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Merchants reaping benefits of bowling tournament

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In between rolling strikes and picking up spares, the participants of the United States Bowling Congress are punching in PIN numbers and dropping cash.

The 88-day bowling tournament, which began in April and will end July 6, has been a boost for some businesses in and around Canton.

"We have seen bowlers just about every day," said Sandy

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

If you are a local merchant, have you noticed an increase in business since the start of the USBC tournament at Super Bowl lanes? Either e-mail Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

Marulis, owner of Michigan Made & More in downtown Plymouth, adding that many

come in for postcards but leave messages beckoning the bowlwith several items. "We were hoping that the ladies would come up this way but we didn't know for sure because there are a lot of (retailers) in Canton."

The championships are taking place at Super Bowl on Ford Road and feature more than 7,000 teams. The event was expected to pump \$40 million into the area.

In addition to the "Welcome Bowlers" signs at hotels lining the township's busiest corridor, fast-food restaurants also have ers into their eateries.

"This tournament has come at a good time," said Kathleen Salla, director of the Downtown Development Authority. "I have talked to a number of restaurant owners and they are so happy to have the bowlers here."

While some bowlers have opted to stay close to the township area, others have traveled to Frankenmuth and Windsor. Tournament participant

Brenda Bogucki of Virginia

their thrills at the casinos in Detroit. "I asked our hotel for a discount," she laughed. "I have only slept seven hours in three days."

Betty Wray of Ohio spent three days in town for the championships and said she can believe its financial impact.

We got the hotel room and we have been to Kohl's, Applebee's and Big Boy," she said. "It's been

a weekend vacation." Kimberly Jones, assistant manager of Carrabba's Italian Grill, said she saw an immediate increase in business with

the arrival of the event. "Summer is not a busy time for us so this has definitely been a great thing for us," she

The tournament, which is promoted as the world's largest sporting event for women, was last in Detroit in 1928 and

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Bush comes to Livonia to stump for candidates, defend his record

BY HUGH GALLAGHER OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

President George W. Bush came to Livonia Wednesday to give a stump speech for Republican candidates and to strongly defend his legacy.

Bush spoke for about 20 minutes before a group of about 400 party supporters, who paid \$1,000 or \$5,000 to attend the Max M. Fisher National Republican Award Dinner at Laurel

At a time when Bush's national approval rating in recent polls has been in the mid-20 percent range, the president defended his tax cuts, his energy policies, the treatment of detainees at Guantanamo and the war in Iraq.

"The decision to remove Saddam Hussein was the right decision at the time and is the right decision today," he said.

Bush acknowledged that times are hard.

"These are challenging times in America, recession, high energy prices, a housing down trend, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, devastating natural disasters," he said. "You can't know what the future will bring, there will be unexpected challenges to the country."

After Bush's speech, Republican Party chair Saul Anuzis said the speech could help raise \$500,000 toward a \$1 million victory program for state GOP candi-



President George W. Bush smiles as he receives a standing ovation from the crowd as he speaks during the Max M. Fisher National Republican Leadership Award Dinner Wednesday evening at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"I think the president gave a great speech," he said. "The crowd was excited. It's helpful to motivate the troops, the base, and we raised a few dollars as well."

Bush opened his remarks by spotlighting several Republican office holders and candidates including U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, who flew down on Air Force One with the president; state Rep. Jack Hoogendyk, GOP candidate for the U.S. Senate; Oakland

County Sheriff Mike Bouchard; and state Attorney General Mike Cox, who made introductions.

"Our message will be to get to work to elect Republicans to the state legislature, to Congress and to elect John McCain to be president," Bush said.

While urging support for Republicans, he supported the decisions of his administration and said there is a "wide chasm"

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Police confiscate arsenal from barricaded gunman's home

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A Canton Township man was arraigned in 35th District Court Monday on three misdemeanor charges including domestic violence, possession of weapons while intoxicated and interfering with a crime report after police say he barricaded himself inside his residence Sunday night and threatened to kill himself and possibly his family members.

William Barney Gifford, 50, was arrested without incident after an hour-long stand off with Canton police and the Western Wayne Special Operations Team. By the time he surrendered, his wife, daughter and two grandchildren were at a neighbor's

home. Canton Deputy Chief Laura Golles said Gifford's daughter went to a neighbor after he got into a heated argument with his wife over his refusal to attend a church service. Gifford, who was reported as "highly agitated" and intoxicated, had a holstered gun on

Upon his arrest, officers



bers, including an AR-15 assault rifle. Police also recovered 11 knives, two swords and thousands of

rifles and

shotguns of

various cali-

rounds of ammunition. Despite all of the firearms being legally registered, Golles said Gifford has an "excessive amount of weapons to be held in one residence" and credited the negotiator, a Van Buren sergeant, for helping end the situation without

any injuries. This could have ended very badly," she said.

Gifford was ordered a \$1,000 bond by Magistrate Eric Colthurst.

His pretrial date will be set by the court.

Domestic violence is punishable by up to 93 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine; possession of weapons while intoxicated is punishable by up to 93 days in jail and/or \$500 fine and interfering with a crime report is punishable by up to a year in jail and a

Neighbors sparring over getting street paved

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The opposition is winning in the efforts to pave Marlowe Street.

The township board voted Tuesday against moving forward on paving the stretch of road off of Saltz, just east of Sheldon because more than 40 percent of the street's homeowners were against it.

William Dawson, a Marlowe Street resident, has been leading the efforts to get the work approved and said many turned away from the special assessment proposal after the initial cost per home rose from \$4,900 to about \$13,000.

"You bet (the board) will hear from me again," he said, adding that he became serious about getting the road paved in

2006 after he hit a pot hole and it caused front-end damage to his wife's vehicle. "Waiting on Wayne County can be a pain and our streets are getting worse and worse with every rainfall and every snow storm."

Dawson and another Marlowe Street homeowner, Bill Magee, took issue with the township for its special assessment district approving process saying that the project should have been decided on months ago.

The group turned in its signed petitions a year ago and Township Supervisor Tom Yack admitted to a 60-day stall after the township failed to submit a public notice to the Canton Observer.

Marlowe Street resident Chris Shevela was all for the project after the initial estimate but said it isn't worth the increased price of \$13,000 per family.

"I don't understand why we couldn't get started a year and a half ago," he said. Mike Hutzman said cost hasn't prompted his opposition to the paving.

"I like being in the last house on a dead-end dirt road," he said. Gary and Sheila Slocum, Marlowe

Street residents for 35 years, said they agree with Hutzman.

"When you purchase a home on a dirt road, you know it's on a dirt road," said Sheila Slocum. As homeowners left the meeting, some offered thanks to Dawson and encouraged him to try again and he responded, "I'm not done yet."

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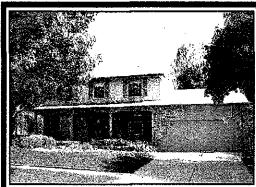
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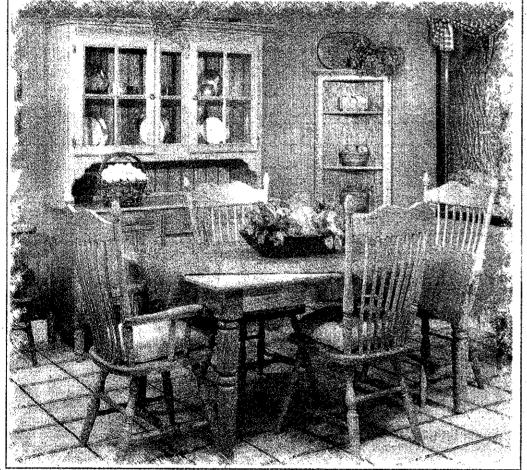
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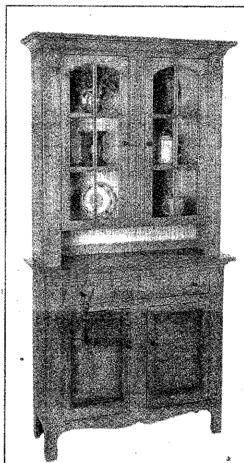


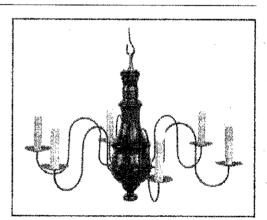
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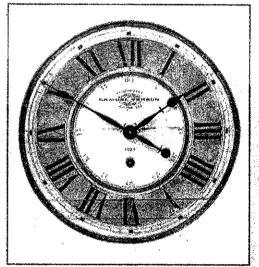
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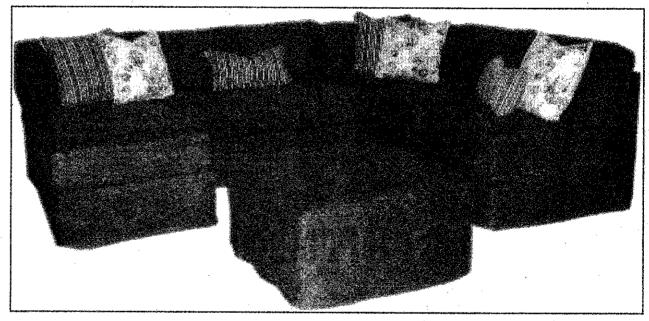












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More than 24,000 pounds of electronic waste was collected at the Wayne County Department of Environment E-Waste Collection held last month at Canton's Division of Public Works Building.

The event, co-sponsored by Wayne County and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, gave county residents the opportunity to properly dispose of old electronic equipment for free.

A dozen laptops, 282 monitors, 260 CPUs and 242 printers were among the items collected. In all, more than 240 vehicles were counted dropping off the electronic waste. All collected equipment will either be fixed and reused or recycled.

"Many of the types of components collected, including electronic circuit boards, batteries, and Cathode ray tubes can contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury and chromium. If improperly handled or disposed, these toxins can be released into the environment through landfill leachate or incinerator ash," said Mary Vangieson, resource recovery coordinator for the Wayne County Department of Environment.

Wayne County has scheduled another collection for all Wayne County residents on Saturday, July 26 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Compuware Arena, located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth.

Items being accepted include computers, monitors, printers, key boards, mouse, cell phones, copiers and fax machines. Items that will not be accepted include televisions, VCR/cable boxes, boxes, manuals and soft-

Before donating or recycling your equipment, remember to remove all sensitive and personal information from its memory. The EPA has two fact sheets concerning the best way to delete information from your computer. Visit www. epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/conserve/plugin/pcthing and click on "Do the PC Thing ..." under

Canton will hold its annual Hazardous Waste Roundup on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Division of Public Works

To obtain a complete list of items being accepted at this year's event visit www.cantonmi.org or call Canton Public Works at 394-5150.

Building.

For year-round disposal of hazardous waste, Canton Waste Recycling (CWR), located at 42020 Van Born Road, will accept limited items on scheduled Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on scheduled Saturdays from 8 a.m. to

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Car vandalized with mud

A 37-year-old Canton man reported to police last Thursday that his car had been vandalized with mud at his home on the 6800 block of Foxcreek.

The officer that responded had previously been to the home when the man's wife's car was similarly targeted. The couple has lived at the home for less than two years and this was the third time one of their vehicles has been damaged.

The man said a neighbor told him that after the previous homeowners testified in a civil lawsuit against another area family, their vehicles began getting vandalized. When officers spoke to the neighbor, she didn't recall the identities of the people that her previous neighbors testified against, but said she would inform police if she got any additional informa-

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to corroborate a Wayne man's claim that he was hit by a vehicle during the early-morning hours of June 17.

Upon speaking to the man, 53, officers noted that he was intoxicated and bleeding from the back of his head. The man told police that he was riding his bike along Michigan Avenue when he was struck from behind.

The car, possibly a Dodge Intrepid, kept going.

The man offered two different locations for the accident but said he left his BMX bike at the scene and then went to a friend's house who gave him some clothing since his shirt was damaged in the collision.

When officers asked for his friend's address, the Wayne man said that his friend was homeless and that he staggered to the Super 8 Motel on Michigan Avenue where he met

After doing a search of the area, officers were unable to locate the man's bike.

Man threatened by fired employee

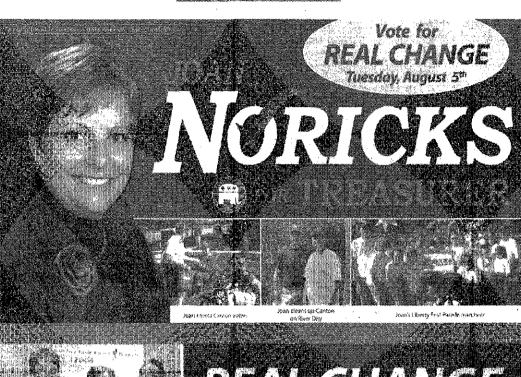
A Detroit man, 21, has been instructed not to contact his former employer after it was reported that he recently threatened the man, a 51-yearold Canton resident.

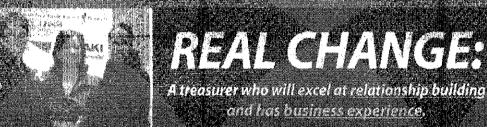
The Canton man told officers that he recently fired the man and said he received a phone

call from him where he threatened to "terrorize" his home. The phone call was heard by another employee, a 31-yearold woman.

The man, who runs his business from his home, said this marked the second time the man had behaved questionably. Before his termination, the man allegedly raised his fist to his boss.







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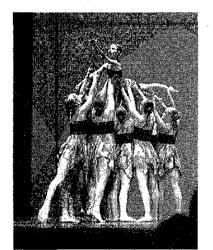


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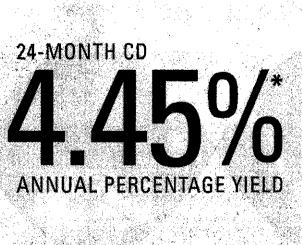
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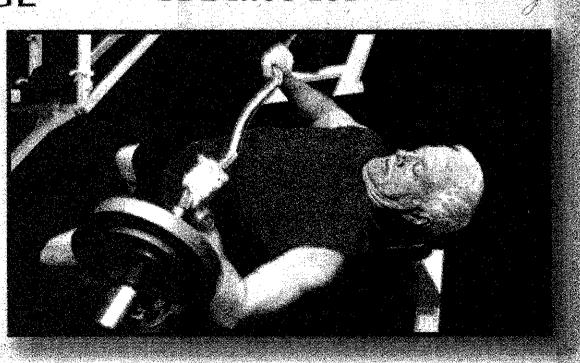
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Congregation takes on task of caring for God's creation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **OSE STAFF WRITER**

Right now it's just a seedling of a garden but members of Trinity Church have faith the native grasses and plants will grow and blossom, and maybe even become a model for the community. Already a master plan of caring for God's creation is in the works for the grounds on Six Mile next to Stevenson High School in Livonia.

Pastor Michael Van Horn never dreamed his concern for storm water running off the flat roof would turn into a save the earth campaign. Then Scot Martin, a church elder, led adults of the congregation in a two month study of Calvin DeWitt's book, Earthwise: A Biblical Response to Environmental Issues. Before long a Blue-Green Committee had formed to plant a small rain garden.

On Saturday, June 7, nearly 20 volunteers dug up the space while Martin was working with the church's youth group in Lola Valley Park as part of the Friends of the Rouge's effort to rescue and restore the river. Martin says the iron weed, spiderwort, goldenrod, yarrow, black bulrush, switch grass, black-eyed Susan help filter the storm runoff before it reaches the lakes and streams with fertilizers and other chemicals.

"These are values we've been talking about for years," said Van Horn of Redford. "There's a strong Biblical rationale for caring for creation backed up by environmental science and common sense. We try to extend what it means to be spiritual to the physical creation.

"It goes back to Genesis



Tara Stroh sets out a plant near the downspout alongside the east wall of Trinity Church in Livonia. Native plants and grasses help filter the water before it reaches lakes and streams.

about the goodness of creation," added Ann Horn, a volunteer from Livonia. "We have been called to be caretakers. This is not a response to global warming but to God."

"People often forget the environment is the earth they walk on," said Sylvia Smith, another volunteer from Redford. "Plants enrich the quality of life but for me it's very soul enrich-

Each of the volunteers does their part at home to guard

and preserve God's creation. Smith's family has planted vegetable and flower gardens and started a couple of compost bins. A home-schooled 11th grad student, Smith is proud of the fact no chemicals will be used on plants.

Scot Martin has a small vegetable garden and Van Horn is thinking about trading the grass in his large Redford backyard for native plants. Dave Wiegel, a vegetarian, has gone organic for lawn care,



Church in Livonia.

mowing high to use less water, and planting flowers to attract more birds and butterflies to his yard in Farmington.

While Ann Horn doesn't garden she takes home catalogues and magazines from the church for recycling. She also tries to buy items without a lot of packaging.

"A lot of us are aware," said Horn. "I really think small ways are as important as the large to make a contribution toward what God originally intended for creation. In last week's Sunday bulletin we had a Calling All Mugs for people to donate mugs so we don't have to use Styrofoam in the kitchen. We try to think more

The Blue-Green Committee

is having an energy audit done and thinking about solar and wind power but isn't sure about the feasibility of the conservation methods.

In the meantime they're planning to expand their original plan for a number of reasons.

"We have approximately eight acres of turf grass and spend \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year just cutting grass," said Martin of Redford. "Our response is to tear up much of that and replace with native grass to create a meadow. We will be saving fuel and mow time and creating more habitat for creatures. We plan to use natural means to control any pests. We're not doing this out of a sense to be hip. It's the right

thing to do."

'We're trying to reduce water and air pollution," said Glenda Marks, the church elder who headed up the project and lives in Wyandotte. Part of the plants were donated by Friends of the Rouge, the rest were purchased.

'We have a whole grow plan. We're looking for grant money to fund some of the projects. We're looking down the road to start a community garden that anyone could participate and give part of the harvest to homeless shelters or soup kitchens. We want to be good stewards of God's creation.'

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Summer day camp

Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades 1-6, continues 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 day care 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.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is switching its hours for this month only to 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 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 and is held on the fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Carillon concert series

10 a.m. and noon Sunday, June 29, July 20 and 27, and Aug. 3, 17, 24 and 31, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 625-2515 or visit www.kirkinthehills.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-

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

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, 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.

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.

Neighborhood Bible time

6-9 p.m. Sunday-Friday, July 6-11, summer youth crusade for all children and teenagers, at Grace Baptist Church, 28440 Lyndon, north of I-96, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-6215 or visit www.GBCofLivonia.org.

Summer music ministry

Thursday, 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 July 6, Aug. 10, Sept. 7. Family Choir all ages are invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 7. All are welcome to music events.

Red Cross blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, July 7, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

Vacation Bible school

This Royal Adventure teaches students about the character of God through Kings and Queens of the Bible 6-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 7-11, at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. No charge.

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. Prophecy seminar

Learn how to interpret Bible prophecv. discover who the Antichrist is and know how to be ready when Jesus comes at a seminar 7 p.m. Friday, July 11, at the Metropolitan Seventhday Adventist Church's Junior Academy Auditorium, 15585 Haggerty, Plymouth. Seminars occur Friday, Saturday, Monday and Wednesday nights until Aug. 16.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 11, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Rd., Livonia.

Bethany Suburban West

Friday, July 11. For details, call Elsie at (313) 563-1142.

the parish hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

Anniversary celebration

11 a.m. Sunday, July 13, to honor Community Free Will Baptist Church Pastor James Lawson and his 10 years of serving the church, at the church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. The church offers services not only at 11 a.m. each Sunday but 6:30 p.m. Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is at 7 p.m. Youth fellowship is every other Friday at 7 p.m.

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

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Bible study

p.m. Tuesday, July 15, with one hour of praise and worship and the Word at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 mation, call (313) 289-8336.

Open house For Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, and Thursday, Aug. 14, at 9600 Leverne, between Inkster and Beech Daly, and West Chicago and Plymouth roads, Redford. The school offers infant day care, preschool for 3-4-year olds, full day kindergarten and first-eighth grades. For more information, call Laura Goodman at (313) 937-2233 or

tabor.org.

St. Michael the Archangel Church. located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia, continues its monthly program of The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the

Fireworks at Heritage Park in Taylor

Red Cross blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 13, in

Vacation Bible school

includes music CD. Call (734) 464-0211.

Word for You Bible Study continues 7 Ford Road, Westland, For more infor-

Crafters wanted

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. 8foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

send e-mail to Igoodman@hosanna-

Eucharistic adoration *

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DANIEL JAMES DEL DUCO

Age 64, of Estero, FL, formerly of Livonia, MI, died June 21, 2008 after a seven year battle with lung and brain cancer. Dan was born March 24. 1944 to Margaret and Daniel John Del Duco (Ortonville, MI). Dan was a graduate ('62) of St. Gabriel High School (Detroit, MI), a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, member of the Knights of Columbus, and a retiree of the Ford Motor Company (30 yrs). Dan is survived by his wife Susan; Son, Darren Del Duco, wife Lynn, with their three children. Evan. Mia, and Nicholas (Westfield, IN); Step-daughter, Catherine Gillis, husband Timothy, with their two children, Julia, and Grace (Florence, MA); Step-Son, James Swift, wife Ariane. with their son Bradley (Milford, CT); Brother , Joseph Del Duco (MI); Sister, Diann Masi (Estero, FL); Sister Florie Gage (Fort Myers, FL); Sister, Linda Dunatchik (Dublin, OH); Brother, Michael Del Duco (Sterling Hts., MI); Brother, Anthony Del Duco (Ortonville, MI); 22 nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Dan will be Saturday, June 28, 11:00 AM at St. Anne Catholic Church in Ortonville, Ml. A Memorial Service will also be held this fall in Estero,FL. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, (239) 992-

4982, Bonita Springs, Florida.

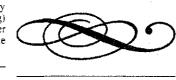
DONALD RAY DOUGLAS Age 71, of Garden City. Don was born September 20,1936 in West Virginia and passed away June 20, 2008 at Garden City Hospital Proceeding his death by his wife of 20 years, Betty Douglas. He served in the National Guard and was an avid fisherman. Survived by six children, Kenneth, Danny, Ronald, Donna, David and Jimmy; two grandchildren; seven brothers and sisters, Jean Scroggs, William Douglas, Barbara Hoeppner (Bob), Tom Weaver (Lena), Kathy Wilson (Robert), Sue Klein (Doug) and Freda Proctor (David) and over one hundred nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed.

H. DOROTHY CELL

A memorial service for H. Dorothy Cell, 92, of Westland (formerly of Plymouth) will be held on Saturday, June 28, 20008 at 4pm with visitation beginning at 3pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Mrs. Cell was born October 21, 1915 and died June 23, 2008 in Garden City. She lived in Plymouth from 1940-1958, then to Westland from Livonia in 1965. Survivors include sons John (Linda) of Illinois, Thomas of Texas and David (Betty) of Florida. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Share your special thoughts and memories at: shrader-howell.com



KEITH G. LEONARD Born June 1, 1936 in Detroit, MI to parents Walter and Alice Leonard. Grew up on the Northwest side of Detroit. Attended public schools and graduated from Cooley High in 1955. Attended Detroit Institute of Technology for initial undergraduate studies, then transferred to Ferris State University. Graduated May 1960 with Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. Post-graduate work was completed at a local pharmacy. Keith served as a caring pharmacist for 48 years in the retail, manufacturing, and hospital sectors. Keith married the love of his life, Victoria R. Sadurski on May 1, 1965 at Westminster church in Detroit. Keith and Vicky celebrated 30 years of marriage before Vicky's death separated them 13 years ago. Keith maintained the same residence in Farmington Hills for 42 years. Keith is survived by older brother Donald and proceeded by younger brother Charles and sister Lucille. Keith is also survived by two very loving children, Marnie (Fender) and Keith John. their spouses, and the sparkle in Grandpa's eyes, grandson Nathaniel. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 5th at 11a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. 26165 Farmington Rd (at northwest corner of 11 Mile Rd. and Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice (14100 Newburgh Rd. Livonia, MI 48154). www.thayer-rock.com



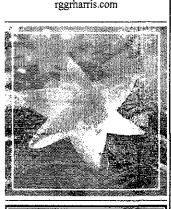
MARJORIE W. DOYLE

Age 91. June 23, 2008. Retired executive from H.B. Stubbs Co. in 1985. Former member of the Village Club and Stonycroft Hills Golf Beloved wife of the late Wendell. Loving mother of Daniel. Dear sister of Merton Wolfe. One grandson and one great-granddaughter. Memorial service Thursday 11 a.m. at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, Beverly Hills. Memorials to charity of donor's choice. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at:

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ROBERT LANKTON PhD

June 20, 2008. Loving husband of 67 years to Maude, Loving father of the late Douglas (Marylyn Cantrell) Grandfather of Robert and James Great-grandfather of Chloe & Nathan Brother of Kenneth and the late John and the late Ralph. Mr. Lankton received his PhD from the University of Michigan. He taught Math in Detroit Public Schools, at Wayne State University, the University of Michigan and the University of Iowa. A Funeral Service was held Monday June 23 at Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the R.G. & G. R Harris Funeral Home, Livonia (734) 422-6720. Share a memory of Rober in the online guestbook at:



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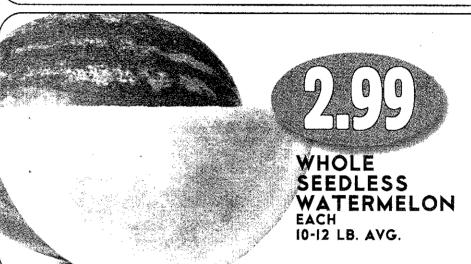
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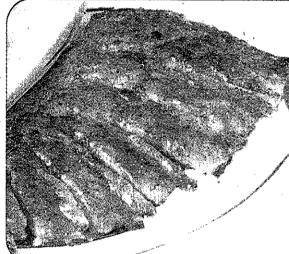




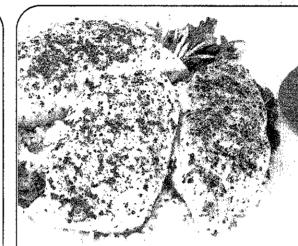
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to end those tax cuts. "The last thing we need is a tax increase, that is why we need to elect a Republican Congress and John McCain to the presidency," he said. He reserved his most stinging criticism for

the Supreme Court and its decision allowing Guantanamo detainees the right to trial in criminal courts.

By a bare majority, five Supreme Court justices overturned a bipartisan law that Congress passed and I signed to deliver justice to detainees at Guantanamo Bay. Because of this decision terrorists enjoy the same rights reserved for Americans," he said.

Carl Berry, a candidate for Plymouth Township trustee, who provided help with security at the event, said Bush is a man who has the ability to make a decision.

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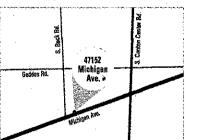
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OUR VIEWS

School consolidation must start in Lansing

There is much to like about summer in Michigan. It is a time to kick back, relax and enjoy the natural splendor that makes our mitten state so unique.

While many enjoy the "down time" associated with summer, local school officials no doubt are casting a leery eye toward Lansing and the state Legislature. That's because state lawmakers are about to start their summer holiday without reaching any substantive agreement on next year's budget, which includes funding for K-12 education.

Simply put, the budget process as it relates to public education is a mess. Local school officials have to have their budgets set before classes start after Labor Day, but the Legislature does not finalize the budget for several months after that. So an annual guessing game takes place where local school leaders use estimates provided by the state and then cross their fingers they hold true.

That is no way to do business, especially in a state that is in the financial mess Michigan is facing. State revenues continue to shrink, while legacy costs soar. And the governor and Legislature seem unable — or unwilling — to do anything about it.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, in her State of the State address, encouraged consolidation among the state's local school districts, and provided a carrot in the way of financial incentives to districts willing to take the plunge. But that is not enough. It is unrealistic to expect local school boards and administrators to vote themselves out of a job.

The concept of local school control is now more fantasy than reality in Michigan. The state seized control of public education with the approval of Proposal A more than a decade ago. Since the state now dictates school funding, and is playing a larger role in school curriculum with the recent approval of new high school graduation standards, it is up to lawmakers in Lansing to devise a new model for delivering public education, instead of waiting for local school officials to vote themselves out of a job.

State bottle deposit law should be expanded

Back in 1976, members of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) had enough. They were sick and tired of seeing so many bottles and cans strewn about the Michigan landscape - in roadside ditches, parks, rivers and lakes.

Behind a strong grassroots effort, the MUCC was able to get voters to approve a "bottle bill" that added a 10cent deposit on all containers for beer and soft drinks, as well as a few others. It was and still is one of the state's most popular and effective recycling programs. Since 1990, the state estimates that more than 97 percent of eligible bottles and cans have been returned for deposit, so there is no question that the law has worked as intend-

That was then. Today, you'd be hard-pressed to find a pop or beer can laying around. But you won't have any problem finding water or juice bottles. They're everywhere — and that's because they are not covered by the

The MUCC is at it again, trying to pressure the state Legislature to expand the law to include all water and non-carbonated drink containers. The MUCC estimates that Michigan residents only recycle about 20 percent of these containers, which are soon expected to exceed the number of pop and beer containers on the market (sales grew from 2.2 billion gallons in 1990 to 8.8 billion gallons in 2007 according to the International Bottled Water Association). The vast majority end up in landfills, or worse - in our rivers, lakes and parks.

In principle, we support an expansion of the law to cover these other beverage containers. Back when voters approved the original law, they didn't exist. If they had, they would have been included in the law.

However, the state needs to make sure that it provides assistance to retailers, who must bear the brunt of this law by taking in all the containers. It is messy and labor intensive. Currently the state uses a portion of unredeemed deposits to retailers. It should use more of the money to come up with a way to help ease the burden on retailers. Also, bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate to reduce the amount of fraudulent returns to merchants coming from other states, which should also help.

Expanding the existing law requires a 75 percent supermajority in the state legislature, because it is a voterapproved initiative. Some in Lansing say that kind of support just isn't there. That's unfortunate because this is an opportunity for state lawmakers, who will go on summer recess at the end of the month, to earn their title by crafting a bill that expands one of the state's most popular and effective recycling programs.



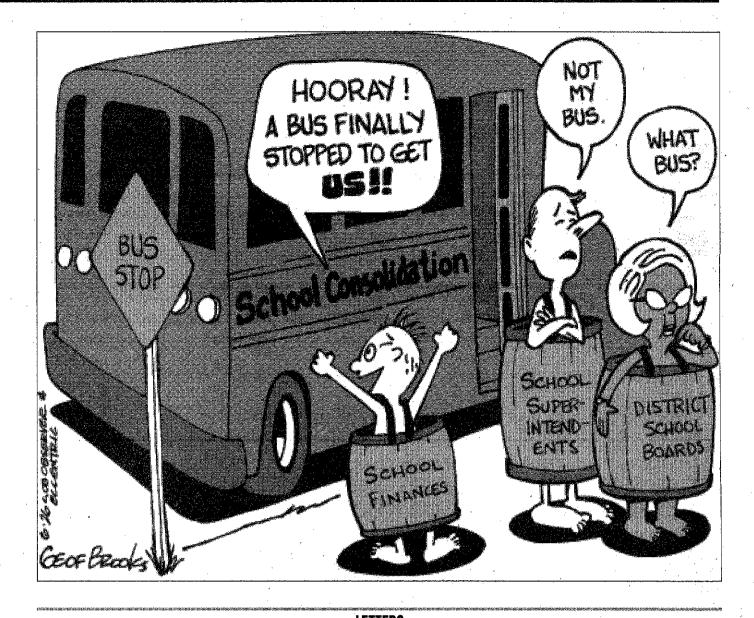
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Liberty Fest was great

We love going to the Liberty Festival parade and always participate in the 'Water Wars" game. The Lego exhibit is a favorite for my son, David, who spent three hours with his dad at the Lego station. The weather was great and it's always a fun-filled family event.

Amy McGrath Canton

Learn about candidates

ABC and WXYZ affect the Canton elections. Perhaps the reader is thinking this has to do with network communications. In a way it does. How much communication do we have as voters with our elected officials? Now we are coming into a voting season and some of us know absolutely nothing about the candidates running for office. Most of them offer Web sites for us to check them out online.

Some voters rely on editorials, recommendation of friends and relatives, or maybe the League of Women Voters. Then we go to vote; we read to vote for a certain number; all we can remember is maybe one or two of those recommendations, so we just vote for whoever might be next on the alphabetical listing.

What happened to WXYZ? We have possibly cast our vote for candidates not as dedicated or well qualified. We missed those who, because of their surname, are at the bottom of the ballot. Such is the case in the upcoming election in Canton. There is time to study the candidates and know for whom to cast your vote. As for me, I'll start at the bottom and vote my way to the top of the alphabet.

> John L. Chew Canton

Going with Noricks

I just finished reading Kurt Kuban's opinion article regarding "What's in a name" (June 12). He indicates that very few individuals and families have been running Canton Township politics for quite some time. He closes his article by saying "it would be nice to see a little more (diversity) at the top." I couldn't

Not only is diversity and change important in any system of government, but practical and tangible experience of the candidates is also very important. In evaluating the two candidates for the Canton Township treasurer's position it seems apparent that there are very large differences between the two candidates. So much so, that I'm sure Joan Noricks is only one logical candidate for treasurer and for change.

I've known Joan Noricks in her professional capacity as the president for the Canton Community Foundation for more than six years. She is an independent thinker. I don't think a person can be paid a higher compliment than this. Joan Noricks is the kind of person that will pursue knowledge in order to be sure she is making the right decision. She will consider, discern and debate the issues. Joan doesn't just rely on the opinions or directives of others. She won't carry the "party line" without due consideration.

In my professional experience as a CPA, I've seen, up close, the very best in fiscal management, and the very worst. In working with Joan over these years in a professional capacity, I've noticed a number of traits that I believe make her the best candidate for Canton Township treasurer. Most importantly, Joan has experience of fiscal management that exceeds the other candidate. She has been fiscally responsible running the operations of the Canton Community Foundation for just about as many years as I've been an auditor. Look at her track record, it's impressive. During this time, the Foundation has grown and the mission expanded to better serve our community.

On the flip-side, I've seen a recent example of bad fiscal management and irresponsibility in the township. You probably didn't hear much about this, it was done very "quietly" and was approved by the township board on Nov. 27, 2007. The Canton Historical Commission made a significant (poor) proposal in regards to "the oldest home" in Canton (known as the "Clyde House"). I am the type of person that generally supports historical preservation. However, the Historical Commission, run by current Township Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, the other candidate for treasurer, proposed approval expenditures in the range of \$200,000 to relocate this "historic home" from one side of Ridge Road (near Cherry Hill Village) to the other side of the street.

So, what are we getting for our taxes in the amount of \$200,000? A public bathroom, framed by modern walls and accessories, that is supported by very old wood that will likely eventually need to be replaced. What was really worth preserving here? The oldest home in Canton now will be serving with distinction as a modern day toilet. That is NOT respecting history, do you think?

As a citizen of this township, I am appalled by the inappropriate decision of our Trustee Melissa McLaughlin and the Historical Commission, and for that matter, the rest of the board of trustees. And she wants my vote for her as treasurer? No way. I'm going with experience, I'm going with diversity, I'm going with change, I'm going to vote Joan Noricks for treasurer and I urge you to investigate the situation and do the same.

Wayne B. Titus III Canton

charter to stop campaigns from having more than 5 percent (if any) of their campaigns being paid for by the very developers and lawyers who will appear before them and benefit from our tax dollars. The change should prohibit even the appearance of a conflict of interest. We want a signed statement by newly elected officials that they are not allowed to take presents, gifts, trips, etc., in excess of \$25/day. If they do accept in excess, the difference has to come out of their own pockets. This kind of policy is in effect in corporations and surrounding govern-

> ment communities. Canton candidates need to be called to task and agree to not be "bought and paid" for their government votes. We ask the candidates to disclose their 2008 campaign sources to the Observer and to agree to sign an ethics policy as part of their election to office.

themselves to approve all that contribute

We need an ethics policy in the Canton

to their campaigns.

Emily Pondell Canton:

Lobby for tax on beer, wine

I choose not to sermonize about the effects of experimentation of alcohol by teenagers in order to fit in with the "cool crowd." If we could be sure that a teenager could take it or leave it then we could attribute this daring attitude as part of growing up. But in many instances a teenager might like the taste and resulting effect alcohol has on his inhibitions and decides to continue life in this euphoric state. He might observe TV and movie ads glorifying the lifestyle of drinkers and rather than sit on the outside looking in, he would decide to join in on the fun.

Therein lies the beginning of a life of addiction that will adversely influence his future and everyone associated with

Let all of us sober citizens unite and insist that our legislators demand that the beer and alcohol industries be taxed equitably just as we did with the tobacco industry. We can only achieve this by putting pressure on our elected officials to enact laws that will benefit our next generation rather than perpetuate the addiction that prevails with many of their parents.

> Diana Hage Westland

Who's funding campaigns

The reports from the 2004 Canton Township elected officials campaign finances are a regular "who's who — in bought and paid for elected Canton officials." We noted the majority of contributors are contractors, sub-contractors and realtors doing business in Canton.

The 2008 campaign election contributors have not been disclosed yet - but one can bet that the incumbent group running for office will have their campaigns paid for by local businesses, realtors and real estate developers that need to "pay' their way to approvals and expanding more development in our town. Canton development is exploding like a cancer — if all of the elected officials are getting the majority of their campaigns paid for by developers, it is obvious they are unable to take a thoughtful view of planning and expansion. They have obligated

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QUOTABLE

"I think I was more calm than him. I did a body search on him just like a cop — I watch too much television."

- Dearborn resident Nabil Fawzi, who pulled out his legally concealed gun and stopped Joseph Webster from robbing a Canton Comerica bank last week

Can the rock star deliver a more united America?

ou couldn't help but feel the buzz in the air last week when Barack Obama made an important campaign stop at Joe Louis Arena.

Hours before he took the stage, thousands



of people filled the streets outside, slowly making their way into the Joe until the place was nearly packed to capacity. The excitement inside was even more electric, just like at a rock concert or a Red Wings playoff game - the wave even made its way around the arena a few times. So in a way, it seemed

appropriate that the event took place in the same building that the Red Wings had just made much of their historic run for the Stanley Cup.

Unquestionably, with Al Gore in tow to formally endorse Obama's candidacy, there was an air of greater importance attached to the event. When Gov. Jennifer Granholm took the stage to introduce Gore and Obama, two of the biggest heavyweights of the Democratic Party. the crowd reached raucous levels. You could tell that people were genuinely, almost hysterically excited to hear Obama speak.

And it was clear they did come to see Obama. Oh, Gore had the crowd going with his rhetorical jabs at President Bush and his advice that "elections matter," playing off his narrowly missed bid for the White House in 2000. Yet, when Gore introduced Obama, the crowd reached a new crescendo.

"OBAMA!" "OBAMA!" "OBAMA!" The war cry-like chant filled the arena — the same chant that has echoed throughout Obama's improbable run to the Democratic nomination for the presidency.

It is clear that Obama has transcended the status of mere politician. He is a rock star. You can see it in peoples' eyes when they look at him. And I'm not just talking about the young, idealistic college crowd that seems to have come out of the woodwork to buoy his campaign.

The crowd at the Joe was a mixed bag. Yes, there were plenty of teens and twentysomethings, wearing their flip flops and casual attire. But if any word could be used to describe the crowd of more than 20,000 it would be diverse. There was a large number of African-Americans, who are fired up about Obama's campaign for obvious reasons. But there were plenty of white suburbanites, who were just as enthusiastic. I also saw plenty of families with young children, and even a few grandparents with their grandkids in tow.

In short, the crowd looked like America though the two Muslim women wearing head scarves who were barred by campaign volunteers from appearing behind Obama might take exception with that statement. The

campaign workers who foolishly made that decision were concerned about the image of two Muslim women standing nearby would somehow reinforce the popular misconception out there that Obama is a Muslim himself.

Unfortunately image has become a major factor in American politics. And in that sense the Obama campaign has been no different than any other. They seem intent to embrace the 'rock star' image.

But we don't need a rock star in the White House. We need someone that is going to be able to hit the ground running to deal with a number of critical issues, not the least of which is America's war on terrorism. Our country is not only deeply divided about the war in Iraq, but on other issues like global warming and national health care. It will take more than image to bring the country together, which the next president must do if we are going to successfully deal with them.

Even though there are four months left in the campaign (an eternity), Obama is likely to be our next president. In the most recent polls he holds a comfortable double digit lead over Republican John McCain, who is having trouble even shoring up the support of the Republican base. Barring a major mishap or revelation that Obama has secretly been working for Osama bin Laden, I don't see him losing.

Fortunately, there seems to be some substance behind Obama's image, however. You don't rise from a state senator in Illinois to the threshold of the presidency in just a couple years without some exceptional political tal-

He certainly didn't disappoint the huge crowd at Joe Louis Arena. His message to Michigan and Detroit, which we all know have been hit hard by the changing economy, was that we matter. With Ford's Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne, which employs so many people in our area, sitting idle for the next nine weeks because of sagging SUV and truck sales, we should all be reminded what is at stake in this area. Michigan, which has already seen far too many layoffs, is fighting for its eco-

Taking a cue from former President Bill Clinton, Obama told the crowd he feels our pain. He also promised to put the state back to work and make it a critical player in his vision of a greener, more energy-efficient

Words matter, and Obama has proven he is an extremely gifted orator. But it will take more than a stirring speech to put Michigan to work or unite our country on issues like Iraq. So the question is: Can the rock star deliver?

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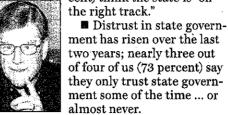
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Some news is gloomy, but most residents still have hope for state

he Midwest Democracy Institute has taken a new poll of 400 Michiganders, and it predictably strikes a dismal note, but one that contains some surprising grounds for optimism.

First, the grim news: Only about one out of six of us (16 per-

cent) think the state is "on the right track."



Phil Power

■ Barely one in five (21 percent) think Gov. Jennifer Granholm is doing a good

job, while a mere tenth of us (11 percent) think the Legislature is doing well.

None of this will surprise anyone who has been following state affairs for the last few years and is familiar with the usual drumbeat of doubt and depression from all sides.

But embedded in the survey is this remarkable finding: "At the same time, many continue to have an abiding faith in the ability to change state government to be less influenced by moneyed interests and more responsive and accountable to constituents.

"A large majority (77 percent) expresses personal interest in an organization that works toward making state government work better by being more honest and accountable, and over half of Michigan residents (54 percent) say they are extremely interested.

That fits well with what the Michigan's Defining Moment (MDM) campaign has discovered over the last six months. In that time, it has held nearly 200 community conversations, small group "deliberative democracy" gatherings all over the state. (Full disclosure here: I founded the nonprofit, nonpartisan sponsoring organization, The Center for Michigan, and I'm a co-chair of the campaign.)

Attitudes expressed in these meetings are decidedly not a scientific poll. Nor are they top-down ideological statements of revealed truth (if any such things exist). Instead, they're the thoughtful reflections of nearly 2,000 Michiganders, who attempted to define their hopeful vision for the state, as well as share their thoughts about how best to achieve that vision.

The results have just been released in a report, "Michigan's Defining Moment: A Common Ground Vision for Michigan's Transformation." In the main, the findings are pretty straightforward.

People want a talented and globally com-

petitive workforce; a thriving economy and a great quality of life attracting talented people to Michigan; and a state government that is effective, efficient and accountable. (You can find the full report on The Center's Web site, www.thecenterformichigan.)

The Midwest Democracy Network advocates campaign finance reform and transparency in government. Among the proposals that got top marks in its poll:

Requiring judges to publicly disclose campaign contributions, as well as requiring them to step aside when cases before them involve parties who contributed to their campaigns. (This will likely be a big issue this fall, when Chief Justice Clifford Taylor of the Michigan Supreme Court — recently rated as among the worst in the country — is up for election. Democrats have vowed to try to defeat him.)

Establish nonpartisan commissions to draw new district boundaries when needed, normally following the U.S. Census every decade. (Along with lengthening or abolishing term limits, fixing our redistricting system comes out high in MDM community conversations. The vast majority of Michigan legislative districts are gerrymandered to favor one party or the other.)

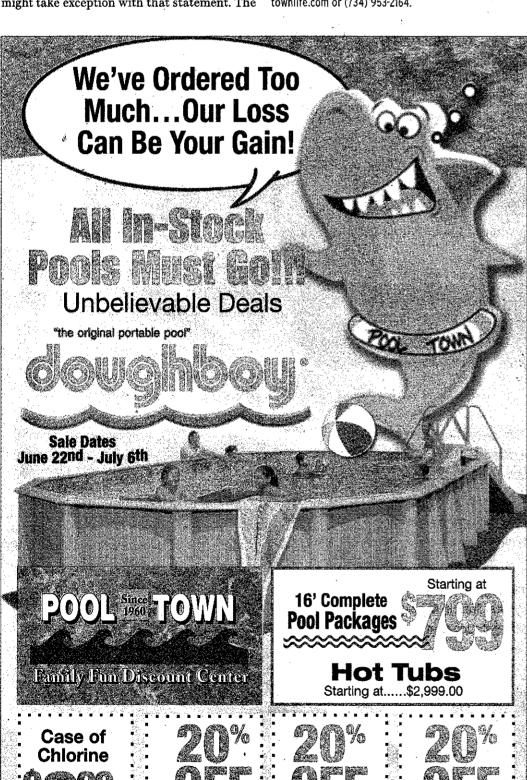
Six out of 10 Michiganders felt a package of reforms will make a "big difference" in how their government works. Interestingly, many legislators feel the same way. Over the past few months, I've had six small, confidential, off-the-record dinners with lawmakers from both parties. To a person, they are hard-working, interested in doing the right things, frustrated with a political system that tends to push them into scoring partisan political points rather than governing wisely.

True enough, this poll, like many others, looks grim on the surface. But if you look a bit below the surface; lots of folks are interested in reforming the system and willing to work hard to do it.

Correcting the record: My column last week chastised Gov. Granholm for not adopting Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's idea for a four-day, 10hour work week to save gas. Turns out she released a letter urging state departments to do exactly that, one day before my column was published.

I'm pleased she did the sensible thing to help preserve a little fuel, while helping state employees save a lot of gas money.

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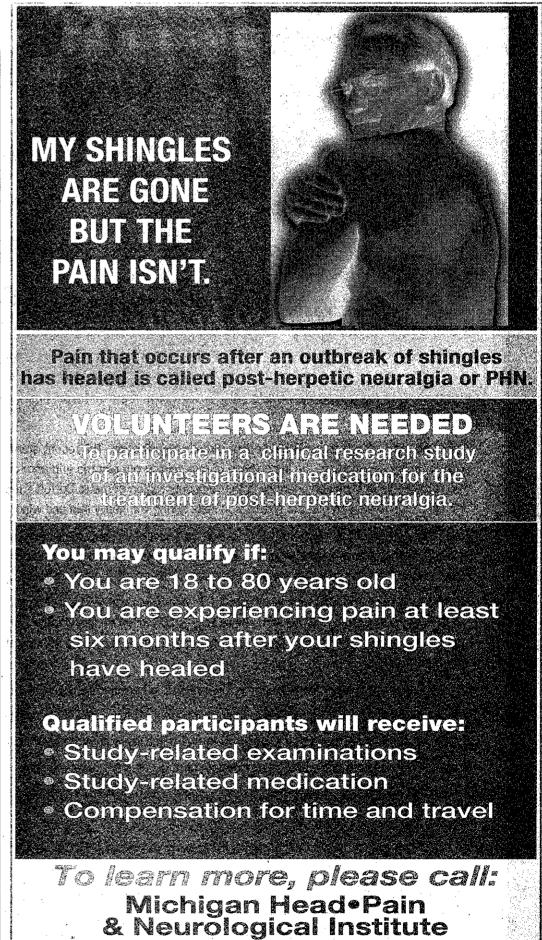
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Most will tell you the key

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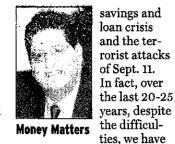
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has stated in the past, the

gave a speech last week and in attendance was a number of very nervous investors. One man said that with high oil prices, high food prices, the falling dollar and rising unemployment, he couldn't understand why I would recommend anyone continue to invest. He said it will take a long time to turn the economy around and it would be more prudent to stay on the sidelines.

I recognize many investors are nervous about the economy. However, it is not prudent to liquidate and to sit on the sidelines. It may feel good in the short run, but over the long run it will cost you.

It is important for all investors to realize we have gone through difficult times before, including the stock market crash of 1987, the meltdown in the technology market, the



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market rise.
One thing

that has always happened is our economy has come out of the doldrums and not only regained strength, but plowed ahead to reach all-time highs.

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The reality of the situation is that downturns are normal and it is something that investors not only have to accept, but should be looking to for the opportunities that generally abound.

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The reason they sell low is because when we go through times like this, they bail out of their investments (selling low). They wait until the market has a significant run to get back in, thus buying high.

I don't know when the market will regain its strength and start growing. I don't believe anyone knows. One thing history has taught me is those who stay invested, focus on long-term goals and objectives and who keep a balanced and diversified portfolio will be successful.

There is an old saying: "Your portfolio is like a bar of soap: the more you touch it, the smaller it gets."

naner it gets. If your goal, like mine, is to increase net worth during these difficult times, the best course of action is to not panic and make prudent moves.

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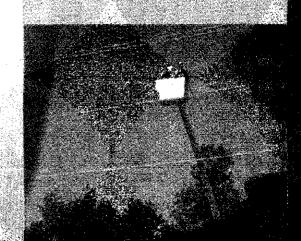
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Thurston athletic director victim of budget cuts

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The man who oversaw myriad recent renovations to Redford Thurston's athletics complex - such as a new football field, refurbished gymnasium and swimming pool and construction of an auxiliary gym - lost his job Monday thanks to budget cuts by the South Redford Board of Education.

Al Chambo, who just finished his eighth year as athletic director of the district (including Thurston and Pierce Middle School), was one of two administrators laid off to help the

district deal with a \$2 million budget shortfall for 2008-09. South Redford faced a June

30 deadline to approve a balanced budget. Several classroom instructors throughout the district also were let go.

Chambo was instrumental in helping get a \$32.65 million bond issue approved by South Redford voters in May 2005 that included installation of a turf football field as well as new running track plus a new competitive gymnasium that opened last fall.

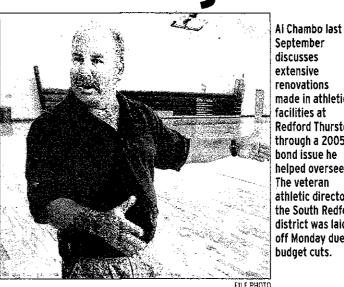
The auxiliary gym drew raves from coaches for minimizing scheduling problems stemming

from the 2007 court-mandated switch of seasons, a decision resulting in boys and girls basketball taking place at the same time of the year.

Thurston principal Bill Zolkowski did not respond to a request for comment on Chambo's layoff prior to Tuesday night's deadline.

Chambo, 49, a Garden City resident who also taught five vears at Thurston before being named athletic director, would not discuss the situation other than to say in an e-mail that "At this particular time I have no

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September discusses extensive renovations made in athletics facilities at **Redford Thurston** through a 2005 bond issue he helped oversee. The veteran athletic director in the South Redford district was laid off Monday due to budget cuts.



Members of the Christian Football League of Michigan's leadership committee include (from left) Bill Rider Jr., Boyd Meyers and Scott Hyde.

1ST & MANY GOAL

New league offers opportunities to Christian school and home-schooled gridders

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Prayers have been answered for hundreds of Michigan high school students whose desire to play football was sacked in the past because they attended small Christian schools or no school at all.

The Christian Football League of Michigan will break its initial huddle beginning the first weekend in September with seven teams - one based in Plymouth — whose rosters will be filled mostly by students who attend schools that don't offer football and home-schooled students.

The league, which is not affiliated with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, is the brainchild of Saline resident Boyd Meyers, a former walk-on football player at Michigan State University, whose primary goal is to give more kids a chance soccer.' to learn the invaluable life lessons that can be taught on the gridiron.

"When I was researching the idea of starting something like this, I ran across a league in Georgia that offered football to kids who didn't have an outlet to play otherwise," said Meyers, the CFLM's president. "I figured, if it can work in Georgia, why not here?"

Meyers' tireless efforts to get the league off the ground have been rewarded with widespread interest.

In addition to the seven teams that will begin play in September -Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing, Muskegon, North Branch and Troy - several other communities have received commitments from enough players to field a team.

"However, some areas are holding off because they're afraid that if the kids play football, it will take too many players from the boys soccer teams." said Meyers. "We're going to address that conflict by offering a boys soccer league in the spring so that students can play football and not miss out on

Meyers admitted the planning stages of the new leagues have been accompanied by some growing pains.

"The most difficult part of putting

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What: Christian Football League of Michigan;

Who: The first-year league consists of seven teams representing Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing, Muskegon, North Branch and Troy; teams will consist mostly of Christian school students and home-schooled students;

When: The league is set to kick off in early September with a triple-header at EMU's Rynearson Stadium;

Where: Week 2 games will be played in Flint; the sites for the remainder of the season have yet to be determined; For more information:

Visit www.cfi-mi.com.

this league together has been the fact that it's like a full-time job even though I already work a full-time job," said Meyers, who works for the Michigan Department of Corrections. "Another challenge is the fact that we're starting out with zero resources.

"It's been challenging and exciting at the same time.' Meyers said the Christian-based

league is not limited to kids who

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Florida picks Jenks in the fourth round

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following this past weekend's National Hockey League Entry Draft, A.J. Jenks' future appears to be as bright as Florida sun-

The Plymouth Whaler forward and native of Wolverine Lake was selected by the Florida

Panthers in the fourth round of the draft. Fellow Whaler Michal Jordan, a defenseman, was taken five picks later by the

Carolina Hurricanes.

Jenks, who graduated from Plymouth High School on June 15, registered 26 goals and 29 assists with 94 penalty minutes this past season for the Whalers. He also played a key role in the team's 2006-07 Ontario Hockey League championship run when he netted nine net-finders and 14 helpers in 68 games.

Jenks watched the draft at home along with several family members and friends.

"Actually, I didn't hear my name called because my agent called me a few minutes before and told me the Panthers had drafted me," the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Jenks said. "I was expecting to go a little higher (draft-specific Web sites projected he'd be taken anywhere from the first through third rounds), but it's still very exciting to be drafted.

'The Panthers' assistant general manager called me later that day and said they were excited to be able to get me as late in the draft

as they did." Jenks offered the following advice to young hockey players who dream of someday hear-

ing their name called out on draft day. "Stick with it and have fun," said Jenks. Ironically, former Whalers head coach

Pete DeBoer was hired as the Panthers' head coach last week. Jordan, a 6-1, 181-pound defenseman, compiled six goals and 22 assists in 61 games with

Plymouth and Windsor this season.



Plymouth Whaler forward A.J. Jenks, a recent graduate of Plymouth High School, was drafted in the fourth round of this past weekend's NHL Draft by the Florida Panthers.

Canton 5K run

The inaugural Run for Canton's History 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held Sunday, July 20, at 8 a.m. with the starting line at historic Cherry Hill Village.

Registration for the event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

The entry fee is \$20 through July 16 and \$22 the day of the race. All participants will receive a custom shirt and a Canton Historical Society membership. Awards will be presented to the top male and female finishers.

Runners can register at the Summit on the Park, which is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information, call the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600 or send an e-mail to mike. hoffmeister@cantonmi.org.

Softball sign-ups

The second session of slow-pitch softball leagues at the Canton Softball Center begins July 13. Leagues of all ability levels will be offered.

Registration forms can be found at www.csc.canton-mi.org. League schedules include 18 games plus playoffs. The team registration fee is \$800 in addition to a \$12 umpire fee that is paid weekly prior to each game.

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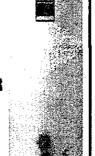
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Will Tidwell, Sr., P, Canton: The Hillsdale College-bound pitcher compiled a stellar 7-1 record with a 2.29 earned run average. His lone loss was a 2-1 setback to Plymouth. He chalked up six complete games and finished second on the team with a .375 batting average.

"Will was our most consistent pitcher all year long and was voted our team MVP," said Canton coach Mark Blomshield. "He gave our team a great chance to win when he was on the mound because of his ability to throw a lot of strikes with all of his pitches.'

Ryan Baglow, Sr., P, Lutheran Westland: The senior righthander posted school-record mark 8-0 this season with one save in leading the 25-8 Warriors to the Division 4 state finals.

Baglow, the school record holder for career wins (24), was a control pitcher allowing just 12 walks while fanning 44. He gave up only 17 earned runs (six earned). His ERA was

"Mr. Consistency is Ryan," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said of the Division 4 second-team All-Stater and All-Metro Conference choice. "He'll make a bad pitch once in awhile, but he always seems to hit his spots and leaves pitchers guessing at what is coming next.'

Angelo Zoccoli, Sr., P, Garden City: Zoccoli was outstanding all season, keeping the Cougars in virtually every game he pitched. He compiled a record of 7-2 with a 2.04 earned-run average and showed excellent poise (just 22 walks in 58 innings, along with 40 strikeouts).

"Zoccoli obviously was our horse on the mound and our leader offensively," said Cougars' head coach Steve Herman.

Garden City's team MVP hit .380, scored 28 runs, drove in 14 and ripped eight doubles and played flawless shortstop when not pitching. Zoccoli earned All-Mega Red and All-District honors.

Dan Abbott, Sr., C, Lutheran Westland: The senior catcher batted .478 with 10 doubles, two triples, two homers and 31 RBI. He also scored 29 runs.

"What a breakout year for Dan," Wade said of the All-Metro Conference choice. "In the off-season, he hit the weights hard and lost some weight and it made a big difference in his game.

"He can hit to all fields and with such a strong arm, teams have found it difficult to run on him. He did a great job calling games for his us this year. He always seems to call the right pitches."

Brian Corner, Sr., C, Red. Thurston: The hard-nosed senior was Thurston's MVP. was named to the All-Mega Blue team and led the Eagles in virtually every category, said head coach Bob Snell, adding that he "provided a lot of leadership" for younger players on

the squad. Corner batted .417, scored 35 runs, knocked in 29 runs and had a .681 slugging percentage. Behind the plate, he threw out 17 would-be base-stealers and fielded at a .948 clip. In a district win over Clarenceville, Corner tripled, doubled and



Salem junior Sam Ott earned Ali-Observer honors after hitting .427 this past season.

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Tvler Bledsoe, Jr., C, Liv. Churchill: The junior catcher earned first-team All-Area honors for the second straight year after hitting .411 (39-for-95) including six doubles, a triple and homer. He finished with 26 RBI and struck out only seven times.

Tyler was our offensive and defensive leader this season," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said of the All-Lakes Division pick. "He led the team in hits and was second in RBI.

"What was even more important was how Tyler handled the pitchers when he was behind the plate. He seemed to take control of the game and have a very calming effort on the pitchers. His improvement the last two years, especially defensively, has been fun to watch. I'm looking forward to good things next season from Tyler."

Sam Vomastek, Sr., INF, Liv. Stevenson: the senior infielder and catcher hit .398 (35-for-88) with an impressive on-base percentage of .465.

"Sam is a very smart baseball player with a terrific work ethic," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said of the All-

Western Lakes selection. Garrett Gumm, Jr., SS, Liv. Franklin: The junior finished with a .472 batting average en route to All-Western Division

Among his 45 hits including nine doubles, a triple and three homers. He also scored

"Garrett has been our shortstop for the past two seasons," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "He's the best student of the game on our team and was a huge part in our postseason run. He led the team in many offensive categories including homers. RBI, walks and stolen bases. He will continue to grow as a player."

Sam Ahlersmeyer, Jr., 3B, Lutheran Westland: The senior third baseman batted .469 with 53 hits, including 15 doubles, four triples and three homers. He finished with 47 RBI and scored 37 runs.

"When Sam was a freshman up on the varsity you would have thought he was a junior because of his size," Wade said of the All-Metro and secondteam All-State choice. "He is

a very strong kid. After missing most of his sophomore year with a broken wrist, most would have thought he would need some time to get his timing back, but that wasn't the case at all.

"Sam has had a phenomenal year at the plate setting school records for hits in a season (53) and for RBI (47). The scary part he's only a junior."

Sam Ott, Jr., OF, Salem: The junior center fielder was one of the primary catalysts of the Rocks' resurgent season as he compiled a .427 batting average with 28 RBI and 37 runs scored. He also stole a teamhigh 24 bases without being thrown out once — and served as the team's closer. Ott is just one of four players in the history of Salem to play on the varsity squad as a freshman.

"In my opinion, Sam is a fivetool player and he certainly was one of the leaders on our team," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "He's arguably one of the best players to play at Salem, plus he has a huge upside."

David Harvey, Sr., OF, Plymouth: The senior tore up opposing pitching to the tune of a .449 batting average. He not only reached base at a .530 clip, but displayed spurts of power with three home runs and 20 RBI.

"David Harvey is the consummate student-athlete," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "More importantly, he's a even better person."

Chris Gazley, Sr., At-Large, Redford Union: The threeyear starter was named the Panthers' MVP for the second straight season and he also earned All-Mega White, All-District and All-Region honors.

Gazley led the team with a .442 batting average, also leading the squad with 50 hits and 39 RBI. He also played well defensively at several positions and was the team's pitching ace (6-5, 1.88, 82 strikeouts in 70 innings).

"Chris was one of the most dependable everyday players I have seen," said RU head coach Mike Taylor. "He's one of those players that I will remember for the rest of my life because of what he did for this program."

Jesse Carpenter, Sr., At-Large, Liv. Franklin: The senior was named Franklin's MVP based

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on his .370 batting average and his 9-4 record on the mound.

Carpenter won four games during postseason play as the Patriots reached the Division 1 regional final. In 74.1 innings, he had 60 strikeouts and 38 walks with a 2.57 ERA.

The All-Western Division selection also collected 10 doubles, a pair of triples, 24 RBI and 24 runs scored.

"Jesse is a great competitor who gives you everything he has every game," Fournier said. "He has great character. He moved from the outfield to the infield to make our team better."



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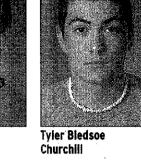


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Kevin Wade-Lutheran Westland coach

Ben Vaughn, Sr., At-Large, Canton: Vaughn was productive at the plate and on the mound as he led the Chiefs to their first District title since 1989. The senior hit .398 with a .470 on-base percentage. On the mound, the hard-throwing right-hander registered 55 strikeouts in 35 innings pitched while recording a 3-3

"Ben was our top hitter and possibly our best all-around player," said Blomshield. "He could pitch, play infield and outfield with equal skill. He has a power arm that can get his fastball into the high-80s while touching 90 at times." COACH OF THE YEAR

Kevin Wade, Lutheran Westland: The fourth-year coach led the Warriors to their most productive season in school history. finishing 25-8, including a runner-up finish in the Division 4 state tournament after winning the regional championship with a 3-2 upset of No. 1ranked and 29-0 Grosse Pointe

Woods University-Liggett. "Just to be even mentioned as Coach of Year is an honor," said Wade, whose team set nine school records. "It was a

humbling experience for me. It was an unbelievable and unforgettable year because so many players stepped up big. It quite an amazing run, something I'll never forget. What an experience it was to be with the kids and coach them. And they made my experience that much easier."

Wade is a 1997 graduate from Lutheran Westland who played three sports (football, baseball and basketball). He graduated from Concordia University in Ann Arbor 2001.

Wade has also coached the Lutheran Westland varsity girls volleyball and girls basketball the past two years. He won districts this year in volleyball, basketball and baseball and his overall record for the three sports during the past two years is a combined 126-

Saunderson, Sr., Northville.

At-Large: Jake Holloway, Jr., W.L. Western.
ALL-LAKES DIVISION

Pitchers: Joe Posler Sr., Salem; Shea Dwyer, Sr., Livonia Churchill.

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Ricky Scully, Jr., Churchill, Danny Tursell, Jr., W.L. Northern, Heath Parling, Jr., Salem.

"Outfielders. Russ VanMaele, Sr., W.L. Northern; Sam Ott, Jr., Salem; Brian Runge, Sr., Churchill. At-Large: Robert Fraser, Sr., Westland John

Rams sweep Detroit Eagles

The Michigan Rams continue to surge in the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League, sweeping the Detroit Eagles three straight including a 4-0 win Monday at soggy Ford Field in Livonia.

That was following a doubleheader sweep Saturday on the same diamond giving the Rams five straight wins.

Aaron Wick was the winning pitcher Monday, going the first five innings and tossing a twohitter.

He struck out four and

walked one before James Bertakis came on to earn the save, allowing two hits over the final two innings. Brad Herman went 2-for-2 with a double and triple to

lead the 20-and-under Rams,

who improved to 10-5 in the

MCBL. Canton's Shawn Little

(Madonna University) and Ryan Abraham also knocked in runs.

Steve Washington went 2for-3 for the Eagles (3-11), also a 20-and-under team. Losing pitcher Andy Bryant

gave up four runs on four hits in five innings. He had control issues, allowing seven walks and hitting a batter.

On Saturday, the Rams took both ends of the twinbill, 12-2 and 6-1.

In the opener, the Rams unloaded for 14 hits led by Joe Barnes (3-for-4; three RBI); Herman (3-for-3; RBI); and Frank Persichino (2-for-3; four

Also getting into the act was Brett Mazmanian (2-for-3; two RBI); Little (2-for-4; RBI); and Tim Cross (1-for-4 RBI).

Winning pitcher Brett

Shankin went the first five innings, allowing just two runs on five hits.

He struck out two and walked two. Closer Bret Spencer (MU) pitched a scoreless sixth with a pair of strikeouts and one walk. Starter Rob Moffett took the

loss for the Eagles, allowing nine runs on 11 hits. D.J. Ziegler and B.B.

Edwards each had an RBI for the Eagles.

In the nightcap, Colin O'Connell pitched a two-hitter and struck out eight over six innings to earn the victory for the Rams. Spencer finished up in the seventh.

Offensive leaders for the Rams included Mazmanian (2-for-4; RBI); Herman (2-for-3); Cross (two-run triple)) and Derek Mosher (RBI).

Rzeznik, Sr., W.L. Central, Andy Buchanan, Sr., 2008 ALL-WESTERN LAKES Walled Lake Western. At-Large: Andy Tinkey, Jr., Walled Lake ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BASEBALL TEAMS

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Stevenson; Mike Basner, Jr., Livonia Franklin; Matt Deacon, Jr., Northville; Steve Anderson, Outfielders: Joe Mitchell, Sr., Northville; Cody

Catcher; Eric Glanz, Jr., Walled Lake Central. Infielders: Sam Vomastek, Sr., Livonia

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION Pitchers: Will Tidwell, Sr., Canton; Mike Collins,

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE Thursday, June 26 (at Livonia Stevenson H.S.) Blue Knights vs. Trailblazers, 5:45 p.m.

Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Rams, 5:45 p.m. Mich. Monarchs vs. Blue Knights, 8:15 p.m. (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park) Trailbiazers vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m. Mich. Dodgers vs. Thunder, 8:15 p.m. Sunday, June 29

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attend Christian schools or are home-schooled. "It is not our intent to exclude anyone, but there are some parameters," he said. "There is a standard of play expected that would glorify

Christ. We have standards for our coaches so they will be qualified to lead and model proper

behavior for the players. "In order to keep a Christian environment on each team, we will have a 'cap' for the number of kids coming from outside the Christian environment. We do not want a situation where ungodliness is the standard that Christian kids

have to fight off. It should be the other way around.

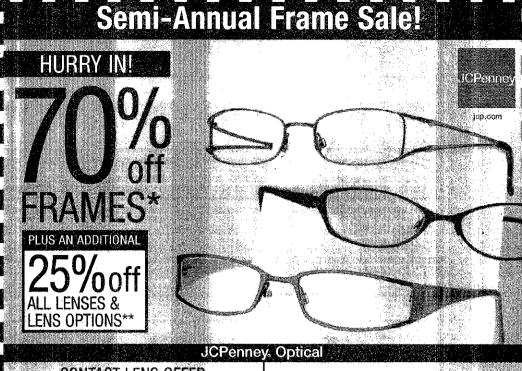
Each of the seven teams will play at least seven games this season with one team receiving a bye each week.

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comment on where I stand or the plans of the school board.'

Thurston football coach Bob Snell and boys basketball coach Brian Bates also could not be reached for comment.

BIG LOSS FOR KIDS

But veteran boys swim coach Tom Giummo lamented losing such a dedicated advocate for student-athletes, let alone someone who often would be the first person at school and the last one to leave after that day's athletic events.

"If it wasn't for Al, we probably wouldn't have gotten that fabulous football field and fieldhouse, or the new gym," Giummo said Tuesday afternoon. "You need somebody on your side to oversee athletics. He's going to be missed."

Meanwhile, Chambo's outstanding performance to help get the 2005 bond issue approved — and then put a blueprint into action — partly earned him the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Region 12 Athletic Director of the Year in 2005-06.

Giummo, involved in athletics at Thurston since the early 1980s, said he does understand it is a tough economic time for all of the region, school districts included. He just hoped the budget trimmings could have avoided athletics.

"Things like this happen and you wish (money) could be cut from someplace else," Giummo

said. "It's just a shame they have to take it out on the kids."

Giummo said Chambo worked tirelessly behind the scenes doing everything from making sure student-athletes maintained necessary minimum grade-point averages to participate on a team as well as keeping tabs on where kids stood on annual physicals and pay-to-play eligibility.

With two months before fall sports get under way, the South Redford board must act quickly to get the new administrative lineup in place.

The board could decide to move Chambo's many duties over to an assistant principal. but Giummo worried about the logistics of one person adding athletics to traditional administrative duties such as "grades, discipline and everything else.'

According to Giummo, it is unfortunate that the budget cuts dealt a major blow to the athletic program.

"Athletics is an integral part of the high school program," Giummo said. "I think athletics and academics go hand in hand, ... they make a wellrounded student."

The timing of the layoff also means Thurston might not have an active voice inthe upcoming weeks when the cloudy future of the Mega Conference beyond 2008-09 is determined.

"Now they're talking about disbanding the Mega," Giummo said. "Al was right there on that, looking out for our best interests."

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How garden grows matters when selling, staying

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

If you're selling a home, or staying put, attractive landscaping can go a long way. Either you'll get some nibbles from potential buyers, or just feel better about your abode.

Jim Morris, landscape manager for English Gardens, recommends "adding color" if you're selling. You can use porch pots, put in annuals or perennials, "making things look clean and neat and then color," said Morris, a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

If a for sale property hasn't been well maintained, landscapers may need to do some removal and put in shrubs. "When you're looking for that curb appeal, there's an investment that needs to be made," said Morris of English Gardens, which has stores in West Bloomfield, Royal Oak, Dearborn Heights and other metro communities. "It is so variable because each house is different."

He recommends a clean, well-kept look, which can be as simple as adding mulch, edging and putting in pockets of color, Keeping up with weeding matters when it's "for sale" time.

A dream home you don't plan to sell is a different landscaping animal. "You didn't start out in that home without a blueprint for the interior," Morris said. A plan is vital; he finds many customers particularly like to make their back yards more homey, "creating outdoor rooms and that kind of

He hasn't seen a lot of tightening of the purse strings in the nursery business: "People are definitely willing to invest in their property.

For plants, southeast Michigan's in Zone 4 or 5. You need to read tags on shrubs, Morris said, and remember that annuals won't live through the winter.

"Each and every home is a little bit different," he said. A landscape designer can tailor the look and feel of your property to suit the land.

There are considerations of sun and shade when choosing plants, and Morris said it's vital to buy proper materials for the right locations. There are magazines, such as Horticulture and the garden



publications of Better Homes ೮ Gardens "which are awesome for getting ideas."

He agreed novice gardeners can at times have big ideas and not consider the work a yard requires. "People get overwhelmed," Morris said. He and colleagues consider that in their work, coming up with low-maintenance plans to accommodate customer needs.

For more information, visit www.englishgardens.com. Another good Web site is www.plymouthnursery.net; that of Plymouth Nursery just over the Wayne County line on Plymouth-Ann Arbor

Tim Parker, general manager and co-owner at Plymouth Nursery, has also seen the trend toward investing in outdoor living, not just gardens but also patio furniture and grills. "They're looking at it as outdoor living," the Hamburg Township resident said.

He sees people with today's gas prices staying home more. "They're just doing a lot more home improvement," Parker said. "A lot of people just tell us they're going to stay closer to home.'

Plymouth Nursery's new and expanded greenhouse

has been a big draw, although landscaping work is slower with fewer homes being built. If you're looking for a "quick fix" to help sell your home, Parker recommends such color as hanging baskets and

"Sometimes it makes a lot of difference in selling a home," he said. He recommends keeping up with weeding, having your property mulched and your lawn groomed.

porch pots.

A less-than-stellar yard at a home for sale could suggest to a buyer the home isn't well maintained, Parker noted. At Plymouth Nursery,

gardening pros go by Zone 5 hardiness. He sees customers who plan to make their dream home a reality. "That's really been our spe-

cialty, our hallmark," Parker said. You'll need a master plan, and can phase in elements within your time constraints and budget.

A number of Michigan State University horticulture grads work at Plymouth Nursery, and Parker recommends such expertise. You need the right exposure, soil and spacing for your plants.

"Get a good design, and your garden shouldn't be high maintenance," he said.

BRIEFS

Best to consult attorney on foreclosure

Q: When a condo association forecloses on a unit for dues, do the same laws apply to the type of foreclosure as to a mortgage lien, foreclosure, and redemption period, etc.?

A: In most instances your position



Robert Meisner

is correct, in that the Michigan Condominium Act incorporates the procedures for filing by foreclosure by advertisement

and judicial

foreclosure. However, there may be certain exceptions in the process and you are well advised to consult with a knowledgeable community association attorney.

Q: I am aware of an interactive Web site that allows residential landlords to be matched with prospective tenants through the use of discriminatory postings. Is this a violation of the **Communications Decency Act?**

A: In a similar case out of the 9th Circuit Federal U.S. Court of Appeals, the court held that the Web site could be held liable under the Fair Housing Act, not the Communications Decency Act. Without going into the details of the opinion, it appears that one should be extremely careful with respect to whatever types of postings it places. on an interactive Web site regarding real estate listings.

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 & Eccentricarea residential real-estate closings recorded the week of March 3-7, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County.

Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices. Canton 313 Buckingham Rd \$168,000 7042 Foxthorn Dr \$95,000

7390 Haverhill Ln \$332,000 1926 N Sheldon Rd \$78,000 2530 Oakham Ct \$249,000 51056 Sleepy Hollow Ln \$245,000 Farmington Hills \$150,000 \$156,000 28865 Green Castle Rd \$126,000

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\$370,000

50462 Rose Ter Novi 43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr 44900 Bayview Dr

\$180,000 \$172,000 \$290,000 **Garden City** \$185,000 Livonia

\$103,000 \$143,000 \$100,000 \$200,000 \$175,000 \$182,000 \$130,000 \$95,000 \$118,000 \$340,000

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\$198,000 \$171,000 \$125,000 \$99,000 \$129,000 \$125,000 \$102,000 \$65,000 South Lyon \$420,000 \$213,000 Westland \$127,000

Appointment

Milestone Realty Services Inc. in Royal Oak announced the appointment of Matthew J. Wilk as senior vice president focusing on three areas of increasing importance in today's markets: providing consulting services in real estate workout and turnaround situations, facilitating sales of troubled real estate assets, and providing asset management services for bank-owned

Wilk will provide consulting to commercial real estate borrowers and lenders in workout or turnaround situations, including sales of troubled loan portfolios. Northville resident Wilk previously served as a senior vice presi-

dent of Citizens Republic Bancorp and as a vice president with Builders Bank, headquartered in Chicago. He joined Builders after practicing commercial real estate law with the D'Ancona

& Pflaum firm in Chicago. Wilk is a member of the Michigan and Illinois State Bars, and a licensed real estate broker in both states. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, and did his undergraduate work at U-M. Wilk and his wife have twins, 11 months.

Blitz Build

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County announced that its incredible Blitz Build 2008

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LOCATION, LOCATION

GREAT PRICE

Motivated seller's offer a great dea

on this inviting home in Livonia, 1,5

baths LR w/bay window & frol 2 car Garage, & addt lot next door

CUL DE SAC LOCATION

baths. Fam Rm w/frpl & drwl to

updates inc: baths, cherry Kit, roof,

furnace, & C/A, Appl's stay & Rec

WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH

Great 2 bd condo w/fresh paint,

vaulted ceilings & skylights, new

welcome, & unbeatable location

OUTSTANDING CONDO

2 bd. 2 bath ranch condo located

community. Master, Bdrm w.private

bath, awesome Kit w/granite

Great Rm w/frpl, bsmt, private

FABULOUS COLONIAL

LR/DR w/crown mldg, vaulted

family room with fireplace, vaulted

r with glam bath,

Deck, & more. \$144,500

animals

(C-331Pi)

(C-881DE)

Dining Area,

\$116,500

windows, & private lake access to

PRICED RIGHT

Beautiful 3 bd, 3 bath condo w/fult

bsmt, 2 car att Garage, built in 2005, 1st fl Master, 1st fl iaun, &

big open Kitchen. Don't miss out

UPDATES ABOUND

flooring, updated baths, formal DR,

fin bsmt, stamped Patio in fenced

BACKS TO WOODS

Great Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt w/ wetbar, 1/2 bath, huge rec room. &

theater. Great location, a must see!

MECHANIC'S DREAM

Let your dreams come true in this

fenced lot can be split, eat in Kit,

3 bd, 2.5 bath, 1870 sq ft

detached condo built in 2002

WIC. Din Rm. Fam Rm w/froi.

AWESOME CANTON BUY

Open floor plan w/large rooms

Open Kit w/drw! to large Deck,

Master w/bath& drwi to balcony. Huge 2.5 car Garage, 40x25 4 car

(C-025JO)

w/pit & a drive rear door,

full bsmt. & covered Patio.

3 bd, 2.5 bath home feat: gourme Kit w/all appl's & pantry, vaulted

windows, rema

(P-384GA)



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NICE HOME

large Master Bdrm, finished bsm

BREATHTAKING VIEWS

Traditional floor plan feat: formal LR/DR, Fam Rm w/gas frpl & views of wooded backyard. Large island Kit w/all appl's, Master w/volume

open floor plan, fresh paint,

appliances stay, large screened

Patio, updated furnace & hwh.

Pets welcome & 1 yr Hame

FABULOUS FIND

The amenities of this home will

outshine the effort needed for paint

& cleanup! 2003 updates inc

shingles, siding, furnace, C/A, baths, cak Kit, Patio, bsmt, & built

BEAUTIFUL CANTON CONDO

excellent location, & close to

everything.

(C-158GR)

(C-281UN)

(C-465CA)

cell. WIC, & luxury bath.

finished bsmt, & updated roof

entryways, part

(P-301FO)

(P-655CL)



LAVISH COLONIAL Your search is over, this home will take your breath away. Relocation 2.5 bath home w/2 story Great Rm, jetted tub, & new landscaping. (C-560AN)



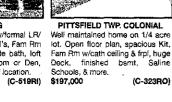
SOUTH LYON VACANT LOT On a private road with a wooded backdrop. Will require an engin. septic field, golf courses & upscale homes. Survey & geological studies avail, Over one acre. Privacy is perfect as is the price.



LARGE COUNTRY LOT Not your ordinary sub of floor plan Designer Kit w/granite & walnut firs, 2 story Great Rm w/nat frpl & views of backyard, 1st fl Master w/ bath & WIC, & great location



CHARMING DR, large Kit w/all appl's, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/private bath, loft area could be freshly painted, & good location.



UPGRADES GALORE! 2006 Built home feat 3 bds, 2.5 baths, pond view from oak Kit w/ granite, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/WIC, vaulted ceiling & jetted tub. & too much more to list. \$274,900 (C-211BR



CUSTOM COLONIAL Come see this custom Interior in this 4 bd. 3 ba home. Custom maple Kit. LB & DB w/custom 2nd home on property can be in-



bd condo on beautiful Colonia Estates, Full bsmt, large Liv Rm. Dining Area, 2 car Garage w/opener, C/A, & ceiling fans. Appl's \$114,900 (C-613CO)



PERFECTLY LOCATED Canton beauty, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, Kit v/all appl's, vaulted Fam Rm w/ trpl & recessed lights, vaulted Master Suite w/WIC & glamour \$210,000





stay, & great Canton location \$104,900

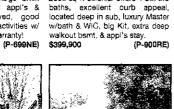


Nice 1500+ sq ft Northville condo w/2 bd, 2.5 ba, freshly painted t/o, new Kit floor, bonus room, Dining downtown shopping & events.



CHARMING COLONIAL

FLEGANT & AFFORDABLE 2803 sq ft colonial offers 4 bd, 2.5 Cute ranch condo w/large brick paver Patio, updated appl's & windows, pets allowed, good location. & clubhouse activities w/ walkout bsmt, & appl's stay.



CHARMING BANCH Lovely home backing to commons. Immaculate 1168 sq ft, 3 bd, 1.5 floor plan w/maple Kit, Fam bath brick feat a large Master w/ Rm w/frpl, LR/DR, sunroom, large Master w/bath, newer furnace, A/ 10x7 bonus room, refinished hwd firs, updated Kit, part fin bsmt, 2



SELLER MUST SELL!! Rare find on this custom ranch on almost an acre in Farm Hills. Beautiful landscaping, Kit w/ granite, Farn Rm w/frpl, fin bsmt, newer roof, 1st fl laun, pool, & (C-323RO) circular drive (C-432RO)



ENJOY THE VIEW nfortable 3 bd Waterford home w/updated white Kit w/ceramic. updated baths & carpet, well maintained w/loads of storage, right across from Cass Lake (P-415CA) \$129,900



NEWLY REMODELED Beautiful Canton home w/3 bd, 2.5 Redone top to bottom in 2007. Open floor plan, maple Kit, large Fam Rm, bright Master w/3 closets & bath, neutral paint & carpet t/o, new roof, windows, doors, etc.



GREAT OPPORTUNITY Traditional floor plan feat a forma LR/DR, large island Kit w/nock & all appl's, Spacious Fam Rm w/ frpl, Master w/his & her wic's & a \$223,000

(P-576AA)

PERFECT STARTER Great floor plan for this 3 bd ranch w/updated carpet, spacious eat-in Kit, finished bsmt w/dry bar, updated C/A, 2 car Garage, & nice

fenced yard. Walk to eler \$114,900



EXCEPTIONAL POND VIEW

Popular Ridgewood offers this nice colonial w/4 bd, 2.5 baths, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR/DR, Island Kit w/nook, large Deck off Family Rm, (P-487ME) \$175,000 (C-990OT)



GORGEOUS CAPE COD

Great find in sought after sub. Open floor plan, bright Kit w/new

granite & pergo opens to large Deck w/pond view. Great Rrn w/ vaulted ceil, tons of windows,

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MOVE IN READY 3 bd brick home w/large eat-in Kit. Excellent curb appeal on this great home! 4 bd, 2.5 baths, huge Kit. 1st fl laun, 2 story Great Rm, lovely patio door, huge backvard, 2 full baths, LR/DR co mbo, huge fenced yard, & convenient location \$169,900 (C-(C-120DU)

BREATHTAKING

paver Patio, & quiet cui de sac

GREAT LOCATION

Spacious open floor plan w/neutral

décor, newer roof & windows, huge

Fam Rm w/frpl, part finlshed bsmt, great Deck in fenced yard, appl's

PERFECT STARTER HOME

4 hd. 1 bath home w/newer hath

All to Pro-

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Kit, 1st fl Master, bsmt, & 2 car

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hwd firs t/o. Kit w/42' cabs, ss

Deck & patio, Fam Rm w/frpl

\$250,000

vaulted Master w/WIC, & so much

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Sparkling clean colonial w.over 2600 sq ft, cherry cabinets, gas

frpi, no maint Geo-Deck, extra

deep bsmt, huge side entry

(P-711FI)

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stay, & 1 yr warranty inc.

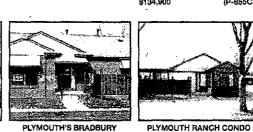
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location



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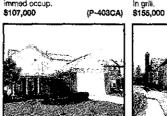
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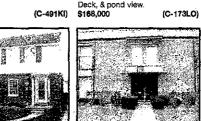


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BEAUTIFUL BRICK BUNGALOW Popular Bradbury offers this completely remod condo w/oak Kit When only the best will & stain steel appl's, 1st fl laun, bd. Master w/1/2 bath, coved cailings, LR w/frpl, updated bath, windows, carpet, paint, & elec. updated bath, new paint & carpet, (P-815NE)



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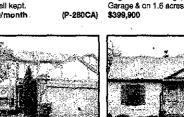


very well kept. \$1,700/month (P-280CA)

NEWER CONDO

overlook, bright oak Kit, Patio,

Rm w/vault ceil & frpl.



UPDATES GALORE Great find on this 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo in Canton. Meticulously Lake in Stonewater sub offers over 6000 sq ft, custom details t/o. maintained, open floor plan, Great granite kit w/subzero fin walkout



LAKE VIEW carpet, great room aizes, awesome Clubhouse w/ ited pool, & pets are wel \$432,500 (C-711VA)



area. 2 bd, 1.5 bath, 2 story unit w/ private setting, hwd firs, appl's (P-131VI)



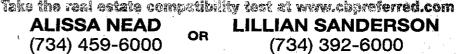


All brick ranch w/4 bd, finished walkout bemt, updated Kit w/all appl's, freshly painted, new carpet in bsmt, Garage, & priced to sell! \$129,900 (C-347Wt)



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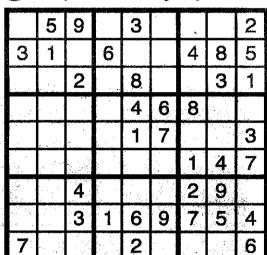
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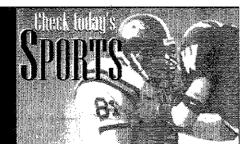
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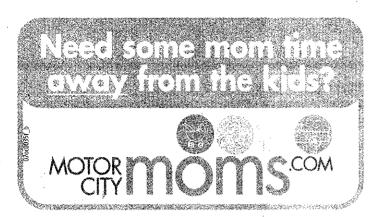
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The Blitz Build first started in 2005 with the Jimmy Carter Work Project where Habitat and its cadre of partner families and volunteers were able to see energy pour into another Pontiac neighborhood in this quick results fashion.

The need for Habitat volunteers and sponsors is always in high demand. If you or your organization is interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor, please contact Brad Irwin at (248) 338-1843, Ext. 22.

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry which partners with people of faith, all faiths and no faith which seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from Oakland County, Michigan and around the world.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training Introduction on Wednesday, July 9, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 879 Benjamin, Troy 48098 (house built by Wake-Pratt Construction).

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making a positive environmental statement. This is the first in a series of five trainings. The training is free for BIA members. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders. org.

■ The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will host its "Macomb County Golf Spectacular" on Thursday, July 17, at Cherry Greek Golf Club, 5200

Cherry Creek Drive (24 Mile and Van Dyke), Shelby Township.

Registration and continental breakfast will take place from 9-10 a.m. Shotgun start is at 10 a.m. Steak dinner is at 3 p.m.

The complete golf package includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, three drink tickets, dinner, golf competition contests and door prizes.

Registration fees are \$130 for a complete golf package for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers or \$45 for dinner only. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

RE/MAX addition

RE/MAX Classic announced its most recent addition to the elite group of Realtors at the Canton Classic office — Lysa Kowalik. Her expertise and drive have made Kowalik one of the top producing Realtors in the tri-county area for more than eight years. Her knowledge, professionalism and passion for servicing her clients continue to build her strong referral base of returning happy clients. She's built a reputation as a pacesetter when it comes to innovative marketing ideas and personalized service. Aligning herself with RE/MAX Classic and their systems allows Kowalik to take her business to the next level and better serve her clients. Her credentials as Graduate of the Realtor Institute and also an Accredited Buyer Representative have elevated her career in servicing her clients.

Townhome offer

Cohen Homes of Southfield announced June 18 the new phase of the Heron Hills community in the Commerce Township area is now open with a special townhome offer of a finished lower level.

"We want homeowners to enjoy their new home the moment they move in," said Larry Cohen, president of Cohen Homes. "We pride ourselves in taking care of the details with superior design, quality construction and personal attention."

The townhomes in the new

phase start at \$169,900 and are 1,900 square feet. The homes are available in two- or three-bedroom floor plans and come with two and half baths and two car side-by-side garage.

The community also offers raised ranch homes that begin at \$104,000 and 1,186 square feet and range up to models starting at \$129,900 and 1,318 square feet. Floor plans are available in two or three bedrooms, two bathrooms and one- or two-car garages.

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nities are flooring, lighting, appliances, walk-in closet, community pool and cabana. "Hundreds of selections let the homeowner create the right home for their lifestyle or they can purchase one of the four decorated models," said Cohen. "We include the refrigerator, range, dishwasher, microwave, washer and dryer in the homes." Additional choices include granite counters, stainless steel kitchen appliances, wood or ceramic tile flooring, library or third bedroom option, recessed lights and three car garage.

Heron Hills' new phase has 12 townhomes available for immediate occupancy in two buildings. The Wolverine Lake condominium community is in the Walled Lake school district and located west off South Commerce Road between Oakley Park and Glengary Roads near the all sports Wolverine Lake.

For more information, visit their Web site at www.cohenhomes.com or call the decorated models and sales office, open daily noon to 5 p.m., at (248) 960-8048. Cohen Homes has built more

than 3,000 homes since 1981 in Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston counties and currently has models and homes available for sale in southeast Michigan. They also build high-end custom designed single family homes in Birmingham, Bloomfield and Northville. A separate division, Transformations, provides remodeling and renovation services for homes and offices in southeastern Michigan. For more information, call their main office, (248) 355-3290.

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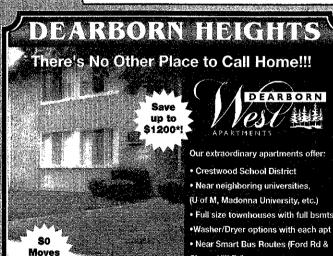
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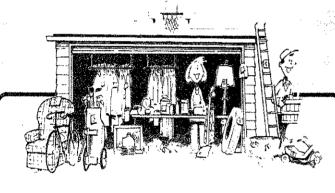
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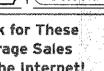
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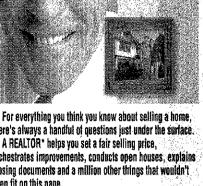
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By Dale Buss

Two new TV advertisements are telling American consumers and auto dealers that car manufacturers are hearing – loud and clear – their increasing clamor for fuel efficiency in vehicle offerings and for a green cast over everything automotive.

One is a new spot for General Motors on the Planet Green cable TV network it is sponsoring, touting its investment in a startup company that makes cellulosic ethanol from trash and other non-desirable feedstocks.

The other is a new ad that began running nationally on Monday for BMW, promoting - of all things - fuelefficient transportation across much of the luxury maker's product lineup. BMW added its silver-plated brand to the parade of automakers that have turned to fuel-economy boasts.

Fuel-Efficient Heritage BMW's spot on several cable-TV channels will promote the fact that the German luxury maker has eight models that get more than 28mpg on the highway, Patrick McKenna, manager of marketing and consumer events for BMW in the United States, told AutoObserver. The models touted will include 128i coupe and

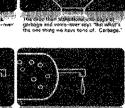
convertible, 328i sedan and coupe, 528i sedan, and three versions of the Z4.

As a company, BMW managed to post an overall sales increase of 3 percent in May, but that was because of surging sales of its Mini brand. For the flagship BMW brand, sales fell by nearly 5 percent in May compared with a year ago.

BMW and other leading luxury brands are beginning to encounter strong headwinds from U.S. economic uncertainties created by the housing mess and credit crunch, in addition to high gas prices. But its executives determined that they could make more of an explicit fueleconomy play toward American consumers who are increasingly conscious of, if not worried about, gasolineprice increases – and about what they communicate by what they drive. Still, McKenna said that corporate executives have

been going back and forth about the decision to enter the fuel-economy marketing derby for the last few weeks and







investment in a cellulosicethanol company in a new TV commercial.



GM is promoting its

BMW's 1 Series is among the eight models the company is featuring in a new TV ad about fuel economy.

that they even tested some mileage-oriented themes --versus their usual emphasis on "no-cost maintenance" in online campaigns.

Where we come from," the ad says, showing shots of Germany, "high fuel prices are nothing new." BMW also considered making the claim that it is the only luxury-car company that can boast so many models that generate more than 28mpg on the highway, but it isn't clear yet if the ad will actually make that claim. BMW also has 22 models that obtain 25mpg on the highway or better, McKenna said.

The ad will start appearing on cable networks including ESPN, Fox, CNN, Discovery, Speed and the

The BMW spot will be reminiscent of the ubiquitous Chevrolet ad that boasts that the General Motors division offers "6 models that get at least 30 mpg" on the highway. But interestingly, BMW's ad is essentially the same one that BMW ran for a while last year, to relatively little notice - though the new version slightly updates the number of models and mileage information.

Last year, the similar ad said that BMW had six models that each gained at least 30mpg. "But the EPA standard changed, and we also added the I-Series," McKenna said, explaining the difference in the new ad.

"It's amazing because the relevance of it is so much higher now, and the attention it's getting from dealers and internally is so much more intense now, because people are so much more focused on fuel economy," McKenna said.

"For people who may think we're just a performancecar company and not fuel-efficient, we want to make sure they know this part of the story," McKenna said. "We've been engineering toward fuel economy for decades."

GM's Ethanol Play Meanwhile, GM is increasing the hype around Coskata, the Warrenville, Ill.-based company that has come up with a process for converting municipal trash, wood chips, old tires and many other widely available raw materials into ethanol. The process promises to ease the burden on corn as the main source of ethanol production.

GM has a new ad that is airing, for now, exclusively on Planet Green, the new cable-television network of which GM has become a major sponsor. The spot uses simple graphics to depict the conversion of waste into fuel.

"Oil - it's not going to last forever," the ad begins. "But what's the one thing we have tons of?: Garbage. So a team of scientists asked, 'Why not turn waste into fuel?' So that's exactly what they're doing. We liked their ideas so much, we're investing in their company." And while the ad doesn't specifically mention Coskata or depict the company, it ends by displaying the website gm.com/ coskata.

GM spokeswoman Kelly Cusinato said that, while the ad is only airing on Planet Green now, it's "possible" they could find broader distribution. She said that the spot is one of a group that was developed "as part of a targeted influencer campaign, with specific applications in mind, such as Planet Green."

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\$235,000

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248-851-4100 WELCOME HOME! 4 BR,2.1 bath brick contemporary features 2 story foyer, French doors to library, large granite island kitchen w/breakfast rm, & great rm. Fantastic deck

THIS COLONIAL IS A 10+!!! Central vacuum,

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248-684-1065 Commerce Oak Brook Village condo end unit w/ view of trees & lake. Open fir plan. Vaulted ceilings. Warm/inviting great room w/ FP & skylights. Neutral colors.



Dearborn Heights A Must See Geml Excellent curb appeal, landscaping, oak hdwd fir, updt kit opens to DR w/bay wins, deep 2 car gar, year around breezeway, 2 FPs, new BA upr fin bsmt w/full



Farmington Hills Original Owner, custom built 3 bedroom home on 2 acres! New hardwood floors & huge kitchen, family room overlooks 20x16 deck & spacious backvard, low utilities



Farmington Hills Almost everything is new! Kitchen with granite, ceramic floor, cabinets, lighting, appliances, garage roof, carpet. Screened back porch,

nestled on almost 1 acre.



Novi Imagine Owning Ths Beautiful Home! Accent on details, hdwd fir highlights kit & bkfst area, FR w/vaulted ceiling, elegant LR & DR, lib, nice mstr, extra wide 2 car garage, patio



Garden City REMODELED BUNGALOW 2 BD, 1 BA home on large lot which backs to Fellows Creek Golf Course. Includes 3 studio apartments (rented & COMPLETELY REDONE RANCHI Located on a court setting! Newer furnace, HWT, roof, siding, windows, circuit box, kit, bath. Entire interior was gutted & put together with a income producing). You need to see this one!



734-591-9200 Green Oak 248-437-3800 Desirable floor plan w/private MSTR BR BA & Resort Living At It's Finest! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, cherry cabinets, hardwood firs. Breakfast nook W/French door to private W/I closet; updtd, open kit overlooks FR w/cath cing & fp; PVT 1/4 acre lot, fncd yad, pool & view patio. Spoiling 1st fir mstr suite, glamour bath



\$229,900

734-455-7000 OPEN FLOOR PLAN RANCH! Many updates in this much-sought-after ranch. Great location near park and close to everything you need. Huge basement, private patio and extra deep fenced lot.

of woods: Fin ofc in bmst.



734-455-7000 CHERRY HILL VILLAGE LIVING! Condo with a flare! Nice open floor plan, great for entertaining! Neutral decor, basement, garage, oak kitchen, 2BR, 2BA. Turnkey home! Call for



Custom built lkfrt home; 1.7 acres. Maple cabs & granite t/o 2 kits & baths. 2 story GR w/ gas fp. 1st fir mstr w/ ba & 2 WIC's. Fin W/O; prof

\$579,900

Highland 248-684-1065 Waterbury lakefront. 2 gar/1 heated. Huge 64x36 pole barn. 54x36 indoor pool rm w/ 38x15 fiberglass pool w/ sep HVAC. Apt/off over gar. 30x22 paver patio.



Lovely updated lakefront home in Seven Harbors Sub. Open floor plan, Oak kitchen, wood floors, loft, custom fireplace, ceramic BA, and much morel



248-684-1065 Highland shelves. Open upper loft w/ full ba for 4th br. 2 fp. Huge kit.



Highland Relax on covered deck and enjoy peaceful hilltop setting from lakefront ranch. Numerous updates. Move in condition. W/O Bsmt w/ natural FP. Access to 5 lakes.



LARGE YARD IN LIVONIA Beautiful colonial built in 2005 with many custom features. Second garage workshop. Better than new!



Livonia Renovated With Style! 3 bedroom ranch with impressive details & many updates including: updated kitchen, main bath, light fixtures. Finished basement, vinyl windows, and deck.

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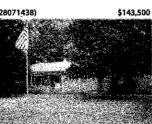
734-591-9200 Stunning! Curb appeal-great! 3 BR Brick ranch; Ig updtd kit with breakfast rm, bay window in LR; updtd BA & 1/2; newer c/a & roof;elec plbg-blown in-insu. full bsmt; fam rm w/wood stove 2.5 car gar.



Sought After Northwest Livonia Ranch! Remodeled KIT, new ceramic BA, 2 car att garage, LG Fla room. Newer roof & windows coved ceilings, LG FM, walk to Livonia rec



UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA 3 bedrooms,1.5 baths, full finished basement. Hot tub, fenced yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks.



248-437-3800 Lyon Country Living At Its Best! 4.82 acres w/creek running on property. Ranch home features living rm w/large front window, country kitchen w/snack bar, 3 BR, 2BA, 1st flr laundry



Melvindale 734-591-9200 Great and Clean 4 bedroom and 2 full baths, w/fin bsmt, 2.5 car gar; new siding, wins and entry doors. Hdwd firs, newer furn, 4 bedroom and 2 full baths, fresh paint; long driveway and forced ud. and fenced vd. (28091391)



248-684-1065 Milford Great flr plan! 2 story entry w/ oak flrs, foyer, den w/ french drs, granite kit, nook. LR w/ fp. Lg mstr w/ WIC. Fin bonus rm over gar. \$25K in upgrades free.

\$360,000

248-437-3800 BRING ALL OFFERS! Full remod. in 2007! Kit w/new granite, GE profile stain. appl., tile w/granite inlay. Baths w/new tile and gra counters. New carpet/trim Bdrms/BA/FM/



248-437-3800 Sharo Ranch On Almost 2 Private Acres This Big Value turn key home offers a Irg great rm w/custom fp, a comfortable granite kitchen w/bar, fig mstr suite, fully finished bsmt w/huge family rm & bar.



Enjoy Kensington Metro Parkl Desirable 3 BDRM, 2.5 BA ranch. Lovely LM w/FRPLC & vaulted ceiling, remodeled KIT w/granite counters @ oak cabinetry, FM, FF laundry, W/O (28088357)



New Boston NESTLED ON ALMOST AN ACRE! Hard to find 5 bedroom brick colonial with over 3300 sq.ft. Offering an open floor plan with expensive features. Five minutes from three



Beautiful Remodeled 2006 Historic Home In downtown Northville, abundance of windows, fabulous new kitchen, elegant dining & living room, great room, family room & 3 porches. A spectacular home!



248-348-6430 Northville Stately Custom Colonial Spacious RMs t/o. Gorgeous entry w/curved strcse. Gour KIT, FR w/2 sty paladium windows. Priv lib. All BR suites. Deck, sidewalks, pool & clbhse in



6 LAKE PRIVILEGES.NORTHIVILLES STONEWATER 4 BR.4.1 BA,1 st fir MBR suite w/glamour spa bath, hearth rm w/2 way FP. Walls of windows, princess suite. Granite kit. & baths, 3 car garage,



248-348-6430 Novi ceramic backsplash, newer appliances, 2 way freplace in family room & library, newer carpet, lovely finished basement with bedroom & full bath. Completely Redone Kitchen with granite &



Beautiful Cape Cod with original owners, non-smoking & no pets, hardwood floors, spacious kitchen with double oven, pewter light fixtures throughout, brick paver patio & walkway.



248-348-6430 W/O BSMT Ranch on .75 Acre Wooded Sitel Gorgeous treed setting highlights this Novi home located in popular, convenient, Brookland Farms! 2 FPs, Northville schools, loads of potential! Home Warranty.



248-348-6430 Good Value On ths Very Nice Home. Nice circular Dr, 6 panel DRs, spacious rms, priv den, formal LR & DR, nice KIT, FR w/cathedral ceiling, 1st fir laundry, side entry gar. Awaiting your inspection.



You Have Found the Gem Quiet location, awesome Kit, Granite, HDWD fl, appi, newer windows, roof 07, 2 BR, 1.5 BAS, att gar DW, fin bsmt, upgraded BAs.



248-437-3800 Private 8.16 Acres! Own your own get-away. Magnificient land w/towering pines & hardwood. Truly feels like a retreat up north. 650 FT of river front. New kit/w/granite.



Plymouth QUEEN ANNE STYLE Addition/remodel in 2001. New MBR suite, breakfast & family rooms, 1st floor laundry. 2 HVAC systems, wood floors, stainless appl., deck, fenced yard.



734-455-7000 **Plymouth** PLYMOUTH "FIXER UPPER"! Great potential In this 3 bedroom colonial near downtown Plymouth. Needs work but has some updates.



Redford 248-684-1065 Quaint brick home on treed lot. Knotty pine kit cabs, part fin bsmt adds 910 sq.ft and rec room. 3 BDRM/ 1.1 BA. Fenced yard. Lovely neighborhood.



248-437-3800 South Lyon All Sports Lake Front This chain of lakes is a well kept secret, beautiful tranquil area close to everything. Outdoor fun yr round. 3 BR, 2 BA, full bsmt, updated kit. Move right in.



248-437-3800 **South Lyon** Great Income Potential Updated duplex in South Lyon. Each unit features 2 bedrooms, full bath, living rm, kitchen, dining area, laundry rm. Each unit has patio & storage shed.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Everything You See Will Please Youl Beautiful hardwood firs thru-out main floor. Door wall in kitchen leads to large deck, fenced yard, oversized garage. Fin basement offers family rm. full bath.



248-437-3800 South Lyon NEW PRICE!! Beautiful home. Over 55 complex. Handicapped ramp to front door thru private courtyard. Well kept unit. Main fir laundry. Spacious mstr bedroom, Neutral decor,



248-348-6430 Extremely Nice Upper Unit Offers Privacy Great location. Upper ranch offers more sq footage w/Fla RM, 2 BD, 2 BA, office area, KIT& DR, w/cathedral ceilings, plush carpeting, CA, pool & carport. Hurry.



Southfield Ground Level Condo - No Steps! Won't las Move right into this nice ranch condo in Evergreen Woods! 2 BDs, 2 BAs, including a MSTR BA, FRPL, & Garage! End unit, Appliances included!



Charming 3 BDRM/3BA Cape Cod on wooded, fenced lot w/ view of Wolverine Lake. LR w/ all-brick natural FP. 1st flr master. Fin. LL w/ FR, office, BA.

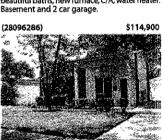
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CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT! Vanity in all baths, newer pergo flooring in kit, dining rm, & family rm. Neutral carpeting thru-out. Great storage. Skylights. Deck. New roof.Home



Westland 734-455-7000 TOTALLY UPDATED! Absolutely gorgeous inside. Merillat cabinets, ceramic, stainless steel, beautiful baths, new furnace, C/A, water heater.



734-591-9200 Larger Affordable Home Just Under 1500 SF. Nice size BRs, 1.5BA; kit w/Dining area & DW to paver patio. 2 car gar, newer driveway; motion lights on front & side doors; 4 Clng Fans; Newer roof, HW Htr 07.



248-684-1065 Lg kit w/ vault ceil, recessed lights & oak cabs. DR w/ D/W to deck. GR w/ vault ceil & gas fp. Fin W/O LL w/ full ba, bar, FR & BR/office.



White Lake Immaculate home with cozy living room, spacious kitchen, family room w/ nat FP. Part. fin. bsmt. Lrg fenced yard w/ pool. Shed & extra



Ypsilanti 248-684-1065 Great starter home in historic Ypsilantil Cute bungalow w/ many updates: roof, furnace, windows, HWH, paint. Kit appl. stay. 0.4 acre treed lot.

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\$92,000

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Chablis the ideal unoaked chardonnay

inding a number of California chardonnays to have heavy-handed oak, many wine lovers have opted for unoaked or no-oak char-

donnays. Yet, reaction to these unoaked verions has been, where have they been? Why did it take so long to make them?' Actually for

Ray & Eleanor Heald

centuries, uno-Focus on Wine aked chardonnays have come from the Chablis region of France. From Chablis, though, they have different characteristics - more floral, a lot more minerally with crisper

acidity. Elegance and finesse are also a hallmark.

FRANCE'S CHABLIS REGION The Chablis region is the most northerly in Burgundy. Near the city of Auxerre, the Chablis vineyards are midway between Beaune and Paris. In the 19th century, there were more than 100,000 acres of vineyards in Chablis, but only 2,500 acres were planted to "beaunois," as the chardonnay was called then.

Along came phylloxera about 1885 and decimated the vines to such an extent that in 1960, there were barely 1,250 acres planted. After that, a flurry of plantings saw vineyard development in the best areas and those least vulnerable to frost damage. The best vineyards have a pebbly, clay-limestone composition derived from the Jurassic era, containing fossil oyster shells, which contribute the mineral (sometimes called flinty) character.

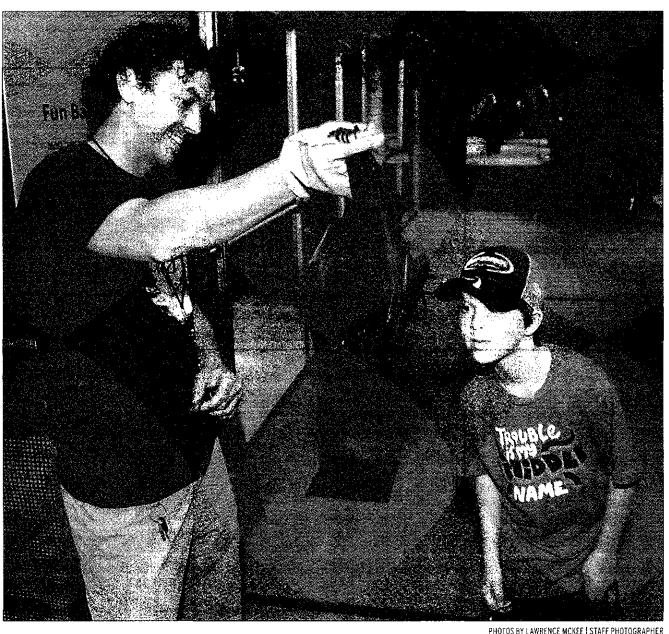
Chardonnay is the only variety permitted for wines with the Chablis Appellation Controlee. In descending order of quality, chablis is classified as Grand Cru, Premier Cru, Chablis and Petit Chablis. Essentially, forget the bottom category!

MAISON JOSEPH DROUHIN

To experience some of the best chardonnay from the Chablis region, choose a producer that has a passion for the appellation. Maison Joseph Drouhin is a good place to start your palate education. In ascending order, the following four wines are a good beginning.

■ Joseph Drouhin 2006 Chablis (\$20) is a wine to be enjoyed through 2009. It's fruity with some lemongrass, mint, peach and characteristic flintiness. Shellfish and fish. goat cheese and classic Caesar

Please see WINE, D2



Rob Mies, Director of the Organization for Bat Conservation, holds up an Indian Flying Fox Bat for Lukas Sznewajs, 9, of Birmingham at the a newly-opened exhibit at Cranbrook Science Institute.

Cranbrook 'bats' 1,000 with new exhibit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA O&E STAFF WRITER

Rob Mies wants to separate fact from fiction, dispel fears and myths, and prove just how important bats are to our world.

Six years ago the director of the Organization for Bat Conservation established a homebase at Cranbrook Institute of Science, making the local museum a sort of national headquarters for bat rescue and bat education. In addition to running Cranbrook's Bat Zone, Mies travels the country speaking to sell-out crowds about one of the world's most mysterious, and misunderstood, mammals.

Staff members from the organization and Cranbrook Institute have incorporated those live nocturnal animals along with the best elements of a traveling hands-on exhibit to create Bats: Myths and Mysteries now open at the science museum. By providing the most up-to-date information, the exhibit allow visitors to learn about bats — from their own backyards and beyond. "It's a one-of-akind experience," said Mies, a Bloomfield Hills resident.

The experience is divided into three segments. Visitors



Anthony Varnadore, 8, of Roseville tries on some bat ears to find out how well bats can hear at Cranbrook last week.

can experience echolocation. see a mechanical bat come to life and compare the enlarged skeleton of the world's only flying mammals to that of a human skeleton. Then, they can walk into a castle setting for a hanging bat's eye view of a medieval room and see humorous caricatures of bat myths crafted by Jack Davis of Mad Magazine fame. Bat's aren't prone to flying into one's hair and they aren't fly-

ing mice. From there, five separate glassed-in exhibits will give visitors a chance to see the real thing - from the oldest bat in captivity, a 21-year-old "retired" Rodrigues Fruit Bat to the largest species with a wing span of 5-feet. Watch the bats interact in their environment — eating, sleeping, even grooming one another.

More than 1,000 people had already seen the exhibit in its first week, but more than 100,000 are expected to pass through during its

Please see BATS, D2

Watch movies on the run, but leave the DVDs at home

hese days it's the rare traveler who doesn't pack a notebook PC-not just for work, but also for watching movies.

Usually, when I'm on a flight and get up to stretch my legs, I peek at book jackets as I stroll the aisle. But on my most recent trip, I

gers' movie selections. Seemed like everyone was watching

watching movies on the go doesn't necessarily mean packing a stack of DVDs. Instead, try one of the growing number of movie-download services, which let you rent or buy online.

They're not perfect, but they're undeniably convenient: You can download a movie to your notebook's hard drive anywhere there's

an Internet connection (home, the airport, a hotel room, etc.). But you don't need a connection to actually watch the movies once they've been downloaded.

Many people are already familiar with iTunes, which offers movies you can view on your PC, Mac, iPod, iPhone, Apple TV, etc. It's a great service, but the selection is a bit limited: only 1,000 titles or so. Let's look at a couple worthwhile alternatives.

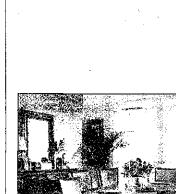
The first is Amazon Unbox (amazon.com/ unbox), home to nearly 6,000 movies you can rent and over 7,000 you can buy. (Tons of TV shows, too.)

Most rentals cost \$3.99, but Unbox has a generous helping of titles (decent ones, like Batman Begins and Super Size Me) priced at \$2.99 or less.

As with iTunes, you must begin watching your rented movie within 30 days of down-



- though it's questionable how many you'd actually want to see.



The Montreux dining table (\$1,199) and side chairs (\$229) are among Bernhardt Furniture Company collections now available at Art Van Furniture.

ART VAN OFFERS NEW LINE

Beginning in July, Art Van will offer guests two collections of coordinated bedroom and dining sets from Bernhardt Furniture Company, Inc. in North Carolina, one of the largest family owned and operated marketers of fine wood and upholstered furniture in the United States.

The Belmont Collection features hardwood with dark chestnut finish, a double pedestal table and leather headboard with antique brass hardware.

The Montreux Collection is made of hardwood with brown suede finish and offers a double pedestal table with upholstered and wood chairs, framed headboard sleigh bed and bronze hardware.

See them at select Art Van locations and at artvan. com.

DREXEL HERITAGE RETURNS TO GORMAN'S

Drexel Heritage Furniture has returned to all four metro Detroit Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design show-

rooms. Gorman's is the exclusive retailer in southeastern -Michigan.

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Postobello Home, one of six collections by Drexel Heritage, available at Gorman's. Heritage

A chair from

line originated at Gorman's and we have enjoyed a wonderful 30-year relationship with them," said Tom Lias, President and COO of Gorman's.

We are looking forward to the line joining our 100 Brands and to again provide our clients with the beauty and quality that is synonymous with Drexel Heritage."

One of the largest residential furniture manufacturers in the country, North Carolina-based Drexel Heritage produces six distinctive collections: the comfortable, versatile and chic dh; the sophisticated and elegant Drexel and the refined Heritage.

The company also makes Postobello Home, the Lillian August Collection and Walt Disney Signature.

Gorman's will offer a variety of Drexel Heritage bedroom, living room and dining room pieces and sets at its locations in Southfield, Novi, Lakeside and Trov.

For more information, visit www.gormans.com.

couldn't help checking out my fellow passensomething! In case you're wondering,

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Please see TECH, D3

7-month run. Steve Pagnani, director of marketing for Cranbrook Institute of Science, noted that the exhibit attracts both adults and children. For those who are still a bit squeamish, the exhibit gives way to an alternate route showing only pictures and video of bats in various regions. But 9year-old Lukas Sznewajs of Birmingham had no trouble standing just inches away from a flying fox bat, as Mies held it in his hand. "I don't really know about bats but I like

them a lot," Lukas said. That's just the point of Bats: Myths and Mysteries. Mies hopes the public will walk away wowed, having learned much more about the benefits

While most people realize that bats in Michigan tend to be insect-eaters, he said they consume much more than mosquitoes.

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Bats eat moths and beetles and serve as an important component for agriculture, feeding on crop pests that can harm or diminish the food

Bats pollinate, helping to grow fruits like banana and mango and papaya.

Some bats prefer solitude while others live in a colony.

The exhibit shows bats' preferred habitat - caves and crevasses under bridges. It shows ways to protect the bat population locally. Mies suggests building a bat house on your property.

"Give bats an alternative," he said. "They won't enter a house if they have somewhere else to go."

For those who leave as avid bat fans, sponsor-a-bat options are available and range from \$20 to \$500.



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Female Fruit Bats huddle together in an exhibit titled 'Bat: Myths and Mysteries' at Cranbrook Science Institute.

For more information visit www.batconservation.org.

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BATS: MYTHS AND MYSTERIES

What: Separate fact from fiction, try hands-on activities and see live bats at a new exhibit When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, extended hours from 6-9 p.m. Fridays, now through Jan. 4, 2009 Where: Cranbrook Institute of

Museum admission: \$9 adult, \$7 children 2-12 and seniors 65+, children under 2 and members admitted free.

Science, 39221 Woodward Ave.,

Bloomfield Hills

Bat Festival 2008: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1 hear Guest Lecturer Janell Cannon, author of Stellaluna and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2 enjoy live music and witness bat netting and demonstrations at Cranbrook.

Species of Bats in Michigan Big Brown Bat Little Brown Bat

Red Bat Hoary Bat Indiana Bat Eastern Pipistrelle **Evening Bat** Northern Long-eared bat Silver-haired Bat

See for yourself

The best time for bat-spotting: About 15 minutes after sunset The best places for bat-spotting: Near water or lights.

Protect bats in three easy steps

- Build or buy a bat house ■ Create a wildlife garden that will attract hummingbirds and butterflies by day and bats at
- night ■ Talk about bats to help dispel myths and support bat conserva-

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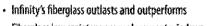


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Salad make perfect pairings.

Joseph Drouhin 2006 Domaine de Vaudon Chablis (\$23) is drinking very well now and will age for another five years. Vibrant and citrusy, it's a treat with crabmeat and will make a classic Caesar Salad sing.

■ Joseph Drouhin 2006 Chablis Premier Cru (\$29) is fermented in neutral cooperage but remains steely and minerally with tangy orange and lemon flavors that last long into the finish. Try it with smoked salmon.

Joseph Drouhin 2005 Chablis-Sechers (\$33) is a single-vineyard Premier Cru. Buv and cellar it until oyster season rolls around in September. We're in the "r" month camp for these bivalves. In summer, oysters, except from the coldest waters, are milky and a little too fat in the mouth. We like them briny as does Chablis-Sechers.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected Quarterly

WINE PICKS

Over the centuries, the French have gifted us with some great things, the Statue of Liberty and Champagne among them. And now, a star-spangled sparkler to celebrate July 4, 2008, Pommery POP America Champagne \$18/187mL, dressed in red, white and blue, stars and stripes, to honor our country's flag. If you're having a Fourth of July Celebration, chill the bottles and serve this bubbly with a straw – no glass needed. The style is a touch sweeter than a more traditional Brut Champagne but makes a lively aperitif to get the party started.

Most CHARDONNAY is barrel fermented and aged, so if you prefer this style, the following are winners!

PICK OF THE PACK: 2006

Beringer Sbragia Limited-Release, Napa Valley \$40. Once we say delicious in a generously-oaked style, there's no need for more words.

2006 Williams Selyem Hawk Hill Vineyard, \$50 2006 Williams Selyem Heintz Vineyard, \$50 2006 Paul Hobbs Richard Dinner

Vineyard, Sonoma Mountain, \$65

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

Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer &

Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.

Use caution when creating outdoor 'rooms'

While reading the latest home magazines, I'm noticing that designers are creating outdoor areas that look a lot like interior rooms. I think these they are very beautiful, but are they practical?

There has been a trend in the interior design industry towards extending the interior style and décor



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of our homes right out the door and onto our patio. Yes, this is very beautiful, but not always practical.

Many of these outdoor entertaining spaces you see in magazines are created for

clients living in warm weather climates. For example, it rarely rains in Phoenix and with the dry days and cool evenings; outdoor living spaces become a natural extension of the home. While here in Michigan, we

only have a few short months to enjoy our outdoor spaces.

When it comes time to purchase items for our patios and decks, we need to make choices that still consider the effects rain, wind, mosquitoes, etc.

The upholstered furniture and beaded pillows you see in the photographs do not work in every environment. If you are fortunate enough to have an enclosed or covered patio area, you have more choices than those of us with completely exposed patios. However, for either type of situation, you can still create beautiful and luxurious outdoor spaces.

Modern technology has allowed fabric companies to create sun & weather resistant fabrics. A wellknown brand of outdoor fabrics is Sunbrella, but there are other companies that make this type of product, too. You will want to make sure your patio furniture cushions are able to withstand our Michigan spring and summer seasons. Otherwise, you will be replacing everything in a year or two.

Fabric is not the only consid-

eration for outdoor spaces. The type of furniture you select is also relevant. Wood is beautiful, but it must be treated or it will fade and warp in short order. Wrought iron is very weather resistant, but may require paint touch-ups over time. With that said. don't be afraid to bring out some interior accessories for the weekend or whatever occasion you will be entertaining. Place candles in votive containers to avoid being blown out by the wind and scatter them around your patio or use tiki torches that are lit with oil.

In Michigan, we may not be able to move our living room furniture to the patio, but with a little creative thinking, we can definitely create stunning outdoor vignettes.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

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Paul Revis - D115 - Washer, Stove, Refrigerator

Scott Wells - D164 - Mattress, 20 boxes, Toys

Jerushia Williams - A442 - Computer, Dresser, two mattresses

Ronald Alexander - D113 - TV, Exercise Equipment, Stereo

Vongo (vongo.com), which lets you watch all the movies you want, as many times as you want, for a flat fee of \$9.99 per month.

That's the good news. The bad news is that Vongo (owned by cable network Starz) has a relatively limited selection (1,000 movies, no TV shows), much of which is dreck.

Sure, the library has a few winners, like Ratatouille, Pirates of the Caribbean, and even Annie Hall. But it's largely filled with junk like Cutthroat Island and Home Alone 2: Lost in New York.

That's too bad, because Vongo supports a variety of non-iPod portable players, including those from Archos, Creative, and Toshiba. It also integrates very nicely with Windows Vista Media Center.

The service does offer a smattering of pay-per-

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view titles—better fare like Enchanted and No Country For Old Men—for \$3.99 apiece. If you can live without that option, you're better off subscribing to Verizon Starz Play (verizon.net/starzplay): It's the exact same service (minus PPV) for just \$5.99 monthly.

Finally, there's always the option of "ripping", your DVD collection for viewing on your notebook, iPod, Microsoft Zune, or just about any other device.

I've mentioned freeware gem

Handbrake (handbrake.fr) in the past, but it's not the most user-friendly tool. A friendlier option is Xilisoft DVD Ripper Platinum (xilisoft.com), which, though pricey at \$45, makes short and simple work of ripping DVDs.

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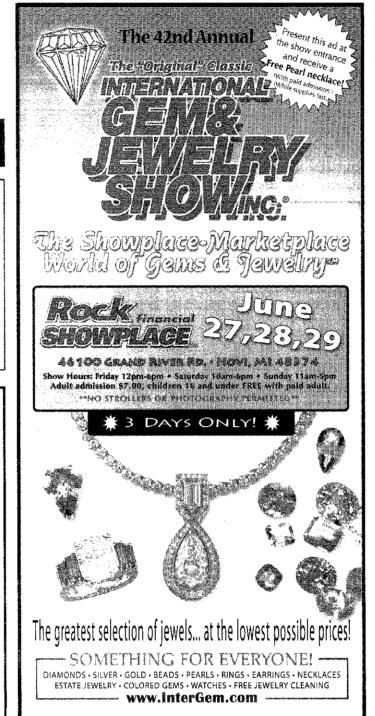


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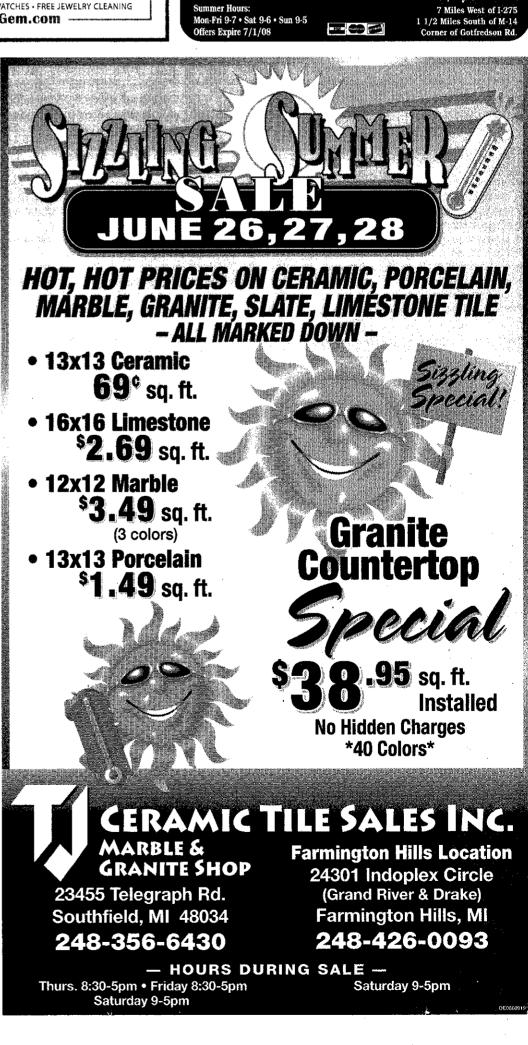
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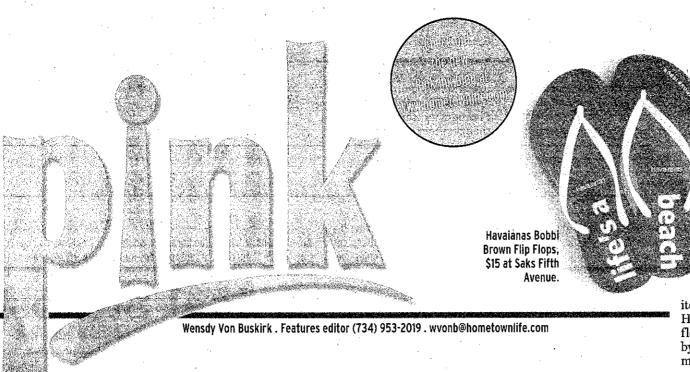
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Hot weather calls for sheer sparkle and sun-kissed beauty

hen weather heats up and humidity hits hard, it's necessary to adjust your makeup routine accordingly. Summer months call for a light touch, a pop of color, a dab of shimmer and some serious sun protection. There are plenty of

new products on the market ready to help us PINK ladies strike our best pose in the sunlight.

At a recent visit to Birmingham's Todd's Room, Makeup Artist Jeannie Klotzer recommended a slew of summer must-haves, starting with — what else? — the foun-

Turns out Todd's Room is an exclusive Michigan carrier of the ModelCo, a new

ty line out of Australia. The items flying off the shelves include a translucent spray formula called Tan: Airbrush in a Can. Get an instant bronze glow at home while a longer lasting self-tanner develops.

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Another option that Klotzer said is "so easy breezy to use" is the **Self-Tanning** Glove. Just slide the glove on and apply th cocoa-butter scented sunless tanner on your body. Klotzer promised there will be no streaks.

No summer beauty routine can truly begin before you choose the perfect sun protection. SkinCeuticals Active applying. A mirrored case also helps the cause.

UV Defense provides a reliable broad spectrum of protection from UVA and UVB rays. "You can wear it. underneath your foundation," said Klotzer.

Speaking of which, instead of relying on heavy foundations or powders that can



Star Smile by ModelCo gives you color and teethwhitening all in one.

feel sticky and become impossible to apply in humid weather, try Alison Raffaele Reality Base Foundation. It's sure to balance out skin tone. Just a drop on your fingertip will do the trick. Smooth it evenly across your face - and know you're getting an extra sun protection factor of 15.

I've become such a fan of SPF-stocked powders and foundations. It's just another layer of defense where we need it most. ModelCo also managed to wow me with

its double-duty products - Star Smile boasts a neutral or berry hydrating lip shade on one end and a teeth whitener on the other, while Lip Lights dishes out a wand of gloss that actually lights up for application. No more fumbling for gloss in a dark nightclub. The squared tube is also mirrored on one side so application's a

Klotzer prefers the line's eye shadows, calling them buttersoft to apply and true in pigment.

To sculpt a flawless and flushed summer face, Klotzer sug-Light up your smile with ModelCo Lip Lights gloss, gests stocking your which actually lights up allowing you to see while makeup bag with the following: ■ A tinted foun-

dation — look for one with SPF like Alison Raffaele's Reality Base. ■ Don't-leave-home without-it *lip* gloss - think strawberry-bitten lips, a

high-shine berry like ModelCo Star Smile







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Reality Base Foundation is feather-light and contains sunscreen perfect for summer.

Shimmery gold or bronzed eye shadow - like Senna's Sun Dance, a metallic copper gold, or De-Vine, a metallic khaki green.

■ Eyeliner is back — This time it's black, brown or eggplant and liner in the inner lower lid with a smudged, smoky

A bronzer and a touch of blush for a pop of color — try Senna's Blush & Bronze for a perfect summer face in a flash.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola considers the makeup counter her candy store. She writes about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Dollface? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

Style seekers flip for custom flops (choose from 'Life's a Beach!', lip print or seashell motifs)

Flip-flops are the preferred shoe for summer, and Havaianas are, of course, the thong of choice. At Saks Fifth Avenue, style meets

form of three limited-edition Havainas flipflops designed by celebrity makeup artists. Saks commis-

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sioned beauty experts Bobbi Brown, Trish McEvoy and Laura Mercier to create the custom sandals. Shoppers can pick up their favorite pair

for \$15 with the purchase of any two cosmetic or fragrance items at through Aug. 22 (or while supplies last!). Best of all.

purchases benefit a good cause. Saks will donate \$1 from every pair sold to charity:water, a non-profit initiative that brings clean water to impoverished communities around the world. Saks has pledged to donate \$200,000 to the

ongoing campaign.

Havaianas Laura Mercier Flip Flops, \$15 at Saks Fifth cause through its





Children are encouraged to read during "Books, Blankets and Buddies" at The Village of Rochester Hills.

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Books & Buds at The Village

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First Lady Gown Exhibit PLYMOUTH - The Plymouth Historical

Museum is hosting "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies" through Nov. 5. The exhibit showcases 14 reproduction gowns of presidential first ladies from Martha Washington to Rosalyn Carter, it also highlights dolls of the first ladies and other political objects. The Plymouth Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children (6-17), and \$10 for families. Call (734) 455-8940 or visit www.plymouthhistory.org, or www.myspace.com/plymouthhistory.

BY NIKI JOHNSON

If you're into fashion, chances are you're already addicted to www.DetroitFashionPages. com. And if you're out and about, you've likely met the Web site's fabulous founder, Niki Johnson.



Johnson

promoting the local fashion scene through a host of fun events. Right now, Niki's planning her next Designer Showcase FUSE, 7 p.m. July 10 at CPOP Gallery in Detroit but she wasn't too busy to

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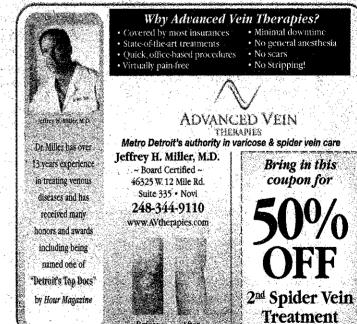
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