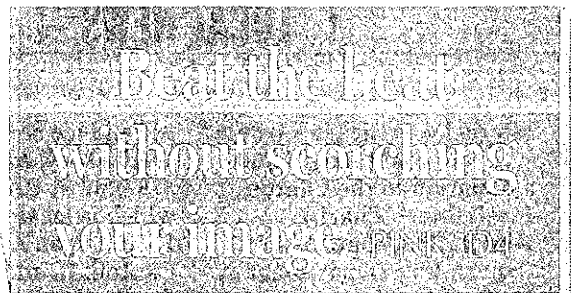
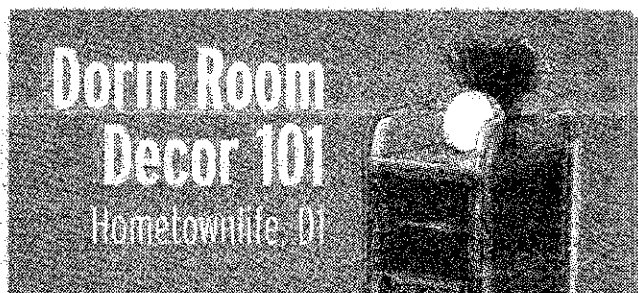




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A national press association recognized the *Canton Observer* in its annual newspaper competition. The paper won second place for general excellence in the Suburban Newspapers of America competition.

This contest awards newspaper of the year honors in six different circulation classes (two for dailies and four for weeklies). The *Canton Observer* won in Class D, Non-Dailies, Over 37,500 Circulation — the highest circulation category.

General excellence recognized editorial content, photography, topography, design, advertising and print quality. The contest is judged by experts chosen by the American Press Institute. SNA contests are competitive and judged by experts in the field.

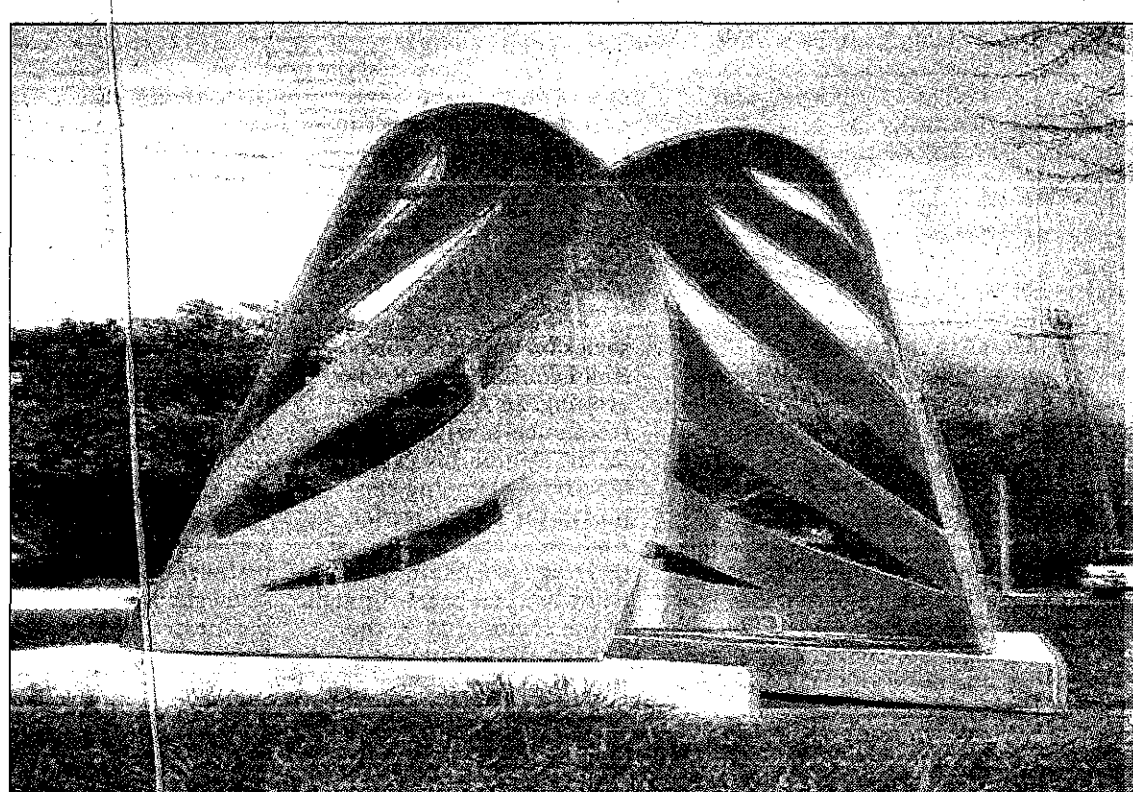
"The SNA is a prestigious award and recognizes the hard work that all staffers in the editorial, advertising and production departments put into each and every edition of the *Canton Observer*," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor/director of Content and Audience Development for the *O&E*. "We're pleased to be recognized at the national level. Locally, we remain committed to providing the best coverage of community news, high school sports and features on local people and organizations to our readers and advertisers in the Canton community."

The *O&E* has a history of success in the SNA General Excellence Contest.

This is the second time the *Canton Observer* has been honored with a first or second place award in the last decade.

The *Livonia Observer* has been honored along with the *Rochester Eccentric*.

In 2005, Canton Community Editor Kurt Kuban received a third place in SNA's Journalist of the Year competition. Kuban was recognized for his reporting on the environment.



"The Conversation" will be located at IKEA.

Second act

New public art to pop up along Ford next week

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

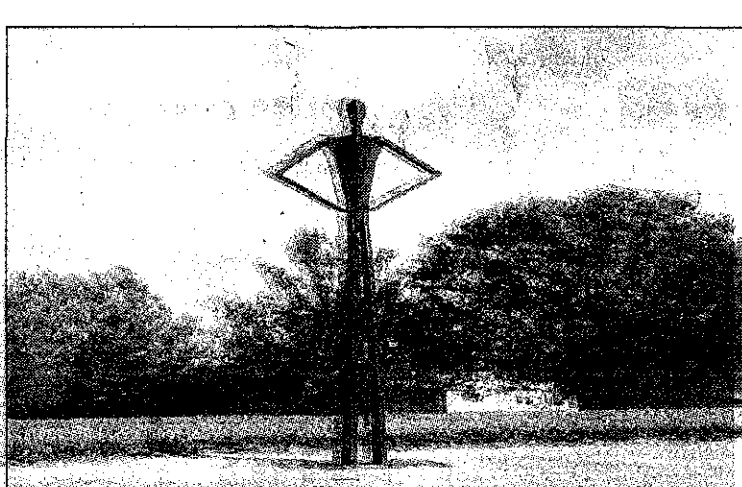
It's back! Well, not at this exact minute but the second round of public art will make its way to Ford Road starting Monday.

"People have missed it," said Kathleen Salla, Downtown Development Authority director. "We've gotten calls from people that are looking forward to (the new pieces)."

As with last year, the artwork will be dotted along Ford Road at Canton Cinema, Griffin Funeral Home, Home Depot, IKEA, New Towne Center, Target and Willow Creek Plaza.

There are 11 pieces in the collection.

"We really listened to the feedback we got last year and a lot of people said they enjoyed the pieces that were clearly identifiable," Salla said, adding that the stainless steel dancer in front of Canton Cinema was the community's favorite followed by the colorful fishes in front of Target.



"Akimbo II" will be located at The Home Depot.

In addition to having fewer abstract pieces, Salla said this year's collection is more colorful and vibrant.

The pieces, which have titles such as "The Conversation," "Surprise Kiss" and "Blast," will be on display for a year.

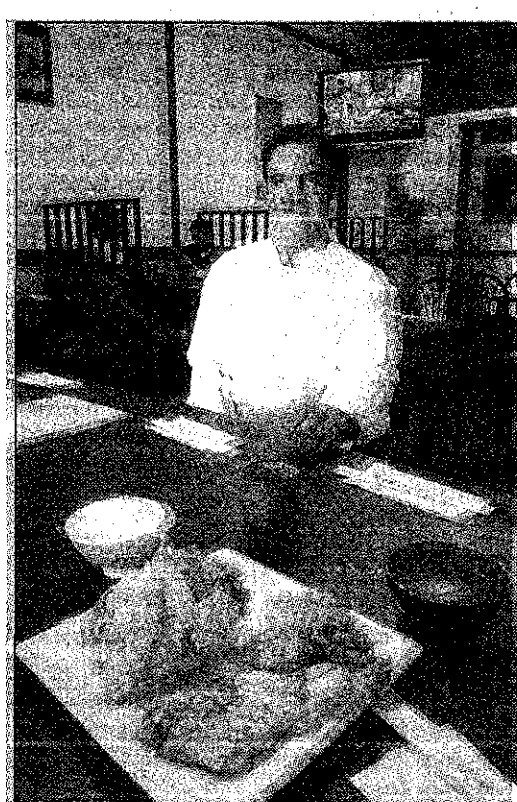
The first installation is slated

for 9 a.m. on Monday at Target.

Because Canton doesn't have a traditional downtown, sprucing up the Ford Road corridor and making it identifiable has been a priority for the DDA.

"This helps to make us unique," Salla said. "It fits into

Please see **ART, A4**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fari Sanatgar is owner of Aji Ten. He presents chicken teriyaki, shrimp and vegetable tempura served with rice and miso soup.

Restaurateur brings love of Japanese cuisine to Canton

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Fari Sanatgar got more than an extended vacation when he crossed the seas to visit a friend in Japan.

It planted the seed for the business he recently opened in Canton, Aji Ten Japanese Restaurant, located at 42087 Ford Road.

Sanatgar of Canton said when he went to visit a friend 25 years ago in Japan, it turned into a five-year love affair with the country and its traditional foods. When he finally packed his bags and left, his love of the cuisine didn't get left behind.

"I told myself that I needed to keep doing this," he said. "Back then, there weren't a lot of Japanese restaurants around, but now it's very popular."

Please see **CUISINE, A4**

Drive-in event remains popular attraction

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Tired of hunting for the best seat in the theater?

Those attending Leisure Services' upcoming movie event won't even have to think about it.

The Family Drive-In Movie is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at Independence Park near the corner of Denton and Proctor roads.

The featured film is the PG animated comedy, *Happily N'Ever After*.

The 87-minute movie, which features the voices of

George Carlin, Andy Dick and Sarah Michelle Gellar, tells the story of what happens when a legion of evil doers take over fairy tale land.

The cost of the event is \$10 per car load.

Jason Lombardo, Leisure Services recreation specialist, said the department's family movie nights have always been a hit and staff members toss out ideas regarding film selection.

"They are kid-tested and mother-approved," he joked. "It's definitely a family-

friendly event."

The event will kick off with concessions, inflatables, a climbing rock wall, games and activities.

The movie will start at dusk. Lawn seating is also available.

"This is something you don't see as much," Lombardo said.

"It's a nice change of pace from going to the theater."

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

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Family and friends will gather for 'Family Drive-In Movie' tomorrow evening at Independence Park, located at the corner of Denton and Proctor Roads. The scheduled movie, 'Happily N'Ever After,' is an animated feature that is rated PG and will begin at dusk.

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Coming Sunday in Health
Water safety doesn't end with summer

Correction

The player who scored the game-winning run in the A's 2-1 victory over the Reds in the championship game of the Capitol Park Senior League (ages 13-15) was misidentified in the Aug. 5 Observer. The player scoring the deciding run in the July 27 championship game at Redford's Capitol Park was Erik Ellrich.

Chieftettes fund-raiser

The Canton High School Pom Pon team will be holding a car wash fund-raiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 18 at the Fastlane Quick Lube Oil Change at 5881 Canton Center Road, on the west side of the road, between Ford and Warren roads. Make a donation to show your support for the Canton Chieftettes and get your car cleaned in the process. For more information, e-mail Kimberly Mabie at kmabie@comcast.net.

Golf outing a success

The Canton Firefighter's Charity Foundation held its 11th Annual Greg Unger Memorial Golf Outing at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton last week. This year's outing proved to be the most successful to date, with 220 golfers filling the course to capacity.

The foundation was able to raise just over \$17,000 -- a portion of that money has already been donated to this year's recipients including a 35-year old firefighter in Westland, who has been stricken with brain cancer, and the Selfridge Community Relief Fund, which was established to help meet the financial needs of military families whose loved ones have been deployed overseas. Local families will receive assistance with monthly bills and with purchasing food and clothing.

The remainder of the money will be donated locally by the foundation, as needs arise. In the past, the foundation has made donations to the U-M Burn Center and Mott Children's Hospital as well as to many local families in need of assistance due to loss from fire or life-threatening illness.

"On behalf of the charity foundation I would like to thank the many golfers who generously participated in this year's event, despite the extreme heat conditions," said Canton firefighter and golf outing organizer Mike Caruso. "We would also like to thank the local businesses who donated and sponsored the event, especially Yazaki of Canton, and ST

Microelectronics in Livonia.

If you would like to make a donation to the Canton Firefighter's Charity Foundation, contact the Canton Fire Department at (734) 398-5263.

Art exhibition

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is hosting the artwork of Ron Depentu of Canton through Sept. 2. The exhibition is a result of involvements ranging from near photographic like images to nonobjective expression. Throughout the years, Depentu was constantly involved with the investigation and utilization of appearance of depth and motion on a two dimensional surface that gradually progressed to the actual penetration, raising, bending, and building up of material. His works are in private collections in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, California, and Washington.

The show is free and open to the public Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

For more information about activities at the Village Theater visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or call (734) 394-5300.

Democratic Club picnic

The Community Democratic Club, serving the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville as well as the cities of Plymouth and Northville, will be holding their annual family pic-

nic and ice cream social on Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 5-8 p.m. at UAW Local 735, which is located at 48055 E. Michigan Avenue in Canton. In addition to the food and prizes, there will be children's games and face painting. The event is free of charge to all. For more information, call Becky at (734) 398-5845.

Canton jam session

The 2007 Axis Music Canton Jam Session is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Aug. 24 at the Willow Creek Shopping Plaza. Presented by Axis Music and local community partners, this free music and dance event will also feature plenty of food. It will feature local youth to seasoned veteran performers performing a variety of stylings on an outdoor stage.

Demonstrations from local businesses will provide the opportunity to see what Canton has to offer while experiencing a diverse series of live music, art and fashion. For more information, please call (734) 844-0100.

Jazz concert series

The Summer Jazz Concert series on Canton's Ford Road continues on Friday evenings in August. The free concerts will take place on the Canton Live stage at various shopping centers in the DDA District. Audiences are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy live jazz music brought to the community by the Canton DDA in partnership with V98.7 Smooth



Taking a bite of the 'Big Apple'

Dance instructors from Central City Dance Center in Canton traveled to New York City to study with choreographers from the hit television show "So You Think You Can Dance" in early July. The classes were part of a dance educational series that help the instructors keep up on the latest trends and mainstream choreography, according to Tamara Smola, Central City owner and artistic director. The entire staff attended classes in all genres of dance, including hip hop, jazz, ballet, tap, and contemporary movement. In addition to dancing at Broadway Dance Center and at the Pulse Convention the staff of Central City Dance also found time to indulge in everything the city had to offer. They saw a Broadway show, ate New York cheesecake, and experienced a terrifying cab ride in the busy streets of the Big Apple. Central City is now accepting open registration for fall classes through Sept. 8. Register before Aug. 17 and be entered to win free dance lessons for a year. For more information about the center's fall curriculum, visit its Web site at www.centralcitydance.com or call (734) 459-0400.

Jazz radio, and sponsored in part by Schoolcraft College. Also supporting the event is the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton's Leisure Services Department.

Plan to come early, enjoy a meal at one of the many restaurants in the area or do some shopping at the nearby businesses. All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

■ Aug. 10 - Randy Scott at

Canton Corners (Ford Road just west of Lilley Road)

■ Aug. 17 - John E. Lawrence and Friends at New Towne Center (Ford Road just west of Sheldon Road)

■ Aug. 24 - Hot Sauce at Willow Creek Center (Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty)

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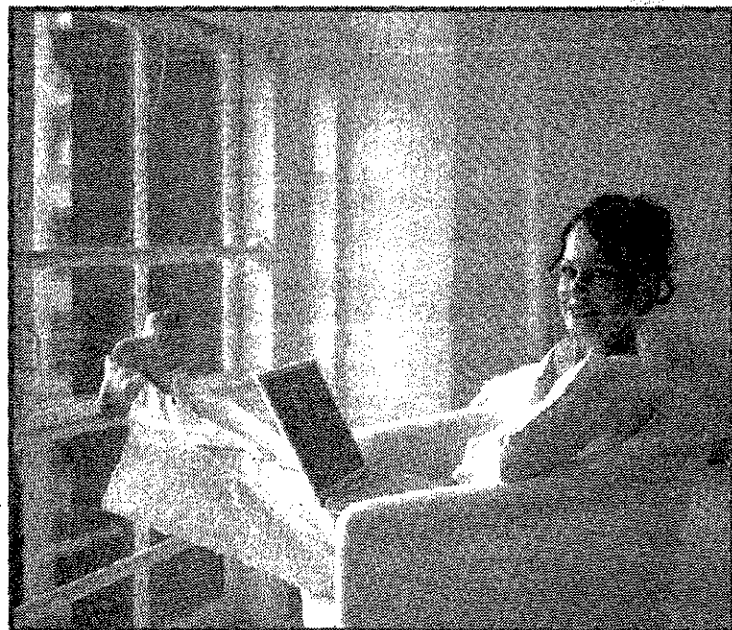
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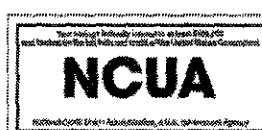
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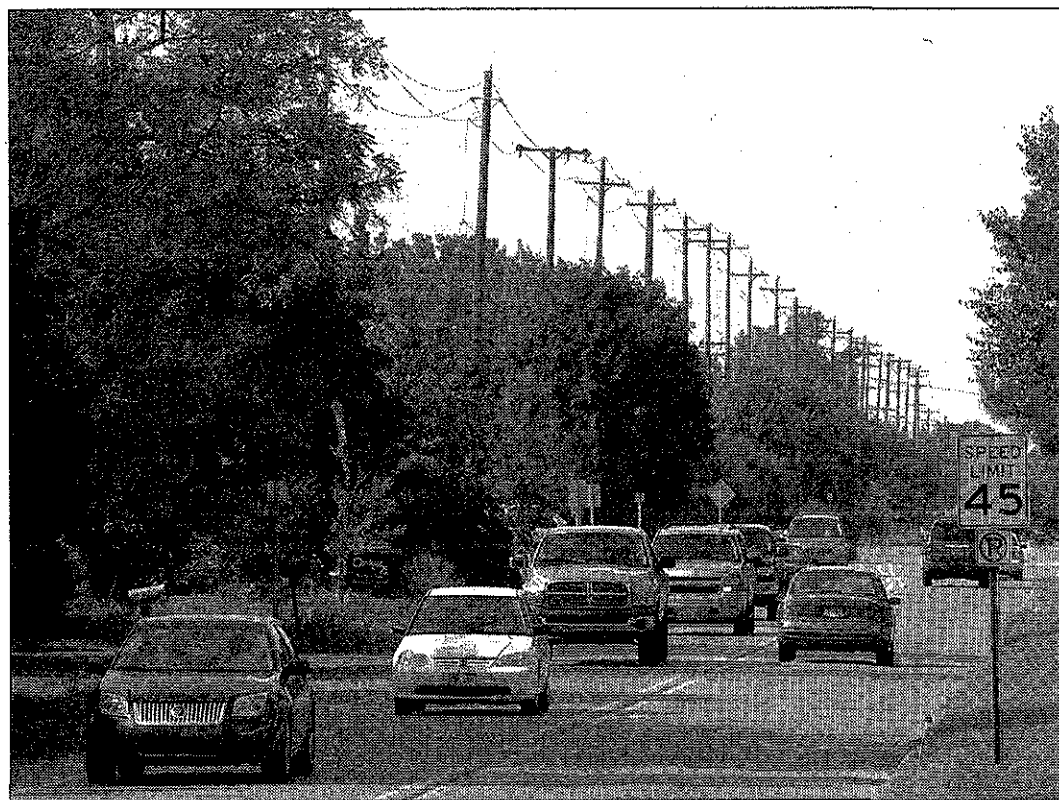


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The reconstruction of Lilley Road from Ford Road north to Warren Road is expected to begin later this month. The \$1.9 million project will include tearing out and replacing four lanes and adding a lane from Willow Creek to Hanford Road.

Meeting will address Lilley reconstruction project

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Residents and business owners near Lilley Road in Canton are in for some headaches this fall, as Wayne County gets ready to reconstruct the road between Warren and Ford roads.

Canton's Public Works Division will be holding a public meeting to address concerns about the Lilley project at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15 in the Freedom Room, located in the lower level of the Canton's Administration Building.

According to Canton staff engineer Todd Zilincik, the

project is expected to begin later this month and last until late November. The \$1.9 million project includes tearing out and replacing four lanes of Lilley Road from Ford Road to the Willow Creek, adding a lane from Willow Creek to Hanford Road and milling and resurfacing four lanes of Lilley Road from Hanford to Warren Roads.

In addition, 1,200 lineal feet of sidewalk will be constructed along the west side of Lilley Road from Hanford to Warren Roads.

"When it's all said and done, we'll have a wider and improved roadway, a new cul-

vert for the creek, and a continuous sidewalk," Zilincik said.

During the public meeting, representatives from Canton's Engineering Services and Wayne County Department of Public Services will inform residents of the proposed construction schedule, and help them plan detours and alternate routes.

Construction plans will also be available for review and residents and business owners will have an opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns.

For more information on the public meeting please call Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150.

Hazardous Household Waste Day set for Sept. 8

Canton's annual Hazardous Household Waste Day will be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8 at Canton's Department of Public Works Building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road.

This event is open to Canton residents only and is an excellent opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable, or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable items being collected during the event include, but are not limited to, fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, expired medicine, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat

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

Canton will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive material, smoke detectors, and tires.

To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not acceptable please call Canton Public Works at 394-5150 or visit www.canton-mi.org/engineering/projects.asp.

For year round disposal of hazardous waste, Canton Waste Recycling (CWR), located at 42020 Van Born Road, will accept limited items on scheduled Fridays from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. and on scheduled Saturdays from 8 - 11 a.m. Items accepted for drop off at CWR include batteries, oil, antifreeze, and paint (limited to five one-gallon containers). CWR recycling dates can be found in your monthly Focus Newsletter under the community calendar or by calling CWR at (734) 397-5801.

All residents can all do their part to keep Canton's neighborhoods and environment safe by properly disposing of household hazardous waste. If you observe anyone dumping any material into storm drains, please call Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150 or Wayne County's 24-hour environmental hotline at (888) 223-2363.

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Looking for information on homeschooling your children? The Canton Public Library will once again host Help for Homeschooling Parents, a program by Gary and Kathy Holcomb, on Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. This is a date change from the newsletter. Learn about the practical aspects of homeschooling, including curriculum choices, costs, daily schedules and more, plus philosophies, legal issues and other topics. Registration starts Aug. 14 online.

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■ Teen Advisory Board: Aug. 16, at 5:45 p.m. Get volunteer credit hours and give input into teen programs at CPL.

■ Library Board Meeting: Aug. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Public welcome. Get involved in your library.

■ Tween Book and Pizza: Aug. 17, at noon. Enjoy pizza and a discussion about a great book.

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ART

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what we're trying to accomplish."

The committee that chose the artwork had nearly 50 pieces to choose from. The DDA funds the exhibit through

tax dollars generated within its district.

All of the artwork will be up before the end of next week.

In celebration of the new temporary art, a meet and greet reception is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Willow Creek Plaza. In

addition to the artists, the Schoolcraft College Jazz Band will perform along with the group, Hot Sauce. The public is invited.

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Sanatgar, who was previously at Cherry Blossom Japanese Restaurant in Novi, said Aji Ten was born after he decided to step out on his own and work closer to home. The restaurant has two chefs and nearly a dozen employees.

"I'm very happy," he said. "We've been introducing Japanese food to people that have never tried it and the feedback has been good."

As one of his chefs selects items from a glass case filled with octopus, salmon, tuna and imitation crab, Sanatgar works his way through the kitchen in preparation for the lunch crowd.

The restaurant, which is decorated in sages, creams and dark wood, offers two daily

AJI TEN JAPANESE RESTAURANT

What: New Japanese restaurant
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Menu: Among the most popular items are sushi, chicken teriyaki and shrimp tempura.

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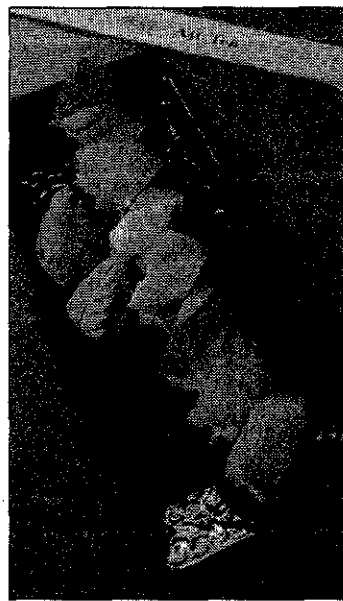
"I stay pretty busy," Sanatgar said. "Coming up with two new dishes everyday involves a lot of thought, but I enjoy it."

In addition to the daily specials, Sanatgar said he's proud to offer dinner entrees for the same price as lunch entrees.

"Usually the price can jump 40 percent, but I wanted to make the food affordable," he said.

Among the most popular items on the menu are sushi, chicken teriyaki and shrimp tempura.

"People are getting to know us," Sanatgar said proudly. "We're (pulling in both)



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Aji Ten Rainbow Roll is made with tuna, yellowtail, salmon, and shrimp.

Japanese and American people and I'm enjoying it."

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175 years and counting

Church celebrates its past, rejoices in present

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Nestled in the heart of downtown Wayne is a church with a magnificent claim to fame.

It's the First United Methodist Church of Wayne, and it's celebrating 175 years.

It started in 1832 with only a handful of people.

"They met in people's houses," said longtime church member Keith DeMolay of Westland.

Now it has about 250 members who come from such communities as Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Canton, Redford, Romulus and Inkster.

Located at 3 Town Square, in an area tucked between east and west Michigan Avenue, it was first called the Union Church. It has had several building changes and now is housed in what was the old Wayne Bank.

A church has stood on the current site since 1862, and the congregation traces its roots back to 1832, when Andrew Jackson was the country's president.

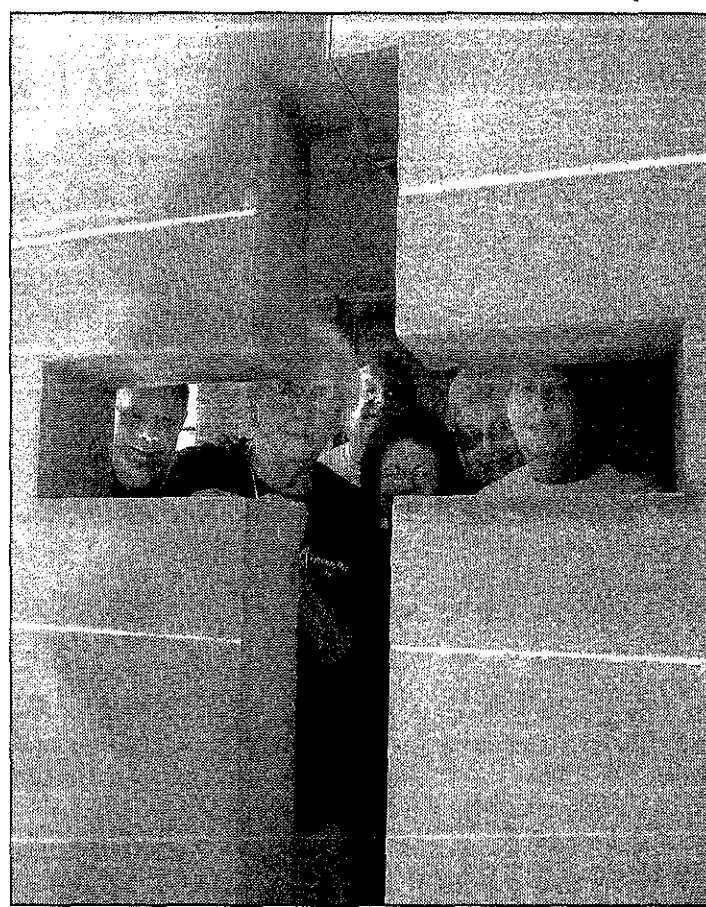
It was five years before Michigan became a state and 29 years before the Civil War started. It was just 56 years after the Declaration of Independence was written.

Winnifred Story, an 89-year-old great-grandmother, has been attending the church since she was 11 years old. She still has a doll handed down by a grandmother who went to the old Union Church.

"I don't miss church unless I'm sick," Story said, sitting inside a church meeting room with a group of members. "It's a big part of my life, and these are my friends."

The First United Methodist Church got its own building in 1862, and a newer church from 1929 still stands on the site and is mostly used for storage. The current sanctuary, with an incredibly high ceiling that slopes heavenward, was built in 1956.

An original bell from the 1929 church has been taken



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Helping to celebrate the First United Methodist Church's 175th anniversary are (from left) Larry Nitzel, Winnifred Story, Keith DeMolay, Sandy Ofiara, Sally Nitzel and Jan Podgers.

down, but it is proudly displayed on the church grounds.

In one area of the sprawling church complex, members have decorated a wall with old pictures, news articles and other memorabilia celebrating the 175th anniversary. In all, the church has had 67 pastors, including the current Rev. David Stewart.

"This is a wonderful place to worship God," said longtime member Sally Nitzel, 64, who attends with 66-year-old husband Larry.

The church is having a year-long celebration that included a picnic Saturday in Goudy Park in Wayne.

Activities included everything from old-fashioned sack races to face-painting to music by the Praise & Worship Band. Church members also have been sporting their commemorative T-shirts.

The congregation helps the community in numerous ways:

■ Wayne resident Sandy Ofiara, 62, said the church provides emergency food to residents in the Wayne and Westland area.

As she talked about her church, she turned to proudly display these words on the back of her maroon T-shirt: Celebrating the Past, Rejoicing in the Present, Praying for the Future. Serving Christ in Wayne, Michigan, for 175 years, 1832-2007.

■ Westland resident Jan Podgers, 72, said the congregation works with other churches to offer a warming center for the homeless at Full Gospel Temple in Westland. She also said church members at Christmastime fill shoeboxes with presents that are sent to less fortunate people around the world, and they send aid to children in Haiti.

Church members concede that they would like to draw more young people into the fold to ensure that their church survives for many years to come.

"We don't have many young people," DeMolay said, "but we keep praying that everything will be OK."

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Drive-in delight

Compuware screens drawing biggest crowds

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Nine-year-old Dominique Pacheco had her big fluffy pillow spread out in the back of her mom's van, ready with three other youngsters who came with her mom despite the rain to enjoy one of Plymouth Township's burgeoning hangouts.

One wouldn't have known it by Tuesday's sparse crowd, kept down by the weeknight event and the rain that moved through the area around 9 p.m., but the portable drive-in theater screens at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township are being viewed in ever-increasing numbers.

"I like being able to lay in the car," said Dominique, who was in the back of the car with 4-year-old brother, Antonio, 4-year-old sister Alyssa and fellow 9-year-old friend Madison Oatman. "And I really like the big screen."

Apparently, so do a lot of other people. According to the folks at Compuware, the drive-in is enjoying its best season yet.

"There seems to be a buzz going around the community about the Drive In," said Mike Henry, Compuware Sports Arena Sales and Marketing administrator. "We are providing a fun, safe, environment for families to enjoy the outdoors while at the same time giving them a chance to catch the blockbuster films of the summer. The Compuware staff is dedicated to providing a great service to the community and look forward to the rest of the summer at the Drive-In."

According to Henry, a typical evening viewing sees "a couple of hundred families" enjoying the first-run movies offered on the theater's screens. Jenna Michlin of Farmington Hills, in her first summer as a cashier for Compuware's drive-ins, said weeknights aren't quite as crowded, especially in weather like Tuesday's, but that weekends are jammed, no matter the weather.

"The weekends are absolutely packed, rain or not," Michlin said. "A lot of families come."

In addition to the family oriented fare the drive-in offers, families are attracted by the prices, according to Henry. Prices range from \$8 for everyone 13 and older to \$6 for children 4-12 and \$6 for students. Children 3 and under are admitted free. Movie goers can also get a dinner-and-a-movie package at Ginopolis on the Ice, the restaurant located at Compuware.

It's all part of the attraction for families, many of whom are regular visitors. Such is the case Kristen Pacheco's family from Livonia. For Pacheco, the screens harken back to her youth.

"I remember coming to a drive-in as a kid, and then they closed most of them," said Pacheco, who was hoping the weather would hold off Tuesday (it did). "But then we heard they were opening (Compuware). We usually come a couple of times a year. I love the convenience, and being able to relax in the car."

More information on the drive-in is available on the Web at www.compuwarehockey.com and clicking on the "Movies at the Drive In" link, or by calling (734) 453-6400.

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Volatile stock market is the norm

Several times a year, I write a column to remind people the sky is not falling and that volatility in the stock market is the norm.

At a seminar last week in the Farmington Hills Library, I asked the audience: "How many people believe we're in a bad stock market?" A number of people raised their hands and I asked them why. They answered: "Look what has happened to the market over the last few weeks."

I explained how the stock market has performed since the beginning of this year and last year. When they considered the numbers, they had a different opinion of the stock market.

Good stock market or bad market — it really all depends upon the time period.

As investors, short-term time frames are relatively immaterial. What happens over a few weeks or a few months does not give a true picture of the market. After all, it was February

when the Dow Jones Industrial Average suffered a 400-point loss. The doom and gloomers and many in the media jumped on the story and were comparing it to the crash of 1987. Investors who let the hype dictate their investment decisions rushed out of the market and missed a very nice run up to new all-time highs.

It's ironic that I'm writing a column encouraging investors not to panic when only a few weeks ago the Dow broke through the 14,000-mark and I was warning investors not to be overly giddy and excited.

The Dow went from 13,000 to 14,000 in record time and once again the news media was blaring about the great market.

As I told investors when the markets were setting record highs that they should not jump in hoping to make a short-term killing, neither should investors now jump out of the market in order to prevent a short-term downturn in their portfolio. It would be great if we could time the market knowing when to buy and when to sell. It certainly would make life much easier. However, no one can time the market.

During volatile times, investors need to keep their emo-

tions in check.

I recognize when it comes to investing, everyone wants the secret to success. To me, being a successful investor is no secret at all. You cannot get caught up in the day-to-day fluctuations of the market.

The key to success in the market has always been time in the market, not timing the market.

As we go through a period of increased volatility, investors need to remind themselves that if they have diversified their portfolio, spread risk across a variety of different asset classes and based their decisions on their own individual goals and objectives, they will find that over the long run they will be successful investors.

Don't panic, don't let fear dictate your investment decisions, take a deep breath and recognize that short-term volatility is the price we pay for long-term gains.


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Township hires new firefighters


The Canton Fire Department recently hired Joel Cunningham, Shayna Robertson and Shawn Skelly as full-time firefighter/paramedics for the department.

Cunningham, 23, completed his firefighter training at Schoolcraft College in 2004, and his paramedic training also at Schoolcraft College in 2006.


Robertson, 26, completed her firefighter training at Wayne County Community College in 2006, and her paramedic training at Superior Medical Education in 2003. Prior to joining the department she worked for Concord



Cunningham



Robertson



Skelly

ment he worked for the Riverview Fire Department. Candidates for the Canton Fire Department go through a rigorous testing process that includes both written and physical ability tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations and an extensive background check.

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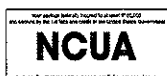
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The event will take place 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at the UFCW Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights (south of 13 Mile, between Stephenson Highway and John R Road).

The evening will benefit

Honor Flight Michigan, an organization that arranges flights for World War II veterans who have waited more than 60 years to see a memorial to their fallen comrades. Nearly 1,500 World War II veterans die each year. For many, prohibitive health care costs have wiped out their savings, preventing them from visiting the site. It costs \$300 to fly one veteran to and from the memorial.

At the benefit, a Kenny Loggins signed guitar, autographed Detroit Tigers pictures and signed cookbook from celebrity chef Paula Deen will

be up for bid at the evening's silent auction. Other items to be auctioned off are golf clubs, a Disney-themed basket, jewelry, 19th Century Morgan silver dollars (mint condition), a drum head from Don Henley of the Eagles, an Italian dinner basket from Nino Salvaggio, pre-World War II cigarette lighters, gift certificates, Detroit Tigers tickets and much more.

A group of World War II re-enactors in dress uniforms of the period will be on hand at The Big Beat Brew. Re-enactors will appear in Class A/dress uniforms, some with

insignia identifying specific units.

Veterans are among the re-enactors, who also will perform swing dances from the World War II era.

Guests at the event will be treated to entertainment by Legend the Band, which will play music from the 1940s to the 1970s. Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dessert and coffee will be served. A cash bar will be available.

Cost of admission is \$25 a person. The public is invited.

For more information, contact Melissa Downey at (248) 541-4388.

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The fight against cancer got a boost Monday evening with a benefit event to support the American Cancer Society.

Local people gathered Monday at EG Nicks in Plymouth for the "Summer Spectacular Benefit." Organizers were anticipating 90-100 people for a five-course dinner, entertainment and fun.

"We have 35 silent auction items," said Cynthia Flora, organizer of this weekend's Relay for Life in Plymouth, proceeds of which also support cancer-fighting efforts of the American Cancer Society.

Flora, a Plymouth resident with Toshiba America Consumer Products, gave away a 32-inch high definition LCD flat panel TV. "Everybody had a great time and the food was phenomenal," she said Tuesday.

Local notables who supported the ACS on Monday include: Mike and Mary Gladchun of RE/MAX on the Trail, Nick Schultz, Jim Schultz and Wendy Schultz of Sealant Equipment, Fadi Hourani of Milano's, Mary Anne Napolitano, and Arlette and Warren Stobbe of Bella Mia.

Chuck and Sharon Dobbs of Dobbs Dental Ceramics, newcomers to Plymouth, also contributed. Lori Morrison of Ribar Floral provided floral arrangements for the party.

The focus will shift down

the street and outdoors this weekend, as walkers take to the track at Central Middle School. The Plymouth Relay for Life — in which teams will walk continuously after having raised pledges to combat cancer — will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, to 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Central Middle School track on Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

"There will be a lot of family activities," said Flora, who lost her mother to cancer. "Our entertainment schedule is fantastic. There's a whole schedule all day."

Canton and other neighboring communities have hosted Relay for Life benefits in the past, but this is the first for Plymouth and was put together in about three months. Flora cited the "incredible, overwhelming" response in that unusually short time.

"It exemplifies the close-knit group, family, that Plymouth is," she said.

American Cancer Society officials told organizers Plymouth's is the largest first-time event in any community in southeastern Michigan. For information on the Plymouth event or to contribute, call Cheryl Gniewek at the ACS, (248) 483-4348.

"We're really trying to prepare for next year," said Flora. Monday's gala raised \$3,000 from auction items.

"A lot of people's lives this has touched," she added of the cancer benefit.

Infantry trained

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

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

Lam, the son of Yen Lam of Canton, is a 2000 graduate of Salem High School and received a bachelor's degree in 2006 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

■ Army National Guard Pvt. Robert C. Eckardt has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

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He is the son of Robert and Karen Eckardt of Canton.

Air Force grad

Air Force Airman Robert L. Adams III has graduated

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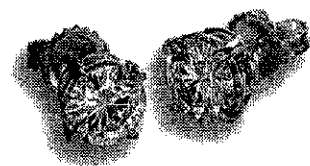
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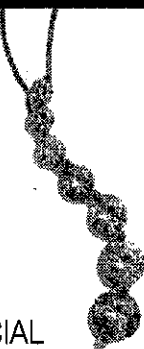
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OUR VIEWS

There's still time to get out and enjoy summer

This is the time of year when children begin to keep one eye on the calendar, knowing the start of school is drawing near.

For most students, the new school year starts in less than a month, on Sept. 4. That means there are about three solid weeks to wring out as much fun as possible from this summer. Fortunately, for Canton residents, there are plenty of opportunities to do that without leaving town. Canton has some of the best parks and recreational facilities in the area, and summer is one of the best times of year to take advantage of them.

A great place to start is Heritage Park — the crown jewel of Canton's park system. The 105-acre park has too many amenities to mention, but the splash playground, walking paths, play equipment, and numerous sports fields are top-notch. And the amphitheater is the site of many community gatherings.

Other great parks include Freedom Park, which has soccer fields, an inline skating court and a nice picnic area, and the 80-acre Independence Park, which includes soccer fields and a playscape area.

If a more quiet form of recreation is your thing, check out Flodin Park, which includes the Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail. A pathway leads visitors around a wetland area containing native plants and wildflowers, which have attracted a wide array of wildlife. There are informational signs that point out interesting tidbits about the park, making a visit an educational experience as well as a great way to spend an afternoon.

If you are looking for something a little more organized, Canton Leisure Services has planned a number of events in the next month or so, beginning with the Family Drive-In Movie on Aug. 10 at Independence Park. On Aug. 26, the annual Village Faire will take place at the Bartlett-Travis House. The event, which pays tribute to Canton's history, will include a number of activities for the whole family, like hay rides and historical demonstrations. And on Labor Day, there is a walk and ice cream social planned at Freedom Park.

So, as the summer weeks begin to wane and school draws ever nearer, make sure you get out and enjoy all that Canton has to offer.

Voter ID law much ado about nothing

Be prepared to show photo identification when voting in November.

That's when election clerks will implement a 1996 law the Michigan Supreme Court recently upheld as constitutional.

The law never went into effect before now because former Attorney General Frank Kelley, a Democrat, had ruled it violated a person's right to vote as guaranteed by the 14th Amendment.

A politicized issue that still divides, Democrats argue that the poor, elderly and minorities will be prevented from voting because they don't have driver's licenses or other photo IDs. Republicans say requiring photo IDs prevents voter fraud.

What few people realize is that voters will be allowed to sign an affidavit attesting to the fact they don't have a photo ID if they can't afford a driver's license or simply forgot and left it at home.

The U.S. Supreme Court may one day rule on the case, upholding or overturning the state court's decision.

Until then, it appears requiring voters to show photo ID will be the law of the land in Michigan.

What few people realize is that voters will be allowed to sign an affidavit attesting to the fact they don't have a photo ID if they can't afford a driver's license or simply forgot and left it at home. The process will only take a few minutes, and voters will still be allowed to cast ballots, according to Michigan Secretary of State spokesman Ken Silfen.

We don't understand the need for photo ID. Michigan hasn't had a history of voter fraud like other states because of smaller precincts and the careful system of checks and balances clerks have followed for years.

In our opinion, the controversy here is much ado about nothing.

But as long as the law will be implemented, it doesn't appear citizens will be disenfranchised.



LETTERS

Nationalize health insurance

Please support the United States National Health Insurance Act. I strongly agree with this bill and therefore I'll no longer be able to support those public officials who don't. This is the most important issue facing this country. We need action now.

Laurie Marion
Canton

War on Terror is real

Your July 29 article about the Plymouth demonstration against the Iraq war and Congressman McCotter brings up an unanswered question: "What would be your plan on fighting radical Islam?" Complaining without an alternative is no solution.

Sept. 11, 2001, was a declaration of war by radical Islam on the U.S. and western civilization, not some criminal act by misguided Middle Eastern men. And, if we are to survive, we must accept this reality. It's not going away any time soon — maybe not in our lifetime. To win you have to take the fight to the terrorist. The price of freedom has always cost America the lives of some of our young men and women.

The Iraq debate will never stop, but we're there and so is al Qaeda. Remember them, the ones who attacked us on 9/11? Mistakes are made in every war. Read your history or watch any war documentary. Remember *Saving Private Ryan* and all the mistakes made in the D-Day invasion and thousands of lives lost in a single day. Was Hitler any more of a threat than al Qaeda?

We learned from 9/11 that a small number of terrorists can kill a large number of people very quickly using airplanes, bombs, chemical weapons, etc. Even with first-rate intelligence you can't stop every attack.

A complete pullout of Iraq could bring about an al Qaeda-led government as the Taliban led Afghanistan. A terrorist group needs a host country to survive, and history has shown that a takeover like that would result in a major bloodbath. Every Iraqi who trusted us, who became a part of the current government, would be killed, along with their families.

Do you think that these "Peace Protesters" would protest the killing of Iraqis by the new al Qaeda government? Did they protest when Saddam Hussein was killing people by the thousands for his own pleasure? At least those dying today are dying in pursuit of democracy and freedom.

When Saigon fell in 1975, the left was so happy that their guys won and that now there would now be peace. Remember the *Killing Fields* that resulted from their guys "winning"?

The global war on terror is not a bumper sticker slogan, it's our reality and we better wake up to that fact. Putting the left in charge of our national security would be like putting O.J. Simpson in charge of a battered women's shelter.

Jim McFerran
Redford

Protect Great Lakes

Kudos to the *Observer* for calling for stronger protections for our Great Lakes ("Michigan needs to lead in protecting

Great Lakes," Aug. 2). They are an international treasure that contains almost 20 percent of the world's fresh surface water.

The good news is that significant protections have been introduced in the state legislature. Citizens' voices will be key in urging lawmakers to do the right thing despite pressure from special interests who find it more profitable to operate without water use rules.

Tell your legislators you expect them to approve Michigan's compliance with the eight-state Great Lakes Compact, which protects the lakes from large-scale diversions through pipelines and tankers; as well as implementing laws that require large water users to show they will not ruin wetlands, dry up neighbors' wells or turn fast-flowing streams into trickles of their former selves.

As the only state entirely within the Great Lakes basin, Michigan has a unique responsibility to be careful stewards of this tremendous resource. The water belongs to all of us who drink it, swim in it, fish it, or simply enjoy the natural splendor that makes Michigan "The Great Lakes State."

Whether it's the babbling branch of the Rouge River in Farmington's Shiawassee Park; fishing the fantastic cold water of Johnson Creek in Northville; or watching freighter traffic on the Detroit River, it's all one interconnected Great Lakes water system.

With strong guidelines to protect the waters from misuse, it will continue to be Michigan's signature natural resource for generations to come.

Hugh McDiarmid Jr.
Farmington

MDA thanks firefighters

In the upcoming weeks, dedicated firefighters will be canvassing streets statewide to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Year after year, these life-saving heroes show their unwavering commitment to "Jerry's kids" by standing on streets during the summer months, devoted to finding a cure.

It is important to credit the efforts of the firefighters, who risk their lives daily so that we can be safe and it is hard to imagine what it would be like if we had no such heroes to come to our aid.

As it is hard to imagine a community without firefighters, it is equally as difficult to imagine MDA without the firefighters' support. For more than 52 years, firefighters have come to the aid of "Jerry's kids" providing support services, treatment and programs.

Last year, members of the Michigan Professional Firefighters Union (MPFFU) raised \$370,990 for MDA statewide, providing hope to community members effected by a neuromuscular disease. This is equal to more 14,000 flu shots, or to sending more than 550 youth to MDA Summer Camp, or 3,709 support group sessions. These are just several examples of the incredible difference that the Michigan firefighters make in the fight against muscular dystrophy.

Therefore, when you see firefighters out in the community, remember to thank them for their constant dedication to your community and their incredible commitment to the eradication of neuromuscular diseases. And, when you are driving in the upcoming weeks, remember to be aware of the firefighters' pres-

ence on the streets and support them in their fight for a cure.

On behalf of the 1,800 families in southeastern Michigan effected by a neuromuscular disease and served by MDA, thank you for your support of the firefighters. It is because of their passion and your contribution that we are able to hope that a cure will be found. But, until then, we are able to receive the treatment, support, equipment and care we need.

Kate Day
Regional Public Affairs coordinator
The Muscular Dystrophy Association

Real reforms needed

Contrary to Phil Power's assertions, bipartisanship and statesmanship will not get Michigan out of this crisis ("Partisan divide does our state a great disservice," July 26). What this state needs are legislators who understand basic economics and have the backbone to stand up to special interests such as the labor unions.

Bipartisanship has brought us to our current dilemma after many budgets have been "balanced" through accounting gimmicks. Over the years, the governor and our legislators lacked the fortitude necessary to make the right decisions and settled for compromises that merely put off the crisis.

Power, Gov. Granholm and state lawmakers claim taxes must be raised to fund state government. Unfortunately, there is some truth to this claim because our elected leaders have refused to implement the reforms necessary to keep state spending under control.

Until the state takes action to fix the costly inefficiencies in our prison and education systems and the burdens imposed by forced unionism, the budget will be perpetually broken. Reform spending and tax increases won't be needed.

In his column, Power alleges that the leaders of the "noisy anti-tax crowd ... are not living in this century." He may be right, but not for the reason he thinks. Sound economic principles follow the laws of human nature which have existed long before today.

People respond to incentives. Raise the cost to do business in this state through higher taxes and onerous regulations and people will locate their business elsewhere. This was true last century. It is true this century and it will be true next century.

Steve Sutton
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'As soon as they closed that ramp, our business went down.'

Adam Adamopoulos, co-owner of Jonathan's Family Restaurant, commenting on the impact the closure of the Michigan Avenue ramp on southbound I-275 has had on his business

What makes us worthy of our soldiers' sacrifices

In the play *Les Misérables*, one of the characters overwhelmed with grief for the loss of his friends in battle reflected on this tragedy with these words:

"Phantom faces at the window
Phantom shadows on the floor
Empty chairs at empty tables
Where my friends will meet no more



Terry Ahwal

Oh my friends, my friends,
don't ask me
What your sacrifice was for.
Empty chairs at empty tables,
Where my friends will sing
no more."

As we contemplate what to do about Iraq, we must examine the words of this song and ask the question what are the soldiers' sacrifices for? But before we say that the 4,006 young men and women who lost their lives in Iraq died for our freedom, we must ask ourselves why they should sacrifice their lives for us. Is it because we deserve their sacrifices?

Are we that important to have young men and women slaughtered so we can continue to live a life of selfish arrogance built on 'what is an in it for me life.' We ingrain our soldiers' minds with a sense of honor, love of country and sacrifice and yet we don't have the decency to honor them with taking a moment to vote in an election or participate in civic or political activities that can make a difference in people's life.

Memorial Day has become another day off from work. It has become so innocuous to turn the news off when the Iraq issue is on.

As congress and the president haggle over the path we should take in Iraq, the American public sits idle awaiting a stalemate that is going nowhere. As our soldiers die and the politicians work on their turf, we the American public go on with our normal lives without skipping a beat. With the exception of the soldiers and their families, who are paying the ultimate price, we live as if the war is someone else's responsibility.

Our support if any is hollow and meek at best. We cloak ourselves with flags of patriotism and turn on each other for daring to speak-out for or against the war. At the beginning we clamored for news about Iraq and the soldiers, we'd browse the news to hear about what is happening there. Today it is inconvenient to listen to news about Iraq.

We now have automatic default words and sentences that exonerate us from dealing with our soldiers and the war. For Example "They died for our freedom," "They made us proud," or "They are true Patriots."

With these words, we manage to romanticize the war. Yet few of us know how many soldiers have been killed and even fewer know

the names of the soldiers who are killed or injured in Iraq. Why should we? Based on the statistics, few of us have families or friends serving in the armed forces. Nameless and faceless soldiers don't elicit genuine grief. Further, since the problem is not in our backyard, we can afford to watch with detachment and a sense of guiltless support.

In reality, we are doing a disservice to our soldiers; our apathy derives from the lack of connection to what is going in Iraq or to our soldiers. We need to put a name and a face to those soldiers who are dying on our behalf. As my brother-in-law prepares to go on his tour of duty in Iraq, I browsed the Internet to learn about the danger he will be in, among my discoveries was a site with a calendar which lists the names of soldiers killed each day.

I scrolled to my birthday and discovered the names of three young men who died while I was busy celebrating my birthday with food and drinks in the company of my friends and family. During my celebration, I was not aware that Lance Cpl Joshua Alonzo, 21, Lance Cpl James R. Davenport, 20, and Pvt. Heath D. Warner, 19, tragically died away from home before they reached their 22nd birthday. These three young men died anonymously and pointlessly, while the rest of us were busy living our own selfish life. They are dying, while the rest of us are free to buckle ourselves into the family vehicle and head off to the malls and shop and the latest vacation.

We need to shed our arrogance and work to ensure that their sacrifices are not in vain. We need to take personal responsibility. We need to be outraged that our soldiers are dying before some of them are able to be declared adults.

For 52 months, we sat idly by, while our misguided and confused leaders sent our soldiers to die. For so long, we let our politicians dictate to us the terms of this war. We gave them carte blanche to proceed without our interference to war.

We allowed fear and misrepresentation take a toll on our mind. If you are for the war, than you should be in the front of the battle field fighting instead of these children who are paying the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. If you are for peace, don't just sit there. You have the power to save these children. Do something! Our leaders, republican, and democrats are not leading us, they may be well-intentioned but their thirst for power and might is more important than our soldiers lives. Like us, they lack true courage and fortitude to stand up for what is right for the faceless nameless soldiers who are dying on our behalf.

Terry Ahwal is a resident of Canton and member of the governor's Commission on Arab and Chaldean Affairs.

'Bigger is better' – not so with Dream Cruise

Bits and pieces ...

The Dream Cruise is coming! The Dream Cruise is coming! Or is it already here?



Joe Bauman

Those that know me know I am not a big Dream Cruise fan. I've never been enamored with cars in general, which I guess places me at odds with my Motor City hometown.

But I find myself getting less tolerant of the cruise with each passing year. Why? Because the cruise itself has ballooned from a single-day celebration of a

bygone era to a corporate-backed, mass-marketed auto orgy that stretches for weeks and causes havoc along the stretch of Woodward from Eight Mile Road up to Maple Road in Birmingham.

Already my electronic mailbox is stuffed with Dream Cruise-related "news" items trumpeting upcoming events, many to be held well in advance of the "official" cruise set for Aug. 18. The Dream Cruise is absolute proof that "bigger is better" is not always true.

It was OK when the cruise grew to a two-day event, with classic car lovers using Friday to park along Woodward to show off their vehicles and take part in a pre-cruise cruise. After all, many of the cruisers travel a considerable distance to take part, and having a couple of days to celebrate seemed reasonable.

But somewhere along the way, folks started

showing up Thursday, and then Wednesday, and then Tuesday and ... well, you get the picture. Now, we hear about the official "Cruise week" and the unofficial party starts well before that.

In fact, I'd bet a copy of this newspaper that as I sit in my office on Maple just east of Woodward, there are at least a couple of classic cars zooming by. And there already have been reports of classic car diehards showing up with their lawn chairs Saturday evenings in Royal Oak and Ferndale to take in the scene.

Even the SMART bus system has gotten into the act by offering free rides along Woodward during the event. Don't have your own car to cruise in? Not a problem. Just hop on a SMART bus and join the fun.

And doesn't that sound like fun? Being stuck on a crowded bus in the middle of August as traffic crawls at about the same pace as a giant two-toed sloth makes its daily journey down its host tree.

There are positive benefits to the cruise, to be sure. It is great publicity for the region, it is a family friendly event and many nonprofit groups and charities raise badly needed funds by selling cruise-related merchandise.

But surely I am not the only one feeling Dream Cruise fatigue. And if the event is allowed to continue to spiral out of control, it could bring a hasty end to the world's largest classic car party.

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LETTERS

Impeach Bush

It is past time for Congress to put an end to the extra-constitutional activities that have dominated the Bush administration agenda since its inception. The most egregious of these has been the catastrophic war in Iraq, based upon the deception of Congress and the American people.

The administration has sanctioned torture and illegal detention in violation of the Geneva Conventions and the Constitution. They authorized warrantless wiretapping and spied on American citizens. Members of the administration maliciously revealed the identity of an undercover agent and destroyed her vitally

important intelligence network. Senior administration officials, and possibly even the president, asserted undue political influence over the justice department in the politically motivated firings of U.S. attorneys who refused to bow to administration pressure to pursue unwarranted investigations.

Impeachment, included in the Constitution as a means of addressing high crimes and misdemeanors by the executive branch, is the method for reining in an out-of-control executive who no longer feels bound by the rule of law. It is time to put impeachment back on the table. The time to act is now.

Katie Jacob
Birmingham

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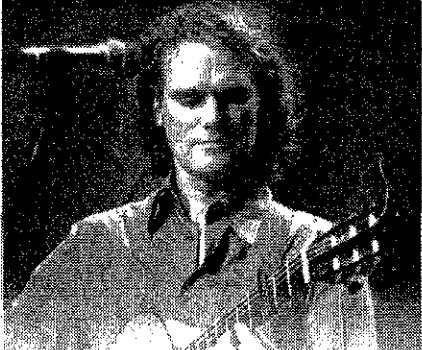
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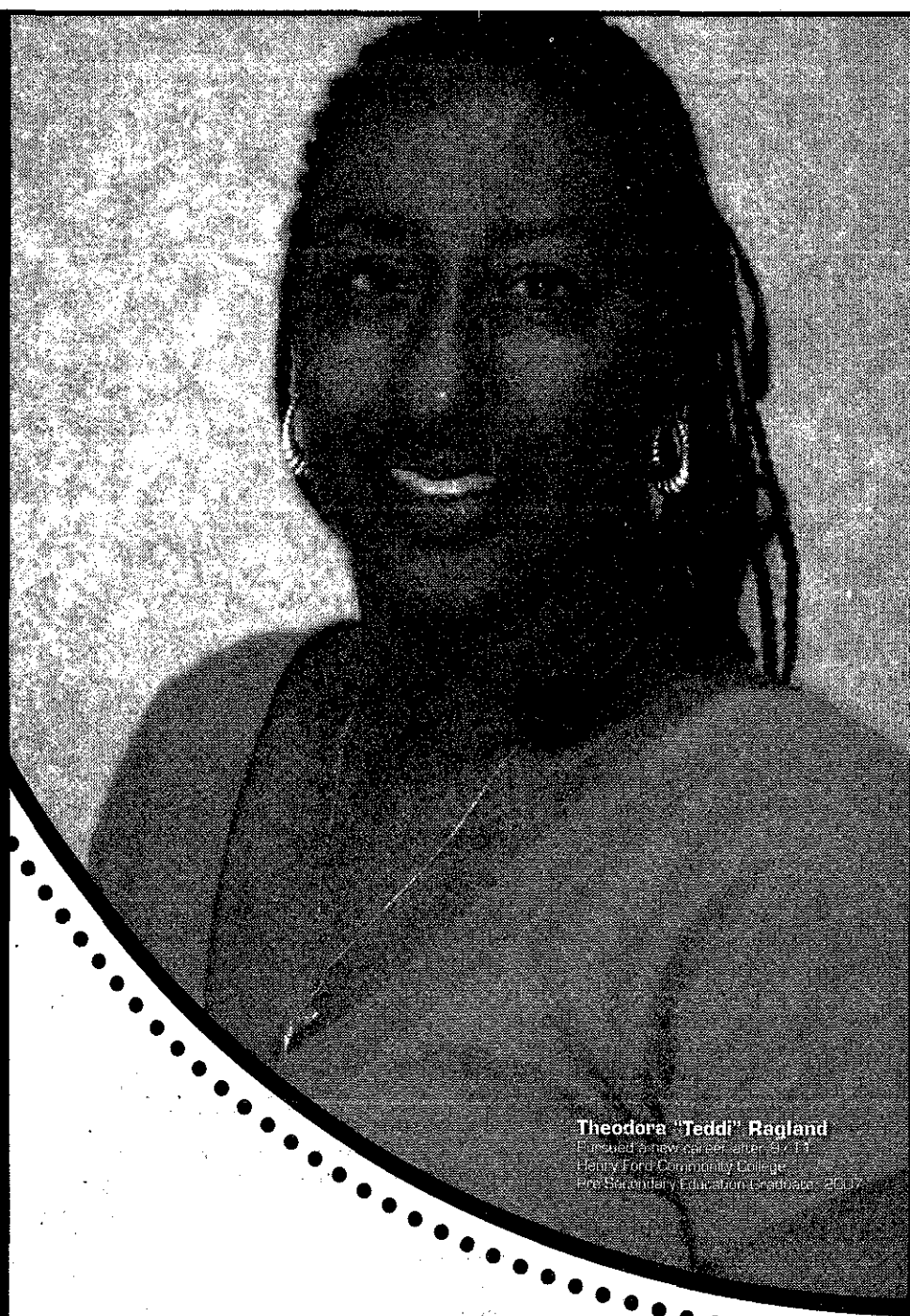
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AUGUST

Special evening
6-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at Concordia University Manor, U.S. 23 at Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Show support for Christian Rasmussen and Sara Grivas by attending an evening featuring entertainment and international hors d'oeuvres. Both need to raise funds for the trip. A donation of \$15 per person at the door is requested. Rasmussen is going to Africa in September to be part of a team to

train caregivers of people who are dying of AIDS. Grivas is going to Ukraine to educate public school teachers of junior and senior high school students on the harmful effects of drug and alcohol use, and premarital sex among teens. For more information, call (734) 777-2498, (734) 604-5445, or send e-mail to sarakgrivas@aol.com or l.raz@comcast.com. To make a donation, make check payable to St. Luke Lutheran and give it to Grivas or Rasmussen before the event. All donations are tax deductible with matching funds provided by Thrivent Financial. You can also donate an international finger food for the event (many varieties needed).

Ministry celebration

For Pastor Joel Brandt's 9-plus years

at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church before heading west to a new congregation, celebration takes place Sunday, Aug. 12, at the church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Following 10 a.m. worship the congregation hosts a catered lunch, entertainment and time for anecdotes from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. To RSVP, call (734) 464-0211.

Carillon series

10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, and Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515.

Vacation Bible school

Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13-17, with a church picnic finale on Aug. 19, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All kids age 2

through fifth grade are invited. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in.

Fun days

Children's Summer Fun Days continue 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays throughout 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.

Summer Bible studies

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

Summer camp

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School, 9600 Levee, 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.

Watchman conference

Power & Glory of God Conference begins 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16 and continues to Aug. 19, at The Embassy Suites Hotel, 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield. Presented by The Ministry of the Watchman International. All welcome. No registration fee. Prayer and personal ministry at every meeting. For a schedule, call (800) 560-9240 or visit www.ministryofthewatchman.com.

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at the regular monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are welcome to attend the service with Rev. Sean Humby (of Ohio, originally of Australia) who will preach. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, Rev. Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminsterconfession.org.

Church tour

Hosted by St. Aidan Catholic Church on Saturday, Aug. 18, tour features St. Anne de Detroit, Most Holy Trinity and the Solanus Casey Center. Includes history, culture and structural architecture of each location plus a glimpse into the pastoral lives of the three associated priests Rev. Gabriel Richard (St. Anne de Detroit), Monsignor Clement Kern (Most Holy Trinity) and Rev. Solanus Casey (Solanus Casey Center). The tour will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes transportation via charter bus, tour and buffet lunch at Los Galanes Mexican Restaurant in Mexicantown and all gratuities. Individual donations to parishes at discretion of attendee. For information, call Debbie Dufour at (248) 719-2535. All are welcome and will be accommodated until busses are filled. Buses depart from south parking lot of St. Aidan at exactly 9:30 a.m., so please arrive 15 minutes early. Reservations can be made by contacting St. Aidan Church office at (734) 425-5950. St. Aidan Catholic Church is at 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia.

Not for sale carnival

Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission is free will offering. Taco bar by Odoba Mexican Grill, music by Sunshine Entertainment, moon walk for kids, pie throw, tin can alley and more classic games (25-cents each). All proceeds to benefit the International Justice Mission. More than 27,000,000 slaves exist in our world today. Want to know more? For more information, call (734) 721-5023. Event presented by the church's youth group.

Revival

Monday-Wednesday Aug. 20-22, at John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, 28001 Evergreen, south of 12 Mile, Southfield. Our mission: "Growing God's People". Teaching on prayer by guest Elder Patricia Evans will start at 6 p.m. Service begins at 7 p.m. with pastor evangelist Rev. Reginald Hunt, Pastor of World Christian Center in South Carolina. For more information, call (248) 358-9307.

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.

Summer sings

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

UPCOMING

Alpha - Questions of Life

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

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.

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.

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

ONGOING

J.O.Y. meeting

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

Higher Rock Cafe

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

Worship service

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

Youth wanted

Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of

God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you

Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

Summer worship

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

Sunday worship

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

Preschool registration

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

Sunday services

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

Worship services

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

Bible study

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

Farmington Women Aglow

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

Worship services

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

Classes

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

Tiny Tots Preschool

Now enrolling for 2007-2008 for 3- and 4-year olds, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Recovery program

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits, and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

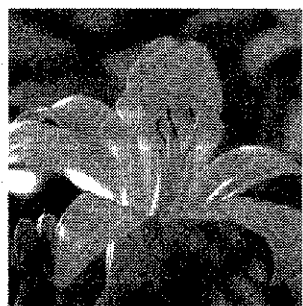
Bible study

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

Sunday service

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

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JEAN ELIZABETH STROYAN

Age 86, of Plymouth, passed away August 7, 2007. Beloved wife of the late George. Loving mother of Pat (Norm) Kraetz, Debbie (Max) Guthart, George Jr. (Florence), Harvey, Sheree (Dennis) Chapman, Frank (Darlene), David (Wylene), and Mary (Mike) Dix. Devoted grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of three. Preceded in death by sons John and Doug. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, Sunday 4-9pm. Funeral from St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman, Plymouth, Monday 11:00 with visitation beginning at 10:00am. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.



DR. LEONARD J. "Doc" Siudara, DO

Born June 26, 1913 in Detroit, Age 94, of Berkley and Beaver Island, died peacefully Saturday, August 4th, 2007 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital having lived a remarkably full and healthy life. Husband of Alexandrine Siudara for 67 years, who predeceased him in 2005, brother of Helene Zarembo and the late Joseph and Arthur Siudara. Father of Dr. Jerome "Jerry" (Elizabeth), Leonard "Bud" (Susan), Timothy (Elizabeth), Thomas (Patricia), James (Cynthia), and Maribeth Siudara Gilliam. Grandfather of Missy, Patrick Michael, Andy, Chris, Peter, Jaime Beth Priest, Mark, Andrea, Tyler and Tiffany. Great-grandfather of two. Doctor Siudara was the eldest son of immigrant parents and was raised on the family farm in Rochester. He was an achiever early on, earning 14 athletic letters at Rochester High School and was honored as the Michigan 4-H Health Champion in 1932. He earned a degree in pharmacy while working on the production line of an auto plant and his medical degree while tending bar in the evening. He met his wife Alex on an ice skating blind date on Belle Isle. They married in 1937. "Doc" did his internship at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and came to Berkley in 1948, building a home and opening a family medical practice. His practice included obstetrics and he delivered hundreds of "baby boomers". His record was 12 deliveries in a single week. He often made "house calls" for patients who were too ill to come to his office. He cared for the nuns and priests in the Shrine of the Little Flower Parish and was the side-line "doc" for the Shrine High football team. He served as president of the Oakland County Osteopathic Physicians Society and was among the founders of the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. "Doc" was a man for all seasons. He taught his kids to be adventuresome and he led by good example. He was at home in a duck blind, fishing for walleyes on the St. Clair River, or hunting pheasants in a farmer's field. Doc, Alex and family enjoyed many Great Lakes yachting adventures on the "Alexandra" in the 50's and 60's. Doctor Siudara retired from his 30 years of medical practice in 1977 and he and Alex moved to Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan. Two years later he became the official island physician and served the residents year-round for the next seven years. It was not uncommon to see "Doc" making "house calls" on his snowmobile during winter. He hung up his stethoscope for good in 1986 and returned to Berkley but continued to summer on Beaver Island for the next 18 years. He took up golf at age 80 and regularly played the Beaver Island golf course. His bright blue eyes and his ever present bow tie were personal trademarks. His instructive euphuisms were many, a favorite being: "Can't never did anything!" A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, August 8th at the National Shrine of the Little Flower. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Donations may be made to the Shrine of the Little Flower Church, Royal Oak, MI. Arrangements by: Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, MI.

CORA A. COOK

August 6, 2007. Beloved wife of the late John (1984). Dear Mother of John (Jackie), Robert (Roberta) and Richard (Nancy). Mrs. Cook is also survived by five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; sister, Esther Granger and sister-in-law Mary Smith. Mrs. Cook was very active in the Farmington Community. She was a long time member of Salem United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Friends of the Library, Town Club, Neighbor Club, Cub Scout leader and a Botsford Hospital volunteer. Memorial Service Saturday, August 18th, 12:00 noon at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248- 474-5200). Visitation 10:00 AM until the time of service, those who wish to further Cora's memory may contribute to Salem United Church of Christ, 33424, Oakland, Farmington, MI 48335.



JOEL TEFFT

Age 23, aspiring graphic artist, died August 5, 2007. He was born August 3, 1984, in Ann Arbor. He was a lifelong Canton resident. He was an avid graphic artist. Joel had a wonderful sense of humor, and a great smile that brought joy to all those who knew and loved him. He is survived by his parents, Annette Tefft and Steven Johnston; his step-father, Matthew Gates; his sisters and brother, Danielle, Rachel, and Matthew Aaron Tefft; his fiancée, Jessica Glidden; his grandparents, Liz and James Johnston; and many aunts, uncles, and other extended family members. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday, August 9, 7pm. Visitation Thursday 2pm until time of service. Memorials may be made to the family. Share memories with the family at www.schrader-howell.com.



EARNEST WALTER BERRIDGE

Age 92, of Plymouth, died August 6, 2007 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Mr. Berridge was born September 5, 1914 in Ypsilanti and had been a resident of Plymouth since 1936. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Michigan Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) and attended Cleary College in Ypsilanti. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy during WW II. Mr. Berridge was a retired accountant and a former teacher in Plymouth, having taught 5th and 6th grade. As recently as this year he still did accounting work from his home. He was formerly a part time accounting instructor at Cleary College in Ypsilanti for over 20 years. He was an active member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth, where he was a member of the Retiree Group. He was also a member of V.F.W. Mayflower Post 6695 in Plymouth. He loved reading and talk shows which kept him up on federal, state and local politics. Mr. Berridge also enjoyed watching sports on TV, especially football. Mr. Berridge was preceded in death by his wife Irene (1996) and his three older brothers. He is survived by his children, Kathleen Ann Berridge and David J. Berridge and his grandsons Brandon & Christopher Berridge. Funeral service will be Thursday, August 9, 2007, 1pm at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman, Plymouth. Friends may visit at church beginning at 12:30pm. Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth.

ELLA HAGSTROM

Age 93. Beloved mother of Arnold & Ronald Hagstrom & Sharon (Kevin) O'Brien. Loving Grandmother of James, Shelley, Ronnie Jr., Amy and the late Paul And great-grandmother of Russell, Travis, Frida & Jacob. Visiting hours Saturday, August 11, 1-3pm. Memorial Service at 3pm Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly, btwn. 6-7 Mile.

FOREST RANDALL

Age 97, August 2, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Coretta. Dear father of Donald, David (Marilynn) Randall and Patricia (Steve) Lyddane. Grandfather of Tammy L. Medlen, Kathy and July (Victor McCoy) Randall. Great-grandfather of Christine Medlen. Private family services have been held. Contributions suggested to Hospice of Henry Ford. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



INGVOR O. A. DAVISON

Age 89, passed August 7. Born in Sundsvall, Sweden to Olaf A. and Adele M. (Forsman) Ostberg, she came to the United States in 1929. An accomplished artist and craftsman, she was active in the arts community for over sixty years, first in Pontiac, and then as a member of the Birmingham Art Association (now the Bloomfield Birmingham Arts Center). In her later years, she produced pottery with the distinctive ING on the bottom. She was also an animal-lover who faithfully provided for the birds and homeless cats and dogs. At one time she was on a first name basis with every dog living around the Pontiac Country Club, where she walked every day. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul J. Davison, her parents, and one sister, Ingrid Bannister (Harold). She is survived by two sisters, Inga-Britt Ostberg of Waterford and Ingeborg Coyle (William) of Ft. Myers, Florida; daughters Pamela Reid (Richard) of Birmingham, and Ingvor Franklin (Romjae) of Orlando, Florida; grandchildren Michael Reid, Pamela Franklin-Griffin (John), and Reba Franklin; great-grandchildren Jordan Griffin, Natasha Pettifor, Megan Pettifor, and Kirsten Pettifor; and three cats, Fan, J.D. and Butchey. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Bloomfield Birmingham Art Center, 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham MI or Almost Home Animal Shelter attn: Joan Brandt, 25503 Clara Lane, Southfield MI 48034.

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CALENDAR

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Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

Sunday Worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship service

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The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Coco of "The Coco, Foolish & Mr. Chase in the Morning Show," which airs weekdays from 6-10 a.m. on FM98 WJLB.

The show is known throughout metro Detroit for its laughs, amazing prizes, hot topics, celebrity gossip and interviews, news and more.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of Coco and would like to have lunch or dinner with her at Buddy's Pizza in August.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the August contest is **5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21.**

A photograph of you and Coco will be published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* and online at www.hometownlife.com.

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

Buddy's will also present at check for \$500 to the Detroit Recovery Project, the charity of Coco's choice which supports individuals in identifying and resolving barriers to achieving a healthy and productive drug-free lifestyle.

The August winners will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of Pro Tran Transportation,

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Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" include Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4), Attorney Geoffrey Fieger, Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and *O&E* columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters.

The stars featured for the



Coco

month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date is to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

Legislator promotes commuter rail line with Westland stop

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc was enthused when he visited the Westland Rotary last week.

The Westland Democrat, a first-term legislator, was there to talk about the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the state working on a commuter rail line from Ann Arbor to Detroit, a project he's confident will go through — and that Westland will be among the handful of stops.

He said the Westland stop will be at Merriman and Michigan Avenue.

"If it does (go through), really, it is going to provide economic opportunity to Westland," LeBlanc told Rotary members and guests at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army building.

He and others hope for a federal commitment, and to work out some other logistics by November. "It's one of the things that's on the burner, and it's not a back burner."

There hasn't been great opposition from the auto industry, he said, noting people would still need cars to drive to the train stops. The train would originate in Ann Arbor, moving on to Ypsilanti, Westland, Dearborn and Detroit. The train would travel through Canton.

The city of Wayne was earlier thought to be the likely stop locally, said LeBlanc, who was



LeBlanc

circumspect in describing the change from Wayne to Westland. Having legislators from Westland, himself and state Sen. Glenn Anderson,

helped, he said.

"It would be a national model. I have great hopes," said LeBlanc, a former Westland city councilman and Wayne-Westland school board member.

LeBlanc was introduced by club President Mark McConnell, who noted such visits help legislators keep in touch "and let us know what they're doing." LeBlanc opened by saying he's proud of his voting record of 273 votes, perfect to that date.

He may miss a vote soon, however, as his son's buying a home in Westland and he'll leave work for that.

"The biggest thing on most people's minds across the state is the tax situation," LeBlanc said. He agreed the personal property tax has caused business failures: "The Michigan Business Tax addresses that in a huge way." It must still go through the state Senate, he said, but will lessen tax burdens.

He cited the "ticket tax" or amenities tax promoted by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. "I'm not sure where that's going to go," he said.

Event celebrates 60 years of India's independence

The sights, smells and colorful beauty of India will fill the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi this Sunday for the 60th anniversary celebration of India's independence.

India Day 2007 is expected to draw at least 25,000 people from all around the region. This free event is from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, and will feature live music and dancing, shopping, authentic

Indian food, a health camp, a job fair, a visa camp and kids activities.

"This is to celebrate the culture and the history and to celebrate our independence day," said Ramesh Gudapuri of Novi, who is chairman of the event. "India is like a mini-Europe, with all of the different states. We are inviting all of the (Indian) community organizations (in Michigan)

to come and showcase their culture."

The event is presented by the India League of America, in collaboration with the all Michigan Indian community organizations. The India League of Michigan is the umbrella organization of 40-50 Indian groups in Michigan, representing different states of India.

Gudapuri said the event

draws people from various ethnic communities in metro Detroit, Toledo and Windsor.

There are at least 78,000 Indian Americans living in the Detroit area, Gudapuri said.

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'Fun With the Family in Michigan' features local author, lots to do

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

If you have a question about fun stuff to do in Michigan, Bill Semion of Plymouth Township's a good man to ask.

Semion, who lived in Canton for 29 years, recently published *Fun With the Family in Michigan* (Globe Pequot Press, Guilford, Conn.) The book, which he first penned in 1996 and has updated regularly since then, is a guide to Michigan family attractions.

"It must be fairly popular," said Semion, 59, who has worked in media relations for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan since May 2004. The first edition in 1996 was called *Family Adventure Guide* and the name was later changed.

"They have quite a few for each state," he said of the publisher. "They contact a local, hopefully knowledgeable writer."

Semion (whose wife Denise is chief of communications for Huron-Clinton Metroparks) was working on the AAA magazine when then-managing editor Larry Keller was contacted by the publisher to seek a local writer who could do the job. "I said, 'OK, we'll give it a whirl.'"

It took eight to nine months to research and write the first book, with a friend and AAA colleague, Scott Renas of Inkster, assisting with research. They "started reeling off things to put in the book." Renas had done a lot of research on Michigan tourism for AAA, a big help. The Internet has been a big help as well.

Semion's also a freelance journalist who does writing on the outdoors and travel on his own time. He writes for *Great Lakes Angler* magazine, and also for *Woods and Water News*, "whoever will have me."

The first Michigan family fun book was 156 pages, while the newest one, a complete

update which is available at local bookstores, is about 300, divided into different regions of Michigan. Semion's visited many of the attractions, including the close-to-home Plymouth Orchards cider mill many times, as well as the Motown Historical Museum in Detroit.

"Of course, I ride my bike down Hines Drive a lot. I'm very familiar with this area." The Michigan native grew up in Nankin Township with a Plymouth address, in the area that's now Westland. He considered Plymouth his hometown back in those days when there wasn't a lot out here.

"My parents would take us up on vacation to the east side of the state, which is kind of an undiscovered area for people," he said. Semion remembers the Mackinac Bridge linking the Upper and Lower Peninsulas — marking its 50th anniversary this year — going up when he was a boy.

"I barely remember going over the straits in a ferry." He got his hand slammed in a ferry door, so that memory stuck.

"There are lots of great things for families to do," Semion said of Michigan. "In a lot of ways, it's changed for the better."

If you ski and get tired at Boyne Mountain, there's the big Avalanche Bay waterpark there.

"There are lots of outdoor things people can do," said Semion, who enjoys many outdoor activities. He prefers the quieter, more rustic camp-



Bill Semion of Plymouth Township wrote 'Fun With the Family in Michigan.'

grounds. "It's just a great place to get away."

Wife Denise helped with advice on the Metroparks. Semion has two adult children, 30 and 31, and stepsons, 23 and 15. He wanted the book, which includes basics like hours, days open, phone numbers, addresses and Web sites, to appeal to all. "I made sure to put things in there adults could enjoy too." He cited the Cabela's store near Monroe which has a waterpark nearby attached to a Holiday Inn Express.

Semion agreed Michiganders sometimes belittle their state and its beauty. "I think so. I think that's exactly what we do. There are so many things you could enjoy here."

He likes his hometown and cites Ann Arbor "which is a

wonderful city. It's so alive," and probably his favorite.

The *Fun With the Family in Michigan* paperback sells for \$13.95. Semion plans to update it every two years as long as he's asked.

"It's very popular, actually," said Globe Pequot Press publicist Bob Sembiente. "We've had some great response."

The publisher has covered almost every state, and some individual cities like Las Vegas, Sembiente said. California is divided into north and south books, and smaller states like New England are combined into one.

"Family travel is up," Sembiente said, noting a trend to travel in the U.S. That's been good for the book series, "and no end in sight."

Friends stage benefit to help cancer patient

Westland resident Brett Rau has been off work since early this year as he struggles to beat throat cancer, prompting his friends and family to organize a fund-raiser.

Rau, 46, has had chemotherapy and hasn't been able to return to his job as a semi-driver for Domino's Pizza, family friend Tina Ouimet of Westland said.

"He can't work right now, and the family is really suffering," she said.

To help, Ouimet and others have announced a fund-raiser

to help Rau, wife Darlene, their two daughters and their grandson.

The fund-raiser is scheduled for noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at The Penalty Box, on Plymouth Road between Middlebelt and Inkster in Livonia. The event will include live music, raffles, 50/50 drawings and grilled hotdogs. Ouimet said performers will include Chetan Clawson, Desert Renaissance, Empty Canvas, Freakstar, Maelstrom, Morning Gray, 10-pound Head and Vince Smith.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2007 CDBG ACTION PLAN: DESIGNATION OF NEW SUBRECIPIENT

On August 29, 2007, at 3 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room, first floor Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will hold a public hearing to consider a proposal to change the subrecipient for the FY 2007 CDBG Adult Day Services Program to Revival Outreach Adult Day Services. The reason for the redesignation is the dissolution of the original subrecipient, HelpSource. There will be no change in the location, services, or personnel of the existing Adult Day Services program. The amount affected by the redesignation of subrecipient is \$1,000. In addition the Advisory Council will consider a proposal to cancel and reprogram \$1,499 allocated to the FY 2007 Teen Parenting Program. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

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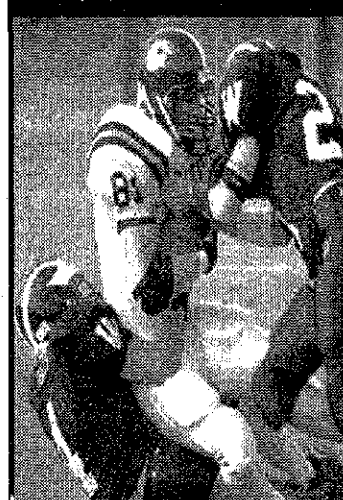
4003 - Gerald Cherwalk - Power tools, stereo, misc items
4028 - Renee Peebles - Mattress, Box, TV
1016 - Dennis Bishop - 4 Totes, 50 Boxes, Misc Items
2030 - Mary Owens - Sofa, Dryer, Washer
3006 - Jean Dedes - Stereo, Globe, Misc Items
4001 - Robert Kozak - Vacuum, 7 Tool Boxes, Misc Items
9154 - Daphani Dent - Couch, Loveseat, 10 Boxes
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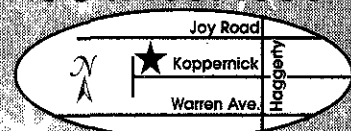
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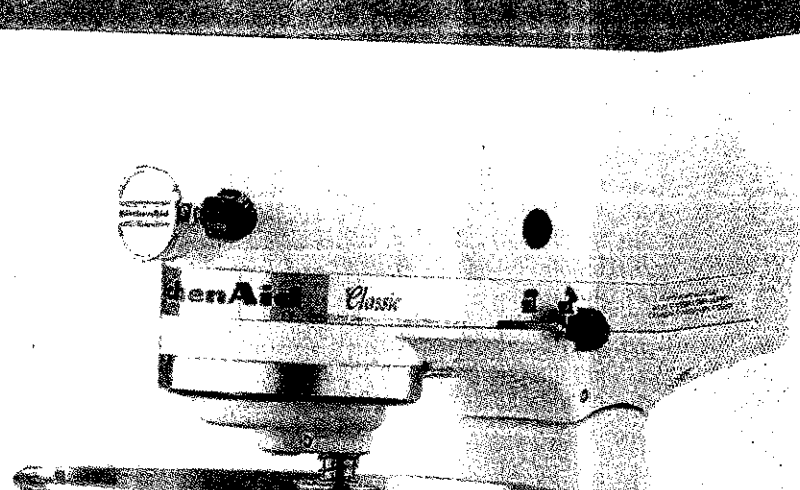
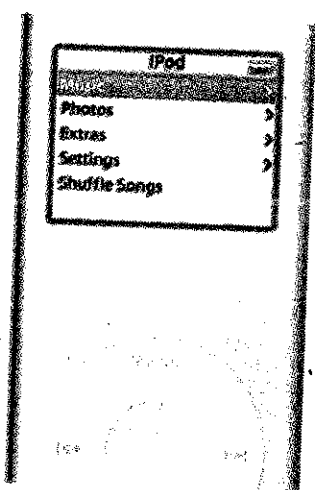
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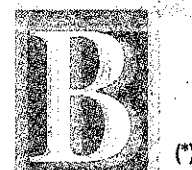
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Parade of Homes highlights living spaces

Fall Parade of Homes, the ninth annual fall exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, will open on Aug. 17 and run through Dec. 31, 2007. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and LaSalle Bank are the sponsors of this public event.

"There has never been a better time to buy a new home in Michigan," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. "Now is the time to take advantage of reasonable pricing, affordable interest rates and numerous homes to choose from. Those who buy now will be in the driver's seat during the buying process and will reap the gains of price appreciation in future years."

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers an opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes,

including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 61 model homes range in price from \$97,900 to \$1.8 million.

Architects and building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories prior to the event opening, including a new Energy Efficiency and Green Building category. This year's judges are Dan Sugg of LaSalle Bank; Rob McCalpin, A.I.A., Bryce, McCalpin and Palazzola; and Brian Gill, AIA, of The Design Group.

The judges will make their deci-

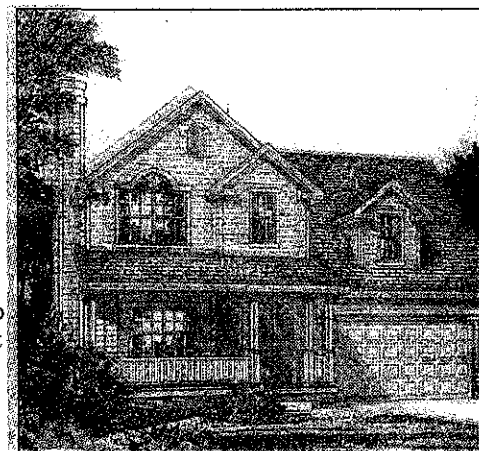
sions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price.

A Parade of Homes magazine containing renderings, features and location maps for all homes will be distributed within select home delivery of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press*, available at all area LaSalle Bank branches and 205 CVS/pharmacy locations throughout southeastern Michigan, at all participating model homes and at BIA's Fall Remodeling & Design Expo, Oct. 12-14, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

For additional information on the 2007 Fall Parade of Homes after Aug. 17, please call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.builders.org. The Parade of Homes Web site, www.BIAparadeofhomes.com, will go live on Aug. 17, 2007, and will feature informative news stories on home ownership and economic issues as well as details on each home.

BIA and LaSalle Bank will also sponsor a Parade of Homes event in the spring.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing more than 2,000 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.



Sponsors for the Fall Parade of Homes are the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and LaSalle Bank.

Membership nationwide includes more than 235,000 individuals and companies.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 9-13, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds of file, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	\$244,000
7409 Admiralty Dr	\$649,000
8187 Chatham Dr	\$185,000
39835 Chevrolet Dr	\$255,000
326 Constitution St	\$194,000
7703 Corbin Dr	\$128,000
48195 Glenmount Rd	\$400,000
1004 Holbrook Dr	\$166,000
1891 Knollwood Dr	\$46,000
48431 Manor Bridge Dr	\$160,000
50451 Monroe St	\$335,000
50250 Mott Rd	\$223,000
4131 W Maplewood Dr	\$245,000
45015 N Spring Dr	\$350,000
47956 River Way Ct	\$142,000
4454 Savery Dr	\$325,000
2024 Stonebridge Way	\$260,000
46477 Swanniere Dr	\$206,000
1245 Terrel Ct	\$191,000
43168 Thames Ct	\$195,000
3977 Timberline Ct	\$190,000
8091 Warfield St	\$140,000
Farmington	\$170,000
22830 Lakeway St	\$238,000
32009 Lee Ln	\$195,000
34132 Oakland St	\$180,000
27156 Violet St	\$329,000
Farmington Hills	\$235,000
34714 Bunker Hill Dr	\$309,000
39002 Cattail Ct	\$175,000
28231 Gettysburg Dr	\$444,000
37469 Glenview Dr	\$59,000
21827 Ontaga St	\$73,000
21405 Riverwalk Ct	\$70,000
29840 W 12 Mile Rd	\$180,000
30042 W 12 Mile Rd	\$165,000
27689 W Echo Vly	\$138,000
Garden City	\$104,000
31075 Beechwood St	\$148,000
21631 Bock St	\$262,000
171 Cardwell St	\$100,000
33216 John Hawk St	\$230,000
Livonia	\$155,000
33531 Six Mile Rd	\$190,000
37680 Bloomfield Dr	\$300,000
19111 Canterbury Dr	\$155,000
14546 Cavell St	\$190,000
17761 Deering St	\$300,000
17730 Fairfield St	\$178,000
19437 Fitzgerald St	\$210,000
9114 Frederick St	\$195,000
36641 Gardner St	\$195,000
28881 Hathaway St	\$266,000
14285 Hubbard Dr	\$176,000
15648 Hunter Dr	\$215,000
92306 Idaho St	\$71,000
36511 Mallory St	\$120,000
16529 Middlebelt Rd	\$224,000
30426 Minton St	\$183,000
36615 Munger St	\$171,000
32911 Oakley St	\$171,000
35149 Orangelawn St	\$175,000
37865 Plymouth Rd	\$195,000
27415 Vargo St	\$189,000
Milford	\$204,000
531 Atlantic St	\$131,000
692 Cliffside Dr	\$850,000
520 John R	\$211,000
3750 N Shoreline Dr	\$255,000
600 W Dawson Dr	\$250,000
Northville	\$253,000
16714 Carriage Way	\$145,000
39448 Champion Ct	\$152,000
39583 Dun Royn Dr	\$260,000
20216 Longwood Ct	\$175,000
20248 Longwood Ct	\$185,000
49433 N Glacier	\$230,000
39754 Rockcrest Cir	\$165,000
39461 Springwater Dr	\$265,000
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43830 Algonquin Dr	\$263,000
45219 Bartlett Dr	\$308,000
42374 Cherry Hill Rd	\$600,000
50694 Chesapeake Dr	\$313,000
24582 Enchanted Dr	\$219,000
45583 Fairmount Ave	\$166,000
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45225 Sandstone Dr	
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CENTURY 21 Today offers career seminars Tuesday or Saturday noon to 1 p.m. through August at 28544 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Contact Steve Leibhan at (248) 855-2000, Ext. 238.

Career information

For anyone interested in developing a career in real estate, Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, and again on Tuesday, Aug. 28, also at 6:30 p.m.

The seminars will take place at the Plymouth Market Place, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, a half block west of I-275 adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center. Please call in advance to reserve a seat: (734) 453-4700.

Bankruptcy

Attorney David Tarr will share with investors his knowledge of bankruptcy procedure and the secrets of buying properties when the time is ripe — during the bankruptcy of debtors. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742.

Golf outing

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will host its 2007 golf outing, "North Oakland County Golf Classic" 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Beacon Hills Golf Course, 601 Majestic Oaks Drive in Commerce Township.

The event will begin with registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. and a steak dinner at 4 p.m. Door prizes will be offered, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

Registration fees, including 18 holes of golf cart, lunch, dinner, four drink tickets and golf competitions are \$130 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers; \$60 for dinner only, \$200 for a hole sponsorship and \$250 for a hole sponsorship with dinner. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

BIA 'Best shot'

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Remodelers Council will hold "Give It Your Best Shot," its 12th Annual Shoot Out on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Detroit Gun Club, 2775 Oakley Park Road, in Walled Lake. The program begins with registration followed by a safety presentation, then lunch and team shooting. Awards and

door prizes will follow. Registration fees are \$118 per person which includes two rounds of shooting skeet or trap targets, 100 rounds of sporting clays, six boxes of shells, hot buffet lunch, and refreshments/snacks. Sponsorships are available. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

More BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents Real Estate Continuing Education course on Monday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education. Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$100 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC), in conjunction with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors (MCAR), presents a Builder/Realtor Selling Extravaganza on Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Andiamo Italia Banquet Center, 7096 E. 14 Mile, Warren. The networking event will assist builders and realtors with contacts needed to help sell homes. Registration fees are \$50 for BIA builders which include a table top display and two attendees. Additional attendees are \$15 each. There is no charge for MCAR Realtor members to attend. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) Women's Council presents "Model Home Performance" on Thursday, Sept. 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Katana Japanese Steakhouse, 111 E. Main, Royal Oak. Susan Halfle of Environments & Energy Inc. will discuss using Feng Shui and design to attract your perfect client, creating positive flow and balance of energetic space, impact of vertical and horizontal elements, leading lines (balancing curves and straight lines), positioning objects of significance, and richness of color/texture/materials.

The event is open to BIA member companies only. Registration fees are \$40 per person.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present another in its series of Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) courses — "Profitable Business Through Quality Practices" — on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite

100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group, Inc. will instruct attendees on how to meet the quality challenge with customers, with competitors, and within their companies.

The course will count towards Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) and Graduate Master Builder (GMB) designations. Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging Market" on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Hotel Baronnette in Novi. Joe Colletti of Joe Colletti and Associates, L.L.C. will show on-site sales professionals how they can adjust for market conditions and still perform at a high level of success. Registration fees are \$35 for SMC members, \$35 for BIA members and \$75 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, Sept. 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will sponsor "The Facts on Fair Housing" seminar on Friday, Sept. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at The Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, in Troy. Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site will facilitate the panelists, instructing attendees on the latest in Fair Housing Law.

The program will give owners, managers and leasing personnel practical, hands-on information regarding specific situations and issues. Registration fees are \$40 for Property Management Council members, AAM and Building Industry Association members and \$50 for guests.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

New partner

Bartley Patterson was announced as a new partner in ownership of RE/MAX Classic's Canton location. The

announcement was made at the second quarterly company meeting held in June.

"It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I announce Bart's shared ownership in our RE/MAX Classic Canton Office," said Carlina Boji, broker/owner, RE/MAX Classic. "Bart has been very involved in the success of the company and we are excited about his ownership position."

Patterson has been a Realtor for 11 years and started with RE/MAX Classic specializing as a buyer's agent. He is currently the vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic and will continue in that capacity. Patterson has also served his community as chairman of the board for the Canton Chamber of Commerce, chair of the Technology Committee and is a member of the Marketing Partnership with Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority.

Company conversion

Ronald "Ron" La Casse, Jr., broker/owner of Cass Realty in Dearborn, has announced his company's conversion to Weichert, Realtors - Cass Realty, a franchise with Weichert Real Estate Affiliates. The company located at 23400 Michigan Ave., Suite 180, joins some 325 offices in 32 states for the franchise organization that launched its first affiliate in January 2002.

La Casse cited Weichert's reputation for support and service to brokerages as among the reasons for choosing to affiliate, along with his "earnest desire to provide more services to clients from a more well-organized company." Already a full service firm for the past six years, the Dearborn agency will "take full advantage of all that Weichert has to offer," La Casse said.

The Weichert organization includes mortgage and insurance services, a commercial and investments division, an ongoing agent and management training program that incorporates "live" and online instruction, an award-winning Internet lead-generation platform, and a multinational relocation company. Support services are highlighted by in-house marketing and advertising, dedicated public relations and Realtor recruitment.

Weichert Affiliates President Martin J. Rueter joined in the announcement saying, "The affiliation with Ron and his outstanding team brings us into the Dearborn area with an impressive company to carry our name and reputation to this key market."

La Casse has been a licensed broker since 1996. He entered real estate as an agent in 1984, joining a Garden City independent, then a builder/developer. He worked primarily with builders and developers in new construction of condos and family homes, as well as

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with an investment group in Detroit prior to opening the full-service Cass Realty in 2001.

A grand opening at new offices of Weichert, Realtors - Cass Realty will be announced at a future date. Meanwhile, La Casse and the staff and sales team can be reached at (313) 357-3800.

Weichert has more than 19,300 sales associates in over 500 com-

pany-owned and franchised sales offices in key markets throughout the U.S.

Weir Manuel support

Weir Manuel Realtors announced will be a corporate supporter in the Cornerstone Schools charitable event, "Be A Tiger For Kids," at The Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians game on Aug. 21 at Comerica Park.

Weir Manuel employees will sup-

port this event by purchasing \$50-\$250 tickets to the game, the proceeds of which will go to Cornerstone Schools. And, for each ticket purchased by a WMR employee, Weir Manuel Realtors will make an additional donation to Cornerstone Schools. Weir Manuel will also pay half the cost of any tickets brokers purchase for incentives.

"I can't think of a better way to support our community," said Kelly

Sweeney, president and CEO of Weir Manuel. "A superior education should be available to children who deserve it, and Cornerstone Schools has been providing that since 1991."

Weir Manuel has also given Cornerstone a venue to sell tickets to the Tigers game by providing outdoor space on its Old Woodward property during the 2007 Dream Cruise.

"Thousands of people will be strolling down

Old Woodward, and since we have the prime location there — on the corner of Brown and Old Woodward — Cornerstone will have a great opportunity to make people aware of their schools and the Tigers event," said Sweeney.

During the Dream Cruise, Weir Manuel is also providing space for other charitable organizations, Guardians For Animals, Greyhound Expressions, Greyhound Rescue, and Camp Casey (www.camp-casey.org), a horse camp

for children with cancer.

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company in southeast Michigan, with more than 150 employees in three Michigan offices: Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester. Its Web site is at www.weir-manuel.com.

Joins office

Patricia Hespel, GRI, has joined the real estate office, RE/MAX First, announced broker/owners Vince Sancimino and Carol Vitale. She has been in real estate for 14 years.

Hespel comes to RE/MAX from Coldwell Banker. When asked why she joined RE/MAX she replied, "RE/MAX is a perfect match to my system of operations in the marketplace; the service to my clients is A+."

Hespel is active in her community and set out to help the homeless by co-developing the "Feed the Hungry Program" with M&M Custom Homes of Shelby Township.

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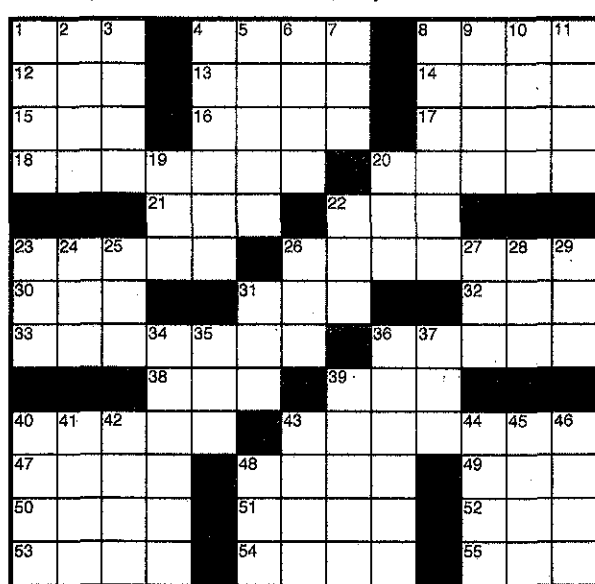
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- 51 "En garde" weapon
- 52 Catch cold
- 53 Green Hornet's valet
- 54 Kindest regards
- 55 Parched
- 1 Game show name
- 2 Cuzco founder
- 3 Forest animal
- 4 Said yes
- 5 Turnpike
- 6 Countess's title
- 7 "— Buttermilk Sky"
- 8 Place of business
- 9 Twelve, maybe

Answer to Previous Puzzle

TANK OPAL RIB
OPEN GENE OVA
YETI LAND SAT
CHE GIANT
GECKO MIEN
LAOS JET KOOK
IST ODE TATE
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5	4	1	7		8		9	
	6				1	8	3	7
	7				9			1
	5	4	1	2	6	3	8	
1	3	2			4			
8				7			2	4
9			6					
			5		2			
	2	8		7	5	1	6	

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9	1	5	7	6	8	3	2	4
5	7	6	2	1	5	7	8	9
8	7	2	5	9	8	1	6	
7	2	1	5	7	6	8	3	2
9	9	7	6	8	2	3	1	
6	8	5	9	2	1	7	8	3
1	9	7	6	9	2	8	3	2
7	6	8	1	5	7	6	9	2
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C	Y	W	N	B	M	F	H	A	Y
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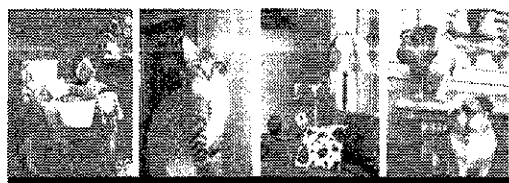
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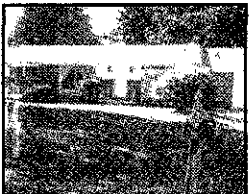
NEW TO MARKET Prepared to be overwhelmed w/this 2001 built 4400 sq ft Novi colonial boasting 4 bd, 4.2 baths, & add'l 2100 sq ft in fin'd w/basmt. Peaceful setting on cul de sac. Uncompromised quality t/o & too many amenities to list.
\$775,000 (P-964AN)



ELEGANT CANTON CONDO Get ready to move into your new home. Immaculate condo featuring Great Rm w/frpl, 1st floor laundry, Master Suite w/bath & WIC, large storage room, & garage.
\$149,900 (P-995BE)



A RARE FIND! 3 bedroom Westland colonial with 4th bedroom in walkout basement. Updated Kitchen, hardwood floors, beautiful Deck, large yard, & more.
\$216,000 (C-221LA)



LARGE LOT IN PLYMOUTH Great price on this home that offers 3 bd, 2 baths, Family Room w/frpl, Florida Room, extra storage space, ceramic baths, tear off roof, & attached Garage. Great lot on a dead end street.
\$169,900 (P-151MI)



JUST PERFECT Unpack & relax in this comfortable 2 bd, 1 bath ranch just minutes from downtown Royal Oak. Remod Kitchen, fresh paint, new carpet in Fam Rm, updated bath, deep fenced yard, & 2 car Garage.
\$99,900 (P-304BR)



HARD TO FIND Relax on the paver Patio surrounded by mature trees. Spacious island Kitchen w/nook, formal Liv & Din Rm, separate Fam Rm w/bridge overlook, Master w/volume ceiling, WIC, & bath.
\$289,900 (P-422CH)



SHOWS LIKE A MODEL Former builders model still looks like one! Upgrades galore, soaring ceilings, granite Kitchen w/stain steel appl, prof finished bsmt w/bar & frpl, excellent location in Island Lake of Novi sub.
\$579,900 (C-982SA)



UNEXPECTED FIND Nestled deep in the sub on low traffic cul de sac you'll find this Princeton model colonial w/traditional floor plan, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/volume ceiling, bath, & WIC. Newly finished lower level w/bar & bath.
\$298,000 (C-748SH)



WELL MAINTAINED Maintenance free exterior w/updated roof, windows, paver walkway, & Patio. Interior features vaulted ceilings, hwd floors, neutral decor, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated kit, bath, furnace, C/A, & hwh. Finished bsmt & more.
\$159,900 (C-007MA)



AWESOME LOCATION Charming 2 bd Plymouth condo just .1 mile from downtown. Private Entrance, Anderson windows & doorwall, carpet, low traffic location, appliances stay, newer hwh, & low assoc dues include water.
\$112,900 (C-252PI)



GOLF COMMUNITY CONDO Tons of upgrades in this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo w/gourmet Kitchen, Den, Great Room w/vaulted ceiling, 1st flr Master, berber carpet, 1st floor laundry, & view of commons area.
\$304,900 (C-614SC)



THIS HOME HAS IT ALL! Awesome home features an open Foyer, large Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, Flex Room, spacious Master w/bath & large WIC, neutral t/o, & beautiful pond views. A must see!
\$254,900 (C-183SH)



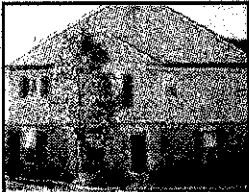
COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT Opportunity knocks! Own a commercial building in Plymouth's Old Village! Great income possibilities for a great price with 2 units plus storage. Large lot. Call for details.
\$299,000 (C-446ST)



PERFECT!! Drop dead gorgeous condo in golf community. 2 story Great Rm, formal Dining, 1st floor laundry, maple Kitchen w/nook, bath, 2 car garage, big open kitchen 3 bd, & 2 full baths.
\$174,900 (C-728AL)



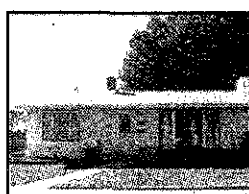
BACKS TO THE WOODS On an extra deep lot w/sunny family room, formal living room, new roof, vinyl windows, finished bsmt, updated bath, 2 car garage, big open kitchen 3 bd, & 2 full baths.
\$174,900 (C-728AL)



2 YEARS NEW Builder upgrades t/o every room in and unit condo. Open spacious layout w/cathedral ceilings, upgraded lighting, carpet, bath, kit & more. Gas fireplace, 3rd bd could be used as Den. Good location near clubhouse.
\$169,900 (C-033AR)



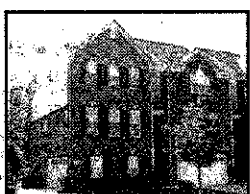
CLASSIC COLONIAL Spacious home w/over 1700 sq ft, formal Dining & Liv Rm, fireplace, huge Fam Rm, hwd floors, remodeled baths, updated Kitchen with appliances, Garage & full basement. Nice home.
\$199,900 (C-309AR)



GREAT RANCH Sharp 2 bd ranch sitting on a large lot in a great sub. Updated Kitchen, huge Great Room, nice sized bedrooms, 2.5 car Garage, freshly painted t/o & more.
\$79,900 (C-745BE)



GREAT INVESTMENT This multi family unit is priced to sell! Separate entrances, furnaces, hardwoods & more. Updated bathrooms, newer roof, & can be converted back to a single family home.
\$49,900 (C-132CH)



MOVE IN READY 2 bd, 2 bath Canton condo features an open floor plan, large island Kitchen, finished walkout w/possible 3rd bd, oversized Master w/sitting area & WIC, & great location close to everything.
\$232,400 (C-798CH)



TERRIFIC BUY Nice 3 bd bungalow w/lots of updates including roof, C/A, furnace, windows, doors & bath. Appliances stay, partly finished bsmt, 1.5 car Garage & more.
\$84,900 (C-053HA)



SHARP LIVONIA RANCH Fantastic curb appeal on this 3 bd, 2.5 bath home set nicely in sub. Kitchen & Baths updated, neutral paint, hwd floors, new roof, doors, siding & gutters. Basement w/bath, 2 car Garage & more.
\$173,500 (C-255IO)



GORGEOUS SETTING This great home is situated on a large lot w/hwd floors, updated oak Kitchen, walk in pantry, finished bsmt, 1st floor laundry, Sun Room & great Farmington Hills location.
\$299,900 (C-570NE)



BACKS TO THE PARK 1800 sq ft brick ranch backing to nature park. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, open floor plan, Great Room w/frpl, doorwalls leading to large Deck, skylights, 1st flr laundry, bsmt, garage & Livonia School.
\$299,800 (C-277PA)



COUNTRY HOUSE ON 6 ACRES Remodeled farm house on 6 acres with a stocked pond. 3 bd, 2 baths, oversized 3-4 car Garage, great Kitchen, Family Room, & a gorgeous setting. A must see!
\$374,900 (P-271PL)



A REAL GEM This 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial has it all! 2 story Foyer, island Kitchen, Family Room w/hwd, Master w/bath, updated ceramic baths, fresh paint, & special touches t/o.
\$272,900 (C-680PO)



TRANSFER FORCES Sad seller has to part with this fabulous 3 bd West Dearborn home. Newer Pella windows, huge Master w/walk in, 2 updated baths, updated furnace & C/A, glass block windows, finished bsmt, & Deck.
\$144,900 (P-644RO)



GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD This 3 bd, 1.5 bath bungalow boasts generous room sizes, hwd floors, newer roof, furnace, C/A, plumb, & elec. Nice Deck overlooking large yard, finished bsmt w/full Kitchen, & more.
\$129,900 (C-326RO)



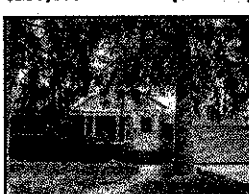
STORY IRRESISTIBLE Traditional Canton colonial 2 story entry, formal LR & DR, roomy Fam Rm w/brick hearth frpl, updated maple Kitchen, hwd floors & ready to move into!
\$209,000 (C-955SOM)



ULTRA CLEAN CONDO Nice condo in popular Carolan Village. Living Rm w/bay window, freshly painted, updated white Kitchen, newer furnace & A/C. Master w/WIC, updated baths, & very usable floor plan.
\$89,900 (C-081CA)



CUL DE SAC SETTING Canton ranch featuring lovely landscaping, great yard w/room for boat or RV, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, open floor plan, large bath, bsmt w/frpl & bath, new A/C & attached Garage.
\$234,900 (C-038EP)



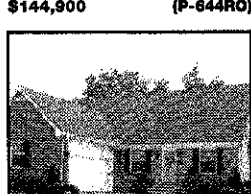
BEAUTIFUL HOME Beautifully updated 3 bd home w/ lake frontage. Gourmet Kit w/pergo, doorwall leading to relaxing tiered Deck, Liv Rm w/frpl, finished walkout, paver walkway, & updated driveway & windows.
\$235,000 (P-084BR)



RANCH W/LAKE ACCESS Nicely updated ranch w/private access to Whitmore Lake. Updates include furnace, A/C, well, bathroom, plumbing, Kitchen counters, water softener, & neutral decor.
\$100,000 (C-142FO)



PRIDE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD This home stands above the rest w/ remodeled oak Kitchen w/ceramic, remod baths w/spa shower & skylight, finished bsmt, new roof & windows. Backs to beautiful treed commons.
\$239,900 (C-695FO)



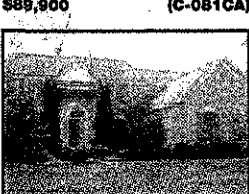
NOVI CAPE COD Gorgeous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home built in 2000. Bright, open floor plan, spacious island Kitchen, Family Rm w/frpl, 1st flr Master, 1st flr laundry, finished bsmt, & stamped concrete Patio.
\$319,500 (C-291HO)



GREAT DEAL IN CANTON Great quad-level home priced below 200K w/over 1600 sq ft of living space. 3 bd, 2 baths, stain steel appl's, oak Kitchen, new furnace in OS, exterior freshly painted, & much more.
\$189,900 (C-348LO)



STOP LOOK, BUY! This gorgeous 3 bd, 2 bath ranch is located in a great neighborhood. Gourmet Kitchen, new carpet, windows, roof siding, insulation, 2 fireplaces, bath in bsmt, 2 car Garage, & newly landscaped!
\$128,900 (C-905WA)



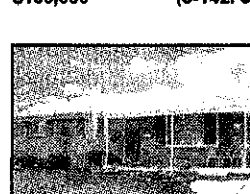
YOU'LL BE PROUD Situated in desirable area of Canton, this exquisite home is tastefully decorated & in move in condition. 4 bd, 3.5 baths & prof finished lower level w/guest suite & entertainment area.
\$419,900 (P-675AS)



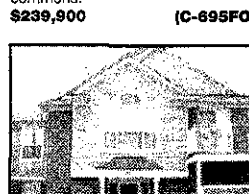
UPDATED COLONIAL 4 bd, 2.5 bath home backing to lovely common area. Newer Kitchen w/tons of storage, newer windows, remod bath, newer C/A, crown molding, neutral carpet, fresh paint, newer vinyl & roof. A must see!
\$239,500 (P-601BO)



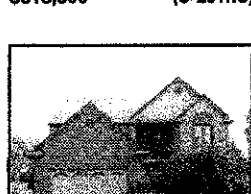
DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Completely updated 3 bd home w/ lake frontage. Gourmet Kit w/pergo, doorwall leading to relaxing tiered Deck, Liv Rm w/frpl, finished walkout, paver walkway, & updated driveway & windows.
\$235,000 (P-084BR)



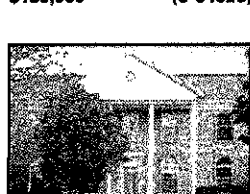
GOLF COURSE LIVING It doesn't get better than this! 4 bedroom, 1 full & 2 half baths, completely updated, newer cement, oak Kitchen w/corlan tops, hardwood floors, newer roof, furnace, C/A & windows.
\$194,900 (P-303CA)



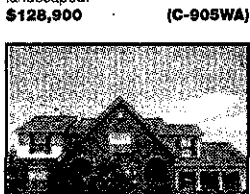
COZY END UNIT RANCH Come check out this fabulous condo featuring vaulted ceilings, Master w/bath & WIC, oak Kitchen w/dining area, att Garage, plenty of storage space, & area pool & clubhouse w/fitness center.
\$129,900 (P-423CH)



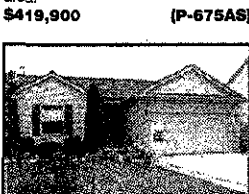
SHOWS LIKE A MODEL Beautiful home featuring 4 bd, 3.5 baths, Master w/2 WIC's, amazing island Kitchen, 2 tiered Deck overlooking awesome yard, finished walkout bsmt, & great Plymouth location.
\$374,500 (C-854CH)



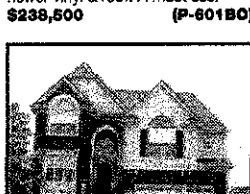
IN A CLASS BY ITSELF! Stately home backing to woods in desirable Green Oak Twp sub. 2 story Foyer, gourmet cherry Kit, formal Dining, crown molding, French doors leading to Deck, & much more.
\$340,000 (P-460CL)



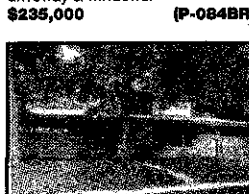
OUTSTANDING Stunning 4 bd, 3.5 bath colonial featuring a 2 story Great rm w/frpl, Kitchen w/granite & Butler's pantry, Master w/2 WIC's & bath, 3 car Garage, Patio, & Trex Deck.
\$375,000 (P-335CO)



LOCATION! LOCATION! Large 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/pergo floors, vaulted ceilings, Master w/bath, professionally finished bsmt w/webbar & bath, new roof, huge Deck, & 2 car Garage.
\$190,000 (P-309CO)



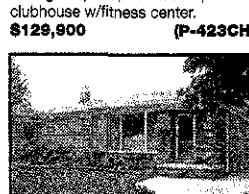
UNBELIEVABLE VALUE Priced to sell colonial in Northville offering an open foyer w/hwd, cherry Kitchen w/granite, fireplace, Master w/bath, part finished walkout bsmt w/bath, & great location.
\$415,000 (P-261CR)



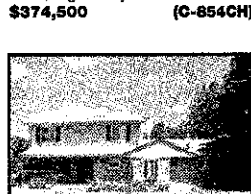
WALK TO DOWNTOWN Charming Plymouth contemporary home w/an inground pool, finished bsmt, large Liv Rm, formal Dining, Fam Rm w/doorwall, 4 bds, 2 full & 2 half baths, & unbeatable location.
\$480,000 (P-670EV)



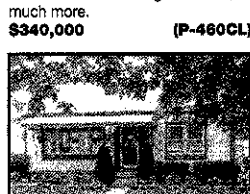
ALL THE BELLS & WHISTLES Beautiful 2 bd, 2 bath condo located in elite complex. Upper unit w/bocony, gas fireplace, updated baths & Kitchen w/granite, & laundry room. 1-2 yr lease w/option to purchase.
\$1,200/mo (P-153EV)



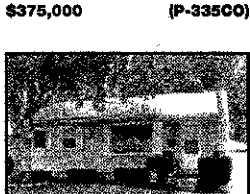
A REAL PLEASER! Terrific, maintenance free brick ranch w/tons of quality updates. Vinyl windows, finished bsmt w/bath, 2.5 car Garage, cedar Deck, oversized lot, remod kit, updated C/A, & more.
\$154,500 (P-600PL)



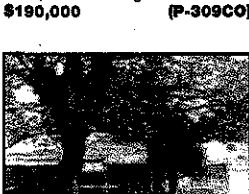
UPDATED COLONIAL Ready to move in! Remodeled in 2003, brick & vinyl exterior, updated windows, 4 bd, 2.5 updated baths, oak Kitchen w/appl's, 3 car Garage, extra large covered Deck, & private yard.
\$239,900 (P-800HA)



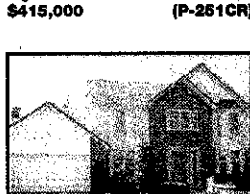
SUPER STARTER Turn key home w/super open floor plan, remod kit, hwd in Liv Rm, updated furnace, C/A, hwh, windows, roof, large Deck, & oversized double lot.
\$124,500 (P-688JA)



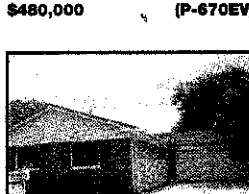
TURN KEY HOME Beautifully decorated home w/remod bath, new windows, furnace, C/A, electric, copper plumb, new oversized 2.5 car Garage w/hwt & 220. Nicely finished bsmt, huge Deck & tucked nicely in sub.
\$147,500 (P-340MA)



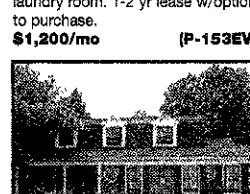
BEYOND FABULOUS Completely updated 3 bd, 2 bath ranch, acre lot, updated Kitchen, refined hwd floors, updated bath, finished bsmt w/bath, new paint, updated carpet, doors & windows.
\$150,000 (P-394MA)



ONE LOOK IS ALL IT WILL TAKE! Spectacular home nestled in Northville's popular Maple Hill Sub. Open Foyer w/crown, gourmet Kitchen w/nook & doorwall to huge Deck, Fam Rm w/frpl, & so much more.
\$325,000 (P-870MA)



COME FALL IN LOVE! Totally spectacular home nestled in Northville's popular Maple Hill Sub. Open Foyer w/crown, gourmet Kitchen w/nook & doorwall to huge Deck, Fam Rm w/frpl, & so much more.
\$200,000 (P-388MO)



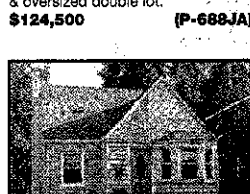
PUT THIS AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST! Lovely home backing to 3.5 acre common area. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, updated roof, siding, windows, furnace, in-house surround system, finished lower level w/rec room & wetbar, 1st flr laundry, & more.
\$318,000 (P-025MU)



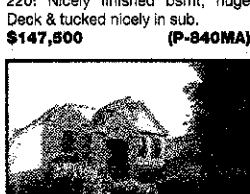
CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL Fabulous home on 1/2 acre lot. 3200 sq ft, 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 1st flr Master w/Jacuzzi tub, floor to ceiling windows, granite, marble, cherry Kitchen w/stain steel appl's, & convenient location.
\$550,000 (P-362NO)



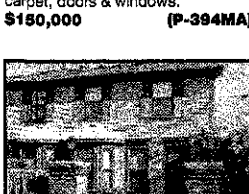
WOW! Best describes this colonial located in Northville w/hwd floors, gourmet Kitchen w/stain steel appl's, beautiful Master, princess suite, jack n jill bath, huge finished bsmt, 2 story Great Rm, & so much more.
\$449,900 (P-904PA)



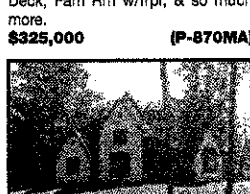
GREAT BERKLEY LOCATION Over 1000 sq ft in this updated bungalow w/hwd floors, coved ceiling, updated bath, spacious Master w/WIC, finished bsmt, fenced yard, & updated siding, gutters, windows, & paver walkway.
\$179,900 (P-827PR)



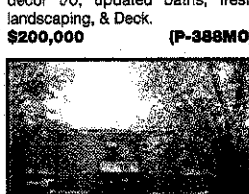
BEAUTIFUL WINDSOR MODEL Much sought after Fox Run sub offers this fabulous home w/2 story Foyer, living, island Kitchen, Butler's Pantry, nook, custom Deck overlooking pond, commons area, & prof landscaping.
\$350,000 (P-142RE)



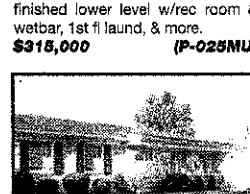
OUTSTANDING CONDO Great location in complex near pool & clubhouse. Private courtyard entrance, newer windows, updated Kitchen, new molding, blinds, roof, hwh & sump pump. Everything is ready for you!
\$127,500 (P-382SD)



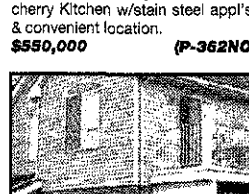
3.5 ACRE WOODED LOCATION Immaculate estate nestled in gated community. Kitchen w/porcelain tile & granite, 1st flr laundry, Great Rm w/frpl, 1st flr Master w/jacuzzi tub, 5 car Garage & too much more to list.
\$750,000 (P-908TU)



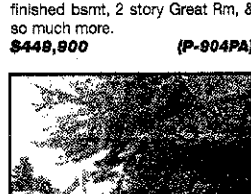
SPACIOUS CONDO 1st floor condo just steps away from Laurel Park shopping. Well maintained, in unit laundry w/new washer & dryer, 1200 sq ft. & more.
\$115,000 (P-312UN)



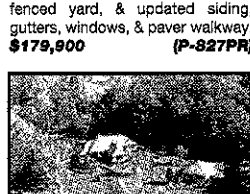
IMMACULATE LIVONIA RANCH 3 bd, 2.5 bath brick ranch within walking distance to Laurel Park. Large fenced yard w/Patio, updated furn, puron C/A, driveway, open floor plan, finished bsmt w/rec room & bath, & 2 car Garage.
\$279,900 (P-643VA)



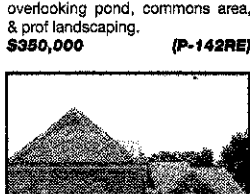
WOW! Beautiful 2 bd, 2 bath townhouse in move in condition. All appliances stay, upper balcony, open floor plan, recessed lighting, & 1 car att Garage. 1 yr lease w/option to buy.
\$1,150/mo (P-574WH)



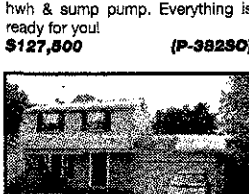
LIKE NEW! Impeccably clean & well maintained home. Family Rm w/frpl, French doors lead to Deck, vinyl insulated windows, new furnace, hwh, C/A, & gutters. Walk to schools & park.
\$204,900 (C-611WH)



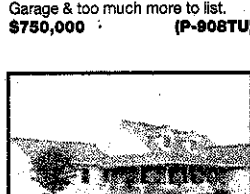
CUSTOM BUILT RANCH 3 bd, 3.5 bath ranch on 3.5 acres in Salem Twp. Dramatic entry, extra wide halls, Gourmet Kit w/Viking cooktop & granite, Master w/frpl, walkout bsmt, & 30x40 heated Garage.
\$750,000 (P-302WI)



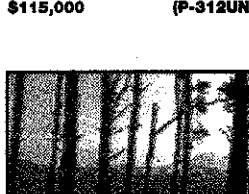
STUNNING COLONIAL Gorgeous Windswept farms offers this 4 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod w/granite island Kitchen, nook, Liv Rm w/frpl, formal Dining, 1st flr Master w/bath, Patio, Deck, & on almost an acre!
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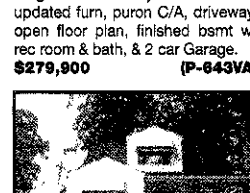
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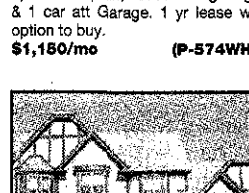
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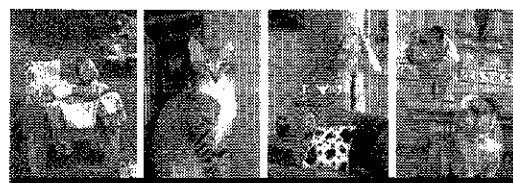
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BERKLEY PARKING LOT SALE. Odd Fellow Antiques, 3248 W 12 Mile. Aug 15-16, 8-6pm. Aug 17, 8:30-noon. Antiques, collectibles & misc.

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BLOOMFIELD TWP. Aug. 11, 9-4:30pm. 430 Wooddale Rd., N. of Maple, E. of Lasher. Household, clothing, sports equip. & antiques.

BLOOMFIELD TWP. Fri.-Sat., 10-4. Clothing, household, some furniture, books, toys. 1974 Dell Rose, Square Lake, btwn Middlebelt & Telegraph.

CANTON 2482 Amber Drive, Sheldon & Palmer. Aug. 10 & 11th., 9-5pm. Clothing, household, dryer, golf clubs, & collectibles.

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CANTON Friday & Saturday. August 10 & 11, 9 am - 5 pm. 4049 Timberline Ct.

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CANTON- Thurs-Sun. Aug. 11 thru Sept.30, 8am-dusk. 4640 S. Sheldon, Canton Ctr/ Mich Ave. Stall shower new w/d. Plus womens clothes, etc.

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FARMINGTON HILLS 30000 Fox Club, N. of 13, W. of Drake. Aug. 9-11, 9-4pm. Moving Sale- with furniture, tools, treadmill, antique crystal & china.

FARMINGTON HILLS 33929 Old Timber Rd., Fri-Aug-10, Sat. Aug. 11, 9-4pm. Housewares, clothing, fashion jewelry at wholesale prices.

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FARMINGTON HILLS - Misc stuff, Fri and Sat, 8-6pm. 32351 Sprucewood, 13 Mile and Chesterbrook.

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family. 36161 Crompton Circle, Btwn. Grand River & 11 mile and Halstead & Drake. Aug. 10 & 11, 9-5pm.

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Garden City Multi-Family. Baby clothes, household items, furniture, toys. Thurs-Sat., 8-4pm, 31625 Warren 10k. W. of Merriman.

LIVONIA 13979 Hubbard. 3 family sale. Household items, clothes, appliances, exercise equipment, figure skates, stacked washer-dryer. 9am-3pm. Thurs. 8-9 - Sat. 8-11.

LIVONIA 20155 Southampton, off Gill, S of 8 Mile, Aug. 9 & 10, 9am-4pm. Housewares, Toys, Kids' clothes, Baby and more!

LIVONIA 32643 Meadowbrook, 5 Mile & Merriman, Aug. 9-11, 10-4pm. EVERYTHING FROM A TO Z!

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LIVONIA 35649 W. Chicago, off Plymouth & Wayne, Aug. 10-11, 9-5. Various household items, furniture, children's toys and clothing, etc...

LIVONIA 36066 Hees, N. of Joy, E. of Newburgh. Aug. 9, 11, 9-5. Household items, furniture, gas stove, pond pumps, collectibles, Christmas, etc...

LIVONIA 37545 Munger, S. of 6 Mile & W. of Newburgh. Aug. 9-12, 9-5pm. Lg. & small clothing, glassware of all kinds, dishes, small appliances, some furniture, flea market stuff.

LIVONIA Aug. 9-10, 9am-4pm. 38628 Tuscany Ct., S. of 5 Mile, E. of Haggerty/275. Lots of kids' toys, clothes including large sizes plus misc.

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NOVI 22221 Picadilly Circle, Chase Farms. Video games, boy's toys. Fri/Sat., 8-10/11th.

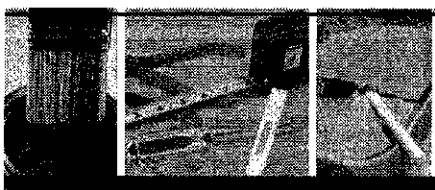
NOVI Garage Sale Aug. 9-11, 8am-4pm. 41240 Clermont (off Meadowbrook). Toys, Furniture, Books, some Tools, Videos, Misc. Items.

OXFORD GARAGE/MOVING SALE 1094 Watersmeet Drive, Oxford, MI 48371. Everything Must Go! Saturday, August 11, 9am-5pm.

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WORKWISE
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No, I'm not talking about money, severance, benefits, whatever. I'm talking about easing a person out so that he realizes that he's already made the choice. While the end result may be the same, we're talking about a major difference. One management consultant would actually suggest two options: "With my own kids I would give them the choice: 'You can go to bed or you can take a bath and go to bed.' Same holds true. You can either stay and be miserable, or we can work out a way for you to get happy, outside of the organization."

VENTING AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Psychologist Elinor Robin, Florida Supreme Court-certified mediator and mediation trainer, specializes in workplace conflict. Here is her prescription:

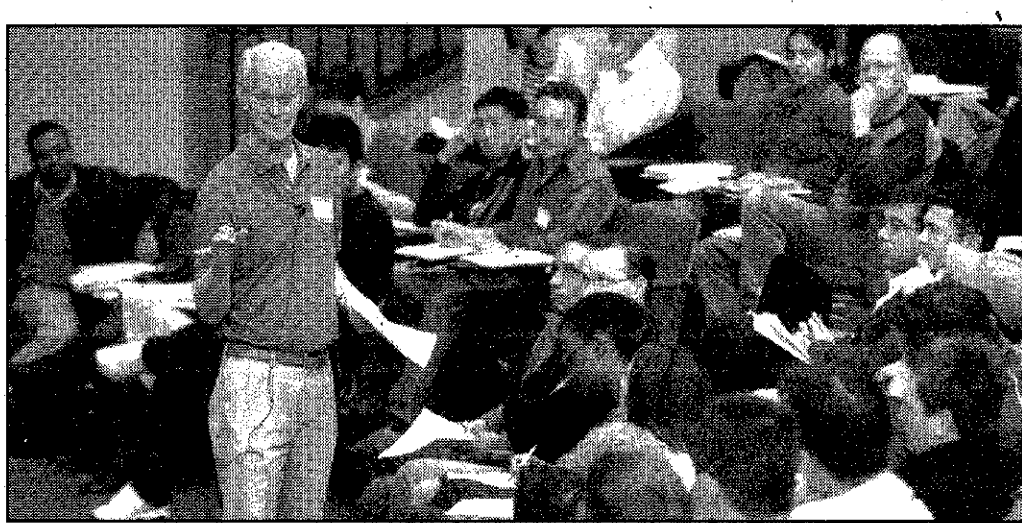
-- Without assassinating the person's character, describe what you've observed that suggests that the person is unhappy, burned out or harming the team.

-- Ask whether your statements are accurate and complete or whether you've overlooked anything.
-- Offer to help.
-- Listen intently to the response.
Robin points out that this strategy makes it obvious to the person that others have figured out what's occurring and that it's time to change or duck out.

In some cases, people may be miserable as a result of company changes that now make the person a poor fit, according to Marshall Goldsmith, author of "What Got You Here Won't Get You There" (Hyperion, \$23.95). In other cases, the wrong person may be on board at the wrong company or the correct company at the wrong time. There may be no fault on either side.

He writes that in cases where there is fault, people "have no idea how their behavior is coming across to the people who matter -- their bosses, colleagues, subordinates, customers and clients... (when their) inner compass of correct behavior has gone out of whack." Taking a sales-oriented approach, Goldsmith states that influencing the person to resign might create the desired result. He cautions against laying a trap, which creates an adversarial relationship. Instead, he suggests that you explain that the situation just isn't working, and why. If the person's reaction is a combative, "Tough," you have to find a way to sell him off the project or the premises.

"The problem here is a power problem," Goldsmith continues. The trick is to find a way to influence him so that



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PHOTO: Marshall Goldsmith lectures at the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley. He advocates using "influence" to persuade a person to resign.

he'll agree that it's time to go. Like a good salesperson, you need to find out why he's motivated to remain. That way, you can sell to his needs. Figure out what his needs are even before the meeting.

Harrison Barnes would be more direct, especially if the person were job hunting, producing lackluster results or working against the organization. He is CEO of Pasadena's Juriscape, Inc., an organization with 15 companies and 700 employees nationwide in legal recruiting and student loans, among others. He recommends a "rapid" tactic consisting of meeting, requesting the person's resignation and reinforcing the frustrations that the person expresses.

"If performance isn't up to par," he says, "or the person is unhappy or doing negative gossiping, we ask what's wrong. Then we say, 'If you're really that unhappy, it seems as if you shouldn't be here.' Venting helps them see that they might not fit."

Robin, Goldsmith and Barnes use different tactics to achieve the same result -- compelling the individual to confront himself and his discomfort and to take action. Their methods help the person see, when the red carpet is rolled up, that leaving is a two-way street.

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Report highlights housing struggles

The U.S. housing market continues to struggle under a cloud of sharp drops in housing demand and an oversupply of stock according to this year's State of the Nation's Housing report from the Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies. After years of setting records, housing starts and sales fell in 2006 and are on track to end this year even lower. Homebuyers on the margin of qualifying for mortgage loans finally pulled out of the market despite the availability of creative mortgage products that helped them keep up with higher house prices. "As buyers left, home sales fell and house price appreciation slowed in some areas and fell in other areas. Investors and second homebuyers also started to leave. The air went out of the inflated housing market as higher home prices and interest rates finally tempered demand," explained Nicolas P. Retsinas, director of the Joint Center for Housing Studies. "Many buyers are now waiting on the sidelines hoping prices will fall."

The problems in the housing market put an end to the big lift that the economy enjoyed since the 2001 recession. In the latter half of 2006, the drop in home building was so drastic that it shaved more than a full percentage point off national economic growth. Though builders cut back on housing starts, the numbers of vacant homes for sale rose by more than 500,000 from the fourth quarter of 2005 to the fourth quarter of 2006 and continued to rise in the first quarter of 2007. Meanwhile, the tightening of credit standards in the wake of worse than anticipated subprime loan performance is further dampening demand. It is unclear how the wave of subprime loans with steep initial discounts that originated at much lower interest rates will perform when the discounts expire and the loans reset to higher interest rates. Already, homes entering foreclosure increased by about 75,000 from the fourth quarter of 2005 to the fourth quarter of 2006. Until some of the excess inventory is absorbed by the demand cycle and credit conditions stabilize, housing will

continue to struggle and home prices will fall in more areas.

Still, the nation's largest housing challenge remains housing affordability.

"In just one year the number of households spending more than half their income on housing increased a startling 1.2 million to 17 million in 2005," noted Rachel Drew, research analyst.

"Even if prices or rents soften for a period of time, the nature of US labor markets, the regulatory restrictions imposed on residential development, and the fiscal limits of government assistance to cost-burdened households will make affordability a long-term challenge." Some Americans try to escape these cost burdens by taking longer commutes and incurring higher travel costs, while others double up or live in substandard housing or undesirable neighborhoods. The prospects for a substantial easing of these problems are unfortunately dim.

In time, housing markets will recover. "While it will take time to work out current loan problems and work off the oversupply of homes, the long-term outlook for residential investment remains strong," said Eric S. Belsky, executive director of the Joint Center.

Q. The president of our condo association is fairly outspoken and runs the annual meeting like an egomaniac. Our attorney was present at a meeting and, in my judgment, was humiliated by the president because the president interfered with the attorney's ability to present his report, and now the attorney wants to resign. Do you have any comments?

A. Certainly, the president or chairman of the meeting has certain prerogatives in regard to running the meeting. If the attorney is present, he should provide the attorney with the courtesy of allowing him to present his or her position. If the attorney is consulting during the meeting with the president, the president should not necessarily disclose those



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comments to the membership. While it is always best to provide a united front, the attorney had every reason to consider withdrawing as counsel if, in fact, he was undermined by his own client at the annual meeting.

Q. Our association has financial problems and is seeking a loan as opposed to an additional assessment. Do you have any comments that we should be thinking about before entering into the process?

A. It may be a good idea to borrow money, but be careful about with whom you do business. I have had situations where condo associations have been led to believe that they would be receiving a loan, go through the process of actually approving the loan process through a vote of the homeowners when required, then find that the loan officer who secured an application fee reneges on his commitment to provide the loan. Make sure that the loan commitment is in writing before you take any action and make sure that your attorney is intricately involved in the loan process. Unfortunately, some companies attempt to induce

people to borrow money without any expectation of providing them with the loan and these unscrupulous salespersons should be appropriately sanctioned and avoided.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



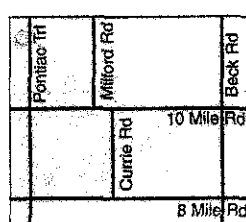
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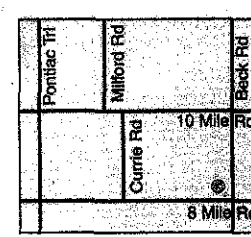


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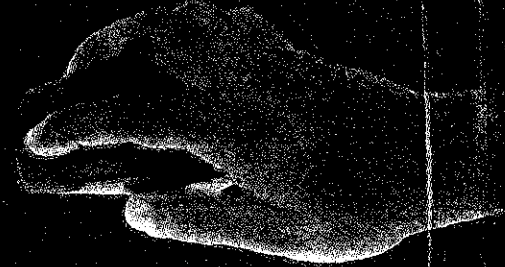


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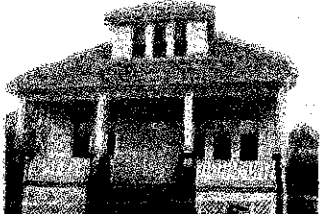
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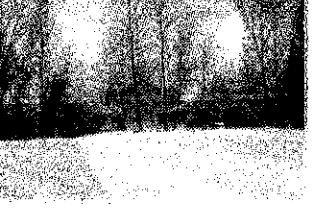
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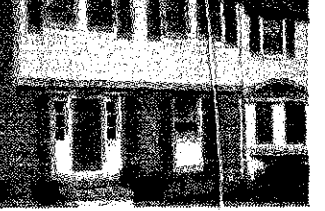
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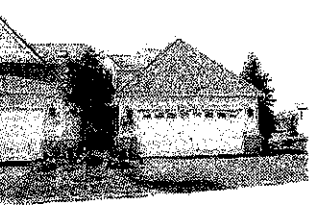
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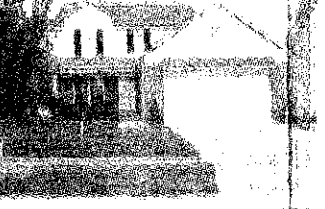
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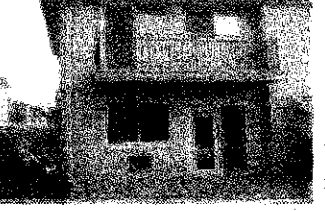
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Ferris State linebacker riding high

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Prior to the start of Ferris State's first preseason football practice, linebacker Jeff Hollandsworth decided he and some friends would get away and spend a couple of days at Cedar Point, the Ohio amusement park.

It was time for a little fun. Thrill rides and roller coasters before the gruelling two-and-a-half weeks of two-a-days under the hot sun.

The Livonia Stevenson grad, a red-shirt junior, is one of the leaders of a veteran defense which hopes to catapult the Bulldogs to their first NCAA Division II playoff berth since 1995.



Hollandsworth

Preseason expectations are high in Big Rapids. The Bulldogs are coming off an 8-3 season, including a 7-3 record in arguably the toughest Division II league in the nation - the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

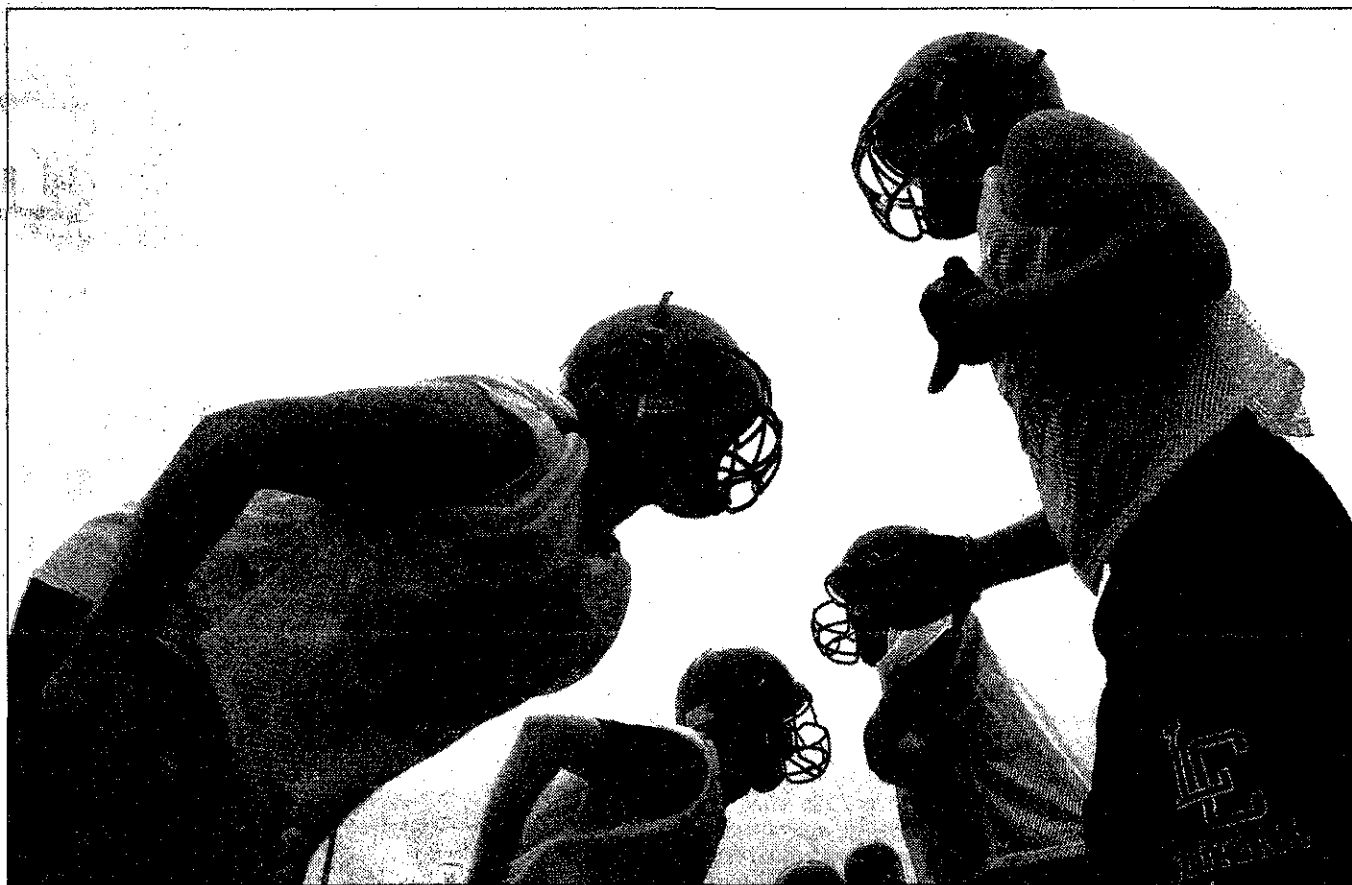
Ferris State is ranked No. 18 preseason nationally by the Lindy's annual college football publication, but only fourth in the GLIAC coaches poll behind defending Division II champion Grand Valley State and perennial conference contenders Northwood and Saginaw Valley State.

"This year we're looking to pick up where we left off," said Hollandsworth, the Bulldogs' third-leading tackler the past two seasons. "We're expected to do real well. And if we have a good year, we could be at the top of the conference. All of our defensive linemen are back (including All-America Jake Visser). We have some new guys at linebacker, but we're still solid. The secondary is young."

When the Ferris State defense is on the field, it's a good bet No. 59 will emerge from the pile of players and be credited with the tackle.

To use a few Cedar Point analogies, the 6-foot, 235-pound Hollandsworth often Corkscrews through blockers, creates Chaos and plays with a Mean Streak.

Last year in 10 games,

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Churchill football players work on their tackling form as practices started up throughout the area this week.

Grid action heats up

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Bob Snell had to ditch his trusty sunglasses with the Eagle design because they took a bit of a beating last year. "They got scratched up," said the veteran Redford Thurston varsity head football coach.

But about 100 Eagles players who will comprise Thurston's freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams came out for Monday's first official workout and did just fine despite humid weather and scorching Field Turf.

"It's a little hotter on the (turf) field, but that's OK," said Snell, whose players took part in the first-ever opening day practice on the year-old surface.

Thurston players, clad in helmets, shirts and shorts but not able to wear full pads until Thursday (per MHSAA regulations), went through the paces in various fundamentals drills that mostly emphasized timing and agility.

"It wasn't that bad," Snell said. "It was cloudy all morning during the first session, and there was no problem (with



Redford Thurston's Bob Snell presided over first-day workouts without the trademark 'Eagles' sunglasses he wore in previous years (above).

the heat) at all. Around 1 p.m. the sun popped out. But we've been conditioning all summer and that's why the heat doesn't hurt them that much."

Snell said the opening practice went "pretty typical, it was a very smooth day for the first day, really."

Also on Monday were opening-day workouts at Redford Union, Garden City and Redford Covenant.

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RU varsity head football coach Miles

Tomasaitis said about 80 players were being closely monitored by coaches and trainers to make sure they weren't getting overheated.

"It has been hot, but we're keeping a close eye on kids weights and water consumption," Tomasaitis said.

Before and after every practice, players are weighed. If somebody loses three percent or more of their total body weight, they are kept out of subsequent workouts.

"Some kids have been on the cusp," he continued. "But no kids have been held out yet."

Garden City players such as freshmen Jon Frost and Koby Richardson (both expected to play on the JV) either poured ice water over their heads or drank it in attempts to stay cool. Coaches also made sure they did just that.

"With it being so hot and muggy, there's a ton of water breaks," noted Cougars varsity head football coach Mike Salter. "We're making sure we're keeping a good eye on our kids."

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Rams squander golden chance

The Michigan Rams couldn't close the deal in Tuesday's second-round matchup in the 20-and-under All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

Johnstown Realty of Altoona erased an 8-3 deficit, rallying for 11 runs in the top of the ninth inning to stun the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representative, 14-10, at Lilly Field.

Altoona collected five hits and took advantage of six walks and a hit batter to earn the comeback win and stay in the winner's bracket of the 16-team tournament.

Rams starting pitcher Ryan Gunderson pitched 7.1 innings, allowing just three

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runs on five hits and six walks. But relievers Steve Karchefski, Bobby Henderson and Justin Mazur couldn't hold the lead.

Henderson, who faced just five batters, gave up five runs on one hit, three walks and hit a batter in taking the loss. The Catholic Central High grad did not get an out.

Austin Horman went 2-for-5 with three RBI to lead Altoona. Tyler Stiffler added two hits and two RBI, while Kevin Scholley also knocked in two runs.

Reliever J.D. Mason, who worked the final five innings, allowing five runs on

seven hits, four walks and a hit batter, got the victory.

The Rams outlit Altoona, 14-10, in the loss as Andrew Stafford went 3-for-6, while Mike Wiseman, Nick Urban and Max Kelmigian each contributed two hits and two RBI. Kyle Gendron also went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Ryan Shay knocked in two runs. Kyle Hurtt contributed the other RBI.

Rams roll in opener

In Monday's AAABA opener at Revloc Field, the Rams built a 9-0 lead and took

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McCurley wins City Challenge on clutch 'bird'

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Tiger Woods wasn't the only golfer to enjoy a great week of golf.

Zack McCurley enjoyed quite a week himself.

On July 31, the Canton native and senior-to-be at Belleville High captured his first Adams Junior Tour event, shooting a 72 to win the Boys 16 and up age division at the JAWS Classic held at Stone Ridge G.C. in Bowling Green, Ohio.

And over the weekend, McCurley won the 2007 City Golf Challenge

Championship at Fellows Creek by defeating Westland's Brian Harnos, a Garden City H.S. grad, with a birdie on the third hole of a sudden death playoff to earn overall medalist honors.

"This year my turnaround is just practicing more and dedicating more to the game of golf," said McCurley, who shot rounds of 72 and 71 for a two-day total of 143 (1-under par). "I just felt if I stuck to my game, I had a chance of winning. My short game - getting up and down - is normally what I do best."

Harnos, who forced a playoff with a 143 total, matched McCurley on the first two par-4 holes on the south side course, but

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Bucks reach PDL title match again

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

Michael Holody is never going to relinquish his secret on which way he goes when taking a penalty kick.

That's a good thing.

Holody converted his penalty kick in the fifth round of a shootout Saturday night at Lake Orion High School, good enough to send the Michigan Bucks to a 5-4 edge in the extra session and a 2-1 victory over the Brooklyn Knights in the USL Premier Developmental League national semifinals.

The Bucks, the defending national champions owned by Livonia native Dan Duggan, will face host Laredo Heat at 9:30 p.m. EDT Saturday for the title. The Bucks (15-4-3, 13-2-3) defeated Laredo 2-1 in last year's title match held in Texas.

"I don't want to give it away, but I always know which way I'm going when I go up

there," Holody, a Clarkston native and current University of Michigan standout, said about the shootout. "I was pretty confident."

Holody's game-winner was set up after goalkeeper Steve Clark (Oakland) stopped the Knights' second man in the shootout, Danny Drogai, formally of Schoolcraft College.

All five of the Bucks' shootout selections - Kenny Uziogwe, Nik Djokic (Livonia Stevenson), Eric Brunner, Ty Shipalane and Holody - converted their attempts.

Clark was brilliant during the two 45-minute halves and 30 minutes of overtime, finishing with seven saves, including a pair of acrobatic, leaping stops to preserve the 1-1 tie heading into the penalty-kick tiebreaker. Among Clark's saves was one at 69:30 when he stopped Ricky Charles on a breakaway in the box. Charles is a member

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NEWTON PHOTOGRAPHY

Michigan Bucks defender Michael Holody, the hero in the shootout, helped defeat the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Knights, 2-1, Saturday night to advance to this weekend's Premier Developmental League men's soccer national title game in Laredo, Texas.

Sidelines

ThunderCats win

The ThunderCats advanced to the Division 2 championship game of the Metro Detroit Soccer League playoffs with a 2-0 win Sunday over top seeded Michigan Yemen Soccer Association.

Chris Popovski scored on a one-timer off a header from Michael Gotro for the game-winning goal in the second half. After ThunderCats' goalkeeper Nick Dordeski stopped a MYSA breakaway, teammate Steve Abernathy put the game away on a goal from Rich Keith.

Glenn cager signs

The Marygrove College men's basketball program announced the signing of three players including Westland John Glenn's Rob Jones, a 6-foot-4 forward who averaged 12 points per game for the Rockets, who captured the Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes Association.

Marygrove, a first-year NAIA members school, also added Rob McCarty of Warren Lincoln and Shane Averitte of Armada.

Area golf divots

■ Canton's Zach Conrad fired a 75 to finish third in the Boys 13-14 age group in the Meijer Junior Players Tour (event No. 20) held Aug. 2 at Stonehedge Golf Course in Augusta.

■ Jackson Koert of Sparta defeated Garden City's Hagan Risner, 1-up to win the Charles Watson Memorial Match Play event, Aug. 1-3, at Stonebridge G.C. in Ann Arbor.

■ Josh Proben, a Livonia Churchill High senior, shot 73-73 to place third last weekend at the Southfield Open held at Beech Woods and Evergreen courses.

Hole-in-one club

Garden City's Lance Antrobus, using a 5-iron, aced the 196-yard, No. 5 hole, Saturday, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

It was the first hole-in-one for Antrobus, who has been golfing 11 years.

Meet CHS teams

Livonia Churchill High's annual Meet the Team Night, for all 2007-08 athletes and their parents, will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 at James P. Carli Auditorium.

This will be the only group meeting of the year as opposed to the previous three times yearly format. All athletes and their parents should attend.

For more information, call the Churchill athletic department at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

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Hollandsworth racked up 43 solo tackles and 37 assists after recording 38 solo and 53 assists in his first season for the Bulldogs after being red-shirted his freshman year.

Hollandsworth recovered from off-season shoulder surgery, but suffered a setback during rehab when he broke his hand from a fall while lifting weights. He was in a cast for eight weeks, but has been cleared to begin practice.

"Jeff's gone through some adversity, but he's done a great job overcoming those challenges," FSU head coach Jeff Pierce said. "Jeff has a tremendous work ethic and with another year's experience has emerged as a competitive player at this level. It's not only his work ethic, but his competitiveness. There's no player who gives more than Jeff."

The year he spent practicing as a freshman prepared him for the rigors of the GLIAC and now his has emerged as one of the Bulldogs' integral parts.

"He's among an excellent group of leaders in a group that we look up to in this program," Pierce said. "He leads more by example than being a vocal, or rah-rah type of guy."

Hollandsworth was among a group of 40-plus players who spent the summer lifting, running and working out while reporting for a five-day-a-week, 9-to-5 job on campus.

"It's good commitment, we feel like we have a chip on our shoulder and have something to prove," said the former All-Observer pick. "We're not cocky, but we're confident. We hope to turn a few heads and see what we can do."

For Hollandsworth, who is majoring in marketing and sales, there's always room for improvement.

"Personally, I have to get better against the run, get more tackles for loss, more sacks," he said. "I have to be better as a run support stopper."

Hollandsworth comes from a football family. His uncle Rob played at Central Michigan (1973-74), as did his father Tim, who enjoyed a four-year career while earning All-Mid-American Conference honors as a linebacker (1979) for the 10-0-1 Chippewas during his senior year.

"My dad gives me a lot of advice, he has a lot to tell me, and I listen," Jeff said. "He knows the position, but he lets me do my thing. He says a lot of things and he encourages me."

With his injuries behind him, Jeff Hollandsworth is ready for the dog days of pre-season camp.

"The toughest thing is the two-a-days, in general - all the drills - it wears you down" he said.

But before preseason camp starts, Hollandsworth had to enjoy a little fun, take one more ride on the Demon Drop and the Wicked Twister.

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The Junior Girls East all-stars won their game, 26-16, the first of three hard-hitting contests played at Devon-Aire Park on July 28.

Devon-Aire flair

Livonia league toasts 49 years of softball with games, picnic

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds came out to Devon-Aire Park in Livonia on July 28 to enjoy the culmination of the 49th year of the Devon-Aire Softball League.

Families and friends gathered there to witness a fun

tripleheader of season-ending all-star games (for the Junior Boys, Junior Girls and co-ed Seniors) while munching on

tasty free hot dogs donated by Dearborn Sausage Co. and enjoying other refreshments provided by various league sponsors and volunteers.

But the softball games and community-wide camaraderie promise to be even better in 2008.

"Next year's our 50th anniversary and we want to go big," said Livonia's Tom Wood, coach of the Drifters (Junior Boys division) and Guys & Dolls (co-ed senior division). "Right now, we're going to get committees together and start brainstorming."

Wood, along with league president Anthony Perez and others, undoubtedly can't wait to begin the task of contacting as many former players and coaches as possible to make sure the 2008 picnic is a major success. (Perez said those inter-

ested in the 50th celebration should e-mail him at mistergraphics1@yahoo.com or call Wood at 734-427-3095.)

According to Perez, the longevity of the non-profit league has a lot to do with families who have stayed involved through the decades. For example, his 18-year-old daughter, Kara (a recent graduate of Livonia Franklin), started playing in the league as an 8-year-old. It wouldn't be too surprising if, down the road, she returns as a coach.

That's standard procedure with the league, Anthony Perez emphasized.

"I think its longevity has to do with the people," he said. "Basically, year-by-year we have new coaches that have come on and that carries on the tradition. Kids played, they stayed on a long time and then they leave and come back to coach. So it goes from generation to generation."

Knowing first-hand about long-term family involvement is Wood. He has a 9-year-old son, Steven, on the Drifters and two daughters (Sarah, 13; Rachel, 17) competing on the co-ed Guys & Dolls.

But he is just as enthusiastic about how kids between ages 7-12 in the two junior divisions and 13-18 in the senior division

get a lot more than just softball games for the season registration fee of \$40.

"This is fantastic," Wood said. "You couldn't end the season any better than this. The kids get together, the families get together. And for what we charge to play in the league, to be able to put out a full season of baseball and then put on a picnic like this is really nice. Plus, all the kids get trophies, not just the all-stars."

Speaking of the all-stars, all three games on July 28 had plenty of offensive excitement. In the first contest of the day, the Junior Girls West all-stars defeated the East team, 26-16. Game Two provided many more hits, with the Junior Boys East squad winning 15-7 over the West.

In the senior co-ed game that wrapped up the action, the West took care of the East, 10-6.

Meanwhile, although registration for the 2008 season won't begin until April, Perez said he couldn't delay in thanking all of the volunteers, sponsors and parents "whose support and encouragement we have received throughout this year. Without you, the success of our league would not be possible."

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of the Granada national team.

"Steve Clark played a great game; both goalkeepers did," Bucks second-year head coach Dan Fitzgerald said. "He has been like that all season, but this may have been his best game yet."

The Knights scored first at 14:10 in the first half. Taking advantage of a defensive lapse, Tarik Smith was left all alone at the top of the penalty box and he one-timed a blast that

eluded Clark inside the near post from 18 yards out.

That lead stood until the Bucks' Khelli Dube picked off a Brooklyn clearing attempt following a corner kick and his blast from 25 yards caromed off the left goal post, crossed the goal mouth and slammed off the right post before going into the net at 32:41. Knights goalkeeper Steven Diaz finished with eight saves heading into the shootout.

Michigan outshot Brooklyn 20-13, including 9-8 with shots directly on goal.

"I thought they had the play

more in the first half and us the second half," Fitzgerald said. "And we both had chances in overtime. That was a very good team, one of the best we've played."

Brooklyn held a slim 7-5 shot edge in the two overtime periods, but the Bucks had the better chances throughout the match. Twice Uzoigwe hit shots off the post, while another second-half blast from Djokic deflected off the crossbar.

"It's great to be going back," said Holody, who plays sweeper for the Bucks. "We're hoping the experience helps us."

a sacrifice and a run scored. Shay also knocked in a run, while Hurtt scored twice.

Troy Baldur went 2-for-4 with three RBI to pace Columbus. Jordan Smith, Shane Swearingin and Justin Wentworth each added two hits in the loss.

Losing pitcher Jared Strayer gave up eight runs on six hits, two walks and four hit batters in six innings of work.

Wayne Memorial High grad struck out five. Reliever Drew Churchward gave up one run on four hits and a walk during his two-inning stint.

The Rams played error-free defense and won despite being out-hit 10.

Frank Persichino went 2-for-5 with a double and two RBI to lead the Rams. Churchward added two RBI, while Urban went 2-for-4 with

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advantage of five Columbus (Ohio) Big Kat errors en route to an 11-4 triumph.

Winning pitcher Justin Collop (University of Toledo) pitched seven strong innings, allowing three runs on six hits and two walks. The

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McCurley sunk a 10-footer for birdie to take home the first place trophy giving him back-to-back titles for the week.

The City Challenge matched the top golfers from Westland, Wayne and Canton.

The five-some which included Harnos, who works for Westland Municipal G.C., Brian Gabbear (145), Mike Tolson (160), Ray Lanczki (160) and Josh Brist (161) gave Westland the title with a 769.

Wayne was runner-up with a total of 868 thanks to the efforts of Ted Salvatori (160), women's medalist Sandy Felan (161), Bill Hawley (162), Rick Stoner (169) and Darlene Hawley (216).

Canton's total of 915 was paced by Zack McCurley, his father Tim McCurley (151), Ken Eck (170), women's runner-up Lisa Bain (213) and Linda Grandfield (238).

Tim McCurley, a 4-handicapper, shot rounds of 77-74, but the accountant for the City of Wayne was upstaged by his son.

"It's on-and-off, but I've been 'on' more this year," Tim McCurley said of the father-son rivalry. "My dad's very good. He let's me do my thing. He's a go-with-the-flow type of guy."

Tim leans on his dad's friend and neighbor, Jerry Caldwell,



Zack McCurley (middle), the medalist in the 2007 City Golf Challenge, is flanked by father Tim McCurley (right) and Ken Eck (left), who finished second and third, respectively, among Canton golfers.

for advice, along with Pine View G.C. teaching pro Scott Schimmoller.

Tim McCurley helped his Belleville team to a second-place finish in last year's Mega Conference's White Division.

But he has loftier goals with year. After he plays in this week's Herb Fowler Junior Tournament at Huron Hills, McCurley begins his high school season.

"Last year I didn't qualify for 'state,' I'd like to get to 'states' this year and see how I do there," he said.

Another week like this, McCurley could be headed to the state tournament.

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MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Westland: 1. Brian Harnos, 143; 2. Brian Gabbear, 145; 3. (tie) Mike Tolson and Ray Lanczki, 160 each.

Wayne: 1. Ted Salvatori, 160; 2. Bill Hawley, 162; 3. Rick Stoner, 169.

Canton: 1. Zack McCurley, 143; 2. Tim McCurley, 151; 3. Ken Eck, 170.

MEN'S FIRST FLIGHT

Westland: 1. James McComb, 165; 2. Kelly Rickard, 167; Bob Decker, 190.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1. Sandy Felan, 161; Lisa Bain, 213.

WOMEN'S SENIOR FLIGHT

1. Virginia Sexton, 208; 2. Darlene Hawley, 216; 3. Linda Grandfield, 238.

MEN'S SUPER SENIOR FLIGHT

1. Bob Weibel, 176.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

CC inductees

Longtime Novi-Detroit Catholic Central wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez, along with former varsity basketball coach and football defensive coordinator Rick Coratti, will be among 2007 class of 15 inductees into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Sunday, Sept. 16 at Central Michigan University.

A banquet and awards ceremony, which begins at 1 p.m., will be at the Terrace Room of CMU's Student Services Building.

The MHSCA will also honor Don Lessner, Executive Director, of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association as a Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be order from Dan McShannock, executive secretary, 4709 Pinewood Drive, Midland, MI 48640.

For more information, call McShannock at (989) 835-5609.

Tommy Titan Tune-up

The third annual Tommy Titan Tune-up will be Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The race is open to runners of all ages and ability levels, and is a prelude to the 21st annual Running Fit/Tommy Titan Invitational in September.

The women's cross country race, long (5,600 meters) and short (3,330 meters) courses will run concurrently, starts at 6:30 p.m. The men's long and short course concurrent races follow at 7:15 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per entrant. Team rates are \$25 (six to 14 runners) and \$50 (15 or more). Coaches with teams entered run at no charge. Teams planning on attending with more than five runners should send in a team roster prior to Aug. 15. There is no team scoring. Awards will be determined and given in the chute.

Detroit cross country T-shirts are available for \$10.

For more information, call University of Detroit Mercy coach Guy Murray at (313) 993-1724; or e-mail murray-gr@udmercy.edu.

Churchill Pompon

The ninth annual Livonia Churchill varsity pompon clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 25, at the high school gym (located on Newburgh between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail).

The cost is \$35 per person

includes T-shirt, music CD and snack.

Participation is limited to the first 100 registrants.

Participants will be invited to perform their routine at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at a Churchill varsity boys soccer game.

For more information, call Robin Schwarz at (734) 464-0556.

Big Day tickets

The Westland John Glenn Booster Club is offering discounted pre-sale tickets at \$7 for students and \$9 for adults for the Big Day III Prep Football Showdown when the Rockets take on Livonia Franklin beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 24, at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

The all-day ticket includes admission for the Warren Cousino-Fraser game at 2 p.m. followed by the Allen Park-Detroit Finney game at 5 p.m.

The Glenn Boosters will offer the advanced tickets at the south entrance of the school from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9; 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 11, and 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16 during Glenn's home four-way scrimmage between Southgate, Trenton and Algonac.

Tickets at the gate are \$10 for students and adults. (Children 5-and-under are free).

Youth baseball tryouts

■ The Michigan Bulldogs Baseball Club will be holding tryouts for their new U10 team for the 2008 season from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, Aug. 11 and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 at Bicentennial Park, Diamond 6 in Livonia. Players not turning 11 prior to May 1, 2008 are eligible. For more information, contact Scott Linsner at (734) 740-7498 or e-mail coachscott@michiganbulldogbaseball.com.

■ Garden City's Michigan Blue Thunder U11 boys travel tournament baseball team will hold tryouts for the 2008 season on the following dates: 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18; 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22.

All of the tryouts will be at the Garden City Park Baseball Diamonds (Cherry Hill east of Merriman).

For more information, call (734) 756-1090.

■ Individual tryouts for the 2008 13-and-under WaCo Wolves, member of the Midwest Super League, will be staged throughout the month of August. The Wolves, who

will also play in a local league and travel to tournament in Tennessee, Kentucky and Nebraska, are seeking three highly-skilled and dedicated players.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820; or e-mail BJHWolves@aol.com.

■ The Livonia Travel Baseball Club, along with the Livonia Baseball & Softball Association, will stage 2008 tryouts for the following age groups for players who are committed to playing at a high level while preparing them for high school baseball.

Tryouts for the following age groups will be at Rotary Park (fields nos. 1 and 2) on Saturday, Aug. 25:

Under-9: 9-11 a.m.; under-10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; under-11, 1-3 p.m. (rain date is Sept. 8); Tryouts will also be held for the following age groups on Sunday, Sept. 9 at Rotary Park including: under-12: 10 a.m.-noon; under-13: noon to 2 p.m.; and under-14: 2-4 p.m. (rain date is Sept. 15).

Players ages are determined as of May 1, 2008. Arrive 30 minutes early to register and warm-up.

For more information, call Bruce Rosen at (313) 531-0721; or e-mail mblr1218@aol.com.

Fastpitch tryouts

Tryouts for the 2008 Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball teams will be held two different weekends including 10 a.m. to noon (10- and 12-and-under) and 1-3 p.m. (14-, 16- and 18-and-under) Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 1-2 and Sept. 8-9, at Bicentennial Park (fields nos. 9 and 10).

You need to attend just one of the four dates above in order to make a team. Non-residents are welcome. Additional teams are sought for each age division.

For more information, call Ken Jewell at (734) 266-9109; or e-mail kjewell@livonias-torm.com. Information is also posted on www.livonias-torm.com.

RU volleyball tryouts

Here comes the first sign that high school sports seasons are indeed changing.

With volleyball moving from the winter to fall, Redford Union varsity girls volleyball coach Marchelle Johnson is trying to inform those interested in playing this season that tryouts for the upcoming season are imminent.

All prospective RU players, whether looking to play varsity, junior varsity or freshman, are invited to attend fall tryouts on Monday, Aug. 13 at the

high school gym. Tryouts for the junior varsity and freshman teams will be 6-7:30 p.m. while varsity tryouts are slated from 7:30-9 p.m.

Athletes must bring a completed physical card in order to participate.

Those interested in the tryouts should contact Johnson at (313) 300-2131.

Run Thru Hell

The Pinckney Running Club will sponsor its annual Run Thru Hell, a 4.8- and 10-mile foot race beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Hell Creek Ranch, located on Cedar Lake at Patterson Lake Road.

Late registration is \$22.

Trophies will go to the top six finishers in each age group.

You can sign up online at www.gaultracemangement.com.

Call (734) 878-6640 for more information.

WYAA frosh football

Westland Youth Athletic Association still has openings for junior freshman football players, ages 7-8 (by Sept. 1). Junior freshman football is new to the Westland Youth Athletic Association and games will be played prior to regular games of the Westland Comets and Westland Meteors.

Registration is 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

For more information, call (734) 421-0640 or call Galen Huren (Meteors) at (734) 716-6047, Mark Simkow (Comets) at (734) 732-1176 or Keith DeMolay, (734) 516-9269.

Baseball lessons

The Bernie Carbo Pro Secrets Baseball Academy will be staging individual, small group and team skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

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Gavie Tourney signals another new year

The 71st annual John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament is slated for Monday, Aug. 20 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

The Detroit area is historically tied to the sport of bowling and "The Gavie" as it is more widely known, is certainly in the forefront of the tradition, history and stature of bowling in our own local scene.

In the early years, the event was tied closely to the Michigan State Fair, and there was always a big parade up Woodward Avenue from downtown to the Fairgrounds with local celebrities and star bowlers riding in open convertibles all the way.

The lifestyle was much different then, but bowling is still the same grand old game now as it was then, 10 pins felled by one ball is still a strike.

Years since his uncle John P. passed away, and he has now instituted a youth event which precedes the regular tournament by one day.

"We have the John Gavie tournament to kick off the bowling season, so I thought it would be a good idea to have the third annual Frank Gavie Scholarship Tournament to kick-off the season for the youth bowlers as well" said Frank said. "This year we are going to have PBA members, high school coaches and Lou Marquez, the master instructor from Turbo Tech, to give some coaching to any youth bowlers who would like to come in about an hour and a half before starting time."

The youth event features scholarship prize money in amounts of \$300, \$200 and \$100 for both boys and girls. In the regular adult team events, the senior division bowls with the 3 p.m. squad and the open and women's divisions will bowl with the 7 p.m. squad. Teams consist of five bowlers with an entry fee of \$20 per bowler.

■ The Metro Detroit U.S. Bowling Congress has devel-



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The Metro Detroit USBC will also be holding supply distribution and schools at the new office located at 28200 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village.

The next date will be 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Approximately 40 bowling centers in the jurisdiction have scheduled individual schools and supplies for their own leagues.

■ Roger Dalkin has announced his retirement as CEO of the USBC. He served in the original American Bowling Congress as CEO prior to the merger of ABC, WIBC, YABA and USA Bowling in which he was instrumental in bringing it all to reality. Thus ends a remarkable 30 years of service and leadership to the sport.

Kevin Dornberger will take the interim position of acting CEO while a search will be held for Dalkin's successor.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He recently won an award from the USBC in bowling writers competition for editorial category in 2006.

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Bryan Lerg named Spartans' captain; Jeff as an alternate

Cousins Bryan and Jeff Lerg figured prominently last spring in Michigan State's first NCAA Division I ice hockey championship since 1986.

The Lergs will also be at the forefront for the 2007-08 title defense as MSU coach Rick Comley named Bryan, a senior forward, captain of the Spartans.

Comley also announced that Jeff Lerg, a junior goaltender, will serve as an alternate captain along with senior forward Chris Mueller (Buffalo, N.Y.) and junior forwards Justin Abdelkader (Muskegon) and Tim Kennedy (Buffalo, N.Y.).

"Bryan had tremendous support from all of the players and coaching staff," Comley said in an MSU Web Site release. "He had been an excellent player for us for three years, and we expected that he will be an outstanding senior captain. We are all confident that Bryan will help us reach the goals that we

have set for our program." Bryan Lerg has appeared in 127 career games with the Spartans, and has 48 goals and 41 assists. As a junior, he led MSU with a career-best 23 goals and 13 assists to rank second on the team with 36 points. Lerg led the nation with eight game-winning goals and was named MVP as the Spartans captured their 11th Great Lakes Invitational Tournament.

"All of our guys have been working really hard this summer to make sure that we're prepared to come in and be ready to go once practice starts," Bryan Lerg said. "We're confident we can have an exciting season."

Jeff Lerg has excelled in each of his first two collegiate seasons, earning Central Collegiate Hockey Association MVP honors in 2006, while earning 2007 Midwest Regional MVP honors while securing a spot on the Frozen

Four All-Tournament team. He allowed just five goals in four NCAA Tournament games a year ago and owns a career 1.50 goals-against average and a .949 save percentage in six NCAA Tournament contests.

Last spring, Jeff Lerg was named USA Hockey College Player of the Year, MSU team MVP, and CoSIDA Academic All-District in 2006-07.

"Jeff Lerg is a guy whose main concern is team success - any of the individual stuff is nice to him, but he's really just concerned with helping our team win," Comley said. "With everything he's battled, he's always proven himself - and that makes him a guy that brings the team together."

MSU, which finished 26-13-3 overall in 2006-07, begins its season Saturday, Oct. 13 in Grand Forks, N.D. when it takes on the University of North Dakota in the US Hockey Hall of Fame Game.

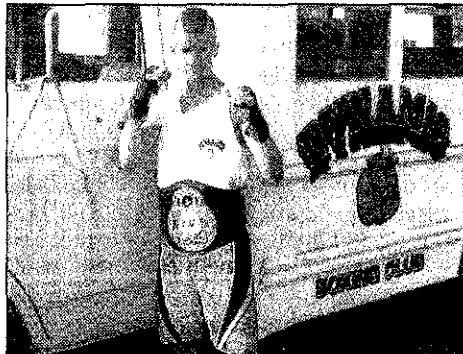


Champion'Ships' Ahoy!

The Plymouth-Canton Pirates 14U travel baseball team captured a pair of tournament titles this past summer. In May, they won the Northville Early Bird Tournament before taking first in the VanderCook Lake Summer Bash tournament last month. Pictured (back row from left) are Coach Bruce Price, Anthony Pappas, Devin Price, Dan Adsit, Austin Payne, (front row from left) Charles Ashton, Scott Devine, Alec Khouri, Jake Beauchamp, Alex Bodner, Adam Payne and Coach Denny Devine.

Dustin'em off

Dustin Brewer of Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club captured both of his bouts July 13-14 weekend. Brewer, who resides in New Boston, defeated Yousef Galaeb of Warriors Boxing the first night in Milford and earned the championship belt with a decision over Alexandro Castro at Palomino's Night Club in Detroit. Meanwhile, Dynamic's Josh Ivezaj lost a close decision to Glen Beck of Lansing, while teammate Willie Price (165 pounds) lost by decision to No. 1 nationally rated Ramon Valenzuela of Chicago, Ill. Dynamic Boxers are competing this week in Kansas City, Mo. at the Ringside World Championships.



Cooperstown trip

The Livonia Baseball and Softball Association's boys 12-and-under travel team, sponsored by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, played nine games in seven days recently at the Cooperstown (N.Y.) Dreams Park Tournament. The squad, coached by Gerry Hool, Bruce Rosen, Dennis Russ and Cort Murdock, failed to place, but it was an inexperience of a lifetime as they visited both the National Youth Baseball Hall of Fame and the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Team members include: Tom Hool, Zac Rosen, Matt Russ, Kevin Murdock, Jeff Thomas, Tony Wilson, Nick Lagerstrom, Nick Rutherford, Alex Frey, Dan Hensley, Ryan Baker and Mike Korte.

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Diesels stymie Patriots, 16-6

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG
CORRESPONDENT

Don't be fooled. The Detroit Diesels chalked up another North American Football League victory, this time against the Genesee County Patriots, 16-6, Saturday at Livonia Franklin High School.

Whereas one may look at the score and think that was a close game, it was actually about as close as California is to New York.

Genesee County couldn't squeeze out a first down until the second half. The Detroit

defense blanked out the Pats until there was 1:56 left in the contest, shutting down the inside run and harassing the Patriot quarterback into tossing five interceptions. The Genesee County score was set up by an interception return to the Diesel red zone.

Westland John Glenn graduate Randy Sinnott went 10-of-22 for 123 yards and two touchdowns, both going to Farmington High alum John Craven. Musa Odeh hit a short field goal and an extra point. Bob Curtis ran for 57 yards, and Wayne Memorial grad T.J.

Dillard ran for 53. Defensively, Anthony Price picked off two passes, safety Mark Carter had one, and Absalom Goode had a pick for the Diesels. Earl Blanchett had a sack for Detroit. The Diesels are 3-1 overall and 2-0-1 Great Lakes Region of the Northern Conference. Genesee falls to 1-2 in the Great Lakes. The Diesels will head on the road this Saturday to face the London Silverbacks (2-1, 2-1) at Labatt Field. They will return Aug. 18 at Franklin to face the Tri-City Titans.

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Talking Smack!

LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

You would think the guy would have learned by now. Earlier this year, Rory Sabbatini, after getting smoked by Tiger Woods, stated that "Tiger appears more beatable than ever." A ridiculous comment, after just getting patted by the world's number one.

History repeated itself at the Bridgestone Invitational this past weekend. Sabbatini led Woods by

one shot entering the final round and again opened his mouth -- in effect calling out Tiger again to beat him.

All Tiger did was go on to an eight stroke victory while playing head to head with Sabbatini in the days final group.

Sabbatini's comments notwithstanding, he is a breath of fresh air to the PGA Tour. Why shouldn't the guy believe in himself? Sure, he has yet to back it up against Woods head to head. But at least he is not afraid to speak his mind like so many others on the Tour.

Most others on tour from Phil Mickelson on down are too afraid to challenge Tiger mentally or physically and just wither away. At least Sabbatini has shown some metal in that department. He just has to transfer it to the golf course. Until then he still looks foolish.

Meanwhile Tiger enters this weeks final major of the year (The PGA) playing his best golf of the season. He is hitting fairways again. If he hits the fairways off the tee this week at Southern Hills he will win his first major of the year.

Jeff Lesson is a WWJ Sports Anchor/Reporter and host of the award winning feature "Lesson on Golf" on WWJ Newsradio 950 weekend mornings at 5:45, 6:45,

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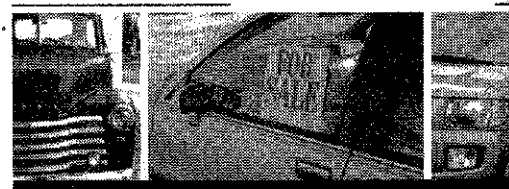
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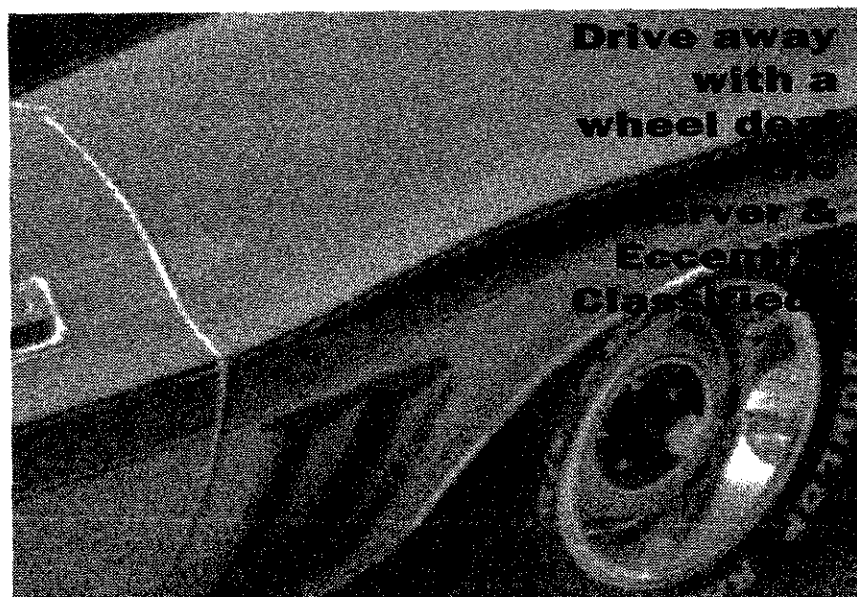
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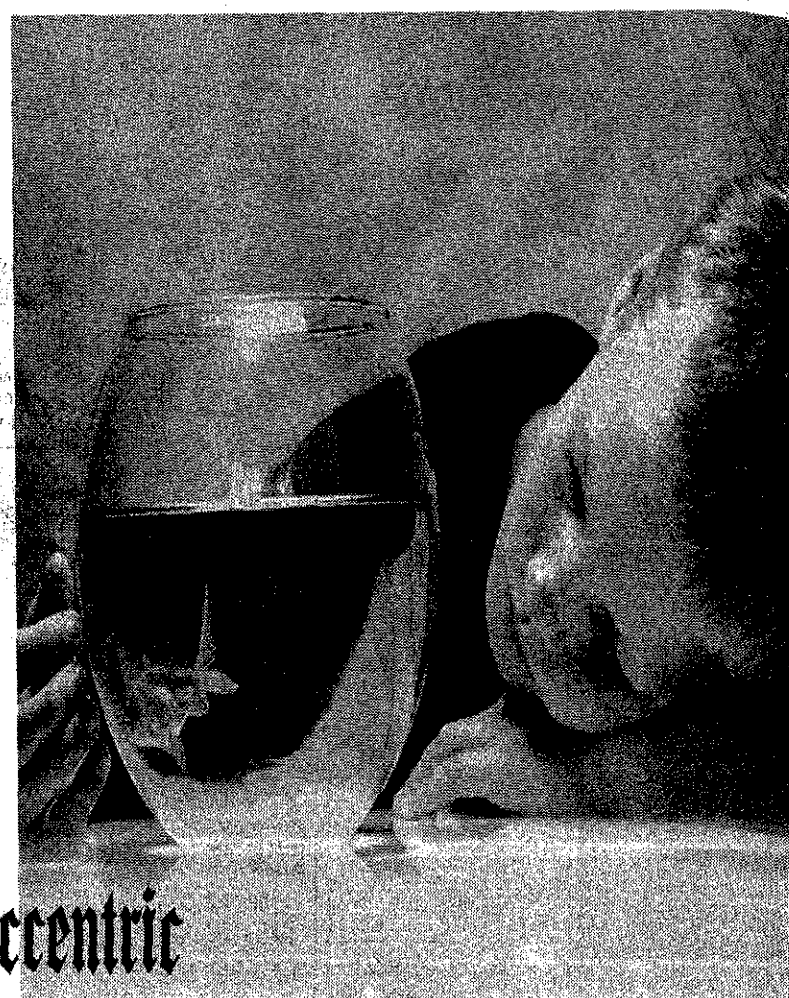
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Smartphones now showing a higher IQ

For the past few weeks I've been checking out some new smartphones, some of which really do live up to their names.

By my definition, a smartphone is any phone with a built-in keyboard, which makes it possible to compose e-mail and instant messages and even create or edit documents.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Many traditional cell phones support these functions, but trying to input text with a numeric keypad is a special kind of torture. No thanks.

As regular column readers know, I'm a dyed-in-the-wool Palm

user, so let's start with the Palm Treo 755p from Sprint. It's slightly slimmer than its predecessor, the 700p, but still on the bulky side. At least Palm managed to shave off that fat antenna nub.

Like all Palms, the 755p is extremely easy to use, great at managing personal data, and compatible with a huge library of software. I love the phone's dedicated ring/vibrate switch (why don't all phones have one?) and excellent Office-synchronization software.

I don't love the 755p's lack of Wi-Fi, below-average multimedia capabilities, and relatively high price: \$379.99 with a two-year contract. But it is without a doubt Palm's best Treo yet, and a great smartphone overall.

RIM BLACKBERRY 8830

I'm a bit less enamored with RIM's BlackBerry 8830 from Verizon (\$299 with a two-year contract).

It, too, lacks Wi-Fi, and its newly added music player doesn't support DRM-protected tracks. You can't use the phone to edit Office documents, either — only to view them. Plus, I found the keyboard disappointing, with shallow keys jammed too close together.

On the plus side, the 8830 is still unrivaled when it comes to mobile e-mail. And because it's a world phone, you can use it just about anywhere.

But for now you'll have to travel without GPS: Verizon doesn't yet offer navigation software for use with the 8830's built-in GPS receiver.

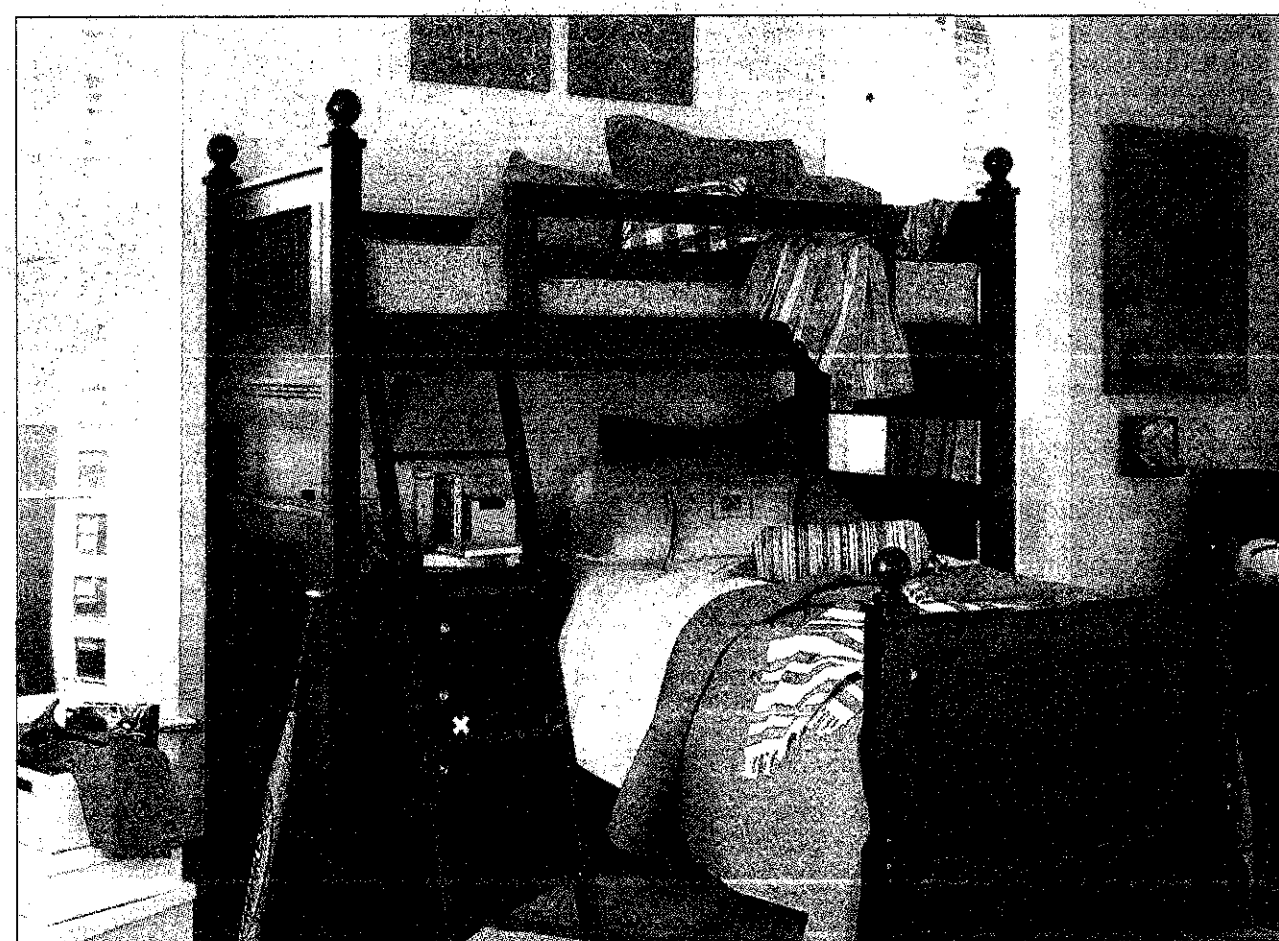
When it does, this BlackBerry might seem a little riper. For now, I'm giving it a thumbs-down.

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HTC's S710 packs the power of a smartphone into a shell that's barely larger than a "candy bar" phone.

Dorm room chic



COURTESY GORMAN'S HOME FURNISHINGS

Specially designed loft beds don't take up too much space. Shown here are beds from the Mariners Landing collection at Gorman's, which allow other furnishings to be placed underneath. Price of the loft bunk bed is \$1,875.

DORM DECOR 101

Where to shop for dorm decor:

Check out Gorman's, Art Van, IKEA, T.J. Maxx, Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond for the latest in college chic.

What to buy:

Make a checklist of necessities such as bedding, towels, storage pieces, decorative accessories and coffee mugs. For off-campus housing, start shopping early for the best selection of furniture. For the average dorm room, look for accent pieces and colorful accessories. Maximize closet space as well as space under the bed with storage pieces designed especially for tight quarters.

Going to school never looked so good

BY JEANINE MATLOW
CORRESPONDENT

Long gone are the days of hand-me-downs and milk crates associated with the college dorm decor of the past.

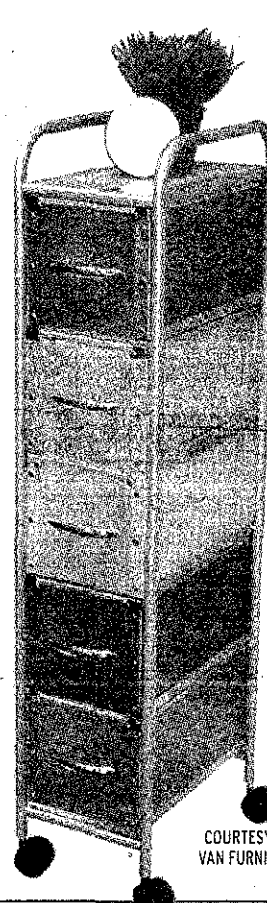
Instead, a vast selection of stylish yet affordable furniture and accessories, including a number of multifunctional pieces, awaits students and parents shopping to spruce up the average campus housing.

Heidi Tippery, communications and interior design manager for the IKEA store in Canton, says it's not enough for students to be stylish anymore.

"Teenagers want style on a budget," she said. "They also like to take a small space and make it their home."

According to Tippery, some of the biggest trends for dorm decor are bold colors and big prints, reminiscent of the '70s. Other popular

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Dorm room trends at Art Van feature big splashes of color. New, multifunctional pieces, such as this five-drawer storage unit (\$57), work as hard as the students.

COURTESY ART VAN FURNITURE

Pack a cookbook when moving back to college

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Whether you're looking to sidestep the dreaded Freshman Fifteen or just got tired of subsisting on takeout while living on campus, authors Megan and Jill Carle have got you covered.

As authors of *College Cooking: Feed Yourself and Your Friends*, they've provided recipes that will go straight from a toga party to a study break with ease.

The book includes 90 recipes that take into account a college student's tight budget.

Try something comforting from the Cheap Eats chapter like potato pancakes or macaroni and cheese with ham, or bake a giant batch of lasagna or jambalaya from the Food for the

Masses chapter. Stay healthy even miles away from home, by tossing together a simple blueberry salad from the Eat Your Greens chapter.

While these recipes might be difficult to master in a dorm equipped only with a microwave, it's a great starting point for college co-eds with access to a grocery store and apartment kitchen.

Learn the cooking basics and you'll be whipping up everything from tapas to dessert in no time. There's no need to go hungry during those marathon late night study sessions.

Below are a few recipes worth trying, courtesy of *College Cooking: Feed Yourself and Your Friends*, available through Ten Speed Press:

Please see **COOKBOOK, D3**



Reprinted from "College Cooking: Feed Yourself and Your Friends" by Megan & Jill Carle. Published by Ten Speed Press, www.tenspeed.com. Photography by Jessica Boone. These Mini Blueberry Turnovers are bound to be a hit among co-eds.

Accents

INN LINE

The Historic White Horse Inn in Metamora, just north of Oxford, has a new product line offering salad dressings and seasonings that are served at the restaurant.

The line features two bottled dressings (Sweet and Sour House Dressing and Tomato Vinaigrette), two packaged seasoning blends (Roasted Garlic and Pepper and Mediterranean Herb) and an all-natural, cold-pressed, imported extra virgin olive oil.

White Horse Inn owners Tim and Lisa Wilkins grew up in Birmingham and Troy.

The creamy-textured sweet and sour house dressing is a premier menu item at the inn.

Seasoned with a special blend of spices, the tangy tomato vinaigrette adds zest to salads, is a perfect complement to spinach and makes a great marinade for poultry and meat dishes.

At the inn, the Mediterranean herb or roasted garlic and pepper seasoning blends are mixed with a light olive oil to use as dipping oil with a warm bread basket. Seasoning blends are a fine complement to family recipes.

The products are sold at the restaurant and at several area locations, including Papa Joe's Market in Birmingham, Great Lakes Mercantile and Sweet and Savory Bake Shop in Oxford, The Perfect Complement in Rochester and Metamora Foodland in Metamora.

The White Horse Inn Web site, www.historicwhitehorseinn.com, has special recipe tips for the products. It also includes a recipe for the inn's famous Fox Hunt Salad. Call (810) 678-2150.

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Know the food temperature in your refrigerator

I have written several times about my concern for proper cooling temperatures in a refrigerator. This subject is also of great concern to the U.S. Department of Health, which says, "Many people suffer food poisoning from leftovers in their own refrigerators."

The following e-mail from Deb and Fred sends a clear message for all of us to think about.

"My husband and I have listened to you on the radio several times and enjoy your articles in the *Eccentric*. Got a question about our Amana fridge.

"It's 8 years old. It's NEVER kept a good, 'safe' temperature in the fridge as far as we are concerned (44?). The freezer section is fine (fridge above, freezer below).



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

always 'right on' as far as temperature. "Of the possible seven cold settings in the fridge, we have it on 6. If we put it on 7, all the vegetables in the veggie bins are coated in ice and must be tossed, so 6 is as high as we can go.

"We've had Amana repair folks come out several times, just to relieve our minds that our food is safe at this temperature. We were told, 'That's how the new refrigerators ARE these days. They are not as cold as older ones.'"

"Hmmm ... We have a fridge in the basement that's about the same age, and it's

"No, I don't put hot stuff in the fridge. I cool it in the sink in cold water first, then put it in ... and in the winter, you may see a container or two on my front porch — and, yes, you may see them still the next morning as I've gone to bed and left them out there! Hey, it happens!"

"We've been wanting to get a new one. Is 8 years old OLD? We're afraid of Amana, of course, and afraid any new one will be just like this one. Our choices are limited as I think Amana is Whirlpool. We're SO confused. What do you think?"

I think that Amana and Whirlpool are still top name refrigerators today, but as the service technicians have told you, don't expect the performance of yesteryear's refrigerator. They just don't match up to the

temperatures of 34 or 36 degrees that we grew up with, and this is a big reason why homeowners should change their thinking about food preservation.

Most people think they can keep leftover food for a period of a week, when this is no longer true. Because of the warmer temperatures, food storage in a refrigerator is to be no longer then four days.

This is the reason why so many people are suffering food poisoning. If this column is making you think, don't stop.

A thermometer on a refrigerator or freezer shelf isn't an accurate way to get a reading of temperatures. The correct way is to get a thermometer that you can put into a food product such as a pickle jar that hasn't been used for a few days.

A thermometer on a shelf will measure air temperature, which fluctuates up and down, and you aren't interested in that. You want the actual food temperature.

I repeat: What is the temperature of the food in your refrigerator section? You need to know! Stay tuned.

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

DORM

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blasts from the past include the resurgence of beanbag chairs and plush fabrics on sofas.

Teenagers and young adults are not only more likely to be aware of their immediate surroundings; they are also wise about the world around them.

Environmentally friendly product offerings from IKEA include furniture and accessories made from raw woods and recyclable plastics.

Digital devices are everywhere, be they cell phones, iPods or e-mail.

"Technology is huge," said Tippery, who points out that IKEA offers mobile tables that are well suited for laptops as well as computer desks. And all those late night studies call for proper lighting.

"IKEA carries battery-operated lights," Tippery said. "We also carry low-cost lamps in bright colors. And some even include energy-efficient bulbs."

Colorful accents help to personalize a person's home away from home. IKEA not only offers smaller rugs for smaller rooms, but they come in unique shapes such as circles. Easy-to-remove decals provide temporary wall art that won't damage the walls.

Even the basics aren't so basic anymore.

Storage solutions abound with the ever-popular Basic Billy Bookcase from IKEA that makes staying organized the stylish and sensible thing to do. Storage containers, which help to corral school supplies, come in a wide array of sizes and colors.

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provides year-round comfort and style.

"Because there is a much larger selection today, youth furniture has a more upscale, mature look," said Tom Lias, president of Gorman's Home Furnishings.

The My Haven collection is a perfect example. Not only is it sophisticated enough to go from off-campus apartment to first house after graduation, but the pieces also come in charming colors such as watermelon, tangerine, lilac and seagrass.

Some lines at Gorman's, such as Teen Bungalow, are so versatile that they can easily transition to a guest bedroom in a home.

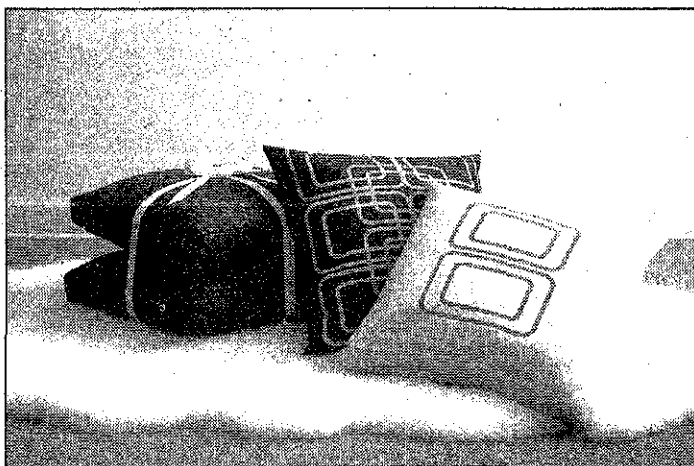
"They can absolutely take this with them," Lias said of the unique pieces.

And specially designed loft beds no longer take up too much space. In fact, the new designs offer space-saving solutions such as a desk that can be placed underneath a raised bed.

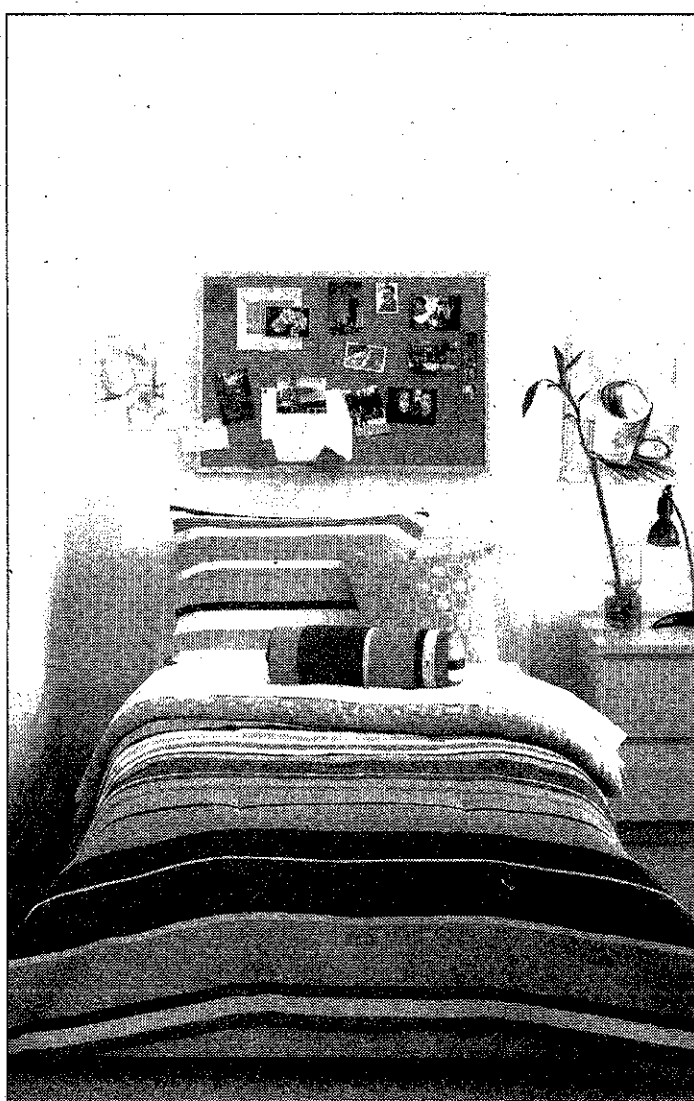
Two manufacturers, Hooker and Stanley, set out to create a wide array of multifaceted furniture.

"They offer multifunctional pieces for a small space, designed the way you want," Lias said.

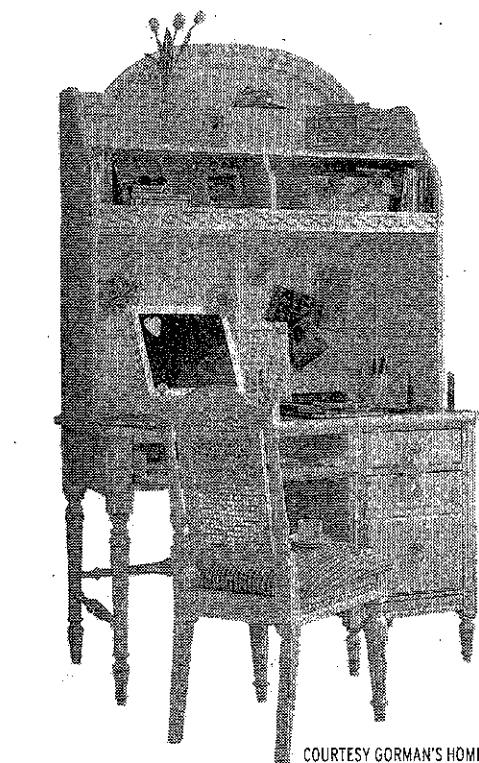
The furniture can easily transition from a teenager's room in their parents' house, to an off-campus apartment to a new home.



Accessories are the easiest and most affordable way to personalize a space. T.J. Maxx carries Pillows-In-A-Pack, two packs of pillows for \$29.99.



Among the wide variety of dorm furnishings are pieces from T.J. Maxx: Bed-in-a-bag, \$19.99 to \$59.99; cork/magnetic boards, \$16.99 to \$29.99; special twin sheets for dorm beds, \$19.99; and decorative pillow sets, \$19.99 to \$24.99.



The Swedish Accents computer desk from Gorman's featuring three utility drawers, one drawer with a drop front for use with keyboard, and a laptop port is perfect for students at home. Price is \$975.

COURTESY GORMAN'S HOME FURNISHINGS

Carpet will work in a home office

From Susanne of Troy: "I have decided to turn my unused formal living room into a home office. I've selected the office furniture, but I'm really stuck on what to put on the floor."

"I know that hardwood floors will look good, but I'm concerned about them getting scratched with rolling chairs and whether or not they will provide comfort and warmth underfoot. I'm not sure if carpet will help to keep this room quiet from the noises of the rest of the house."

"Is there a particular type of carpet that is better for a home office, or is hardwood the answer?"

Hardwood is a beautiful option for a home office, but you will need area rugs to protect the floors from your desk chairs and to provide warmth and sound absorption. Depending on how busy your home office is, hardwood floors can take a beating.

Carpet will also work in your home office. There are many styles and types of carpet to choose from, and you should be aware of the pitfalls of carpet when used in a home office application.

If you choose a typical residen-

tial carpet that is installed over a pad, the carpet can stretch, buckle and delaminate when a chair with wheels is constantly rolled over the same area in an active home office.

You can rectify this by using a vinyl chair pad over the carpet. This isn't the most attractive option, but it will protect your carpet investment.

Another idea is to consider not using a chair with wheels. My busy home office has carpeting, but I have opted to use a four-legged desk chair instead. This hasn't been a problem for me when working in the office, and it eliminates the risk of damage and delamination of the carpeting.

If you must have a chair with wheels and a carpeted office, consider a very low pile carpet or even a commercial grade carpet. Most commercial carpets aren't installed over a pad, and this will help to alleviate some of the stretching, buckling and delaminating.

It won't eliminate these things completely, but will greatly reduce the odds of them happening.

Talk with a qualified carpet retailer and find out their recommendations and the warranty on any carpet you are considering.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

BROIDA

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HTC S710

The slim, sexy S710 packs a ton of features, including Wi-Fi, a comfy slide-out keyboard, and a 2-megapixel camera that actually takes decent photos. Indeed, from a design standpoint, this phone hits it outta the park.

I do, however, have some quibbles with its Windows Mobile 6 operating system, which is slow and awkward and won't let you create new Office documents (though you can edit them).

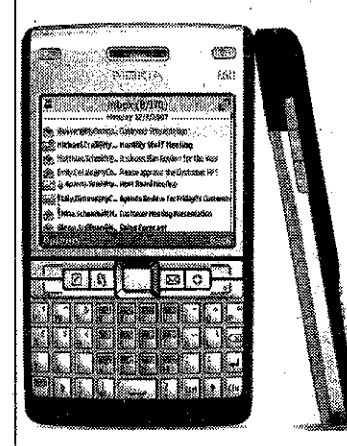
What's more, you have to buy the S710 "unlocked," which explains its hefty \$499 price tag: There's no carrier contract to subsidize the cost.

On the plus side, that means you can use it with nearly any service provider — just pull the SIM card out of your current phone and pop it in the S710.

NOKIA E61i

Finally, I have to profess some geek love for the Nokia E61i, a wide-body model with a terrific screen, superb keyboard, and one of the best Web browsers I've seen on a smartphone. It can even play streaming YouTube videos.

Like the S710, the E61i doesn't




The Nokia E61i is notable for its slim design, big screen and unsurpassed Web browser — but it'll set you back around \$500.

have a U.S. carrier yet, so you have to buy it unlocked (expect to pay around \$500). That's pretty steep, but my only real complaint is that it doesn't support stereo Bluetooth, meaning I can't listen to music on my wireless headphones.

Even so, this smartphone, along with most of the others I tested, shows a lot more intelligence than last year's models. Progress!

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COOKBOOK

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CRAB CAKES WITH ROASTED RED PEPPER SAUCE

2 red peppers
1 clove of garlic
1 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon lime juice
2 tablespoons canola oil
1 jalapeño pepper
2 tablespoons of chopped chives
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 cup bread crumbs
2 pounds lump crab meat
2 tablespoons canola oil
3 cups salad greens
salt and pepper

To make the sauce: Roast the red peppers in a broiler or by placing them directly on a gas stove burner, turning occasionally for 10 to 15 minutes or until almost completely black. Place them in a bowl and cover it tightly with plastic wrap for 10 minutes. Scrape the blackened skin off and discard. Cut the peppers in half and remove the stems and seeds.

Dice half of one pepper into ¼-inch pieces and set aside. Place the remaining peppers in a blender. Peel garlic, roughly chop and add it to the blender with the mayonnaise. Puree until smooth and season with salt and pepper.

To make the vinaigrette: Place two tablespoons of the sauce in a small bowl. Add the lime juice and oil and stir with a whisk or fork. Season with salt and pepper, cover with plastic wrap until ready to use.

To make the crab cakes: Cut the jalapeño in half and discard stem and seeds. Finely chop the jalapeño and place it in a large bowl. Add chives, lime juice, diced red peppers and ½ cup of red pepper sauce to the bowl and stir well. Add the bread crumbs and crab meat and stir until just combined. Form four patties and place them on a plate. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to cook.

Place remaining red pepper sauce in a small bowl and cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

Fifteen minutes before mealtime, heat the canola oil in a large sauté pan. Add crab cakes and cook for 5 to 6 minutes on each side, until golden brown.

Assemble the salad. Put the greens in a bowl and coat with vinaigrette. Arrange half of the greens on one side of the plate and one or two crab cakes on the other side. Spoon some of the sauce over the crab cakes and serve immediately.

WHAT'S-IN-THE-FRIDGE FRITTATA

8 eggs
½ cup milk
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

4 cups leftovers (anything from onion, zucchini, broccoli, tomato, cheese, ham, chicken, rice or potatoes)

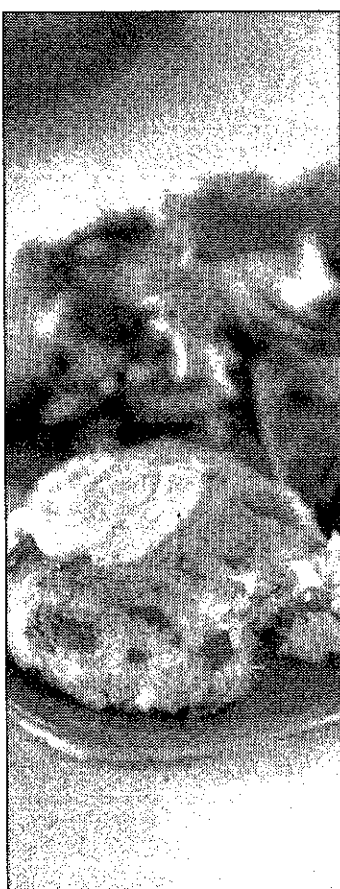
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly coat an 8-inch baking pan with butter or cooking spray. Beat the eggs, milk, salt and pepper in a bowl until combined. Distribute leftovers evenly into the pan and pour in the egg mixture. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from the oven and serve.

MINI BLUEBERRY TURNOVERS

4 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 egg
¼ cup sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
1 sheet of puff pastry, thawed
½ pint blueberries (about one cup)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly coat a baking sheet with oil or cooking spray. Place the cream cheese in a small bowl and stir until completely smooth. Separate the egg yolk from the egg white. Place the egg white in a small bowl and add the egg yolk to the cream cheese. Stir until combined.

Lay the sheet of puff pastry on



Reprinted from "College Cooking: Feed Yourself and Your Friends" by Megan & Jill Carle. Published by Ten Speed Press, www.tenspeed.com. Photography by Jessica Boone. Impress guests with this easy recipe for Crab Cakes and Roasted Red Pepper Sauce. It hardly looks like college fare.

a flat surface and cut it into nine small squares. Spoon in a tablespoon of cream cheese mixture down the center of each square from one corner to the opposite corner. Press blueberries into the cream cheese. Fold the sides into the center and wet points with water, pressing tightly to seal.

Place the turnovers on a baking sheet, brush them with the egg white and sprinkle them with sugar. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes until golden brown. Remove from the oven and serve them warm.

"The 2005 vintage has aromas of black cherry and blackberry, with hints of cola and black licorice," Stackhouse said. "The flavors center on dark lush fruit and spice, which provide rich texture, broad, structured tannins and a lingering, juicy finish."

■ La Crema 2005 Anderson Valley Pinot Noir, \$34, was grown in the coolest AVA of the Appellation Series, within 15 miles of the rugged Mendocino coast. There, the vineyards are planted on steep slopes where grapes develop, in Stackhouse's words, "notes of blueberry and aromatic tea leaves, subtle hints of cocoa and rose petals. Bright acidity and red cherries create a lush juicy entry, leading to a broad sturdy finish."

■ La Crema 2005 Los Carneros Pinot Noir, \$34, was grown in the southernmost AVA in the Appellation Series. Wind and fog that cool Los Carneros come from the San Pablo Bay rather than the Pacific Ocean.

After harvest, grapes travel along a belt delivery system, where trained hands remove material other than grapes (known as MOG) so that perfect fruit is delivered to the fermentors. Of the three pinot noirs in the series, we found the Los Carneros to be the most subtle.

Stackhouse notes that "this vintage gave us brooding, earthy aromas of cherry and forest floor, with touches of spice. Flavors are complex, full with cherry, coffee and molasses surrounded by a soft, velvety texture that ends in a fleshy long finish."

Tasting these wines, all from cool climate AVAs, and made by the same winemaker, tells the story about wines of a place.

It's remarkable that La Crema pinots all have such distinctly different character, depending on where the grapes were grown. Stackhouse allows each AVA to speak through her wines — that takes talent.

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OCC culinary team wins silver

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Oakland Community College's culinary team won a silver medal at the American Culinary Federation's national championship in Orlando on July 25.

OCC was one of four teams competing, representing the Midwest after winning the ACF regional title in March.

A team from the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College in Asheville, N.C., won a gold and the national title.

OCC wasn't told its final total of points, but it landed in the 32-35 range out of 40 for a silver medal.

The three silver medal teams changed what dishes they made for the main course after the regional competition, while the gold medalist didn't, according to Kevin Enright, team manager and chef/instructor at OCC's Culinary Studies Institute in Farmington Hills.

"Your goals are to win and to educate," Enright said of the competition, explaining why he and the team changed it.

Teams change menus so chefs can practice on a variety of foods and preparations and prevent boredom of preparing the same foods over several months, Enright said.

"You always feel the need to challenge them more, and that is the goal, to do different things. Not everything came out exactly as planned."

The team needed to buy more produce after a refrigerator truck storing it froze the produce that they were going to use.

"It's a good thing we had an extra day to do that," Enright said.

Team members were John Clements (who was also the team's captain), Waterford; Bradley Ball, Novi; Elizabeth Kallio, Redford; Kathryn Szczepa, Troy; and Norm Valenti, Clawson.

The team is managed by Enright, certified executive chef of OCC's Culinary Studies Institute. OCC Culinary Studies Institute graduate Tammy Gauthier of Novi was the team's coach.

"I think it was a good learning experience but they were all a little disappointed," Enright said.



Oakland Community College's culinary team won a silver medal July 25 in Orlando. Team members are: chef Kevin Enright (left), manager and instructor; Bradley Ball, Novi; Elizabeth Kallio, Redford; team captain John Clements, Waterford; Kathryn Szczepa, Troy; Norm Valenti, Clawson, and coach Tammy Gauthier, Novi.

The judges liked the composition of the main course (osso buco) in which the students braised, roasted and created sausage with the lamb, but the judges believed more could have been done with one of the other dishes, Enright said.

"When I saw all the teams, we were all pretty tight. You think you always can win, but you're going against people who won their region, too."

"They did a superb job," Enright said of the team. "It's great to work with a school that supports this (competition), too. It's good for them to compete at a national level and see how people cook in the U.S. and see what they do outside of the region."

Interviews of applicants who wish to enroll this fall in the award-winning chef apprentice program at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute are being scheduled for the week of Aug. 13.

The screening procedure will take place in Building J at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

To obtain further information about the OCC chef apprenticeship program and screening, phone Enright at (248) 522-3710, or check the program's Web site at www.oaklandcc.edu/culinary.

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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: Tasty Tempting Thai Cooking with Lawan Chandreaung, 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13, \$29 plus \$4 materials fee, and Tomatoes with chef Gunnell Freeman, 7-9 p.m. Aug. 20, \$34.

Taste of Summer: Michigan Fruits and Vegetables

Preparation techniques and recipes for fruits and vegetables that are available

in the local farmer's market, 6 p.m. Aug. 14, Beaumont Weight Control Center, Beaumont Health Center, 4949 Coolidge Hwy. (north of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak, \$15, (248) 655-5900 to register.

2 Unique classes

Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the summer and fall, including Adventures in Grilling, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 22 (\$45); Go Fish, 3-6 p.m. Sept. 16 (\$45); Fresh Dinner Express 6-9 p.m. Sept. 27 (\$45); Pure Food, 3-6 p.m. Oct. 14 (\$55); Fabulous Holiday Party Plan, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 1 (\$55); Cookie Exchange, 3-7 p.m. Nov. 18 and 5-9 p.m. Nov. 23 (\$75); 4303 Delemere Court (south of 14 Mile,

two blocks east of Coolidge), Royal Oak, (248) 549-5242. www.twounique.com.

Chili cookoff

Do you have a favorite chili you like to make? The city of Wayne is hosting the Wayne Chili Cookoff Aug. 25 at Wheelfest, where the city of Wayne community groups come together: Wayne Rotary Club, Wayne Chamber of Commerce and the City of Wayne Festival Commission. The grand prize is \$500. Proceeds used to benefit the community and service projects locally. Cooks must pre-register by calling (734) 502-3202 or (734) 721-0100, or emailing gaylerediske@gmail.com or jill@wayne-chamber.net.

La Crema produces impressive wines

La Crema is located in the Russian River Valley American Viticultural Area (AVA) of Sonoma County, Calif. — a very cool growing region. It's especially suited to chardonnay and pinot noir, sometimes referred to as Burgundian varieties, since red



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

the west. Vineyards become shrouded with cool coastal fog that rolls up the valley and helps the grapes retain their bright acidity and fresh flavors.

La Crema also makes wine from other cool climate vineyards in Anderson Valley AVA, Mendocino County and Los Carneros AVA, which straddles the south end of both Napa and Sonoma counties.

La Crema's winemaker Melissa Stackhouse is a Michigan native, born and raised near Lansing. Her grandparents owned a farm in Minnesota where Stackhouse developed a love for the land and farming. Today, she lives in Healdsburg, Calif., and joined La Crema in 2000. Prior to La Crema, Stackhouse worked at Joseph Phelps Vineyards, Sterling Vineyards, Robert Mondavi Winery, Peter Michael Winery and Hardy's Tintara winery in McLaren Vale, South Australia.

WHAT TO BUY FROM LA CREMA

The following wines are all in the La Crema Appellation Series.

■ La Crema 2005 Russian River Valley Chardonnay, \$27, is bright and crisp, showcasing its cool climate origin that retains the grape's lively acidity. It was barrel fermented in 31 percent new French oak barrels. "Our goal is to truly convey the Russian River terroir," Stackhouse said. "This wine offers aromas of fresh pear, caramel and spice with appealing hints of floral and tropical fruit. Juicy flavors of

WINE PICKS

Lots of warm weather left to enjoy Sauvignon Blanc in a range of prices with sushi, salads, whitefish, grilled vegetables, grilled chicken, crab, Asian cuisine and pasta in a light cream sauce.

Picks of the pack

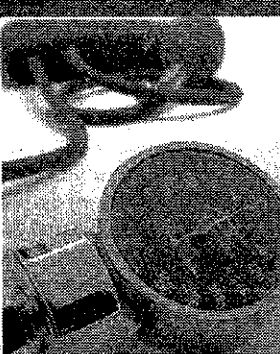
2006 Souverain Alexander Valley \$15 — inviting lemon/grapefruit/lime with creamy characters in the finish. Wonderful!
2006 Sbragia Home Ranch \$20 — new Vino-Seal glass closure combines ease of opening with a hermetic seal, which effectively protects the wine's beautiful bouquet.
More delicious savignons
2006 Kendall-Jackson \$11
2006 Root 1 Casablanca Valley, Chile \$12
2006 Kenwood \$13
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2005 Beckmen Purisima Mountain Vineyard \$20
2005 Chateau St. Jean La Petite Etoile Fume Blanc \$20
2006 Geyser Peak Block Collection \$21

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

yellow apple, shortbread and lemon butter lead to a subtle, toasty finish."

■ La Crema 2005 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, \$34, is hand harvested in the cool morning hours from three vineyards within the AVA. The fruit undergoes a five- to eight-day cold soak to elevate fruit flavor and color, then is fermented in open top tanks to facilitate a punch down every eight hours.

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Local designer is Oprah fave!

Pick up the August issue of O and you'll see Oprah herself wearing jewelry created by a local designer.

Oprah Winfrey appears on the cover in Organic Hammered Bangles from StyleNaturale by Barbara Boz.

According to Boz, Winfrey purchased the bangles earlier this spring, and frequently wears them on her show.

"Oprah has great style," Boz said. "I'm thrilled and honored that she has chosen my jewelry knowing that she's got thousands of choices."

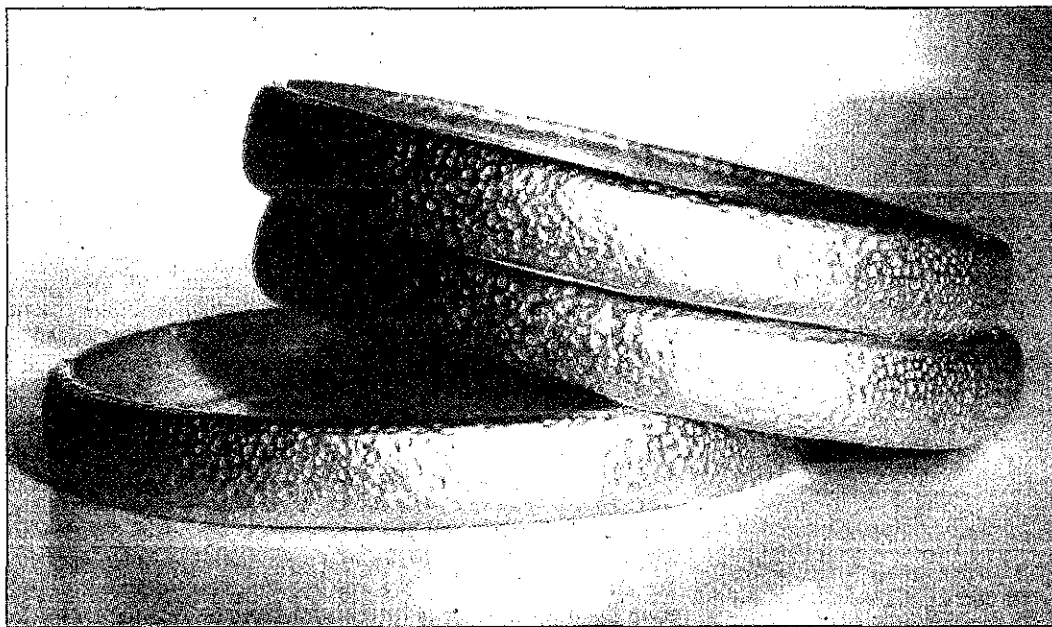
Boz, who resides in Oakland County, began her career as an interior designer and was Vice President and partner in one of the top design firms in the country.

After spending two decades in the corporate world and designing jewelry on the side, Boz decided to launch her own business. StyleNaturale continues to expand and receive widespread recognition. The line includes a diverse range of necklaces, bracelets and earrings made from luxury metals mixed with semi-precious gemstones and crystals. Many of Boz's "classic chic" pieces feature textures and organic forms that reflect her love of nature.

The 18k gold-pate bangles worn by Oprah, for example, have an irregular hammered finish and oval shape, allowing them to fit the wrist naturally. They are designed to be stacked in multiples and develop a patina after they are worn just a few times.

Boz said she stresses comfort and versatility in her designs.

"Life is busy," Boz said. "Jewelry must move from office to evening, from event to casual to travel. I want jewelry that can be worn and worn and



The Organic Hammered Bangles worn by Oprah Winfrey are finished in 18kt gold-pate and are designed to be worn in multiples.



Barbara Boz

worn."

The StyleNaturale collection ranges in price from \$25-\$300. It is available at Todd's Room in Birmingham, or at www.stylenaturale.com.



Beat the Heat Without Scorching Your Image

ROCHESTER HILLS — As summer intensifies, so does the challenge to keep cool and polished. Patty Buccellato of Refined Images offers 10 ways to beat the heat:

1. Black is "Hot." We're not talking popularity, here — though, for countless reasons, black has garnered a lot of attention on that front. Black attracts heat. Period. To maintain a cooler condition, substitute black with navy or brown and accent with lighter, brighter colors for interest.

2. Cotton breathes. Cotton is cool, comfortable, and it wrinkles less than linen (which looks smart and polished for summer — until you sit, that is). If you plan to bend or move at all, consider cotton for ease and comfort.

3. Go tie-less. Men who work in a business casual environment can trade their collared shirt and tie for a band-ed-collar shirt or collared polo. Collarless shirts (like T-shirts) are too casual for professional environments.



Buccellato

4. Always have a jacket. Yup, you heard right! Most indoor environments are temperature controlled offering comfort no matter what the outdoor elements deliver. A jacket allows one to maintain credibility and polish in the workplace. Women can wear

them over sleeveless shells and remove the jacket for the hot car ride home or to appointments.

5. Think texture. Fabrics with texture, like crepe, will resist wrinkles and camouflage their visibility. These fabrics pack well, too.

6. Remember socks. For men, wear cotton (remember, it breathes) rather than those made of synthetic fibers. For women, closed-toe shoes will always project a more professional appearance than sandals. Wear knee-highs instead of pantyhose to keep cool. If you do wear sandals, make sure toes are neatly groomed and polished in an understated hue.

7. Style your hair. Warm temperatures tease for "chip clip" hair. If you wear a ponytail occasionally, groom carefully and use tasteful accessories. If you find it too hot to wear your hair down on a regular basis, consider a short, smart cut for a cool and polished look.

8. Make up lightly. Try cream-to-powder foundations or tinted moisturizers in lieu of standard foundation during the "dog days of summer." They'll even out skin tone without the heaviness that perspiration can prompt. Look for products with daily SPF protection as a bonus.

9. Don't sweat it. If your anti-perspirant doesn't keep you dry, shop for another. Still not successful? Use self-adhesive garment protectors in your shirts or jackets to protect your garments and prevent unsightly underarm stains.

10. Hydrate! Drink plenty of water to remain cool and healthy — it'll keep your skin looking great, too!

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Bold prints

DON'T Wear It!
Visible bra straps — try The Strapper

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Faux croc bags



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Kick It!
White shoes before Labor Day



Smell It!
Covet by Sarah Jessica Parker

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Shop It!
Five15 — Royal Oak's newest, hippest bookstore

Read It!
Glamour's Big Book of Dos & Don'ts: Fashion Help for Every Woman by Cindi Leive and the editors of Glamour

See It!
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Beyonce at the Palace on Aug. 17

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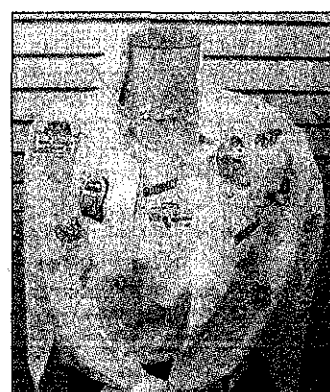
Find out who wins PINK's 3rd annual Reader PINK Picks contest, and be present to win fabulous giveaways, 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10 at Westland Shopping Center's East Court. More than 100 PINK readers and Westland shoppers entered their PINK Picks this year. One top picker will be selected to win a \$500 gift card for Westland Shopping Center, and three fashion-savvy runners-up will win \$100 gift cards that can be spent anywhere at the mall. Additional shoppers will win prizes during the PINK presentation tomorrow. Westland Shopping Center is located at 35000 Warren Road in Westland. Call (734) 425-5001 for information.

SAKS CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF FABULOUS!

Saks Fifth Avenue is marking 40 years in Troy with a host of events Aug. 11-19. The celebration begins with a fabulous "birthday" fête on Saturday, Aug. 11. Festivities kick off at 9:45 a.m., with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the store's Big Beaver Valet Entrance — the same location this ritual took place 40 years ago. The public is invited to join Troy Mayor Louise Schilling; Forbes Cohen Executive David Forbes; SFA VP & GM, Kim Nye; and 150 Saks associates and friends at the event, which will feature a live Dixieland Band. Continental Breakfast will then be served to employees and guests. 10 a.m.-noon on the first floor, fol-

lowed by cake, champagne, light hors d'oeuvres and live music from noon - 4 p.m. All day, customers who make a purchase of \$250 or more using their Saks Fifth Avenue credit cards will receive a Saks Gift Card toward future shopping. With a purchase of \$300 or more, guests also will receive the Assouline "New York" book, while supplies last. Saks Fifth Avenue will continue the celebration with special shopping events throughout the week. Don't miss the party!

DREAM CRUISE STYLE



A Dream Cruise inspired outfit.

Looking for the perfect outfit to wear during the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise on Saturday, Aug. 18? Stop by the Franklin Village Boutique. Owner Jane Roberts has a host of adorable pieces on hand that celebrate the cruisin' culture, including cardigans, button-downs and tees embroidered with juke boxes, sock hop girls, saddle shoes, guitars and classic cars. Cruise by the shop, temporarily located at 32716 Franklin Road, in the Town Crier Antique Building, or call (248) 851-1268.

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