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Canton's second Wal-Mart to 'upgrade' Michigan Avenue

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

The township has given Wal Mart a green light to build a Supercenter on Michigan Avenue

On Tuesday, the Township Board approved amending a planned district development agreement for the 19-acre site, which was once slated for a Costco Warehouse

The 176,000-square-foot store will sit on Michigan at Belleville Road Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said there has been a lot of cooperation in moving through the process coming from Wal-Mart

The Arkansas-based company has a store on Ford Road in Canton but immediately expressed an interest in the Michigan Avenue parcel after Costco abruptly dropped its plans in February

Wal-Mart representatives have said they want to tap into the townships growing popu lation by building a second location, which will include a full-service grocery store

The store is slated to have an upgraded version of one of its best architectural treatments 'It's an upgrade from the

Grand Blanc store,' Yack said, adding that the Genesee County location was already handsome to begin with

The store will feature a boulevard-style entrance, landscaped parking lots and a computer kiosk promoting Canton activities



This is an artist's rendering of what the new Wal-Mart will look like at Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road

Yack applauded the retail giant for stepping in to revamp the eyesore parcel and expressed disappointment when a Wal Mart spokeswoman said the old cement plant on the site won t be demolished until

next summer "Darn, he chuckled ~

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Canton man named Soldier of the Year

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WR TER

U S Army Pfc Jarrod Bailey a 2004 gradu ate of Salem High, did his hometown of Canton proud by earning Installation Management Command (INCOM)-Europe Soldier of the Year The chaplains assistant, who is stationed at



District puts kids back on bus

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt Jim Ryan said the number of students who will be affected by the increase in elementary walking distance from a mile to 1 1/2 miles has been reduced significantly.

Ryan said of the 2,400 students who were initially affect-

USAG Holie fels 11 Germany, competed agains 10 other soldiers and officers in a three-day com petition held in late May in Stuttgart, Germany The competition included a comprehensive evalu ation of skills ranging from physical fitness to military knowledge They were tested in land navigation exercises, weapons qualification, and written exams There was also a surprise road march

Bailey, who was nominated to participate in the competition by Sgt 1st Class Richard Fabergast is the son of Richard and Connie Bailey of Canton

'My wife and I are extremely proud of the dedication and hard work that Jarrod has demon strated to achieve this high honor, said Richard Bailey,

After high school, Bailey attended Schoolcraft College for a year before deciding to join the Army He left for bootcamp on July 5, 2005

According to his father, Bailey joined the Army because he wanted to be a part of something bigger than himself by helping fight the war on terrorism Although he volunteered to go to Iraq, the Army sent Bailey to Germany for two years, where he has been supporting the Chaplain's Ministry at the Hohenfels Garrison — a large Army training facility just south of Nuremburg U S Army Pfc Jarrod Bailey a 2004 graduate of Salem High was recently named the Soldier of the Year of Installation Management Command-Europe The chaptain's assistant who is stationed in Germany is shown here during the competition last month

As a chaplain assistant, Bailey helps run different events, such as planning and executing funeral services His other duties include acting as bodyguard for the chaplains escorting duty, visitation of wounded and providing security when chaplains are traveling

When Bailey was first told he was being nominated to participate in the event, he was a bit reluctant, but he agreed because he thought it was a great opportunity My whole idea is to be the best you can be and it seemed this opportunity would take me towards that The whole thing went from an experience to a competition, Bailey told the *Bavarian News* 'I really did it to make a good impression on my leaders

Bailey will now represent INCOM-Europe at the INCOM worldwide competition for Solider of the Year, which is scheduled sometime in July at Fort A P Hill, in Virginia



BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

The townships Thursday Night Summer Concert Series will kick off with a blast — and a high note or two Crowds averaging 400 strong have made their way to Heritage Park Amphitheater to listen to the sounds of area talent Tonights concert will feature the pop/rock sounds of Fifty Amp Fuse All shows are free and begin at 7 30 p m Concertgoers may bring blan kets or folding chairs The annual series has an

all-new line up this year I feel like the Paula Abdul

of Canton, joked Jennifer Eubanks, series organizer My office is full of CDs Its been great "

Eubanks said the concert audience is a mix of loyal folks that venture to every show, newcomers interested in a particular act or fans of the performing band

I m not sure how we came up with Thursdays, but it seems to work, she said Its a good way to kick off the weekend

Concessions are on sale during the family friendly shows, which are weather dependent

Upcoming performances will include Larry Lee & Back in the Day on July 5, Jill Jack on July 12, the Gratitude Steel Band on July 19, the Sun Messengers on July 26 and Sunset Boulevard on Aug 2

At the July 5 show, attend ees can donate a canned good and receive a free can of pop or bottled water

Donations will benefit a local charity The July 19 performance will be luau-themed to celebrate national recreation and parks month At the July 26 show, concertgoers can donate a new or gently used piece of clothing and get a free small

popcorn For more information on the series, visit www cantonmi org and access the Leisure Services link on the home page.

tlparks@hometownlife com (734) 459 2700 ed by the change approved by the Board of Education, the final number will be 641 students who previously rode a bus who will now be required to walk to school

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

"We will soon notify the parents of those 641 students, and will prepare our principals, because I know there will be an increase in parent traffic," he added ľ

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

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

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

The Board of Education Tuesday night passed the 2007-08 budget As expected, trustees approved a \$151 6 milhon operation that included \$4 2 million in reductions and used \$3 6 million in fund equity to balance the budget

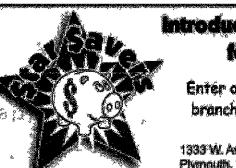
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Red Cross holds holiday blood drive See Sunday's Health Section

Coming Sunday

AROUND CANTON

'Carousel' auditions

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Spotlight Players is holding auditions for Carousel, Monday, July 16 and Tuesday July 17, at The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton Registration begins at 6 30 p m Please use the back stage door entrance For all auditions please bring a non returnable photo and a resume For more information, visit www.spotlightplayers.net

Leadership Canton

Leadership Canton is now accepting applications for the 2007-2008 leadership class Leadership Canton is an eight month class from October through May, designed by the Canton Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Canton Township Established in 1994, Leadership Cantons main goal is developing leaders to meet the challenges of the future Its a program that has been developed to help current and potential leaders broaden their awareness of leadership opportunities in the Canton Community



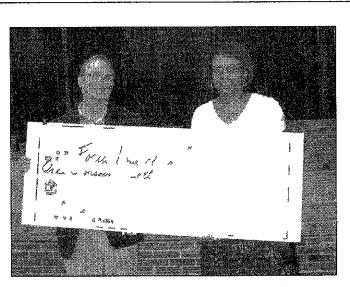


includes a lunch, and is held at a different location around Canton, where the group will tour the facility and have a guest speaker that is an expert in the field Participants will learn a wide range of specific topics aimed at educating the participants in important topics essential to the community's well being The class meets once every month at various locations around the community and discusses topics like, The Nature of Leadership, Community Development, **Business and Economic** Development, Business and Economic Development Health and Human Services, Local, County and State Government, Education, Public Safety and the Justice System and Challenges of the

Future The registration deadline is Aug 17 The class costs \$800 To sign up or for more information, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040, or visit www.cantonchamber com

Free citizenship class

The Community Literacy Council will hold a free 13-



Tonda Elementary Principal George Belvitch presented a \$1,000 check to Judith Goston of Focus Hope during the school s recent Farewell Ceremony for it 5th grade class The 5th graders with the help of their parents raised the money at various events during the school year including a bake sale and movie night. The donation will be used to help the Children Center of Focus Hope of Detroit Speakers at the ceremony included P-CCS Supt Jim Ryan, Canton police officer Mike Kennedy Pioneer Middle School Principal Phil Freeman and former Tonda student Rachel Pietron who told the students You learn life lessons not just mathematics at Tonda

Space is limited so call the CLĈ now at (734) 416-4906, for more information and reg-

Golf for Four Sponsorship Package, \$650- Includes golf for four with cart and a Tee or

For more information, log onto the Chambers Web site at www.cantonchamber.com

Corvettes at Summit

The third annual "Corvettes at the Summit 1s sched uled for Saturday, July 14 at Canton's Heritage Park Presented by Corvette Legends Club and Canton Leisure Services with sponsorship by Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, the 2007 event 1s expected to draw more than 100 Corvettes of all vintages for a daylong display and car show

Specially trained judges will evaluate the presentation and condition of the entries Trophies will be awarded to Corvettes that meet the exact ing judging standards

The show will also feature performance tuner custom auto body vendors, a special display by AMOCO, radio controlled boat demonstration, a D J, food, a display of special interest Corvettes, entertainment and door prizes It will culminate in a Corvette road tour leaving from Heritage Park at 4 p m

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to SCAMP,

July 11 has been moved to Wednesday, July 18 The CCE will meet at 6 30 p m in the lower level of the Township Administration Building, located at 1150 Canton Center Road

Grub crawl

Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Township and the Downtown Development Authority will be co hosting Canton's 6th Annual Grub Crawl on Tuesday July 17, from 6 30-10 30 p m This event is open to the public and participants must be 21 years of age or older

Participating restaurants. in this year's event include Antonio s Cucina Italiana, Back Home Bakery, Bailey's Pub & Grille, bd s Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Canton Village Grill, Carrabbas Italian Grill, Crow's Nest, 4 Friends Restaurant, Ginger Restaurant, Mariachi Mexican Grill, Mexican Fiesta Roses Restaurant Rusty Nail Lounge, Shark Club, TC Gators Sports Page, TGI Fridays and Texas

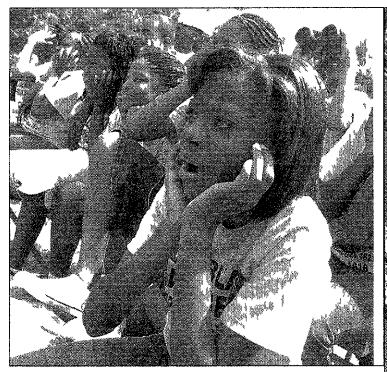
portation to and from partici-

and can be purchased at the

the Grub Crawl, please contact the Canton Chamber of







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

Explosions show fireworks' dangers

BY MATT JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

A series of explosions Monday rocked Redford Townships Bell Creek Park – all in the name of fireworks safety

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

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

That mirrored a case Krappmann handled one Fourth of July A boy took a bottle rocket thought to be a

dud and with a friend cut it in two and lit it It blew half his hand off Krappmann told the children

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

I thought it was very help ful and useful, Anita said of the event

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

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

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano who sponsors the event each year, told the children that the safest thing - don t



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

self Ficano said

If you do use fireworks, he continued, be safe, do it with adults and have water nearby

works to those that don t spin, twirl, leave the ground or create a loud explosion Legal fireworks include sparklers (up to 14 inches), snakes, fountains, paper caps and toy noisemakers Such things as bottle rockets firecrackers and Roman candles are illegal to possess in Michigan

possession of an M 80 or a shell intended for professional use carries a penalty of up to said Its nothing to mess around with he said Two other M 80 devices

were set off Monday at Bell Creek One exploded by itself and the other nearly vaporized a watermelon In addition a three-inch shell intended for professional use was also exploded

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

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Mission to New Orleans

Teenagers, church group raising funds for trip to help hurricane victims

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

Hannah Young wont spend her summer vacation dipping her toes in a hotel swimming pool, she ll be doing yard work and cleaning debris

And if she has it her way, she ll might help save a soul or two

Young, 14, 1s one of seven teenagers preparing to visit New Orleans from July 22 28 on a mission trip sponsored by her church, Lake Pointe Bible Church in Plymouth

Young says she's excited about her upcoming task

'I m going because I want to help others and hopefully, someone will come into a relationship with Christ," she said Youth Pastor Kevin Kilgore, who joined the Lake Pointe congregation a year ago, has done mission trips in the past and said it's been on his heart to help clean up New Orleans after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in August

2005The situation is still so fluid, he said, of the hurricane-sticken city "In some areas it looks like it happened yesterday

Along with the group of high schoolers, Kilgore will be joined on the mission by eight adults

The group, who decided to travel by plane instead of endure a long road trip, will lodge inside a New Orleans church with other mission groups

Kilgore said the mission groups will interact with residents and could possibly help tear down the drywall of

MISSION TRIP GARAGE SALE

A Lake Pointe Bible Church based group is hosting a garage sale from today through Saturday at 2701 Denton Road to benefit a mission trip to New Orleans in July

damaged properties

This is two-fold," he said We will be able to help someone else but still give ourselves a lesson in the service of others It goes both ways

Andrew Adams, 16, agreed 'I want to go because I think this will be good for me and the people we are helping," he said

To help pay for the trip, which costs each person \$790, the group is hosting several fund-raisers, including a garage sale and a workinghours program

The garage sale will take place today through Saturday at 2701 Denton Road in Canton All proceeds will benefit the mission

As one of the deadliest hurricanes to rip through the United States, Kilgore said Hurricane Katrina left an incomprehensible amount of turmoil in its wake

"I m super excited about being able to be there with the people that lived through it and hear their story," he said

'Not only will I be able to say, 'Wow, that s horrible, I ll be able to say Well, let me help you

For more information or to donate to the trip call Lake Pointe at (734) 420-0515



Fireworks are very, very dangerous " he said State law limits legal fire-

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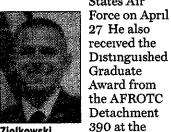
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CANTON MILITARY NEWS

Pilot honors

Andrew G Ziolkowski, a 2003 graduate of Salem High School, was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Air



Ziolkowski

of Michigan On April 29 he also graduated from Eastern Michigan University

University

Lt Zioľkowski has been a lifetime resident of Canton where his parents, Juliann and Giles Ziolkowski, currently reside

He received his private pilot's license while working at Canton's Mettetal Airport as a junior at Salem High School Before commissioning and graduation he served as the University of Michigan's AFROTC Detachment 390 Wing Commander, its highest rank, during the winter of 2007 semester

Lt Ziolkowski received one of three slots awarded to the University of Michigans AFROTC Detachment and was also selected for the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program (ENJJPT) ENJJPT is the world's only multi-nationally managed and manned flying training program chartered to produce combat pilots for NATO He will initially be stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas -- the official base for this program and its 13 participating nations

Firefighter goes to Iraq

Marshall Lee Tucker, a lifetime Canton resident, has accepted a contract position to serve one year as a firefighter ın Iraq Tucker

is a four year

veteran of the

US Air Force having served



as a firefighter at Barksdale Air Force Base near

Marshall, 24, attended Plymouth-Canton schools until transferring to Livonia Churchill for his junior and senior year He is the son of Mîtchell and Ann Tucker

father, Coy Tucker, active in the Plymouth Rotary for more than 20 years

Marshall 1s currently at Camp Victory in Baghdad awaiting forward deployment to a Marine Aviation unit where he will serve in aviation fire and rescue

There are more than 100,000 American contractors working alongside military personnel in Iraq More than 1.000 contractors have been killed in Iraq

Basic training grad

Army Pfc Michael J Potrzebowski,

a 1996 graduate of Catholic Central High School, has graduated from basic combat training at Ft Jackson, Columbia, S C Potrzebowski

and from AIT training, with high honors, at Ft Lee in Virginia He is assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Ft Campbell, Ky He is the son of Mark and Sandra Potrzebowski of Canton

Infantry grad

Army Spec Albert B Lam has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremomes, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman

He is the son of Yen Lam of Wadebridge Drive in Canton Lam graduated in 2000 from Salem High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2006 from the University of Michigan, Dearborn



Board axes teacher charged in Internet sex sting

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education recently terminated Plymouth High School English teacher Orin Kennedy

Kennedy was arrested Feb 22 at his Ypsilanti home on charges he used the Internet to proposition a minor and sent sexually explicit material over the Internet

The Michigan Attorney General's office alleged Kennedy, 27, chatted online, propositioned and exposed himself to someone he thought

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Kennedy, who is free on \$50,000 bond, is charged with one count of using a computer to accost and solicit a minor for immoral purposes, a 10year felony, and one count of using a computer to disseminate sexually explicit material to a minor, a four-year felony

Kennedys attorney, Holly Gottschalk of Detroit, said her client's pre-trial is scheduled July 5 in Washtenaw County Circuit Court

"He had until June 4 to tell us whether he wanted a hearing by the board," said

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Ryan said four of the five

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Adult Lunch and a Book July 12, at noon The Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean 🖷 Teen Advisory Board July 12, at 5 45 p m Get volunteer credit and help shape the future of CPL's teen on the floor and one defecated and rubbed it on the wall, Ryan said "Because we had security cameras, we saw a fifth student waiting in a car who was drinking The story fell apart rapidly "These are kids that have

never been in trouble before, but made a poor choice that caused them not to participate in graduation ceremonies and the senior party,' said Ryan "It was a huge disappointment, but we had to protect the integrity of those who earned it '

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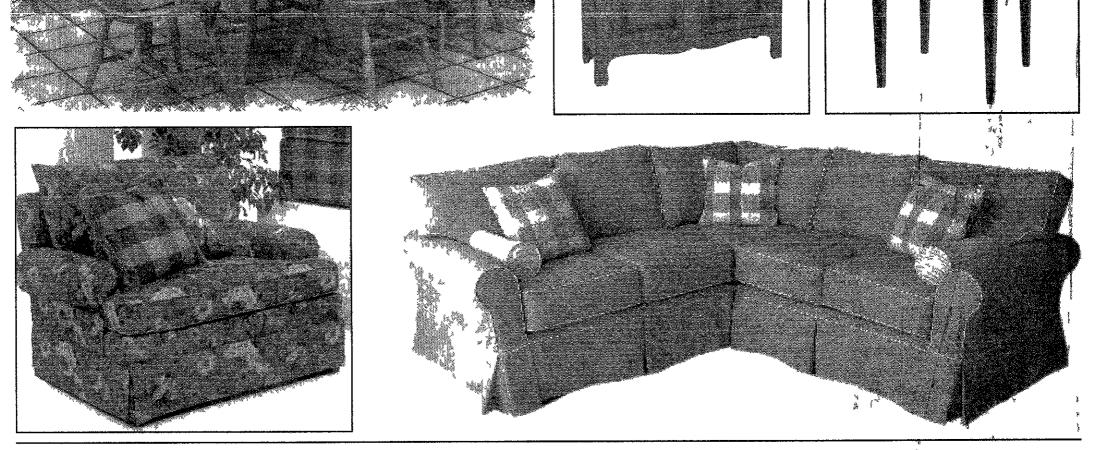
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BOW program returns to Kenington

(Channel 4)

Shila, Jay Towers and Bill McAler

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September Chuck Gaidiof WDIV-TV

BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

Call it a different twist on a spa day

But instead of bubbling foot baths and hot stone mas sage treatments, senses will be enlightened through adventure camaraderie and all the beauty Mother Nature has to offer at the Eighth Annual Women Outdoors Kensington Adventure a Becoming an Outdoors Woman program by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources No malls no kids, no traf-

fic, no errands This a is a day to revel in the joyful beauty of newfound outdoor skills said Carol Fink, Kensington Metropark Farm Learning Center interpreter who helped coordinate the event 'BOW is like a spa for the body and soul

The daylong workshop for women age 16 and up is set for Saturday, June 30 at Kensington Metropark and will include beginner-level instruction in kayaking archery and geocaching All activities take place at the Farm Center and on the Huron River

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

Each year different work shops are offered

New this year is the geocaching segment, which will teach participants how to use a Global Positioning Satellite unit to find a hidden cache

The kayaking workshop is a popular mainstay at the event in which women learn the basics of paddling and safety on a scenic trek down the Huron River

Fink said the goal of the program is to introduce out door sports and recreation to women wheaynot otherwise give such agites a try Past participantav ranged in age from laterns to 65 and up

This is an for women to bond and finew courage, strengths anonfidence in themselves,"d Fink "Many times we neto step outside our comfort les to find our true selves

Registratics still open and the cost the day is \$60, which includ nstruction, program matalsand lunch Enrollment imited to 40 women

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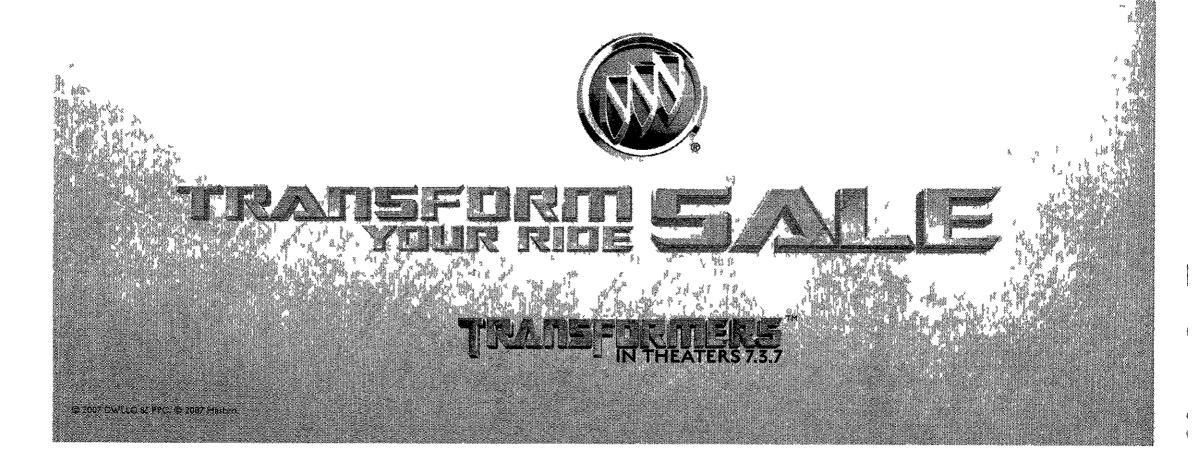
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One storm water permit for watershed makes sense

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

That is not to say that all the 15 million people who live within the Rouge River watershed have a stream or river running through their backyard But all the storm water that runs off of their homes, lawns, driveways and streets and into storm drains actually makes its way directly into the Rouge through a series of underground concrete pipes

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

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

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

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

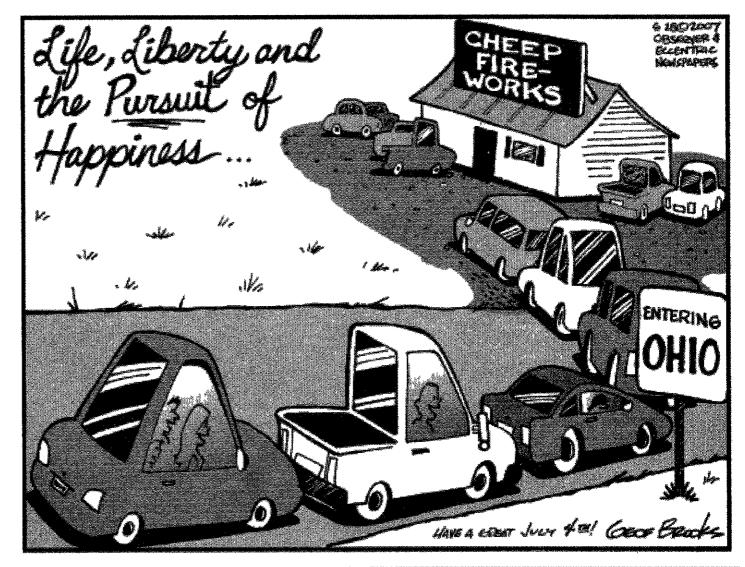
However, these same officials say they have been met with resistance from officials with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the agency that processes the permit applications This seems to fly in the face of Gov Jennifer Granholm's call for communities to consolidate and regionalize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

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

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

Declaration of Independence still provokes, inspires

Every few years a pollster will take to the streets in the



McCotter is disingenuous

In your June 7 edition, you reported U S Rep Thaddeus McCotter spoke at the Wake Up Livoma breakfast at Schoolcraft College In your story, you stated that McCotter reminded the crowd he did not vote to authorize the war If McCotter spoke those words, he is being very disingenuous and sneaky (and politicizing the occupation by downplaying his war mongering)

There were 23 senators and 133 (126 Democrats and six Republicans) House members who opposed the start of the war in the Oct 11, 2002, vote on Joint Resolution 114 During McCotters campaign he applauded those who voted to go to war He wholeheartedly has supported this war and Bush on every decision about it Be careful of this man who states the occupation should not be politicized

- that s exactly what he does by lying about his beliefs in 2002 That is the main platform he ran on — support for the war Good thing he s not running for presi dent — heaven help us Throw him out of office, for as he states, *he* is unfit to hold public office

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LETTERS

lights shining through the blinds With this I never got back to sleep Two hours sleep was not enough, and this hardship was needless, as I ve outlined This display accomplishes nothing positive

Please reconsider this and abandon the fire and noise It's costly, dangerous, demeaning to those in mourning, and emotionally destructive

> L. Brown Canton

Why Ahwal?

I am at a loss to understand why Terry Ahwal is repeatedly afforded considerable space in your newspaper when the bias

and distortion of her views are manifest Perhaps it would be tolerable if you made an even passing effort at balance, but I have seen no meaningful evidence of that

> John J. Ronayne Plymouth

Bush is firm on decisions

I was very happy that George W Bush stood firm on his missile deployment in Poland despite Russias heated object tions Poland's president, Lech Kaczynski, knows that Russia has never been a friend of Poland, as proven in World War II when Germany attacked Poland in 1939 and the Germans turned over the captured Polish officers to Russia, who immediately marched them into Katyn forest where they executed 5,000 officers, 7,500 non-coms and over 10,000 Polish citizens that Russia thought would give Russia trouble It wasn't until 1992 that Boris Yeltsin admitted that they indeed slaughtered the Polish prisoners How did Poland get rewarded with fighting against the Nazis? Truman handed over Eastern and Central Europe to his friend, Uncle Joe Stalın, and they were ruled by Russia for over 50 years With friends like the Democrats who needs enemies? The one thing that I disliked Bill Clinton for was he never made a decision without having his political advisor Dick Morris, take a poll to see what the American people thought I like the statement made by a soldier from the series, Band of Brothers, when he said about an officer and that was He's not a bad leader for making bad decisions He's a bad leader because he can't make any decisions That fit Bill Clinton perfectly

the faces of the smiling children

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Canton

Fireworks are inappropriate

I am writing to urge you to reconsider any further fireworks displays in Canton

Our flags are at half staff much of the time, mourning our women and men who have been killed in this current war To simulate war — which is what fireworks do — and make a sport of it I find very upsetting We all know a family in mourning, or are in mourning ourselves, and giddy displays of war are very injurious If you want to see what war is like and are sincerely interested volunteer in some capacity that helps our men and women who serve, and their families who are left behind to hope and pray

It is also dangerous — often there are accidents from the minor to the major I sat with a wee boy for four months in the hospital while all the skin was grafted from one side of his body to be placed on the other side, which had been charred due to a fireworks accident

I had to watch my very young grandson shake with fear and scream from the noise as our house rattled and vibrated with the continuous noise, the bright and frightening flashes of light His nervous system is underdeveloped and it required medication to calm him when it was all over

The animals, both domestic and wild have far more acute hearing than humans do, and they find this terrifying My indoor pets tried to hide and howled with despair

The cost? It is great, and would be so much better invested in a township hot dog party, with red/white/blue banners old-fashioned sack races, or the like This would be a positive event in every aspect, and certainly representative of American festivities and traditions

Some of us have to work for a living I had to get up at 3 a m after the fireworks with very little sleep to assist in the critical health of another person Not only was I awakened from 10 p m for many hours, but the traffic was rerouted and streamed through my subdivision — Glengary with honking, the sound of accelerations and tires for hours after this display of war, fire and racket, and again the bright Robert Siedlik Livonia

Support the MDA

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

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

Kate Day

Regional Public Affairs coordinator Muscular Dystrophy Association

Stoking the stove

Just finished my journey to the local library I did find the books written some 20 years ago that suggested the coming ice age was upon us The authors of the books I sampled were almost as sure of their conclusions as the global warning 'theorists' are today of theirs

Earlier when the ice capaders were warning of the danger of the big freeze, I joined the overcoat parade and stocked my fruit cellar with baked beans and tomato soup

Today I discovered the Internet" Gore screams and cries that global warming" is coming and we may perish because we emit too many gases Gore reports flatulence and looks down the street for the pollution and solution

Didn't the ice alarmists speak first? It's their turn Stoke the stove

Neil Goodbred Livonia

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"Bear with us. These improvements will make things much better."

- Canton Engineer Tom Casari, discussing road construction projects on Ford Road near Canton Center and the southbound I-275 ramp to Michigan Avenue

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

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

First, the bad

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

Between April and May, we lost a net 55,500 jobs and posted an unemployment rate of 6 9 percent Over the year, unemployment increased in only three



states — and, yes, we were one Dana Johnson, the balanced and sensible chief economist at Comerica, may have put it best "Michigan is rapidly becoming a relatively poor state" Michigan's per person output fell from 96 percent of the national average in 2003 to 89 percent in 2006

Phil Power

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

0 5 percent, while the nation as a whole expanded by 3 4 percent However, Johnson points out that Michigan's economic weakness was confined to just three industries — manufacturing, construction and government

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meanwhile, those holding only high school diplomas were twice as likely to leave Meanwhile, 18 percent of those with no degree of any kind said they would be willing to move Nor is the solid middle class planning to head to Manitoba Just 3 percent of those earning between \$75,000 and \$100,000 were planning on leaving By contrast, those earning between \$25,000 and \$50,000 were six times as likely to report that they are discouraged and looking for sunnier pastures

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Attacking recruiters over war is misdirected anger

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BY BRIG GEN SUZANNE VAUTRINOT CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Force will continue to deter them and defend America

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

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

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

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

The writer a brigadier general is command er of the Air Force Recruiting Service

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Service provides seniors care in their home

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

Daniels is among a growing number of family members taking on the role of caregiver as more and more adults age well into their 80s and 90s There are 33 9 million people caring for someone 50 or older in the United States, according to a 2005 study by the AARP and the National Alliance for Caregiving

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

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

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

PEACE OF MIND

'But there's nothing like her being in her own home," Daniels said There's piece of mind These women who come here are like family" That sentiment is at the heart of how Home Instead

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



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

located throughout the U S and around the world

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

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

SERVICE NEEDS VARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Typically, the children of

clients call for the initial appointment

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

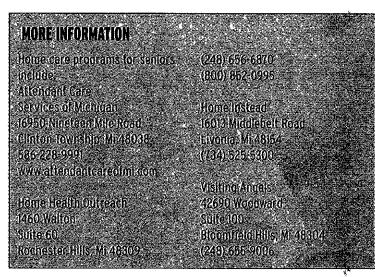
It s not just cooking them lunch," she added Personalities should match

STANDARDS MATTER

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

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

Home Instead handles all the billing payroll, taxes,



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

insurance and administrative responsibilities for the caregivers

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

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

Patricia Volland, senior vice president of the New

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

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

Submit entries online at^{*} www.caringtoday.com or.by mail to *Caring Today*, 145[°] Post Road East, Westport, CT 06880

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

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

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

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

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Summer camp

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Summer camp

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Sunday school classes

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

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

Carillon series 1010 a m to 1210 p m Sunday July

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

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

Women s retreat

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

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

Wellness lecture/healing workshop With Dr Saul Shaye a chiropractor presents the message A Funny Thing Happened on my Way to Disprove God during services 9 30 a m and 11 a m Sunday July 15 workshop 1.4 p.m. (suggested donation \$15) at Unity

of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt Shave has demonstrated a special gift of spiri tual healing Personal appointments with him are available during the week For more information call (734) 421 1760

Vacation Bible school

Lift Off¹ Soaring to New Heights with God! takes place 9 30 a m to noon Monday Friday July 16 20 at St Paul s Prespyterian Church 27475 Five Mile one block west of inkster Livonia The sessions for age 3 to children entering 5th grade include story time and lesson music crafts recreation and snack. The children will also learn about the sponsored mission Heifer International a char ity that through donations helps children and families around the world receive training and animal gifts to help them become self reliant All are welcome to attend The cost is \$18 for the first child in the family \$12 for any additional children After July 8 there is an increase to \$20 for the first child and \$14 for additional children. For more information or to register call (734) 422 1470 or e mail christianeduca tor@sppc email org

Soccer mini-camp 630 8 pm Monday Friday July 23 27 for boys and girls ages 5 12 (any skill level) at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington road north of I 96 Livonia Cost is \$20 per student includes instruction snacks and soccer ball to take home Fee payable at time of registration Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired Items not required to enroll Call (734) 522 6830

Avalanche ranch

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

Messiah

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

- Vacation Bible school July 28 to Aug 1 at Bethel Baptist 29475 Six Mile Livonia For more information call (734) 525 3664 or visit www.BethelOfLivonia.com
- **Anniversary Mass** 50th anniversary of Fr Solanus Casey s death 5 p m Saturday July 28 and 9 a m 11 a m and 130 p m Sunday July 29 at St Bonaventure/ Solanus Casey Center 1780 Mt Elliott Detroit For information call (313) 579 2100 ext 140 or ext 169

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

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

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

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

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

to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth) Livonia Day and night classes avail able To register call (734) 464 0990 Summer worship

Summer schedule for worship to Sept 2 is 10 a m Sunday services (with nursery) and 7 p m Wednesday **Contemporary Service at Holy Cross** Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 427 1414 or visit www holycrosslivo nia org. Visitors welcome

Sunday worship 10 a m at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour 29425 Annapolis Westland For information call (734) 728 3440 **Preschool registration**

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

org Sunday services

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

Worship services

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

Bible study

7 p m on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St Michael the Archangel Parish 11441 Hubbard south of Plymouth Road Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St John For more informa tion call (734) 261 1455 **Farmington Women Aglow**

Meets 7 9 30 p m (doors open at 6 30 p m) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more informa tion call Linda Boone at (248) 476 1053 or (248) 890 5494

Worship services

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

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expand the church around the world For more information call (734) 721 0800

Worship services

Explore your destiny God's wonderful plan for your life Sunday Worship services are at 8 a m (traditional) and 10 30 a m (contemporary) at Grace Lutheran Church 46001 Warren between Canton Center and Beck) Canton For more information call (734) 637 8160 Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 915 a m Adult Bible Study series Heaven Can't Wait

Worship service

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

Adult literacy classes

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

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational multicultural full gospel church that offers Sunday wor ship services at 10 a m and Tuesday night Bible study at 715 pm Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile west of Farmington Road Livonia All are welcome For information call (248) 960 8063 or visit www DueSeason org

Scripture studies

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

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly the group meets at 7 p m every Thursday evening at St Thomas a Becket Church 555 S Lilley Canton Weigh in is from 615 655 pm It is a weight support group that encour ages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off For more information call Margaret at (734) 838 0322

Learner's Bible study

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

Church service

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

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11 30 a m on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Livonia For more informa tion call (734) 464 0990 Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some dames and stories St James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p m for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro The Cookie Lady followed by Bible study at 7 pm and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m. Thrift store is open from 10 a m to 2 p m every Saturday 10 a m womens 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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MICHAEL G. McGHIE Of Howell

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



CAREY DEE RITENOUR-EVERHART

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

www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com HALEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS (248) 356 4800



GORDON B RIGGS

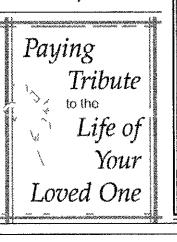
76 years old passed away peacefully on June 20th Husband of the late Diane Keena Riggs Survived by daughter Pamela Riggs Maturo of Ann Arbor grandchildren Lulu and Paulie Maturo sister Martha Lee Davis of California brother Kenton Riggs of Colorado and dear friend Susan Gierak of Birmingham Born in Lafayette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



CHARLES & LORA METZ AND GARY METZ

IN MEMORY of my beloved foster parents Charles & Lora Metz & brother Gary Metz US Air Force The ones we love will always have a piece of our heart'

Anonymous



LEROY E. WESTFALL

June 22 2007 Age 86 Life long resident of Plymouth Volunteer fireman with the

Plymouth Township Fire Department employee of Daisy Air Rifle and CSX Railroad Army veter an of World War Two serving in the Aleutians and the European Theater of Operations Life member of VFW Lodge #6695 of Plymouth Beloved husband of Carolyn Dear father of Deborah (Dana) Johnson Patrice (Stephen) Phillips and Gregory (Karen) Westfall Also leaves six grandchildren and two great grand children Brother in law of Luree Visitation Thursday 3 9pm Westfall the Schrader Howell Funeral 280 South Main Street Home Plymouth with funeral services fol lowing on Friday at 11am Share memories at schrader howell com

DOROTHY D HUHTALA

Age 85 June 25 2007 Beloved wife of the late William Dear mother of Daryl (Nancy) Carole (Steve) Schneider Dawn Mark Lisa (Rod) Zielinski and the late Dale Loving grandmother of eight and great grandmother of two Funeral services Friday 7 00 pm at RG & G R Harris Funeral Home 31551 Ford Rd Garden City Visitation Friday 2 9 pm Please sign the online guest book at rggrharris com



The first five billed lines of an obituary are published at no cost All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6 Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example American Flags religious symbols etc)

Deadlines Friday 4 30 PM for Sunday Wednesday Noon for Thursday Ob tuar es rece ved after these deadl nes

will be placed in the next available issue

e mail your obit to oeobits@hometownkfe com or fax to Attn Obits c/o Charolette Wilson 734-953 2232 For more information call **Charolette Wilson** 734 953-2070 or Liz Keiser 734-953-2067 or toll free 866-818-7653 ask for Char or Liz

Crafters wanted

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

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

ONGOING

JOY meeting

The JOY Builders (Just Older Youth ages 50 plus) meet 11 30 a m the third Thursday of the month for lunch fellowship and fun at Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads Livonia Call (734) 464 0990 All are welcome to join us. There is no charge although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share **Higher Rock Cafe**

Second and fourth Friday of the month doors open at 7 30 pm live bands begin at 8 p m presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland 2300 S Venoy between Michigan Ave and Palmer For information call (734) 722 3660 or visit www.tsa higherrockcafe 4t com

Worship service

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

Youth wanted

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

A healthy you

Join with others as we discover ways

coffee served Classes

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a vari ety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday March 8 at the church 49555 North Territorial Plymouth Choose from a self defense class. Scrap booking. Mops. Bible studies cooking and nutrition quilting book club and much more Register on line at http://www.north ridgechurch.com/Women/ **Tiny Tots Preschool**

Open registration at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211 **Recovery program**

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate

Recovery a Christ centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts habits and hang ups (addictive and comput sive behaviors) meets every Friday evening for 6 p m dinner (optional) 7 p m praise and worship 8 p m small group discussion 9 p m Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts) Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374 7400 For information visit www celebratcrecovery com and www wardchurch org/celebrate

Bible study

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

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul s Presbyterian Church 27475 Five Mile one block west of Inkster Livonia For more information call (734) 422 1470

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a m worship service Sundays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church 6500 N Wayne at Hunter Westland Join us at 7 pm Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to

Eucharistic adoration

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

Unity of Livonia

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

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman Livonia are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan Call (248) 477 8974

Bet Chaverim

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

Detroit World Outreach

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

Please see CALENDAR, A15

CALENDAR FROM PAGE A14

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8 a m and 10 a m Wednesday service at 6 15 p m Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages at 11575 Belleville Road (four miles south of Michigan Avenue) Belleville Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p m Sundays includes dinner and child care Call (734) 699 3361

Shabbat Rocks

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

English classes

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

525 0191 or (734) 522 6830 Sunday school

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

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

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older join more than 350 single adults at 11 30 a m Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Coffee doughnuts conversations are present Call (248) 374 5920 Tennis continues from 1.5 p m Saturdays and Sundays and 4.7 p m weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees at Rotary Park Six Mile and Hubbard Livonia **Bible taiks** 4 p m Sundays at the Friendship Center 119 Newburgh Westland Call (734) 728 9157

The Gap

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

Qigong

The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine A safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions Learn the art of natural movement and breath to cultivate vital life energy Classes at Livonia Unity 28660 Five Mile Monday movement Oigong 7 8 30 p m Thursday Oigong meditation 10 1115 a m and Friday Therapeutic Oigong 7 8 30 p m Cali (810) 813 4073 for more information or send e mail to gary@energeticarts org

Worship services

At 8 a m and 11 a m Sundays with an education hour from 9 30 10 40 a m at Prince of Peace

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

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

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p m Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt south of Ford Fellowship hour after services including 10 a m traditional Call (734) 421 7620

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8 a m and 10 a m Bible studies Sundays at 8 50 a m and Wednesdays at 9.30 a m at the church 11575 Belleville Road four miles south of Michigan Avenue Belleville Call (734) 699 3361 New contemporary service

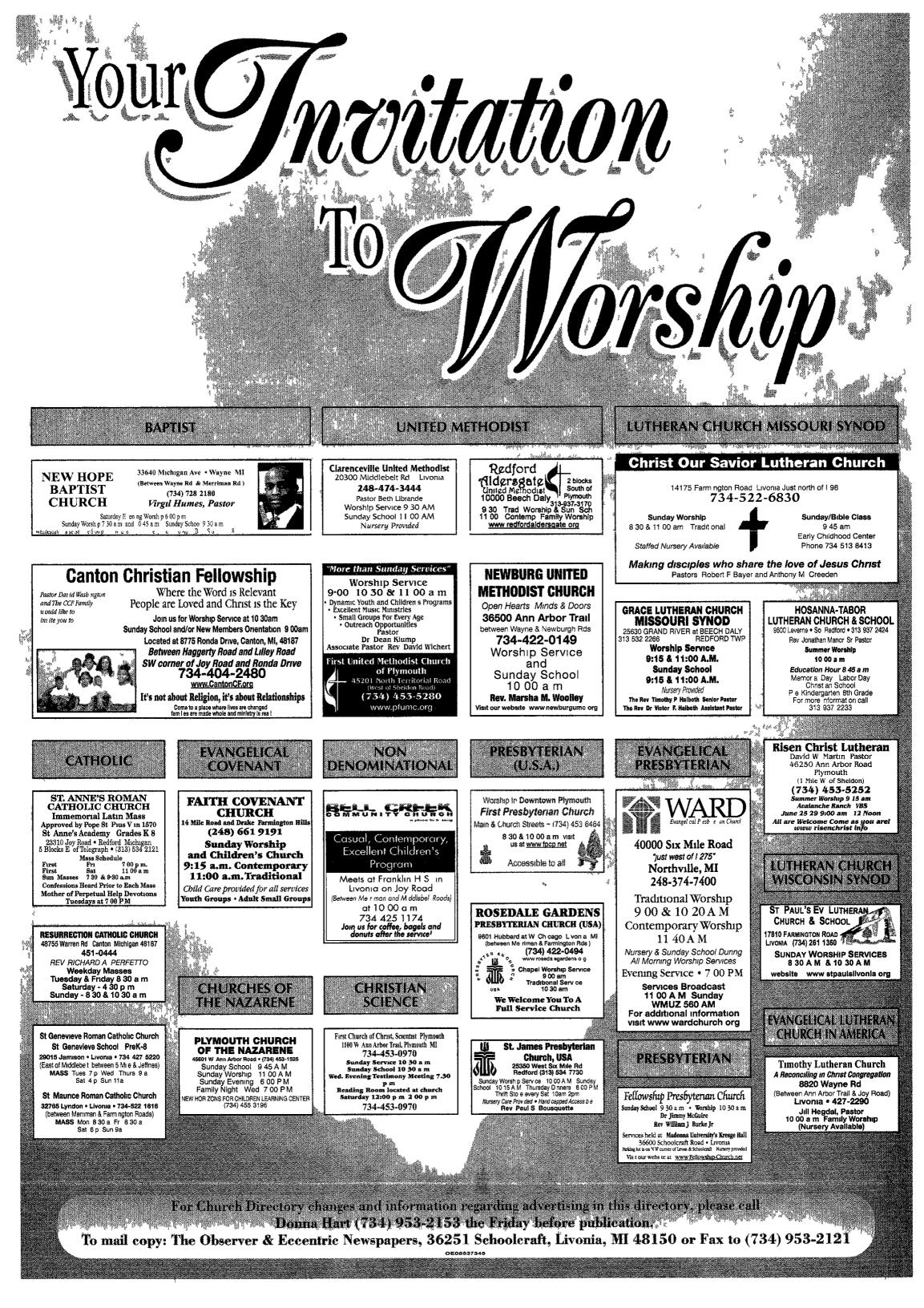
9 a m on the last Sunday of the month at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard Livonia A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season a church event or current newsworthy situation For more information call (734) 422 0494 **Praver group** Join n 7 pm Thursdays for music singing prayer and friendship at St Edith Church 15089 Newburgh Livonia Come to the back of the church enter entrance No 2 For more information call Grace at (734) 464 1896 Shirley at (734) 464 3656 or Geri at (734) 464 8906

Women of the Word

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

New modern-style worship

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road Livonia just north of 1.96 presents a modern style worship service. The multin edia service is informal using modern and praise music led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas led by the members are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9.45 a m each. Sunday between the traditional services at 8.15 a m and 11 a m Sunday School youth and adult. Bible classes at 9.45 a m and 11 a m each. Sunday. For infor mation call Linda Hollman. Outreach. director at (734) 522-6830





A balance sheet keeps you in touch with your financial situation

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

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

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

equals net worth, the number vou can use to see 🗉 how you are progressing in achieving your personal financial goals and

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your stocks, mutual funds and bank accounts In addition, knowing your habilities is easy, too It is easy to find out what

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

BE REALISTIC

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

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

What is the fair value of collectibles? It is what a willing buyer and willing seller can agree upon My recommenda-

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MHSAA comes down on coach

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

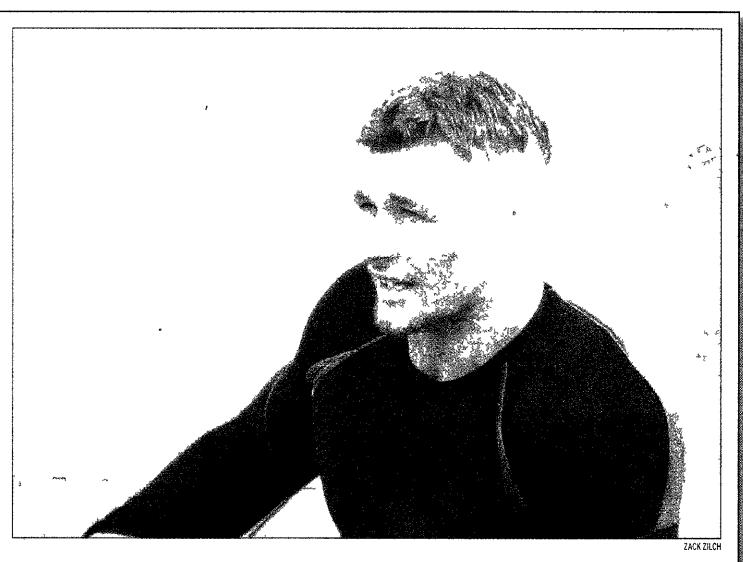
The Michigan High School Athletic Association has handed Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph the harshest penalty possible after he coached former Chief standout Corey Phillips in a national seniors tournament in Virginia Beach Va last month

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

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

Randolph a physical educa tion teacher at Canton will appeal the suspension at a hearing before the MHSAAs Representative Council on Aug 13 in East Lansing according to Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman The 19 member

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Come back Sunday for a special spring sports All-Area section

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

Terek in World Championships again

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Paul Terek apparently can t get enough of Japan

The Livonia decathlete will be making his third trip to the Orient in the last nine months – this time it s Osaka – for his third appearance in the IAAF World Track & Field Championships (scheduled for late August) The Livonia Franklin High grad, who earned a spot in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece (21st overall) parlayed a solid Friday showing at the AT&T USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Indianapolis into a second place finish overall and automatic berth on the U S squad

The 27 year old Terek who scored a total of 8,064 points will be joined by

reigning World Champion and 2004 Olympic silver medalist Bryan Clay, who did not finish the Indy meet, 2003 World Champion Tom Pappas, who placed first in Indy with 8,352 points, and third-place finisher Robert Arnold, the NCAA champion from the University of Arizona

Terek has appeared as an obstacle

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Bucks romp

The Michigan Bucks set a club record 17-game match streak without a loss with a convincing 5-1 mens soccer victory over the Indiana Invaders Saturday-fight in conjunction with 14th annual Saginaw 7-11 Soccer Classic held at the Saginaw Soccer Complex

Kenny Uzorgwe scored in the 69th and 85th minutes (penalty kick) for the 2006 North American Premier Development League champions, who improved to 7-0-3 in the Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference Mo Dube added a cred

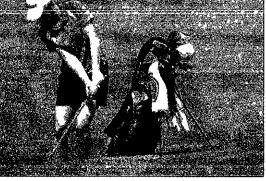
Mo Dube added a goal in the 90th minute (from George Josten) and assist (to Eric Brunner in the fifth minute) for the Bucks

The first-place Bucks led 2-1 at halftime thanks to an "own goal" courtesy of the Invaders (3-5-2) Saidi Isaac scored for the Invaders in the 18th minute from -Ryan Stewart Bucks goalkeeper Steve Clark made three saves, while Justin Holmes had 11 for the Invaders The Bucks, who inducted former player Benji Djeukeng, former coach Steve Burns and former general manager Jim Duggan (Livonia) into their Hall of Fame, return to action Tuesday, July 3 to face the sec- $\[$ ______ ond-place Chicago Fire* Premier before returning home Sunday, July 22 to face the West Michigan Edge in a 7 p m. start at Lake Orion High School

was Livonia Churchill's Shannon Warner who repeated earlier in the month as Division 1 state champion at MSU s Forest Akers West Course

Recently named

Miss Golf



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Warner reaps honor Churchill junior named Miss Golf

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WR TER

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

Livonia Churchill's Shannon Warner recently named the states top player by the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association has cur rently put off plans to have surgery for a cyst on her both ersome wrist

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

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

It maybe comes from the repetitive motion but it (the wrist) has not hurt recently and I m not sure when I ll get it looked at – I m playing well right now Warner said During her junior year

During her junior year Warner captured the Division I state girls golf tournament at Michigan States Forest Akers (West Course) by five strokes shooting 72 73 145 after annihilating the field by 11 strokes as a sophomore when she shot 69 67 136

She was medalist in 10 of 11 dual matches this season sporting a nine-hole average of 37 and an 18-hole average of 74

As an eighth-grader, Warner dreamed of becoming the states Miss Golf

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

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

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

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

She was a reserve defensive specialist on Churchill's state Class A championship volley ball team

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

oo west, young man

Teen in Final 4 of Pitch, Hit & Run contest

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

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

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

He made it to the national finals and now we re trying to make some travel plans said his dad, Dave Vera Burgos Its pretty exciting and pretty overwhelming

Dave Vera Burgos said the highly anticipated telephone call finally came early Monday morning following a late night of attending the Livonia Spree fireworks Zach, meanwhile, spent Sunday night at a friend s house and wasn t even home when the phone rang

They called at 8 30 (a m) and the answering machine grabbed it Dave explained Before she (his wife, Sherri) could play it she accidentally hit delete and couldn t hear the message But she saw the number on caller ID and called them back

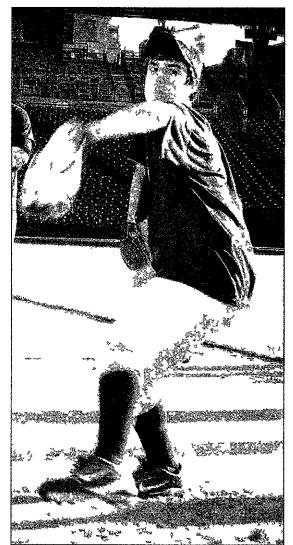
When Zach s parents found out he qualified for nationals, they called him at his friend s and told him to get home right away without telling him why

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

Zach couldn't believe his eyes

He was like, no way, Vera-Burgos continued He was just in shock he couldn't believe it "

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



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

RARE OPPORTUNITY

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

Although thrilled Zach and a family member will enjoy a two-night all-expenses-paid stay in San Francisco, that doesn't enable both parents and all three siblings the opportunity to share in the once-in-a-lifetime experience at least, with out having to come up with some serious cash For starters, in order for all of the Vera-

Burgoses to watch Zach pitch, hit and run for

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Dwyer fans 14

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

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

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

Lady Ocelot honors

Stephanie Squires of Redford has been named an Academic All-American, with a 3 6 or higher grade-point average Squires was a member of the 2006-07 women's soccer team The National Junct

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

LOCAL SPORTS

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

The Plymouth Whalers whirlwind of the playoffs, Memorial Cup and post-season continued at the National Hockey League

Entry Draft, held June 22-23 in Columbus, OH

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

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

Smith posted a 2 59 goals against average 923 save per centage and 23-6-0-1 record with Plymouth while sharing time with Michal Neuvirth Nashvilles goaltending situation is in a bit of flux, with Tomas Vokoun being traded to Florida, Chris Mason taking over the number-one goaltending job for the Predators and Pekka Rinne signed as a potential back up

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

Capitals, Smith s future is right now with the Whalers

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Bellemore had an even longer wait Since he wasn t listed among the 210 skaters rated by Central Scouting, his selection was delayed a little longer

That's typical for a stay-athome defenseman who was a healthy scratch of the first month of last season but then blossomed into an excellent defender once getting into the lineup Bellemore didnt score a goal, but led the OHL with a plus 48 plus-minus rating

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

Terry and Bellemore are the 12th and 13th player Carolina has selected from the Whalers since Karmanos bought the Hurricanes in 1994

with addition of Ironmen

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

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

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

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

The team identity for the New



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

Representative of its community, the steely looking, hardedged logo depicts the tough attitude of the predominantly Portuguese speaking commu-nity, made up by Brazilian and Portuguese ethnicities

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

Today marks the culmination of a journey to return indoor soccer to its historical origin, only are we proud to bring the Major Indoor Soccer League recorded indoor soccer match' in the United States, but we are eager to have the opportunity to offer affordable and exciting family entertainment to a community rich in cultural diversity



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MHSAA mandates 'dead period'

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

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

Some of our constituents think a dead period is long overdue, and some dont think seven days is enough, said John E Jack Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA It is what it is, a de-escalation of pres sures on kids and coaches out-ofseason one of several coming to school sports in Michigan

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

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

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

The down times are from August 1 to the first practice

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the national championship, they have to buy four addi tional tickets to the Home Run Derby Dave said one stand ing room ticket, on e Bay, was going for about \$200 as of Tuesday

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

One way or another, they ll be there

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

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

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

insider information about how to score some of those Home Run Derby ducats, as close to face value as possible, for example

Dave wondered out loud

whether anybody might have

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

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

penalty

games

Of course, they ll be happiest if they can all be on the West Coast, inside AT&T Park on July 9 to hopefully watch Zach finish what he started It s been quite a trip already without even considering where hes headed when he roared past the competition at the local and state level taking final swings toward an achievement that about 600,000 youngsters signed up to pursue several months ago

date in fall sports, 14 calendar

days before the first practice date

for each winter sport, and from

March 1 until the first practice

In the school curriculum,

MHSAA tournament sport, the

class must offer instruction on

at least of three topics in equal

proportion taught to all students

enrolled and the class must be

The down time will allow

schools to more clearly distin

and its tryout period, said

guish the start of each practice

Roberts There have also been

a number of schools conducting

classroom offerings which have

appeared to their opponents as

school-sponsored out-of-season

practice, especially in football'

effective with the 2007-08

school year, if a class offers

instruction specific to an

date in spring sports

open to all students

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

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'Rules were broken and there Student athletes can lose will be consequences We just werent expecting the maximum national event

Johnson said the length of the suspensions the MHSAA hands out are formulated by the associations member schools Our schools consider coach ing and competing in national

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

up to a year of eligibility if it is proven that they competed in a Under Randolph s guidance,

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

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

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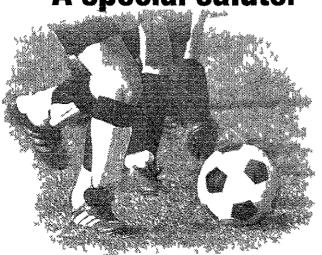
Banner season

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



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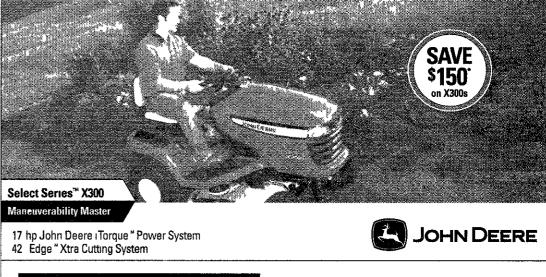
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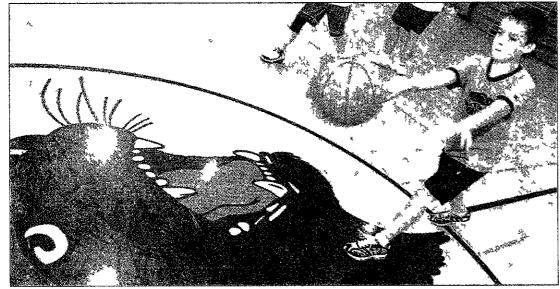




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Redford s Kyle Warner 10 (above) practices bounce passing with his 7 year old brother Jeremy at the Panthers Youth Basketball Camp



Kids get cagey at youth camp

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WR TER

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

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

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

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

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

Also on the agenda was another installment of Soukups Basketball 101 He asked the youngsters how long they could hold onto the basketball before launching a pass

Twenty four seconds? responded one of the campers Soukup then rejected that answer with a buzzer sound Nope its five seconds You have to make a pass after that



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

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

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

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

LOVING IT

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

participated last week with this week just for the boys Although the numbers for both sessions combined (about 40) wasn t what was hoped for Kruck emphasized everybody is learn ing, having fun and walking away with T-shirts and (if they won a skills challenge or activ ity) prizes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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The Buick Open Pro Am? Am unless you are paired LESSON

By Jeff Lesson

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

ON GOLF

The Buick Open is being contested this week at Warwick Hills in Grand

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Blanc without Tiger Woods and Vijav Singh the top two golfers on the planet

I played in the Pro Am back in 2002 The pro I played with was J J Henry At that time he was a relative unknown Since then he has won on the PGA Tour and was one of the few effective players on the 2004 U S Ryder Cup team I accept full credit for his improvement

Truth be told, I was nervous teeing off on number one When you play in a Pro

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

Buick suffered a major blow when Tiger Woods

announced he would not play in this year s event due to the birth of his child Obviously one cannot fault Tiger for his decision However the news could not come at a worse time for Buick or the Flint area Tiger simply means big gates and big money for Buick and the charities it helps With the economy and auto industry the way it is the news 1s even more painful

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Diesels ready to roll in Livonia

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

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

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

As Seder says, the Diesels are made up players from all walks of life - teachers, bricklayers, lawyers The teams oldest player 1s 46-year-old Gerald Hughes

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

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

Some familiar area names figured prominently in the victory

Former Westland John

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

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

The Diesels had 175 players try out and head coach Rob Streeter scaled down his roster to 60

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

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

Streeter 1s surrounded by a full complement of assistants including player-coaches Steve Messam, who played

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

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

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

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

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

'We have a professional trainer, we do as much as we

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

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

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

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

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

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

On or about July 16 2007 the above named Township will request the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to release funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93 383) for the following projects located in the Charter Township of Canton PROJECT Automatic Doors Summit on the Park Community Center 46000 Summit Parkway \$30,000 00 (New) PROJECT Cross trainer Summit on the Park Community Center 46000 Summit Parkway \$1 275 00 (Public Services) (New) PROJECT Housing Rehabilitation/Lots Purchase \$150,000 00 (Continuing Relevance") PROJECT Human Services Center Building Improvements 50#30 School House Road \$58 636 00 ("Continuing Relevance") PROJECT HelpSource \$2 499 00 (Public Services) (New) DETERMINATION It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the Charter Township of Canton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91 190) The reasons for such decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows Housing Rehabilitation is categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58 35(a)(4) Human Services Center Building Improvements is categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58 35(a) (1) Installation of automated Doors at and purchase of cross trainer for the Summit Community Center are categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58 35(a) (2) HelpSource adult day services and/or teen parenting programs are categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58 35(a) (3) (1) An Environmental Review Record has been made by the Charter Township of Canton which documents the environmental review of the projects and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required This Environmental Review Record is on file with the Charter Township of Canton and is available for public examination and copying (for a fee) upon request at the office of the Community Services Division 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188 1699 734 394 5194 between the hours of 9 a m and 4 30 p m Monday through Friday Nor further review of the projects is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds All interested agencies groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Community Services Division at the above described address Such written comments must be received on or before July 13 2007 All such comments so received will be considered by the Township and the Township will not request the release of federal funds or take administrative action on the projects before the date specified in the preceding sentence The Charter Township of Canton will CERTIFICATION undertake the project with Community Development Block Grant funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974 The Charter Township of Canton is certifying to HUD that the Charter Township of Canton and Thomas J Yack in his capacity of Township Supervisor consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews decision making and action and that these responsibilities have been satisfied The legal effect of the certification is that upon approval the Charter Township of Canton may use the Block Grant funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant, or (b) that the Applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project in an environmental review process Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at McNamara Federal Building 17th Floor 477 Michigan Avenue Detroit, MI 48226 Objections to the release of funds on the basis of other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD $\,$ No objection received after July 31 $\,$ 2007 will be considered by HUD

Velocity football conditioning camp

Youth football players between the ages of 8 and 13 years old are invited to participate in a junior football conditioning camp at Velocity Sports Performance in Canton The camp will run July 23-Aug 3 (Mondays through Fridays) from 10-11 a m The cost of the camp is \$100 for a 10-session package or \$15 per single sessions (drop-in basis)

The goal of the camp is to prepare young players for their upcoming gridiron seasons For more information, call (734) 485-2561 or visit www velocitysp com/canton

All-Star Showcase

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

Coaching opportunities

Plymouth High School is looking for a varsity boys hockey coach If interested, fill out the application that can be found at www pccs k12 m1 us and submit it to the Plymouth Athletic Department

Canton High School is looking for a head coach and an assistant coach for its boys lacrosse team Candidates for both positions need to be high school graduates, have experience in high school-level coaching or playing experi

of intent for the position to the Athletic Office, 8415 N Canton Center Rd , Canton, MI 48187

Interested individuals who are not employed by the school district must file a coaching application and include a letter of intent for the positions with the Athletic Office All applicants will be notified as to their status regarding the positions

For more information, contact Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman at (734) 416-2925

Football camp

The Plymouth Wildcat Youth Skills Camp will be held June 25-27 from 5-7 p m on the PCEP varsity football field

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

Plymouth volleyball

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

The cost of the morning camp is \$95, the afternoon camp 1s \$65 Contact Plymouth coach

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High school baseball play ers (in the 2007-2010 classes) are invited to sign up for the "Mıchıgan All-Star Showcase," slated for Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3 near Grand Rapids at Fifth Third Ballpark, home of the Class A

ence in the sport, have a time schedule compatible to that of the high school, have CPR training, and have the demonstrated ability to work with parents and their children Interested individuals who work within the school dis-

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

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

CANTON RELIEF SEWER PROJECT – PHASE I LOWER ROUGE RELIEF SEWER

Work to include 8 acre Clearing and Grubbing 4 000 L F 42 mch Samtary Sewer, 3,500 ton Gravel Access Path 150 each Tree Planting 300 Live Twig Planting Restoration and related Work

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

Copies thereof for bidding purposes may be obtained at the office(s)of Wade Trim Associates Inc, 25251Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180 starting on Wednesday June 27 2007 upon making a payment of fifty (\$50 00) Dollars if picked up or sixty five (\$65 00) Dollars if mailed (checks or money orders only - payable to Wade Trim, no cash) none of which will be refunded

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

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

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

The deadline for questions regarding the Project is Friday July 13 2007

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

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

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

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Kelly McCausland at (734) 223-1737, or at mccausk@taylor k12 mi us

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers

Among other things the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water including microbial and inorganic contaminants and pesticides and herbicides

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

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

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

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -June 19, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday June 19 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7 00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance Motion by Zarbo supported by Kirchgatter to move from open session to closed session for the purpose of discussion of labor negotiations Motion carried unanimously

Roll Call Members Present Bennett Caccamo Kırchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Staff Present Executive Director Santomauro, Director Rick Eva Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett seconded by Zarbo, to approve the agenda Motion carried unanimously

Adjourn Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session and adjourn at 10 30 pm Motion carried unanimously - Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton mi.org after Board Approval Publish June 28 2007 OE08537707 2x3

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Livonia decathlete Paul Terek (right) equaled his best time in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48 7 seconds in the AT&T USA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships held last weekend in Indianapolis



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

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

On the first day Terek scored 4,234 points highlighted by equaling a personal best 48 7 seconds in the 400 meter dash

His other marks included 11 03 in the 100 dash, 7 26 meters in the long jump 50 feet, 1 25 inches in the shot put and 6-7 5 in the high jump On a wet surface Saturday Terek recorded a personal best 14 92 in the 110 hurdles considered his weakest event but plummeted to 139 09 in the discus an event held under slippery conditions due to the rain He finished out the meet by clearing 16-8 75 in the pole vault his strongest event followed by a throw of 173-09 in the javelin and a clocking of 4 39 98 in the 1 500 run

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

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

Over Memorial Day weekend Terek took a step backwards compet ing in a meet held in the Dominican Republic

I took only four or five days off coming off Italy I got sick when I came back and that killed my train ing he said "I thought I was better than what I was I needed to take a whole week off I bit off more than I could chew if I can use that cliche I was worn out

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

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

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

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

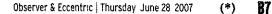
Terek s sole focus now is Osaka It will be hot said Terek, who looks to improve on his 12th-place finish in the 2003 World Outdoors in Paris and 13th in 2005 in

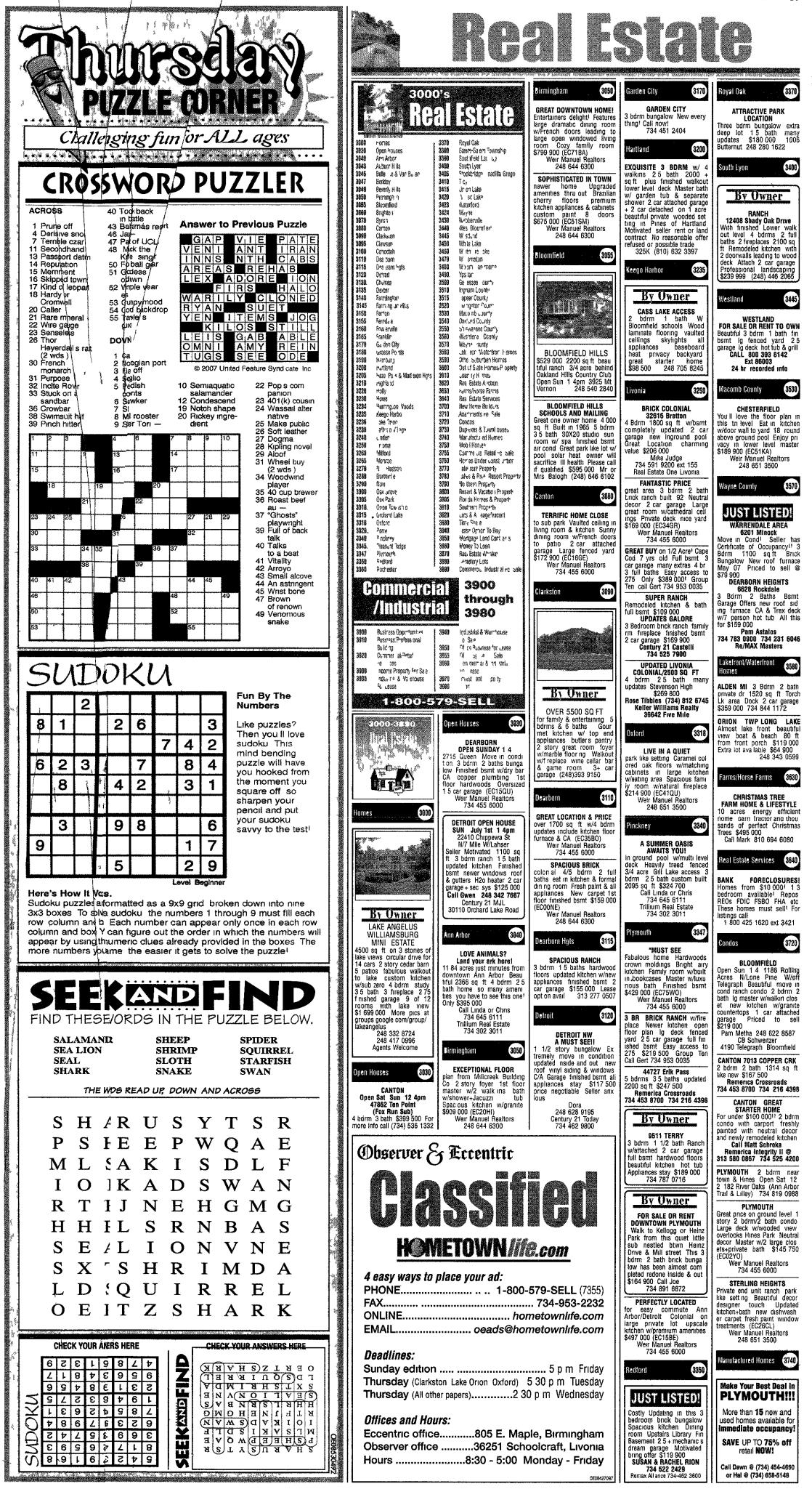
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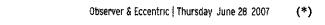


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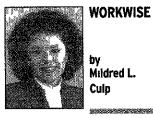


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SKIRTING THE MORASS OF 'BUSY-JUNKIES'



Don't you just want to *scream* when people rattle through a long list of things they

have to do? Don't you want to ask why they think you care? Spoken to-do lists have become a tic in everyday communication It isn't a question of whether you can relate You may just not want to hear the details of their lives, which are theirs to live A little privacy, please

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

Managers tell business psychologist Larina Kase, president of the national consultancy Performance & Success Coaching L L C, in Philadelphia, Penn, that their employees can't stop the "to-do" mantra that they use to explain why they can't take on more assignments She also reports that managers and executives do the same thing

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

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

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

who are busy, too "

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

'LESS IS MORE'

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

air' reply (to cut off) thinking-out-loud scheduling "

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

-- "Don't enable the person

- -- "Don't take the bait
- -- "Don't reinforce it or praise it
- -- "And don't jump on the

bandwagon and compete with it "

She suggests changing the subject so you aren't drawn into the person's addiction

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



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

Credit Manel Calderon

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

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

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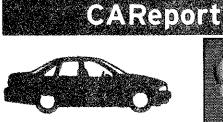


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Automotive



By Dale Buss

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

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

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

It s impossible to understate how much I appreciated this innovation in the QX56 I – maybe like many of you – am a bit of an incorrigible tailgater or at least a closer driver than I should be especially at high speeds I also am one who enjoys the ergonomic benefits of using cruise control on long trips but I also am easily annoyed at the continual need to coast or to disengage cruise control even in interstate driving because of how much speeds vary even among left lane drivers Many years ago when I was a reporter in Detroit for The Wall Street Journal I remember taking a ride in a car with a radar braking system that was concocted by an inventor in Mt Clemens Wow – would he ever enjoy the QX58' This system is what he envisioned and I doubted could happen 20 years ago¹

Intelligent Cruise Control kept me more than a safe distance from the car ahead It slowed the vehicle gradually not jarr ngly when neccess uv I sh it t



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

delivered all the fun and convenience of cruise control driving and eliminated nearly ill the bassle and frustration

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

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

The front seats feature 10 way power adjustment for the driver and eight way for the front passenger. The extra two way adjustment for the driver is a lumbar support feature which was a lifes aver on the long trip for an aging 1 mc 1 k. Life test lide verse the ide has constant.

cuts a stylish figure on the road and gets the job done inside as well.

Infiniti's QX56

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

A great feature of the second row seats that you don't find in some SUVs is that the captain's chairs recline, providing for great comfort customization. The high mounted third row seat proved capable of accommodating two teenagers comfortably but anything other than a dog in between them would have been a

other than a dog in between them would have been a squeeze Overall however the second row seats and the $\frac{1}{2^{12}}$ ride back there proved somewhat uncomfortable $\frac{1}{2^{12}}$ ultimately betraying the fact that the QXZ56 likes its sibling Nissan Armada SUV is based on Nissan's Titan $\frac{1}{16}$ a truck platform

QX56 provided a rather athletic ride for such a beast and the 320 horsepower 56 liter V8 furnished ample punch and sustained power in every situation Gas mileage was a predictable disappointment EPA ratings are 13mpg in the city and 18 on the highway Fortunately the vehicle has a huge gas tank

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



Welcome nature in your own back yard, About Animals, D3



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BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

oday, outdoor furniture and decor are as far from 'roughing it" as can be imagined, even in the climate of the Midwest

Trends are for comfortable, and often lush and luxurious styles, that turn outdoor areas into versions or extensions of indoor living spaces

"There are more and more pieces that are really indoor/outdoor," said interior designer Rosanne Duncan of Rosanne Designs of Bloomfield Hills, who is with the Design Connection program at Michigan Design Center (MDC) in Troy

Designs by Laneventure include a frame structure for an outdoor room, said interior designer Mary Antenucci of Mary Antenucci Interiors LLC of Rochester, one of the Design Connection founding members

An arbor by Laneventure, with optional canopy and drapery sun panels, is at the Henredon Interior Design Showroom at the design center

Furnishings for the lanai – and other outdoor areas – are as sophisticated as those for the living room

Sofas lounge chairs swivel rockers, sectionals, high-back dining chairs, cushioned chaises coffee tables, end tables, ottomans and rugs are examples

Upholstered pieces, weaves

Furniture, which has locations in Bloomfield Hills, Novi and Ann Arbor

Outdoor fireplaces are growing in popularity, according to David Whittingham, president of Fireside Hearth & Home by Williams Panel Brick, which has showrooms in Canton and Utica

"More people want to spend more time outside," he said "There's just something about a fireplace that's very soothing '

Clean-burning, see-through indoor/outdoor fireplaces are placed between an interior room and a patio or other exterior space The Twilight™ II by Heat & Glo functions in both areas at the same time It meets both gas fireplace and window standards

The style of an outdoor fire place can complement that of the house Varieties include thin brick, stone and metal, Whittingham said

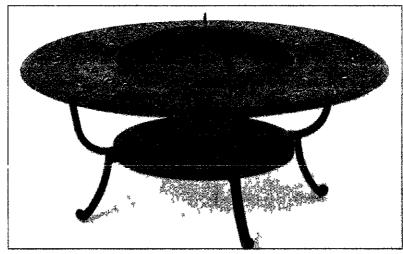
Fire pits come in various styles The Fogata Grande by Quadra-Fire, features a cast iron bowl and concrete supports A wood fire can be built in it, or a gas log fire kit can be installed

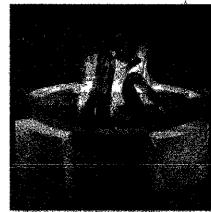
Casual Concepts in Rochester carries a coffee table with a sunk en ice tub that converts to a fire pit and grill and back again

Fabrics can withstand the elements without sacrificing fashion and have the feel of traditional upholstery

Cushions in the Bimini col lection, introduced at Kravet at MDC, are designed to allow rain to run through them and to dry quickly The WeatherMaster Spinnaker dining set by Laneventure, at the Henredon showroom, includes Laneventure's patented drainable cushions COURTESY ALLSTATE B LLIARDS AND PATIO FURNITURE

Outdoor chairs, such as the Grand Traverse from Allstate Billiards and Patio Furniture, are also stylish





and slings can be found along with traditional wicker and teak Fabrics are easy-care, and colors are bold

Among popular colors for outdoor pieces are burnt orange, mustard and brown, as well as sea green and spa blue, said Roy Farmer, president and CEO of Allstate Billiards and Patio

Now the fabric is just as sup-

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COURTESY CASUAL CONCEPTS

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

FIRESIDE HEARTH & HOME BY WILLIAMS PANEL BRICK

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

Going to the mats

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

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

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

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

Consumers nationwide entered their pink ribbon welcome mat designs for a

chance to be included in Carpet One Floor & Homes fall 2007 welcome mat collection

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

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

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

New sites served up

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

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

Enhanced interactive tools and imagery

for each of the brands are at the core of the sites' changes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TECH SAVVY TO RETURN

Rick Broida is off this week



Heirloom rice varieties offer flavorful way to get your grains

BY JIM ROMANOFF FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maybe it s time to look beyond brown rice

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

But don t limit yourself to those old standbys The market is full of newly available heirloom whole-grain varieties of rice that offer a wonderful variety of tastes, textures and colors

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

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

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

Black rice is one of the more unusual varieties It often 1s called forbidden

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

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

Dont confuse this black rice with black sticky rice, which is glutinous, similar to a sushi rice

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

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

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

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

ASIAN WILD RICE SALAD

WITH CHICKEN Start to finish 1 hour 20 minutes (20 minutes active)

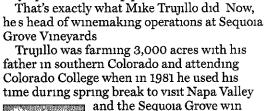
Servings 4 For the dressing 3 tablespoons rice vinegar 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger 1 teaspoon soy sauce 4 teaspoon salt Freshly ground black pepper For the salad ²/₄ cup wild rice (4 ounces)

1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil 1 teaspoon soy sauce 1/2 cups shredded cooked chicken 1 cup fresh snow peas stemmed and cut in half on the diagonal % cup thinly sliced red bell pepper h cup chopped scallions

h cup golden raisins To make the dressing, in a small bowl whisk together the vinegar, sesame oil, ginger, soy sauce, salt and pepper Set aside In a medium saucepan, combine the wild rice, sesame oil and soy sauce with $2^{3}/4$ cups of water Bring to a boil, then adjust heat to a simmer, and cook, covered loosely, until the rice is tender and fully tender and the grains have fully puffed open, about 50 minutes Drain

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

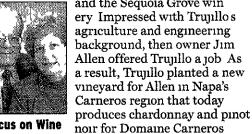
Nutrition information per serving 275 calories, 7 g fat (1 g satu rated) 40 mg cholesterol, 34 g carbohydrate, 21 g protein, 2 g fiber, 344 mg sodium



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ten, gets a job and eventually works his/her

Sequoia Grove takes back cabernet



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sparkling wines

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

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

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

Our objective was not to beat any one producer, but only to show the top value that Sequoia Grove wine delivers Trujillo says We say that Sequoia Grove cabernets overdeliver

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

WHAT TO BUY FROM SEQUOIA GROVE

■ 2005 Carneros Chardonnay \$24 was 80 percent barrel fermented without malo-

Cabernet Sauvignon is the most popular red among US wine consumers Lower priced cabernets are lighter in style with those at \$50 and higher more complex layered and richer in addition to those from Sequoia Grove we highly recommend the fol-Jowing for your Independence Day celebrations. Pick of the Pack: 2004 Terlato Devils Peak, Napa Valley \$50 (Bordeaux varietal blend with cabernet franc as predominant varietal following the traditions of St. Emilion) Outstanding: 2003 Wild Oak by St. Francis \$30 2004 Bennett Lane Napa Valley \$55 2004 Robert Craig Mt Veeder \$70 Excellent: 2003 Vina Robles Estate \$19 2004 Napa Cellars \$25 2004 Merryvale Starmont Napa Valley \$27 2004 Geyser Peak Block Collection Walking Tree Vineyard \$47 2004 J Lohr Hilltop Vineyard Paso Robles \$50 2004 Pine Ridge Onyx \$50 (blend of several red varieties) 2003 J Lohr Carol's Vineyard Napa Valley \$50 Wallet Pleasers: 2003 Kendall Jackson Meritage SI2 NV True Earth Mendocino blend \$13 (produced from organically grown grapes 80 percent from 2005,15 percent from 2006) 2005 Clos LaChance Ruby-Throated \$18

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

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

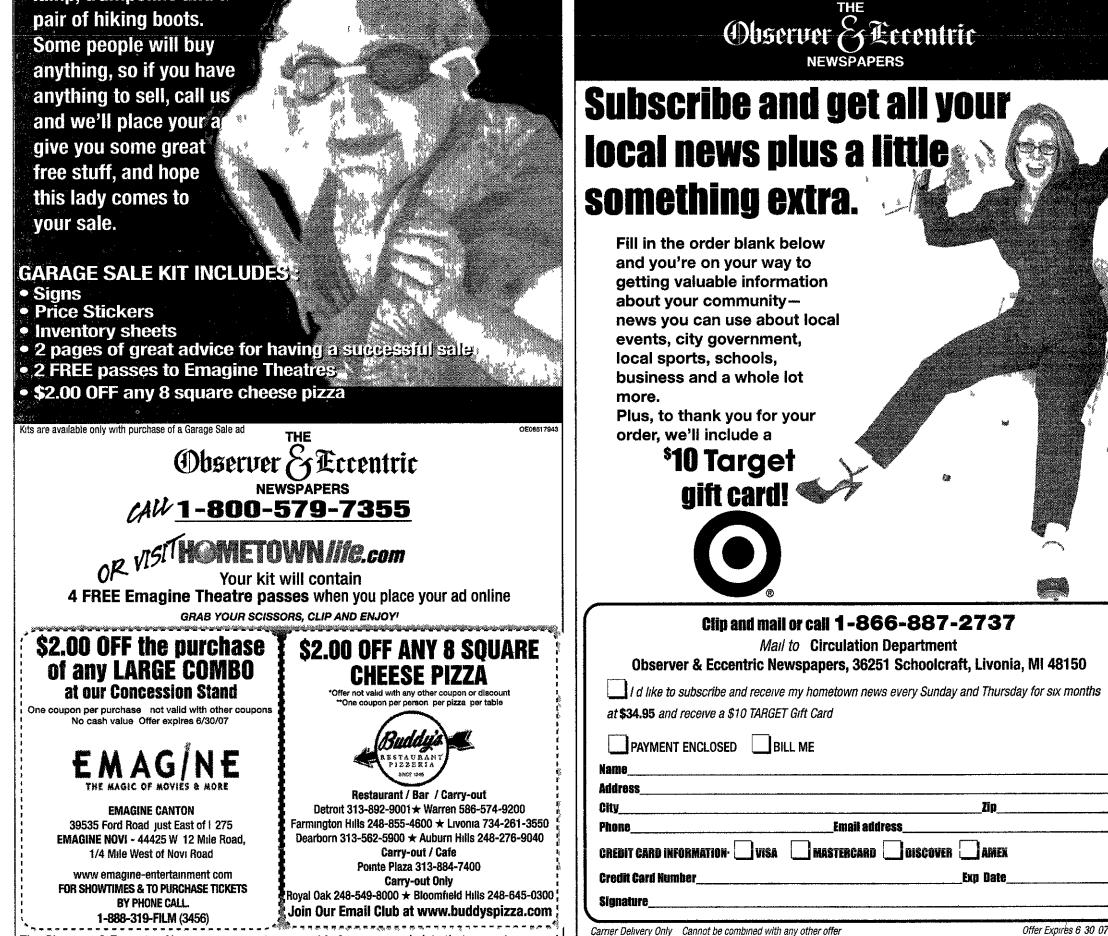
2002 Rutherford Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, \$58, is a blend of all five Bordeaux varietals 86 percent cabernet sauvignon, five percent each of cabernet franc and merlot. 3 percent petit verdot and one malbec The wine was aged in 55 percent new French oak giving it a lush, silky texture with black fruit and cocoa followed by a long complex finish This is Sequoia Groves flagship wine

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She got her goggles at a garage sale...

...along with a lava lamp, trampoline and a pair of hiking boots.



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Welcome nature in your own back yard

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

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



to escape the mosquitoes on a small snow cap, while bear and wolves wander ominously close to Dall sheep, who perch perilously on the sides of the mountains Rangers maintain the

park in this natural state

You can go in, but just to

hike, and you must bring

out whatever you bring in

but only in the buses the

You can ride into the park,

by keeping crowds out

About Animals Dr Brad

Davis

park provides

The people going to the park abide by the rules for a number of reasons, including heavy policing by rangers and the limited access Mainly, though, people who trek all the way up to Alaska go because they want to see the land and wildlife, not spoil it

On our last trip to Alaska, we saw a wolf carrying away a leg of a Dall sheep for dinner Not a pleasant sight, but amazing when you realize it's all very real, not a show on the Discovery Channel Nature being nature is compelling and fascinatıng

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

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

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

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

certainly won t be attracted by it

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sometimes it's not what you do, but what you don't do

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

I know, you thought all that ended when address to Questions@animaltalkradio.com

Buildup in water heater causes banging noise

G writes "Regarding Mr Gagnon's article in the Observer & Eccentric

KitchenAid customer service, which also told us that the warranty would be voided

ing noises The banging slows down and gets quieter after about five to 10 minutes What

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Brad Davis is the medical director for the VCA of Garden City 2085 Inkster Road Garden City 48135 Feel free to write him there with questions and comments. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk Visit the Web site at www Animaltalkradio com Send e mail guestions or comments with your e mail

HOME CALENDAR

Flag giveaway

Children visiting the Kids Castles in Art Van Furniture stores Saturday June 30 will receive an American flag in honor of Independence Day (while supplies last) Kids Castles are supervised play areas for youngsters in select stores including those in Southfield Westland and Novi and on 14 Mile in Warren

GARDEN CALENDAR

Garden staging

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

For registration and other informa tion call (248) 644 5832 or visit www communityhouse com The instructor will be certified mas ter gardener Michael Saint who owns Good Earth Landscape Institute in Clarkston

Rose programs

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

The schedule includes Garden Preparation and Planting of Roses a slide lecture and hands on garden demonstration of some special techniques 1 p m Sunday July 1 (repeated 1) a m Monday July 2) and Japanese Beetle Control for Roses a lecture and hands on demonstration 1 p m Sunday July 8 (repeated 11 a m Monday July 9) Each presentation lasts about 1/2 hours Reservations aren t needed Dress for the weather For more infor mation call (734) 461 1230 or visit www GreatLakesRoses com

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Watson at (313) 255 5293 or Dorothy

Morris at the Redford Senior Center

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

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Redford

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

OUTDOOR FROM PAGE DI

ple, just as lush as some of the fine fabrics,' Antenucci said For example, Sunbrella® fabrics have expanded so much from classic nautical," she said Waffle-weave, white pique materials are 'so lovely and crisp," Duncan said

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

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

Glass was the predominant material of table tops Now among other material options 1s resin made to look like stone

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

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

The furniture configuration could include a love seat and

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

T J Maxx home fashions spokesperson Sonya Cosentini suggested ways to bring decorating themes outdoors

For example, give your outdoor space a Far East look and feel by making a Shangri-La area

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Use oversized throw pillows as furnishings, with woven fabrics in celestine green or ivory

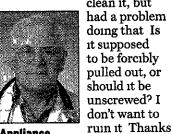
Light the area with candles and lanterns in dark crimson glass with green, purple and orange accents

Serve finger foods in iridescent bowls and patterned plates with Oriental themes

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June 14 utled Cleaning solves air conditioning problem,' I have a question I followed his advice and added vinegar to the condensate pump However, the pump filled to the top and water overflowed I tried to pull the tube out to clean 1t, but



Appliance Doctor

your note It's Joe Gagnon a smart move never to force

anything apart until you find out how it's put together

for any help "

Thanks for

There are little screws to remove on the top plate of the condensate pump, doing so will allow you see everything you need to know The rest is easy

Bill writes "We are considering a KitchenAid built-in refrigerator for our new home It comes with a 10-foot water supply line made from some type of plastic composite

"When we discussed replacing the plastic line with copper, both the salesperson and installer told us this would void the warranty on the appliance We checked with the

'We have previous experience with Sub-Zero, but aren't really excited about it KitchenAid seems to give us what we want, including more freezer space and a less intrusive ice maker Should we abandon KıtchenAıd because of their water feed?"

It appears that Whirlpool, which produces KitchenAid products, has a new confidence in some sort of plastic tubing

Regardless of that fact, I wouldn't use its recommended plastic tubing and I would stay with the old-fashioned copper tubing

It is beyond my understanding how they can tell you that your warranty would be voided if you used copper

They, along with all manufacturers, have recommended copper since the ice maker was invented In past years, there have been several recalls on plastic piping used in the plumbing industry Is this what is going to happen 10 years from now with KitchenAid refrigerators?

Stay with copper' If they void your warranty, call me I ll sue them for you

Karen writes "We have a 40-gallon hot water tank, which is about 7 years old After someone takes a shower, or uses the washer or dishwasher, the hot water tank will start making loud bang-

is causing the banging noise? Should it be replaced before it explodes?"

A water heater can have a lot of noise coming from it because there is a buildup of minerals lying in the bottom of the tank It can build to as high as five inches from the bottom of the tank upward and turns into shale

The boiling of water in the bottom of the tank will travel through the shale and cause it to break, and hence we have the popping or banging noises

The efficiency of the tank suffers, but it won't explode I am told and believe that the life span of today's water heater is in the seven- to 10year period

When you get a new one, make a habit of draining off a few gallons of water from the bottom of the tank Doing this every month will help prevent the same occurrence Stay tuned

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM AM (1600) at 8 a m Saturdays and on WDTW AM (1310) at 6 a m Sundays He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP) His phone number is (734) 971 1600 ext 28 Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon

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Vis + www artvan com for store loca tions and a complete list of events Table runners

Haberman Fabrics 905 S Main in Royal Oak offers home decor classes for different sewing levels For registration and other informa tion call (248) 541 0010 or e mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics com The schedule includes Art For Your Home II Table Runners 5 45 8 45 p m Thursdays July 12 26 (cost is \$60) Ford House

The summer schedule for the Behind the Scenes and Specialty tours at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores includes Garden and Grounds Exploration 11 a m Friday July 6 and The Secrets Behind the Paintings 7 p m Wednesday July 11 Behind the Scenes tours are \$10 An optional general tour of the house s interior can be added on for \$7 Reservations are required call (313) 884 4222 The house is at 1100 Lake Shore Road In the July 6 tour guides will lead guests through the immense gardens and grounds of the estate including areas that aren t often visited (such as Bird Island) Visitors on the July 11 tour will delve into the secret stories behind the great art at Ford House and the individuals who helped the Fords amass their collec tion and get a glimpse of paintings in the attic and basement not on display

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preces allowing people to put their feet up, she said And it's important to have something such as a cabala, awnings or a tent that will provide protection from the weather

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

Marquis Vintage Garden

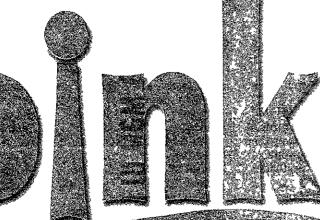
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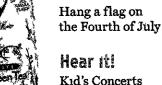
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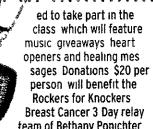
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Biker Style

Women Who Ride Redefine 'Motorcycle Chic'

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK

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

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

"It gives your commute a little bit of adventure, Lazarus said, "It's a great way of life '

Lazarus started riding six years ago, when she cov-

BIKERS ROCK BALL

When 5:30 pm to 1 am Saturday June 30 Where The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham 🖉 🗐 Attine: Motorcycle chic Festivities: Live entertainment, indoor and outdoor open bars, live and silent auctions and a photo with a replica of the famous 'Captain America motorcycle from Easy Rider' Tickets \$225 per person, Benefit Bikers for Kids Visit www bikers4kids com

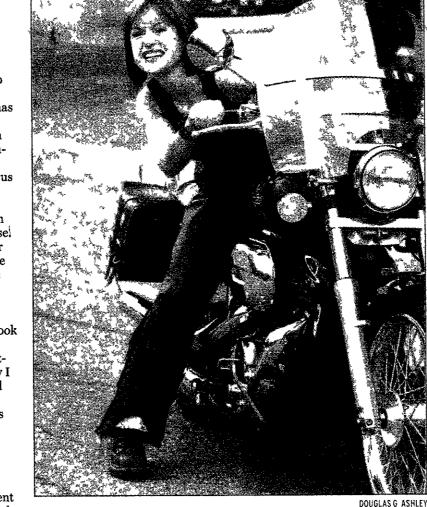
ered a Harley-Davidson motorcycle safety coursel Always a good sport for firsthand reporting, she jumped into the saddle and never looked back "The moment I sat down on a bike I was hooked On Sunday I took the driving course, On Monday I took the written course On Tuesday I bought a bike, she said Lazarus will act as Mistress of Ceremonies

at the upcoming "Bikers Rock Ball ' at the Townsend Hotel Organized by Michael Assarian, founder of Bikers for Kids, the event

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

According to the Motorcycle Industry Council, an estimated 10 percent of today's motorcyclists are women, and those numbers continue to grow Women ride for different reasons, but they all want to look fabulous doing it

Cate Strumbos, owner of Great American Chopper in Clawson, says manufacturers are responding to a rising demand for women's clothing and accessories "These aren't 'biker chicks',' Strumbos said 'These are women who ride They can afford their own bikes, and all the accessories that go along with them They want to be sexy, but they also want to be chic and sophisticated' Munday Lindsey, a Pilates teacher from Bloomfield Hills, is a prime example of "motorcycle chic ' A few years ago, she left the back of her husband's bike to take the driver's seat of her own Now, from her hot pink helmet to her Cole Haan boots, she's the ultimate biker babe



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



Hills

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Drink It! Arizona Green

Lindsey said she isn't interested in emulating the stereotypical men's outlaw style, but creating her own

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

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

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

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

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

And she never rides without lipstick

Lindsey says biker style is about freedom and breaking all the rules, just like motorcycling itself

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

Munday Lindsey with her Harley-Davidson Swift Tormentor

WHAT TO WEAR

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

Denim Jeans are a motorcycling must have Look for embroidery rhinestones and above all a great fit - avoid extreme low rise jeans or you II risk wardrobe malfunctions Tees Try scoop necks V necks and tees bedazzled or stamped with cute designs so you don't look masculine on your motorcycle

Color Black can be so blah Don t be afraid to stand out with a splash of color

Jackets: Leather is necessary for protection on the road Jazz up jack ets with princess waists fringe and decorative elements that set you apart from the boys Belts Cinch up style with a statement

belt buckle adorned with flowers gems or skulls Boots No need to stick with traditional

motorcycle boots. Anything made from leather with non-stick rubberized soles will do so explore

Handbags There's no place for a purse on a bike so Lindsey uses a little Loius Vuitton wristlet just big enough for her cell phone credit card and lipstick Helmets Let's face it helmets are not cute but stickers and airbrushing can add fashion to function

Hair Minimize helmet hair with a braid or by tying your hair up in a silk scarf Carry a sample size of your favorite hair product for a quick spritz at your destination

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

Crossing is hosting a Le Vian Jewelry Gala 10 a m 9

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pm today The Le Vian iewelry dynasty dates back to 15th cen tury Persia when the family was entrusted to the lavish jewels of King Nadir Fifth generation lew eler Eddie Le Vian will meet the public during this festive black tie affair at 3960 Baldwin in Auburn Hills

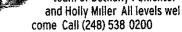
ART'S ALIVE

Let Yourself Go tonight with fashions by Monique Lhuillier as Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset hosts a pre party for Arts Alive the grand opening gala for the new Detroit Institute of Arts Don cocktail attire and enjoy drinks hors doeuvres splendid company and a fashion show of Lhuillier s Fall 2007 collection

- Festivities begin at 5 30 p m
- in the Designer Salon on Two Tickets \$125 include a \$25 gift card for Saks and benefit the DIA Call (313) 833 1923

VOGA FOR A CAUSE

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



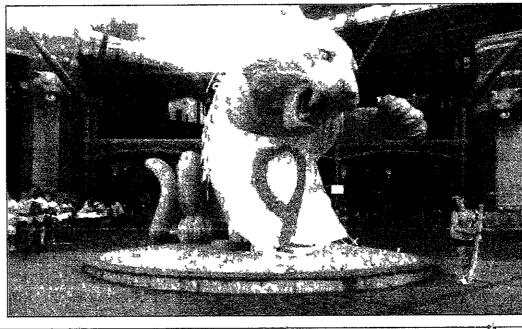
WOMEN'S CARING

Stake your spot at the area s most legendary garden party as Women's Caring Program hosts its 28th annual Twilight Gathering 5308 pm July 12 Nearly 800 women are expected to gather on the lush grounds of Carol Walter s Milford home to meet greet and celebrate as they contribute to subsidiz ing childcare for lower income families For tickets \$100 in advance \$125 at the door call (248) 415 1442 e mail RSVP@ WømensCaringProgram org or visit www WomensCaringProgram org Read next week's PINK for more

FASHION WEEK

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





Purr-fectly Pink

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