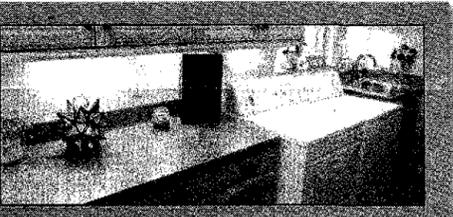


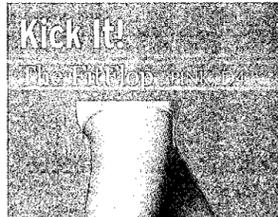
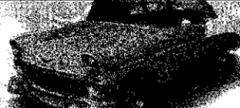
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Canton truck driver gets four years for fatal accident

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

A Canton truck driver was sentenced to four years in prison Tuesday for causing a 2006 accident that killed several students from Indiana's Taylor University. The accident garnered national headlines because authorities confused the identities

of two of the crash victims.

Judge Brian Hutchison of Indiana's Jay Circuit Court sentenced Robert F. Spencer, 38, to eight years but suspended four years, which he will serve on probation. On May 29, Spencer pleaded guilty to five counts of reckless homicide and four counts of



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Canton truck driver Robert Spencer is led by an Jay County Reserve Deputy Clint Conwell, left, and Jay County Sheriff Ray Newton into the Jay County Courthouse in Portland, Ind., on Tuesday for sentencing.

criminal recklessness resulting in serious bodily injury.

Spencer has already served more than a year behind bars, and with time off for good behavior, he could be released

in about a year, according to the prosecutor in the case. The judge also fined Spencer \$5,000, ordered him to perform 500 hours of community service, and permanently took away

his commercial driver's license.

"Your driving days are done as a way of making a living," Judge Hutchison said when he

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Fewer kids could be walking to school

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It appears the effort by the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education to save \$206,000 in busing costs by increasing the elementary walking distance from a mile to 1.5 miles will net only a fraction of the desired cost savings.

After complaints by parents about unsafe walking conditions, the board — at its June 26 meeting — reduced the number of affected students from 2,400 to 641. The budget savings dropped to about \$40,000.

At Tuesday's meeting, more residents complained about young children crossing busy streets to get to Dodson and Bird elementary. School board President Judy Mardigian requested Supt. Jim Ryan once again evaluate the busing situation, which will most likely result in little, if any relief, on the budget.

"Our Trailwood subdivision has no snow service ...

we're concerned when the weather gets bad it's going to be dangerous for the kids," said Matt vanRuiten of Plymouth Township, who represented 10 families. "And Bird can't handle the number of cars."

Bruce Christenson of Canton Township, whose children walk to Dodson, said students in the Fairways subdivision would be crossing a busy Glengarry Road to get to class.

"Children will have to weave their way through the subdivision, and there are a lot of crossroads, a lot of courts and a lot of traffic," Christenson said. Mardigian, said the safety of students — not money — is the main concern.

"We've made exceptions for safety issues, and we need to review and evaluate it again," Mardigian said. "If there are buses already in their neighborhood with space available, that would be a nice compromise."

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Michigan Avenue ramp opening delayed until this weekend

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Motorists and business owners waiting for the Michigan Avenue exit ramp on southbound I-275 to re-open are going to have to show a little more patience.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials have delayed the ramp's opening until this weekend.

"We're looking at Saturday, probably towards the end of the day. That's our anticipation," said MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi.

The ramp was closed in July and was originally scheduled to be re-opened last week, which was then pushed back to Aug. 15. Construction crews could not make that deadline, however, due to wet weather last week.

Morosi said the main hang-up now is getting power to the new signal at Michigan Avenue.

"We're waiting on some work from DTE for the new signal that is being installed. Once we can get that power hooked up and everything along that line, we can open up that ramp," he said.

Business owners near the ramp have been frustrated with the closing, and have seen a sharp decline in business.

The project, which is being done by MDOT, involves creating an additional lane to provide dual right- and left-turn lanes and reconfiguring the median crossover to keep trucks from overtopping the existing curb.

Traffic signals will also be reconfigured.

The roadwork began in June and is expected to last until early September.



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Public affection

Love it or hate it, crews began placing public art throughout Canton's DDA this week, including "Surprise Kiss", a bronze statue by artist Mark Chatterley, which was installed in front of the Canton Cinema. It is one of 11 sculptures that will be placed along Ford Road in front of various businesses. In celebration of the new temporary art, which will cost the DDA \$15,000, a meet and greet reception is scheduled at 7:15 p.m., Aug. 24 at the Willow Creek Plaza. The ceremony will include musical entertainment, and will be attended by some of the artists.



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Joan and Guy Bellamare are using a new way to sell their house.

New firm helps sellers move properties without the hefty commissions

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Joan Bellemare describes her 1,500-square-foot ranch home on 2.1 acres in Canton Township, it sounds like a little piece of heaven on earth.

"It's close to everything you need, but yet it's like being Up North, the deer just pass through here," said Bellemare of the three-bedroom home with cathedral ceilings, a walk-out basement and five-car garage. "It's so peaceful, your blood pressure drops 10 points when you come up the drive."

However, with home sales on a downward spiral and mortgage foreclosures at record numbers, not even the gods are smiling on this slice of heaven,

much to the disappointment of Bellemare and her husband, Guy.

"We've had it on the market for about a year," said Joan Bellemare, "but, we've only had a few nibbles."

The Bellemares, whose home was appraised at \$400,000 last year, started with a selling price of \$385,000. Since then, they've dropped it several times, and are still having trouble getting interested buyers at \$349,000.

The Canton couple sold three previous homes themselves, saving thousands of dollars in Realtor commissions.

"However, it was at a point where we thought we'd have to get a Realtor involved," said

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Canton's Family Barbecue Splash

The Summit on the Park aquatic staff will be hosting a family barbecue on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 3-5:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park Aquatic Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. The event will have a Hawaiian holiday theme.

Families will swim in to the aquatic center pool and then spend some time participating in family craft and games on the patio. In addition, all participants will receive a hot dog, chips, and drinks.

The registration fee for a family of four is \$22 for members, \$25 for residents, and \$33 for non-residents. Each additional participant is \$5 each. Please register prior to the event. To register online for the Family Barbecue Splash, visit <http://leisure.canton-mi.org> or call (734) 394-5460.

Summit shutdown

The Summit on the Park community center will be closed for annual maintenance

from 3 p.m. on Aug. 30 to 5:30 a.m., Sept. 4. For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

Auditions for Annie

Canton's Destination Theatre announces open auditions for its fall production of *Annie*, directed by Emily Sherman, with musical direction by Ken Pletzer and choreography by Debby Ash. Production dates are Oct. 25-27 and Nov. 1-3. For complete information visit the Destination Theatre Web site at www.destinationtheatre.org.

Open Auditions Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 23, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Participants should attend only one session.

Arrive anytime between 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. and be prepared to stay for 30-45 minutes. Enter the Village Theater through the stage door (off Presidential Way) at the rear of the building. Note that some parking areas behind the theater are restricted to area residents or theater staff. There is no fee to audition. Callbacks are Friday, Aug. 24, 6:30-9:30 p.m. The cast list will be posted online no later than Aug. 29. There are roles for adults and children. Adult audition-

ers (age 16 and older) should prepare a 1-minute monologue along with 16 bars of a song of your choosing (not from the show) and come dressed to move. Parents of children (ages 6-15) who are interested in auditioning should visit the Destination Theatre Web site at www.destinationtheatre.org, and download the Audition Packet for Kids and Parents (PDF). Song selections and short scripts are provided for kids to prepare, and the packet contains important information for parents, along with an audition form to complete prior to arrival at auditions. Note that there is a \$125 participation fee for children cast in the show.

For more information about the auditions, e-mail info@destinationtheatre.org.

Mom to mom sale

Tri-City Christian Center in Canton is having their Fall Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission fee.

Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue.

EMU alumni party

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graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) are invited to attend an end-of-summer young alumni social hosted by the office for alumni relations on Thursday, Aug. 23, from 6-8 p.m., at the Corner Brewery, 720 Norris Street, in Ypsilanti.

There is no cost to attend and complimentary appetizers and drink specials will be available. Alumni and guests are asked to R.S.V.P. by contacting the Office for Alumni Relations at (734) 487-0250 or e-mail alumni.relations@emich.edu.

The GOLD program is open to all EMU graduates of the past 10 years and serves the alumni association by catering to the needs of its younger constituents.

For more information about GOLD or to suggest ideas, contact Ken Ruppel at (734) 487-0250 or visit www.emich.edu/alumni/gold.

Leadership Canton

Leadership Canton is now accepting applications for the 2007-2008 leadership class. Leadership Canton is an eight month class from October through May, designed by the Canton Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Canton Township. Established in 1994, Leadership Canton's main goal is developing leaders to meet the challenges of the future.

It's a program that has been developed to help current and potential leaders broaden their awareness of leadership opportunities in the Canton Community.

Each day long seminar includes a lunch, and is held at a different location around Canton, where the group will tour the facility and have a guest speaker that is an expert in the field. Participants will learn a wide range of specific topics aimed at educating the participants in important topics essential to the community's well being. The class meets once every month at various locations around the community and discusses topics like, The Nature of Leadership, Community Development, Business and Economic Development, Business and Economic Development Health and Human Services, Local, County and State Government, Education, Public Safety and the Justice System and Challenges of the Future. The registration deadline is Aug. 17. The class costs \$800. To sign up or for more information, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040, or visit www.cantonchamber.com.

School supply drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army is collecting school supplies to provide to needy families in its Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Belleville service area.

All types of school supplies are needed; however, Salvation Army officials are especially hoping to collect backpacks. For more information, call

(734) 453-5464.

Chiefettes 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 Chiefettes and get your car cleaned in the process. For more information, e-mail Kimberly Mabie at kmabie@comcast.net.

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.

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More than 400 expected to compete in Senior Olympics

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Last year, Gloria Cifaldi won a silver medal in the football toss. Or, wait, maybe it was the frisbee toss. Or it could've been the ring toss.

Either way, Cifaldi, 64, of Canton says she had a ball in the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics and is thrilled about this year's activities, which kick off Monday.

After throwing out a couple of the competitions she was in, Cifaldi chuckled and said she thinks she got the silver for the frisbee toss.

"That was great, but it wasn't about that. I was there more for the fun," she said.

The Olympics will open Monday, Aug. 20, with an 8 a.m. 5K run in Heritage Park. Other activities include the traditional breakfast at 9 a.m. and the opening ceremonies at 10 a.m.

Janet Brady, Canton's senior program supervisor, said more than 400 people from 16 communities have signed on to participate in the festivities.

The five-day event, which includes competitions such as tennis, baking, creative writing, swimming and shuffleboard, will feature residents from Westland, Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City, Redford Township, Wayne, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

"It's amazing to see this," Brady said. "All you can say is 'wow.' We are all very excited."

Open to western Wayne County men and women age 50 and older, gold, silver and bronze medals are up for grabs — even if not too many people seem to want them.

"It's a fun thing — my friends and I cheer each other on," said Rose Treusch, 73. "We get a little chuckle out of it. It's more fun than competitive."

Treusch of Canton plans to participate in the ring toss, soccer kick, softball throw, frisbee toss and photography contest.

"I'm always going around taking pictures and a couple people said, 'Why not get in that photo contest? I'm not a professional, but I think it will be fun,' she said.

The 2007 Olympics include several new competitions, including a 12-mile bicycle contest.

"I think people really enjoy being with each other and being active," Brady said.

"They get out there, have fun and form friendships."

The event will close at noon Friday, Aug. 24, with a banquet at Fellows Creek Golf Club. Spectators are welcome to attend the competitions.

For more information, call (734) 394-5485.

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Hackers silence Canton Voice — temporarily

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

There were debates about the plight of Lotz Road homeowners in danger of losing their properties and the salary increases of township officials, among other topics impacting the Canton community. And then came the spam mail.

The Canton Voice Web site, the brainchild of Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, was shut down recently after a hacker tapped into the site and

began using it to send massive amounts of spam mail.

"While I'm (mad), at the same time, I'm happy that we were getting enough traffic that someone thought they could use our site to make money," Caccamo said, adding that the site is being rebuilt.

Gary Kliczinski, Canton Voice's Web master, said before the site was shut down, the undetected hacker sent out tens of thousands of spam e-mails.

Kliczinski said the site is

worth rebuilding.

"(Canton Voice) had issues that brought the discussion to the community level," he said.

Caccamo, who joked that the site could've been hacked into by a 12-year-old in Alaska, agreed that it has a place in the township.

"It was honest contact," he said. "As a politician, I thought it was a great tool and it was a success."

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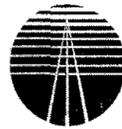
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Auditions planned for youth orchestra

The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO) will be holding auditions for the 2007-08 school year on Friday, Aug. 24, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton.

Auditions, which must be scheduled in advance, are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction, and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction. Students, who may live anywhere in Southeastern Michigan, are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

Starting this fall the CYO will have three ensembles: The Celebration Strings for string students with a minimum of one year of study, Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students with at least three years of study, and the Celebration Youth Symphony, for the most advanced students in all orchestral sections.

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CYO cellist Morgan Bacot



The Celebration Sinfonia brass section includes Kristin Braun (from left), Joy Chen, and Aaron Scott.

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The 3 E's

McCotter gives business group look at D.C.'s view of Michigan

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER



Theadeus McCotter

There were no protesters nor was there a mention of the Iraq war when U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter stopped by to talk to members of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce last week.

Instead, the Livonia Republican spent the time talking about the three E's - the economy, education and employment.

McCotter expressed frustration at trying to make his colleagues understand that Michigan is vastly different than other states, that while they are experiencing economic growth, "what is happening here is a one-state recession."

"Las Vegas is experiencing 1,000 new residents a week; in the rest of the country, unemployment is 4.6 percent,"

McCotter said. "In Michigan, more people are employed by the state than in manufacturing."

The congressman stressed that it's the people of

Michigan who must make sure their state is economically competitive. Government will not lead the people to prosperity.

"It's going to be the creativity and the genius of the people of Michigan to lead it to prosperity," he added.

The Northeast and Midwest are losing population to the South, McCotter predicts that state will probably lose one House seat in the next population count.

The state also is losing its young people, a loss McCotter calls the "subsidizing of workers for other states."

"Michigan can't compete with Indiana for jobs, Michigan can't compete with India for jobs," he said. "The people of Michigan have to make this state economically competitive."

When asked what could be done at the federal level to control college tuition,

McCotter told his audience he couldn't see anything coming from the federal government to "hold down tuition." College costs have increased higher than health care costs and part of the problem is a lack of competition, he said.

"A lot of students want to go to college and as the numbers increase, you would think the universities would want to keep their costs down to attract more students," he said. "But they don't do that, they don't compete."

McCotter believes there should be rewards, like more federal money, for colleges and universities which do keep tuition down.

"If we continue to subsidize them, they will spend the money as they see fit," he said. "The federal government keeps giving them money, but it doesn't seem to be going to the students, it's going to administration."

A bright spot for the state in Washington is the lack of higher fuel standards in the current energy bill. McCotter said it took a bipartisan fight to prevent the government from "arbitrarily raising standards."

"In Washington, they believe the auto industry is responsible for the problem of global warming, when it's the auto industry that is the leader in green technology," he said.

He also told his audience that their taxes will be going up, by and large the result of a stance that new programs must be "revenue neutral" or "pay-go."

With pay-go, the government must find the money to spend, while revenue neutral means changes in the tax structure must produce the same amount of revenue.

McCotter disagrees with both concepts. He said the

idea of revenue neutral is the same as putting a hole on the other side of the Titanic to deal with the first hole and then patching it.

"Government doesn't pay anything, you pay for everything," he said.

"Our greatness comes not from the growth of government, but from the people. People solve the problems, that's the greatness of government."

Listening to McCotter, Jacqueline Schatz of the Schatz Marine Insurance Agency and director of the Garden City Downtown Development Authority, didn't hear anything new about the federal government. However, she did find his remarks illustrated the idea that "it's easy for those who aren't involved to judge."

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DRIVER

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sentenced Spencer, according to an AP story.

On April 26, 2006, Spencer's tractor-trailer smashed into a Taylor University van carrying a group of students and staff on Interstate 69 in northern Indiana. Authorities believe Spencer had driven at least nine hours more than allowed by federal rules without taking a rest and fell asleep at the wheel.

The story drew national headlines after the coroner misidentified one of the students killed as one of the

survivors of the crash. The mistake wasn't discovered until five weeks later, when the family of Laura VanRyn, of Caledonia, Mich., realized that the woman they thought was their daughter actually was Whitney Cerak, of Gaylord, Mich., another Taylor student who has recovered and is attending classes at the university.

In addition to VanRyn, three other students were killed in the crash, as well as a Taylor University employee.

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District waits for Lansing to fix budget

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

With start of the 2007-2008 school year just weeks away, Wayne-Westland school officials are still waiting to hear what, if any money they will be receiving from the state.

Will the school aid payment remain the same as last year? Will it be cut? Will it be more? Those are the questions they would like an answer to now rather than later.

"I've never seen it this bad in the 33-34 years I've been in education, the state has really done nothing," said Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "From everything I've read, it doesn't seem that they are willing to sit down and work."

State lawmakers were able to resolve this year's budget deficit with what Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services, has called "gimmicks," and come up with a replacement for the state's Single Business Tax.

But when it comes to erasing a billion-dollar deficit in next year's budget, nothing has been accomplished to date.

"It's puzzling and perplexing for us," said Baracy. "Once again, we're trying to estimate what the revenue will be for the another year. We've been dealing with the issue all summer to get ready for the fall, but we don't see that same commitment in Lansing."

Close to 76 percent of Wayne-Westland's revenue comes from the state. Martin has projected the district will get \$89.6 million from the state, but according to Baracy, the actual amount "has been all over the board."

The school board approved a new budget in June with no increase in state school aid, but there's also been rumors of roll-backs and increases.

"The question we have to ask ourselves is how can we plan intelligently under these conditions," Baracy said. "If they expect high standards and high accountability, we have to have a very prescriptive process and goals in place before the fiscal year starts."

The district had some \$25 million in reserves five years ago, but that has been eaten up covering shortfalls in state revenue. According to Baracy, the district is now facing the prospect of borrowing money to cover expenses.

"We've held off as long as long as we could," he said. "We're looking at severe cuts in 2008-2009, if the state doesn't come through with a revenue enhancement. We can't hang on anymore."

Baracy said cuts will be made in areas that will not impact student programs.

The district has been trimming expenses for years, saving \$18 millions through such things as negotiated changes in employee health care.

But those kinds of cuts can only go so deep. As a result, the solution to the school districts' woes are in the hands of state lawmakers.

"The leaders in Lansing have to solve the budget crisis and they haven't done that yet," he said. "We have no more rabbits to pull out of our hats."

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Promotion turns into a gas for local drivers

BY BRAD KADRICH
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When a woman from Livonia pulled into the Sunoco station at the corner of Haggerty and Five Mile on Monday, she found gas prices to be \$2.85 per gallon.

Which was too bad for her, because minutes earlier they'd been down to \$2.50 a gallon,

part of a promotional event sponsored by CARFAX and the Michigan International Speedway in advance of this weekend's CARFAX 250 at MIS in Brooklyn.

Despite her tardiness, the woman, who gave her name only as Fran, benefitted from the promotion when CARFAX representatives refunded her the difference in the two

prices. She took the money, bought some lottery tickets and pledged a donation to the Make A Wish Foundation if she won.

"I missed it by a few minutes, so they didn't have to do anything," Fran said. "It was really very generous of them."

CARFAX spokesman Larry Gamache said it was just a way for the company to give back to the community. During the

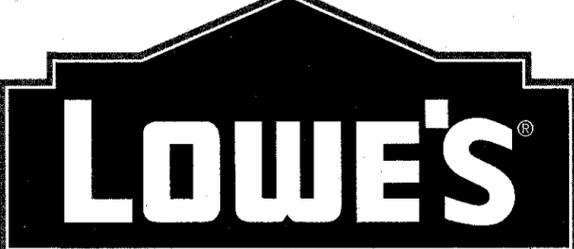
90-minute promotion, drivers pumped 2,772 gallons and saved themselves more than \$1,000, he said.

"It's a nice way to give back to the community that's been so generous in hosting CARFAX and MIS for so many years," Gamache said. "Most importantly, we helped people by off-setting the cost of their gas."

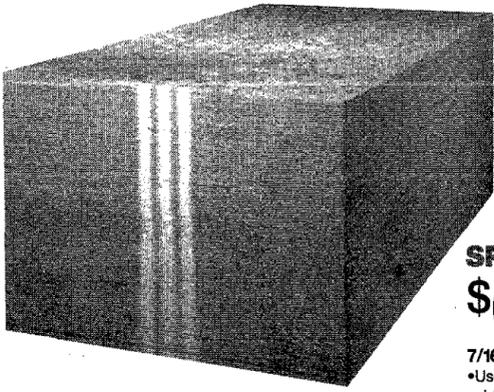
In addition to the cheaper gas, NASCAR Busch Series driver Stephen Leicht made an appearance.

"This was \$1,000 right back into people's pockets," MIS spokesperson Sammie Lukaskiewicz said. "The whole community benefits."

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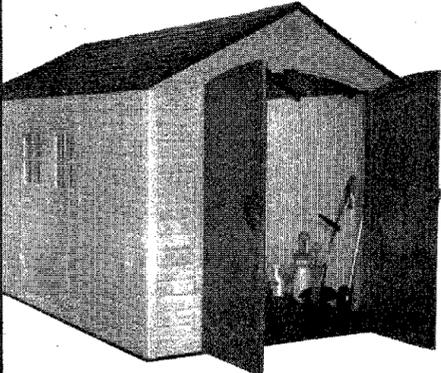
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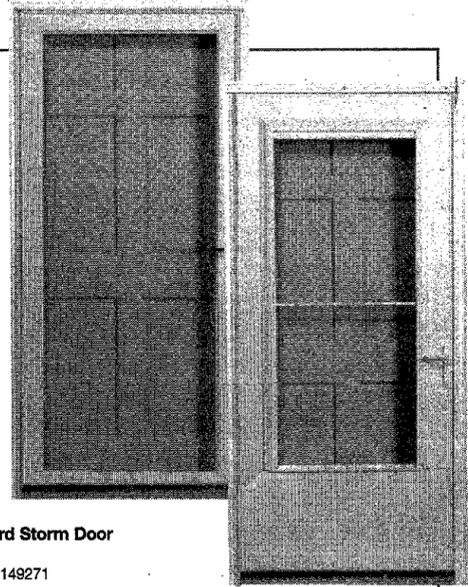
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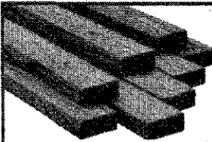


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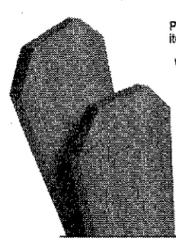
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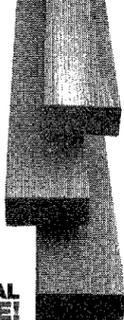
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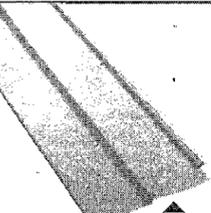
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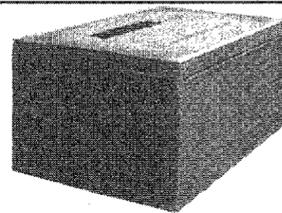
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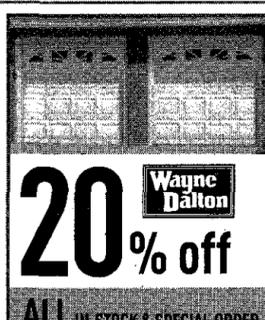
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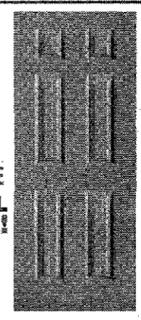
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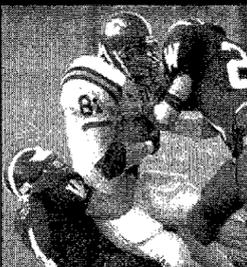
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Canton officials offer the following simple steps to help conserve water and protect lakes and rivers from pollution:

- Water wisely: In general, lawns need about an inch of water a week. Over watering lawns results in shallow-rooted plants that are less tolerant to heat and drought, making them more prone to disease.

Avoid over watering by using a rain gauge and watering only when necessary.

- Residents and businesses can also help conserve water and lower water rates by voluntarily limiting outdoor water usage to odd/even days. Residents and businesses with odd numbered addresses are asked to water only on odd

numbered dates. Likewise, those with even numbered addresses should water lawns, fill swimming pools, and wash cars only on even numbered dates.

- Residents are asked to voluntarily limit outdoor water use between the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. Water consumption is often at its peak during

this time of day and observing water use restrictions enables all customers to continue receiving an even distribution of water with minimal low-pressure problems.

- Improve your aim: Adjust your sprinklers to water only your lawn and plants, not your driveway, sidewalk, or street.
- Use mulch: Place a thick

layer of mulch, about four inches, around trees and plants. This helps to retain water, reduce weeds, and minimize the need for pesticides.

- Sweep it: Clean sidewalks and driveways with a broom instead of a hose. You'll save water and keep unwanted pollutants out of the storm drain.
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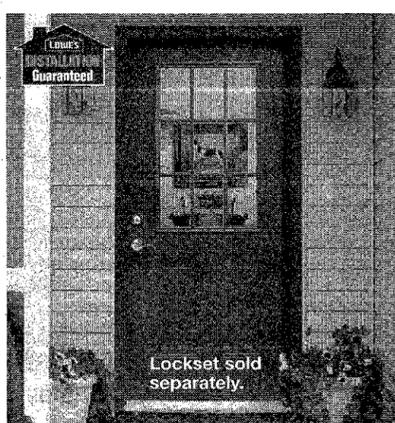
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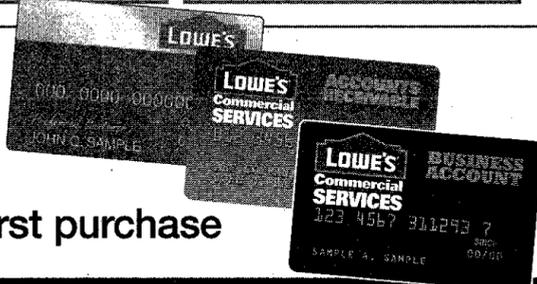
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Guy Bellemare. "But then we found Sara, so we thought we'd take a chance."

Sara is Sara DiCiesare of St. Clair Shores, who along with partner Carl Schultz of Canton Township, started Save Cash Realty, Inc., located in office space on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For a flat-rate fee of \$599 for six months, Save Cash will list a property on MLS, the Realtor multi-list service, Google and a number of other on-line sites.

In most real estate transactions, the seller pays a 3-percent listing fee plus another 3-percent commission to the real estate agent who sells their home. With Save Cash, the seller pays only 3 percent to either DiCiesare's company, or the selling agent, resulting in a 50-percent reduction in commissions. In the case of the Bellemares, the savings would be \$10,500.

"We saw a decline in the market, people who bought condos and couldn't re-sell them for what they owed because they couldn't pay the commission," said DiCiesare, who previously sold luxury condominiums in Detroit. "This is saving them from coming to the closing with money because they can lower their house by the 3 percent they're saving with us and be more competitive in the market."

"We're getting a good response from other Realtors because they're getting their full commissions," she said. "We're the ones taking the cut."

While the Bellemares are getting little response from buyers, they blame the economy, not Save Cash.

"I like it (Save Cash) because it's saving the 3 percent we'd pay to a listing agent," Joan Bellemare said. "We get the exposure on the Internet, she puts the sign out front, makes a professional-looking flier and fields the calls. She continues to work with us like a regular Realtor."

Gordon McCann, president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, said there are a number of business models for selling property.

"Every company out there is trying to have a competitive advantage, to make their way of doing business distinctive," said McCann, who is a Realtor at Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Bake in Plymouth. "Sellers I work with today are looking for innovative ways to get their homes recognized by potential buyers, not just on the MLS. It's the program that gets people through and generates offers that makes them happy." Schultz said he invested in Save Cash after adding up the amount of commissions he paid while investing in real estate.

"It was a bit frustrating to pay such fees every time I moved a piece of property," Schultz said.

"This is a terrific means for people to sell their home, but not give away 3 percent of the equity."

Since beginning in April, Save Cash has about 20 clients, with homes ranging from \$120,000 to \$3.1 million.

"So far, it's been a little slow because people don't believe we're for real," admitted Schultz.

"Our office in Plymouth is for real, just our pricing isn't."

Save Cash Realty is located at 496 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 202, in Plymouth, or at www.savecashrealty.com.

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Carnival raises money to fight slavery

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Youngsters involved in a Westland church's youth group have spent much of their summer tackling a weighty issue — slavery. Their efforts at St. John's Episcopal Church will culminate Sunday with a special carnival aimed at raising money and drawing attention to the world problem of slavery.

Youth group leader Jessica Clark, 22, learned how widespread the problem of slavery is after her Adrian College chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority became involved in the international, anti-slavery Not For Sale

campaign. Clark, a senior majoring in Japanese studies and theater, brought the issue back to her church at 555 S. Wayne Road at Bayview. The youth group she oversees enthusiastically took up the anti-slavery cause.

"Out of 27 million slaves in the world, 13 million of them are children, so it really is a child's cause," Clark said Wednesday.

Even in the United States, even in suburban communities, some guardians have forced children to drop out of school and to serve as slaves, Clark said. Sometimes, she said, the problem involves sexual abuse.

Clark had to carefully teach her youth group, ages 8 to 16,

about the problem of slavery. She consulted church leaders to determine what was appropriate — and what was too graphic — for the children.

As a result, the youth group has organized a Not For Sale carnival from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at the church. The event will help raise money for the International Justice Mission, which fights slavery and other issues of oppression. "Every single penny we raise is going toward the International Justice Mission," Clark said. The carnival will include a taco bar by Qdoba Mexican Grill, music and entertainment, a moon walk, a pie-throwing contest, a cake walk, Emagine Theater passes, T-shirts, a dunk tank and many more activities.

Despite all the fun, the carnival will have a sobering message about slavery, with youngsters passing out fliers and engaging carnival-goers in conversations to teach them about the problem, Clark said. She urged anyone who wants more information to go online to the Not For Sale campaign at www.notforsale.org or to the International Justice Mission's Web site at www.ijm.org.



Opening bell

Plymouth-based credit union Community Financial recently hosted a VIP reception and ribbon-cutting ceremony to showcase its second Canton office, which opened in late July. Assisting with the ribbon cutting for the new branch were (from left) State Rep. Marc Corriveau, Community Financial Branch Manager Christine Ryan, CEO Bill Lawton, Canton Chamber President Diane Cojei, Community Financial Board Chairman Ron Carlson and Canton Township Supervisor Thomas Yack. Community Financial's new Canton branch is 3,500 square feet and provides members with drive-thru teller services and a drive-up ATM. Headquartered in Plymouth, membership in Community Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.

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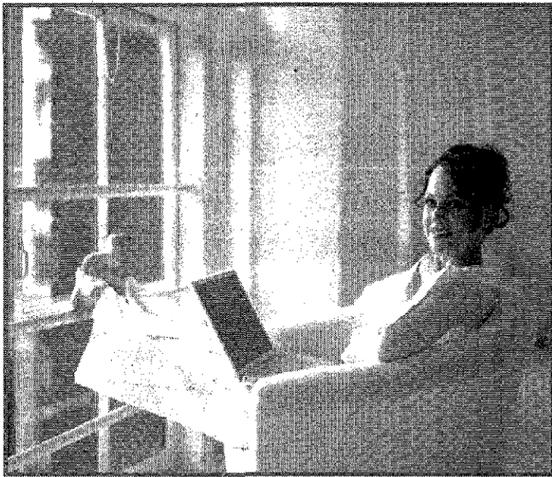
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When mutual fund manager leaves, find out the reason

When I first got involved in this business more than 20 years ago, it was very unusual for a mutual fund to have a change in managers. However, as the mutual fund industry has exploded in size — where in the past there were only hundreds of funds and today there are thousands of funds — it is no longer unusual to have a change in management. In fact, it has become a regular occurrence in the mutual fund industry.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The issue that you and I as investors need to be concerned with is what we should do when a mutual fund that we are invested in has a change in its management team.

There are many reasons why a mutual fund manager leaves. In the past few years, many successful managers have left to work for their own hedge funds. Managers also leave a fund to sometimes manage another fund at the same mutual fund company or to start their own mutual fund. Of course, another reason why mutual fund managers leave is because of their performance.

My general rule is that I do not automatically sell an investment because of a portfolio manager change. A change in manager can be good or bad for a fund and there are no set answers as to how an investor should react. Therefore, whenever a fund that I recommend or that I invest in has a management change, I first want to do some research on the situation before I react. I want to know why the manager has left.

Unfortunately, the mutual fund companies don't automatically notify you that there is a change in management. This is one of those areas where you have to be proactive. There are a few different ways to know when a portfolio manager has left and prob-

ably the easiest is to take advantage of the Internet using sites such as www.morningstar.com or www.fundalarm.com. Both of these sites keep track of management changes.

When a portfolio manager leaves, you do not necessarily have to make a decision immediately. You have time to do your research and make an informed decision. In reaching your decision, it is important to know and to understand the fund itself. Some mutual funds are managed by a team, while other funds may be managed by a sole manager. In general, if the fund is managed by a team and one member of the team leaves, I generally will retain the fund. On the other hand, if a fund has been managed by one individual and that individual leaves, then more often than not I will generally sell the fund.

When a fund is managed by one lead manager and that manager leaves, the fund is almost like a brand new mutual fund and it no longer has a track record. I believe one of the key reasons you invest in a fund is because of its performance; when a new manager takes over, it may be difficult to analyze its past performance. Of course, if the new manager has had a track record at another fund that I can independently analyze, that is one thing. However, if I do not have this independent information, my general view is that it is time to change funds.

I recognize that many people may question about selling a fund that they have done well in just because it has a new management team.

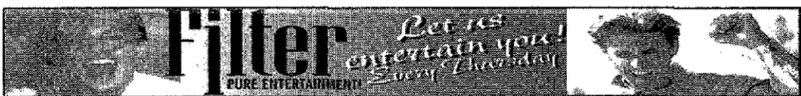
However, my philosophy and my belief is that I am not loyal to an investment nor do I have any emotional attachment to an investment. I believe that when investors follow sound investment strategies, in the long run they end up making better investment decisions. When you make better investment decisions, you end up with more money in your pocket.

I know that the mutual fund companies do not want you to sell their funds and they certainly tend to underplay changes in portfolio managers. Some mutual fund companies are known to have a large turnover of managers and it is somewhat their strategy to constantly change management teams.

These funds will typically have a well-stocked bullpen of managers and changes in their management team historically have not caused a problem. However, funds like this are few and far between. As investors, we always have to be proactive and never be afraid to make changes when necessary. As investors, we should have no loyalty to our investments — after all, they don't have much loyalty to us. What you and I always need to focus on is how an investment fits into our portfolio and we should never hesitate to make changes where needed.

That doesn't mean that we should make changes for change itself; rather, we should make changes in our portfolio to give us a better opportunity to achieve our individual goals and objectives. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His Web site is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick live from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400). If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please e-mail Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



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OUR VIEWS

Reopening I-275 exit should be a priority

Road officials are expected to reopen the Michigan Avenue exit ramp from southbound I-275 this week. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope that's the case.

Actually, the ramp was originally scheduled to open Aug. 7, which was then pushed back to yesterday. Now Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials are saying it will likely reopen sometime late in the day on Saturday. They are waiting for DTE to hook up the new signal.

For most people living on the south end of town who use the freeway, the closing of the ramp has been a real inconvenience — they've been forced to either get off at Ford Road (never a desirable option) or drive south to the Ecorse Road exit and then double back to Michigan Avenue (a waste of gas and time).

However, for businesses on Michigan Avenue, especially those near the freeway, the ramp closing has been more than just an inconvenience. Gas stations, restaurants and hotels have seen their business plummet since early July, when MDOT closed the ramp. Some say business is down as much as 40 percent.

The township should do everything in its power to ensure the ramp is reopened as quickly as possible. There are a lot of businesses counting on it.

"Hurry up, man," was one frustrated business owner's

plea to road officials.

State and township officials have asked for patience. They say the improvements will be a big improvement to the exit, which has become much busier since development has come to the Michigan Avenue corridor in recent years.

Improvements being done include adding a lane to provide dual right and left turn lanes and reconfiguring the median crossover to keep trucks from overtopping the existing curb. Traffic signalization will also be reconfigured and upgraded as part of the safety improvements.

Even after the ramp is reopened, work on the project is scheduled to last until early September.

"Bear with us," Canton Township Engineer Tom Casari said. "The traffic will be much better right there."

While that is probably true, the township should do everything in its power to ensure the ramp is reopened as quickly as possible. There are a lot of businesses counting on it.

Governor's reforms are a good first step

In the ongoing debate about how to balance the state's troubled budget, everyone agrees that essential reforms are needed in how state government operates.

At the heart of that debate is the Michigan corrections system and state sentencing guidelines. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proposed sentencing reforms in an attempt to reduce the state's prison and jail population and bring Michigan more in line with other states in the region.

The reforms making their way through the Legislature include repealing 25 felonies that are rarely prosecuted such as adultery and dueling; changing 142 felonies to misdemeanors, including felonious driving and false election statements; dropping the maximum penalty for 58 felonies; reducing the dollar threshold for felony property crimes; and lightening penalties for drug offenses.

Michigan spends about \$2 billion a year on its prison system, more than it spends on its 15 state universities combined. The suggested reforms would result in 3,300 fewer inmates over three years and reduce the number of beds in county jails by 2,000, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

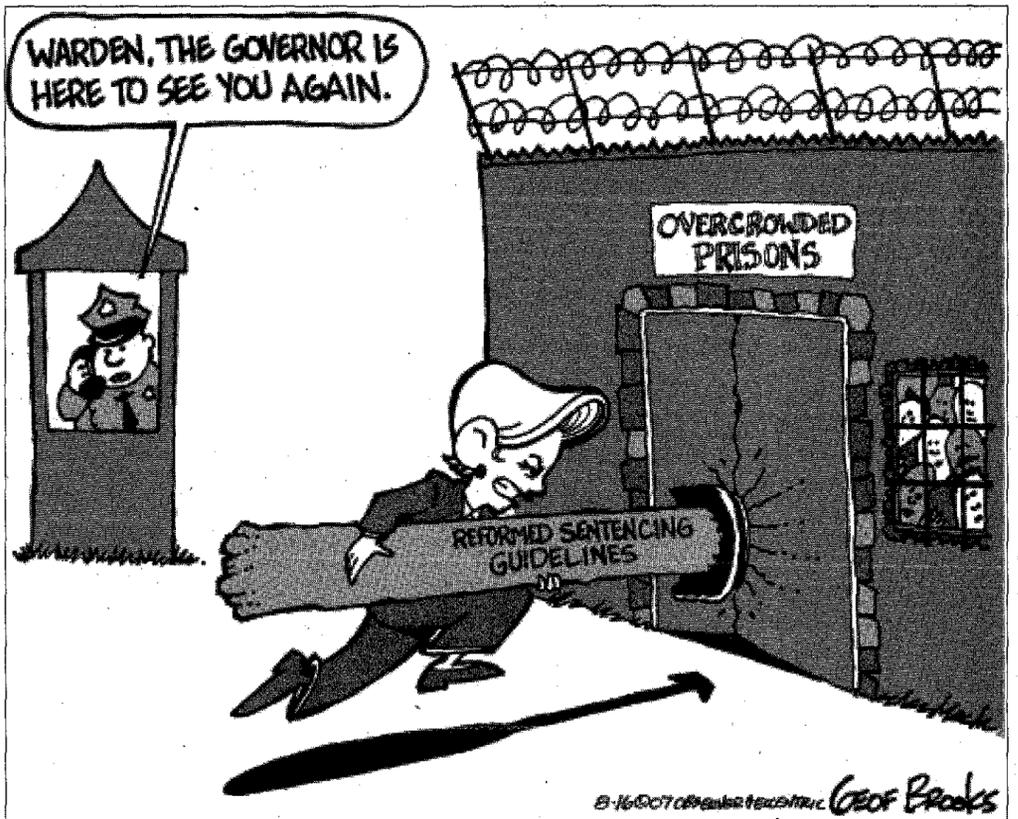
In an Associated Press story, Russ Marian, state corrections spokesman said, "We need these sentencing reforms. If we want to see significant cost savings, we need to decrease the prison population."

Attorney General Mike Cox and other enforcement officials have objected to the reforms. Cox called them "seriously flawed" and dangerous.

While some of his objections are worth considering, his immediate rejection of the reform package seems more politically motivated than professional.

At a time when Michigan ranks at the top for incarceration rate in the region (40 percent higher) and near the top nationally and prison costs are continuing to escalate, it is clear that strong reforms are overdue. The Citizens Research Council estimates that if Michigan has an incarceration rate equal to the average in the region, general fund spending for corrections in the Michigan budget might be reduced by as much as \$500 million.

We believe the governor's proposal is a good first step toward much needed reform and urge the attorney general and others to offer constructive alternatives without making a wholesale rejection of a much-needed reform.



Stop spreading misinformation

In reading the letter "War on Terror is real," Aug. 9, I was disappointed to see that the confusion about the war on terror, Iraq and al-Qaeda still persists. The misinformation and outright lies spread by our president and vice president about those issues persist even though facts have exposed them for what they are; untruths.

After 9/11 our president had an opportunity and a duty to eliminate the Taliban and al-Qaeda from Afghanistan and in so doing crush an international terror organization that has been a threat to us as well as the world. Our president chose to ignore the opportunity and to move our resources to invading Iraq which had no connection with al-Qaeda or the Taliban. For this monumental blunder, history, as well as generations of Americans, will never and should never forgive him.

The reality in Iraq is that a civil war is being waged between the Shia and the Sunni factions of Islam. Al-Qaeda, while present due to our president's blunder, represent a tiny part of the insurgency; they are opposed by Iraqis and do not pose a danger of ever forming a government in Iraq.

The only hope in Iraq is to divide the country along ethnic lines with an agreement to share oil revenues on a per capita basis. Our troops should remain only in a capacity to prevent foreign powers from entering the region and not as cannon fodder in a civil war.

President Bush and the Republicans have shown us that they are incapable of providing security for our nation; in fact they are the ones responsible for putting us in danger. Allowing them to continue to damage this country and the people in it is plainly irresponsible.

Janusz M Szyszko
Canton

Start impeachment proceedings

I want Democrats to know this: If you all don't start impeachment proceedings I am switching parties. You, the Dems, were brow beaten with one of the best presidents ever in Bill Clinton. Now you are looking like lame ducks and giving that man in the White House full authority to continue on his merry way.

You need to start with Cheney, then go after Bush for war crimes against humanity, illegal war, wire tapping without having a judge's approval of it. These are just a few of his illegal actions while in office. Please don't tell me that these aren't enough.

President Bill Clinton never left office, so I don't characterize his as impeached as the publications do. His actions with Monica were between two consenting adults. He should have never had to go through that.

I am embarrassed by John Conyers, who used impeachment to get re-elected and then when he was done nothing but back or cower down to what FOX News would say about him.

Joseph McGlinchey
Canton

Impeach the president

Why does it take so long for the U.S. government, which is supposed to represent the United States of America, to

not only put this man on trial but also to impeach. So far I only see weakness and a lot of money and time spent on three men (Bush, Cheney, and Gonzales) that do not represent us and if we did what they have done so far, we would have been in prison!

Judith Tarjeff
Westland

Not above the law

We, as a society cannot afford to allow our leaders to behave as if they are above the law. The next generation already sees lawlessness as an everyday occurrence that shouldn't concern them on a personal level.

How much more personal can these acts of lawlessness be? Our Constitution is the American way of life, if we can't protect it from criminals, how do we protect our people?

Angeline Kaleto
Wayne

No help in sight

I originally applied for Social Security disability in November 2003 and after being denied, requested an appeal hearing, which they received in March 2006. It has now been 19 months since the hearing request.

I have paid into Social Security for 30 some years and they always received the money right up front, but since my doctor told me I could no longer work, me and my dear wife of 31 years have suffered a long list of hardships. She was working two jobs at one time, trying to help out, but now that has taken its toll and her health is failing.

So with no insurance and no income, we are struggling to get her proper care. Cancer has been suggested and as of today has not been ruled out as she has more tests and more doctors to see. We have sold most of our belongings of any value and put our home of 24 years up for sale with no luck yet. Also, we have filed for bankruptcy, and we are still in danger of foreclosure, but trying very hard to keep our home.

I do receive food assistance and have applied to the state for medical disability assistance which, after being turned down and a subsequent hearing, I was declared disabled under SSI guidelines, guided by rule 201.10 by a state administrative law judge for purposes of SDA and MA programs, dated May 9, 2007, but I have yet to receive a dime from these programs.

A copy of this judgement along with a letter from my lawyer asking for a favorable ruling was mailed to the Social Security Administration office of disability adjudication and review, also in May, with no response. In the meantime, we are about to lose our house, and my poor wife's health is still in question. I have written Sen. Debbie Stabenow several times before with no results other than a letter from SSA saying basically they will get to me in their own sweet time while we lose everything.

It is really a shame that an institution such as the SSA can ignore a senator and ruin the lives of the very people they were created to serve and whom without they would not even exist.

Ronald A. Ross
Westland

We need change

What happened after the election last fall? Where is the Democratic strength all who voted for you were looking for? There is so much craziness, corruption, above-the-law behavior, and unfair practices going on in our government for far too long.

If the citizens cannot be a voice, then we expect you in government to be our voices and along with eyes and ears about what is going on, because you are closer to it and can make a difference if you'll stand up together and vote for change. What is going on is obviously wrong.

We are vulnerable and lacking in the strength you said you'd show us when we elected all of you last year. I am personally very disappointed! We need change, we need strength, we need you to stand together for the citizens and raise ours/your voices with your votes! If I wasn't feeling so weak and tired with MS, I'd be traveling to see if I could make a difference, but I cannot unfortunately.

The congressman who represents the area where I live seems to almost always vote against the little person and for the guy who has lots of money, but it seems more often than not the senators from Michigan can be counted on to vote their good conscience and vote for the citizens in a myriad of issues, so I know I can usually count on them to care and vote appropriately.

The garbage in D.C. needs to cease. We need someone intelligent, strong, with a conscience and with compassion to lead this country. We need to get rid of what currently exists in D.C. What is going on has been such a farce and happening for almost seven years now. First it wasn't a real election, (corruption) then we had no leader for all this time.

Yikes! I'm so sick of all of it and want change so badly! Please help our country to change! I don't want immature little boys running this government. This is a better country than how we are currently represented. It is so in the garbage right now!

And we know why and by whom this wonderful country wound up in the garbage too. The Shrub, Cheaty, Gonogate, Row, Row, Rove — all must go, go, go, ASAP, please!

Linda J Solomon
Farmington Hills

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"We've lived her for too long to be shocked. The only thing unusual about this is that it was a body. Other than that, it's at least once a week that someone is dumping something over here."

Ruth Skelly, who lives on Lotz Road, south of Michigan Avenue, near a wooded area where a teen found a dead body wrapped in a blanket last week

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County's point man remains optimistic on bridge project

As hard as he's tried, Alan Helmkamp just might not have enough fingers to keep in the dike more commonly known as the Sheldon Road underpass project in Plymouth Township.

But you have to give Helmkamp — the assistant Wayne County executive who has become, at least from the county's perspective, the face of the project — credit. He keeps trying to plug the holes. And any day now, he's probably going to have to take off his shoes.

There are signs that all his plugging may very well be working, at least a little bit.

Last week, for the first time in months, there were actually construction workers in the construction zone, surely a welcome site, particularly for the businesses along that stretch of road that has been closed since April and will be closed for at least another 16 months.

We say "at least" because there isn't really anyone we can find — except Helmkamp — who thinks this project is going to get done on time.

On the other hand, there are many examples in Michigan's history that show more complicated projects done in reasonable time. Though the Mackinac Bridge Authority was established in 1950, the actual construction of the five-mile expanse took some 3½ years and was finished in November 1957.

The 2.5-mile Ambassador Bridge connecting Detroit and Windsor was built in two years, as was the mile-long Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Those might not be directly analogous, since the Sheldon Road underpass isn't slated to go over — or under — a river.

Of course, the Sheldon Road underpass has had to withstand perhaps the largest obstacle to progress known to man: government. And there's been plenty of that to navigate.

Wayne County is footing the largest portion of the bill, paying much of it with federal grant money. Early on, it secured commitments from both the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees and the Plymouth City Commission. However, as the planning dragged on and it appeared costs were going to go up, the city commission balked and actually at one point withdrew support until Helmkamp agreed to cap the city's commitment at some \$500,000.

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The latest spat is with DTE Energy, which was supposed to be done with its work by June 1. Helmkamp said the company didn't make it. DTE spokesman Scott Simons said, in essence, "Yes we did, but we even told you last fall we might not make that kind of deadline."

Still, there may be reason in the history books for Helmkamp's optimism about meeting overall project deadlines. After all, talks about the Sheldon Road underpass only date back about 10 years. People on Mackinac Island actually started talking about a bridge across the Straits of Mackinac around 1884, more than 70 years before the bridge was actually built.

Through all the problems, Helmkamp may have wanted to turtle himself into a shell. Instead, he remains positive and helpful, returning phone calls, answering questions.

"Call me the eternal optimist, but I'm sticking to that," Helmkamp said of the scheduled December 2008 completion date. "If this means we have to revise the schedule and add shifts, even in the bad months, we'll do whatever we need to do to get it completed by then."

Spoken like a man being fitted for rose-colored glasses.

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Brad Kadrich

Cruise over to where the roar of the Fords began

A lot of cars roaring along Woodward for Saturday's Dream Cruise will be Fords.

The name Henry Ford means cars. Ford didn't invent the car nor did he conceive of the assembly line. But he combined the two and put the world on wheels.

Ford left us another legacy: the birthplace of the Model T.

Tucked away in an old — very old — corner of Detroit called the Milwaukee Junction, just a few blocks south of East Grand Boulevard and east of Woodward,

stands Henry Ford's Piquette plant. This is perhaps the only original pioneering auto factory that is open to the public and still retains its original feel.

It should, considering much of the plant has not been changed since the day that Henry Ford left the building in 1910 for his new, gigantic factory in Highland Park.

Ford built the plant in 1904, less than a year after he founded his company. The three-story brick building measures 402 feet long by 56 feet wide. It was here that Ford designed the Model T and built 12,000 copies of the car. You can still find a fleet of them on display in the plant.

The Piquette plant is special in that you get a real sense of history in the plant. I like to call it the feel of history. Only a few places have an aura that seems to transport you to the past and give you a sense of what they were originally like.

I went there on a steamy Saturday afternoon, and the solid brick structure retained the heat like an oven. That was fine — after all, when this plant was built, even Henry Ford didn't have air conditioning in his office.

The interior walls of his office are gone, although you can still see where they stood in a corner on the second floor, along with the foundation of the old vault that used to be there. On a remaining wall hangs a photo of Ford's office, and comparing it to the space around you leaves no doubt that this is where Henry Ford sat. There's even an exact replica of Ford's desk. It's surprisingly small. That says something, one of the docents told me. Ford was not a man to be bothered by paperwork. He was a hands-on engineer. He purposely had his office right next

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to where the cars were assembled, not on the first floor where the businesses offices were located. In the back of the third floor stands the special room where Ford and his designers came up with the plans for the Model T.

The plant is infused with age and history. The original massive steel fire doors are still in place. Overhead are heavy wooden beams, and looking out the windows you can see the railroad tracks adjoining the property. It is nearly identical to the view that Ford would have seen 100 years ago.

There is a variety of classic Fords on display throughout the plant. Some are still used to take visitors for a jaunt to the nearby New Center area, so you can still catch a whiff of car exhaust and hear the sputter of a Model T in motion.

The Piquette plant is a marvelous place to visit and get a sense of history. We have the Model-T Automotive Heritage Complex, Inc., or T-Plex, to thank for its presence. Until 1997, the Piquette plant was just another abandoned building facing demolition.

Historian and educator Jerald Mitchell got wind of plans to tear down the plant and approached the Henry Ford Heritage Association with a proposal to form a committee to save the plant. That led to T-Plex and the ongoing efforts to restore the factory.

The T-Plex folks have done a marvelous job, but there is still much work to be done. The windows have to be replaced and many of the display cases are empty. But step by step, the plant is coming back to its old grandeur.

The Piquette plant is open to the public on the first and third Saturday of the month between May and October. Find out more at www.tplex.org. Admission is \$10 per person.

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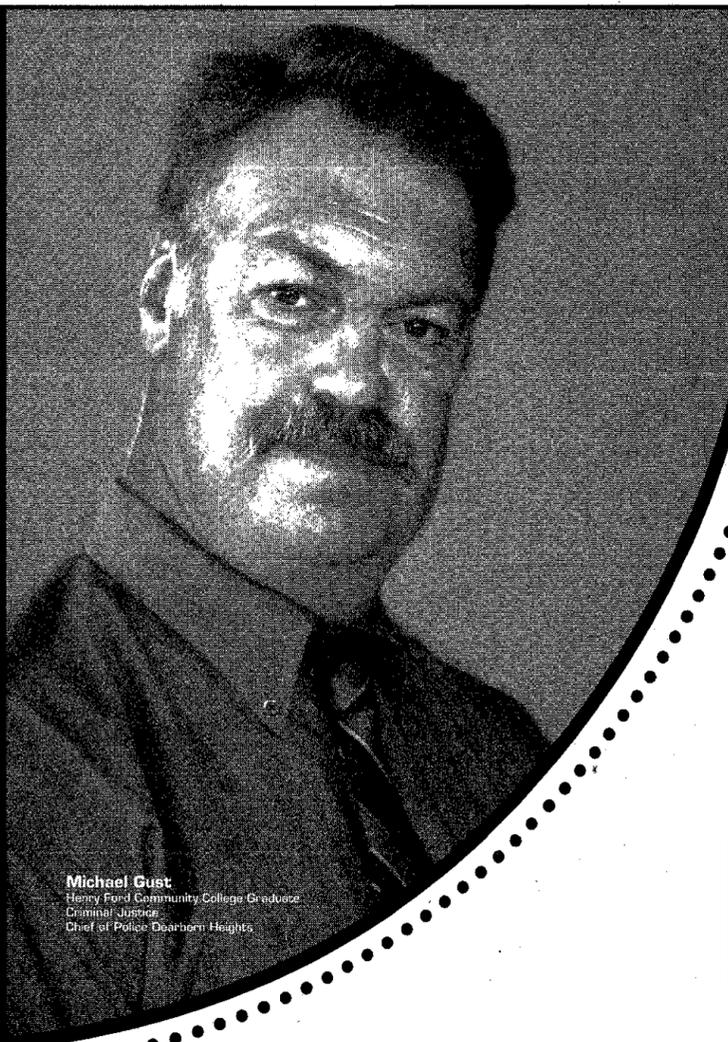
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Contest winners dine with Motor City Middays crew

Doug and Michele Sawyer of Livonia were treated to dinner last week with all the special touches as winners of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and Buddy's Pizza "Dining with the Stars" contest.

The Sawyers were among the top four finalists in July's "Dining With the Stars," which featured the crew of Motor City Middays — Jay Towers, Shila and Bill McAllister — of 97.1 Free FM.

Michele Sawyer was surprised when she got the call, because she never entered.

"I wasn't just surprised, I was shocked," she said.

"My husband listens to them every day. He wrote the entry," said Michele, who works at Centerline Electric. The fact that Doug listens helped him win the top prize.

"I am desperate. Ever since my husband started listening to your show, he has come down with some kind of illness. He is constantly doing these imitations of dead celebrities, knows way too much about nothing, and has everything in my future being in water. He refuses to fly anymore out of some kind of fear, wants to move into a condominium, and the weird part is he now cries after our special moment together. I have tried everything to rid him of these symptoms but nothing seems to work. Please send help," wrote Doug Sawyer. Then he signed it Michele Sawyer.

And the MIDDAY crew did send help by selecting the Sawyers, the parents of three children, to enjoy a night out at Buddy's in Farmington Hills.

"It was fun, they were funny and the food was very good," Michele said.

The Sawyers were treated to a limo ride courtesy of Pro-Tran Transportation. Michele opted for the makeover from Beauty Salon by J. Lyle Lmt, featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick.

Doug sat this one out.

The fivesome dined on antipasto salad, a Greek pizza and sampled two of Buddy's new thin-crust pizzas. Then they watched a mambo dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills. Afterward, they talked about the inner workings of a radio station, laughed and talked some more.

Michele is still deciding how to spend her \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield.

Doug was always a fan of the MIDDAY crew, and now Michele is too.

"They are so much fun. They hang out together, do things together so they'll have things to talk about on the radio. They're great."

To top it off, Buddy's donated \$500 to the Children's Hospital of Michigan, the charity of choice for Jay Towers.

Look for the August winner, who will dine with Coco of WJLB FM-98, in next week's *Observer & Eccentric*.



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Doug and Michele Sawyer joins the Motor City MIDDAYS crew in watching Brandon Stoinski and Karla Pinet of the Fred Astaire Studio during their Dining With The Stars diner at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills.



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AUGUST

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 guest evangelist Rev. Reginald Hunt, Pastor of World Christian Center in South Carolina. For more information, call (248) 358-9307.

Explore the Catholic faith

We are constantly confronted with competing faith claims. What to make of them? Indeed, is truth even knowable? Explore the Catholic option and see if curiosity leads to conversion. Tuesdays, starting Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall (Church building), at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

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.

Supplies-for-Students

A Back to School Supplies Give-Away event that is free for all families in our community. Enjoy crafts, games, food, an inflatable bouncer, and more! Most importantly, we will be giving away 200 bags of school supplies to kick off the start of a new school year. Arrive on time because supplies are limited to the first 200 students. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, Redford. For more information, call Pastor Bob Hegdal at (313) 538-2660.

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. Maple, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no long-term commitment. For more information, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

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 Laverne, 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.

UPCOMING

Carillon series

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

Victorian fashion show/tea

Shows 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (30-minutes each) Saturday, Sept. 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Guests are served tea and sweets on china during the show. Many guests are dressed in Victorian attire (although that is not required). After each show, a tour of the historic First Presbyterian Church is offered to guests. The church was established in 1829 recently celebrated 175 years of ministry in historic Northville. For information and directions, visit www.firstpresville.org. Tickets 10 for adults, \$5 students age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office. Group tickets are more easily obtained for the 3:30 p.m. show. Any member of the Red Hat Society who joins us for the 3:30 p.m. show receives \$1 off of admission.

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.

Mom to Mom sale

Tr-City Christian Center is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with over 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a one-dollar admission.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29; at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Newburg United Methodist Church. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

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.

CROP walk

To raise awareness and funds for international relief and development as well as for the Plymouth Salvation Army 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. There will be 2 mile and 4 mile routes. For CROP Walker envelopes and further information, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

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, Tunisia, 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.

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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.higherrockcafe4t.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

Twins 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.holycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study

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

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Tiny Tot's 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 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.

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

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Personal ministry

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

Scripture studies

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

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study

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

Church service

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

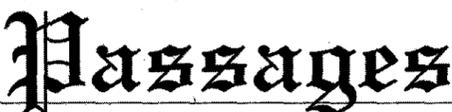
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Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734)

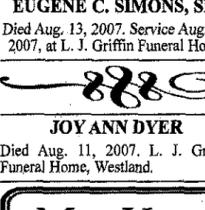
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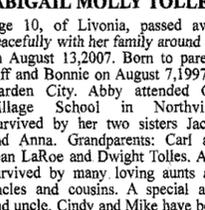
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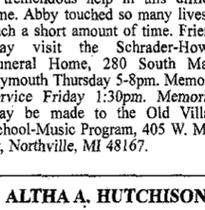
DOROTHY (DO) TOBIN
Age 87, of Birmingham and Ann Arbor, passed away at Glacier Hills Retirement Community in Ann Arbor, August 9, 2007. Wife of James E. Tobin, who died in 2005; mother of Richard Tobin of Ann Arbor, Melanie LaFave of Birmingham and James Tobin, Jr. of Ann Arbor; grandmother of Emily, Peter and Laura Wilson-Tobin, Joseph LaFave, Carolyn Fischer and Elizabeth and Claire Tobin; mother-in-law of Peggy Wilson, Robert P. LaFave and Leesa Tobin. Mrs. Tobin was the daughter of Thomas and Lottie Gilliam of Royal Oak. She graduated in 1941 from the University of Michigan, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She was a wonderful wife and mother who loved books, music, and gardens almost as much as she loved her husband and the members of her immediate and extended family, in whose lives she played a sustaining and central role. At the same time, she spent many volunteer hours helping adults learn to read. Arrangements for a memorial service will be announced later. Contributions in Mrs. Tobin's name may be made to On My Own of Michigan (2145 Crooks Road, Suite 103, Troy, MI 48064), which helps young adults with disabilities to live independently. Mrs. Tobin's beloved grandson Joe is a founding member of the group. Arrangements by Generations.



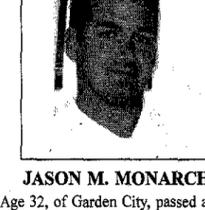
JOY ANN DYER
Died Aug. 11, 2007. L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.



ABIGAIL MOLLY TOLLES
Age 10, of Livonia, passed away peacefully with her family around her on August 13, 2007. Born to parents Jeff and Bonnie on August 7, 1997 in Garden City. Abby attended Old Village School in Northville. Survived by her two sisters Jackie and Anna. Grandparents: Carl and Joan LaRoe and Dwight Tolles. Also survived by many loving aunts and uncles and cousins. A special aunt and uncle, Cindy and Mike have been a tremendous help in this difficult time. Abby touched so many lives in such a short amount of time. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth Thursday 5-8pm. Memorial service Friday 1:30pm. Memorials may be made to the Old Village School-Music Program, 405 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.



ALTHA A. HUTCHISON
Age 93, August 14, 2007. Long time resident of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Robert J. Stewart and Wickliffe "Bud" C. Hutchison. Dear mother of Robert G. (Terry) Stewart and Richard J. (Karen) Stewart. Graveside services Friday 1pm at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, Michigan. Contributions to the Salvation Army would be appreciated. Share memories at schrader-howell.com



JASON M. MONARCH
Age 32, of Garden City, passed away August 8, 2007. He was born on February 14, 1975 in Southfield, MI to Gregory S. Monarch and Linda R. Wright. Jason was united in marriage to Peggy L. Haskin on July 7, 2001. He had been a resident of Garden City for 5 years, and was formerly of South Lyon and Westland. He was employed by Clean Harbors Environment Companies as a Heavy Machine Operator. He was a life long member of Salvation Army in Dearborn Heights. Jason loved his family, especially his wife and children. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed snowmobiling, motor cross, hunting, and camping. He also enjoyed working on his model train set. He is survived by his loving wife Peggy L. Monarch; his children Mackenzie, Morgan, and Ethan; his parents Greg (Robin) Monarch and Linda (Robert) Sosnowski; and his siblings Tamarra (Jeff) Niemiec, Jonathan Cook, Jeffrey Cook, and Andrew Monarch; his grandmother Ethel Wright; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. A Funeral Service was held Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at Salvation Army in Dearborn Heights, Col. Clarence Harvey and Capt. Steve Merritt officiated the service. The procession for Rural Hill Cemetery will leave today; Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 10 a.m. from Casteline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville 48167. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to the Children of Jason Monarch, c/o Casteline Funeral Home, Inc. would be appreciated.

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464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories. St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

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Unity of Livonia Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

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

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

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

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

English classes Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

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

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

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Bible talks 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

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

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Worship services At 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

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

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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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 6221 - Clare Pratt - 20 Boxes, Misc Items
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 4028 - Renee Peeples - 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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Personal property described below in the matter of:
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 5056 - Suzanne Byrum 15 Benches, Misc Items
 6001 - Marcia Washington - China Cabinet, Dryer, Deep Freezer
 6009 - Susan Cowling - Rug, Table, Misc Items
 6026 - Ronald Johnston - Rocking Chair, Bookcase, VCR

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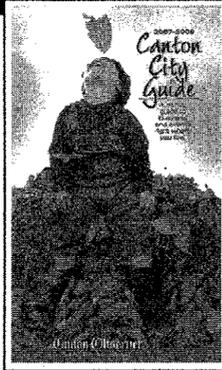
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 2016 - Leroy Scott - File Cabinet, Air Hockey Table, Big Screen TV
 1014 - Allen Roberts - Chair, 20 Boxes, 2 Totes
 2002 - Donisia Curry - Desk, Loveseat, 10 Boxes
 2036 - Robert Wilcox - Drum kit, leather chair, bike
 4047 - Jeffery Ensign - 2 Totes, 15 Boxes, Misc Items
 4147 - Narene Hyman - Couch, Bed Frame, Wicker Bench
 4148 - David Fuller - TV Stand, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
 4273 - Patrisha Terry - Loveseat, Dresser, Entertainment Center
 5021 - Roger Cole - Couch, Loveseat, Kitchen Table
 5117 - Racheal Black - 8 Boxes, 6 Bags, 1 Tote
 6012 - Joe Bermudez - Couch, Dresser, Misc Items

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Snakes have the law on their side

Signs in natural areas are low on my like list. Leash your dog. No fires. Don't litter. Much of the information is common sense, but signs are needed to enforce laws.

Some signs, however, are refreshing, especially when they provide nature interpretation and remind the park owners — that's you — that parks are not pacified playgrounds free of wild things and functioning aspects of nature's way. Many national parks are working on signage to educate the public on black bears, a potentially dangerous creature when they are habituated to our bad behavior. And cougar advisory signs can be found at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Michigan. Some local parks are telling the tale of the eastern coyote, steps in the right direction.

Seven Lakes State Park, near Holly, deserves congratulations for its bold action in strategically placing a unique wildlife crossing sign. This sign stops you dead in your tracks for a second look, and that's what it's meant to do: inform, educate and protect a resource.

Seven Lakes is a wildland gem operated by the Michigan DNR. Enter the park and just a ways down the road you can't miss a prominent standard yellow highway sign. This one, in bold letters, proclaims: "CAUTION, SNAKE CROSSING, PROTECTED SPECIES". A detailed rattlesnake picture appears on the sign along with the words, "Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake, Venomous-Protected Species."

It's my guess that many county residents have no idea massasauga rattlesnakes, Michigan's only venomous snake, true pit vipers, live in Oakland County. Many parks under management of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and Oakland County Parks have placed small rattlesnake signs near trails and their naturalists pass the word. Well and good.

I chatted with DNR biologist Julie Oakes, who confirmed that the rattlesnake signs at Seven Lakes are unique. In her words, "We stole the idea from Sterling State Park that



On Nature

Jonathan Schechter

put up fox snake crossing signs." Good for her! And it will hopefully be good for our elusive, cryptically colored, shy little swamp rattler that sometimes suns on pavement. The signs went up shortly after an off-leash dog — a violation of law — was bitten by a rattler. The dog survived, but the owner was not happy that he did not know rattlers were in the park.

Fact of the matter, many natural areas in Oakland County have rattlesnakes. Some of my favorite "rattlesnake parks" are Indian Springs, Kensington and Stony Creek metro parks, Independence and Orion Oaks county parks and the Bald Mountain State Recreation Area, along with many small protected areas and sanctuaries in northern Oakland County. Rattlesnakes also live in some new subdivisions that are adjacent to wetlands. The Paint Creek Trail, Polly Ann Trail, the Clinton River Trail and sections of the old tracks just west of the West Bloomfield Trail Network all have habitat that could very well support rattlers.

Every now and then, a massasauga bites a human. Humans survive. The snake usually does not. And they are not ankle bites. The great majority of the highly infrequent bites are direct result of harassment and stupidity and result in intoxicated adult males being bitten on their dominant hands seconds after the famous two-word phrase, "Watch this!"

In August, female massasaugas give birth to their live young in upland sites, then slowly slither peacefully back across roads to their wetlands, awaiting their season of hibernation, often in moist crayfish burrows. Give the snakes a break. It's the law.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way in metro Detroit.

As the countdown shortens for the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise on Aug. 18, Cruise events are rapidly taking shape.

Birmingham will host more than 600 classic cars packed into downtown, along with automotive displays and live entertainment provided by two driving forces behind the Motor City.

"We are excited about this year's lineup," said John Heiney, director of the Birmingham Principal Shopping District. "Each year our sponsors like Ford and Chevrolet offer great events, displays and activities for visitors."

Ford Motor Co. will hold its Cruisin' Legends car show at Shain Park

Throughout the day, there will be more than 100 classic Ford, Lincoln and Mercury cars on display. In addition, Ford partners will have displays, including Saleen, Barrett-Jackson, Steeda and Skunkworks

Also featured will be display by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. You can see the legendary '32 Duce Coupe with the Ford flat head, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

There also will be a chance to win travel packages to Ford Championship Weekend and the Ford Racing Driving School.

The schedule of activities is: ■ noon to 1 p.m.: Edge Karaoke. Family and friends take the stage to sing their favorite '50s and '60s tune. Performers will get a mini-DVD of their act.

■ 1-1:15 p.m.: JDRF Youth Ambassador Message.

■ 1:15-2:30 p.m.: The Aaron Vaughn Band.

■ 2:45-4 p.m.: Teen Angels

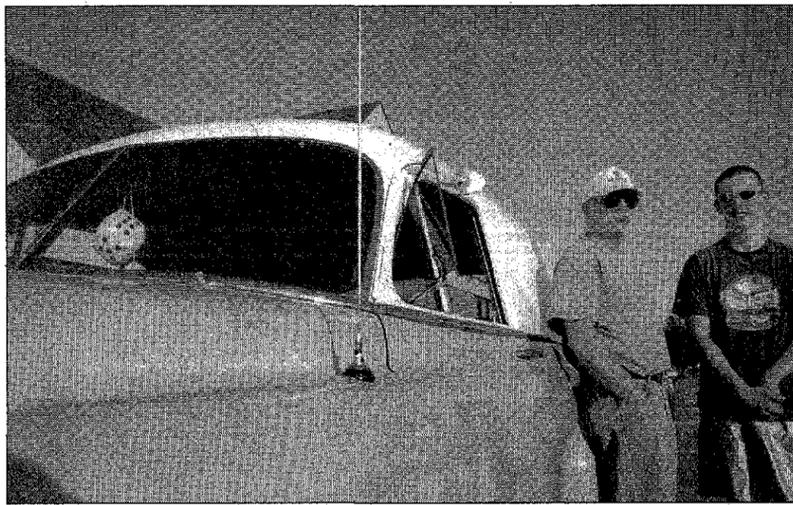
■ 4-4:15 p.m.: JDRF Youth Ambassador Message.

■ 4:15-5:15 p.m.: Edge Karaoke.

■ 5:30-6:30 p.m.: Jerry Sprague.

■ 6:45-8:15 p.m.: Dallas Hodge.

Chevrolet is cruising into Birmingham to take over the Birmingham Triangle. Located at the junction of Woodward and South Old Woodward, the Triangle



Ray Farner and his son Danny brought their 1950 Chevy sedan delivery van to Birmingham last Saturday for an early appearance at the Dream Cruise.

will be packed all day, with festivities for the whole family.

The Chevy Racing Tour will feature NASCAR vehicles, engine displays, interactive games, kiosks and more.

The Chevrolet Music Tour celebrates classic music and cars and there will be games and prizes. Musical entertainment will be offered from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy music from Deep Kick. Chevy will have more than 60 unique Classic and Turner Cars, the Chevy SPO Accessories Display and Chevy's full line of cars, trucks and SUVs. Plus this will be a one-time only opportunity to see celebrity classic vehicles and the auto show exclusive concept vehicles.

Event day registration for cruisers is open to individual cars, model year 1978 and older, after 10 a.m. at the registration tent at South Old Woodward and Brown — space is still available, and you should arrive early. Day-of parking is \$20, based upon availability and on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about Dream Cruise parking in Birmingham, visit www.birminghamcruiseevent.com.

All Dream Cruise events and venues are within walking distance of Birmingham's five parking decks, where the first two hours of parking are free.

Camp support

Two downtown Birmingham businesses, Weir Manuel Realtors and Max & Erma's, are lending a hand to Camp Casey.

During the Woodward Dream Cruise weekend, Aug. 17-19, Weir Manuel has agreed to give up its prime-location parking lot so that Camp Casey can set up shop and raise awareness and funds for their cause.

The following Thursday, Aug. 23, Max & Erma's is holding a benefit dinner in which 20 percent of the day's proceeds go to Camp Casey. Diners must have an official flier for their meal to count; fliers can be downloaded from www.camp-casey.org or by e-mailing LaurenMaiman@camp-casey.org and requesting one.

Camp Casey is a nonprofit organization. It travels to

horseback riding facilities throughout Michigan to provide a cost-free series of one-day retreats for kids with cancer and their families.

This idea was inspired after founder Molly Melamed, 24, witnessed the effect horses had on Casey Foote, a little girl who died from bone and brain cancer in 2003.

At only 19, Melamed designed, organized and launched Camp Casey while attending Michigan State University. What was supposed to be a one-time activity day for Sparrow Hospital patients has evolved into a mobile day camp throughout all of Michigan.

Now in its fourth year, it has already reached hundreds of kids. Five camps are scheduled for summer 2007.

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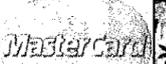
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Way to go: Loft living suits them just fine

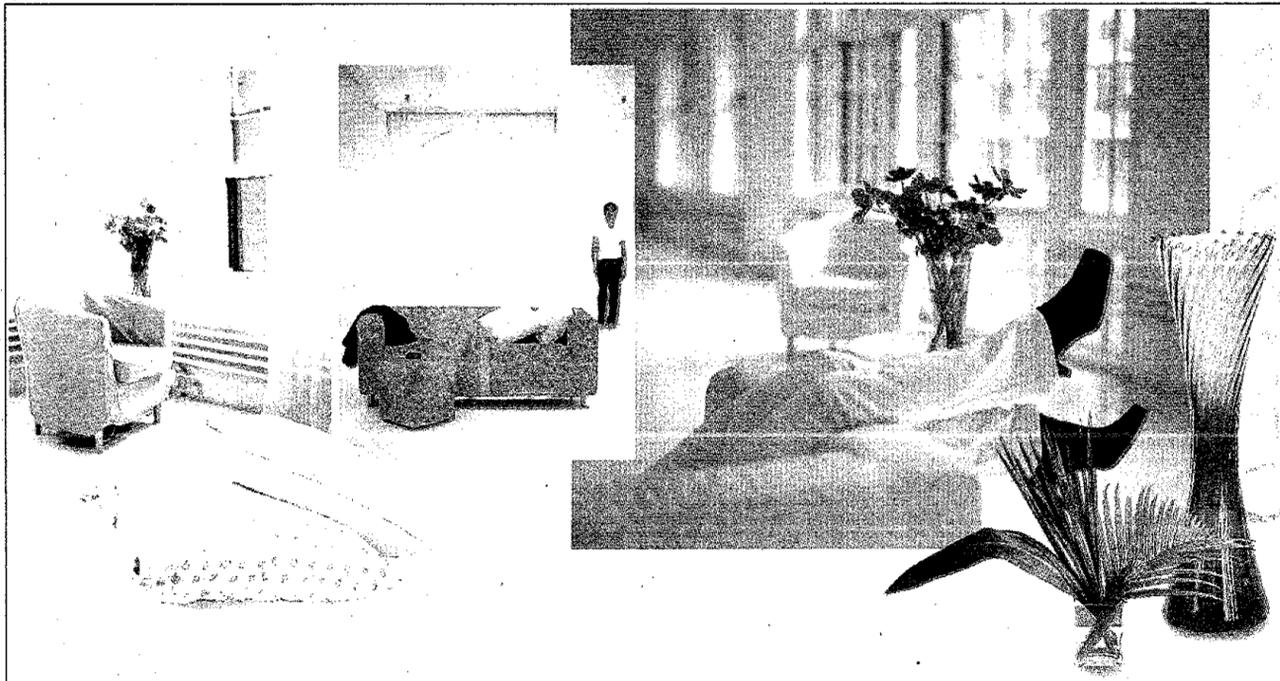
A television on a turntable in the middle of a wall and a Murphy bed built from Lowe's cabinets and hardware found on the Internet demonstrate the creative customizability of the spaces available at SkyLofts MarketSquare in Royal Oak.

With a simple swivel, Tony Walser and Bob Burrell can watch their 40-inch LCD TV from the living room in their loft or from the bedroom. For that matter, they can angle it for easy viewing from their open kitchen.

"It's a flexible space. The TV wall was just a divider - and not load-bearing," said Walser, a manufacturing engineer at Ford Motor Co. He used oak boards to craft a cabinet to frame the television screen and hold other electronic components. He stained it black to create a smooth backdrop. The power is simply fed through the wall up from the bottom and the cable wire comes in from the top. On the opposite side of the swivel is a contemporary painting. Depending on where they are watching television, the painting serves as a focal point in the opposite room.

To accommodate a home office as well as visiting friends and family, Walser built a bed that folds up against the wall in the loft's flex room. He assembled pantry-sized cupboards in a cherry finish to create depth and a frame around the bed, then built the bed's platform and mounted it between the cabinets, using the Create-a-Bed hardware found online. The bed uses a standard mattress. When overnight company arrives, they simply fold down the bed to create a guest room. When they do not have visitors, it is folded up and resembles a wall-to-wall armoire allowing more room for their home office. The loft's 10-foot high exposed concrete ceilings still leave plenty of room for decorative objects and pictures above.

"The legacy of lofts is that of spaces that are infinitely customizable," said David Strosberg of Morningside Group, developer of SkyLofts MarketSquare, 101 Curry Avenue. "We adopt universally-appealing elements



of that legacy - high ceilings, exposed systems, open floor plans - while adding the amenities that today's homebuyers want. That still leaves plenty of room for the kind of creativity that Tony and Bob have demonstrated."

Burrell, 55, and Walser, 45, were living in a 1927 Ferndale "shotgun" house two years ago when they began an intense search for a new home. They looked all over southeast Michigan, from Ann Arbor to Mount Clemens. They considered every kind of housing, including attached and detached condos and single-family homes, but "every time we looked in our price range we found a 1950s bathroom and a kitchen needing work," Burrell said. "I said, 'I'm just too old for this.'" The Morningside concept struck an immediate chord. "We liked the modern feel - a little

industrial but with a more refined look," he said. They were the first residents to move into the building.

Sand-colored walls in the loft provide a backdrop for earth-toned furnishings, gleaming metallics and splashes of the primary colors that predominated in their former home. They shopped at a veritable Yellow Pages of Detroit furniture and accessories stores. The black leather sofa came from Macy's furniture outlet at Northland Center. The flex room's office cabinets are from IKEA, stools at the extra-long kitchen peninsula came from Bright Ideas, the print chair from Art Van and the coffee table from Scott Shuptrine. Then again, a coat of red paint and modern hardware on a 1940's era dresser in the bedroom turned it from bland blonde to a boffo contemporary piece.

Burrell has the eye for accessories and color and he likes to paint. He serves as Walser's assistant on their projects. One test of their relationship was remodeling the bathroom together in their old house, which was a success despite the incident with the sledgehammer and the toilet.

"It's a blessing and a curse with Tony," he chuckled. "These creative types just go off sometimes."

Burrell retired from a job in quality control at Ford Motor Co. in 2007. MarketSquare's location suits his new status.

"We wanted to be in a city, where there are plenty of things to do," he said. "Everything is so close. I can walk to the library, Superior Fish, CVS and a hardware store."

Founded in 1993, Morningside Group is a real estate development

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Fire protection engineers urge: Get out!

A nationwide survey conducted by Bethesda, Md.-based Society for Fire Protection Engineers reveals Americans' first reactions to fire could place them in greater danger.

When asked "If there were a fire in your building, what would be your first action?" 39 percent of respondents said they would call the fire department.

"At first glance this seems like a sensible response," said Chris Jelenewicz, SFPE Engineering Program manager. "However, people should first exit the building and then call the fire department once in a safe location."

Only 28 percent of Americans answered that their first action would be to leave the burning building. Other responses included notifying others (24 percent), fighting the fire (4 percent), searching for the source of fire (3 percent), and searching for more information (2 percent).

"The results of this survey are concerning," said Jelenewicz. "Delays before deciding to evacuate, time spent searching

for the fire, gathering belongings and trying to fight the fire are behaviors that have been observed repeatedly in real fire situations."

When comparing the results of this survey to research on how humans behave in fire, a study of 335 fire incidents that occurred in the U.S. found the top three first reactions were: notifying others (15 percent), fighting the fire (10 percent) and searching for the fire (10 percent). Exiting the building was not even among the top five things people do when they know there is a fire.

The survey also revealed that the elderly, who are statistically a high-risk group from fires, generally respond incorrectly. Over half of people 65 years old or older would first call the fire department, compared to 30 percent who would exit the building first.

The survey also shows that men are much more likely to try to fight the fire than women. Seven percent of men said that they would fight the fire, compared to less than 1

percent of women.

"There are significant differences in the way that men and women react to a fire," said Jelenewicz. "Generally, men are more likely to try and fight a fire. On the other hand, women are more likely to alert others and evacuate the building."

The survey was commissioned by the Society for Fire Protection Engineers in January 2007 by Synovate, and polled more than 1,000 American adults. The findings have a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent.

Understanding how people might behave in fire emergencies is an important field of research in the fire protection engineering profession. This research is used by fire protection engineers to make buildings safer from fire.

For more information about fire protection engineers, go to www.sfpe.org.

Organized in 1950, the Society of Fire Protection Engineers is the professional society for engineers involved in the field of fire protection engineering.

Transfer fee rights are complicated

Q. I have heard about transfer fee rights being a buzz word on the real estate scene, where it is supposedly a technique for reserving future interests in the appreciation of the value of real property that's being sold. Do you have any information about it?



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A. The transfer fee that you may be referring to starts with an agreement that is to be recorded at the chain of title. This agreement purports to be a servitude that attaches to the title of the land and burdens future owners for 99 years. In simple terms, this agreement provides for 1 percent of any future sale to be divided among the original covenantor, the company that licensed the use of the system, and the real estate broker. The transaction is much more complicated. The simple fact of the matter is that the transfer fee rights servitude provides that on any future sale, the future parties must pay 1 percent of the future gross sales price back to the consortium that holds these "transfer fee rights." How successful it will be remains to be seen.

Q. We made a purchase deposit on a house, but we cannot obtain financing to purchase it and we have not been able to close the deal. We have also acknowledged that we had an opportunity to inspect the property and related records, but did not condition the purchase on us getting a mortgage commitment. Do we have any chance of getting our money back?

A. Probably not unless you can negotiate something with the seller. The court would most likely hold that you should have done due diligence in inspecting the property and relevant records and in at least putting in a contingency with respect to your mortgage approval.

You should also have a provision in your purchase agreement that it will be reviewed by your attorney before it becomes binding. These are all reasonable provisions which should be placed in any real estate contract before a house is purchased, and it is important to have an attorney review your contract before it becomes binding. Many times, purchasers think about getting an attorney for the "closing" and, many times, the attorney cannot undo what turns out to be a bad purchase agreement.

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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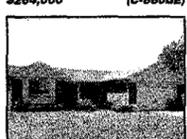
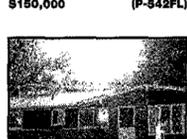
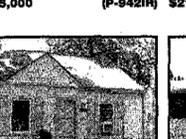
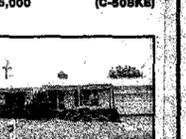
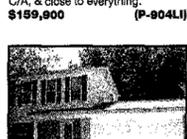
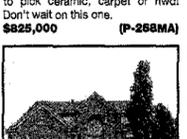
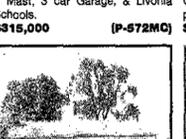
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 <p>UNPACK & ENJOY New carpet & paint! To make this home move in ready! Enjoy the large island Kitchen w/hwd & all appl's, Family Rm w/SS frpl, Formal LR & DR, Master retreat w/2nd fireplace, & so much more. \$359,900 (P-831EA)</p>	 <p>WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY Nice home feat. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, open floor plan, formal LR, oak Kit w/frpl, cath ceiling, Family Room, finished bmt, updated hwh, plum, sprinklers, & too much more to list. \$149,900 (P-227FRA)</p>	 <p>GREAT BUY! Open & airy condo featuring 2 bd, 2.5 baths, att 2 car Garage, full bmt, Great Room w/ vaulted ceiling, doorwall leading to Deck w/view of pond, upper level w/loft or Den area. Great location. \$159,000 (C-282HE)</p>	 <p>SPRAWLING RANCH Livonia ranch situated on approx 3 acre lot. Spacious floor plan offering 2 natural fireplaces, updated roof, A/C, furnace, front windows, hwd, fenced yard, & 2 car garage. \$163,750 (P-848HI)</p>	 <p>BETTER THAN NEW! Built in 2002, this beautiful colonial has everything you desire. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet, hwd floors, freshly painted, finished walkout bmt, & more. Don't miss this one! \$199,000 (P-185HU)</p>	 <p>A PERFECT GEM Great Canton this 3rd ranch offers nice neutral decor thru-out, vinyl windows, roof (tear off in 2004), Ceramic bath & huge insulated 2 car garage. 1 year warranty. Perfect starter home! \$126,900 (C-484HU)</p>	 <p>NEW CANTON CONDO 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo featuring a loft area, Master Suite w/jetted tub, gourmet Kitchen w/builders finest cab's & o-tops, partially finished bmt, & 2 car att Garage. \$227,500 (C-131MA)</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH CHARMER 2 bd, 1 bath condo featuring Kitchen w/all appl, laundry room w/washer & dryer, large Living Room w/doorwall to Deck, Master w/doorwall to deck, & low association dues. \$109,900 (C-850PL)</p>
 <p>PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP Designer touches! To make this colonial an exceptional value. Spacious island Kitchen w/hwd & all appl's, Flex Room makes a perfect Din Rm or Den, finished bmt, & large cut of seac lot. \$249,900 (C-107PO)</p>	 <p>ENERGY EFFICIENT HOME Check out this 3 bd bungalow on an acre in Superior Twp. Enclosed front porch, walkout bmt, 2 car Garage, HUGE Master, updated roof, hwh, septic, geo-thermal heating, low-e windows, & so much more. \$164,900 (C-445PL)</p>	 <p>PRIME RESIDENTIAL LOTS Fabulous building - situated in Washtenaw Cnty - Wooded w/o w/ravines & stream, gated communities, private roads, underground utilities & more. Builders plans available or bring your own. Call today. (P-000VA)</p>	 <p>AWESOME RAISED RANCH This beautiful raised ranch was built in 2003 & almost 1500 sq ft, 2 full baths, master suite with walk-in closet. Home located by a golf course. Home also has a pool & a club house. \$168,900 (C-980CE)</p>	 <p>WAITING FOR THE RIGHT CONDO? 2 bd, 2 bath ranch condo w/open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, 1st fl laundry, basement, & attached garage. Move in condition. Perfect in every way - move right in! \$164,900 (C-620DE)</p>	 <p>LOVELY GARDEN CITY RANCH This 3rd ranch offers nice neutral decor thru-out, vinyl windows, roof (tear off in 2004), Ceramic bath & huge insulated 2 car garage. 1 year warranty. Perfect starter home! \$126,900 (C-814DO)</p>	 <p>MOVE IN CONDITION! Charming 3br brick ranch with a full basement, hardwood floors, 2 car garage, & all appliances stay. Very well kept. \$134,900 (C-740OL)</p>	 <p>PERFECT RANCH Updated! To & sure to please even the pickiest buyer! Beautiful new island Kitchen w/ceramic, 2.5 baths, finished bmt w/roo, vaulted Great Rm w/frpl, & 2 level Deck. \$238,750 (C-037HI)</p>
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 <p>SOUGHT AFTER ROYAL POINT Popular model w/premium elevation. 4 bd, 2.5 ba, formal Dining, stunning Kit w/nook, Master w/vaulted ceiling, Fam Rm w/frpl, prof landscaped lot, & Deck. \$350,000 (P-164AR)</p>	 <p>UPDATED COLONIAL Greenbrook Village offers this great home that backs to woods. Open Foyer, Kit w/nook, Fam Rm w/frpl, oversized Master, finished bmt, prof landscaped fenced yard, & updated roof, furnace, & carpet. \$175,000 (P-245RU)</p>	 <p>GORGEOUS PRINCETON MODEL 4 bd, 2.5 ba colonial featuring vaulted ceilings, Kitchen w/all appl's, formal Liv & Din Rms, 2 car Garage, Fam Rm w/frpl, & Deck overlooking pond. A must see! \$265,000 (P-115SH)</p>	 <p>GARDEN CITY RANCH Located in a great area & priced to sell quickly! This one has a finished bmt w/all bath, stove, fridge, & home warranty included, updated furnace, siding, Kitchen, & more. \$124,900 (C-753WI)</p>				

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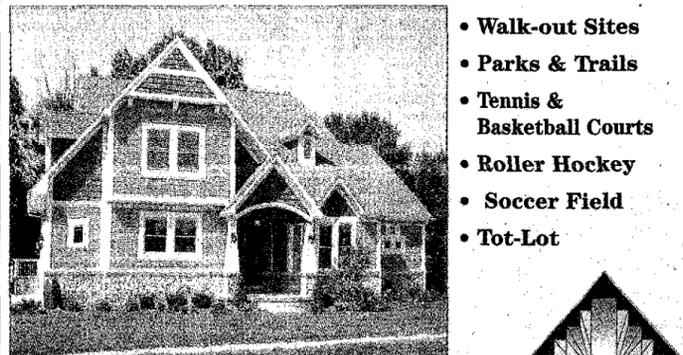
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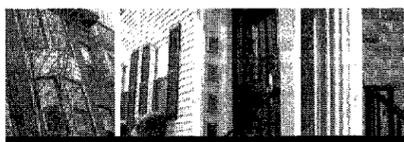
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45444 Augusta Dr	\$310,000	28710 Bella Vista Dr	\$210,000
46381 Briargate Dr	\$258,000	38610 Brandmill	\$208,000
49275 Hanford Rd	\$260,000	25312 Chapelweigh Dr	\$273,000
49130 Hawksbury Rd	\$183,000	30815 Country Ridge Cir	\$310,000
45548 Holmes Dr	\$211,000	21951 Crescent Ct	\$275,000
47144 Northgate Dr	\$275,000	29826 Deer Run	\$203,000
43591 Simsbury St	\$208,000	27800 Forestbrook Dr	\$267,000
2041 W Franklin Dr	\$124,000	38218 French Pond	\$325,000
1831 Woodmont Dr W	\$180,000	24026 Noble Dr	\$240,000
Farmington		21524 Ontaga St	\$76,000
23187 Farmington Rd	\$145,000	31476 Orchard Crk	\$115,000
22460 Floral St	\$130,000	32005 W 12 Mile Rd	\$81,000
32718 Grand River Ave	\$68,000	32005 W 12 Mile Rd	\$61,000
32282 Lee Ln	\$175,000	27207 Winterset Cir	\$365,000
22510 Maple St	\$204,000	Northville	
33127 Orchard St	\$113,000	48281 Binghamton Dr	\$560,000
33260 Slocum St	\$262,000	19709 Cardene Way	\$250,000
Farmington Hills		47153 Dunsany Ct	\$250,000
28710 Bella Vista Dr	\$210,000	20803 E Chigwidan St	\$200,000
38610 Brandmill	\$208,000	52244 Ferndale Dr	\$150,000
25312 Chapelweigh Dr	\$273,000	16400 Highland Ln	\$175,000
30815 Country Ridge Cir	\$310,000	470 Orchard Dr	\$178,000
21951 Crescent Ct	\$275,000	46363 Pinehurst Dr	\$535,000
29826 Deer Run	\$203,000	887 Pond Island Ct	\$480,000
27800 Forestbrook Dr	\$267,000	18036 Ridgeview Dr	\$570,000
38218 French Pond	\$325,000	44509 White Pine Cir W	\$490,000
24026 Noble Dr	\$240,000	44547 White Pine Cir W	\$510,000
21524 Ontaga St	\$76,000	Novi	
31476 Orchard Crk	\$115,000	41629 Blair Dr	\$189,000
32005 W 12 Mile Rd	\$81,000	24188 Brentwood Ct	\$321,000
32005 W 12 Mile Rd	\$61,000	30481 Bristol Circle Ct	\$320,000
27207 Winterset Cir	\$365,000	47539 Cheltenham	\$185,000
Garden City		47670 Cheltenham	\$185,000
6136 Arcola St	\$155,000	22523 Cranbrooke Dr	\$116,000
31979 Pierce St	\$138,000	24100 Cranbrooke Dr	\$194,000
28516 Rosslyn Ave	\$123,000	45104 Dunbarton Dr	\$308,000
Livonia		22467 Havergale St	\$373,000
35280 Ann Arbor Trl	\$60,000	22248 Meridian Ln	\$219,000
17315 Dolores St	\$162,000	27303 Victoria Rd	\$345,000
16854 Farmington Rd	\$145,000	30246 Viewcrest	\$277,000
15105 Golfview Dr	\$272,000	22919 Woolsey	\$122,000
18629 Milburn St	\$153,000	Plymouth	
33665 Orangelawn St	\$228,000	1450 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$56,000
38249 Richland St	\$174,000	1725 Lexington St	\$258,000
14190 Stark Rd	\$140,000	643 Starkweather St	\$200,000
18669 Sunset St	\$107,000	Redford	
20223 Weyher St	\$146,000	15415 Delaware Ave	\$128,000
Farmington		15971 Fox	\$65,000
23187 Farmington Rd	\$145,000	25195 Midland	\$45,000
22460 Floral St	\$130,000	20542 Negaunee	\$103,000
32718 Grand River Ave	\$68,000	9992 Rockland	\$87,000
32282 Lee Ln	\$175,000	14015 Salem	\$170,000
22510 Maple St	\$204,000	25573 Student	\$81,000
33127 Orchard St	\$113,000	South Lyon	
33260 Slocum St	\$262,000	53080 12 Mile Rd	\$65,000
Westland		221 Cuyahoga Ct	\$370,000
441 Barchester St	\$170,000	1198 Gentry Dr	\$90,000
35736 Rolf St	\$135,000	58166 McCormick Ct	\$347,000
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A person who constantly causes crises in the workplace may be extremely toxic to co-workers, bosses, customers and

vendors who don't know how to handle the situation. This is particularly true when the person won't exit, for whatever reason. He could be your boss, the owner's son or daughter, a co-worker or even a key customer. What causes the chronic crises? How can you prevent them? What tactics can you implement if you can't?

Let's go to the root of the problem first. Russ Ouellette, president of Executive Advisory Services L.L.C., in Bedford, N.H., explains that the problem you face may be unrelated to the workplace. "It's usually a personal thing," he states. "It may have to do with self-esteem, how they learned to be in an organization and what they think is good management." An outdated authoritarian approach, for example, may well conflict with today's "more agile and flexible" management style, which empowers people and emphasizes teamwork.

It's critical to assess the situation before you take any action, indicates Noah Blumenthal, president of Leading Principles Inc., in New Hyde Park, N.Y., an executive coaching firm. "There's a level of personality-manufactured crisis in a reasonable spectrum," he points out. "Worriers who are stressed out create stress for others, but they're not the same as those who are over-the-line into an unrealistic and potentially damaging view of reality."

CRISIS BEHAVIOR

Business forecaster David Goldsmith, president of MetaMatrix Consulting Group L.L.C., in Manlius, N.Y., isn't optimistic about preventing this problematic behavior. "Spotting a personality-manufactured crisis," he maintains, "is like asking someone to spot the early signs of a divorce. The signs are often so subtle everyone discounts the behaviors as normal day-to-day struggles." He advocates discussing the issue with people affected by the individual.

Sooner, rather than later, he recommends, say to the group, "This is what we know is going to come. You understand what's going to happen. Yes, we'll come up with some things we don't know about. If we stick together, it will work out." Keep the lines of communication open so that people update each other on the likelihood of the next outburst.

Blumenthal, however, posits that the person may be feeling threatened, overreacting to a situation in which he sees only the negative, not the positive. That leads to misinterpretation. "When something is stated as a challenge," he explains, "anyone can view it as a positive or negative. If a person sees the worst, he'll fear the worst."

He suggests watching for "exaggerating behaviors, such as:

- "expressing the belief that a problem is insurmountable;
- "predicting an unrealistic catastrophe, such as being fired;
- "believing that the problem happens all of the time, that nothing ever goes right," or
- "believing that the only resolution is an unrealistic one."

He calls all of these manifestations of "crisis behavior, and there may or may not be a crisis."



Photo: Russ Ouellette, with dental hygienist Charlene Bellerose, discussing people who create pandemonium in the workplace. Ouellette is president of Barrington, N.H.'s, Executive Advisory Services.

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RATIONAL RESPONSE
Knowing that the crisis behavior will resurface, what can you do when it does?

Ouellette points out that if you respond, you're "giving him some power. The person is trying to feed his own ego, using bad methods to communicate and get his way."

"Don't feed into the perceived power," he states. "If we don't allow the person to have that authority, he doesn't. As long as you allow a browbeating boss to do that, he'll continue to do it. Reactions empower, embolden, give him some control. The more you put up with it, the more you send a message that this is acceptable

behavior. If you try to punish him, it gets worse."

Goldsmith disagrees. He contends that if you don't react, you undermine his influence.

Blumenthal recommends that, to avoid being sucked in by "the wealth of negative energy" of the crisis addict, remind yourself of the real challenge. That challenge isn't the person's agenda. It's yours. Then, take one step.

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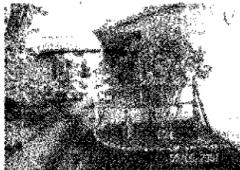
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(27102306) \$169,900



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(27100909) \$94,900



Fenton 248-684-1065
Fenton Almost 10 acres with home.

(27040760) \$410,000



Livonia 248-437-3800
Very Charming Brick Ranch! Coved ceilings and fireplace with huge picture window in great room. Very clean and well kept. Finished rec room with bar and workshop. Move right in!

(27139066) \$139,900



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
3PRICED WAY BELOW MARKET VALUE. 4 BR, 2.1 BA 2576 SF almost 1 acre. Hdwd floors. Huge master. Newer roof & windows. 2 car garage. Farmington schools. Close to shopping & freeways.

(27130202) \$214,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Tastefully decorated home! Open kitchen with rich granite counters, soaring ceilings with custom stone fireplace and mantel. Upper loft offers a private retreat and much more!

(27093343) \$298,900



Canton 248-348-6430
EXCEPTIONAL FIRST FLOOR RANCH CONDO Carefree 2 br, 2 ba has open fr plan w/ high ceilings. Hrdwd flrs. Kit has maple cab and crown mldgs. Mstr has full bath and wic. Custom touches t/o. One-car garage.

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Dearborn 734-591-9200
BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED HOME! Updated Roof, Furnace, A/C, Windows, Vinyl Siding, Hwh, Carpet, Window Treatments And Kitchen. Great Colors & A Nice Comfortable Feel To This House!

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Deerfield Wooded Two Acre Lot.

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EXQUISITE COLONIAL IN NORTHVILLE 4 Bdrms, 3.2 Baths, Dual Stairs, Coffered Ceiling In Grt Rm, 2 Stry Fp Mantle, Kit W Granite Cntr Tops, Cstm Cabs, 1st Fl Mstr Ste W Blny, Wic, Sits On 2.05 Ac.

(27121942) \$1,599,999



Pinckney 248-437-3800
Pfizer Relocation! Built 2003 on over 1 acre. Large spacious rooms, loaded with refined touches such as art shelves and detailed decorative ceilings. Large master suite!

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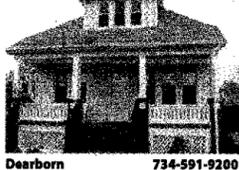
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Newer quality built colonial! Home has loads of up-grades! Living room has gas fireplace, kitchen with breakfast nook, 1st floor laundry and master w/ 2 walk-in closets. Bonus room and more.

(27140023) \$289,900



Canton 248-348-6430
LOCATION AND VIEWS Located on cul-de-sac with outstanding views from huge deck. 2 BR condo w/ 1st fl laundry, GR with vaulted ceiling and gas flplc. 1 car gar, full unfn bsmt.

(27100824) \$150,000



Dearborn 734-591-9200
Covered porch welcomes you to this home. Come enjoy! Well maintained home, huge living room, 4 BRs (possibly 5); particle finished basement w/ block security windows. Tons of storage, newer windows, furnace.

(26201630) \$101,000



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
3 BD, 2.5 BA brick ranch with 1,215 sq. ft. Updated kit w/ white cabinets. HDWD flrs/ carpet. All appliances stay. Home Warranty.

(27085851) \$174,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Room for horses-5 acres, Ranch w/ huge bonus rm over 2 car gar. Unfn W/O bsmt. FP in GR. MBR w/ WIC & ceramic shower & jet tub.

(27085636) \$356,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000
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South Lyon 248-851-1900
THIS CONDO HAS IT ALL! Move in condition. Great room w/ soaring ceilings, open floor plan. Lots of windows. 1st floor master. Hardwood in kitchen.

(27069599) \$179,900



Canton 734-455-7000
BEAUTIFUL & WELL LOCATED! Spacious like-new condo with attached garage facing treed common area. Open flowing floor plan with 2BR/2BA, all appliances - priced to sell!

(27129750) \$144,900



Dearborn Heights 734-455-7000
CHARMING BUNGALOW! Great house, recently remodeled, nice quiet neighborhood. 4BR/1.1BA. All appliances stay. Beautifully landscaped. Must see! Priced to sell!

(27139251) \$103,000



Garden City 248-326-2000
COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE WITH CITY CONVENIENCE couples in this 3 bedroom Quad w/ 3 baths, family room, fireplace, country kitchen, finished lower level, 2 car garage and pool. Enjoy central air and more.

(27117783) \$179,900



Milford 248-348-6430
Victorian Charm & Modern Appliances! Gourmet kitchen w/ custom cabinets, family rm w/ hdwd floors, formal dining room w/ crown moldings, newer furnace & a/c, plumbing, electrical & windows

(27102566) \$249,900



Plymouth 248-348-6430
UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY New: kit w/ built in fridge & garden window, baths, roof, sunny south facing Florida rm w/ att deck for entertaining. 1st fl frndry, 2 car attached garage & gas flplc.

(27069265) \$225,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Stunning End Unit Flawless throughout, 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, kitchen with all appliances. Newer carpet and paint. Large master with walk-in closets. Attached garage.

(27138586) \$129,500



Canton 248-851-1900
BEAUTIFUL CANTON CONDO Not a detail was missed! Large, inviting 2BR, 1.5 bath. Updated kit, all appls stay. Remod. baths. Partially fin bsmt. Newer windows. Freshly painted. Close to everything

(26209093) \$129,900



Detroit 734-591-9200
Own your own little bit of country! Great 3 bed bungalow with 30' deep lot for kids, pets or any outdoor fun you'd like. Newer roof, gutters, wndws, kctchn fr. large part. fin. bsmt. 2 1/2 car home warr.

(26143140) \$105,000



Garden City 734-455-7000
STOP THE CAR! BETTER THAN NEW! 3BR/2.1BA brick ranch w/ att gar on almost 1/4 acre lot. Fin bsmt, open fr pln w/ lg kit, C/A, ceiling fans t/o, doorwall off kit to deck/hot tub. A Must See!

(27049655) \$169,900



New Hudson 248-437-3800
Ranch on one acre! Great location, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, Jacuzzi room could be 4th bedroom w/ walk-in closet. Two car attached garage plus 2 car detached garage. Private lot.

(27140602) \$199,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000
TWO PLYMOUTH HOMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! Two separate houses on one lot in downtown Plymouth. Live in one - rent the other! Numerous updates in main house. Other home continually rented.

(27097266) \$199,900



Waterford 248-348-6430
MOVE IN READY CONTEMPORARY! Immaculate home w/ 3 br & 3 baths. Open flr plan. GR W/ soaring ceiling & stone flplc. Fin LL w/o w/FR, br & bath. Mstr w/ ba & 2 skylites. Lg deck overlooking woods.

(27055958) \$209,900



Canton Twp 734455-7000
SPACIOUS CONDO! All 3 bedrooms have a private bath. Great kitchen, all appliances stay. Deck, 2 car garage, loft and basement. Great room is 2 stories high. Immediate Occupancy!

(27130823) \$225,000



Detroit 734-591-9200
Lots of \$ already spent for you in this 3BD, brick copper canyon bungalow. All new cement drive, freshly painted, new carpet, newer roof & furnace. Great rec room in basement. City certs all done.

(26090258) \$99,900



Hamburg 248-437-3800
Great family home! Newly remodeled main floor. New kitchen and bath. Finished walkout basement with full bath. Beautifully landscaped including 3 ponds.

(27028879) \$259,900



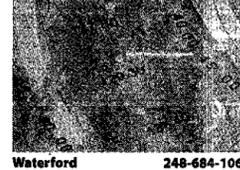
Northville 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED HOME! Welcoming entry is just the beginning of this prize within! Popular flr plan w/ formal LR, DR. Updtd kit w/ new cabs, gran cntrs, stainless steel app, recessed lights.

(27013266) \$323,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
LOOKING FOR A COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE? This is it! Lake-like pond with hundred-year-old trees. Dynamic layout, 2 bedrooms, both with private full bath. Finished basement. 3rd bath w/ whirlpool tub!

(27139196) \$187,450



Waterford 248-684-1065
Partly wooded lot on canal to Pleasant Lake. Five lots to choose from. Use your builder or mine. Paved streets - all utilities.

(27067264) \$69,754



Commerce 248-684-1065
Gorgeous home w/ 3 car gar. Home off. 2 sty foyer. 2 sty GR. Huge kit w/ granite, SS appls, skylites. 1st flr laun & mstr ste w/ jacuzzi & dbl sinks. 1 acre.

(27101573) \$399,900



Detroit 734-591-9200
Updated copper canyon cape cod featuring 1 BR down & 2 up w/ lots of closets (1 WIC). Total kit remodel, new oak cabs, granite cnt tops & ceramic tile floor. Also new windows, roof (2004), & fresh paint

(26147379) \$79,900



Hartland 248-348-6430
BETTER TAHN NEW IN HARTLAND Welcoming 3 BR, 2.5 BA home. Well lit kit w/ hrdwd flr, maple cab. First flr mstr ste. Cozy flplc in great room. LL is prepped for BA. Cedar deck opens to lg yard.

(27085078) \$265,000



Northville 248-684-1065
Colonial w/ neutral decor t/o. Cell fans in all brs & kit. Fresh paint t/o. Private & tranquil backyard. Custom ingrd pool & hot tub w/ brick paver patio.

(27062641) \$299,900



Redford 734-591-9200
Clean & neat as a pin & ready to move in! Awesome 3bd, 1.5 ba brick ranch on secluded cul de sac. Newer wndws, drs, kit, bath, hwh, hrdwd under carpet. Florida rm. FP 2.5 car gar. All appl & warranty.

(27089685) \$143,000



Westland 734-326-2000
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED RANCH features remodeled kitchen w/ oak cabinets, newer counter, sink & ceramic floors. Bath has been remodeled too. Newer carpet, 6 panel doors, fin basement.

(27136454) \$159,000



Commerce 248-684-1065
Lg corner lot. Covered entry w/ foyer to lg FR w/ fp & DW to deck. Mstr br w/ sep entry to ba. Lg DR, kit w/ brkft area open to FR. 1st flr laun. Full bsmt.

(27079092) \$239,900



Farmington 248-851-1900
BEAUTIFUL RANCH ON NO-OUTLET STREET Great family room overlooking treed backyard. Many updates plus hardwood floors. Great home for first time buyers.

(27139710) \$144,500



Highland 248-684-1065
Highland Farmhouse on 5 acres.

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SUPER OPPORTUNITY! Large 4 BD, 2 BA home w/ docking priv on all-sport Walled Lake. This can be your "Up North" retreat without leaving home.

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Redford 734-591-9200
Meticulous Redford Ranch 3 BRs, 1.5 BA Fin Bsmt w/ Wet Bar & Stools; appl stay incl bsmt frg; new hot water tank 06, patio 2.5 car gar w/ elec & wk bnch; garden/lawn tools 2 snow blwrs new wndws and roof 03.

(27054591) \$129,500



Westland 248-348-6430
WOW! BUILT IN 1999 1300 sq. ft. 3 br, 2 full bath home at a great price. Livonia schools, c/a, privacy fence, new carpet & freshly painted. Hurry!

(27070885) \$150,000



Commerce 248-684-1065
Sharp 4 br home on lg lot. Newer kit, furn, CA, concrete drive, lg fenced rear yard w/ shed. Screened in porch. Quiet street in great neighborhood. WL schools.

(27071237) \$179,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Beautiful brick colonial on huge lot. Granite Island kit, dual stallcase. Huge fin'd LL w/ 1,500 sf add'l living space. An exceptional "must see" home.

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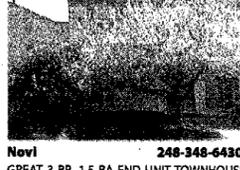
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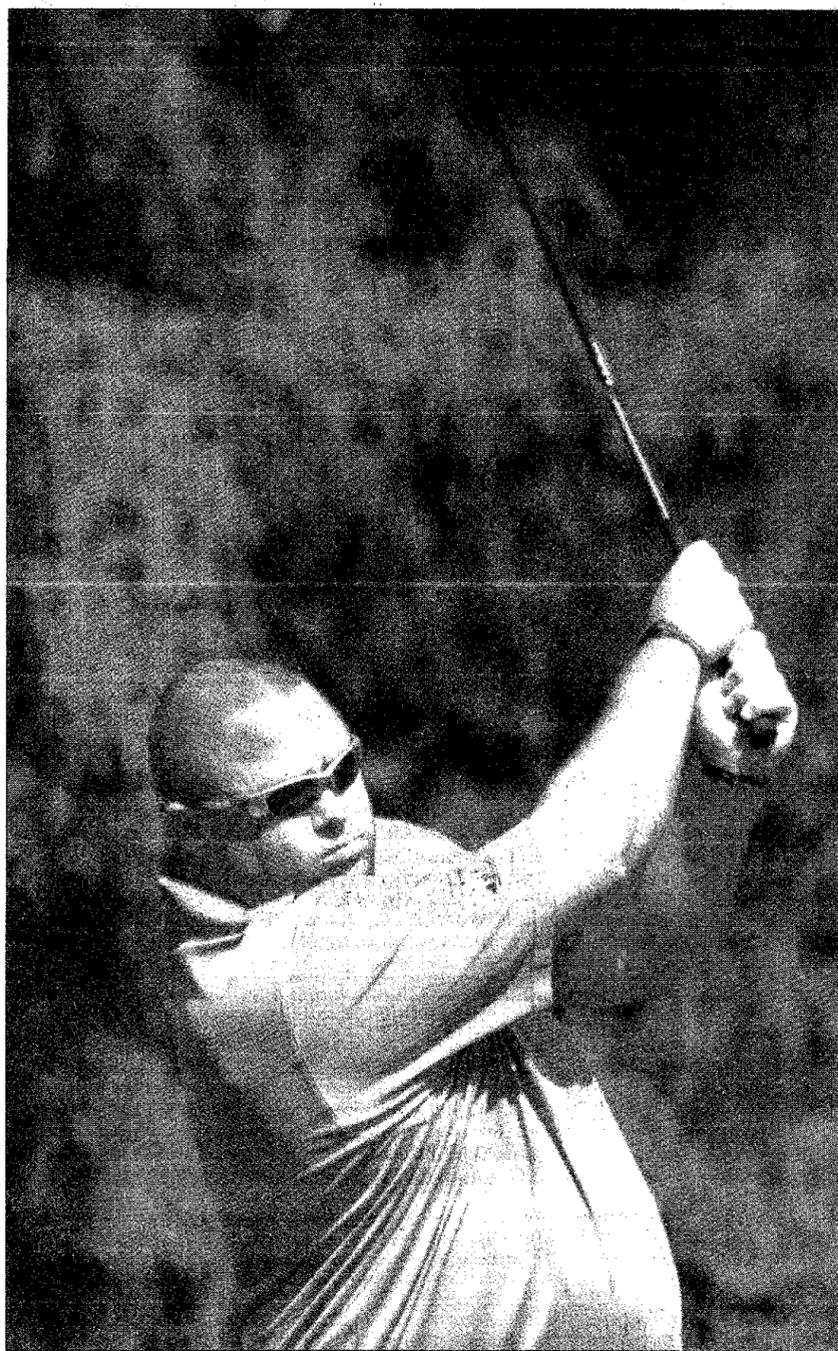
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2007 O&E Open Golf Tournament



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Canton resident Chaz Kornegay finished second in last weekend's Observer & Eccentric Open golf tournament.



Jim Omietanski follows through on a chip as Bradford Villa (in cart) looks on.

Dentist caps first O&E title on 18th

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Bill Himm had the field in his rear-view mirror as he approached the 18th green in Sunday's final round of the Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Open.

The 56-year-old dentist from Livonia, nursing a three-shot lead, hit a drive straight down the middle on the par-4, 406-yard hole, putting him in the catbird's seat.

But then the nerves got to him and it felt like the another cat on the course had just swallowed the canary.

"I felt the pressure with that last iron," said Himm, who skulled pitch shot left of the green and into the rough by about 15 yards. "My mind says, 'Don't do something stupid. Just play it in the safe range and the worst I can do is bogey.' As long as I did not make a double (bogey), I was O.K. I just tried to punt it up near the green and I almost made par."

While Northville's Ryan Ossenmacher was making a birdie, Himm calmly got up

and down with a two-putt to earn his first-ever O&E championship, shooting 71 Saturday at Whispering Willows and following up with a 75 Sunday at Fox Creek for a two-round total of 146.

He won a \$350 gift certificate to go along with his first-place trophy.

Chaz Kornegay, who won a two-hole playoff against Ossenmacher to take runner-up honors, shot 73-74-147. Ossenmacher wound up 71-76-147 followed by Mike Lawton (Livonia) and Dan Longeway (Northville), 149 each; Steve South (Westland), 150; Paul Mazanka (Farmington Hills) and two-time defending champion Jim Omietanski (Livonia), 151 each.

"Overall I was solid, I hit the ball good," said Himm, who was runner-up to Omietanski last year. "My putting was not good. There were no pin sheets. I tried not to be on the wrong side of the hole. It was not just me, but everybody. But under the conditions it was good. It was hard for

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Susan Macinkowicz of Chesterfield Township captured the women's O&E Open golf title last weekend.

Macinkowicz runs away with O&E women's title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Susan Macinkowicz was able to run away and hide for the field in the Women's Championship Flight in Saturday's Observer & Eccentric Open.

Macinkowicz, who resides in Chesterfield Township, shot 78 at Whispering Willows to win by eight strokes over Detroit's Suzanne Madej.

Defending champion Janina Jacobs (Livonia) withdrew Friday with a sore wrist after returning from a golf trip to the United Kingdom.

The 46-year-old Macinkowicz, a regular on the Golf Association

of Michigan women's public links events, thoroughly enjoyed her day at Whispering Willows.

"It's a very good municipal course," said Macinkowicz, who was paired with Molly Gibson and Jan Bowerman. "We had a blast. I play public courses all the time and these people all do a great job. I could not make it last year. It's a great tourney and I was finally able to come out and participate."

Macinkowicz, who has won three women's public events this season, carded one birdie and took advantage of her long drives off the tee.

"I was consistent," said the special education teacher from

Woodhaven. "I hit a lot of fairways and greens. I didn't get into too much trouble."

Macinkowicz considers herself "a late bloomer." She took up the game 16 years ago at age 30.

"After my mother died, it was a great stress reliever," Macinkowicz said. "I wish I had played earlier."

For her efforts, Macinkowicz took home an \$80 gift certificate and first-place trophy.

Madej took low net honors with a 73.

In the first flight, Plymouth's Luanne Smulsky won low gross honors with a 92, while Livonian Pat Witek took home low net with a 74.

'Home' stretch

New company brings fitness to you

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Are you looking for a sure-fire way to rediscover your abs and redefine your biceps?

Or are you in search of a near-guaranteed way to lose those hard-to-drop 10 to 20 pounds that slowly materialized after a few too many mid-summer visits to Dairy Queen?

Then Canton resident Pamela Schaufele has a plan for you — and the best part about it is she'll implement it in the comforts of your own home.

Schaufele is the owner of Pulse Fitness, LLC, a newly formed company that not only makes house calls, but utilizes a piece of revolutionary new equipment that tones muscles you probably didn't even know existed.

And, yes, after a few sessions with Schaufele, there's a good chance those stomach muscles will be firming up faster than you can say, "Why didn't I try this 10 months ago?"

FIT FOR YOUR HOME

Schaufele, who migrated back to her native Michigan in February following a two-year stay in sun-drenched Delray Beach, Fla., travels to clients' homes with a portable, multi-sling device called Redcord, which she can set up in your house in approximately 15 minutes. The native of Pinckney will then guide you through a nearly 60-minute regimen of exercises that could impact your physical well-being in ways you never imagined possible.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Pam Schaufele demonstrates the Redcord fitness device, which strengthens several muscles in the body simultaneously. Schaufele is the founder of Pulse Fitness, LLC, a company that specializes in in-home fitness programs.

Second P-CEP reunion kick match scheduled

Former mens soccer players at Salem and Canton high schools had so much fun squaring off against each other in an alumni match two years ago that they've decided to do it again.

A healthy number of Ex-Rocks and former Chiefs converged on the P-CEP soccer field in 2005 in a friendly and competitive game that commemorated the 25th anniversary of the programs' beginnings.

Canton won the inaugural showdown in a game that was filled with drama and a heavy dose of exciting play. Among the players in the 2005 contest were current Canton coach George Tomasso, a former Chiefs standout, and Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, who starred for the Rocks.

Goals may be hard to come by for the alumni Rocks this season as former professional net-minder T.J. Tomasso, the younger brother of George, is expected to make an appearance.

The second reunion showdown will unfold on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. at the P-CEP soccer field. Players who are interested in participating should arrive at the field to check in no later than 5:30 p.m.

The two teams' varsity squads will square off the day before on the same field.

Sidelines

Upcoming tryouts

■ The Motor City Tigers 2008 12U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, behind the UAW building on Michigan Avenue in Canton between Beck and Denton roads. For more information, contact Chris Tidwell at (734) 891-6116.

■ Tryouts for the 2008 U14 Canton Alley Cats travel baseball team will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at Heritage Park. Prospective players are encouraged to arrive 20 minutes early to register.

The Alley Cats compete in the Kensington Valley travel league, as well as in several USSSA tournaments each season.

To be eligible, players must be 14 years old as of April 30, 2008. For more information, contact Glen Potter at (734) 673-4432.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies 13U travel baseball team is holding tryouts for the 2008 season 3-6 p.m. Aug. 26 and Sept. 9 at Heritage Park in Canton Township. Players must be 13 years old or younger on April 30 and reside or attend school in Plymouth or Canton. To pre-register, contact Rob Sudz at sudzzy190@aol.com.

Cheer coach needed

All Saints Catholic School in Canton is looking for a JV cheerleading coach. This would be a great opportunity for a high school or college-age student. The eventual coach will help prepare the squad for basketball season and CYO competitions.

Those interested in the position should contact Sharon at (734) 354-0468; or e-mail her at rslmclinch@comcast.net.

Learn-to-Skate

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association's Mighty Mini-Mites program has openings for future hockey players who must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2007.

This weekly program, which is taught by experienced, certified coaches, builds skating and hockey skills.

For more information, visit <http://eteamz.active.com/PlymouthCantonMMM>; or contact Renee Corker at (734) 451-9546 or Meg Hames at (734) 495-1524.

Bottle drive

The Canton High School boys cross country team will conduct a bottle drive fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 18. Student-athletes will be going door-to-door throughout the Plymouth-Canton area from 9:30 a.m. to noon to collect returnable bottles and cans. Contact Mary at (734) 459-1147 for more information.



Stellar season

The Central Middle School boys and girls track-and-field teams went undefeated during the 2007 season and captured the league championship for the second consecutive year.



On the world stage

Three members of the Detroit WolfTones under-18 Gaelic football team were selected to play for North America in an international series against team from London last month in Chicago. The North American team won, 12-9. Pictured (from left) are Brendan Murray (Plymouth), coach John O'Flynn (San Francisco), Sean Murray (Strongsville, Ohio) and Ryan Langdon (Canton). The U18 WolfTones also won the Continental Youth Championships July 29 in Chicago. They defeated Boston, 19-17, in the title match.

Restored wetland deserving of celebration

Earlier this summer, there was a celebration at the Waterloo Recreation Area in Jackson County. The celebration was for a restored wetland - the Baldwin Flooding - in the recreation area, as well as a celebration of the life of Edson Gallaudet II.

Gallaudet, of Beverly Hills, passed away in 2004 and the restoration project was dedicated to his memory. He was an avid sportsman and duck hunter, a Ducks Unlimited sponsor in perpetuity and an advocate of conservation and hunting in Michigan.

Several guests spoke on behalf of Mr. Gallaudet and of Ducks Unlimited. Edson Gallaudet III, told attendees about his father's passion for spending time in the outdoors.

Jimmy Flynn, a DU board member and the man who spearheaded the Edson Gallaudet Memorial Fund, spoke highly of the honoree and recanted a conversation he had with John Tomke, a former DU board chairman and current president of DU

Mexico. "John (Tomke) mentioned that Ed would be very proud of where I've gone with DU and I told John I would not be here if it weren't for Ed," Flynn said in a release. "John said something that really stuck in my head: 'You're right. Ed just made all of us better.' He was an amazing man and a lifelong supporter of DU's mission."

The habitat restoration project was made possible by the Michigan DNR, Consumers Energy Foundation, North American Wetlands Conservation Council and DU with support from Friends of Edson F. Gallaudet II.

A granite boulder and a plaque commemorating Gallaudet's life-long support for conservation stands at the entrance to the flooding.

"The Baldwin Flooding is located in the southeast Lake Michigan watershed, one of DU's priority areas for wetlands conservation in the Great Lakes region," said Russ Terry, of DU's Michigan chapter. "High densities of breeding mallards and wood ducks rely on this region. Our goal is to conserve more than 10,000 additional acres in the watershed in the next five years. The completion of the Baldwin Flooding project is a solid step toward that goal."

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is looking for volunteers to help remove non-native plants from parks and recreation areas in southeastern Michigan.

Following are the upcoming dates and times for volunteer efforts to remove these invasive plant species: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Waterloo Recreation Area (Washtenaw Co.); 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19 at the Pinckney Recreation Area (Washtenaw Co.); 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Brighton Recreation Area (Livingston Co.); 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Highland Recreation Area (Oakland Co.).

For information visit the DNR web site at www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers. Click on the link "Calendar of Volunteer Stewardship Workdays," call (248) 359-9057 or send email to malvitzl@michigan.gov.

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker



Sparkling Pride Stars

The 14U PC Pride Stars finished 9th in the 58-team USSSA World Series last month with a stellar 7-2 record against elite teams from across the country. The team finished the year with a 61-17 won/loss record, outscoring their foes 442-147. They won five tournaments and finished second three times. Pictured (front row from left) are Lauren Roberts, Lizzy Mazorowicz, Marissa Blassic, Logan Lankford, Briana Lee, Kelli Janiczek, (back row from left) coach Kevin Dunleavy, Lyndsey Look, Mary Johnson, CarolAnn Sexauer, coach Mike Burnard, Amanda Burnard, Amy Dunleavy, Alyssa Gietl and coach Katie Gietl.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Canton Leisure Services events

Following are upcoming program offers by Canton Leisure Services:

■ A free "Drive, Pitch & Putt" contest for kids between the ages of 7 and 14 years old will be held Aug. 25 at Pheasant Run Golf club in Canton Township. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants should bring a driver, wedge, putter and meet at the driving range at 8:45 a.m. to hear the rules.

Awards will be presented to top three finishers in each age category. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

■ A fall adult kickball league will be held Sept. 10-Oct. 22. The Monday night league includes double-headers that will be played at the Canton Sports Center. Game times will rotate between 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:45-9:45 p.m. Team registration is \$250. There is also a \$10 referee fee per team per game paid at the field. Awards will go to league and playoff champions.

You can register in person at the Summit on the Park; or by calling (734) 483-5600 beginning Aug. 8.

■ A youth basketball camp will be held Aug. 21-24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Summit on the Park gymnasium. The camp will cover basic skills, game

strategies and scrimmages. The registration fee is \$105 per resident and \$135 per non-resident. The fee includes instruction, a T-shirt and a practice ball.

Youth baseball camp

Northville High School will be holding a two-day youth baseball camp for all players in 6th grade and below. Hitting, pitching catching and defense will be taught by the Mustang coaching staff as well as other high school head coaches, ex-minor league players and Division 1 players.

The dates are Aug. 18-19 and the cost is \$75. For more information, contact Coach Bill Flohr at (248) 761-9694; or send an e-mail to pterdactyl@sbc-global.net.

Detroit Ignition tryouts

The Major Indoor Soccer League's Detroit Ignition will be holding an open tryout Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

To participate in the tryout, you must fill out a registration form and insurance waiver that can be found on the Detroit Ignition Web site at www.DetroitIgnition.com.

In addition to the forms, you must also mail in a payment of \$50. Each participant will receive a Detroit Ignition numbered T-shirt, which will be worn for the entirety of the tryout.

The training fields at High Velocity Sports are field turf, so participants are encouraged to plan accordingly when choosing equipment. No cleats are allowed; turf shoes and indoor shoes only.

The tryout will consist of full-speed game play. Participants will be grouped into predetermined teams and have several hours to play games in front of Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic and his staff.

For more information, contact Kyle Karns at (248) 304-2855, ext. 1264.

Labor Day HVS tournaments

High Velocity Sports will host a Labor Day weekend tournament Sept. 1-2. Soccer and flag football games will be played on Saturday and flag football and dodge ball games will be played on Sunday.

Each sport will be played 5-on-5 with a roster of five plus one sub.

The team fee is \$150 and includes a four-game guarantee. Each game will be 30 minutes in length (two 12-minute halves).

The first-place prize per sport is \$1,000 and the second-place prize is \$250 (based on a 16-team minimum per sport).

The registration deadline is Aug. 23 and the schedules will be released on Aug. 29.

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everybody because it was slow and hot."

Himm, a Stevenson High grad who entered the first-ever O&E Tournament in the early 1970s, usually plays quick rounds with his friends at either Western Golf & Country Club, where he was once a member and club champ, and Lyon Oaks.

"Under the conditions, it was good, but it was hard for everybody because it was slow and hot," Himm said. "I had a couple of nice two's on a long par-3. But I hate the pace - 5-and-a-half hours. Usually I'm the first one off and I get my rounds done in 3 hours and 15 minutes."

Kornegay, a 1990 Salem High grad who plays regularly out of Brae Burn, has competed in nine straight O&E tournaments, finishing runner-up in 2001. He shot a blistering 2-under 33 on the back-nine at Fox Creek carded a pair of birdies to go along with seven pars on the back-side.

The 492-yard, par-5 on No. 9 hole at Fox Creek, however, led to his undoing where he took an eight with a triple-bogey.

"I hit the ball in the woods, had to take a penalty (stroke) and punch it out straight sideways," said Kornegay, who works in a crematory. "My putting was better on the back nine and I had one lip out."

Ossenmacher, a sixth-grade teacher in the Walled Lake Schools, also plays with Kornegay at Brae Burn. The new Salem varsity hockey coach captured low net honors with a 139.

"Today's round (at Fox Creek) was a struggle, but it turned out O.K.," said the 1997 Redford Catholic Central High grad. "The first nine was tough, the second nine O.K."

"I've played these courses three times each and knowing the greens helped. But Bill (Himm) played well. He was consistency at its best."

Cordes regains title

White Lake's Dale Cordes, a 13-handicapper, can't get enough of Whispering Willows.

"It's my home course, I play there three or four times a week," said the mechanic at Serra Toyota of Farmington Hills.

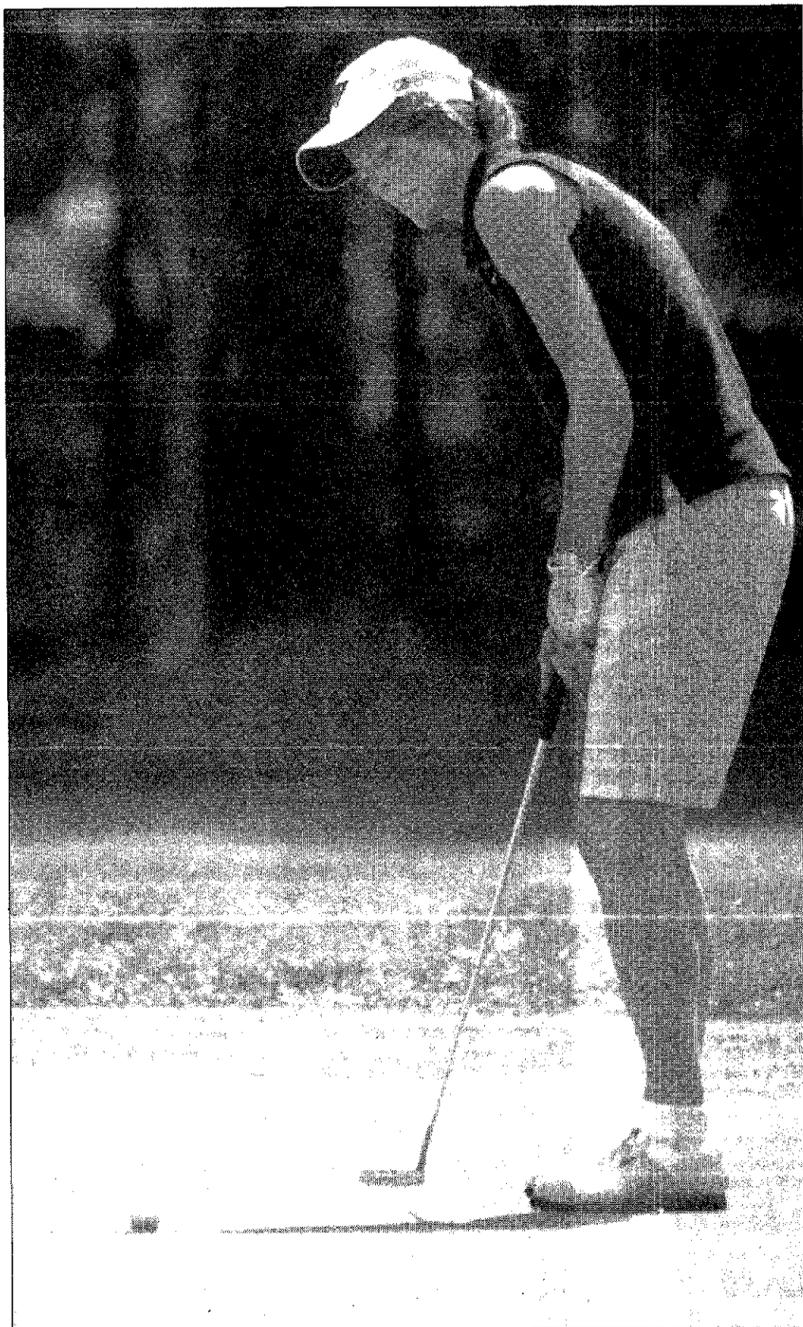
Cordes carded a 76 Saturday at Whispering Willows and held on with an 86 Sunday at Fox Creek for a total of 162 to edge defending first flight champion Dan Higham (Livonia) by a stroke.

Cordes took home a \$180 gift card and a first-place trophy.

"Playing there so much and knowing the green obviously helps," Cordes said of Whispering Willows. "This was the first round all year that I've broken 80. My nemesis today (Sunday) is that I missed a lot of putts. Both places had tough pin placements, but that's good and that's the way it's supposed to be."

Jim Matthews (Livonia), third in low gross with an 83-82-165, took low net with a 145 followed by Sam Williams (Livonia) with a 151.

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Luanne Smulsky of Plymouth follows her putt during this past weekend's O&E Open golf tournament.

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Madonna women's soccer team strong despite key losses

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Several key players graduated, such as high-scoring forward Kelly Japowicz.

But there's a lot of talent and inner fire coming back as Madonna University's women's soccer team looks to build on a 12-4-2 season that ended with a disappointing defeat to Siena Heights in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament.

"I have confidence in the group," said Madonna second-year head coach Paul Thomas. "I think a lot of the motivation coming into this year was the under-achieving of last year."



Johnson

"We under-achieved big-time last year, and a lot of the girls are more focused this year, coming into preseason."

Thomas also said the team is meshing earlier, which can only help it in the long run.

"I think we will be as competitive as last year, if not a little better, just because of team chemistry off the field," he added. "It seems to be going a lot better than it did last year."

Overcoming the 15 goals that Japowicz scored will be one of the bigger hurdles for the Crusaders as they try to improve from a second-place showing.

"We have very capable forwards who all scored in the conference last year, just not consistently, and that was due to playing time," Thomas explained. "I think this year, they will get a lot more chances and I think that will result in more goals for them."

"We're going to have (five) forwards and if all of those come in with a few goals, than that will help make up for (the loss of) Kelly."

The team will look for offense from junior Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson), sophomores Kaila Moore, Kati Germane and freshmen Shelby Mathison and Chelsea Skinner - along with contributions from sophomore midfielder Lauren Hess (Livonia Ladywood).

"Dina's the junior coming back," the coach said. "But I'm not going to put that responsibility on her shoulders. We have to share that responsibility."

The Crusaders figure to have an excellent midfield, keyed by Hess, juniors Ashley Stoychoff (Canton/Plymouth Salem), Caitlin Boyak (Stevenson) and sophomores Gina Leone and Rachel Thompson (Stevenson).

"We're looking for her (Hess) to be a big impact player again," Thomas said.

"It definitely helps to have a strong back. That way, if you don't get goals scored on you, chances are the worst you can do is a tie. So I think it helps a lot and it only builds up from there."

ANDREA JOHNSON

SHUTTING IT DOWN

But it doesn't hurt to have solid, solid across-the-board defense, keyed by sophomore-eligible Andrea Johnson in the middle. The 5-8 Canton grad earned WHAC Defender of the Year honors for her excellent 2006 season.

"She reads the game very well, she's a leader on the field through communication, and (through) the level of her play," Thomas said. "(She excels) because of her ability to read the game, she's always a step ahead."

Following an exhibition game Monday afternoon, Johnson provided an example of her mindset on the pitch.

"A lot of times there will be a ball swinging across the field and you just learn 'OK, I need to step in and cut that off before it becomes something dangerous,'" said Johnson about her ability to see the big picture.

Johnson, however, said her success last season had everything to do with having a good, supportive cast working in tandem with her.

Those include returnees Rachaelle Mirto, Lia Melasi and Livonia Stevenson alum Andrea Muscat.

"We meshed very well and personally," Johnson said. "I'm one to communicate a lot and they were really easy to communicate with. We all work well together."

The defenders were so solid that opponents netted just 15 goals against MU goalkeeper Traci Anderson, an all-conference second-team selection who is back for her senior year (with freshman Chelsea Gregg of Livonia Clarenceville in reserve).

"It definitely helps to have a strong back," Johnson continued. "That way, if you don't get goals scored on you, chances are the worst you can do is a tie. So I think it helps a lot and it only builds up from there."

Meanwhile, Thomas is "quietly confident" that the learning experience of 2006 - both for the new coach and players - will lead to improvement.

"The underachievement last year, not only the team learned and the girls learned but I learned," he noted. "It was my first year coaching, you have to learn a lot of lessons in your first year and make some adjustments and hopefully that will lead to success this year."

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MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: 1. Bill Himm, 71-75-146; 2. Chaz Kornegay, 73-74-147 (won playoff); 3. Ryan Ossenmacher, 71-76-147; 4. (tie) Michael Lawton, 71-78-149; Dan Longeway, 74-75-149; 6. Steve South, 77-73-150; 7. (tie) Paul Mazanka, 74-77-151; Jim Omietanski, 76-75-151; Matt Robinson, 73-78-151; 10. (tie) Dave Benham, 76-76-152; Bradford Villa, 77-75-152; 12. David O'Reilly, 77-76-153; 13. Paul Rys, 78-77-155; 14. Chris Kiehler, 76-80-156; 15. Tommy Lucko, 77-80-157; 16. Andrew Rousos, 80-78-158; 17. Josh Proben, 81-78-159; 18. (tie) Steve Robinson, 83-77-160; Ron Russ, 83-77-160; 20. Bob Carzon, 82-80-162; 21. Bruce West, 85-80-165; 22. Tim Proben, 83-86-169; 23. Daniel Donohue, 84-88-172; 24. Charles Bridges, 89-87-176; 25. (tie) Doug Campbell, 92-85-177; Mike Obidzinski, 86-91-177; 27. Daniel Kleczynski, 91-87-178; 28. Mark Johnson, 86-96-182; 29. Tim Snitchler, 92-99-191; 30. Steve Ponke, 83-withdraw; 31. John Powell, 93-withdraw.

MEN'S FIRST FLIGHT: 1. Dale Cordes, 76-86-162; 2. Dan Higham, 80-83-163; 3. Jim Matthews, 83-82-165; 4. John Gabriele, 84-86-170; 5. Sam Williams, 89-82-171; 6. Peter Milanowski, 81-91-172; 7. Ronald Ambrose, 86-87-173; 8. Fred Emory, 88-87-175; 9. Ty Iles, 88-89-177; 10. Mark Goodnanson, 93-91-184; 11. Steve Barker, 97-92-189; 12. Bryan Boyd, 88-102-190; 13. Dan Boyd, 95-98-193; 14. Ken Eckler, 90-107-197; 15. Rick Wheeler, 89-no card; 16. Tom Higgins, 90-no card.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: 1. Susan MacKincowicz, 78; 2. Suzanne Madej, 86; 3. (tie) Molly Gibson and Jan Bowerman, 92 each; 5. Sonia Pysht-Denison, 94; 6. Michelle Sroka, 99.

WOMEN'S FIRST FLIGHT: 1. Luann Smulsky, 92; 2. Pat Wittek, 93; 3. (tie) Nancy Rhatigan and Theresa MacPherson, 100 each; 5. (tie) Laurie Kelly and Pat Shelton, 111 each; 7. Susan Merrick, 123.



Observer & Eccentric Open champion Bill Himm reacts after missing a putt during last weekend's competition at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

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Diesels roll over Silverbacks

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG
CORRESPONDENT

The Diesels just keep rolling along. Using tight defense and a potent ground game, and after swapping scores like old clothes in the second half, the Detroit Diesels came back from a 6-0 deficit Saturday to roll to a 27-19 North American Football League win over the London (Ontario) Silverbacks at Labatt Park.

Detroit ran the ball down the Silverbacks' throat, but could not punch it in. The teams banged and battled back and forth to a 0-0 first quarter score.

"They gave us all we could handle; but, I'm proud of our defense as they held their own," Diesels coach Rob Street said.

But the second quarter would open up in a big way, as London scored on the first play of the second quarter. Detroit answered midway through the second quarter on a four-yard rollout keeper by Randy Sinnott (Westland John Glenn).

The Silverbacks opened with a 33-yard field goal to regain the lead, but Eric Newton (Redford Union) nabbed an 11-yard scoring toss from Sinnott to give Detroit a lead it would not relinquish.

With 1:05 left in the third, London put up another field goal, this time from 37 yards out, to get within 13-12.

Bob Curtis put in his piece with a 1-yard scoring run with 10:55 left in the game. Newton ran in the two-point conversion.

With 2:20 left in the contest, London took over on their 24-yard line after a failed Diesels

fourth-down attempt, and proceeded to pull within 21-19.

But the Diesels iced the game when a tipped London pass found its way to the hands of Travis Farkas (Redford Thurston), who ran 50 yards for the second defensive touchdown of the year.

After the ensuing kickoff, linebacker Ali Bazzi (Dearborn Fordson) had a 40-yard interception return for his touchdown called back. But the game was in hand anyway.

Sinnott was 9-of-13 passing for 63 yards and on TD. He also ran for 34 yards on four attempts.

Newton was the player of the game, with 34 attempts for 112 yards and his two-point conversion, in addition to his touchdown catch. Curtis ran for 82 yards and a score on only nine carries.

John Craven (Farmington) nabbed two receptions for 19 yards.

Defensively, Chuck Smith, Farkas, and Bazzi paced the Detroit defense. Bernard Evans (Wayne Memorial) had a quarterback takedown for the Diesels.

"It was a very hard fought game as it always is when we play the Silverbacks; but, I'm glad we got back on the winning track after the thrashing they gave us last year," Diesels general manager Allen Seder. "I look forward to our rematch in Livonia later in the season."

The Diesels nabbed their third straight win, and with a 3-0-1 division record, stand tied for first place in the Central Lakes Division with the Michigan Admirals.

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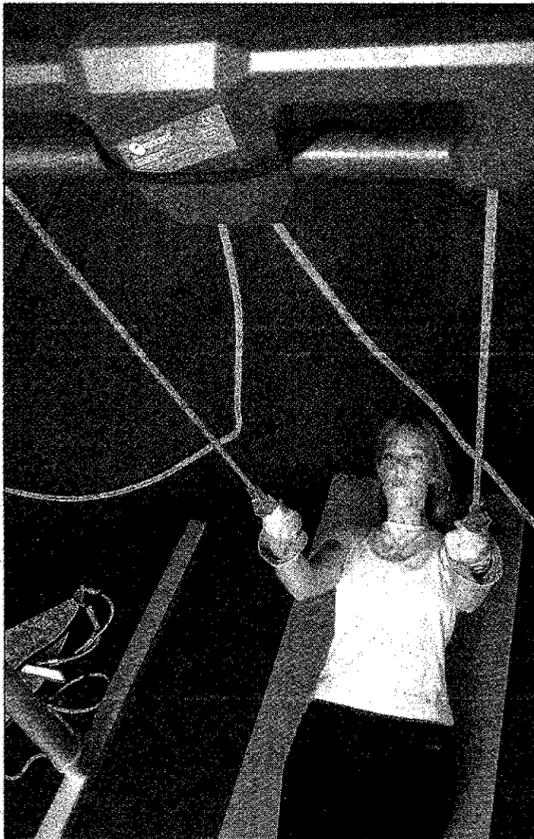
"The best thing about the Redcord workouts with Pam is that you work out all your muscles at the same time, not just one set of muscles," said Wendy Goltz, a resident of Ocean Ridge, Fla., who worked with Schaufele for over a year before she relocated up north. "The way the device's slings are set up make them unstable, so they make your body balance itself, forcing all the muscles to work together."

HIGH PRAISE

Goltz emphasized that Schaufele's top-notch knowledge of the Redcord shines through during her workouts. "Pam's a great instructor because she's a sensitive person, but she also knows how to push you to the limit," Goltz said. "Pam's a cheerleader for you and she can sense when you're getting fatigued. She knows how to get results from the people she works with. "The great thing about these workouts, too, is that they're less than an hour long, so speaking as a mother with three kids and a full-time job, they fit into my schedule very nicely."

Schaufele, an experienced long-distance runner who has competed in several marathons, said in-home fitness training is widespread in states like California and Florida, but still unique in Michigan.

"It's a niche market in Michigan, especially with the



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Pam Schaufele maneuvers through one of the workout regimens for the Redcord.

transportable Redcord equipment that I use," she said. "It's great for people who want to lose weight and firm up, and it's proven to be very effective for people going through physical therapy following an injury. The Redcord can be set up for varying degrees of difficulty, depending on who is using it."

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"It's great for athletes because it works on the core muscle group in their bodies," Schaufele said. "It defines the weak links in your body and makes them stronger."

WELL-EDUCATED

Schaufele endured an extensive training program at Synergy Systems in Delray Beach before she became certified to teach using the Redcord. Her initial, short-

lived skepticism of the equipment quickly turned to amazement, she said.

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"You have to try it to believe it."

MULTI-TALENTED

Schaufele, who finished her first year as Canton's girls track and field head coach in June, has a sterling resume that includes a degree in exercise physiology from the University of Michigan and biomechanics. She was also chosen as a trainer for U-M's prestigious M/FIT Fitness Center, specializing in the training of athletes.

Schaufele, who is in the midst of working toward a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University, also provided training and therapy to multiple sclerosis and fibromyalgia patients who were being treated at the U-M Medical School.

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LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

Watching last weeks PGA Championship at Southern Hills, how could you not be looking ahead to Oakland Hills in 2008? It is there they will contest next year's PGA Championship at the newly reigned Oakland Hills Country Club. Rees Jones just completed a touch up this year which made the course more

The PGA Championship At Oakland Hills In 2008

difficult - adding more bunkers in the landing areas, today's pro tour players hit it. He also made some existing bunkers more difficult.

It just reminded me what a transformation metro Detroit has made sports wise in the last few years. We have recently successfully hosted Major League Baseball's All Star Game, The World Series, The Ryder Cup, The Super Bowl and soon the Final Four and The PGA Championship. Not to mention we still have one of the best teams in three of the four professional sports. Yes,

there is still the Lions.

So Detroiters, be proud when we see the golf world descend upon the final major of the year next summer at Oakland Hills. Maybe Metro Detroit can still hang with the big boys after all? Enjoy!!

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, 7:45 and 8:45 AND every Saturday morning 7-8 am on 1270 XTT The Sports Station. Don't forget to

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By Dale Buss

With the unfortunate example of the fate of the Oldsmobile brand in its rear-view mirror, Buick has been trying to remake itself for several years now. This effort has produced mainly forgettable new products, such as the Rendezvous SUV, or those that have proved outright disappointments, including the Lucerne and Lacrosse sedans.

Bravo, then, to Buick, for finally coming forth with a new product that is relevant, and in a segment that is highly relevant to the survival of a brand in today's automotive marketplace. The 2008 Enclave, Buick's classy new crossover vehicle, proves a worthy competitor in a vital part of the market that is emerging as the segment of choice for consumers who want to pare down on gas-guzzling behemoths but aren't ready to give up all the advantages of an SUV.

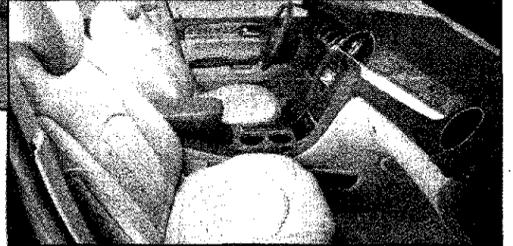
What Enclave does is blend a gracefully designed exterior with an elegant, well-crafted interior, segment-leading fuel efficiency with room for up to eight passengers and space for cargo. Starting at a suggested retail price of less than \$33,000, Enclave is quieter and roomier inside than many of its competitors and purports to challenge true luxury makes.

Indeed, Enclave may prove a worthy platform for what Buick executives are predicting will be "the revival of Buick in North America." The only problem for Buick per se is that two of General Motors' other brands also have just fielded new crossover vehicles based on the same mechanical platform as Enclave: GMC's Acadia and the Saturn Outlook.

For Buick shoppers, Enclave offers some things that haven't been available to them in some time. One significant plus is jazzy styling: Close observers will notice that Enclave delivers on the promise of the stunning concept vehicle that debuted at the 2006 North American International Auto Show in Detroit. This includes hints at the brand's legendary design cues, such as a new waterfall black chrome grille — with a bold tri-shield emblem — and



A luxurious interior puts the 2008 Buick Enclave on a par with any competitor in the larger-crossover segment.



The 2008 Buick Enclave cuts as fine a figure as any new SUV on the market.

portholes that form a distinct "V" shape as they flow out from the grille and into the hood.

Even the headlights enhance Enclave's striking appearance, with a blue ring that has been integrated into the three-dimensional taillamp housings. Bulbous wheel wells round out Enclave's exposure as a true styling leader in the segment.

Unlike GM's larger, full-blooded SUVs, Enclave is fun and easy to drive. It rides on a long, 119-inch wheelbase and wide, 67-inch tracks, but Enclave delivers smooth and controlled driving and an immediate feel during turns that relies on a stiff structure, purpose-built suspension and its aerodynamic shape. And Enclave is noticeably quieter than predecessor SUVs by GM, showing good results from the company's conscious effort to dampen noise from inside and outside the cabin with components such as an acoustic-laminated windshield, triple door seals, and even flat-blade windshield wipers.

Enclave is powered by a V-6 engine featuring variable-valve timing that is mated to Buick's first six-speed automatic transmission. It delivers 275 horsepower and 251 lb.-ft. of torque, lending the vehicle plenty of oomph at all the right times — even loaded with passengers.

Still, it's what's inside that really lends

Enclave its credentials as a strong near-luxury competitor in the hot crossover market. Its interior clearly is designed as an extension of Enclave's curvaceous exterior, with complementing curves and warm, inviting colors, as well as premium soft-touch, low-gloss materials. The instrument panel and other interior elements have precise attention to fit, finish and flushness throughout.

Of course, Enclave also has the passenger and cargo space that lend it credibility in the crossover segment. It can be configured for seven or eight passengers, with a bit of space remaining behind the third row of seats for gear. All of Enclave's second-row seat configurations feature GM's Smart Slide, which allows easy entry to the third row with the pull of one handle. And in the formation with captain's chairs in the second row, Enclave's interior space functions with a bit of the friendliness of a minivan.

Add to this overall soundness certain luxury touches — such as a front-row center console armrest that slides back and forth for personalized comfort; a second-row skylight; and automatic opening and closing of the rear hatch — and Enclave surfaces as a strong choice if you're looking for a crossover. Good thing for Buick.

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Stylish addition mudroom

ACCENTS

High-definition DVD players like this Sony BDP-S300 carry high price tags and format-compatibility issues, but they sure do make movies look great.

High-definition DVD pricey but worthwhile

There's a certain feeling that comes from uncrating a spiffy new HDTV, plugging in your trusty DVD player, and firing up one of your favorite movies. Usually, it's disappointment.

That's because traditional DVD players don't produce enough pixels — enough dots — to take full advantage of your high-resolution TV. As a result, images tend to look grainy and, well, disappointing.

That's why Sony, Toshiba and other DVD-player manufacturers now offer high-definition, or HD, models, which can churn out enough pixels to do justice to your TV.

I've seen several of these players in action, and they're extraordinary. It's like the jump from standard-definition TV shows to their high-def equivalents: Everything looks dramatically sharper and more vibrant.

In short, if you own an HDTV, you'll absolutely want a high-def DVD player to go with it.

There's just one problem. Actually, there are three problems, all of which you should keep in mind before investing in a player.

PROBLEMS

First, you have to pick sides. There are two competing standards in the high-def DVD universe: Blu-ray and HD DVD.

The formats are incompatible, so if you buy a Blu-ray movie, it won't play in an HD DVD player, and vice versa.

And speaking of movies, here's the second problem: To take full advantage of either a Blu-ray or HD DVD player, you'll need to buy or rent Blu-ray or HD DVD discs. So much for your current movie library.

Actually, the new players will play older DVDs, and even make them look better by "upscaling" the video to match your TV's capabilities.

But this "cheater HD" isn't nearly as good as the real deal, and it doesn't allow you to take advantage of various Blu-ray/HD DVD features.

The real issue here is long-term viability. If you buy a Blu-ray player today, and six months from now the movie studios decide to back HD DVD, you could wind up with the 21st-century equivalent of a Betamax VCR (did hardware manufacturers learn *nothing* from past mistakes?).

Which format is the likely winner in this stupid war? It's still anybody's ball game, though Blu-ray may be inching ahead: Blockbuster recently decided to offer only Blu-ray titles in stores and online. (Netflix, for its part, currently offers both formats.)

Of course, there may never be a winner. That's why a few manufacturers are producing hybrid DVD players that support both formats. LG was first out of the gate with

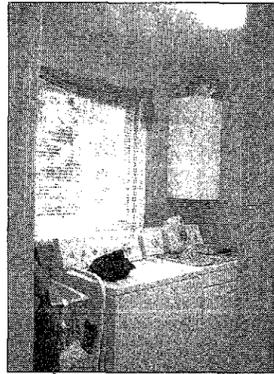
Please see **BROIDA, D2**



Jamie Neufeld and Anna Stefos Neufeld talk about the mudroom they added to their Farmington Hills home. The new bathroom can be seen in the back.

clears clutter

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER



This was the original laundry room.



This was the former "storage" area for what family members now keep in their individual lockers.

The mudroom, with its lowly sounding name, has been elevated to high style.

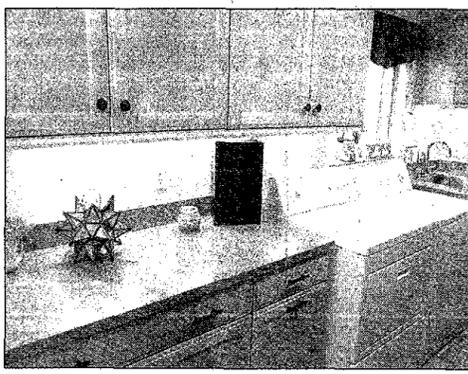
Not just a cure for clutter, today's mudroom is cheery, comfortable and stylish as well as functional — as in the Farmington Hills home of Jamie Neufeld and Anna Stefos Neufeld and their three children.

The house, a traditional Tudor, is almost 20 years old. Neufeld and Stefos Neufeld have lived there for 10 years. The family "went from zero to three children in two years," she said, and more room was needed.

Working with A.J. Dompierre Construction of Farmington, the family got a 250-square-foot mudroom that provides additional space for the three children (7-year-old twins, and a 6-year-old) and for the adults. It includes a bathroom with a shower. "It's the nicest part of the house," Neufeld said. "It turned out really well," said Joe Dompierre, president and owner of the construction company.

The traditional mudroom is a buffer area between indoors and outdoors, a place for such items as shoes, coats, dirty boots, and sports equipment. It is for storage as well as for objects used throughout the week.

In various parts of the country, a mudroom could be called a transition or commuter station, or a friends-and-family



The new mudroom functions as a laundry room as well as storage area.

entrance, according to an article in the *New York Times*.

Mudrooms are popular today, Dompierre said. Stefos Neufeld jokingly called the family's mudroom the "Costco room," he said.

"You buy in bulk, you need to have the space to put all the stuff," Dompierre said.

Especially popular mudroom features are individual "lockers" that give each family member his or her own space, he said.

"It keeps things organized." A neighbor gave the Neufelds the idea of installing a mudroom. They wanted their mudroom to include a refrigerator, more pantry space, a laundry area with counter room for folding pieces, and a bathroom.

The family made a list of their requirements and took it to Dompierre.

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Healthy snacks

The Associated Press gives the following simple suggestions for healthy and tasty snacks for children: And be sure to offer water or low-fat or fat-free milk to drink.

■ Wrap 1/2 cup canned beans in a whole-grain tortilla and top with diced tomatoes, lettuce and one slice of cheese.

■ One-half cup dried fruit, such as raisins, dried apricots, cranberries and prunes, with mixed nuts (unsalted, if possible).

■ Three-fourths cup dry whole-grain breakfast cereals with 1/2 cup low-fat or fat-free milk and sliced fresh fruit.

■ One cup sliced fresh vegetables, such as carrots, celery, broccoli and baby carrots, with 1/2 cup low-fat yogurt or sour cream-based dip.

■ Three-fourths cup sliced fresh fruit, such as apples, pears, peaches, papaya, banana or pineapple, with 1/2 cup low-fat yogurt or cottage cheese.

■ One-third cup hummus or tabbouleh with four small whole-wheat pita bread triangles.

■ One low-fat granola bar.

■ Three cups unbuttered popcorn.

■ One slice of cheese or two tablespoons of peanut butter with three to six (depending on size) whole-grain crackers.

■ One-half cup trail mix made with raisins, nuts and dried fruit.

■ A yogurt and fruit smoothie made from 1 cup low- or no-fat yogurt and 1/2 cup fruit.

Cleaning antique

The Carey Brothers, writing for the Associated Press, were asked: "I got carried away cleaning a brass antique with lemon and salt, and now it's rusty. How can I clean off the rust?"

Their reply: First, your antique isn't solid brass — it is brass-plated. Solid brass doesn't rust.

What is rusting is the iron or steel below your brass plating. The rust can be eliminated with most rust removers. Just about anything that contains phosphoric acid will do the trick, even some concrete cleaners.

After you have thoroughly removed the rust, be sure to coat the item with a coat of light machine oil.

Sewing machine oil is great for this purpose.

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Mow-Aerator handles 2 lawn jobs at once

At first glance, you might think the Mow-Aerator is a strange insect or a mini-monster.

But it's really a new device designed to help water and fertilizer reach the root systems of your lawn.

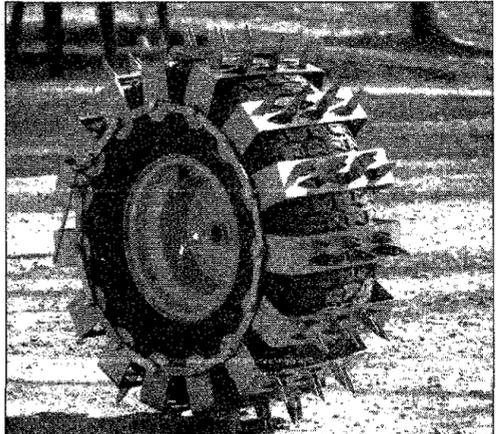
Called "the ride way to aerate," the Mow-Aerator is a set of brackets and 1.5-inch spikes that attaches to the tires of a riding or push mower. (It attaches to the rear tires of a lawn tractor.) As the lawn is mowed, the spikes aerate the soil, without leaving chunks of dirt behind.

The weight of the mower helps the spikes penetrate the root zone.

When aeration isn't needed, the Mow-Aerator can be easily removed.

The Mow-Aerator is expected to be on the market in the spring, retailing for about \$110. For more information, visit www.mow-aerator.com or www.gailcoinnovations.com.

Designed by Georgia-based GAILCO Innovations



LLC, the Mow-Aerator won the 2007 *Popular Mechanics* Editor's Choice Award for outstanding achievement in new product design and innovation.

It was invented by Tim Bowman, the husband of GAILCO Innovations founder Gail Bowman.

"We designed the Mow-Aerator for ease of use," Gail Bowman said. "It allows the user to do two jobs - mowing

and aerating - at once. "The Mow-Aerator is a fast, cost-effective solution to common lawn problems like bare spots, brown patches and hardened soil."

The Mow-Aerator will be featured in the August issue of *Inventors Digest* and the September issue of *Popular Mechanics*. It will be shown on HGTV at 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, and on *DIY Cool Tools* in early 2008.

The good, bad of CFLs

One of the hottest products on the market are CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs).

Most of these bulbs have a curly-shaped tube with a base that will screw into standard sockets.

Though initially a bit more expensive than standard incandescent lamps, these last far longer than incandescent bulbs. These also use far less electricity than conventional lamps and operate cooler.

Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Recently, however, there has been some concern about CFLs. CFLs, like all fluorescent lamps, contain a small amount of mercury.

The Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR program strongly recommends the use of CFL lighting.

I, as well have been a strong proponent of CFLs. After hearing some of the criticisms, I thought I would do a little research into the subject.

A CFL does in fact contain about 5 milligrams of mercury metal. As we know, especially here in Michigan, mercury can be hazardous to our health.

This mercury is sealed in the glass tube. The potential danger happens when the bulb is broken or disposed of.

Mercury becomes most dangerous when it goes from element (metal) form to a vapor and is inhaled. This happens readily if a CFL is broken. The health risks from mercury are

due to not only the amount of the material, but also the duration of exposure.

According to many sources, a spill of this size shouldn't cause excess risk to you or your family if handled properly.

Here is a scenario I ran across. A CFL breaks in, say, a bedroom. The entire 5 mg of mercury vaporizes, which isn't likely to happen.

The concentration of mercury vapor in the room would be about 0.2 mg per cubic meter (mg/m³). This concentration decreases over a short time as the air is exchanged in the room.

Within an eight-hour spread, the concentration of mercury vapor would be about 0.023 mg/m³.

This is less than the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's standard of 0.05 mg/m³ for eight hours of exposure. And remember, this is assuming that all of the mercury is vaporized.

Still, it is wise to use caution when handling a broken CFL.

The EPA ENERGY STAR program has published a very good fact sheet on information about handling CFLs. This can be viewed at http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/promotions/change_light/downloads/Fact_Sheet_Mercury.pdf, or simply go to http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr_cfls and click on CFLs and Mercury on the right-hand side.

OTHER THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Using CFLs introduces about 8 mg less mercury into the environment than what is produced at a power plant to

power a standard incandescent bulb.

The use of CFLs takes less power, therefore cutting the amount of greenhouse gasses produced.

Disposal of incandescent bulbs introduces tungsten into the environment.

There is less mercury in a CFL than is typically used in tooth fillings.

ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES?

Though still in its early stages, LED (Light Emitting Diode) lighting is beginning to show up in the mainstream.

Though presently very expensive to buy, and limited as to the types of fixtures available, this technology is something to watch. LEDs use very little power for the amount of light they produce and run very cool.

I will be keeping myself up to date on this technology.

Exposure to any mercury isn't to be taken lightly. I'm sure, however, there are many of us who can remember playing with mercury as kids, and survived. But then we also traveled in cars, standing on the front seat without child seats or safety belts (I don't recommend this).

Weighing all the alternatives at this point, it is my personal opinion that CFLs are a good thing.

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

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BROIDA

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the BH100; Samsung's BD-UP5000 should be available before the holidays.

Just be prepared for major sticker-shock: Both models have \$1,000-plus price tags.

Which brings us to the third problem with high-def DVD: price.

You'll pay around \$500 for a current Blu-ray or HD DVD player.

That's not only outrageous, it leaves little incentive to buy a hybrid model.

Prices will drop, of course. Toshiba's HD-A3 (an HD DVD player) arrives in October for \$299.99, and you can already buy the company's first-generation model (the A2) at Costco for around the same price.

I propose another option: a game console.

Microsoft offers an HD DVD player for its Xbox 360 system, while Sony's PlayStation 3 plays Blu-ray discs right out of the box.

The latter costs \$499 — about the price of a standalone Blu-ray player.

The Xbox HD DVD Player sells for \$179.99, while the Xbox 360 itself runs \$279.99 (for the Core model), for a total of around \$460.

In both equations, you get a killer game system out of the deal. Not a bad way to go!

You can find out more about high-definition DVD — both the hardware and the movies — at HDDVD.org.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Antique gardens

The Livonia Historic Preservation Commission presents American Home Landscapes and Antique Gardens 1800-1940, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile in Livonia.

The speaker will be noted garden historian Scott Kunst.

Admission is free but by reservation only.

For reservations, call the Greenmead office at (248) 477-7375 no later than Friday.

Aging your garden

Learn easy ways to add patina to a new garden using containers, furniture and accessories in *Aging Your Garden*, a free seminar presented by Smith & Hawken and Cottage Living magazine 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Smith & Hawken stores in Birmingham and Rochester Hills.

The stores are at 284 W. Maple in Birmingham (phone (248) 593-6010) and at the Village of Rochester Hills, 184 N. Adams (phone (248) 375-1976). The seminar will run about 30 minutes. For more information, visit www.smithandhawken.com/seminars.

Plant problems

English Gardens hosts free seminars this month at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

Pests and Other Plant Problems will be the topic 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22. Learn about some of the more common problems you'll encounter during the gardening season. English Gardens experts will also provide solutions. Autumn Blooming Annuals and Perennials will be the topic 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29.

For more information, call the stores or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Fresh garden

Learn many of the simple tricks that will help your garden shine with a minimum of time in *Keeping the Garden Fresh*, a class offered at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The class will take place 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 22. Cost is \$29.

For registration and other information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

The instructor will be master gardener Gail Morrell, who formed her garden maintenance firm in 1991 and is head gardener for many estates.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels.

For registration and other information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

Classes include English Gardens: Capturing the Magic, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21 (cost is \$42); Vines and Vertical Features, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 21 and 28 (\$75); and Gardens of France, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28 (\$42). Among other offerings are Expert Perspective garden walks: Reflecting on Water at the Detroit Zoo, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 (\$42); The Bones of Landscaping, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Detroit Zoo (\$42); and Divide and Propagate Perennials, 9:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at an address in Howell, details provided upon registration (\$42).

Rose programs

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

The schedule includes Japanese Beetle Control for Roses, a lecture and hands-on demonstration, 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20); and Buck Roses from Iowa, a slide presentation, 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27).

Reservations aren't required. Each presentation lasts about 1 1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For more information, call (734) 461-1230 or visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Kleim, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, e-mail mkleim@hometownlife.com, fax (248) 644-1314.

Interior designers team up to renovate shelter

Interior designers, fine artists and painters add or enhance beauty in a room. And a group of those professionals will be adding something special as well — such as hope and encouragement — when they refurbish the YWCA Interim House domestic violence shelter in Detroit.

The group, representing the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), is working on the renovation project this summer and fall.

The renovation, called Project Fresh Start, includes redesigning eight of the shelter's 21 bedrooms and the community room.

New paint, custom bedding and curtains, floor coverings, art and dressers will go in the bedrooms. The community room will receive new paint, floor coverings, accent furniture and cabinetry.

The shelter is one of the largest domestic violence sexual assault shelters in the country.

"Our hope is to make this an inspiring and warm place for women and their children who are already in a very difficult situation," said project co-chair Shelly Yaroch, interior designer and Allied ASID member.

"Environment is so important to how people feel," said Jackie Schwartz, project co-chair and owner of Home Interior Warehouse Furniture and Design, an ASID industry partner.

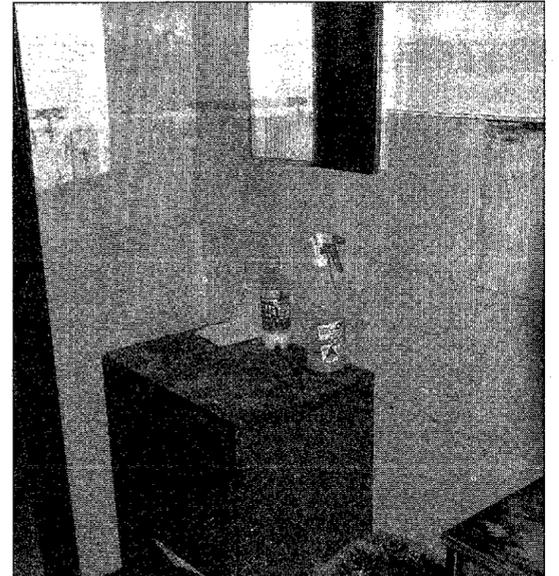
"We will create an uplifting space and show the residents that there are people who care and want them to have a bright future."

Schwartz was looking for a community project for ASID when Yaroch told her about the shelter. They went to it and visited with the director.

"It's certainly a worthwhile cause," Schwartz said.

It is an ideal project for interior designers, she said.

"We can do our thing and ...



COURTESY LOIS PRIMEAU

This vanity area gives an idea of how much work is needed to renovate the YWCA Interim House domestic violence shelter. A group of interior designers, fine artists and painters, representing the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers, is refurbishing the Detroit shelter.

make a difference."

Among the fresh colors planned for the rooms are turquoise, yellow, light green and beige.

Fine artist Lois Primeau will paint a 40-foot mural in a hallway that will feature a caterpillar turning into a butterfly, representing that a new life is possible.

The shelter doesn't have any money in its budget for renovations. The project is completely funded by donations.

A work weekend is scheduled Aug. 24-26 and will involve painting the bedrooms and community room. A second work weekend will be scheduled, probably in October.

Additional phases might involve renovating the rest of the bedrooms and bathrooms, depending on future donations.

HOW TO HELP

Monetary donations of any amount are appreciated. Donations of \$500 or more will be recognized with a plaque outside the bedroom listing the room sponsor. Also appreciated are donations of new paint or painting supplies, and blinds or roller shades for windows.

Make checks payable to Interim House and send them to Jackie Schwartz, Home Interior

Warehouse, 1017 E. West Maple, Walled Lake 48390.

Other committee members are Primeau; Starlite Aaron; Kelley Berger, Dawn Frasa and Klava Tsalenko of Home Interior Warehouse; Emily Frasa; Oakland Community College student Lisa Dunn; Ann Jacob, department chair for interior design at Baker College of Auburn Hills; Baker students Myron Freiburger, Tania Naarinen, Amanda Muczynski, Jane Gunterman, Lindsay Waite and Laura Campau; Ellen Mengel, ASID, of the International Academy of Design and Technology (IADT); Sam Sobh and Matthew Norko, IADT students; Eileen Minna, Allied ASID; Allied ASID member Kimberly Pollock, La-Z-Boy Inc.; Philomena Rosnik, ASID; fine artist/muralist Ann Smith; and Robert Zebrowski, ASID, Extraordinary Works at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

Emily Frasa, a fourth grader, is coordinating a DVD/VHS movie drive for the project. Campau helped secure a paint donation through Sherwin Williams.

Also involved are Cheryl Clink-Scates, president of Accents Quilting Studio, and Janet Pray, president of American Sewing Expo Inc.

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Michigan wines please judges

Whether you get your wine information from newspapers, Web sites or magazines, you can't have missed that Michigan wines have been in the news in a big way this year.

With 50 commercial wineries (up from 17 only 12 years ago) producing a collective 375,000 cases of wine annually and contributing \$800 million to the state's economy, Michigan is successfully linking two growing industries: agriculture and tourism, under the banner agritourism.

About 1,500 acres are devoted to wine grapes, making Michigan the eighth in U.S. wine grape production. This vineyard acreage has increased 24 percent since 1997.

Yet, that's not nearly enough to satisfy growing demand, especially for riesling. Pinot grigio, labeled by some wineries by its French name pinot gris, has also grown in popularity.

What Michigan needs most is investment capital. Bryan Ulbrich, proprietor and winemaker at Michigan's newest and first urban winery, Left Foot Charley in Traverse City, said, "It's going to take investment money from people who understand that grape farming does not offer a quick return. This is not a stock market game."

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The Michigan Grape & Wine Industry Council within the Michigan Department of Agriculture has set a goal of increasing wine grape plantings to 10,000 acres by 2024.

To expedite this, the council handed out more than \$265,000 in grants as incentives to winery owners last year. Truly, this is a drop in the bucket and with the state's budget crunch now, expanding or even repeating this funding in 2007 and beyond holds some doubt.

Established wine grape growers such as Joe Herman of Karma Vista Vineyards and Winery in Berrien County recently expanded his vineyard to 50 acres.

Teamed with Dave Miller, St. Julian Winery's winemaker in Paw Paw, they are using grant money to form a consulting and management firm that will advise clients on selecting appropriate vineyard sites, grape vine planting and winery construction.

ANNUAL EVALUATION

Each August, the state's commercial

wines, made 100 percent from Michigan-grown grapes, are judged at the Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition, held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. This was the competition's 30th anniversary.

Thus, on Aug. 7, 365 wines were evaluated by us and 22 other judges, including California owner/winemaker Scott Harvey of Scott Harvey and Janus wines; master of wine, master sommelier and Jefferson Cup Invitational Competition director Doug Frost; and two of Michigan's three master sommeliers, Claudia Tyagi and Ron Edwards, who are both consultants and wine educators.

Frost, who says he's selective about competitions in which he judges, noted he accepted Michigan's invitation this year "because I need to learn what's happening here."

"I'm particularly impressed by Michigan's aromatic whites and a variety like traminette, many of which came across varietally correct with gewurztraminer-like aromas. From Michigan, pinot grigio is as good as it gets anywhere in the U.S."

Master sommelier Ron Edwards praised four gold-medal winning white wines highly: the Double Gold and Best of Class Dry White, Left Foot Charley 2006 Pinot Blanc "Island View Vineyard" (\$18); the Double Gold 2006 Block II Riesling Bowers Harbor Vineyards; Gold medal winner 2004 Proprietor's Reserve Riesling Chateau Chantal; and Gold medal 2006 Whole Cluster Riesling Chateau Grand Traverse.

WINNING BIG

Double Gold and Best of Class Dry White, Left Foot Charley 2006 Pinot Blanc "Island View Vineyard," heralded by Edwards, was the competition's biggest winner for a number of reasons. As stated before, Left Foot Charley is the state's newest winery and the state's first truly urban winery, located in the developing Village of Grand Traverse Commons, in close proximity to Traverse City's Front Street shopping district.

Left Foot Charley, co-owned by Bryan Ulbrich (former Peninsula Cellars winemaker), his wife Jen and grower Werner Kuehnis, opened July 1, 2007. Island View Vineyard is owned by Kuehnis, who supplied the 12 year-old pinot blanc for the award-winning wine. Call it winning in spades!

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WINE PICKS

BEST OF CLASS AND GOLD MEDAL WINNING WINES FROM THE 2007 MICHIGAN WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION

Best of Class
Double Gold and Best of Class Dry White: Left Foot Charley 2006 Pinot Blanc "Island View Vineyard"
Double Gold and Best of Class Semi-Dry White: Gill's Pier 2006 Riesling
Double Gold and Best of Class Sparkling: Tabor Hill Winery Grand Mark Brut
Double Gold and Best of Class Dry Red: Longview 2005 Cabernet Franc Vintner Reserve
Gold and Best of Class Semi-Dry/Sweet Red: Leelanau Cellars Great Lakes Red
Double Gold and Best of Class Dessert: Chateau Grand Traverse 2005 Riesling Ice Wine

Additional Double Gold Winners

Bowers Harbor Vineyards 2006 Block II Riesling
 Brys Estate Vineyard & Winery 2006 Signature White
 Lemon Creek Winery 2004 Meritage and 2005 Shiraz
 St. Julian Wine Co. Solera Cream Sherry

Additional Gold Medal Winners

Bel Lago 2006 Auxerrois, 2006 Late Harvest Pinot Grigio and Brillante Sparkling Wine
 Black Star Farms 2004 Sparkling Wine
 Brys Estate Vineyard & Winery 2006 Gewürztraminer, 2006 Naked Chardonnay and 2006 Wally's Winery Boris
 Chateau Chantal 2005 Proprietor's Reserve Trio, 2005 Proprietor's Reserve Cabernet Franc Krupka Vineyard, 2004 Proprietor's Reserve Riesling and 2005 Pinot Gris Proprietor's Reserve
 Chateau Grand Traverse 2006 Whole Cluster Riesling
 Domaine Berrien Cellars 2005 Syrah
 Fenn Valley Vineyards 2006 Edelzwicker
 L. Mawby Cremant
 Leelanau Cellars Cranberry
 Lemon Creek Winery 2005 Pinot Noir
 Longview 2006 Rustic White and 2006 Pinot Noir
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Each member of the family now has their own cubby area or locker in the mudroom to store their belongings.

MUDROOM

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"Dompierre just did a great job," Stefos Neufeld said. "They met every need."

And the needs were met with style. Brown, yellow and black are the colors. A porcelain floor from Virginia Tile, pendant lights from Brose, maple cabinets and laminate counter tops are among the elements.

ROOM FOR EVERYTHING

Every family member has an individual locker in the mudroom, each with a seat and with hooks on the back wall. Shoes and boots go in baskets from Target that roll out from under the seat. Smaller miscellaneous items go in containers on the top shelf.

"The kids love it," Neufeld said of the lockers.

Knicksnacks from Pier One now line shelf space above the lockers. (Neufeld, a firefighter, wanted to use local businesses in the project. Lowe's and Home Depot were some of the other sources.)

The laundry area is across from the lockers. Laundry from the upper level is tossed down a chute (which Stefos Neufeld calls a "bottomless hamper") right into a basket near the new laundry room.

In the mudroom, objects are handy but out of sight.

"I'm using every bit of space," Stefos Neufeld said. "My goal was to use every bit of space for storage."

Neufeld had the idea to put charging stations for cell phones and iPods inside the cabinetry. Pantry supplies are

tucked away in a slender cabinet. Other cabinets and drawers hold the youngsters' craft supplies.

Near the back door is a cushioned bench, which opens for more storage room. The bead board wall behind it, stained ebony, could hold a calendar or the children's artwork.

In the laundry/locker area, Dompierre pitched the roof to let in more natural light. Windows and under cabinet lighting also illuminate the space.

Next to the laundry, at the back of the mudroom, is the bathroom. It features a tile shower with glass surround, and a cabinet vanity.

Stefos Neufeld had the idea to use colors inspired by nature — specifically, her former garden. Pollen Grain, a color from Behr paint that suggested a sunflower, covers some walls. The bathroom is painted a color from Pittsburgh Paint called Bronco Brown.

"They selected good colors," Dompierre said.

Everyone is delighted with the mudroom, which has garnered compliments from neighbors. The children and adults enjoy having a place where they can remove muddy garments and keep paraphernalia. "We have room to grow," Neufeld said.

Did you make a recent renovation to your home? Tell us about it for a possible feature story.

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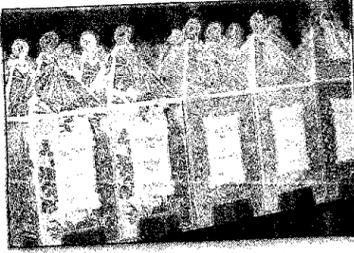
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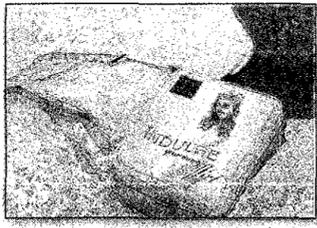
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Luxury candles available at Mariposa include Voluspa, Nouvelle and these from Seda France.



Indulge your inner flirt' with famously comfortable Hanky Panky panties, among the lingerie and sleepwear available at Mariposa.



Even pets enjoy being pampered with the cute product lines at Mariposa.

Transform yourself at new beauty boutique

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
PHOTOS BY DONNA MCLAUGHLIN

Mariposa Beauty Boutique & Studio has officially spread its wings in Rochester Hills.

The luxe new beauty emporium held a glamorous grand opening Friday, July 27. Partygoers socialized, sipped champagne, toasted owner Monique Zafarana, and indulged in a sneak preview of all the delicious goodies and services Mariposa has to offer.

As they walked in the door, guests were instantly wrapped in a cocoon of warmth, indulgent scents and the promise of transformation.

Once inside, they browsed shelves stocked with professional make-up lines, cosmetic skin care and beautifully packaged bath and body products, as well as racks of lingerie, jeans, jewelry, handbags and loungewear.

They left with coveted appointments for makeup application, eyebrow arching and lessons — soon to return for star treatments.

The soiree was so fun, PINK can't wait to get friends together for our own "Girls Night In" party at Mariposa!



Lauren Gabrielson and Brianna Washburne model Mariposa makeovers at the party.

Get your footwear fix with Miss Meghan



Farmington's own Meghan Cleary, shown here in Azzedine Alaïa silver python platform pumps, will debut her new shoe show Aug. 20 on HSN.

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

Meghan Cleary, 'America's Shoe Expert,' will debut her new shoe show on the Home Shopping Network at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 as part of the station's Fall Fashion Week. During the one-hour show, "Miss Meghan" will offer her unique brand of "Shoe Therapy," counseling women on everything from stilettos to loafers, kitten heels to wedges, and boots to flip flops.

Cleary, who hails from Farmington and now resides in New York City, said she is excited about her partnership with HSN.

"HSN is working with so

many amazing brands and their shoe selection is truly amazing," Cleary said. "All of their shoes are quality tested to the nth degree, plus my commentary on shoe trends and Shoe are You? Shoe Therapy is truly something you can experience nowhere else except HSN. Not to mention it will be totally fun!"

Cleary said HSN carries hard-to-find sizes from 5½ - 12, both in regular and wide, and has a great return policy, so shoppers shouldn't be wary of ordering right off the screen.

And what should smart shoe shoppers tune in to as they add to their footwear wardrobe for the upcoming season?

"Fall is all about animal prints, metallics and patent," Cleary said. "You really cannot go wrong with an animal print to zing up the workday wardrobe, or patent to add POP to a going-out ensemble."

"Metallics are key, she said. "I cannot emphasize enough their importance. They have moved from a novelty to a staple and a neutral in the wardrobe," she said. "Pick a cute ballet flat or a super hi platform wedge for extra dazzle!"

Meghan Cleary is author of "The Perfect Fit: What Your Shoes Say About You," and appears frequently on TV and in print to share her fabulous finds and footwear advice. Visit www.missmeghan.com for more.

Saks celebrates Roberto Coin Jewelry with show

Saks Fifth Avenue will host a Roberto Coin Trunk Show through Aug. 19, as part of its week-long 40th anniversary celebration.

Roberto Coin representatives Susan O'Connor and Leslie Snyder will visit the Troy loca-

tion to present the Fall 2007 Fine Jewelry Collection Aug. 16-17. Customers can register to win a pave diamond champagne flute, and receive a vintage signature pen with any Roberto Coin purchase through Aug. 19. One of the world's most

renowned jewelry designers, Coin has a strong partnership with Saks Fifth Avenue. The Italian designer visited the Troy Somerset store last October, charming everyone with his wit and style, including PINK.



Saks Fifth Avenue shoppers can register to win a pave diamond champagne flute by Roberto Coin through Aug. 19.

pink picks

By Wendy

Wear It!
Layered tanks



DON'T Wear It!
Visible bra straps — try The Strapper



Tote It!
Striped canvas purse from J&J Handbags, South Lyon

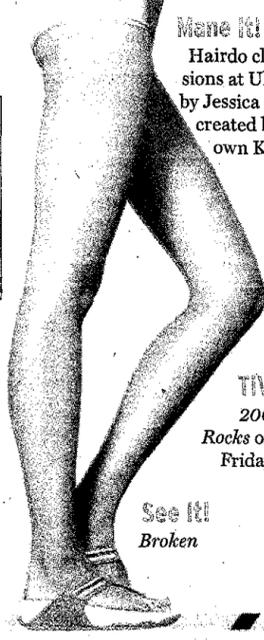
Kick It!
The FitFlop

Accessorize It!
Silpada sterling silver hoop earrings and interlocking bangles

Smell It!
Private Collection Tuberose Gardenia by Aerin Lauder at Saks Fifth Avenue

Face It!
Bare Escentuals BE Real Fall 2007 Color Collection

Mane It!
Hairdo clip-in extensions at Ulta - inspired by Jessica Simpson and created by Detroit's own Ken Paves



Read It!
Middlesex by Geoffrey Eugenides

Tivo It!
2007 Fashion Rocks on Friday, Sept. 7

See It!
Broken

DVD It!
Rome: The Complete Second Season

Hear It!
Bjork at the Fox Theatre Sept. 11

Eat It!
7-course Italian dinner at Spisita's, West Bloomfield

Drink It!
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Do It!
Laser Hair Removal at American Laser Centers

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Fusion The Salon in Royal Oak will host its 2nd Annual Cut-A-Thon.

CUT-A-THON FOR AUTISM

Fusion The Salon will host its 2nd Annual Cut-A-Thon to benefit Judson Center from noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26. Book an appointment (or just walk in) to take advantage of special deals for women's hair cuts (\$25), Men's hair cuts (\$15), Children's hair cuts (\$15), Express facials (\$20), Eyebrow waxing (\$12), or Express manicures (\$10), and the salon will donate 100 percent to Judson Center's Autism Connections program. Fusion the salon is located at 4301 W. 13 Mile Road in Royal Oak. Visit www.judsoncenter.org or call Fusion The Salon at (248) 288-4860.

CLINIQUE GIFT-WITH-PURCHASE

Parisian at Laurel Park Place, Livonia is currently taking pre-orders for a Clinique GWP. Spend \$21.50 and receive a gift that includes Moisture Surge Extra Thirsty Skin Relief; Blushing Blush in Smoldering Plum; High Impact Mascara in Black; Long Last Lipstick in Sugared Maple; a Marie Claire subscription card; and more. The gift will be available Aug. 22-Sept. 10 while supplies last. Call (734) 953-7500.

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