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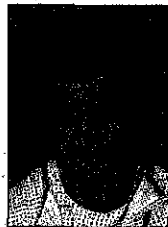
Driver fleeing police charged in death of biker 'loved by many'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Cheri Helms closed her eyes, exhaled and then motioned for a friend to come give her a hug. "They say you go through stages and I'm trying to get through not believing that he's gone," she said.

Helms of Taylor was one of four bikers traveling east on Michigan Avenue Sunday night when her friend, Anthony Salvatore Quasarano, 46, of Romulus was struck and killed by a man fleeing from a Canton police officer.

"Tony had a heart of gold," said Helms, who narrowly avoided the tragedy by pulling over to the side of the road. "He was loved by so many people."



Craner

The driver that hit Quasarano, William Floyd Craner, 45, of Van Buren Township was arraigned Wednesday morning in 35th District Court on a number of charges. The most serious charge against

Craner, second-degree murder, could land him in jail for life. He's also been charged with two 15-year felonies, first-degree fleeing and eluding police and manslaughter with a motor vehicle.

While the charges were being read, Craner appeared stunned and shut his eyes. While he was stating his name, age and place of employment, Judge Michael J. Gerou instructed him to

speak louder because his voice was barely above a whisper.

Craner, who said he works at Romulus House Restaurant, was denied bond and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on July 27 at 35th District Court.

Craner attempted to outrun police after he struck another vehicle on Michigan near Beck Road. The driver of that car, an unidentified woman, called police, who soon spotted Craner's older model Camaro and attempted to stop him.

In response, he began a two-mile chase where speeds reached 100 mph, according to police. The pursuit ended near Michigan and Haggerty when Craner crashed into Quasarano, a

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BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gregg Goulette, a member of the Harley Owner's Group and also with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, holds a photo of victim Anthony S. Quasarano and the victim's wife Cindy Quasarano after William Craner's arraignment Wednesday in 35th District Court.

See Shiri run

Canton High grad making her way across Europe

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

She's not even halfway through her journey, but Shiri Leventhal has already experienced hamstring problems, sleepless nights and less-than-savory vegetarian dishes - but she'd jump at the chance to do it again.

"The run is going awesome," said Leventhal, during some downtime in Russia recently. "We have run in 11 countries so far. Everyday is different. The runs have been interesting and hard, running on the side of busy, hilly highways in 100-degree heat to running at night on country roads."

Leventhal, a 2001 Canton High graduate, is one of 20 people participating in a 95-day, 24-hour relay run that will cover 15,200 miles across 16 countries and four continents. The run, which began June 1 in New York City, is designed to bring attention to unsafe drinking water conditions around the globe.

"There have been some great stories of runners actually meeting farmers and villagers along the way who are lacking safe drinking water," said Leventhal, 23. "These are the stories and people that are fueling our runs. We are all in this together, working as one team to bring attention to such a huge problem."

Leventhal, who now lives in Sri Lanka, is chronicling the run in a blog on www.blueplanetrun.org. She celebrates milestones such as new sneakers, praises her team members and laments having to wear the same clothing everyday and her meal options.

"Since, we crossed into Belarus and Russia, food has become the trickiest factor,"



Shiri Leventhal, a 2001 Canton High grad, runs past a monument in Russia recently, as part of the relay run that will cover 15,200 miles across 16 countries and four continents.

she said. "As a vegetarian it has been quite a struggle. I am served tomatoes and cucumbers doused in mayonnaise about three times a day."

In her blog, she also recalled what she coined their "worst day." On day nine she wrote: "Something was in the air, not sure what it was, but people were way out of it, crabby, short-tempered, tired, cranky, grouchy, and just plain unhappy. Probably had a lot to do with the fact that we have all been well over worked, under slept, and over stressed."

With that day long behind them Leventhal says the runners have gotten into a groove and that their mission has become exciting.

"Every place we run through, we seem to make fans," she said. "Everyone seems to be

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Erica Bazman enjoys a strawberry margarita at Mariachi Mexican Restaurant during the Canton Grub Crawl Tuesday evening.

Grub crawlers devour good eats, drinks

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

If you were out and about Tuesday evening in Canton, it was nearly impossible not to notice the army of green-clad revelers making their way in and out of some of the township's most recognized restaurants and taverns.

No, it was not an invasion of little green men from Mars. It was the sixth annual Canton Grub Crawl. There were nearly 600 participants - all wearing neon green T-shirts - in the event, which was sponsored by Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Township and the Canton Downtown Development Authority.

The Grub Crawl featured some of Canton's newest restaurants, includ-

ing the Mariachi Mexican Restaurant, Texas Corral, and Canton Village Grill, and some of its more well-known establishments like the Rusty Nail, Bailey's Pub & Grill, Rose's Restaurant, and T.C. Gator's. In all, there were 18 restaurants and bars participating, the most ever on the Grub Crawl. Each had samples of their food available, and most had drink specials for the grub crawlers.

While some people drove from site to site on their own, most of the participants boarded one of several buses and vans that shuttled people to the various restaurants.

According to Canton resident Joyce Silagy, who was on her first Grub

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Woman to be sentenced for conning dead roommate's father

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Now on suicide watch inside Wayne County Jail, Christina Nicole Tracy, 28, has expressed sympathy for the death of the roommate she kept hidden in their apartment for nearly three weeks.

"She's sorry the girl died even though she had nothing to do with the death," said Tracy's attorney, Jeanette Williams-White.

What she did have something to do with was conning Ashley Pierce's father out of \$1,600 after the 19-year-old overdosed on drugs in February. Tracy, who had only lived with Pierce for a short time, made several calls to her dead roommate's father pretending to be the teenager.

According to Williams-White, the former Canton resident pleaded no contest to five counts of identity theft and five counts of larceny charges. She faces six months in jail.

"She wanted to get it over with," Williams-White said of Tracy's plea. She is scheduled to be sentenced on July 31.

Canton police were acting on an anonymous tip March 7 when they found Pierce's body underneath a pile of clothing in her living room. The two women lived in Heathmoore Apartments, off of Haggerty, south of Ford.

Tracy was later evicted from the ranch-style apartment and had been living in Port Huron before her arrest.

In what police determined was a coincidence, Tracy was living with a 33-year-old Dearborn man when he died of a drug overdose last year.

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Coming Sunday in Health

Vagus nerve stimulation
therapy reduces depression in
treatment-resistant patients.



AROUND CANTON

Geddes clean-up

The River Meadow Community Association is seeking help in its effort to keep Geddes Road looking great by participating in Adopt-A-Road in 2007. On July 21 and Sept. 15, the group will assemble and pick up trash that has accumulated along the sides of Geddes from Beck Road to the Sheldon Road/ Michigan Avenue intersection. Volunteers will gather at 9 a.m. and pick up litter along the shoulder of the road, put it in orange plastic bags that are supplied by Wayne County, tie the bags and leave them by the side of the road. The county will pick the bags up in the following week.

For safety reasons, volunteers need to be 13 years or older (participation in these events may be used for community service hours, if you register on the signup sheet).

Health fair

The Haggerty Professional Plaza holds its second annual open house and health fair 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at 2050 Haggerty, south of Ford road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 259-0500.

Caccamo coffee returns

Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo will revive his coffee/citizens advisory board meetings at 9 a.m., July 28 at Carthage Coffee House, located at 45610 Cherry Hill Road (just west of Canton Center on north side). Caccamo seeks input on township issues, particularly the compensation of elected officials and the township's sign ordinance.

Family camp out

Canton Leisure Services is sponsoring a Family Camp Out Movie Night in Heritage Park

on Friday, July 20. Families are invited to set up tents around the amphitheater and enjoy a movie at dusk in Heritage Park. This year's film will be *Happy Feet*.

There will be a \$10 per tent 'camp fee' to be paid on site the day of the event. No advance registration necessary. This Family Camp-Out is always a popular activity and is limited to tents only, no trailers or mobile homes.

Tent set up begins at noon on Friday, July 20. Unloading will be permitted on Veterans Drive until 4 p.m. at which time the road will then be closed to vehicle traffic.

Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. and includes inflatable attractions, strolling entertainment, and a musical family stage show in the amphitheater by Rick Kelley at 8 p.m. The movie will begin at dusk.

High school musical

Destination Theatre sponsors a production of *High School Musical*, a Disney production that has been a huge hit with children and teenagers, July 26-29 and Aug. 2-5 at Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton.

Performances Thursday-Saturday are 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater/performances-search.asp or at the Summit on the Park box office, 46000 Summit Parkway. Box office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information on Destination Theatre visit the group's Web site at www.destinationtheatre.com. For more information on the performance, call (734) 394-5460.

Graduations on demand

Comcast is again collaborating with local schools to record

and broadcast select 2007 high school graduations for viewing anytime on Comcast ON DEMAND.

Graduation ceremonies for Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Taylor Truman and Taylor John F. Kennedy High Schools can be viewed by pressing ON DEMAND on the Comcast remote, then "Get Local" and then "Local Events."

Accident reports online

The Canton Police Department would like to inform residents of the new service available to drivers involved in traffic accidents. Michigan has copies of all accident reports written in Canton available for purchase online at its Web site, www.michigan.gov/msp. Persons interested in purchasing an electronic copy of their accident report can go to the Traffic Crash Purchasing System (TCPS) link located on the Michigan State Police home page, and purchase a copy for \$10. The electronic copy will be available for them to print immediately after credit card purchase, and free re-prints are offered for the following 10 years.

Copies of reports are generally available 1-2 days after the accident. The requirements to obtain a copy include the driver's license number, date of birth, and date of accident for one of the drivers involved. Insurance companies are also able to set up accounts through the state Web site.

Copies of accident reports will continue to be available through the Canton Public Safety Records Bureau during the hours of 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., for a fee of \$4. The department will also have a link to TCPS on its new Web site, www.canton-publicsafety.org. For more information about the Traffic Crash Purchasing System, contact Canton Public Safety's Records Bureau at (734) 394-5410.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

An artful affair

Twelve-year-old Krista Arrasmith plays her sax to help raise funds for the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band during Art in the Park in Plymouth over the weekend. Her brother is a member of the band, and Krista hopes to join him next year. Tens of thousands of visitors walked the streets of downtown Plymouth for the 28th annual festival, which featured some 400 artisans.

Bicycle rodeo

Kids are invited to join the Canton Police Department and Canton Leisure Services for an evening of bike riding in Heritage Park on Thursday, July 19, from 6-7:30 p.m.

This free event will include bicycle registration and equipment inspections, followed by a bicycle safety presentation. Kids can then participate in a ride around Heritage Park with Canton Police bike officers. Immediately following the

Bicycle Rodeo, families are invited to stay for the free Thursday Night Concert in the park featuring the Gratitude Steel Band.

Steel drums, bass pans and calypso sounds will bring the islands to Heritage Park. Leisure Services will be providing "Caribbean-themed" leisure stations for everyone to enjoy.

No pre-registration is necessary. For more information contact Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

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8014 - James Smith - 3 Bikes, 1 Microwave, 5 Totes
8024 - James Smith - 10 Boxes, Chairs, Misc Items
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4294 - Diane Jacobs - 10 totes, 5 boxes, misc items
5006 - Kirk Surface - Aquarium, Loveseat, Guitar
5202 - Nyesha Penn - 10 bags, 50 totes, toys
5208 - Tracy Causey - Mattress, sofa, misc items
5240 - Debra Charnoske - keyboard, tool box, 15 boxes
5268 - Mike Zehel - recliner, sofa, loveseat
5270 - Ronald Bonzack - Dresser, 4 Chairs, 5 Totes
6012 - Gaylyne Wall - Dresser, Sofa, Misc Items
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6203 - Rachel Knighton - Cedar Chest, Dresser, TV
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Simple question leads to life saving decision

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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When someone asks "How are you?" it's socially accepted that a detailed response on your physical condition isn't expected.

But Robert Totten is glad he talked about his medical symptoms with Canton resident Rebecca Bertha as they both arrived for their water aerobics class at the Forum Fitness Center in Westland. A co-owner of the center, Bertha is a vascular surgery clinical nurse at the University of Michigan Hospital and realized Totten had a life-threatening condition — a major artery to his brain was blocked.

"I asked about his symptoms — a referral was needed

so he could get right in," said Bertha.

"I was pretty nonchalant about it. I said I'd get to the doctor whenever. Becky said you need to go tomorrow," added Totten.

With Bertha making arrangements, Totten was soon undergoing tests at the University of Michigan Vascular Surgery Clinic that confirmed blood flow to his brain was critically low and he was only days from suffering a major stroke. Dr. Enrique Criado performed an emergency carotid endarterectomy to restore blood flow to Totten's brain.

"I was all set to go home but they kept me and did the surgery the next morning. I figured I'd schedule the surgery and come back," said Totten.

"The doctor made it clear that we had a guardian angel looking over us."

Totten's family was very emotional as he underwent the surgery.

"They were hugging me — it was a tearful event post-op and even afterwards," said Bertha.

At 54, Totten has had ongoing health problems with diabetes and his heart.

"I thought maybe there was a problem, but I wasn't sure. I went to see the eye doctor — I'd been having blackouts in my right eye. When the vision came back, I saw multiple depths like you were in a row," said Totten, a Garden City resident. "No one thought to connect it with anything else."

While Totten already had an appointment scheduled with

his ophthalmologist, he said he wouldn't have gotten treated so quickly without Bertha's intervention.

Totten, joined by his wife, Jean, joined the Forum Fitness Center to exercise as part of his cardiac rehabilitation plan. Initially a lap swimmer, Totten eventually joined his wife and Bertha in taking the water aerobics class.

"There were a couple of exercises where I'd get extremely winded. I had quit exercising at home, I was afraid something would happen," said Totten. "If something happens here, there's someone around who knows what is going on and that helps."

A Garden City West High School graduate, Bertha has been a nurse for 22 years and working at the University of



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rebecca Bertha of Canton was in the right spot at the right time to recognize Garden City resident Robert Totten had a life-threatening condition.

Michigan Hospital for more than 15 years. She joined with husband Tom and friend Jeff Sullivan to take over the Forum Fitness Center in February 2005.

"I really want to make peo-

ple aware of the symptoms of a stroke. A lot of people wouldn't associate eye symptoms with a stroke," she said.

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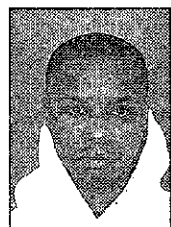
Man going to prison for duct taping boy

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

A 90-second video tape has landed a Canton man in jail for one to four years after he pleaded guilty to second-degree child abuse.

The tape, which shook even the most seasoned Canton police officers, showed Andre Thornton Montgomery, 28, tormenting the 2-year-old son of his former girlfriend.

The child, who is now 4, was bound with duct tape around his hands, feet, mouth and



Montgomery

eyes.

Montgomery was sentenced Friday by Judge Amy Hathaway in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The boy's mother stumbled across the tape one day in her home and alerted police. The child never had signs of physical abuse.

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RUNNER

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getting on board and supporting the cause and the run, which as a runner, makes our work all the more fulfilling."

From her team trekking 40 miles on busy highway to celebrating the opportunity for a rare breakfast, Leventhal said she's trying to soak up everything the run has to offer.

"There are times when I feel my body might not make it through but I look around me and see some of the most beautiful views ever and have known I will probably never get to see them again," she said.

"I feel so lucky to be out here, living this experience." For more information on the run or to make a donation, log on to www.blueplanetrun.org.

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GRUB

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Crawl, the event was a great way to discover new restaurants. She brought along her daughter, Joy Bobbie, a Dearborn resident who was celebrating her 33rd birthday. While the two enjoyed themselves, Silagy had some advice for people that might be thinking about going on the Grub Crawl next year. "First, never eat so much at the first place. Secondly, never drink the strongest drink at the first place," she joked. While the participating restaurants don't make a lot of money during the Grub Crawl,

the event is a way to attract new customers, according to Jonathan Johnson, manager of the Rusty Nail, which has been participating in the event for several years. "We want to get new faces in here," he said. "We have been in Canton for 31 years, but we still get people that come by and might be a little intimidated because we are a bar. This event gets some of those people in the door." And that's the point of the event, according to Dianne Cojei, president of the Chamber of Commerce. "Our hope is that people will recognize Canton has some excellent restaurants and bars," she said.

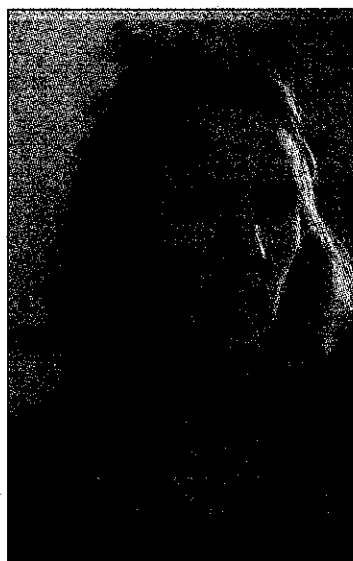


Fun with Dick and Jane Keenan means stopping at Mariachi Mexican Restaurant during the Grub Crawl.

ACCIDENT

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married father of three. His wife, Cindy, who was riding alongside him, was not injured. "He was the nicest guy you ever met," said Arnie Cohl, who met Quasarano 10 years ago. Cohl of Wixom, along with nearly two dozen members of the Motor City HOG Club, of which Quasarano was a member, attended Craner's arraignment. "We're devastated. This has floored all of us," Cohl said. "I think (Craner) should be punished to the maximum." Affectionately known as "Tony Q," Quasarano loved life, his bride and his Harley. Many of his friends, including Belleville resident Gregg Goulette, said they will remember him for his smile. Goulette attended the arraignment with a picture of Quasarano and his wife that had been taken just hours before the crash. Both were grinning and wearing Harley-Davidson attire.



Cheri Helms, a friend of the victim, was driving near him when he was killed Sunday.

"He loved riding," Goulette said. "He loved it." Canton Police Deputy Chief Alex Wilson said the department is doing an in-depth review of the incident, but noted that preliminary findings show that the responding officer followed procedure during the pursuit.

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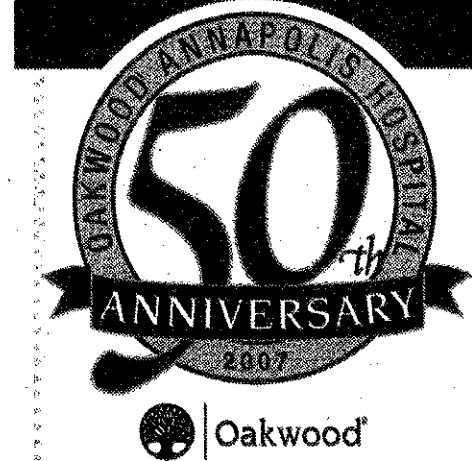
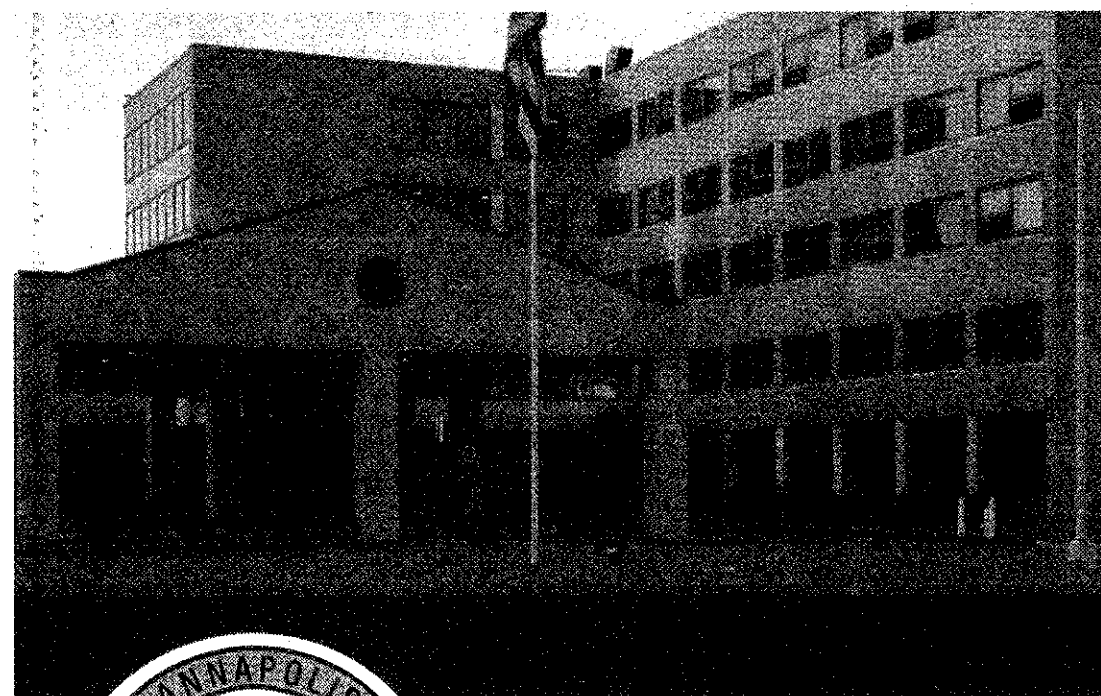
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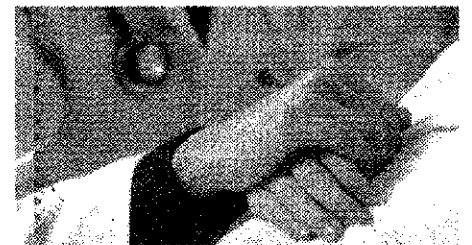
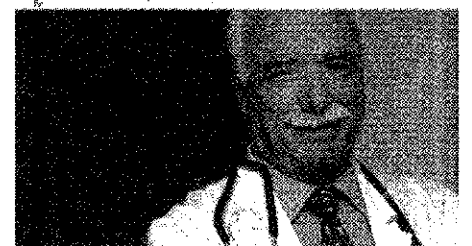
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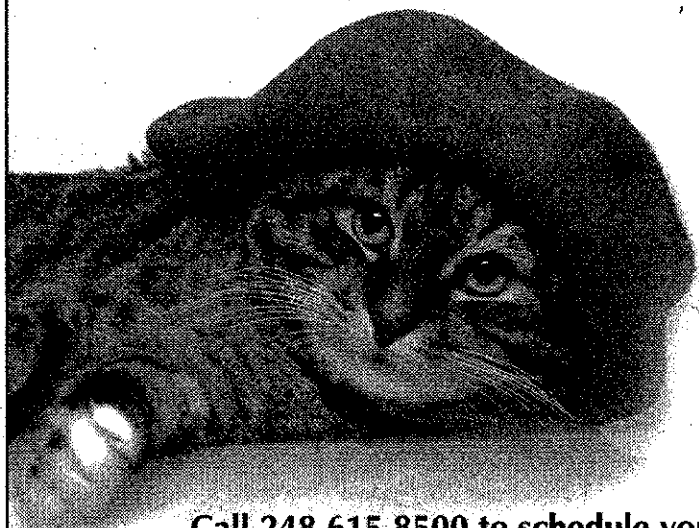
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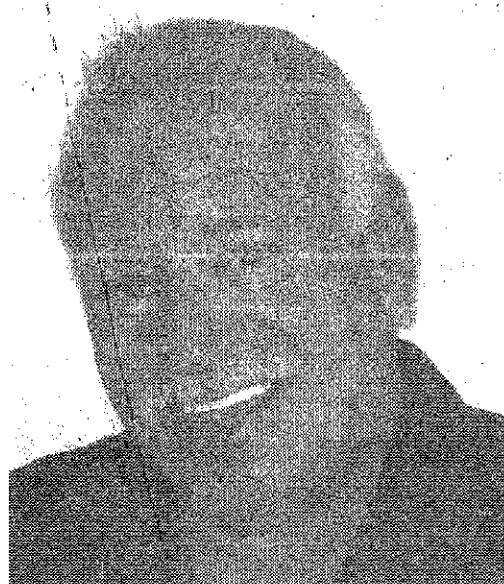
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The rest of the week fairgoers will pay \$12 per day.

There will be a lineup of entertainment every day at the fair. The Wayne County Fair offers free Parking; and with the Pay-One-Price-to-Ride wristband fairgoers have admission to the grandstand shows, rodeo, and the Figure 8 and Enduro Derbies, to name a few.

Fairgrounds are at the north I-94 Service Drive, Belleville Road Exit #190.

Claiming your elderly mom or dad as dependent

I recently met with a couple to discuss managing their portfolio. But before getting down to business the issue of an elderly parent was raised.

One parent's source of income is Social Security. They have very little in savings and no other retirement account. It's a situation that's happening more and more, where members of the baby-boom generation have to supplement their parents' income. People are living longer and the cost of living is going up.

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

In this particular situation, the three children decided they would each contribute a certain amount of money per month to help cover their mother's living expenses. My question was, 'Who's claiming mom as a dependent?' The answer was they were told that since no one person is pay-

ing half of mom's support, they did not qualify to claim her as a dependent.

Since more and more baby boomers have to financially assist their parents, it's important to review some of the rules with regard to claiming a parent as a dependent.

Two tests must be met in order to claim a parent as a dependent. The first is income. Typically, in order to claim someone as a dependent, they cannot have more than \$3,400 of income (not taking into consideration Social Security). Included, however, are distributions from a retirement account or a pension plan.

The second test is support. In order to claim someone as a dependent you must provide more than half of their support (includes housing, food and medical expenses). A parent does not have to live with you to claim them as a dependent. If the two tests are met, you are eligible to claim someone as a dependent on your tax return.

My clients believed that while mom met the income test, they did not provide half her support because her other children were contributing as well.

In order to claim someone as a dependent, you individually do not necessarily have to pay half the support. If multiple parties are involved, as long as those parties provide more than half the support, someone can claim the individual as a dependent.

In this situation, three adult children equally contributing were paying more than 10 percent of mom's support. In total they paid more than 50 percent so one of them is entitled to claim mom as a dependent.

In cases where multiple parties are supporting an individual and they are rotating who takes the dependency deduction, the IRS Form 2120 would be the form to be completed.

Is it worth filing an amended return? If you discover a mistake you made on your tax return which results in you

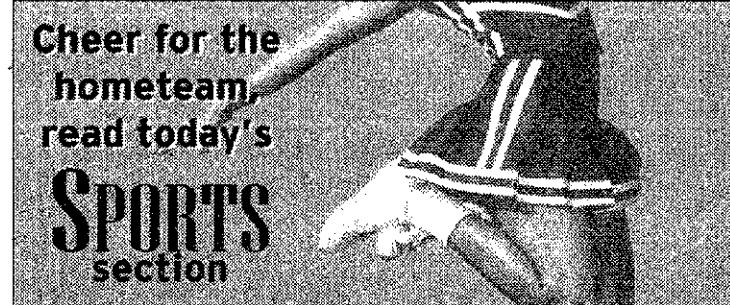
owing more money to the IRS, I recommend filing an amended return. The IRS is more forgiving on penalties when you voluntarily come forth.

On the other hand, if by filing an amended return the IRS is going to owe you money, my general rule is as long as you can document the change there should be no problem.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that when you file an amended return, it automatically means you will be audited. That's not the case. However, if you're only going to save \$100 to \$200, don't go through the hassle.

In the case of my clients, who would save more than \$1,000, it makes sense to file an amended return.

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



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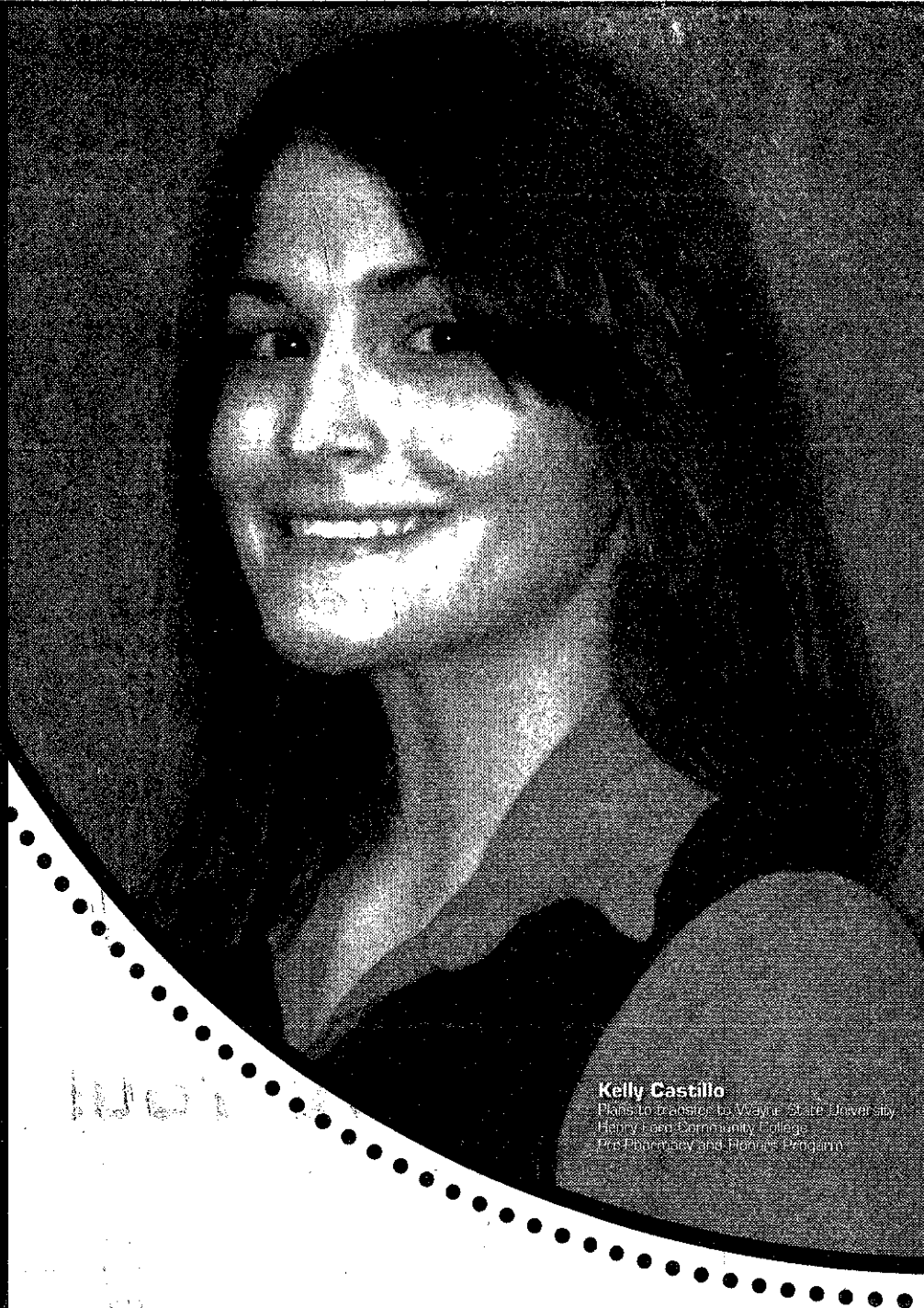
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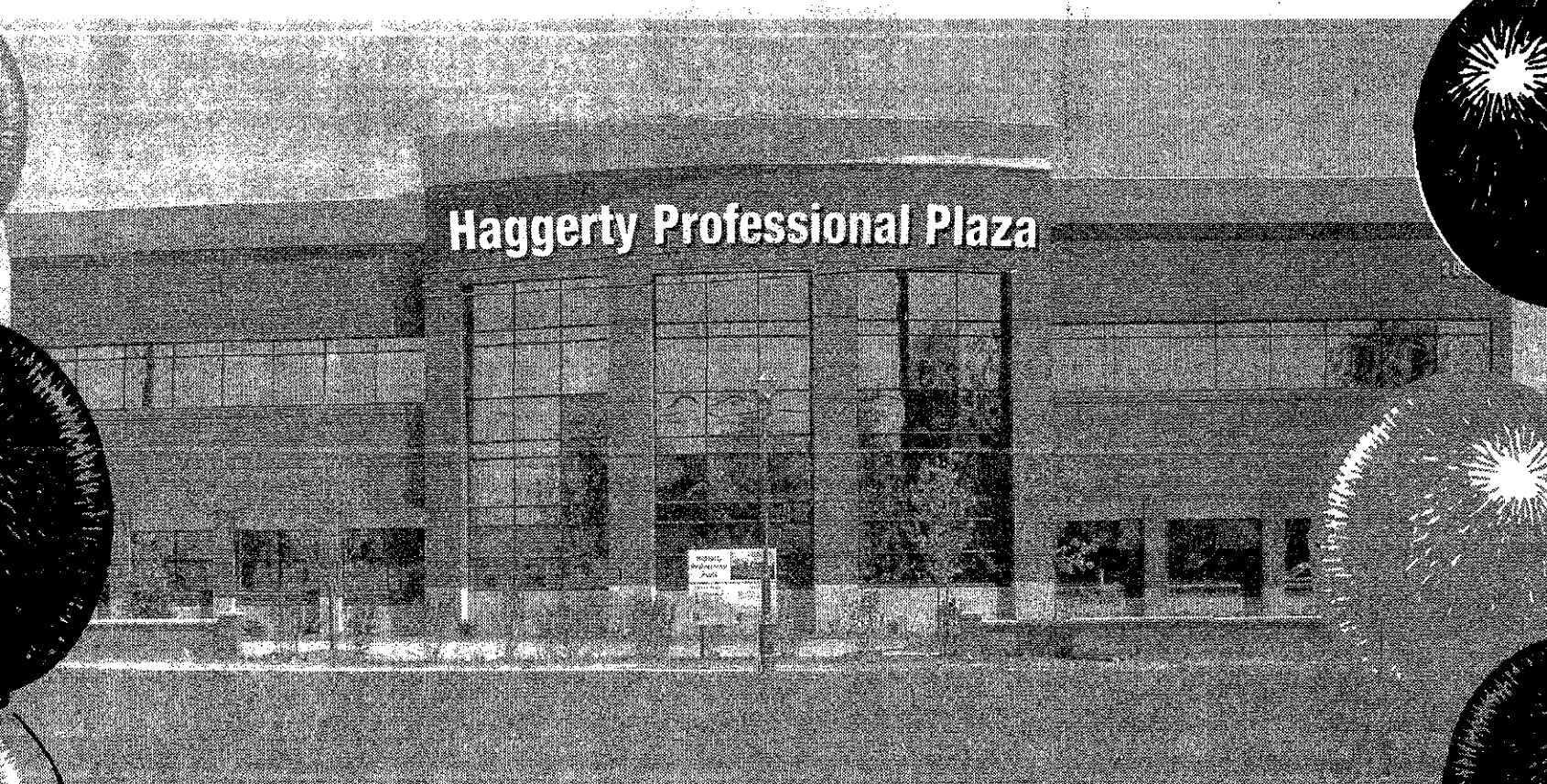
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Nordstrom plans to hire 300 workers

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"As we start the hiring process, we'll be looking for fun people who have a passion for fashion and who want to give great service to our customers," said Todd Buntin, Twelve Oaks store manager. "We're looking for employees who hopefully want to grow with our company. At Nordstrom, we have a strong promote-from-within philosophy, which means that as we grow there is a lot of opportunity for employees."

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Madonna, All-Saints receive Carter Award

Madonna University and the All Saints Neighborhood Center, Neighborhood Centers Inc. - Partnership for Community Cohesion received the 2007 Carter Partnership Award.

The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration recognizes college/university and community groups that work together in exceptional ways to improve people's lives and help college students learn the value of community service in the process. The \$10,000 award will be divided equally by the partners to support their program.

In 1999, the All Saints Catholic Church assumed control of a recently-closed church building and turned it into a community center. Madonna University initially provided tables, chairs, desks, and soon followed with a host of service-learning activities such as literacy tutoring, health and wellness programming, summer program assistance, neighborhood surveys and asset-mapping, and a residential summer camp at Madonna for the Center's young people.

Partnership work outside of service-learning includes the provision of technical assistance by university representatives on the design of early



L-R: Sister Victoria Indyk, MU nursing assistant professor; Gov. Jennifer Granholm; Michael Turner, youth specialist, All Saints Neighborhood Center (ASNC); Dennis Nordmoe, ASNC executive director; Christine Bell, ASNC youth development director; Kevin West, MU director of service-learning; Amber Lee, MU student; Fonda Gnack, Michigan Campus Compact Americorps VISTA for MU; Don Tuski, Olivet College president; Mary Therese La Palm and Kristina Bilowus, MU students.

childhood and family-based programs which contributed in part to the renovation of the center to meet childcare codes, client tracking systems, and assistance in securing a grant for computer training.

"Each year Madonna has done more and more to support the children in one way

or another," said Dennis Nordmoe, executive director of All Saints Neighborhood Center. "The program gets better and better, thanks to all the students and the faculty who get involved." To prove his point, Nordmoe said there were two applicants for every opening for this year's Bridge Camp;

a residential summer camp at Madonna that provides children the experience of going to college, to help them see the possibilities for their futures.

"This award is recognition for nearly a decade of collaboration that has been mutually beneficial," said Kevin West, service learn-

ing director at Madonna University. "The All Saints Center has brought the neighborhood new life and hope, and our students and faculty have experienced the joy of helping others develop to their potential. It's that community service component of a Madonna education that sets our graduates apart."

The Partnership for Community Cohesion was among four finalists vying for this award. A selection panel composed of representatives from community, higher education, business and government organizations selected the four finalists based on the combined merits of each program, giving careful consideration to how closely the program applicants matched the award criteria. This campus-community partnership was recognized June 20, 2007, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit at the annual Governor's Service Awards.

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OUR VIEWS

Board gets pick right

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education members made the right move, pre-ordained as it may have been, in appointing Judy Mardigian the board's new president.

She replaces Barry Simescu, who did a fine job in his one year in the job, and her selection bypasses newer, younger members who would perhaps have brought a fresh perspective to the position, never a bad thing.

But this school district has tough challenges ahead, not the least difficult of which will be replacing Dr. James Ryan, the popular and effective superintendent of schools, when he departs in February.

The district also still faces a large projected budget deficit, and choices must be made about what to cut while doing the least harm possible to students.

In the face of such challenges, the board's choice of Mardigian as its new president seems like the best one. She's the only remaining board member who has gone through a superintendent

search process, although that search ended in the failed administration of Kathleen Booher, who subsequently resigned.

And the district needs to get this one right. Ryan, a vociferous advocate for the district, understands two things necessary to success in Plymouth-Canton — the political landscape (and subsequent land mines) and how Michigan schools are funded.

His successor isn't likely to come from within the district, so local politics is something he or she will have to learn on the job. However, the board would be wise to choose a Michigan candidate who has a better chance of knowing how to deal with Lansing.

Mardigian seems the best pick to lead the board through this process. While Barry Simescu did a fine job in his only year as president, he doesn't have Mardigian's experience. Ditto for trustees Dianne Gonzalez and Steven Sneiderman, who just completed their first year on the board, and Nancy Eggenberger and John Jackson, both of whom are just starting.

With the magnitude of the challenges facing the district, getting the superintendent choice right is a must. Among this group of seven people, Mardigian gives them the best shot.

Don't take a vacation from giving this summer

Summer is a time to kick back and take a break from school, work and other commitments.

Folks on fast-track schedules the rest of the year finally have time to travel and visit with far-flung family members and friends.

When at home, they make the most of summer's long days and warm weather by enjoying outdoor activities.

But summer takes a toll on charities. Not only are people busy with other interests, but the need for donations goes up.

Demand for blood peaks in the summer because travel and outdoor activity-related accidents increase. And food pantries scramble to provide peanut butter and jelly and other staples to families whose children get free or reduced-cost lunches during the school year.

This summer is no different.

Blood donations at the Southeastern Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross have been critically low all summer. As of July 13, there were zero units of O negative and O positive blood types on the chapter's shelves when there should be a three-day supply of 369 units and 1,392 units respectively.

"For us to have none puts the whole community in jeopardy," said Bridget Tuohey, director of marketing, who added that all types of blood are needed.

At Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, donors are responding to pleas to raise \$250,000 this summer to help feed the 300,000 children in southeastern Michigan who are income-eligible for government-funded lunches. "But are we keeping pace? No way, the need is way bigger," said Gerry Brisson, vice president for development.

The state's ailing economy is adding to the client load of charities that provide emergency assistance with food, rent, utilities and prescriptions. In North Oakland County, Lighthouse of Clarkston and Oxford Orion FISH are seeing big jumps in their numbers from last spring and summer. At Oxford Orion FISH, an average of 72 more families a month are turning to the charity for assistance.

Don't take a vacation from giving this summer. To schedule an appointment to give blood, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit www.givelife.org. To donate to Gleaners, make a cash donation at www.gcfb.org or call Lisa Walker at (866) GLEANER, Ext 241. Or contact the local charity of your choice.



LETTERS

Bush betrayed investors

Recently President Bush betrayed investors, pressuring Solicitor General Paul Clement to steer clear of a pending U.S. Supreme Court case that could provide shareholders with the necessary tools to hold crooked CEOs accountable — as is still needed for Enron investors defrauded only five years ago.

The case, *Stoneridge Investment vs. Scientific-Atlanta*, asks whether investors can recover investment losses from investment banks, attorneys, accountants and other parties involved in fraudulent corporate collusion. The Supreme Court is expected to consider the case during its next term. The outcome could determine whether victims of the Enron scandal can proceed with a \$40 billion lawsuit against investment banks that enabled Enron's massive fraud.

Even though the Securities and Exchange Commission urged the administration to file a brief in support of investors, the administration thumbed its nose at investors.

With Bush's approval-rating hovering around 30 percent, his only remaining support comes from the CEOs of giant corporations. He's just playing to the last of his base, while showing small investors across America how little regard his administration has for our well-being.

Denise Berthiaume
Canton

Get out of town

On June 11, I received a ticket for parking two hours and 40 minutes on Forest Avenue in Plymouth. Based on current time-limit posting, I deserved it because I was parked in a two-hour parking zone.

That being said, I was embarrassed on behalf of the City of Plymouth for being so inhospitable.

I have lived in the Plymouth-Canton area for over 30 years. On June 11, I invited two ladies, new residents of Canton and first-time visitors to downtown Plymouth, to an afternoon of shopping. We ate lunch, shopped at four stores and made purchases at two.

I raved about what a wonderful town Plymouth is. I told my friends about Art in the Park, fall festival, the ice festival, band concerts and Kellogg Park.

At the end of a lovely afternoon in downtown Plymouth, we were slapped with a parking ticket. The message was received loud and clear. The city administrators do not want people to shop in Plymouth.

Apparently, visitors are supposed to "get out of town quick." Visitors can either shop or eat, but they cannot do both in a leisurely fashion.

With great regret, I will not be bringing a first-time guest to Plymouth again.

Diane Cuper
Canton

Board did its job

It is astounding to me that Kurt Heise continues to think he deserved the vacant position on the school board.

Kurt was not the communities' choice for the school board, Mark Slavens was and our school board did its job by appointing the candidate for the position who best represented the good qualities we have seen in Mark over the past many years.

It was a mistake for Kurt Heise and his supporters to jump to the conclusion that those who voted for Mark after he

announced his judicial appointment were uninformed or to assume that all those who cast absentee ballots for Mark would have voted differently with the knowledge of his appointment.

I chose to vote for Mark because I wanted our school board members to look for his replacement in a candidate with an equal passion for our school district. I wanted the board to find Mark's replacement in someone who knows about the district because they have lived here and had children attend our schools for many years, have been involved in the activities of these schools and have had a track record of working for the betterment of our district.

It appears that the board did listen to the voters and selected John Jackson, someone whose past involvement in the district proves he has a chance of filling Mark's shoes. If the school board's No. 1 job is looking after the interests of all the children attending Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, they did their job well in selecting John Jackson as Mark Slavens' replacement.

Marti Chamberlain
Plymouth

What a sham

Last week in the Congress of the United States, the curtain was drawn back to reveal our governmental system for the sham it really is.

None other than Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, and other Democrats, joined with the 9th Congressional District's Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield, to ensure that more people will die in Iraq. The war funding bill which will add another \$100 billion to our war taxes was voted on favorably by none other than our stalwart senators from Michigan.

What a shame and a disgrace it is when most Americans have now come to see the Iraq war for the cruel hoax it has been from the very beginning. There is truly no opposition party in this country. The current crop of aspirants for the highest office in the land have already been bought and paid for.

They are an unremarkable band of chosen corporate defenders of the military/industrial complex and are not worthy of election.

The cowardice of the Democrats is plainly visible and the outrageous abuses of the Republicans are indisputable. In Washington, all that matters is money and power. They are incestuously entwined in a charade masquerading as democracy. It is no democracy when money pulls the strings and the elected puppets dance.

Our nation is in a steep decline approaching a free fall from grace all over the world. This country desperately needs to elect those who will forcefully oppose the unspeakable horror that is the Iraq occupation? Their task will be made more difficult by attacks on them from the war's supporters in the mainstream media.

On Memorial Day, were there words spoken for peace? Or were there only condolences for the fallen soldiers? Were there thoughts expressed about their untimely deaths?

A nation that sacrifices its young for military "victory" is a nation that has forfeited its own moral authority. We will no longer be allowed to see the flag-draped coffins or pictures of the wounded. Is it possible that their proper disclosure could cause an abrupt halt to the needless death and destruction being carried out in our name? In the next election, every single leg-

islator of either party who voted for war should be barred from public office by the votes of an empowered electorate. That action is in our hands. We have everything to lose if we do not act and a government of, by and for the people to regain.

Mary M. Johnston
Farmington Hills

Patient safety promoted

Thank you for Tom Watkins' fine column on Michael Moore's *Sicko* and its indictment of the health care industry ("Michael Moore's 'Sicko' — Is it just what the patient ordered?" July 5).

One helpful suggestion for improving health care has already been endorsed by the American Association of University Women of Michigan at its 85th annual state convention in Traverse City on May 5.

The AAUW resolution "urges the governor and the state Legislature to create a permanent statewide Michigan Patient Safety Center and that this center provide a simple, direct way for consumers of health care services (patients, families and/or their survivors) to report to it first-hand information pertaining to medical mishaps."

This resolution was originally proposed by the Oakland AAUW branch. The general public is invited to attend Oakland AAUW's free program on patient safety at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, in the Oakland YMCA, 839 S. Crooks Road, Clawson.

This program will feature Diane Valade, Coalition Activities director for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, and Beverly McDoanld, chairwoman of the Michigan Consumer Health Care Coalition. Both women were instrumental in the recent governor's Michigan State Commission on Patient Safety, Ms. McDonald serving as an outspoken commissioner during that body's public hearings, and Ms. Valade heading the hearings' staff.

Everyone is welcome to attend the October patient safety program. No reservations are necessary and questions and answers will be featured.

The AAUW resolution points out that "the prestigious National Institute of Medicine published its 1999 landmark study "To Err is Human" estimating that as many as 98,000 unnecessary deaths and more than one million patient injuries occur each year in U.S. hospitals, caused by human errors..."

Patient safety is a vital topic that concerns us all.

Lynette Brown
Women's Issues chair
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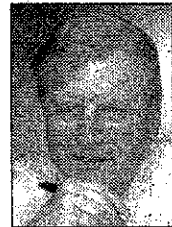
Bipartisan votes will help state get out of this crisis

Three steps forward, seven to go.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week signed into law the new Michigan Business Tax. Getting that done marked a big and essential step for a state with a struggling economy. But at best it represents only a 30 percent solution.

So now for the hard part: The far bigger and more difficult step will be adopting a state budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

What we all need is a lot more statesmanship on the part of everyone in Lansing than we have seen so far — or we, our children and grandchildren will all be in big, big trouble.



Phil Power

We have reason to worry. The nicest way to describe the way in which these same lawmakers finally "balanced" the current 2007 budget back in May is "fraudulent." The patchwork deal included accounting gimmicks, the scandalous sale of future proceeds from the tobacco fund and outright cuts and so-called "delays" in appropriation payments to state universities. (University officials fear they'll never see the deferred dough.)

That means the present budget is not merely a "let's sweep it under the rug budget." In fact, it makes the problem for 2008 worse.

Best estimate for the shortfall for the coming fiscal year is \$1.8 billion.

So far, the governor and legislative leaders have "negotiated" in public via warring nasty press releases, while trying to hammer out an agreement behind closed doors.

But time is running short, and public patience with our elected leaders is running out as Michigan staggers closer to either outright government shutdown (as Pennsylvania has been going through) or budget cuts so hideous that they would tear the guts out of what used to be a pretty good place to live and grow a business.

What our politicians sometimes conveniently forget (to our peril) is that we've had years of budget and tax cuts. State General Fund spending has been cut by \$4.3 billion since 2002, and business conditions are no better than when budget-whacking started.

So now it's time to get serious. The stage is set for what might be called a "Grand Budget Bargain" — and it's already been sketched out in private amongst our leaders. All that's needed is the guts to take the final steps. To stanch the \$1.8 billion of red ink, they need:

- \$300 million in expense cuts, mostly in spending for prisons. I understand most of these have been agreed to.

- \$200 million-\$300 million in non-tax revenue. Some might come from a fee on water that companies bottle and sell out of state.

- Reforms in the structure and cost of state and local government. Although the savings from most of these come over the long run, Republicans in the Senate are making structural changes a necessary quid pro quo in any budget deal.

- Around \$1.5 billion in higher taxes. Democrats

insist that any budget deal include increased tax revenue, partly because there simply isn't another way. Most of the negotiation going on involves an increase in the state income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.1 percent, although there is some discussion about a sales tax on non-essential purchases like tickets to ball games.

All these things sound like a pretty obvious deal for adults to make. Trade big-time, much-needed government reforms for an equally necessary tax increase.

But it isn't going to be all that easy, not for anybody.

The problem for the governor and the Democrats who control the state House of Representatives is their friends in organized labor. Labor is fiercely resisting government reforms and cuts in pay and benefits for public employees. Republicans, who control the Senate, are demanding reforms and cuts as part of the price for a vote on taxes.

Frustratingly, Granholm has up to now been relatively quiet about what she's willing to fight for. But I now have been told by high-placed sources in her administration that she's now prepared to recommend a long laundry list. Those include:

- Mandatory competitive bidding for health care services. Tightening up pension requirements for school employees, including eliminating the five-year vesting provision and ending the practice of retired employees returning to work for just a handful of days to get fully vested in health care coverage. End to pension double-dipping. Removing legal barriers to local government consolidation.

Perhaps the biggest reform of all: Switching public employee pensions to defined contribution plans (in effect, a 401K.) This will save many, many millions over the long run, although it may actually cost a bit more over the next several years.

That's a long list. And it's one that should give Republicans plenty of good reasons to justify voting for a tax increase.

Sure, there are risks for all sides. Democrats who vote for public employee reforms risk the wrath of their union allies. They also need to accept government reforms that are real, not Band-Aids or outright fakes. Republicans who vote for new taxes risk being recalled by the noisy anti-tax crowd, whose leaders are not living in this century. Still, it's high time for those GOP members demanding government reforms as the price of tax increases to put up or shut up.

Everyone we've elected to state office needs to realize that we didn't put them there just to make the easy votes. Our state is in crisis. It will take bipartisan votes to get us out of this jam.

Failure — meaning either a shutdown of state government, ruining higher education or trying to cobble together one more set of budgetary Band-Aids — would be absolutely unacceptable. Most legislators want to do the right thing. Now is the time to do it.

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St. Mary Mercy welcomes you to our tobacco-free campus

According to the American Lung Association, tobacco is the No. 1 source of preventable deaths in the United States, and second-hand smoke causes at least 38,000 deaths in adult non-smokers each year. It is our responsibility as a hospital to help safeguard the health of every person we serve. Therefore, effective July 7, St. Mary Mercy Hospital has become a tobacco- and smoke-free environment, indoors and out.

This initiative prohibits the use of tobacco products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco and pipes within all of the St. Mary Mercy campus facilities, owned or leased property, and parking facilities.



David A. Spivey

Our new tobacco- and smoke-free policy is designed to promote good health among patients, visitors, neighbors and staff of St. Mary Mercy. The Michigan Health & Hospital Association has issued an advisory for hospitals to ban smoking by Jan. 1, 2008, so we join many area hospitals and health facilities in this initiative.

Because our new policy prohibits tobacco use and smoking anywhere on the hospital property, we want to take this opportunity to inform the community of this change. Over the past year, a team of employees — smokers, non-smokers, former smokers, nurses and physicians — has been meeting to create awareness of this tobacco- and smoke-free policy, and offering our employees who smoke options to help them quit smoking.

We understand that nicotine is addictive. No employee, patient or visitor is required to stop using tobacco products. However, similar to the regulations in the restaurant and travel industries, employees who smoke will be responsible for managing their nicotine dependence during their work hours in ways that do not violate the tobacco- and smoke-free policy.

We will also make every effort to notify patients and families about our tobacco-free campus initiative before they arrive. Patients who are scheduled to be admitted to St. Mary Mercy, or who are having outpatient surgery, will receive information about the policy. During their stay at the hospital, patients who smoke will be directed to speak to their physician about nicotine replacement therapy. Vendors, contractors and delivery companies will also be notified.

We announced our plan internally to go tobacco-free more than six months in advance to prepare our employees for this change. We have distributed information on resources at St. Mary Mercy and in the community to help those who want to quit.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital provides support and smoking cessation for those who wish to utilize these services. Smoking cessation counselors are available and offer classes to help our

patients, staff and community members as we make this transition.

Educating others about our policy is the responsibility of all St. Mary Mercy employees, physicians and volunteers. The intent of this policy is to educate and create a healthier environment.

Did you know? Tobacco use is the:

- No. 1 cause of drug addiction in adults and children in the U.S.

- Major cause of hospital admissions and readmissions

- No. 1 cause of both cancer and emphysema
- Leading cause of heart disease and strokes

- Effects on patients that smoke include:
- Twice the rate of wound infections, slows wound healing

- Longer stays in the hospital
- Most common form of pulmonary morbidity during surgery and anesthesia

- Gastrointestinal, prenatal and orthopedic complications

- Effects of second-hand smoke include:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has classified it as a "Group A" carcinogen, which are the most toxic substances known to cause cancer in humans, including benzene, radon and asbestos

- Increases non-smoker's risk for heart disease and worsens symptoms of adults already suffering from asthma, allergies or bronchitis

- Is associated with as many as 300,000 cases of bronchitis and pneumonia each year in infants to 18 months of age

- Employer costs related to tobacco use include:

- Increased direct medical costs per smoking employee per year
- Increased indirect medical costs to employee's family

- Lost productivity costs per employee per year
- Smokers have 6.5 more absent days per year

- Smokers have six more visits to health care facilities for themselves
- Smokers make four more visits to health care facilities for their dependents

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A list of resources for those who are thinking of quitting smoking can be found on our Web site at www.stmarymercy.org or call our Community Outreach Department for more information at (734) 655-8950.

You can be assured our policy will be implemented in as supportive a manner as possible and with sensitivity toward smokers, while also upholding our commitment to maintaining healthier communities.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the tobacco- and smoke-free policy, please contact our vice president, human resources, Ken Antczak at (734) 655-2931.

David A. Spivey is the president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

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Nature's Way

Jonathan Schechter

They will summer there under the watchful eyes of volunteer guardians and park rangers. And they will learn to kill. For that is nature's way.

The chicks are osprey, the physical was at the Detroit Zoo and the proper name for their condominium is a hack box, a platformed shelter where they stay until they fledge. Air conditioning is supplied by Mother Nature. And those awesome nails are more properly called claws, long curved claws, at that. Ornithologists, biologists and volunteers working with the birds consider the claws the business end of the osprey. Rightfully so. Each four-toed foot has four sharp claws and a spiny pad on the feet between the toes helps secure dinner. Dinner for osprey is live fish. Bullhead and carp are favorites.

This fish-eating specialist is sometimes known as the fish hawk.

And why not? It has the ability to hover above water and when the moment is right plunge into the water to dramatically snag dinner. Osprey were once common through much of the Midwest and Michigan. Then came DDT and habitat destruction - a one-two punch that led to



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their demise. But now we are in the fifth summer of the osprey project, an interagency effort to restore osprey to southeast Michigan. And if you checked off a contribution on your tax return for the Non-Game Wildlife Fund you are a key player in their return: You funded it. The project is a cooperative venture among the Huron Clinton Metroparks, the DNR and the Detroit Zoological Institute, with additional support from DTE Energy.

I've been an osprey fan ever since I fell in love with them

as one of those early volunteers tending to their needs during the first of five summers osprey were "hacked" at Kensington Metropark. Sitting up high near my charges, watching them tear at chopped bullhead, and later take flight - that was the good life!

I'll never forget the next summer, when an osprey loitered for three weeks at the West Bloomfield Nature Preserve, drawing binocular-totting bird lovers from afar. And then it was gone to seek fishier, wilder pastures.

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Expect games and crafts for kids, media presentations and displays and several vendors with birding and osprey-specific items for sale.

On Sunday at 2 p.m. the Howell Nature center staff will be on site with live birds

of prey. And a stunning documentary, An Osprey Homecoming will be on display in the nature center.

The special weekend event is co-hosted by Osprey Watch of Southeast Michigan.

There is no charge except for the required vehicle permit and the birds of prey program and crafts are also free. Visitors are also welcome to follow the Osprey Discovery Trail and use the park's spotting scopes.

For more information contact Kensington at 1-800-477-3178 or visit. www.metroparks.com.

Check these Web site first to add to your experience: www.AnOspreyHomecoming.com.

And www.owsem.org (updates on the chicks). Here's a tip: If you have a bike, bring it, a great paved bike trail loops about Kensington.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. E-mail: oaknature@aol.com.

Hemingway's Nick Adams stories are selected for state reading program

The Michigan Humanities Council has selected Ernest Hemingway's *The Nick Adams Stories* for its new statewide literature and literacy initiative, The Great American Read. For the next year, as hundreds of thousands of Michiganders open their copies of *The Nick Adams Stories* and attend hundreds of programs and events across the state, readers will be introduced or reacquainted with a classic piece of American literature.

The Nick Adams Stories chronicles a young man's coming of age in a series of short stories, most of which are set in Michigan.

"The Michigan Humanities Council is pleased to kick off its statewide program, The Great Michigan Read, by presenting Ernest Hemingway and *The Nick Adams Stories* to Michigan citizens," said Janice Fedewa, executive director of the Michigan Humanities Council. "It is an outstanding opportunity for people to become engaged in reading and community programs through a classic piece of literature, made in Michigan, from an American icon."

The Humanities Council is the first organization to implement a program for an entire state to read one of Hemingway's works. To date, more than 100 communities across the state will participate in The Great Michigan Read. Reader's guides, bookmarks, posters and other opportunities are available to participating cultural institutions. Additional activities include traveling exhibits, radio and television features, a web site resource, www.greatmichiganread.org and grant programs to help

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engage communities in literature.

The Great Michigan Read promotes literary reading to help create an educated and engaged society. According to a report recently released by the National Endowment for the Arts, literary reading is fading as a meaningful activity, especially among younger people. Less than half of the adult American population now reads literature. From 1982 to 2002, the percentage of American adults reading literature declined from 56.9 percent to 49.7 percent.

After reviewing many Michigan titles and authors, the Council's book selection committee selected *The Nick Adams Stories* based its broad appeal, its relevance to current life and its classic status. This title represents an accessible entry point for first-time literature readers, yet will challenge the most advanced readers. And it is authored by one of the foremost writers of the 20th century, Ernest Hemingway, who spent more of his first 22 summers in Northern Michigan.

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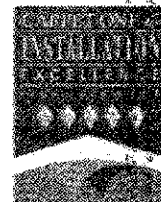
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RELIGION CALENDAR

JULY

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schootcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

Fun days

Children's Summer Fun Days continue 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays throughout July and August at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Bring a bag

lunch for you and your children. We will have playtime either inside or outside depending on the weather and then lunch in the gym. After lunch, we will have Bible Story and Music Time. Parents will be responsible for supervising their children

during this time. If you plan to attend, call the office to let us know how many children and adults will be coming (734) 427-1414. Everyone is welcome.

Rummage sale

Community Rummage Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School, 9600 Leverne Redford. Call (313) 937-2424 or visit www.hosannatabor.org. Rummage sale will be outside in our parking lot if the weather is nice. Otherwise, it will be held indoors in the gym. A concession stand will be available. Cost is \$10 per space, \$5 per table. To register, call (313) 937-2424 to request a form.

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Vacation Bible school

During the week of July 23-27, the Anglican Church of Livonia will have Vacation Bible School from 6:30-9 p.m. in the back yard of Dave and Shannon Pearce. The classes will be designed for ages 5-12, but those younger than 5 can attend if there is an adult with them. The theme is Strange, Gross, Little Known Stories of the Bible. Every night includes snacks, games, strange Bible stories, songs and a campfire. For more information, call the church office at (248) 442-0422.

Noah's Ark week

Continues to July 21, Pet Blessing on Saturday July 21. This should be a fun time for ages 1-100. Registration not necessary. Various presenters will show us their animals in action. Experts will speak and/or show and tell animals, facts and stories. Joining us will be Rainbow Feathers Bird Club, Garden City Canine Patrol, Certified Bee Keeper, Jill Andra Young Pet Photographer, 4-H club with sheep and rabbits, Dearborn Animal Shelter dog training expert, Regap rescued greyhounds, VCM Veterinary Centers, Wayne County Mounted Horse and Sheriff, Petco Pet Supply Company, and a Detroit Zoo docent. Handouts from various animal type organizations will be also be available. Each evening will be different. This event will be both indoors and outdoors. Hours are 7-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Bring your pet on Saturday for the 10 a.m. Pet Blessing Ceremony, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman. For details, call (734) 421-8628 and leave a message.

The Donut Man

A Jesus Kids Concert starring The Donut Man will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21, at Sacred Heart Banquet Hall and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$6 per person and available at the door.

Anniversary celebration

Minister Mark McGilvrey and wife Jeannie celebrate 35 years of faithful service to Memorial Church of Christ on Saturday, July 21. The activities begin with a reception (4-5 p.m.) followed by a potluck dinner and program. To reserve a place call (734) 464-7156 or send e-mail to bonnie-andcarol@earthlink.net. Blank pages to write notes of appreciation to the McGilvreys are available Memorial Church of Christ is at 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The notes will be placed in a special book for the couple.

Soccer mini-camp

6:30-8 p.m. July 23-26, 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 lkloiber@ameritech.net.

Vacation Bible school

Bible stories, crafts, games, puppets, snacks and prizes 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 23-27, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 E. Lincoln at Edgewood, Birmingham. Bring your friends ages 2-17 and join us each day. For more information, call (248) 646-2000. Ext. 16.

Messiah

Come sing in instant performances of the world's greatest choral music in Summer Sings 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, (Messiah by George Frideric Handel), and Aug. 29 (Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten), at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maples, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no long-term commitment. For more information, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

Media mania presentation

On Protecting Our Children who are overexposed to sex by way of television,

music, magazines, and the Internet, often communicating the wrong message. As part of the presentation Dr. Kevin Barber will give tips on how parents can protect their children. Barber is a Neurological Psychologist who owns Psychological Evaluation and Consulting Services in Livonia, and has a specialty with children. A practicing Catholic who is married with two children in Catholic school, Barber also coaches high school football. Presentation (with Q & A) is 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in Fellowship Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. No charge.

Vacation Bible school

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

Anniversary Mass

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

Song ministry

The 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.

Women of the word

Women of the Word Bible Studies offers a choice of 2 studies this summer at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or download a registration form at www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen. The first study is on 1 Samuel, a Precept Ministries study began 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Video lectures by Kay Arthur will expand on the material covered in the discussion group. Cost for workbook is \$15. Second study is Loving Well, a four-week of heart-to-heart messages from Beth Moore 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Cost for workbook is \$8.

Carillon series

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

Summer Bible studies

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

Summer camp

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

Summer camp

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

Sunday school classes

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

Worship schedule

10 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 9, when the fall worship schedule resumes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile, Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2345.

UPCOMING

Women's retreat

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

Choral concert

The Holman-Climax Male Voice Choir from Cornwall, England, as part of their second Michigan tour, performs 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church located on the corner of West Chicago and Hubbard, south of Plymouth road, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. Members of the church and community will be hosting the 70 people touring with the choir. A committee

has been established to plan Detroit area activities as well as to house and feed the group. A Free Will offering will be taken that night. For more information contact either Ken or Ruth Allen at (734) 427-6268 or at Rallen7468@aol.com.

Special services

9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, with Rev. Ron Scott, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

Vacation Bible school

Galilee-by-the-Sea, 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10, at North Congregational Church, 36520 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, in conjunction with Antioch Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. An authentic recreation of a Bible times village. Costumes, daily drama, old-world crafts, and games. Let your child experience what it was really like to live when Jesus lived. Cost is \$15.00 per child prior to Aug. 1, \$30 after, grades K-5. For more information, contact Susanna Muzzin at susannamuzz@mac.com or (248) 626-7906.

Vacation Bible school

6-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10 (for ages 3-11 and an adult small group class, at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. The theme is Dreams and Schemes, learning to deal with family issues and getting along with family members. Crafts, dinner, music, small groups, music, lots of fun and prayer. For more information, call (734) 425-2800.

Vacation Bible school

Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with Joy Road, Canton. 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.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 23-24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. For details, call (734) 421-7620.

Church Women United

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

Crafters needed

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

Cruise

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

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 (corner of Plymouth road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

ONGOING

J.O.Y. meeting

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

Higher Rock Cafe

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

Choral service

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

Youth wanted

Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of Please see **CALENDAR, A15**



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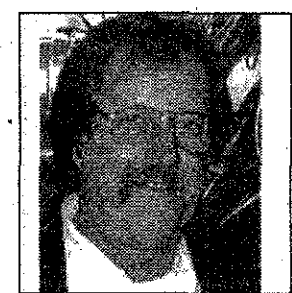
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MARY E. MacDONALD

Age 86 of White Lake, MI, formerly of Birmingham, passed away Friday, July 13, 2007. She was born November 8, 1920 in Detroit, daughter of Louis J. and Elizabeth (Fairgrieve) Hardy. Beloved wife of John A. MacDonald, whom she married December 22, 1943 in Detroit; dear mother of Bruce (Linda) of West Bloomfield, Jack of Pennsylvania and Suzanne (Dennis) of New Hampshire; dear grandmother of Trina, Alexis and Robert; great-grandmother of Nolan. Mary was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Sarah Hunter Guild in Birmingham. Her passions were family, friends, reading and chocolate. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Women's Association at the Church or Parkinson Foundation. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Friends may leave remembrances at online guestbook at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

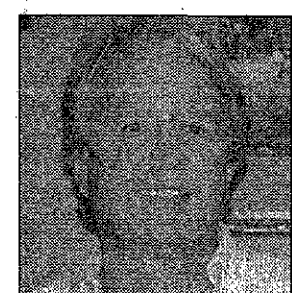
ANN C. WOLFF

Of Farmington Hills, a Berkley School teacher for 33 years, died from cancer Monday, July 16th, 2007 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was 77. Mrs. Wolff taught in both the junior and senior high schools from 1958 until her retirement in 1991. She was a graduate of the University of Detroit in 1952, and received her Masters Degree from Oakland University in 1971. She was the high school's Junior class sponsor for several years and was secretary of the Berkley Education Assn. from 1985 until her retirement. After retiring, she was instrumental in the formation of the Berkley Retired Teachers Assn. Before joining the Berkley school system, Mrs. Wolff taught at the St. Mary Academy, Monroe, MI and St. Mary of Redford High School in Detroit. She is survived by Joseph, her devoted husband of 53 years; her loving son, Stephen (Cindy) and many additional cherished family and friends. Memorial Mass Monday, July 23rd, 11:00 AM at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., (btwn 8-9 Mile Rds.), Farmington. The family will begin receiving guests at church at 10:30 AM. Those who wish to further honor Ann's memory may contribute to the American Cancer Society, cancer.org. teeney-sundquist.com



ROBERT M. BACON, JR.

Age 63. July 15, 2007. Long time Farmington Hills resident and member of Farmington Elks Lodge #1986. Mr. Bacon was a foreman in the excavating industry for over 30 years. He suffered a massive heart attack while participating in the Multiple Sclerosis Society Charity Bicycle Ride, which he was an avid supporter of for many years. He is the beloved husband of Rebecca (nee Pruett). Dearest brother of Doug Bacon and step-son of Helen Bacon. Memorial Service Thursday 3 PM, July 19th at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Thursday 1 PM until 3 PM. Memorial tributes may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



ROBERT M. MOORE JR.

July 17, 2007. Age 57 peacefully at home in Southfield. Longtime teacher for Rochester High School. Beloved husband of Renee (nee. Serafini) for 24 years. Dear father of Erin, Kathryn and Daniel. Son of Robert and Kathleen. Brother of Susan and Joan. Son-in-law of Judy West (Terry) and Gerald Serafini. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 2-8pm. Memorial service Friday 12noon at National Shrine of the Little Flower. Visitation begins at church 11:30. Memorial tributes to the College Bound Fund benefiting his children, in care of their grandmother, Judy West, 32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JAMES ELTON BAMBOROUGH

Age 80, of Holland, died Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at Spectrum Health, Blodgett Campus. Mr. Bamborough was born in Oak Park, Illinois, October 10, 1926. A graduate of Royal Oak High School, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree and Master's Degree from the University of Michigan. He worked for Baker Furniture, American Seating, and other furniture companies in West Michigan as a wood technologist and industrial engineer. A member of St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church in Grand Rapids and the Century Club in Holland, he also volunteered for Holland Hospital among other charitable organizations. Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Marilyn (Hopkins), children, David and Jennifer Bamborough, of Grand Rapids, Sara and Craig deFasselle, of Kirtland, OH, and Thomas and Mary Bamborough, of Ada; five grandchildren; one great grandson; a sister, Lois Furr, of Farmington Hills; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Hopkins, of Phoenix, Maryland. A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, 11 a.m., at St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 21, at 1 p.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Arrangements are by the Mulder Chapel, Dykstra Life Story Funeral Homes, Holland, MI.



JOHN W. MERGEL

of Lake Orion; July 14, 2007; Age 72. Beloved husband of Carolyn for 48 years. Loving father of J. Christopher (Beth) Mergel, Carol Ann (Bill) Passero, Richard (Kathleen) Mergel, Elizabeth (Joe) Mares, and Sarah Mergel. Dear grandfather of five grandsons and seven granddaughters. Also survived by his sister Janet (William) Radue, one niece and three nephews. Mr. Mergel was the President and CEO of C.J. Link Lumber in Warren. He was an active volunteer in many church, business, and community organizations throughout his life. Funeral Mass Friday, July 20, 2007, 11AM with an instate of 10:30AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church; 715 N. Lapeer Rd.; Lake Orion. The family will receive friends at the Modetz Funeral Home, 100 E. Silverbell, Orion Thursday 1-4:30PM and 6-9PM with a Scripture Service at 7PM. Suggested memorials to St. Joseph Catholic Church Memorial Fund or Christ Child Society of Detroit; 15751 Joy Rd.; Detroit, MI 48228. Inurnment at Guardian Angel Cemetery. Online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

PAUL J. BRANCHEAU

July 15, 2007. He passed very peacefully at the age of 84. Beloved husband of Jean. Dear Father of Polly (Ed)Basile, Jim (Janey), Bill, Deni, Robert (Janice) and Jon (Anne). Dearest brother of Marie Leavey. Dear Grandfather of Nikki, Jason, Jon, Naomi, Josh, Jake, Andrea, Madison, Jack, Ben, Sam and Sarah. Paul served as an aviation cadet in the United States Navy before marrying Jean in 1948. Paul completed his degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Detroit. In 1949, Paul joined Cadillac Motor Car, division of General Motors, where he served as final assembly inspector, and general supervisor of cost estimation, master mechanic, plant engineer and finally superintendent of manufacturing for Cadillac's Clark Street assembly operation. Paul retired from Cadillac in 1984. Paul was an artist, painting wildlife and nature scenes throughout his life. In his early years Paul was an avid hunter of wild fowl which later inspired his wood carvings. Upon his retirement, he became an accomplished wood carver, later working in stone. Paul loved nature, which was reflected in the many beautiful pieces of artwork he left behind. Paul enjoyed tennis, golf and boating and throughout his life, Paul was an active volunteer for the Catholic Church. He was known by all as a "family man", providing love, support and life lessons to his family and friends. Memorial gathering Thursday evening 6pm followed by a Rosary at 8pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Gathering 10:30am Friday followed by Mass at 11am at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Rd. (north of Eight Mile Rd.). Gifts in Paul's name can be sent to Capuchin Ministries, 1820 Mount Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: www.rggharris.com

MRS. RAYMOND (EMMA) GROENING

Age 92, of Holland, died Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at an area care center. She was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Raymond, her children, Judith Ann and Ronald Meyer of San Dimas, CA, Douglas and Barbara Groening of Holland; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Herb (Dorothy) Smith of Lansing; sister-in-law Mrs. Burns (Doris) McKinley of Holland and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 480 152nd Ave. with the Rev. Phillip Nguyen officiating. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday, at the Notier Ver Lee Langeland Funeral Chapel, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. Memorial contributions may be given to the charity of one's choice. An online registry is available at: www.notierververleangeland.com

PATRICIA YOUSOUFIAN

July 14, 2007, age 42, of Canton. Beloved wife of Keith; dear mother of Nicholas; daughter of William (Charlotte) Baker and Doris (William Lass) Veldhuis; sister of Muriel (Scott) Tarnavsky and Kenneth (Dreanna) Baker; aunt of Gino and Sarah D'Amario, Clark, Corrine and Carl Baker. Memorial service Friday, 3pm at First Baptist Church of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood Rd., with Rev. Phil DiLernia officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Uht Funeral Home, Westland. 734-721-8555. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

GIUSEPPE "JOE" MANCINI

Born April 2, 1939 in Atina, Italy. Joe came to this country in 1956 with his parents Antonio and Maria to start a new life in this country of opportunity and moved to Detroit. He took great pride in the time he spent serving his new country in the United States Army. Joe had two great loves when he arrived in this country, one was soccer and the other was working and building a life for his family. In 1960 he Co-founded the Saturnia Soccer club of the Detroit Soccer League which he coached and managed for thirteen years. In 1963 he started Redford Cement Co. and worked his entire life to make that company grow. His proudest accomplishment is still in business today, almost forty-five years later. In 1966 he met his new great love, Caterina, on a visit back to Italy. They fell in love on the ship to the U.S. and he proposed. He was returning to his home in America and she was preparing to start her life here. Six months later, on August 27th, 1966 they were married in her town of Boston, Mass and then came to Redford to start their life together. In 1977 he became the president of the Detroit Soccer League. He co-founded and coached the Livonia Wolves Soccer team and enjoyed much success as they won many championships. He made many friends through his associations with soccer that he cherished deeply. He and Caterina lived a wonderful life together for almost 41 years. He had three sons who learned wonderful life lessons from their father. He taught them many things but most of all the importance of hard work, fairness, loyalty, and the importance of family. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He recently took a trip to Greece, Turkey, and Egypt with his youngest son. He also spent some time back in Italy with Caterina to celebrate their forty years together. His work was his life and he took pride in seeing the company grow and his family be supported by something he created. He took a lot of pride in coaching his three sons in soccer, as well as recently being able to watch his grandchildren and nephew play. He was very proud to have had his father, brother and sons work side by side with him. Mr. Mancini is survived by his wife, and sons Michelangelo (Michele), Emanuele, Massimiliano (Nancy); Grandchildren, Angela, Thomas, Jessica, Mark and Alyssa; Brother, Claudio (Rosanna); Seven nieces and nephews.

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Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland.

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

Sunday services

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Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia.

Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holy-crosslivonia.org.

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

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Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday eve-

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Bible study

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

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of

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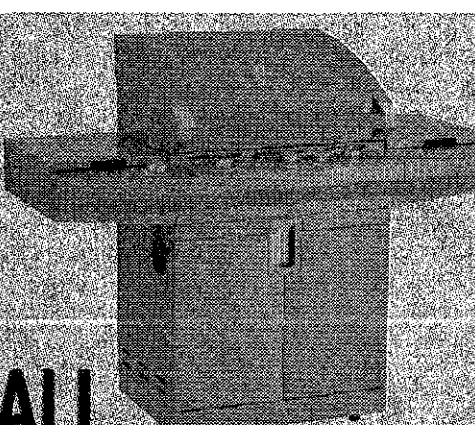
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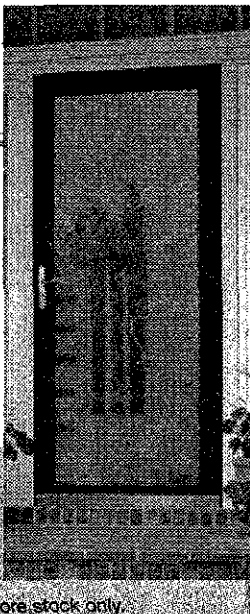


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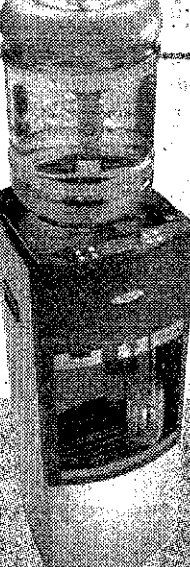
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2007 USSSA Boys World Series



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The Canton Cardinals 10U baseball team gather for a pre-game pep talk prior to their opening contest in Monday's USSSA Double-A World Series at the Canton Sports Center. Like all 58 teams that are participating in this week's elite tournament, the Cardinals had to qualify by winning a previous tournament.

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Elite youth baseball teams converge on Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

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"The caliber of teams in this tournament is very high because they all had to qualify to make it this far," said Stephanie Pavlo, a sports recreation specialist for Canton Leisure Services. "We've had a lot of games go right down to the wire and one game (Monday) went 12 innings. "We've received a lot of positive feedback so far. A couple of parents have approached me and told me this is the best facility their kids have ever played in."

Sunday's opening ceremonies featured a demonstration by the Canton Police Department's Honor Guard,

a parade of teams and the ceremonial first pitch thrown out by Canton native James Wisniewski, a member of the Chicago Blackhawks.

"I was very proud to be a Canton resident and trustee after attending the opening ceremonies Sunday," said Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo. "It was professionally done by our Leisure Services staff and drew people from all over the region and other states."

Two local teams — the 10U Canton Cardinals and Livonia Travel — are competing in the week-long tournament.

For results on the tournament, visit www.ussa.com.

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Livonia Travel's John Slater delivers a pitch during Monday's opener in the 14U USSSA World Series at the Canton Sports Center. Close to 60 teams from around the country are participating in the event in 10U, 12U and 14U divisions.

PLAY BALL!

What: USSSA 10U, 12U and 14U Double-A World Series baseball tournament;
Where: Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave., Canton;
When: Through Sunday; games begin each day at 8 a.m. and run through 6 p.m.
Who: 58 teams and over 870 players from across the United States and Canada;
How they qualified: Each team had to win a qualifying tournament in their respective state or region.

Sidelines

Hole-in-one club

Andrew Myers of Westland recently scored a hole-in-one on the 17th at Pine View Highlands Golf Course in Houghton, Mich. Using a pitching wedge, Andrew accomplished the feat, which helped him score a two-under-par round for 18 holes.

Pridefully watching the second ace of Andrew's young golf career were his father, Mark Myers, and two other members of their group, Rick Rowley and Ed Zielinski. Andrew, 16, was in Houghton visiting his grandparents. "I'm just a very proud grandpa," said Doug Seal, of Garden City.

Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 9U, 10U and 11U Canton Cardinals baseball team will be held July 25-Aug. 5.

For more information on the 9U and 11U teams, contact Jim Hejka at (734) 658-2446. For more information on the 10U team, contact Dan Hejka at (734) 776-3918.

Haeger recalled

Plymouth Township resident and Detroit Catholic Central graduate Charlie Haeger was recalled by the Chicago White Sox Major League Baseball squad late last week. Prior to his promotion, Haeger, 23, had compiled a 4-11 record and 4.81 earned run average in 17 starts for the White Sox' AAA team in Charlotte, NC. He was especially effective as of late, having registered a 1.82 E.R.A. over his past five starts to lower his overall E.R.A. from 6.19.

Haeger was called up twice during the 2006 season and recorded his first MLB win last September.

Urbana inks

RU grads

Redford Union graduates Ian Iler and Desmond Latham will take their football skills to Urbana University in Ohio this season. Both former Panthers recently signed on to play for the Blue Knights.

Tennis class

A three-week introduction to tennis class for children between the ages of 6 and 10 is being offered by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation July 31, Aug. 2, 7, 9, 14 and 16. The classes will be held on the Shelden Park tennis courts, which are located on Plymouth Road, just east of Farmington Rd. (behind the Alfred Noble Library).

The fee for residents is \$75 per session; non-residents will be asked to pay \$85 per session.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410; or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

Junior Olympics: Their day to shine

See Junior Olympics results, Page B3.

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Fun, sun and healthy competition summed up yet another Redford Junior Olympics, held July 11 at Hilbert Middle School.

The 49th annual event, despite a drop in numbers, proved successful yet again - giving kids from Redford and surrounding communities between ages 2-12 a day to shine.

"Everybody tried their hardest," said event coordinator Theresa Burgess of Redford Parks and Recreation. "I try not to focus as much on places as (on that) everybody participated. There's a lot of kids that have done things they've never done before. So, I'm just glad they came out and participated, whether or not they received first place or sixth place."

Although most Junior Olympics are from Redford, some live in Livonia, Farmington Hills and other nearby communities. Ages included Bantams (6-U), Squirts (7-8), Pee Wees (9-10) and Midgets (11-12) with the honor of youngest participant going to 2-year-old Cynthia Rothley, of Livonia.

Several youngsters nearly ran the table in their age divisions, demonstrating fledgling athletic versatility.

Redford's Michael Iacovacci, for example, won four of five events among 8-year-olds in the Squirt boys division.

Redford's Brayden Burgess and Carlos Welch placed first in nearly every Pee Wee boys event in their respective age brackets.

In age 11 of the Midget boys division, Livonia's Zack Bohn captured four events with the others being won by David Taylor of Redford. Redford resident Curtis Smith claimed all but one event in age 12 of the Midget boys division.

Similarly, Cynthia Rothley of Livonia, Daysha Williams and Nya Williams (both of Redford) won multiple events in the Bantam girls division; Mikaila Murphy (Livonia) took three Squirt girls division events with



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michael Iacovacci of Redford competes in the long jump at the Redford Jr. Olympics. The 8-year-old won four events in the Squirt boys division.

Please see **OLYMPICS, B4**

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -- July 10, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Kirchgatter, LaJoy. Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments:** None. **Payment of Bills:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Expenditure Recap for June 2007**

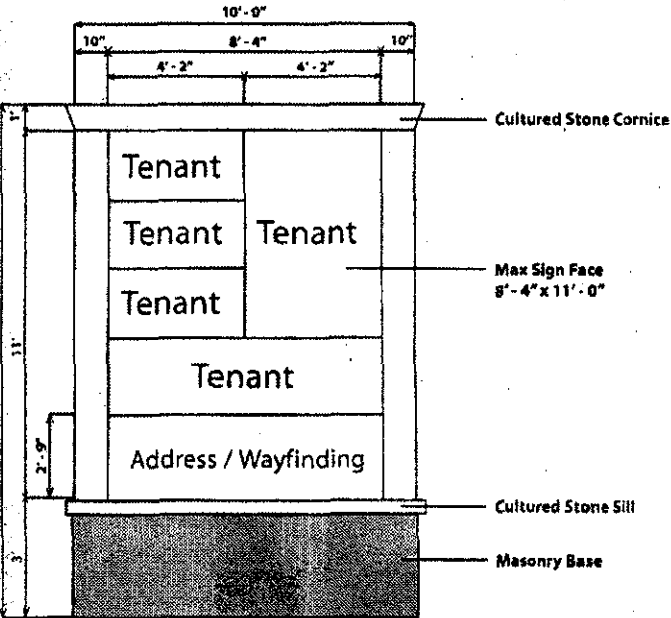
General Fund	101	\$ 548,005.56	Auto Theft Grant	289	97.80
Fire Fund	206	34,936.23	Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	59,917.98
Police Fund	207	63,715.96	Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	1,367.20
Summit Operating	208	22,469.79	Bldg Auth Construction	469	255.00
Cable TV Fund	230	661.98	Golf Fund	584	26,606.75
Twp Improvement	246	11,193.58	Water & Sewer Fund	592	466,841.22
E-911 Utility	261	2,214.10	Construction Escrows	702	23,304.85
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	1,642.27	Post Employ. Benefits	736	41,417.63
Federal Grants Fund	274	2,886.25	Total - All Funds		1,325,686.49

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. **RESCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE DURCON LABORATORY TOPS INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE.** (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to reschedule the public hearing originally scheduled for July 17, 2007 to August 14, 2007, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. for personal property at their facility located at 8464 Ronda Drive. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2ND ANNUAL CHERRY FESTIVAL IN CHERRY HILL VILLAGE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN WAYNE COUNTY ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT.** (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to move that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby approve the 2nd Annual Cherry Festival for July 28, 2007, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m.; and that Wayne County is hereby requested to grant permission to close Ridge Road from Cherry Hill to Denton Road during these times. The Charter Township of Canton will assume liability for any damage claims which may arise as a result of the road closure, and Supervisor Yack is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the Township. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR:** Item 1. **RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF 2007 LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND AMENDING BOND RESOLUTION.** (F&B) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the attached Resolution Approving the Sale of Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds and Amending Bond Resolution, and to authorize the Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, the Director of Finance and all other officers, agents and employees of the Township to take all other actions necessary to facilitate the sale and delivery of the Bonds. Motion carried by all members present. At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Township"), Wayne County, Michigan, held on the 10th day of July, 2007. PRESENT: Bennett, Caccamo, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. ABSENT: Kirchgatter, LaJoy. **RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF 2007 LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND AMENDING BOND RESOLUTION.** The following resolution was offered by Clerk Bennett and seconded by Trustee Zarbo: WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on May 22, 2007 (the "Bond Resolution"), the Township Board of the Township (the "Board") authorized the issuance of 2007 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds (the "Bonds") in the principal sum of not to exceed \$50,000,000, for the purpose of acquiring and constructing improvements to the Township's water and sewer systems together with all necessary and related attachments and appurtenances in the Township; and WHEREAS, the Bond Resolution authorized the Township to enter into a bond purchase agreement with Raymond James & Associates, Inc., to approve the interest rates on the Bonds, to make other determinations and to do all things necessary to effectuate the sale, issuance and delivery of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution; and WHEREAS, the Township has received an offer to purchase the Bonds from Raymond James & Associates, Inc., as representative of itself and co-managing underwriters Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. and Robert W. Baird & Co. (collectively, the "Underwriters"), and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to accept the offer; and WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the Bond Resolution as hereinafter described. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Bond Resolution is hereby amended to approve the sale of the Bonds to the Underwriters and to substitute the following paragraph in place and stead of paragraph 12 of the Bond Resolution: 12. **USE OF BOND PROCEEDS -- CONSTRUCTION FUND.** From the proceeds of the sale of the bonds there shall be set aside in the Principal and Interest Fund any accrued interest received from the purchaser at the time of delivery of the bonds unless otherwise provided by subsequent resolution of the Township Board. The remainder of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds, including premium, shall be set aside in a construction fund and used to pay the costs of issuing the bonds and to acquire and construct the Project. 1. The offer of the Underwriters, as set forth in the proposed bond purchase agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") today presented to this Board, to purchase the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$44,300,000 at a purchase price of \$45,442,465.55 (the principal amount of the Bonds, plus a net original issue premium of \$1,408,265.55, and less an Underwriters' discount of \$265,800) plus accrued interest on the Bonds from their dated date to the date of delivery is approved, and the Director of Finance and Budget is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Bond Purchase Agreement on behalf of the Township. 2. 3. The Bonds shall be dated the date of their delivery; shall mature on April 1 of each year and shall bear interest, payable on April 1, 2008, and semiannually thereafter, as follows:

Maturity Date (4/1)	Principal	Interest Rate	Maturity Date (4/1)	Principal	Interest Rate	Maturity Date (4/1)	Principal	Interest Rate	Maturity Date (4/1)	Principal	Interest Rate
2008	\$1,060,000	4.000%	2013	1,725,000	4.250	2018	2,175,000	5.000	2023	2,795,000	5.000
2009	1,465,000	4.000	2014	1,805,000	5.000	2019	2,290,000	5.000	2024	2,940,000	5.000
2010	1,525,000	4.000	2015	1,890,000	4.250	2020	2,405,000	5.000	2025	3,090,000	5.000
2011	1,585,000	4.000	2016	1,975,000	4.500	2021	2,530,000	5.000	2026	3,250,000	5.000
2012	1,650,000	4.250	2017	2,070,000	5.000	2022	2,660,000	5.000	2027	3,415,000	5.000

4. The Bonds maturing before April 1, 2018, are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds or portions of the Bonds maturing on or after April 1, 2018, are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Township in such order as the Township may determine and by lot within any maturity, on any date occurring on or after April 1, 2017, at par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Notice of redemption of any Bond shall be given not less than thirty days and not more than sixty days prior to the date fixed for redemption by mail to the registered owner at the registered address shown on the registration books of the bond registrar and paying agent for the Bonds. 5. The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., Detroit, Michigan, is hereby selected to serve as bond registrar and paying agent for the Bonds. 6. The Supervisor, the Director of Finance and Budget, the Clerk, the Treasurer and all other officers, agents and employees of the Township are authorized to take all other actions necessary and convenient to facilitate the sale and delivery of the Bonds. 7. This Board hereby approves the purchase of a policy of municipal bond insurance for the Bonds to be issued by Financial Security Assurance, Inc. ("FSA"), including the execution and delivery of the Municipal Bond Insurance Commitment (the "Commitment") in the form satisfactory to the Director of Finance and Budget, and the Director of Finance and Budget is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Commitment on behalf of the Township. The Board hereby approves and agrees to all the terms and conditions of the Commitment. Language regarding the insurance for the Bonds in substantially the form provided in the Commitment shall be added to the form of the Bond. 8. The Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds dated June 29, 2007, and its use by the Underwriters is authorized, approved and confirmed. This Board hereby confirms and ratifies the actions taken by the officers, agents and employees of the Township in connection with the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement and the designation thereof as the "deemed final" official statement for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12. 9. Except as amended herein, the Bond Resolution shall remain in full force and effect. All other resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. YEAS: Bennett, Caccamo, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Kirchgatter, LaJoy. Item 2. **EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF IRRIGATION POND FILL PUMP.** (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to waive the formal bidding process per Policy F-15 for the emergency purchase of the irrigation pond fill pump replacement due to the pump failure at Pheasant Run Golf Club on June 18, 2007. I further move to authorize the reprogramming of \$13,527 from the 2007 Pheasant Run Capital Outlay account and award the purchase order to Kennedy Industries, Inc., PO Box 809, 4975 Technical Drive, Milford, Michigan 48381. Funds are available in account # 584-756-971-0000 Wood Siding Replacement - Cupola, Line Item #1, Clubhouse Painting, Line Item #2 and account #584-756-977-0000 Irrigation Hardware/Software Upgrade, Line Item #4 and Golf Car Lease, Line Item #3. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. **CONSIDER ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (MULTIPLE-TENANT SIGN STANDARDS).** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following zoning ordinance amendment (Multiple Tenant Sign Standards). **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments (007-TXT-004) WHEREAS,** the Township has proposed amendments to Appendix A- Zoning of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton: and **WHEREAS,** the requested changes would be in conformity with the general development objectives of the community, reduce ambiguity, and assist with interpretation of the ordinance by the Community Planner; and **WHEREAS,** the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the amendments; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the amendments to Section 6A.22 of Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as follows: "A zoning ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the legislative body of the Charter Township of Canton, Canton, Michigan, Wayne County". A complete copy of the amendment may be inspected or purchased at the Administration Building, Planning Services, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M-F). 6A. 22.04 Multiple Tenant Sign Standards **Sign Ordinance Amendments - 007-TXT-004.** 4b) Multiple tenant signs for projects exceeding 40,000 square feet or four acres.

Gross leasable area of primary building permitted	Number of Signs (total sign)	Height Maximum (sign face)	Width (sign face)	Height
More than 40,000 sq. ft.	1	15'	8'4"	11'
200,000 sq. ft. or more	2	15'	8'4"	11'



5) Maximum dimensions: A standard multiple tenant sign must not exceed a structure width of 10 feet. The sign face shall have width of 8'4" and height of 11 feet. The overall sign structure shall not exceed 15 feet in height. 10) Maximum area permitted for tenant space: The sign face shall maintain a panel of at least 2' 9" to accommodate the wayfinding elements as defined in paragraph 7) as shown in the diagram. **6A.22.04 MULTIPLE TENANT SIGN** Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. **CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR RITE AID PHARMACY - CHERRY HILL VILLAGE.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the site plan for Rite Aid Pharmacy located on the southwest corner of Denton and Cherry Hill Roads as follows: **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TWP OF CANTON Site Plan for Rite Aid - Cherry Hill Village WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor has requested site plan approval for the site plan for Rite Aid Pharmacy located on the southwest corner of Denton and Cherry Hill Roads on part of parcel no. 073-99-0001-702; **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL; and, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the site plan for Rite Aid in Cherry Hill Village; subject to all other regulations of the Township. Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. **CONSIDER SITE**

PLAN FOR CANTON CORNERS MIDDLE OUTLOT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the site plan for Canton Corners Middle Out lot as follows: **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Canton Corners Middle Out lot WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. James Pappas, has requested site plan approval for the Canton Corners Middle Out lot to be located on Ford and Lilley Roads, identified as tax EDP #054-99-0001-005; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval including modifications as stated and conditioned upon alteration of the rear elevation to provide architectural interest as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. James Pappas, to approve the site plan for the proposed Canton Corners Middle Out lot conditioned upon resolution of the issues surrounding installation of the DDA walls and lighting as applicable and subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. **CONSIDER CREATING AND FILLING THE POSITION OF HEAD INSPECTOR.** (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to create and fill the position of Head Inspector Building & Inspection Services. Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. **PURCHASE OF VEHICLE (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to move that the Canton Board of Trustees purchase one Basic Ford Edge SE K36/100A through the Macomb County purchasing cooperative in the amount of \$23,288 and that the purchase be charged to account #101-171-977-0000. I further move to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for this purchase: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$23,288 Increase Approp.: Capital Outlay-Supervisor's Office #101-171-977-0000 \$23,288. This budget amendment increases the Supervisor's Office budget from \$420,475 to \$443,763, and the General Fund budget from \$27,234,686 to \$27,257,974. Motion carried by all members present. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None. **MOTION:** No Study Session is scheduled for July 17, 2007. The next regular meeting of the Board will be July 24, 2007. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

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.

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Chief grid star set to go out in style

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Deshon McClendon was thrilled just *watching* last year's Michigan High School All-Star Football Game from his seat in the stands at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium.

So you can only imagine the adrenaline rush the former Canton two-way gridiron star will feel when he runs out on the turf of the 80,000-seat arena to actually *play* in this year's 27th annual event that will showcase 88 of the elite recently graduated players from throughout Michigan.

"I went to last year's game because coach (Tim Baechler) was coaching and one of my teammates, Ryan Jonik, was playing in it," McClendon said Tuesday afternoon during a break in pre-game workouts in East Lansing. "I'm very excited about the opportunity to play in the game with all these great football players. I've already found out that the game is a lot faster with all these All-Star players, but I'm ready for it. I'm ready to give 100 percent on every play."

Catalyst of success

Canton's football program reached its pinnacle during McClendon's junior and senior seasons, when the powerful running back/defensive back led the Chiefs to an appearance in the 2005 Division 1 state championship game and a berth in the 2006 semifinals. In both games, Canton was derailed by Rockford, which will be represented in the All-Star contest by two-way standout Callan Sherd.

"I actually ran into him in the trainer's room the other day when he was getting iced," said McClendon. "We didn't really talk about the two games we played against each other. We just talked about where we were going to college and stuff like that."

Changes for the better

The official All-Star roster that was released earlier this summer is misleading when it comes to McClendon, who is listed as a 5-foot-7, 175-pound defensive back.

Both his size and position have changed in the weeks since the preliminary rosters were printed.

"I'm 5-8, 190 now," said McClendon, who has added

A TIME FOR STARS TO SHINE

What: 27th Annual All-Star Football Game

When: Saturday (kickoff is set for 2 p.m.)

Where: Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium

Who: 88 of the best high school football players who graduated in June

Local ties: Area players who will be suiting up for the East squad include Deshon McClendon (Canton), Kevin Wengert (Livonia Franklin) and Jeremy Bednatz Gray (Novi Catholic Central).

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DESHON MCCLENDON

an additional 15 pounds of muscle to his frame thanks to a diligent, off-season workout regimen. "They also moved me to running back (from DB), which I'm happy about. I like playing offense and defense, but I prefer running with the ball."

Stepping stone

Saturday's All-Star game will serve as a stepping stone from high school stardom to a bright college future for McClendon, who capped his prep career with a boat-load of school records, including rushing yards and touchdowns in a season.

Earlier this year he committed to St. Joseph's College, a Division II school that is located in Rensselaer, Ind. The running backs coach at St. Joe's is Brendan Murphy, a former Canton quarterback, whose brother, Devin, played with McClendon the past four seasons.

"I'm looking forward to going to college at St. Joseph's," McClendon emphasized. "I've been working hard the past few months to make sure I'm ready to go once I get there."

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 41889 Joy Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)254-0243 on 7/30/07 at 11:00 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
1006 - Jeffery Marshall - Desk, 8 Boxes, Lamp
1044 - Richard Kelp - 3 TV's, Couch, Trunk
1056 - Keith Urban - Freezer, Couch, Desk
1059 - Angela Miller - 20 Boxes, Cabinet, Dresser
2029 - Michael Mockridge - Trailer, Leaf Blower, Power Tools
2030 - Mary Owens - Washer, Dryer, Couch
3020 - Marcy McKinnon - Desk, 9 totes, table
4003 - Gerald Cherwalk - Power tools, stereo, misc items
4028 - Renee Peeples - Mattress, Box, TV
9244 - Michele Robinson - 20 Boxes, Bookcase, Misc Items

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
2016 - Leroy Scott - File Cabinet, Air Hockey Table, Big Screen TV
3006 - B & B Builders - Fan, 3 Ladders, Misc Items
4027 - Jason Brodie - 10 Boxes, Couch, Toolbox
4120 - Grant Young - Mattress, 2 Dressers, Coffee Table
4132 - Ben Kennedy - Refrigerator, Stove, Washer
4142 - Shavaughn Frye - Couch, 5 Boxes, Microwave
4145 - Kevin Steele - 10 Boxes, Microwave, TV
4264 - James Gordon - Dresser, Kids Bike, Mirror
4274 - Betty Bryant - 4 Office Chairs, 20 Boxes, Microwave
5202 - Crystal Berezmay - 20 Boxes, 3 Totes, Misc Items

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REDFORD JUNIOR OLYMPICS RESULTS

49TH REDFORD TOWNSHIP JR OLYMPICS
(July 11 at Hilbert Junior High)

BOYS RESULTS

BANTAM DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 3) 1. Josh Otten (Grs Pt), 5-feet, 6-inches; (age 5) 1. Antonio Iuliano (Rdf), 28-8; (age 6) 1. Hunter Septer (Rdf), 70-4; 2. Joey Iacovacci (Rdf), 67-0; 3. Jairen Caraballo (Sfid), 58-8; 4. Nicholas Snage (Rdf), 36-0; 5. Bryce Burgess (Rdf), 35-1; 6. Nicholas Murray (Brkly), 24-6.

Long jump: (age 3) 1. Josh Otten (Grs Pt), 9-8; (age 5) 1. Sean Rankin (Rdf), 5-11; 2. Antonio Iuliano (Rdf), 4-6; (age 6) 1. Nicholas Murray (Brkly), 9-8; 2. Nicholas Snage (Rdf), 9-2; 3. Jairen Caraballo (Sfid), 9-0; 4. Joey Iacovacci (Rdf), 8-9; 5. Hunter Septer (Rdf), 8-1; 6 (tie). Stuart Didonato (Rdf), 6-0; 6 (tie). Bryce Burgess (Rdf), 6-0.

35-meter dash: (ages 3-5) 1. Sean Rankin (Rdf), 9.13 seconds; 2. Josh Otten (Grs Pt Wds), N/A; (age 6) 1. Jairen Caraballo (Sfid), 6.53; 2. Hunter Septer (Rdf), N/A; 3. Joey Iacovacci (Rdf), N/A; 4. Nicholas Murray (Brkly), N/A; 5. Nicholas Snage (Rdf), N/A; 6. Bryce Burgess (Rdf), N/A.

50 dash: (ages 3-5) 1. Sean Rankin (Rdf), 12.2; 2. Josh Otten (Grs Pt Wds), N/A; 3. Antonio Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; 4. Jairen Caraballo (Sfid), 8.25; 2. Joey Iacovacci (Rdf), N/A; 3. Hunter Septer (Rdf), N/A; 4. Nicholas Murray (Brkly), N/A; 5. Nicholas Snage (Rdf), N/A; 6. Bryce Burgess (Rdf), N/A.

SHOUBI DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 71-4; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), 49-9; (age 8) 1. Brandon Smith (Rdf), 92-0; 2. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 74-0; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), 47-4.

Long jump: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 7-9; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), 5-0; (age 8) 1. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 7-3; 2. Brandon Smith (Rdf), 6-8; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), 5-5.

35 dash: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 7.19; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), N/A; (age 8) 1. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 7.29; 2. Brandon Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), N/A.

50 dash: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 8.68; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), N/A; (age 8) 1. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 9.9; 2. Brandon Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), N/A.

75 dash: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 14.52; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), N/A; (age 8) 1. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 15.46; 2. Brandon Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), N/A.

PEE WEE DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 9) 1. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 69-0; 2 (tie). Evan Hauver (Dbn), 68-0; 2 (tie). Jared Tate (Rdf), 68-0; 3. Justin Cates (Rdf), 52-0; (age 10) 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 94-0; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), 80-0; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), 69-0; 4. Joe Caruso (Rdf), 60-0.

Long jump: (age 9) 1 (tie). Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 7-0; 1 (tie). Jared Tate (Rdf), 7-0; 2. Justin Cates (Rdf), 6-1; 3. Evan Hauver (Dbn), 5-4; (age 10) 1 (tie). Carlos Welch (Rdf), 8-7; 1 (tie). Trevon Johnson (Rdf), 8-7; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), 6-5; 3. Joe Caruso (Rdf), 4-8.

High jump: (age 9) 1. Evan Hauver (Dbn), 3-4; 2. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 3-10; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), N/A; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), N/A; 4. Joe Caruso (Rdf), N/A.

35 dash: (age 9) 1. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 6.73; 2. Evan Hauver (Dbn), N/A; 3. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A; 4. Justin Cates (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 6.02; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), N/A; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), N/A.

50 dash: (age 9) 1. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 9.52; 2. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A; 3. Evan Hauver (Dbn), N/A; 4. Justin Cates (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 8.23; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), N/A; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), N/A.

75 dash: (age 9) 1. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 13.85; 2. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A; 3. Justin Cates (Rdf), N/A; 4. Evan Hauver (Dbn), N/A; (age 10) 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 13.71; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), N/A; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), N/A.

MIDGET DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 11) 1. David Taylor (Rdf), 127-0; 2. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), 89-0; 3. Zack Bohn (Liv), 86-0; (age 12) 1. Curtis Smith (Rdf), 170-0; 2. Nathan Rothley (Liv), 146-0; 3. Colin Rankin (Rdf), 132-0; 4. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), 126-0; 5. John



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Redford's Chris Skowronek, 10, reacts after clearing the high jump bar to take second place at the Redford Junior Olympics.

Macafee (Rdf), 123-0; 6. Steven Peeples (Rdf), 87-0.

Long jump: (age 11) 1. Zack Bohn (Liv), 11-7; 2. David Taylor (Rdf), 8-7; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), 8-3; (age 12) 1. Curtis Smith (Rdf), 14-0; 2. John Macafee (Rdf), 12-10; 3. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), 11-7; 4. Colin Rankin (Rdf), 11-1; 5. Nathan Rothley (Liv), 10-10; 6. Steven Peeples (Rdf), 6-10.

High jump: (age 11) 1. David Taylor (Rdf), 3-11; 2. Zack Bohn (Liv), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Curtis Smith (Rdf), 5-3; 2. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), N/A; 3 (tie). John Macafee (Rdf), N/A; 3 (tie). Nathan Rothley (Liv), N/A; 4. Colin Rankin (Rdf), N/A; 5. Steven Peeples (Rdf), N/A.

50 dash: (age 11) 1. Zack Bohn (Liv), 7.74; 2. David Taylor (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1 (tie). Angelo Johnson (Rdf), 7.53; 1 (tie). Curtis Smith (Rdf), 7.53; 2. Colin Rankin (Rdf), N/A; 3. Nathan Rothley (Liv), N/A.

75 dash: (age 11) 1. Zack Bohn (Liv), 11.51; 2. David Taylor (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Curtis Smith (Rdf), 10.59; 2. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), N/A; 3. Nathan Rothley (Liv), N/A.

100 dash: (age 11) 1. Zack Bohn (Liv), 15.67; 2. David Taylor (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), 14.39; 2. Curtis Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Colin Rankin (Rdf), N/A; 4. Nathan Rothley (Liv), N/A.

Rothley (Liv), 5-9.

35 dash: (ages 2-3) 1. Daysha Williams (Rdf), 9.7 seconds; 2. Leah Baier (Com), N/A; 3. Anna Meade (Rdf), N/A; 4. Abby Meade (Rdf), N/A; 5. Allie Meade (Rdf), N/A; 6. Cynthia Rothley (Liv), N/A; (ages 4-5) 1. Alyssa Murphy (Liv), 11.97; 2. Destiny Williams (Rdf), N/A; (age 6) 1. Faith Rothley (Hghld), 6-7; 2. Melissa Rothley (Liv), N/A; 3. Emma Murphy (Brkly), N/A; 4. Alexandria Snage (Rdf), N/A; 5. Kaitlin Murray (Rdf), N/A.

50 dash: (ages 2-3) 1. Daysha Williams (Rdf), 16.0; 2. Leah Baier (Com), N/A; 3. Allie Meade (Rdf), N/A; 4. Anna Meade (Rdf), N/A; 5. Abby Meade (Rdf), N/A; 6. Cynthia Rothley (Liv), N/A; (ages 4-5) 1. Nya Williams (Rdf), 11.5; 2. Destiny Williams (Rdf), N/A; 3. Alyssa Murphy (Liv), N/A; (age 6) 1. Faith Rothley (Hghld), 9.06; 2. Emma Murphy (Brkly), N/A; 3. Melissa Rothley (Liv), N/A; 4. Alexandria Snage (Rdf), N/A; 5. Kaitlin Murray (Rdf), N/A.

SOBIRE DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 7) 1. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), 33-0; 2 (tie). Asia Williams (Rdf), 24-7; 2 (tie). Alaria Holder (Rdf), 24-7; 3. Sarah Sokolowski (Rdf), 20-6; 4. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), 18-0; (age 8) 1. Tyler Washington (Rdf), 46-0; 2. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 44-0.

Long jump: (age 7) 1. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), 7-3; 2. Asia Williams (Rdf), 6-0; 3. Alaria Holder (Rdf), 4-0; 4. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), 3-7; 5. Sarah Sokolowski (Rdf), 3-2; (age 8) 1. Suzanna Rothley (Liv), 6-10; 2. Tyler Washington (Rdf), 5-5; 3. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 5-2.

35 dash: (age 7) 1. Asia Williams (Rdf), 6.86; 2. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), N/A; 3. Sarah Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 4. Alaria Holder (Rdf), N/A; 5. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), N/A; (age 8) 1. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 6.87; 2. Tyler Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Suzanna Rothley (Liv), N/A.

50 dash: (age 7) 1. Asia Williams (Rdf), 9.06; 2. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), N/A; 3. Sarah Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 4. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), N/A; (age 8) 1. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), N/A; 2. Tyler Washington (Rdf), N/A.

1. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 9.04; 2. Tyler Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Suzanna Rothley (Liv), N/A.

75 dash: (age 7) 1. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), 15.2; 2. Asia Williams (Rdf), N/A; 3. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), N/A; (age 8) 1. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 13.96; 2. Suzanna Rothley (Liv), N/A; 3. Tyler Washington (Rdf), N/A.

PEE WEE DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 9) 1. Amy Kamin (Rdf), 54-0; 2. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), 52-0; 3. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 42-0; 4. Erika Hiltion (Rdf), 33-0; (age 10) 1. Brittany Washington (Rdf), 94-0; 2. Madeline Plontek (Rdf), 63-0; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), 62-0; 4. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), 58-0.

Long jump: (age 9) 1. Erika Hiltion (Rdf), 6-7; 2. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), 6-4; 3. Amy Kamin (Rdf), 6-3; 4. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), 6-2; 5. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 3-9; (age 10) 1. Madeline Plontek (Rdf), 6-11; 2. Jacolyn Reynolds (Rdf), 6-8; 3. Brittany Washington (Rdf), 5-4.

High jump: (age 9) 1. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), 3-3; 2 (tie). Jessica Reich (Rdf), N/A; 2 (tie). Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; 2 (tie). Amy Kamin (Rdf), N/A; 2 (tie). Erika Hiltion (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Madeline Plontek (Rdf), 3-10; 2. Brittany Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), 3-3; 2 (tie). Jessica Reich (Rdf), 6-17; 2. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 3. Amy Kamin (Rdf), N/A; 4. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Madeline Plontek (Rdf), 6-30; 2. Brittany Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A.

50 dash: (age 9) 1. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 9.20; 2. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 3. Amy Kamin (Rdf), N/A; 4. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Madeline Plontek (Rdf), 8.77; 2. Brittany Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A.

75 dash: (age 9) 1. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 13.45; 2. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 3. Amy Kamin (Rdf), N/A.

(Rdf), N/A; 4. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Madeline Plontek (Rdf), 13.15; 2. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A; 3. Brittany Washington (Rdf), N/A.

MIDGET DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 11) 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 117-0; 2. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), 61-0; 3. Lauren Tate (Rdf), 51-0; (age 12) 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 101-0; 2. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), 97-0; 3. Nikki Iuliano (Rdf), 65-0.

Long jump: (age 11) 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 8-0; 2. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), 5-5; 3. Lauren Tate (Rdf), 3-5; (age 12) 1. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), 9-7; 2. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 9-3; 3. Nikki Iuliano (Rdf), 5-9.

High jump: (age 11) 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 3-9; 2. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 3-11; 2. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A.

50 dash: (age 11) 1 (tie). Raquel Urban (Rdf), 8.9; 1 (tie). Lauren Tate (Rdf), 8.9; 2. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 7.53; 2. Michelle Penick (Rdf), N/A; 3. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A; 4. Nikki Iuliano (Rdf), N/A.

75 dash: (age 11) 1. Lauren Tate (Rdf), 11.96; 2. Raquel Urban (Rdf), N/A; 3. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 11.09; 2. Michelle Penick (Rdf), N/A; 3. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A.

100 dash: (age 11) 1. Lauren Tate (Rdf), 15.69; 2. Raquel Urban (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 15.57; 2. Michelle Penick (Rdf), N/A; 3. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A.

COMBINED AGES

800-meter run (Combined): 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 3:39; 2. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A.

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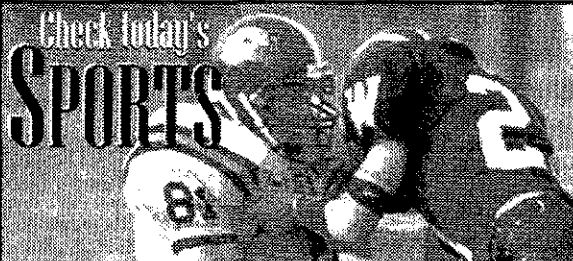
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Redford's Asia Williams taking the other two; Jessica Reich topped the field in the Pee Wee girls division in three categories, while Redford's Raquel Urban (three firsts) and Lauren Tate (two firsts) took care of matters in age 11 of the Midget girls division.

And in age 12 events in the Midget girls division, Rachel Reynolds of Farmington Hills took the first-place ribbon in all but one event.

SPREADING THE WORD

"I'm not sure why the numbers are down," Burgess said. "It's gone great the last several years. I think because it's the middle of summer, it's trying to get people out to the event, too."

"But many years back they used to send out mailers to everybody that participated and I think that's a great resource that we need to tap back into."

Another reason she cited for lower numbers is a drop in township playground programs. Because of budget cuts, there now are just two of those



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Pee-Wee participant Madeline Piontek, 10, of Redford leaps over the bar to take first place in her age group.

sites, down from five several years ago.

Those programs were excellent stations to get the word out about the Junior Olympics.

Burgess, meanwhile, added that it is likely that the mailed reminders will make a comeback next year, to help spur registration for the 50th annual event - tentatively set for July 8, 2008.

"Next year is our 50th year," Burgess said. "So there will be a bunch of new activities and

special stuff going on for that."

And the Redford Junior Olympics continues to be a special place and time for young athletes and their families.

"It keeps them active during the summer," she emphasized. "Obviously, parks and recreation promotes youth fitness year-around. So, this is a great way for people to come out and have fun. ... A lot of families come out, eat lunch and cheer on their family members, their brothers and sisters."

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No Love For The Ladies?

LESSON ON GOLF
By Jeff Lesson

I was watching the Jamie Farr Classic in Toledo this past weekend. I also was wondering why ladies golf has not become a bigger draw than it is. It does not receive anywhere near the same media attention the PGA Tour does. As a result, the crowds are usually a lot smaller. But why

is this?

I am not suggesting that people should watch the LPGA Tour over the PGA Tour. Everyone should make their own decision. For myself, nothing beats the PGA Tour. But the ladies offer a nice alternative.

The Jamie Farr Classic in Toledo did not receive anywhere near the same media attention that the Buick Open does. This is true despite the

fact that both venues are about the same distance from Metro Detroit.

And the Jamie Farr Classic had Se Ri Pak, Natalie Gulbis and many more stars on hand. In fact, the field was stronger than this years Buick Open.

Now I am not suggesting that you should ditch the PGA Tour. Those guys always have been and will be the greatest golfers on earth. I am

only suggesting that you consider broadening your horizons and give the ladies a chance. You may be surprised!

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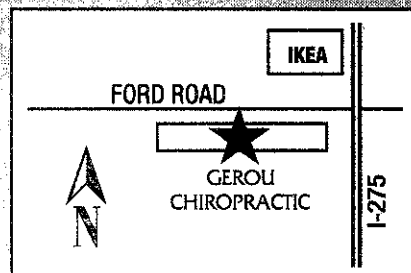


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18 Absolute
20 Stash away
21 Say please
23 Reuben bread
24 Meat substitute
27 "Exodus" hero
28 Decide, as a jury
33 A Gershwin
34 Pants problem
35 Compost
36 "Fernando" band
38 Summer drink
39 Poker stake
40 Bacon feature
42 Parent's order
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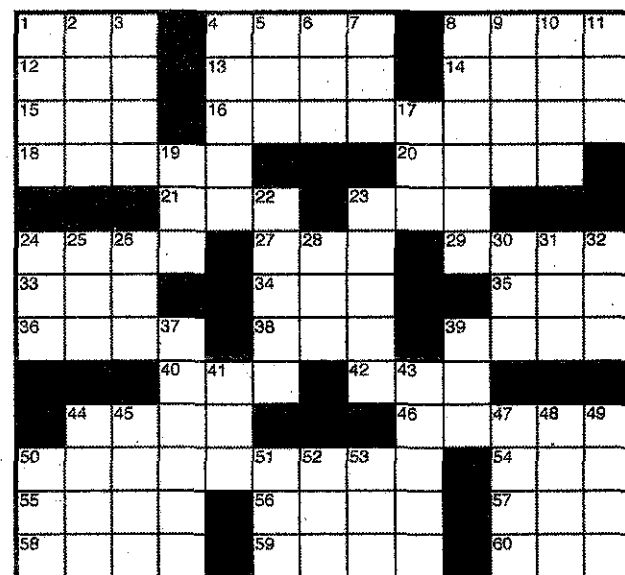
DOWN

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11 Hairstyles

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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19 Water, on the Seine
22 Gold measure
23 Turn color, maybe
24 Pedro's aunt
25 Moon or eye
26 Groovy
28 Unburdened
30 Coffee dispenser
31 MGM work-
place
32 Hot time
in Quebec
37 Buoyant
39 Astonish
41 Novelist —
Rand
43 Gas made by
lightning
44 Take a load
off
45 Charles Lamb
47 Anacondas
48 Rajah's
spouse
49 Long way off
50 — relief
51 Menacing
sound
52 — Paulo,
Brazil
53 Young
Cratchit

SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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9	4	6	1	8	2	8	2
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SUDOKU

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When e-mail marketing becomes almost second-nature, you might be caught up short by an unexpected response. If you slid into marketing by e-mail, you might not remember how you resisted it in the beginning. Your guard was up, because you were communicating with someone you couldn't see or hear.

THE RISKS OF 'DATA-PUSH'

Marketers are in the business of helping others make decisions, according to Sharon Drew Morgen, president of Morgen Facilitations Inc., in Austin, Tex. Her trademarked Morgen Buying Facilitation Method advocates against "data-push to convince," where marketers "shove data onto the buyer's screen."

"People can't decide from data," she continues. "Even if I want them to have it and I'm right, they will reject it unless they're already actively seeking that data and actively seeking change, and it's already in alignment with their belief system." She maintains that there's no hope for a sale if the data contradicts a buyer's belief system or criteria.

JoAnn Laing, president and CEO of Information Strategies Inc., in Ridgefield, N.J., maintains that requests for lots of data should sound the alarm: "We have found that often times the more

people ask for information, the less likely the sale. They may need to sell internally or provide data and information to a competing bidder. The best way of judging this is by deciding how much you want to give and whether it is enough for a reasonable person to make a decision." Laing specializes in developing information relevant to the health care industry and small- to medium-sized businesses.

OTHER CULPRITS

Watch out for other potential problems, beginning with "not having a real relationship," says Tom Bianco, CEO of Centripetal Management Inc., in Atlanta. He's an online retailer and e-commerce consultant who believes that the lack of one keeps you from sending an e-mail. Instead, "you have to get them through interruption marketing, like direct mail," he states. "Spam is interruption marketing."

Mike Scher, president of Frontline Selling L.L.C., in Alpharetta, Ga., rightly maintains that "people consume information differently." He creates demand among prospects by integrating asynchronous communication vehicles, including e-mail, voice mail and referrals to enhance your ability to gain attention. In e-mails, he adds, a prospect may read only one or two sentences; so to persuade, "get to the point very quickly."

Marc Ohmann, President of Digital Solutions Inc., a web development and Internet marketing management company in Bloomington, Minn., alerts

you to other potential problems:

- "poor subject lines, not personalized to your audience and lacking a benefit;
- "wrong frequency of communication, which creates list fatigue, instead of sending when you have something relevant for your audience; and
- "transparent bulk messages pretending to be personal, turning a reader off by making him feel tricked."

Hal Elrod, president of Global Empowerment Coaching L.L.C., in Sacramento, cautions against self-centeredness. "Align your intentions with your prospect's by answering this question: 'How can I serve and add value to this person's life?' Make this the core of your message."

"Of course," he adds, "the best way to avoid blowing sales altogether is by centering your entire sales/business philosophy around serving and adding value for your clients."

Scher advises not to generalize about a tactic that fails one time. "It doesn't mean it's not a good tactic," he says. Bianco motivates to keep selling: "It's really about reconnecting if you think

you've blown it." Morgen wants you to watch "the amount of detail, feelings conveyed and rambling sentences. Delete what is too personal" and any other excess verbiage.

The next time around, Ohmann points out, "Be very clear about what your relationship is if it exists at all. You do run the risk of offending some people when you're trying to make every message seem personalized. There is a line and people will take things differently."

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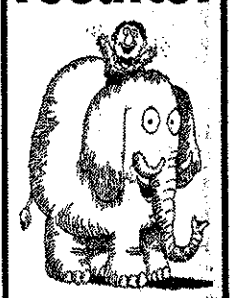
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LIVONIA Estate/Garage Sales, 31708 & 31720 Dretton Rd, N of 7 Mile, W of Merriman, July 19-25, 9-6pm. Glass & brass table-40X72 w/ 6 chairs, 53" Sony TV, Almond electric stove-30", 15 boxes of old Avon bottles, lots of misc.

LIVONIA July 19-20 & 21, 8:30-4pm, No Early Birds! 15832 Gary Lane, Collectors Dolls, appliances and housewares.

LIVONIA July 20 & 21 from 8am to 5pm, Adult & childrens clothing, toys, household items, furniture, books, cassette tapes, videos and assorted Mary Kay products. 19668 Renssler, North of 7 Mile, 1 block west of Inkster Rd.

LIVONIA Multi Generation Garage Sale, Collectibles, Antiques, Furniture and more. Sat. & Sun, July 21 & 22, 9-5pm. 36484 Northfield.

LIVONIA July 20-21 8:30am-4pm, 22nd 10am-2pm. 39294 Lyndon, Music stuff, household/baby items, power wheels.....

LIVONIA Multi-Family Sale, Christmas in July, July 19-21, Thurs 12-5pm, Fri/Sat 9-5pm. 14220 Yale, Livonia, 48154

LIVONIA Garage Sale - Baby, Kids, Household - LOTS! 29640 Munger (S of 6 Mile, W off Middlebelt) Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 10am-4pm

LIVONIA July 21-22, 9-4, 9104 Farmington Rd., S. of W. Chicago on Farmington. Furniture, household & more.

LIVONIA Furniture, toys, clothes, kids items & teacher items, misc. July 20-21, 9-4 34190 Bretton, 7 Mile & Gill Rd.

FARMINGTON Power Rd., S of Grand River, 7/19-7/21, 9am-3pm. Too much to list! Antiques, Furniture, Household, Books/Music, Lady's Olin Skis, Harley Davidson New Parts: Windshields, Corbin seats, Helmets etc. Much much more!

LIVONIA July 20-21, 7:30-5:30 36361 Lyndon, near 5 Mi. & Levan. Lots of clothing, household items & misc.

LIVONIA 20160 Millburn, (8 Mile/Merriman) July 19-21, 9am-5pm, furniture, baby activity items, toys, misc-out-door.

LIVONIA 2 Family, July 20-21, 9-5 11154 Wayne Rd., S. of Plymouth. Antiques, furniture, music, misc. household, Playboy, comics, motorcycles.

Garage Sales 7110
LIVONIA July 21 & 22, 9-5pm, 18630 Floral, 1 1/2 mi. S. of 7 mile, btwn Inkster & Middlebelt. Air conditioners, tv's, & misc.

LIVONIA Estate/Multi-Family, Thurs-Sat, July 19-21, 9-4pm, 36330 Curtis, E/ Levan, S/ 7 Mile. Household, children's, furniture, pool table & more.

LIVONIA Fishing, tools children's and household. Sat, July 21 only, 10-5pm, 2 family sale. 11404 Auburndale, S of Plymouth, W of Merriman.

LIVONIA Dad's Tools, Longaberger, Princess House, some antiques, too much to list! 10001 Auburndale, Plymouth & Merriman, July 19-21, 9-5pm.

LIVONIA July 19-21, 9-4pm, 36730 Angelina Circ., Ann Arbor Trl/Newburgh. Baby/toddler clothes, furniture, many books.

NORTHVILLE GOOD SELECTION OF DESIGNER fabric for draperies & upholstery, 1-10 yard pieces, plus a variety of items. July 19-22, 9am-5pm, 19852 Pierson, off 7 Mile btwn Hagerty & Northville.

NORTHVILLE Multi-Family, Sat. 7/21, 10-4, Sun. 7/22, 12-3, 936 Novi. Tr. Crafts, kids' stuff, misc. household items.

NORTHVILLE Moving Sale - Fri. & Sat., 9am-4pm, 42239 Ludlow Ct., south of 6 Mile, off Bradner. Appliances to Christmas

NORTHVILLE TWP. MOVING SALE! New/upscale furniture, housewares, clothes, & many other misc items. Thurs.-Sat., July 26-28, 9-4pm, 44247 Highland Court, Sheldon & 6 Mile.

NORTHVILLE MOVING! Yard equipment, appliances, kitchen, furniture, etc. 19275 Meadowbrook Rd, off 7 Mile, W of Hagerty, 7/20-7/21.

NOVI Huge retired teacher's sale 24404 Simmons Dr., btwn Taft & Beck Rd., July 19-20, 9-5, 34 yrs. material & books & household items.

PLYMOUTH Colony Farms Sub. W. of Beck, S. of Ann Arbor Rd. 10 families, July 19-21st, 8-6pm. Dorn furnishings, etc.

PLYMOUTH Garage Sale - 48600 W. Normandy Ct. 7/19-20, 9-2pm, 7/21, 9-12noon. Infant through size 7 clothes, toys, gear, shoes, playhouse. Purses, antique rocking chair, other misc.

PLYMOUTH Household, Collectibles, misc. Thurs.-Sat., 9am-5pm, 42439 Parkhurst, 5 Mile & Bradner.

Garage Sales 7110
PLYMOUTH - Estate/Garage, Wed-Sat, July 18-21, 9-5pm. Furniture & household goods. 10231 Tennyson, Trailwood Sub. Ann Arbor & Sheldon.

PLYMOUTH - Huge Sale! 9am-5pm, Thurs-Sat, July 19-21, 242 Blunk, W/Main, N/Church. Household goods, sales rep samples, furniture, clothes, etc.

PLYMOUTH: HUGE SALE 40803 Firwood, July 19-21, 8am-4pm. Washer, vacuums, snow blowers, kid clothing, misc., items for everyone.

REDFORD July 20-21, 9-4pm, 14910 Seneca, 3 streets East of Inkster. Moving, a little bit of everything & misc.

REDFORD June 19-22, 10-5, 12827 Berwyn, S. of Schoolcraft, W. of Beech. Huge 3 family, boy baby items, girls up to 4T, toys, maternity, organ.

REDFORD - Moving Sale! Furniture, household, piano, tools, garage items. July 20-22, 9-5pm. 16710 Garfield, golf course, Six/Beech.

REDFORD - Garage/Estate Sale 7-21 & 22, 10-5 pm, 26154 Grove, (Six Mile/Kinloch) Cash Sales-Basement & Garage, House-hold items, clothing, M/W/girls, Canning, Tools, gardening.

REDFORD HUGE SALE Fri-Sun 10a-5p 10031 Marlon S. Plymouth E. Beech

ROCHESTER July 19-20, 8-4pm, 1808 Chase Dr. Dequindre, N. of Parkdale. Girls' clothes 0-2, stroller, toys, TVs, household.

ROCHESTER Antique & Estate Sale: Dolls, toys, glassware, household, clothing and children's items. THUR-SAT, 9-6pm. 2337 Arizona Court, Rochester Hills, 48309. 248-207-1514

ROCHESTER HILLS Huge Sale! Good stuff. 3781 Warwick, South Blvd. btwn Adams & Coolidge. Fri-Sat, 10-7, Sun 12-7 July 20-22.

ROCHESTER HILLS - Pine Trace Village Sub Sale, S. Boulevard and Adams. Sat 7/21, 8am-7 Over 20 homes participating. Many items incl: Baby Grand Piano, furniture, baby items & much more!

ROYAL OAK July 20th-21st, Multiple Family Block Sale. MUST SEE! Too much stuff to list! Durham Road, 13 Mile and Crooks Area.

SALEM- 8680 Brookville, off N. Territorial btwn Godfredson/Curtis, 7/19-21, 9am-7, Household, furniture, baby items, garden, horse tack.

Garage Sales 7110
SOUTH LYON 57263/57278 Hidden Timbers, Milford Rd., N. of 10 Mile, 7/19-21 9-4pm furniture, household, toys, kids' clothes.

SOUTHFIELD Twyckingham Valley Sub 3 rd. Annual Sale. W. off Lahser btwn 11 & 12 Mile, July 19-20-21-22. Open at 9am.

SOUTHFIELD MOVING OUT OF STATE SALE EVERYTHING MUST GO! Saturday July 21st, 8am-4pm. 27635 Red Leaf Lane.

SOUTHFIELD HUGE GARAGE SALE - Lots of baby/child items, books, CDs. 30070 Westbrook (b/w Lahser & Southfield, off 12 mile). Friday/Saturday 9am-5pm.

Southfield 21101 Sherman, N. of 8, 1 blk. E. of Telegraph Thu-Sat, 9-5. Vintage, books, comics, costume jewelry, glass, boy scouts, 8 pool table

SOUTHFIELD WASHINGTON HEIGHTS SUB SALE - FRI-SUN, July 20-22 9AM Many homes 10 Mile & Southfield Road.

SOUTHFIELD - Multiple family sale. July 20-21, 10-5pm. Streamwood Lane, 2 bks E. of Telegraph off 12 Mile Rd. Antique dining set, furniture, clothing, books, decor household items, look for signs.

SOUTHFIELD - Gigantic Community Wide Sale July 19-20 & 21st, 9-6pm. 19810 Addison Dr. (1 blk. from the Original Pancake House). Clothing all sizes, wheelchair, comforter sets, quilt sets, toys, crafts, computer, books, teaching aids, etc.

SYLVAN LAKE - July 21-22, 9-4pm. Interior design, lots of accessories, furniture, art work TV's, tools, books, teaching aids, etc.

TROY - Estate/Garage Sale Hills of Charnwood, 2349 Red Maple, Sat-Sun, July 21-22, 10-4pm. House-full furniture, tools, too much to list!

TROY - 4 family- July 19 & 20, 9-4, 21st? 2609 Devonwood, 10 Mile/Lake, E Adams. Go N on Beach. BACK TO COLLEGE? Lots of furniture priced to sell! Kitchen set, patio set, lots of clothing, misc household.

WATERFORD Estate sale, 1286 Edgemoor, off M-59, E. of Airport Rd. S. on Irwin. July 19-30 th, 8-6pm. Antiques, tools, household & more.

WATERFORD - Huge moving sale! 3557 Lakewood Dr., Dixie Hwy & Watkins. July 19-21, 9-4pm. Furniture, household, little Tykes, power wheels.

Garage Sales 7110
WEST BLOOMFIELD All items priced to sell. Kids' clothing, all seasons, boys' sizes infant to 4t, girls' - 3t-7. Some juniors' sizes, misc. household items, too many items to list, must see! All items must go - no reasonable offer refused. Thurs.-Sat. 9am-4pm. 5385 Sunnycrest Dr., West Bloomfield, crossroads Quanton & Inkster

WESTLAND Ravenscroft Condos, Newburgh N. of Cherry Hill. Thursday, July 19 thru Saturday July 21, 9 AM-5 PM.

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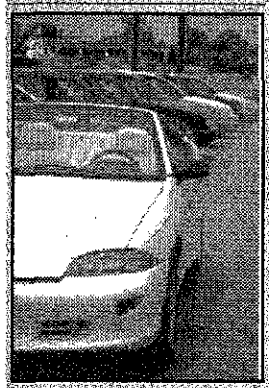
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By Dale Buss

When it comes to vehicle quality, the American auto market has gone through two distinct periods since World War II -- and now is on its way through a third, in which consumer definitions of quality are all over the map.

During the First Era of Quality, from the Fifties into the Seventies, cars suffered from glaring production defects as a matter of course. But the domestic auto industry had such a stranglehold on the market that consumers expected no better -- and "Made in Japan" still meant "Ready to Fall Apart."

But the Japanese turned around and actually defined the Second Era of Quality in the U.S. market. Toyota, Honda and others fielded vehicles of such high production standards, beginning in the Eighties, that the U.S. Big Three simply had to get their acts together or face extinction.

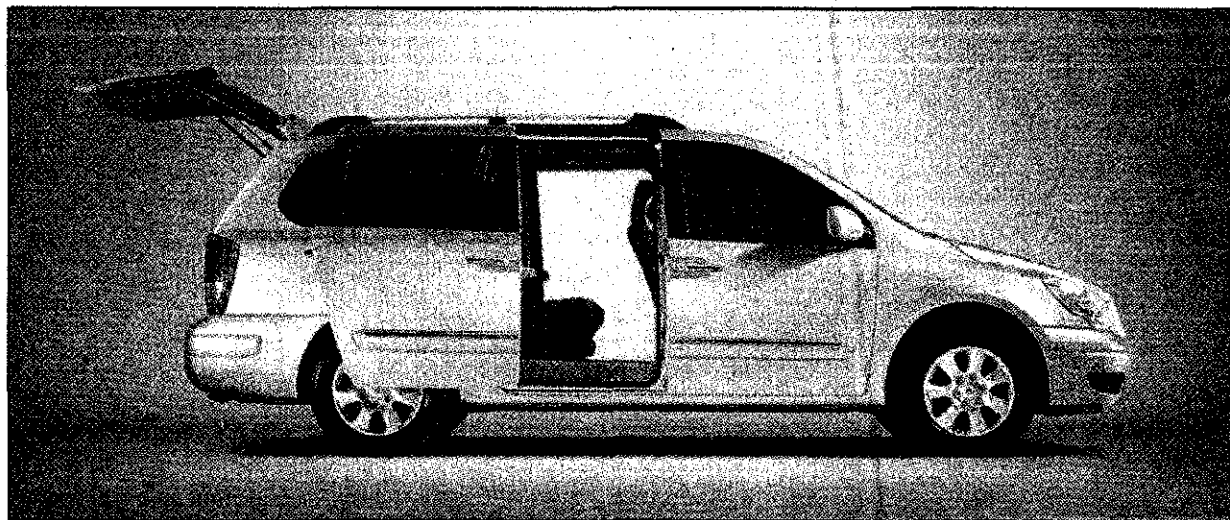
And during the last decade or so, there has been a dramatic tightening among all automakers in their ability to achieve consistently high-quality manufacturing.

So, recently, a Third Era of Quality has taken shape. This one is defined by essential parity in the actual performance, fit and finish, and durability of vehicles among all the global automakers that supply the U.S. market.

"In general now, there isn't a whole lot of difference between any of the companies in this market," said Art Spinella, president of CNW Marketing Research, a Bandon, OR, company that researches the industry and consumer attitudes toward vehicles. "You're just not going to make a real bad mistake no matter what vehicle you pick. That's first and foremost. You don't have to give it nearly as much thought as your parents did."

Yet, consumers and the industry remain as interested as ever in the relative quality of makes and models. It's just that consumers are defining "quality" differently now than in the First and Second Eras of Quality, and their perceptions vary widely about what actually comprises their standard for quality -- and for how much quality criteria ultimately matter in what they decide to purchase.

Here are five major aspects of quality that



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consumers are applying in the purchase of an automobile today:

Long-term reputation: Ingrained notions of quality dictate much consumer behavior, often providing profound motivations for buying behavior that override the latest relative data on manufacturing quality among various automakers.

The best current illustration of this phenomenon is the fact that, very recently, Ford vehicles have made tremendous leaps in a number of measures of initial manufacturing quality, especially in their newer models including Edge and Fusion. At the same time, Toyota has been bungling its performance in factory quality lately, forcing the company to issue a number of huge recalls for some of its newest models, including its crucial new Tundra pickup truck.

Yet, Ford continue to face strong sales headwinds in the U.S. market, while Toyota has been extending its upward arc -- meaning that, among other things, consumers clearly are acting in part on the two brands' long-term reputations for quality.

Segment criteria: Whether a vehicle achieves a quality watermark with consumers often depends on who those buyers are and what kind of vehicle they're purchasing.

If a small vehicle achieves expected fuel-economy criteria, for instance, its buyers tend to attribute it with quality, according to post-purchase surveys of consumers by Spinella's company. At the same time, luxury buyers' notions of quality are inordinately tied to fit-and-finish issues.

And for pickup truck buyers, neither of those things matter nearly as much as whether the power train provides the expected oomph. "The truck can rattle all it wants, but if the diesel engine is strong and does everything it's supposed to, then the perception of

quality of the whole vehicle increases," Spinella said.

Features: Many consumers base their ideas of quality not on whether things work right or not in a vehicle, but on how the automaker has designed and executed things. A preoccupation with features can create negative or positive notions in consumers' minds -- but either type can powerfully shape perceptions of whether a vehicle is up to snuff.

Reparability: This factor becomes a quality criterion for consumers in two ways. First, some automakers are willing to stand behind their products for longer than others, and that may be important to you; General Motors and Hyundai have staked a good part of their selling propositions these days on the fact that they alone among major manufacturers have 100,000-mile warranties on the power trains in their vehicles.

Another aspect of reparability is how easy or difficult it actually is to get a vehicle repaired. Here, there's an interesting twist: Luxury vehicles often are of poorer quality, by this measure, than less expensive ones. That's largely because they tend to be more and more loaded with the complex and versatile electronic gear that differentiates them from lower-priced vehicles in the first place.

Dealership performance: How dealers treat you is a huge component of quality in the eyes of many consumers, because owning and maintaining an automobile establishes a relationship with a manufacturer -- and the dealer is generally the agent for transacting that relationship.

Dealer handling of consumers, in fact, shapes much of our perception of a make as a quality, stand-up brand. On the other hand, some consumers have come to rely on certain dealers as guarantors of a quality relationship, and they're willing to buy a variety of vehicles from them.

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Cell-phone headsets offer hands-free calling and more

You've seen them before: Those people who look like they're having animated conversations with themselves, until you finally see the small wireless headset clamped to their ear.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

I've spent the last few weeks playing with some of these headsets, and let me tell you: It's the "crazy people" who are having the last laugh. These things rock.

The headsets rely on Bluetooth wireless technology to link to your phone, which must also have Bluetooth capabilities (most models do these days).

Once you "pair" the headset to your phone (a simple, one-time procedure), you can leave the latter in your pocket or purse, touching it only when you need to place a call (unless you have voice dialing, in which case you just push a button on the headset and say the name).

What's amazing is how small these gizmos have gotten. Witness the Motorola Mini H9 (motorola.com), which looks like it could be swallowed. OK, maybe not, but it's roughly half the size of your actual ear.

Its tiny speaker nestles inside your ear canal, which you may find weird at first, but the fit is snug enough to reduce outside noise, and the H9 is light enough (0.2 ounces!) that it doesn't need an earloop.

Granted, it looks a bit funny sticking out of your ear, and at \$150 it's on the pricey side. Plus, callers complained that they could hear a lot of ambient noise from my end, even though the callers themselves sounded great.

If you want a headset that's a lot more stylish and a little less money, check out the \$120 Aliph Jawbone (jawbone.com). It's the first headset I've seen that looks like a fashion accessory.

Even better, the Jawbone employs sophisticated noise-canceling technology so that callers hear only your voice. Go ahead and phone your boss

from Comerica Park; he'll never know you're playing hooky.

My favorite new headset, however, is the \$150 Jabra BT8010 (jabra.com). It features a small, bright screen that displays your phone's address book, the headset's settings, and so on.

But the real appeal is its corded, detachable second earpiece, which effectively turns the BT8010 into wireless headphones for listening to music. (Just make sure your phone supports stereo Bluetooth, also known as A2DP.)

Once you've experienced the freedom of wireless headphones, you'll find it hard to go back to the wired kind. (Take note, Apple: The next iPod better have built-in Bluetooth!)

If a call comes in while you're listening to your tunes, the press of a button is all it takes to stop playback and answer the call.

The BT8010 sounds great, though I did experience a bit of distracting background crackle with some phones. The earpieces are light enough to wear to the gym or on a run, so if you're carrying your phone anyway, now you can leave the iPod at home.

Finally, I must mention my favorite new

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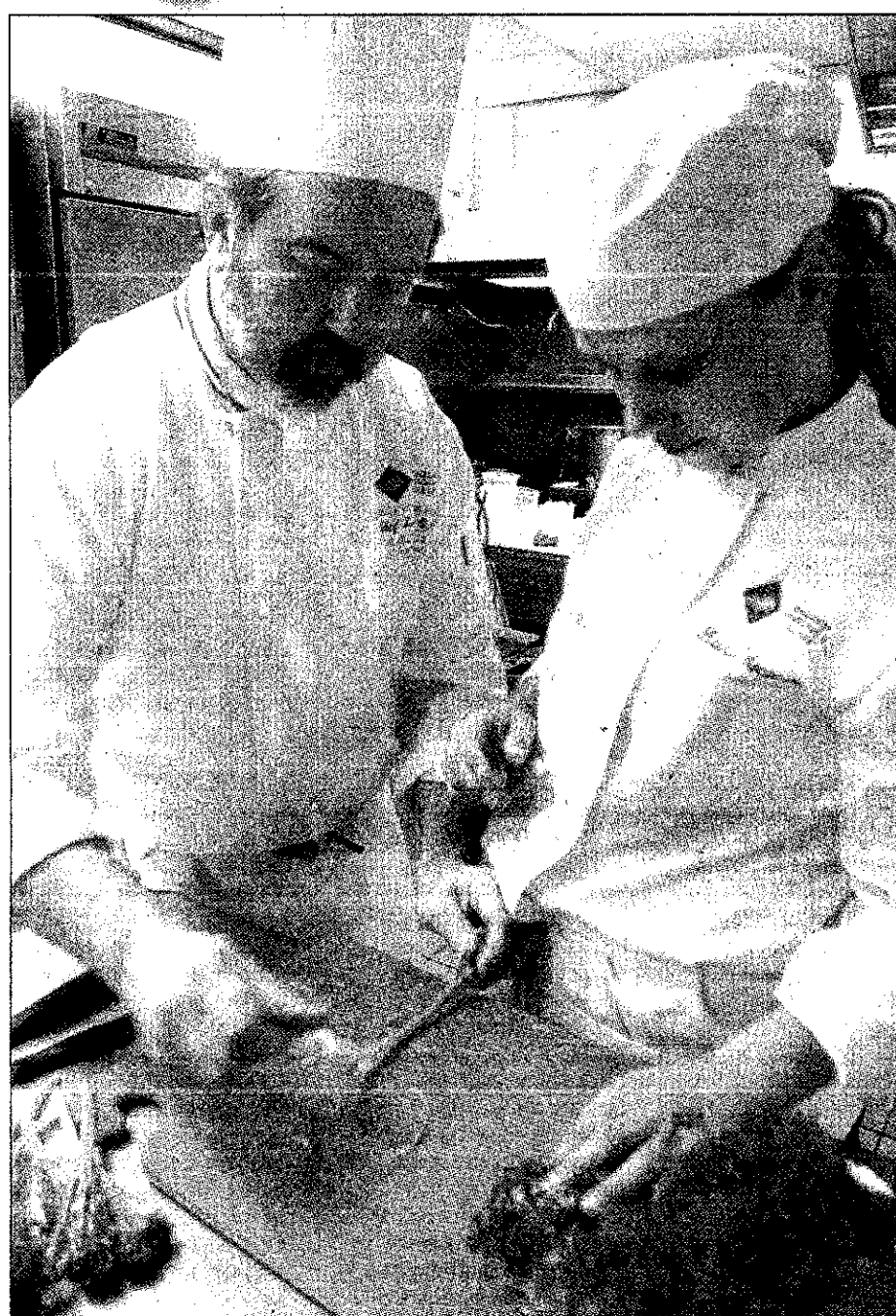


Norman Valenti, Oakland Community College culinary team member and Clawson resident, prepares green pea and potato croquettes as the team practices for the American Culinary Federation National Competition July 23-24 in Orlando.

OCC team heads to culinary championship

Team members are traveling to Florida to compete in the national American Culinary Federation championship on July 23-24.

They're cooking



Kevin Enright, certified executive chef and instructor at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute, instructs culinary team member Kathryn Szczerba of Troy, as the team prepares for the American Culinary Federation national competition July 23-24 in Orlando.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Oakland Community College's culinary team hopes to bring home some Orlando magic.

Team captain John Clements of Waterford; Bradley Ball, Novi; Elizabeth Kallio, Redford; Kathryn Szczerba, Troy and Norman Valenti, Clawson, along with team manager Kevin Enright and coach Tammy Gauthier, are travelling to Florida to compete in the national American Culinary Federation championship on July 23-24.

OCC won the ACF Midwest regional and a gold medal in March. That competition consisted of a cold buffet, a four-course dinner, dessert, and skills, such as butchering and vegetable cutting.

OCC last competed in the nationals in 1995.

This team ranks right along with OCC's best gold medal teams and "probably

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OCC's menu

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Saffron Lobster Broth

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Mission Salad
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Heirloom Tomato Gâteau,
Grilled Port Glazed Figs,
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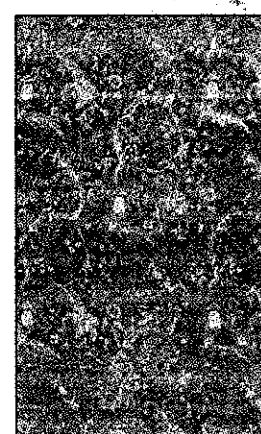
Entree

Roasted Rack of Lamb Soup
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Green Pea Croquette Potatoes,
Broccolini, Swiss Chard Medley

Dessert

Ensemble of Peaches and Nectarines

Accents



Dancing Tree

Dancing Tree is a new rug available at the Birmingham and Novi showrooms of Hagopian World of Rugs.

It is shown here in green.

The design incorporates elements from nature with a gentle feeling of movement.

Using a soft, earthy, hand-dyed palette of green, brick, gold and blue, the rug was hand-knotted in Nepal of 100 percent hand-spun Himalayan wool, creating a burnished luster reminiscent of morning dew.

Sizes range from 4 by 6 feet to 12 by 15 feet.

The 8-by-10-foot rug sells for \$3,399.

The design also comes in spice and blue colorways.

Tap tip

"If you turn on a faucet and all you get is a trickle, or streams squirting left and right, the problem might not be in your faucet at all. It might be the small device on the end of the spout called an aerator," say James and Morris Carey, writing for the Associated Press.

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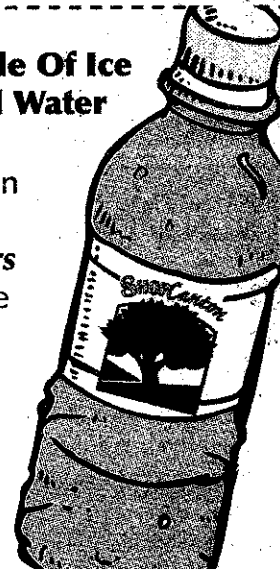
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Rain gardens

Rain Garden Design and Maintenance: A Forum for Home Gardeners, a free program, will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the Auburn Hills Community Center, 1827 N. Squirrel Road. Seating is limited. Advance registration is requested. To register, call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LEDean@aol.com. The program is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA). The speaker will be civil engineer Donald Carpenter, Ph.D., of Lawrence Technological University. SOCWA native landscape volunteers will also be featured. Presentation topics will be benefits of compost for water retention and water quality, rain garden plant selection, maintenance tips from SOCWA gardeners, rain garden benefits for the Rouge River, and research results of water infiltration and soil mixes.

Pathways

Learn how to highlight the pathway in your landscape design with perennials, garden accents and focal points that will arouse interest to look beyond the garden path in Pathways, a class scheduled 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Cost is \$19, plus a \$5 materials fee payable to the instructor in class. For registration and other information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. The instructor will be certified master gardener Michael Saint, who owns Good Earth Landscape Institute in Clarkston.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels. For registration and other information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. Offerings include Practical Gardening Tips, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in Rochester (cost is \$29); the three-session Garden Photography Workshop, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July 24 and 31, in Livonia and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Hidden Lake Gardens (\$145, plus \$3 entry fee payable at Hidden Lake Gardens); and an Expert Perspective garden walk, A Saunter Through the Stars of Summer, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Detroit Zoo (\$42). For the workshop, you must use E-6 process slide film such as Ektachrome or Fujichrome for a 35mm camera; for digital, you must put your workshop images on a CD to bring to the third meeting. Bring your lunch to Hidden Lake Gardens, dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Drought Tolerant Plants

Learn about drought-tolerant plants,

and receive guidelines and tips for getting your garden through drought conditions, in Drought Tolerant Plants, a class offered 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Cost is \$29. For registration and other information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. The instructor will be master gardener Sue Grubba, who has been designing residential and commercial landscapes since 1985.

Herb Fest

The Evening Herb Study Group will host Herb Fest 2007, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Matthei Botanical Gardens Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Fee is \$10 for members, \$15 for guests. Register by calling (734) 998-7061. Jean Riggs of Sunshine Farm and Garden will speak on heirloom plants and herbs and what makes them "heirloom." The gardens and hiking trails will be open to the public. Enjoy educational displays while sampling herbal treats and beverages.

Master gardener

The Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County Master Gardener Training Program will begin Aug. 16 and run through Nov. 15. This 13-week class will meet 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays in Building 49 West in the Oakland County Service Center, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Seats will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The application fee is \$25 and the class fee is \$300. To request an application, call MSU Extension-Oakland County at (248) 858-0887, or visit the MSUE Web site, www.msue.msu.edu/oakland and look under horticulture and gardening. Each session will focus on a different horticultural topic that will prepare you to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn master gardener certification.

Lavender festivals

■ The third annual Yule Love It Lavender Festival will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, rain or shine, at the Yule Love It Lavender Farm, 960 Yule in Leonard. Admission is \$7 for two days, which includes parking, shuttle, speaker symposium and demonstrations. Admission free for ages 12 and under. Wear walking shoes. No smoking or pets. The farm is north of 32 Mile Road, one mile east of Rochester Road. Call (248) 628-7814, e-mail iris@irislee.org, visit www.yuleloveitlavender.com. The festival will include artisans, baking demonstration and bake-off, sweets, tea, poetry reading, book signing, a craft tent and crafts for children. The festival brochure will full itinerary is available at the Web site (\$1 off festival admission with brochure). ■ The fifth annual Michigan Lavender Festival will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, at Gabriel's Garden, 14000 34 Mile Road, 1 1/4 miles east of Van Dyke in Romeo. Admission is \$3, free for under age 12. No smoking or pets. Call (586) 336-0418, visit www.MichLavenderFestival.com. Features will include harp and dulcimer music, hands-on workshops, demonstrations, cooking classes, garden strolls, food, sweets, refreshments and more than 40 booths of Michigan artisans and craftspeople and area farms.

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Clarkston

Michael Saint of Good Earth Landscape Institute (phone (248) 620-7188) will present a tour of his gardens in Clarkston 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5. Donations are \$5, to benefit the Master Gardener Program of

Oakland County

For more information, e-mail michael.saint@goodearthlandscapelc.com. For a locator map, visit www.goodearthlandscapelc.com.

Save energy while you keep your cool

In last month's column about ant control, I asked for ideas on non-lethal pest control. Kimberly T. sent me an e-mail about an ant problem near her cat's food bowl.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Ruth from Farmington Hills concurs with the bay leaves solution. Ruth says she sprinkles a few bay leaves in food cupboards and shelves. She has been doing this for 18 years and has never had a pest in her cupboards.

Thanks so much, Kimberly and Ruth. We will try this in the Jachym home. It was so kind of you to share this information.

After our recent hot spell I thought it might be a good time to look into economical ways to keep your house cool before the next one hits. Hey, it's Michigan and you know that there will be a next one.

I spoke with my friend Fred Wright, president of National Heating and Cooling. National has been in business for nearly 50 years.

Fred referred me to National's Web site, www.nationalheating.com. The site has many tips about saving energy.

One of the first things is obvious. Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible. When you have less difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, your cooling bill will be lower.

Furthermore, setting the thermostat to a colder temperature when starting the air conditioner won't cool your house any faster. This could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense. Ceiling fans spread the

cooled air effectively through your home. This keeps you feeling cooler, using less energy than air conditioning alone.

Also, keeping lamps, TV sets or other heat-producing appliances near your air conditioning thermostat can fool the thermostat into thinking the room is warmer than it is.

If you have a whole house fan, use it at night. Evening air is generally cooler than indoor air. Whole house fans use less energy than air conditioning.

Planting trees or shrubs or providing shade to outside air-conditioning units will help them use as much as 10 percent less electricity than the same type operating in the sun.

Be sure not to block the airflow. Have about 3 to 4 feet of free air space. It's also a good idea to clean dirt, leaves and other debris from the unit.

When it comes to using room air conditioners, buying a bigger room air-conditioning unit won't necessarily make you feel more comfortable. A room air conditioner that's

too big for the area it is supposed to cool will perform less efficiently and less effectively than a smaller, properly sized unit.

Room units work better if they run for relatively long periods of time than if they are continually switched off and on.

Longer run times allow air conditioners to maintain a more constant room temperature and to remove a larger amount of humidity from the air. This makes you feel more comfortable.

For more information on energy savings, see the Web site or call the good people at National, (313) 538-7100.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to jachym@askdad.comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Put the 'bite' on mosquitoes

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Tiny, but powerful – mosquitoes can wreak havoc, from spoiling a summertime event to making someone sick.

"Some people are more attractive to mosquitoes than others ... Everybody reacts differently to a mosquito bite," said Mark "Shep" Sheperdigian, vice president of technical services for Troy-based Rose Pest Solutions.

"Different mosquitoes bite at different times. There's always one to bite you."

The biggest misconception about mosquitoes?

"That mosquitoes are merely an annoyance," said Sheperdigian, a board-certified entomologist.

"Mosquitoes have killed more people than people have killed people."

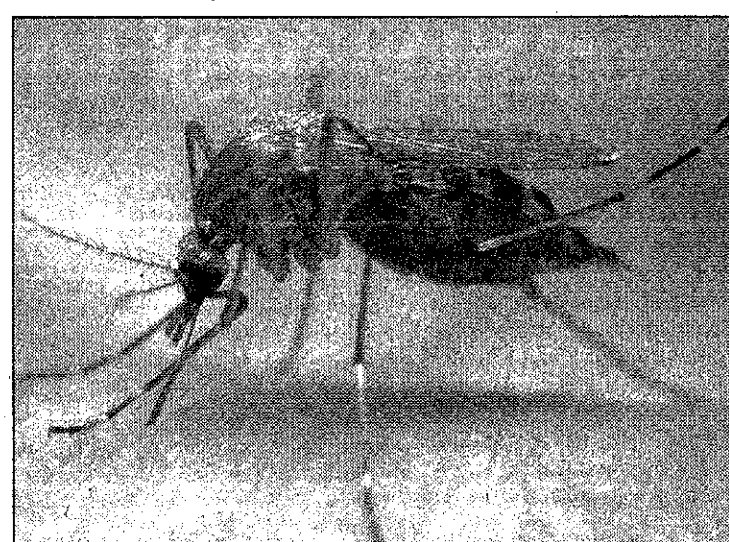
That's because mosquitoes can transmit diseases and viruses, including encephalitis, West Nile virus, malaria and Equine virus.

Mosquitoes detect humans by body heat and carbon dioxide. But you can do things to keep mosquitoes from taking over your yard.

The main thing is not to let your surroundings be appealing to mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes like pooled water that is still long enough for their larvae to finish developing. Species that bite people can begin to grow in any puddle of standing water that lasts for more than four days.

Mosquitoes feed on organisms that grow close to the surface of water (mosquitoes are



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light enough not to break the surface).

So don't let water accumulate around your house.

Empty water from containers – including rain barrels, outdoor tubs, unused swimming pools, flower pots, vases and roof gutters – and old tires.

Change the water in your bird bath weekly, Sheperdigian said.

"Once a week is fine," he said.

Put an aerator in your pond or water garden to keep the water in motion, or apply an insect growth regulator product, such as Bti, Sheperdigian said.

Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*) is a bacterial toxin that infects and kills mosquito larvae but is harmless to wildlife. Bti products come in granules and in donut-shaped forms called dunks.

If you are especially attrac-

tive to mosquitoes, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you are outdoors.

Mosquito repellents containing DEET are safe and effective.

"It works very well and lasts a long time," Sheperdigian said. Some items considered to repel mosquitoes really aren't effective.

For example, "anti-mosquito" plants would be successful only if mosquitoes would be fed with them. Bug zappers actually attract more mosquitoes than they kill, and kill such beneficial insects as moths.

Citronella candles need perfect conditions in order to work, Sheperdigian said. The citronella blows away easily.

"There has to be a dead calm, only a slight breeze," Sheperdigian said.

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BROIDA

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Bluetooth gizmo: the BlueQ (bqwireless.com). It's a rubberized wristband that vibrates when you receive a call, thereby solving the problem of not being able to

hear or feel your phone when it rings.

Priced at \$40, it's due in stores this summer.

IPHONE MADNESS

Are you the proud owner of an iPhone? If so, I want to hear from you! Tell me

what you like about it, what you don't like about it, and whether you think it deserves all the hype. I'll share readers' experiences (and some of my own) in an upcoming column.

Rick Broida writes about com-

puters and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute will be sending its competition team to Orlando for the American Culinary Federation national championship July 23-24. Team members are Elizabeth Kallio of Redford (front row, left); Kathryn Szczerba, Troy; Tammy Gauthier, team coach; Kevin Enright, team manager (second row); Bradley Ball, Novi; John Clements, Waterford, and Norman Valenti, Clawson.

OCC

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in the top three" since 1996, Enright said.

"We've had gold medals and didn't win because we placed second by one-tenth of one point," Enright said.

The team was created in November. Team members practiced for about 16 hours a week through the regional competition in March.

At that competition, OCC created a pork platter with smoked sausages, prosciutto-wrapped ham and spring pork terrine for the cold food plate competition.

"It was tedious but it turned out well," Valenti, sous chef at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, said about the pork platter.

"Terrines and pates are kind of a lost art. That's one of the great things about the competition."

As the team's manager, Enright helps write the menu, then students cook items from it and Enright critiques the team's performance. The culinary chores are divided up among the members, and duties are spelled out.

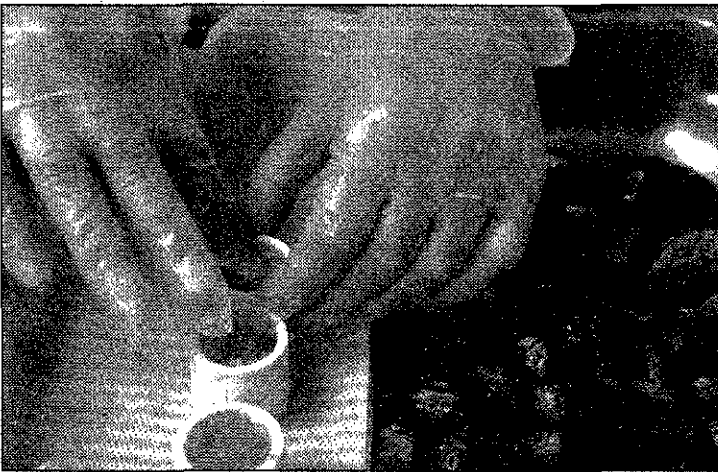
Communication, interaction and teamwork are critical to the team's success.

"One of them would work on a first course, then the assignment changes (for that chef) to work with the main course," Enright said.

"The person working on the second course will go work on the dessert."

Szczerba is responsible for the salad course, and Kallio is responsible for the dessert. Valenti will prepare cioppino and the fish on the first course, then he will help Clements with the entree.

Ball is the alternate, and a key team member because he



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Tomato towers, part of the salad course, get prepared as the OCC culinary team practices for the American Culinary Federation National Competition.

assists the other four and is responsible for coordinating the entire meal including the plating timing. Ball also makes the final check of the courses, Enright said.

Each team member will assist each other as "it is a team and not five individuals," Enright said.

MORE OF A CHALLENGE

The national competition is more of a challenge this year.

"We are now doing a four-course meal with 24 portions," Enright said. "The total time is four hours. You're serving 'guests' (judges) who will pick four portions and decide which ones to serve.

"It's realistic and it has to be, for those who are working in a restaurant."

Previously, the chefs plated just four meals of their choice, so the new requirement means chefs must be consistent with preparation and plating.

Enright manages the team and prepares them for competition as he would for the real world.

"It has to be applicable to be a chef in a restaurant and not in a 'chef's game,'" Enright said, referring to competitions and television shows that some-

times emphasize speed over substance.

"You have to show skills and there should be new challenges on the menu," Enright said. "As a coach you see what their talents are, and see if they can do these things."

The team spent the final days practicing.

"The menu is done, they're just working on timing," Enright said in late June. "We don't want to change anything at this point."

Valenti called the whole experience "an amazing opportunity to go through.

"It's been tough, juggling work and testing our endurance," Valenti said. "You go in there (for practice), and you work clean and you work organized. The class and practices teach you a lot.

"I've learned quite a bit. I'm more organized and learned new techniques. (Enright) teaches you efficiency and how to maximize it in a kitchen."

Enright said: "They have to grow through this whole program. They are better at cooking, better at organizing and better as a group."

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Enter your chili, salsa in cookoff

The 12th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Bike Show return to downtown Plymouth, Sunday, Sept. 30.

The Chili Cook-off will feature a traditional Red Chili, a Green Chili and a Salsa competition. This portion of the cook-off is recognized by the International Chili Society and will follow all ICS rules. The winners in each category will advance to the 2008 World Championship Chili cook-off in 2008. A fee is charged to participants who want to create a winning pot of chili. Top winners receive trophies and prizes. Chili samples will be available at 1 p.m. for a \$1 donation per sample.

The GLR Chili Bike Show is a ride-in show with 17 different bike categories including Harley and non Harley classes. There is a \$10 fee to enter a

bike and all first place winners will receive a trophy. The Bike Show takes place noon- 4 p.m. on Main Street at Kellogg Park.

The Chili Ride begins at MotorCity Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills and ends up at the Chili Cook-off. A fee of \$10 will get participants V.I.P. parking at the event on Ann Arbor Trail plus \$5 in 50/50 raffle tickets. Another ride is planned to begin at the BMW dealership on Ford Road for all BMW bikers.

The Restaurant Chili Challenge will be taking place 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Penniman Avenue in Kellogg Park. More than 15 restaurants will be vying for the prize of "Best Chili in Plymouth" award. Bowls of chili will be a \$4 donation or you can sample them all for \$1 donation per 2-ounce sample.

Other activities scheduled noon-5 p.m. include live entertainment, dance team performances and children's activity area. The Hottest Dog in the Coolest City costume contest will be judged at 2 p.m. in the park.

Anyone interested in cooking in the Red/Green/Salsa or Restaurant Chili Challenge should contact Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669 or GLR chili @sbcglobal.net.

Bike Show & Chili Ride inquiries should be directed to MotorCity Harley Davidson (248) 473-7433 www.motorcityharley.com. Sponsorships and Vendor spaces are still available.

All of these activities are done for the purpose of donating all proceeds to local charities. This year's recipient is Western Wayne Habitat for Humanity.

FOOD CALENDAR

The Community House

Several classes will be offered this summer at The Community House in Birmingham. For information and to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates at (248) 644-5832. www.communityhouse.com.

Classes include: Quick and Easy Summer Appetizers with Pam Gustairs, 6:30-9 p.m. July 25, \$29 with \$6 material fee; Grilling with Chris Jones, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 1, \$34 with \$6 material fee; Summer Lunch on the Patio with

Jennifer DeMay (lunch will be served at this class), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 8, \$39; Tasty Tempting Thai Cooking with Lawan Chandraung, 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13, \$29 plus \$4 materials fee; Tomatoes with chef Gunnell Freeman, 7-9 p.m. Aug. 20, \$34.

American Regional Grill

Class with chef Rebecca Miller at Busch's with recipes for Spicy-Brined Shrimp, Grilled Napa Valley Pizza, Onion-Stuffed Burgers with Go-Blue Cheese Sauce, Grilled Honeyed-

Southern Nectarines, \$10 for ticket, class at 6 p.m. July 19, 15185 N Sheldon Rd., Plymouth (734) 414-5200; and July 24, 24445 Drake Rd. (at Grand River), Farmington Hills, (248) 427-7400.

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (734) 591-7279.

'Joy of Cooking' starts Web site

America's cookbook classic, the Joy of Cooking, now has a home on the Web at http://www.thejoykitchen.com.

Created by the authors and editors of the Joy of Cooking, The JOY Kitchen promises to be a favorite bookmark for cooks. With ongoing contributions from the people who use the Joy of Cooking, this site will grow with information on ingredients, collecting cookbooks, family stories from the kitchen, and of course, cooking.

Visitors can find recipes both new and classic. The JOY Kitchen features an extensive searchable collection of cooking tips and techniques to which visitors are encouraged to contribute. A wealth of historical information about JOY follows the revered cookbook from its first edition in 1931 to its current well-received 75th anniversary edition.

Membership in The JOY Kitchen is free. Participate in contests, and contribute to

online discussion forums where visitors share their favorite recipes, stories, and much more.

There's also a marketplace of items and books.

To celebrate the launch of the Web site anyone who registers, on the site, before July 31 is automatically signed up to win an autographed copy of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Joy of Cooking, a facsimile edition of the 1931 Joy of Cooking, and an assortment of Joy of Cooking kitchen utensils.

CHEVRE CHEESECAKE

Goat Cheese Cheesecake

2 ounces cream cheese
1½ ounces goat (chevre) cheese
1½ ounces feta cheese
1 tablespoon sour cream
½ teaspoon cornstarch
½ egg

Walnut Crust

1½ ounces walnuts
Pinch nutmeg
1 teaspoon butter
Pinch flour

Mint Pesto

4 tablespoons mint leaves, chopped
1 tablespoon walnuts
Pinch garlic
3 ounces olive oil
1 teaspoon Parmesan cheese

To make chevre cheesecake, in small food processor, blend cream cheese until smooth.

Add the chevre cheese, feta cheese, and cornstarch. Blend. Add sour cream and egg. Season to taste with salt and white pepper.

To make walnut crust, blend walnuts, butter, nutmeg and flour in a processor until it reaches a fine consistency.

Coat a 4-inch flan pan with butter then flour. Add the crust mixture evenly, covering the bottom of the pan. Fill mold with cheese mixture. Place in a small shallow pan with water. Bake at 350°F for 10 minutes.

To make mint pesto, in a food processor, grind the walnuts and mint leaves to fine crumbs. Add garlic and cheese. Puree to smooth. Serve at room tempera-

ture, with the pesto drizzled on part of the cheese cake.

MISSION SALAD

Walnut Vinaigrette

2 tablespoons walnut oil
3½ ounces extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon honey
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
1 teaspoon shallots, minced
1 teaspoon parsley
1 teaspoon tarragon

Parmesan Herb Cracker

1½ tablespoons vegetable shortening
1½ ounces boiling water
¾ cup flour
Pinch salt
1 teaspoon egg yolk
2 ounces Parmesan cheese, grated
2 teaspoons parsley and chives, minced

Port Reduction

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons ruby port wine
1 teaspoons serrano chili, seed and mince fine

2 Black Mission figs, cut into four pieces each

2 heirloom tomatoes, peeled and sliced thin
4 teaspoons fresh sweet basil, cut into fine strips

Salad Greens (1/2 head of each lettuce: Red Oak, Frisee, Arugula, Bibb Lettuce)

Note: Wash the salad in cold water. Dry in a Salad Spinner and place on paper towel to dry. Keep cold until serving.

½ English cucumber, peeled and diced fine

To make walnut vinaigrette, combine honey, Dijon mustard, herbs, shallots, and sherry vinegar in a bowl. Allow to sit at least 10 minutes.

Slowly add walnut oil while whisking. Season to taste. Slowly add olive oil until it reaches a smooth consistency.

To make the Parmesan herb cracker, melt shortening and combine with boiling water. Pour over flour, salt, herbs and cheese. Mix well with fork. Add egg yolk. Form into ball and knead over lightly floured board.

Roll thin on a pasta roller, cut into triangle shape. Bake on a sheet pan with parchment or sil-plat. for 6-7 minutes at 350°F.

Keep at room temperature.

Season the fig wedges with salt and black pepper, drizzle with oil, then brown on a grill or in a medium hot sauté pan.

To make port reduction, combine the ingredients in a stainless steel pan, then cook over medium heat until thick and syrupy.

Serving the salad
Shape and arrange greens into small attractive bundles. Drizzle with the dressing and sprinkle with the cucumbers.

Place a wedge of cheesecake on the greens, and top with the mint pesto. Arrange the fig wedges next to the cheesecake. Drizzle with the port reduction. Arrange the tomato slices with basil and season with salt and black pepper.

Serves four.

Recipes courtesy of Kevin Enright, chef and instructor at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute.

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Bodymorph offers a Hollywood approach

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Walking into the light and airy fitness center that serves as Bodymorph headquarters in Ferndale feels nothing like your average gym. Sure, it's filled with state-of-the-art equipment to enhance cardio and strength training, sports performance, even speed. But it's evident from the start that Bodymorph's philosophy centers around personal attention and what owner Rossano Rea likes to call "top notch service."

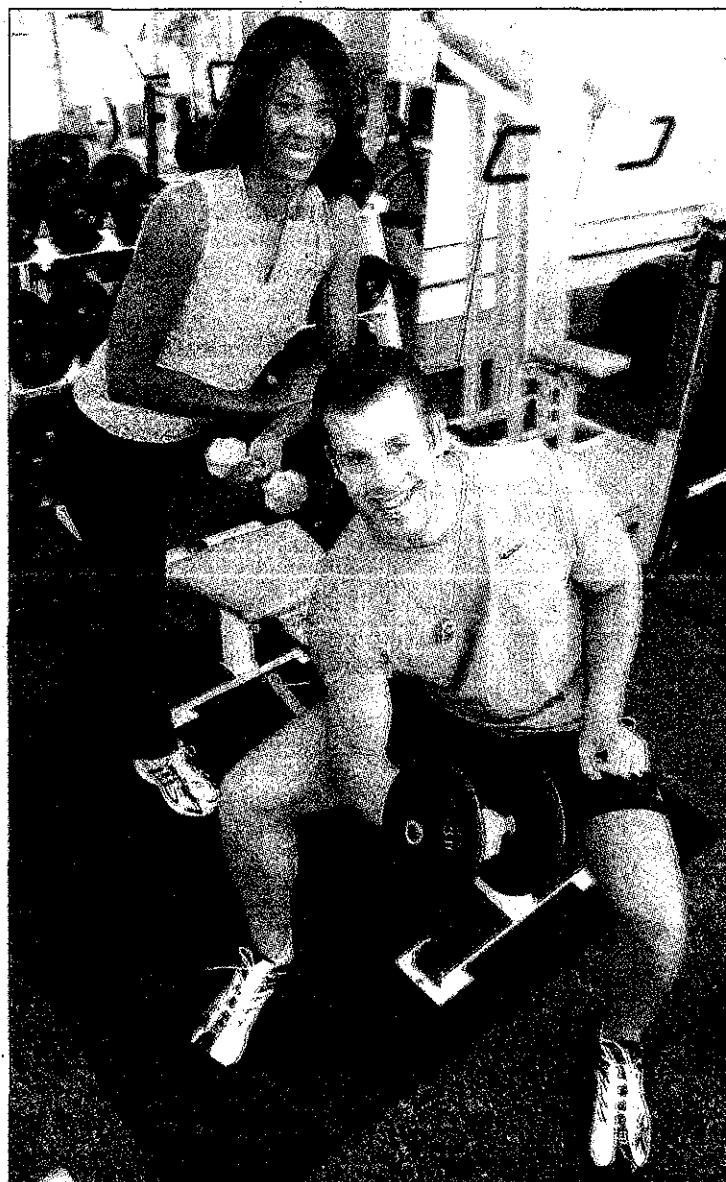
The professional fitness trainer and model built up his own clientele for a year before opening the gym in 2004. He's in the process of revamping his two buildings into a full-service fitness, physical therapy and wellness center, to highlight his own Hollywood-style approach to health.

"We like to go above and beyond," said Rea, "do something a little different."

To achieve that "cut above the rest" quality, his clients will soon experience cooling mist sprayers in the gym and on the outer deck. Post-workout stretching sessions will have an even more comforting feel with the addition of hot towel therapy. Protein smoothies are already available for an after-workout boost.

And all of Bodymorph's services – from the 45-minute training sessions to high-energy men's or women's boot camps – are amplified by Rea's upbeat personality and long history in theater. "I get wild," he admits, adding it wouldn't be unusual to see him sporting neon spandex one day and a military suit the next. His primary concern is hardly his workout wardrobe. "Being a motivator is number one in my business," he said.

Rea said if clients commit, if they want to be there and are engaged in the workout, results will follow. Sessions begin with a warm-up on cardio equipment, often a bicycle or elliptical. A resistance workout follows, tailored to the clients' needs. And a stretching session wraps it all up. Bodymorph packages start at \$850 including everything from workouts to boot camp sessions, fitness assessments, workshops and group activities. Each package includes an educational trip to the grocery store.



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Personal Trainer Reené Ferguson and owner Rossano Rea promise a motivational approach at Bodymorph personal gym in Ferndale.

Trainers like Reené Ferguson, who's been with Bodymorph for more than a year, said personal attention sets the gym apart from other area fitness centers.

Rea developed an interest early on in the fitness field. A Birmingham native, he began working as a swimming instructor at age 16. He is a graduate of Seaholm High School and has studied Kinesiology at Wayne State University, where he continues to keep current with new fitness trends. He earned certification as a personal trainer in 2001 and steers clear of promoting body building techniques. Attaining 2 percent body fat is neither healthy nor sustainable, Rea said. His focus is developing a rapport with his clients, and meeting their needs.

His plan seems to be working. Rea draws clients from Detroit

throughout Oakland County, making Ferndale a logical location. By November he plans to open the doors on the expanded building. The new wellness center is being designed by his father Ron Rea, known for such high-profile projects as Coach Insignia in Detroit, Via Nove in Ferndale and Birmingham's Shain Park.

Construction is slated to start this month. When it's finished, Bodymorph will expand its services, and offer amenities like a dry sauna and massage. The gym carries a line of whole food vitamins, a clothing line and will soon open a sports shop. Once the renovation is complete, the 2,400 square foot facility will include everything from plasma TVs to music of your choice, a Zen garden and patio, yoga and a Pilates studio. "We bring a high level of

services to our clients," said Rea, who currently employs four trainers. When he's not at Bodymorph, which is open daily, Rea also works as a fitness model. He'll be featured in the September issues of both *Cosmopolitan* and *Seventeen* magazines, as well as in a fitness ad set to run during the MTV Video Music Awards, airing Sept. 9 on MTV.

He balances it all in the name of health and fitness. His motto, borrowed from crooner Frank Sinatra, is simply "do it your way - keep fit."

Bodymorph is located at 561 Livorno in Ferndale. Call (248) 544-4646 or visit www.bodymorph.net.

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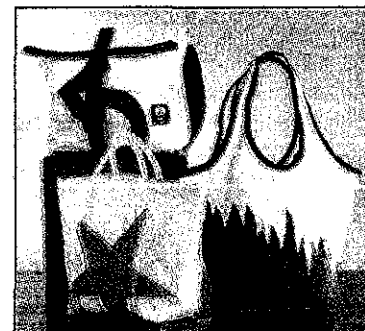
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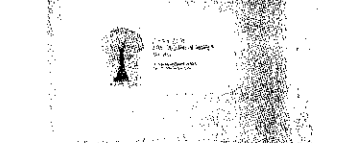
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Recycled sailcloth bags at vivaterra.com

Hear It!
Suzanne Vega *Beauty & Crime*

Click It!
MylcedCoffee.com



Tivo It!
Our Generation: Motown, 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. Friday on the History Channel

Face It!
Shady Day Sun Protection Wipes SPF 30 at Hullabaloo, Royal Oak

Win It! 3rd Annual PINK Picks Contest Win a \$500 shopping spree at



Each week, PINK highlights what's hot and what's not in our popular PINK Picks feature. Now it's your turn to pick 'em!

The reader who sends us the latest and greatest picks will be chosen as the winner of our 3rd Annual Reader Pink Picks Contests. Those picks will be featured in our August 19, 2007 PINK issue, and our deserving reader will receive a fabulous \$500 shopping spree at Westland Shopping Center, just in time for Fall! Three runners-up will receive \$100 gift cards to Westland Shopping Center and see their picks published in subsequent PINKs.

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Enter your choices for the PINK Picks categories below.
You must submit at least 12 PINK picks to be eligible. Use this issue's PINK Picks as an example.

Wear It!
DON'T Wear It!
Tote It!
Kick It! (shoes)
Accessorize It!
Face It! (beauty product)
Wane It!
Smell It!
Tivo It!
DVD It!
See It!
Read It!
Hear It!
Drink It!
Eat It!
Use It!
Do It!
Experience It!

Name: _____ Age: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
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Extended Deadline! We now need your picks by noon August 3rd.

■ Snail-mail: Reader Pink Picks Contest - Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

■ Online: Click on "Pink" at www.hometownlife.com

■ In person: Find and drop off forms at Westland Center's Customer Service Counter, Uno Chicago Grill, Haircut House or Premier Salon at Macy's

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