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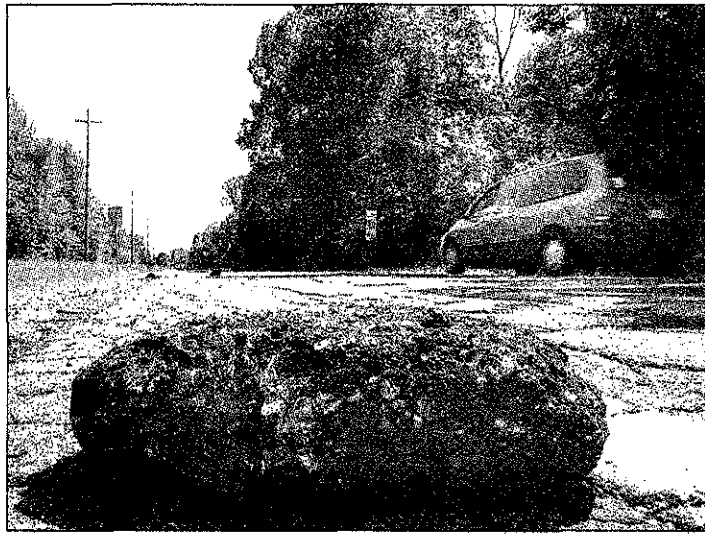
BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Township residents are applauding Canton's decision to pay for road improvements that fall under the county's responsibility.

"This is why we live in Canton," said Terry Dunn, who celebrated with his neighbor, John DiMaggio, the fact that Sheldon Road from Cherry Hill to Palmer roads will be repaired and resurfaced starting July 14. "We live in nice homes and have nice (township) buildings, but we drive down these piece of junk roads. Some of them might as well be gravel."

The construction project, one of many scheduled for this year, is scheduled to last 28 days. The stretch will be open to local traffic only.

Dunn, who lives on Sheldon just south of Cherry Hill Road, said he doesn't think the construction will be a picnic, but said it's worth the sacrifice.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A chunk of asphalt stands as a warning to motorists on Sheldon Road, which is set to undergo construction from Cherry Hill to Palmer beginning July 14.

"I'm sure it's going to be an inconvenience but there have been so many patch jobs that it doesn't make a difference now," he said, noting the potholes at the edge of his driveway.

DiMaggio, who is retired from Wayne County's road

department, said stretches of Sheldon, including the one up for rehabilitation, have been in need of repair for more than five years.

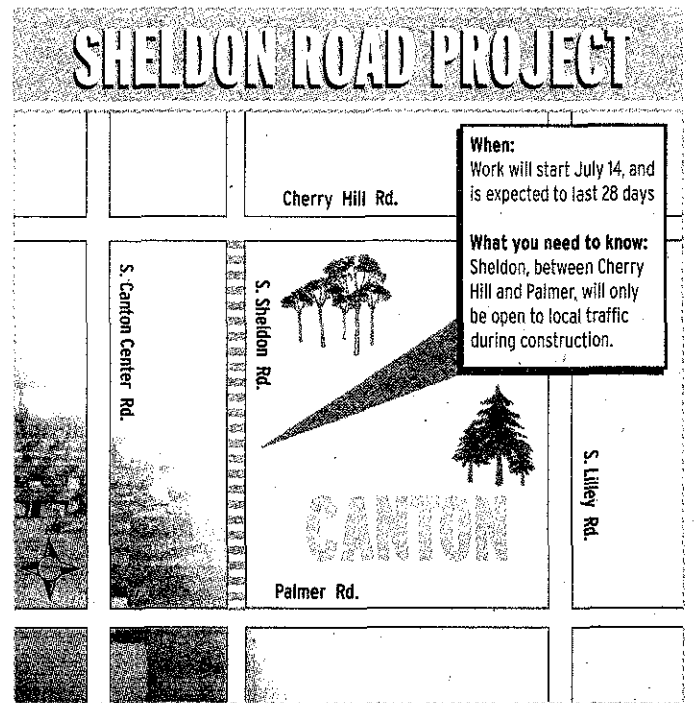
"The county has no money and the state has no money for roads, so it's great that Canton

is doing this," he said. "These roads have not been maintained properly because the money is just not there. The road fund is absolutely terrible and this year it will be worse than ever because we had such a hard winter."

Although Sheldon is a county road, Canton is funding the work through its 2008 Local Road Maintenance Program. The program, which is expected to yield about \$1 million annually, was made possible after the Township Board decreased the Public Safety millage by 0.25 mills and increased the general fund by 0.25 mills. The program is designed to repair pavements that are not fully deteriorated.

Todd Zilicik, Canton staff engineer, said township offices have received numerous calls about problem areas on Sheldon Road over the years and said that the stretch from Ford to Michigan Avenue needs repair.

"The road is past its life," he said.



Other roads scheduled for improvement include sections of Morton Taylor, Haggerty, Saltz, Lilley and Lotz. In addition, other repairs will

take place on the following roads: Joy, Ridge and Beck. For more information, call the township offices at (734) 394-5150.

'Mrs. Pauli' retires after 22 years of hugs and stories

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pauli Green is retired. The concept still hasn't sunk in for the former Plymouth-Canton Montessori School teacher but she expects it to hit her in September.

"That's when I will feel the separation," she says. "I think it's going to be sad and I may find my car driving here."

Please see MRS. PAULI, A3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pauli Green recently retired after 22 years of teaching at the Plymouth-Canton Montessori School.

Rising fuel costs pinching local governments

BY TONY BRUSCATO AND KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITERS

The rapid rise in gasoline prices cost the Plymouth-Canton school district an additional \$300,000 in the 2007-08 fiscal year that ended Monday.

"We did exceed our budget for the current school year and we've taken a number of steps to mitigate it," said Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs. "We've adjusted our bus routes and consolidated stops so the buses aren't stopping as often. We've also looked at ridership to make sure there are no empty buses riding around."

"We've done as much as we can to keep down the number of miles driven, but we still drive over a million miles a year," said Jacobs. "It's more than any district in Wayne County."

Plymouth-Canton surveys vendors and purchases gasoline in bulk every couple of weeks to take advantage of the best price quotes. Because the district is exempt from some taxes, the price per gallon is currently over \$3 per gallon; not the pump price that's currently averaging \$4.18 a gallon.

"We also supply fuel for municipal vehicles in Plymouth and Plymouth Township," said Jacobs. "My transportation department is now looking at getting into a bigger consortium, perhaps with as many Wayne County

school districts as we can to see if pricing can be more advantageous to us."

Jacobs said there will be adjustments made in the 2008-09 budget to keep pace with upward-spiraling gasoline prices.

Canton Township Supervisor said the fuel costs have also impacted the way the township is doing business when it comes to its large fleet of vehicles.

For the first five months of this year, for which the township has records, Canton had already spent nearly \$200,000, which is well over half of the what it spent in all of 2007 (\$373,198).

In 2006, the township spent about \$353,000 on fuel costs. Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin has already requested more money for fuel than what was budgeted for 2008, and other departments may do so as well.

"We've got a Fleet Services Committee, which is continuously looking at the issue of fuel costs. They are looking at reducing the fleet and instituting a 'no idle policy' for our current fleet, which means employees don't run the vehicles unless they are moving," Yack said.

He said the township is also looking at reducing the size of vehicles if it is merited, and possibly using electric golf carts at its two golf courses in the future. Currently, the golf carts use gasoline.

Jazz to liven up Ford Road parking lots

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The DDA is inviting the community to celebrate Independence Day with a bit of color.

The Canton Color Tour Jazz Series, which is sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority and Smooth Jazz V98.7, will begin at 7 p.m. Friday in the Home Depot parking lot.

The kick-off of the third annual series, also hosted by Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, will feature David Miles & Milestones.

Kathleen Salla, DDA coordinator, said the family-friendly concerts have averaged 300-500 people in the past.

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All shows begin at 7 p.m.

- July 4 - David Miles & Milestones at Home Depot
- July 11 - Thornetta Davis at IKEA
- July 18 - John E. Lawrence at Ford and Canton Center at Centre Village/Bailey's
- July 25 - The Kimmie Horne Show at Super Bowl
- Aug. 1 - Randy Scott at IKEA
- Aug. 8 - Brothers Groove at Ford between Haggerty and Lilley at Willow Creek
- Aug. 15 - Duane Parham at J.C. Penney
- Aug. 22 - Orquestra Sensational at Lowes

"We had been getting calls about when the (series) would start and we are pleased with that kind of interest," she said, adding that the shows are attended by township residents

as well as fans of the performing artists. "It's great that we get visitors in the community."

The tour, which will continue on Friday nights for eight weeks, will move around to a

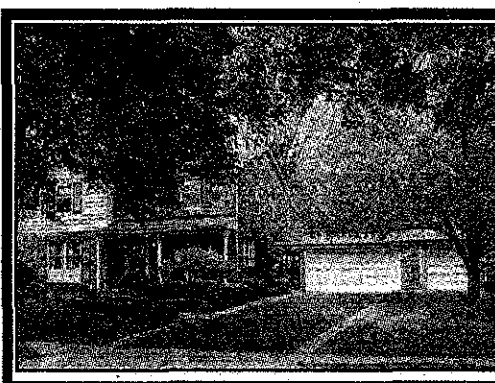
handful of parking lots along Ford Road including, IKEA, J.C. Penney and Lowe's.

Salla said the series is a tool to market the DDA district and provide free entertainment to families.

"There are 300 businesses in the district so we hope to draw people into the stores," she said.

The concerts will take place rain or shine. In the case of inclement weather, the performances, except for the July 4 show, will be moved inside the Super Bowl bowling alley at 45100 Ford Road.

For more information about this year's Canton Color Tour Jazz Series, visit www.cantonmi.org, www.smoothjazzdetroit.com or call (734) 394-5460.



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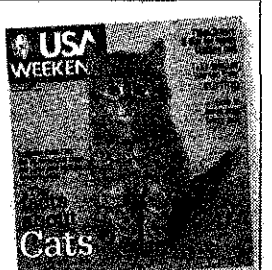
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Absentee ballots are ready for primary election

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In addition to absentee ballots continuing to roll out, some have begun to roll back into township offices.

Canton began mailing out absentee ballots June 28 and has sent out more than 5,200 absentee ballots for the Aug. 5 primary election, and, according to Clerk Terry Bennett, about 6-percent have already been returned. She said those numbers are on average with past elections.

Applications for absentee ballots, which are available at the township administration building, will be accepted through 2 p.m. Aug. 2 and voters may cast their absentee vote at township offices through 4 p.m. Aug. 4.

The primary election in Canton will be important, because it will pare down the number of candidates running for township treasurer and the four trustee seats. Currently, there are two Republicans running for treasurer — current Trustee Melissa McLaughlin and Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks — and six Republicans running for trustee.

Voters should also be aware that the following polling locations have been modified for the primary election: Precincts No. 9 and 34 have been relocated to the administration building; precincts No. 18 and 29 have been relocated to the

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Fellows Creek Golf Course; precincts No. 24 and 25 have been moved to Phase III in Canton High School; and precinct No. 7 at Salem High School has been moved to a room near the front entrance of the building.

Each of the precincts will return to their normal polling location in November for the general election.

In order to vote, picture identification is required. Acceptable forms of identification include a Michigan Drivers License or a Michigan ID card; a drivers license from another state or Identification card; an accredited school/university picture identification; a valid passport; a military ID card; and a tribal ID card.

If a voter does not have identification, they may sign an affidavit swearing and affirming the case. If an ID is available but the voter refuses to show it, they will not be issued a ballot.

Voters that request an absentee ballot but then decide to vote at the polls on Aug. 5 must return their absentee ballot.

To view a sample ballot, visit www.canton-mi.org. In the menu bar, choose 'Government' and then select 'Clerk' and 'Voting'.

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Ice cream social

Canton Leisure Services is inviting area residents to attend an ice cream social at the Cherry Hill School, located at 50440 Cherry Hill Road, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16.

The Canton Concert Band will perform during the event, which will feature old-fashioned ice cream with toppings for \$1 per person. This ice cream social is one of many events scheduled as part of a month-long celebration to recognize July as National Recreation and Parks Month. Pre-registration is not required and all ages are welcome.

For more information on this summer celebration, visit leisure.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Chef honored

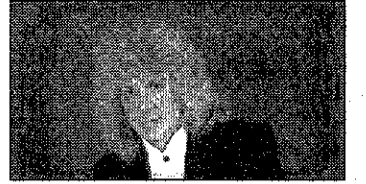
Canton's Matthew Mitchell has earned the certified chef de cuisine (CCC) designation from the American Culinary Federation (ACF). Mitchell is executive chef at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, and a member of ACF Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association in Detroit.

ACF operates the only comprehensive certification program for chefs in the United States and currently certifies nearly 9,000 professionals worldwide. Candidates for ACF certification must have a high level of work and educational experience, and pass both a written and practical examination. In addition, candidates must complete coursework in food safety, nutrition and supervisory management.

Cell phones for soldiers

More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are away from their families. Cell Phones for Soldiers and RE/MAX CLASSIC are calling on all Americans to support these brave men and women by donating their unused cell phones. Cell Phones for Soldiers hopes to collect more than 50,000 cell phones and turn old cell phones into more than 12 million minutes of pre-paid calling cards to help keep troops connected with their families.

AROUND CANTON



Todd

Doors open at 6 p.m. A critically-acclaimed and prolific writer, entertainer, composer and singer since the age of 14, Todd has played at clubs and opened for celebrities including The Pointer Sisters, Rich Little, The Gatlin Brothers, and Joan Rivers. He wrote the theme songs for the Marine Corps League "Toys for Tots" program and the Make A Wish Foundation, which was recorded by Crystal Gayle. He has also contributed his talents to numerous charities.

Tickets are \$20 and available at the St. Thomas a'Becket office, 555 S. Lilley Road (just south of Cherry Hill). Todd's CDs will also be available for purchase at the show.

For more information about Todd, visit his Web site at www.paultodd.com.

Christmas in July

Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Goodfellows are joining forces to coordinate this year's "No Child Without a Christmas" project. To kick-off the undertaking, donation jams have been setup at the Summit on the Park, as "Christmas in July - A Million Pennies from Heaven" collection gets underway. This year, donations will be collected in the Senior Center and in the Summit lobby, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, until National Make A Difference Day on Oct. 25. On this national day of doing good, volunteers will be on hand to count and sort these collected donations. Area scout troops and other organizations will also be coordinating drop-off donations on this date. Last year, Canton community groups and individuals donated nearly \$7,000 in pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and paper money.

For more information on this community project, contact Pat VanDusen at (734) 394-5193 or via e-mail at pvandusen@canton-mi.org.

Musical excellence

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra, led by Musical Director and Conductor Nan Washburn (pictured), was recently awarded national honors by the League of American Orchestras at the LAO National Convention in Denver. The PCSS was recognized with the Adventurous Programming Award by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), and was one of only 26 orchestras around the country to be recognized this year and the only one in Michigan, placing second in the category of orchestras with annual operating expenses of \$470,000 or less. It is the fourth time the PCSS has earned an ASCAP award. For more information about the PCSS, which is entering its 63rd season, visit their Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

"For the loved ones of soldiers serving abroad, Independence Day is much more than a long holiday weekend," says Bart Patterson, Vice President and General Manager of RE/MAX CLASSIC. "We're asking Americans to show support by donating their unused cell phones, providing families with a much-needed connection to their loved ones overseas."

Local residents can support the collection drive by donating their phones at the RE/MAX CLASSIC location on 43435 Joy Road, in Canton. They are open daily seven days a week for donation drop-offs and will provide tax donation receipts upon request. For more information call RE/MAX at (734) 459-1010.

Memorial golf outing

Dave and Lynn Garr of Canton will hold the Seventh Annual Vanessa Grace Garr Memorial Golf Outing on July 12 at the Links of Novi. The outing, a memorial to their daughter Vanessa, will benefit the Oakwood Program for Exceptional Families which is located in Allen Park and serves children with all types

of disabilities.

Vanessa passed away in 2001 due to complications from cerebral palsy, a brain defect which occurred at birth. In the past six years, the outing has raised more than \$150,000 for disabled children's charities in and around Metro Detroit.

"This is a wonderful organization with a truly caring staff that puts a lot of blood, sweat and tears into helping the children that come into their office," said Dave Garr of the Oakwood program. "In fact, Dr. Susan Youngs, who runs the program, was the only one of Vanessa's doctors to show up at her funeral. That shows you what kind of people they have there." The outing, which costs \$125 per golfer or \$50 for dinner only guests, features lunch, golf, dinner, three hours of open bar, silent and live auctions and lots of door prizes. To support the outing either by playing or by contributing, please contact Dave Garr at (734) 542-6800.

Paul Todd concert

Christian musician Paul Todd will perform one of his unique concerts at 7 p.m., Sunday, July 13, at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church,

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Parade kicks off observance

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Aliya Blackson, 11, of Plymouth attends the Kiwanis Good Morning USA Parade every year with her family, many times hearing the bands tune up in the nearby Cultural Center parking lot before stepping off in the state's earliest Fourth of July parade at 7:30 a.m.

This year, Aliya — and about three dozen others from Camp Mirage at the Oasis Golf Center in Livonia — will be in the parade on two floats they constructed this week in camp.

"Since Mom and I go to the Fourth of July parade every year, I thought it would be fun being in the parade," said Aliya. "A lot of my friends will be at the parade and they'll see me ... and be jealous."

Camp Mirage supervises about 2,100 children over the course of the summer with all kinds of athletic, dance and even golf cart driver's camp.

"One is a huge sinking pirate ship and the other is a tropical island that the Pirate ship is stranded on," said camp director Cara Gray of Livonia, who watches the parade each year with family who live in Plymouth. "The 33 kids are divided into pirates and island natives ... and have been given roles for the parade and are making their own

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- What: Kiwanis Good Morning USA Parade
- When: 7:30 a.m. Friday, July 4
- Where: Downtown Plymouth — starts at Theodore, runs up Main Street to Hartsough

costumes. We even have a kid who is going to be 'sandwich boarded' as a rock that the ship capsized on."

It's the 12th year for the Good Morning USA Parade, with 84 entries and more than 1,000 people who will travel Main Street from Theodore to Hartsough.

Parade organizer Fred Hill said he's gathered 18 major sponsors to cover most of the \$20,000 it takes to stage the parade.

"The uniqueness of the parade is the variety of units providing true entertainment — from a stilt walker, to Civil War re-enactors, a dog drill team and monster truck," said Hill. "It's the proverbial 'something for everyone' and then some."

The community's Fourth of July celebration ends with the weekly "Music in the Air" concert series, sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Friday's featured performer is Steve King and the Dittilies. The concert starts at 7 p.m.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A crowd of campers paint lava on the volcano mounted on the island trailer at Camp Mirage at the Oasis Golf Center in Livonia.

MRS. PAULI

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Green, who is known as Mrs. Pauli, has been with the school for 22 years and said she will miss the energy that comes along with a group of 3- to 6-year-olds.

"If you are having a low day, you come here and the next thing you know, you are happy," she grins. "And the spontaneous hugs and the stories. The kids just make you happy."

Green became a teacher at the Montessori school, located in Canton at 45245 Joy Road, after enrolling her two children and becoming a parent volunteer.

"The director asked me was I interested in teaching and I told her that I would think about it," the Plymouth resident said, noting that when she had her children, Shannon and Sean, now adults, she put

her career as an administrative assistant on hold. "Being here gave me more time to be with my children and I believe it made me a better parent, too."

"Throughout the years, Green has taught hundreds of students and been a part of the school's relocations.

She says she made the decision to retire in order to spend more time traveling with her husband of 43 years, Larry.

"He's been retired for two years and I wanted to give him a little time to himself," Green said. "But if you ask him, he probably would have preferred that I stop a little earlier. But when you are having fun, it is hard to leave."

So hard, in fact, that Green has plans to be an occasional substitute teacher once the school year rolls around.

"The kids keep you young," she said. "I'm very happy I decided to do this."

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OUR VIEWS

Be rightly proud of our democracy

It took a lot of derring-do to author the Declaration of Independence, but its signers knew exactly what they were doing.

In the final graphs of the document, signed July 4, 1776, by members of the Second Continental Congress, they proclaim the British as "Enemies in War, in Peace Friends."

Clearly they had worked to resolve their differences with the British. The list of disputes in the document is extensive.

But given the alternative, the document declares, the signers have the gumption to go to war. That's pretty tough talk, but it is also thoughtful and well-reasoned.

All people have rights, unalienable rights, Thomas Jefferson reasons in the document he authored. That means those rights come from a higher order and can't be abolished by any person, like a king of England — or president of Zimbabwe. Nor can any group of men — whether the British Parliament or Al Qaeda — disband those rights.

"Look, we tried," says the document in so many words. "But you folks are taking away our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our safety is threatened, so it seems better to just go our own way."

That we did and the rest is history, but it is a living history that is being renewed daily, whether by citizen groups such as the League of Women Voters or by men and women serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

It's been 232 years since 56 men from 13 states put pen to paper. But we still carry that independent streak declared July 2, 1776, as the British fleet entered the New York harbor. It was declared again on paper two day later.

Independence is inbred in us, part of our genetic make-up.

That's why we bolt upright at attempts to abridge our civil liberties, and growl over things like foreclosures and the price of gas that threaten our happiness.

But our independence must be nurtured aggressively, if it is to continue. That doesn't mean agreeing with everything that comes out of Washington; it does mean passing along the memories and the message of the Declaration of Independence.

What better way to do so than by taking time on the Fourth of July to celebrate what we have achieved and to renew our will to protect it.

From parades to flying the U.S. flag, there are ample ways to renew our patriotic spirit. Parents will want to go to www.usa.gov for everything from recipes from First Ladies to activities for children and teachers.

We have another right — the right to be proud of who we are as a country. It's the best democracy around, and our history proves it.

Affordable summer fun abounds here

It's summertime and the living really is easy, especially if you're looking for family style entertainment close to home.

Summer festivals and concerts that are near home in Oakland and Wayne counties are a good way to save money on gas — without giving up quality entertainment. Many of the events, such as concerts, are free and easy on the family budget.

If you haven't experienced the festivals and concerts offered in local communities, this is a good week to investigate what's available.

Starting with the Fourth of July holiday, take note of festivals planned in Westland and Plymouth.

The 29th Westland festival continues through July 6, ending with the annual fireworks show. Plymouth Art in the Park, July 11-13, is Michigan's second largest art fair and has been rated as one of the "Gems of the Great Lakes" by AAA Magazine. While the major Rochester, Troy and Plymouth festivals are in September, Troy also is hosting its annual family festival 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, at Boulan Park.

The Farmington Area Founders Festival begins with the annual Miss Farmington pageant at 7 p.m. July 16, at the Farmington Civic Theatre. It continues with a parade at 10 a.m. July 19, and through July 20 with Art on the Grand.

But don't just wait for the big events, take advantage of the many concert venues offered throughout the area. Examples are Wednesdays at Shain Park in Birmingham, music and movies events in Troy. In Plymouth, concerts take place at noon Wednesdays and Thursday and Friday evenings, all in Kellogg Park.

In Southfield, the Eat to the Beat summer music festival runs from noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 11 at the Civic Center Plaza, while the Burgh Park gazebo concert series runs 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 13.

These special events offer a chance to greet neighbors you haven't seen all winter and share in the spirit that makes up our communities.



Support Zarbo, McLaughlin

As a resident of Canton for over 22 years, I am part of the majority in agreement with the vision for the quality of life Canton has created. One of excellent schools, a variety of housing options, award-winning Public Safety and the enjoyment of Leisure Services.

Our church recently held a picnic at Freedom Park on Sheldon at Palmer. It was my first-time there and I was impressed. Learning to play disc golf was a bonus. If you have not visited this park, I would highly recommend it: 20 acres with all kinds of amenities for the entire family.

Last night, my daughter, grandson and I walked the Lower Rouge River Recreational Trail that opened recently. My congratulations to everyone who worked to make that a reality — a mini paradise on Morton Taylor west of Michigan Avenue.

We are fortunate to live next to our association's park where for years my children and now grandsons will picnic, play in the sandbox, host volleyball tournaments and much more.

I want to re-elect those who support Leisure Services and Canton's quality of life. Therefore, for the all important primary election on Aug. 5, I will be voting for Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo and Trustee (and candidate for treasurer) Melissa McLaughlin.

Judy Flynn
Canton

McLaughlin has experience

On Aug. 5, Canton voters will elect a new treasurer. I have had the unique opportunity of working closely with the two candidates for treasurer/legislator. As founder of the Canton Community Foundation I observed the work efforts of its paid executive director. I also had the privilege of working with Melissa McLaughlin as Canton trustee for 16 years. I wholeheartedly endorse Melissa McLaughlin for Canton treasurer.

Canton offers its residents an outstanding quality of life: one of America's safest communities (one of only a few accredited Michigan police departments), exceptional leisure programs, services and facilities (only accredited department in Michigan), low millage rate (lowest since 1978), quality residential and commercial developments and expansive open space.

Canton's outstanding quality of life didn't just happen. It took the ideas, hard work, dedication, and commitment of many Canton residents. Melissa McLaughlin has been a tireless worker on behalf of Canton residents. Her efforts have made a positive difference in our community. Melissa's long (and often thankless) service on the Canton Planning Commission has ensured high quality and thoughtful developments. Her knowledge and attention to detail has contributed mightily to the planning process.

Melissa has served with distinction on the Canton Board of Trustees for 13 years. The depth and breadth of her knowledge on a full range of issues cannot be matched. She has participated in the adoption and monitoring of the township's \$70 million budget. She is a fiscal

conservative when it comes to finances.

Melissa serves as chair of the Downtown Development Authority and has worked closely with the business community in enhancing and promoting the Ford Road commercial corridor. She works closely with staff in the preparation and monitoring of the DDA's annual budget.

Melissa McLaughlin has demonstrated her ability to work effectively with others. She has the temperament and skill set to bring out the best in others. Canton can ill afford to return to the years when members of the Board of Trustees were engaged in embarrassing and unproductive behavior. Nastiness and insults have no place in local government. We have enjoyed 20 years of an effective cohesive leadership team.

Melissa is committed to maintaining Canton's outstanding quality of life. Her experience, knowledge, dedication to hard work, integrity, and vision for Canton set her apart from her opponent. There will be no learning curve. Melissa will contribute the first day and every day as treasurer. Canton residents should expect nothing less. A vote for Melissa McLaughlin is a vote for what is best for Canton.

Tom Yack
township supervisor, Canton

Shocked by speech

June 20, 2008, was a sad and embarrassing day for the residents of the 11th Congressional District. For it was on that day that our congressman, Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, took to the floor of the House and gave what I consider a horrible partisan speech. The speech is titled, "How To Speak Democrat." On a day when the House was considering the serious issues of preventing child abuse and FISA he chose to go on the floor and give a speech that would make a novelty T-shirt vendor proud.

In trying to be funny (on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives), Rep. McCotter tried to explain that when members of the Democratic Party speak, they often mean something other than what they say. However, he did not phrase it that eloquently, instead he chose to call the members of the Democratic Party — Democrats or Democrat. For those of you who missed his great oratory style and speech on C-SPAN, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EQ03qRE1s>.

His disjointed speech along with visual aids contained the following quotations: "Government means socialism. Democrats support proactive government. Translation, Democrats support proactive socialism. Invest translates into waste. Again used in a sentence. Democrats will invest your money. Translation, Democrats will waste your money."

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I was shocked to see that Rep. McCotter chose to waste our tax dollars

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with this drivel. His taxpayer-funded fliers that he sends to my house, always contain this little reminder: "I work for you." Well, this speech did nothing to advance the interests of the residents of his district. To the contrary, it more than likely alienated him and us from the majority party to which he is not a member.

The 11th Congressional District needs a representative who is willing to work on the tough issues. Someone who is willing to debate the issues of the day and someone who is willing to work with those members who may not agree with his/her positions. Engaging in partisan name-calling on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives does not accomplish those goals and only adds to the already deeply divided partisan atmosphere in Washington, D.C.

It is my sincere hope that the residents of the 11th Congressional District will remember this little incident in November and send someone to Congress who will not waste the taxpayers' time or money.

Jennifer Thor
Westland

Re-elect McCotter

Your recent article, "11th District Democratic exchange views," seems to be a way off the mark on its representation of Congressman (Thaddeus) McCotter. The Democratic challengers seem to be utilizing an old liberal Democratic tactic — say anything and do anything to be elected!

I have had the opportunity and honor of talking to Congressman McCotter and have found him to be very attentive and concerned about his constituents' needs in our district. The congressman has held town hall meetings to listen to the concerns and issues in the district of all constituents, regardless of party affiliation.

The statement by the so-called Democratic challenger that the congressman yells and storms off is misleading and a serious misrepresentation. Maybe the Democratic challenger needs to take a look at who controls Congress at this very moment.

I hope the constituents in the 11th District will keep this in mind when they step into the voting booth this election season. Congressman McCotter deserves to be re-elected!

Stephen H. Chopek
Westland

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"We need to take care of the existing programs' funding until Michigan is healthy. The programs are well intentioned, but the timing's not right."

— Wayne-Westland Schools Supt. Greg Baracy, on proposals in the state Legislature to earmark funds from the state school aid bill for new programs like the 21st century small high school initiative

Beware of seven scams targeting job seekers

A recent survey by The Conference Board shows that people are increasingly turning to the Internet to assist them with job searches, noting that 73 percent of job seekers reported using online sources in 2007 compared to 66 percent in 2005.

While the Internet has become a great tool for assisting job searches, it also provides an opportunity for identity thieves and scam artists to take advantage of people.

In 2007 alone, the Federal Trade Commission received more than 11,000 complaints regarding fake employment opportunities.

Because many people who are victims never actually report it, these complaints may be just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to phony job scams.

Unfortunately, with a tough economy and tight job market, desperation will entice some job seekers into being tricked out of their money or misled to participate in criminal rackets.

The following are seven red flags to be on the lookout for when doing an online job hunt.

■ E-mails filled with grammatical and spelling errors. Most online fraud is perpetrated by scam artists located outside the United States. Their first language usually isn't English, and this is often evident in their poor grasp of the language. If you receive an e-mail offering you a job filled with poor grammar and misspelled words, beware. This very well could be a scam.

■ The salary and benefits offered seem too good to be true.

The adage holds true for job offers: If the deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Phony employers brag about exceptionally high salary potential and excellent benefits in order to lure unsuspecting job hunters into their scam.

■ You're hired without an interview. Some job seekers have been surprised to learn they've been "hired" without having to do a single interview.

The only catch is to first provide your Social

Security or bank account number before starting the job, so you can allegedly be paid by direct deposit.

To avoid becoming a victim of identity theft, job applicants should never give out Social Security or bank account numbers over the phone or by e-mail to an unknown individual.

■ Become rich without leaving home. While there are legitimate businesses that allow employees to work from home, there are also a lot of scams trying to take advantage of senior citizens, stay-at-home moms, students, injured or handicapped individuals, and people looking for a second source of income. Job hunters should use extreme caution when considering any work-at-home offer and always research the company with their Better Business Bureau by calling (248) 644-9100 or visit www.bbb.org.

■ The job requires wiring money through Western Union or MoneyGram. Many phony jobs require the prospective employee to cash a check sent to them through the mail and then wire a portion of the money on to another entity. Reasons given for doing this vary from scam to scam.

Whatever the reason, the check might clear your bank but will eventually turn out to be a fake. You will be responsible for paying back the bank the full value of the check you cashed.

■ An employer asks for money upfront. Aside from paying for a uniform, it is rarely advisable for a job applicant to pay upfront fees or make a required purchase to get a job.

■ All you have to do is reship merchandise. One of the fastest growing scams involves receiving in the mail goods purchased online by others through stolen credit card numbers and forwarding the items to the thieves, often in locations outside the United States.

You could be held criminally liable if caught participating in this fraud.

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Tim Burns

President Bush comes to town with no apologies, no answers

We've been watching the HBO series on John Adams, based on David McCullough's admiring biography of our second president.

In one scene, President Adams strolls down a Philadelphia street with his vice president, Thomas Jefferson. People hurry by without giving a notice to the oddly matched pair. There were no bodyguards, no perimeter around the famous couple. No paparazzi (well, of course, there were no cameras).

That's quite a contrast to last week when George W. Bush, our 43rd president, visited Livonia. Freeways were closed. Police cordons were established. Local and national press were herded behind a barrier before the president arrived and weren't allowed to leave until after he had gone.

But, even in Adams' days, life wasn't safe. In McCullough's version of it, Adams was manipulated by Alexander Hamilton and other Federalists into signing the Alien and Sedition Acts that made it a crime to criticize the government and rounded up "Frenchmen." In those days, the revolutionary French were the source of concern. They were seen as incendiary terrorists whose terror might find its way to American shores.

Adams and Jefferson, the authors of our Declaration of Independence, friends before and after their party struggles, were on opposite sides. Adams was a basically conservative man who was the strongest voice for separation from Britain but also the most tied to English values and history. Jefferson may have had his reservations about the excesses of the French revolution, but he valued the right of rebellion against oppression. He believed what he wrote, that human beings have "unalienable rights."

Karl Rove would have loved going after Jefferson who used big words, drank French wines, read in Greek and Latin and admired French thinkers. Sort of a Barack Obama "elitist." What a pansy Rove would have made of him.

Some of those concerns of our founding fathers are playing out in our own concerns about Middle East terrorists.

At Laurel Manor, Bush lashed out at the Supreme Court for ruling that detainees at

Bush was speaking to a comfortable group who could pay \$1,000 or \$5,000 to aid their party. But he was also speaking in a place hard hit by the crumbling economy and riddled by fears.

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, could have access to civilian criminal courts.

"By a bare majority, five Supreme Courts 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.

He paused, expecting applause, but I'd like to think he didn't get any because his audience was embarrassed by what he said.

First, we don't know how many of the detainees are, in fact, terrorists. The Supreme Court majority was skeptical of a panel who studied their cases. Second, Jefferson would not have said the rights to just treatment are "reserved for Americans," though others in his day might have.

Adams wrestled with his decisions, but like the current president was reluctant to say he was wrong.

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"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."

He never said that his policies helped bring about these "challenges" or that he had failed miserably to face these "challenges." He never acknowledges that he and his advisers, like Mr. Rove, have played on people's fears and prejudices. Instead, he urged his listeners that the country needed more the same kind of "leadership."

Since his approval rating is in the mid-20 percent range, most Americans would probably opt for something different.

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4th of July reminds us of U.S. strengths

Happy Fourth of July, particularly to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who are serving our country in faraway lands to protect our freedoms and our way of life.

It certainly doesn't feel like the Fourth of July. I'm sure that the main reason is due to the weather. Despite all the storms, most longtime Michiganders realize that this



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

weather will pass and we will have a summer. One can compare the present difficulties with the economy to the weather. In fact, the difficult economic climate we are

experiencing will also pass. We've been through difficult times before. In fact, much more difficult times. Consider the price of gas. Yes, \$4 a gallon is outrageous but many of us remember the '70s when gas prices, were high and we experienced severe shortages. Many remember the long gas lines and stations that closed early because there was no gasoline.

Unemployment is rising in Michigan. However, even here we have not reached the double digit unemployment numbers of the past.

Nearly 30 years ago, after the stock market had been beaten up by inflation, there was a famous article written about the death of equities. The theory was that the U.S. economy, because of inflation, could not regain its strength.

Despite all sorts of difficulties over the last 30 years, the Dow has gone from the mid 800 range to over 11,000 today. The reality is the economy has been through difficult periods, but it has always bounced back. It's done so not because of actions in Washington, D.C., Lansing or America's large multinational corporations. The real strength of the U.S. economy lies in the entrepreneurial spirit of the American people. We are the "can-do people" and I have no doubt we will get through the present difficulties.

The Fourth of July is the one day we should take a step back and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done. Despite our current economic problems, we still are the strongest economic power in the history of the world.

There is a reason people from all over the world continue to flock to our shores to fulfill their dreams. We take for granted the rights and freedoms. However, we should recognize that the rest of the world does not have the same opportunities.

As our economy and the world goes through changes, it is important to recognize that the American economy has always been a work in progress. Americans have adapted to change and embraced it to our benefit.

I have no doubt this economic roller coaster ride will continue. However, as we celebrate our country's birthday, we should all be confident in the challenges that we face. After all, when we examine history we should all never forget that anyone who has bet against the U. S. economy has always lost.

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Thousands of kids go to hospital emergency rooms with injuries from fireworks every year.



Tom Kiurski

Most injuries occur around the Fourth of July. Fireworks injuries can be very serious - like losing eyes, hands or fingers. Here are some real stories that have happened:

- A 12-year-old, celebrating his team's basketball championship, lost an eye when he and his friends set off fireworks. He now wears a glass eye.
- A 7-year-old boy lost half his left hand when he ignited an M-80 firework found hidden in a family bedroom. The M-80 exploded in the boy's hand.
- An 8-year-old girl was badly burned on her leg when a sparkler ignited her dress.
- Three teenage boys shot a roman candle firework into a large wooded area. Fourteen acres burned before the fire was extinguished.
- Two boys, 8 and 10, were seriously burned on their arms when a bottle rocket exploded in their garage. The garage and a car were totally destroyed.
- An 8 year-old boy lost three fingers after igniting an M-80 firework on the kitchen stove. The victim was on his way outside when the device exploded in his hand.

The stories get worse. Children have died by the improper use of fireworks. Remember to celebrate our national independence — visit a professional fireworks display!

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

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Schmitt dialed in

Canton swimmer draws closer to Beijing

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If things hold according to seed, recent Canton High grad Allison Schmitt is on verge of making the U.S. Olympic swim team.

In Tuesday's pair of preliminary heats of the women's 200-meter freestyle at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb., the 18-year-old Schmitt put herself both in position to earn an individual spot along with a relay berth after finishing runner-up in both races to Katie Hoff of Towson, Md.

In the semifinal heat, the 19-year-old Hoff, the women's star of the U.S. Trials so far, went 1:57.1 followed by Schmitt in 1:57.92.

Stanford University's Julie Smit (Mt. Sinai, N.Y.) was third in 1:58.48, while former Ann Arbor Pioneer standout Kara Lynn Joyce (University of Georgia) also qualified for Wednesday night's final in seventh in 1:58.66. A top-two individual placing will earn Schmitt an automatic trip to the Olympics in Beijing, China.

However, a third- or fourth-place finish in the 200 freestyle will assure her of a spot on possibly the women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay.

Some fifth- and sixth-place finishers also will be considered to make the team.

Schmitt's quest to make the U.S. squad was going swimmingly Monday after the preliminary rounds of the women's 400 freestyle.

Following her 4:05.72 effort, the University of Georgia-bound Schmitt was seeded second behind only Hoff (4:05.61) heading into the finals, but wound up third in 4:05.05 behind Hoff (4:02.32) and 20-year-old Kate Ziegler (4:03.92) of Great Falls, Va., the latter whom knocked three seconds off her prelim time to beat out Schmitt.

Despite the near-miss, Schmitt rebounded with a strong showing in the 200 freestyle, in which she entered the trials seeded fourth.

This week, the Club Wolverine member will also swim the 100 freestyle, where she is seeded 15th seed; and the 50 freestyle, where she is seeded 47th.

The trials are being broadcast live from 8-9 p.m. Thursday on USA Network. NBC will take over the finals coverage from 8-9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Livonia-Westland Sports Editor **Brad Emons** also contributed to this report.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Recent Canton High grad Allison Schmitt is on the verge of making the U.S. Olympic women's swim team in the 200 freestyle following Tuesday's runner-up finish in two preliminary heats. The finals were set for Wednesday night in Omaha, Neb.

Sidelines

Fox swims at Trials

Megan Fox, who will be a junior this fall at Livonia Stevenson, made her inaugural appearance Sunday night in the U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials in Omaha, Neb., finishing 77th overall in the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 5:03.46.

The 16-year-old Fox, who swims for the Novi Sturgeons, had a qualifying time of 4:54.93.

Piot wins qualifier

Canton's Glenn Piot, Jr. captured a sudden death playoff to win his age division at the U.S. Kids World Championship golf qualifier held June 26 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers in East Lansing.

The 11-year-old shot a 42-36-78 for 18 holes and qualify for the U.S. Kids World Championship later this month in Pinehurst, N.C.

Glenn's younger brother James, 9, finished second in his division scoring a 39 for nine holes and will also be eligible to compete in the U.S. Kids World Championship.

MIAA honor roll

The Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association recently recognized its top scholar-athletes who carried a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale for 2007-08.

Among the area nominees included:
Emily Collins (Livonia Clarenceville), Kalamazoo College; Megan Crumm (Canton), Albion College; Sean Dillon (Plymouth), Adrian College; Olivia LaFortune (Wayne), Olivet College; Kelly Lepper (Salem), Kalamazoo; Laura McKendry (Canton), Alma College; Maggie McNicholas (Canton), St. Mary's, Ind.; Heather Michalsen (Salem), Olivet; Katie Mills (Canton), Albion; Carrie Oleszkowicz (Canton), Albion; Alexandra Plisko (Livonia Stevenson), Alma; Ben Schroeder (Stevenson), Kalamazoo; and Lauren Siedlik (Livonia Churchill), Olivet.



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Instructor Vickie Hudson (right) works with student Kelsey Adams of Livonia.

Skating on wheels provides challenge

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With all due respect to competitive ice skaters, Livonia's Krysten Johnson believes her brand of skating — the four-wheelin' kind — may be the more challenging of the two, even though it's a distant second in the fame game.

"Because ice skaters have a blade, they can stick it in the ice when they need to stop," said Johnson. "We have four wheels that have a mind of their own sometimes. I've never ice skated, but everyone who's tried both have told me that it's a lot easier to go from roller skates to ice skates than ice skates to roller skates."

Johnson was defending her sport Monday afternoon inside the spacious Skatin' Station II facility in Canton.

Despite the fact the sun was shining on a near-perfect summer day, the 28-year-old figure skating champion was indoors preparing for a three-hour practice along with five other skaters, all of whom had earned berths in the USA Roller Skating National Finals set for July 20 to Aug. 4 in Lincoln, Neb.

"It takes 150 percent commitment from these skaters to reach the level they've reached," said Vickie Hudson, a South Lyon resi-

dent who serves as the national championship-bound skaters' head coach. "To be world-class skaters like these individuals are, it takes at least six-days-a-week practices, sometimes seven — even when you're sick and not feeling great — and it can cost as much as \$15,000 a year, depending upon whether their parents can sew their outfits."

"Some kids think they can come out here and practice two days and do what these skaters can do, but it's just not going to happen. You have to have the commitment."

The ages of the Lincoln-bound local skaters range from 28 (Johnson) to 7-year-old Hailey Maples, who qualified for the Nationals by placing third in the Primary A Dance event at the Great Lakes Rollerskating Regionals in Flint June 18-22.

"It's my first time going to Nationals, so it's pretty exciting," said Maples, who has some pretty impressive roller-skating genes. Her grandmother, Jean Jenkins, was a member of the "Skating Vanities" — a traveling roller-skating company that traveled across the United States back in the 1940s.

Recent Livonia Franklin graduate Brittany Adams' specialty is the figure event, which requires

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This is certainly no way to reward a job well done



Tim Smith

Thanks for everything, but thanks for nothing.

So it seems for Al Chambo, following Monday's series of events that ended in his layoff after eight groundbreaking years — literally — as Redford Thurston's athletic director.

Chambo, who also oversaw athletics at Pierce Middle School, was told he had to go to help the South Redford Board of Education climb

out of a financial pitfall ahead of finalizing the 2008-09 budget.

With a hole of \$2 million, the ax was sharpened by board members. Targets were determined.

One of those had Chambo's name and likeness all over it.

Gone is that salary. But also gone (barring some unforeseen reprieve) is one of the best and most-dedicated administrators ever to grace

the halls at Thurston. And principal Bill Zolkowski certainly knows it, although he must tow the company line and go along with whatever Plan B the board eventually decides on.

"Under Al's leadership the taxpayers of the district not only ended up with a top-of-the-line set of athletic facilities, they saved untold amounts of money because of his careful and creative stewardship," wrote

Zolkowski in an e-mail following the decision to cut loose Chambo.

How ironic that someone who did his job so well that it saved dollars is being sacrificed in the name of the bottom line.

We're talking about the man who worked untold extra hours making sure plans outlined in a \$32.65 mil-

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FIRST-TEAM

Stefanie Turner, Jr., GK, Liv. Churchill: The junior goalkeeper is a repeat first-team All-Observer selection after earning All-Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 All-Region honors. Despite missing four games at the end of the season due to an illness, Turner helped the Chargers to a No. 2-ranking in Division 1, a 14-3-2 overall record and the Western Division title in the WLAA. "Stefanie was the backbone of our team, she was a leader on the field and a great shot stopper," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "The technical ability as far playing the ball with her feet is better than anybody I've seen in high school this year. It gives us so many options when you have a player like that."

Michele Ring, Jr., GK, Ladywood: The junior goalkeeper posted a career-best nine shutouts and a goals-against average of 1.24 en route to All-Catholic League, All-District, All-Region and honorable mention All-State honors (Division 2). "Michele was a big reason for our success this season," Ladywood first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said. "She was able to make the big save when we needed it. She's a respected team leader and extremely hard worker at practice."

Michele did a great job communicating with our defense and directing traffic in front of her.

Stephanie Nichols, Jr., GK, Garden City: Nichols had a consistently strong season from start to finish, racking up nine solo shutouts and splitting two others in just 18 games. She only allowed 15 shots to get past her all year. "It's her third year as keeper and she's the hardest worker at her position on our team," Garden City coach Bill Tornia said. "Stephanie never missed a practice, stayed extra after practice and she learned a lot at camp last year. She was ready. At first of the year it was two-goalie position and she won it outright. She improved a lot this year."

Melanie Pickert, Fr., Def., Canton: Pickert's future is incredibly bright as she nailed down All-State honors in her first year of high school. The ninth-grader combined supreme athleticism, intelligence and an unparalleled level of hustle to become one of the state's elite defenders.

"Melanie's All-State selection says it all," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "She was one of the reasons we had as many shutouts as we did (16). She's all over the field and she consistently made the big play when we needed her to."

Rachel Stevens, Sr., Def., Liv. Stevenson: The senior defender earned All-Division honors in the Western Lakes and made All-District. She finished with four goals and three assists. "Rachel was our toughest player this year and our team MVP," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "She was very instrumental in our two games this year with Churchill (a win and a tie). She did most of her work from a defensive position, either from the backline, or as a defensive or holding



Churchill's Bailey Brandon (6), passing off in the WLAA championship game against Northville, was a first-team All-Stater and first-team All-Observer pick.

ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER

2008 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

- GK-Stefanie Turner, Jr., Liv. Churchill
- GK-Michele Ring, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
- GK-Stephanie Nichols, Jr., Garden City
- D-Melanie Pickert, Fr., Canton
- D-Rachel Stevens, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
- D-Meeghan Hughes, Soph., Plymouth
- D-Kelli Mapes, Sr., Red. Thurston
- D-Taleen Mergian, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
- MF-Alicia Szczyka, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
- MF-Rachel Gizicki, Sr., Salem
- MF-Kayla Johnston, Jr., Liv. Churchill
- MF-Jalese DeBiasi, Sr., Ply. Christian
- F-Bailey Brandon, Jr., Liv. Churchill
- F-Tracy Rymph, Jr., Canton
- F-Jessica Busuito, Jr., Redford Union

SECOND TEAM

- GK-Sara Ross, Sr., Plymouth Christian
- GK-Lauren White, Sr., Westland Glen
- D-Lindsay Marlow, Sr., Liv. Churchill
- D-Kayla Kimble, Soph., Liv. Stevenson
- D-Julianne Purtil, Sr., Liv. Churchill
- MF-Allyson Yankee, Jr., Luth. Westland
- MF-Karen Jackett, Sr., Wayne Memorial
- MF-Kelly Powers, Sr., Liv. Franklin
- F-Whitney Jacobs, Sr., Wayne Memorial
- F-Alessia Vagnini, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
- F-Aminda Moody, Sr., Liv. Clarencville
- F-Megan Staub, Jr., Canton
- F-Hannah Otto, Jr., Liv. Churchill
- F-Cara Braun, Jr., Garden City
- F-Katie Shull, Sr., Salem

COACH OF THE YEAR

- Nathan Yates, Plymouth Christian
- HONORABLE MENTION
- Churchill: Callie Mack, Alyssa Mira, Tessa Allen; Franklin: Courtney Smith, Molly Perkins, Amy McGaughey, Renee Berger; Stevenson: Renee Boudreau, Stephanie Gutkowski, Molly McConnell, Brittany Hoots, Julie Schroeder, Alex Harbony; John Glenn: Kayley Coleman, Megan Nikula, Jenna Williams, Danielle Levy; Wayne: Danielle Borg, Nicole Jarvis, Megan Waynor; Lutheran Westland: Sam Terranella, Chelsea Kyles, Miranda Kasprowicz; Clarencville: Jordan Fryfe, Kristen Jolly, Morgan Tressler; Ladywood: Sarah Kempa, Kaitlyn Vitale, Caitlin Szczyka, Amanda Field; Canton: Lisa Pierce, Bre Belliovary; Salem: Kristen Dondzia; Plymouth: Mariassa Williams, Kelly Dobbs; Garden City: Jennelle Gabrielson, Rachel Szczenbara; Redford Union: Ariel Hovey, Chelsea Marlow; Thurston: Megan Schulz, Alena Alessandrini, Elaine Nelson; Plymouth Christian: Brooke Williams, Megan Polera.

you need dependable defenders in front of her and Meeghan was very reliable for us the entire year. She'll be one of our leaders next season."

Kelli Mapes, Sr., Def., Red. Thurston: Mapes finished her high school career the way she started it as a freshman, playing superbly in the back end of the pitch. Her speed, tenacity and game savvy were indispensable, said Eagles' co-coach Jason Brater. "Morever, Brater said Mapes transformed her game from 'using her speed to catch whomever got by her to being a sweeper who used her positioning and technical understanding of the game to let only a handful of players get by her all year.'"

For her strong, consistent efforts, Mapes was named to the All-Mega Red team. **Taleen Mergian, Jr., Def., Liv. Stevenson:** The All-District and honorable mention All-WLAA pick led the Spartans with eight assists, including six from the backline. "Taleen was probably our most versatile player, she can play anywhere on the field," Pinta said. "She's a leader, was a captain as a junior and is a member of the Michigan Hawks '91 team that won the State Cup championship the past three years."

Mergian has signed to play for NCAA Division 1 school Ohio University. **Alison Szczyka, Sr., MF, Ladywood:** The senior midfielder, headed to Western Michigan University, earned Division 2 honorable mention All-State honors along with All-Region, All-District and All-Catholic League accolades. The Blazers' team captain finished with 10 goals and four assists and was named co-MVP.

"Allison did a little of everything for us this year," Shingledecker said. "She played a good majority of the time this season as our center defensive midfielder. She is one of the best players in the air I have ever coached. I believe eight of her 10 goals came from headers off restarts. She always scored the big goal this year by getting four game-winners for us."

Rachel Gizicki, Sr., MF, Salem: Gizicki has been a three-year

mainstay on the Rocks' varsity squad, covering the mid-field for the Rocks with a non-stop display of effort and determination. She was also a captain for the Rocks, which she earned with her enviable leadership skills. "Rachel contributed to the team this year in a lot of ways, both with her play and the way she led," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "She makes great decisions, can control the ball and is a great role model for the younger players to look up to."

Kayla Johnston, Jr., MF, Liv. Churchill: The junior midfielder made All-WLAA, All-Region and All-District while leading the Chargers with 14 assists. She also scored 10 goals. "Kayla's one-on-one ability is at times breathtaking," Hebestreit said of the honorable mention All-Stater. "There were so many times this year that where she made defenders miss awfully, and she was such an attacking threat. She is a versatile player who has great athleticism, speed and can hit a cross better than most in the game today. She was our offensive catalyst this year."

Bailey Brandon, Jr., F, Liv. Churchill: The junior forward was named first-team All-State, All-District and All-Region while also earning All-Western Lakes accolades. Brandon scored 16 goals this season and added nine assists. "Bailey was our on-field leader this season," Hebestreit said. "Her natural athletic ability, speed and tenacity make her a wonderful player to have on a team. She is able to play many spots and in many systems. "Bailey is going to win the tackle, distribute the pass, and lead by example. She is an excellent central midfielder who will help the team succeed."

Jalese DeBiasi, Sr., MF, Plymouth Christian: The senior racked up several accolades this season, including Division 4 first-team honors and she was also voted Most Valuable Player of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. DeBiasi chalked up 14 goals and 21 assists while leading the Eagles to a No. 2 state ranking. "One of the things that separates Jalese from a lot of other players is her experience,"



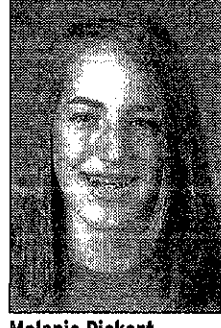
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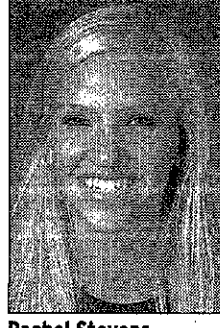
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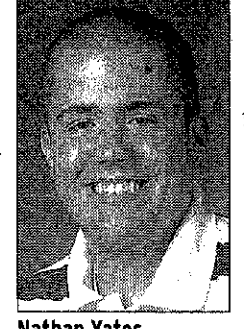
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said PCA coach Nathan Yates. "She's played several years for a high-level club team — the Hawks — and that experience shows through on the field. She's fundamentally sound, a smart ball-handler and she always works hard."

Tracy Rymph, Jr., F, Canton: The junior forward was a constant scoring threat for the Chiefs as she led coach George Tomasso's balanced squad with 17 goals and eight assists. Rymph was equally adept at bending in a shot from 25 yards out as she was from sticking in a header from the doorstep of the goal crease.

Jessica Busuito, Jr., F, Redford Union: The Panthers surged to co-championship of the Mega Blue thanks in large part to Busuito's offense. She registered 17 goals to lead the team, including two hat tricks, as well as eight assists. The co-captain's efforts earned her All-Mega and Team MVP honors.

"Jessica likes to score goals and she's determined and driven, not only for her success but for the team's success as well," said RU head coach Joe Knoerl.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Nathan Yates, Plymouth Christian Academy: The Eagles didn't lose a step after Yates took over the head-coaching reins from Chris Johnson mid-way through the season.

He guided PCA to its third-consecutive Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title and a No. 2 state ranking in Division 4. PCA finished 17-3-1 and advanced to the D4 Regional semifinals against Ann Arbor Greenhills before dropping a thrilling game in a shootout.

"The key to our success this year was that we had experienced players in all three of the major position groups — defenders, mid-fielders and forwards," said Yates, who served as the team's top assistant for the past few years before being promoted mid-way through the 2008 campaign. "We had good team unity and the girls were very cohesive on the field. They all got along with one another, which was very important."

SKATING

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skating along a series of circles and loops that are painted on the roller skating surface. Points are deducted if a competitor veers off course even by the smallest of margins as up to seven judges eyeing the skaters' performances.

"I've been to the World Championships three times, so I've had a chance to meet a lot of nice people from a lot of different countries," said the 18-year-old Adams. "Leading up to nationals, I'll train five or six days a week for three hours a day. It can get difficult sometimes because I have a job, but the place I work at is very flexible with my schedule, which helps."

Adams advanced to Lincoln by placing first in the Junior World Class Figure event at the regional level. Her 15-year-old sister, Kelsey, is also heading to Nationals after placing third in the figures event and third in dance.

Other Nationals-bound skaters who train under Hudson include 14-year-old Trevor Anthony, who placed first in freshman solo



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dance and first in freshman A Figures at the regionals; 16-year-old Alexandria Bean, who placed second in freshman/sophomore B Dance and third in loops; and 25-year-old Lynsey Mann, who placed first in women's world class free-style singles.

Considering all the hard work her skaters put in, Hudson hopes that some day her sport will rival ice-skating on the recognition scale.

"What makes roller skating harder than ice skating is that they kids don't get near the recognition that ice skaters get — even though they work just as hard," Hudson said. "When I tell people I coach roller skating, some of them will say, 'Oh, you're into roller derby?' A lot of people don't realize there's an artistic part of roller skating."



Rockets blast off

The Livonia Soccer Club Rockets, an under-16 boys soccer team, recently captured first place in the Superior Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League with a 7-1 record while outscoring their opponents 31-6. The Rockets defeated the runner-up Taylor Predators (6-1-1) in a late-season match, 4-0, to secure the title. Members of the Rockets, coached by Mark Matchynski and Kevin Maillard, include: John Ahwal, Rishi Amin, Avery Baerlin, Kyle Beguhn, Isaac Bowen, Brandon Carlington, Collin Crowell, Ajay Eapen, Nathan Gallegos, Sean Gardner, A.J. Good, Matt Kempainen, Owais Khwaja, James Koeppke, Matt Maillard, Jim Matchynski, Robert Pasick and Matt Tzafaroglu.

The Skatin' Station II members include: Krysten Johnson, Hailey Maples, Trevor Anthony, Kelsey Adams, Lexie Bean and Brittany Adams.



Blue Angels soar

The Livonia Blue Angels, a sixth-grade travel basketball team, completed their American Youth Basketball tour with a 4-1 record, June 21-22, at the Livonia Tournament held at Stevenson and Churchill high schools. The Blue Angels completed their travel season with a 17-8 overall record, including wins over Common Bond of Ann Arbor and the Michigan Select team. Members of the Blue Angels include (from left to right): Joe Hoskin, Justin Bradford, Matt DeMoss, Devin Kelly, Dominic Ferrera, Jake Ivey, Thomas Myler, Jordan Cernik and Ryan McGillivray. Not pictured is Connor Pollock and Dustin Hart. The Blue Angels are coached by Tim McGillivray (back).

Thurston principal praises Chambo, looks ahead

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What is clear, according to Redford Thurston principal Bill Zolkowski, is that recently laid-off Al Chambo did an exceptional job as Redford Thurston's athletic director — particularly in his efforts keeping the department running smoothly during a period of heavy transition. Chambo drew high praise from Zolkowski for how well he kept things rolling even while besieged with a string of facility projects since the May 2005 bond issue (\$32.65 million) was approved by South Redford School District voters. "It took a lot of extra time and effort, in addition to the job of running the athletic department," said Zolkowski in a Wednesday e-mail to the Observer, two days after the school board laid off Chambo in order to help fix a \$2 million budget shortfall for 2008-09. "And he went well beyond what reasonable expectations might have been. Under Al's leadership the taxpayers of the district not only ended up with a top-of-the-line set of athletic facilities, they saved untold amounts of money because of his careful and creative stewardship." A bit more cloudy is where Thurston (and Pierce Middle School, also part of the dis-

trict's athletic department) goes from here and whether the loss of Chambo will impact the quality of program available to student-athletes in recent years. Meanwhile, it is possible an assistant principal — either already on board or yet to be hired — would pick up some of Chambo's duties. No matter what direction is taken, Zolkowski said there will be some painful decisions yet to come. Outsourcing "many aspects" of the athletic department is one potential outcome; another is possibly doing "without things" in athletics as well as academics. "Al Chambo is a loyal, hard-working individual who also happens to be a terrific athletic director," Zolkowski said. "We do not expect a part-time person to be able to fill his shoes; we only hope that we can create a system that allows us to manage the Thurston academic programs as well as the athletic department without too severe a loss of program offerings." Chambo, 49, a Garden City resident, recently completed his eighth year as athletic director in the district. He also has been Thurston's varsity girls track and field coach in recent seasons.

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lion bond issue (that voters approved in May 2005) would come to fruition. With the official unveiling of the football-soccer field closing in fast in August 2006, who else but Chambo would get on his cell phone after noticing striping on the new football-soccer field needed to be redone near one of the end zones. He called up a project manager, ordering that the gaffe be corrected. That area also is where the 18-yard box near the goal is located, and lines were out of whack. I know the phone conversation happened because I was sitting with him in the stands that afternoon. Because of Chambo's unflinching attention to those kind of details, Thurston's 21st-century world of athletics definitely is worth boasting about.

Community members can watch the Eagles compete in football, soccer and track on a state-of-the-art facility abutting a gleaming fieldhouse to buy hot dogs and hot chocolate from. Thanks, Al. Basketball and volleyball teams benefit from the renovation of the competition gymnasium as well as the auxiliary gym, the latter available for more than one team to practice on at the same time. Thanks again, Al. The natatorium also got a facelift. Yet after doing all the dirty work that future generations will only gain from, Chambo's thank you came in a pink envelope. That just doesn't seem right. Thanks for nothing.

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS/CLINICS

Salem wrestling camp

The Salem wrestling program will be hosting a summer camp for all experience levels Monday through Thursday, July 14-18, at the high school.

For more information, visit www.wrestling.salemrocks.com.

Salem football camp

Kids between the ages of 7 and 13 are invited to attend the annual Salem Youth Football Instructional Camp, which will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12 at the high school.

The camp is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents, regardless of where they will be attending high school.

Individuals who register prior to July 7 are required to pay just \$10. Registration at the camp will cost \$20.

The camp will be held at the PCEP varsity turf field. Players are encouraged to wear football cleats (rubber spikes) and gym shorts with no helmets.

For more information, visit www.football.salemrocks.com.

Glenn grid camp

The Westland Senior High football camps for any student entering grades 9-12 for the 2008-09 school year will be from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Monday, July 7; Wednesday, July 9; and Monday through Friday, July 21-23, at John Glenn High School.

For camp fees and registration information, call camp director Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329.

RU Wing T camp

Redford Union is hosting the Panther Wing T-camp for football players entering high school this fall from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 1.

For more information, call Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.

Franklin boys basketball

The Livonia Franklin boys basketball camp for grades 4-9 (fall of 2008) will be from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 21-24, at

the high school.

Included in the \$65 registration fee is a camp T-shirt and red, white and blue basketball. The camp also features contests, awards, skills and games.

For more information, e-mail franklinbb@gmail.com; or to obtain a printable brochure for mail-in registration, visit franklinbasketball.googlepages.com. (Walk-ups also welcome for \$75).

Sports development

Redford Parks & Recreation is presenting this one-week camp (Aug. 11-15) for youngsters ages 3-7, to help teach them basic motor skills necessary to play organized sports while working one-on-one with their parents.

Skills include throwing, kicking, catching and batting.

The program fee is \$25, and parent/guardian participation is required. Classes will be at Pearson Education Center, located on Beech Daly between Eight Mile and Grand River.

For more information, call (313) 387-2650.

Pre-beginner soccer

Kids ages 3-7 with little or no previous experience playing soccer are invited to take part in the one-week camp, slated to take place 12:30-to-1:30 p.m. Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18 at Pearson Education Center.

The camp fee is \$25 per participant.

The Redford Parks & Recreation Department staff will teach fundamentals of the sport. Parents are required to attend in order to reinforce proper techniques and skills after the camp concludes.

Pearson is located on Beech Daly between Eight Mile and Grand River.

Call (313) 387-2650 for more information.

Future Stars wrestling

The Livonia Franklin Future Stars wrestling clinic for those entering grades 1-9 will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-

Wednesday, July 22-23, in the mat room (second floor of the fieldhouse).

No experience is necessary. Basic to advanced moves will be covered. Groups will be based on age, weight and level of experience.

The cost is \$35 (includes T-shirt if registered by July 8). Walk-up registrations will be accepted.

For more information, call Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340; or e-mail chiola44@yahoo.com.

MU women's camps

The Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves will stage a series of summer camps including: super shooters youth (grades 4-7), Monday through Friday, July 14-18; guards-n-bigs (grades 7-12), July 21-25.

Cost ranges from \$50 to \$160.

For more information, call Sandi Wade at (734) 432-5606; or e-mail cgraves@madonna.edu. You can also visit www.madonnaacrusaders.com.

Madonna hoops camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp for boys ages 8-15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 28-Aug. 1, at MU.

Among instructors is camp founder Bernie Holowicki.

The cost is \$175, with checks payable to All-Star Basketball Camp, 42183 Woodcreek Lane, Canton, 48188.

For more information, call (734) 398-5975, (734) 432-5591 or e-mail to nemenhiser@madonna.edu.

MU volleyball camps

Madonna University will offer a defensive specialty camp, Monday through Thursday, July 7-10.

For more information or to secure a spot, call (734) 432-5612 or (734) 254-0698. You can also e-mail MU coach Jerry Abraham at jabraham@madonna.edu.

WYAA football sign-up

The Westland Youth Athletic Association begins its 50th year of football with 2008 season registration from 7-9 p.m. each Wednesday and 10 a.m. until noon on Saturdays at the WYAA's Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Both the Meteors (41st year) and Comets (37th year) offer age groups for 7-8 (Junior Freshman), 8-10 (Freshman), 11-12 (Junior Varsity) and 11-14 (Varsity).

The cost is \$175-\$195. Non-residents are welcome at no extra fee. You must provide a current photo and new players must have a copy of their birth certificate. The age cut-off is Sept. 1 of the current year and there are weight restrictions for each age level.

For more information, including the WYAA's play for free program, call the Comets' Mark Simkow at (734) 731-11-76 or the Comets' Keith DeMolay at (734) 516-9269; or Galen Huren of the Meteors at (734) 716-6047.

You can also visit www.wyaa.org; or call the WYAA office at (734) 421-0640.

WYAA cheerleading

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association cheerleading for the Meteors and Comets squads will be from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays; also 10 a.m. until noon each Saturday at the WYAA's Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Openings are available for both units' squad for Junior Freshman, ages 7-8; Freshman, 8-10; Junior Varsity, 10-12; and Varsity, 11-14. Non-resident are welcome at no extra fee.

The cost is \$135 for freshman, JV and varsity; or you will receive 27 \$5 raffle tickets (sell all 27 and there is no cost). The cost for instructional is \$115 (you will receive 23 \$5 raffle tickets (sell all 23 tickets and the cost is free).

For more information, call the Meteors' Kathy Henderson at (734) 968-3272; or the Comets' Caryn Timbs at (734) 722-5806.

You can also call the WYAA's Lange Compound during regular business hours at (734) 421-

0640; or visit www.wyaa.org to inquire about the 2008 cheer for free program.

Soccer players wanted

The Livonia Family YMCA is seeking 3-4 players for its under-11 girls select soccer team.

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 261-2161 or e-mail Scott Millman at Dirtrunner21@hotmail.com.

Stevenson needs coaches

Livonia Stevenson is seeking coaches for the following sports: girls assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); boys assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); JV cheerleading head coach for fall sideline and winter competitive seasons (experience necessary to coach at the high school-level MHSAA format).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livonia.k12.mi.us.

Archery introduction

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its introduction to target archery classes from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the archery range, located off Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road (between I-96 and Plymouth Road).

The fee is \$12 for residents and \$14 for non-residents. Children 9-and-under must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration will be at the Parks and Recreation desk located in the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Youth triathlon

The fifth annual Livonia Youth Triathlon for boys and girls ages 14-and-under will be Saturday, Aug. 16 at Clements Circle Park, 9999 Harrison (south of Plymouth Road).

Race times will be 8:30 a.m. (8-and-under); 9:45 a.m. (9-10); 11 a.m. (11-12); and noon (13-14).

Check-in is a half-hour before each race. Awards for winners 10-and-under will be from 10:45-11 a.m. and for 14-and-under 1-1:15 p.m. Equipment

need is swimsuit, bike (and helmet) and running shoes.

Pre-registration, which is \$10 (including T-shirt), will start Monday, June 16, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Race day registration is \$15. For more information, call Erin Knieper at (734) 466-2414.

Track & field series

Dearborn Divine Child will stage a weekly track series from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30, at the high school track located at 1001 N. Silvery Lane (one mile west of Telegraph between Cherry Hill and Ford roads).

The cost for athletes and spectators is \$3 per person. Registration begins at 5 p.m.

Youth age groups include: 8-and-under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18. The open division includes 30-40 and 40-and-over.

The July 9 and 23 meet competition includes: 50-meter dash (8-and-under), 100, 400, 1,600, 3,000, shot put, discus and 4 x 400 relay.

The July 16 and 30 meets includes: 200, 800, 5,000 (13-and-over), 100 and 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles, long jump, high jump; and 4 x 100 relay.

Open skating in GC

Garden City Civic Ice Arena's summer open skating season is underway from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays (through Aug. 14).

The cost is \$4 (adults, ages 16 and older) or \$3 (children, ages 15 and under) with \$2 skate rentals available.

Meanwhile, if you hurry, a special discount "summer pass" is available. The one-time purchase is good for all eight open skating sessions and cost \$12 for kids (ages 15 and under) and \$16 for adults (ages 16 and older). Call (734) 793-1880 for more information.

Civic Arena is located at 200 Log Cabin Road, just north of Cherry Hill and just east of Merriman.

Adult softball

Garden City Parks & Recreation Adult Softball's second season kicks off in mid-July with room for late registrants on teams. Players and/or teams can still call (734) 793-1880 to sign up.

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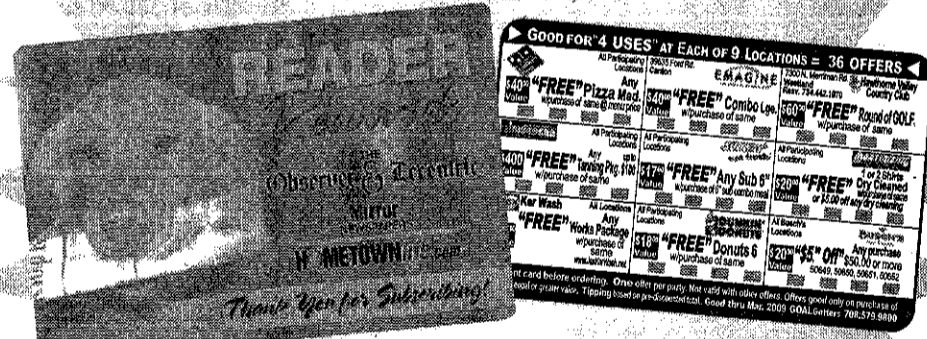
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Diesels can't sustain prosperity, fall 26-20

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG
CORRESPONDENT

Keep the foot on the gas pedal, and on their necks.

The Detroit Diesels learned that after relinquishing a two-touchdown, first-half advantage before falling, 26-20, to the host Northwest Ohio Knights last Saturday in a Great Lakes Football League clash at the Lucas County Recreation Center's field.

The Knights rode in first, scoring the first TD of the game in the opening quarter.

The teams traded three-and-outs for the next two possessions before Diesels quarterback Brandon Fender (Canton) fired a slant pass to Venzal Russell (Dearborn Heights Robichaud).

The ball bounced off Russell's fingers - and into the waiting hands of the Diesels' Jon Craven (Farmington), who took it to the Northwest Ohio 3-yard line, setting up a Detroit TD run early in the second quarter.

The Diesels would score twice more in the second quarter and build a 20-7 lead, before a Knights player picked off a Fender pass and ran it back for a TD to end the half.

The Knights came back out swinging, scoring on their first possession of the second half to knot the game at 20.

Then, midway through the third quarter, a Knight receiver caught the go-ahead touchdown pass.

The Diesels offense was put-

ting together a promising drive with five minutes left, but another interception iced the game for the Knights.

Fender finished 6-of-11 passing for 101 yards, a TD and two interceptions, while T.J. Dillard (Wayne Memorial) rushed for 44 yards on six carries for the Diesels.

Defensively, Jaron Embry, Bernard Evans, Earl Blanchett, and Lamarr Miller stood out for the Diesels.

The Diesels (1-3 overall, 1-2 GLFL) will take a much needed rest for the Fourth of July weekend after playing three straight road games.

They return to action at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12 at Livonia Franklin High School against the Lakeshore Cougars.

Whalers import Czech defenseman

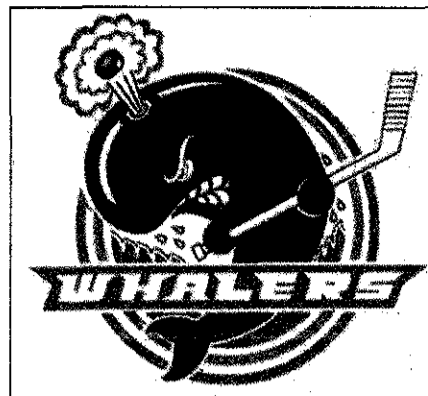
Plymouth Whalers President and General Manager Mike Vellucci announced the selection of 18-year-old defenseman Jan Latal in the annual Canadian Hockey League Import Draft.

Latal, a right-handed shot from the Czech Republic, was taken by the Whalers with the 55th selection of the draft.

The Whalers were scheduled to have the 25th pick in CHL Import Draft, but Vellucci decided to trade down when he moved the pick to Belleville for the Bulls' 55th selection in the Import Draft. Belleville also sent a fourth round pick in the 2011 OHL Draft to the Whalers to complete the deal.

Plymouth passed on its second selection of the Import Draft, 85th overall.

Latal played for Kladno in the Czech Republic last season, scoring three goals with three assists in 28 games. A knee injury (since repaired) cut Latal's season short last year. Before that, Latal played internationally for the Czech Republic in the Under-16 and Under-17



World Tournaments.

"Our scouts knew about him," Vellucci said. "Latal's a steady, stay-at-home defenseman. Although we traded down, he was still available and we were able to get a fourth round pick as well."

"Latal's got an excellent shot," Plymouth scout Willy Langer added. "He's a good skater with good vision. He's not afraid to play in traffic in front of the net or along the boards."

Latal comes from a hockey playing family. His brother, Martin, is a Phoenix Coyotes draft choice who has played the last two seasons for Prince Edward Island in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. Latal's uncle, Jiri, played from 1989-92 for the Philadelphia Flyers.

Canadian Hockey League teams can play with two imports. The Whalers currently have three - Carolina draft Michal Jordan, veteran Jozef Sladok and now Latal.

Jordan, Sladok and Latal are expected to report to Plymouth's training camp in late August.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Board Proceedings-June 24, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Faas Staff Absent: Director Conklin Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented noting that the Board cancelled the 6:30 p.m. Closed Session, employee negotiations and intend to move to closed session at the end of the meeting. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. Payment of Bills Motion carried by all members present. PRESENTATION: 1. PRESENTATION OF COMPLETION CERTIFICATES TO "INSIDE & OUT" PARTICIPANTS. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to recognize the presentation of completion certificates to "Inside & Out" participants. Motion carried by all members present. PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY AND CONSIDER ADOPTING THE CONFIRMING RESOLUTION NO. 3 FOR THE MARLOWE STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, SAD 2006-2. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. to hear comment on the Public Hearing of Necessity for the Marlowe Street Road Improvements, SAD 2006-2. Motion carried by all members present. 1447 Marlowe and 1613 Oakview, spoke in favor of the SAD for Marlowe Street Road Improvements. 43945 Gordon and 1784 Marlowe spoke in opposition of the SAD for Marlowe Street Road Improvement. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. to hear comment on the Public Hearing of Necessity for the Marlowe Street Road Improvements, SAD 2006-2. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to discontinue the Marlowe Street Road Improvements, SAD 2006-2 and do not approve the confirming resolution. Motion carried by all members present. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. A REQUEST FROM PIZZA HUT OF AMERICA, INC. (A DELEWARE CORPORATION) TO TRANSFER STOCK IN 2007 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS, LOCATED AT 44995 FORD, CANTON, MI 48187. (CLERK) Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CLOSE WAYNE COUNTY ROADS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS. (CLS) Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE REVOLVING FUND FINANCING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NORTH HURON VALLEY/ROUGE VALLEY (NHVRV) WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. SECOND READING OF THE RETAIL FRAUD ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2, SECTION 46-91. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to remove from the table and approve the second reading of the Retail Fraud Ordinance, Chapter 46, Article III, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinance, Section 46-91, publication and effective date of July 3, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RETAIL FRAUD ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 46-91 TO CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; TO PROHIBIT RETAIL FRAUD; TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2. Chapter 46, Article III, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 46-91 is hereby added to read as follows: Sec. 46-91. Retail Fraud. (1) A person who does any of the following in a store or in its immediate vicinity is guilty of retail fraud, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both imprisonment and a fine: (a) While a store is open to the public, alters, transfers, removes and replaces, conceals, or otherwise misrepresents the price at which property is offered for sale, with the intent not to pay for the property or to pay less than the price at which the property is offered for sale, if the resulting difference in price is less than \$200.00. (b) While a store is open to the public, steals property of the store that is offered for sale at a price of less than \$200.00. (c) With intent to defraud, obtains or attempts to obtain money or property from the store as a refund or exchange for property that was not paid for and belongs to the store, if the amount of money, or the value of the property, obtained or attempted to be obtained is less than \$200.00. SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the Unlawful Acts provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment for up to ninety three (93) days. Every act or violation and every day upon which a violation shall occur shall be considered a separate offense. SECTION 3. REPEAL. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof. SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended. SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 24th day of June, 2008, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk, Introduced: June 10, 2008, Adopted: June 24, 2008, Published: July 3, 2008 Effective date: July 3, 2008 GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. RENEWAL OF ASSESSMENT CONTRACT (SUPERVISOR)

Ayes: Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Kirchgatter Motion carried. Item 2. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR LIFE CHURCH. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. CONSIDER AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR CANTON'S 2008 LOCAL ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM TO BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS, INC. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GAGLIO P & R CEMENT CORPORATION FOR THE 2008 SIDEWALK GAP INSTRUCTION PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH NON DESTRUCTING TESTING (NDT) GROUP TO PERFORM TESTING ON EXISTING MAST ARMS WITHIN WAYNE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. CONSIDER ENTERING INTO RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE FOR A FENCE INSTALLED WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CROSSROADS VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ON MICHIGAN AVENUE. (MSD) Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Abstain: Zarbo Motion carried. Item 7. CONSIDER CREATING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR SOIL AND MATERIALS ENGINEERS, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION FOR THE COPPER CREEK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT SAD NO. 2006-1. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO WAYNE COUNTY TO COVER THE COST OF OVERTIME FOR COUNTY CREWS TO INSTALL MAST ARMS DURING WEEKENDS. (MSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 9. BUDGET AMENDMENT POLICE-JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) EQUIPMENT PURCHASES. (PSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 10. APPROVE WESTERN WAYNE CO. FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION DUES. (PSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 11. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 4-LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR FIRE PREVENTION. (PSD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 12. APPROVAL OF BID FOR FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT. (FBD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 13. APPROVAL OF BID FOR ELECTRIC SCISSOR LIFT. (FBD) Motion carried by all members present. Item 14. EXTENSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT. (FBD) Motion carried by all members present. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will be no study session on July 1, 2008. The next Board meeting will be July 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor, Board Room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from open session to closed session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss employee negotiations. Motion carried by all members present. A closed session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m. to discuss employee negotiations. Roll Call: Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Faas Staff Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to return to open session at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor
Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site <http://www.canton-mi.org>

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Summer softball

The first annual "Mid-Summer Men's Softball Tournament" will take place the weekend of Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27 at City Park ball fields and the lighted field behind Garden City High School.

The format is double-elimination qualifier. Awards include a paid-berth to Michigan USSSA Men's D State Tournament at Liberty Park in Sterling Heights on Aug 23 as well as trophies and apparel for top two teams.

Team registration fee is \$175, which includes a two-game guarantee, game balls, official score sheet and USSSA umpire. Call (734) 793-1886.

Summer playground

Redford Parks & Recreation is hosting a Summer Playground Program at three locations: Stuckey Elementary School, 26000 Fargo; Bulman Elementary School, 15995 Delaware; and Capitol Park, 12121 Hemingway.

The outdoor drop-in program runs from June 23 through Aug. 15. It is for Redford Township residents ages 6-13 who must either live within walking distance of a particular site or be able to be picked up within 10 minutes in case of an emergency or inclement weather. Pre-registration and the registration fee (\$50 per child) are required in the parks and rec office before participation in the program.

Each site is supervised by counselors to provide a fun, safe and structured environment. Parks will have planned daily activities, games, arts, crafts and more.

Meanwhile, Tuesdays are field days. Permission slips will be available about one week before the scheduled trip.

Call (313) 387-2650 for more information.

Intro to tennis

Redford Township Parks & Recreation and the Northwest YWCA is co-sponsoring an introduction to tennis program. Classes will be held weekly for those ages 7-15.

YWCA is located on Grand River at Beech Daly, but those interested in participating must sign up at the parks and rec department, 12121 Hemingway (inside the Redford Community Center).

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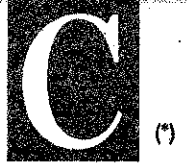
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Household energy impacts housing costs

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It's not your imagination that housing costs and other bills have risen.

Household energy costs in the U.S. rose 4.4 percent February to April of this year, 3.6 percent in the Midwest and 10.9 percent locally.

"Household energy has really taken a jump," said Kurt Metzger, director of Research, United Way for Southeastern Michigan. "It's utility gas that has done it, it isn't electricity."

Gasoline for vehicles has seen a 14 percent growth locally in that time, added Metzger, a veteran demographer who spent 15 years with Wayne State University and 15 with the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Consumer Price Index for the region is figured in even-numbered months six times a year. "When you look at the numbers in terms of the overall change, Detroit is actually doing pretty well," Metzger said.

The Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 1.4 percent from February to April, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in May. This was in line with the 1.2 percent average gain for this two-month period over the previous three years. On an annual basis, April 2007-April 2008, the Detroit area CPI-U rose 2.4 percent. This was more than the 1.6 percent gain in the previous 12-month period ended in April 2007.

Jay A. Mousa, regional commissioner for the BLS in Chicago, noted that increases in the components for transportation and housing were responsible for most of the 1.4 percent bimonthly gain in the Detroit area all items index. The components for food, apparel, and medical care also rose over the two-month period, but with less effect on the all items index. The components for recreation, education and communication, and other goods and services declined, only partially offsetting the gains in the other components.

"But we took a hit on gasoline. In Detroit, it's even higher than the Midwest as a whole," said Metzger, who noted we fared reasonably well on food. For food from April 2007 to April 2008, our area's increase was 2.3 percent, lower than the 5.1 percent for the Midwest.

The energy index, which primarily consists of gasoline, utility (piped) gas service, and electricity was up 13.1 percent over the two-month period. Gasoline was the largest contributor to this gain with prices at the pumps increasing 14.5 percent. For the 12-month period ending in April 2008, gasoline prices were up 25.9 percent. This increase contrasts with the previous 12-month period where gas prices rose 0.4 percent but was comparable to the 12-month period ending in April 2006 when gasoline prices rose 24.0 percent. The utility (piped) gas service index increased 22.8 percent from February to April and was up



15.9 percent compared to April a year ago.

The electricity index increased 0.8 percent since February and increased 2.2 percent for the year. For the 12 months ending April 2008, the composite energy index rose 18.3 percent. With energy removed, the all items index in the Detroit area increased 0.1 percent from February and 0.7 percent over the year.

The transportation component advanced 4.9 percent from February to April. The aforementioned increase in gasoline prices was the largest contributor to this increase. Over the year, transportation costs were up 9.1 percent. During the previous 12-month period, transportation costs fell 0.8 percent.

The housing component increased 1.1 percent over the two-month period. This was almost entirely due to the aforementioned increases in household energy prices. Costs for shelter, which includes rents, owners' equivalent rent, and lodging away from home, edged up only 0.1 percent. Over the year, the housing component was up 1.1 percent with shelter costs declining 0.1 percent and household energy costs rising 9.1 percent.

Household furnishings and operations costs fell 1.4 percent from February-April, but were up 1.4 percent over the year.

"It's probably just the fuel rise generally," Metzger said of household energy costs. In the U.S., household energy costs rose 4.4 percent from February to April 2008, compared to 3.6 percent in the Midwest and 10.9 percent here.

"We're getting a lot of calls for energy assistance," Metzger said of the 2-1-1 help line. "They really are having to balance rising costs all around."

That's particularly challenging for people with low or fixed incomes. "People are having such a difficult time as it is," said Metzger, who added utility bills and other items aren't discretionary purchases.

"These are bills you've got to pay. The food prices are seeing significant increases." Costs for energy continue in the summer, he said, and help from the state and such agencies as THAW is limited.

"So many people, we just don't have the system that lets people get on a bus and go to work," Metzger said of limited mass transit in metro Detroit. "It's very difficult."

The food and beverages component was up 0.7 percent during the February-April bimonthly period. The food away from home (restaurants, cafeterias, vending machines, and catered affairs) index rose 1.1 percent while the food at home (grocery) index rose 0.5 percent. Prices for alcoholic beverages were up 0.8 percent during the same period. On an annual basis, food and beverage prices increased 2.2 percent with grocery prices rising 2.0 percent and costs for food away from home increasing 2.8 percent.

The apparel component increased 0.4 percent during the bimonthly period after falling 2.8 percent during the same period last year. For the year, apparel prices were up 1.3 percent. This contrasts with the 1.7 percent decline for the 12-month period ending in April 2007.

The medical care component rose 0.2 percent from February to April, substantially less than the 3.3 percent increase reported during the same period last year. Over the year, medical care prices in the Detroit area were down 0.4 percent. This contrasted with an 8.5 percent increase during the 12-month period ending April 2007.

The component for recreation, which includes admissions and club dues, video and audio equipment, sporting goods, and pets declined 1.2 percent from February to April. This compares to a 0.3 percent drop during the same period last year. For the year, recreation costs were down 3.6 percent after increasing 0.6 percent during the previous year.

The education and communication component, which includes items such as school tuitions, computers, and wireless phone services, fell 0.2 percent over the past two months but was 1.8 percent higher than a year ago. In the previous 12-month period, this component increased 3.3 percent.

The other goods and services component, which includes goods such as tobacco and personal care products and services such as legal counsel and dry cleaning, fell 0.2 percent from February to April. Over the year, this component gained 0.8 percent. During the previous 12-month period, this component increased 2.1 percent.

Metzger and other demographers hear on the news that oil prices continue to rise, and agree it's tough to know why. "You kind of wonder where the costs are coming from." Some say it's increased use in emerging economies overseas; some question if prices are artificially controlled for profit.

"This housing crisis continues," Metzger said. Costs are expected to remain up for the summer, unless there's decreased demand.

It's not possible to switch to alternative fuels overnight, he added. "It's difficult from day to day to know why prices do what they do," Metzger said.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Web site contributed to this report.

Flood victim may have a case

Q: My neighbor and I live on the lake, and they have flooded their property and caused trees to die by, in our opinion, wrongfully raising the level of the lake. Do we have any basis for money damages? If so under what theories?



Robert Meisner

A: You may well have a theory for money damages under the theories of negligence, negligence per se, nuisance, trespass and civil conspiracy,

among other things. Moreover, you should bring the action within three years from the time that the submersion occurred, i.e. the flooding of the property, to protect your rights after you consult with a knowledgeable real estate attorney.

Q: We have a situation where one the homes in our subdivision went into foreclosure and was purchased by a new owner who is turning it into an adult group home. Many of the neighbors have concerns about the group home located next to or near their home and there are concerns about the safety of their young children. Our city does not have any ordinances regarding group homes. What remedy do we have?

A: It all depends upon your bylaws in regard to the operation of a business and/or other use restrictions. It would be necessary for you to retain the services of a knowledgeable community association lawyer to assist you in advising the association as to what action, if any, it can take.

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

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City	Address	Price
Canton	4111 Berkeley Ave	\$135,000
	43850 Brandwynne Rd	\$192,000
	46831 Eastbourne Rd	\$300,000
	4028 Elizabeth Ave	\$122,000
Livonia	41457 Elsa Ct	\$175,000
	1203 Hereford Ct	\$298,000
	8316 Holly Dr	\$155,000
	50261 Jefferson St	\$210,000
Farmington	43647 Lombardy Dr	\$188,000
	3767 Parklawn Dr	\$195,000
	459 W Canford Park	\$270,000
	6037 Willow Creek Dr	\$160,000
Farmington Hills	41878 Woodbrook St	\$152,000
	32000 Grand River Ave	\$67,000
Garden City	23349 Elmgrove St	\$185,000
	24477 Lakeland St	\$178,000
	29568 Omenwood Ave	\$212,000
	36819 Tina Dr	\$260,000
Livonia	33646 Alvin St	\$145,000
	29074 Block St	\$51,000
	6735 Gilman St	\$180,000
	1413 Schuman St	\$170,000
Novi	36975 Seven Mile Rd	\$314,000
	18620 Bainbridge Ave	\$151,000
	19515 Bainbridge Ave	\$160,000
	9909 Berwick St	\$165,000
Plymouth	9575 Cardwell St	\$137,000
	37932 Donald St	\$171,000
	15316 Fitzgerald St	\$128,000
	29839 Greenland St	\$95,000
Milford	9620 Mayfield St	\$153,000
	15508 Mayfield St	\$112,000
	14587 Ronnie Ln	\$135,000
	32300 Schoolcraft Rd	\$300,000
Northville	860 Friar Dr	\$173,000
	1181 S Milford Rd	\$128,000
Novi	47950 Bellagio Ct	\$1,085,000
	16703 Carriage Way	\$115,000
	17554 Crestbrook Dr	\$1,082,000
	16046 Morningside	\$130,000
Plymouth	49808 Parkside Dr	\$355,000
	39669 Southwind Ln	\$240,000
	48680 Stoneridge Dr	\$870,000
	43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$164,000
Plymouth	27146 Maxwell Ct	\$325,000
	27122 Victoria Rd	\$361,000
Plymouth	11725 Chandler Dr	\$410,000
	42708 Gateway	\$204,000
Plymouth	40726 Newport Dr	\$122,000
	Redford	320 Parkview Dr
11857 Sycamore Dr		\$110,000
14273 Fenton		\$170,000
26078 Fordson Hwy		\$108,000
South Lyon	17115 Lennane	\$126,000
	9592 Lenore	\$100,000
	26805 W Chicago	\$135,000
	3085 Quail Ridge Cir	\$325,000
Westland	22280 Quail Run Cir	\$142,000
	2125 Alberta St	\$36,000
Westland	30779 Bennington St	\$99,000
	33816 Casco Ct	\$53,000
	36631 Deerhurst S	\$110,000
	35063 Florence St	\$140,000
Westland	1517 Lillian St	\$100,000
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	6036 Wilmer St	\$120,000
	1157 Winham St	\$125,000
Westland	7662 Woodview Dr	\$55,000



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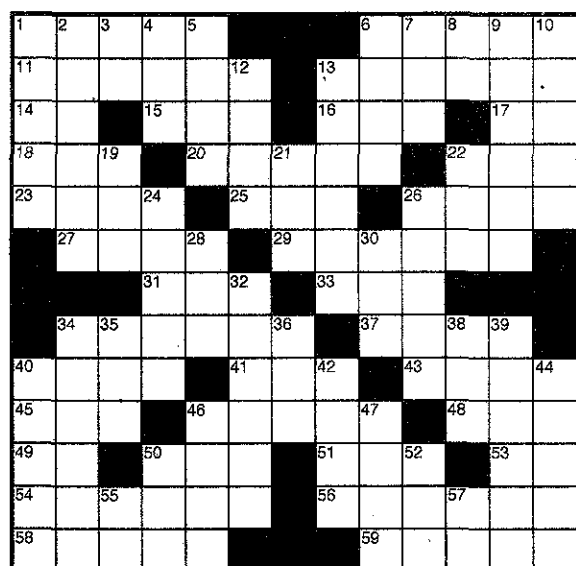
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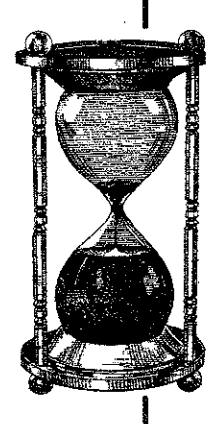
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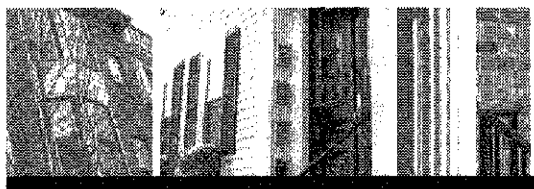
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Philippe Blanc, managing director of Chateau Beychevelle, a classified Fourth Growth estate in Bordeaux, seemed somewhat disconcerted when we started our interview with questions about Bordeaux wine prices.

Chateau Beychevelle and its sister property Chateau Beaumont, a Cru Bourgeois Superieur, "have always been considered wines of good value for the money," Blanc said. "There are significant pressures driving up prices of Bordeaux wines. It's not just the depressed U.S. dollar against the Euro. Asia is booming. Hong Kong and Singapore are hot markets and Moscow is growing. Each vintage, Chateau Beychevelle produces only 20,000 cases for the whole world."

"U.S. consumers put pressure on the Bordeaux market for wines from the excellent 2003 and 2005 vintages. For the lat-

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A rose from Anne Reeves' garden.

Moments of Delight

Photographer celebrates everyday beauty in new book

BY MEGAN SWOYER
CORRESPONDENT

Whether it's relishing that old bend in the road on the way back from a popular hamburger spot near her family's vacation home, or hanging handmade Christmas tree ornaments of vintage heirloom photos, home-spun traditions flecked with heartfelt emotions accentuate Anne Held Reeves' life.

So it's no surprise that Reeves recently published a book that features her passion for beauty.

"I decided a long time ago that my business philosophy includes, really, layers of me," says the 38-year-old Troy entrepreneur. Those layers become apparent in *Moments of Delight*, a 140-page, self-published tome that was printed in late May.

"I wanted to put the beauty of everyday life in the spotlight," she explains. "So I thought,

what if I took all the photos I have and love and gave them their due and put them into a book?"

After researching printers online, Reeves found one with which to work. "The book allows me to affect people and bring delight with my words and photography."

The self-published book includes everything from photos of lush peonies and roses to



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Anne Reeves, author of "Moments of Delight," finds inspiration in her rose garden.

favorite blueberry stands and herb pots created with her father. Each photo is complemented with text that explains her motivation for the photos.

"The book is perfectly me," she notes. "I don't live a narrow life. I bake, I travel, I sew, I do photography, I craft. That's real life to me -- all of it."

Reeves and her husband, Dan, a senior systems analyst at Behr America in Troy, live in a charming home -- a nod to all things pretty. One can imagine Martha Stewart chumming with Reeves among her handmade, button-themed photo frames, bundt cake-shaped soaps, book sculptures and origami adornments. Christmas time is another story altogether. With six Christmas trees (even a miniature, laundry room-themed *tannenbaum*), Reeves totally embraces the holidays.

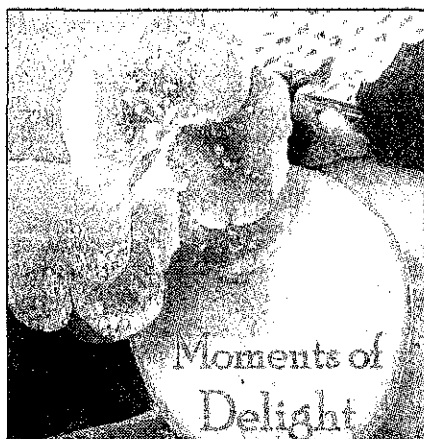
"I've followed Martha since

I was 17 years old," admits Reeves, who grew up in Bloomfield Hills and attended Groves High School. "The fact that Martha Stewart brought gardening, cooking, baking and decorating to the world as wonderful pastimes made it easier for me to be me."

Reeves' new book is a perfect extension of her business. As the clever owner of Ana Designs, Reeves creates and sells "subscriptions" to "a state of mind," called *Delight*, in which subscribers might receive in the mail anything from recipes to flowers to Michigan fare.

The Michigan State University graduate also makes and sells tin wallets, purses, ribbon watches, and tour bracelets that each feature miniature photos of a variety of scenes from Paris to

Please see **MOMENTS, D3**



Troy resident Anne Reeves wrote, photographed and published "Moments of Delight."

Knock, smell or examine? Local expert offers advice to choose a watermelon

BY LANA MINI
OSE STAFF WRITER

Do you smell it, knock on it, listen for an echo?

Study how green its shell? We've heard a lot of suggestions on how to choose a great watermelon.

For example, Crystal Voytal, of Berkley, says she has the best way to choose the fruit:

"I bring my grandma with me," she said. "She finds the best ones."

Our summer gift to you isn't Voytal's grandma - it's a tip from another expert -- a seemingly sure way to get that sweet watermelon which has a good amount of vitamins C, A, B1, B6, potassium, magnesium, carotenoid and lycopene.

"I'm 52 years old and have been selling watermelon for 12 years and I have

always chosen a good melon searching for the sound of a snare drum," said Dominic Acione, general manager of Westborn Market in Berkley.

"You flick the outside of the melon with your finger (he uses his index finger), hitting it pretty hard, and put your ear down to it to listen for the sound," Acione said. "You don't want it to sound like a thump, because then it's overly ripe. You want it to sound like a snap, like a snare drum."

And for cantaloupe, the best way to choose isn't with a knock. It's by gently pressing the bottom of it -- the opposite end of the stem -- and searching for a bit of softness. That's when it's ripe enough, Acione said.

Hardly anything is as refreshing as freshly cut watermelon. But if you want to add a twist with your watermelon, Whole Foods Markets offers a drink

recipe to blend chunks of the fruit with ice and a splash of lime juice. Serve it with a fresh mint leaf.

And, *Cooking Light* recommends a watermelon salad with this recipe:

WATERMELON SALAD, SOMETIMES SERVED OVER A BED OF GREENS

- Ingredients*
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
 - 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice (about 2 limes)
 - 4 cups cubed seeded watermelon
 - 1/4 cup pitted kalamata olives
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh mint

Combine onion and juice in a medium bowl; let stand 10 minutes. Add watermelon, olives, parsley, and mint. Cover and chill one hour.



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A fresh watermelon salad to cool you down.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Great Lakes Roses

The final year of popular rose programs continues as owners Nancy & Roger Lindley plan to retire in the fall. Sunday sessions start at 1 p.m.; Monday at 11 a.m.; Japanese Beetle Control for Roses, July 6-7; Herbs from Head to Toe, July 13. Dress for the weather. The events are free and open to the public without reservations. Great Lakes Roses is located at 49875 Willow Road, in Sumpter Township. Visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

Country Garden Club of Northville

Six gardens will be featured in Northville's 15th Annual Garden Walk, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 9, \$10 tickets, www.cgcnv.org, (248) 348-3263.

Annual Daylily Dig

Merritts Nursery and Gardens will host its Annual Daylily Dig July 12-13, and 19-20. You pick, they dig. Choose from reds, yellows, pinks, purples and whites and receive 20 percent off all perennials and hostas. A lecture on daylilies will be held 3 p.m. Saturdays; and a lecture on hostas will be held 3 p.m. Sundays during the dig, 5940 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Call (248) 681-7955 or visit www.michmerritts.com.

Romeo Lavender Festival

Michigan's Sixth Annual Lavender Festival will be held July 17-19 at Gabriel's Garden in Romeo. The event

will feature classes, workshops, harp entertainment, activities and vendors featuring handmade products. Expert gardeners will be on hand amidst the lavender gardens to answer questions about growing, harvesting and using the plant. Lavender themed food and beverages will be sold, including Michigan Cherry Salad with Grilled Lavender Chicken, Lavender Brownie Sundae and Lavender Lemonade. Admission is \$4, children under 12 free. Visit www.MichLavenderFestival.com or call (877) 452-8363.

Farmington Garden Walk

Strolling Through the Gardens in Time will showcase one public and eight private gardens, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 2. Tickets will be available at Steinkopf Nursery, 20815 Farmington Road.

Maintain the Magnificence

Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club is selling raffle tickets during an ongoing fund raiser to benefit Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club, which maintains the hall's 14 gardens. Supporters may purchase tickets (\$10 each, or 11 for \$100) for a chance to win \$2,500, \$1,250, and \$625 cash prizes. The drawing will be held 1 p.m. Aug. 19 at Meadow Brook Hall and Gardens, but ticketholders need not be present to win. To purchase tickets, call Laurence Cathey at (248) 467-0617.

Capture and organize information with free service

Question: What's all this I hear about Firefox 3? What is it? Do I need it?

Answer: Firefox 3 (getfirefox.com) is the new version of Mozilla's mega-popular Web browser, and it continues to outfox Internet Explorer.

Best new feature: the Smart Location Bar, which monitors your browsing history to help you quickly revisit sites.

Type a few letters of a site's name or Web address, and the Location Bar immediately drops down a list of sites you've visited and bookmarked. Doesn't sound like much, but trust me: It's a huge time-saver. You'll wonder how you ever lived without it.

Speaking of bookmarks, Firefox 3 makes it incredibly easy to add any site to your favorites list: Just click the little star on the end of the

Location Bar. Or, click it twice if you want to add more information about the site you're bookmarking.

Firefox 3 also offers robust protection from malware, a greatly improved password manager, a built-in spell checker, and countless other great features. I have only one complaint. Firefox is famous for its add-ons (software plug-ins that enhance or tweak the browser's capabilities), but many of my favorites aren't yet compatible with the new version.

Thus, if you're using Firefox 2 and have some favorite plug-ins of your own, I recommend waiting a month or two before upgrading. By then, most plug-ins should be updated. For everyone else, Firefox 3 is the Web's best browser, bar none.

Question: Is there a good way to manage the vast amounts of information I encounter at work, on the Web, on the road, and so on?

Answer: Try Evernote (evernote.com), a new service designed expressly for that purpose. With it you can

capture information from a variety of sources, including the Web, your PC, and even your cell phone, then organize it for easy reference.

A new "note" can consist of just about anything: a snippet of text on a Web site (or the site itself), a whiteboard photographed with your camera phone, an audio recording, an e-mail message, a scanned receipt, or whatever.

I'll admit Evernote hasn't quite hooked me yet, but I know lots of people who absolutely love the service. It's free, by the way, though a \$5/month premium account entitles you to a few extra goodies.

If you want to know more, there's a YouTube video (tinyurl.com/2kdt4j) that demonstrates the how and why of using Evernote.

Question: How can I harness the power of the Web to get in shape?

Answer: Start with CalorieKing.com, which has a huge searchable food database. Want to know how many calories are in a Tim Hortons Café Mocha? The site will tell you,

and show how many minutes you'd have to walk, jog, swim, or cycle to burn those calories.

Need similar information when you're away from your computer? Put your cell phone to work: Compose a text message listing any restaurant name and menu item, then send it to DIET1 (34381).

Diet.com will shoot you back a message listing the nutrition stats: calories, fat, carbs, and protein. This is a free service, but standard text-messaging rates apply.

Finally, check out One Hundred Pushups (hundredpushups.com), which offers a six-week training program designed to help you do, well, 100 pushups.

As someone who can barely eke out 25, I'm looking forward to giving this a try.

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Reader submits a perfect summer entree recipe

Recently I met the Henry family, Dean and Nancy of Livonia, who reached out to thank me for writing about the frighteningly strong connection between meat production and global warming.

(If you want to re-read it visit www.hometownlife.com Click on Voices & Views to see my blog).

The Henrys are vegetarian because of health reasons, and because they respect that animals have the basic right to live, not as commodities, but as their own beings.

Dean Henry is an executive chef at a local hospital and creates wonderful recipes.

"I gave up eating meat for Lent 15 years ago," Dean Henry said. "At the end of Lent, I decided not to go back, for health reasons, both mine and the animals."

He recommends the book Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser and I recommended Diet for A New America by John Robbins. (Robbins is the only son of the founder of Baskin-Robbins. He walked away from the empire, and is a vegan).

But back to the Henrys, they also avoid meat because they want the planet to thrive for your grandkids. Meat-production, according to the UN, produces more greenhouse gases than transportation.

So if you want to save the world, change your diet. Easy!

Dean Henry sent me a great recipe that I tried last night, for vegetarian sloppy joes. It was fabulous and easy. And it's the perfect summer protein entree.

Normally I make sloppy joes with veggie crumbles (the

fake ground beef made from vegetable protein found in the frozen food section of nearly all grocery stores) and Hunt's Manwich.

The Henry's recipe is nice because it contains no high fructose corn syrup. The sweetness comes from brown sugar. And other than the soy crumbles, chances are you have most of the ingredients in your kitchen already.

The recipe below.

If you have an easy vegetarian recipe to share e-mail me at: imini@hometownlife.com; subject line: meatless meals

THE HENRY'S SLOPPY JOES

- 2 ounces onion, minced
2 ounces green pepper, minced
2 teaspoons garlic, minced

1 pound soy crumbles (Morningstar Farms and Quorn both make a ground beef analog from soy; it's a ground beef substitute in the frozen food section of most markets)

- 2 teaspoons black pepper
1 teaspoon chili powder
2 tablespoons tomato paste
4 tablespoons ketchup
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon cider vinegar
1 teaspoon brown sugar

Saute the onions and green peppers until slightly brown. Add the garlic, saute two minutes.

Add the soy crumbles, tomato paste, ketchup and spices. Heat to 140 degrees or above.

This is an easy recipe and very tasty, Henry said.

One of the all-time favorite meat sandwiches has now been rendered harmless.

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Linda of Farmington Hills asks: "My husband and I are repainting the inside of our entire house. Is it important that all of the colors in every room match? I think this will be boring and I don't want everything to look the same."

When selecting how many different colors to use in your home, I always use these basic rules of thumb:

Design Solutions Terri Guastella

Rule #1: Stick to no more than three main colors in your public spaces. Usually one of the colors is classified as a neutral, with the other two colors used as accents or

to make stronger statements in adjacent rooms.

This doesn't mean that all of your rooms in your public spaces need to use all three colors. For example, if you choose burgundy, olive, and gold for your color palette, with gold being the neutral, your rooms may play out like this: The great room could be painted gold, with burgundy, olive and gold patterned furniture and accent pieces. The dining room might be painted burgundy with gold accents (no olive); the kitchen could be olive and burgundy (no gold).

Rule #2: A neutral is typically selected by an existing material in the room. For instance, the carpet or tile may dictate this neutral as being gold, beige, camel, gray, taupe, etc. Sometimes it is

called out by furniture, such as a beige sofa. Other times, it is a permanent item in the room, such as a tan brick fireplace or golden hardwood floors.

Rule #3: Public spaces do NOT include the powder room, the laundry room and any of the bedrooms. Feel free to explore other colors in these private rooms. If your daughter wants hot pink and purple in her bedroom, go for it. It is not relevant in regards to the overall color palette in the other rooms of the house.

When applying these rules, you can see that you need not end up with an entirely beige house, unless that is what you are after.

You can insert your personality in the house by putting bolder color combinations in private spaces. You can also

create a very interesting palette if you already have dramatic color combinations in your existing furniture or permanent material selections.

Then go for the drama; but still remain true to no more than three colors in your public spaces and your house will have flow and continuity throughout. When there is a visual connection between rooms, it is imperative that the number of colors stay to three to avoid a chaotic color blocking effect.

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

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Leelanau.

Her business background comes from working closely with her family for 11 years in their Bavarian Village ski and golf specialty-store operation. That business allowed her to gain experience in everything from accounting to marketing. Reeves is an honoree (one of nine entrepreneurs) of Country Living's 2007 Pitch Your Product Contest.

"I learned from my mother (Louise Held of Troy) and grandmothers how to see the world," she explains, while adjusting a blue-and-white checked tablecloth at her kitchen table and setting out a plate of just-baked oatmeal cookies. Of course, the tablecloth picks up on her blue placemats and several blue-and-white plates that adorn a nearby hutch.

"My mother would tell me what roses she loved, their names, their color," Reeves recalls. "But she'd also note things like a just-tilled field of dirt in northern Michigan. She'd say, 'Look at that beautiful field of dirt.' Beauty isn't always the obvious."

Inspiration also comes from notables such as Thomas Jefferson ("he was the first 'Martha,'" she laughs, citing his gardening techniques); Cathy Black, president of Hearst Magazines; chef Ina Garten; and Donny Deutsch, an advertising executive and host of the CNBC talk show *The Big Idea with Donny Deutsch*. A favorite author is Rosamunde Pilcher, author of *The Shell Seekers*. "I somehow relate to that book," enthuses Reeves. "Cornwall, England; the war; icy glasses of scotch, picnics with enamelware, the generations."

As for being a first-time author, Reeves said it was pretty easy, especially because she is the publisher. However, Reeves is looking for an outside publisher who may be interested in this book idea and others she plans to develop. One friend told her after reading *Moments of Delight* that the names of seasons aren't capitalized. "But I told her, in my life, all seasons



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Reeves, a big fan of Martha Stewart, prides herself on homemaking as an art.

are capitalized," she laughs, stressing her passion for Michigan's summers, falls, winters and springs.

Her favorite season? "My husband says it's always the next season," Reeves says with a laugh. True.

She eagerly anticipates the beauty that awaits around the next corner, whether down a country road or after a flower's bloom is spent. "I like to think about what's coming next."

"Moments of Delight" is available for \$29.95. To order a copy, visit www.anadesigns.com, (248) 425-0842.



Pet of the week

Stewie is even prettier in person with his emerald green eyes. He's very shy at first, but once he realizes that you're safe he'll try to be your best friend. He loves to cuddle and likes to have his belly rubbed. If you don't feel like petting him, he has no problem just rubbing against your legs. He can purr louder than any of his foster siblings. Stewie does not jump on the tables or countertops. He is very well behaved, and laid back until the laser pointer comes out - he will chase it for hours. And this sweet boy gets along with other cats and dogs. If you can rescue him, please call Metro Area Animal Adoption Association at (313) 571-2985.

HOME CALENDAR

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

Antiques Appraisal Show

The Royal Oak Farmer's Market will transform into a local "Antiques Appraisal Show," 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July 13. An appraiser will offer insight on your treasure or family heirloom, and you may be selected to share your antique story for a local TV segment as well.

The cost is \$10 per antique appraised.

There is no limit to how many antiques you can bring. For more information please visit myspace.com/AppraisalShow.

Antiques Roadshow in Michigan

See the popular PBS show as it tours the states and stops Saturday, Aug. 9 at DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids.

The Birmingham Showhouse

"An ideal home created from a woman's perspective," Sept. 18-21, benefits Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, sponsored by Wellington Chase Homes and Michigan Design Center, also open Sept. 25-28, 4,580-square-foot English Arts and Crafts style, developed by women with products exclusively from MDC. Tickets, \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door, are available starting Aug. 1 at Michigan Design Center, (248) 649-4772 and Wellington Chase Homes (248) 594-9696. Visit michigandesign.com or birminghamshowhouse.com.

WINE

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ter, prices for some classified growths became stratospheric by the end of Summer 2006."

BORDEAUX ADVANTAGES

Bordeaux wines may not have a price advantage over domestic wines, but they have a tremendous advantage when it comes to lower alcohol levels.

Because of the cooler Bordeaux climate, grapes ripen evenly with sugar and flavors maturing at the same time. Alcohol levels for the wines are generally between 13 and 13.5 percent.

In California's warmer climate, sugar levels rush ahead of flavors and grapes must hang on the vine longer to develop. During this longer "hang time," sugar levels rise and the resulting wine has higher alcohol, often above 14.5 percent.

"We are picking riper," Blanc said, "but our focus is on polyphenols (tannins) and yields. With a lower crop load, grapes will ripen with mature flavors at lower sugars. Because we do not over-extract, resulting wines have velvety tannins. Sandy, gravelly Bordeaux soils also control vigor. Vines stop growing naturally and then vine energy goes into ripening grapes. This happens earlier than in most California vineyards."

WHAT TO BUY

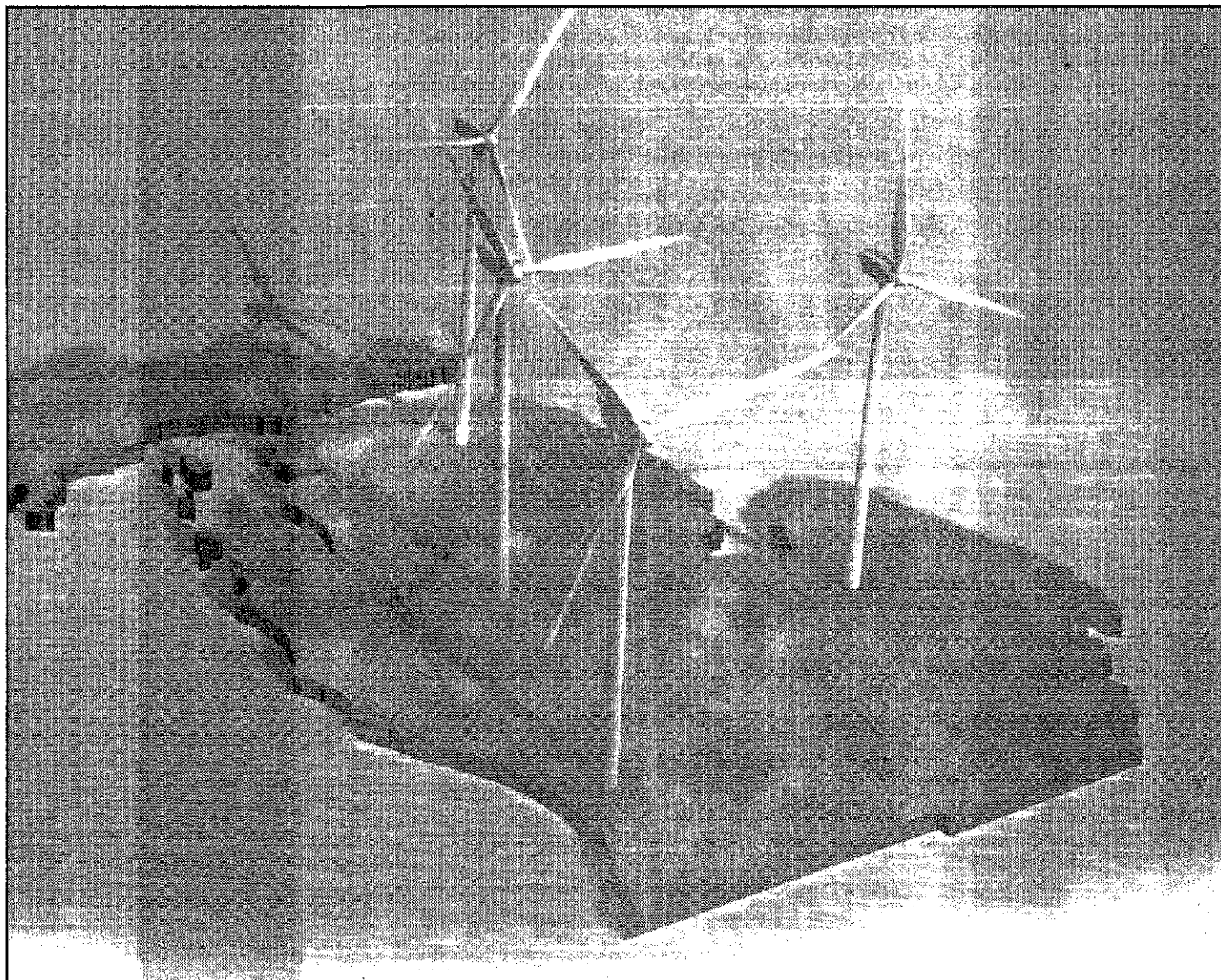
From the stellar 2005 vintage, Chateau Beaumont Haut-Medoc, Cru Bourgeois Superieur \$30 is a true value wine with loads of dark fruits and a solid fruit core. At \$30, it's a very good introduction to Bordeaux wines. Moving up more than a few notches gets you 2005 Chateau Beychevelle (\$120) which is simply delicious.

Vintage 2004 was cooler than 2005, so both the Chateau Beaumont (\$25) and Chateau Beychevelle (\$100) are classic Bordeaux wines, showing more red fruits and a leaner structure.

Their pairing with food is also more classic. Steak and potato gratin can't be beat with both of these wines. A sampling of 2001 Chateau Beychevelle \$140 proved that these wines do and will age.

Not every wine shop carries these wines, but the following do or are willing to order them from Eagle Eye Imports, the distributor: Holiday Market, Canton and Royal Oak; Papa Joe's, Birmingham and Rochester Hills; Champagne's Wine Cellar, Warren; and Vintage Wine Shoppe, West Bloomfield.

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CALENDAR

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Eucharistic adoration

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

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m., Saturday July 19, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

Jazz worship

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

Carlton concert series

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

Fall craft show

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

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) examines if God, Christ and

the Holy Spirit are tied into one and what it means to us during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in July at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillcc@aol.com.

Summer camp

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

Grandparents/kids weekend

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

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing and is held on the fourth Saturday of every month. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Vacation Bible school

Registrations due July 27 for Aug. 4-7 (for 3-years to fifth grade), at Newburg

United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The theme is God's Big Backyard and focuses on service to others. Call (734) 422-0149. Cost \$10.

Vacation Bible school

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

Family movie night

A Man for All Seasons 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. No charge. Please RSVP at (734) 425-5950. Popcorn and beverages provided.

Water works park

For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE day camp with drop-off hours available as of 7 a.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. SHINE day camp is \$115, and requires pre-registration. Information at wardchurch.org.

Summer day camp

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

UPCOMING

Tent revival

Join radio personality Robin Sullivan, vocalist Ruth Naomi Floyd and other

Christian musicians along with Detroit preachers 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Kelly Rd., one block south of 8 Mile. Health screenings will be offered. There is no charge for any portion of the event. Call (313) 372-4902 for more information.

Tiny Tots Preschool

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

ONGOING

Time change

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

Sunday worship

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

Reformed Protestant services

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

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczyński, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A

free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule

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

Single Place Ministry

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

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Marthapaul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

Tai chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday

worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch through every month.

The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance.

Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

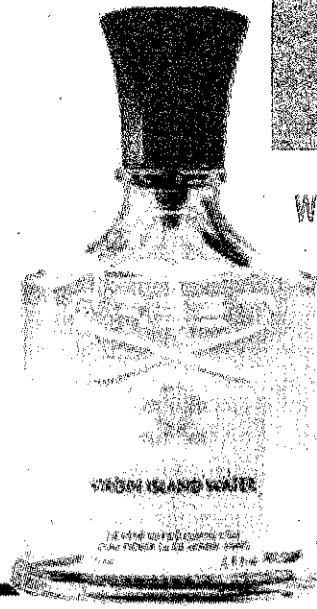
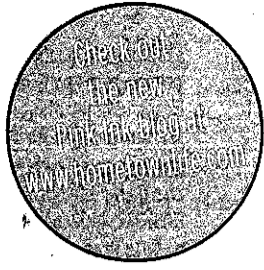
Your Invitation to Worship

Directory of churches including: BAPTIST (NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH), UNITED METHODIST (Clarencville United Methodist, Redford Aldersgate United Methodist, NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH), LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD (Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD), CATHOLIC (ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH), EVANGELICAL COVENANT (FAITH COVENANT CHURCH), SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST (Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church), NON DENOMINATIONAL (BELL CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH), PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.) (ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA), WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church, St. James Presbyterian Church, USA), EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN, RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN, LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD, ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL, PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE, FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE (First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth), and EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (Timothy Lutheran Church).

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pink picks

By Wendy

Wear it!

Tunics with leggings

DON'T Wear It!

Tunics without leggings — they are not dresses, people!

Tote It!

Handbags from Vic's Mart, a new purse shop in downtown Plymouth

Kick It!

Jellies (check the dollar bin at Target!)

Click It!

blogs.usatoday.com/popcandy

Read It!

Eight Dogs Named Jack by Joe Borri

Eat It!

"Le Burritos" July 5-27 to honor America's Slipstream-Chipotle team competing in Tour de France

Drink It!

Beverages from Sigg aluminum bottles at Bloomfield Hills mom Julia Girdler's new site www.H2Ox2.com

Smell It!

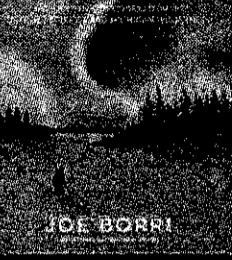
Creed Virgin Island Water

Nail It!

Strawberry pink toes for summer with Essie's Guilty Pleasures



EIGHT DOGS NAMED JACK



See It!

The Love Guru

DVD It!

Fool's Gold

Tivo It!

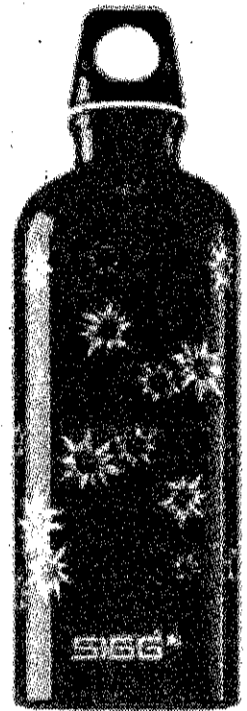
Shear Genius

Hear It!

Pretty, Odd. by Panic at the Disco

Do It!

Grab a blanket and watch fireworks near you!



H&M continues to go organic

H&M is continuing its commitment to organic cotton by offering products in all departments this fall. The season also marks the introduction of other conscious fabric choices, such as organic and recycled wool and polyester. The clothes, which will be labeled with special hangtags, will be featured in every department.

WOMEN

Tops, dresses and bodysuits in solid colors or nature patterns form the basis of this collection. Also included are garments made of organic and recycled wool, such as a coat with dolman sleeves and a funnel collar, a kimono jacket, carrot-shaped pants, a tulip skirt and knit sweaters.

Wide jeans in organic denim, a patterned dress, and a blouse are also featured, as is outerwear, such as a couture-inspired anorak and a second anorak made from recycled polyester. Organic cotton underwear and sleepwear feature floral patterns, checks and stripes, as well as pretty lace and embroidery.

MEN

In the men's department, H&M is offering basics that are made of organic cotton, including boxer shorts, socks, scarves, and T-shirts in several colors.

DIVIDED

For girls, H&M has designed a range of T-shirts in a variety of colors and prints, a romantic blouse and vest, dungaree shorts and cargo pants. Boys can choose from print and striped T-shirts, a hooded cardigan, a vest, a military inspired shirt and jacket, a granddad shirt, and jeans in different shades of khaki. All are made of

organic cotton.

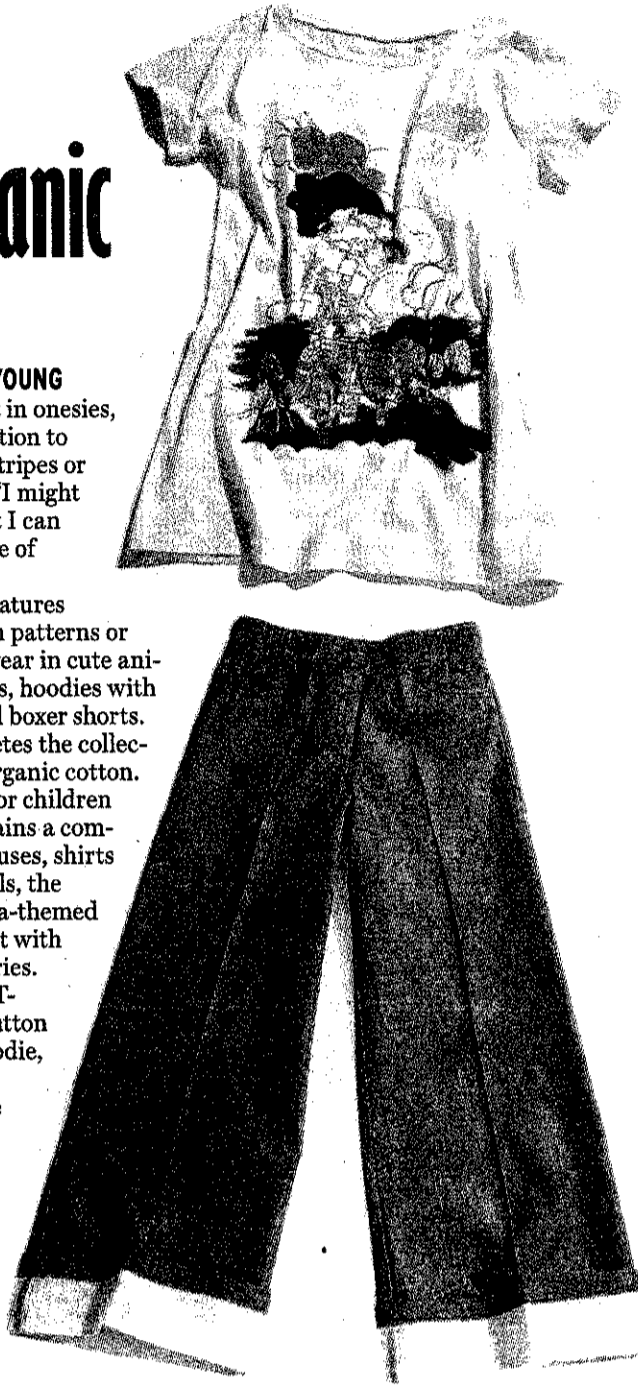
BABY, CHILDREN AND YOUNG

Babies will stand out in onesies, pants and hats, in addition to hooded tops sporting stripes or fun messages, such as "I might not be as big as you but I can be louder." All are made of organic cotton.

The children's line features long-sleeved T-shirts in patterns or prints, a dress, underwear in cute animal prints, rugby shirts, hoodies with prints, undershirts and boxer shorts. A shopping bag completes the collection. All are made of organic cotton.

The Young concept for children between 9 and 14 contains a complete range of tops, blouses, shirts and a cardigan. For girls, the collection features a sea-themed jacket, jeans and a skirt with matching knit accessories. Boys can choose from T-shirts, a shirt with a button front, a cardigan, a hoodie, a lumber jacket, jeans, hat and scarf. All these garments are made of organic cotton. The prices of these pieces are in line with other H&M collections.

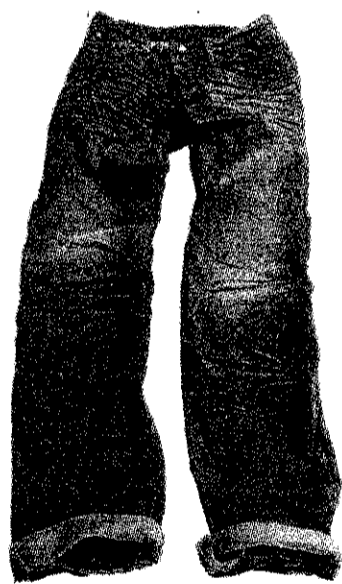
H&M Michigan locations include Great Lakes Crossing, which offers women's, men's and kids wear; and Twelve Oaks Mall, which offers clothing and underwear for women only. For more information and locations, visit www.hm.com.



H&M women's organic cotton top and wide leg organic cotton trousers for women.



H&M men's organic cotton T-shirt.



H&M cuffed organic cotton trousers for men.



H&M women's recycled woolmix coat.

Malls & Mainstreets

FGI Creative Connection

ROYAL OAK - Fashion Group International of Detroit is hosting mixers 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Small Plates, 310 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. The next "Creative Connection," for fashion, interiors and related design industries, will be July 8. RSVP at (248) 739-1284 or FGI.Detroit@gmail.com.

Shop and Dine 'Til Nine

ROCHESTER - Through Aug. 28, Downtown Rochester will host "Late Nite Thursdays." Merchants will stay open until 9 p.m. or later, and shoppers can enjoy street entertainment and a chance to participate in a "Summer in the City" scavenger hunt, with prizes valued at \$2,000. Call (248) 656-0060 or visit DowntownRochesterMI.com.

Women's Caring Program

MILFORD - The Women's Caring Program 29th Annual Twilight Gathering is set for 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, July 10 at MeadowView, the home of Carol Walters, 2955 Morrow Lane, Milford. Tickets, \$100 in advance/\$125 on site, include gourmet meal,

beverages and silent auction; and benefit Childcare Commitment Program, which assists families ineligible for child care provided by the state. Call (248) 415-1442 or visit WomensCaringProgram.org.

Going Like Lynn

SOUTHFIELD - Women's'clothing and travel author Lynn Portnoy will host "How to Travel with One Bag," 6:30 p.m. July 10 at her self-named store, 29260 Franklin Road, Southfield. Enjoy refreshments and learn how to travel hassle-free. RSVP at (248) 353-2900 or visit GoingLikeLynn.com.

Antique & Garage Sale

ROYAL OAK - The Royal Oak Antique & Garage Sale will take place July 19-20, in the parking structure on Lafayette Ave. between Fifth and Sixth. About 300 dealers will sell books, paintings, furniture, jewelry, clothing and more. Joseph Del Guidice of Del Guidice Gallery will again offer free "Antiques Roadshow"-style value estimates. Admission is \$1, free for children under five. Call (248) 547-4000 or visit RoyalOakChamber.com.



"VELVET EVERYTHING" BY JEFF VON BUSKIRK

Fashion Group International of Detroit will host its next monthly "Creative Connection" mixer at Small Plates Royal Oak on Tuesday, July 8.

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