

change in school leadership

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

For the second year in a row. Judy Mardigian of Plymouth Township has been elected president of the Board of Education for



Mardigian

the 2008-09 school year. It's the third time in 11 years on the school board that Mardigian has been voted as president. **Barry Simescu**

of Plymouth was re-elected vice president. Steven Sneideman of Canton Township and Tom Wysocki of Plymouth traded positions, with Sneideman now the board treasurer and Wysocki board secretary.

Mardigian said the idea was to have few changes on the board to help newly hired superintendent Craig Fiegel.

"We wanted Craig to get



Jimmy Richards, Cameron Phelps and Jason Easterday replace a pool table that had been moved out for the tournament at Super Bowl.

With tourney over, Super Bowl getting back to normal

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

Life is back to normal at

going. The bowling alley still has USBC signage hanging from the ceiling and large



Prisoners wait to be arraigned in the holding area at the Canton Public Safety building (their faces have been blurred to protect their identity). Officials say the area is too small for all the arrests made by the department.



According to chief, police department's cell block area inadequate

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

Canton Executive Director John Santomauro said the desire to expand the police department has nothing to do with prisoner comfort and everything to do with officer safety.

The cell block area, which includes the prisoner intake center, cells and video arraignment section, hasn't been expanded since it was built in 1985. Things have changed since '85, when the Canton Police

Department processed

931 arrests

the entire year. In

2007, there

were 3,811

processed

arrests.

On

Tuesday,

the board

toured the

its meeting

approved a

contract that

off to the best possible start by having a sense of history to the district," said Mardigian. "Next year we'll have four seats up for election and we want everyone to be well-trained and ready to go. When everybody is on the same page, lots of good things happen in the classroom."

Mardigian said the budget. which has been cut by \$15 million the past six years, will once again be a top priority in the 2008-09 school year.

"We made great strides last year under (Deputy Superintendent) Ken Jacobs, we are very close to a balanced budget," Mardigian said.

"Now the challenge will be to meet our budget and continue to look for ways to do it smarter and better.*

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WHO'S WHO

Here's who's who on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education:

- President Judy Mardigian Vice President – Barry
- Simescu
- Treasurer Steven Sneideman
- Secretary Tom Wysocki
- The rest of the cast Nancy Eggenberger, Dianne Gonzalez, John Jackson



Since the tournament bowlers had their own shoes and balls, many of the house items were packed away.

Super Bowl.

Plenty of traces remain from the United States Bowling Congress women's championships, but the lanes are now occupied by those out for fun rather than trophies.

The 88-day tournament began at the Ford Road bowling alley in April and ended July 6. Super Bowl reopened to the public at 6 p.m. Monday. "It's almost like a light

switch was flipped," said Manager Doug Sewesky. "People were trying to get in here at noon and at 6 p.m. we had the lanes

stickers on trash containers but other items are propped against walls in now-empty spaces.

"The tournament was a great thing for Super Bowl and the whole area," Sewesky said. "Everyone benefitted from it being here and the bowlers had good things to say about the area.'

The championships featured thousands of teams and filtered about 500 new people into the community every few days.

During the tournament,

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER area before

A grim message scraped into the paint on the floor of and later a holding cell.

would allow preliminary architectural and engineering plans to improve the space.

The layout of the intake center wasn't created with thoughts of the cameras and computers now present and the one cell for women was made to hold four people, while the two cells for men can fit nearly 30 prisoners.

"The number of female arrests has risen since 1985." Santomauro said, adding that the four cells made to hold sick and high-risk prisoners were built when "the issue of infectious diseases really weren't a consideration."

Prisoners that claim to have illnesses such as AIDS or HIV, are held in the high-risk cells.

The space initially designated as the prisoner kitchen is now used for video arraignments and houses the department's Breathalyzer equipment.

"These areas were never designed with this technology in mind," Santomauro said, adding that the room yields poor acoustics for arraignments.

In addition, a typical Monday morning could have several unrestrained prisoners awaiting video arraignment in the small hallway outside the former kitchen area.

"This creates an obvious security issue," Santomauro said. "This is about officer safety."

Although officials have acknowledged that renovations sometimes cost more than building additions, Santomauro said he envisions tweaking the current space by removing walls and adjusting the floor plan.

The preliminary architectural plans are expected to offer an estimate of how much the project would cost.

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Recognizing a hero

The Canton Township Board of Trustees honored Dearborn resident Nabil Fawzi, 39, Tuesday for his actions in stopping a bank robbery at Canton Comerica Bank June 16. Fawzi, a married father of three children, ended the attempted robbery by approaching would-be thief Joseph Webster, 54, with his 9MM handgun, for which he has a concealed weapons permit. Webster of Ypsilanti followed Fawzi's directions to sit and wait for police to arrive and has been charged with bank robbery, armed robbery and a habitual third



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offense. The incident has gained a large amount of local attention and has been mentioned on CNN. With him are his wife Faten Fawzi, sons Rashad, Omran, and Foauad, and his business partner Khaled Felwa. "I hope that in the future, I'm going to be a resident of Canton," Fawzi said.

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AROUND CANTON

Candidates forum

The Republican candidates for Canton Township Treasurer and the Canton Township Trustees have been invited to participate in a candidates forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County on July 16, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill (50400 Cherry Hill Road). The two candidates for the treasurer's position will face off from 7-7:30 p.m., and the seven candidates for the four trustee positions will appear from 7:35- 8:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the forum and submit questions to the candidates which will be asked by a League moderator. Citizens who cannot attend but would like to pose a question may submit it to the League in advance by e-mailing it to lwvmail@yahoo.com. The event will be filmed by Canton Community Cable Television

for broadcast at various times prior to the Aug. 5 primary election. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, but never supports or opposes any candidate.

Children's art contest

The Canton Public Art Committee is holding an art contest open to all Canton children ages 10 and under. Winners will have their art creation featured on a special fund-raiser note card.

To enter, children must create an original piece of color artwork on $81/2 \ge 81/2$ white paper, featuring either a "peace" or "love" theme. Submissions must be handmade and cannot be created or enhanced by computer. Submit your completed and unfolded masterpiece to:

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Attn: Note Card Contest, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187. In addition, the artist's name, age, address, and phone number must be included with each submitted entry. Be sure to also include your parent's name and e-mail address along with the artwork.

Two age categories will be judged: 5-7 years of age and 8-10 years of age. All submitted artwork will become the property of Canton Township, which reserves the right to reproduce selected pieces as note cards, calendars, etc. to be sold to benefit pubic art in the Canton Community.

Children are encouraged to use their vivid imaginations and enter their artistic designs by July 31, 2008. For more information about this special art design contest, please call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonmi.org/villagetheater.

Golf and sail On Aug. 1, Circle of Life Hospital will host Golf and Sail - an event to support the children and families of Matrix Human Services, which will feature nine holes of golf at the Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton followed by three hours of cruising on the Infinity Yacht along the Detroit River.

Matrix provides residential programs, runaway shelter, low-income housing, head start, youth after school and summer programming, women prisoner re-entry services, senior services and social enterprise operations.

Circle of Life Hospital is a 90-bed specialty and long-term care hospital that offers inpatient, partial hospitalization and outpatient mental health programs for children, adolescents and adults.

The event runs from 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Reserve early and there will be limited shuttle service available. For more information, call (313) 831-1000 ext. 35.



Grease is the word

Destination Theatre will present its summer production of "Grease" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill July 24-26 and July 31-Aug. 2 at 8 p.m. with matinee performances on Sun, July 27 and Sat, Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. The performance will feature actors from all over Southeast Michigan. Tickets are just \$15 and are available at Canton's Summit on the Park box office, 46000 Summit Parkway, or by phone at (734) 394-5460. Tickets are also available online at the Village Theatre's Web site at www.canton-mi.org/ villagetheatre.







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Works to eliminate odors, dust, smoke, pollen, germs, mold, bacteria, viruses, pet dander, dust mites and much more

Will eliminate the most noticeable indoor air pollutants in just 15 minutes **Provides relief from allergies and sinus**

By John Whitehead, Media Services

BioTech Research has announced EdenPURE[™], the ultimate air purifier.

We believe the EdenPURE[™] is the best and most advanced air purifier on the market.

You have probably heard about the remarkable Eden-PURE[™] on television across the nation and as heard on Paul Harvey News nationally.

It runs super quiet and requires no filter replacement.

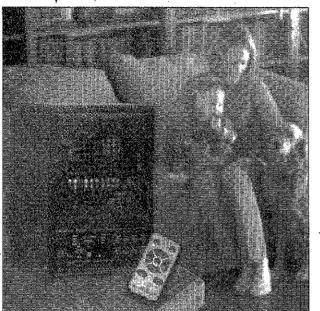
Unlike typical air purifiers which have only 1 or 2 mechanisms of reducing pollution, the EdenPURE[™] has 4 mechanisms which attack pollution.

There are many different types of pollution and many of them, especially the worst, cannot be effectively reduced with the limited mechanisms of old-style air purifiers. The EdenPURE[™] 4-mechanism process destroys more types of pollution.

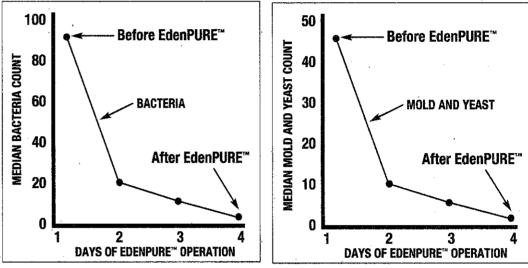
Some of the worst pollution comes from contaminated surfaces and fabrics. This remarkable air purifier not only attacks pollution from the air, but can also safely reduce pollution embedded in walls, ceilings, floors, carpets, furniture, clothing, and on countertops, as well as, other surfaces. It works to sanitize everything in the home.

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Testimonies of a few of the many EdenPURE[™] satisfied customers

The EdenPURE™ is the most remarkable product that I have tried in years. All of the claims hold true. Not only did it eliminate the dust in my house, I have not had a sinus headache or scratchy throat since I began using it. The whole house smells fresh and clean. You would never be able to tell that I have two dogs and a cat. It is also nice not to have to bother changing filters. You just plug it in, turn it on and forget about it. It is truly refreshing to use a prodThe EdenPURE™ that I used in my apartment for approximately a week was different than any air purifier that I have tried. Everyone was able to take deeper breathes than normal in the apartment. My cats now stay in the room more when someone is smoking. They would not before. My boyfriend's allergies were unnoticeable when he was inside. I personally I have terrible sinus problems. I'm also allergic to dog and cat dander, grass, dust, and ragweed. Before using the Eden-PURE[™] I had to take antihistamines and use allergy/sinus nasal spray. I was embarrassed because my eyes were red and I always sounded like I had a cold. I then got the amazing EdenPURE[™]. I plugged in the EdenPURE[™] and went about my daily duties when I suddenly noticed I wasn't coughing or wheezing or clearing my throat. This was incredible. The EdenPURE™ really works! I am so happy. My eyes are clear and I can breath. I've tried many other air purifiers, they're all in my storage room with other failed products. The Eden-

PURE™ truly does what it claims to do. Diane C. Vance

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respiratory discomfort. When pollutants are removed from the air you should sleep better, and feel better in a cleaner environment. The result is reduced fatigue and improved mental abilities.

The air purification technology in the EdenPURE[™] is that used by the federal government to purify air in the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station.

Old style HEPA type air purifiers only remove dust and some allergens. They do not remove the most harmful pollutants such as bacteria, viruses, mold and yeast.

those air purifiers that has no fan, beware. More will be explained on this as you read on.

The EdenPURE[™] has a super advanced system of air movement that is so quiet that you would have to put your EdenPURE[™] is virtually maintenance free.

For more on the new Eden-PURE[™], here is my remarkable interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for BioTech Research.

Q. BioTech Research has been in the air purification business for a long time and your previous air purifier model was the all-time best seller and was super effective. Why is the new EdenPURE[®] air purifier so much better?

A. Yes, our previous model was an all-time best seller and in our opinion was the best air purifier on the market, which was also the opinion of our customers.

But the new EdenPURE[™] is much more advanced. Our previous model used 2 very effective mechanisms to eliminate pollution, which were combinations of activated oxygen and ultraviolet light.

The EdenPURE[™] utilizes 4 advanced electronic air purification mechanisms. I call it the EdenPURE[™] process.

The advanced technology

uct that does everything that it is supposed to do and more. Michelle Goldsmith



The EdenPURE[™] Area Model

And if you have one of in the EdenPURE[™] is that Space Shuttle and the International Space Station.

Q. Why is it that you just can't have a good filter system to eliminate air pollution?

A. There are many reaear up next to it to know that sons. First of all, a lot of the it's even running. And the most powerful pollutants such as viruses and bacteria and a number of allergens are so small, filters cannot trap them effectively. HEPA filter type air purifiers mainly remove dust and some allergens.

Secondly, filter air purifiers require the air to be brought through the machine. Therefore, it does not get to the air in the far corners of the room. And worse it does not eliminate the main source of the pollution which is contamination on surfaces, and and walls.

Q. What about those air purifiers that have no fan?

A. It has been well documented that an air purifier without a fan cannot possibly remove pollution to any substantial level. Those types mainly remove pollution that is very close to the unit. That's fine if you're purifying the air in a broom closet, but not for a wide area. Also, those units have you wiping off a plate to clean off the trapped pollution. But unless those units have ultraviolet light, that plate con-

tains live bacteria and viruses that can be harmful.

Q. How does the Eden-PURE[™] eliminate pollution without requiring the air to go through the unit, and how does it eliminate pollution on surfaces and fabrics?

A. The EdenPURE[™] has 4 electronic mechanisms to attack pollution that mimic the way it is done by nature's thunderstorm. Thunderstorms produce highly activated oxygen which destroys pollution and puts negative ions in the air that also destroy pollution. used in spacecrafts such as the The air is now ionized fresh and free of the most irritating pollutants, which promotes a healthier environment.

> Three of the 4 electronic mechanisms in the Eden-PURE[™] go out and seek out pollution throughout the room, on surfaces, and in fabrics like guided missiles. The pollution cannot hide.

Q. What is the range of pollutants that the Eden-**PURE[™]** takes out of the air?

A. It removes nearly all airborne and surface organic and inorganic pollutants.

Organic pollutants removed by the EdenPURE[™] include: fungus, mold, bacteria, tobacco odor, pet odors and most other household odors. It can also kill viruses.

The EdenPURE[™] removes embedded pollution in fabric inorganic pollutants including dust and many other chemical compounds present in the home too numerous to mention here.

The Wall Street Journal recently reported that there is 5 times more air pollution in a house than there is in the open air outside the house. Everyday you breathe all these pollutants into your lungs and many go into your body.

Q. Does the EdenPURE™ require filter replacement like the old-style HEPA air purifiers?

A. No. There is a small 4

like the fresh smell the EdenPURE let off. Jenny Kico

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Q. How well does the EdenPURE[™] work on eliminating odors?

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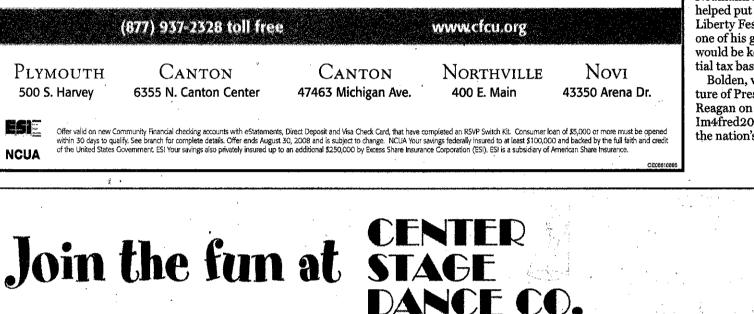
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Fred Bolden's career landed him in Canton 15 years ago and he's now hoping his community service will land him a seat on the Township Board as a trustee. Bolden, a

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

Bolden

trustee seat four years ago but said that didn't stop his commitment to the area.

"I would like to make a big difference in the township," he said. "The group we have now is doing a good job, but I think it's time for some new ideas." Bolden, 53, is a computer consultant and has been involved with the township's Performing Arts Development Committee, the Canton Republican Club, the Canton Lions, the Diversity Leadership Commission, Leadership Canton and the Michigan **Republican** Party.

A member of St. John Neumann Parish, Bolden helped put together the first Liberty Fest parade and said one of his goals, if elected, would be keeping the residential tax base as a focus. Bolden, who has a pic-

ture of President Ronald Reagan on his Web site, www. Im4fred2008.com, quotes the nation's 40th president

TRUSTEE CANDIDATE FRED BOLDEN

Bolden: 'It's time

for new ideas

married father

of four, lost

his bid for a

Age: 53 Years in Canton: 15 Family: Wife, Laura; Children, Thomas, Danielle, Matthew and Johnathan Profession: Computer Consultant **Community Involvement:** Leadership Canton, Canton Republican Club, Canton Lions, the Diversity Leadership Commission and the Michigan **Republican Party.**

as saying: "Government is the people's business, and every man, woman and child becomes a shareholder with the first penny of tax paid. With all the profound wording of the Constitution, probably the most meaningful words are the first three: "We, the People."

Bolden, who says he will offer checks and balances of the township's finances, said he believes he could aid in bringing technological jobs to the area.

"When companies start taking notice of the community, that's the key to making the township vital," he said. "But I want to make sure we grow at a nice pace not a rushed and hurried pace."

Bolden, a former member of the Mettetal Airport Advisory Board of Directors, said he would like to establish wi-fi access along Ford Road and promote diversity in the township.

"I think (Canton) still has a way to go on welcoming everyone," he said.

Bolden, a member of the Downriver Republican Grassroots Organization, said he would make it a priority to listen to resident concerns and complete projects.

"I think there needs to be a little more accountability in certain areas and I have good ideas and good plans for the township," he said. "If I'm elected, you will see my stamp on a few projects in a couple

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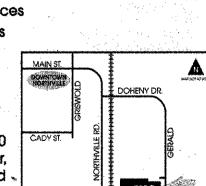
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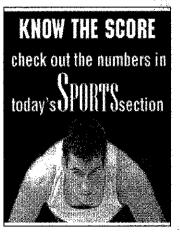
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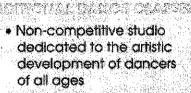
MILITARY NEWS Canton soldiers honored

Specialist Scott Fritz and Specialist Paul Corrie, both soldiers in the Michigan Army National Guard and Canton residents, have been awarded the Army Achievement Medal for service during Operation "Beyond the Horizons" in Honduras, Central America. Both men are assigned to the 1776th Military Police Company of Taylor, Mich. While in Honduras, the two, along with other soldiers of the 1776th Military Police Company, conducted force protection missions for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who constructed schools and water wells in communities surrounding Soto Cono Air Base Honduras. They also provided force protection for Navy medical units while traveling to remote villages of the Mosquito Coast to provide Honduran nationals with immunizations. medical, dental and vision treatment.

Corrie, who has two years with the Michigan Army National Guard, is employed with the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department as a deputy sheriff. Fritz, who has three years with the Michigan Army National Guard, is a student at Eastern Michigan University and resides in Canton with his wife Kristen.



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LOCAL NEWS

Half-dozen hopefuls take aim at district court

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

www.hometownlife.com

The Aug. 5 primary race for 35th District Court judge is a crowded field with six local attorneys vying to become one of the two top vote-getters, resulting in a face-off in the November general election.

Among the candidates for the six-year term and \$137,000 salary are Cameron Miller, Joe Barone and Art Butler, all of Plymouth Township; Martha Snow and Jim Plakas, both of Northville Township; and Jim Malinowski of Canton Township.

The eventual winner will succeed 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald, 72, who will retire at the end of this year after 24 years on the bench.

JOE BARONE

Barone said as a judge in the local court, the main concern is public safety when working on cases such as drunk driving and domestic violence.

"But you have to look at the individual and say 'What can I do that's different, how can I get to that individual to curb their behavior," said Barone, 36, who has been a practicing attorney for 11 years. "I'm a big proponent of judicial discretion. There's numerous sentencing options ... every individual that comes before the court is different, and you can't lose site of that.'

Barone said as a judge he'd like to have more discretion in drunk driving cases, especially in those cases involving a second offense when the Secretary of State's Office prescribes a mandatory one-year revocation of the defendant's driver's

license.

"You can't take away their driver's license and still expect them to be productive," said Barone. "We have a way where we can put these people back in a car ... they blow into a device and if it's registering alcohol the car doesn't start. Those are safeguards we have to allow those people to still be productive, but at the same time make sure they're not driving while drunk."

ART BUTLER

Butler began his adult life in the U.S. Čoast Guard and believes becoming a District Court judge would allow him to come full-circle in a life of public service.

"A judge has to look at the victim, the perpetrator and the needs of the community and balance the three together," said Butler, 60, an attorney since 1982. "If you're looking for any criticism I've seen of 35th District Court, I think they rely too much on pre-sentencing reports from the probation department. The judge should be the one making the determination, with the probation department a tool.

Butler said he'd be in favor of night or Saturday court hours for the convenience of residents who live in the court's jurisdiction - the Plymouths, Northvilles and Canton Township.

"The problem for most people is they have to take time off work, and that's a burden and problem," added Butler. "I don't think it's necessary to make a person lose a day's work to show the court's authority."

JIM MALINOWSKI

Malinowski, 62, said the

operation of 35th District Court could use a belt-tighten-

ing. "You walk into 35th District Court on any given day and see a lot of confused citizens trying to figure out what to do," said Malinowski, who has practiced in 50 district courts throughout the state in his 35 years as an attorney. "I think a is intimidated.

"I think scheduling is probably one of the worst things in the court system, everybody is scheduled at the same time," he said. "Schedule cases every seven minutes and it will operate much more efficiently."

Malinowski said he'd like to see technology at the local court upgraded.

"I think the court is a little bit behind in technology," Malinowski said. "Rather than key in a case, they can scan the number with a bar code.

"Technology can be improved, but it comes with expense," he said. "It's just a matter of being able to make those improvements."

CAMERON MILLER

As the prosecutor for the City of Plymouth, Miller touts himself as the local attorney who has represented the most cases in 35th District Court.

"As a prosecutor my hands are somewhat limited in what I can do, but I can make the most positive difference in the world as a district court judge," said Miller, 51, who passed the bar exam in 1989. "Î'm aware of the specialty courts; I like the teen court to adjudicate juvenile offenders locally and sobriety court, which is a much more intensive probation. "There is a need to expand

Joe Barone Art Butler

citizen going into that building the sobriety court to more than people who -- for a moment in one afternoon a week," he said. "I would like to see a mentoring program at the court or the schools. I think it's very, very valuable the work they do with the kids, and I think it pays dividends down the road."

JIM PLAKAS

13 years as a prosecutor in Westland's 18th District Court. He's also practiced criminal defense at the district court

there's a cause and effect to everything," said Plakas, 40. "Our legislature passes laws and we're trying to make more money, so we hit people with fines and reinstatement fees.

"Not everything is about making money," Plakas added. "There are things that people could plead guilty to where there's still a fine and it doesn't get extracted to their record. It's a case-by-case basis."

Plakas said, as a judge, he would like some leeway in determining sentences for the two offenses seen most times in district court, domestic violence and drunk driving.

"All the people who come before the judge on a drunk driving case aren't alcoholics,' Plakas said. "It seems to me, more often than not, it's the

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time - exercised real bad judgment or discretion. If there is a problem, let's get to the root of it, not automatically assume you're an alcoholic and put you in a program."

MARTHA SNOW

While Snow lives in the 35th District Court jurisdiction, she doesn't spend any of her professional time practicing in the court. While some see that as a disadvantage, Snow believes it's really an advantage if she's elected to replace MacDonald.

"It's going to be a fresh look and a fresh perspective on philosophies on the processes of that court," said Snow, 45, a 17-year lawyer. "I'm not too young that I don't have the life experiences that enrich me as a person. It gives me intuitiveness that my opponents don't have because of their lack of experience.

^{*}I'm the only woman in the race, and there's never been a woman on this bench," added Snow. "I think I'll bring a deeper and richer perspective

Jim Plakas Martha Snow to that court because it's just not representative of our community. It has a great reputation in Wayne County, but I

think it has lacked a few more layers of perspective." • Snow said she would like to make 35th District Court more

"green." "It doesn't make sense in this economic climate and high gas prices to have an attorney and litigants all come to court for a pre-trial conference that lasts 10 minutes," Snow said. "Maybe we could use the telephone ... and green the court up by not having people drive.

"For too long the legal system and courts have wasted people's time," she said. "We make them sit and the judges aren't punctual. Each of them have their respective rights and I think there needs to be a balance."

More information on the 35th District Court judge candidates is available at www. thevoterguide.org.

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Plakas has spent the last

level. "It's the people's court ...



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BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

When asked if Canton Super Bowl was back to normal after the 80 day tournament, Camille Ebersole pointed at the pile in the office and said, "Sort of."

FROM PAGE AT

Super Bowl hired about 20 extra people and was open from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. Its hours of operation are now back to noon to midnight.

Bethany Moore of Brighton was at the bowling alley Tuesday with her children.

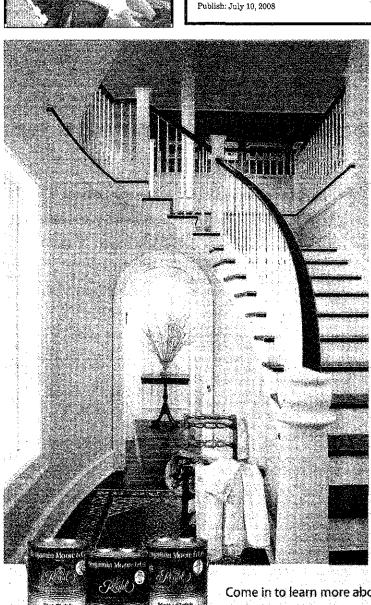
"I saw the (USBC materials) and said 'Oh no' because I didn't know if that was still going on, but I'm happy they are back open," she said.

The tournament, which is touted as the world's largest sporting event for women, was celebrated by the community with the popular 'Pins On Parade' display of oversized pins along Ford Road.

"It was an honor to have the championships here and USBC was good to work with," Sewesky said, adding that this marked the last time that the tournament was to take place in a traditional bowling alley. Future tournaments are expected to be housed in convention centers.

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9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, July 11, and

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

the parish hall at St. Edith Catholic

Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

To submit an item for the religion calendar. fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday. Summer music ministry

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

Neighborhood Bible time

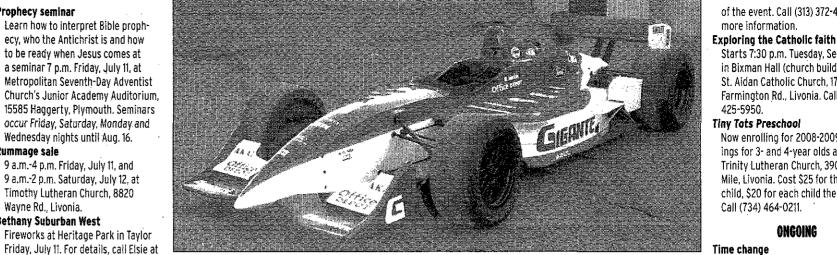
Continues 6-9 p.m. to Friday, July 11, summer youth crusade for all children and teenagers, at Grace Baptist Church, 28440 Lyndon, north of I-96, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-6215.

Moms wanted

Tables available to rent for \$20 for Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer Road, Westland. Call Debbie at (734) 891-8693. Rummage sale

9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 10-12, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Sprout time

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



Running the Right Race Kids are welcome to climb up and get their photo taken on this Team Rahal Indy car, which will help illustrate "Finding the Finish Line," a sermon by Pastor Herschel Ele, 10 a.m. Sunday, July 20 at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road. Call (734) 421-6913.

Vacation Bible school

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

SonAdventure Vacation Bible School 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 14-17, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 427-8743, or visit www.livoniachurch.net. Free for children age 3 through 6th grade includes a class for adults Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, singing and fun.

Bible study

All are invited to A Word for You Bible Study which continues 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, the one hour study

includes praise and worship and the Word in the Green Room at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland, Call (313) 289-8336.

Free Summerfest

Free Summerfest featuring food, inflatables, clowns, face painting, mimes, balloons, pony rides, Ask the Doctor' and health screenings, 1-7 p.m. July 19 at Harvest Christian International Church, 26360 Stephenson Hwy., Madison Heights. Community welcome, Call (248) 582-9700.

Crafters wanted

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

Open house

For Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, and Thursday, Aug. 14, at 9600 Leverne, Redford. The school offers infant day care, preschool for 3-4-year olds, full day kindergarten and first-eighth grades. Call Laura at (313) 937-2233 or e-mail Igoodman@hosanna-tabor.org. Mom's retreat

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia invites all Catholic Moms in the area to take personal time for prayer and relaxation, coupled with adult discussion of topics relevant to daily faith life. 8:30-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. Children's Ministry offered while moms enjoy Mass, continental breakfast, and discussion. Cost is \$8 per session with an additional \$2 perchild for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.

(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 beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Summer camp

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

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 of \$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.

of the event. Call (313) 372-4902 for more information.

Starts 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2. in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Call (734) 425-5950.

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

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

Sunday worship

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

Reformed Protestant services

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

Sanskrit chanting

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

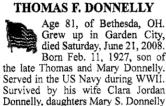
Single Place Ministry

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. Čall (248) 349-0911 or visit www. singleplace.org.

BEVERLY JEAN WISE

Age 80, of Plymouth, passed away July 7, 2008. Loving mother of Penny (Marcel) Guilloux, Nancy (Ed) Werner-Otrembiak, Deborah (Michael) Desantis and Timothy (Kathy) Wise. Proud grandmother of Eric (Natalie), Francois (Kellee), Christopher, Rachel (Maguel), Levi (Tara), Chrissy, Travis, Kristen, Emilee, Leslee, and Frank . Greatgrandmother of Gracelyn . Funeral from the Schrader-Howell Funeral





Donnelly, daughters Mary S. Donnelly and Carol A. Donnelly. Also survived by sister Baraba J. (Ralph) Harris.

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Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth Friday 11:00am. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm. Interment Silver Lake Cemetery, Wilmot, MI. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Share memories at:

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HARRY EVERETT MORGAN

Passed away July 4, 2008 at the age of 84. Veteran of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II serving in Europe. Married his bride of

65 years Barbara Sweeney. President of Morgan Associates, a machinery manufacturing consultate firm. Loved to play golf and was a member of the Plymouth Elks. Beloved husband of Barbara. Dear father of Cher (Michael) Holliday, Daryl Morgan and Candy (Greg) Sicilia. Grandfather of Danielle (Patrick) Sinnott, Brett (Diana) Holliday, Michael, Steven (Kristen), Mark (Malisa) and Eric (Christina) Sicilia and Briana (Devin) McLaughlin. Also leaves nine greatchildren. Military Honors were ren-dered on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Contributions are suggested to Henry Ford Oakland Hospice, 26900 Franklin road, Southfield, MI 48034. 26900 Share your special thoughts and memories at:

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IRENE E. SHERIDAN

Dec 18, 1929 - June 30, 2008. Irene went home to Heaven to start her eternal life with Jesus, her late husband Kenny and a host of friends and family. She leaves behind six brothers & sisters; her children Pam Blanchard (Steve), Deborah Smith (Dan) & Patrick Sheridan (Cheryl); grandchil-dren Deedee, Lisa, Cheryl, Casey, Kelli, Kendall, Kayla, Colin, Aaron & Tyler; great-grandchildren Ashley, Emma, Hanna, Gavin, Owen & Ashton. She will be sadly missed by all of us. Come join us as we celebrate her life with a memorial being held at Harvest Christian Church in Detroit on Thurs. July 17th at 11 am.



JAMES DICK CRAWFORD Age 58, Farmington Hills, MI, passed July 4, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

MARY IRENE TYLER Age 89, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away July 5, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

JONELL E. LINDHOLM

Age 53, July 6, 2008. Resident of Reisterstown, MD. Beloved daughter of Rev. William and Patricia Lindholm. Dear sister of William Jr. and Jana (Carleton) Britt, Jonell was a graduate of the University of Michigan and was employed with Unilever Margarine as a Process Engineer. She also played French Horn with several orchestras in the Baltimore area. Visitation at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia, Saturday from 10 AM until Funeral Service at 11 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734) 422-6720 in charge of arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at: rggrharris.com

THELMA K. PETERS

Was welcomed into heaven by her Savior on July 4, 2008 with what must have been the most amazing fireworks display ever. Thelma was born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on December 6, 1926, the daughter of Dr. Richard and Mrs. Thelma (Sechrist) Klussman. She grew up in York. Pennsylvania as the oldest of six children. She attended Southern Seminary finishing school and graduated from Duke University, where she sang in the Duke chapel Choir with Perry Como. She worked in banking before meeting and marry her husband of 52 years, Thomas Peters, and settling in the Bloomfield Township area. Thelma devoted herself to raising five children, Richard (Pat) peters of Waterford, William (Kim) Peters of Clarkston, Nancy (Ross) Stecker of Gaylord, Ginna Ward of Rochester Hills. Thelma enjoyed powerful games of Tennis, light-hearted games of bridge with neighbor friends, bonfires, boat rides, sunsets on Otsego Lake, and giving to her many favorite Christian ministries. The Peters home and cottage were year-round magnets of hospitality for children, teens, and friends, to Thelma's delight. Her great joy has always been to spend time with her children and ten grandchildren, Katie, Jill, Brian, Megan, Trisha, Kelly, Christian, Will, Colby, and Sami, sharing their lives and triumphs. She is also survived by her brother and sisters, Virginia Hummel, Felicia Fairchild, Dr. Richard Klussman, Jr., and Ricarda Schmalzried. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas, son James, and sister Nancy. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 7, 2008 at 1:00 pm from Friendship Church, Pastor Steve Datema, officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation at the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord was held on Monday, July 7th from 10am until noon. Contributions in memory of Thelma Peters may be made to Friendship Church, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734. Friends may share condolences online at: www.nelsonsfuperalhome.com

Age 82, of Boca Raton, FL, passed away on July 3, 2008. Born in Detroit MI, she had been a resident of South Florida since 1988 after moving from Bloomfield Hills, MI, where she had lived for 17 years. Predeceased by he husband, Donald A. Taylor, she is survived by three sons: Donald Andrew (Bettina) Taylor, Peter B. (Ruth) Taylor, and Robert M. (Pamela Taylor; by seven grandchildren and sever great-grandchildren. A memoria service is pending in Boca Raton and private interment will take place a Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Kingswood/Cranbrool Schools, 39221 Woodward Avenue Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304. In memory of Vera Brethen Tavlor Arrangements were made by Kraeer Becker Funeral Home, 217 Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Phone No. 954-427-5544





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Eucharistic adoration St. Michael the Archangel Church in

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.-7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening, All are welcome, Call (734) 261-1455.

Rummage sale

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 17-18, and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 19, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

Used book sale

Noon-7 p.m. Friday, July 18; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 19: and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, July 20, at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile. Visit www.unityoflivonia.org.

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 is easy and very uplifting to sing, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Call Mark at (734) 522-6830.

Carillon 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 Road, Bloomfield Hills, Call (248) 625-2515 or visit www.kirkinthehills.org.

Indv car sermon

Pastor Herschel Ele of Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, will present "Finding the Finish Line," 10 a.m. Sunday, July 20 at the newly dedicated outdoor gazebo. To illustrate his theme, a Team Rahal Indy car will be on display. Photos welcome, Call (734) 421-6913.

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

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

Vacation Bible School

9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, Aug. 4-7, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail. Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

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

Cost is S5.

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 Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or email 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 together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus

we offer choir practice for all sinders. 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,

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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.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H20 starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435

Day of service

Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center, The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban gar-

den, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org. **New schedule**

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy

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Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, For more information, call (313) 278-5755. Worship

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nurser'y, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

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(Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis, F.I.R.E. Ministries, For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule

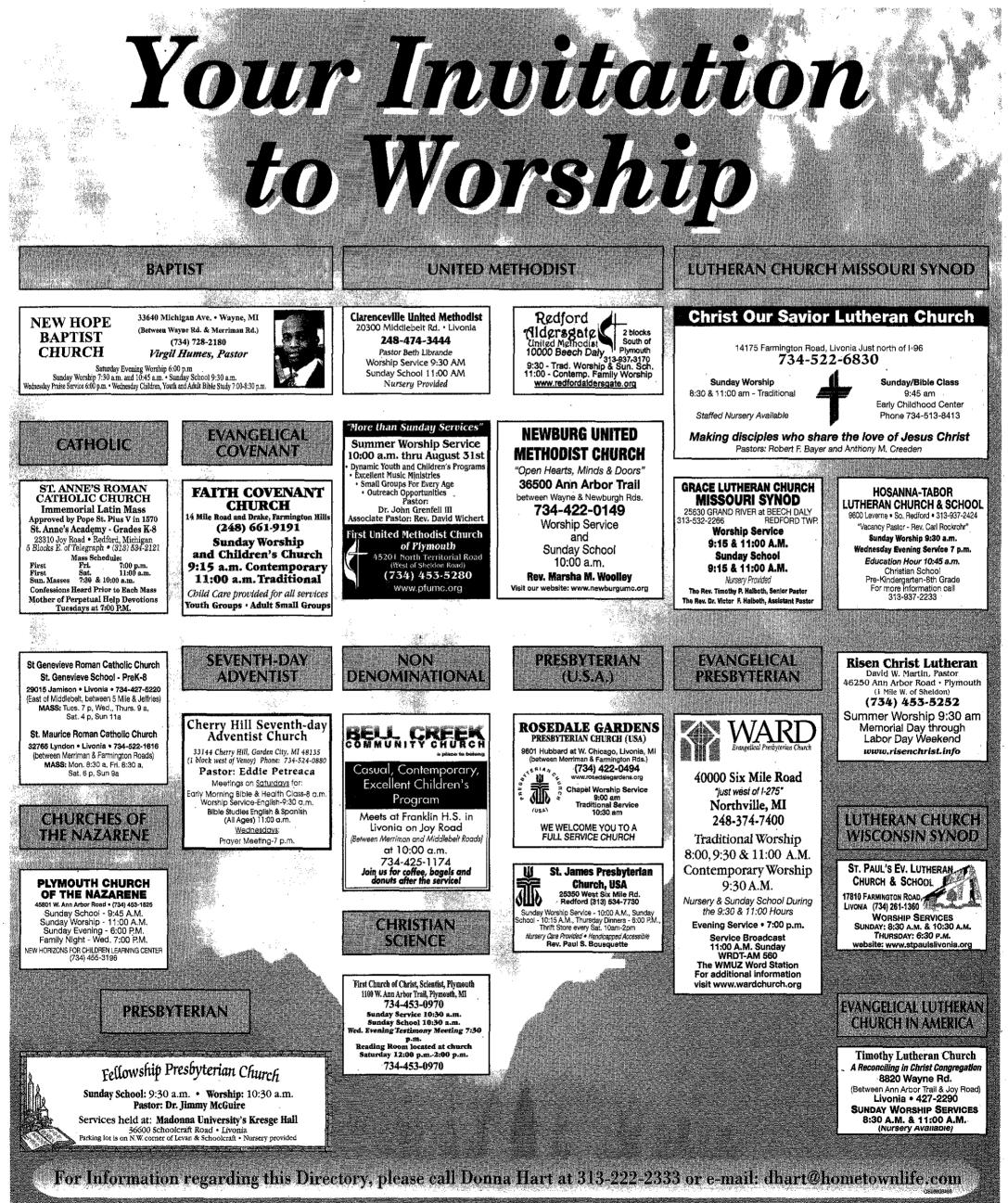
Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross

Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 427-1414.

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11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.







OUR VIEWS Plakas our choice for district court

When voters go to the polls for the Aug. 5 primary and vote to replace retiring 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald, they'll find a strong field of candidates. The top two primary vote-getters will face off in the



general election in November for the sixyear term, which pays \$139,272. Voters can select only one candidate. We believe that candidate should be **Jim Plakas**.

Plakas seems to have been training for this particular job most of his career. He's been a prosecutor, a city attorney and a defense attorney. He's handled all manner of cases in a variety of courtrooms.

He comes from an experienced legal background, has a sound judicial temperament and has the backing of many judges. His list of endorsements includes MacDonald, who has served with dis-

tinction; the Hon. Robert Brzezinski of Livonia's 16th District Court; and the Hon. Chuck Bokus - three of the most respected district court jurists in the area.

We admit to a little concern about his political backing because, after a contentious campaign two years ago, the 35th District Court could use a little less politics. Plakas will also need to swallow any animosity remaining from his

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loss to Chief Judge Ron Lowe in that election, and function as part of the team led by Lowe.

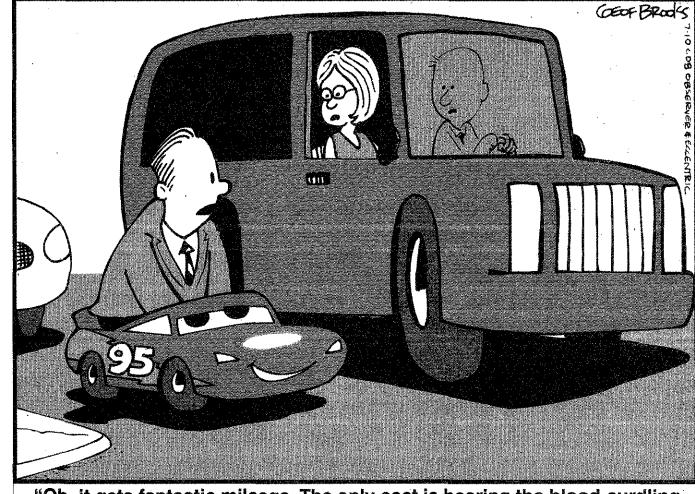
On the other hand, Plakas is a lot like Lowe was when he was originally elected: A young, hard-charging, community-minded attorney with a young family. Lowe turned out to be a good judge, and we believe Plakas will, as well.

The other five candidates are all qualified to do the job. Art Butler is the only one who has actually sat as a judge, serving as a military judge during his time in the Coast Guard; Cam Miller is very familiar with the 35th, since he spent years as the city of Plymouth prosecutor; Joe Barone has tried more cases in the 35th than any candidate, and he's heavily involved in the community; Martha Snow's practice covers all manner of legal issues, and she was appointed a special assistant attorney general for the prosecution of seriously delinquent child supports obligations; Jim Malinowski has the most experience (35 years) in the field.

We believe Plakas' breadth of experience and his passion for the job lift him above the others.

We recommend Jim Plakas for 35th District court judge.

Lax attendance policies send wrong message to students



"Oh, it gets fantastic mileage. The only cost is hearing the blood-curdling screams of my four year-old as I leave the driveway."

Where's the meat?

While I appreciate reading much feedback from the township trustees on the character of Melissa McLaughlin, I'd like to see some focus on other disciplinary requirements of the job for which she is a candidate. After all, I would expect a township treasurer to have a great deal of experience and education in accounting and finance. I've read multiple editorial articles on Ms. McLaughlin's service to the community. However, none have focused on what expertise she may bring in disciplines specific to the position of treasurer.

I guess I'm just the kind of voter who asks those simple questions, thinking it might be nice to have an expert in financial interpretation leading our budgetary decision making. It would also be helpful if the Observer provided the "meat" on both candidates prior to our Aug. 5 election instead of inundating us with biased trustee editorials focused exclusively on character.

causes than I can count. Joe will serve us well as our newest 35th District Court Judge.

LETTERS

Canton

Tom Gerou

Supporting Barone

I am an attorney who is supporting Joe Barone in his race for 35th District Court judge.

I first met Joe when he was opposing counsel who represented the buyer in the sale of a business. (I represented the seller). Joe was tough but fair during the negotiations. We were able to close the deal to the mutual satisfaction of our respective clients.

There are far too many ill-tempered attorneys who rant and rave or pursue questionable tactics while representing a client. I am always impressed with attornevs like Joe who maintain their professionalism while vigorously advocating on behalf of clients.

Joe's work ethic and mild-mannered Richard Bantau temperament would serve our commu-Canton nity well on the bench.

opinion for the advancement of interests of the entities sponsoring them, and should be viewed with a grain of salt. Joseph Wira

Plymouth

Same old election tactics

With all of the attention provided to the presidential race so far this year, it is important to remember the other very important races for elective office in November. In Michigan we will be electing a United States Senator and all 15 United States Congressional representatives, in addition to Michigan State House races, local races and ballot referendums.

However, one need not have a crystal ball to predict the forthcoming sequence of events in the 11th Congressional District race, which will again feature incumbent Republican Congressman Thaddeus McCotter defending his seat against a relatively unknown Democratic challenger. After the Aug. 5 primary determines who the Democratic candidate will be, the general election contest will unfold in a quite predictable manner.

McCotter will again flood local mail

School is supposed to prepare students for "the real world."

Now some school districts are changing their attendance policies, eliminating requirements that students must be in class a certain percentage of days to get a passing grade.

In Rochester, students who miss more than 13 days won't flunk a class as long as they've completed the necessarv work.

Other school districts that have already made a change or are considering making a change include Southfield Public Schools, Tougher graduation Plymouth-Canton Community

a step in the right

Schools and South Redford requirements are School District. Proponents say they want to align their policies with new direction for Michigan

state rules that allow students students, who must to test out of classes. The rules are part of the new graduation compete globally for requirements effective with the 21st century jobs. Class of 2011, which emphasize mastery of the material over seat time.

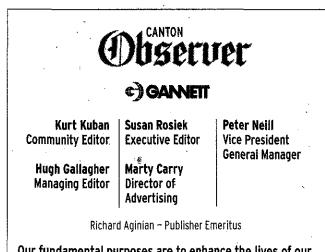
But how is an attendance policy that doesn't require students to be in class help prepare them for life?

Most jobs require employees to report for work when they're expected, not if or when they feel like showing up.

Academy Award-winning film director Woody Allen once said, "Eighty percent of success is showing up." In other words, the first step is being there.

Tougher graduation requirements are a step in the right direction for Michigan students, who must compete globally for 21st century jobs.

But easing up on attendance policies is a step backward — and sends the wrong message to students.



Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Check campaign contributions

Any citizen has a right to review who financed campaigns of their elected officials. It is alarming to note that Melissa McLaughlin, a Canton Township trustee and planning commissioner, is running for treasurer. While she oversaw development and expansion in Canton, she obtained most of her 2004 campaign contributions from local businesses, developers and their Realtors benefiting from this development. These people appeared before her on approvals for their township contracts, and development projects. How could one appear objective when the folks appearing before her were paying for her campaigns? Big conflict of interest in my opinion.

Canton development is exploding - if a majority of the elected officials are getting the majority of their campaigns paid for by developers, it is disconcerting to know whether or not the elected officials have been able to take a thoughtful view of planning and expansion.

We also invite residents to go through the planning commission meetings online and see who appeared before the commission the majority of the time and compare it to the campaign finance reports. Some on the finance reports go under "other" business names. You can also look that up. The 2008 reports will soon be in. In the meantime, stay informed and do research before you vote — it's all online.

Emily Pondell

Canton

Barone for judge

Joe Barone has been my business attorney for the last several years, and has also successfully counseled or represented a number of my patients and friends.

Joe is reliable, hard-working and ethical. He puts others before himself as he generously gives his time and money to more community organizations and good for the purpose of manipulating public

Jason Bank Canton

Polls manipulate opinion

All along, it has been said Michigan has an abundance of unemployed mostly due to layoffs, well-educated, experienced and talented workforce, certainly true, available and eager to be productively employed.

What we need is companies, manufacturing, research and other, taking advantage of the availability of this muchdesirable workforce to choose Michigan for their businesses.

In his column ("Some news is gloomy, but most residents still have hope for state," Observer, June 26) the author says that people (whoever they are) want, among other things, "a great quality of life attracting talented people to Michigan," as if we didn't have more than enough of them of our own.

How would the "attracting to Michigan" benefit our own talented unemployed, urgently needing jobs? Great quality of life comes when people enjoy fair and adequate incomes from having productive and satisfying employment. Why, then, while having a great quality of life would we want to attract people from outside?

About the thriving economy that we had here but no more, we Michiganians cannot do much, if anything. This is the problem created by decision-making politicians in Washington, promoting Globalismic policies obviously detrimental to our people, and the country.

The poll numbers quoted in the column may or may not reflect true opinions. In polling, responses depend to a considerable extent on how questions are formulated, often suggestively, whether those who are being polled are chosen purposely, how familiar with the issue the respondents are, etc., perhaps even sometimes are falsified or picked from thin air to fit the aims of pollsters.

Many polls, perhaps most, are taken

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boxes with numerous mailings under the guise of keeping his constituents informed of happenings in Congress. As in the past, the mailings will merely be self-promoting campaign pieces paid for by constituent tax money. As in the past, nowhere on McCotter's mailings will he even admit to being a Republican. As in the past, every other word in McCotter's mailings will be "taxes," all the while never mentioning that the tax cuts he has supported have overwhelmingly benefited the wealthiest few percent of Americans.

Given his advantages of incumbency, money, and a gerrymandered Congressional District created just for him, McCotter will be favored for reelection. However, if reelected he will be increasingly marginalized as his arrogance and failed conservative ideology becomes ever more irrelevant during an Obama Presidency and concurrent Democratic control of Congress. Unfortunately, the net result will likely be that the citizens of Michigan's 11th District will have to spend yet another two years without an effective congressional representative.

> **Joe Golonka** Westland

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"It's a little overwhelming. You certainly think about that as you're leaving familiar surroundings and getting hugs and tears and realizing I won't be back tomorrow. It's felt comfortable, it's felt like the right time and the right place. It's good to stretch yourself and do more unfamiliar things and grow from that." Craig Fiegel, new Plymouth-Canton school superintendent, on what it's like moving from a district with 1,900 students to one with more than 18,000

OTHER OPINIONS

Reform of state's prison system requires fresh thinking, new ideas

e've been talking for years about Michigan's need to cut unnecessary spending. So let's talk about our state's expensive practice of tossing criminals in the slam and throwing away the key.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's 2009 budget calls for \$2.06 billion for the Department of Corrections. That's up dramatically from 1999, when we spent \$1.4 billion on warehousing felons.



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And the situation is likely to just get worse. Last month, the highly respected, nonpartisan Citizens Research Council (CRC) concluded that we'll probably spend another \$600 million over the next few years as the prison population both increases and ages.

Phil Power

Michigan also incarcerates far more people than nearby states

 but despite popular myth, Michigan has a crime rate no higher than our neighbors.

According to the CRC, the average stay in Michigan prisons is 42 months, much higher than the Great Lakes state average of 29 months. Michigan also spends some 30 percent more per inmate than our neighbors. The CRC concludes if we cut our prison spending down to the average amount our neighbors spend on prisons, we'd have an extra \$500 million to save or divert to other priorities.

By contrast, Michigan public universities will get around \$1.5 billion for fiscal year 2009. That's the same as they got in 1999 - actually considerably less, when you factor in inflation.

Over the last six years, Michigan has had the unwelcome distinction of leading the nation in reducing state spending on educating young people - or, in other words, on our future. Those are odd priorities indeed for a state desperately in need of bright, highly educated young people to jump-start our ailing economy. Any real chance of doing something about it? Nope.

Why? Simple; politicians are scared stiff of being called "soft on crime." They are terrified of being blamed if a single inmate is paroled early and commits a terrible crime, even though around 10,000 prisoners are released each year.

Peter Luke, the respected Lansing analyst for Booth Newspapers, suggests that prison funding is such a hot potato that the only practical way to get somewhere is to do what the U.S. Congress did with military base closings. Pick a distinguished commission, ask it to make a series of recommendations and then put the whole thing up for a yea-or-nay vote in the Legislature.

Here's another idea, contributed by my

cousin, Tom Power, a circuit judge in Traverse City. He wrote to me that prison population is determined by two factors: The circuit judges who send people to the prison system and an appointed state parole board that controls who leaves the prison system - and when.

Noting that the state must provide the number of prison beds required by these decisions, he said: "I suggest we allow each circuit court a set number of beds, give that court parole responsibility for its prisoners, and thereby put the responsibility for prison utilization and the need to control (population) in the same hands."

He would like to see the number of prison beds provided by the Department of Corrections determined by the Legislature and governor through the appropriations process. Those beds then would be distributed among the 57 circuit courts, with each one having a set percentage of the beds made available.

Judge Power points out that "the most important and politically explosive problem would be how to allocate prison beds among the various circuits. Allocation of beds proportionate to population is the most obvious method. But circuits with a history of higher crime will argue they should receive more beds than their populations would warrant. So in addition to population, beds could be allocated based on historic prison use or number of felonies reported to the police.

He goes on to point out that Michigan's prison capacity has risen from around 10,000 in the early 1980s to more than 50,000 today – the consequence of "lock 'em up and throw away the key" attitudes that prevailed in the 1980s and 1990s.

Nor has harsher sentencing alone been to blame. "While it has been popular in some quarters to blame sentencing practices, a recent study found that there are thousands of prisoners held in the prison system beyond their first parole eligibility date. This indicates the expansion in prison use over the last two decades may be due as much to toughened parole standards.

His suggestion of putting both prison entry and release in the same hands - the circuit judges - is a sensible and elegant solution to a very hot political potato.

Both ideas - newsman Luke's and Judge Power's - are complimentary. Together, they offer a simple, comprehensive, common-sense way to deal with exploding prison costs. The smart people in our Legislature should look closely at both.

Phil Power is founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a think tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed here are Power's and do not represent the official views of The Center. Comments are welcome at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

Michigan's vertical license program marks five years of safe innovation

ive years ago, Michigan began to approach the problem of underage drinking in a different way - vertically, rather than horizontally.

A law went into effect July 1, 2003, requiring the issuance of vertical (portrait) style driver's licenses or personal identification cards to individuals under the age of 21. As a result of this major change, purchasing alcohol has become more difficult for minors in our state.



Every driver under 21 in Michigan now has a vertical license. The horizontal format has been gradually phased out over the last several years for minors as their licenses came up for renewal. The new format has been wel-

comed by many parents

as a smart innovation. The vertical card gives restaurants, bars, convenience stores, casinos and law enforcement an instant visual cue to correctly determine a license-holder's age and to immediately spot those not old enough to purchase alcohol. It also has a more tamper-resistant design to thwart attempted alterations or forgeries.

There are more than 731,000 people under age 21 who currently possess a Michigan vertical driver's license or personal ID card. I'm pleased to say it's less likely these young adults will succeed in using their ID to obtain

alcohol than if they were using the old horizontal cards. That difference can save lives.

One indicator of the Vertical Identification Program's success is the steady decline in convictions under Michigan's "zero tolerance" law. The law prohibits underage drivers from having any alcohol in their systems. In 2004, the first full year of the vertical license program, there were nearly 1,700 convictions. The number has fallen each year to about 1,340 in 2007.

During the transition to the new license, the Department of State has teamed with a broad coalition of retailers, law enforcement groups and other organizations to highlight the law on a public awareness campaign called "We Check to Protect!"

Our objective remains to protect youths from obtaining alcohol, as well as other age-restricted products like tobacco. It is important to their health and safety that we keep these potentially harmful things out of their underage hands. We must continue to work diligently to ensure the young people of Michigan know the law and respect it.

Deterring underage drinking is a significant challenge for our state, but with the vertical driver's license, we are heading in the right direction.

Terri Lynn Land is Michigan's secretary of state.

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the last quarter. Many will either put the statement into the drawer and never look at it again or have the knee-jerk reaction of selling everything. As far as I am concerned, both courses of actions are wrong.

Whenever an investor receives a statement, he/she cannot just look at the bottom line number. As much as it hurts to see accounts go down, review it for accuracy.

types of salary deferral program statements, it is essential to review the statement. At a minimum, look at the ending balance of your last statement to make sure it's the beginning balance of the current statement. In addition, confirm that all contributions have been properly credited to your account. Review withdrawals to make sure these are accurate.

You cannot assume financial institutions don't make mistakes, they do and it is up to us to make sure mistakes are corrected. The other reaction many people will have when they receive their quarterly statement is just to sell. Although that will make you feel better for the short run, it is the worst strategy for the long run.

After all, we always tell investors the goal is to buy low and sell high, not the other way around. Don't let fear dictate investment decisions. Instead, look at the statements and decide if adjustments are needed. Adjustments

what is currently happening in the market. When deciding whether to retain a fund, judge it on how it is performing against investments in the same category. Don't compare an energy fund to a small company growth fund. Compare small company growth to other small company growth funds.

It has been a tough year for investors. The three major indexes are down substantially. If our investment goal was only six months, there would be problems. However, goals should be long term. After all, the markets can change relatively quickly, giving you a different perspective.

When investors have a kneejerk reaction, it offers temporary relief, but causes long-term problems.

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GC grad stars in scoreboard circuit



Garden City alum Jason Lynch proudly enjoys the successful unveiling of the brand new scoreboard at Michigan International Speedway in June. Lynch was at the controls of the scoreboard, orchestrating a wide array of sights and sounds for thousands of racing fans.

LYNCH-PIN

Who: Jason Lynch. What: The 1998 Garden City graduate operates the brand new three-paneled vertical scoreboard at Michigan International Speedway. He also programs the audio-visual boards at Comerica Park and Joe Louis Arena. College: He earned a bachelor's degree in communications from University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Family: His parents are Jaylee (former Garden City mayor) and Tom.

Back in the day: Jason was a member of the yearbook and newspaper staffs at Garden City High School.

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Never the all-star jock at Garden City High School, Jason Lynch found a way to shoot higher in the wide world of sports than any of his former classmates.

The 27-year-old Lynch is a budding computer stalwart whose golden touch in the world of sports scoreboards has landed him prestigious gigs working no less than the Super Bowl, baseball's All-Star Game and World Series, the Stanley Cup Finals and — just last month — the NASCAR Sprint Cup at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"It beats having a real job," said Lynch during a recent interview, just days after his latest accomplishment. "I've done the

nine-to-five office and basically everything in between.

"Then ... you get all of these really cool jobs that they pay you to be at the same thing you'd be home watching anyway."

Lynch also is a regular working video and audio boards at Joe Louis Arena and Comerica Park in Detroit, along with a behind-the-scenes technical post for Detroit Lions games and other events at Ford Field.

A NEW WORLD

It was while working a Supercross race at Ford Field that the son of former Garden City Mayor Jaylee Lynch and businessman Tom Lynch landed his latest and perhaps mostheady job - being the first to orchestrate all the sound and vision on a \$2.35 million scoreboard at MIS.

By the way, the 110-foot, three-sided board is unique, with vertical columns providing constant information to the race fans seated in the oval stadium.

Still, he had to learn how to format the board, to present all pictures, letters and numbers in a newfangled fashion.

"Most of them (scoreboards) are wide, from left-to-right, but this is a column board," Lynch said. "So it's a really different board to program for.

"Because, when you're used to a world that's wide and you now go to a world that's tall, if you have really long words you have to go to a smaller font."

MAKING IT HAPPEN

Lynch works at the controls like someone handling stage

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Junior Olympics

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Let the games begin, with a musical twist. The 50th annual Junior Olympics, hosted by Redford Parks and Recreation, is slated for Saturdav at Hilbert Middle School in Redford Township. Hilbert is located onehalf mile north of Five Mile and one-half mile west of Beech Daly at 26440 Puritan.

To toast the milestone, there will be a live DJ and additional family events.

Following registration (9-10 a.m.), events will begin promptly at 10 a.m. with various field events and races.

Field events will include high jump, long jump and softball throw for four divisions (Bantams, age 6 and under; Squirts, age 7-8; Pee Wees, age 9-10; Midgets, age 11-12). After field events are concluded, "Family Fun" activities will commence at about 12:30 p.m. Bantams and Squirts will compete in the 35-, 50and 75-meter dashes at the east end of Hilbert.

Those in the Pee Wees and Midgets divisions are slated to take part in the 35-, •, 75- and 100-meter dashes at the opposite end. There will be ribbons presented to places 1-6 in each heat per running event. Registration is free for Redford residents, with a \$5 fee for nonresidents (proper ID must be shown). As is customary, parents should be present at all times, no organized teams are welcome and no spikes will be permitted on the field. In the case of rain, the event will be cancelled. For more information, call (313) 387-2650.

Northern exposure Atlanta native Pierce pursues hockey dream

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Craig Pierce felt his youth hockey career in Atlanta had pretty much burned out.

So the 16-year-old decided that if he was going to be able to pursue his dream of playing for a Division 1 collegiate program, he had to leave his Georgia roots and head north.

Pierce just finished his junior year of high school living in Plymouth with his grandparents, attending a new school and playing for Compuware, an 18-and-under AAA Midget Major team in the Midwest Elite Hockey League.

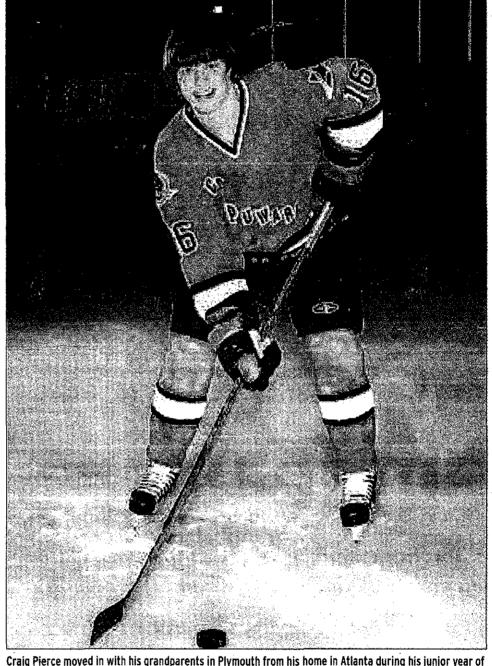
The 5-foot-11, 170-pound center, who counts former Red Wing Steve Yzerman as his favorite player, will started out in roller hockey at age 6 and was a regular as a youth at Michigan State University's summer hockey schools. His father Joe, a Salem High grad, graduated from MSU.

And East Lansing is where the seeds were originally planted about making the transition.

"I started to get acquainted with some of the players (at MSU) like Jim Slater (now of the Atlanta Thrashers) and Jared Knightengale," Pierce said. "They thought it would be a good idea to go north."

Craig Pierce eventually rewrote his own script and called it, "Gone Like The Wind.'

"I did not want to stand in the way of his dream," said Joe Pierce, Craig's father. "To lose him at 16 from nome was a tough sacring very difficult for my wife (Nancy) to let him go, but when he made the (Compuware) team he was extremely excited. But first he wanted to go home and tell his mom face-to-face. Even at 16 years old he felt that was the mature thing to do." Craig not only felt the maternal pull, but he also missed his friends. He is now back home for the summer in Atlanta and will report back to Compuware for practice in August.



eturn to the same squad next season, his senior year, and eventually gradu-ate from Plymouth High School.

"I figured if I wanted to keep playing I had to move out," said Pierce, who played this previous year with the Atlanta Fire. "I played 16-andunder AA and tried AAA, but there was not a lot of competition around in the south. We played all over in places like Florida, in Michigan, Canada and Dallas, but being here last year was a real good experience. It's great hockey. I was not used to every game being competitive. Every game was hard-fought and every league game counts. You had to 'bring it' every game."

Pierce dabbled in baseball, but

During a spring tournament in 2007, Compuware coach George Daniel got his first glimpse of the Southern icer. His initial encounter

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high school to pursue his dream of playing Division 1 college hockey.

Casting call Redford bass angler set to test waters at FLW Tour

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Redford's Kevin Barrows plans on casting a line into the Detroit River this weekend, hopeful of landing a big one.

It remains to be seen whether hooking a bass during the annual Wal-Mart FLW Tour's Chevy Open on the Detroit River lands him a big payday, too.

But the 39-year-old Barrows, a graduate of Garden City High School, is thrilled to again be one of 200 amateur bass fishermen – known as co-anglers – working with one of 200 anglers (professional bass fishermen) during the event, which runs from today through Sunday.

Also in the co-angler field are Philip Borsa of Redford and Tod Soop of Livonia, while Livonian David Reault is listed among the pro anglers.

There will be \$1.5 million in prize money on the line as well, with \$200,000 going to the bass pro finishing with the biggest catch; amateurs such as Barrows are going for a top prize of \$20,000.

Each boat will pair a pro with an amateur. The pros will determine where to take the boat and the strategy for defeating the competition. Pros also call the shots as to where they'll cast their lines and co-anglers follow suit.

"You win by your total weight and you want to bring your five biggest to the

scale (each day)," Barrows emphasized. "But where I'll be going depends on where my professional takes me. We're here for the ride and to fish against the other coanglers."

All 400 participants will compete today and Friday, with the field being narrowed down to the Top-10 pairings (one pro and one co-angler). Barrows said the champion co-angler will be determined Saturday, but the professionals have to return to the water again on Sunday to wrap up that part of the lucrative tourney.

In 2007, tandems needed to reel in 38.5 pounds over the first two days to crack the Top 10 and Barrows said more than 80 pounds of bass yielded the Chevy Open champion.

"This year, I would expect to see the same figures to win the event," he continued.

WORTH IT

According to Barrows, anglers could decide to motor north through the Detroit River up to Lake St. Clair or head the opposite direction toward Lake Erie and Cleveland.

"Lake St. Clair has a lot more fish than Lake Erie," Barrows noted. "But the fish in Lake Erie are bigger."

Although the fee to sign up for the Chevy Open is kind of steep (\$4,000 per pro and \$800 per co-angler), the potential reward

still makes it an exercise worth pursuing. "It's a better chance than buying a lottery ticket," said Barrows about participat-

ing in the Chevy Open. He said to essentially break even (earning a check for \$1,000), he needs to place in the top 50.

Barrows did give a shout out to his wife. Shawn, and son McClain, for their ongoing support and to several sponsors for helping him continue to take part in such events. He cited top sponsor Kellerin Equipment Sales of Livonia, as well as Westland-based Case Plastics. Other sponsors include Champion Boats and Nemesis Baits.

Barrows actually didn't know which pro he'd be teaming up with until last night, after this edition of the Observer went to press. But he is more than willing to wait and go from there, hopefully to land a prize bass worth thousands of dollars.

Although it would be great to successfully punch that ticket, Barrows said the biggest lure for him is just having the chance to hit the water in the name of sport.

"A lot of people like to fish," he explained. "They enjoy competition of some sort. You're competing against other people, but you just have to be smarter than the fish.'

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Rams pitchers prove efficient in DH sweep

The Michigan Rams crossed the border Monday and came away with a sweep in a Michigan Collegiate Baseball League doubleheader against the host Tecumseh, Ontario Thunder at LaCasse Park.

The games were a makeup from June 9.

Aaron Wick, a left-hander from Oakland University, pitched a complete-game four-hitter in the

opener. **COLLEGIATE BASEBALL** He

struck

out six and walked only one in seven innings in a 5-1 triumph. Rob Cooper's solo homer in the

bottom of the seventh broke up Wick's no-hit bid.

Losing pitcher Max Sprague gave up five runs on nine hits, four walks and two hit batters in six innings. He fanned three. Canton's Shawn Little

(Madonna University) and Frank Persichino each collected two hits and two RBI for the victori-

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Hole-in-one club

■ Peter Williams, 47, of Redford, used a 5wood to ace 189-yard, No. 2 hole, July 4, at **Glenhurst Golf Course** in Redford.

Williams shot a 42 for nine holes. He recorded his first holein-one in 34 years.

■ John Beher, 52, of Canton, used an 8-iron to ace the 148-yard, No. 4 hole, July 2, at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox.

Junior golf divots

On July 2, Canton's Zach Conrad shot 80-75-155 to finish runner-up in the Boys 11-15 age division on the Adams Golf Junior Tour (event No. 10) at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.

Carson Castellani of Okemos took first with a 76-72-148.

In the Boys 16-andup division, Plymouth's Tyler Jeleniewski shot a 77 to place third, only a stroke behind Nolan Maezes of Ann Arbor, who carded a 76.

LOCAL SPORTS

Warner, Smith qualify for match-play round

Two area golfers -Plymouth's Ashley Smith and Livonia's Shannon Warner - advanced to Wednesday's match-play round of the 92nd Golf Association of Michigan Women's Amateur Championships being held at Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing.

Smith, a graduate of Salem High who just completed her sophomore year at Grand Valley State, finished stroke play tied for 14th with a tworound total of 76-81-157. She

was scheduled to face Enid Gage of Wyoming in the opening round of the 16th and 17th seeds.

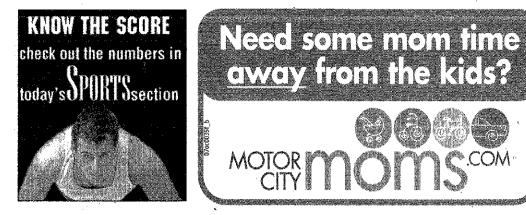
Warner, a two-time Division 1 individual medalist who recently graduated from Livonia Churchill, was 25th in stroke play with an 80-79-159.

The Michigan State signee was scheduled to meet Michelle Bowles of Davison in the first round. Warner will also be teeing it up in Monday's \$40,000 Century 21 Michigan PGA Women's Open,

a 54-hole event which starts Monday at Crystal Mountain's signature Mountain Ridge Course

Unable to make the cut Michigan Amateur cut was Jennifer Kubert (Livonia), 47th (82-88-170); Jamie Siedlaczek (Canton), 47th (85-85-170); and Lauri Ponikiewski (Livonia), 69th (88-90-178).

Flint's Shasta Averyhardt was medalist with a 74-73-147. The top 32 advanced into match play.





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Macker champs

The Livonia foursome of (front row, from left) David Tharpe, Damon Bogich, Austin Bumpus and Bobby Snyder captured the Boys 13-14 age division with a 4-0 record at the Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament held June 28 in Southfield. The four players, who all will be entering Stevenson High in the fall, are coached by Greg Bogich (back row).

Bucks come from behind to clinch postseason berth

BY DAN STICKRADT **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Coming from behind has become a habit for the Michigan Bucks this season. The Premier Development

League leaders pulled that trick off again Saturday night.

After falling behind in the seventh minute, the Bucks rallied for three unanswered goals and picked up some fine goaltending and defense to thwart the Cincinnati Kings, 3-1, at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac - Michigan's fourth straight come-frombehind victory.

The win gave Michigan a PDL Central Conference-leading 33 points entering the final three weeks of the regular season. But more importantly, the Bucks became the first franchise in the 67-team PDL to clinch a postseason berth.

Michigan (11-2-0, 11-1-0), which has outscored its league opposition 31-8 in 12 games, has advanced to the postseason for the 12th time in 13 seasons and is one win away from clinching the Great Lakes Division for the seventh time. It was the Kings (3-9-1, 3-8-1) who drew first blood, when David Lopez-Cepero beat Bucks netminder Steve Clark from close range just under seven minutes into the

contest. Tony Ray drew the assist with a looping pass into the box.

Clark did not get beat again, finishing the night with six saves -five in the second half, - to remain 11-0 in his PDL starts this summer.

It took the Bucks 20 minutes into the contest to net the equalizer. Dave Hertel's long pass to Ty Shipalane was chased down with Shipalane banging home a shot from the top of the box.

Shipalane scored his third goal in two games just seconds before halftime, going in on a 2-on-1 with Nate Jafta, who fed the ball back to Shipalane for the go-ahead goal. Shipalane beat three Kings defenders on the play.

"Ty Shipalane has been our best offensive threat the last 3-4 games," said Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald. "He's been involved in most of our goals."

Kenny Uzoigwe gave Michigan its two-goal lead and capped the scoring with his team-leading ninth tally of the season. Off a steal, Uzoigwe beat three defenders before depositing his shot into the back of the net.

guys that are gone and we've had other guys just slide in and do a good job."

Michigan outshot Cincinnati 14-13 overall, but the Kings held a 7-5 edge with shots directly on goal.

Bucks notebook

Michigan only needs three more points or one more win in its final regular season games . . . The Bucks play July 10 at Fort Wayne Fever, have home games against the Chicago Fiore (July 12) and Kalamazoo Outrage (July 16) before wrapping up the regular season on the road at the Toronto Lynx (July 20). The Lynx are the sole team in the PDL to defeat Michigan this season . . . The top seed in the Central Conference, which makes up three divisions, will earn a first-round bye in the postseason . . , Playing in 10 of the Bucks' 12 league games, Uzoigwe is currently tied for ninth in the PDL with 19 total points and nine goals, which is tied for fifth in the country. Jafta has 17 points and is tied for 12th, while he has nine assists, which is tied for second . . . Midfielder Shipalane

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ous Rams.

Brett Mazmanian also had an RBI, while Josh Kirsten scored a pair of runs.

The 20-and-under Rams, scoring five times in the sixth inning, improved to 15-7 in the MCBL with a 10-0 sixinning mercy victory over the Thunder, which dropped to 1-14.

Winning pitcher Colin O'Connell, a lefty from Spring Arbor University, pitched five scoreless innings to pick up the win. He struck out eight,

"This is nice because we've won three in a row using a lot of different players and lineups," said Fitzgerald. "We have a lot of good players and some versatile guys. We've had some

was named to the All-PDL Team of the Week. He had three goals and two assists in the Bucks' three-game win streak. He has six goals and three assists this season.

walked only one and allowed just three hits. Livonia Stevenson's Matt Tuttle (Adrian College) struck out all three batters he faced in the

Offensively, Stevenson's Nick Plinka (MU) led the way going 3-for-4 with an RBI.

sixth.

Mazmanian added two hits, two RBI and scored a pair of runs. Ryan Abraham also went 2-for-2 with an RBI. Tim Cross doubled in a pair of runs, while Dan Augustine and Persichino each added an RBI.

Cooper went 2-for-3 in a losing cause.

Losing pitcher Chris

Morand gave up five runs on six hits and walked five in his four-inning stint for the 22-and-under Thunder. Jared Ferencik and Kyle Trudell each pitched an inning.

The MCBL standings as of Monday include: 1. Michigan Monarchs, 16-4-1 (33 points); 2. Michigan Bulls, 15-4-1 (43 points); 3. Michigan Rams, 15-7-0 (30 points); 4. Michigan Dodgers, 12-8-0 (24 points); 5. Michigan Blue Knights, 10-10-1 (21 points); 6. Detroit Eagles, 6-14-0 (12 points); 7. Mid-Michigan Trailblazers, 2-16-1 (5 points); 8. Tecumseh Thunder, 1-14-0 (2 points).

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left quite an impression.

"He was on another team, they beat our team, and it opened my eyes," Daniel said. "Number one — what struck me about Craig was how good a skater he was, even though he was a kid from the South with a roller hockey background.

"And number two, he competed. He didn't like to lose battles."

Pierce was more of a role player last season, playing on a checking line and killing penalties for Compuware.

"He was our key to winning faceoffs and he wanted to be the guy on the ice at the end of the game," Daniel said. "Some guys have that quality, and there are others who do not, even though they think have it.

"I'm sure the transition last year was not easy being away from his family and friends, but he proved he could cope. We're lucky to have him. Craig is an incredible character kid."

Pierce, only one of two players returning on the Compuware squad, will most like have additional duties for the upcoming season.

"He'll be expected to fill a leadership role," Daniel said.

"And he's in a unique spot because he's older and still in high school, which will make it a bigger burden."

Pierce, who has been catching up with old friends this summer, has been skating and working out on a regular basis in Atlanta in preparation for the 2008-09 season.

"Last year I was more of an energy guy, get the team pumped up and make a big hit," he said. "This year I want to be on the power play, in every situation where I can put more points up.

"Our spring team this year was more of a team. Last year we had a lot of good individual players, but this year I think we'll be stronger all-around because we have two good goaltenders, a solid defense and scoring forwards."

Pierce is looking forward to his second year in the North. Michigan's harsh winter left him undeterred.

"At first I was wearing multiple sweat shirts, two pairs of socks, but I got used to it," he said.

And it didn't hurt that he had a solid support network of relatives, which not only included his grandparents, but also two uncles and an aunt who live in the Plymouth-Canton area as well. Pierce excelled academically, maneuvering around a massive and sprawling, threepronged high school campus — Plymouth, Canton and Salem

- while posting a 3.7 gradepoint average.

"It was a different experience, walking in the snow class-toclass," he said. "At first I got lost, but I had friends that helped me out. I just tried to focus on my grades and hockey."

Craig credits his grandmother Lynn, a nurse, for her unyielding support.

"You could say I'm her favorite grandson since I've been living with her," he said. "I got a letter from her the other day and she said she misses me. She's a great lady. She helped me out with a lot of projects, she cooks, she does my laundry and she's at most of my games. She's been a big help. It's been a great experience to move in with my grandparents and live on my own."

Meanwhile, his father Joe certainly will continue to pile up his frequent flyer miles.

Last season he came up for games on a monthly basis, driving by car once all the way from Atlanta to Sarnia, Ontario, for a tournament, and surprising his son on another occasion when he flew in for a tournament in Chicago.

Craig also has an older broth-

er Brett, 21, who played hockey and now is a film major at the Art Institute of Atlanta. Brett also paid a visit to see Craig play.

Joe, meanwhile, realizes he'll go through more of the same this season. Craig talks with his parents on a daily basis via cell phone conversations or text messaging.

"Part of the reason and accepting of Craig being away from home is being with my mom and dad (Malcolm) — they have his best interest," Joe said. "I owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to our family in Michigan. I'm extremely proud of his passion to leave home and pursue his dream. He's doing well in school and he's proven to be self-reliant, organized and able to budget his time."

Craig already knows where he'd like to be a year from now. "Hopefully I'll sign with a

junior team after this year and I'll know what junior team I'll be with," he said. "It will be a higher tempo, higher league with older guys. And from there I'll be playing college hockey with a Division 1 scholarship."

And Pierce's desire to continue his hockey dream burns bright — all the way from Atlanta.

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Grandmother Lynn Pierce (left) has become Craig's biggest supporter while playing for the 18-and-under Compuware Midget Major AAA team.



The three-paneled new scoreboard at Michigan International Speedway keeps race fans informed and entertained at a dizzying clip.



and that kind of gave me an opportunity to work with the Red Wings," Lynch noted. "That led to a summer job with the Tigers."





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He's the man to get everything up to speed, so to speak. There's up-to-the-second place positions of 43 drivers, not to mention their average speed and distance from the front.

All of that information and more is front-and-center for spectators to peruse. Meanwhile, the former scoreboard at MIS could only keep people posted on the top five entries.

It is an increasingly daunting task for Lynch and others in similar jobs, but it's what people expect in today's increasingly wired world.

"Technology is advancing and it certainly is great for the fans," Lynch said. "But sometimes you long for the old ways of doing things."

Even so, Lynch relishes the new ways, too. doesn't want to do anything but the demanding sports media else. He talked about what got the ball rolling a decade or so ago.

First on his resume was a job working Garden City's municipal cable Channel 18.

There, he directed cablecasts of council meetings and worked on the production of various video programming. "I did everything."

Before long, he met Channel 18's Dan York, who also handled broadcasts of Detroit Rockers professional indoor soccer games at Joe Louis Arena back in the late 1990s. (York still does the PA at Garden City High School football and basketball games.)

"He (York) was the announcer at Rockers games and he got me a DJ job (for the Rockers) PERFECT FIT

And those kinds of connections continue today, keeping Jason's impressive resume in a constant growth pattern.

"The MIS job came to me because the guy in charge of it (Dennis Bickmeier, vice president of consumer marketing and sales for MIS) was attending Supercross at Ford Field," Lynch explained. "He walked into the control room and basically said 'I'm looking for someone to run this brandnew video board.'

"I happened to know this type of equipment (LED, Light Emitting Diode) and he basically hired me on the spot."

Jason added that Bickmeier was looking for somebody "familiar with the equipment (who does) things on the fly."

There were a couple months of practice runs leading up to the June 15 unveiling, of course.

But the actual event day went better than Lynch could have expected.

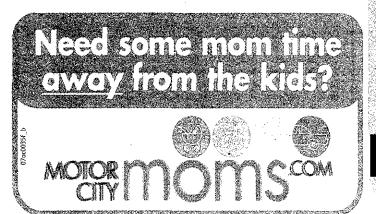
"There were some bugs," he said, smiling. "But none of the bugs appeared to anyone."

And now, the independent contractor plans on keeping his plate full with the local teams until something bigger comes along.

"I've done five Stanley Cups, the (baseball) All-Star game, the Super Bowl and World Series," Lynch said. "Now, what is there? Maybe I could do some sports packages and travel with ESPN."

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PC Pride needs coaches

The PC Pride girls fastpitch softball organization is accept-

SPORTS SHORTS ing coaching applications for the 2008-09 season. Applications, due Aug. 1, can be downloaded on the Pride Web site at www.





eteamz.com/pcpride. The Pride offers three levels of play for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-and-under divisions for Western Wayne County, Community Travel and Premier travel leagues.

For more information, call Rick Hayes at (734) 367-2557.

PC Pride fastpitch tryouts

The PC Pride girls fastpitch organization will stage tryouts and skill evaluation for the 2008-09 season on Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 23-24, and Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Sports Center, located on Michigan Avenue. Participation on all three dates

is not required. For tryout times and a tryout

application, visit the Pride Web site at www.eteamz.com/pcpride.

The Pride offers three levels of play for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18and-under divisions for Western Wayne County, Community Travel and Premier travel leagues, and is the girls fastpitch arm of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association.

For more information, call Rick Hayes at (734) 367-2557. Whalers add Ronayne to staff

Compuware Arena President Mike Vellucci announced the hiring of Denise Ronayne as Director of Sales and Marketing for the Compuware Arena and the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers, effective immediately.

Ronayne comes to Compuware Arena and the Whalers after working as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for SKM Marketing, a custom publisher based in Bloomfield Hills.

Prior to that, Ronayne worked for Doner Advertising in Southfield, working directly in the automotive industry with Ford and Mazda.

"Denise has been successful in sales in the Detroitmarket for a long time," Vellucci said. "Her presentation and ideas during our interviews were outstanding. With her passion for sales and the Whalers, Denise is

a good fit for our organization."

Ronayne grew up in Farmington and attended Farmington High School before attending the University of Michigan and earning an MBA in Marketing from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Ronavne became familiar the Whalers when relatives became land-parents for the team.

We started attending four or five Whaler games a season as a family," Ronayne said. "And then we started following Catholic Central High School hockey, who also plays out of Compuware Arena. So we came to Compuware Arena all the time.'

Ronayne is excited to start spreading the word about the Whalers and everything that Compuware Arena offers.

"There are a lot of things here to be extremely excited

about," Ronayne said. "It's a great organization with really good people. The Whalers are good players who grow up in the community. Our hockey families love this place, and there are reasons for other families to begin to love this place.

"At heart, I'm a hockey fan. I love the noise, I love the background. Compuware Arena provides a great backdrop to do a lot of fun things for everyone involved."

After opening up the 2008-09 season on Friday, Sept. 19 in Kitchener, Plymouth will face-off against the Erie Otters 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 in their home opener at Compuware.

Season-tickets, FLEX packages, group rates and single-game tickets can be purchased by calling the Compuware Arena Box Office at (734) 453-8400.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwhalers.com.

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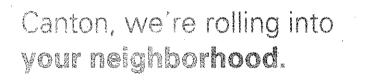
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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, July 21st, 2008, Tate & Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, v be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by pul auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale v be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse a and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: EXT SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, 48187 AT 12:00 PM.

Hester Barksdale	I316 10x	15 Circular Saw, 6 ft Aluminum Ladder, Wooden Buffet Table, 15+ totes of misc. household goods/collectables, 100+ boxes of misc. household goods and collectables.
Denise Marcellino	F217 5x1	0 6+ Bags of clothing, 4 misc. totes, 2 Briefcases, 1 fax machine, misc. unpacked clothing.
Denise Marcellino	J351 10x	10 Computer Table, 6+ Totes, Curio Cabinet, Bag of Doll Collectibles, Very-large floor fan, MANY Misc. boxes/totes etc. of household goods and/or collectibles.
Claud Stopchinski	E196 10x	10 Wood Desk*, Caribbean Chair*, Sofa*, Box Springs, Mattresses, Coffee Table, Vacuum, trail bike, 2 antique chairs and matching table, Tiffany Lamp, Dresser*, Refrigerator with vertical doors*, Misc. household goods.
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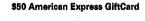
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2008 for the following:

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Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for New Projector Power for Salem and Plymouth High Schools. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or (248) 427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at the Canton High School Construction Trailer located at 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. <u>Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend</u>. This Bid Package will consist of sealed bids for **Bid Division: #143**: Electrical.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bid securities may be in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 23, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly. This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Steven Sneideman, Secretary

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Want your lawn to look lush and green this summer? Kevin Frank, of Michigan State University's Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, offers these tips:

NEWLY ESTABLISHED TURF AND IRRIGATION

Make sure to give some tender loving care to all of those newly established turf grass areas that were seeded this spring. These new seedlings might need some special care to make it through the summer. Established turf can survive extended periods of time without irrigation or rain and still bounce back when moisture returns. If the summer really drags on with high temperatures and no rain for three-four-week periods, it's probably a good idea to give the turf a "mercy" irrigation of about 0.5 to 0.75 inch of water to prevent the plant from dying. However, young seedlings that are still gaining a foothold are not going to be as hardy for surviving the heat and lack of moisture. If the decision on the established turf areas are to only irrigate sparingly or not at all, make special considerations for the newly established areas so you don't end up renovating again in the fall.

SUMMER FERTILITY

The aim of fertilizer programs during the summer months should be to sustain turf grass quality without excessive top-growth. The use of fertilizers with the majority of nitrogen being slow release is desirable to achieve a consistent feeding of the turf over time. There is certainly a wide selection of fertilizer products with different slow release technologies and often the choice of products depends



products to lawn turf, then mowed at two and 14 days after application and used the clippings as mulch around a variety of annual flowers and vegetable plants. Some of the weed control products injured the plants when clippings were used as mulch up to 14 days after application. Insect or disease control products did not cause any noticeable injury.

The conclusion: allow at least two weeks after applying weed control products before using clippings as mulch. These clippings can be returned to the lawn or directed toward the compost pile. The weed control products will degrade quickly during the composting process.

MOWING TREE LEAVES

Mowing tree leaves in the autumn and returning them to the turf system is an outstanding alternative to raking and bagging (the same landfill constraints also apply to tree leaves). MSU studies have evaluated the effects of mowing tree leaves into lawns. In these studies, up to 6 inches of various types of tree leaves were mowed into lawns. No adverse effects were detected on the lawns.

Reports from professional turf managers who have been practicing this technique on golf courses and commercial turf have been positive. Homeowners interested in an alternative to raking leaves might want to try mowing them. A couple of passes with the mower will break the leaves down into small pieces. The leaf residue will be evident after mowing, but it will sift into the turf within a few weeks and will be unnoticeable in the spring. You can even rake leaves that accumulate in planting beds, fence lines or other areas out into the lawn and mow them. For best

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Q: What does a co-owner do when a builder does not pay his bills and a lien is placed on his/her unit?

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respect to liens that were pending at the time of closing. After the closing, a lien on the common elements should not attach to the unit itself, but only to the coowners' ownership interest in the common elements. You are best advised to consult with an attorney as soon as possible.

Q: I have a very difficult condominium association where the bylaws are strictly enforced in some instances but not in others. I have a bird feeder and there were no rules against bird feeders. Therefore I placed mine in a small flower planting area between my Unit and my neighbors. A new owner moved in and asked me to move the bird feeder because it bothered her. I refused

on personal preference or past experience. In addition to the various synthetic slow release fertilizers the natural organics will also provide a gradual feeding of the turf during the summer months. Natural organics rely on microbial activity for nitrogen release and microbial activity, assuming we have some soil moisture, will be higher during the warm summer months than the cooler spring or autumn. Avoid single, heavy dose applications of water soluble fertilizers such as urea, they'll give you that quick response but may result in reduced drought hardiness and increased susceptibility to diseases.

MOWING IN THE HEAT

Consider bumping the mowing height up a notch or two during the summer. The more top growth the plant has the more leaf area it has to harvest sunlight and ultimately grow roots. Also, although it seems basic, avoid mowing during the heat of the day. Last year I witnessed several incidents of tip burn on turf grass simply from mowing during the hottest part of the day. Typically this type of damage happens when mowing occurs on heat or drought stressed turf. When the turf is close to wilting and you apply any sort of impact,

especially from hot black tires on mowers, you will likely get tip burn. The plant hasn't been killed and will recover rather quickly but the fact is the damage has been done. Unless you like telling your neighbors that it was an alien landing creating turf circles on your lawn, it's best to avoid mowing during the hottest part of the day when the turf is under stress.

MSU colleagues G.T. Lyman and P.E. Rieke add the following lawn care advice:

MOWING FREQUENCY

A general rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-third of the total leaf surface when mowing your lawn. This may require mowing every four to five days during rapid growth in the spring. Removing more than one-third of total leaf surface can severely injure the grass plant by decreasing its ability to support its underground portions.

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restricts many residents from dumping yard wastes such as grass clippings and leaves into landfills, so it is best to manage them on your site. Return clippings to the lawn whenever possible. When the lawn is mowed so that less than onethird of the total leaf surface is removed, grass clippings can easily be returned to the lawn.

Excessive accumulation of clippings from infrequent mowing may smother the turf and should be removed. A common misconception is that clippings left on the lawn will promote thatch buildup. This is not true.

Clippings do not make significant contributions to thatch and should be returned to the lawn whenever possible. These leaves contain mostly water and break down rapidly, releasing nutrients back into the system. Returning grass clippings means that nitrogen applications can be reduced by as much as 1 pound per 1,000 square feet per year. To accommodate this practice, mulching mowers are now available that chop clippings into small pieces and distribute them back to the turf surface.

If clippings are removed. they can be used in compost piles or as mulch. Backvard compost stations are becoming increasingly popular, and grass clippings are a welcome addition. An important concept for composting is to create the correct carbon to nitrogen balance ("browns" to "greens") in the pile. Many experts suggest an ideal ratio of 30:1 carbon to nitrogen for best compost results. Grass clippings are relatively high in nitrogen, with an approximate 13:1 ratio for green clippings.

Combining or layering grass clippings with tree leaves, straw, soil or other materials considered to have a high carbon content will be effective. Many gardeners use grass clippings as a mulch in vegetable or ornamental gardens. This is an excellent use for this material, but caution is required if weed control products have been applied recently. In tests conducted at MSU, researchers applied several weed control results, raise your mowing height to better accommodate the tree leaves, and mow when the leaves are dry.

MOWING EQUIPMENT

The key to a quality cut with any style mower is to use a sharp, well-adjusted mower. Dull, poorly adjusted equipment tears rather than cuts the grass, leaving a ready site for disease invasion and giving the lawn a frayed, brownish look. An easy way to accomplish this task is to purchase an extra mower blade for your machine so you can always keep a sharp blade on hand.

The frequency of changing the blade is up to you. Many professional turf managers change blades daily, but once a month would be a good start. For best results, mow when the turf is dry; this will also eliminate clumping. Varying the mowing direction from time to time can reduce wear patterns. Recent industry advances in mulching mowers have made them increasingly popular. They differ from the side discharge and reel mowers by recirculating the grass within the mowing chamber to produce smaller pieces.

For more information on lawn care, visit www.turf.msu. edu. and she then became a board member and I have now received a complaint letter about the outdoor cooler that she has said is bothersome to her and now I have to remove it. What can I do?

A: Obviously the association documents need to be reviewed and if there is no prohibition against bird feeders, it should not be precluded. As to your outdoor cooler, it depends upon the documents. You are best advised to have a community association lawyer write to the board for clarification and articulate your legal position.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staving 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@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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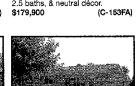
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	590 Pinehurst Dr	\$309,000				
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\$252,000	28924 Glenarden St	\$149,000		
\$327,000	29324 Parkside St	\$274,000		
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State Sen. Tupac Hunter, Rep. Richard LeBlanc and Rep. Gino Polidori will join efforts of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County on July 10 in Inkster. They will take up a hammer to help Habitat build a house at 26110 Dunning St.

"Legislative Build 2008 is an opportunity for legislators to see what is going on in the area of affordable housing and community improvement right in the districts they serve," said Alice Dent. Habitat executive director.

The legislators will perform construction work on a house being built for a family with five children. As part of the Legislative Build 2008, nearly 90 percent of the Michigan Legislature signed on to work on an affordable housing or community development project in or near their district sometime this summer.

The Legislative Build 2008 is a partnership between many statewide groups who work for affordable housing, neighborhood improvement and community development. The partners include Habitat for Humanity

Heating seminar

Would you like to save two-thirds on your pool and water heating bill this summer? Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center, in northern Oakland county, will be offering an opportunity to do just that. From 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 12, UHEAC will host a seminar titled "Solar Pool and Hot Water Heating" with Donna Napolitano. Napolitano has been involved in the solar industry since 1982. She is co-owner of Mechanical Energy Systems, located in Canton, which specializes in solar applications including day-lighting, water heating, air heating and pool heating systems.

Registration is recommended but not required. To register for the seminar, send an e-mail to clifford@uheac.org with the contact information for each attendee. A minimum donation of \$10 is requested at the door. For directions or further information, visit www.uheac.org or call (248) 693-1021.

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By Kevin Koloian **Avanti News Features**

While this vehicle is fairly new to the Pontiac line, it's not new to General Motors. It's a version of the Chevrolet Equinox, which was introduced four years

ago, and the Saturn Vue, which debuted six years ago. Although essentially a twin to the Equinox, the Torrent shares the same sharp lines and beefy styling cues such as pronounced wheel arches, there are a few minor differences.

Separating the two is Pontiac's signature twin-port grille and faux skid plates on the front and rear ends. The Torrent is available in two trim levels - the

\$22,855-priced base and \$28,980-priced GXP. Standard equipment on the base Torrent includes 16-inch alloy wheels, air-conditioning, a CD/MP3 player with an auxiliary audio jack, cruise control, full power accessories, OnStar, a trip computer and three 12-volt power points.

Besides getting more power when you upgrade to the Torrent GXP, you also get performance-tuned suspension and steering, 18-inch wheels, unique hood and body-color bumpers, dual exhaust outlets, privacy glass, remote vehicle starting, a sport instrument panel, front sport seats with multilevel heating, a power driver seat, steering-wheel audio controls and

an auto-dimming rearview mirror. Some of these upgrades plus extras like leather upholstery are available on the standard Torrent in the Preferred and Premium packages. The Sun and Sound Package adds a premium Pioneer audio system with an in-dash CD changer and a sunroof. Stand-alone options include a navigation system, a

rear-seat DVD entertainment system, satellite radio, a towing package and 17-inch wheels on the standard Torrent.

For even more personalization, the 2008 Torrent is available with a chrome exterior package that includes a chrome grille, chrome front and rear skid plates, chrome roof rails and chrome door handles. There are also three new exterior colors to choose from: Deep

Blue Metallic, Teal Metallic and Carbon Black Metallic. The base Torrent is equipped with a 3.4-liter V6. good for 185 horsepower and is mated to a five-speed automatic transmission. The GXP gets a 3.6-liter V6 that pushes out 264 horsepower and comes with a sixspeed automatic transmission with manual shift control.

The base Torrent offers a fuel economy of 17 miles

The Pontiac Torrent, now in its third year, has found a fan base in buyers who want a vehicle with rugged good looks, easy-to-drive road manners and ability to haul a family of four.

per gallon in the city and 24 on the highway, which are

bulky SUV, GM says. The vehicle can be easily reconfigured for cargo hauling. The second seat can be moved back to create

forward to increase the length of the cargo area. And

the front passenger seat can be folded to accommodate

seat reclines. This is a rare feature in SUVs of this size or price. The Torrent, along with the Equinox, has the

widest rear door openings in its segment, making entry

The cargo area features a clever tray that pulls out

of the floor and can be slotted into one of three height

hidden compartment. This design allows two levels of In the area of safety, the Torrent comes standard with

StabiliTrak, GM's electronic stability control system,

tire pressure monitoring system, and front and rear

using sensors to measure acceleration, deceleration, and steering direction. The takes this data and

regulates the vehicle's acceleration or applies the

crash test rating by the National Highway Traffic

curtain side-impact air bags and Passenger Sensing

Safety Administration with enhanced occupant protection in the event of a crash. This includes the addition of rollover detection sensors for the head

StabiliTrak helps drivers maintain control during sudden maneuvers or in low traction conditions by

Last year, the Torrent built on its five-star frontal

levels, so it can be used for different things, even a

To ensure comfort for backseat passengers, the rear

ample legroom, or it can be moved nearly a foot

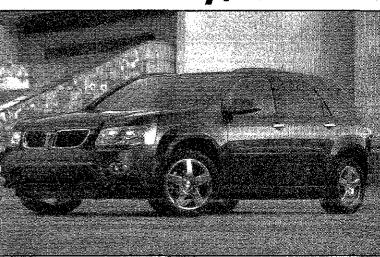
longer items, such as skis.

and exit easier.

disc brakes.

brakes at any wheel.

respectable numbers for a vehicle of this size. The Torrent is not an off-road vehicle, but the allwheel-drive system will come in handy in bad-weather driving. And by giving the Torrent a sports suspension and unibody design, it handles more like a car than a



System for the dual-stage frontal driver and passenger air bags. The technology upgrades also spilt into its cabin via

the new electronic Driver Information Center. Located in the instrumental panel cluster, it includes more than 20 personalization and vehicle information features, such as trip odometer, fuel range and outside

temperature display. OnStar-equipped Torrent models feature dual-mode equipment. OnStar's digital equipment also includes enhanced hands-free voice recognition capabilities. Using the GPS satellite network and wireless technology, OnStar features are accessed to the sate of the sat OnStar features core safety services and OnStar Hands-Free Calling, which allows drivers to make and receive voice-activated phone calls using an externally mounted

antenna for greater reception. OnStar's Directions & Connections Plan with Turn-by-Turn Navigation is also available on the Torrent. The new service allows OnStar customers to talk to a live advisor, who in turn sends complete step-by-step directions to customers' vehicles through their OnStar system. Audio directions are then automatically played through the vehicle's stereo as they are needed, triggered by the OnStar system's GPS capabilities.

The 2008 Pontiac Torrent is certainly worth a look if you want a reasonably priced family vehicle with a long list of available features and enough seating and cargo options to accommodate most road trips. Kevin Koloian covers General Motors for Avanti NewsFeatures. Write to him at avanti1054@aol.com. < mailto:avanti1054@aol.com> Distributed by Fracassa News Group. @2008, Fracassa Communications.

2008 Pontiac Torrent

Vehicle class: Crossover SUV. Power: V6 engine. Mileage: 17 city / 24 highway. Where built: Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada. Base price: \$22,855.





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Lovely brick/aluminum home in quiet area.

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Brighton 248-437-3800 Great Home To Entertain In Wide open floor plan w/soaring ceilings, fireplace & lots of plan w/soaring ceilings, fireplace & lots of windows. 1st fir mstr suite w/jetted tub. Large kit w/hardwood floors. Prof/fin bsmt.



248-348-6430 Canton OUTSTANDING LOT! Fabulous 4 br, 3.2ba colonial backing to woods, hrdwd firs, spacious kitchen w/granite, 3 car garage, large deck, garden windows in basement.

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734-455-7000 Canton UPDATED COLONIAL ON PRIVATE WOODED LOT! 2 story brick, premlum elévation, 2 story foyer, family rm, formal liv rm w/bay window. Newer marble fir in kitchen, new roof, newer 2nd flr carpet, Home warr!

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FABULOUS LOT WITH A VIEW! Immaculate home w/fabulous mstr ste, great island kitchen w/outside vent for spicy cooks. Many extras & upgrades, convenient 2nd floor laundry. Hurry

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



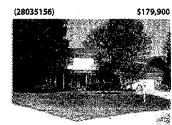
734-591-9200 Dearborn BEAUTIFUL NEWER CONSTRUCTION HOME Prime location! Tiled foyer, Ig open kit w/island overlooks GR and FP, MSTR STE w/jetted tub, LR, DR; 2-car det gar w/elect, full BSMT, 2-5 BAs, eat curb appea (28073307) \$175,000



248-851-1900 **Dearborn Heights** AWESOMEI TOTALLY REDONE 3 BEDROOM RANCH Updated roof & windows.Huge all brand new oak kit. w/brand new appliances. New Pergo firs thru-out Freshy period 100 amp circults, new HWH. 1.75 car garage. \$112,900



248-437-3800 Dexter Charming 3 bedroom ranch situated on a large lot, close to Ann Arbor but lower taxes. Finished bsmt and bonus 4-season rm and the Pricel



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 Canterbury Common Spacious 2958 SF coloniai in Canterbury Common, 4 could be 5 BR, 2 1/2 BA. New roof & HWH, HW Firs under all carpeting, huge FR w/FP.

(28068507) \$229,000



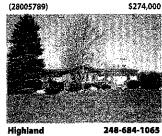
Highland 248-684-1065 Lovely updated lakefront home in Seven Harbors Sub. Open floor plan, Oak kitchen, wood floors, loft, custom fireplace, ceramic BA, and much morel



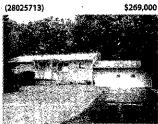
Highland 248-348-6430 Prime Lakefront on All Sports Duck Lake Completely rebuilt in 1997. (2x6) constr. Corian counters in KIT w/island MBR has 2 WICs. MST BA w/jetted tub &sky-lite. FF Indry, Mechanics dream garage(32x24). (28095535) \$389,900



Highland 248-684-1065 3 acres w/ pines for privacy. 2 mstr stes on mainfir w/ jet tubs/ceramic firs. 3rd br w/ bit-in shelves. Open upper loft w/ full ba for 4th br. 2 fp. Huge kit.



Walkout ranch on over 6 acres w/ 40x40 pole barn w/ 12x12 office w/heat & AC. New gormet kitchen. Mst suite w/ jet tub/WIC. Fr doors to FR w/ FP. Much more



248-684-1065 Highland Relax on covered deck and enjoy peaceful hilltop setting from lakefront ranch. Numberous updates. Move in condition. W/O Bsmt w/ natural FP. Access to 5 lakes.

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SAY HELLOTO A GOOD BUY! 3 BR RANCH Newer roof & vinyl windows, updated electric & copper plumbing. New cabs in the bathroom. Large kitchen. HWF throughout. Totally fenced large backvard. FR addition.

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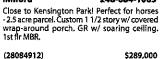


248-684-1065 Great fir plani 2 story entry w/ oak firs, foyer, den w/ french drs, granite kit, nook. LR w/ fp. Lg mstr w/ WIC. Fin bonus rm over gar. \$25K

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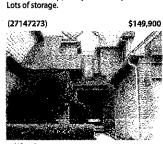


Milford 248-684-1065





Milford 248-684-1065 Great location-walk to downtown. Cathedral ceilings, open kitchen w/ ceramic floor & snack bar. All appl. stay. Deck. Carpeted Bsmt.



Milford 248-684-1065 Open flr plan. Cathedral cells in GR & mstr br. 3 WIC's, 2 doorwalls to deck. Kit has ceramic firs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close to village

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driveway; HW Htr 07. (28077414)

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734-591-9200 Great In Town Plymouth Location. Stoll to town for shopping, concerts, & more. Ready for new owner. Completely repainted in neutrao tones. Hdwd firs T/O; nice size kit/nook area. Full Bsmt: patio. (28062863) \$169,900



Plymouth 248-348-6430 Beautiful Updated Condo With FIN BSMT Updated 2 BR, 1.5 BA, new KIT cab, HWD FLR, large open DR & GR w/picture win & DW to priv deck. Fin BSMT w/tiled laun, wet bar, & cosy FR. Tons of stor. All appliances stay.



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



(28094937)

PICTURE PERFECT & PRISTINE! Cute ranch! Numerous updates: roof, kitchen, C/A, windows, bathrm, back porch, carpet & paint Partialit fin basement, Master BR currently used as family



Royal Oak 248-348-6430 Fantastic Home with Updates! Wonderful quad, many updates! KIT has island & lots of cabinets w/plenty of counter space! Newer siding/gutters, furnace 06. Fresh paint t/o. FR w/gas brick FP. (27211898)

Country Living At its Besti 4.82 acres w/creek running on property. Ranch home features living rm w/large from window, country

kitchen w/snack bar, 3 BR, 2 BA, 1st fir laundry

GROUND LEVEL CONDO! 2 bedrooms/2 full

baths; private entrance; neutral decor; all appliances; close to clubhouse and pool!

NEW PRICE!! Beautiful home. Over 55 complex. Handicapped ramp to front door thru private courtyard. Well kept unit. Main fir laundry.

Spacious mstr bedroom, Neutral decor.

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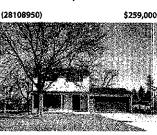
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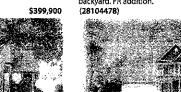
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White Lake 248-437-3800 Lake Front Home! Over 150' of frontage on Round Lakel Home is very unique. Built in 1930. 3 BR, plus a full basement. 3 car garage features ment and an upstairs.



248-684-1065 White Lake Immaculate hom with cozy living room, spacious kitchen, family room w/ nat FP. Part. fin. bsmt. Lrg fenced yard w/ pool, Shed & extra parking area.





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in upgrades free. (28084731)



SUMMER FUN ON GREAT CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION! 4BR/2.1BA, over 2100' open flr plan. Hardwood flr, newer carpet, family rm w/wet bar & FP, lg living/dining rms, private backyd, pool, clubhouse, tennis ct. (28110725) \$219,900

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Canton 734-455-7000 BRIGHT & INVITING! Nice curb appeal; quiet cul-de-sac. Eat-in kitchen. Family rm w/cathedral ceiling & fireplace. Loft/office overlooking family rm. Lg deck & paver patio.



734-455-7000 WELL-MAINTAINED & UPDATED BRICK RANCH! Newer roof w/25yr warr, new SS appls, new carpet in BRs, new HWT. Lg foyer w/ceram tile. Great rm w/FP. Kit w/island & brkfst nook. Prof. landscped yd w/sprink.



Canton 734-455-7000 BETTER THAN NEWI 2 bedrooms/2 full baths; cathedral ceiling; lots of windows; all appliances; neutral decor; atttached garage; close to pool.



Commerce 248-684-1065 Enjoy all sports Lk Sherwood. Boat/dock priv. & ingrd. pool. Priv. treed yard. Remodeled brick w/o Ranch. Open fir pln, granite kit, 3 gas FP & more!

\$319,900

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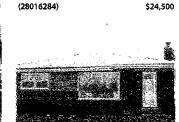
Featuring 2 Full KiTs, 2nd in LL With 27x15 FR, 3rd BA, 4th LIB, DR, BR. Possible Mother-In-Law Ste, Ranch w/open floor plan & 1st flr laundry. Newer roof. Large wooded .47 acre lot offers privacy.



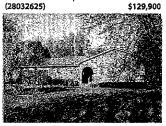
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Frederic 248-348-6430 Manistee River Frontage Quiet location on a paved road, near blue bear. Snowmobile trail, Small shed, build your seasonal or year round home. River frontage



Garden City 248-851-1900 3 BR RANCH WITH BEAUTIFUL NEW KITCHEN Stainless appi, ceramic fir, beautiful backsplash & countertops. 2 new baths, finished bsmt w/berber carpet, bar, office. Walk to elementary school, Across from park.



248-437-3800 **Green Oak** Exceptional Home On Over A 1/2 Acre Open floor plan, updated kitchen w/hardwood floors. Lrg family rm w/fireplace. Part. finished bsmt w/home office & rec rm w/bar. Very private fenced backyard.

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Howell 248-437-3800

STUNNING 2 STORY Shows like a model. You'll love the layout. Premium wooded lot w/wildlife is very peaceful. Stamped patio and a 3 car garage.



248-851-1900 BETTER THAN NEW CONDITION 2005 built 3 bedroom colonial features a large yard, second garage workshop, granite, ceramic, marble and upgrades.

(28094393) \$234,500



Livonia 734-591-9200 Start with the gorgeous entry dr into the foyer w/tray ceiling, onto the beautifully remodeled kit with cherry cabs, a built in smartly designed buffet, fam rm with parquet firs in excellent conditio



Livonia 734-591-9200 Location, Quality, Value and Charm! This 4 BR, 2.5 BA, brick coloniai has it all. Lg FR w/FP, Formal DR,Updated: Kit, Elec Svc, C/A, Heating System, new carpet, fresh paint. Deck over looks la dbi lot.



Livonia STEP BACK IN TIME Cozy 3 br,1 ba home in Livonia.Hrwd fir and rich wood molding in LR. Newer oak cab in eat-in kit w/door to yard. Updated baincl soaker tub & pedestal sink.



Northfield 248-437-3800 Lake Front Homell Over 90' frontage on All Sports Whitmore Lake. Magnificient full body lake view. Lrg frnt yrd w/plenty of parking. Newer maint. free trex deck & newer seawail.

(28064000)

\$269,900



Novi 248-348-6430 Great location in Novil Mint con'd home has kit w/maple, Pergo, security system and new stainless appl. Cozy gas Fp w/brick. Fin lot adds 200 SF liv space. Fin bsmt dds addl liv space!

(28054749) \$250,000



Novi 248-348-6430 Private Entry Condo Lovely 1.5 story. KIT w/ granite & HDWD, LR w/vaulted clg. Comfortable 1st fir mstr w/volume clg. Partially fin'd daylight

bsmt. 2 car att gar. Pool in complex.



Novi 248-348-6430 Ready To Move Right In! Unpack and settle right in! Freshly painted throughout. Relax in Ig LR w/gas FP. Kit has eating area w/bay window overlooking lovely private patio. Fnshd bsmt.

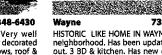


Great Location & Great Price! Very well maintained condo that is tastefully decorated in neutrals, newer flooring, windows, roof & more, basement is partially finished, private



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734-284-5400 HISTORIC LIKE HOME IN WAYNE Established neighborhood. Has been updated inside and out. 3 BD & kitchen. Has new cabinets, sink, countertop, and tile. Too many to mention. Call (28086340)

Backs To Protected Wetlands, Great Lot! Entry Leads To Study/den On To Beautiful Lr & Dr. Maple Kit, Wood Firs & Natural Fps In The Fr Add Seasonal Warmth. Lg Mstr W/deep Tub, Can Shared Abul Ghart Sep. Shower &dual Sinks. (27201529) \$317,000



248-437-3800 Wixom Super colonial w/lake privileges Outstanding features include: oversized study, kitchen w/spacious counters and built in appliances Fully finished basement w/wet bar. Master sulte and more. (28065662) \$293,750



Wixom 248-851-4100 BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED. 15T FLR MASTER Maintained w/pride. Hardwood firs.1st fir Iaundry, new stove & microwave. Fireplace. Iarge deck, prof. finished LL Beautiful gardens. Near park & nature preserve.



Northville 248-348-6430 Major Renovation Under Way! Now is your chance to select granite, cab's, floors & painti Fin'd W/O LL, 2nd fir laundry, 1/2 acre wooded lot & 400 sqft heated bonus for gym, studio or shop

(28003158) \$599,000

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

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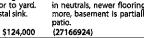




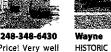


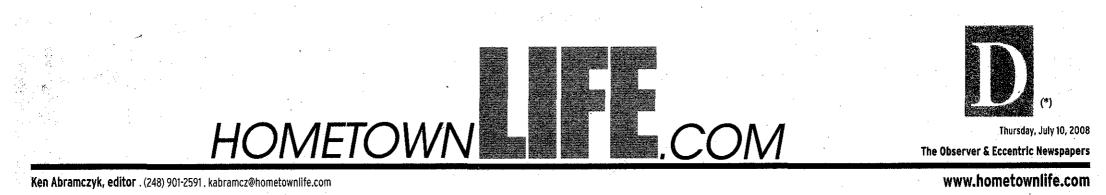
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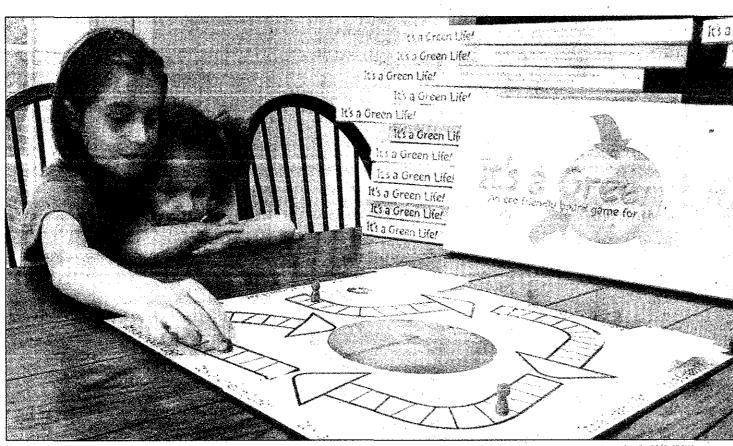












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Kids like Caroline Allen, 8, and her sister Julia, 3, learn how to be environmentally-friendly while playing 'It's a Green Life,' a game their mom invented.

It's easy being green

Locally-made game teaches kids eco-friendly tips

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK O&E STAFF WRITER

When Patty Allen heard about the recent toy recalls, she vowed to get rid of all her daughters' playthings that could contain lead or other hazards. The task proved more difficult than

IT'S A GREEN LIFE

What: Locally-produced board game includes a game board, four pawns, deck of 100 cards and rules. Cost: \$24.95 Where to Buy: The Doll Allen imagined. As she and Caroline, 8, and Julia, 3, checked the labels one by one, they realized virtually all of their toys were 'Made in China.'

"My daughter was crying and begging me not





Jack Aronson of Garden Fresh Gourmet with the company's new Tigers Tortilla Chips.

GARDEN FRESH UNVEILS TIGERS TORTILLA CHIPS

FERNDALE — Garden Fresh Gourmet of Ferndale has teamed up with Major League Baseball and the Detroit Tigers to produce Tigers Tortilla Chips. The chips come in two flavors, Salted and Nacho Cheese, and are available at Meijer Stores and specialty markets at \$2.99 for a 12-ounce bag.

They're also on sale at Comerica Park during Detroit Tigers game, served with Garden Fresh Gourmet's Jack's Special Salsa.

Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop, 3947 12 Mile Road, Berkley, (248) 543-3115; Froggy's Toy Stop, 114 E. Fourth, Rochester, (248) 651-1511; and online at www.ohhappydaygames.com. to throw her things away," Allen said. "It was terrible." The Bloomfield Township mom took unex-

pected action. Allen founded Oh Happy Day Games and got to

work on "It's a Green Life," a board game that's not only Made in America and free of toxins, but also helps kids learn about the environment as they play.

Designed for 2-4 players, children eight and older start play in the Recycling Center and draw cards to advance through 52 spaces, representing each week of the year they can make a difference in the world.

"There are 100 cards in a deck. There are 26 'oops' cards but the rest are all pos-

Patty Allen and her daughters Julia, 3, and Caroline, 8, hold up cards from their board game "It's a Green Life" at their Bloomfield Township home.

itive little tips," Allen said. "I chose tips that I thought would benefit children and the parents who are playing with them."

The first person to reach Planet Earth wins. It's a Green Life takes about 20-45 minutes to play.

"I didn't want something that would take forever," Allen said.

Creating the game was quick as well. Allen first got the idea over the holidays, and with the support of her husband Michael, had a finished sample in hand by mid-May. She did online research to write the game cards, and Caroline drew the logo — a picture of her and her sister.

Mosaic Media in Troy helped develop Allen's ideas into a working game, design the board and establish her website.

Ironically, Allen said it was difficult keeping the "Made in China" label off her own product. After much searching, she contracted DeLano Services in Alleghan to print and package It's a Green Life. "The most challenging part of the pro-

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Myspace vs. Facebook: Readers speak about their preference

BY LANA MINI 0&E STAFF WRITER

It's a common question for local people that's simply asked: Myspace or Facebook?

The two Web sites pretty much offer the same thing: social networking. Both have attracted millions of members worldwide.

Facebookers often hate Myspace. Myspacers seem more tolerant of both.

Myspace is still the king of popularity in membership numbers, but Facebook is catching up fast, especially internationally.

On both Web sites members make a profile about themselves and add friends to it. They post photos, list favorite movies, snoop on their boyfriends' and girlfriends' profiles and post comments on friends' cyber walls about how fabulous they look.

Sounds like no big deal, right?

Wrong.

Myspacers say Facebook

is for boring people. Facebookers say their plain white profile page, and options to "poke" other members to say hello is more mature than Myspace.

When Myspace began, it was popular with teens — but now every age group is on it. Facebook started for college students — but now everyone is on that too.

So here's what readers prefer:

Artist Kelly Dattilio, of Redford, prefers Myspace.

"I use it to network for dance and photography," Dattilio said. "The only thing I don't like is the weird guys on it (who flirt), but I guess there's nothing much you can do about that. I'll admit Myspace is kind of juvenile sometimes, with all the crazy bulletins, but I use it to keep in touch with people I already know so that's not an issue."

Hipster Dan Haberman, owner of The Bosco Lounge in Ferndale, has a profile on both sites for his bar. "It seems people are shifting toward Facebook," Haberman said. "Myspace is slow and clunky with endless sales pitches and promotions (and yes, we're guilty of some promotional bulletins). Facebook seems to have a more global reach for social networking."

Privacy on Facebook is also a concern for a lot readers. When you post a comment to a friend, it tells everyone on your friend list that you did so.

"Facebook also seems to dig into privacy issues in ways that might cause concern in the future." Haberman said. "We're fairly new to Facebook

... so we're still building our base. It is cleaner and faster than Myspace, but requires constant updating for businesses."

For musicians, Myspace is still ruling.

Jeff Robinson, owner of Third Monk Records, an independent record label in

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What: Two social networking groups that are so popular they are forms of entertainment keeping people indoors

The sites: www.facebook.com and www.myspace.com

What they do: Let you set up a profile about yourself and make friends **The biggest differences:** Myspace is haven for music and art lovers, and people looking to meet new people. It's also popular for people who want to share creative ideas through blogging. Facebook is geared more toward those who want to re-connect with people they already know. Although you can meet "new people" on Facebook, most profiles are private. Facebook folks like the site to spy on their friends and find the parties, they say.

Age difference: While it's said that Myspace is for young and Facebook for older crowds, all generations now mingle on both sites. Creative or Clean: Some complain that Myspace profiles are too cluttered with bold colors and huge graphics. Others enjoy the profiles that are often turned into cyber art galleries. Some consider Facebook pages clean and pristine, while others call them bland and lacking personality. Memberships: Myspace has more, but Facebook is catching up fast Garden Fresh Gourmet was formed in 1997 by Jack and Annette Aronson. The company produces awardwinning salsas, guacamole, hummus, chips and dips, sold throughout the U.S. and Canada.

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DEARBORN — Henry Ford Museum will present Chocolate Buzz: An Evening with "Doc Choc" from 7-9:30 p.m. tonight.

Dr. Patrick Fields, dubbed 'Doc Choc' by the Food Network, will discuss the wonderful world of chocolate as part of The Henry Ford's Ideas & Innovations Lecture Series.

He'll cover the history, science, myths and fads of the decadent dessert, while Henry Ford's culinary team suggests beverage pairings to complement various chocolates.

Tickets, \$35, include tastings. Henry Ford Museum is located at 20900 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn.

Call (313) 982-6126 or visit www.thehenryford,org.



CORRECTION

In an article last week, we failed to include the Web site for "Moments of Delight." The book is available for \$29.95. To order a copy, visit www.anadesigns.com, or call (248) 425-0842.

Shady Lane scores on Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula

Jinemaker Adam Satchwell explains why Shady Lane Cellars wines are unique among those from

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Shady Lane's 41 Heald vineyard acres different," he says. "No other Leelanau Peninsula vineyard

has this combination. WINERY BACKGROUND

In the late 1980s, Grand Rapids, Mich., neurosurgeon Joe O'Donnell partnered with his sportsman pal Bill Stouten, a Michigan real estate broker. They purchased a century-old fruit farm outside Suttons Bay, Mich., on Leelanau Peninsula. An appreciation for wine and the developing Michigan wine industry prompted a farm retrofit to wine grapegrowing.

International wine competition recognition fueled expansion, production from estategrown grapes and the 1999 construction of a winery tasting room, an attractive conversion of a century-old fieldstone chicken coop. A state-of-the-art winery was built in 2001.

Since the year 2000, 49-yearold winemaker Adam Satchwell brings decades of experience to Shady Lane. In addition to his California studies in enology and viticulture at the University of California Davis, Satchwell apprenticed with his winemaker uncle Jed Steele, proprietor of Steele Wines in Kelseyville, Calif.

WHAT TO BUY FROM SHADY LANE CELLARS

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(\$22) has a delicate mousse, fine bead and attractive peach, pear and apple aromas and flavors. Lovely.

from the winery.

2007 Estate-Bottled Gewurztraminer (\$18) has all the correct varietal characters honeysuckle and attractive spiciness among them. Generous viscosity and mouthfeel with spiced apple complemented by cinnamon and nutmeg characteristics make this dry style most attractive.

■ 2006 Semi-Dry Riesling (\$16) is delicate and pleasantly dry with outstanding fruit and acid balance. It represents the best in Michigan's wine strength by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

- delicious rieslings. ■ 2006 Estate-Bottled Reserve Pinot Noir (\$32) charms with cherry-berry, rose petal, dried leaves and unique minerality.

A nice touch of new French oak balances fruit elements and makes it a good match to roast chicken, pasta, grilled pork and salmon.

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Plymouth, says Myspace is his online home.

"Being a music guy, the benefits of Myspace are the fact that a band can sell songs directly from their page - and do not have to pay for hosting their material like many sites used to offer," Robinson said. "Soundclick.com now allows

users to offer paid downloads from the hosted page. Ourstage.com is increasing in popularity for bands to get feedback quickly on their material unlike Garageband. com," Robinson said. "I think the ultimate future will be a site like Yuwie.com that profit shares its ad revenue with its users. Imagine, the best bands will get paid the most because they simply get the most legitimate streams."

But what about the nonmusicians, the people who aren't artists? The accountants, attorneys, bankers, auto workers and stay-at-home parents? Where do they gravitate?

Accountant Karla Bouchar, of Oakland University, says her favorite is hands-down Facebook even though she also has a Myspace.

"I have accepted/requested more friends on Facebook, it seems easier to use, it's just more fun," Bouchar said. "I keep in touch with friends, use it to message people in classes when I don't have their e-mail addresses, share/view pictures, message people through new chat systems, see what new is going on with friends." On Myspace she views artists' pages, though rarely.

Charissa Walker, a computer tech in Southfield, also spends more time on Facebook.

"I can honestly say that Facebook has changed my life.

"Facebook is more interactive. Your friends' info is more visible," Walker said. "Myspace tends to take a long time to load because of all the graphics, music, etc. Myspace profiles can get very distracting."

And she said Facebook seems more "adult."

"The events on Myspace are not as visible. If you RSVP to an event you never see it again. But on FB when you RSVP it's on your homepage so you are less likely to forget about it. On Myspace if a friend has a birthday it notifies you once and I never remember to see it again.'

Keith Thompson, of the Detroit rock band Johnny Headband, like many musicians, prefers Myspace and doesn't plan to open a Facebook. Many Myspacers just don't want to jump from site to site.

"We think as soon as (the band) sets up an account with the next social networking site, we will have to prepare for the next 'most important thing' and then it starts to feel like it never ends. We like to wait and see if it will last before setting up an account."

Thompson wants people to hear his music, that's why he stays on Myspace.

"With our band page, we want Myspace to be a place where people can find out about our music. My personal profile is just a place for me to log in and waste time."

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cess was finding someone who would

produce it beginning to end in the United States at a reasonable price," Allen said. "I now know why toys and games are produced in other countries. I feel very fortunate finding a company in the United States, let alone Michigan."

It's a Green Life is made with soy-based vegetable ink and recycled materials, and is mercury and lead-free.

Allen began selling her initial order of 1,000 games at local toy stores and through special events like a recent fund raiser at St. Hugo of the Hills, where her children attend school.

Last week she traveled to Connecticut to introduce the game at the ASTRA Toy Convention, and received orders from independent toy stores in New York,

ENVIRONMENTAL MESSAGES

In It's a Green Life, players advance by drawing cards with positive messages like these:

 Smile! You turned the water off when brushing your teeth!
 You're making a difference! You car-pooled with a co-worker to work this week!

 Good Job! You use a refillable mug at home and on the go!
 Your house smells good! You purchased green cleaners!
 Squeaky Clean! You took a short shower instead of a bath!
 Magnificent! You purchased items without excess packaging!

Massachusetts, Ohio, Connecticut and Oregon.

"It was awesome! The feedback was so positive," Allen said. "It was great to have the game set up and have all the toy store owners play it for

Be the first! You packed a garbage free lunch by taking a reusable container!

Players are set back by Oops! cards like these:

■ Oops! You left the lights on when you left the room!

Oops! You did not recycle this week!

 Oops! You watered your lawn during peak hours!
 Oops! You ran the dishwasher

1/2 full! ■ Oops! You did not weather

proof your home for the winter!

themselves."

It's a Green Life is available locally at The Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop in Berkley, Froggy's Toy Stop in Rochester, and online at www.ohhappydaygames.com.

Local entrepreneur creates card game for couples

LIVONIA — In 2003, Lynn Baldwin wanted to give her then-boyfriend (now husband) a special gift to mark their first anniversary. Instead of searching for it, she designed



Drawing on her creativity, the local writer and marketer developed a game that featured significant moments of their budding relationship. Over time, Lynn expanded on this idea so that other couples, from newlyweds to those together for

decades, could celebrate their own relationships.

Baldwin recently unveiled "Stop & Kiss: A Card Game for Couples" under the auspices of Lindsay Lou Games, LLC, her new company.

"Stop & Kiss is a game for two people in love," Baldwin said. "In these hectic times, I think couples need a way to take time out for each other, explore their relationships and celebrate



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Stop & Kiss is a card game for couples.

their love."

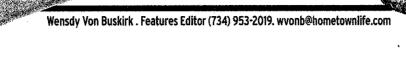
Stop & Kiss features card categories from "Relationship Rev-Up" to "Complete the Thought." Each category directs players to have a conversation about a particular topic, or to ask or answer questions about themselves and each other. There's even a "Wild" card in the deck, inviting couples to show how much they love each other.

Stop & Kiss is a perfect gift for weddings, bachelorette parties, bridal showers, anniversaries, birthdays, or anytime two people want to say "I love you."

Stop & Kiss: A Card Game for Couples, is \$18.95 at www.stopandkisscardgame.com.



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Gems and diamonds shine brighter in shades of the season

ith vibrant colors springing up in everything from summer dresses to patent pumps, a PINK girl wouldn't want to neglect her jewelry box of striking gemstones in hot hues like yellow, pink or blue. For those with the means, it means investing in a one-of-a-kind item that will last. And chances are a robin's egg blue American turguoise-accented wood bangle bracelet or



Stephanie

Casola

purplish-pink kunzite earrings will out-live a single season and become a treasured, timeless piece. Long-standing favorites - rubies, sapphires and citrons also provide a pop of color in earrings, a necklace or a bracelet. Think fashion investment.

Just ask Brian Schubot. He took over his family's business in December and is now president of Schubot Jewellers in Troy. The store, in its 91st year, has an established and loyal clientele - in some cases the third or fourth generation

of family members keep coming back, It's known as the place to find that signature piece of jewelry. While clients keep Schubot Jewellers in mind for engagements, anniversaries and special occasions of all kinds, he said he's proud to be "part of their milestone, their celebration."

And what he aims to do, is simply offer something beautiful, something of the highest quality and something unexpected.

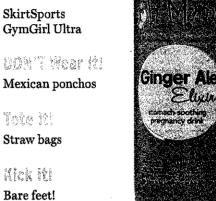
So when you're seeking that ultra-rare pink diamond ring, chances are there are a few sparkling stones from which to choose. Slip on a three-stone ring that sizzles in shades of yellow and rose, set in a platinum band. Yellow diamonds can be found in much larger sizes, Schubot said, and are sure to catch attention.

diamond strands (pictured above). Even hoop earrings are more wearable. They come in an oval shape that's less severe and still stylish. Stop in for a peek and try not to feel like Holly Golightly gazing longingly through the glass cases. Jules R. Schubot's is located

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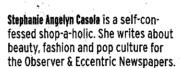
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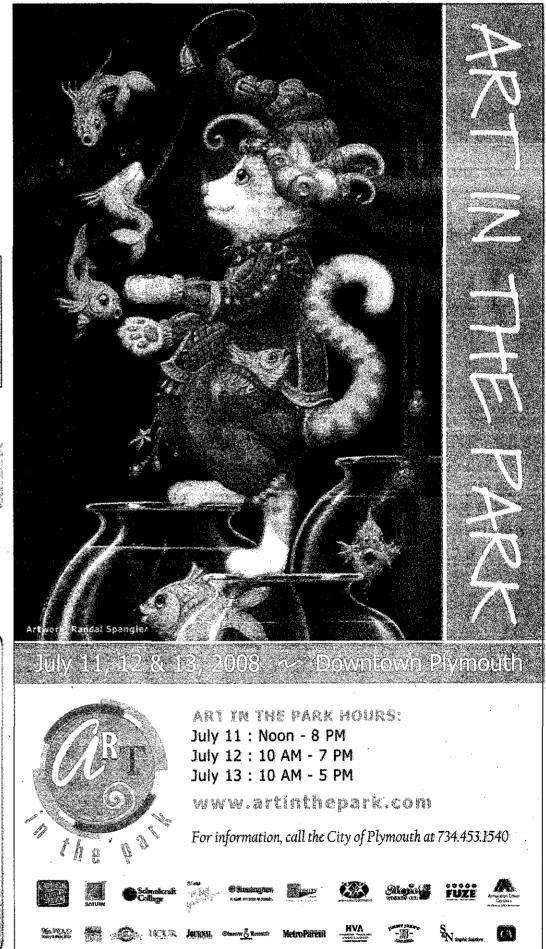
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Experience It! Horseback riding at Maybury State Park







These 13-carat oval kunzite and diamond earrings show that color makes a statement in jewelry too.

Pretty-in-pink jewelry fans might opt instead for kunzite stones, set in earrings you'll have and wear for ages. Schubot said his clients are looking for "pieces that are wearable, not pieces they can wear once or twice a year.'

Schubot's staff designer Joe Campanelli is also on hand to craft just the precious gem adornment to reflect your personality.

If a burst of colorful bling just isn't your thing, there are plenty of other notable jewelry trends on the rise. As gold increases in value, it's popularity has grown as well, said Schubot.

He carries an expandable bracelet made of gold coils and

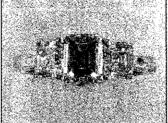
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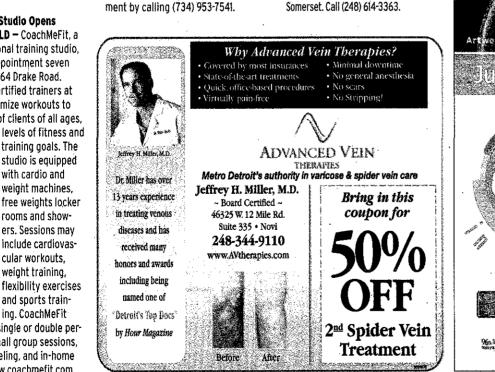
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