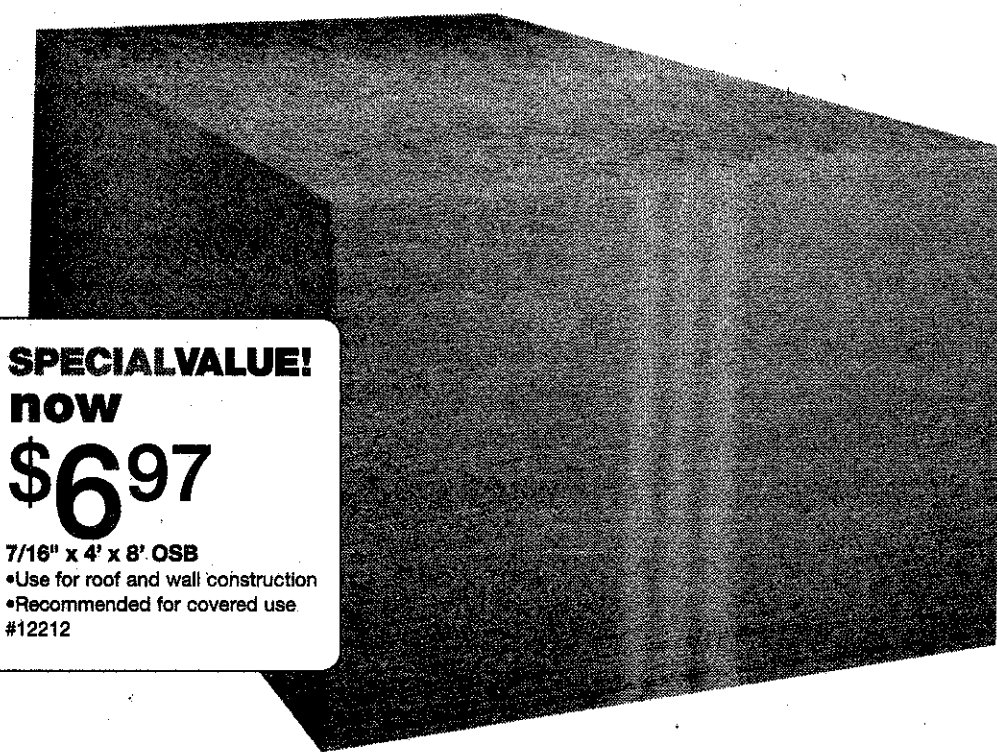
Gallant also serves homemade soups, chili and salads. Party-planners can order a 3-foot Italian party sub for \$35, enough to feed up to 18 guests. Meat and cheese platters are also available, at \$4.49 per person, with an 8-person minimum.

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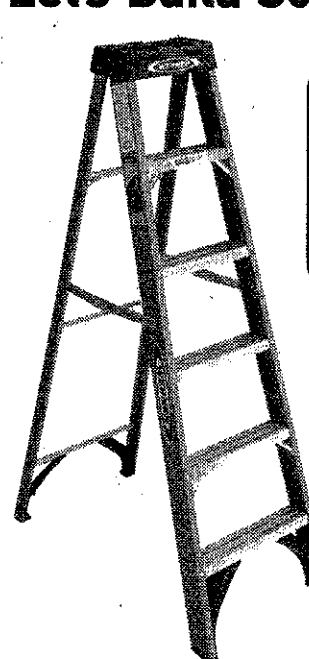
Small boxed lunch specials include bologna, salami or grilled cheese sandwiches. Coffee-lovers can order a cup o' joe or - coming soon - an espresso. Satisfy a sweet tooth with a homemade dessert or European chocolates. Gallant is also planning new rotating menu items including Po boys, muffuletta, Philly steaks and vegetarian fare.

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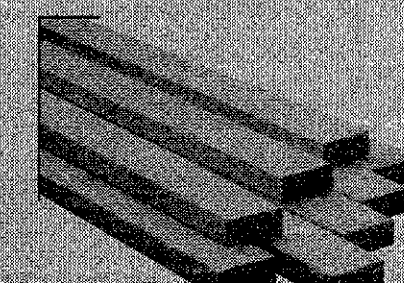


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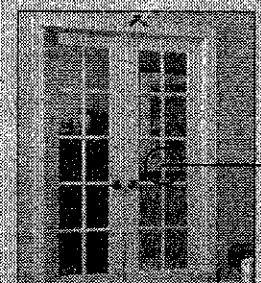
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SPORTS



Former Canton football standout Devin Thomas hauls in a Drew Stanton pass at a recent Michigan State University practice. Thomas, a flanker, is listed No. 2 on the Spartans' depth chart.

No place like home

After 2 years in Kansas, MSU is next stop for former Canton star Thomas

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

On the surface, former Canton football standout Devin Thomas has nothing in common with Dorothy of "Wizard of Oz" fame.

Thomas can run a 40-yard dash in a blazing 4.4 seconds. Dorothy, on the other hand, displayed only marginal speed while trying to escape from the flying monkeys.

Thomas can bench press 365 pounds. Dorothy had a hard time picking up Toto.

And Thomas is 6-foot-2, 220 pounds of muscle. Dorothy was a scrawny 5-foot-4 — and that's with the glass slippers on.

But there is one notable similarity that intertwines Thomas and Dorothy: They both had a dream that eventually transplanted them from the desolate farmlands of Kansas to a more exciting, life-altering destination.

NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE

Thomas' dream of playing big-time college football came to fruition in January when he signed a letter of intent to attend Michigan State University following two years at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

Last year at Coffeyville, Thomas led the high-flying Red Ravens with 33 catches and 674 receiving yards (20.4 avg.).



Thomas

Web sites.

Thomas' strong showing also drew the attention of several elite Division I college football programs, including Arkansas and Kansas State, which joined MSU in the battle to draw the physically gifted receiver to their campus.

"A few SEC schools and just about all the Big XII schools recruited me," said Thomas, who red-shirted his freshman year at Coffeyville. "But I wanted to play closer to home. Plus, I think that Michigan State is ready to make a big impact in college football and I wanted to be a part of that."

MAKING HIS PRESENCE FELT

Just over a week into preseason workouts, there are signs that Thomas may be making a sudden impact on the Spartans' offensive plans. He's currently listed as the team's No. 2 'Z' receiver (or flanker) behind only senior Kerry Reed.

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Sidelines

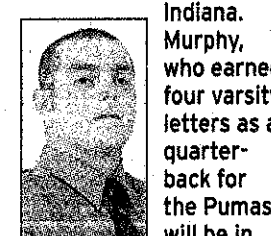
Big Prep Showdown

Plymouth is one of eight teams competing in the 2nd Annual Big Prep Showdown high school football event set for Saturday, Aug. 26, at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium. The Wildcats will be taking on 2005 Division III state runner-up Hudsonville in the 2:30 p.m. game. Trenton will battle Allen Park at 11:45 a.m. Following the Plymouth-Hudsonville showdown, Saline will square off against Flint Carman-Ainsworth at 5:15 followed by the nightcap, Chelsea vs. Novi at 8 p.m. Plymouth fans will be seated on the press-box side of the field. Pre-purchased tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students. They will be on sale until the day before the game in the Plymouth High School athletic office.

All tickets the day of the game cost \$10. A portion of all advanced ticket sales benefit the participating schools' athletic departments.

Coach Murphy

Former Canton football player Brendan Murphy has been named an assistant coach at St. Joseph's College in



Indiana. Murphy, who earned four varsity letters as a quarterback for the Pumas, will be in charge of coaching running backs beginning with the 2006 season.

Murphy and the Pumas will be visiting Michigan on Sept. 9 when they play at Wayne State. Four former Chiefs will compete in the game: Wayne State's Ryan Jonik and Chris Smilo; and St. Joe's Mike Lafata and Zack Caswell.

Officials clinic

The Metro Detroit Officials Association and the Southeastern Michigan Officials Association will be hosting the 11th Annual high School Football Officials Clinic on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Birmingham Groves High School. Registration for the clinic begins at 8 a.m.

Area tennis players place at USTA event

Several local youth tennis players were among the approximately 600 players who competed in the prestigious United States Tennis Association's Junior Team Tennis Midwest Section Championships held Aug. 11-13 in Indianapolis.

The netters were members of two Huron Valley Tennis Club squads — the 18-and-under HVTC Hornets and the 12-and-under Thunder Chickens — that qualified for the national tournament by capturing district titles in May.

The Hornets, who consisted of Drew Smith, Austin Taylor, Jason Quint, Mike Kappler, Ashley North, Meghan Teunis and Alex Ware, placed third in their respective age bracket.

The Thunder Chickens, who consisted of Jack Peterson, Will Heider, Colin Williams, Kevin Mei, Arica Oosterhout, Christine Mei and Julia Peterson, also finished third.

Ware, who is a member of Salem's girls tennis team, earned a sportsmanship award for her efforts during the championships. Eighty-four teams from throughout the Midwest competed in the three-day event. Team matches consisted of one set each for singles and doubles, and two sets for mixed doubles. Team scoring was based on cumulative games won.

2006 Prep Football Preview

'New' Rocks are ready to roll

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Following is a partial checklist for the 2006 Salem football team:

- New coach — check;
- New offensive and defensive systems — double-check;
- New attitude — check;
- New results — check ... back in about two months.

After nearly two weeks of two-a-day practices, first-year coach Parker Salowich is more than satisfied with the team's work ethic and the players' determination to turn around last year's 3-6 record. But he is also aware that there hasn't been a conditioning drill invented that can give the Rocks the intangible element they need the most.

"Like any team that hasn't had a lot of success in a while, the biggest roadblock this team faces is building its confidence level," said Salowich, an assistant coach at playoff-qualifying North Farmington in 2005. "This is a very hard-working team. The effort is there. Now they have to get some swagger. Even when they do something right, they'll flinch a little bit."

The Rocks will be relying on a West Coast offensive scheme to lead it north in the Western



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Salem receiver Jesse Pointer zeroes in on a pass during a conditioning practice held last week at Pioneer Middle School.

Lakes Activities Association standings. The wide-open system, which stresses short passes mixed with a strong running game, takes time to master, but the Rocks have proven to be fast learners in Salowich's estimation.

"They've picked it up pretty well so far," he said. "We already have most of the stuff in that we'll be using in our first game (Aug. 25 against

Pinckney). We're just going to keep repping it until we get it down."

Salowich will be handing the controls of the new offense to senior Jon Wilson (6-foot-1, 210 pounds), a converted running back.

"There's been a lot of pressure on Jon right away because he's had to figure out

ALL ABOUT THE ROCKS

- Head coach — Parker Salowich (first year);
- Number of varsity players — 43;
- 2005 record — 3-6 (did not qualify for playoffs)
- 2006 opener — Friday, Aug. 25, at home against Pinckney (kickoff set for 7 p.m.)
- Offense — West Coast;
- Early obstacle — The team has had to practice at Pioneer Middle School due to construction project at Salem;
- Players to watch — senior QB Jon Wilson (6-1, 210); junior FB/LB Brandt Thomas (5-10, 200); junior receiver Jesse Pointer; senior tailback Royce Dixon (6-0, 170); senior tackle Brian Baumgart (6-7, 250); and senior center Andrew Kirby (6-2, 200).

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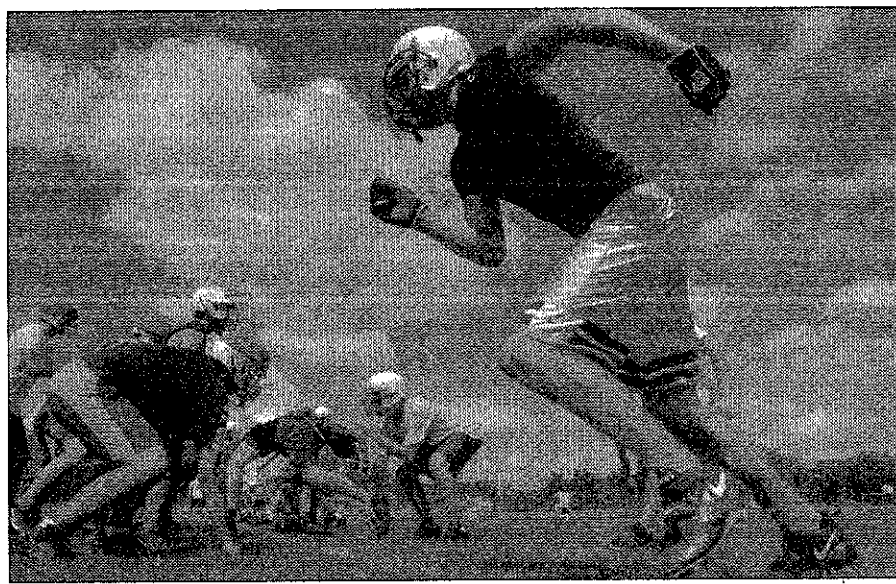
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New Salem coach Parker Salowich is implementing the West Coast offense, which emphasizes the short-passing game.



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my personality and the offensive coordinator's personality, plus he has to pick up the offense," Salowich said. "Jon may not have the best arm in the league and he may not be the fastest quarterback around, but he's a coach on the field, which is what this offense needs. And of all the players we have, Jon is one who has the swagger that's necessary to be successful."

The only other sure-fire starter in the offensive backfield is junior fullback Brandt Thomas (5-10, 200), who will also start at linebacker. Thomas received significant playing time on the varsity as a sophomore.

"I wish I had 30 Brandt Thomases," Salowich said. "He's one of those players that won't be leaving the field. He'll start on offense, defense and he'll be on every special team. He's a football player."

A pair of players — senior Royce Dixon (6-0, 170) and sophomore Anthony Mullins

(5-10, 180) will share tailback duties, at least early in the season, Salowich said. Junior Justin Burke will serve as the backup QB as well as a starting defensive back.

The No. 1 target of Wilson's passes will be junior split end Jesse Pointer (6-0, 180).

"Jesse has good speed and very good hands," Salowich said. "In fact, he can catch the ball as well as any high school player I've ever coached."

Seniors Tony Fracassa (5-10, 175) and Mark Smith will see plenty of time at the end positions, their coach said.

Speaking of confidence, Salowich has plenty of it when it comes to his all-senior offensive line. Tackle Brian Baumgart (6-7, 250) will anchor the unit, which also consists of tackle David O'Leary (6-3, 270); guards Jim Crabil (6-2, 220) and Brian Walsh (6-2, 220) and center Andrew Kirby (6-3, 250).

"This is a strong group," Salowich said. "Baumgart has Division 1 (college) written all over him and Kirby is big, strong and as smart as the day is long."

Several starting defensive spots hadn't yet been cemented as of Tuesday, Salowich said. However, he did add that junior Justin Bader (5-10, 190) would be seeing plenty of time at one of the linebacker positions.

"A lot of our offensive starters will be seeing time on defense, too," he said. "We're going to try to do a lot of subbing and getting a lot of kids into the mix."

While the coaching staff hasn't discussed long-term goals with the squad yet, the players are well aware of their short-term ones.

"Right now, we just want to beat Pinckney," Salowich said. "Other than that, we've talked to the team about how we expect them to be good citizens and act like adults. And I also told them about something I heard John Madden say that he always told his Oakland Raider teams: 1. always be on time; 2. always pay attention; and 3. always play as hard as they can. If they play hard every down, good things will happen."

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THOMAS

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"Things have been going well so far," he said Monday, following the Spartans' afternoon practice session. "It's definitely been a learning experience for me. They're opening up the playbook more with each practice, so I have a lot to learn. I'm just working hard and trying to get better every day I'm out here."

"It's definitely a faster game here than it was at Coffeyville. In D1, everybody you line up against is a great athlete, so you know you have to step your game up."

TIGHT SPIRALS

Thomas, who still has three years of college eligibility, said one of the early highlights of his career at MSU has been the opportunity to work with Drew Stanton, the Spartans' highly touted, fifth-year senior quarterback.

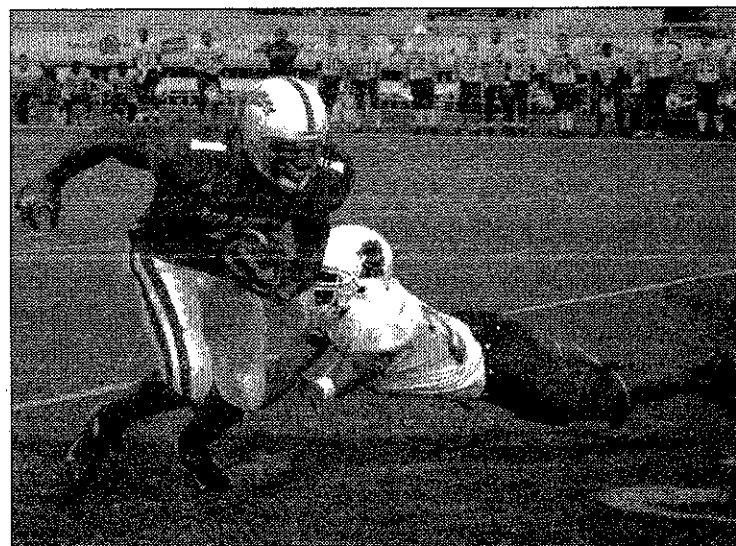
"He's a great quarterback," Thomas raved. "It's easy to see why he has such a bright future ahead of him. I consider myself lucky that I get to run routes and catch passes from him."

Stanton, who will probably be drawing paychecks in the NFL beginning next season, has more zip on his passes than any quarterback Thomas has played with.

"Even though the ball is coming in faster, it's easier to catch because Drew puts it either right on my number or right on my hands," Thomas said.

PRODUCTIVE CHIEF

Thomas enjoyed a stellar career at Canton. A two-year starter, the running back/receiver/kick returner piled up more than 1,000 all-purpose yards as a senior, which earned him Division 1



COFFEYVILLE (KAN.) COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Former Canton football player Devin Thomas is pictured above picking up yardage following a catch last season as a member of the Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College football team. This year, Thomas will be hauling in aials from future NFL star Drew Stanton at Michigan State University.

'... There was a lot of alone time for me which made me concentrate on getting good grades. It also motivated me to get somewhere.'

Devin Thomas
Former Canton football player

All-State accolades.

"I still keep in touch with a few of the guys from that team," Thomas said. "And I talked to coach (Tim) Baechler in July at the high school football All-Star game."

"I learned a lot during my two years at Canton. My work ethic really improved. The most important thing I learned from coach Baechler was that things don't always come easy. You don't always get your way, so you have to grind it out sometimes."

While there was little doubt Thomas possessed Division 1 football skills after he graduat-

ed from Canton, he needed to polish his academic skills before he could play at the next level.

Coffeyville proved to be the ideal fit because it offered a high-caliber football program and an environment that helped the talented Thomas focus on improving his studying skills.

"Moving out there made me grow up fast," Thomas said, smiling. "Coffeyville is out in the middle of nowhere. It's nothing but cornfields out there. There was a lot of alone time for me which made me concentrate on getting good grades. It also motivated me to get somewhere."

That somewhere is 80,000-seat Spartan Stadium, where he'll be catching passes from a future NFL star and out-running opponents who are more than slightly larger than the munchkins Dorothy had to deal with.

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The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of preschool sports programs, which will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

The programs include sports sampler, Y-Hoops, Bumble Bee soccer, Y-Pucks and Pee Wee T-Ball. There will be morning and evening classes available for children between the ages of 3 and 5.

The programs will be offered from Sept. 18 through Oct. 27. The cost is \$57 for program members and \$74 for community members.

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadowetroit.org.

The Plymouth Family YMCA is also looking for preschool instructors for these programs. If you are interested, call the number listed above.

'CATS' FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth High School girls swimming and diving team will be holding a car-wash fund-raiser Saturday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Walgreen's located at Ford and Sheldon roads in Canton.

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Thunderbirds girls fastpitch softball organization will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Softball Center on diamonds 5-8. Tryouts for 10U's will be held from 10-11 a.m.; 12U will be from 10 a.m.-noon; 14U will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and 16U will run from noon-2 p.m.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The Tigers, a U12 Plymouth/Canton travel baseball team, will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season on Monday, Aug. 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tryouts will be conducted by professional baseball coaches at Massey Field, which is located on Plymouth Rd., just east of Haggerty.

Eligible players must be younger than 13 years old by April 30, 2007. For more information, contact Larry at (734) 812-3280.

■ Tryouts for the 2007 U13 Canton Alley Cats travel baseball team will be held at Heritage Park Sunday, Aug. 27, beginning at 4 p.m. Players should arrive 20 minutes early to register.

The Alley Cats compete in the Kensington Valley Travel League as well as in several USSSA tour-

naments each season.

To be eligible, players must be 13 years old (or younger) as of April 30, 2007. For more information, contact head coach Glen Potter at (734) 844-8941 between Aug. 20-27.

■ Tryouts for the 2007 Vipers, an 11-and-under Plymouth-Canton travel baseball team, will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at Plymouth Township Park (field No. 2), which is located off Ann Arbor Trail (between McClumpha and Beck roads).

Eligible players must be younger than 12 years old by April 30, 2007.

For more information, contact Tony Boucher at (734) 454-4992 or tboucher14@yahoo.com; or Don Clark at (734) 455-1224 or arg8@aol.com.

■ The Pirates 2007 14-and-under baseball team, which represents the communities of Plymouth and Canton, will be conducting tryouts on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 27, at 2:30 p.m. at Heritage Park in Canton Township. Heritage is located behind the Canton Township offices on Canton Center Rd., just south of Cherry Hill.

Players must have a birth date on or after May 1, 1992, and enjoy playing at a competitive level.

The team is expected to participate in a total of approximately 40 games — both league and tournament — beginning in April of 2007. Players will also have the option of participating in a fall baseball league beginning in mid-September.

For more information, contact coach Bruce Price at (734) 635-7497.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies travel baseball team is seeking an additional player for the fall 2006 season. Interested 11- and 12-year-olds should contact Rob Sudz at (734) 420-058. Players must be residents of or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton.

FALL YOUTH LACROSSE

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is offering a fall instructional lacrosse program for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Registration runs through the entire month of August. The season runs from mid-September through the first week of November. Practices will be mid-week nights only. The program will also help prepare players for the spring competitive season. Visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us; or call (734) 455-6620, Ext. 302.



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Livonia golfer wins second straight O&E title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonian Jim Omietanski made history in Sunday's Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Tournament.

The 46-year-old supervisor at Ford Motor Co. became the first back-to-back champion when he carded rounds of 69 and 72 for a six-shot victory over Livonia dentist William Himm in the two-day event held at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses.

Omietanski's two-day total of 141 eclipsed his 2005 first-place total of 144.

"I was consistent, I didn't miss many greens, and the ones I missed, I made a lot of up-and-downs," said Omietanski, who took home a \$200 gift certificate and first-place trophy. "I hit a lot of good irons and I putted well. I had only one double-bogey in two days."

"Yesterday (Saturday) was big day because I played well at the Willows."

Ironically, Omietanski had logged only 15 rounds of golf this season after being moved to the afternoon shift back in April at Ford.

And for the time being, he had to shelve his Tuesday night league play.

But despite his inactivity, Omietanski believed he could defend his title.

"I've been to the range more than I played," he said. "I was confident I could be close to, or even-par. I was confident I could hang even though I did not play a lot."

"I don't play the big tourneys, but this is a great tourney. I enjoy the competition and the course was in great shape."

Meanwhile, the 55-year-old Himm was making his first O&E Tourney appearance in over 15 years.

A member of Western Golf & Country Club in Redford, Himm will play later this month in the Golf Association of Michigan Seniors.

At the O&E Tourney, Himm relied on his putting, short game and his prized Taylor Made Burner Bubble 5-wood with a graphite shaft, which he affectionately calls his "Stradivarius."

"I've played a lot, probably around 100 rounds so far this year," said Himm, whose last tournament was the Frank Syron.

Himm carded a 74 on Saturday at Whispering Willows and added a 73 on Sunday at Fox Creek for a two-day total of 147.

Novi's Justin Chamberlain was one-stroke back at 148, while Livonia Churchill High senior-to-be, Tommy Lucko, who lost to Omietanski in the



Jim Omietanski captured his second consecutive Observer & Eccentric golf championship Sunday at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

playoff last year, wound up tied for fifth with Northville's Dan Longeway after carding the best score on Sunday (71) at Fox Creek.

Higham rules 1st flight

Livonia native Dan Higham shook off the rust to win the first flight title in the O&E Tourney as he shot 77-78-155 to beat Plymouth's Rick Wheeler by six strokes.

The 30-year-old Higham, whose younger brother Dave is the assistant pro at

Whispering Willows, made only two double-bogeys during the two-day event.

Not bad for the 10-handicapper who plays only once a week.

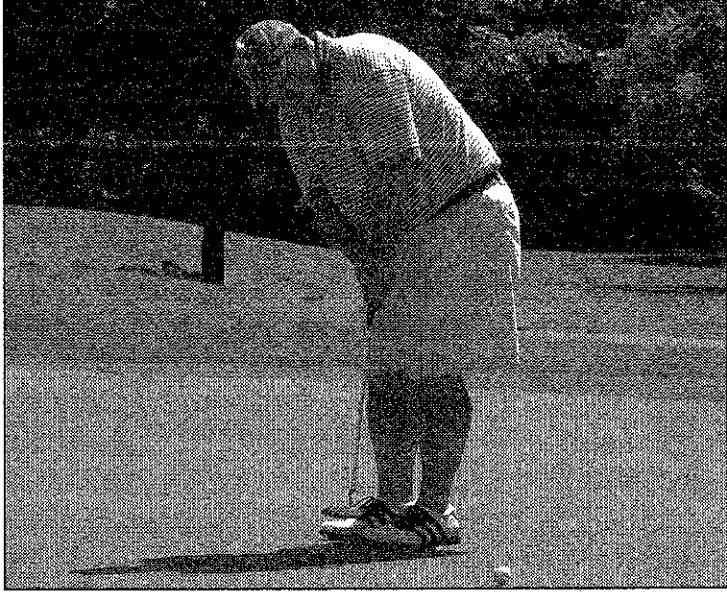
And despite 37 putts on the second day, the Churchill High and former Schoolcraft College golfer managed to add two more strokes on the field following a four-shot lead after the opening round.

"This was my first competitive round in three or four years," said Higham, who works for a local vending company, AVI Food Systems.

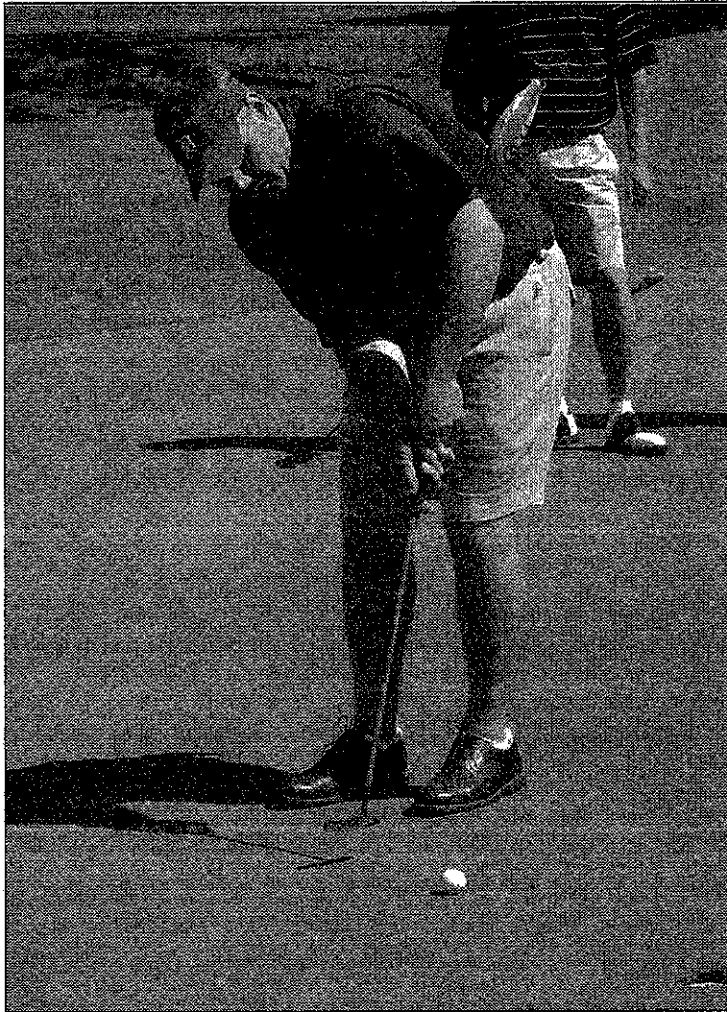
"I hit the ball pretty well. I never got myself in trouble and I made putts when I had to. I kept the ball in play all weekend."

"I went tee-to-green the first six holes (on Sunday). At No. 5 I saved par. I know these courses really well. At Fox Creek you need more accurate tee shots than Whispering. The pins were fair, but yesterday they were tough at Whispering Willows."

Two former area prep football standouts from the 1970s, Livonians Jim



Northville resident Dan Longeway watches his putt roll toward the hole during Sunday's second round of the O&E golf tournament.



Livonia resident Dan Higham captured the first flight title in the O&E golf tournament.

Dolmetsch and Sam Williams, tied for third at 169 each.

Dolmetsch was a quarterback from Stevenson High who set passing marks at Northwood Institute, while Williams, son of former Lions defensive end Sam Williams (of the Fearsome Foursome), was an All-State tight end and linebacker on Livonia Franklin's 1975 state Class A championship team.

Jacobs top women

In Saturday's 18-hole O&E Women's tourney, Livonian

Janina Jacobs also repeated as champion, firing an 82 at Whispering Willows to beat fellow Livonian Molly Gibson by six shots.

Jacobs, who took home an \$80 gift certificate and first-place trophy, also captured the closest to the pin contest on hole No. 7 at Whispering Willows.

Northville's Kathy Konkell grabbed the first flight women's title by six shots over Alice Stanley of Livonia.

A total of nine women and 112 men competed in the tournament.

New football league offers kids noncontact fun

Beginning in September, the Michigan Youth Flag Football Association will be offering NFL Youth Flag Football leagues for Plymouth and Canton students in the second through fifth grades, as well as clinics for kids in kindergarten and first grade.

Each league team will consist of eight to 10 players, who will be grouped with students from their school. One league will consist of second- and third-graders; a second will include fourth- and fifth-graders.

The format for league games will be 5-on-5 non-contact flag. Games will be played on a 25- by 64-yard field (50-yard field with seven-

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yard end zones). The \$110-per-player entry fee covers the cost of eight practices and eight games. Each player will also receive a reversible NFL jersey.

"One of the nice things about the 5-on-5 format compared to the usual 11-on-11 is that every kid has an opportunity to get the ball on every offensive play," said Bryan Ledin, the MYFFA executive director. "In 11-on-11, if you're not the running back or quarterback,

you probably won't touch the ball. With 5-on-5, there's one quarterback and four receivers, so everybody can be a superstar."

Ledin said similar leagues the MYFFA operate in Bloomfield Hills have experienced phenomenal success.

"There are around 600 kids in the Bloomfield leagues," he said. "The concept is that it's an alternate to tackle football for the younger kids. The time commitment is a lot less as well as the financial commitment. We've found that this is a great feeder league for the tackle-football program, too."

The season will begin the week of Sept. 11.

Practices will be held on either Monday or Thursday evenings with games being held Sunday afternoons at the Canton Sports Center.

The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 8. To register, visit www.MichiganYouthFlagFootball.com.

The one-hour fundamentals clinic for kindergarten and first-grade students will be held on six consecutive Mondays (6-7 p.m.) beginning Sept. 18 at the Canton Sports Center. The cost of the clinic is \$75, Ledin said.

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Pair of Canton wrestlers college-bound

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Two of the architects of Canton's revitalized wrestling program are taking their mat skills to the next level.

Recent graduates Marwan Faraj and Konrad Konsitzke, who led the Chiefs to their first-ever appearance at the Division 1 team state championship tournament in March, will be prolonging their wrestling careers at Muskegon Community College and Iowa Central Community College, respectively.

"Right after last season, I wasn't sure if I wanted to keep wrestling," said Faraj. "But after I thought about it, I didn't want to be in a position years from now where I asked myself, 'What if? What if I would have wrestle in college?'"

"Muskegon Community College showed a lot of interest in me and they have a good team, so I decided to give it a shot."

Faraj, who plans on pursuing a degree in

health sciences, will receive a partial scholarship after he has established residency in Muskegon for six months. He also earned an academic scholarship.

Konsitzke will be joining a team that captured a national title this past spring.

"Coach Randolph sent them tapes of me wrestling this past year and they liked what they saw and contacted me," he explained. "My dad has hunted out there a lot the past 10 years, so we really like the area. I also like the fact that it will be a competitive wrestling room and everybody around me will be good."

Konsitzke said he chose ICC over several Division III schools that also showed an interest in him.

Both Faraj and Konsitzke said they will decide whether to pursue wrestling careers at larger colleges once their two-year community college stints are over.

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Former Canton wrestlers Marwan Faraj (seated left) and Konrad Konsitzke will take their talents to the collegiate level in the fall. Faraj will be competing for Muskegon Community College while Konsitzke is headed to Iowa Central Community College. Pictured standing (from left) are Faraj's parents, Fadia and Ahmed, and Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph.

BRIDGET KONSITZKE



Sox it to them!

The 9-and-under Canton Red Sox finished their 2006 Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association season with a 13-3 record and a league championship after ousting the Pirates, 8-2, in the title game. During the play-offs the Red Sox defeated the three teams they lost to in the regular season. The picture above was taken before a Detroit Tigers game on the field at Comerica Park. Pictured (front row from left) are Noah Lindlbauer, Matt Cade, Ryan Watson, Lucas Albrecht, Pete Carravallah, Mitchell King, Alex Zoltowski, Matt Cook, back row from left) coach Rob Brooks, Lawrence Cook, Adam Cousineau, Tyler Brooks, Nicholas Glud, Joe Kenzie, Jakob Lenders, Kyle Bauer and coach Pat Watson.

Madonna spikers 1st in preseason poll

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) unveiled the 2006 volleyball coaches poll and preseason all-conference team today with defending champion Madonna University the unanimous choice to win their 10th straight conference crown.

Madonna senior middle hitter Caryn Inman and Cornerstone University senior libero Julie Bruse were tabbed as the co-preseason Player-of-the-Year.

In a vote of all eight league coaches, Madonna, coming off a 48-2 record last season and No. 3 national ranking, received 64 total points and all eight first place votes, besting No. 2 pick Cornerstone, which earned 57 points.

The University of Michigan-Dearborn was picked third with 38 points while second-year WHAC volleyball member Indiana Tech was the fourth place pick.

Aquinas and Siena Heights are the fifth and sixth pick while WHAC newcomer Davenport University was tabbed seventh and Concordia University eighth.

Inman and Bruse received four votes each to share preseason top player honors, with each coming off All-American selections in 2005.

Joining Inman on the preseason team from Madonna are senior middle hitter Heather

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Spooner, sophomore outside hitter Lubovj Tihomirova and junior defensive specialist Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill).

The Crusaders enter the 2006 campaign fresh off a 48-2 record in 2005 when they advanced to the programs second ever NAIA Final Four appearance and a No. 3 national ranking.

Inman and Spooner are the two seniors returning to that squad which replaces four departed senior starters and six total players who saw significant court time from last season.

If the preseason prognosis comes true it would mark the 10th straight WHAC volleyball title for Madonna and 20-year Hall of Fame head coach Jerry Abraham.

Inman would also become the second straight Player of the Year for Madonna and the fourth in the last five years.

Four MU volleyball players have won the postseason award as Inman would join Kelly McCausland, Shelley Stanton, Amanda Suder and Natalja Tinina.

The regular season gets under way on Thursday, Aug. 24 with a home match versus Wayne State University.



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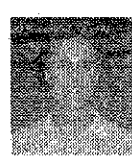
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THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

With the PGA Championship, the final major of the year being contested this week at Medinah, all eyes will once again be focused on Tiger Woods.

Thirty year old Tiger has won the last two events he entered (The British and Buick Opens), once again establishing himself as the top golfer on the planet. He now has won a total of 50 PGA Tour events and 11 majors, enroute to breaking the all time marks in both categories.

Medinah is also a course that Tiger has won on before. But that was before they made this course the longest in major championship golf history. Tiger also won at Medinah when he was driving the ball much better.

At most of the PGA Tour venues, accuracy off the tee is NOT a premium. Tiger is way down in those rankings (well out of the top 100). But as his swing coach Hank Haney told me at the Buick Open, it is really all about how many greens you hit.

And as long as the rough is not that long (i.e. most PGA Tour stops outside a U.S. Open or PGA Championship course), Tiger can overpower the course. But such is not the case at Medinah. There, Tiger must hit long and straight due to the difficult rough and length of the course. That is not something he has done well in a few years.

Will he keep the driver out of the bag and hit two irons and three woods off the tee? Or does he need the distance a driver gives him? Should be interesting.

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

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- 17 Furtive whisper
- 19 Kind of radio
- 20 Obscure
- 21 Flew alone
- 23 Wynn or Lopat
- 24 Like blue jeans
- 26 NBA official
- 29 Flip over
- 30 Watermelon source
- 31 Supplies food
- 33 Sounded, as a bell
- 35 Parka feature
- 36 Turtle's home
- 37 Feeling lousy
- 38 Pet
- 40 Camper, maybe
- 42 Andes runarounds
- 44 Fir or spruce
- 46 S.F. location

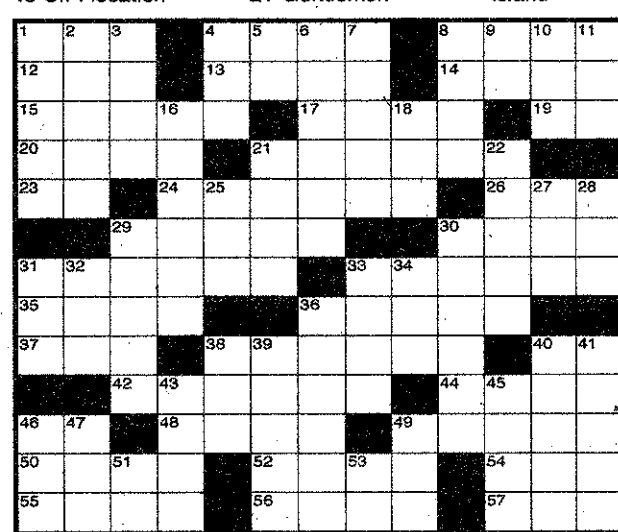
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- 56 Fast planes
- 57 Jellyfish abode
- 1 Slice thin
- 2 Made public
- 3 Moore of "G.I. Jane"
- 4 — take forever!
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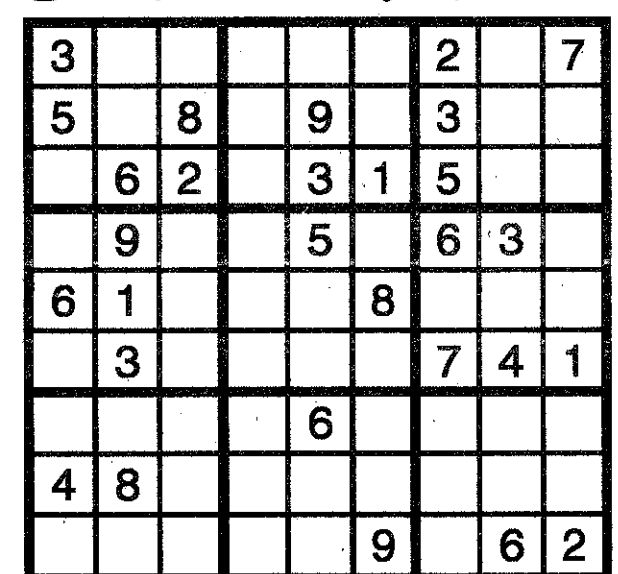
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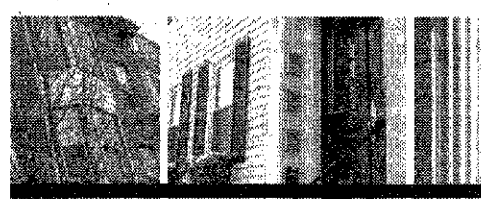
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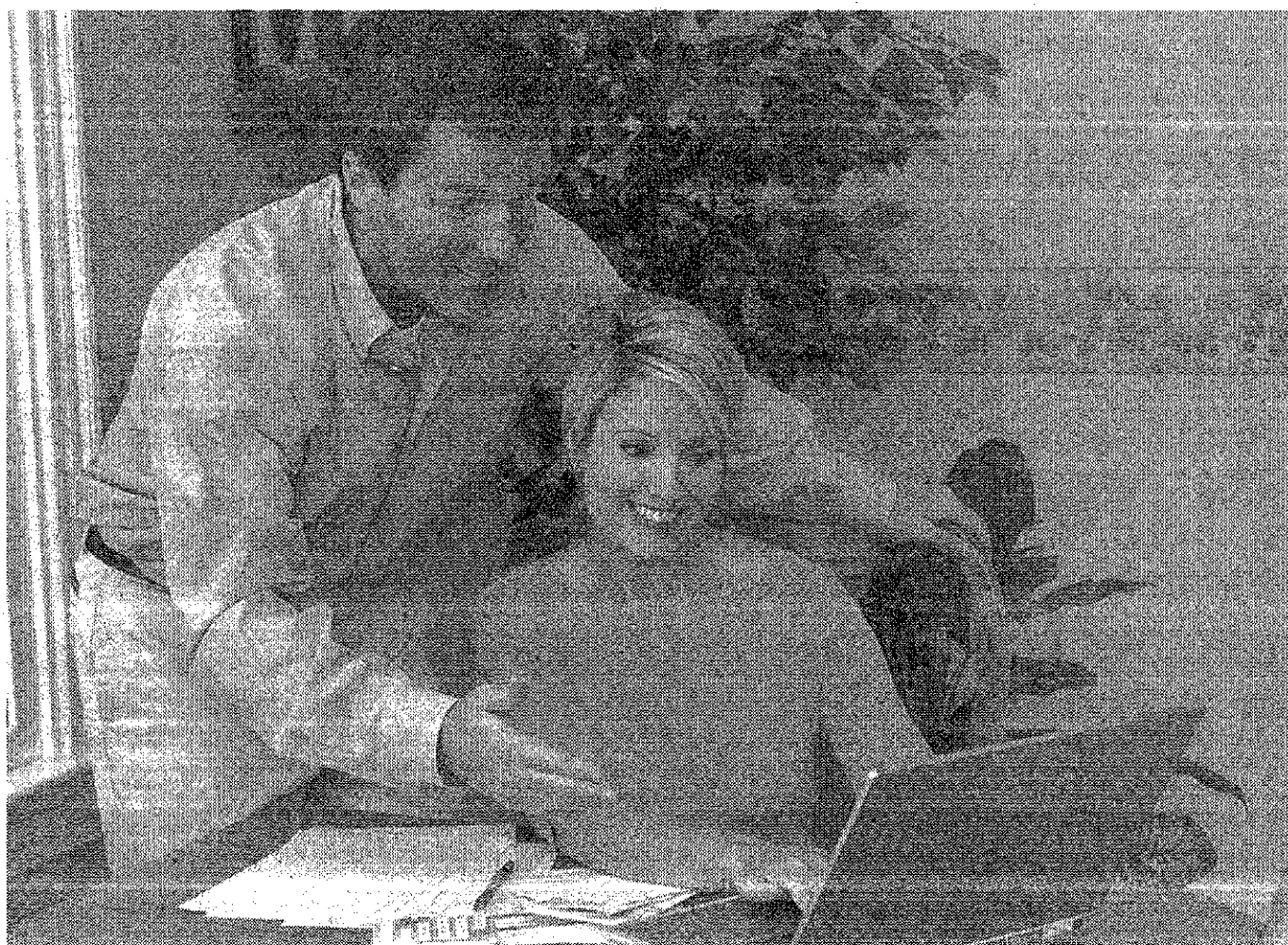
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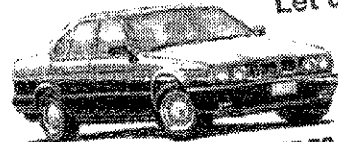
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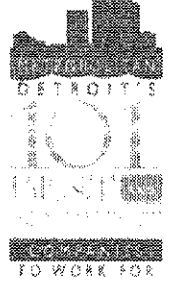
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Brian Marchant-Calsyn, president of Strategic Research Network, a custom lead-generator in St. Louis, maintains that the 75 percent figure applies especially to baby boomers, because they aren't going to get a fair shake otherwise. They have to meet face-to-face to diffuse the perception that they're too costly.

VEHICLES

If you're allergic to picking up the telephone to speak with strangers, you risk increasing the length of your search. You now have more vehicles to tap for networking than ever before. Genie Fuller, founder of CEO Network Partners in Houston, which networks largely for business referrals, points out that a niche-oriented networking group, such as Netweavers for CEOs, can enhance your prospects. As they find openings, she says, they share with other people. They're very specific, (targeted to the) upper-level job search. Bennett mentions that online

networking groups are also new. Through them you can bypass face-to-face contact.

You can network on your own, which may seem grueling, but Bennett, who's been in executive search for 17 years, cuts to the chase. I've heard of people doing a lot of research themselves to find the right person, she says. Now it's harder to do a cold call -- you really need a warm introduction, such as one of their clients. They have to take your call then.

However, if you're launching a frontal attack on the market -- or, if you're underemployed rather than unemployed, as Marchant-Calsyn comments -- you might explore marketing services. Fuller, who has conducted outplacement seminars, thinks that using one would be an excellent approach (if you) can find out what's going on in companies, asking candid questions, about culture of the company -- not just the specifics of a job or position. Marchant-Calsyn says that his new service is particularly helpful for highly-qualified candidates who are determining what they want to do and could use a live voice to help oversee the process. At \$2,500, his package isn't cheap. It also requires sweat equity, with a recommended 40 to 80 calls per day to maximize results, he states. However, 20 to 40 is better than nothing and will still get results.

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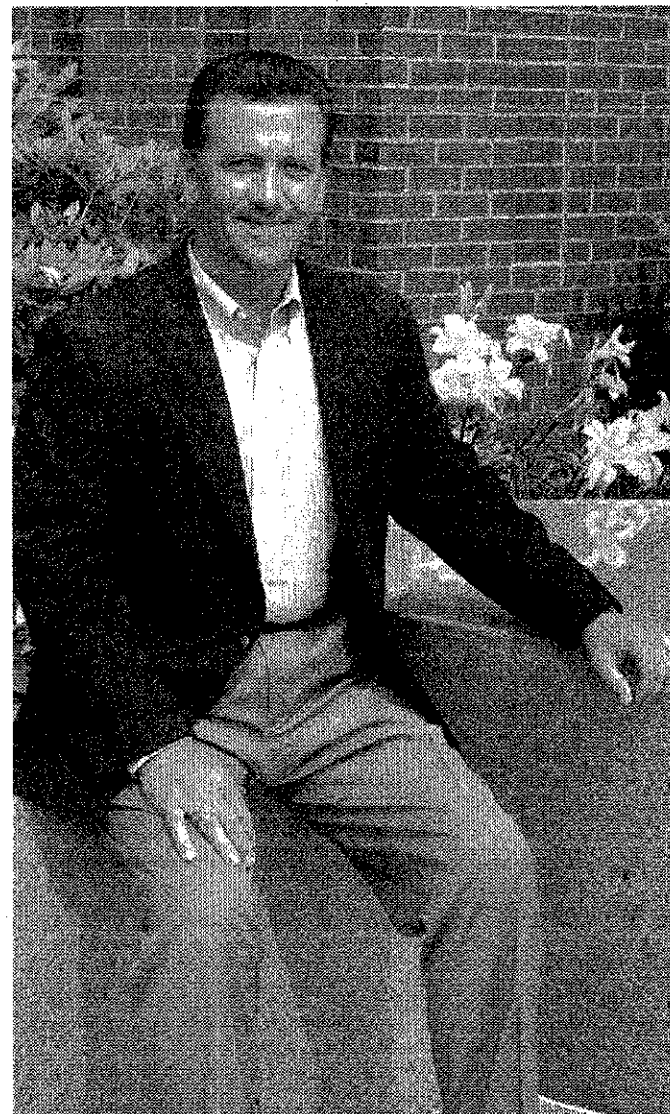
The most pronounced change in networking has less to do with vehicles than style. Fuller recounts a telling story about a job seeker who called a friend in Personnel at a major airline. She'd been sending her contact an annual holiday card and

immediately launched into job search mode, asking if there were any openings at the airline. That could have waited for a second telephone call, Fuller remarks, and would have secured multiple opportunities without ending their relationship.

The pounce turns people off, Fuller advises. Soften your approach by getting the other person talking. Ask what's going in the company. Then, when they ask you about you, state your occupation, even if you're not working now. If you've been an engineer and want to work as one again, that makes you an engineer. After you build up your accomplishments, add, Actually, I'm looking for a new opportunity now. She advocates a soft opening in all kinds of networking environments, including mixers and Chamber events.

Bennett remarks that people have been over-networked; so they're not as inclined to give networking or informational interviews. People have to be much more creative, targeted and subtle. Make it occur more naturally. Opportunities like social events and college reunions are wonderful. You have not to ruin the person's time at the party. Call the next week.

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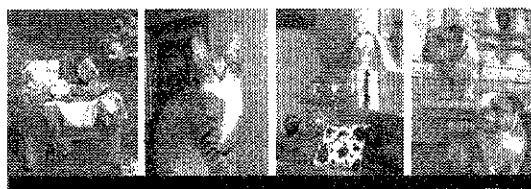
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After the May rollout of the BMW M6 in the U.S., sports car enthusiasts here finally got a chance to experience what Europeans have known for months—the jaw-dropping, lightning fast performance of the M6, following a long, 15-year absence.

What took BMW so long to bring this back? One can only guess, but if time has any indication of performance, then it was time well spent. Available in a four-passenger luxury coupe or convertible, the M6 was developed by BMW's racing arm, BMW M.

What does that mean to the average driver? The BMW M6 is a racing machine. If you want a car to pitter patter around town, this is probably not the one. But if you want a fast, high performance sports car, the M6 is the answer.

This is a vehicle that's truly fast enough to take on the race track. Inspired by BMW's Formula 1 racing engine, the M6 is powered by a 5.0-liter, V-10 engine with 500 horsepower. The M6 rockets from 0 to 60 mph in 4.5 seconds.

It's a coupe, not a sports car. But with all that power under the hood, we won't fault you for forgetting from time to time. Part of what makes the M6 so fast is the engine's design.

There are three levels of engine power and torque response. The V-10 engine uses high rpm to avoid excessive torque. Each cylinder has an electronically controlled throttle. Matched with a seven-speed transmission, the result is maximum performance.

Lightweight valves, pistons and rods also help, too. Ditto for a high pressure Double Vanos system that varies the intake and exhaust valves timing.

Sharing a drive train with the BMW M5, the entire engine weighs 529 pounds—almost the same as a V-8 engine in the M5, but with more



2006 BMW M6. Vehicle class: Luxury car. Power: 5.0 liter, V-10. Mileage: 12 city / 18 highway. Where built: Dingolfing, Germany. Base price: \$96,795.

horsepower. Lightweight body panels, along with the aluminum front of the vehicle, make the M5 faster with nearly equal front and rear weight distribution.

The M6's speed could almost make you forget that this is a luxury car. But myriad standard features will quickly bring you back to the reality that yes, you are driving a luxury coupe. Nineteen-inch tires with five M double spokes are aggressively styled. The M6 also comes with an M Mobility System that temporarily repairs and inflates a tire if it is damaged.

Doorsills are trimmed with M6 logs and colors. The speedometer, shift paddles and interior door handles have a Titanium II finish, while heated seats are adjustable 14 ways, including a 4-way lumbar and backrest width and manual thigh support adjustment.

Leather seats are upholstered in Merino leather, BMW's finest grade, with leather touches on the seats, head restraints, door panels and center armrests. Dark walnut trim is standard, while lighter Olive Carrara wood and Carbon Fiber black trim are optional.

There are safety features galore. Brake standby

reduces stopping distance by applying pressure to brake pads and rotor when a driver lifts off the throttle quickly. Rain sensors on windshield wipers raises periodically brings brake pads up to rotors to eliminate water on the braking system.

An onboard navigation system with voice command is standard. Thirteen speakers, along with two sub woofers, are included with a six-CD changer that is accessible from the glove compartment.

With so many standard features, there are still some optional add-ons. A comfort access system eliminates a remote to lock and unlock doors. A vehicle access system allows drivers to pull a handle or open the trunk without a remote.

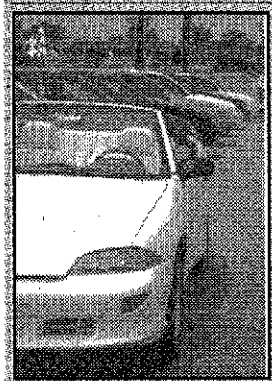
Drivers can also start the engine by pressing the start button, thanks to a remote inside the vehicle. Leave the remote inside and the car will not lock. Gently close the door and an electronic device gently shuts it.

Clearly, the M6 sets the standard for high-performance in a luxury coupe.

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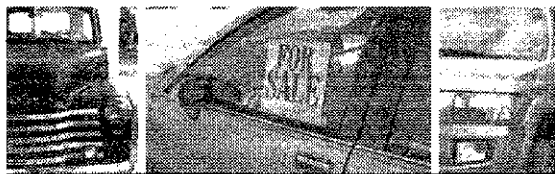
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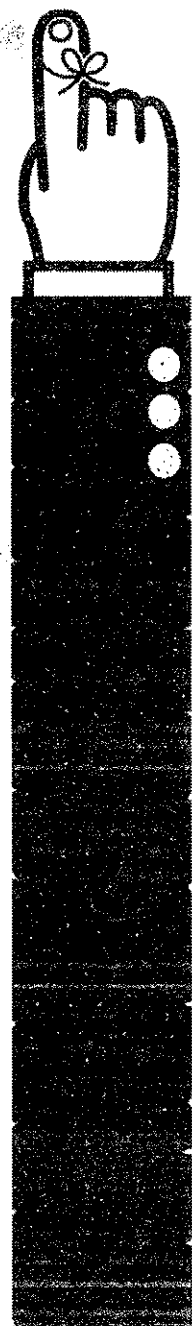
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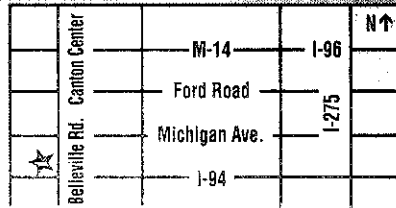
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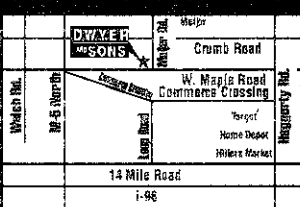
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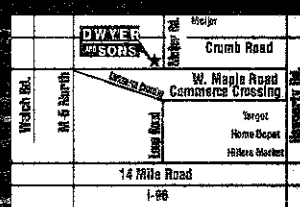
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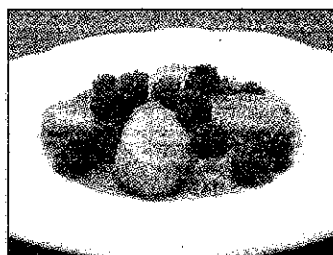
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Summer is going by all too fast. Some readers who travel to their own getaway during the season have sent us photos of their Summer Places. We thank them for sharing. Take a few moments to savor their special sites.

Mary Klemic

Savor these summer places

At center right is the Summer Place of Ron and Darlene Krieg of Livonia. It is on an inland waterway on the Indian River. The Kriegs have had the getaway for almost six years. There, Ron golfs, fishes every day, and hunts deer. Darlene spends the summer - June through Labor Day - at the site with the family dog. The view across the way is a wooded area. "It's just the best thing I've done," Ron said.

"This (photos at left, top and bottom) is our 900-square-foot log cabin on Strawberry Lake in Hamburg Township. It's called N'houraway because it is just an hour away from our permanent home in Birmingham. "When we first saw it, it was covered in yellow aluminum siding with aluminum windows. The Realtor said, "Before you say 'No Way,' wait until you see the inside." N'hour later it was ours. "We've added a few personal touches and updated the bathroom, but we like to keep it simple."

Randy and Rochelle Forester

"Welcome to Rancy's Sugar Shack!" (This is the photo at top left. Rancy is a combination of the names Randy and Nancy.) "The Sugar Shack is our little home away from home located within Sugar Springs Association, Gladwin, Mich. "This is where we go to recharge after a hectic work week in Canton. We love to entertain family and friends at the Shack - all are welcome! "My husband, Randy, enjoys fishing off the dock and someday would love to buy a boat. "I like to run the country roads and play with our wonder dog Harley. "Harley loves to swim, chase the geese and dock dive. "Randy and I both enjoy the quiet time reading and spending quality time together."

Nancy Phalin

Use these Web sites to trade books, CDs and DVDs

The Internet has turned into one big swap meet.

Borrowing from the idea that one man's junk is another man's treasure, new Web sites enable you to trade unwanted books, CDs and movies for titles you actually do want.

Think of it: You can unload your copy of Monica Lewinsky's biography (What were you thinking?) and get *The Kite Runner* (a truly exceptional book) in return.

All done with those Weird Al Yankovic CDs? Trade them for some Brendan Benson or Iron & Wine.

And say good-bye to the kids' old Barney DVDs; you can swap them for *Arrested Development*, *Firefly*, *Master and Commander* and other gems.

At least, that's the theory. The reality is that one man's junk is often, well, another man's junk. It's not always easy, or even possible, to mine treasure from these swap sites.

Still, they're definitely worth a look. Let's start with Peerflix (peerflix.com), the DVD-trading service I wrote about last January. Back then, it was relatively new and experiencing some growing pains.

Today it's a much more polished and stable service, though not perfect.

To get started, you sign up, provide a credit card number (each DVD you receive costs 99 cents, plus postage) and build a list of the movies you want to receive.

You also create a list of the DVDs you own and are willing to trade. When a movie on another user's "want" list matches one on your "have" list, you're notified via e-mail to send it off.

You don't even need to mess with envelopes; instead, you print a fold-up mailer right on your printer, complete with electronic postage. Pretty slick.

Meanwhile, when one of your wanted DVDs finds a match on someone else's list, they send it to you. It's a pretty easy way to refresh your movie library.

MUSIC SWAP

The modus operandi is similar at La La (lala.com), where you can trade CDs for a buck apiece. Even better, the service supplies plastic cases and prepaid mailers.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D4

Gear up for 12th annual Woodward Dream Cruise

On the off chance you haven't heard, the 12th annual Woodward Dream Cruise is this Saturday.

Of course, if you are anywhere along Woodward at this time of year you know that Dream Cruise *day* has turned into Dream Cruise *week* as car enthusiasts from around town and around the world show off and take in the best of American automobile design and



Dick Purtan

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ingenuity.

We all have our favorite vehicle - one that is guaranteed to elicit an "Oh, wow" as it cruises by.

For me all it takes is one look at a classic Chevy Impala and I'm immediately transported back to my parents' driveway.

There I am behind the wheel, feeling the raw power of this awesome machine. I was on the endless American highway. I was the definition

of cool. I was James Dean, Marlon Brando and Steve McQueen all rolled into one.

I was also in big trouble. You see, I thought it was a great idea to pile five or six of my best buddies on the hood of that Chevy as I backed out at top speed.

My dad was far from amused. I'll never forget his running after us, screaming: "Hey, you hoodlums - get off that car!"

(For those of you unfamiliar with the

term "hoodlum," it was the "then" version of a "wiseguy." Think Tony Soprano.)

This weekend, we have a chance to celebrate all those great car memories as we pay tribute to what made the Motor City the Motor City.

More than 40,000 of Detroit's finest creations will be chugging up and down Woodward Avenue from Ferndale to Pontiac. More than 1-1/2 million of us will be on hand to witness this sheet metal-to-the-pedal parade. To put that into perspective, that's one person for every orange barrel on 696.

This is the biggest one-day car event in the world. It is certainly the largest gathering we'll see on Woodward until this year's Tigers World Series victory parade. Now *that* would be a Dream Cruise!

So, grab a lawn chair, pack a cooler and enjoy the show. And enjoy the fact that the term "top down" has nothing to do with Janet Jackson.

Dick Purtan & Purtan's People will be broadcasting live on The Motor City's 104.3 WDMC 8-11 a.m. this Saturday in the median at the corner of Nine Mile and Woodward in Ferndale. Honk if you drive by.



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It's time to review dorm safety rules

Before getting into today's column I'll say that I always enjoy getting questions and comments from readers.

After my last column dealing with garden pests, I received some e-mail questioning the mentioned use of lethal control methods.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

I want to stress that the use of lethal methods of pest control MUST be used cautiously, judiciously and, as stated, as a last resort.

Children and pets can be injured by careless use of poisons and traps. However, garden pests themselves can create health problems and injuries to children, pets and adults.

All mammals – especially bats, skunks and raccoons – can carry rabies. They can also cause flea infestations. We experienced this several years ago when an opossum took up residence under our deck.

Betty S. suggests controlling moles by placing used kitty litter into their tunnels. She said, "Moles fear cats and they will leave upon smelling the litter."

She also suggests baby powder as a deterrent for rabbits.

Gina from Livonia says native plants such as daylilies, hosta, purple coneflower, coral bells and sedum naturally don't attract pests.

She also said a "little dish soap solution in a sprayer helps sometimes."

Thanks so much for the suggestions. Please feel free to send comments or questions to me anytime.

DORM SAFETY

It's this time of year when many young people are moving to their college homes, some for the first time. What a good time to talk about some safety issues that arise in college dorms everywhere.

My first thought was to look at lofts. For those of you who aren't familiar with lofts, they are like bunk beds with no bed on the bottom. This allows more floor space under the bed.

Lofts need to be constructed in a sturdy and safe manner. Here are a few suggestions for loft construction:

- The occupant needs to be able to get

out of the loft quickly.

- Lofts mustn't obstruct egress windows and shouldn't block rapid egress from the room.

- Don't attach wiring to a loft.

- Flammable materials such as paneling, fabric or paper shouldn't be used to enclose the loft.

- Avoid placing objects such as coat hooks and nails on the loft.

Ask your college residence hall about loft rules. Some simple plans for a loft can be found at <http://www.oploftbed.com/>.

Fire safety is another issue. Often the causes for fire emergencies are due to a lack of knowledge about fire safety and prevention. Student apathy also plays a significant role.

There is also a strong link between alcohol and fire deaths. In most cases where fire fatalities occurred on college campuses, alcohol was a factor.

To help keep safe from fire-related injuries in college dorms:

- Know where at least two exits are.

- Properly use cooking appliances. Unplug them when not in use.

- Properly use extension cords.

- Remember: Overloaded electrical circuits increase the risk of fires.

- Be cautious of blankets and other fabrics near heating vents.

- Curling irons and other heating appliances need to be off when not in use.

General dorm life safety points are:

- Lock your room doors and windows even if you will only be gone for a couple of minutes.

- Never lend your keys to anyone.

- Never prop open building access doors.

- Don't leave your books, purse or other valuables unattended.

- Don't let strangers follow you into the building, even if they look like they belong there.

- Use common sense ALWAYS.

Good luck to you in your college years.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident.

Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

HOME CALENDAR

Dog training

The Wolverine Dog Training Club is celebrating "50 great years of training dogs and people." It has classes for every level in obedience and agility, and incorporates Rally in some of its obedience classes. The club's next class session will begin Thursday, Aug. 24. Visit its Web site, www.wolverinedtc.com, for information.

Panel discussion

Michigan Design Center (MDC) invites design and architecture enthusiasts to a panel discussion, Influences in Contemporary Architecture and Design in Detroit, 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at MDC in Troy. Admission is free, but space is limited and advance reservations are strongly recommended. Call (248) 649-4772 for reservations. MDC is at 1700 Stutz Drive, north off Maple, between Crooks and Coolidge.

Dwell magazine editor in-chief Allison Arieff will moderate the discussion. It will be followed by a reception in the Mid-America Room, Suite 86, at MDC.

Featured will be John Gallagher, architecture critic for the Detroit

Free Press; Victor Saroki and Michael Poris, noted local architects; William Massie, architecture department head at Cranbrook Academy of Art; and Clay Dean, automotive designer for General Motors.

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 through September. It also presents Tuesday After Work tours in downtown Detroit 5:30 p.m. every week.

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

Wrenches, with a twist, and pliers with a grip

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We were pleased when we opened the mail recently and discovered that someone had sent us a sample of a new ratchet-style box wrench.

We were a little disappointed, though, when we thought that the package only contained two wrenches, not a full set.

But it wasn't a partial set at all. The two wrenches constituted a full eight-piece set of box wrenches.

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The tool is called the QuadBox. For more information on this product, go to www.gearwrench.com/.

V-JAW PLIERS

When a major plumbing job arises, there is always the chance that a pipe wrench will be needed. But, for the smaller jobs, we like to use adjustable pliers.

We recently discovered that there is an adjustable pliers that is made specifically for use with round stock like plumbing pipe.

What makes this puppy different is its "V-shaped jaws." The curvature gives the jaw more contact surface on

round or curved stock, resulting in a better grip with less force you need to exert.

We strongly recommend using adjustable pliers instead of a pipe wrench for most plumbing finish work. You can "feel" the pressure being exerted more readily with pliers. Over-tightening a connection is still possible, but less likely when using pliers.

For more information on V-jaw pliers, go to www.channellock.com/.

LOCK JAW PLIERS

There is nothing new about locking pliers. If you began looking you would probably find a pair in just about every tool box on the planet.

Locking pliers have a screw at the end of the handle that adjusts the size of the bite so that various things can be securely gripped – regardless of thickness or diameter.

Unfortunately, it sometimes takes two or three tries to properly adjust the tool to the task at hand. When you're in a hurry to get the job done, this can be an annoyance.

Someone just invented a pair of "self-adjusting" locking pliers.

There is no adjusting screw at the end of the handle because the tool automatically adapts to whatever size item you want to hold on to.

The tool is named Lock Jaw. For more information, go to www.lock-jawpliers.com.

SURECONNECT VALVE

There are non-tool innovations that are equally as much fun to discover and work with.

Here's one if you're planning a

kitchen or bath remodel.

The little valves under the sink that are used to turn the water off to the faucet are called angle stops.

The problem with these is that it takes forever to shut them off, and once turned off, they usually leak.

Replacing them is heartache because the kind that work with copper have compression fittings and there isn't anything good about that kind of connection. They leak, they are almost impossible to replace and they are a pain to install.

We are used to placing a container beneath the angle stops that we have to work on to catch the drips that almost always occur.

Now, someone has designed a brand-new style of angle stop with a quick shut-off feature. This particular valve can be completely replaced with a flick of your wrist.

It comes with its own special piece of copper pipe (which has to be soldered into the line). In combination, the valve and the pipe marry via the push of a latch – and reversing the process for removal is just as quick and easy.

By the way, we don't think there would be value in using this valve unless you were doing new construction or a remodel. It isn't something made for retrofit installation. The product is called SureConnect.

For more on this valve, go to www.brasscraft.com/.

And that's all there is to it.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Rain gardens

The Clinton River Watershed Council will teach a step-by-step process for creating your own rain garden 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road in Rochester Hills (phone (248) 608-8261). Admission is free. Registration isn't required. Call Tracie Beasley at (248) 601-0606 for more information. The Stony/Paint Subwatershed Group of the Clinton River Watershed has designed various rain gardens and bioswales on the museum property. Rain gardens and bioswales help improve storm water quality.

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 Matthei 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.

Bulbs

Learn about major and minor hardy bulbs, how to plant them and what to expect over the years once you've put them in the ground, in a class at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The class, Tips on Choosing and Using Bulbs, will take place Wednesday, Aug. 23. Fee is \$22. To register and for more information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Instructor Pam Palechek owns and operates Petal Pushers and has been a senior instructor at the Michigan School of Gardening since its inception.

Native wildflowers

A free workshop, Native Wildflowers for the Home Landscape: Planting and Maintaining an Earth-Friendly Fall Garden, will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, in the second floor Multi-purpose Room of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, behind Westland City Hall. Sign-in will be at 6:30 p.m. Advance registration is requested. Call the Westland Community Relations Department at (734) 467-3198 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com. Native plant specialist Vern Stephens of Designs by Nature of Laingsburg, Mich., will be the guest speaker. The program will review the origin of native wildflowers, identify easy-care plants for the fall garden, and provide maintenance tips. Native wildflowers will be available for sale before and after the slide presentation.

Pests and problems

English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays in August at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak-Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900. Visit www.englishgardens.com. Pests and Other Plant Problems will be the topic Aug. 23. If your plants aren't looking so great this year, the seminar will help you figure out what's wrong and provide solutions to help your plants thrive. Ways to keep pests and insects away will also be discussed. Perennial Gardening will be the topic Aug. 30.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public. The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. Admission is free. Reservations aren't required. Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

The schedule includes Cooking with Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21), and Rugged Rugosa Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 28). In the cooking program, learn how to grow edible roses and prepare tempting rose recipes, and sample rose treats. The rugosa program is a slide lecture with growing tips and garden tour of fragrant, hardy rugosas.

Bonsai show

The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society will have its annual show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$6 for adults (which includes the Matthaei conservatory), \$2 for children and teens. Visit http://www.annarborbonsai-society.org. More than 100 member trees will be on display. Members will be available on the show floor to answer questions. Demonstrations of bonsai design will be offered each day. Vendors of plants, pots and bonsai tools will be available.

Summer Faire
Bring the whole family for some good

old-fashioned summer fun at Heavenly Scent Herb Farm's 17th annual Summer Faire, Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at 13730 White Lake Road in Fenton. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 26, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 27, rain or shine. Admission is \$2.

The event will feature complimentary garden tours, lunch by Heavenly Scent, master gardeners on hand to answer questions, a free children's activity center, harp and dulcimer music, and the crafts of many unusual artisans. Spend some time enjoying, learning and creating with herbs. Browse the shoppe and stop by the greenhouses. For more information, call (810) 629-9208 or visit www.heavenlyscentsherb-farm.com.

Owl prow!

Jecumseh High School biology teacher Carl Harsh will lead a twilight walk in search of screech owls 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at Michigan State University Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 for children (the class isn't suitable for very young children). Bring a flashlight and insect repellent. An adult must accompany children. Pre-registration is required. Call (517) 431-2060.

Participants will learn about the life and habitats of these nocturnal birds of prey, and see how screech owls respond to calls.

Conference

Registrations are being accepted through Thursday, Aug. 31, for the Unusual Gardening Conference, which will take place 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Ford Education Center at the Detroit Zoo. The conference is presented by the Michigan School of Gardening, in cooperation with the Practical Gardening Institute. Space is limited, so sign up soon. Registration is \$95 (\$75 for Practical Gardening Institute members), including parking, admittance to the zoo, lunch, all five presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and book signing with Janet Macunovich. Bring your books to the signing, or buy copies at the conference. To register, go to www.practicalgardeninginstitute.com and visit the Gardeners' Market. The conference will feature in-depth seminars, and time to interact and talk with presenters and fellow gardeners. Topics will be Gardens of the World (Pam Palechek), Vines and Vertical Features (Sue Grubba), Water Gardens (Scott Bates), Rock Gardens (University of Michigan Herbarium curator Tony Reznicek) and 8 Months of Color (Janet Macunovich and Steven Nikkila).

Master gardener

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

Volunteers sought

Do you live in a condo or apartment and miss gardening? The Royal Oak Garden Club is seeking volunteers (club members only) to tend these Royal Oak community gardens now to October: Gilda's Garden, Community Center Garden, Community Center Iris Garden, Cemetery Garden and the Zoo Garden. Club membership is \$10 per year. Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

4 steps lead to a good concrete pour

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

A previous article about concrete discussed grading, forms and form oil, and preparing the soil.

This article describes other important steps that contribute to a successful concrete pour:

STEEL

Concrete alone isn't much stronger than plain old dirt. Pour a slab of concrete over a bed of adobe soil and the adobe will soon crack the concrete to bits, unless the concrete has gobs of steel bracing.

Steel reinforcing bars or "rebars" are used to substantially enhance the strength of concrete.

The bars are placed perpendicular to each other, creating a kind of "tic-tac-toe" grid that adds strength to concrete. The amount of strength depends on the diameter of the rods and the distance between them.

The most common configuration uses half-inch rebars placed 2 feet on center in both directions. Each intersection of the rebars is tied together with heavy "tie wire." The steel bars are lifted to and held within the center of the proposed slab with small square concrete spacers called "dobies."

Each intersection of the rebar mat is supported by a dobie acting as a spacer between the rebar mat and the ground.

A steel mat laid on the ground beneath the concrete provides no support. To properly strengthen the slab, the rebar mat must be as close to the center of the slab as possible.

Keep in mind that adding steel is an inexpensive way of substantially strengthening concrete.

THE MIX

There are many different kinds of concrete, and the many combinations of rock (or gravel), sand and cement can result in

various concrete strengths.

Concrete shouldn't be bought based on the "number of sacks of cement" it contains. Five-sack concrete mix (five sacks of cement per cubic yard) isn't always better than four-sack mix. More cement in a given mix doesn't necessarily mean more strength.

Buy concrete based on its "compressive strength," that is, how much pressure it will take to crush it. The higher the compressive strength, the stronger the concrete.

Concrete rated 2,500 PSI is about standard; 3,000 PSI is better, recommended and worth the extra cost.

PRE-POUR SOIL PREPARATION

If you have ever seen a commercial concrete pour you might have noticed someone watering the area with a garden hose. This is done to saturate the soil so it won't draw water from the concrete before the water and

the cement in the concrete mix have time to properly harden, or "cure."

This is why it is so important not to pour concrete on an extremely hot day. If it cures too rapidly, the concrete will be weak and the lasting quality will diminish.

CURING

Wetting the ground helps reduce the escape of water through the bottom of the concrete. But water also can escape from the top as evaporation. This is prevented by applying a light layer of oil, called "curing compound," to the top of the concrete. The oil holds the moisture in the concrete from the top in the same way plastic wrap prevents food from drying out.

The clear oil will eventually evaporate, but it remains long enough to slow down and stabilize the curing process.

Visit the On the House Web site: www.onthehouse.com
Listener hotline: (800) 737-2474, Ext. 59.

Angie's List offers tips for tasks in August

The following August checklist was put together by Angie's List to help you get routine maintenance and other projects done this month.

■ Examine your dryer vents to see if a significant amount of lint has accumulated.

Lint is extremely flammable, so it's important to clean the entire ventilation system or have an air duct-cleaning company remove the lint all the way to the dryer cap on the outside of your home.

■ While checking your plumbing system, check faucets for leaks and drips. If your faucet drips one drop per second, you'll waste about 2,700 gallons per year!

Save on your water bill by getting those drips repaired. It

could be as simple as a new washer in the faucet joint.

■ Make sure you have screens on all exterior vents, and close up open spaces around the basement, attic, windows and doors.

As the weather gets cooler, rodents will try to make your home their home. Rats and mice can squeeze through spaces as small as 1/4-inch.

■ Focus on lawn fertilization and treatment, as well as reseeding your grass before the cold weather sets in.

If your soil is highly compacted, consider using an aerator to allow better penetration of air, nutrients and water.

Also, herbicide applications to get rid of weeds are also most effective this time of year.

■ Treat yourself to a house-cleaning service, especially if your home saw plenty of traffic from children, friends, relatives and pets during the summer months.

Keep in mind that companies with a regular clientele might need three to four weeks' notice.

■ Fix any computer problems before the school year kicks off. Many computer repair centers are busiest the first few months of the school season, when students are just turning their PCs back on after months of rest.

Computer repair centers often do preventative maintenance services, so consider taking your PC in for a tune-up, even if nothing is wrong – yet.

Angie's List is where thousands of consumers share their

ratings and reviews on local contractors and companies in more than 250 different categories.

Currently, nearly 500,000 consumers across the United States rely on Angie's List to help them find the right contractor or company for the job needed done.

Members have unlimited access to the list via Internet or phone; receive the Angie's List magazine, which includes articles on home improvement and maintenance, consumer trends and scam alerts; and can use the Angie's List complaint resolution service.

Get more information and consumer tips at www.angies-list.com.

ReBox rescues, resells gently used boxes

ReBox LLC, based in Oakland County, has discovered a hidden treasure at retailers and businesses all over metro Detroit.

Corrugated cardboard boxes in excellent condition are often thrown into back alleys and carted off to landfills where they go to die, replaced by new

boxes that are manufactured using millions of trees and depleting natural resources.

ReBox is giving corrugated boxes a second lease on life by rescuing them from local merchants before they reach the dumpsters and offering them for sale to the public for moving, shipping and storage.

ReBox has found a way to make doing something good for the environment easy and affordable.

The price to the end user is up to 75 percent cheaper than new boxes, with reBox offering excellent-quality items.

ReBox also delivers for a nominal fee.

ReBox's latest promotion, Boxes for a Buck!, has made ordering boxes simple. Customers may order box bundles of 20, 30, 40 or 50 assorted sizes for \$1 per box.

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BROIDA

FROM PAGE D1

La La is much more of a community-oriented site, allowing you to share album reviews, blog about music, listen to song snippets, and so on.

My first few weeks with La La weren't particularly fruitful. I quickly traded one CD and got another in return, but after that, nothing happened. I listed to more than two dozen discs — decent stuff, too, like Green Day and Elton John — but never got any takers.

And because I'd used up my one "starter" credit, I couldn't receive any more CDs until I sent at least one. I was stuck in a kind of swap-meet limbo.

Then I discovered that the (inconvenient) path to La La success is to stay logged into the site and watch for a flag to appear next to your Have List.

Clicking it right away is like being first in line to ship that particular CD (which others may also have).

You can also have the site notify you via e-mail when someone has requested one of your CDs, but by the time you respond it may be too late — someone else may already have fulfilled the request.

What's more, this e-mail notification option isn't enabled by default — you have to select it in your account settings.

There's also a plug-in you can download for iTunes, Winamp and Windows Media Player. Among other things, it can alert you when someone has requested one of your CDs.

BOOK SWAP

I was particularly excited to try PaperBackSwap.com, which promised to let me unload those old *Star Trek* novels I'll never read again and stock up on *Junie B. Jones* books for my daughter.

PBS charges nothing — you pay only the postage for each book you send.

The site even calculates the amount (based on Media Rate) and lets you print a completed mailer/wrapper. (You may have to get creative if the two sheets of paper aren't enough to cover the entire book.)

The PBS site is crude and not terribly well-organized, but I found it easy enough to use after some poking around.

Best of all, several of the books I posted were requested right away, and several of the books I wanted were immediately available.

Even so, as I noted earlier, you may not always get what you want — from PBS or any other swap site. Everyone is trying to spin their straw into gold, and there's only so much gold to go around.

So don't be too disappointed if no one snatches up that Lewinsky bio.

At PaperBackSwap.com, you can trade paperbacks, hardcovers and even audiobooks. You pay only the postage.

La La provides everything you need to trade CDs with other users, including prepaid mailers.

Peerflix makes DVD trading fairly easy, but you may end up waiting a long time to receive anything good.

But could someone please take this Benedictine Monks Chant CD off my hands? Honestly, I don't know what I was thinking.

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High humidity can make your home sick, too

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

A common summer complaint is: It's not the heat, it's the humidity.

Too much moisture in the hot summer air can turn your home into a steam bath.

Beyond leaving you feeling hot, sticky and generally uncomfortable, high humidity can be bad for your home's health as well.

It can cause warped wood floors, furniture and trim; chipped and peeling paint and wallpaper; wet stains on walls and ceilings; and musty, foul-smelling odors.

It also can encourage the growth of dust mites, fungi, bacteria, mold and mildew.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the ideal relative humidity range for the home is between 35 and 50 percent. At this range you are comfortable and healthy and your home is protected.

The big question is how to effectively and efficiently accomplish this.

Most people try to use their air conditioner to remove humidity.

But according to air quality experts, homeowners should never lower the thermostat temperature in an attempt to control humidity in their home.

Setting the thermostat temperature lower does two things that are counter to your goal of reducing the moisture content in your home.

It increases the indoor relative humidity and it decreases the temperature of the materials in the walls, floors and ceilings of your home, thereby significantly increasing the potential for condensation on these elements.

Secondly, with today's super energy-efficient homes, a typical air conditioning unit will cycle on and off too quickly to eliminate excess moisture in the air.

As a result, homeowners resort to overcooling the living space while attempting to remove moisture, which leads to uncomfortable air temperatures, high energy bills and excess wear on the cooling system.

DEHUMIDIFIERS

An alternative is a portable dehumidifier, which by definition will only address a small area of the home.

A portable dehumidifier is designed to run at a temperature of about 80 degrees Fahrenheit, while basements have an average temperature of between 58 and 65 degrees.

Below 65 degrees, frost can form on the condensing coils, which negatively affects performance by causing the compressor to cycle on and off repeatedly without removing moisture from the air.

While a portable dehumidifier can be valuable for a small, isolated space, common complaints are that they are noisy and require regular maintenance.

Another option to consider is a whole-home dehumidifier. Better systems work in conjunction with the cooling system and can remove up to 90 pints of moisture from the home's environment each day.

Whole-home dehumidifiers are designed to remove moisture while the thermostat is designed to maintain temperature.

A whole-house dehumidifier automatically senses moisture levels and maintains the optimum humidity level in the home.

In addition, these systems can switch between whole-home and localized areas (such as a basement), offering the best of both worlds.

One of the most appealing aspects of having dehumidified air is that it actually feels cooler to the skin, thus allowing homeowners to raise the thermostat.

This can result in significant energy savings (and a lower utility bill) and less wear and tear on the cooling system without sacrificing comfort.

And when it comes to maintenance, a whole-house dehumidifier contains a pump and drain line that will discharge collected water into a sump or drainage system, in contrast to a portable system with a collection system that must be regularly emptied.

Better whole-house systems have a high-efficiency filter that will usually need to be cleaned once annually.

PREVENTION

Though a whole-house dehumidifier is essential to managing excess humidity, there are preventive steps you can take that will further reduce the problem. They include:

■ Clean and repair roof gutters regularly; use covers to keep leaves and sticks from building up in the gutters.

■ Vent appliances that produce moisture, such as clothes dryers and stoves, to the outside where possible.

■ Make sure the ground slopes away from the building foundation, so that water doesn't enter or collect around the foundation.

■ Use down spout extenders that carry water at least 6 feet away from the foundation.

■ Seal unwanted air leaks, such as around holes for plumbing and wiring, where humid outside air sneaks into the home.

For more home improvement tips and information, visit the Careys' Web site at www.onthehouse.com, or call their listener hotline at (800) 737-2474.

Let us spray-paint the correct way

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Spray-painting with an aerosol can is a snap, right? All you have to do is shake the can, take off the cap, aim it and hold down the button.

Not so fast. Before you start, you should know there is a right way and a wrong way to spray.

If you're painting a flat surface, start with the side nearest to you and work your way

toward the opposite end with a smooth stroke and a steady sweeping motion that overlaps the pass made just before it.

You'll notice that "overspray" settles ahead of you, which is good because you can cover it up as you go.

If you were to work in the reverse, spray would settle all over your smooth, just-painted finish — leaving a pebbly texture in its wake.

So, cover it as you go and "finish up" like a painting pro.

Keep caulk tubes running straight

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Caulking inside corners and along trim is no problem. But sealing along outside corners is another matter.

When sealing outside corners, pros keep caulk tubes running straight and true by cutting a V-notch in the plastic tip.

It then acts as a running guide that slides along the corner, keeping the tube centered over the crack for a nice long, smooth bead of caulk without the slips, drips and skips that look messy and can lead to future leaks.

Make sweet, savory sauce for pork

BY DANA JACOBI

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Growing up in the city, I was lucky that my parents drove out to the country so we could pick wild berries in the summer and visit a pick-your-own apple orchard in autumn. They also took me to a country fair to see cows, chickens and pigs up close and to taste old-fashioned homemade pickles and jams.

Thanks to my parents' love of the country, I was comfortable later on in life tramping through some local fields and was able to recognize a thicket of bushes as a huge blackberry bramble. Coming back regularly after the weather turned warm, I watched the bushes flower, then become loaded with big, fat berries. I then waited attentively for the glossy berries to start looking dull. For blackberries, this signals they are fully ripe.

When the time was right, I went back with a big plastic bucket and spent the after-

noon picking berries and ducking wasps. (Insects love sweet fruit and zero right in on it, so seeing them is another sign that fruit is ripe.)

I had already found a store selling canning jars and was ready to turn my berries into jam. Instead of buying the usual pectin to set jellies and jams, I decided to use the traditional method of wrapping pectin-rich apple skins and cores in cheesecloth and boiling them with the fruit and sugar in an enormous pot, taking the risk that the proportions would be right and the jam would set. It came out perfectly: 15 half-pint jars of luscious, homemade blackberry jam. I felt as proud as a pioneer woman who had crossed the Great Plains in a covered wagon. The next year, I ended up with blackberry syrup, so now I add pectin for extra insurance. And I have learned to use blackberries in other ways.

Desserts are an obvious way to enjoy blackberries, but I think you will also like them

in this pork entrée.

An easy sauté, its colorful sauce is made in the same pan as the meat. Ready in minutes, this sauce is equally good on pork or turkey cutlets.

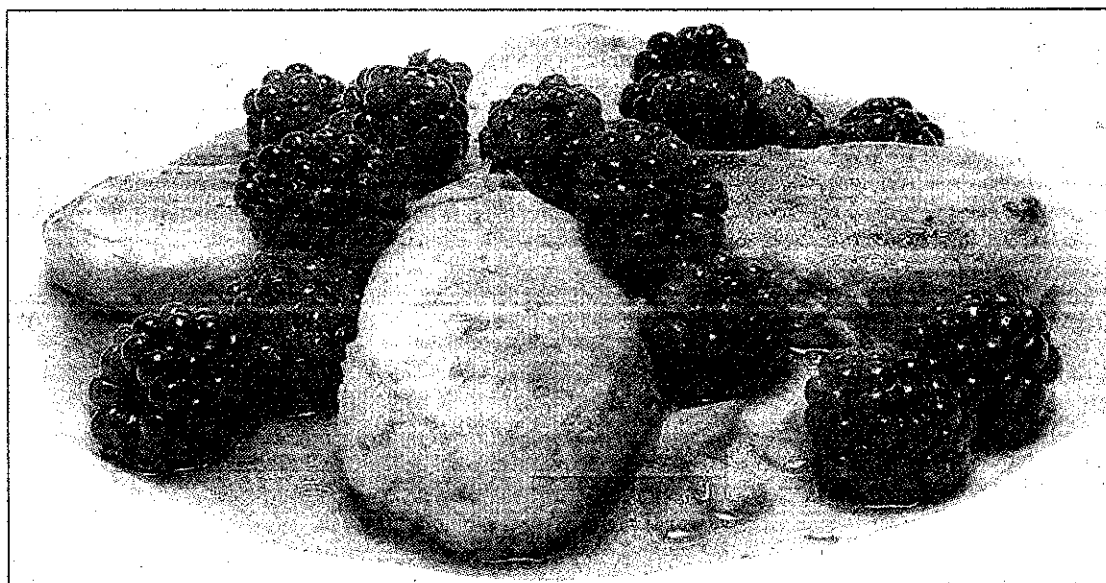
PORK MEDALLIONS WITH BLACKBERRY PAN SAUCE

- 1 large pork tenderloin (12-14 ounces)
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- 2 tablespoons finely chopped shallots
- ½ cup pomegranate concentrate or juice
- 1-2 tablespoons honey
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- Pinch of ground chipotle chile powder or ¼ teaspoon finely-chopped canned chile
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 container (6-ounce) fresh blackberries, about 1½ cups

Preheat the oven to 250° F.

Cut the tenderloin crosswise into 12 slices, about half-inch thick for the round part, longer at the thin end.

One at a time, stand the



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Pork Medallions with Blackberry Pan Sauce features a colorful sauce that is made in the same pan as the meat.

pieces on wax paper, cover with another sheet of paper, and pound to an even thinness using a meat-pounder or the side of a heavy knife.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Brown the meat well on both sides, using tongs to turn the medallions after about 4 minutes, and cooking them until they are no longer pink in the center, about 8 to 10 minutes in all. Transfer the meat to a heatproof plate and cover

loosely with foil. Place the meat in the oven to keep warm.

Add the shallots and juice to the pan, scraping vigorously with a wooden spoon to gather up all the browned bits. Reduce the heat to medium, add 1 tablespoon of the honey, the oregano and chipotle pepper.

Simmer 1 minute. Add salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste. Mix in the remaining honey, if desired. Add the berries and cook until

they are heated through and lighter in color, 2 minutes.

Divide the meat among 4 dinner plates, spoon on the sauce and serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 188 calories, 7 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 14 g. carbohydrate, 19 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 48 mg. sodium.

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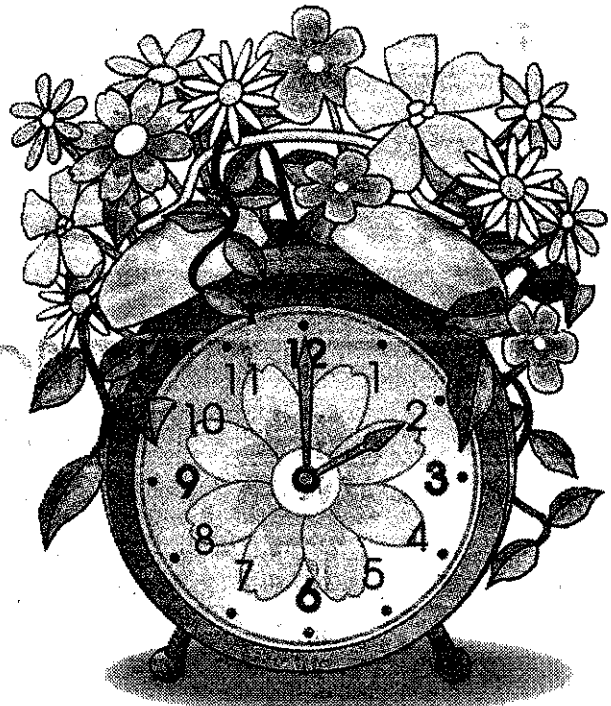
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Chef reveals tasty secrets of crab cakes

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NEW YORK (AP) — Years before he ever imagined he would own restaurants and write cookbooks, Tom Douglas sometimes went crabbing with his dad in the Chesapeake Bay.

"You put a chicken neck on a string and hang it from a pole over the bridge to catch blue crabs," Douglas said. He comes from a large Delaware family — he's the fourth of eight children — and prime fresh local crabmeat was too expensive to buy for home use. "That was a going-out treat," he said.

But even as a youngster, perhaps because of that early experience, Douglas' appreciation of food (and crab cakes) was keen. It led to his first job as a \$1.18-an-hour cook's helper at the Hotel du Pont in Wilmington, Del.

"My job was to open oysters and clams. I opened 400 oysters a day," he recalled in a phone interview from Seattle.

The chef there taught him important lessons he still follows for making crab cakes. "He said the number one rule was being gentle. No stirring, only folding. The more you work them the tougher they get," he said.

Douglas established his own cooking career in Seattle, where he happily discovered that the Pacific Ocean offered up Dungeness crabs that were fabulously tasty, too.

Now, at 47, more than 25 years, four restaurants, a radio show, a catering business, and three cookbooks later, the James Beard Award-winning chef is teaching some of his secrets in *I Love Crab Cakes!* subtitled *50 Recipes for an American Classic* (William Morrow, 2006, \$19.95).

When he graduated from high school, Douglas said, "I wanted to try something new. I drove across the country and ran out of gas and money in Seattle." That was in 1977. He thought it was only a temporary stint when, following his natural instinct, he got a job in a hotel kitchen there. Restaurants always need workers, he said.

"To this day the hardest thing it to find good cooks," Douglas said. "Then I learned if you want

to make more money you have to be good at managing people."

He stayed with the restaurant life. After making his reputation cooking at the city's Sport Cafe, Douglas, with his wife and business partner, Jackie Cross, opened his own restaurant in 1989 with money borrowed from his wife's uncle.

At the front of the book, Douglas gives the basics for making good crab cakes, whether with East or West Coast crabs; at the back are ideas for sauces and accompaniments.

Which crabs to use? According to the book, *I Love Crab Cakes!* features crabs from all over North America. "For all of the recipes, blue crab, Phillips brand pasteurized crab, and Dungeness crab are interchangeable. Jonah crab and Peekytoe also work well. King crab, while you can chop and use it, will give a different texture."

Besides the first lesson about the prime importance of a gentle touch in mixing that Douglas learned as a youngster, what does he think are the other key things for home cooks to keep in mind for making good crab cakes?

No. 2. "Always buy the best crab meat. And forget about the term blue crab; today blue crab is a crab from Indonesia, so it's not the same thing as what comes from the Chesapeake. If you can't get fresh crab, try the pasteurized crab usually sold in the refrigerated case of your supermarket or fish store, such as Phillips brand, which is not to be confused with shelf-stable canned crab."

No. 3. "I'm tired of hearing people say they need to wait till the bread gets stale to make bread crumbs. You don't need stale bread with \$25-a-pound crab meat. Use fresh crumbs."

No. 4. Another mistake is to serve tartar sauce with a crab cake that has a mayonnaise binder. Douglas suggests a contrast such as green tomato sauce, or something else sharp and acidic to complement the crab cake.

No. 5. "Don't overcook. Use a meat thermometer." He says 150° F to 155° F is the right temperature for doneness. If you overcook a mayonnaise-

based crab cake, "the mayonnaise gets greasy, and the cake gets pasty."

Douglas' latest tribute to the lore of the crab cake:

He is holding a contest at his restaurants through October to find the most popular kind — based on tallying up what customers order.

Here are recipes for two classics and one new take on crab cakes, from Douglas' book.

The traditional crabmeat for these Chesapeake Bay Classic Crab Cakes is East Coast blue crab. But the recipe works with Dungeness crabs, Douglas said, although you will probably need to squeeze out the excess liquid. "If your Dungeness tastes salty, you may want to omit the salt in the recipe because there's already salt in the Old Bay Seasoning."

Traditionally, these cakes are served with tartar sauce, but Douglas prefers the tangy zip of green or red cocktail sauce to offset their creaminess.

CHESAPEAKE BAY CLASSIC CRAB CAKES

1 large egg yolk (see note)
1 tablespoon Old Bay Seasoning
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
½ teaspoon grated lemon zest
½ teaspoon fresh lemon juice
½ teaspoon cider vinegar
½ cup peanut or canola oil
½ teaspoon kosher salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon minced scallions, both white and green parts
1 pound lump blue crabmeat drained and picked clean of shell
4 cups fresh bread crumbs
½ cup chopped parsley
About 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
Red cocktail sauce
4 lemon wedges

Put the egg yolk, Old Bay, mustard, lemon zest and juice, and vinegar in the bowl of a mini-food processor or a blender and process until smooth.

Gradually pour in the oil with the machine running until the mixture emulsifies and forms a mayonnaise. Season with the salt and pepper.

Transfer the mayo to a bowl and, using a rubber spatula, fold

in the scallions and the crabmeat until well combined.

Combine the bread crumbs and the parsley in a shallow container.

Form the crab mixture into 8 patties about 3 inches wide and ¾-inch-thick and drop them into the bread crumb-parsley mixture. Dredge the crab cakes on both sides. If you have time, leave the crab cakes in the container of bread crumbs, cover with plastic wrap, and chill for an hour or more.

When you are ready to fry the crab cakes, put 2 large nonstick skillets over medium heat. Add about 2 tablespoons butter to each pan. When the butter is melted, add 4 crab cakes to each pan, patting off excess crumbs first. Slowly fry the crab cakes until they are golden brown on both sides and hot through, turning once with a spatula, about 4 minutes per side. If the crab cakes are brown too quickly, reduce the heat. The internal temperature of a cooked crab should be 155° F on an instant-read thermometer.

Transfer crab cakes to plates, 2 per person, and serve with your choice of sauce and lemon wedges.

Note: To use this recipe for crab cakes that are broiled, but not breaded, use 2 egg yolks, make the crab cake mixture, and shape into 8 cakes. Omit dredging in bread crumbs. Refrigerate for 1 to 4 hours or overnight. Arrange the cakes in a pan and broil until they're hot through and lightly golden brown, 5 to 6 minutes, rotating the pan as needed to brown the cakes evenly.

Makes 8 large crab cakes (4 servings).

Note: In a note on egg safety, Douglas writes: "Use very fresh Grade A or Grade AA eggs (check the expiration date on the label before buying) and always keep the egg refrigerated. It's important to be aware of the potential dangers of salmonella and other harmful bacteria that may occur in eggs and take precautions. Don't keep eggs at room temperature for more than an hour, and always wash your hands, work surface and equipment before and after using raw eggs. Use products that have been made with raw eggs within one day."

These cakes, the most popular crab cake at Etta's restaurant, are soft and need at least an

hour's chilling time before pan frying.

ETTA'S NEW DUNGENESS CRAB CAKES

1 large egg yolk
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon finely chopped red bell pepper
1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
3 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons chopped parsley
1 teaspoon Tabasco
½ teaspoon paprika
½ teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
½ teaspoon kosher salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
¼ cup olive oil
¼ cup sour cream
1 pound fresh Dungeness crabmeat, drained, picked clean of shell, and lightly squeezed if wet
4 cups fresh bread crumbs
About 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
Green cocktail sauce
4 lemon wedges

In a mini-food processor, combine the egg yolk, vinegar, mustard, bell pepper, onion, the 2 teaspoons of parsley, Tabasco, paprika, thyme, salt and pepper. Pulse to finely mince the vegetables and combine all the ingredients.

With the motor running, slowly add the oil through the feed tube until the mixture emulsifies and forms a thin mayo.

Transfer the mayo to a large bowl and stir in the sour cream, then use a rubber spatula to fold in the crabmeat. Gently form 8 patties, about 3 inches wide by ¾-inch thick.

Put the bread crumbs in a shallow container and mix in the 3 tablespoons parsley. Lightly dredge the patties on both sides in the bread crumbs. Cover the crab cakes with plastic wrap and chill for at least 1 hour or longer.

Put two large nonstick skillets over medium heat and add about 2 tablespoons butter to each pan. When the butter is melted, add 4 crab cakes to each pan. Gently fry the crab cakes until they are golden brown on both sides and hot through, turning once with a spatula, about 4 minutes per side. The internal temperature should be 155° F.

Transfer the crab cakes to plates, serving 2 to each person, accompanied by ramekins of green cocktail sauce and lemon wedges.

Makes 8 large crab cakes (4 servings).

Here's Tom Douglas' version of an old-fashioned Chinese-American classic, egg foo yung. Simply squeeze a wedge of lemon over the tops of these delicately flavored crab patties or get feisty with some chili paste or Tabasco sauce.

CRAB FOO YUNG

4 large eggs
2 teaspoons soy sauce
2 teaspoons mirin (sweet cooking rice wine)
½ teaspoon Tabasco or to taste
¼ pound crabmeat, drained, picked clean of shell, and lightly squeezed if wet
1 cup sliced shiitake mushrooms, stems removed
1 cup mung bean sprouts
¼ cup minced celery, preferably the tender inner stems and a few leaves
¼ cup thinly sliced scallions, white and green parts
About 6 tablespoons peanut or canola oil, as needed
4 lemon wedges
Tabasco or Chinese hot chili paste

Whisk the eggs with the soy sauce, mirin and Tabasco in a large bowl until slightly foamy. Stir in the crabmeat, mushrooms, sprouts, celery and scallions.

Heat 2 large nonstick skillets over medium-high heat with about 3 tablespoons oil in each one.

When the oil is hot, ladle as many patties as will fit into each pan (3 or 4) using a 4-ounce ladle or a ½-cup measuring cup. Fry the patties until golden brown on both sides and cooked through, about 4 minutes total, turning the heat down as needed.

Use a spatula to turn the patties from side to side a few times while they're cooking so they don't get too dark.

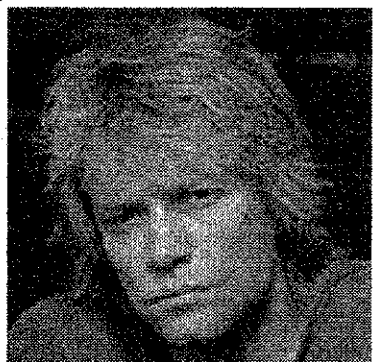
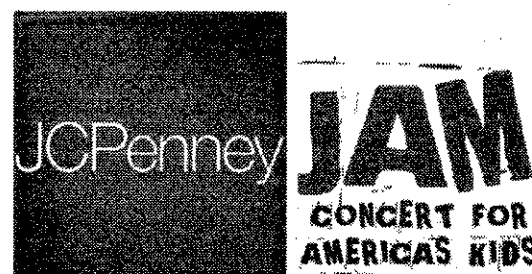
Remove the patties from the pan, and drain on paper towels. If all the patties don't fit in the pans at once, fry them in batches. Keep the finished patties warm in a 200° F oven while you wipe out the pan with a paper towel, add more oil, and continue to fry the remaining patties. You should get about 8 patties.

Serve with lemon wedges and Tabasco or hot chili paste.

Makes 8 patties, 4 servings.

Recipes adapted from *I Love Crab Cakes* by Tom Douglas with Shelley Lance, William Morrow, 2006, \$19.95

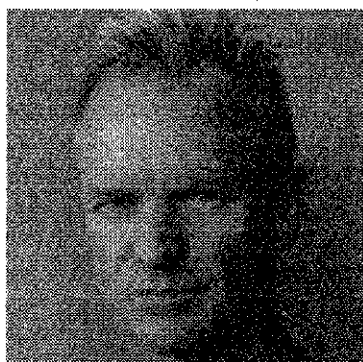
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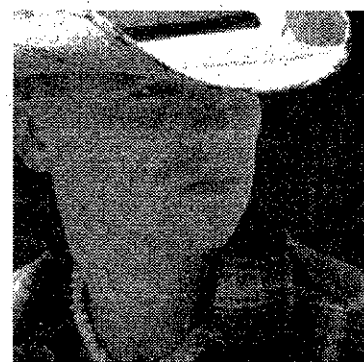
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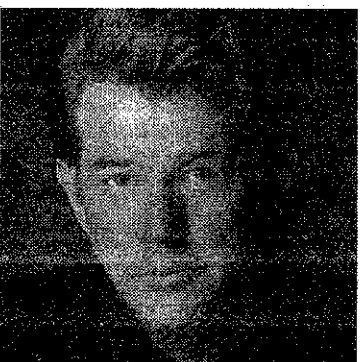
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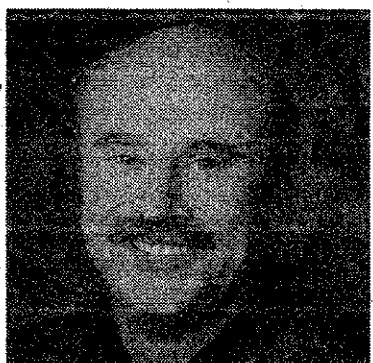


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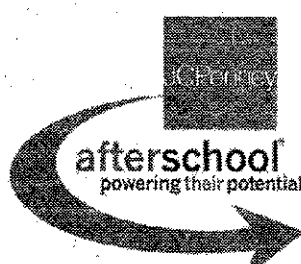


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Hollywood Milestones

Celeb expert dishes on Jewish life in film

By Wendy Von Buskirk

The topic of how Jews are portrayed in the media is the talk of Tinseltown, thanks to the recent scandal involving Mel Gibson.

Famed author, fashion historian and Hollywood maven Sandy Schreier will tackle that subject during a talk in front of the National Council of Jewish Women on Thursday, Sept. 7. Her presentation, "Hollywood Milestones," is a part of the NCJW's opening meeting, a day of boutique shopping and lunch that's open to the public.

Schreier has interviewed Gibson in the past, but doesn't know if she'll divulge the details. Instead, she said she might write him a letter and invite him to speak for himself.

"Mel Gibson is going to be my opening act," Schreier quipped. "He's now calling up every Jewish organization there is and saying he will come and speak."

Schreier, author of "Hollywood Dressed and Undressed," and "Hollywood Gets Married," is known for sharing first-hand celebrity dish and never-before-seen photos during her presentations. This time, she'll focus on



Marilyn Monroe converted to Judaism when she married playwright Arthur, and learned to cook traditional Jewish dishes from his mom.

celebrities and movies with Jewish ties.

From the bris in "Crossing Delancey" to the blowout bar mitzvahs in "Keeping Up With the Steins," there's plenty to cover.

"I will talk about how Jewish weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs and even circumcisions have been portrayed in the movies and how audiences react," she said. "The founding fathers of the film industry were all Jewish, along with many of the people who worked in



Sandy Schreier shares insider stories about celebrities she knows, including Martha Stewart.

Hollywood then and to this day — producers, directors, office workers. But with this ugly beast of anti-Semitism rearing its head again, are Jewish people as comfortable being portrayed on screen?"

Schreier said the public is obsessed with stories of celebrities, even in the face of graver international subjects.

"Why are people talking about Baby Suri when we could be on the way to World

War III? It's the ultimate escapism. It takes people's minds away from all their troubles," Schreier said.

The NCJW's Opening Meeting kicks off with boutique shopping at 9 a.m. at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. Sandy Schreier will speak at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45. Call (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0.

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