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Plaza undergoing renovations

Plan to bring in
national retailers

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some call it construction, others label it demolition, but the businesses in the Canton Corners shopping center are happy to see some action.

In addition to the new building being constructed in the plaza's parking lot, the middle of the development has been gutted to make room for three

national retailers.

The plaza, located on the southwest corner of Ford and Lilley, has been cleared in the space between Wesley Berry Flowers and Paul's Fine Jewelry. Tic Tac Nails has been temporarily relocated from the west side of the plaza into an open space on the east end.

"We knew something was in the air (with the plaza), but we weren't sure of what was going to happen," said Bob Mathews, manager of the Red Wing Shoe Store, of the plans to bring in the national retailers.

The stores have been rumored to be Home Goods,

Dick's and buybuy BABY.

The outlot building, one of three scheduled for the development, is slated for an AT&T Store and a GameStop. The stores are expected to open in the summer.

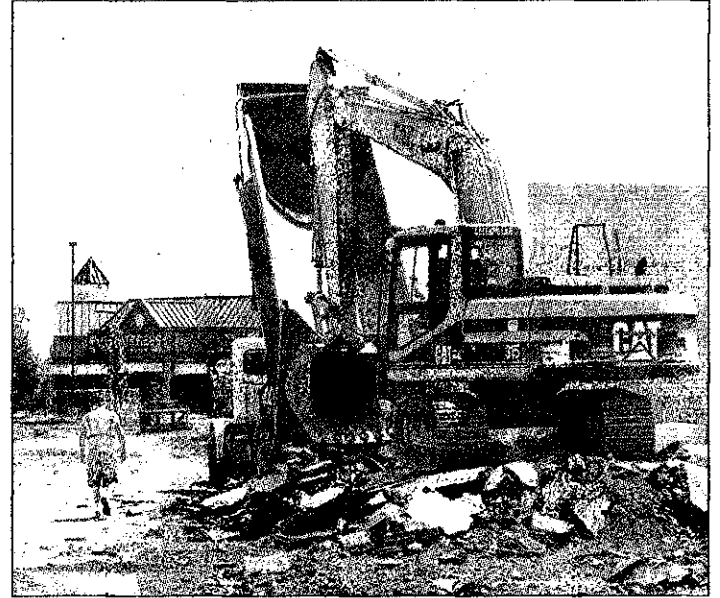
"I definitely think this is going to bring new life into the place," Mathews said. "It has got to be an improvement because we've been dealing with a half-empty (development). We are all looking for big things."

Tom Eiden, manager of Richardson's Super Drugs, said he believes the project will be impressive once it's complete.

"I believe it's going to bring people into the plaza that have never been here," he said. "Then maybe they will see some of the other stores."

Joe Kosik of JFK Investment Co., who previously declined to release the names of the retailers expected to move into the center of the plaza, did not return calls for this story.

In addition to the AT&T Store and GameStop, a Potbelly Sandwich Works is slated for the east outlot building. "This is going to generate more traffic into the plaza," Mathews said. "It's going to be a trickledown for all of us."



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Construction and demolition continue at the Canton Corners Plaza at Ford and Lilley roads in anticipation of several national retailers.

A fitting tribute

Graduation
provides
backdrop to
fond farewell

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Former Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin — making his first public appearance since suffering a stroke Nov. 10 — received a standing ovation from staff, students and parents during graduation ceremonies

'Jerry Ostoin loved Salem High School. He is the epitome of a true "Rock," our Salem blue symbol. Jerry Ostoin is an icon in this district and never will be replaced.'

PATRICK FITZPATRICK, Interim Salem Principal

Sunday at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

Along with the ovation, interim Principal Patrick Fitzpatrick — who has a 40-year friendship with Ostoin — read a special tribute to his colleague.

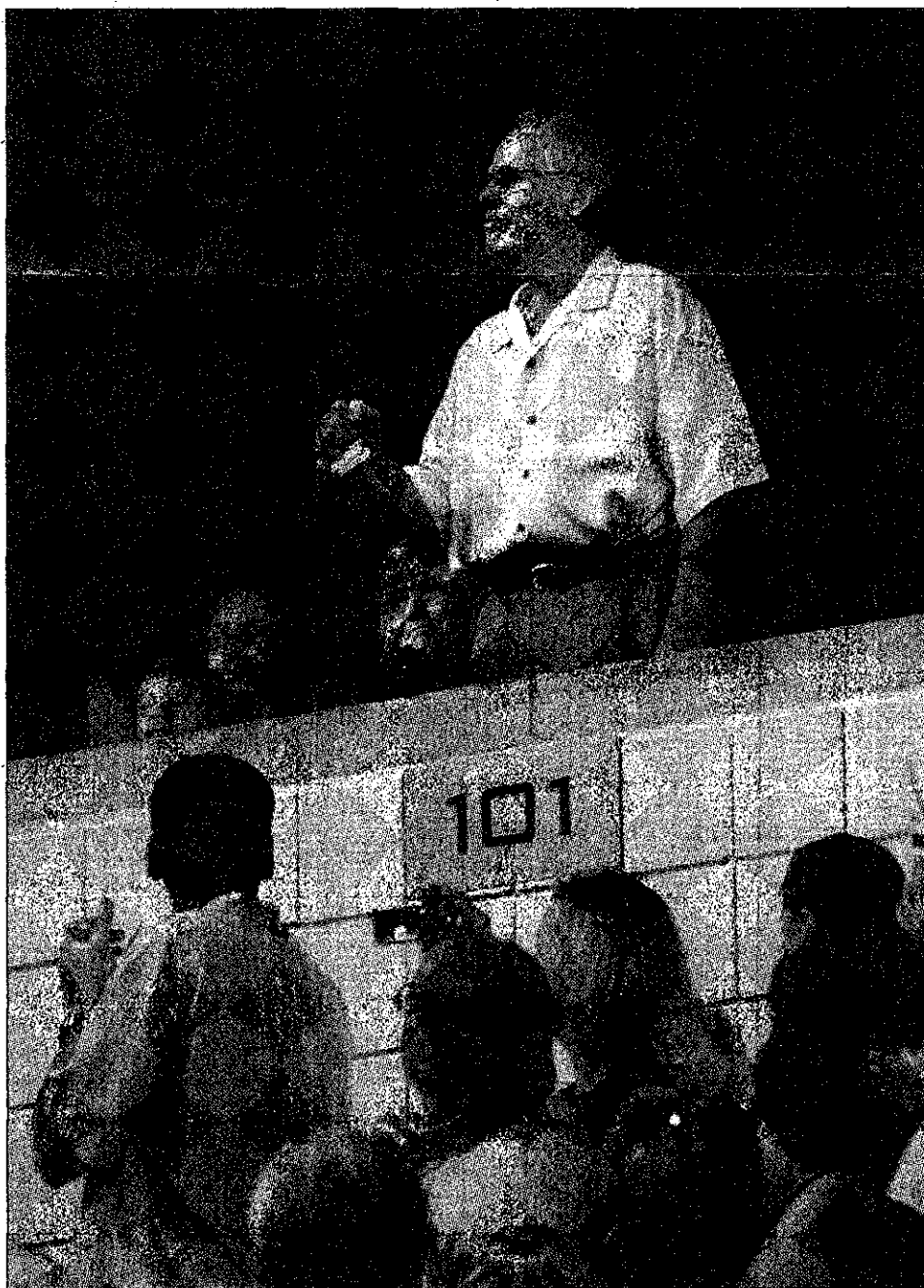
An eight-minute video from the Class of 2008 was also played, which several times spelled Salem Spirit as O-S-T-O-I-N.

"It was such a lovely tribute," said Jan Ostoin, Jerry's wife.

"We were both very overwhelmed by the experience. The video really speaks to Jerry and caught his spirit for the school and how he loves Salem."

Fitzpatrick, who said Ostoin's appearance "was very emotional," noted how important it was for Ostoin — who began his career with Plymouth-Canton Schools in 1974 as an area coordinator for Salem and was appointed principal in 1986 — to be at graduation.

"He walked out on a Friday



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Salem principal Gerald Ostoin responds to the cheers and applause of the graduation day crowd.

Please see complete list of Salem High School graduates and photos of the graduation ceremony on page A3.

afternoon, had his stroke on Saturday, and the staff and kids never saw him again," Fitzpatrick said. "This was his class ... it was good for everybody to see him and bring some closure."

Ostoin, 63, spent the winter rehabilitating in Florida, and according to Jan

appears to be well on his way to recovery.

"He's come so far in six months," she said. "He's walking, has most of his movement back and his speech is coming along nicely. He'll continue with his therapy the next six months and hopefully will be back to A-1 shape."

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Get an early jump on Liberty Fest tonight

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you can't wait until Friday to take part in the Liberty Fest activities, there's good news, you don't have to.

A sneak preview of the weekend's activities will begin at 5 p.m. today in Heritage Park.

The Fest's family zone will be open until 10 p.m. and a concert by 50 Amp Fuse will kick off at 7 p.m.

The Fest's official activities are set for Friday and Saturday in and around Heritage Park.

Among the highlights of the two-day celebration are Friday's Nickelodeon Live shows and its "Movie Under the Stars" showing of

Shrek 3.

The Canton Lions Club will have its annual complimentary pancake breakfast, which coincides with the Liberty Fest parade, Saturday morning in the Kohl's parking lot on Ford Road.

Despite all the interactive activities that have become huge hits of the Fest, Jon LaFever, Canton Leisure Services recreation coordinator, said one of the most popular features remains the fireworks that close the event.

"We see so many house parties and graduation parties (at the homes surrounding Heritage Park)," he said.

"It's great that so many people are outside watching them."



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All together now

Volunteers use a rope to tug debris out of the Lower Rouge River during Rouge Rescue/River Day activities in Canton. They are standing on Canton's new recreation trail that was opened to the public on Saturday. According to Bob Belair, one of the coordinators for Canton's site, there were about 270 volunteers that helped out with Rouge Rescue activities, and close to another 300 people showed up for the trail grand opening in the afternoon. Volunteers planted 160 trees, built more than 200 birdhouses, and helped open up a couple log jams in the river. There were also three ribbon-cuttings on the various legs of the trail. "It was a nice day. Everything went pretty smooth," Belair said.

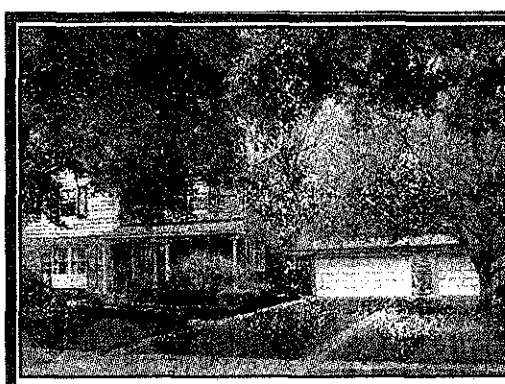
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Canton clean-up

Canton Waste Recycling (42020 Van Born Road) will be holding a Canton clean-up event 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 13 and 8-11 a.m., June 14. CWR offers residents a chance to dispose of non-hazardous items that can't be discarded curbside. Call Canton Waste Recycling at (734) 397-5801 for more information.

Farmers market

The Bartlett-Travis property in Cherry Hill Village is the site of the Canton Farmers Market every Sunday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. through Oct. 26. Admission is free. The weekly event features entertainment, as well as vendors selling fresh produce, baked goods, plants, crafts and more. For more information, call the market master at (734) 394-5323.

Experimental Aircrafters fund-raiser

The Experimental Aircraft Association's 45th annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast will take place from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., June 15 at Mettetal Airport (8500 Lilley Road in Canton). Breakfast is 7-11 a.m., and lunch is 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event, sponsored by local EAA Chapter 113, will feature aircraft displays, helicopter rides, airplane rides, and more. Cost is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children. All proceeds will fund scholarships for students going into an aviation-related field. For more information, call Dave at (734) 223-2675, or visit www.eaa113.org.

Memorial golf outing

Dave and Lynn Garr of Canton will hold the Seventh Annual Vanessa Grace Garr Memorial Golf Outing on July 12 at the Links of Novi. The outing, a memorial to their daughter Vanessa, will benefit the Oakwood Program for Exceptional Families which

is located in Allen Park and serves children with all types of disabilities. Vanessa passed away in 2001 due to complications from cerebral palsy, a brain defect which occurred at birth. In the past six years, the outing has raised more than \$150,000 for disabled children's charities in and around Metro Detroit. "This is a wonderful organization with a truly caring staff that puts a lot of blood, sweat and tears into helping the children that come into their office," said Dave Garr of the Oakwood program. "In fact, Dr. Susan Youngs, who runs the program, was the only one of Vanessa's doctors to show up at her funeral. That shows you what kind of people they have there."

The outing, which costs \$125 per golfer or \$50 for dinner only guests, features lunch, golf, dinner, three hours of open bar, silent and live auctions and lots of door prizes. To support the outing either by playing or by contributing, please contact Dave Garr at (734) 542-6800.

Cat crisis at shelter

The Humane Society of Huron Valley says it has a serious crisis on its hands. It has more than 75 cats and kittens available for adoption and another 200 in foster care in need of loving homes. "Each spring and summer we are inundated with homeless cats and kittens that need homes. We have more cats than we can adequately care for right now. We are in an almost 60-year-old facility that has no air conditioning or even decent ventilation. The overcrowding combined with the hot, humid, stagnant air puts all of our animals at risk for serious illness. This gets us to a point of questioning our ability to ensure humane care of the animals in our shelter," says Tanya Hilgendorf, executive director. As a result, HSHV has

lowered its cat adoption fees. Kittens 6 months and younger - \$100 (adopt one and the second kitten is free); adult cats over 6 months old - \$30 (adopt one cat over 6 months old and the second is \$15); adult cats 8 years and older - \$20 (adopt one cat 8 years and older and the second is \$10).

HSHV is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving all of Washtenaw County and Canton Township. For more information, call (734) 662-5585 or visit www.hshv.org.

Marching band alumni BBQ

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and Music Boosters are hosting the 'PCMB All Decades Alumni Reunion Picnic & BBQ' for current student members and parents, alumni, staff, former boosters, etc. from noon to 9 p.m., on Saturday, June 21 at Heritage Park.

The event is open to any student or parent who has participated in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park music programs or marched with the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. Registration is required. A golf outing is also being planned for Sunday, June 22nd.

The reason for the event is to gather all alumni with current students in order to share in the history of the great program and have fun. A PCMB Memorabilia room is being built at Plymouth High School to capture the heritage and history of the program. Participants are asked to bring any memorabilia that you wish to donate to the PCMB history room.

For more information and to register, visit www.pcmb.net and click on the alumni picnic link. If you have any questions, call Chris Hensel at (313) 268-2098 or e-mail alumni BBQ coordinators Lee Bonner at bonner_lee@yahoo.com or Bryan Thomas at bryan.thomas91@yahoo.com.

MDOT meeting on Ford/Beck

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Helping out the community

At their May 7, 2008 adult general meeting, Canton Newcomers President Holly Locke and fund-raising co-chair Jen Manriquez presented AM Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club President Linda Cunningham and board members Janet Ott, Debby Torzy, Char Briggs and Mark Ott the proceeds of the Newcomers 2nd annual Mom 2 Mom Sale held in April. This donation will help Kiwanis continue their distribution of dictionaries to each 3rd grade student in Plymouth-Canton Schools. The Newcomers hold general meetings the first Wednesday of the month (September-May) at the Sunflower Clubhouse where they host a speaker or activity of interest. Every month a different local charity is chosen to receive donations from a \$1 per ticket raffle held at the meeting. For more information or to request a complimentary summer newsletter, visit www.cantonnewcomers.org or call Donna at (734) 398-6487.

of Transportation (MDOT) will hold a public information meeting Thursday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Canton's Administration Building to discuss the findings of an ongoing traffic operations and safety study being done at the Ford Road and Beck Road intersection. The study is being done in an effort to increase safety and reduce congestion at the intersection.

The June 26 meeting is open to the public and business owners and residents located near the intersection are urged to attend. During the meeting, MDOT staff will listen to concerns and address questions regarding the study.

For more information on the June 26 meeting please call MDOT at (313) 375-2400.

Civil War Round Table

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table will host Mr. A. Wilson Greene at its next meeting at 8 p.m., June 19 at Plymouth Township Hall 9955 N. Haggerty Road just north of Ann Arbor Road. Greene is executive director

of Pamplin Historical Park and National Museum of the Civil War Soldier in Petersburg, VA. He is the former president of the Civil War Preservation Trust, faculty member at Mary Washington College and historian and manager at the National Park Service. Greene has written several Civil War books and numerous articles. He lectures extensively and makes TV appearances on the Civil War Journal. His topic will be "Civilians at Petersburg." The public is welcome, and admission is free. For more information, please call (734) 451-7998.

Ice cream social

Northville Cooperative Preschool welcomes the community to its new location at the Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Beck, with an Ice Cream Social 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, in The Bistro, Building D. The school is now enrolling for the 2008-09 school year and has openings for 2s, 3s and 4s programs. For more information, call (734) 254-9129.

Veterans benefit

A "Tribute to Dean Martin and Steve London" with music by Sweet Tracks will be presented 6-10 p.m. Friday, June 13, at AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, Westland. Cocktails

will be served 6 p.m. followed by diner at 7 p.m. and the show 8-10 p.m. There also will be an open bar 6-11 p.m. Only 140 tickets to be sold. They cost \$25 each and are available in the post lounge. The money raised will benefit homeless and hospitalized veterans. For more information, call (734) 721-9440.

John Glenn reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20 year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Roma's of Garden City. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information please visit the Web site jghs88reunion.com.

Grief support group

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Heartland Hospice. The group is held 10-11 a.m. at Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 N. Lilley Road, Canton. The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. This group is held the first and third Wednesday of the month and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge. For information, contact Ann Christensen, toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

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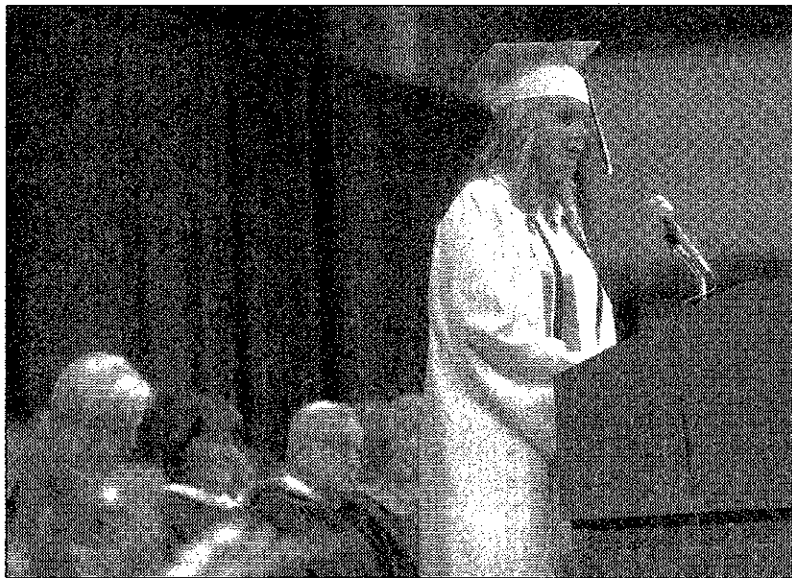
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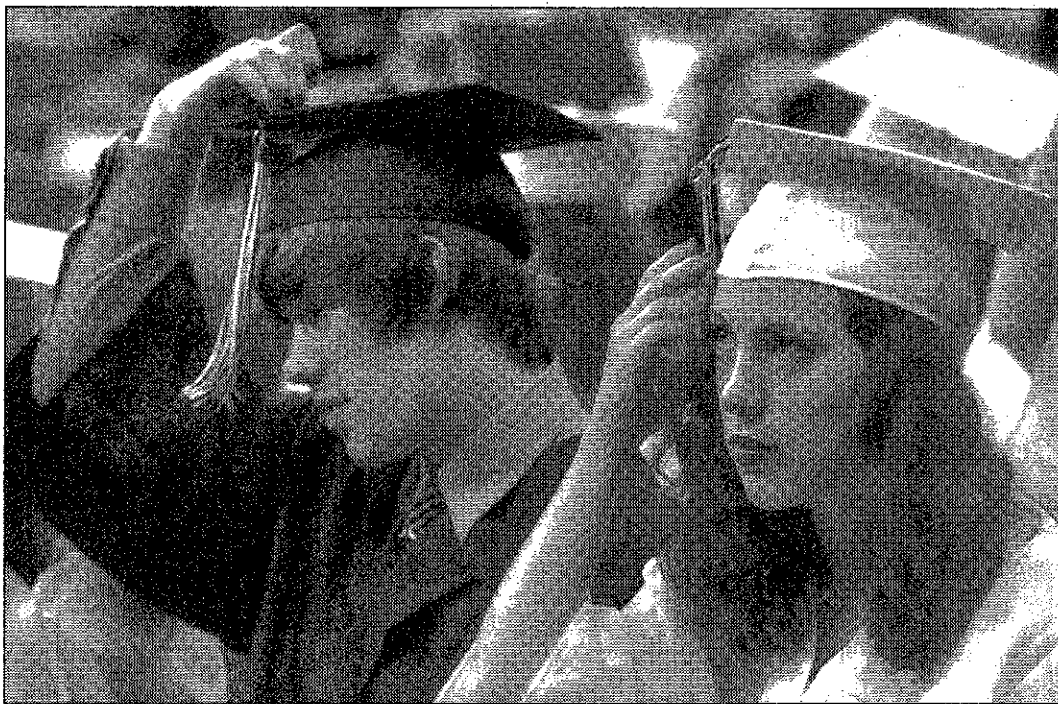
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Class president Marie Bentley introduces dignitaries at Salem High School's commencement ceremony Sunday.

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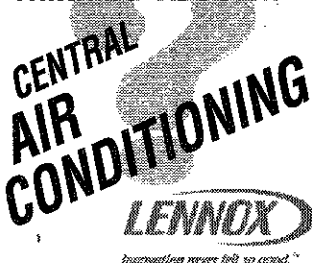
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The employee, a 20-year-old Livonia woman, had been keeping copies of customer receipts and

then, at a later date, entering the items in the system as returned and putting the money on gift cards to the store.

She also did this for her own purchases and on a few occasions, money was missing from her cash register.

The woman, who was fired from the discount chain, waived her Miranda rights upon her arrest.

She told police that this was the first time she had ever been in trouble and that she needed the money. She is accused of swindling nearly \$750 from the store.

Man concerned about mom's safety

A 27-year-old Eastpointe man

alerted Canton police Tuesday that his mother could have been assaulted in her residence on the 46000 block of Geddes.

The man's mother, a 50-year-old township woman, was hospitalized a day earlier after she was found outdoors partially clothed and looking inside her neighbor's vehicles.

The man said when he visited

his mother she appeared to be hallucinating and mentioned a sexual assault and a murder.

He later went to her residence and found blood in the kitchen and bathroom.

In addition, he said her home was in disarray and that her television had been knocked down.

- By Tiffany L. Parks

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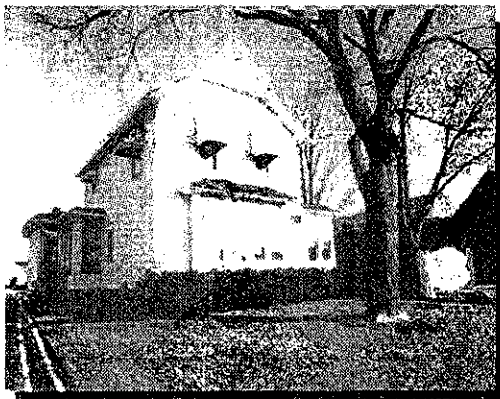
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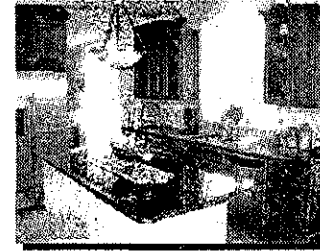
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Lessons can be learned from Ed McMahon's foreclosure problem

The news story last week about Ed McMahon, Johnny Carson's long-time sidekick, having his Hollywood home foreclosed caught my attention.

It appears that McMahon, 85, is hundreds of thousands of dollars in arrears on his \$5 million mortgage.

Most of the news stories were sympathetic to McMahon and blamed his current financial difficulties on health issues. Although I am a fan and I do feel sorry for him, there is a lesson for everyone to learn.

I have no idea how much money McMahon earned over the years. I can only speculate



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

who has been as successful as McMahon must work to cover daily living expenses.

We assume that people who earn more money than us don't have to worry about such mundane issues as saving for retirement. However, the Ed

McMahon story is just one among hundreds of celebrities and athletes who have made substantial amounts of money and who find they cannot maintain their lifestyle during retirement. I believe there are a number of reasons for this.

The first is that most people do not know what it costs them to live each month. I heard an interview with McMahon in which he stated he never realized what his monthly expenses were. I don't care who you are, you ought to know what it costs you to live every month. You need to monitor that number as it changes over time.

If you know what your living

expenses are, you can make informed decisions regarding investment allocation or cutting back on other expenses.

Another lesson we can all learn from the McMahon situation is it is not what you make, but what you save, that's important.

In McMahon's case, when his health improves he will be able, through his Hollywood connections, to earn some money. Unfortunately, most people in their 80s aren't so

lucky. The only jobs they may be able to get is either working in a fast food restaurant or greeting at a department store.

One issue I haven't seen discussed is what McMahon was thinking about when it came to his spouse, who is much younger. It can be presumed that she will outlive him.

In order to prevent the McMahon situation from happening to you, know your monthly living expenses and make sure you have structured

an investment portfolio to provide a rising income. Finally, always remember to save as much as you can for retirement.

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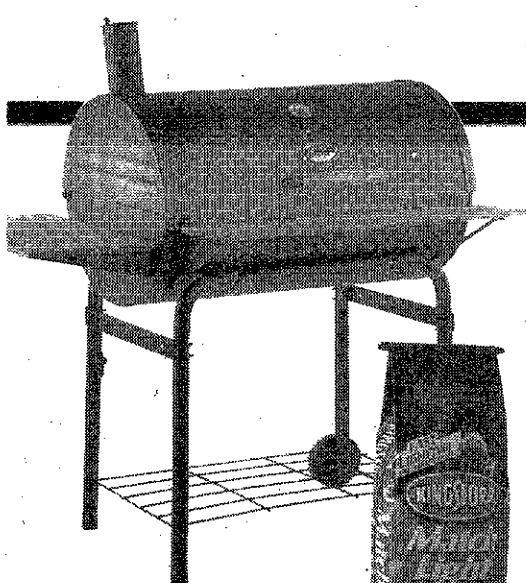
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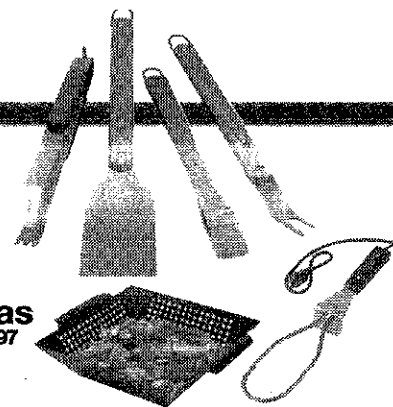
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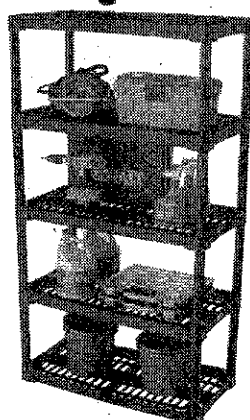
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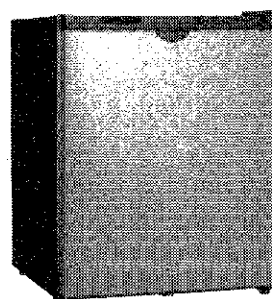
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Friends set up fund for band director's daughter

Marc Whitlock, the former director of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, and his wife Kellie, are currently experiencing a serious but treatable medical situation with their 18-month-old daughter, Macaylah, and friends are trying to do something to help.

Macaylah has been diagnosed with leukemia, but doctors are optimistic that, with proper care and treatment, she will recover.

Realizing the tremendous strain on the entire family - for instance, both parents have reduced their work schedules - a group of friends has established a special fund to assist the Whitlock family. The fund - "Macaylah Whitlock's Miracle Fund" - is set-up at Community Financial Credit Union in Plymouth, Michigan.



Friends have established a fund to help former marching band director Marc Whitlock and his family.

Since the fund was established quickly, and resides in a non-interest bearing account, organizers said any gifts to the fund are not tax deductible at this time.

Such requirements would take months to establish, and friends said they felt "the need was too great to wait for non-profit status."

Macaylah is currently under constant care by her family and the doctors and medical staff from Detroit's Children's Hospital. She continues to travel between home and the hospital as she goes through

her treatment and recovery process.

Last month, Whitlock resigned as director of the marching band to help care for Macaylah and his family.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Macaylah Whitlock Miracle Fund can send money and correspondence to Macaylah Whitlock's Miracle Fund, P.O. Box 871734, Canton, MI 48187. All checks should be written to "Macaylah Whitlock's Miracle Fund." For questions related to the special fund, please contact Maria Wine at (734) 667-2936.

An outdoor classroom

Many hands contribute to building school yard habitat

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Parents, students and volunteers recently helped with a one-day blitz to build an outside classroom at Workman Elementary in Canton Township.

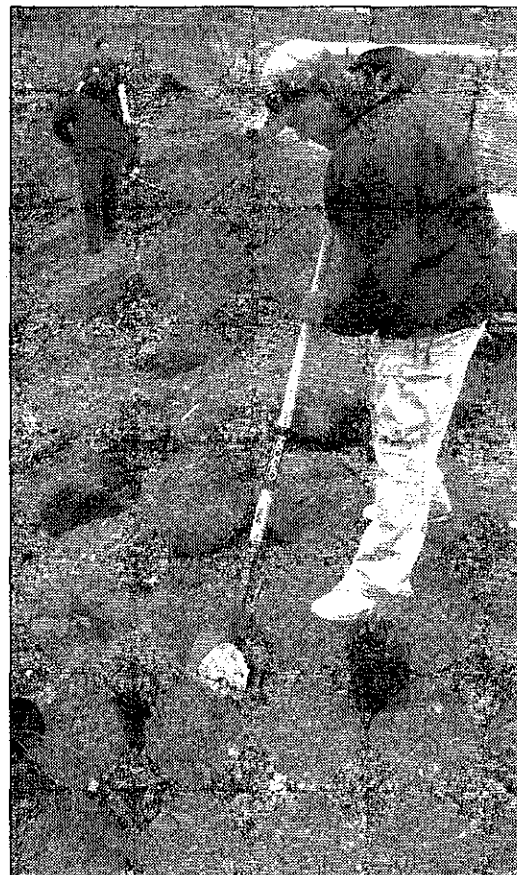
The schoolyard habitat became a reality with a \$23,000 Wayne County grant, another \$7,000 raised by school fund-raisers and the help of dozens of people, including Canton Township employees and the Ford Motor Co. Volunteer Corps.

The impetus behind the project was parent Gillian Marceau, a member of the Thomas Workman Oversight Committee, who two years ago came up with the idea after visiting habitats at other Plymouth-Canton schools.

"I just thought it was something every school should have," said Marceau. "There were nothing but homes going up all around the school and I wanted to have nature in the back yard so teachers and students could have a learning environment."

"I also wanted something for Cherry Hill Village so everybody who comes through can be a part of it," she said. "There will be cork boards where teachers can display student works and people can find out what the kids are learning."

A full day of activity included building a bridge over a pond where students will be able to view turtles, crawfish and other water life. Native Michigan plants are visible throughout the area. And, a 16-by-16-foot gazebo will have a "live" roof with small plants.



DeLance Farrell digs holes for native plants.



Planting vegetation, making paths and constructing a footbridge were just some of the tasks undertaken last month by volunteers working on the Workman school yard habitat project.

"There will be an irrigation system with a crank so kids can take turns watering it," said Marceau.

Workman Principal Jim Burt said the habitat is a great addition as an outside classroom.

"There are aspects to the science curriculum at several grade levels that are about animal species or habitats, and schools don't often have an on-site resource like this one to learn from," said Burt.

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OPINION

OUR VIEWS

Postal patrons do best to stamp out hunger

They say neither rain, nor snow nor dark of night will stop a mail carrier from his (or her) appointed rounds.

Neither, apparently, will more than 38,000 pounds of food.

That's how much food (38,488 pounds to be exact) was collected by Plymouth and Canton postal carriers during their annual partnership with the Plymouth Salvation Army in that organization's "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign, which had residents leaving food by their mailbox for letter carriers to collect.

Overall, more than 297,000 pounds of food were collected by postal carriers and The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit.

It's the nation's largest one-day event of its kind; and it couldn't have come at a better time for the Plymouth Salvation Army, which services Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville. The cupboards in the Salvation Army's food pantry were getting pretty bare, and in one day those shelves were restocked.

The food drive was part of The Salvation Army's "Doing the Most Good" week and is designed to call attention to individuals and groups, who through their actions and donations are "Doing the Most Good" to help the communities in which they live and work.

The level of caring and the willingness to give in these communities never ceases to amaze. It's a community that's heavily dependent on the auto industry which, like pretty much everything else in the state, is struggling. One postal worker said on her route alone there are at least seven houses being foreclosed.

Yet there they were, providing bags and bags of groceries so that others might not have to go hungry. Salvation Army officials said local giving was up some 19 percent over last year. Capt. Jim Irvine, commander of the Plymouth corps, estimated the Salvation Army would have had to spend some \$5,400 to buy the amount of food that was donated during this drive.

With as many groups as there are in these communities, there always seems to be someone asking for help.

During the "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign, residents around here proved — again — help is as close as the mailbox.

State lawmakers need to pass Great Lakes Compact

The Great Lakes State. That's what they call Michigan. And for good reason — the state is home to 3,200 miles of Great Lakes shoreline (more freshwater coastline than any other state) and touches all the lakes except Lake Ontario.

Yet we will likely hold the dubious distinction of being the last or one of the last states to pass the Great Lakes Compact — an agreement between the eight states and two Canadian provinces bordering the Great Lakes that will ensure regional control over the lakes (and their water). In this increasingly thirsty world, passing the Compact is critical if we are to preserve and protect one of the greatest natural resources on the globe, and prevent large-scale water diversions to other, drier parts of the world, including the parched American Southwest.

Before the Compact becomes binding, each of the states must pass the legislation in identical form before it can go to Congress for its endorsement. Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and New York were the first states to sign the Compact into law. Last month, Wisconsin joined them, and there has been some agreement reached in Ohio that should lead to the law's passage there. Pennsylvania lawmakers are also expected to act on it soon. That leaves one state — Michigan.

As the only state entirely within the Great Lakes basin, Michigan has much more to gain through the Compact. We cannot afford to wait. Yet the state Legislature has been unable to come to an agreement on some of the most important details. The Democrat-led House and Republican-led Senate have agreed on much, which is promising, but some differences remain. The main difference is about who will need permits for large-scale withdrawals of water within the state. The Senate wants only users of two million gallons per day to get a permit, whereas the House calls for permitting for withdrawals of one million gallons per day. Another source of contention is about so-called "Adverse Resource Impact Definitions" — how withdrawals will impact coldwater streams, as well as the fish and organisms they support.

Also, there is disagreement about when the laws would go into effect. The Senate recently introduced an exception to allow a full year before they would take effect. The fear by some is that this will create an incentive for future users to rush in and register large quantity withdrawals before these laws would apply.

Leaders in the House and Senate say they are getting closer to coming up with an agreement, which needs to happen before the Legislature's summer recess that begins June 26. Each lawmaker needs to put Michigan's most important resource before party loyalty, so a bipartisan agreement can be reached that will not only make our state proud, but also put us where we should be — in a leadership role when it comes to protecting the Great Lakes.



Geoff Brooks 6-12-08 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

WEB COMMENTS

The following comment was posted on the Canton Observer's Web site, www.hometownlife.com

A \$544,247 tax abatement for Marimba Auto LLC to come to Canton?

Isn't that unfair and unjust to those of us who live and work in Canton? I own a small business in Canton with five employees, and my taxes are killing me. I think it stinks that Canton gives tax

breaks for people who threaten to leave Canton. Businesses which quietly live and work in Canton get stiffed.

Supervisor Tom Yack: Will you give me a tax break if I threaten to leave Canton?

LETTERS

Letter slammed community

In response to Carole Levine's letter to the editor on Thursday, June 5 ("Noricks is a fresh voice"), I'd like to offer my opinion.

The perspective from which I give this opinion is this: I was born and raised in Canton, elected to the township board in 1980, elected clerk in 1988; I was then elected to the state Senate in 1994 and served until 2002.

As one who has a lifetime of service to this community, I take exception to the allegations of Canton having a "clubby atmosphere," that Canton eschews new voices, community involvement and that the people listed on Treasurer candidate Melissa McLaughlin's Web site as being "old guard" and "political cronies."

These people are the leaders of Canton, be they elected or community activists. In Ms. Levine's effort to slam Melissa McLaughlin, she actually slammed the entire Canton community, board, commissions, staff, and volunteers. This community did not happen by accident.

As a state senator, I spent a lot of time in the 13 communities in my district. I can tell you without fear of contradiction that Canton is like Camelot in comparison. Canton was the result of careful planning, great teamwork, a leadership with vision and the ability to turn dreams into reality.

When I started in local politics things like Heritage Park, the Summit, the Village Theater, Pheasant Run, the Canton Community Foundation, sewer and water extensions, paving of roads, and the library were merely dreams — with no real ability to achieve those dreams.

The so-called "political cronies" that serve on our board made those seemingly unachievable dreams the reality we have today with the assistance of committees and boards made up of residents who helped to guide and execute the plan. Generous donations of time and/or money from local residents, business people, and developers have contributed millions of dollars and/or land for Canton's future.

The so called "old guard" has hired an excellent staff, made up of professionals with exemplary credentials and a great deal of dedication to the community. Our Canton employees give 100 percent to make Canton a vital and vibrant community. These departments are all award winning for excellence in financial reporting, environmental policies, police and fire service, leisure services and Canton cable TV.

Canton is one of the few communities that goes to great lengths to provide communication and transparency to its residents — with CCTV, the Canton Web site and the Focus offering up to date information for our residents. Canton is one of the few communities that post the telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of its elected officials so you may call or e-mail them, and is one of the few communities whose elected officials are listed in the phone book. This doesn't sound like an opaque and closed government to me.

As a former township elected official, I

can assure you that each board member gives generously of their time and purse to make Canton a great place to live. They participate in numerous charity organizations, community events, work on boards and commissions, donate to causes, spend time with residents solving issues and work with businesses and developers to build a better Canton. This doesn't sound to me like leadership that simply "shows up for ribbon cuttings."

As for the "nasty innuendos, accusations and worse" that Ms. Levine predicts will be forthcoming — the only such "nasty innuendos, accusations and worse" that I or any of my friends have heard are those coming from the opposition's camp. Ms. Levine slammed the entire community, which demonstrates that she's either ignorant of how our community works, or is simply playing nasty politics.

Loren Bennett
Canton

DEQ role 'under review'

The *Observer's* recent editorial ("Adequate DEQ funding is essential to protect waters," May 29) made a good case for why it is prudent to protect the purity of our lakes and streams. Not addressed was why severe cuts were made in the Department of Environmental Quality's budget. A little background may help to show why.

John Pastor owns a local construction company that has had frequent conflicts with the DEQ. Most involve violations for depositing soil in streams. Pastor's response to the DEQ's notices reflects a viewpoint that the government's only proper function is to improve his company's bottom line.

Pastor fails to comprehend that he, and all of us, are responsible for the welfare of mankind. John Pastor is also our state representative.

Rep. Pastor formerly chaired a House committee that had responsibility for the DEQ's budget. He made sure all knew that he was empowered to cut the DEQ's budget as he saw fit. True to form, Pastor dealt with DEQ officials in a cavalier manner. Pastor's manner was equally immature when dealing with Livonia's engineers, also relating to environmental law violations.

The DEQ is currently holding "under review" information pertaining Pastor's company violations. Rep. Pastor is term-limited, out this December. Conceivably he could go to prison, he would not be the first. In the interim, we will have to await the outcome of this sordid example of how one individual can pervert our government.

Ralph E. Williams
Livonia

Help Dad save money

It may be that your father has always been there to provide advice, whether he was showing you how to throw the perfect pitch or cast a fishing line. Maybe he told you how to dress for your job interview or encouraged you to save for financial goals in your life, such as a car, a house and retirement.

QUOTABLE

"There will be slime."

— Jon LeFever, Canton recreation coordinator, talking about the Nickelodeon Live shows Friday at Liberty Fest, which runs Friday and Saturday

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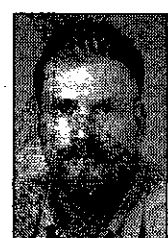
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What's in a name – a lot this political season

It's shaping up to be a pretty interesting political season — from the race for the presidency to the local contests for the Canton Township board, and just about every race in between.



Kurt Kuban

At the local level, most of the races, if not all, will be determined in the Aug. 5 primary election, considering there are only two Democrats in the running for the seven Canton Township Board seats that have been dominated by Republicans for years. Both the Democrats — David Marsh is running for supervisor and Syed Taj is running for trustee — are political newcomers fighting tall odds and seasoned opponents.

The most interesting primary contests will be for the four trustee seats, where there are seven Republican candidates, including incumbents Karl Zarbo and Todd Caccamo, and the race for treasurer between longtime Trustee Melissa McLaughlin and Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks. The McLaughlin/Noricks battle is the most intriguing, because it pits two individuals with a long track record of community service. It is a race where you wish they could both win, or more correctly one didn't have to lose.

Ultimately, after the dust settles in November, the board will look quite different than it does today. Gone will be two longtime members, Supervisor Tom Yack and Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, who have both served for two decades. There is a chance McLaughlin, who has been trustee since 1992, could be gone. If she were to lose to Noricks, the board would be losing more than a half-century of service and experience.

And if Zarbo and/or Caccamo were to be upset, you could have a completely different board, with the exception of Clerk Terry Bennett, who is seeking re-election and doesn't have an opponent.

On the other hand, it is very possible, perhaps even likely, that there will only be two new names serving on the board after the general election. If all the incumbents win, it is possible that we will still have a Bennett, Zarbo, Caccamo, LaJoy, and McLaughlin anchoring the board. The LaJoy in the equation would be Phil as supervisor, replacing his son, Todd, who is currently trustee.

All of which brings me to the conclusion that names mean quite a lot in Canton politics. That will be obvious when voters take a look at their ballots in August and November. They will have the opportunity to

vote for two LaJoys (Todd is running to fill his father's term-limited state House seat) and two candidates named Slavens (Mark is running for circuit court judge and his wife, Dian, is running for state representative against Todd LaJoy).

Then there are the family members of former public office holders. Canton's Kevin McNamara, the son of longtime Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, is running for re-election as county commissioner. Jerry Vorva, who is a former state representative, is running for the 20th State House seat — the same seat his son, Jason Vorva, ran for a couple years ago. And then there is Terry Bennett, who is the wife of former Canton Clerk Loren Bennett, who went on to serve in the state legislature and now says he is retired from politics.

It's surprising there isn't a Stewart on the ballot this year — as in former state Rep. John Stewart, who was term-limited two years ago, and his wife, Beth, who tried to succeed her husband, but lost in the primary to Mark Abbo in 2006. Of course, it is likely (as in very likely) that John Stewart will run for state Senate in two years.

Now, I don't have anything against any of these candidates. In fact, they are all very nice people, who, in most cases, have a long record of serving the Canton community well. But it just amazes me that, in a town as large as Canton has become, only a handful of families seem to have control of the town's political world. It's not because of some nefarious plot or that they have a stranglehold on power. I think it's more of a case that so few people are interested in public service these days.

Maybe it's because people are intimidated or don't know how to get involved. Or maybe they don't want to subject themselves to the darker side of a campaign — all the negative ads and name calling that has become part of American politics. Perhaps they feel the media will be unfair to them.

I'm not sure what the answer is. I do know that it probably isn't healthy for a small group of people to hold power for so long. My feelings are the more people that get involved, the more ideas are brought to the table, which can lead to a more dynamic government. I hope people don't read this and say he's telling people not to vote for any of these candidates. That's not the point I'm trying to make.

I just know that Canton likes to tout its diversity, as it should. It would be nice to see a little more at the top.

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Educational journey needs to begin early and last a lifetime

Last week, my grandson proudly walked across the auditorium stage to accept his diploma. He had fulfilled all the requirements for his diploma and was now officially a graduate — of preschool.

A couple of weeks earlier, his father had graduated summa cum laude from law school.



Hugh Gallagher

Both events are significant markers along an educational continuum. As we are constantly being told in this ever-shifting global economy, this brave new world, education is a lifelong process that begins very early and never really ends. Aidan's graduation from preschool and his advancement to the rigors of kindergarten are in recognition of the need to engage young minds at the earliest possible time. Very young children absorb information and are able to fit that information into the most abstract associations more easily than adults.

That's why so much emphasis is being placed on early childhood education, preschool and kindergarten. While some parents wonder about "pushing" children into education too early and not letting them "just have fun," educators and experts on child development see these trends as vital to a child's future. They also know that while play itself is an important kind of learning, learning is also an important kind of play.

Play and learning go hand in hand and they are most encouraged in homes where parents take the time to engage their children and actively participate in the educational process, at school and at home. This seems so obvious, but we lose generations of children to parental neglect, which is often in turn a product of a broader social neglect. We know that children from low-income neighborhoods often do not have the opportunities that other children have. Many come from one-parent homes, where the parent is stressed and has little time, or personal resources, to help. Drugs, crime and other problems feed on themselves. Children who emerge from these conditions are often stronger for it, but far too many are lost.

Early childhood education for all children, that is cognizant of the special problems in low-income neighborhoods, is essential. A report by the Center For Michigan, a public policy organization founded by Phil Power, looks at a broad range of issues important to Michigan's economic survival. Michigan's Defining Moment's Principle

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No. 1 is "A talented and globally competitive workforce" and its first goal is "dramatically improve learning and completion rates from early childhood to K-12 through higher education."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Lt. Gov. John Cherry, who chaired a task force on education, have emphasized Michigan's failure to increase the rate of college graduation compared to other states. Our problem, as they also know, actually begins in those early childhood years. The Center for Michigan report says it clearly, "Emphasize school readiness by expanding high-quality pre-kindergarten education that recognizes the importance of both academic and social development. Build a culture of education by increasing parents' and students' recognition that education is essential for prosperity." Its Web site is www.centerformichigan.org.

On Tuesday, *The New York Times* ran an ad for a "Broader, Bolder Approach to Education," signed by a distinguished task force of educators, social thinkers, medical doctors, journalists and others. The group advocates for small classes in the early grades; improved teacher training; and making college preparatory classes available to all. But there is also a focus on the roadblocks to better early childhood education, advocating for high-quality early childhood education that promotes "not just academic readiness, but positive lifetime social, economic and behavioral outcomes for low-income children." It advocates for better children's health, better access to pediatricians and dentists. And it advocates for better quality out-of-school time with summer and after school enrichment programs. More on this group can be found at www.BoldApproach.org.

Aidan has taken his first steps on that long journey his father and mother have taken before him. He's enjoyed his time in preschool and he's ready for whatever kindergarten has to throw at him.

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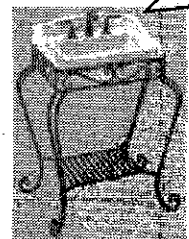
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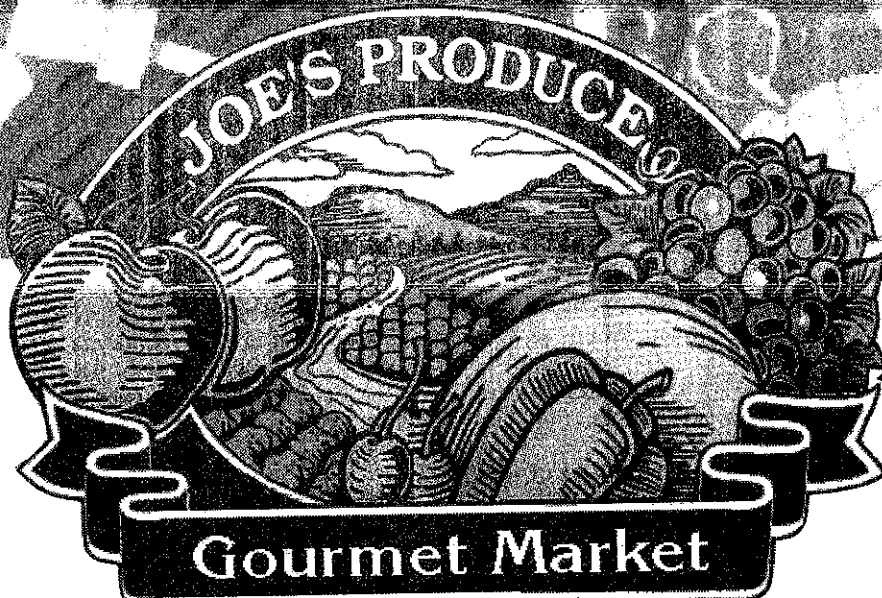
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2008 Regional Tournaments



Plymouth senior pitcher Meghan Patterson delivers a pitch during Saturday's Division 1 semifinal victory over Northville. The Wildcats lost in the Regional final, 12-5, to White Lake Lakeland.

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Good to the last drop

Plymouth softball team battles Lakeland to wire in Regional final

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On most days, when you beat your long-time nemesis handily, you can sit back for awhile and enjoy the moment. Unfortunately for Plymouth's softball team, Saturday wasn't like most days.

After the Wildcats upended WLAA rival Northville, 4-2, in a Division 1 Regional semifinal showdown at Birmingham Seaholm, they didn't get much time to soak in the accolades — only 30 minutes to be exact.

Plymouth came up just short of winning the school's first Regional title later that afternoon when it dropped a hard-fought 12-5 decision to White Lake Lakeland in the Regional final.

The split left coach Val Canfield's team with a 21-15-1 record — and plenty of life-long memories.

Plymouth gave perennial powerhouse Lakeland (34-7) everything it could handle for five innings.

Trailing 2-0, the Wildcats deadlocked the game when they pushed across a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth when freshman Marissa Blassic smacked a two-out, two-run single up the middle to make it 2-2.

Blassic's hit scored Gina Giordano, who had reached on a

fielder's choice, and Jill Brennan, who doubled.

However, the Eagles countered with a six-run sixth and four-run seventh to coast into Tuesday's quarterfinal game, which they dropped to Howell, 3-0.

Sophomore right-hander Carlee Meek earned the win for Lakeland while senior Meghan Patterson took the loss for the Wildcats.

The top of the first was one of the craziest half innings you'll ever see as all five Eagles who batted reached base, yet the team failed to score a run.

Lead-off batter Andie Dawson walked, but was promptly caught stealing on a laser-beam throw to second by Wildcat catcher Erin Rodes.

No. 2 hitter Kelsey Cleary walked, but was eliminated on No. 3 hitter Lisa Maxwell's fielder's choice groundout.

The next two batters — Anna Armstrong and Cayla Meek singled — but Brennan gunned down Maxwell at the plate to end the inning.

The Eagles finally broke the game's string of goose eggs in the fourth when they struck for two runs.

Carlee Meek helped her own cause with a lead-off double before Rachel Hammer reached on a fielder's choice.

Please see **SOFTBALL, B5**

Postseason journey was memorable

Although none of the six Plymouth-Canton Educational Park softball or baseball teams arrived at their desired destination this spring — the state finals in Battle Creek — their post-season journeys were paved with some remarkable moments and noteworthy efforts.

Whether they played one post-season game (Canton softball) or five (Plymouth softball), each team had its share of memorable plays that will be stored in the players', coaches' and fans' memory banks for years to come.



Ed Wright

After watching nearly every inning of 11 pre-District, District or Regional games on three separate days (sometimes two games at once), the Kodak moments I'll remember the most are...

...Canton senior right-fielder Matt Barylski dropping his bat, bolting out of the batter's box during the second inning of Saturday's Regional semifinal game against Novi and hustling down the first-base line with the urgency of a man being chased by a pack of hungry pitbulls — and this was after a walk. Pete Rose would have been proud.

...Plymouth left-fielder Jill Brennan fielding a sharply hit single 100 feet from home and unleashing a frozen rope throw to catcher Erin Rodes that nailed Lakeland's Lisa Maxwell by at least five feet to keep the Regional final game scoreless.

...Salem pinch-hitter Kyle Bricker — all 150 pounds of him — stepping to the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning of a District semifinal game with his team trailing Livonia Stevenson, 8-7, and smashing a home run over the left-center field fence in a game the Rocks would eventually win moments later.

...Doug Bricker — Kyle's dad — jogging to retrieve his son's home run ball, looking over at me with the kind of priceless smile you'd expect from a proud father, and jokingly shouting, "That's B-R-I-C-K-E-R..."

...Salem pitcher Brianna Lee — who is still two years away from getting her

Please see **WRIGHT, B5**

Canton's best season since '82 derailed by Brother Rice Warriors

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Late Saturday afternoon, Canton's baseball team was just two victories away from earning a trip to Battle Creek — the site of the MHSAA Division 1 Finals and the home of Kellogg's Rice Krispies — but the Chiefs' plans were doused by a "Rice" batting order whose bats were snapping, cracking and popping.

Following a stirring 5-4 victory over Novi in a Division 1 Regional semiannual contest Saturday morning, Canton's most successful season since 1982 was derailed by a 12-1 setback to Birmingham Brother Rice (32-6), which advanced to the final by ripping Lakeland, 13-1, in the other semi.

The loss ended the Chiefs' season at 22-11, but it couldn't put a damper on a monthlong stretch that saw them win 12 of their final 15 games and capture the school's

first District title since 1989.

The Warriors vaulted to a 2-1 first-inning lead before adding a five-spot in the second on the way to the five-inning, mercy-rule shortened triumph. Senior left-hander Erik Wright started and suffered the loss for the Chiefs, lasting 1.1 innings before being relieved by junior Dane Staples. Junior southpaw Derek Kilmer earned the win for the Warriors, tossing a complete-game four-hitter.

After Rice's Andy Lentz — the team's lone senior — walked to start the game, Wright picked him off. However, Pat MacKenzie reached on an error, Matt Conway doubled in MacKenzie and Steve Hodgins laced a ground-ball single between third and short to plate Conway. Wright struck out Tommy Barrett and got Brian Kurzawa to ground out, but the damage was done.

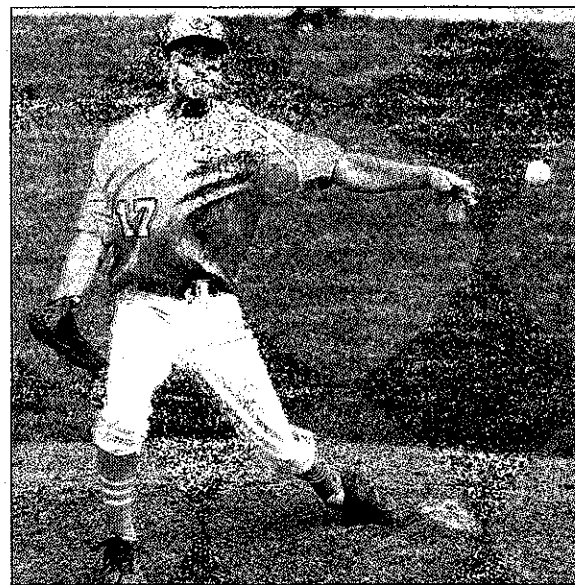
Seventy-five percent of the

Chiefs' hits came in the first inning when they cut a 2-0 deficit in half thanks to Ryan Neu's one-out single, Ben Vaughn's double and Dan Stoney's RBI single.

The Warriors manufactured five second-inning runs on just two hits, the biggest being Hodgins' double to left-center field.

Staples shut down Rice in the third and fourth frames before the Warriors exploded for five in the fifth on two hits, three walks (one intentional), a hit batsman and an error. The big blow was a bases-loaded double by No. 9 batter Alex Charles that cleared the bases and solidified the Warriors' spot in Tuesday's D1 quarterfinal showdown against perennial power Grand Ledge.

Canton only hit past the first inning as Kevin Delapaz's third-inning single. The Chiefs put a pair of runner on the basepaths in the fourth when Stoney and Mike

Please see **CANTON, B4**

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton pitcher Kevin Delapaz used this move to pick off a Novi base-runner at first base during a key juncture in the Chiefs' 5-4 win over the Wildcats in Saturday's Division 1 Regional semifinal game. Canton lost, 12-1, to Birmingham Brother Rice in the Regional final.

Sidelines

Plymouth girls hoop camp

Plymouth High School will be hosting a girls basketball camp June 16-20 from 1-3 p.m. for athletes who will be entering seventh through 10th grades in the fall.

The cost of the camp is \$70 and includes a T-shirt and basketball.

Registration forms can be picked up at Plymouth High School or you can contact head coach Richelle Reilly at richellereilly@sbc-global.net.

Schmitt update

Canton graduate Allison Schmitt, a multi-time All-State swimming performer, excelled in her final competition before the U.S. Olympic Trials June 29.

Last weekend, swimming in the Omaha Invitational in Omaha, Neb., Schmitt set personal-best times in both the 400-meter freestyle (4:10.22) and the 200 (1:57.48). Her 400 effort earned her a silver medal.

Chief track honors

Following are the team awards presented to members of the Canton boys track and field team at its banquet held June 5 at Plymouth Township Park:

- **MVP:** Eric Piowar and Tim Belcher;
- **Most Improved:** Eddie Koelzer, Ocie Lewis and Paul Rakovitis;
- **Coaches' Award:** Josh Etim, Chris Jahoda and Tim Koelzer;
- **Senior of the Year:** Derek Hoerman and Chris McGinnis;
- **Junior of the Year:** Sherif Hassanien, Josh Hurst and Ryan Randall;
- **Sophomore of the Year:** Jordan Wisniewski and Keith Zech; and
- **Freshman of the Year:** Adam Payne, Ben Spreitzer and Davion Stackhouse.

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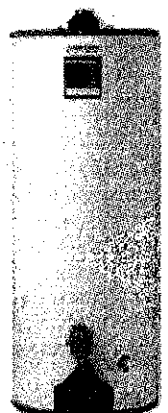
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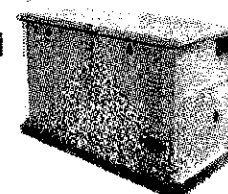
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INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

CHELSEA CARRADINE, SOPH., REDFORD THURSTON (SHOT PUT): The 10th-grader was consistently excellent all season, but really got going in the second half – throwing in the mid-36-foot-range or better, said Eagles coach Al Chambo.

"Chelsea is a unique athlete that has the strength to throw well and the speed to be a sprinter," Chambo said.

Carradine set a new Thurston record in the shot with a throw of 37-feet, 9.5-inches and qualified for the Division 2 state meet for the second time in two years. Other season highlights included capturing the regionals (37-9), Mega Blue division meet (36-0) and two regular season invitationals.

She also was a state qualifier on the 400- and 800-meter relays (with Meci Martin, Nikkie Johnson and Kayla Jones), which also set new Thurston standards.

KYNDRA ABRON, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL (DISCUS): The senior captain posted the area's best throws in both the shot put (41-3.25) and discus (131-6).

The four-time All-Area selection and Michigan's Miss Volleyball in 2007 took seventh in Division 1 in the discus after winning both the shot put and discus at the Western Lakes Activities Association and regional meets. She also won both titles at the Public Schools of Livonia and River Rat invitationals.

As a sophomore, Abron was All-State in the shot put and won both the WLAA and regional titles. She was also WLAA shot put and discus champ as a junior, as well as regional champ.

"She had a great high school career," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "As a coach, you always want the work with the best, and Kyndra is just that – the best thrower in the area. She dominated dual meets the last four years."

LIZ HOLLAWAY, SOPH., LIV. FRANKLIN (HIGH JUMP): The sophomore cleared a personal best 5-2 this season to rank No. 2 all-time in Franklin history.

Hollaway was runner-up in the WLAA, third at the regional (5-0) and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champion. She was a second-team All-Observer pick a year ago in the high jump.

"Liz is a very hard worker in the high jump," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "She has excellent technique and always strives for perfection. She came up big for us in a lot of meets, and competed through intense back pain at the end of the season. I can't wait to see what she does the next two years."

STEPHANIE OKOLO, SR., PLYMOUTH (LONG JUMP): The senior, who earned an athletic scholarship to Western Michigan University, was a two-year All-State performer for the Wildcats. Among her many accomplishments were school records in the 100-meter dash (12.15 seconds), 200 (25.84) and long jump (17-8.25).

"Stephanie is a very good athlete who worked to get better every day and competed with purpose," said Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell. "She

overcame injuries the last two years and earned All-State honors both years. And she's an even better person than she is an athlete."

EMILY QUINT, SOPH., LIV. FRANKLIN (POLE VAULT): The sophomore jumped a personal-best 10 feet to tie teammate Meghan Powers for the school record.

She ranked 13th in the Division 1 state meet and was third in the WLAA, regional and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational meets.

Quint was also the regional champion in the high jump and fourth in the WLAA. She also qualified for the state meet in the high jump and finished 17th. Her best jump was 5-2 (No. 2 all-time).

"Emily was a welcomed addition to the team this year," Bjorklund said. "She improved a lot during the year in the vault, starting at 8-0 her first meet and finishing at 10-0 at her last two meets."

"Emily is always cool under pressure, and could not be more proud of how well she competed at the big meets this season."

BRITTANY GENTILE, SR., LIV. STEVENSON (100 HURDLES): The three-year varsity standout and captain ranked third in points for the Spartans after finishing third in the WLAA meet and fourth at the regional.

She posted the area's second-best time in the 100 hurdles (15.6) and ranked third in the 300 hurdles (48.5).

Gentile also was runner-up in the WLAA in the 100 hurdles as a junior.

"Brittany had the entire package – skill, speed, talent technique and ability," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "She is the type of athlete you love to have around and are happy that she is part of your team. She has worked so very hard to get to where she is at today. I have been so very proud of her and what she has accomplished in her high school track career, and with that being honored as one of the area's top hurdlers is a wonderful conclusion."

MEGAN YANIK, SOPH., LIV. LADYWOOD (300 HURDLES): The sophomore, who placed sixth in the Division 2 state meet, posted the area's top times in both the 100 hurdles (15.4) and 300 hurdles (school-record 46.5).

She was undefeated during the regular season and finished first in both events at the Catholic League A-B Division meet, as well as runner-up in the regional in the 300 hurdles and third in the 100 hurdles (as an additional state qualifier where she finished 11th).

Yanik was the Blazers' points leader and two-time MVP.

"This was Megan's first year as a 300 hurdles runner and last year she learned how to run the hurdles," Ladywood coach Lori Brauer said. "She started out at 54.0 in the 300 hurdles and brought it down 10 seconds. She's been our strong finisher. She's crazy fast and goes all-out. You've only seen the beginning of what she's capable of. She's very talented and determined."

DEJA WRIGHT, SOPH., SALEM (100 DASH): The Rock sophomore sprinter registered an incredible season, posting

the third-best 100-meter time in Observerland (12.4) and the seventh-best time in the 200 (27.0).

Wright placed third in the 100 at the WLAA meet and was fourth in the same event at the regional. She also added a fifth in 200 at the regional. She also excelled in the 400, recording a personal-best time of 1:03.3.

ASHLEY PARKER, SR., WESTLAND GLENN (200): The senior was WLAA champion in the 100 and 200, as well as regional runner-up in both events.

Parker posted the area's top time in the 200 (25.4) and was second-best in the 100 (12.2).

She is a three-time 200 champion and two-time 100 champ in the WLAA. Parker also took the 100 dash at the Adrian Invitational.

"Ashley has been a dominant runner in the sprint since her sophomore season," Fitzgerald said. "Her hard work and dedication to the sport has paid off with conference and regional championships. Ashley is a great person and will be truly missed. She plans to run at the collegiate level next spring."

ASHLY BUTKOWSKI, JR., LIV. FRANKLIN (400): The junior ran a personal best 1:01.9 this season en route to a third at the regional and fourth in the WLAA.

She was also the Public Schools of Livonia champion. Butkowski ranks sixth all-time in school history in the 400.

"In her second year on the team, Ashly did a great job this season," Bjorklund said. "I can always count on her leadership at practice and in meets, and she makes sure our really teams have good hand-offs. She led off our (school-record) 1,600 relay in every meet and was 5-1 in duals in the 400. Ashly is willing to put herself through pain to help her team and improve herself. We're counting on her leadership next season."

SARA KROLL, SOPH., LIV. CHURCHILL (800): The sophomore placed sixth in the Division 1 state meet in a blistering 2:17.3 after winning both the regional and WLAA meets.

Kroll also captured the Spartan Invitational in 2:20.5 and took third in the 1,600 (5:14.8) at the WLAA meet.

"Sara is a very dedicated runner who worked hard all winter," Daugherty said. "She is one of the toughest kids I have ever coached. She had her best races with the most pressure. She is a two-time regional champ in the 800. She is very determined and I'll not be surprised if she leaves high school two years from now as a state champ."

COURTNEY CALKA, JR., LIV. STEVENSON (1,600): The junior placed fifth in the Division 1 state meet in the 1,600 and posted the area's best time with a 5:01.43 in the regional.

The Spartans' top point producer the past two years also won the WLAA title and ranked second in the area in both the 800 (2:21.4) and 3,200 (11:24.4).

"The success that Courtney has had in her two years running track has been amazing," Graham said. "Having one year of track under year her belt

coming into this season she knew what she wanted to accomplish. She has always been a hard worker, very determined and a dedicated athlete."

"She is a true competitor, has that not-giving-up mentality, and a tenacious spirit about her that I believe has helped her become the exceptional runner she is."

RACHEL MCFARLANE, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL (3,200): The senior captain set a school record in the 1,600 run (5:04.1) with a runner-up finish at the regional and led the area in the 3,200 (school-record 11:08.6) with a River Rat Invitational meet record.

She also took first in the 3,200 at the regional (11:12.8) and was WLAA runner-up in the 800 (2:23.8), 1,600 (5:04.5) and 3,200 (11:26.7).

McFarlane was also Spartan Invitational (5:07.6) and West Bloomfield Invitational (5:09.6) champion in the 1,600.

"Rachel is an extremely hard worker, probably the best distance runner I have ever coached," Daugherty said. "She showed great leadership and toughness at the conference meet while nursing a quad injury and having a cold. She'll be greatly missed as she goes on to run for MSU."

RELAY EVENTS

JOHN GLENN, 400 AND 800 (CHANEL PAYNE, JR.; JAMIE MELLAS, SR.; ASHLEY MONTGOMERY, SR.; ASHLEY PARKER, SR.): It was a banner season for this quartet which posted area bests of 49.4 and 1:45.6, respectively.

Glenn took 10th in the 400 relay at the Division 1 state meet and first at both the regional and WLAA meets. Glenn's 800 relay placed 16th in the 800 relay, and captured titles in the WLAA and regional meets.

The Rockets added titles at the Jackson Northwest Relays and Adrian Invitational.

Payne was a second-team All-Area long jumper (17-2) who was WLAA and regional champion. She earned Glenn's Keeper of the Torch Award for 2008 and will serve as senior class president in 2009.

"Her consistency of competing at a high level helped the team tremendously," Fitzgerald said.

Mellas, a three-year varsity performer, won the Most Dedicated Award for 2008. She will attend U-M Dearborn in the fall and ranks in the top 30 in her class.

"Jamie stepped into our sprint relays in early May and the times began to improve instantly," Fitzgerald said. "Her leadership will be greatly missed."

Montgomery, who will attend Eastern Michigan University on an academic scholarship, was a WLAA runner-up in the long jump (16-5.5) and was named Glenn's Most Improved.

"Her senior season was second-to-none due to the way Ashley stepped up on the big races," Fitzgerald said. "She took our relays to the next level and her jumps improved every well. Her fun personality and competitive spirit will be missed."

LADYWOOD, 1,600 (MEGHAN CLARKE, SOPH.; KATIE MORASSO, JR.; MEGAN VITALE, FR.; MEGAN YANIK, SOPH.): This quartet earned first-place honors in the Catholic League and placed third at the regional with an area-best time of 4:09.3 before finishing 10th in the Division 2 state meet. They also captured the Dearborn Heights Crestwood Invitational and took third at the Stevenson Invitational.

"Katie Morasso is the team leader among our younger members, she's a three-time state qualifier," Brauer said. "This was Meghan Clarke's first year. Attitude-wise, she's everything a coach wants in an 800 runner. She was a hurdler and sprinter. Vitale is a great lead-off. She's like Megan Yanik and will only get stronger. She was our Catholic League champ in the 400 (1:02.0)."

CHURCHILL, 3,200 (SARA KROLL, SOPH.; EMILY CLAIRMONT, JR.; MICHELE VERELLEN, SR.; RACHEL MCFARLANE, SR.): This quartet earned firsts at both regional (area-best 9:50.56) and the Western Lakes (9:59.83) meets as Churchill captured the regional team title and finished runner-up to Northville in the WLAA. They were also runner-up to Saline in the River Rat Relays hosted by Ann Arbor Huron.

"This relay always gave us a great start in points at dual meets, regional and conferences," Daugherty said. "Michele Verellen improved quite a bit this year and really stabilized the third leg of the relays. She ran great times and always kept the lead or kept its close for McFarlane to finish it off."

"Emily Clairmont is a first-year runner, a former soccer player. She really allowed us to use others on the relay team to take race off and focus on individual races. She usually kept a good-size lead that Kroll established and gave Michele a good-size lead. They had the three fastest splits for the 3,200 relay and should show a lot of promise for next year in both the 800 and 3,200 relays."

COACH OF THE YEAR

PAT DAUGHERTY, LIV. CHURCHILL: The 36-year-old Daugherty replaced Keith McDonald as the Chargers' varsity coach this season after moving from the boys staff and kept the Chargers atop the area.

He guided Churchill to the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational and Division 1 regional titles, as well as a runner-up finish in the WLAA meet.

Churchill also went undefeated in dual meets (6-0) and captured the Lakes Division title with a 5-0 mark. The Chargers were also runner-up at the River Rat Invitational hosted by Ann Arbor Huron.

"We had a great season and all the credit should go to our senior class," said Daugherty, who also coaches the Madonna University men's and women's cross country teams in the fall. "Each of them shares in the glory of the team's success. They were great performers, great leaders and great people. As a head coach, you can't ask for a better group of people to work with."



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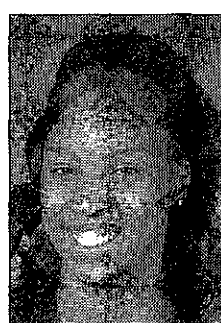
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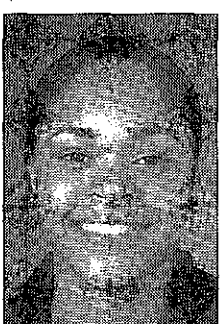
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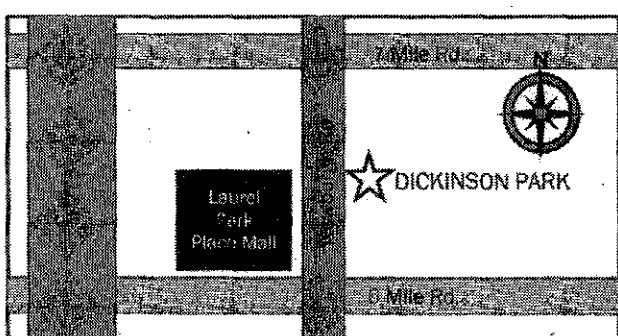


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INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Chelsea Carradine, Soph., Redford Thurston; 2. (tie) Ashley Price, Sr., Livonia Franklin; Olivia Rork, Sr., Lutheran High Westland; 3. Rebecca Bartek, Sr., Livonia Stevenson.

Discus: 1. Kyndra Abron, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Savannah Haig, Soph., Franklin; 3. Colette Fodera, Sr., Stevenson.

High jump: 1. Liz Hollaway, Soph., Franklin; 2. Cierra Yetts, Soph., Churchill; 3. Shannon Hogg, Fr., Livonia Ladywood.

Long jump: 1. Stephanie Okolo, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Chanel Payne, Jr., Westland John Glenn; 3. Ashley Montgomery, Sr., John Glenn.

Pole vault: 1. Emily Quint, Soph., Franklin; 2. Michele Blackstone, Jr., Stevenson; 3. Meghan Powers, Jr., Franklin.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Brittany Gentile, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Margarita Lazarevska, Sr., Churchill; 3. Mallory Lukas, Sr., Churchill.

300-hurdles: 1. Megan Yanik, Soph., Ladywood; 2. Becky Adamcheck, Soph., Stevenson; 3. Seneca Scott, Soph., Franklin.

100 dash: 1. Deja Wright, Soph., Salem; 2. Nikkie Johnson, Jr., Thurston; 3. Rochelle Woods, Soph., Wayne Memorial.

200: 1. Ashley Parker, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Sarah LaBerge, Sr., Churchill; 3. Olivia Hernandez, Soph., Franklin.

400: 1. Ashly Butkowski, Jr., Franklin; 2. Megan Vitale, Fr., Ladywood; 3. Ashley Miracle, Jr., Redford Union.

800: 1. Sara Kroll, Soph., Churchill; 2. Kelly Hahn, Soph., Plymouth; 3. Kelley Determan, Jr., Salem.

1,600: 1. Courtney Calka, Jr., Stevenson; 2. Megan McPherson, Fr., Franklin; 3. Nicole Zehel, Soph., Lutheran High Westland.

3,200: 1. Rachel McFarlane, Sr., Churchill; 2. Molly Stevens, Jr., Plymouth; 3. Courtney Plummer, Sr., Garden City.

RELAY EVENTS

400: 1. John Glenn (Chanel Payne, Jr.; Jamie Mellias, Sr.; Ashley Montgomery, Sr.; Ashley Parker, Sr.); 2. Thurston (Chelsea Carradine, Soph.; Meci Martin, Soph.; Nikkie Johnson, Jr.; Kayla Jones, Sr.); 3. Plymouth (Jill Morton, Jr.; Ashanti Walker, Fr.; Kacie Parker, Jr.; Stephanie Okolo, Sr.).

800: 1. John Glenn (Chanel Payne, Jr.; Jamie Mellias, Sr.; Ashley Montgomery, Sr.; Ashley Parker, Sr.); 2. Thurston (Chelsea Carradine, Soph.; Meci Martin, Soph.; Nikkie Johnson, Jr.; Kayla Jones, Sr.); 3. Franklin (Seneca Scott, Soph.; Ashly Butkowski, Jr.; Olivia Hernandez, Soph.; Monica Hardy, Soph.).

1,600: 1. Ladywood (Meghan Clarke, Soph.; Katie Morasso, Jr.; Megan Vitale, Fr.; Megan Yanik, Soph.); 2. Stevenson (Chrissy Tappan, Jr.; Katie Glynn, Soph.; Becky Adamcheck, Soph.; Courtney Calka, Jr.); 3. Churchill (Samar Aoude, Jr.; Sarah LaBerge, Sr.; Megan Kelly, Soph.; Sara Kroll, Soph.).

3,200: 1. Churchill (Sara Kroll, Soph.; Emily Clairmont, Jr.; Michele Verellen, Jr.; Rachel McFarlane, Sr.); 2. Stevenson (Katie Glynn, Soph.; Courtney Calka, Jr.; Christina Joss, Jr.; Katie Vidler, Fr.); 3. Franklin (Megan McPherson, Fr.; Mallory Church, Fr.; Dominique Jordan, Soph.; Seneca Scott, Soph.).

COACH OF THE YEAR – Pat Daugherty, Churchill

Cream of the crop

PCEP's elite boys lacrosse players lauded

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

BOYS LACROSSE

The official motto at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is: "Three schools, one park."

The unofficial motto for boys lacrosse at PCEP this season was: "One park, three teams."

For the first time in the history of the Park, Salem, Canton and Plymouth fielded separate lacrosse teams. All three squads enjoyed their fair share of triumphs, achievements and setbacks — one year after many of the players competed on the PCS Warriors' unified contingent.

The most noteworthy achievement came from Canton, which became the first first-year team to advance to the MHSAA state quarterfinal round.

Listed below are the players the three coaches agreed should make up the inaugural "All-PCEP Boys Lacrosse Team."

PATRICK DOWNEY, SR., PLYMOUTH: The senior attacker tallied 37 goals, 21 assists and 42 ground balls.

"Patrick was one of our captains and led by example," said Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "He was our leading scorer and led us in goals and total points. Pat had six goals against Lincoln and three-goal games against Salem, Huron Valley and Hartland. Pat's a tough attackman on the ride."

JUSTIN SCOTT, SR., CANTON: The senior goalie amassed 190 saves and 182 clears while registering a goals-against average of 74 percent. A football player in the fall, Scott has been nominated for All-State consideration.

"Justin was the hardest worker on the team," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. "With his experience, all the other players looked up to him to lead the team. He had 26 saves against Novi and two shutouts. He's being recruited by several Division II schools."

BLAKE ABBEY, SOPH., SALEM: A defender, Abbey registered 27 knock downs and 67 ground balls — both team highs.

"Blake was the anchor of our defense," said Salem coach Eric Bielecki. "He played poised and was prepared every game. He was always at the right place at the right time."

CONNOR MARTIN, JR., PLYMOUTH: A captain, Martin was voted the team's MVP after accumulating 19 goals, 26 assists and 97 ground balls.

"Connor played his best games against our toughest opponents," said Costello. "Connor led the team in assists and strives to make the players around him better. He played on both the 'man up' and 'man down' units."

MATT RODGERS, FRESH., CANTON: The ninth-grader played well beyond his years,

compiling 38 goals, eight assists and 22 ground balls. He earned the MHSAA Unsung Hero Award and is an All-State nominee.

"Matt had a tremendous year and being only a freshman made it even better," said Riley. "Thanks to his great stick skills and game knowledge, he led the team in goals this season."

DYLAN HATCHER, FRESH., SALEM: A rare freshman captain, Hatcher recorded 19 goals, one assist and 55 ground balls for the Rocks.

"Dylan is a multi-faceted player who we utilized in several different roles this season," noted Bielecki. "He is very fast, has great stick skills, and can dodge and shoot with the best of them."

JOHN OLEVNIK, SR., PLYMOUTH: The mid-fielder racked up 21 goals, seven assists and 75 ground balls.

"John made a smooth transition from long-stick midfielder to short-stick middle at the beginning of the year," said Costello. "He's a very steady and consistent performer."

JOE UNDERWOOD, SR., CANTON: Underwood chalked up 26 goals and a team-high 34 assists to go along with his 86 ground balls. He was voted the team's "Offensive Player of the Year" and is an All-State nominee.

"Joe was our leader on offense," said Riley. "He has great stick skills and a knack for finding the open man to pass to."

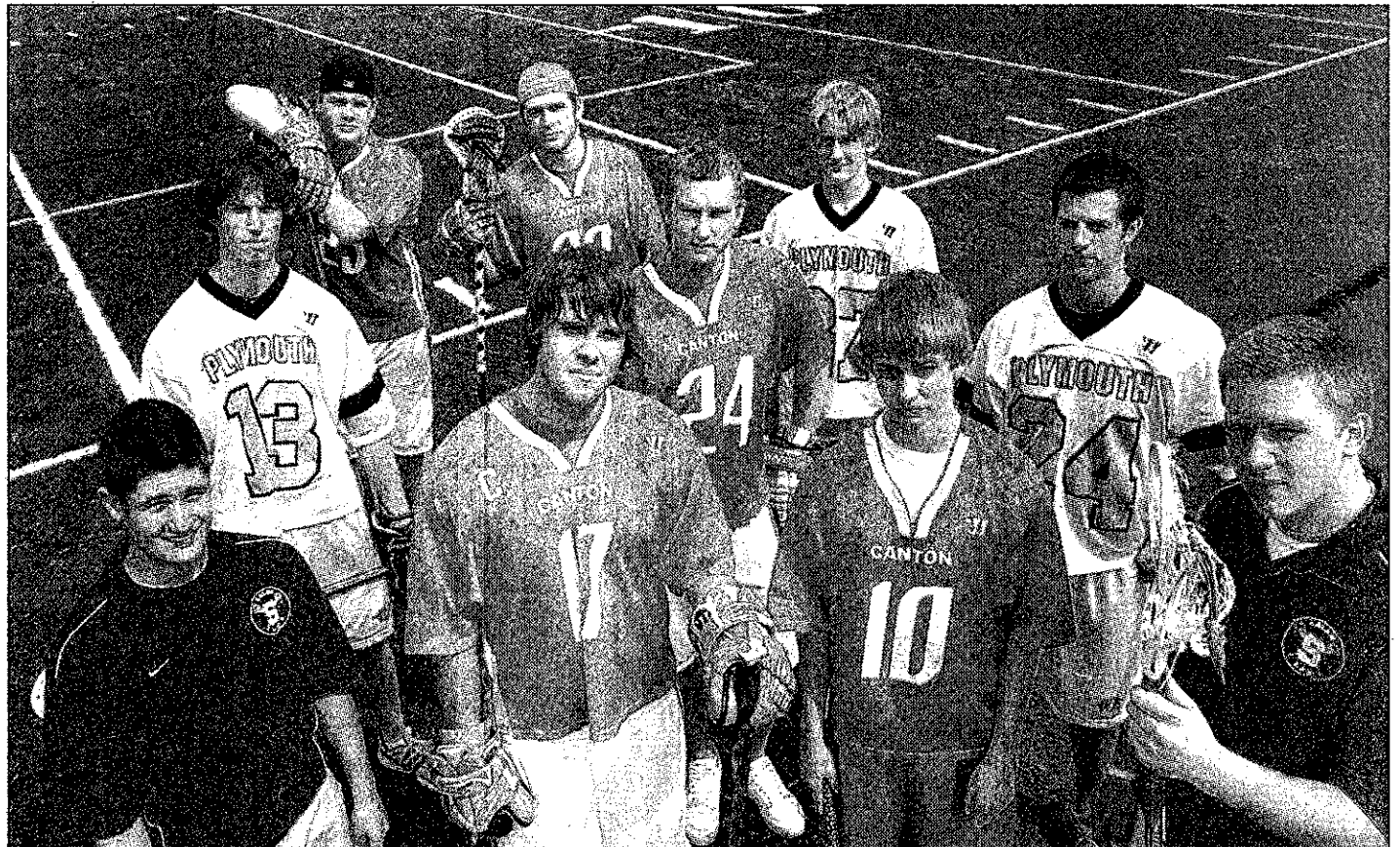
MAC GANZAK, SR., CANTON: The Chiefs' top defender led the team with 87 ground balls and 45 take-aways. A team captain, he was voted Canton's "Defensive Player of the Year."

"Mac was our leader on defense this season," said Riley. "He is a tremendous close defender who could check the ball away from any player."

DAKOTA DARK BIRD, SOPH., CANTON: Voted the team's "Most Improved Player," Dark Bird notched three goals, two assists, 42 ground balls and 12 takeaways.

"Dakota was a mid-fielder at the beginning of the season, but he was moved to defense and had a great year," said Riley. "He was our defensive leader on clears and transition with three goals. He's an intimidating player who uses his size and speed very well."

HONORABLE MENTION: Canton - Jake Underwood, Mark Barath, Scott Wisniewski, Trevor Moore, Jason Avedesian; Salem - Chris Koetting, Jeff Oldani, John Demery, Jake Kearly, Alex Gravin; Plymouth - Ryan Renault, Pat Smiatacz, Danny Norris, Ben Burkman.



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Pictured (from left) are members of the inaugural PCEP boys lacrosse team: Dylan Hatcher (Salem), John Olevnik (No. 13, Plymouth), Mac Ganzak (No. 25, Canton), Justin Scott (No. 17, Canton), Dakota Dark-Bird (No. 33, Canton), Joe Underwood (No. 24, Canton), Pat Downey (No. 37, Plymouth), Matt Rodgers (No. 10, Canton), Connor Martin (No. 24, Plymouth), and Blake Abbey (Salem).

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Canton's Zach Conrad, pictured above during a meet earlier this season, carded a two-round total of 165 during last week's Division 1 state golf meet at Forest Akers West in East Lansing. Conrad qualified for the prestigious event as an individual.

PCA's Eagle golfers 13th at D4 state meet

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys golf team placed 13th at this past weekend's Division 4 state meet at Forest Akers West Golf Course in East Lansing.

Senior Ross Gerulis led the Eagles with a two-round score of 161 (80-81). Other PCA scorers were Robert Qualls (178), Mitchell Geracz (179), Scott Hampson (197) and Ryan Palmer (198).

Canton sophomore Zach Conrad, the lone individual state qualifier from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, carded a 36-hole total of 165 with rounds of 82 and 83.

Belleville's Zachary McCurley, a Canton resident, fired a 159.

29th YMCA Father's Day Run is fast approaching

Before firing up the grill and opening gifts to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, individuals are encouraged to participate in the 29th Annual Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run, which will begin in downtown Plymouth.

The festivities will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a Kids Trot for youngsters 3 and 4 years old; and a jog for kids between the ages of 5 and 7.

A one-mile walk/run will commence at 8 a.m.; a 5K walk/run is set for 8:30 a.m. while the 10K will start at 8:45 a.m.

Serious runners are invited to compete in the MDG Triple Race, sponsored by Morse Dental Group, which includes

a 10.3-mile run.

Interested runners can register online at www.active.com. For more race information and to view a printable form, visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

The event is endorsed by the Governors' Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports. Those who enter the race qualify for the lottery of 300 selected runners to run the Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Run.

All proceeds will help fund the Plymouth YMCA's Strong Kids Scholarship Campaign.

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Huron Valley merced in regional semifinals

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's girls softball season ended with a thud Saturday in the Division 4 regional semifinals at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

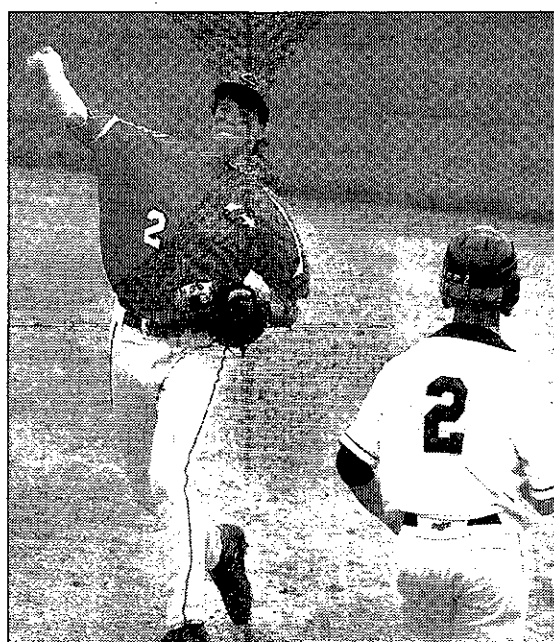
The host Chargers (21-7) scored five times in the first inning and added four more in the second en route to a 15-0, four-inning mercy victory over the Hawks (8-11-1).

Sara Schaffer was the losing pitcher.

The Hawks collected just three hits — one each by first-team All-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference first baseman Emily Helwig, Nicole Smith and Catherine St. John.

Southfield Christian went on to win the regional with a 4-2 win over Inter-City in the finals after ousting Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 8-3, in the semifinals.

Homer then eliminated Southfield Christian in the quarterfinals on Tuesday, 5-0, at Adrian College.



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Canton's shortstop Nick Tomilenko turns a double play during the Chiefs' 5-4 victory over Novi Saturday.

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Madias were hit by pitches, but Kilmer induced Seth Tschetter to hit into a two-out ground out.

Kilmer struck out four and walked one.

MacKenzie reached base all four times he batted via two errors and a pair of walks. Charles was 2-for-3 with three RBI and two runs scored.

CANTON 5, NOVI 4: In Saturday's 10 a.m. semifinal game, the Chiefs broke a 4-all deadlock in the sixth inning when they loaded the bases on William Tidwell's single; back-to-back bunt singles by Matt Barylski and Alex Dixon; and Cody Blakita's sacrifice fly. The uprising came against 6-foot-6 University of Toledo-bound Tyler Scott, who relieved started Mark Heard to begin the frame.

The Chiefs surged to a 4-0 advantage in the second thanks to RBI hits from Blakita, Delapaz and Ryan Neu (double) and a Wildcat error. Heard then settled down and retired 10 straight Chiefs before William Tidwell greeted Scott with an inning-opening single in the sixth.

Novi scored all of its runs in the third off Tidwell. Masuni Nogami led off with a walk, Garrett Green was hit by a pitch and Patrick Schlenke singled to load the bases. Philip Celeski then laced a two-run

single.

Tidwell picked off Celeski at first, which proved to be a pivotal play because Scott followed with a double and Daniel Kilger (scoring Scott) and Daniel Enright singled. Delapaz, a sophomore lefty, relieved Tidwell with two on and two out and got Heard to line out into an inning-ending double play.

Delapaz shined on the mound over the final four innings as he faced the minimum 12 batters despite yielding three hits. Two of the base-runners he allowed were erased on pick-offs at first — the most notable being Kilger, who led off the sixth with a single — and the other was eliminated on a double play that was instigated by second baseman Nick Tomilenko.

Novi pinch-hitter Jacob Walker nearly tied the game in the seventh, but his long drive to left hooked just foul. Delapaz eventually struck out Walker and the next batter, Nogami, before getting Green to fly out to right-fielder Barylski to end the game.

Tidwell paced the Chiefs' eight-hit attack with a pair of hits. Blakita was 1-for-2 with two RBI while Barylski reached three times on a walk, a bunt single and an error.

Schlenke, Scott and Kilger all contributed two-hit efforts for the Wildcats, who finished 21-15.

The victory improved Delapaz's record to 7-1.

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Holy Cow!

Warriors upset 29-0 Liggett, 3-2

BY BRAD EMONS
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June is known for all its pomp and circumstance — high school honors nights, graduation ceremonies and parties.

Lutheran High Westland's baseball team had slightly different reason to celebrate Saturday afternoon, turning in a Magna Cum Laude performance by capturing its first regional title in school history by stunning 29-0 and No. 1-ranked Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 3-2, in the Division 4 finals held at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Lutheran Westland, which lost to Liggett 10-7 during the regular season, made sure it got a chance at a rematch by ousting host Inter-City in the regional semifinals earlier in the day, 11-0, in a five-inning mercy.

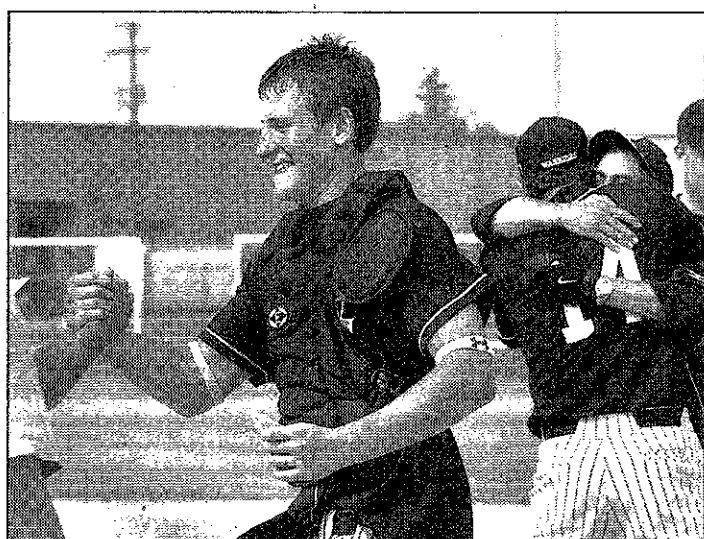
"They key was to win the first game," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "I told our guys we've got to play the first game. We played really well against Inter-City and it carried over."

"I told our kids there's no pressure. We're not number one and we're not undefeated. We're not supposed to win, just go out there, have fun and play like there's nothing to lose."

The Warriors jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the championship final on Austin Baglow's two-homer homer over the left-center field fence after Ryan Baglow singled and was sacrificed to second by Billy Meier.

Liggett came back with two runs in the top of the third on a two-run double by catcher Mike Thomas. The Knights then threatened to take the lead, but winning pitcher Derek Fleetham got a strike-out and groundout to end the inning.

The Warriors took the lead for keeps in the bottom half



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lutheran Westland catcher Dan Abbott is congratulated receiving his regional championship medal following a 3-2 upset win over No. 1-ranked University-Liggett following Saturday's championship final at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

of the third on consecutive singles by Sam Ahlersmeyer, Dan Abbott and Nate Bachert to load the bases followed by Meier's RBI flare to center field which resulted in a fielder's choice.

Neither team was able to score the rest of the way, but Liggett left two runners on base in each of the final two innings. The Knights had runners at first and third with two-outs in the top of the seventh, but reliever Ryan Baglow, who came on in the sixth for Fleetham, got Dominic Jamett on a tapper back to the mound.

The final out sparked a wild celebration.

"I can't put it into words, I can't describe the feeling, the kids really enjoyed it," Wade said. "We had it all going. We had a couple of double plays and our outfielders played their best game. Everything went right. We pretty much played a clean game."

Fleetham, a senior left-hander, went the first five innings, allowing two runs on four hits. He walked two and

struck out three.

Losing pitcher Patrick Gustine allowed six hits and walked two over seven innings.

In the 11-0 win over Inter-City (10-11), Abbott turned in a monster game offensively to spark an 11-hit attack. The senior catcher went 4-for-4 with six RBI including a two-run triple in the first, an RBI single in the second followed by a three-run homer in the fifth inning.

Ahlersmeyer went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while sophomore Austin Baglow and Adam Zehel each added two hits.

Ryan Baglow went all five innings on the mound, allowing just three hits and a walk in raising his record to school-tying 7-0.

"Ryan was lights-out today with a win and a save," Wade said. "He's not overpowering and doesn't strike many out. He just throws strikes and finds a way to get people out."

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driver's license — mowing down batters like a seasoned veteran.

...Chief junior second baseman Nick Tomilenko sprinting at least 30 yards toward the fence that ran parallel to the first base foul line to track down a Major League-high pop-up that he somehow squeezed after diving head first into the gravel that ran along the fence during the Chiefs' 5-4 win over Novi.

...Plymouth senior pitcher Meghan Patterson making one clutch pitch after another to lead the Wildcats to within one victory of the school's first-ever Regional title.

...Wildcat junior second baseman Beth Heldmeyer's contagious, non-stop exuberance — whether her team was ahead by four runs or down by seven.

...the admirable determination displayed by Canton pitcher Hilary Payne in her final high school game against Plymouth.

...the proud/shocked/relieved/joyful look on the face of Plymouth softball coach Val Canfield after her team defeated Salem, 1-0, to win its first District championship in three years following a roller-coaster regular season.

...the "How did he do that?" look on Novi outfielder Daniel Kilger's face after he was picked off first base by Canton sophomore pitcher Kevin Delapaz during the sixth inning of Saturday's Regional semifinal.

...the relieved look on Delapaz's face as Novi pinch-

hitter Jacob Walker's potential game-tying, seventh-inning home run ball hooked a few yards foul — and how Delapaz regrouped to strike out Walker on the next pitch and easily retire the next two batters to put the Chiefs into their first Regional final since 1982.

...how proud I was when Canton's No. 21 — Erik Wright — jogged out to the mound to start in the Chiefs' first Regional final game since 1982.

The eventual outcome of my son's final high school baseball game wasn't what we desired

— a loss to Birmingham Brother Rice — but the four-year journey that led him to that point was similar to the entire 2008 post-season for all six PCEP teams — unforgettable.

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Second baseman Plymouth's Beth Heldmeyer prepares to throw out a Northville base-runner at first base during Saturday's 4-2 Wildcat victory.

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Both eventually came around to score — Meek on an error and Hammer on Kelsey Johnson's bunt single.

Meek was lights out on the mound for Lakeland over the first four innings as she faced the minimum 12 batters, striking out five.

Beth Heldmeyer led a pair of singles for the Wildcats.

PLYMOUTH 4, NORTHVILLE

2: The Wildcats didn't play a perfect game in their upset of No. 5-ranked Northville in Saturday's Regional semifinal, but they came pretty darned close.

Patterson limited one of the state's most potent batting orders to just four hits — only one between the second and sixth innings — to lift her team to its biggest victory of the season.

The triumph was especially

sweet for the 'Cats considering they lost to the Mustangs in two previous encounters this spring.

The Wildcats mounted a pair of two-run innings in the fourth and fifth to secure a 4-0 advantage.

Stacey Klonowski led off the fourth by reaching on an error and promptly stealing second. Seconds later, she scored on Amanda Burnard's double up the right-center field gap. Heldmeyer then plated Burnard by launching a double of her own to make it 2-0.

The Wildcats doubled their lead to 4-0 in the fifth on RBI singles from Rodas and

Burnard.

With their backs against the wall, the Mustangs mounted a two-out seventh-inning rally, scoring twice on Jenna Dumbleton's RBI single and Sarah Rounsifer's bases-loaded walk.

However, Patterson got Alexandra Kaszuba to ground out to Burnard at third to end the threat and send the Wildcats into the Regional final.

Burnard went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI for the winners.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD

TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: Marlowe Street Residents, Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan

SIDWELL NUMBERS

57-01-0084-000	57-01-0129-002	57-01-0147-302	57-01-0208-002
57-01-0112-004	57-01-0131-000	57-01-0190-000	57-01-0210-000
57-01-0116-000	57-01-0133-300	57-01-0191-002	57-01-0211-002
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57-01-0125-000	57-01-0143-300	57-01-0203-000	57-01-0220-002
57-01-0126-002	57-01-0144-302	57-01-0205-000	57-01-0222-000
57-01-0128-000	57-01-0146-300	57-01-0206-002	

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with the public improvements which consist of road paving of **Marlowe Street, from Saltz Road to Fellows Creek.**

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed. **The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$390,000. The estimated cost per property owner is \$1,206.00 per year on average based on a 10 year assessment.**

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 24th day of June, 2008, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall Board Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district thereof. Appearance and protest, in writing, on or before the hearing is required to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT). A written appeal of the special assessment must be filed with the MTT within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested, in writing, on or before the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the role.

Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Canton

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 45229 Michigan Ave Canton MI 48188 (734)397-0082 on 6/27/08 at 12:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
2026 — Damon Ray Banks — Mattress, Love-seat
3017 — Darisha Davis — Chair, Couch, 30 Boxes
3030 — Charles Graham II — Leather Couch, 4 Chairs, Big Screen TV
3051 — David Woodall — Streo, 30 Boxes, Bike
4013 — John Boehret — 10 Boxes, Misc Items, Hand Truck
4018 — Jennifer McDonald-Beckley — 3 TV's, 10 Totes, 20 Boxes
4201 — Russell Pfeifer — 3 Bicycles, 3 Tool-boxes, 5 Totes
4242 — Vonshey Green — Lawnmower, 2 Bikes, Vacuum
4255 — Markay Hall — Dresser, Headboard, 10 Boxes
5245 — Erin Morley — 4 Chairs, 5 Boxes, Headboard
5263 — Monquie Hampton — Headboard, 3 Boxes, Mattress

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 41889 Joy Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)254-0243 on 6/27/08 at 11:00 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
1017 — Mario Mason — 4 Trunks, TV, Chair
3041 — Steve Caloia — 2 Tool Cabinets, 20 Boxes, Portable Stereo
4001 — Robert Kozak — Vacuum, 14 Toolboxes, Misc Items
4035 — George Gallo — Jensen Automobile vin1255269, Car Parts
4047 — George Gallo — Studebaker Automobile, Car Parts
4052 — Orlando Austin — 20 Totes, Piano, Scooter
5032 — George Gallo — 1967 Mercedes Benz vin 10801212047788, car parts, misc items
5036 — Henry C. Klann — Bicycle, Dining Table, Air Hockey Table
9154 — Daphanie Dent — Couch, Loveseat, 10 Boxes

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USES OF 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK FUNDS

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using \$28,360 of un-programmed Year 2007-2008 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide benefits to senior citizens.
- To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income and/or areas in which at least 51% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG funded programs while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund

PROPOSED YEAR 2007-08 PROJECTS:

The City currently has \$28,360 of un-programmed 2007-2008 CDBG funds that must be spent by December 31, 2008. City Administration has identified the following potential projects for use of these funds:

1.	Installation of Surface Mount Truncated Dome Pads on existing Pedestrian crosswalk ramps	\$21,360
2.	Installation of ADA compliant entry Door at Plymouth Cultural Center	\$ 7,000
TOTAL		\$28,360

PUBLIC HEARING:

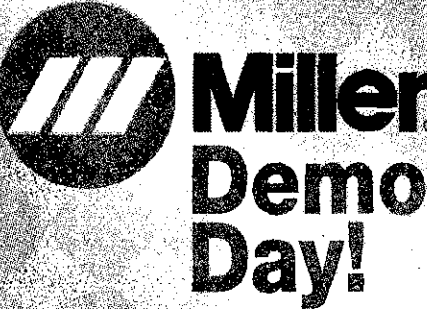
Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives.

A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed uses of 2007-2008 un-programmed CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held at the Plymouth City Commission Meeting on Monday June 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm in Lions Club Park at the corner of Harding and Burroughs. In case of inclement weather the meeting will be held at the City Commission Chambers at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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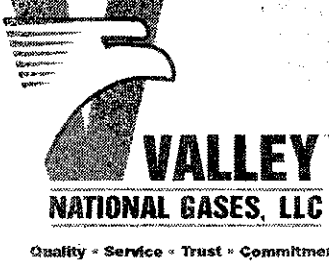
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Plymouth LAX camp

The Plymouth High School lacrosse program will be offering an instructional skills camp that will cover every aspect of the game for players of all skill levels on June 28-29, from 9 a.m. to noon for kids in grades 6th through 8th; and from 1-4 p.m. for 9th through 12th graders at Heritage Park in Canton.

The camp will be staffed by high school coaches as well as current and former college and high school players.

The cost is \$50, which includes a custom-reversible jersey, six hours of instruction, one-on-one and specialized instruction for every position and a post-camp evaluation.

Players can register online at www.plymouthlacrosse.com. For more information, send an e-mail to info@plymouthlacrosse.com.

Precision baseball

Starting June 18, every Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon, baseball and softball players can receive semi-private hitting lessons with Wayne State University head baseball coach Jay Alexander and softball instructor Devan Briskey, the head softball coach

at the University of Detroit at Precision Baseball, which is located in Canton.

Sessions are limited to the first 50 players and they will go through a series of station work and receive free instruction.

The cost is only \$20. There is no age limit and players are encouraged to bring a bat and helmet.

Call to reserve your spot today, or simply walk in.

For more information, call (734) 459-5921.

PCS lacrosse alumni game

The third annual Plymouth-Canton-Salem Alumni vs. Varsity lacrosse game will be held Friday, June 13, at 6 p.m. at the PCEP varsity stadium.

Alumni of the PCS teams that played for the Warriors from 2002 to 2007 are invited to take on graduating seniors from this year's Plymouth, Canton and Salem squads.

This spring marked the first year each school had its own team.

All alumni who are interested in playing or who have questions regarding Friday's game should call Nina Smithpeters at (734) 981-3290 or e-mail her at nsmithpeters@wowway.com; or contact Stephanie Saia at (734) 453-6914 or sasaia@comcast.net.

Alumni are asked to arrive at the field by 5 p.m. Friday. The game will serve as a fundraiser for the 1/24 Battalion Memorial, which benefits the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines Division, which four alumni have served.

Last year's game raised over \$500 for the memorial.

Wildcat golf outing

The seventh annual Plymouth High School Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, July 19, at 1:30 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, which is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth.

The format will be a best-ball scramble with a shotgun start.

The \$100-per-golfer fee includes dinner and a hot dog at the turn. Individuals can attend just the buffet dinner for \$40.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100.

For more information, contact Lisa Goble at (734) 207-8889 or at Rgoble64@aol.com.

The registration deadline is July 7.

Shooters Golf Tour

Local golf enthusiasts are invited to participate in the summer-long Shooters Golf Tour, a development tour that offers six different competitive divisions and is played on several of the best public courses Michigan has to offer.

The SGT is also the only tour of its kind in the state that offers up-to-the-minute live scoring on the internet.

For more information, visit www.shootersgolf.com.

Chiefs golf outing

The annual Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club golf outing will be held June 21 at Fox Hills in Plymouth Township.

The scramble-format event will tee off with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

For more information on the outing, visit www.cantonchiefs-football.com.

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Gulf Coast project rewarding for volunteers

BY JULIE BROWN
OGE STAFF WRITER

In mid-May, local volunteers headed south to the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast, working with Habitat for Humanity to build much-needed new homes.

There were some 55 people in Hancock County's Kiln, in Mississippi, in a site known as Camp Coastal, said Gretchen Hurlbert of Lake Angelus, volunteer relief coordinator for Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, based in Pontiac. A Macomb volunteer went along with the group.

"Most of them were from Oakland County," Hurlbert, a former teacher now retired, said of those on the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project 2008.

The volunteers from a number of states were in the area where Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck in Bay St. Louis, Miss. The Oakland affiliate has made previous trips to the region to build homes.

This was the 25th anniversary for former President Carter and his wife being involved with Habitat. Last year, the Carters were in Los Angeles and in India the year before.

"Other than the weather, it went very well," Hurlbert said of the recent trip, May 10-17 for most volunteers. They made early progress on the three homes, but then electrical storms hit and power tools couldn't be used safely.

"We didn't get our houses finished, which was disappointing," she said. "We were split among three different houses."

It was the Oakland affiliate's fifth trip to the region, having a partnership with the Habitat affiliate in Bay-Waveland. Another local group will go in November, although the Carters won't be there then.

"They must have very good connections because the sun came out," she said of the time the couple visited each home. There was a large kickoff with some 300 volunteers.

"We will keep doing this because the need is ever present," said Hurlbert, noting you can call Habitat's Oakland affiliate at (248) 338-1843 or visit the Web site at www.habitatoakland.org. If Mississippi's too far, there will be a Blitz Build with four homes in Pontiac ongoing this month "and always looking for great volunteers."

"It's going to take a long time," she said of rebuilding the Gulf Coast. Some areas are coming back, but there are insurance problems and other areas remain devastated.

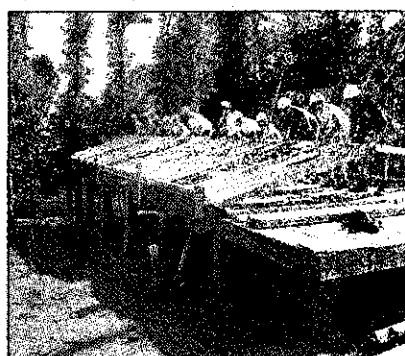
"Some there was nothing to abandon," Hurlbert said.

A number of Habitat affiliates are working on many homes all along the Gulf Coast: "It was a huge, huge undertaking," she said.

This was Hurlbert's third trip to the region, and she tips her hat to former Habitat staffer Gwen



Linda and Oz Forrester of Birmingham, Habitat volunteers, have made three trips to the region to work on homes.



This wall raising took place on the first day the volunteers worked at the Mississippi site.

Joseph who preceded her in those duties. Joseph now lives in London, England, due to a family job transfer.

The volunteers who head south in November will likely work on one house, Hurlbert said. She noted the warm welcome from Gulf Coast merchants and others in the region volunteers received.

"The soreness goes away after awhile," said volunteer Linda Forrester of Birmingham, who went on the May Mississippi trip with husband Oz. "This was actually our third trip" to the Bay St. Louis area.

The Forresters, retirees, got involved with Habitat in Pontiac and decided to go to Mississippi on a project. This most recent trip, he did framing, doors and windows, while she did painting and siding, "pretty much everything that needed to be done."

Oz Forrester was an engineer and took a building course; the couple built a home Up North and have done home renovations here.



Gwen Joseph (top right) with the new Habitat homeowners. Joseph worked for the Oakland County affiliate, and was responsible for initiating its relationship with the Mississippi Habitat affiliate, following Hurricane Katrina. Her local residence is in Clarkston, where she worked as a teacher, before joining Habitat. She is currently living in London, where her husband is on international assignment. The homeowner is Stephanie Flores and her sons are Victor and Miguel.

"We got involved right after Hurricane Katrina," Linda Forrester said. "Each time it's an amazing experience. It all makes it worthwhile."

She and others enjoyed meeting President Carter, who worked on Habitat homes in the area. "They were both very gracious and interested in the homeowner," Forrester said. "Very nice couple."

The Forresters are working on the June Blitz Build in Pontiac and encourage others to follow suit.

Volunteers are needed in the Gulf Coast region, too: "They sure need every bit of help they can get down there," she said.

Forrester, who's proud of their well-built Habitat homes, also noted the warm welcome on each trip. Things appear chaotic at first, she said, but people from all over work together on building.

"It's so moving to see what you've done, and the people are so appreciative," Forrester said. "We all get something out of it."

Lawyer can help with discrimination complaints

Q. Do you have any suggestions as to how we might be able to prevent discrimination complaints under the Fair Housing Act as an association?

A. Many associations can be saddled with discrimination complaints at any time from current members or perspective members who wish to buy in the community. Some of the most common discrimination complaints involve the refusal to fulfill a disabled person's parking request, and any



Robert Meisner

association action that members or perspective members perceive as discriminatory. Three common pitfalls are: 1) inadequately fulfilled parking space request; 2) receiving discriminatory context such as raising fees during a sale and; 3) design and construction violations. You are best advised to consult with your attorney concerning ways to avoid these problems.

Q. I heard about recent legislation in Florida that would deal with condo associations and is close to being passed. Do you have any information?

A. I believe that you are referring to a bill being introduced by Rep. Julio Robaina's House Bill 995. The bill would amend the statute that governs condo associations. It would remove provisions providing for association windstorm insurance; require official association records be maintained for at least five years and be made available to members at specifically named locations; create criminal and civil sanctions against any officer, director or association manager who knowingly or intentionally defaces, destroys or fails to create or maintain accounting records; restrict a condo association from waiving a financial report for more than two years; and prohibits accessibility to certain types of personal information about unit owners. The bill also prohibits any board from adopting rules or regulations that step on the rights of an owner to practice his or her religion, and prohibits associations from spending association money to prosecute a suit against an individual unit owner. However, the Community Association Institute (CAI), local chapter apparently is opposed to these proposed changes. You are best advised to consult with your local legislator in Florida regarding the status of the bill.

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.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 18-22, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton		
48358 Antique Rd	\$375,000	
43785 Cherry Grove Ct E	\$173,000	
1535 Glengarry Blvd	\$294,000	
114 N Village Way	\$174,000	
120 N Village Way	\$180,000	
6254 Pickwick Dr	\$170,000	
42159 Starlite Ct	\$170,000	
6914 Tiffany Cir	\$255,000	
Farmington		
28428 W Eight Mile Rd	\$35,000	

Farmington Hills		
29961 Club House Ln	\$277,000	
25359 Lyncastie St	\$180,000	
36571 Martel Ct	\$211,000	
29719 Monterey Cir	\$240,000	
34665 Pickford Dr	\$260,000	
30657 Ramblerwood Club Dr	\$200,000	
21428 Roosevelt Ave	\$145,000	
26170 Vathalla Dr	\$290,000	
Garden City		
29603 Dawson St	\$130,000	
6508 Elizabeth St	\$130,000	
27546 Sheridan St	\$77,000	
Livonia		
14917 Arcolia St	\$146,000	
14109 Arden St	\$155,000	
8868 Cardwell St	\$116,000	
35624 Dover St	\$153,000	
30654 Elmira St	\$101,000	
29480 Hathaway St	\$90,000	
8955 Louise St	\$142,000	

15630 Middlebelt Rd	\$637,000	
9036 Montana St	\$138,000	
14446 Sunset St	\$191,000	
Milford		
1791 Bristol Dr	\$466,000	
729 E Liberty St	\$134,000	
1350 Huntcliff Ct	\$430,000	
Northville		
50162 Hidden Point Dr	\$895,000	
235 High St	\$220,000	
41526 Ladywood Ct	\$250,000	
42750 Lyric St	\$85,000	
675 Randolph St	\$113,000	
15816 Winding Creek Ct	\$600,000	
Novi		
30780 Ardmore Ct	\$40,000	
28319 Carlton Way Dr	\$155,000	
45224 Dunbarton Dr	\$228,000	
51320 E Bourne Ter	\$276,000	
27051 Victoria Rd	\$85,000	
Plymouth		

9405 Arbor Ct	\$240,000	
515 Byron St	\$152,000	
9200 Mayflower Dr	\$175,000	
Redford		
26066 Five Mile Rd	\$120,000	
8915 Arnold	\$120,000	
14313 Crosley	\$151,000	
20110 Lexington	\$55,000	
South Lyon		
435 Dorothy St	\$142,000	
139 Singh Blvd	\$317,000	
880 Timber Trail Ct	\$280,000	
Westland		
2012 Eastport St	\$105,000	
36039 Florane St	\$137,000	
6336 Hunter Pointe St	\$105,000	
7706 Princeton Ct	\$113,000	
38363 Shelby Dr	\$200,000	
35680 Slacy St	\$52,000	

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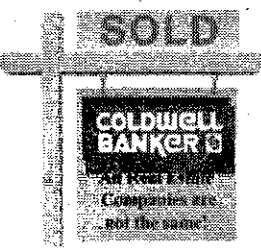
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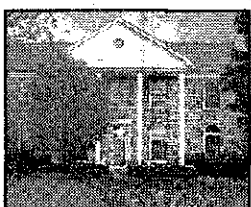
CUSTOM BUILT
2200 sq ft brick cape cod offering a finished walkout bsmt, alabaster landscaping, brick paver stones & superior craftsmanship. Too many custom features to list.
\$275,000 (P-215V)



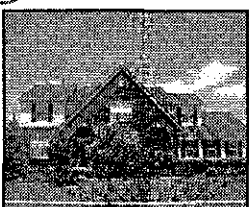
STUNNING COLONIAL
Gorgeous Windham Farm offers this 4 bd, 2.5 ba cape cod w/ granite island kit, nook, LR w/frpl, formal DR w/crown mldg, 1st fl master, patio, deck & on almost an acre!
\$299,900 (C-586W)



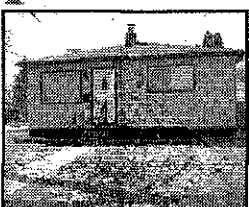
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\$86,900 (P-216DE)



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\$249,900 (P-061EL)



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\$190,000 (C-609HA)



NEW COLONIAL
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\$355,000 (C-488LA)



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\$414,900 (P-899LI)



MRS CLEAN LIVES HERE!
3 bd, 1.5 bath brick ranch offers a stunning finished bsmt w/2nd kit & 1/2 bath. Dream backyard, thermal windows, C/A, 2.5 car garage, quick occupancy & home warranty.
\$149,900 (P-111LU)



COME FALL IN LOVE!
Totally updated brick ranch within walking distance to Flodin Park. Ceramic foyer, updated kit, LR w/frpl, master w/bath, neutral decor, fresh landscaping & Deck.
\$180,000 (P-388MO)



TERRIFIC BUY
1219 sq ft ranch with 3 bedrooms, updated roof, hwn, furnace, C/A, court location with a large lot.
\$62,900 (C-441MU)



65+ COMMUNITY
2 bd, 1 bath ranch condo w/many updates. Private adult community offers clubhouse w/activities & a pool. Private entry, carport, C/A, nice kit & great Plymouth location.
\$116,500 (P-352NE)



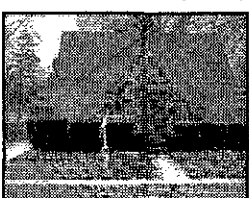
MOVE IN READY
This well maintained colonial has an updated kit w/nook & snack bar, updated thermal windows, updated baths, LR w/frpl, hwd flrs, fin bsmt w/glass block & nice location.
\$129,900 (C-901NO)



TOP SHELF!
This ultimate condo is waiting for you! Brand new vinyl windows, prof decorated, finished bsmt, vaulted ceilings, impressive Master Suite & great location.
\$169,700 (C-409PL)



CUSTOM RANCH ON ACREAGE
Newer custom built ranch feat 4 bd, 3 baths, on 2 acres. Excellent storage in 3 car garage & 54x30 Pole Barn. Big open rooms w/ vaulted cell, fin walkout & add 5 acres avail.
\$315,000 (C-449RA)



SOUTH REDFORD BUNGALOW
Updated & move in ready! Gorgeous 3 bd home w/newer roof, large fenced yard, copper plumb, home warranty & located on a quiet tree lined street.
\$114,900 (P-123SA)



COMMERCE LAKE RANCH
Brick ranch w/3 bd, 2 full baths, large updated kit, appliances stay, 2 car garage, great Deck for relaxing w/pond view & privileges to all sports lake.
\$182,500 (C-722SU)



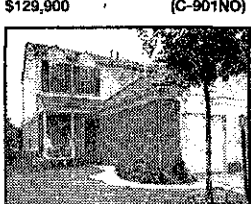
LET'S MAKE A DEAL!
1275 sq ft condo w/2 bd, 2 baths, large LR & DR, Master w/WIC & bath, private entrance, balcony, appl's stay, carport & immed occu.
\$99,900 (P-145SU)



WONDERFUL RANCH
Fabulous 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in sought after Ridgmont Sub. Updated t/o inc siding, A/C, gutters, roof, furnace & elec. Full bsmt, neutral decor, updated kit & nice yard.
\$129,900 (P-851TE)



PREMIUM WOODED LOT
Spectacular 3 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod w/2012 sq ft, walkout bsmt, island kit w/nook & dwtl to expansive Deck, 1st fl master w/jetted tub, 1st fl laun & close to an acre.
\$349,900 (P-295TH)



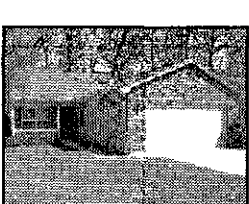
GREAT PLACE TO START
Strategically located 2 bd condo w/Ann Arbor Schools. Fine features inc: bay window, finished bsmt, good guest parking, appl's stay, garage, 1st fl laun & close to everything.
\$146,000 (P-121VI)



CONDO LIVING AT IT'S BEST
Stunning 2 BD, 2 bath end unit with views of woods from every room. 1st fl laun, private study with French doors, gas frpl, master with soaking tub, full bsmt & 2 car garage.
\$270,000 (P-865WE)



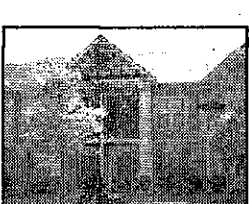
PERFECT PRICE!
Great chance to own this 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo in Canton. Skylights, 1024 sq ft, finish obsmt, 2 carports, fireplace, private entry & updated kit.
\$109,900 (P-568AR)



RANCH CONDO
Beautiful brick detached condo in prime location w/wooded lot & quiet setting. Great kit w/skylight, nice updates t/o, oversized att garage, 2 large bds, 2 full baths & more.
\$159,900 (P-280AR)



LARGE WESTLAND RANCH
Move your family into this 3 bd home w/a large newer garage, Family Rm, completely remodeled in 2006 & more.
\$124,900 (C-900CA)



AWESOME RAISED RANCH
This beautiful raised ranch was built in 2003 & almost 1500 sq ft. 2 baths, master suite w/WIC, located by a golf course & has an area pool & clubhouse.
\$158,600 (C-980CE)



BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME
On this beautiful 5 acre parcel w/ paved road, Approx 500x440 w/d cleared acres & one wooded acre. Successful perk test on file. Located just across the street from the church.
\$89,900 (C-000DE)



MOVE IN READY
Cute ranch within walking distance to schools. Updates include newer roof, windows & kitchen cab's. 2.5 car garage w/workbench, neutral decor & so much more.
\$104,999 (C-730GL)



COUNTRY RANCH
Move right into this 5 bd ranch situated on 5 acres w/creek winding thru it. Great Canton location, 2 natural fireplaces, game room & too much more to list.
\$449,900 (C-150HA)



LAKE PRIVILEGES & DOUBLE LOT!
Charming home on double lot features an updated kit & Bath, newer windows & roof, access to Walled Lake, extensive decking, full front porch & great double lot.
\$147,500 (P-130HE)



GREAT PLACE
Nice 3 bd home in a great area. Hwd floors, updated Bath, newer furnace & C/A, finished bsmt, 2 car garage, large yard w/frut trees & a home warranty.
\$124,900 (C-207MA)



CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY
Absolutely stunning home backing to the 16th hole on Honor's Course & access to Crooked Lake. Feat: Sauna, cent vac, elegant Master, finished walkout & in-ground pool.
\$425,000 (P-369MU)



A SIGHT TO BEHOLD
Stunning, elegant & charming! 2 story marble entry, oak island kit, dwtl from nook to deck, FFL, family room w/frpl, fin daylight bsmt w/bath & great Northville location.
\$475,000 (P-948OA)



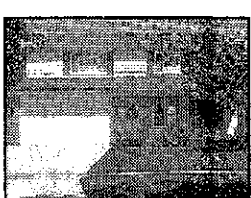
LOTS OF ROOM
3 bd ranch offering a wonderful kit & dining area, huge Great Room, skylights, private lot & Master w/ bath. A must see!
\$184,900 (P-515WI)



UPDATED HOME!
Great home w/neutral paint & carpet, kit w/enn-are appl's, Master w/cath ceiling w/WIC, new hwn, patio & great Farmington Hills location.
\$299,900 (P-191AU)



WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY
3 bd, 1 bath mant free home. Neutral carpet & paint, updated windows, updated kit w/white cab, updated bath, full bsmt, Nook w/ dwtl to large deck & convenient location.
\$89,900 (C-205BI)



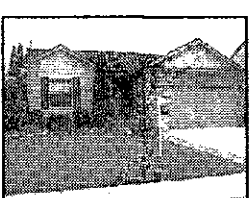
PICTURE PERFECT
On this fabulous 2116 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial w/frpl, newer roof, maple kit, gutted ceramic baths, jetted tub, FR w/frpl, extra wide driveway & tons more.
\$279,900 (P-468BL)



SIMPLY STUNNING
Detached condo in private treed location. Tons of special features, finished bsmt w/wetbar, cherry floors, tons of windows, new roof, Master w/walkout to Deck & more.
\$299,900 (C-542BU)



PEACEFUL & SERENE SETTING
Priced below market for quick sale! 2 bd, 2 bath condo w/vaulted cell, updated carpet, oak kit w/all appl's, triple dwtl to 12x8 Deck, 1 car Gar & home warranty.
\$99,500 (C-737CA)



LOCATION! LOCATION!
Large 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/pergo floors, vaulted ceilings, Master w/ bath, prof finished bsmt w/wetbar & bath, new roof, huge Deck & 2 car garage.
\$178,000 (C-309CO)



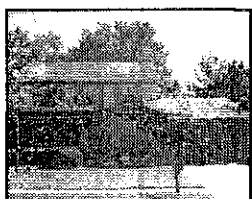
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL
Pulte built w/Livonia schools. 4 bd, 2 baths, formal LR/DR, Fam Rm, 1st fl laun, 2 story ceilings, dual staircases, crown mldg, prof landscaped, paver Patio & huge yard.
\$260,000 (P-180CR)



ROOM TO ROOM
Plenty of room in this 1160 sq ft, 3 bd, 2 bath ranch condo w/oak kit, ceramic baths, LR w/frpl, private screened porch/Deck, fantastic view of pond, area pool & clubhouse.
\$99,900 (C-620CU)



GREAT POSSIBILITIES!!
3 bd, 2 bath home in need of some TLC but has some updates. New 2.5 car garage, elec updated in 03, furnace & C/A in 04, newer siding & roof. Bring offers!
\$93,500 (C-231DE)



POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE
Insist on a tour of this bright & spacious Canton colonial. Great floor plan w/large entrance, 1st fl laun, Den, a must see Master Suite, private fenced lot & too much more to list.
\$225,400 (C-790EL)



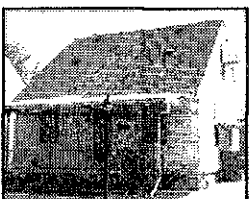
MOVE IN AND RELAX!
Perfectly staged & updated 3 bd brick ranch w/finished bsmt, newer bath, updated kit, newer floors, all appl's, fresh paint, newer roof & windows, 2.5 car garage & more.
\$159,999 (C-598FR)



CAPTIVATING CAPE!
Situated on almost an acre, this fabulous home features hwd floors, french doors, coved cell, updated ceramic kit, updated shingles, huge garage, 3 season porch & 23 x 17 Barn.
\$154,000 (C-550GE)



CHARMING RANCH
3 bd, 1 bath ranch in great neighborhood. Remod kit, freshly painted, new furnace & C/A, updated windows, new door to laun on garage, newer roof on house & more.
\$99,900 (C-676GE)



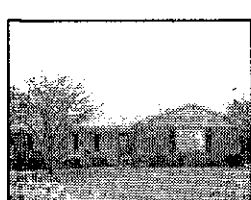
TONS OF UPDATES
Great bungalow w/updated kit, bath, refin hwd flrs, appl's stay, new counters, lots of natural light, partially finished basement & very motivated seller!
\$100,000 (C-168GI)



UPDATED RANCH
Brick ranch w/updated windows, roof, furnace & C/A. Large eat-in kit w/light wood cabinets, LR & Bdrms w/hwd floors, part fin bsmt, 2 car det garage & fenced yard.
\$99,900 (C-101HA)



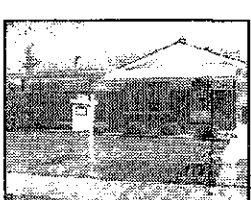
OUTSTANDING HOME
Beautiful cape cod in popular golf comm. 4 bd, 4.5 bas, island kit w/pantry. Open floor plan, prof decor, custom window treatments, landscaping w/waterfall, Patio, deck & area pool.
\$695,000 (C-304IN)



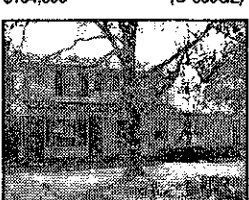
JUST MOVE IN
Fantastic 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/new siding & trim, 1500 sq ft, maple kit w/granite, remod baths w/ceramic, quality fixtures t/o, full bsmt & 2.5 car garage.
\$234,800 (P-629LA)



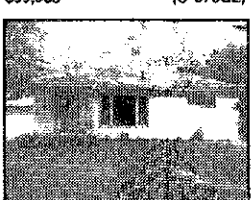
CHARMING PLYMOUTH CONDO
Spacious 3 bd, 2.5 ba condo in beautiful area. Updated kit & bath, formal DR, great room w/frpl, part finished basement, garage & in walking distance to downtown.
\$174,900 (P-854LY)



FANTASTIC RANCH
3 bd, 1 bath home w/hwn, furnace, driveway, private yard, windows, elec, roof, C/A, hwn & more. Convenient location & proceed to sell.
\$114,900 (C-312MC)



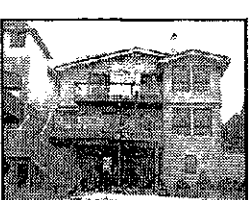
MUST SEE!
City living w/gorgeous setting on large lot. Hwd flrs, Fam Rm, updated oak kit, finished bsmt, 1st fl laun, att garage & more. A lot of home for the price.
\$269,900 (C-570HE)



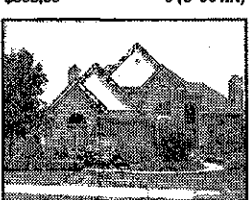
MOTIVATED SELLERS
Wonderful maintenance free ranch w/fin decor, 3 BD, 2 baths, updated windows, elec & plumbing, 2.5 car garage, ceramic tile entry, updated oak kit, new roof in 2006 & home warranty.
\$139,900 (P-524PE)



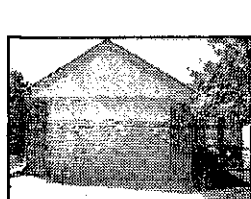
GREAT LOCATION
Nice updated 2 bd home in move in condition. Great double lot w/2 car garage, Livonia Schools & so much more.
\$69,900 (C-483BE)



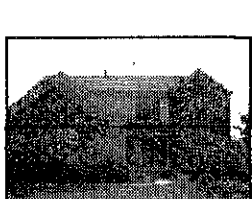
LAKEFRONT LIVING
All sports lake Commerce Lake offers this fantastic 3183 sq ft, 4 bd home w/walkout bsmt, 3 car heated garage, multiple decks facing lake, 2 full kit's & too much more to list.
\$594,900 (P-235BL)



LUXURIOUS LAKEFRONT LIVING
Gorgeous home on Spring Hill Lake in Stonewater sub offers over 6000 sq ft, custom details t/o, granite kit w/subzero, fin walkout bsmt w/au par or inlaw suite & more.
\$849,000 (P-368CL)



PERFECT CONDO
Ready for the buyer who wants it all! Nice ranch unit that faces woods, 2 bd, 3 bath, prof finished bsmt, \$1,000's in upgrades & great location.
\$159,900 (P-032CO)



BETTER THAN NEW...
4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial located in great Canton sub. This move in ready home has a great sized kit w/granite, hwd flrs, 2nd fl laun, neutral paint & too much more to list.
\$268,500 (C-155FI)



MOVE IN CONDITION
Immaculate brick ranch in Dearborn's Lovagood Park. 3 bd, 2.5 car garage, finished bsmt, private backyard & so much more.
\$166,900 (P-141HI)



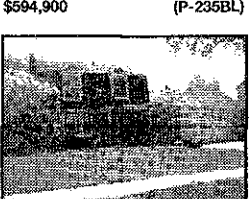
FANTASTIC VALUE
Great location in popular Sunflower Sub for this 3 bd, 2.5 bath home. Extensive hwd, updated oak kit, finished bsmt, 1st fl laun, awesome yard & Deck & area pool w/clubhouse & tennis.
\$198,000 (P-663MA)



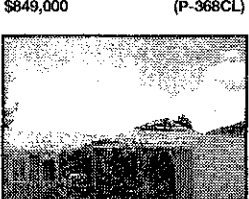
EVERYTHING YOU NEED
Great Westland home offers 3 bd, Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt w/frpl, 1.5 baths, huge garage, inmed occupancy, sprinklers, C/A & bath, home warranty.
\$134,900 (C-321MI)



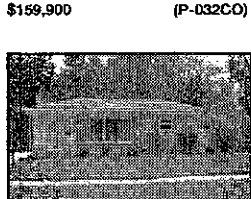
CONVENIENT LOCATION
Clean 2 bd, 2.5 bath move in ready condo w/nice open floor plan, beautiful maple kit, Great Rm w/cath cell's, 1st fl Master, 1st fl laun, patio & close to everything.
\$138,500 (C-000NE)



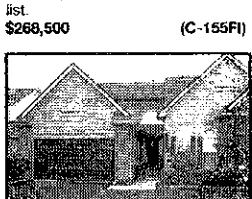
LOVELY LIVONIA COLONIAL
3 bd, 1.5 ba colonial backs to open common-like area, oak kit, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR/DR, 1st fl laun, new furnace & C/A, fin bsmt & oversized garage.
\$227,900 (C-490NO)



WELCOMING BRICK RANCH
Open floor plan in this spacious ranch w/normal LR/DR, kit w/nook & all appl's, spacious Fam rm w/frpl, Master w/bath & partially fin bsmt.
\$199,500 (P-901SI)



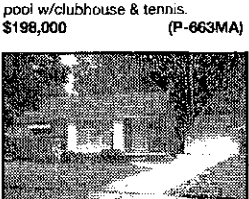
FANTASTIC VALUE
Awesome 3 bd, 2 ba ranch backing to woods. Home feat: new landscaping, new carpet, new paint, 2 car garage, appl's stay & backs to woods.
\$119,900 (C-801TH)



FABULOUS COMMERCE CONDO
Cape Cod condo feat hwd flrs, formal DR, 2 story entry, Great Rm w/frpl, updated kit w/merilite cab's & pantry. Prof fin bsmt w/wet bar & bath. Garage w/atc space & more.
\$339,900 (P-159ET)



RICHLY APPOINTED BEAUTY
Spectacular 4 bd, 2.5 bath brick colonial w/2 story entry, formal DR/ LR, granite kit w/nook, Master w/ trey cell & bath, fin bsmt w/cedar closets, 3 car Gar & brick Patio.
\$350,000 (P-255WA)



GREAT FIND
Nice Redford home w/3 bd, 1.5 baths, hwd flrs t/o, fam Rm w/recessed lights & dwtl to Patio. Finished bsmt w/lav, private fenced yard & close to everything.
\$150,000 (P-280WE)

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 Anu Gandhi (248) 396-3261

Canton 3080
NICE PRICE!
 On this rare 3 bdrm home situated on almost 2 acres in Canton. Everything updated & upgraded. Hurry, won't last!
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By Owner

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Livonia 3250

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Southfield/Lathrup 3390

By Owner

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West Bloomfield 3440

By Owner

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CHIPPEWA LAKE 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, ranch on 6.31 wooded acres, 1 mile away from all sports. Chippewa Lake. \$125,000. Call 231-867-2309

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 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath year-round or vacation home on wooded lot in stunning Birchwood Farms G&CC. 15' high stone fireplace, cathedral ceilings, bsmt & deck. Recently updated, beautifully maintained. \$260,000 transfer fees & dues incl. Call: (248) 651-5444.

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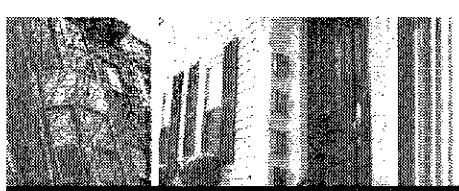
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Golf event

Real Estate One (Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield office) will host its fourth annual Screen Door Open "fore" Special Olympics Michigan Charity Golf Outing Tuesday, June 17, at the Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield. Golf/sponsorship opportunities are available. For information, call (248) 851-4100.

Real estate investing

"What Every Investor Should Know About Condominiums" by Robert Meisner, presented by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

■ At Saturday, June 14, meeting, hear local insurance experts discuss the state of the volatile insurance industry and answer your insurance questions. Presented by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland at 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742.

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BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council will hold a "Barbecue Blender" industry networking event on Wednesday, June 18, from 6-8:30 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills.

Attendees will enjoy networking, food and drinks with remodeling professionals. Registration is free for those involved in the remodeling industry. Advance registration required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, June 20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will present Economic Forecast and Legislative Update for the Multifamily Rental Industry on Friday, June 13, from noon to 2 p.m. at PI Banquet Center, 28847 Franklin Road, Southfield. Registration and networking begins at 11 a.m.

Join AAM for its

first annual Economic Forecast and Legislative Update Luncheon. Attendees will be provided with information on our local and national rental markets, along with a status report on state legislative issues facing the residential rental industry. Economic Forecast speaker is Kevin Dillon of Hendricks & Partners. Legislative Update speaker is Jack Schick of Karoub Associates. Registration fees are \$20 per person for AAM members and \$30 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Speaker

Kelly Sweeney, president and CEO of Weir Manuel Realtors, was a speaker and panelist at the Spring Forecast Luncheon Series presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. Sweeney discussed real estate trends in Oakland County, along with two other panelists, and answered questions about the state of the market, noting that, "The worst is over — we're seeing the beginning of a turnaround." He went

on to say that inventories were stabilizing and sales activity increasing.


Sweeney cautioned sellers that huge inventories still remain and prices would remain soft for the foreseeable future.

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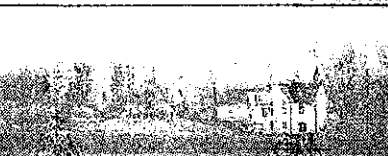
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ACROSS

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- 2 Lout
- 3 Do alterations
- 12 Pickling ingredient
- 13 Hayseed
- 14 Crusty dessert
- 15 Descartes' first name
- 16 Diva's solo
- 17 Coffee server
- 18 Home tel.
- 20 Bugged down
- 22 Retirement plan
- 25 Hardy's dairy-maid
- 27 Burn soother
- 28 Jazz instrument
- 29 Rain protector
- 33 Snag
- 34 Jacques' friend
- 35 Deli loaf
- 36 Whip
- 38 — up (abate)
- 39 Ring out
- 40 Cato's highway
- 42 Jumbo

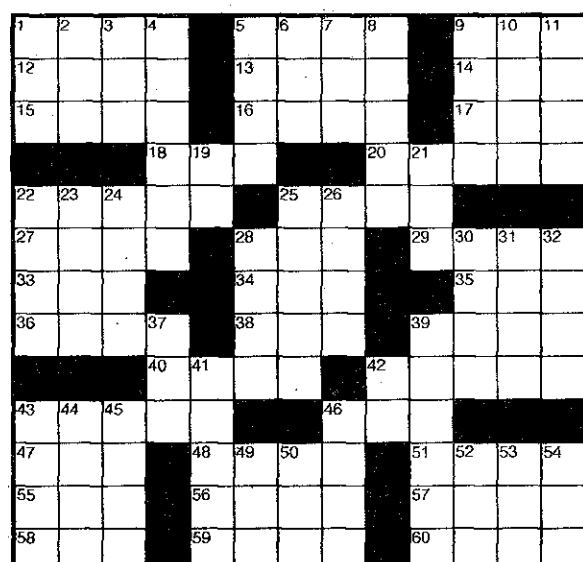
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- 43 Yacht mooring
- 46 Clair for music
- 47 Caviar
- 48 Ostrich relatives
- 51 Munitions
- 55 Table part
- 56 Frisk about
- 57 Anthracite
- 58 JAMA readers
- 59 Auction site
- 60 Long past
- 1 Kind of dance or paint
- 2 Yeasty brew
- 3 Rev the engine
- 4 Surface
- 5 Bikini tops
- 6 Not just mine
- 7 Sapporo sash
- 8 Paper quantities
- 9 Cowboy gear
- 10 Barney Stone site
- 11 Proceed

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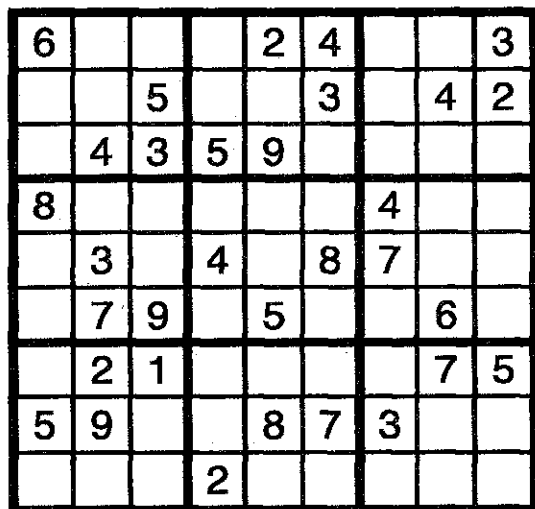
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- 19 Huh?
- 21 Hobby ender
- 22 Maiden of "Patton"
- 23 Essay byline
- 24 Sorry!
- 25 Gentler
- 26 Departure
- 28 Store event
- 30 Field of study
- 31 Tatum's dad
- 32 Rain hard
- 37 Whacked
- 39 Ocean menace
- 41 Limerick starter
- 42 Dixie st.
- 43 Forward
- 44 Constantly
- 45 Scraps of cloth
- 46 Glimpse
- 49 Large gathering
- 50 "Pulp Fiction" name
- 52 Meadow plant
- 53 Damage, superficially
- 54 Bravo, in Spain

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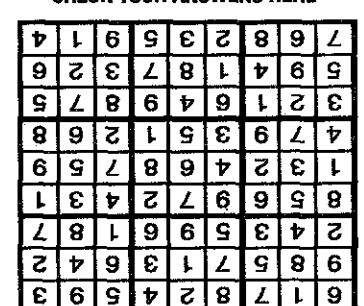
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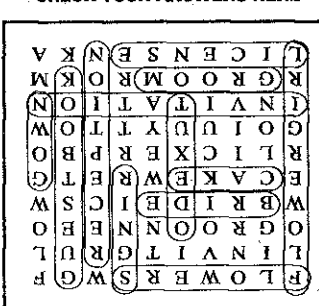
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2 family garage sale 36261 Old Homestead, between Drake and 11th. 9am-5pm Thurs-Sat. Household items, furniture, and clothing.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Bloomfield Village Sub Sale Thurs June 12-Fri June 13, 9-4pm. N. of Maple & Cranbrook. Lots of kid's stuff and bikes.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 2673 Kopsen Ct., between Kensington & Old Square Lake. Thurs-Sat, June 12-14, 8am-4pm. Children's clothes, toys, wave runners, tractor w/pump and lots more!

BLOOMFIELD HILLS SUB-WIDE GARAGE SALE! Balmoral Orchards Sub. Just W. of Franklin Rd. between Quanton & Walnut Lk. Rd. Many homes included. June 12-14, 9-4pm. Home decor, toys, clothing, bikes, & tons of great stuff!

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Thurs-Sat, June 12-14, 8-4pm. 3891 Oakhills Dr. 48301. Behind Oakland Hills Country Club.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Antiques, etc. Sat 9-4pm. 586 Long Lake Rd. 1 Mile E. of Woodward. All proceeds go to moving Barton Farm House to Bower's School Farm. Numbers at 8am.

BLOOMFIELD TWP Neighborhood Garage Sale, June 12-14, 9-4pm. W. off Adams, between Square Lake & S Boulevard.

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE Friday, June 13th, 9am-3pm. 830 N. Cranbrook, between 15-16 Mile. Empty nesters cleaning house. Many decorative items lamps, pictures, furniture and more.

CANTON 45377 Twining, near Canton Center & Sheldon Center. June 12 & 13, 8:30-3pm. Desks, chair, tables, dish sets, lots of old glassware, some clothing, jewelry, quilts, afghans, old electronics & misc.

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CANTON Forest Brook Sub Sale, June 12-13 & 14, 9am-5pm. Corner of Sheldon & Palmer.

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GARDEN CITY SALE Tools, antiques & household items. Thurs-Sat, June 12-14, 9-5pm. 28915 Florence, Cherry Hill & Middlebelt.

LIVONIA - 31613 Grenada, W. of Merriam, N. of Schoolcraft. Scrubs, shoes, clothes, luggage, misc furniture, watches, jewelry, etc. 6/13-6/16, 9-5pm.

LIVONIA - A garage sale you won't want to miss! Look for signs. 28972 Westfield, E. of Middlebelt, btwn W Chicago & Joy Rd. June 12-13, 9-6pm.

LIVONIA - June 12-14, 7:30-5pm. 36361 Lyndon, near 5 Mile & Levan. Clothes, household items, daybed, scrap book, books & misc.

LIVONIA - June 12-14, 9-5pm. 19048 Gary Lane, 7 Mile & Wayne area. Furniture, pils, household, microwave, weight bench, computer desk, etc.

LIVONIA 16238 Fairway, S. of 6 Mile, E. of Levan. Thurs-Sat, 9am-5pm. Multi-family - Clothes, toys, bikes, household items, furniture, & more!

LIVONIA 19659 Melvin, 8 Mile & Middlebelt. Thurs-Sat, June 12-14, 9-5pm. 2 piece sofa, Lazy-Boy chair, oak coffee table, light w/magnifying glass, misc. items.

LIVONIA 35259 Leon St., W. of Wayne Rd. S. of Plymouth. June 12-14, 8:30am-4:30pm. Baby furniture, clothing, & misc. items.

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LIVONIA ESTATE & GARAGE SALE June 13 and 14, 9am-5pm. 14926 HIX, CASTLE GARDENS SUB. W. OF NEWBURGH N. OF LYNDON. Dining and bedroom furniture, file cabinets, lots of household items, art, books, tools. You may even find some antique treasures!

LIVONIA GARAGE SALE 29925 Greenland, Middlebelt & 6 Mile. Thurs-Sat, 9-2pm. Furniture, tools, household goods and misc.

LIVONIA GARAGE SALE FRI/SAT 6/13-6/14, 9am-4pm. 19880 Norwich (Windridge Village), 7 Mile/Farmington Rd. Clean, excellent condition home goods, linen sets, rugs, light fixtures, teen/adult clothing, lawnmower, bath sink/faucets, side tables, Bowflex exercise machine, TV/VCR's & more!

LIVONIA GARAGE SALE Multi Family - Fri. & Sat. 19405 Stamford W. Farmington/N. 7 Mile. Kids Gear, Comics, Lots of Misc.

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LIVONIA Huge Multi-Family Sale - June 12, 13, 14, 9am-4pm. 19801 Liverpool Ave., Willow Woods Sub, enter from Newburgh, between 7 and 8 Mile. Antiques, collectibles, dishes, furniture, linens, lawn mowers, sewing machines, vintage gas range, much more.

LIVONIA HUGE SALE! 32852 Illinois, off Farmington & Joy. Household, furniture, baby, pet, tools & more! Fri June 13-Sat June 14, 10-5pm

LIVONIA SUB SALE Over 45 homes! (Thurs-Fri-Sat, June 12, 13, 14) 8am - 4pm. S. of Plymouth Rd., btwn Levan & Wayne. Lots of furniture, Antiques, Tools, Piano, Vintage Jewelry, Pool Table, Lawn Equip, Basketball hoop, Lg Ferret Cage, Crib, Strollers and much more!

LIVONIA-Moving Sale 36003 Grenada, S. of 5 Mile, E. off Levan. June 13-15, 9am-4pm. Furniture, antiques, tools, crib & dresser, & more!

MILFORD Multi-Family Garage Sale - Boulder Hills Sub in MILFORD. June 12-14, 9am - 5pm, Turnberry Ct., West side of South Main, South of Lafayette.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE Timbercrest Sub. 12 Mile between Inkster & Middlebelt. June 13th-15th, 9 AM - 6 PM.

NORTHVILLE - All proceeds to NPR. June 12-14, 9-4pm. 21326 Summerside Ct, near Beck & 8 Mile. Games, sport's equipment, antiques, etc.

NORTHVILLE N. Beacon Woods Sub-Wide Sale Thurs-Sat, June 12-14, 9am-6pm. 8 Mile & Beck. Furniture, kids stuff, collectibles, & more!

NORTHVILLE TWP Annual Maple Hill Subdivision Garage Sale, June 14, 8am-6pm. N. of 6 mile, W. of Haggerty.

NORTHVILLE Whisper Wood Sub Sale Fri. June 13- Sat. June 14, 9am-4pm, btwn 5 & 6 Mile Rds., E. of Northville off Bradner.

NOVI - Tons of baby things, 0-24mo. Everyday things, toys & accessories galore. 44604 Yorkshire, 10 Mile btwn Novi & Taft. June 12-14, 9-4pm.

NOVI 45167 Yorkshire Dr, off 10 Mile, W. of Novi Rd., E. of Taft. June 13-15, 8am-6pm. Multi-family sale - furniture, kids, & household items.

PLYMOUTH 1435 W. Ann Arbor Trail, E. of Sheldon, S. side of Ann Arbor Trail. June 12-14, 8:30a-4p. New baby items, bikes, furniture, etc.

PLYMOUTH - Thurs-Sun, 6/12-6/15, 9-5. 40228 Ivywood Ln, 2 bks S/5 Mile, W. of Haggerty. Kayaks, dressers, dry sink, collectible glassware & more!

REDFORD Huge Multi-Family Sale! Furniture, yard tools, household, clothes, linens, yarn, girls mountain bike, Stanley mirrored closet doors, mowers.

REDFORD Moving Sale - Sat. & Sun, June 14, 15, 9am-5pm. 9606 Inkster Rd., btwn W. Chicago & Plymouth. Furniture, antique appliances, golf clubs, household items & much more!

REDFORD MULTI-FAMILY BLOCK SALE - Gaylord St. btwn 6 & 7 Mile. Fri, June 13 & Sat., June 14, 9-4pm. Clothes, furniture, & misc.

Garage Sales

REDFORD Sat., June 14th, 10am-4pm & Sun, June 15th, 10am-1pm. 1546 Leona, 5 Mile & Telegraph. Baby items, lots of different merchandise.

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SAMPLE SALE - School supplies, office products, scrapbooking items & misc. home products. Thurs 6/12, 12-5; Fri 6/13, 10-5. 533 Lewis St. Birmingham, Mich, 48009

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TROY 3 Family Garage Sale - 5157 Saffron, Troy, Off Long Lake, E. of John R. Sat. & Sun, 10am-5pm.

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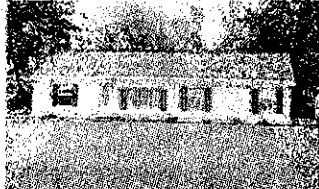
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Lovely 3 Bdrm/2 1/2 Bt Home on Lg 1/2 Acre Wooded Lot. Liv Rm w/Cath Cell; Family Rm w/FP/Plc; Master w/Whirlpool & More. Visit teamterova.com
(28089673) \$186,500



Fowlerville 734-455-7000
PRIME LOCATION SIDING TO COMMONS! Neutral decor enhances a light, open airy feeling in this 3BR/2BA ranch. Full basement ready for your touch. All appliances stay including washer/dryer!
(28059506) \$130,000



Genoa Twp 248-348-6430
Superior Designed Home Home on 1/2 acre! Priv on Brighton Lake, 2 sty GR, KIT w/granite & SS Applis, 1st flr mstr w/cathedral ceiling. Xtra deep rough plumbed bsmt. Brighton Schools in all rms. Walkout lower level.
(28011074) \$499,900



Hartland 248-348-6430
BETTER THAN NEW IN HARTLAND! Welcoming 3 BR, 2.5 BA home. Well lit kit w/brkfst flr, maple cab. 1st flr mstr ste. Cozy frplc in great room. LL is prepped for BA. Cedar deck opens to lg yard.
(28080934) \$227,900



Hartland 248-684-1065
Immaculate home on acre lot w/ lake priv on Dunham Lk. GR w/brk FP; oak kit w/ all appl. Fin. LL W/O w/ wet bar. Huge deck w/ benches/stairs to LL.
(28055641) \$219,900



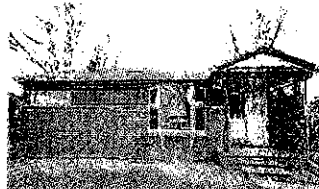
Highland 248-684-1065
1341 Sq Ft 3 bd, 1 ba bungalow in Seven Harbors sub. All brick exterior w/ large back yard, 2+ car heated garage with water, lake privs on White Lake.
(28019474) \$157,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Charming country cottage w/ fieldstone FP, wooded lot w/ large deck. Lake priv. Large eat-in kitchen. Updated full bath. Living rm w/ wood floors.
(28052023) \$135,000



Livonia 734-591-9200
LIVONIA BRICK RANCH. SPOTLESS AND READY to move in. Refin hrdwd flrs 1/0 w/farm rm addition. Corner lot newer windows, poured bsmt walls; updated electrical.
(28058937) \$165,000



Livonia 248-851-1900
POTTERY BARN PERFECTION! Oak flooring & professional paint give WOW appeal. Updates include windows, bath, copper plumbing, electrical, shingles. Extra large heated garage. Super location.
(27215963) \$151,888



Livonia 734-591-9200
All reasonable offers considered. Needs a little TLC for minor repairs. Many updates: furnace, C/A, roof, gar for 2+ cars built for rv. Open fr. w/plan. Nice size yard. Close to shopping & highways.
(28064998) \$142,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Gorgeous Custom Cedar/Stone 3267 Sq Ft Home Paradise Tucked Amongst Pine Trees on 3+ Acres w/Up North Feel in Quaint Milford. 3 Bdrms/3 Baths. Pole Barn.
(28046592) \$449,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Beautiful condo in desirable area. High ceilings, granite surfaces, HDWD flrs. Lots of natural light. Hilltop setting w/ great views. All appl. stay.
(28054045) \$339,754



Milford 248-684-1065
Open flr plan w/ soaring GR w/ FP & loft. 1st flr MBR. Fin W/O LL. Over 2,800 sq.ft. living space. 700 sq.ft. cedar deck w/ priv. yard on 2.35 acres.
(28040482) \$315,000



Milford 248-684-1065
Well maintained home on 1.5 wooded acres. Huge LR w/ hrdwd flrs. DR w/ D/W to covered porch. Oak kit. Spacious FR w/ D/W to deck. 1st flr laun. 2 car gar.
(28024868) \$219,900



Northfield 248-437-3800
Want to live up North? Secluded five acres at the end of a private road has up north feel. Home has 3 BR on main level and 2 add'l on finished lower level. Vaulted ceilings much more!
(28022345) \$358,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Well Maintained 4 Bedroom Colonial with excellent floor plan & loads of updates, kitchen with granite, neutral decor throughout, 2-way fireplace between the family room & library, brick patio.
(28084530) \$389,000



Novi 248-684-1065
Charming colonial. New oak kit w/ SS appls. FR w/ hrdwd flrs & nat flr. 1st flr laun. Huge mstr w/ new ba. New 2 tier cedar deck. Part fin bsmt w/ office.
(28081118) \$230,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Urban hip condo with suburban comfort. Beautiful newer condo in great location near downtown Novi. 2 br, 2 ba, finished LL. Upgrades include hardwood floors, security system, gas fireplace in GR.
(28042184) \$200,000



Novi 248-851-1900
DON'T MISS THIS ONE! SERENE LOCATION New countertops, sinks & faucets in kitchen & master bath. New lav. faucet & hardware. Great rm with soaring cathedral ceiling & doorwall to deck. Backs to woods.
(28065361) \$157,500



Novi 248-348-6430
LOVELY CONDO! WELL MAINTAINED Condo living at its best! Delightful kt, lovely LR, cozy FR, 2 nice size bdr, 1.5 baths, both updated. Full fin bsmt, pool, clubhouse & tennis court in complex.
(28011428) \$134,500



Novi 248-348-6430
Great Price on This Novi 3 BR Condo! Open floor plan, nice sized rooms, unfinished LL. All apps stay. Assn fee includes gas and water. Sidewalks, pool, tennis courts and clubhouse. Great value!
(27194391) \$110,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Great Location For This Well-Lit Condo Lg Mstr Br w/dw, Mstr Ba & Sep Dressing Area, Fr & Dining Area, Priv Patio. Fee Includes Gas, Water, Tennis Court, Clubhouse, Pool, Playground & ext. Maintenance.
(28085265) \$84,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Great Home for Lease Novi Schools & close to everything. KIT w/brkfst area. Formal LR & FR w/FPs. 4 nice size BR, 3.5 BA, FF Indry. Fin'd bsmt w/5th BR. Very spacious. Ready for you.
(27199149) \$2,000



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Home features a kit w/cherry cabinets, granite & island. Fr w/frplc, dr w/butler pantry, lib w/french drs, mstr ste w/deep spa, dbl wic. LL w/wet bar & ample storage. Cedar deck & prof landscaped.
(28085400) \$545,000



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Beautiful & Comfortable Ranch. Economical starter home. Great find! bsmt, lovely kit, nice FR, LR, 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, patio, porch, fenced yard. Newer furn, A/C, roof, driveway, sidewalks in sub.
(27166790) \$164,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000
PLYMOUTH "FIXER UPPER" Great potential in this 3 bedroom colonial near downtown Plymouth. Needs work but has some updates. Large treed yard. Much more!
(28043341) \$137,500



Plymouth 248-348-6430
2 Bedroom Ground Level Condo in Plymouth Short run or bike ride to FH Park! Updates incl. HDWD laminate fl in KIT, living RM, dining area & entry, bathroom fixtures, carpet & paint. Patio & storage rm.
(28019197) \$90,000



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Mint Condition Ranch unit, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, private basement includes storage, & laundry room. Walk-in closet w/ some built-ins. Newer drive-in walkway. 24x13 deck. 20x20 patio. Fin bsmt. 24x24 gar.
(27225528) \$61,900



Redford 734-455-7000
BRICK RANCH ON HUGE, PRIVATE, TREED LOT! Loaded w/updates & too many features to list. Great home for everyday living & entertaining. Newer drive-in walkway. 24x13 deck. 20x20 patio. Fin bsmt. 24x24 gar.
(28092208) \$149,900



Redford 248-684-1065
Move-in ready. Updated Kit & BA. Large master w/ walk-in closet w/ some built-ins. New kitchen appliances. Home w/ntly. 24x12 deck off dining area.
(28054388) \$84,754



Redford 734-455-7000
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! Bank owned - 3 bedrm bungalow with garage and basement. Hrdwd flrs thruout with natural fireplace. Just needs a little bit of paint and some personal touches.
(28088725) \$59,900



Romulus 734-591-9200
Wow! An Absolute Must See! Newly Built home backs to nat preserve. 4 BRs, 2nd flr Indry, prem lot, brick pavers, lg kit w/island, bsmt plumb for BA & Shower, lg MBR & WIC, home warranty, lg FR w/FP.
(28076965) \$244,900



Salem 248-851-1900
NEW CONSTRUCTION ON 2 ACRES IN SALEM TWP Features granite kitchen, family rm & living rm w/fireplace, 1st floor master suite w/jetted tub & 2 large bedrooms on upper level plus loft. Walkout lower level.
(27199105) \$350,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Quality Built Victorian Home On approx. 1/2 acre lot backing to open land, features great rm w/FP, formal dining rm w/bay window, breakfast nook w/oversized door wall to screened porch.
(28060179) \$239,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Experience living in country! Open floor plan, newer roof, sprinklers, fence, fireplace, main bath. Fieldstone FP/Gas insert. Large mbr w/ access to deck. Large kit w/center island.
(28038114) \$219,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Sharp colonial in Eagle Heights! Home offers a large kitchen, spacious great room with soaring ceilings, finished sun room with skylights, large deck, sidewalks and more.
(27193962) \$174,500



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Very Cute Updated home in great location New siding, interior kitchen including cabinets and flooring. Newer roof and windows. Extra insulation and energy efficient. Large fenced yard.
(28010123) \$135,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Resort Style Living! Over 1200 SF. 2 bedroom raised ranch condo. Enjoy the use of an indoor and outdoor pool, clubhouse, fitness center, tennis and basketball courts.
(28018881) \$109,900



Wayne 734-284-5400
CUTE, CUTE RANCH Great for first time home buyer's. Updated windows & bath, oak cabinets in kitchen. Home comes with central air & a garage. This home is priced to sell!
(28022816) \$70,000



West Bloomfield 248-684-1065
Enjoy 79' of canal frontage on premier lake. Charming Cape Cod has been extensively remodeled. Oak cabinets, carpet, wainscoting, etc. Wooded lot & lake view.
(28024651) \$185,000



Westland 734-455-7000
MRS. CLEAN LIVES HERE! Quiet court setting backs to wooded area. Beautifully maintained. Upgraded carpets, ceramics, cabinets & fixtures. Vaulted ceilings, skylight, fireplace.
(28041750) \$171,500



Westland 734-284-5400
PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP! Gorgeous 4 bedrm home. This home offers updated kitchen, bath and windows. This home also offers a new roof. Separate laundry rm. A Must See! Call today!
(28056953) \$160,000



Westland 248-348-6430
Move-In Condition! Immaculate & well-maintained 2 sty CLNL w/3 BRs, 2.5 BAs & frnd bsmt (Owens-Corning Panels). Open floor plan, 1st flr Indry, newer sub. A great buy!
(28044111) \$139,900



Westland 734-455-7000
TODAY'S BUY-TOMORROW'S SECURITY! Nicely updated, including roof, wndws, kitchen, bath + new half bath nearly completed, carpet, flooring, siding & gar door & newer furn & A/C. The work is done!
(28093148) \$124,900



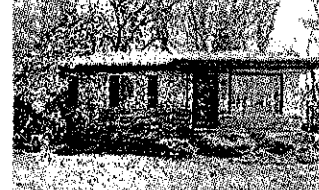
Westland 734-591-9200
Larger Affordable Home Just Under 1500 SF. Nice size BRs, 1.5 BA, kit w/Dining area & DW to paver patio. 2.5 gar; newer driveway; motion lights on front & side doors; 4 Cng Fans; Newer roof, HW Htr 07.
(28077414) \$112,500



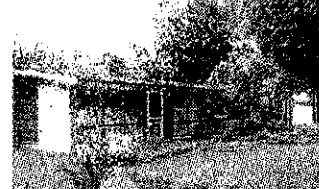
White Lake 248-684-1065
Ready to move in. Beautiful neighborhood w/ lake priv. New kit w/ walk-in pantry. MBR w/ full BA & balcony. Pool/jetted spa and stamped concrete deck.
(28075804) \$250,000



White Lake 248-437-3800
Priced to Sell!! All the hard work has been done. Many updates: recent roof w/25 year shingle, septic field, new well, oversized pressure tank, water softener, furnace & more!
(28073983) \$174,900



Wolverine Lake 734-591-9200
Desirable Wolverine Lake Sub w/sports lake access. Sharp Ranch w/fin W/O bsmt & FP; updt kit & BA; spacious BRs; lot backs to wetlands so you can watch the ducks & geese from your eating area.
(28059451) \$158,000

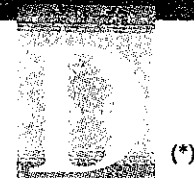


Wolverine Lake 248-437-3800
Sharp starter ranch! Fully updated and decorated. Updates include: kitchen, bathroom, copper plumbing and roof. Top that off with your new 21 x 35 garage.
(28061441) \$114,900



Ypsilanti 248-437-3800
Priced To Sell 1278 SF Ranch in popular Green Farms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage.
(28091844) \$129,900

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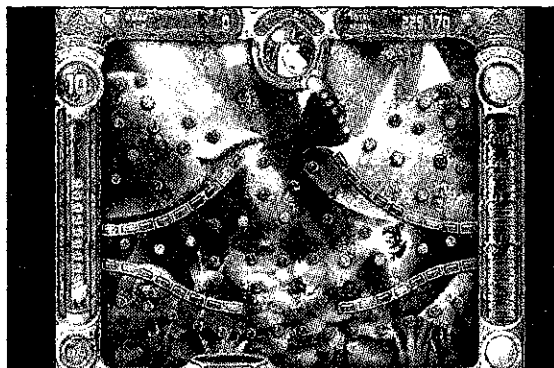


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Need a quick break? Great games like Peggle await you at PopCap, and they're all free to play.

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Question: I'm sitting at my desk with five minutes to kill. What do you recommend?

Answer: Though your employer may feel differently, I find that nothing beats a game break.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

When I need a respite from work, I fire up a game in my Web browser. They're free, fun and perfect for recharging brain batteries.

My first stop is usually PopCap Games (popcap.com/online_games.php), home to well-known puzzlers like Bejeweled, Bookworm and Zuma.

Nearly every game on the site is a winner, but my current favorite is Peggle, a kind of high-tech version of the old Japanese parlor game Pachinko. It's so much fun, I actually bought the full version (\$19.99), which offers more levels than its Web counterpart.

I'm also a big fan of Desktop Tower Defense (handdrawngames.com), a strategy game in which you have to defend your fortress against cute little alien "creeps."

You do so by spending an allotment of cash of various kinds of gun towers and placing them in strategic locations on the battlefield (which looks like the top of a desk, hence the name).

DTD takes about five minutes to learn and offers a very satisfying mix of action and strategy.

Finally, don't miss Line Rider (http://tinyurl.com/2j5bmj), which is less a game and more a fun way to doodle.

Using your mouse, you draw a line from the upper left portion of the window to the lower right, adding curves, jumps, drop-offs, and the like. When you're done, click Play: a cute little guy on a sled "rides" your line as though it were, well, a custom-made sledding hill.

It sounds a bit goofy, but trust me: There's no better five-minute distraction.

Question: I want to record some simple home movies, but don't want to spend a small fortune on a camcorder. Can't I just use my digital camera?

Answer: It depends on the camera. Some models offer a perfectly good movie mode—my definition of "perfectly good" being 30 frames per second,

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Four-cheese stuffed jumbo pasta shells fills a platter for customers to enjoy as one of the many carryout foods at Joe's Produce in Livonia.

Joe produces

Market owner offers specialties, carryout, catering

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Joe Maiorana wanted an upgrade.

The owner of Joe's Produce in Livonia was always confident about his products (fresh produce) and continued customer loyalty.

Maiorana knew though he needed to do more. In his travels to New York City and around the country he found that many food markets offered specialization and more convenience to customers.

He decided to expand Joe's Produce and began working with a consultant. Finally completed last year, the expansion



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Joe Maiorana, owner of Joe's Produce, recently expanded his market to add an extensive wine inventory.

sion added 12,500 square feet to bring the total area of the store to 34,500 square feet.

Joe's Produce now serves gourmet food to go, and this year Maiorana added catering operations, hiring an event planner, an executive chef of catering and another executive chef for the store operations.

But it's the emphasis on other details that will help the market compete into the 21st century.

Wine lovers will appreciate that a sommelier now works at Joe's. Mike Larranaga started in February. "We brought in

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Accents

BUILD THE BEST BURGER

If you can build a great burger, Sports Venue Bar & Grill in Garden City has a contest for you.

Anyone can participate. Entry forms are available at Sports Venue, 6327 Middlebelt (between Ford and Warren) in Garden City. Participants need to fill out entry form, including a \$5 entry fee, and drop off at Sports Venue or mail to 5822 Cardwell, Garden City 48135.

All recipes will be judged (five judges) and five recipes will be chosen as finalists. Entries will be chosen according to originality and ease of preparation. All entries must be received by June 14.

The finalist will cook their burger at Sports Venue at 5 p.m. June 22. The five judges will pick a winner.

The winner will receive a trophy and their burger will be put on the menu at Sports Venue.

On that day, proceeds from beverage sales and the five dollar entry fee will be donated to Waggin Tails Dog Rescue. There will also be a euchre tournament at 6:30 p.m. and part of the entry fee for euchre will be donated to Waggin Tails.

UGLY YARDS SOUGHT

Are you embarrassed by your yard? Does your lawn struggle to grow amid an onslaught of weeds? Are bushes climbing past your windows and weeds popping up out of every crack in your patio?

If this sounds like your yard, just remember the Yard Doctor is in - and he's making house calls in 2008.

On behalf of Briggs & Stratton, "Yard Doctor" Trey Rogers will help two homeowners with their lawn and yard care problems. The yards will be chosen in July based on how ugly they are and how badly they need some emergency TLC. The Yard Doctor will diagnose problems, prescribe treatment and bring along a \$1,000 check and the winner's choice of two pieces of new outdoor power equipment to jumpstart some serious landscape efforts. The winners can choose from a Snapper mower, Snapper pressure washer and Sarlo string trimmer.

Homeowners living with ugly yards are invited to share their lawn and yard care problems at myuglyyard.com from April 15 through June 30. Be sure to provide a video tour of your lawn and yard to point out problems you would like tackled.

Going from cellar rat to winemaker

Willamette Valley is the heart of Oregon wine country. Back roads are easy to explore and among the rolling hills are more than 200 wineries, most producing two heralded varietal wines, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir.

In 1996, and in his early 20s, Joe Wright picked up Colorado stakes and headed for Willamette Valley, a wine area he learned about working in a retail wine shop. To gain employment, he picked up a wine directory and began phoning. He landed a job and by 2002, he went from cellar rat (term for the lowest

winery position) to assistant winemaker.

During those six years, Wright met amateur winemaker Mike Magee and Corvallis, Ore., attorney and investor Steve Allen. They drew up plans for Belle Vallee Cellars and made it a reality. Currently, in a modern 18,000-square-foot winery in downtown Corvallis, Wright, as the head winemaker for the partnership, makes 18,000 cases, 95 percent pinot noir, four percent pinot gris and a few cases of reds grown in the Rogue Valley of southern Oregon.

WHAT TO BUY FROM BELLE VALLEE CELLARS

2005 Oregon Pinot Gris \$15: In Oregon the official name of the grape variety is pinot gris. Pinot grigio (the Italian name

for the same grape) is disallowed. This well-priced version has a panoply of aromas and flavors including apple, citrus, pear and wild honey.

Mineral notes add to the wine's overall complexity. It's a fine match for grilled marinated shrimp with a jicama slaw, as executive chef Jeff Rose illustrated at Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham.

2006 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir \$20 may be the best pinot bargain from Oregon. The style is somewhat lighter than, as an example, a blockbuster from California's Russian River Valley, but it's elegant and delicious - perfect for summer drinking with grilled salmon.

2006 Willamette Valley Reserve Pinot Noir \$37 is, as might be expected, a bigger rendition as a blend of 16 vineyards, with 40 variations of

soil compositions, clones and rootstocks. With a solid fruit core of black cherry, blackberry and raspberry fruit, it's generous in the mouth and finishes long, juicy and satisfying. Chef Rose paired it with a sensational crispy rabbit roulade, not an easy prep for a home cook, so think a simple, grilled marinated pork tenderloin.

2005 Willamette Valley Grand Cuvee Pinot Noir \$50 is a best of the cellar wine. Concentrated, velvety and silky, it's loaded with dark fruit characters. If you're a pinot noir aficionado, don't miss it.

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WINE PICKS

Need ideas for Father's Day?

Passion on the Vine: A memoir of Food, Wine and Family in the Heart of Italy, Sergio Esposito, Broadway Books, \$24.95 is simply a delight by an Italian-American entrepreneur, celebrating both the flavors of his native land and the artistry of Italian wine, is an appealing read.

The finest scotch malts: The Macallan Sherry Oak 18 years old (about \$130) is the single malt to which all others are compared. The Macallan Fine Oak 15 Years Old (about \$80) is lighter in style and perfect for warm weather months.

For warm weather, there's no better wine than sauvignon blanc. Match the following with sushi, salads, grilled vegetables, fish, grilled chicken, crab, Asian cuisine and pasta in a light cream sauce.

Pick of the pack: 2007 Souverain Alexander Valley \$15 with lively grapefruit zest character and a touch of French oak barrel influence.

Also very good: 2007 Murphy-Goode The Fume \$12, 2007 Vina Robles \$14, 2007 Mercer Columbia Valley \$15, 2007 Morgan Monterey \$15, 2007 Justin \$15, 2007 Clos LaChance Central Coast \$15, 2007 Ferrari-Carano Fume Blanc \$17, 2007 Hanna Estate-Grown Russian River Valley \$17, 2007 Hess Allomi Vineyard \$18, 2007 St. Supery Napa Valley \$21

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it is a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.



Executive chef Reva Bell-Constantine and events planner Laura Livingston work together on catering events at Joe's Produce in Livonia.

MARKET

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more collector's wines," said Larranaga. "We have wines people can buy every day, and we have hard-to-find wines." Wines range in price from \$6.99-\$250. Larranaga also brought in more Spanish wines. "They can also talk to a chef about prepping foods with these wines," Larranaga said. There's also a winemaker's dinner set for June 16.

Events Planner Laura Livingston will book small house parties, corporate gatherings, weddings and graduations — groups ranging from 10 to 500. "We're full service planners, from a tray dropoff to outdoor events where you can book a tent, set up grills and specialty linens," Livingston said.

"We've had a lot of experts here and that's been a key to our success," Maiorana said. "What I did was set out to find experts in their field."

Indeed. Reva Bell-Constantine, the new executive chef of catering, is a former chef at Ritz Carlton, and Gravity in Milford.



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Vegetarian portabello mushroom napoleon adds variety to the offerings.

Larranaga is a California native familiar with the wineries there and has worked as a sommelier in restaurants. Teresa Summers, pastry chef, worked closely with Joe Decker, master pastry chef, at Schoolcraft College, and now she and a staff of five create appealing and creative desserts on display at the coffee cafe in the store.

Maiorana has built a short pipeline to Schoolcraft College, hiring recent Schoolcraft graduates like Summers, Bell-Constantine and Scott

Swamba, executive chef of operations. Maiorana said he spoke with Schoolcraft instructors who recommended the chefs. "They were tremendous," Maiorana said of the instructors.

"My thinking was there has to be enough people who like the best foods, and the people here are behind the product, so they tell the customers (about the product)," Maiorana said.

Today the market represents a far cry from the original store. The addition includes counterspace dedicated to

gourmet foods to go, more than 200 cheeses, an olive and antipasto bar, a full line of deli sub sandwiches, and a chicken rotisserie. Gourmet to go offers salads and entrees like Italian sausage with peppers, chicken kebabs and baby back ribs.

Swamba emphasizes seasonality in deciding what will grace the menu for the carryout foods. "We go with the seasonal and soon we will be moving into summer items," Swamba called the customer response "tremendous" to the prepared foods, whether he serves ribs, crab salad or pasta salads.

Swamba was hired eight months ago, Bell-Constantine three weeks ago.

"I'll try and make Joe's Produce's catering gourmet and upscale, on a level of Papa Joe's," Bell-Constantine said, naming the Birmingham and Rochester Hills market. She prefers to work on catering rather than in a restaurant kitchen because "I know what's going on," she said.

"Catering (in markets) is really new. We can really capture a wide range of audience of customers."

Maiorana said the olive and antipasto bar is popular. "It's probably because of the growing trend of Mediterranean food. It's healthy and gives you variety. People have a far more expanded knowledge of food now. People travel to Europe, see something there and they have a taste for that."

Then there are the desserts and sweets, all on display at the coffee cafe.

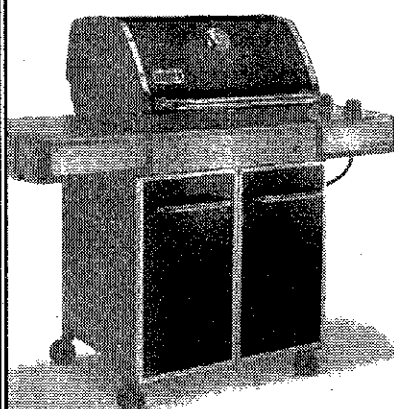
Summers will put out a tray of minis (brownies and cannoli), with several other desserts with strawberries, raspberries and lemon raspberry, key lime raspberry parfaits and key lime mousse tart.

"This food is all made by people who know how to make food," Maiorana said. "It's made on site and they can purchase it. If there's something you don't see, you can ask for it and they can make it for you," Maiorana said of his chefs.

"It was a really big undertaking. I saw it being popular and it seemed to be the most viable way to expand. We expanded the building and it's busy but there is room to walk around and the turnover of food is great. The staff does the best job they can. They care about their jobs and the customers."

Joe's Produce is located at 33152 W. Seven Mile Rd. (just east of Farmington Road) in Livonia. The phone number is (248) 477-4333. Visit the Web site at www.joesproduce.com for more information.

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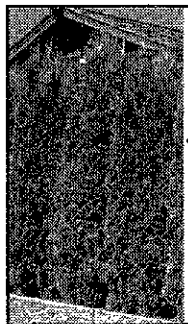
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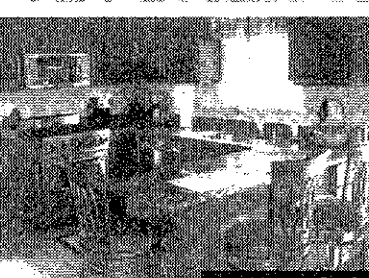
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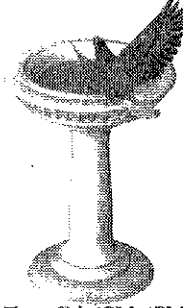
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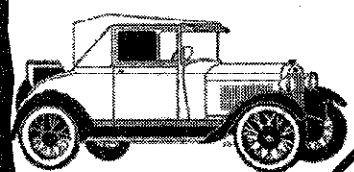
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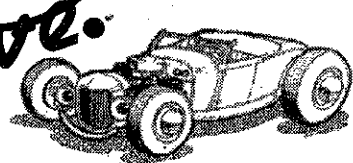


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I recently asked a friend if she believes in advertising and she replied that it is a necessity of doing business. I then asked her if she believes the advertising and she said that she seldom puts her full trust in the advertising itself. Her reasoning is based on the belief that people will lie.

I think of myself as somewhat of an advertising expert having worked in radio for the past 25 years. I've worked as

a fraud investigator with the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan. My close relationship with the Better Business Bureau has taught me a great deal about truth in advertising and I get very frustrated with the unethical behavior of certain people in the media who are only concerned about making money without any compassion for the homeowner.

There are companies out there doing business who are portrayed as being honest and reputable when they are not. You as a homeowner and consumer must use sheer diligence to make sure you are not being conned by the advertising itself. Check out the company yourself and don't trust any type of referral service, which is prevalent in all sorts of forms these days. Call the Better Business Bureau, the attorney general's office and even your local chamber of commerce.

I remember almost 20 years ago when a television commercial featured a refrigerator and said that if you had a problem with this product in the first 10 years of ownership, you would receive a total

refund of the product. At the bottom of the screen was a list of parts in small print, and if they failed, it didn't apply to this total refund policy. These are common parts that are prone to failure on a refrigerator. The FCC fined the manufacturer because you had to get on your knees directly in front of the television to read the small print and you didn't have enough time to read it all before it disappeared. You can't tell me that the executives involved cared about truth in advertising; they were only interested in the money to be made.

The commercial with a guy throwing a complete cake into a dishwasher was another one. That commercial professed that you don't have to clean off your plates when you use this brand of dishwasher. The dishwasher was supposed to have some sort of gentle garbage disposer built into it.

The service industry would love to have you continue to believe this, as they are kept quite busy fixing broken impellers on the motor assembly. Quite simply, a dishwasher is meant to wash dishes after you scrap off the plates. It is not a garbage disposer! I even heard the story of the guy who saw that commercial on Thanksgiving Day and threw the whole turkey carcass into the dishwasher.

The next day he needed a service technician to come over to his house and fix the dishwasher.

Stay tuned.

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TECH

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VGA resolution (640x480 pixels), and recording time limited only by the available storage space.

However, you may want to consider the new Flip Video Mino (theflip.com), a pocket-size camcorder that's perfect for the YouTube generation.

Like its predecessor, the

popular Flip Video Ultra, the Mino (at \$180) records up to an hour's worth of VGA-quality video.

However, this model is much slimmer, and it dispenses (not necessarily for the better) with tactile controls in favor of touch-sensitive buttons.

What's more, it uses a rechargeable battery: Just plug it into your PC's USB port for instant charging.

That's also how you copy recorded videos from the cam-

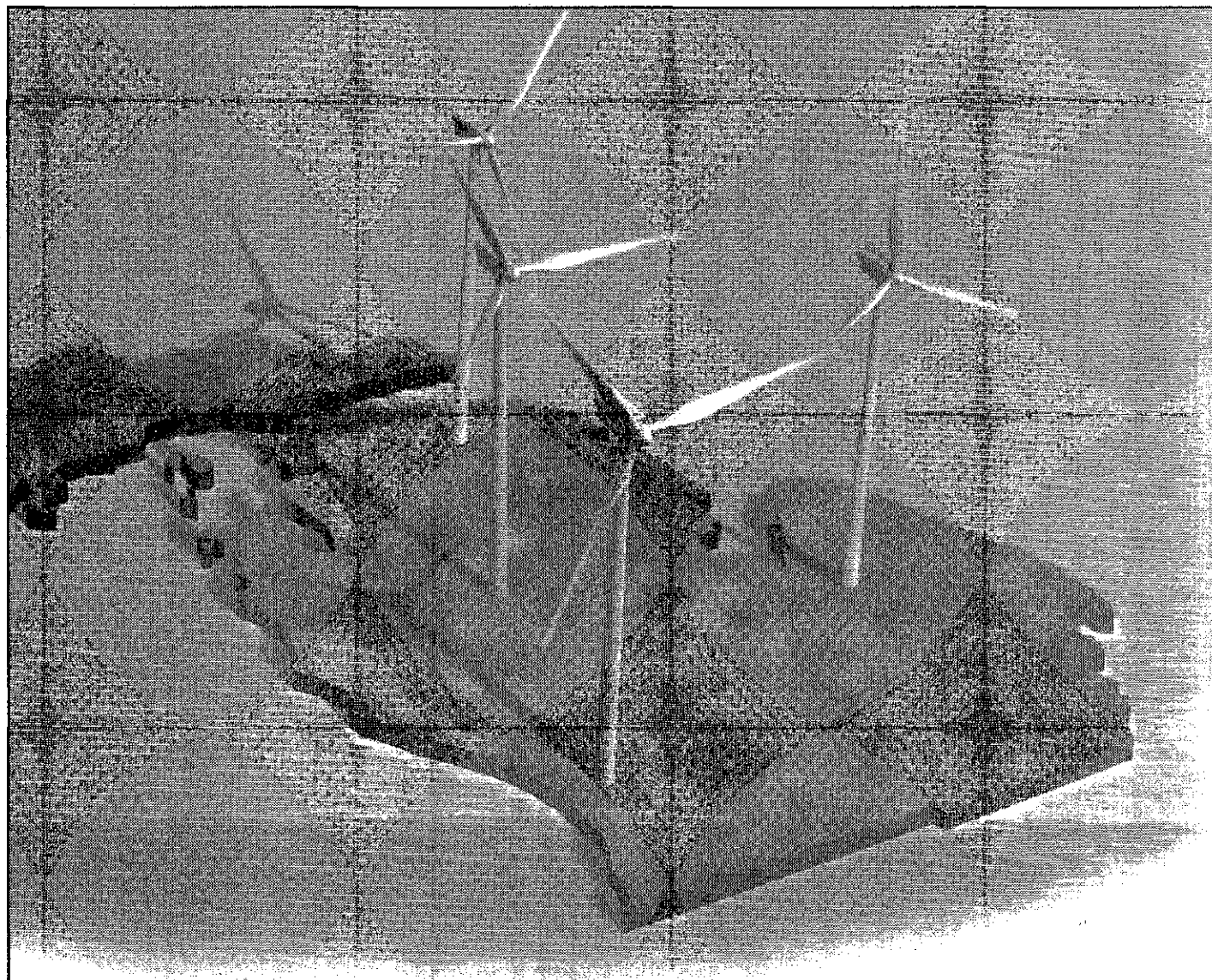
corder to your PC and, if you wish, straight to YouTube or another online video service. The Mino's built-in software makes this a blissfully easy operation.

So, the next time the kids are doing something cute and you want to share it with grandma and grandpa, whip out the Mino and press record. Inside of 15 minutes, you'll have a YouTube link you can e-mail them.

I was hoping this model

would offer more recording time, higher resolution, and perhaps a lower price. But you can't argue with its simple operation, elegant design, and incredible convenience.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the Cheapskate blog for CNET (blogs.cnet.com/cheapskate). He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.



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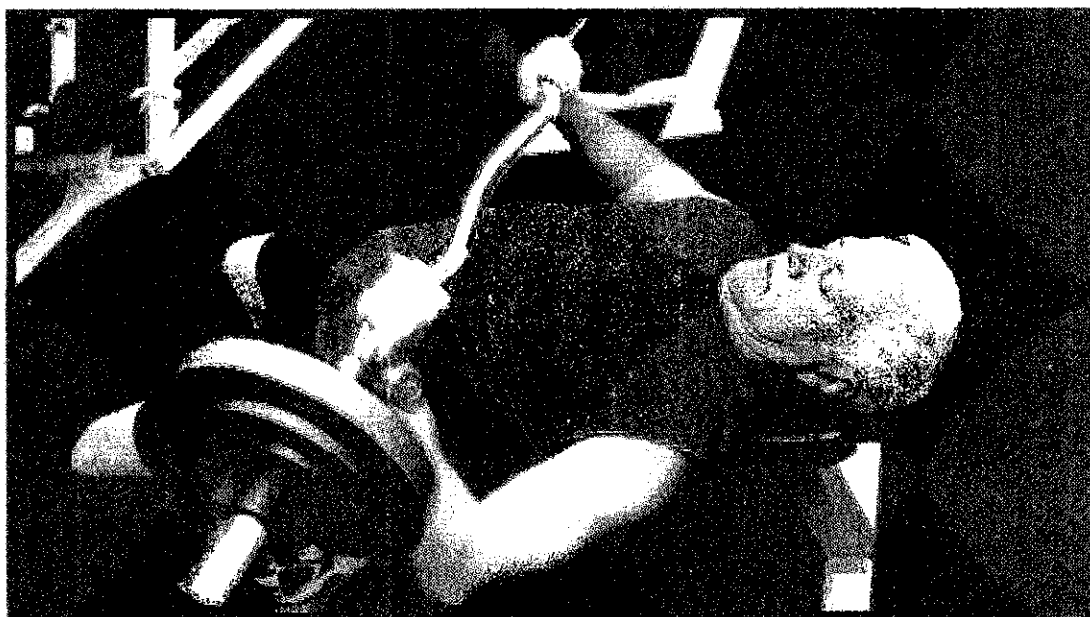
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JUNE

Strawberry festival
5-9 p.m. Friday, June 13, on the grounds of Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middle Belt, one block south of Ford Rd. Fresh strawberries,

a variety of cakes, ice cream and beverage for \$4. Items can be purchased separately. Old-fashioned bake sale features home made strawberry items plus jellies, pies, cakes, cookies, breads. Assorted crafts including yard decorations for sale along with handmade baby items, jewelry and afghans, an assortment of games and toys for children. Call (734) 421-7620.

Evolutionary presentation

The Rev. Michael Dowd, author of the new book, *Thank God for Evolution*, (Viking/Penguin), brings his cosmic

gospel back to the Detroit-area. Dowd gives a 90-minute presentation, *Thank God for Evolution: How The Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World*, at the 10 a.m. Sunday service June 15, and 7 p.m. Monday, June 16, at UU Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington. Call (248) 478-7272.

Rainforest adventure

Vacation Bible School 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 16-20, at King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia. Ages 3 through sixth grade welcome. Theme relates crafts,

songs, games, snacks and Bible study. Registration is \$10, due by June 4. For more information, call (248) 767-4966.

Vacation Bible school

This year will be held with a camping setting 9:15 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 16-20, for all children ages 3 to 12, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Theme is Jesus, Our Forever Friend! Parents may register their children by filling out the online form at www.holycrosslivonia.org. Children could also register Monday, June 16. Visitors welcome.

Cosmic City

Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 16-20, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. A fun-filled free event for kids entering kindergarten through entering sixth grade. Call (734) 459-9550, ext. 26.

Vacation Bible school

6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 16-20, dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. followed by Bible stories, crafts, games and worship, Friday night is Family night and everyone is invited for water games, a live band, creative crafts, and snacks, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Theme is Outrigger Island. Call (734) 464-6722 pre-register online at www.5milechurch.org.

Mom's retreat

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia invites all Catholic Moms in the area to join in an occasional morning off this summer to enjoy some personal time for prayer and relaxation, coupled with some adult discussion of topics relevant to your daily faith life. 8:30-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, July 2, July 16, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast, and conversation and discussion with other moms at St. Michael's on the southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth Road, Livonia. Moms may register for as few or many sessions as their schedules permit, cost is \$8 per session with an additional \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org.

Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia, continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month on June 18. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All in the area are welcome to participate. For details, call (734) 261-1455.

Summer day camp

Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades 1-6, from June 18 to Aug. 24. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended care available. At an extra cost. Campers will participate in one field trip per week with additional local outings and weekly water days. Daily elective classes will include sports, drama, music, and foods. SHINE is a fully-licensed daycare through the State of Michigan Department of Human Resources. Weekly full-time registrations range from \$135 to \$165. Information available at wardchurch.org, or by calling (248) 374-5975.

Sprout time

Preschoolers and Toddlers ages 1 to Pre-K and their parent are invited to join Bell Creek Community Church for bible stories, music, crafts 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 19, June 26, July 10, and July 17, at McKinley Elementary School, 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia. Bring a lunch and have fun. For information, call (734) 425-1174 or e-mail jen@bellcreek.org.

Summer music ministry

Thursday, June 19 (People's Ringers from Milan), and July 10 (Sci Ridge Brass Quintet), dinner at 6 p.m. for \$6, concert at 7 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Hymn sings May 25, July 6, Aug. 10, Sept. 7. Family Choir all ages are invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 7. All are welcome to music events.

Third Un-Annual Art Show

Does art have Buddha nature? 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 20, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday June 21, at Still Point Zen Buddhist Temple 4347 Trumbull Avenue (at Canfield), Detroit. A portion of proceeds support Still Point. All welcome. Artists include Still Point members, invited guests and juried artists. Poetry reading opening night 9-10 p.m. under the stars (weather permitting). For details, call 313 645) 9860 or (313) 580-6825, or send e-mail to stillpointart08@gmail.com.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday June 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

50th anniversary celebration

Former members and friends are being invited back to Grace Moravian Church in Westland 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 22. A pot luck dinner will follow the service at 31133 Hively. If you are

planning to stay for the meal, call Beverly Moore at (734) 722-4102. The Moravian denomination celebrates 550 years since it was founded in 1457. On July 13 former pastor Rev. Allen Bergmann will be the guest speaker. A pot luck follows that service as well.

Prayer in America

Seventh annual Worldviews Seminar, Detroit Public Television and Interfaith Partners of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion present *Prayer in America* 4-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 23, at University of Michigan-Dearborn. For reservations, call (313) 870-1500 or send e-mail to Tanaya Parker at tparker@miroundtable.org.

Rain forest adventure

Vacation Bible School invites all children 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 23-26, a light supper each night leads to an evening of games, crafts, songs, skits, stories, no charge, Garden City Presbyterian Church, on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford. To register, call (734) 421-7620.

Vacation Bible school

Friendship Trek 9-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, June 23-27 (for ages 3 through completion of fifth grade), at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Bible learning via Wilderness Crafts, Survivor Games, Backpack Snacks, and Bible songs. Suggested donation \$10 per child. To register, call (734) 522-6830 or online at www.christoursavior.org.

Water works park

9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 23-27, at Ward Church, Northville. "Uncle Jerry" Jacoby, nationally known for his Good Stuff school assemblies, will share humor, stories and songs. Other activities include inflatables, crafts, games, music. Free and open to children entering grades K-7. For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE daycare with drop-off hours available as of 7 a.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. SHINE day camp is \$115, and requires pre-registration. Information at wardchurch.org.

Summer day camp

Performing arts camp for grades 1-6 with lunch included, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 23-25, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Cost \$50. Call (248) 348-7600.

Family concert

Deano and the Dynamos bring their beach boy style worship music all the way from California 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600. No charge, no registration required.

Ward Church car show

Featuring classic, custom and just plain hot cars and motorcycles 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, in the parking lot at Six Mile and Cross Roads, just west of Haggerty. To enter a vehicle, send e-mail to Dan Jones at danjones@live.com by Monday, June 23.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of every month at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Fall craft show

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) examines the disciplines of spirituality in action during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in June at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer Camp continues to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

UPCOMING

Monthly dance

Hosted Bethany Suburban West which provides peer support to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago, at Inkster Rd., Redford. No dance lesson this month. Cost \$10. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716 for details.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 10-12, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W.

Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Bethany Suburban West

Fireworks at Heritage Park in Taylor Friday, July 11. For details, call Elsie at (313) 563-1142.

Red Cross blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 13, in the parish hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, ext. 309.

Vacation Bible school

9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

Vacation Bible school

July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 for first child, \$20 thereafter, includes music CD. Call (734) 464-0211.

Bethany Suburban West

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Jazz worship

11 a.m. Sunday, July 20, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church conducts a special Jazz Worship service featuring instrumentalists and singers leading hymnody and liturgy in a format that will be easy and very uplifting to sing, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. For information, call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830.

Grandparents/kids weekend

July 25-27, at FaHolo Camp & Conference Center, Grass Lake, sponsored by ReMarried Ministries of Ward Church. The event is a retreat for grandparents and grandchildren, and includes two nights lodging, five meals, inspirational teaching by Barbara George-Howard, a wagon ride and bon fire, water blob and trampoline, go carts, initiatives, and lots of fun. Costs are \$283 per grandparent couple or \$154 per person, Grandchildren ages 6-17 \$90 each, 5 year olds free. Call (248) 374-7400.

Vacation Bible school

Registrations due July 27 for Aug. 4-7 (for 3-years to fifth grade), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The theme is God's Big Backyard and focuses on service to others. Call (734) 422-0149. Cost \$10.

Vacation Bible school

Loving God and Serving Others runs 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 28 to Aug. 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Cost is \$15. To register, call (734) 422-6038, for information visit www.stmatthewslivonia.com.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3 and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

ONGOING

Time change

Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 9:30 a.m. Sundays (May 25 to Sept. 7) at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Reformed Protestant services

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection is taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry
Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.



RUTH L. BARRINGER

Age 87, West Bloomfield, MI, passed away June 7, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

OLIVE L. "Billie" BUWAINES

Age 97, died peacefully June 7, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Edward. Survived by her sisters Florence Dodd and Dorothy Peck, as well as five generations of nieces and nephews. She had been a resident of Redford Twp for 56 years, before moving to Grandville in 2007. Services were held Tuesday at Fisher Funeral Home, Redford Twp. Memorials to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE, Suite 303, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 would be deeply appreciated

MARIAN LOUISE HALL CLARK

Died peacefully in her own bed on May 30, 2008. She was born March 29, 1913 in Argentine, Livingston County to the late Clark Hall and Bertha Hoffman. Marian was 95 years old. She graduated from Linden High School in 1931. She was preceded in death by her brother, Clark Marshall Hall in 2007. Marian is survived by her loving husband, J. Dewey Clark, whom she married on September 1, 1934. She was a homemaker and stay-at-home Mom to her five children. Survived by 1 son, Joel Clark (Lucinda) Plymouth, MI, 4 daughters: Barbara Reynolds (Don) Gladwin, MI; Carol Hisey (Jon) Charlevoix, MI.; Brenda Pollack (Roger) Canton, MI, and Rhonda Hodgkins (Jeff) East Lansing, MI; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren and two nieces and one nephew. She was a past member of the Eastern Star in Dearborn, MI. Funeral services were at The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, MI on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 12:00 noon. The family received friends prior to the service. Internment followed at the Fairview Cemetery in Linden, MI. In memory of Marian, donations may be made to The Peoples Church or to the Burcham Hills Foundation, 2700 Burcham Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823.

ANNE J. DEVLIN

Age 88, June 7, 2008. Loving mother of Patrick and Dennis Devlin. Dear grandmother of Lindsay and Ryan. Sister of Bill and Rob Szentmiklosi. A special thanks to her caregivers Jody, Jodi, Tracy and Tonia. No Services. Cremation Society of Michigan (313) 839-4100 in charge of arrangements Please share a memory or condolence with Anne's family in her guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com

HAYWARD FARLEY

Passed June 9, 2008, age 91, of Wayne. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

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ROBERT JESSE KAUFFMAN

Age 82, of Lake Geneva, WI, passed away peacefully at home on June 5, 2008. The son of Jesse Strine Kauffman and Ann McCurdy MacKenzie Kauffman, bob was born in Detroit, MI on May 27, 1926. He served in World War II in the Army Air Corps. Upon his release he attended and graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Business Administration in 1950. He married Nancy Winifred Zvingilas. Living for many years in Plymouth, MI. Bob was employed by Packaging Corporation of America, and later by Down River Forest Products Division of Greif Brothers Corporation. He served in sales, and later as Vice-President on the board of directors of Greif Brothers, and also as a manufacturer's representative for the company. Like his father and grandfather, bob held several patents on his own inventions. Bob was a self-starter with many unique talents and lived life to its fullest. In 19082, with no formal training Bob designed his own home in Chelsea, MI, serving as his own general contractor. On the property stood a bard which Bob had removed from an old farm and reconstructed himself. The home was built using many architectural antiques. He was an emphatic University of Michigan football fan, an enthusiastic golfer, and in his later years took up fly fishing. In 1994 Bob and Nancy moved to Lake Geneva, WI. Perhaps Bob's greatest and most prolific years were his last ten. After six years of research, in 2004, at the age of 78, Bob published his first book on genealogy, tracing his roots back to 1100. In 2006, he published his second book about his boyhood years in Ann Arbor, MI. In 2004, he began to teach himself to sketch, producing hundreds of sketches, many of which appeared in his books. In the fall of 2007, at the age of 81, despite being afflicted with ALS, Bob began to market his sketches, one of which won an Blue Ribbon at the Walworth County Fair in Wisconsin. He was a brave and courageous man until the end and will be greatly missed by the family he loved so much. Survivors include his wife Nancy, daughters Cheryl Kowalski of Wheaton, IL and Lynn Behling of Sebastopol, CA, his son Douglas Kauffman of Denver, CO and his four grandchildren, Amy, Andrew, Elliott and Dillon The youngest of his five siblings, he was the last survivor. The Kauffman family received visitors Monday, June 9, 2008 from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. at the Haase-Derrick-Lockwood Funeral Home, 800 Park Dr., Lake Geneva, WI. A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10 in the Chapel of the funeral home with the Reverend Gene Trieglaff officiating. Burial followed in East Delavan Cemetery in Delavan Township, WI. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy memorials are requested in Robert's name to: V.N.A. Hospice of Lake Geneva, 500 Interchange North, Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

MIKE M. OUMEDIAN

Age 82, of Westland, passed away Friday, June 6, 2008. He was born September 5, 1925 in Detroit. Beloved husband of the late Harriet (9-29-2001) whom he married August 8, 1966 in Harper Woods; dear father of Rob (Shawna) of Howell, the late Jim (Theresa) Raby of Parma, MI, Norm Raby of Scottsdale, AZ, Sue Raby of Mt. Morris, MI, Mike Raby of Shelby Twp. and Pat (Linda) Raby of Hudson, FL; grandfather of Norman Raby, Kansas Raby and Mitchell Oumedian, dearest friend of Doris Sorenson of Mt. Morris. He was preceded in death by brothers; George, James and Harry. Mike was a WWII Army veteran; formerly very active in the Harper Woods Little League Baseball and retired in 1979 as superintendent of Chrysler Corp Dodge Main Plant. Visitation Monday and Tuesday 2-8 p.m., funeral services Wednesday 11 a.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Burial in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association. Please visit the family's online guestbook at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com.



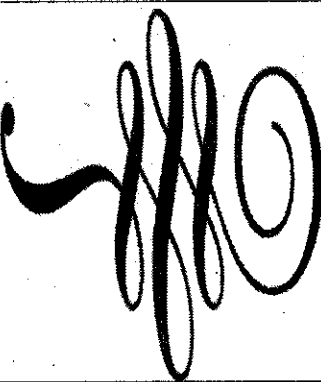
ONOFRE B. LLANEZA M.D.

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Onofre B. Llaneza, M.D., 71, passed away on June 8, 2008 at home surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born June 12, 1936 in the Philippines. His father, Jose, and mother, Francisca, were both educators. His father served in WWII as a Captain in the USAFFE (United States Army Forces in the Far East) but was killed in 1945. In 1958, Dr. Llaneza emigrated from the Philippines to the US to begin his residency as doctor of internal medicine at St. Michael's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He returned briefly to the Philippines in 1964 to be at his mother's side when she passed away. Upon his return, he moved to Michigan and became the youngest Chief Resident ever at St. John Hospital. Dr. Llaneza served in the US Army from 1969-1971 and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was Chief of Medical Clinics at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service and achievement in the performance of his duties. After his service in the Army, Dr. Llaneza established a private practice and continued to practice medicine until his illness forced him to retire in 2008. Known to his friends and colleagues as "O.B.", Dr. Llaneza served on the Board of Professional Corporation of St. John Hospital where he was on staff for 48 years. In May of this year, he was honored by the Michigan State Medical Society for 50 years of service as a physician. He was an avid golfer and also enjoyed world travel and gardening but his first passions were learning and medicine. Dr. Llaneza is survived by his wife of 38 years Karen, son Michael (Pat), son Jeffrey (Kim), daughter Michelle Young (William) and his four granddaughters Amanda, Samantha, Genevieve and Lindsey who brought great joy to his life. He is also survived by his brothers Attorney Ernesto Llaneza and Attorney Jose Llaneza and his sister Josefina Llaneza Balbueno as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Many of whom journeyed from around the world to visit him during his last days. Dr. Llaneza was a dedicated physician, father, grandfather and friend. We will miss his laughter and his reason. Dr. Llaneza's family would like to thank all the doctors, friends, and colleagues who supported and cared for him during his illness. Viewing will be held at Chas A. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., in Grosse Pointe, Michigan on Thursday, June 12, 2008 from 3-9pm and Friday, June 13, 2008 from 3-9pm with a Rosary at 7pm. A funeral mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Star of The Sea, 467 Fairfield, at Morningtide, in Grosse Pointe Woods on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 10am with a 9:30 in state, followed by a private burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery with full military honors. Memorial donations may be made to IDEAS 18 Kings Road, Canton, MA. 02021 or online at www.idic15.org/. Light a Candle & Share a Memory at: www.Verheyden.org

BETHEL HENSLEY WATKINS

Age 71, of Jackson, Kentucky, passed away Monday, May 26, 2008 at her residence. She was a cook for the Senior Circle. Survivors include: her husband Harold of Jackson, one daughter Alice & (Chuck) McDiarmid of MI, three sons, Dallas & (Robin) Watkins of NC, Albert Watkins of Athol, KY and Steven Watkins of NC. She has seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Burial has taken place in the Hensley cemetery in Athol, KY.

May You
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Comfort in
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Seminarian enjoys working with kids as part of internship

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brian Buckley spends as much time as possible with the kids on the playground at St. Michael's School when he isn't working with the youth group there. He doesn't want them to be influenced by MTV like he was in his teens.

Buckley eventually righted his ways and entered the seminary in 2003. Since arriving to serve an internship at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livonia in January, the 26-year old has been trying to steer kids from the wrong path.

"I grew up in an Irish Catholic family in Canton with six siblings. Around my high school years I fell into the trap of the MTV culture. I was living a life of sex, drugs and rock n' roll," said Buckley. "I started coming back to the Lord in college and thought about my life and how much of a waste it is, what am I doing to my life?"

"Kids are being influenced by TV. Commercials are semi-pornographic. MTV is pornographic. These are their role models. I don't want to bash all MTV culture but kids are heavily influenced. I think it's important for the family to stay together. The family that prays together stays together. If a parent lives their faith, they're the role model. We used



Seminarian intern Brian Buckley (right) with JV baseball team at St. Michael's School.

to pray daily rosaries with our family, went to mass and we ate together just to spend time with one another."

As hard as his family tried to instill moral values, Buckley wandered from the church. It wasn't until his sister Mary encouraged him to become a priest that he seriously considered the vocation. Buckley takes his vows as a priest in 2010 after being ordained a transitional deacon in 2009 then serving at a parish for a year. As a seminarian he is required to serve at a parish for eight months. He seems to be following in his sister's footsteps working with kids. Mary is youth minister at St. John

Neumann in Canton.

"I've been involved with youth ministry with Bernadette Menard," said Buckley who helped Menard chaperone St. Michael's youth group on a trip to New York for the visit of Pope Benedict XVI. "It's a very big school and I think a lot are being hammered with this MTV society and I can show them the way."

It's Rev. Bill Tindall's job to mentor Buckley on the journey to becoming a priest. Tindall took his vows 19 years ago.

"The internship is to give them the experience of being in a parish setting," said Tindall, St. Michael's pastor. "It gives them the experience of living in



Seminarian intern Brian Buckley (left), Bob Menard and Norm Root coached the St. Michael's JV baseball team, the Gaels.

a rectory, working with people and ministering to them in addition to academic training, to take the knowledge they have and use it in the daily life of the parish. He's done very well."

Buckley says, he's loving where he's at and ready to live and sacrifice for the Lord. He's already experienced everything from jail ministry to evange-

lizing in the weight room at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He especially enjoys working with the kids and young adults.

"The young adult group (ages 18 to 30) is open to anybody that wants fellowship," said Buckley.

"The main goal of young adult ministry is social, just getting together with other

Catholics, enjoying your faith. They can be married or single, with or without kids."

Buckley invites young Catholic adults to visit ignite.org, call (734) 261-1455 or send e-mail to bbuckley@livoniast-michael.org for more information.

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Make Dad's Day something special this year

With Dad's official day coming right up, the time is now to spoil the best guy you know. He's the one who ran behind your bicycle until you learned to ride it on your own. The one who tossed you that Frisbee or chased after your out-of-bounds tennis serve no matter how long it took for you to get the hang of it. The guy who taught you to treat yourself, and others, with respect. Dad's the one who repeatedly hit the "fake brake" on the passenger's side of the car when you were just a novice driver. The one who read you bedtime stories, laughed aloud at funny movies with you and watched you grow up. There's no one quite like him and he could use a reminder of that from time-to-time. Here are some gift ideas to get you shopping:



Shop Around the Corner

Stephanie Casola

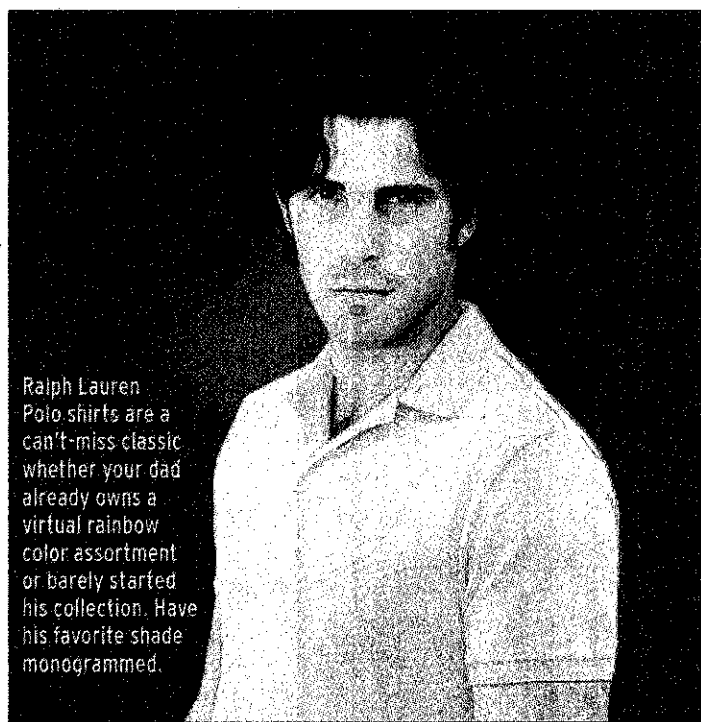
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HE'S GOT A STYLE ALL HIS OWN

For the Dad who never outgrew his Chuck Taylor sneakers, go ahead and order him a new pair. You can customize any style of Chucks into any color or pattern combination in either canvas or leather. How about some chocolate brown low-tops with navy blue accents and interior for \$60? Design a pair with your Dad in mind at www.converse.com. If he's more classic than kitschy try a Classic-Fit Polo shirt in his favorite color — the standard Rugby Royal Blue or, for the more adventurous, Carmel Pink. You can't go wrong with



Make Dad's day with a personalized grilling apron like this one from Williams-Sonoma.



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the Pony logo — and this too can be completely customized as well as monogrammed for Dad. It costs about \$80 at www.ralphlauren.com or visit the store at Troy's Somerset Collection.

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Capture those sweet family moments on your digital camera and then load your favorites onto a digital picture frame — like Digital Lab's 7-inch Photo Frame available at area Kohl's stores, including Westland, Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Troy and Rochester Hills, or at www.kohls.com. They start around \$129.99, so whole family can pitch in for this Father's Day find. The LCD frame showcases photos from a memory card reader and it connects to your TV for larger viewing.

HE PREFERS TO GRILL AND CHILL

If he's the sort of Pop that heads straight to the grill — in any weather, it might be wise to help him dress for the occasion. Williams-Sonoma sells monogrammable barbecue aprons in a variety of colors. They're \$34 each at www.williams-sonoma.com. Or if you're prepared to splurge, order up the Original Grillslinger Barbecue Tool System, a whole belt-full of gadgets for the grill. It costs \$99.95 at www.surlatable.com or Sur La Table store at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township. Call (586) 226-1452.

HE'S ALL-BUSINESS

Offer him a tie like no other: At first glance Art Tie might seem like an obvious choice for Dad — but it's really an outlet for creativity. Sold exclusively

at Saks Fifth Avenue stores, like the one at Troy's Somerset Collection, the Art Tie kit comes with two white ties, a paint brush and tubes of paint that can be combined into nine colors. Kids, you add the imagination. It retails for \$50, call (248) 643-9000.

HE'S HAPPIEST OUTDOORS

If he's the kind who can hardly wait for the annual camping trip — or even a day at the beach, a portable cooler might do the trick. Igloo makes Icy Tunes, an 18-can cooler that comes complete with speakers and an amplifier. Connect your MP3 player anywhere you go. It costs about \$43 at Dick's Sporting Goods, which has locations in Rochester Hills, Troy and Westland. Or check online at www.dicksportinggoods.com.



Igloo Icy Tunes pairs a cooler with speakers to connect your MP3 player.

HE'S A FIXER

If Dad's the first person called when disaster strikes, you might consider upgrading his tool kit. Target sells the basics, a wrench, screwdrivers, tape measure and more, in a stocked Black & Decker Tool Box for \$29.99. Or try the Black & Decker Cordless Drill and Stud Sensor combo, which retails for \$72.99. Late shoppers can stop by an area store — in Livonia, Southfield, Troy or Rochester Hills, or have the gift wrapped and shipped in 24 hours by visiting www.target.com.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola maintains that men are much tougher to shop for than women. She is a self-confessed shop-a-holic who writes about fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Shop Around the Corner? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

Saks helps international cause with charity:water campaign

As if one needs an excuse to stop by Saks Fifth Avenue? The Somerset location is a beautiful store. I love to browse all the merchandise — the handbag department is my personal favorite — and staff there is so friendly, I always feel welcome to drink in the eye candy.

Another great thing about Saks is its community involvement. The Troy S5A is always hosting events to help community organizations raise money for worthy causes. At the last one I attended, Mark Badgley and James Mischka visited the store to present a runway show as a fund raiser for Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield.



Pink Ink

Wendy Von Buskirk

Now, Saks Fifth Avenue is helping to raise money for an international cause with its charity:water campaign.

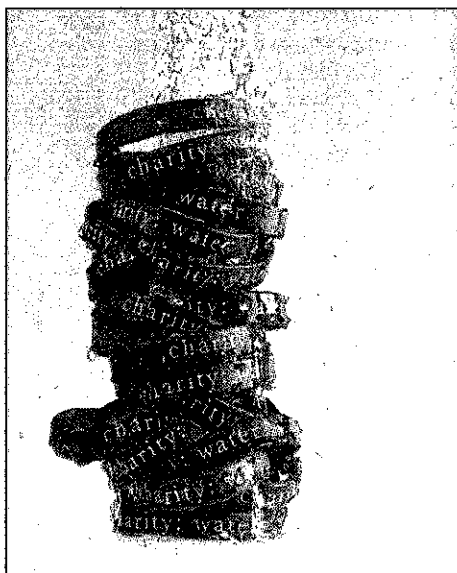
Saks is selling wristbands, e-cards and well sponsorships for charity:water, a non-profit organization that builds fresh-water wells in developing nations.

To get involved, stop by Saks Fifth Avenue or Off Fifth through June 16th, and purchase a black wristband imprinted with the charity:water logo. The wristbands cost \$5 with all the money going to the cause. You can also purchase the wristbands at www.saks.com, or by calling (800) 871-SAKS.

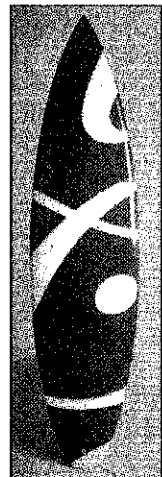
Another way to help is by sending a \$20 e-card at saks.com. Saks is also looking for sponsors to make \$5,000 donations — enough to help an entire community gain access to clean water for drinking, cooking and sanitation.

According to the campaign, 80 percent of all sickness on the planet is caused by unsafe water and lack of basic sanitation. The problem accounts for 2.2 million deaths each year.

"In my travels throughout Africa, I'm constantly moved by the great need for clean water," said Scott Harrison, founder of charity:water.



FOR DAD, WITH LOVE



Father's Day is June 15, and Saks Fifth Avenue is honoring stylish dads with a celebration sand and surf. As part of its charity:water campaign, Saks has commissioned artist Scott MacDonough to create a custom surfboard (pictured) bearing the store's signature logo (\$6,500). Order it for dad by e-mailing contact@scotterinyourhead.com. If dad surfs only in his dreams, gift him a small piece of the ocean lifestyle with a pair of exclusive Havaianas Saks graphic flip-flops bearing the same motif (\$22). Saks will donate a portion of the purchase price to charity:water.

"Women and children often walk miles to fetch contaminated water for their families. Entire communities drink from muddy rivers and ponds."

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This column was reprinted from Wendy Von Buskirk's new "Pink Ink" blog. Log onto www.hometownlife.com to read her blog, or start your own!

Malls & Mainstreets

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By Wendy

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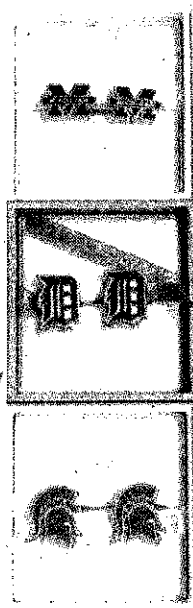
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