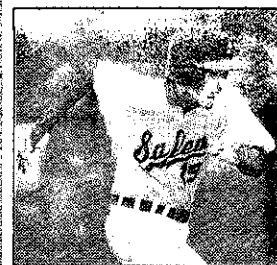


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## Merchants reaping benefits of bowling tournament

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
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](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com) or post a comment on our Web site at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

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

come in for postcards but leave with 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

messages beckoning the bowlers 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 Frankenthum and Windsor.

Tournament participant Brenda Bogucki of Virginia

said she and her teammates got 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 said.

The tournament, which is promoted as the world's largest sporting event for women, was last in Detroit in 1928 and 1953.

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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 Manor.

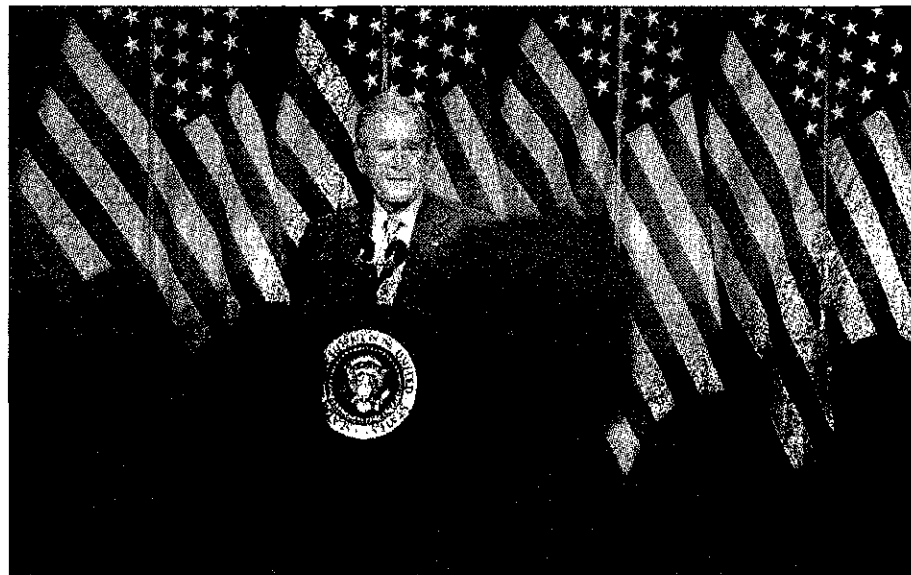
At a time when Bush's national approval rating in recent polls has been in the mid-20 percent range, the president defended his tax cuts, his energy policies, the treatment of detainees at Guantanamo and the war in Iraq.

"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 candidates.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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"

Please see **BUSH, A7**

## 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 standoff 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 him.

Upon his arrest, officers confiscated 25 handguns,



Gifford

rifles and shotguns of various calibers, including an AR-15 assault rifle.

Police also recovered 11 knives, two swords and thousands of 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 \$1,000 fine.

## 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 ini-

tial 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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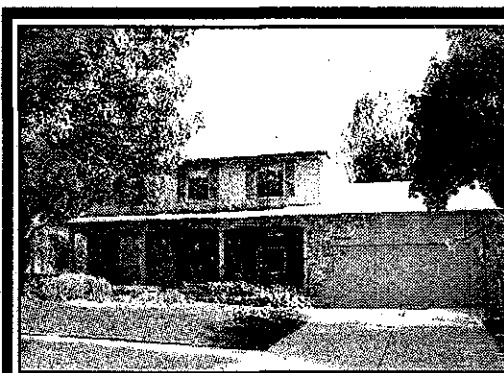


Some of the guns police confiscated from Gifford's home.

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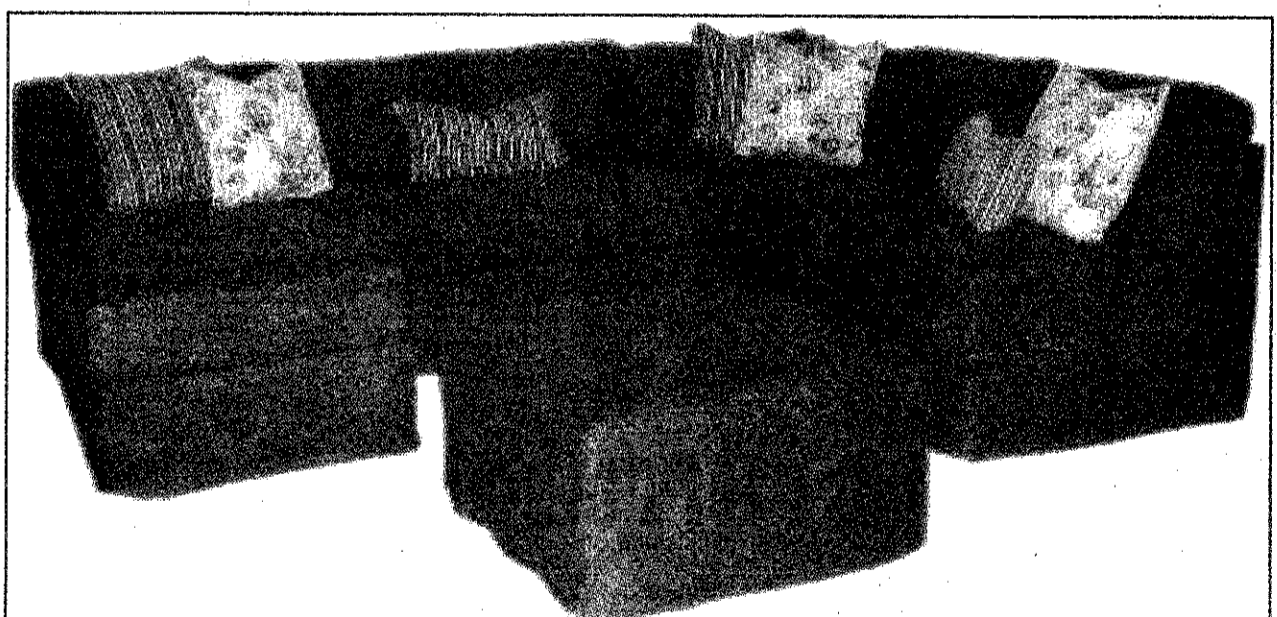
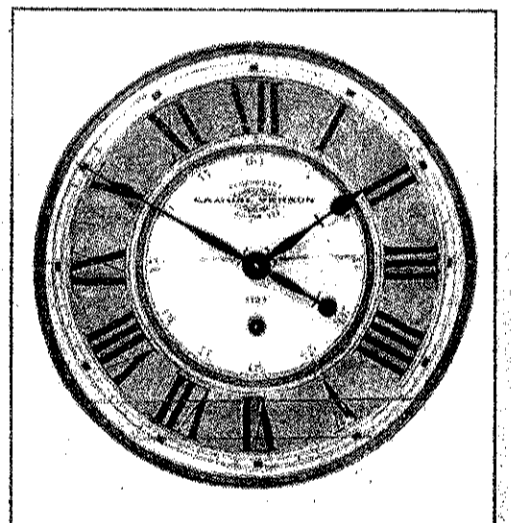
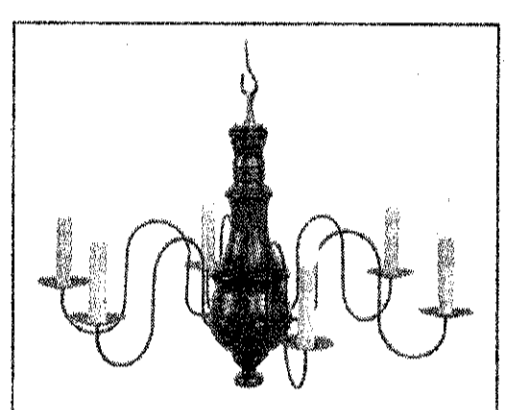
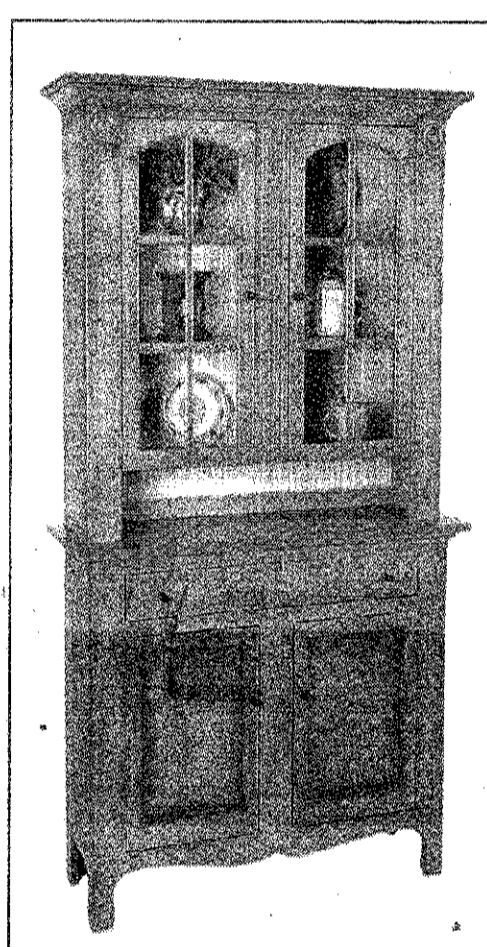
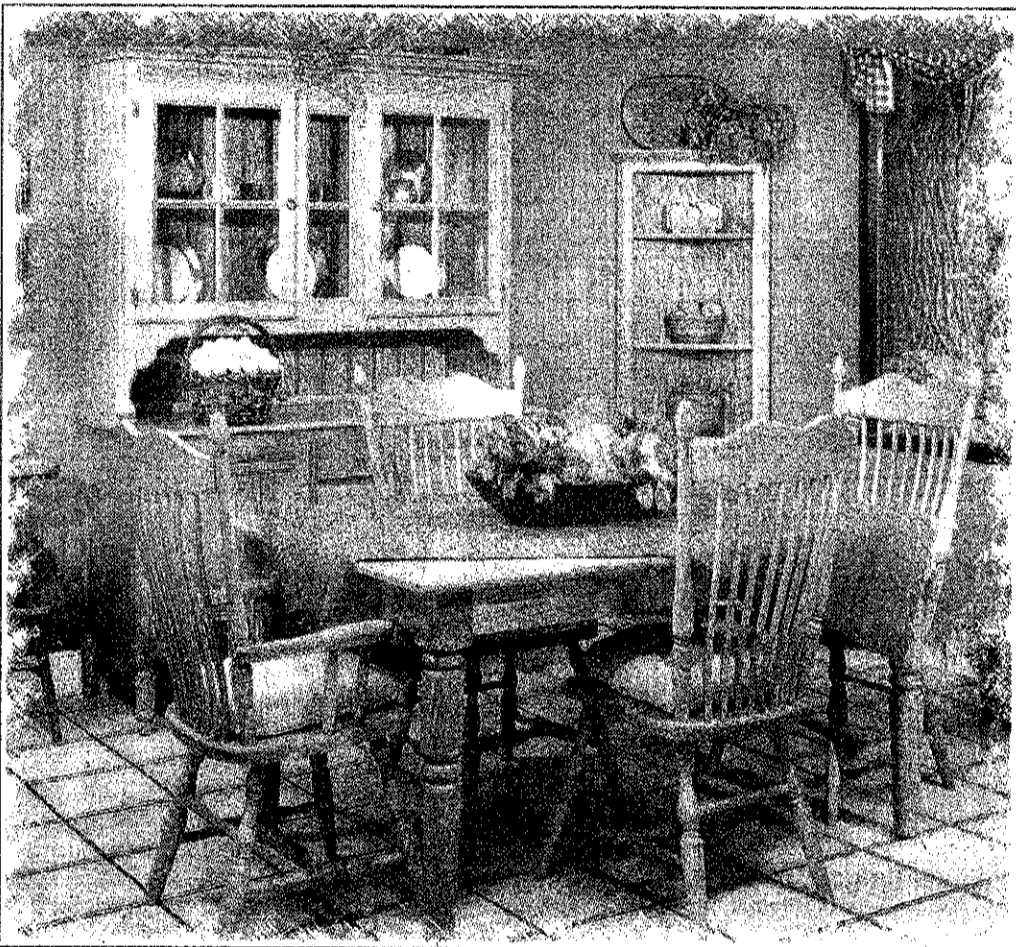
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# Virtual mountain of waste left at E-waste collection

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 software.

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/conserv/plugin/pething](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/conserv/plugin/pething) and click on "Do the PC Thing ..." under

## "How to Donate."

Canton will hold its annual Hazardous Waste Round-up on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Division of Public Works Building.

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

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 11 a.m.

Items accepted for drop off at CWR include, batteries, oil, antifreeze and paint (limited to five one-gallon containers). CWR's next scheduled recycling date is June 28.

For more information, call CWR at (734) 397-5801.

## 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 information.

## Man says he was hit by car

Canton police were unable

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 police.

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

## CANTON COP CALLS

### 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-year-old 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-year-old 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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JUNE

**Pastoral visit**  
Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz.

Archbishop of Krakow, blesses a bronze statue of Pope John Paul II, rededicate the Lourdes Grotto and celebrate Mass in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Indian Trail. Call (248) 682-1885 or visit www.orchardlakeschools.com.  
**Sprout time**  
Preschoolers and Toddlers ages 1 to Pre-K and their parent are invited to

join Bell Creek Community Church for bible stories, music, crafts 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 26, and July 10 and 17, at McKinley Elementary School, 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia. Bring a lunch and have fun. For information, call (734) 425-1174 or e-mail jen@bellcreek.org.  
**Rain forest adventure**  
Vacation Bible School continues for all children 5:30-8:30 p.m. through Thursday, June 26, a light supper



leads to an evening of games, crafts, songs, skits, stories, no charge, Garden City Presbyterian Church, on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford. To register, call (734) 421-7620.  
**Vacation Bible school**  
Kidz Storm 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, June 26-29, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 525-3664.  
**Ward Church car show**  
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plain hot cars and motorcycles 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, in the parking lot at Six Mile and Cross Roads, just west of Haggerty.  
**Water works park**  
9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Friday, June 27, at Ward Church, Northville. "Uncle Jerry" Jacoby, nationally known for his Good Stuff school assemblies, will share humor, stories and songs.  
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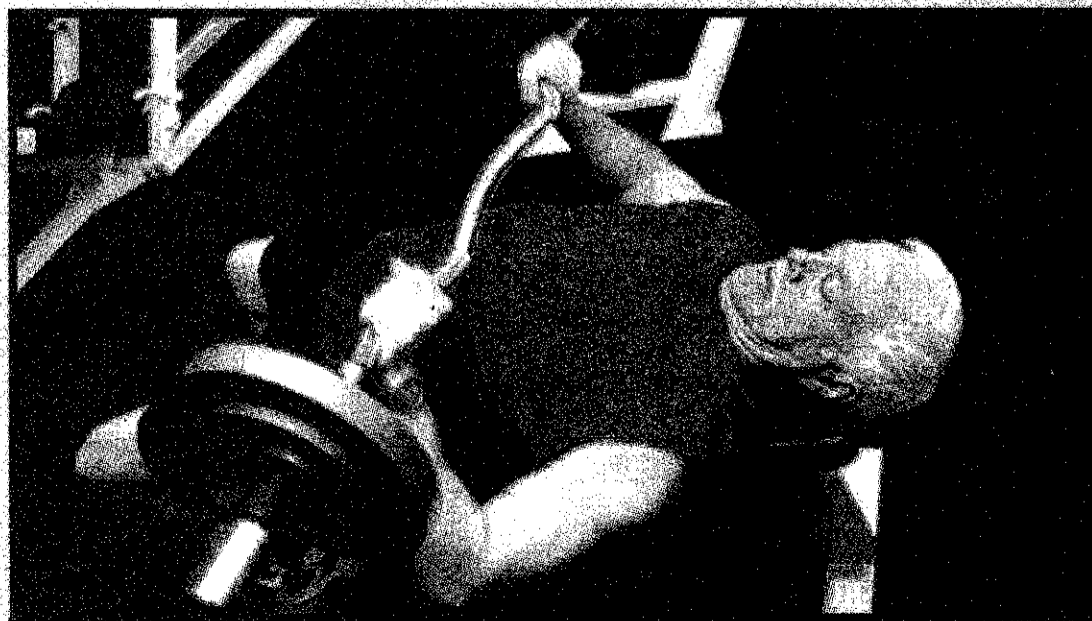
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**BUSH**

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separating Democrats and Republicans.

He said he delivered the largest tax cut since Ronald Reagan and Democrats are threatening 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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**Terry G. Bennett Clerk**

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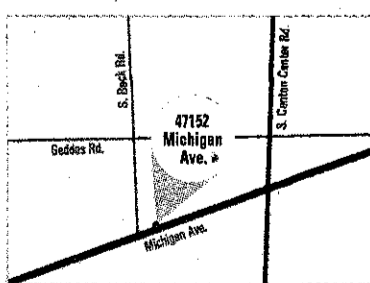


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OUR VIEWS

## 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 10-cent 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 intended.

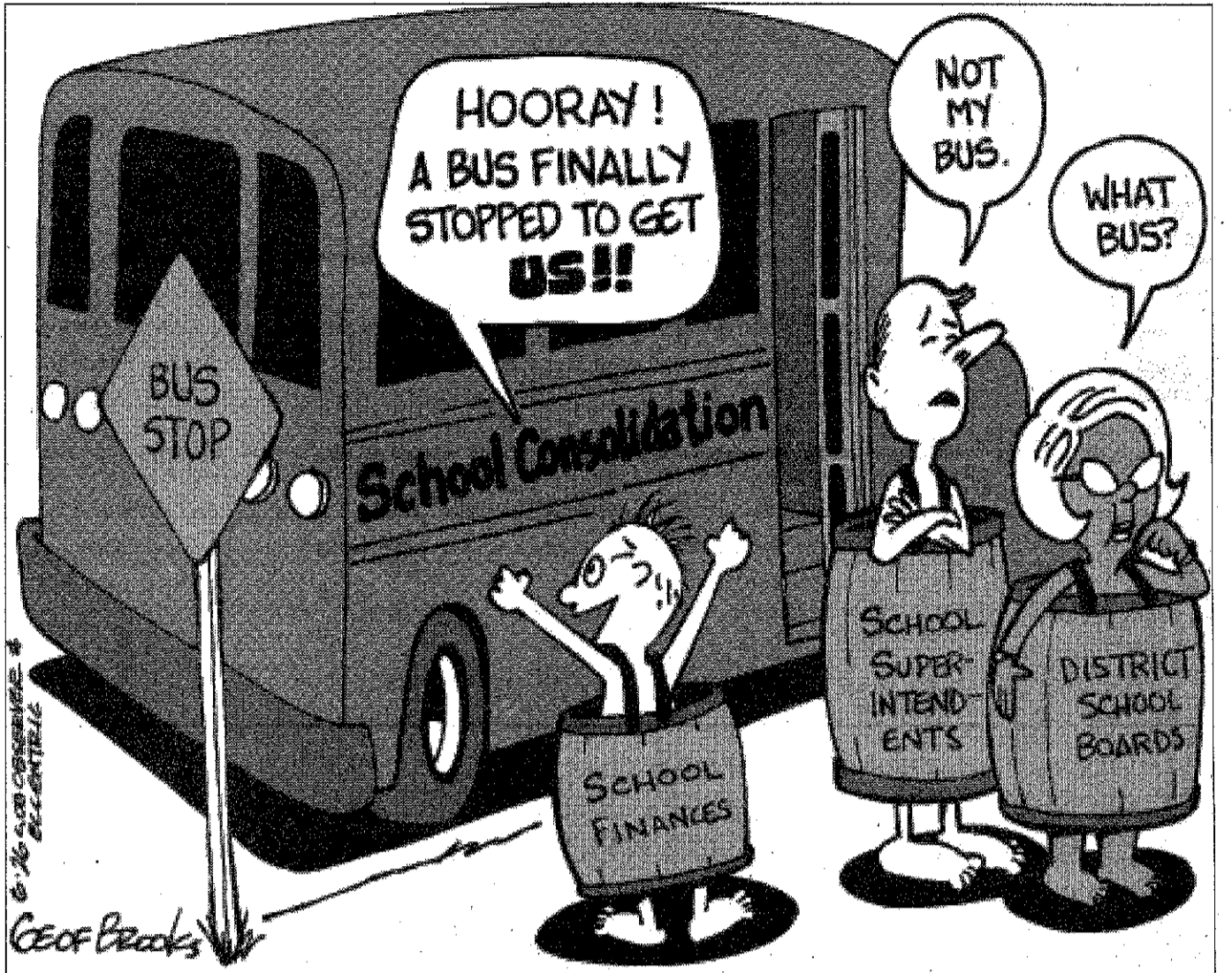
That was then. Today, you'd be hard-pressed to find a pop or beer can laying around. But you won't have any problem finding water or juice bottles. They're everywhere — and that's because they are not covered by the "bottle bill."

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 voter-approved 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.



### 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 agree more.

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

### 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

themselves to approve all that contribute to their campaigns.

We need an ethics policy in the 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 government 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.

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 him.

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

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

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# Can the rock star deliver a more united America?

You 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



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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 talent.

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 economic life.

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 America.

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

The 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 percent) think the state is "on the right track."

■ Distrust in state government has risen over the last two years; nearly three out of four of us (73 percent) say they only trust state government some of the time ... or almost never.

■ 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.com](http://www.thecenterformichigan.com).)

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, 10-hour 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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# Buy low, sell high and don't panic when the market slumps

I 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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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.

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.

It would be great to be in the

market when things are good and out when times are bad. However, as Warren Buffet has stated in the past, the hall of fame of market timers is empty. It is impossible to predict the market over short periods. After all, you have to be right twice — once when you buy and once when you sell — and no one can do that consistently.

Most will tell you the key to success as an investor is to buy low and sell high. I agree. However, most investors operate the exact opposite way. Most sell low and buy high.

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 his-

tory 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."

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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## 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 years 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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Al Chambo last 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.

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### 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@canton-mi.org](mailto:mike.hoffmeister@canton-mi.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](http://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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### RU Wing T camp

Redford Union is hosting the Panther Wing T-camp for football players entering high school this fall.

It runs 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 1. For more information, call Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.

## Florida picks Jenks in the fourth round

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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 hearing 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.

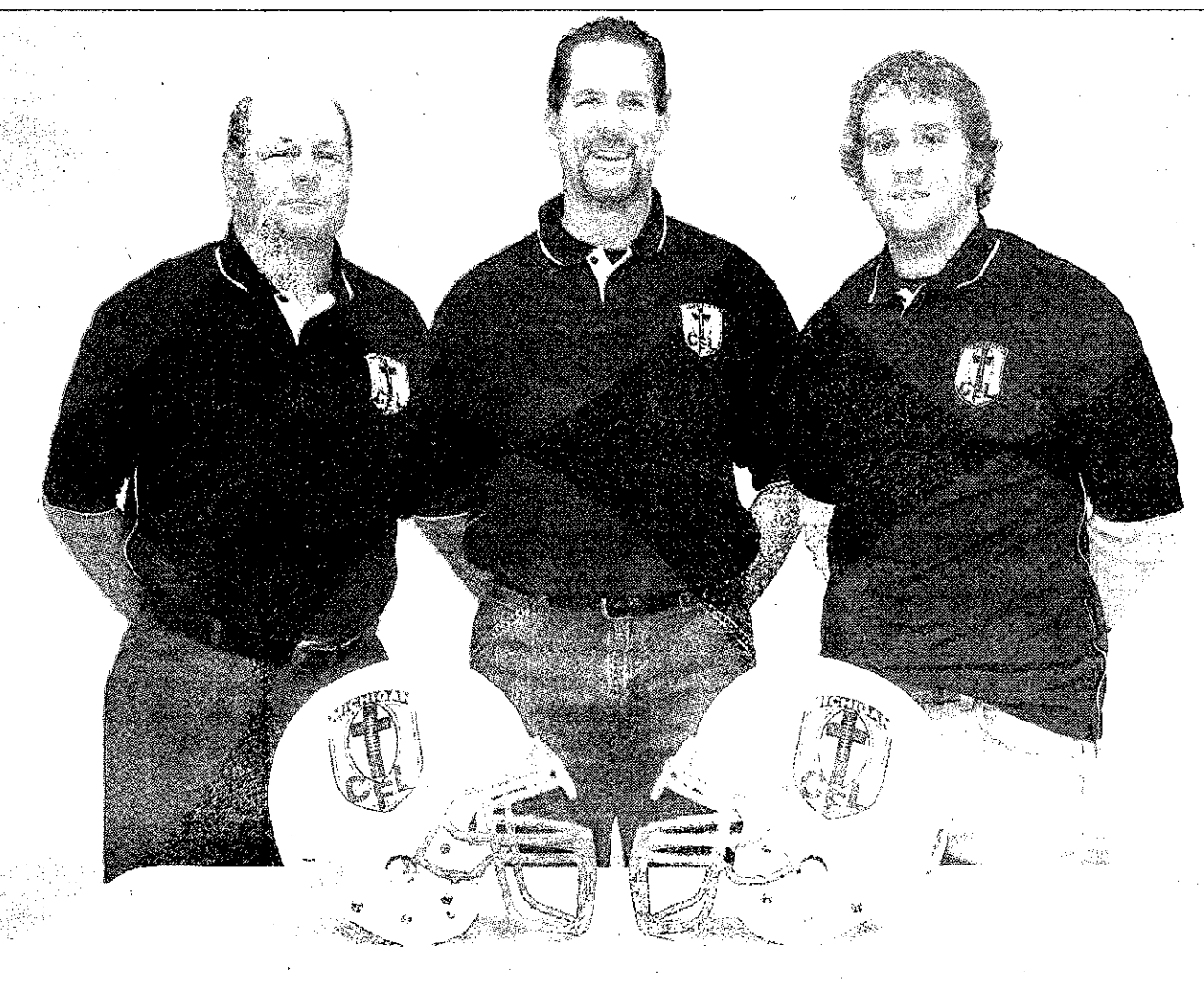
Jordan, a 6-1, 181-pound defenseman, compiled six goals and 22 assists in 61 games with Plymouth and Windsor this season.

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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.



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

## 1ST & MANY GOALS TO GO

### 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 sanded 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 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 soccer."

Meyers admitted the planning stages of the new leagues have been accompanied by some growing pains. "The most difficult part of putting

### THE SCOOP ON THE CFLM

**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.cflm-mi.com](http://www.cflm-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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The Canton Cardinals 10U travel baseball team captured back-to-back tournament titles earlier this season, placing first in the Mount Clemens Memorial on June 1 and the Memorial Day NIT Classic in Canton on May 25. Pictured (front row from left) are Andrew Hejka, Trevor McManus, Cameron Shaughnessy, Cameron Stella, Brett Lee, (middle row from left) Aaron Madsen, Kevin Anthony, Seth Hubbard, Andrew Jossey, Grant Hartwig, Michael Groff, (back row from left) Dan Hejka, Dave Madsen, Kurt Anthony, Bob Lee and Mike Groff.

## CHRISTIAN

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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. All of the games will be played at the same site each week for the inaugural campaign, which will open with a triple-header at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium in September. The second week's slate of games will be played in Flint. The fee for each player is \$150. The CFLM will also offer a 7th and 8th grade league so that it has a feeder system for future years.

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## CHAMBO

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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 well-rounded student." The timing of the layoff also means Thurston might not have an active voice in the 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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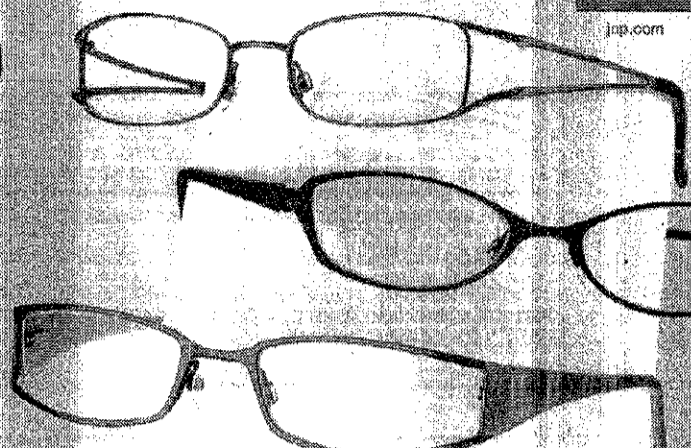
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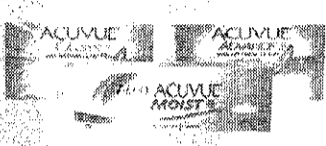
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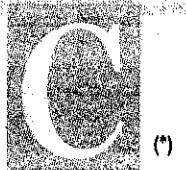
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# How garden grows matters when selling, staying

## 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 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](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



BY JULIE BROWN  
OGE 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 thing."

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 & 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](http://www.englishgardens.com). Another good Web site is [www.plymouthnursery.net](http://www.plymouthnursery.net); that of Plymouth Nursery just over the Wayne County line on Plymouth-Ann Arbor

Road.

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 porch pots.

"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.

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 specialty, 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.

### HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area 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                 |           |
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| 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       |           |
| 35246 Caryn St         | \$150,000 |
| 35216 Garry St         | \$156,000 |
| 28865 Green Castle Rd  | \$126,000 |
| 27852 Larson Ln        | \$370,000 |

| 38253 Remington Park      | \$180,000 |
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| 22375 River Ridge Trl     | \$172,000 |
| 22451 Shadowglen Dr       | \$290,000 |
| Garden City               |           |
| 29207 Ford Rd             | \$185,000 |
| 31766 James St            | \$103,000 |
| Livonia                   |           |
| 33040 Allen St            | \$143,000 |
| 19146 Canterbury Dr       | \$100,000 |
| 39121 Dover St            | \$200,000 |
| 31540 Fonville St         | \$175,000 |
| 36745 Gardner St          | \$182,000 |
| 19958 Lathers St          | \$130,000 |
| 18411 Middlebelt Rd       | \$95,000  |
| 31772 Perth St            | \$118,000 |
| Northville                |           |
| 44541 Birchwood Ct        | \$340,000 |
| 46997 Merion Cir          | \$530,000 |
| 50462 Rose Ter            | \$612,000 |
| Novi                      |           |
| 43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr | \$140,000 |
| 44900 Bayview Dr          | \$80,000  |

| 49255 Braeburn Ln          | \$408,000 |
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| 26030 Island Lake Dr       | \$435,000 |
| 41669 Juniper Cir          | \$159,000 |
| 45383 West Rd              | \$140,000 |
| 45639 White Pines Dr       | \$360,000 |
| Plymouth                   |           |
| 44505 Governor Bradford Rd | \$198,000 |
| 950 Sutherland St          | \$171,000 |
| Redford                    |           |
| 17678 Denby                | \$125,000 |
| 13444 Garfield             | \$99,000  |
| 19176 Gaylord              | \$129,000 |
| 19532 Lennane              | \$125,000 |
| 18275 Lexington            | \$102,000 |
| 17236 Sumner               | \$65,000  |
| 9361 Virgil                | \$90,000  |
| South Lyon                 |           |
| 54779 North Grenelle Cir W | \$420,000 |
| 819 Westbrooke Dr          | \$213,000 |
| Westland                   |           |
| 32532 Steinhauer St        | \$127,000 |

### BRIEFS

#### 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 properties.

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

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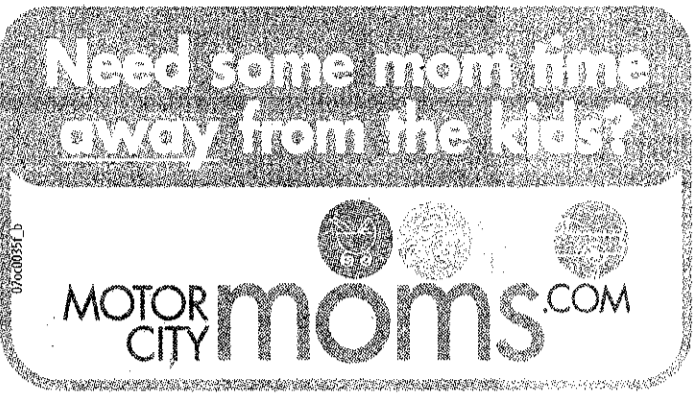






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The Blitz Build first started in 2005 with the Jimmy Carter Work Project where Habitat and its cadre of partner families and volunteers were able to see energy pour into another Pontiac neighborhood in this quick results fashion.

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.

**BIA**  
■ 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 Creek 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.

Some of the many included amenities 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 Glangary 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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|  <p><b>LAKE ORION</b> \$334,900<br/>Beautiful 4 bedroom colonial w/2 staircases, 2 story great room w/natural fireplace.<br/>MLS# 30592059 Joe Rich 313-886-4200</p>   |  <p><b>LIVONIA</b> \$950,000<br/>Location, location, location! Across from St. Mary's Hospital. Commercial property, possible land contract, owner willing to assist in build outs.<br/>MLS# 28093708 734-453-6800</p>        |  <p><b>LIVONIA</b> \$190,000<br/>4 Bed/2 bath, maint. free ext. &amp; deck, newer furnace, roof &amp; c/a. remod. kitchen w/limestone backsplash, fin. bsmt. w/glass block windows.<br/>MLS# 28092566 248-347-3050</p>            |  <p><b>LIVONIA</b> \$143,000<br/>3 BR, 1 1/2 BA Ranch w/Livonia schools. HDWD flrs T/O &amp; high cigs in LR &amp; BR. Updated bath. Oversized fenced backyard w/ 2 car garage.<br/>MLS# 28097734 734-453-6800</p>                 |  <p><b>NORTHVILLE</b> \$1,384,900<br/>Dwnht Northville's most admired residence! 3-story 5-6 BR, 3.1 BA estate home completely updated atop a heavily wooded &amp; splittable setting.<br/>MLS# 28091137 734-453-6800</p>                |
|  <p><b>NORTHVILLE</b> \$1,000,000<br/>5 Bed/3.2 bath, backs to 16 acres of woods, 3 fpls, part. fin. w/o, 4 car gar. w/stairs to bsmt., upstairs loft or 2nd fam. rm., lots of hwd flrs.<br/>MLS# 28052709 248-347-3050</p>          |  <p><b>NORTHVILLE</b> \$499,900<br/>Condo. Sits on 14th fairway. Shows like a model. Upgrades galore. Too much to mention. Don't miss out on this one, you will not be disappointed!<br/>MLS# 28097449 (248) 347-3050</p>     |  <p><b>NORTHVILLE</b> \$315,000<br/>3 Bed/3 bath, newer roof, deck w/awning, central vac., gr. rm. w/skylights, intercom, fin. LL w/wet bar, bath, rec. rm., office w/closets &amp; 2 car gar.<br/>MLS# 28061370 248-347-3050</p> |  <p><b>NORTHVILLE</b> \$225,000<br/>Excellent location! Vacant Land in Northville! Sale subject to 3rd party approval. Short Sale property.<br/>MLS# 28094052 734-453-6800</p>   |  <p><b>NORTHVILLE</b> \$140,000<br/>2 Bed/2 bath, backs to woods, great rm. w/cathedral ceiling, kitchen open to great rm. w/maple cabinets, pool &amp; clubhouse in complex.<br/>MLS# 28069591 248-347-3050</p>                         |
|  <p><b>NORTHVILLE</b> \$80,400<br/>Foreclosure: Sold "As Is". 2 BR 1 BA Ranch w/2 car detached garage. Good property in Northville with Plymouth mailing and schools.<br/>MLS# 28097378 734-453-6800</p>                             |  <p><b>NOVI</b> \$460,000<br/>4 Bed/3.1 bath, fin LL w/rec. rm., wet bar, all brick, 3.5 car gar, updated granite kitchen, study w/built-in bookshelves, ext. use of crown molding.<br/>MLS# 28086846 248-347-3050</p>        |  <p><b>NOVI</b> \$375,000<br/>Beautiful colonial-prof. finished bsmt-many updates-family room w/fp-master BR w/ jacuzzi tub. Hardwood floors. Too much to mention, don't miss out!<br/>MLS# 28096206 (248) 347-3050</p>           |  <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> \$750,000<br/>R. Myers design on 5 acres near Plymouth. 1st Floor master &amp; 4 more bedrooms, 5.5 baths, finished walkout lower level, 4 car heated garage and much more.<br/>MLS# 28100017 734-453-6800</p> |  <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> \$329,900<br/>New construction, only 2 units avail. Hurry &amp; make your own selections. 1240 sq ft. 2 brs, 2 baths. Granite kit, mstr suite. All appls. Great location.<br/>MLS# 28097451 734-453-6800</p>         |
|  <p><b>SOUTH LYON</b> \$650,000<br/>4 Bed/3.1 bath, 3 acres on lake, gr. rm. w/barrel cell, fin. w/o w/wet bar &amp; rec. rm., 4 car gar. w/ epoxy flr. 1/2 basketball ct., upgrades galore!<br/>MLS# 28091407 248-347-3050</p>      |  <p><b>SOUTH LYON</b> \$295,000<br/>3 Bed/2 bath, nestled in pine trees, family rm. w/wet bar, deck w/paver patio, c/a, ext. use of recess. lights, fin. LL w/rec. rm., 2 car att. garage.<br/>MLS# 28082730 248-347-3050</p> |  <p><b>SOUTH LYON</b> \$94,900<br/>Foreclosure! Priced to sell! 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths in downtown South Lyon. Sold "as is."<br/>MLS# 28095412 734-453-6800</p>  |  <p><b>SOUTHFIELD</b> \$28,900<br/>Foreclosure! Sold "as is." Easy docs! Large lot. Good price! Bank owner wants a fast sale. 2 bedroom all aluminum- basement and garage.<br/>MLS# 28098240 734-453-6800</p>                      |  <p><b>WEST BLOOMFIELD</b> \$325,000<br/>Completely remodeled &amp; updated - 3 BR 2 1/2 bath w/bsmt. Sits on over 3/4 acre lot. It's all been done. Pack and move in - don't miss out on this one!<br/>MLS# 28099215 (248) 347-3050</p> |

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## Chablis - the ideal unoaked chardonnay

Finding a number of California chardonnays to have heavy-handed oak, many wine lovers have opted for unoaked or no-oak chardonnays. Yet, reaction to these unoaked versions has been, "where have they been? Why did it take so long to make them?"

**Focus on Wine**

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Actually for centuries, unoaked 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.

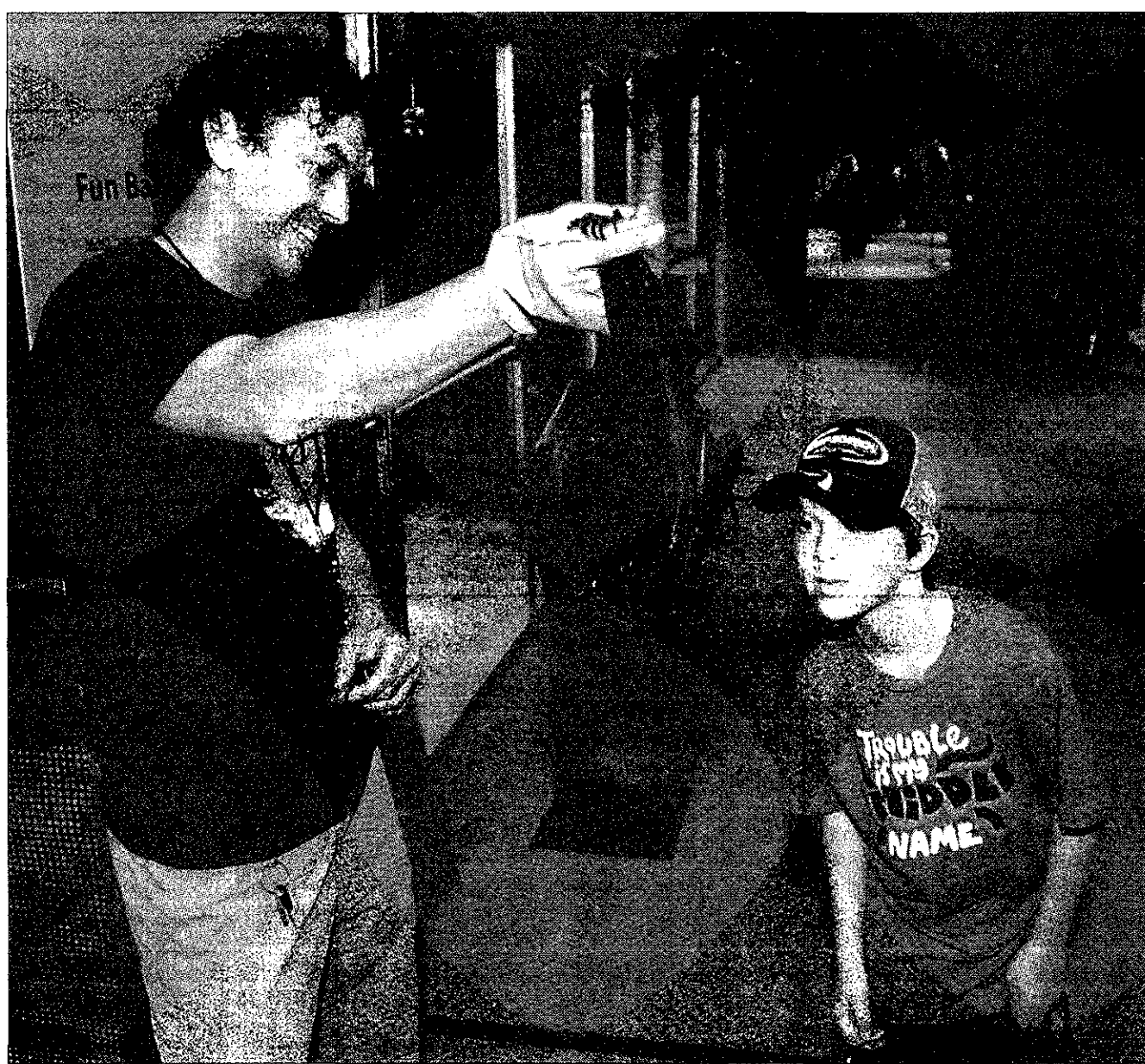
Chardonnay is the only variety permitted for wines with the Chablis Appellation Controlee. In descending order of quality, chablis is classified as Grand Cru, Premier Cru, Chablis and Petit Chablis. Essentially, forget the bottom category!

### 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

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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.

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## Cranbrook 'bats' 1,000 with new exhibit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
OSE 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-a-kind 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 flying 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

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## ACCENTS



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.

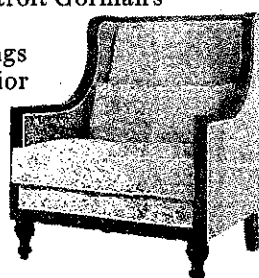
The Belmont Collection features hardwood with dark chestnut finish, a double pedestal table and leather headboard with antique brass hardware.

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 showrooms. Gorman's is the exclusive retailer in south-eastern Michigan.



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

"The Drexel Heritage 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 Troy.

For more information, visit [www.gormans.com](http://www.gormans.com).

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

These 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 couldn't help checking out my fellow passengers' movie selections. Seemed like everyone was watching something!

In case you're wondering, 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](http://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-

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Pay a small monthly fee and Vongo lets you watch over 1,000 movies — though it's questionable how many you'd actually want to see.



**Tech Savvy**

Rick Broda

## BATS

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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 9-year-old Lukas Sznawajs 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 bats offer.

While most people realize that bats in Michigan tend to

be insect-eaters, he said they consume much more than mosquitoes.

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

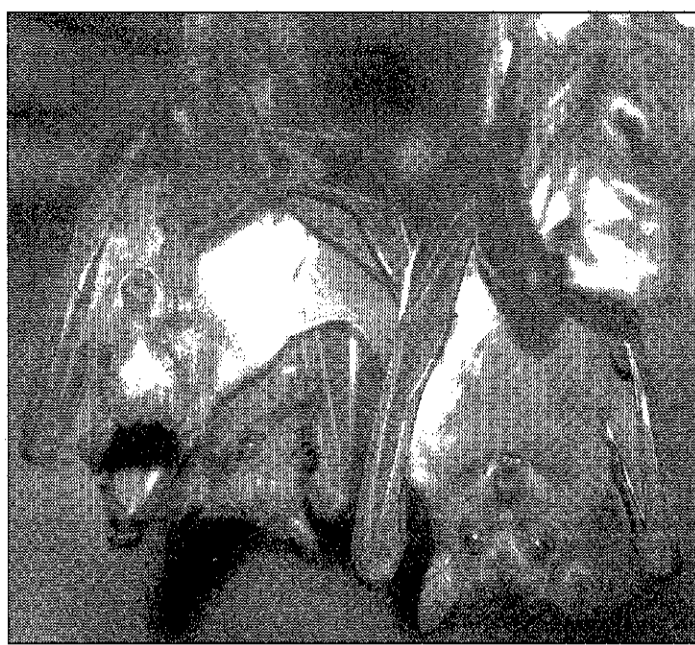
Bats pollinate, helping to grow fruits like banana and mango and papaya.

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](http://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 Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

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

**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

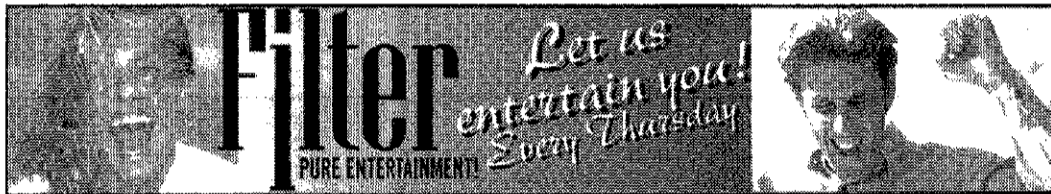
Red Bat  
Hoary Bat  
Indiana Bat  
Eastern Pipistrelle  
Evening Bat  
Northern Long-eared bat  
Silver-haired Bat

## 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 conservation



## WINE

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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 mineral 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. Buy 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.

## ALSO VERY GOOD:

2006 Chateau St. Jean Belle Terre Vineyard, \$25  
2006 Sbragia Home Ranch Dry Creek, \$26  
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2006 Pine Ridge Dijon Clones, \$33  
2005 Merryvale Carneros, \$35  
2006 Beringer Private Reserve Napa Valley, \$35  
2006 DeLoach Porter-Bass Vineyard, \$43  
2006 Paul Hobbs Russian River Valley, \$45  
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.com](mailto:focusonwine@aol.com).

## 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 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 well-known 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](http://www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com).

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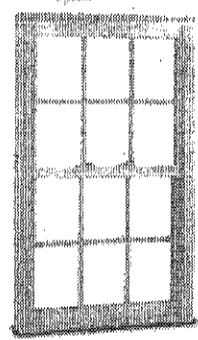
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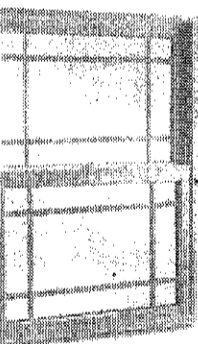


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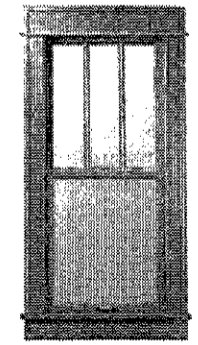


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**TECH**

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loading it. Once you click Play, you've got 24 hours to finish it. Planning on repeat viewings? Consider buying the movie instead. Purchase prices range from \$9.99 for older titles to \$14.99 for newer ones, though you'll also find movies selling as low as \$5.99.

Whether you rent or buy, movie downloads require Amazon's Windows-only Unbox Video Player. It's used not only to view your movies, but also to transfer them to portable players.

Unbox supports PlaysForSure-compatible models from the likes of Archos, Creative, and SanDisk. (If you're an iPod/iPhone owner, you're stuck with iTunes.)

Not wild about having to rent or buy movies? Check out

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-

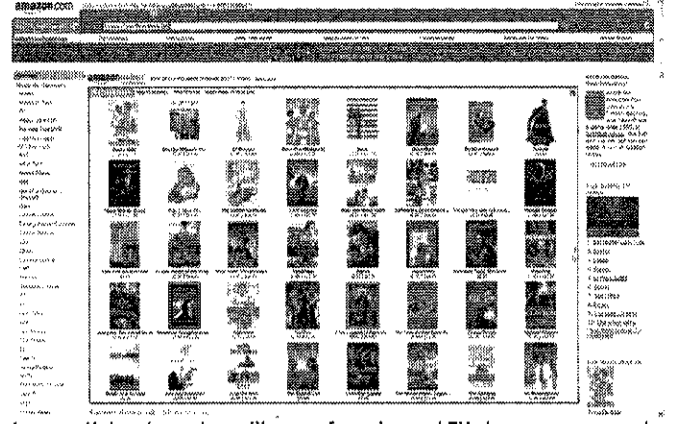
view titles—better fare like Enchanted and No Country for Old Men—for \$3.99 apiece. If you can live without that option, you're better off subscribing to Verizon Starz Play (verizon.net/starzplay): It's the exact same service (minus PPV) for just \$5.99 monthly.

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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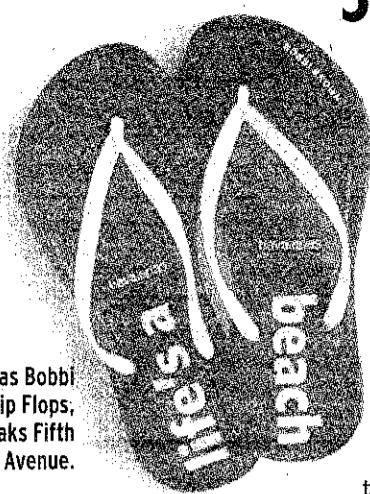
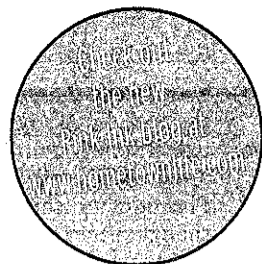
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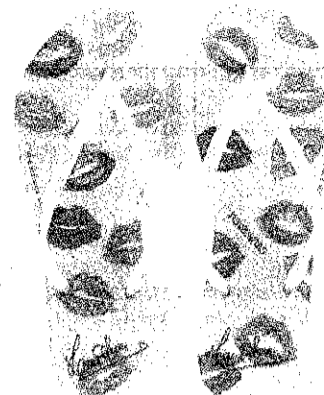
Havaianas Bobbi Brown Flip Flops, \$15 at Saks Fifth Avenue.

## Style seekers flip for custom flops

Flip-flops are the preferred shoe for summer, and Havaianas are, of course, the thong of choice. At Saks Fifth Avenue, style meets beauty in the form of three limited-edition Havaianas flip-flops designed by celebrity makeup artists. Saks commissioned beauty experts Bobbi Brown, Trish McEvoy and Laura Mercier to create the custom sandals. Shoppers can pick up their favorite pair

(choose from 'Life's a Beach!', lip print or seashell motifs) 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 cause through its ongoing campaign.



Havaianas Laura Mercier Flip Flops, \$15 at Saks Fifth Avenue.

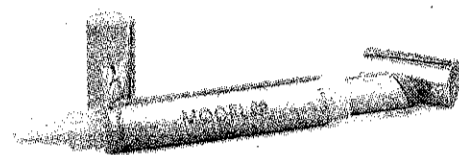
## Hot weather calls for sheer sparkle and sun-kissed beauty

When 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.



Dollface Stephanie Casola

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



Star Smile by ModelCo gives you color and teeth-whitening 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 snap.

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

To sculpt a flawless and flushed summer face, Klotzer suggests stocking your makeup bag with the following:

■ **A tinted foundation** — look for one with SPF like Alison Raffaele's Reality Base.

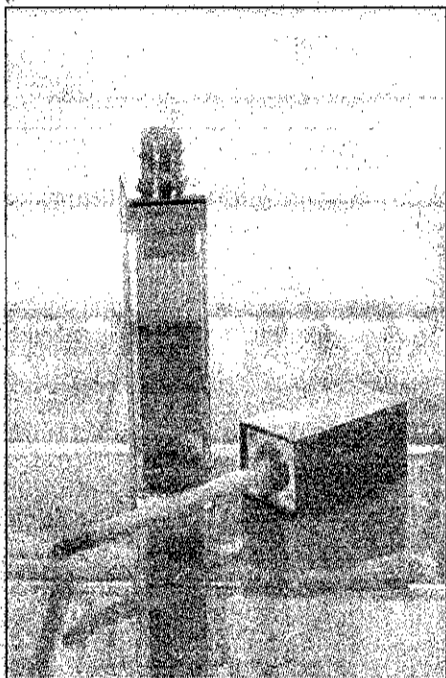
■ **Don't-leave-home-without-it lip gloss** — think strawberry-bitten lips, a high-shine berry like ModelCo Star Smile

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.

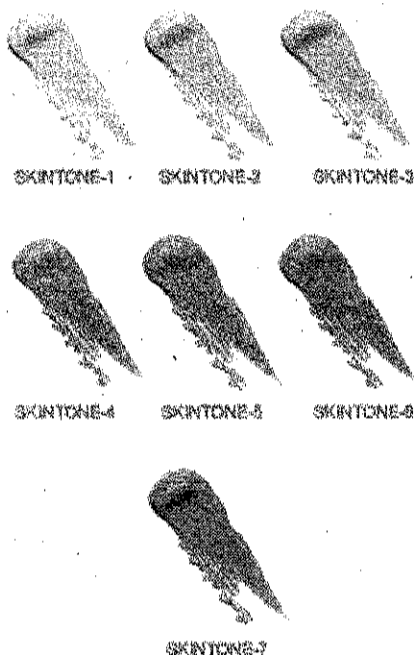
Another option that Klotzer said is "so easy breezy to use" is the **Self-Tanning Glove**. Just slide the glove on and apply the cocoa-butter scented sunless tanner on your body. Klotzer promised there will be no streaks.

No summer beauty routine can truly begin before you choose the perfect sun protection. **SkinCeuticals Active 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



Light up your smile with ModelCo Lip Lights gloss, which actually lights up allowing you to see while applying. A mirrored case also helps the cause.



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

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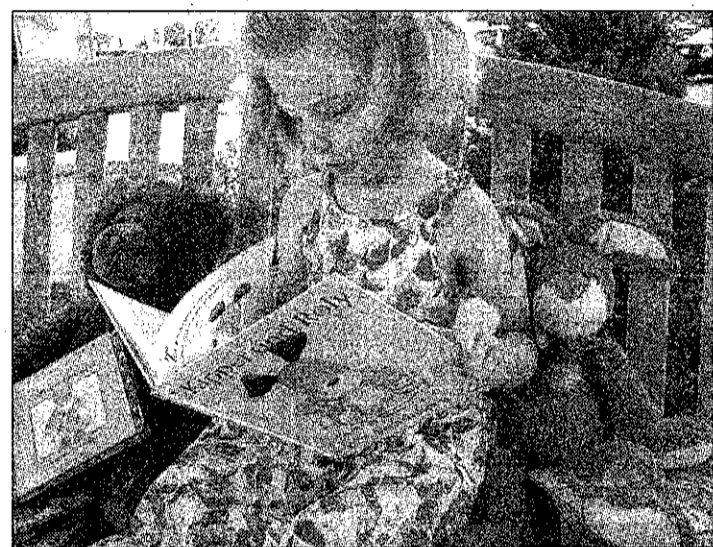
■ **Shimmery gold or bronzed eye shadow** — like Senna's Sun Dance, a metallic copper gold, or De-Vine, a metallic khaki green.

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

■ **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.

## Malls & Main Streets



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

If you have an item for the Malls & Main Streets calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wensdy Von Buskirk at wvonb@hometownlife.com.

### Books & Buds at The Village

**ROCHESTER HILLS** - The Village of Rochester Hills, in partnership with Rochester Hills Public Library, continues "Books, Buddies & Blankets" free story times Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout summer in the Village's Festival Park. From 11-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 2, children can bring their favorite book to read to attentive therapy dogs Guy & Tizzie. For a complete list of guest readers, visit [www.villageofrochesterhills.com](http://www.villageofrochesterhills.com).

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### First Lady Gown Exhibit

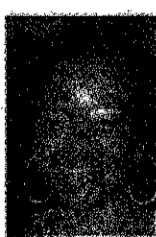
**PLYMOUTH** - The Plymouth Historical Museum is hosting "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies" through Nov. 5. The exhibit showcases 14 reproduction gowns of presidential first ladies from Martha Washington to Rosalyn Carter. It also highlights dolls of the first ladies and other political objects. The 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](http://www.plymouthhistory.org), or [www.myspace.com/plymouthhistory](http://www.myspace.com/plymouthhistory).

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Guest picks

BY NIKI JOHNSON

If you're into fashion, chances are you're already addicted to [www.DetroitFashionPages.com](http://www.DetroitFashionPages.com). And if you're out and about, you've likely met the Web site's fabulous founder,



Johnson

Niki Johnson. Niki is constantly searching out talented designers and 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 'pick' her favorites for PINK:

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The Silver Metallic Gladiator Sandal from Cesare Paciotti

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