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Man facing terrorism charges headed to circuit court

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man facing five felony charges stemming from his alleged attempt to blow up a railroad overpass was

in court briefly Friday morning to waive his preliminary examination. Ian Michael Douglas, 18, dressed in Wayne County inmate clothing, decided

to bypass his exam and will

be arraigned Aug. 22 in Third Circuit Court on

five charges: false report or threat of terrorism, a 20-year felony; placing explosives

weapon, each a four-year felony;



lan Michael Douglas, shown here with near property, a his attorney, waived his preliminary 15-year felony; two examination Friday. The tattoo on his counts of assault left arm asks the question, "What's with a dangerous

and felony firearm, a two-year felony. Douglas, who is being held on a \$500,000 cash bond, is accused of pointing a 12-gauge shotgun at two people at a railroad overpass near Haggerty Road and I-275 during the early morning hours of July 27. The two later reported that Douglas spoke of derailing a train and ignited a pipe bomb on the ground under the overpass.

The explosive caused no damage. Upon arresting him at his Kaiser Street residence, police say they found bomb-making materi-

als, such as pipes and powders. As the Starkweather Educational Center student exited the courtroom Friday, Douglas' supporters gave him a few words of encouragement.

A female said "I love you," and a man offered, "Stay strong, bro."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Church member Rob Stevens looks out at the Crosswinds Church property. The pond takes water that is filtered by bioswales. The property has been recognized by the National Wildlife Federation.

A little heaven on Earth

Crosswinds Church property recognized for supporting wildlife

BY KURT KUBAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

From their Bible studies, the members of Canton's Crosswinds Church are pretty familiar with the garden of Eden. When they built their new church, they did their best to maintain a little bit of Eden here in Canton.

The church's property, located at 43788 Cherry Hill Road near Beck, has been designated an official certified wildlife habitat site by the National Wildlife Federation. According to the NWF, the property contains the four basic elements needed for wildlife to thrive: food, water, cover, and places for wildlife to raise its young.

But it doesn't take a wildlife biologist to figure out the property is a refuge for birds, fish, butterflies, ducks and other wildlife. Its natural beauty is easy to see. The property contains 5.6 acres of protected wetlands, as well as meadows and woodlands.

According to church member Rob Stevens, a former Canton resident who now lives in Ann Arbor, the church opened last November. He said the decision to maintain much of the property for wildlife was an easy one for the congregation.

"A lot of our members hunt, fish, and like to recreate outdoors. We realize it's our responsibility to protect the natural world," said Stevens, who works at a trout farm.

Stevens and other members have planted many native plants, wildflowers and trees around the property, which was once part of the old Ruth Wiles farm (she still lives in a house on the prop-

Perhaps the main feature on the property, however, is a man-made pond that is just under one acre in size. Like all new developments in Canton, the church project needed to have a retention pond to hold the storm water from its roof and parking lot. Members decided to spend a little more money and add 'bioswales' that filter the storm water before it reaches the pond. This has resulted in a body of water that can support fish, which members have planted in it, and other

They have even sunk some old Christmas trees to create habitat for the fish.

In addition to the fish, the pond is already home to plenty of frogs, blue herons, and even a muskrat. However, Stevens says the pond is still a "work in progress." One day he would like it to be a local fishing hole.

"In the future, we would love to have fishing opportunities for the youngsters and our members. But I think we still have a ways to go. We're letting nature take its course, and we'll see what happens," he said.

Crosswinds Pastor Jon Beyer said he is encouraged to see his congregation take such an active role in creating a refuge for nature. He is seeing more churches put an emphasis on promoting stewardship for the natural world.

"I think it's something we need to really start thinking more about, whether it is in the form of recycling what we use or protecting wildlife," he

Plymouth-Canton juniors top state scores on merit exam

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth-Canton 11th-graders continue to perform much better on the Michigan Merit Exam than their counterparts statewide, with improvements coming at a faster rate than students across Michigan.

Results released Thursday indicate students at all four high schools — Canton, Plymouth, Salem and Starkweather who took the test last year and are now seniors — recorded improvements in reading, writing, English-lan-

guage arts, math and science. Statewide, scores increased slightly in most areas of the MME. In social studies, students statewide showed a 3-percent decrease in social studies proficiency, while Plymouth-Canton

students were down 1 percent.

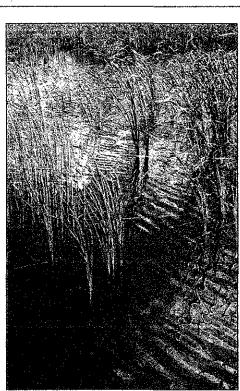
"We attribute the improved scores to the effort of students and the skills they demonstrate, a great job in the classroom by our teachers and support from the community," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

This is the second year of the

Michigan Merit Exam, which was designed to determine how well-prepared students are for college. The exam consists of the WorkKeys job skills assessments in reading and math; Michigan tests in math, science, social studies and persuasive writing; and the ACT college entrance exam.

The scores indicate the percentage of students who scored in the top two performance levels, Advanced and Proficient. Those who place in the Partially Proficient or Not Proficient levels

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The winning shot

Jim Jacoby's photo entitled "Canton 3," the 1st place winner of the Challenge 24 "Discover Canton" photo contest, is currently on display at the Village Theater, along with the other winners in the contest. The contest, held in May, was juried by Canton Observer photographer Bill Bresler. Participants were challenged to submit creative photos captured during a 24day period within the boundaries of Canton's 36 square miles. The Canton Public Art Committee sponsored the contest. The winning photographs will be on display in the Village Theater's vestibule through Aug. 31, and then will begin a tour of other Canton facilities. The theater's gallery hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m; Friday and Saturday 7-9 p.m., and Sundays 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information regarding the exhibit, visit canton-mi.org/ villagetheater or call (734) 394-5300. To view a gallery of the photos, you can also visit our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

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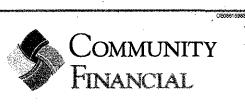
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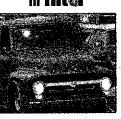
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Coming Thursday



Wild on Woodward

Hearing postponed for teen charged in traffic death

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Ann Koet's preliminary examination in 35th District Court was postponed Friday to give her attorney a chance to meet with officials from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office regarding the negligent homicide charge against the 17-year-old Plymouth girl.



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Clemens attorney Michael Cherry, has been charged with the two-year misdemeanor for her involvement in the April 22 crash that killed motorcyclist Diane Arlene Eickmeyer,

Prosecutor Carol Murray requested that 35th District Court Judge John E. MacDonald reschedule Koet's exam to Aug. 29 because Cherry wanted to meet with her superiors to "see if an agreement can be reached."

"I'm not sure what we are going to do yet," Cherry said after the hearing, noting that Murray had no authority to discuss a deal. "I want to explore reducing the charge."

in contact with Koet's minivan as the teen, who was traveling south on Ridge Road, attempted to cross Ford Road. Police have said neither speeding, drugs

nor alcohol were factors in the collision. Eickmeyer died of her injuries April

Koet remains released on a \$5,000 personal bond.

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ON THE AGENDA

Canton Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 11, on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items on the agenda include:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

■ Oakwood Canton Medical Campus Planned Development (final): Consider request for final PDD. Property is located on the west side of Beck Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

Mational Heritage Achieve Academy Charter Schools: Consider special land use request for a public/private elementary school. Property is located on the west side of Denton Road, north of Geddes Road.

Beaumont Medical Center: Consider special land use for a medical facility. Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

SITE PLANS

■ Marimba Auto Exterior modification: Consider site plan approval for exterior modifications. Property is located north of Van Born Road, east of Haggerty Road.

Canton Township Board of Trustees

The board will meet at 7 p.m., Aug. 12 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Agenda items include:

■ Public hearings to consider the establishment of the Marimba Industrial Development District and to consider a tax abatement for Marimba Auto Llc.

■ Approval of agreement to accept donation of pole barn from the Canton Historical Society. ■ Consider proposal for

professional services to assist with migration to Cityview Version 9.

Consider budget amendment to purchase property offered by Wayne County for tax foreclosure.

■ Request to purchase an irrigation pump system cover for Canton Sports Center.

Municipal credit agreement with Suburban Mobility Authority For Regional Transportation (Smart).

Consider North Arrow Technologies to develop map books for Emergency Operations Field Response And Damage Assessment Teams.

Consider purchase of patrol rifles.

Van Buren Schools Board of Education

The school board will meet at the at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 11 at the Board of Education board room. Agenda items include:

Salvation Army Back to School Supplies donation presentation

■ Belleville High School security program recom-

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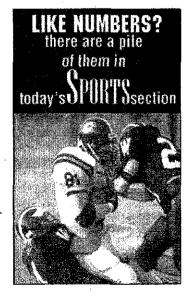
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Canton Young Marines

The Canton Young Marines are looking for a few good boys and girls ages 8 through High School, to join the unit. Upon joining the Canton Young Marines the youth undergo a 26-hour orientation program, spread out over a period of 13 weekly meetings. This orientation program is affectionately called "Boot Camp." The youth learn general subjects such as history, customs, and courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness, and military rank structure.

After graduating from Young Marines "Boot Camp" the youth have the opportunity to learn more new skills, earn rank, wear the Young Marine uniform and work toward ribbon awards. Young Marines earn ribbon awards for achievement in areas such as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, CPR, first aid, and drug resistance education.

The program is open to children from Canton and surrounding communities. The meetings will take place at Summit on the Park in Canton every Monday evening from 5-7:30 p.m. The class is limited to 25 applicants. Classes start Sept. 15. The program focuses on character building, leadership and promotes a healthy. drug free lifestyle. The Young Marines is the official youth program of the U.S. Marine Corps and the focal point for the Marine Corps Youth Drug Demand Reduction Effort. The Young Marines is in no way a recruiting tool for the Marine

For more information, visit the Web site www.cantonyoungmarines.com or contact Charles Volker at (754) 981-5059.

Ask the candidates

With the slate of candidates for the November election set, the Canton Chamber of Commerce is focusing on the issues in their upcoming Candidates Forum, Sept 25 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater at 7 p.m.

The Chamber is developing questions to ask candidates for the offices of Canton Township supervisor, treasurer and trustee, as well as the Wayne County Commissioner

and State Representative. Although questions will not be taken from the floor, local citizens are encouraged to submit questions prior to the forum for the candidates.

Questions can be submitted to memberservices@ cantonchamber.com or by filling out a questionnaire form at the Chamber office, 45525 Hanford Road, Canton. For more information call the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Sponsorships available

The Salem Rocks Football Team now has sponsorships and advertisements available for purchase.

Local businesses, organizations and individuals are now able to purchase sponsorships and program advertisements for the upcoming football sea-

They are a great way to get your name in front of Plymouth and Canton families all season

There are multiple levels available offering a variety of options for you. The levels include services such as programs ads, stadium signage, announcements at games and much more.

All proceeds support the Salem Rocks Football Team. Please contact Don Turner

via email at dturner@longwalkpartners.com or by calling 734-812-0504.

PCEP band craft show

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 22. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by Sept. 1. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, more than 6,000 attendees have vis

ited the PCMB Arts & Crafts Ensemble.

ITC tree removal

Over the next couple of weeks, crews working for the **International Transmission** Company (ITC) will be marking trees for removal in the high power electric corridor that runs through Canton. Federal guidelines necessitate the clearing to ensure there are no disruptions to their service. All trees designated for removal will be marked on the corridor side of the tree. In some instances, trees that are within their safety boundary could be located on, or near, private property. In those cases, ITC will negotiate with the property owner.

For questions or concerns please call ITC directly at (877) 483-4839.

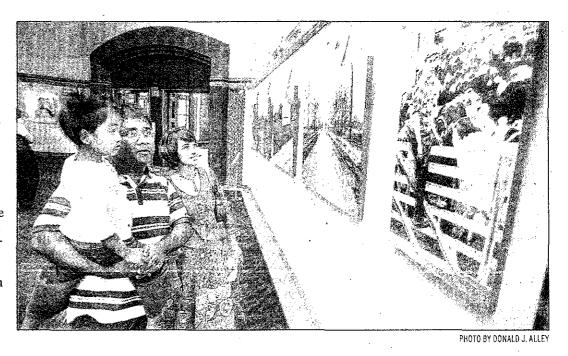
Newcomers welcome Dr. Fiegel

The public is invited to spend an evening socializing, enjoying refreshments from Carrabba's Italian Grill and Back Home Bakery, getting to know your "neighbors" and signing up for 20-plus interest groups (Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Chick Flick, Couples Social, Scrapbooking to name a few) at the Canton Newcomers Wednesday Sept. 3 adult general meeting at Workman Elementary, 250 Denton Road (at Cherry Hill Road).

A special meet/greet is scheduled from 7-7:30 p.m. with newly appointed Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Craig Fiegel. This is the Newcomers' season kickoff meeting. Huntington Bank is sponsoring the event. All remaining 1st Wednesday of the month meetings will be held at Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford. This social, civic and charitable organization will also host a raffle to benefit a local charity.

To order a complimentary September newsletter that will arrive a few days before the meeting, visit www.cantonnewcomers.org or call Noreen at (734) 981-0486.

Plymouth-Canton Head Start



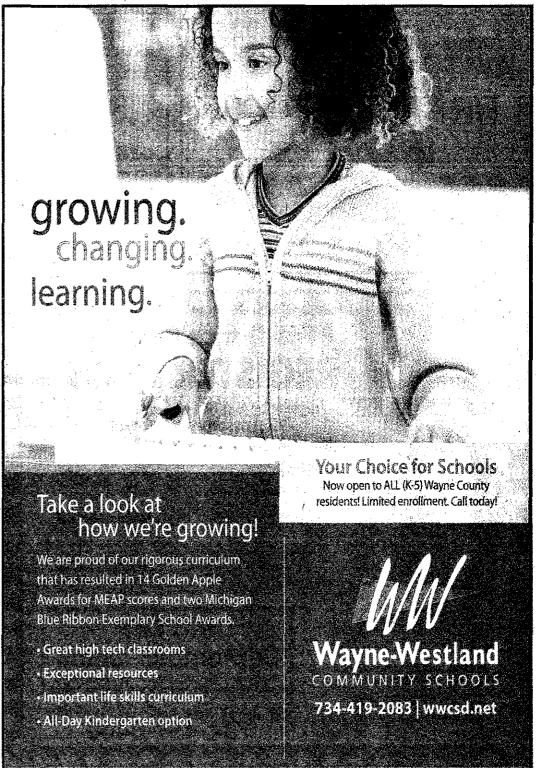
Getting a glimpse of the past

Ram and Sneha Rao, and daughter Shweta, 5, of Canton look at many of the old time photos from Canton's past that were on display inside the Village Theater. The exhibit, "Face to Face: Images from Canton's Past," was presented by the Canton Historical Society, and contained unique and rarely seen images of Canton during its early years. The display, which ran through July 27, featured black and white photographic reproductions representing various people and places of Canton, as well as contemporary photos showing the same locations as they appear today. The current photos were taken by Canton residents Charlie Mott and Larry Arnold.



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Owner of defunct Nightclub accused of destroying building

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

The landlord of the Golden Gate Shopping Center said that "justice" was done in binding over his former tenant, James Adams, for malicious destruction of a building — more than \$20,000 and larceny from a building. Adams, the former co-owner of Tryst Nightclub in the Golden Gate plaza at 8663 N. Lilley, is accused of destroying the club's interior and stealing several items including a water heater, copper piping and lighting fixtures. Adams, who witnesses

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Sports Nightline.....

early March, was in 35th District Court Friday for a preliminary exam. Landlord Edward Tufenkjian testified that when he entered the year-old nightclub a few days after Adams abandoned it, he discovered that urinals had been busted, exit signs were smashed, wiring had been damaged and holes were in the walls. The damage was estimated at \$79,600. Under cross examination, Tufenkjian admitted that he had no direct knowledge that Adams was responsible for the vandalism.

Adams' former business part-

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saw removing items from Tryst in ner, Robert Turcheck, testified that he and his wife ran Tryst with Adams until he locked them out of the establishment in November.

> Turcheck, who is in civil litigation with Adams, said Adams took several items that he purchased for the club including a stereo system and televisions.

"Pretty much my wife and I bought everything," he said, adding that none of the property was left inside the building.

A neighboring business owner offered testimony that he witnessed Adams loading items from the nightclub onto a moving truck for several days in March. Judge John E. MacDonald ruled that the preliminary testimony amounted to

are considered "not proficient." The Class of 2009 took the MME as juniors in March. Completing the MME qualifies students for a \$4,000 Michigan Promise Scholarship from the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The test also gives collegebound students a free ACT score, while the WorkKeys score including reading and applied mathematics can be used for employability skills.

Plymouth-Canton juniors received a composite ACT score of 21.7, compared to 21.4 last year. The composite ACT score statewide remained at 18.8.

"The MME, with the inclusion of the ACT, is a rigorous test and all students have to be prepared with the knowledge to excel," said Mike Flanagan,

state superintendent of public instruction. "As the requirements of the new high school curriculum continue to be implemented, we expect to see

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students' scores improve." While Plymouth-Canton scores continue to be higher than the state average, they still need to get better to comply with federal regulations.

"Our goal is to reach 100 percent by 2014, which is the national expectation by the (federal) No Child Left Behind Act," said Bender. "We take our responsibility very seriously to serve all learners, and we'll continue to try our best."

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

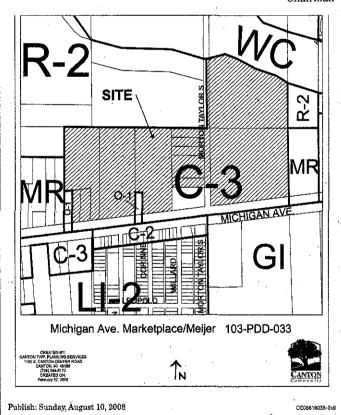
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 25, 2008, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

<u>MICHIGAN AVENUE MARKETPLACE/MEIJER PLANNED</u> DEVELOPMENTDISTRICT (PDD) -(PRELIMINARY PLAN)-CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 103 99 0001 003, 133 99 0001 001, 133 99 0001 002, 133 99 0001 003, 133 99 0001 004 (3650 MORTON TAYLOR S.), 133 99 0002 000 (3700 MORTON TAYLOR S.), 133 99 0004 000 (43600 MICHIGAN AVE.), 133 99 0006 000, 133 99 0007 000, 133 99 0008 000 (43780 MICHIGAN AVE.), 133 99 0009 000 (43800 MICHIGAN AVE.) AND 138 99 0004 000. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Lilley Roads. (First Public Hearing.)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 22, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman



PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP

OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of

the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the

Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold

a Public Hearing on Monday, September 8, 2008 in the First Floor

Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration

Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the

amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive

BLOCH FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER

REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM

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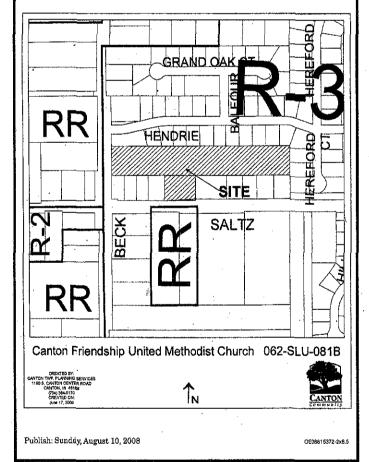
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CANTON FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPECIAL LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE SPECIAL LAND USE IN SECTION 11.02B.3 AND 6.02U. FOR PARCEL NOS. 062 99 0025 701 AND 062 99 0027 000 (PART OF). Property is located north of Saltz and west of Beck

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Resident challenges school trustee's residency claim

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland resident says there's no politics involved in her questioning a Wayne-Westland school board member who maintains that his primary residence is in Westland, not Midland where he now

Nancy Froreich is challenging the statement made by Trustee Frederick Weaver at the school board's July 14 meeting. She contends that, according to Michigan election laws, Weaver can't serve on the board because his residence isn't in the local school district.

"I'm an election inspector, I work with elections; this just didn't look right," said Froreich. "I know you have to be a resident and registered voter and meet the age requirement to vote. What triggered this is that you can only have one residence."

Weaver last month announced that even though he works in Midland, his Westland home is his primary residence. However, according to paperwork Froreich received from the Midland city clerk, Weaver changed his address to Kingston Court in Midland on June 12, a month before he announced that he had put his Westland home up for sale because of the state's economic difficulties, which resulted in his voter registration being changed as well.

The Westland City Clerk's Office has confirmed that Weaver's Westland voter registration is no longer valid.

Reached at a church con-



Weaver

ference in Houston, Texas, last said he was changing the

week, Weaver unaware that address on his driver's license would trigger

a change in his voter registration.

"That's news to me," said Weaver. "I wasn't aware that would happen. I didn't realize that it would change my voting privilege or I wouldn't have done it."

He added that he would change back to his Westland address as soon as he gets back to Michigan.

State law requires that the same address be used for voter registration and driver's license purposes, and the state's change of address/voter registration form notes that if the residence address provided on the application differs from the voter registration address as it appears in the Qualified Voter File, the "Secretary of State will automatically change your registration to match the residence on the application."

Weaver had been senior pastor of Abundant Life Church in Canton, but left 18 months became pastor of North Point Ministries in Midland. He had been making the drive from Midland for school board meetings, but the cost of gas made it "cost-prohibitive to continue a lot of travel," Weaver has said.

When he made his statement, Weaver asked residents to call him, if they have questions. He described Froreich's actions — a letter to the editor that appeared in the Thursday, Aug. 7, issue of the Observer as "going behind my back."

"She never contacted me, I think this is some kind of a political ploy," he said. "I think this is a person with an agenda."

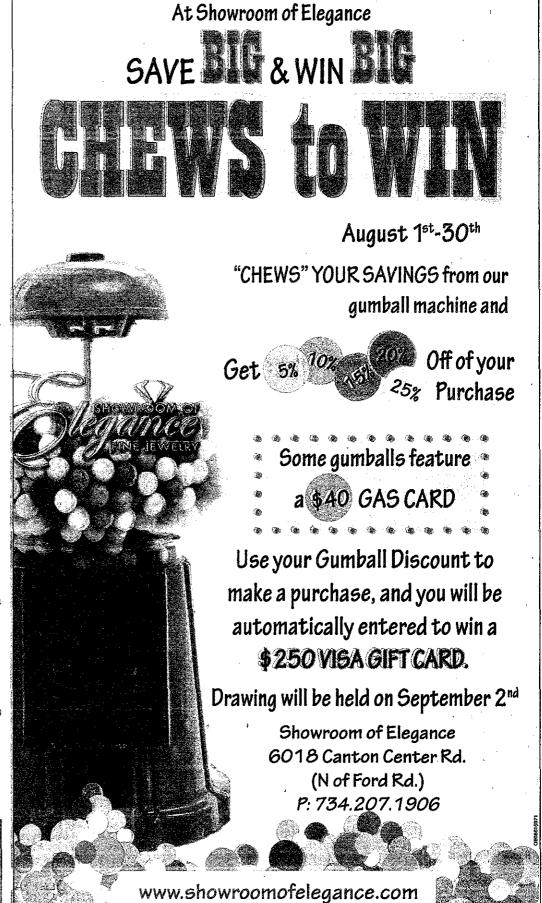
Froreich denies that her actions are politically motivated, saying that the earlier Observer story "triggered her response." She said she knew this didn't seem right based on her knowledge of working as an election official in Canton, so she researched it.

"I don't want to hurt anyone, I want the situation corrected ... and I'm not running for political office," she said. "When it's right, it's right; when it's wrong, it's wrong. That's what it comes down to. Now that I see it up close, I don't like it."

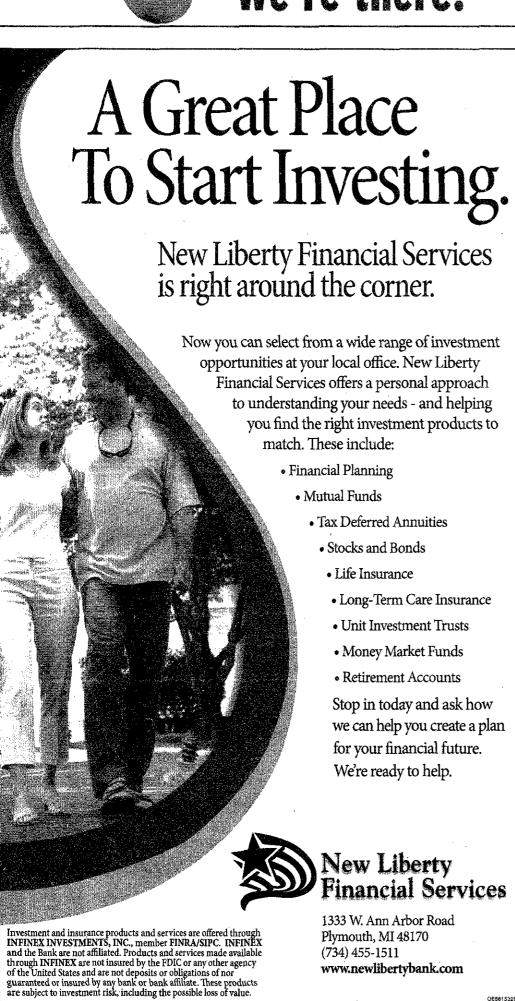
Weaver has said that he "will continue to fulfill my duties as an elected official with hope that the circumstances will change before these circumstances (selling the house) become permanent." Froreich, however, said the change of address now prevents him from doing that.

"He vacated his position himself by changing his address," she said. "It states on the registration you can only have one address. Right now, he's not legally a resident of Westland, even though he owns a home here."

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Teen pleads no contest to four felonies

BY ALEX LUNDBERG OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Stevenson High School student has entered a plea agreement in the case of a fatal traffic accident in front of a Livonia golf course in mid-May.

Daniel Aldo Andreassi, 16, pleaded no contest to four felony counts before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Deborah A. Thomas Thursday morning in exchange for a sentence of five to 15 years. The judge set a Thursday, Aug. 28, sentencing

In the plea agreement, the record will show convictions as an adult on charges of manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated causing death, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated causing serious bodily harm and felonious driving with sentences to run concurrently. In exchange for the plea, the charges of second

degree murder and minor in possession will be dropped.

Andreassi had been charged and bound over for trial by 16th District Court Judge Robert Brzezinski in July as an adult, meaning he could have spent the rest of his life in jail if convicted on the most serious charge.

Andreassi was charged in connection with the May 18 death of 20-year-old Westland resident Anthony Cosenza. According to court testimony, he was traveling faster than 100 mph on Seven Mile Road when he struck Cosenza's car broadside. Cosenza was killed instantly in the accident, His girlfriend, Amy Adams, also of Westland, was injured in the accident.

Adams, who is scheduled to have her arm rebroken and set with plates and pins soon, felt ambivalent about the plea deal.

"Nothing is going to bring Tony back," she said. "But this



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Daniel Aldo Andreassi, photographed

at his preliminary examination in early July.

at least assures that he does some time."

Adams' mother, Kim, said she was worried Andreassi would get the minimum, five years, which would free him at age 21.

Andreassi's attorney Jerome Sabbota said the plea arrangement was best for everyone.

"The prosecution had causation issues," he said. "But the guidelines for second-degree murder are 15 to life, it was not worth the risk. This is an isolated incident in Dan's life, one day that will affect him for years."

Progress marks work on underpass

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County officials say there's "more visible evidence" the Sheldon Road underpass project in Plymouth is on its way to completion.

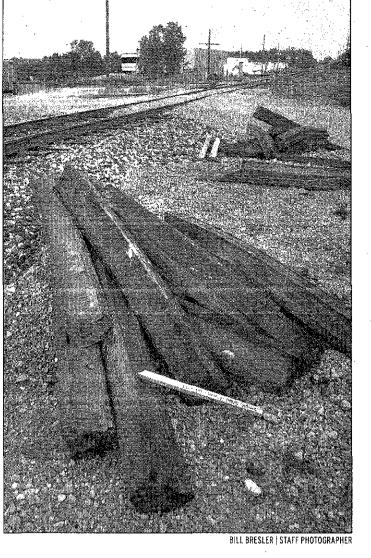
Assistant County Executive Alan Helmkamp said last week was "a great week" in terms of progress.

"CSX Railroad really

stepped up in taking the permanent tracks out of service and putting in temporary tracks," said Helmkamp.
"That allows us to mass-excavate the embankment that the permanent tracks were on and start the foundation for the bridge. We'll be pouring cement for the retaining walls, and paving should start on the north and south end of the road within the next few weeks."

The underpass project
- which has been on the
drawing board since 1999
and almost doubled in cost
to about \$15 million - is
scheduled to be completed in
December.

The closing of Sheldon Road for almost two years has caused a number of businesses, which have already been hurt by an economic downturn, to lose custom-



Materials from the grade crossing and railroad track are pulled up for construction of the underpass.

ers and profits. A manager at Caribou Coffee, located in what is commonly known as the Busch's strip mall at Five Mile and Sheldon, said business is still very slow because of construction.

"Our mornings aren't as good as they used to be because many people are not coming this way on their way to work," said the manager, who asked not to be identified. "We're still getting our industrial (park) customers

during the week, but our late evenings and weekends are hurting."

Helmkamp said he still has his fingers crossed the project will be completed by the end of the year.

"I'm feeling pretty good about things," he said. "As the bridge construction starts, people will see dramatic progress."

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CANTON COP CALLS

Mother finds daughter's cocaine

A Springport, Mich. woman learned that the powdery substance she discovered in her teenage daughter's room was cocaine after she gave it to Canton police for testing.

The woman, 39, turned over the narcotic, which was inside a plastic bag, to police because she was worried about her daughter, 14, and said she had been acting strangely and hanging with new friends.

new friends.
Once it tested positive, police tagged the drug into evidence. The woman, who was in the township visiting her mother, also said that 18 pills were missing from one of her old prescriptions.

Gas and go

Canton police were called

to the Shell gas station on the 5600 block of Haggerty after a man in a red truck drove off without paying for nearly \$70 in gasoline.

The gas attendant was unable to get the truck's license plate number and doesn't believe the store's surveillance film captured the theft.

Drug dealer threatens

A Canton man, 43, has reported to police that an Ypsilanti man, 42, threatened to kill him.

The Canton resident accused the Ypsilanti man of selling

drugs to an acquaintance.

He told police that he reported the man to his probation officer and then called to tell him he had done so. Shortly afterward, the Ypsilanti man, who has outstanding felony

allegedly returned the call from a restricted number and threatened the Canton man's life.

and misdemeanor warrants,

Teen returned

Police returned a missing Redford Township teenager to her grandmother's custody after she was discovered walking with a Canton girl on Haggerty Road during Monday's early morning hours, violating the curfew for minors.

An officer spotted the girls going north on Haggerty near Cherry Hill Road and obtained their identities.

The Canton girl, 14, said the two had been staying with a friend and she was later released to her father. The Redford girl, 15, was released to her grandmother.

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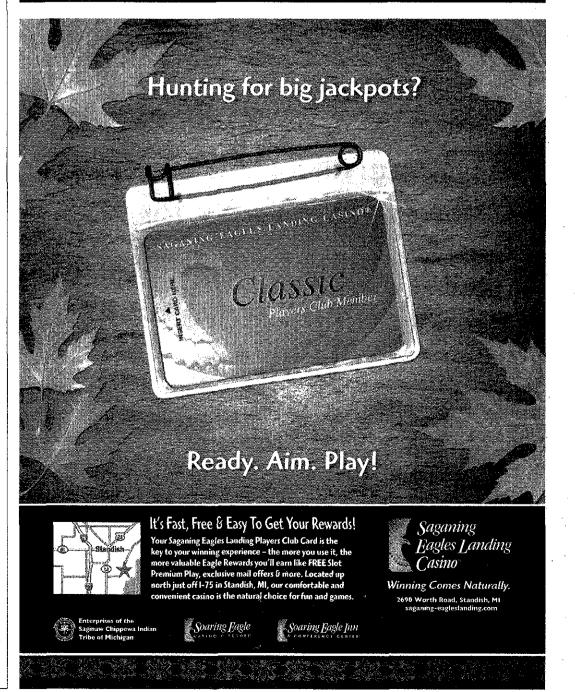
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Michael Robins of Livonia talks with Theodore 'Dutch' Van Kirk, navigator on the Enola Gay, after Van Kirk signed a book for him during a signing and presentation Wednesday, the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

Enola Gay

Last survivor of A-bomb mission shares memories

BY SUE BUCK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"It was the easiest mission that I ever flew in my life." That's how 87-year-old Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk remembers the historic flight of the Enola Gay to drop an atomic bomb on Hiroshima,

Japan, on Aug. 6, 1945. Van Kirk, the last surviving member of the Enola Gav crew, shared his memories Wednesday with an audience of 300 at the Costick Activities Center. His visit on the 63rd anniversary of the event was sponsored by Southeast Michigan Mensa.

"This was a rare opportunity to hear firsthand from a man who personally participated in

changing the course of history," said Harley Berger, Mensa vice president, who organized the visit.

Van Kirk, the aircraft's navigator, became the last survivor of the historic mission following the death last fall of Paul Tibbets, the Enola Gay's commander.

While Van Kirk remembers the mission as easy, he also remembers how anxious crew members were the night before they dropped the 9,400-pound bomb. They worried about how quickly they could fly away from the site without being destroyed in the process.

"The scientists told us, 'We think the airplane will be OK if you are nine miles away when the bomb exploded. Some people said five miles, 10 miles, 15 miles away. Some people said that you couldn't get far enough away," Van Kirk

But everything went according to plan.
"The weather that day was

perfect. I could see the coast of Japan from 100 miles away," he said.

The bomb destroyed 69 percent of the city.

"The city was covered with thick, black smoke," Van Kirk said.

Three days later, the United States dropped another atom bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. In Hiroshima, 140,000 people were killed, in Nagasaki, 80,000. The missions are credited with bringing a quick end to the war in the Pacific and World War II.

Starting in 1942, Van Kirk flew 58 B-17 missions from England and in North Africa with the 97th Bomber Group, before returning to the United States in 1944 for additional training.

He was then assigned as group navigator of the 509th Composite Group and began training for atom bomb deliv-

In June 1945, the group moved overseas to the Pacific Island of Tinian in the Marianas chain. Following the war, Van

Kirk participated in the first Bikini Atoll atomic bomb tests and, in August 1946, having



Theodore 'Dutch' Van Kirk, navigator on the Enola Gay, talks about being a part of the mission to drop the first atomic bomb.

reached the rank of major, Van Kirk returned to civilian life.

Among his decorations are the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 14 oak leaf clusters, plus many theater awards.

He went back to his longdelayed college career, earning both a bachelor of science and master of science degrees in chemical engineering at Bucknell University.

After 35 years with a major chemical company, he retired in 1985.

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Theodore 'Dutch' Van Kirk, navigator on the Enola Gay, signs a photograph of the airplane he and his crewmates flew to drop the first atomic bomb.



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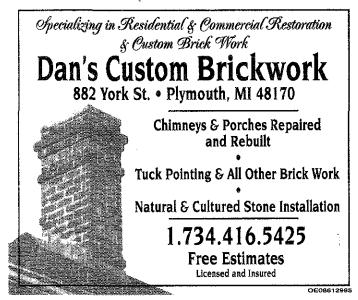
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The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 5-7.

Once again, the craft show will be on Union Street. Ten-by-ten foot spots will be \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival. com or for more information, call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

CAR SHOW

Registrations are also being taken for the annual Antique Car show (1978 and older) that takes place during the Fall Festival (Sept. 6-7). This year, festival officials are bringing back the pre-registration cruise night Friday,

Sept. 5, beginning at 6 p.m.

Registration before Sept. 5 will be \$10 for one day or \$15 for two days. Door prizes will be awarded both days. Applications will be available to download at

www.plymouthfallfestival. com or for more info call Dave Reeves (734) 455-4018.

BUSINESS PROMOTION

Applications are now available for businesses interested in booth space or Entertainment Sponsorship at the Plymouth Fall Festival, which runs Sept. 5-7. Booth applications can be found at www.plymouthfallfestival.

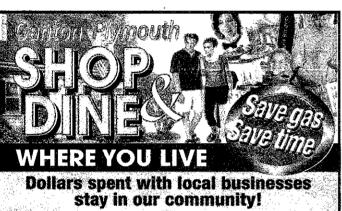
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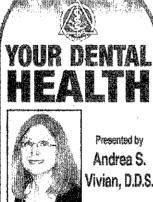
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Roush hosts open house

The Roush Automotive Collection, a museum housing all kinds of automotive and racing history, will host an open house from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at 11851 Market St. in Livonia.

The event will feature an a autograph session with Roush Racing driver Carl Edwards. Guests can tour the Roush collection and see a car show put on by the Roush Owners Enthusiasts Association. The door prize drawing at the signing include a pair of grandstand tickets to the Sunday, Aug. 17, 3M Performance 400 at MIS or two VIP passes to the Aug. 22-24 NMCA Edelbrock Nationals at the Milan Dragway.

According to Roush's Lynn McClenaghan, the company likes to bring in the talent when they're in town.

'When drivers come out for events at MIS, we like to have them in for an autograph session," she said.

The event will also have a AAA race car simulator which recreates the feeling of competing on the Daytona International Speedway and an engine build competi-

Teams from Roush will build engines

CANTON CINEMA



A car show is part of the open house at the Roush Automotive Collection from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at 11851 Market in Livonia. There are still openings for participants in the car show. More information is available online at www.goroush.com.

from the ground up," McClenaghan said. "The first one to start their engine wins."

The show will be sponsored by AutoWeek and include prizes for best Roush, Best Ford, Best Custom and Best of Show.

For those who want to participate, there are still positions available in the auto show. Entry forms can be found at the

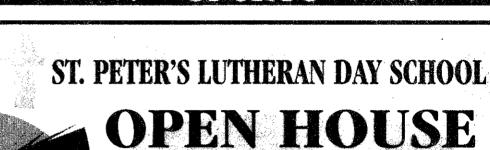
Market Street store as well as online at www.goroush.com.

Market Street is located one block west of Levan, just north of Plymouth Road.

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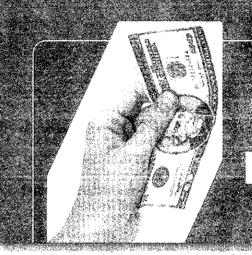
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OUR VIEWS

Water compact should sail to the president's desk

While partisanship is still alive and well in Lansing, state lawmakers deserve some credit for finally reaching an agreement and passing the Great Lakes Compact — even though Michigan was one the last states in the region to do so.

The Compact is an agreement between the eight Great Lakes states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin), as well as the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec, that all but bans large scale water diversions from the Great Lakes Basin and requires the partner states to enact water conservation measures.

Considering how long it took the state legislature to pass the Compact, it is pretty astonishing how quickly the accord is moving through Congress, which also must approve it because it is an interstate agreement.

Behind the leadership of U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, the Michigan Democrat who authored the legislation, the Senate unanimously passed the Compact last week.

Officially known as the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact, it now moves on to the House, which is on recess and will return to session in September. All of Michigan's representatives in the House should make it a priority to push the Compact through and get it to the president's desk. President Bush has said publicly he will sign it into law if it is approved by the House.

Hopefully, House members will be inspired by the quick action of the Senate. If there was ever a bipartisan issue, this is it. Protecting the Great Lakes is vital to this region. Millions of people rely on the waters of the Great Lakes basin for everything from drinking water to irrigating farm crops.

We can't let our water be siphoned off to the highest bidder or to thirsty neighbors in the drought-stricken Southeast or arid Southwest.

Those states need to utilize their own resources, not try to lay claim on ours. That's why the Compact is so important. No state (or province) within the basin will be able to sell off the water, no matter how cash-strapped they are.

So we urge the House to pass the bill as quickly as

Making the Compact law is important to protect our greatest resource for future generations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for the convenient and easyto-use 2008 Voter Guide. As usual, I was behind on my research for this election, so I found the Guide to be extremely helpful. I was pleasantly surprised to see that I could e-mail myself a copy of all of my ballot selections. Thanks to your publication, I was able to make informed choices at the

Some hard work left

Thanks, Observer

I should like to thank all those who voted for me in the Aug. 5 primary election for Canton Township trustee. With your continued effort and support I will now go on to the general election in November. There is a lot of hard work remaining, and I will need the assistance of everyone.

Thank you.

John Anthony

A big thank you

There are many to thank for my success in the Aug. 5th primary for the Canton treasurer's race. First, I'd like to thank all the voters that took the time to come out on a hot August day to vote. There are many more enticing things to do in August in Michigan, so it means a lot to all the candidates that were on the ballot that you showed up to be counted! I particularly would like to thank those that voted for me. I appreciate more than you'll ever knowyour support and confidence in me to do this job. I promise you I will work hard and smart for you and all of Canton.

Running for office is a very humbling experience, and I don't take your confidence lightly. My friends, new and old that came out and stood in the hot sun throughout Tuesday passing out lit — thank you, thank you, thank you! I was there too throughout the day, and during my "off shift" I tried to get to as many precincts as possible to pass out cold water and snacks to keep you all hydrated. This is the first year in a long time that I could be considered "tanned."

Thank you to everyone that sent notes of support, donations, volunteered to do mailings or help with going door to door, to those who gave me encouragement and great advice — I couldn't have made it with-

out you. In every way, you were my rocks and I appreciate the gift of your time, talent and purse. I have never hugged and kissed so many people in such a short period of time as I have over the past week. To my inner circle of supporters and friends - you know who you are - your friendship and encouragement is overwhelming and I love you all more than you'll ever know, even though this is all "your fault."

My husband, John, who is the least politi-MJ David cal person I know, was by my side day in and day out. Putting up signs, going door to door and listening to me as a worried, debated and fidgeted about this problem or that without one word of complaint. He listened and encouraged me every step of the way and I am thankful I had him by my side. I could not have done this without him. Of course, the "bribes" of an ice cream after an afternoon of work probably helped too. My sons, Ian and Bryan, who took the day off to help on election day - thank you,

> To all the people that opened their doors to me as I was going door to door — thank you. I enjoyed meeting you, chatting for a moment with you, and I took away with me your enthusiasm about living in Canton. You were my moral support every day as I listened to your positive feedback about our community. I marveled at the beautiful neighborhoods, seeing them so much better as a walker, than as a driver. The beautiful gardens and well-kept homes, and the hundreds and hundreds of American flags that fly — truly like a walk in the park every day.

I'd also like to thank the men that ran in the trustee race. Amazing men all of them and Canton should be proud to have such qualified, intelligent and committed people willing to take on the responsibilities as our Trustees. I'd especially like to thank Karl Zarbo and Noreen Rybar for their ardent friendship and support. Todd and Kay Caccamo who stumped for themselves, and gave their support to me in the process, thank you. My new friends, John Anthony and Pat Williams and their families — what tremendous people they are. Their support and assistance was invaluable. Congratulations to them all for running and good luck in November. To Fred Bolden, my friend, who worked hard and instead of ice cream, bought his kids books at Borders as rewards for helping him campaign. A father, a friend and teacher to the end. Mike Andro, who is also a new friend, who worked hard and undoubtedly

will find a new role in Canton as he has so much to offer our community. Mr. Prasad, a noble man who I have enjoyed getting to know and look forward to seeing in the future. He has much to be proud of in his. long career as an engineer, father and religious leader.

And last, but certainly not least, thank you to the staff in Canton Township. Without the hard work and interoffice support you give each other during the frantic times of elections, we couldn't commit acts of democracy without you. The staff at Canton Township is the best - bar none and it is proved every day with the efforts they put forth doing their jobs. House after house that I visited throughout this summer told me stories about how this employee or that had gone out of their way to help them or provide them quality service. I am proud to be associated with the caliber of people that work for Canton Township.

I look forward to my new role as the Canton treasurer. I have big shoes to fill, following Elaine Kirchgatter, who has so ably handled the treasurer's department for the past four terms. I have a lot to learn from her and her staff and I will work hard

to make sure the transition will be smooth. Thank you all from my whole heart!

Melissa McLaughlin Canton

Blown away by support

I was absolutely blown away by the support and the primary election results. Needless to say, I am elated and indebted to the citizens of Canton. A re-election bid is even more important as it shows that after knowing you for a while, citizens would vote for you again. So again, thank you — it truly is an honor and a duty I take seriously. One important thing the election confirmed for me is the path I have taken to smaller, more personal and friendly local government such as hosting the regular "Caccamo Coffees" to hear citizen issues and gather information from a citizen's perspective on township board agenda

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Metro Airport sets record for passenger traffic

The first half of calendar year 2008 set an all-time record for total passenger traffic for the first six months of any year in the history of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW).

According to statistics released Thursday by the Airport Authority's Division of Financial Planning and Analysis, total passenger traffic in June 2008 topped June 2007 by 3.4 percent as well

as the record year of 2005 by 1.8 percent.

Every month thus far in 2008 has out-performed the equivalent month in 2007 in passenger traffic for a growth rate of 3.1 percent for the first half of the year.

Even operations (aircraft landings and take-offs) were up 3.4 percent for the month of June at 39,908, but remain essentially flat for CY 2008. On an average day

in June more than 1,330 aircraft arrived or departed DTW.

June's total arriving and departing passengers of 3,276,330 averages out to more than 109,000 every day, or the equivalent of every man, woman and child in Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Romulus and Wayne, MI combined. In the first half of CY 2008 more than 18.5 million total passengers have used DTW, about twice the population of the State of Michigan.

"Our data analysts are quite convinced that airline schedule reductions and increased fares and other charges will dampen passenger demand in the fourth quarter," said Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. "But in the meantime, passenger activity is still strong, here in Detroit, and clearly outpacing any year in our history."

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Thousands of runners and walkers are expected to lace up their running shoes and head over to the Detroit Zoo on Sunday, Sept. 7, for the annual Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo. Proceeds from the Run Wild event benefit the Zoo's Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex and veterinary care.

The event includes 5K and 10K runs as well as a noncompetitive one-mile Fun Walk. Runners in the 5K and 10K events will start at the zoo's 10 Mile Road entrance and wind through the scenic streets of Huntington Woods surrounding the zoo. Walkers will follow a course past award-winning animal habitats as they stroll through zoo grounds.

The Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo begins at 8 a.m. with the 5K run, followed by the 10K run at 8:45 a.m. and the untimed Fun Walk at 9 a.m. Online registration is available at www.detroitzoo.org (click on Events, then Run Wild) until Sept. 2, and registration will also be available at the zoo on Sept. 5, 6 and 7.

Medals will be presented to the top male and female runners in various age groups. All participants will receive commemorative tee shirts as well as free admission to the zoo on race day. A Post-Race Party will follow the Run Wild event with live music, family entertainment, and complimentary food and beverages. Regular zoo admission applies for nonrace participants.

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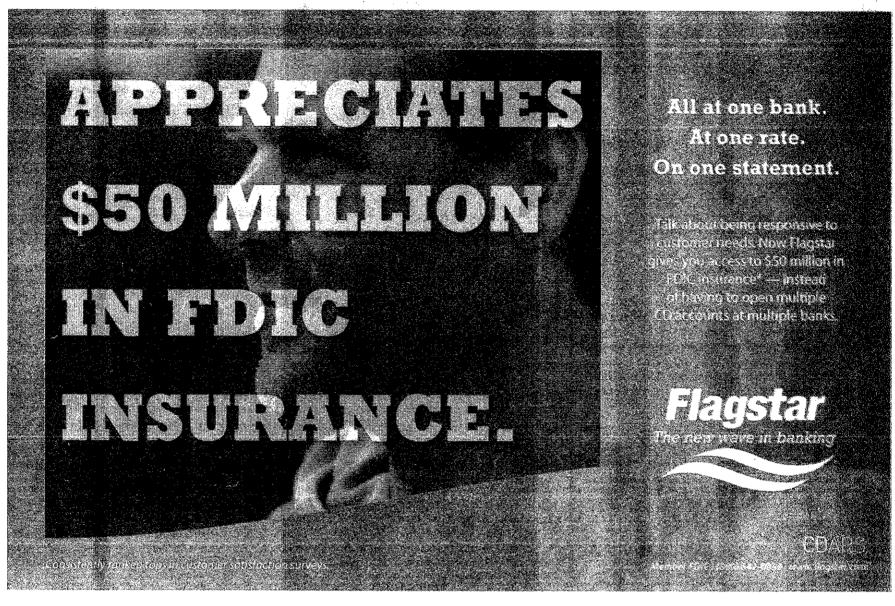
In addition to sponsoring the Zoo run, Bank of America owns and operates two of the

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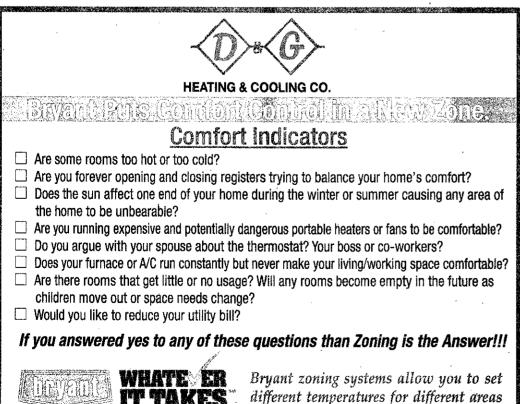
also supported by Gatorade, Saturn and Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (SEMVMA).

The zoo is looking for 200 volunteers to assist during the event. For information on volunteer opportunities, visit the Run Wild section of the zoo's Web site or contact Linda Denomme at (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3806, or ldenomme@dzs.



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Eight-year-old Ryan Garchar of Redford receives his blue ribbon for a first place finish in the softball throw. His older sister, Lauren, also won the softball toss in her division.

With sun shining, kids enjoy 50th annual Redford Junior Olympics

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

goungsters had their day in the sun, literally, during Wednesday's Redford Junior Olympics.

The 50th annual event, held at Hilbert Middle School, had been postponed due to rain on the originally scheduled date (July 12).

But about 60 boys and girls mostly from Redford, Livonia, Canton and South Lyon and their parents had no qualms about having to come out a second time for exercise and camaraderie.

"We had a lot of people come back that were at the rain date so it was nice to be able to provide another date for them," said Theresa Burgess, event coordinator For Junior Olympics results, please visit www.hometownlife.com or see Thursday's **Observer Sports** section.

for Redford Parks and Recreation's youth department. "We already started the events at the last date, the kids were ready to go and unfortunately the weather didn't cooper-

"I wanted to make sure they could finish their events."

That was good news to many families enjoying Wednesday's perfect weather - including the Hombergs of Redford. Stephanie and Chuck Homberg came out with 5-year-old son Brendan and his 2-year-old brother, Riley.

"We weren't going to be able to



Nine-year-old Brandon Smith of Redford takes a leap at 3-feet, 3-inches in the Pee Wee boys division high jump during Wednesday's 😹 Redford Parks and Recreation Junior Olympics held at Hilbert Middle School. It was the 50th annual event.

go to that first one anyway and we found about it (makeup) later," Stephanie said. "So we made it. It was great, it's a wonderful experience for the kids."

That's because the Redford Parks and Recreation-hosted event is a vehicle for kids to "get out and compete against their friends," Burgess noted. "It's all friendly competition."

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Participants, including youngsters between ages 2-12, also collect ribbons for every place they finish in.

"The kids just keep them from

year-to-year," Burgess said. "They just try to outdo their times the next

Chuck Homberg, meanwhile, liked the Junior Olympics because it provided a way for children to shake off some of the summer doldrums.

"This gives them some exercise, they get out and run around instead of sitting around the house all day long," Chuck emphasized.

For Redford's Judy Brewer, the rescheduled event also enabled her 11-year-old grandson to enjoy Wednesday's various field events

Chris Skowronek earned a blue ribbon for winning the 35-meter race in the boys' midget division, finishing in 5.75 seconds.

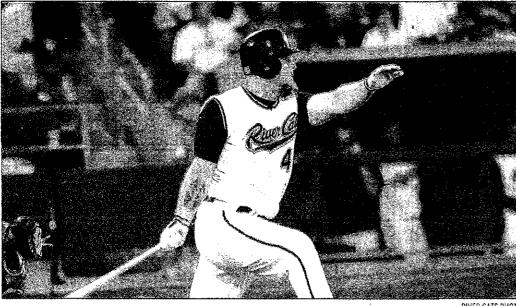
"I'm very thankful they did (reschedule the first one) because we were out of town," Brewer said. "It worked out well for us.

"He (Chris) is very competitive. He really enjoys it, he gets a lot of energy from participating.'

Also enjoying the Junior Olympics was 12-year-old Hunter Iuliano, entering seventh grade at Livonia

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Casey at the bat, Ryan's Song



Livonia native Casey Rogowski, a first baseman, has found new life with the Sacramento River Cats of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League after spending nine seasons in the Chicago White Sox farm system.

Mat career on hold for Triple-A first baseman

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

After nine years in the minors, Casey Rogowski figured he didn't just hit a roadblock in his professional baseball career.

It was more like a dead end. The 6-foot-3, 230-pound first baseman from Livonia, who had played the last two years with the Chicago White Sox Class AAA affiliate, the Charlotte (N.C.) Knights, was coming to terms with his baseball career and retirement at the ripe old age of 26.

Following a frustrating 2007 season when he batted just .245, not to mention being lodged behind the Sox's Paul Konerko at first base, Chicago's 13th-round pick in the 1999 Amateur Draft was given his outright release and he became a free agent.

With a wife, a 1-year-old son and another baby on the way, Rogowski enrolled the fall semester of 2007 at Washtenaw Community College with the idea of rekindling his storied prep wrestling career and going to the University of Michigan in

He was Rodney Dangerfield in the movie Back to School, only this was no laughing matter. Rogowski was simply looking for a little respect and a different path in life.

"I was going to enroll at U-M to wrestle, I was working out and had been contacted by their coaches — I was going in that direction," said the 27-year-old Rogowski, a former state heavyweight champion at Redford Catholic Central High who excelled in three sports there, including football and baseball. "I had

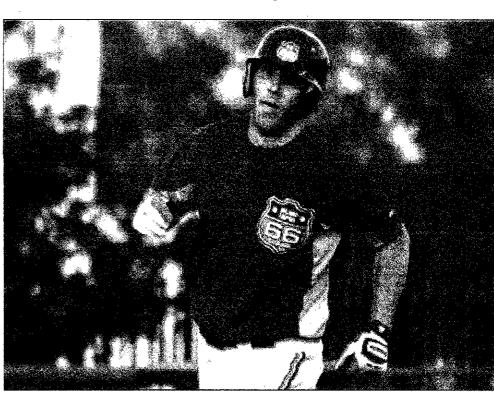
not gone to school in so long. I was taking classes — U.S. history, (English) composition, college math and government. I had never taken a class before. It was funny, but a good time. There was a change in my priorities. It was interesting being in there with 18-year-olds and I'm in there as a soon-to-be a father of two."

But around Thanksgiving, Rogowski was back in baseball, given a second chance by the Oakland A's, where he now plays for the Class AAA Sacramento River Cats of the Pacific Coast League.

Through Friday, the former CC all-stater was hitting a respectable .282 with 13 homers and 61 RBI in 102 games. Rogowski feels he has a

new lease on his baseball life

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Livonia native Ryan Rogowski, an outfielder, was recently promoted to the Jacksonsville (Fla.) Suns of the Class AA Southern League.

Younger Rogowski adapts to AA promotion

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER**

Livonia native Ryan Rogowski knows that every ladder he climbs in the minor leagues, he gets closer

to his ultimate goal. An outfielder in the Dodgers' chain, Rogowski has already climbed up to the Class AA rung in just three seasons after recently being promoted from Inland Empire 66ers of the high California State League to the Jacksonville (Fla.) Suns

of the Southern League. But the former Catholic Central High and University of Illinois standout also realizes professional baseball can be a humbling experience and that patience is a

virtue. "I've been struggling (at the plate), but overall it's going well and I can't complain," said Rogowski, who is hitting .200 (9-for-45 with a homer and three RBI) through his first 25 games (as of Friday) with the Suns. "The pitchers here (in Class AA) throw a lot of junk, a lot of off-speed stuff. They'll throw a first-pitch fastball for a ball, then throw changeups, curves and sinkers. It's a little bit more of an adjustment. I've always had a good eye, but you have to

be more disciplined at the plate and know which (ball/ strike) counts to look for."

The 6-foot-2, 200-pound Rogowski brings speed and defense to his new team, where he is normally stationed in either left or center field.

In 74 games this season with Inland, he earned a promotion by stealing 30-of-37 bases while hitting .270 with 13 doubles and scoring 48 runs.

During his first season in Rookie League (2006) with Odgen (Utah), Rogowski batted .312 with four homers

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With youthful spring in their step and smiles on their faces, participants in the 3-year-old boys category make their way down the track in the 35-meter race during the Redford Parks and Recreation Junior Olympics Wednesday at Hilbert Middle School.

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"I really think it's a good way to get in shape for some people," Hunter explained. "And when you win a ribbon it feels really good. It just feels like an accomplishment

Hunter - who started tak-

ing part in annual program around age 3 or 4 — placed second in seven events.

FAMILY FUN

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The Junior Olympics are becoming a family affair for the Iuliano household. At Hilbert besides Hunter were 14-year-old Nikki, 10-yearold Tiffanie and 6-year-old

It was a similar story for

the Garchars, who had two siblings giving it a go.

Lauren Garchar, 11, soon to go to Pierce Middle School in South Redford, grabbed a blue ribbon in the girls' midget division in the softball throw.

Perhaps not to be outdone, her 8-year-old brother Ryan also showed some arm strength by winning the boys's squirt division softball

"I like it (Junior Olympics), you get to meet new people plus it's fun," said Lauren. who found out about the event through summer camp at Redford Parks and Recreation.

Although the rescheduled event did not feature the live DJ as had been originally planned, several family fun activities did provide some



Dalanie Morgan, 8, of Redford makes her way down the field in the Sack Race during Wednesday's Redford Parks and Recreation Junior Olympics at Hilbert Middle School. The activity was part of several specially planned for the 50th annual event.

variety. Those included a "Crazy Bat Race," sack race and water balloon toss.

"It's fun for the kids and the parents can come out," said parks and rec summer counselor Sara Mayne, a

2008 Redford Union graduate who helped out during the family activities. "It's definitely a family thing and I think it's good for Redford."

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and 36 RBI in 70 games. He was first in the Pioneer League in walks (52), triples (8) and runs (64); second in stolen bases (30); fourth in on-base percentage (.429); and fifth in hits (82) en route to Baseball America Rookie All-Star honors.

In 2007, Rogowski batted .253 with 27 doubles and 39 stolen bases. The speedy 24-year-old contin-

ues to make adjustments as he goes "When I get on base, I pretty much have the green light to steal," he said. "I'll bunt, too, but the thing I have to

work on is my discipline at the plate.

I have to learn to go the other way

on the off-speed stuff because I'm a pull hitter. I can go the other way, but they (the pitchers) can see when I'm on top of the plate and they keep pounding away inside. In this (AA) league, the pitchers know how to pitch. I just have to keep working in the (batting) cage."

Rogowski's older brother Casey is a 27-year-old who has played in the minors since graduating from CC in 1999. Casey is currently a first baseman for the Sacramento River Cats of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League.

"He (Casey) played in this league (Southern) a couple of years," Ryan said. "He told me you can't give atbats away and at every level you have to hit and put up the numbers.

"He just told me that if I played hard every day, it will happen."

After two years in the hot California desert, Rogowski also had to make a radical adjustment with

the Florida climate. "In California it's hot, but here you step outside you're raining in sweat, you feel so hot," he said. "I feel like I'm back in the wrestling room again wearing a long-sleeve shirt trying to lose weight. But it's good because it keeps me in shape.

When Rogowski got the call to go to Jacksonville, he had to hurriedly pack up his clothes and had to catch a flight early the next morning.

"I played the night before, got up at 6 a.m., flew all day and got to Jacksonville at 7:30 (p.m.)," he said. "The game was at 7, but I actually did get into the game to pinch run." During his abbreviated stint in

Jacksonville, Rogowski is also adjusting to a more limited role.

"It's tough to get comfortable, especially when you're struggling and not getting the at-bats," he said. "I've gone from playing 20 games in a row to playing every other day, but I just have to make the best of it."

Rogowski isn't sure if he'll be asked to play in a fall league, which starts Sept. 20 in Arizona. He spent two months in Hawaii following his rookie minor league season and called it "a great experience."

If he doesn't play during the offseason, he'll head to North Carolina again and work a job for an oil company involved in the NASCAR Truck

"NASCAR - I really never got into it, but I did go to Daytona and it's

exciting," Rogowski said. "It's through a high school buddy of mine (the job), it helps me survive because right now I don't make much money (playing baseball)."

Meanwhile, Rogowski continues to navigate through the Dodgers' farm system. And even though he's just two rungs below the majors, the distance to the big leagues remains a long way away.

"Right now I'm low man on the totem pole," he said. "Even on the long bus rides, I take my body pillow and sleep on the floor. I'm the new guy and I just need to make my way. And once you think you've figured it out, it bites you and you start all over again."

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and credits his agent, Danny Lozano of the Beverly Hills (Calif.) Sports Council, with keeping his major league quest alive.

"He (Lozano) looked for some teams, he was able to keep the lines open and he's been around the game long enough," Rogowski said of his agent. "He has some good clientele. When he got me hooked up with Oakland, I got excited again. Last year was a bummer and I felt like I didn't get the support with the Sox. I was sick of playing, sick of the politics, plus the Sox were going in a different direction.

"After that last game (in Charlotte) I did hang up my

Rogowski was able to get some major league atbats during spring training and was assigned to the west coast after spending his entire eight-year minor league career in the south and on the east coast.

"It could have been over, but it wasn't," Rogowski said. "I got a second chance. I'm glad I got the opportunity. It was my first experience as a free agent, which was good, but I was worried about getting cut in the spring."

Rogowski, however, survived spring training and feels resurrected.

His priorities have changed. His young family includes

wife Libby, 2-year-old son Brooks and 7-week-old Cael (named after collegiate wrestling great and 2004 Olympic champion Cael Sanderson).

Rogowski now seems content and doesn't fret anymore if he's going to get the major league call.

"It's been fun, great guys, great team and great organization," Rogowski said. "We're in first place in our division. There hasn't been a drop of rain there and the temperature drops at night. You can't beat the weather. The ballparks are hitter friendly. I like this league, but the only drawback is that the travel is worse.'

Rogowski was hitting .282 despite going through a recent 0-for-19 slump.

"I couldn't get anything to fall, it was always right at somebody, but it's going good now," he said.

Casey Rogowski's younger brother Ryan is also in his third year in the minors, an outfielder with the Jacksonville (Fla.) Suns of the Class AA Southern League, where Ryan was a postseason and mid-season All-Star during 2005 with the Birmingham (Ala.) Barons.

The brothers touch base via phone at least twice a week.

"He (Casey) is one step away and I hope he gets his shot," Ryan said. "When we talk, we usually forget about baseball. He has two kids now. He's a family man. He's Mr. Mom."

Casey, however, isn't averse to lending some much-needed

advice to his younger sibling. "I let him do his thing, but he'll come to me every now and then," Casey said of his 24-year-old brother. "He's got his own ideas about what he wants. We have our baseball talks, but we usually talk

UFC, stuff like that." Casey Rogowski said would like to return to Sacramento next season and eventually stay at the pro level as either coach or manager.

about fantasy football or the

Meanwhile, he'll be keeping a close eye on the Olympics the next few weeks, particularly when it comes to the sport of wrestling.

"I'll definitely be interested," Casey said. "I can't wait for the Olympics. I watched the NCAA (tournament) and I'd call my brother. We'd go back and forth. I've kept up

"When I was home (over the winter), I also enjoy watching my old high school's matches (at CC), watching guys like Mike Martin (CC's two-time state champ now playing football at Michigan) tear people up."

Tearing the cover off the ball is Rogowski's main priority right now, but he wonders what might have been if he followed through on changing his gears.

"Even though I'm getting up there in age, college sports has always been in the back of my mind," he said.

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Jeremy Buschmohle of Farmington Hills works on preparing an Asian dressing under the direction of staff member Lindsay Seltz at the

Life-changing injury

Rehab program helps children deal with brain trauma

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

Several students were busy Tuesday morning chopping and mixing ingredients for their lunch at Special Tree Student Center in Livonia. While it looked like fun, the teens were either learning or relearning skills they lost after sustaining a brain injury.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1.4 million people suffer a traumatic brain injury in the U.S. every year and at least 5.3 million Americans need long-term or lifelong help in performing daily activities due to a TBI.

The therapeutic focus of the day-long summer program at Special Tree is to not only develop the students' skills but strengthen muscles and improve endurance during afternoon sessions at the park or swimming pool. Earlier, students and staff visited a supermarket to purchase items. Others were in the Special Tree parking lot washing and detailing vehicles.

We put them in many different situations to work on gross and fine motor skills," said Peggy Allen Bock, director of children's services. "We're taking the child into the community to create opportunities for them. Many are dealing with anger and frustration. They learn to follow directions, how to stay safe in the kitchen, how to stay safe in the community, to stop and look both

Many people who suffer TBIs are at risk of further injury according to Dr. Charles Pelshaw, medical director of Special Tree Children's Services.

"Behavioral problems are a very common complication after head injury. They're not inhibited. You and I may think of saying something, it comes out of their mouths. They're more impulsive that's why a person with one head injury is more prone to a second injury. They're



Peer counselor Jenny Adams of Livonia, left, helps 12-year-old Bahjnique Stamps of Woodhaven chop onions at Special Tree Student Center in Livonia. Special Tree helps people regain skills after brain injury.

more impulsive and with their reduced attention span they're more likely to dart in front of a car than someone else," said Pelshaw, a pediatric physical medicine and rehabilitation physician at Children's Hospital of Michigan and an assistant professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

The summer program reinforces the progress made in Special Tree afterschool therapy sessions. The program runs at three locations from June to August including Livonia, Troy and the Flint area for children ages 5 to 26.

"Patients who have had head injuries often can have losses of skills and memory during the summer," said Pelshaw. "We want to prevent that to help maintain and overall improve socialization

After hunch the students and staff were heading to the park to work on group and team building activities. The Olympic theme week included games such as the shoe kick, along with choosing countries and keeping count of the

On Wednesdays and Fridays they go

on field trips led by Christine Morabito, Special Tree manager of children's services. Morabito earned a degree in recreational therapy at Wayne State University and is a certified brain injury

Kids can socialize, work on social skills. We try to give them an opportunity to feel validated, part of their commu-nity, try to build their self esteem," said Morabito. "The kids are looked down on in school and the community. We're just helping them to grow and develop to become productive citizens whether it's going on to an educational or vocational program."

Some of the students, like Jenny Adams, go on to become staff or peer counselors at Special Tree. The Livonia woman was in a car accident in October 2006 and came to the center for speech therapy and short term memory prob-

"I like working with kids," said Adams. "The kids become more social and verbal, and accepting they can't always have their way. We have fake money and they have to earn. It promotes good behavior. If they don't listen or start talking back we ask for a dollar back. When they earn money they can buy something in the store. I've seen kids go from buying to putting it back in the bank."

Like Adams, Jeremy Buschmohle enjoys working with students. The 31year-old Farmington Hills man joined the staff after sustaining a brain injury in a car accident in 1997. Buschmohle had just finished his second year at Central Michigan University, From July to December he was in Beaumont Hospital where he went through rehabilitation. Buschmohle was able to earn an associate's degree later from Oakland Community College. He has been on the Special Tree staff for about six years.

"With brain injury you never stop learning," said Buschmohle who grew up in Beverly Hills and Southfield and graduated from Birmingham Groves. "I had to learn to walk, talk, eat. When I went back to college I had to read books twice to retain. Repetition helps a lot I tell the kids."

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County to hold conference on childhood obesity

Oakland County, in partnership with Commissioner Marcia Gershenson, Oakland Schools, and other community agencies, will hold a conference on childhood obesity 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Oakland Schools Intermediate School District, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford.

Fighting Childhood Obesity Through Education and Empowerment is designed for parents, preschool educators, child care providers and anyone concerned with the health of children and families. The keynote speaker is Dr. Thomas Robinson, professor of pediatrics and director of the Center for Healthy Weight at Stanford University School of Medicine and Lucille Packard Children's Hospital.

Conference sessions include learning about outdoor activities in Southeast Michigan,

exploring ways to create healthy menus and snacks, dealing with emotional and psychological issues of the overweight child, and learning to cook with your children. Nutrition, physical activity demonstrations and educational exhibits are also part of the event. In addition, healthy lifestyle activities for children ages 5-12 will be available while parents attend conference ses-

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A special organ, tissue and eye donor registration event and fund-raiser for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan is being held at the Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays game, 7:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11. Tickets \$22 with a portion going to Donate Life. Call (248) 770-5172 or (248) 701-2323.

Kidney cancer symposium

For patients and families 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the University of Michigan Bioscience Research Building, 109 Zina Pitcher Place, Ann Arbor, www. umich.edu/urology. For more information, contact Steffanie Fineman (734) 615-9843 or ssamuels@umich.edu.

Divorce support group

Group discussion, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12. Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will answer questions in a private setting on a first come first served basis, in room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Diabetes support

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts the presentation Exercise and Diabetes 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, in the auditorium at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For information, call (734) 655-8961. During the presentation you will learn the benefits of exercise on blood sugar control and general well-being. There will be tips for people with functional limitations. No charge, pre-registration not required.

Metro fibromyalgia/cfs support

Meets 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford Rd., Garden City. The speaker is Dr. Barry Hobbs, a chiropractor, who will share easy-to-do stretching exercises. For information, call (734) 462-1768.

Lupus support meeting

At 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, in Adray D at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, For information, call Lisa Munson at (313) 581-2937.

Active older adults workshop

Learn about issues such as medical considerations, orthopedic concerns and the normal effects of aging on exercise and health, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. To register, call Julie Burt at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.netafit.org.

Vinyasa yoga

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, Vinyasa yoga blends strength and flexibility training emphasizing power, pre-

cision, timing, grace and coordination, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, To register, call Julie Burt at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.netafit.org.

Blood drive

From 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, in the DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Conference Center, 1 William Carols Drive, Commerce, Pledge a blood donation by going to www. givelife.org with the sponsor code DMC and choose the HVSH drive. Walk-ins welcome but appointments encouraged to prevent lengthy waits.

Sharing & Caring

Education and support program for breast cancer survivors features field trip Ai Chi: Range of Motion through Aquatic Exercise 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Goldfish Swim School, 2388 Cole St., Birmingham. To register or for more information, call (248) 551-8585.

Movie marathon

Begins 10:00 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22, and runs for 24 hours through Saturday morning at Emagine Theatre in Novi to benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, an independent foundation that helps families cope with the many financial and emotional stresses of battling leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders.

Raising a minimum of \$105.10 in pledges will get you admitted to the Theatre for 24 hours of watching your choice of current-run movies, also a catered lunch, dinner and continental breakfast on Saturday morning, snacks throughout your stay and all the pop and popcorn you can eat is included. New for this year is the "Family Pack Special" for a family of four. A special admission allows parents with two children to arrive on Friday at 5 p.m., watch two movies, have dinner, and enjoy pop and popcorn all for the same pledge total as one individual, \$105.10. The top fund-raiser for 2008 will win a one-year pass to Emagine Theatre. Register online at www.leukemiamichigan.org or call Children's Leukemia Foundation at (800) 825-2536. Individuals aged 13-17 may only participate until 10 p.m. unless accompanied

by a parent or quardian. Alzheimer's memory walk

Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, rain or shine. To start a team or make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association at alzgmc. org or (248) 351-0280. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. For more information visit www.aiz.org. Hatha yoga classes

From 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Aug. 26 to Sept. 30, in Classrooms 1 and 2 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Class participants need to be able to move between a standing position to

a hands and knees position with ease.

There is a fee. Space limited. To regis-

ter, call (734) 655-1162. Total joint replacement Educational seminar 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in classroom 10 of the Marian Professional Building at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register, call (734) 655-

Head injuries can often be prevented make progress as a result of the therahis head in a car accident. "I want to STAFF WRITER peutic programs at Special Tree Student get them while they are young. I wish I " Center in Livonia, their lives will never knew. At age 20 I thought I was invinci-Bahjanique Stamps had to learn to ble. All I had was a lap belt. Not enough

walk and talk again after suffering a brain injury when a drunk driver hit the family car, killing her mother and sister in July 2001. Stamps now lives with her aunt and is entering seventh grade this

Izmun Hayes, 15, spent a month in the hospital after a 2003 car accident left him with a brain injury. Today he's a student at the Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences. Jessica Mathis was 14 when the car she was riding in slid on black ice and was hit by another car. A vear later she is a peer counselor helping other brain injury patients. Jesse Koslakiewicz, now 14, spent six months in the hospital seven years ago after a seat belt malfunctioned and he suffered a traumatic brain injury.

While these students continue to

be the same. The sad part is many of their accidents could have been pre-

Monica Scott still has nightmares about her accident four years ago. She was 17 and sitting on the back of her car when a friend got in and starting horsing around. She jerked the car again and again until Scott fell off and hit her head After 10 days in a coma, Scott had to learn to walk and talk again. Her message to teens is "be careful about what you do and who you hang around with."

Jeremy Buschmohle believes preyention, in many cases, can prevent brain injury. Once a year he speaks to the first grade class at Pierce Elementary in Birmingham.

"I tell them to always protect your

head, always wear a bike helmet," said

Buschmohle was 20 when he injured

people know about brain injury. There needs to be more education. The only prevention for brain injury is education.

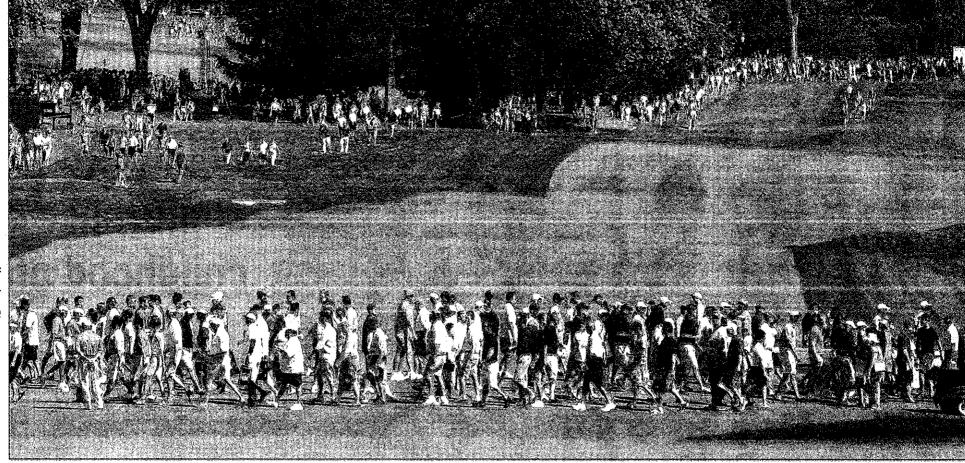
Dr. Charles Pelshaw couldn't agree more about the need for precautions. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle crashes account for 20 percent of brain injuries, falls for 28 percent.

"Parents always have a helmet on your child. If your feet are off the ground whether riding a bike, roller blading you can mend an arm or leg, if you injure your brain you end up with a lifetime of problems," said Pelshaw, "If you're riding in a car a younger child should be in a car seat and proper restraint with an older child is imperative."

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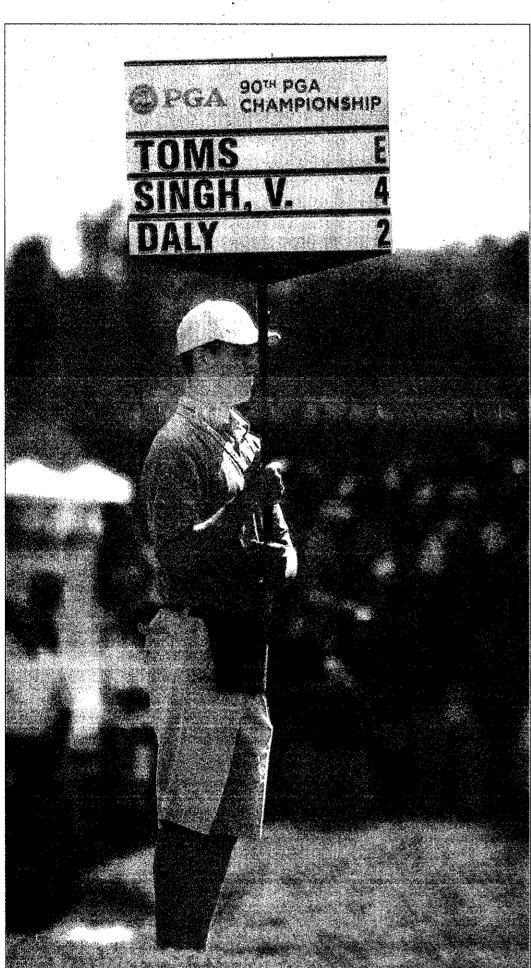




Photos by Staff Photographer Lawrence McKee

Crowds were in abundance as Oakland Hills Country Club played host to its fourth championship with major implications in the past 12 years.

'Monster' crowds cheer on PGA pros



Eric Harbour, of Birmingham, displays the scores of one of Thursday's more intriguing threesomes - David Toms, Vijay Singh and John Daly. All three playing partners are former PGA champions.



The world's top golfers gave fans plenty to cheer about during the competition.



The 90th PGA Championship attracted golf fans from around the world, including Baptiste Dury, 4, of France, who enjoys the tournament from the vantage point of the front row.

nd the winner is, once again, Oakland Hills. The course widely known as 'The Monster' reared its beastly temper and beat down the world's best golfers like a frantic drummer through the first two rounds of the 90th PGA Championship Thursday and Friday on the internationally-renowned South Course.

The season's final Major began with a field of 156 golf-ers and by Friday evening was reduced to 73 exhausted pros who managed to break the cut mark of 148, or eight over par.

J.B. Holmes, a 26-year-old fourth-year pro from Orlando, Fla., was the lone marksman to break par with a one-under total of 139 through the first 36 holes. His two-day totals included eight birdies, seven bogeys and 21 pars.

Three players - Charlie Wi, Justin Rose and Ben Curtis - were the only golfers to play even par. Former PGA champ Phil Mickelson survived to play the weekend while Ryder Cup captain Paul Azinger and Pennsylvania native Jim Furyk barely made the cut at plus-8.

Former PGA champs John Daly (plus-9) and Vijay Singh (plus-12) were among many familiar tour names who did not make the cut and were forced to watch the remaining two days from outside the ropes.

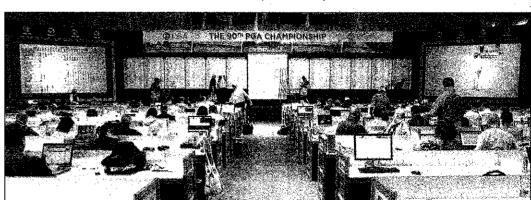
While the fans flocked to Oakland Hills, their cheers remained polite and light as birdies and eagles were few and far between. There were a total of just 10 eagles over the first two days, including seven on Thursday and three on Friday.



David Toms watches the flight of his shot out of the sand during early-round play of the 90th PGA Championship held at Oakland Hills Country Club.



With playing partner John Daly looking on, two-time PGA Champion Vijay Singh tees off on the par 3, 257yard ninth hole during Thursday's opening round of the PGA Championship held at Oakland Hills Country Club. Singh did not fair as well in this Championship as he failed to make the cut.



The media center was abuzz as the national press corps came to Oakland Hills Country Club for the 90th PGA Championship tournament. Above, members of the media keep a close eye on the leaderboard during Thursday's opening-round play.

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For reading on the run, iPhone trumps Kindle

Hugh Gallagher, editor . (734) 953-2149 . hgallagher@hometownlife.com

Earlier this year, you were quoted as saying "people don't read anymore." This was in response to Amazon's Kindle, the electronic-book (e-book) device you dubbed a "flawed" concept.

As someone who loves to read (and has plenty of friends and family members who feel the same way), I am seriously disappointed in you.

Obviously there's nothing flawed about the concept of the Kindle, which has been a sell-out success since its debut last December. In fact, the hardware itself has some notable flaws, not the least of which are its high price and rather ugly design.



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a lightweight, paperback-sized device that holds hundreds of books and can download new ones on the run, no PC required. 🕖 Now let me clue you in on a little secret: The

And, yet, people love the thing. They relish

iPhone is a better e-book Rick Broida reader than the Kindle. (Same goes for its similar sibling, the iPod Touch.) Consider: The Kindle is a single-pur-

pose device. Sure, it can display newspapers and blogs in addition to books, and even access Wikipedia, but ultimately it's a text

The iPhone is — well, duh. But it's also a music player, movie theater, photo viewer, game system, Web browser, e-mail client, GPS navigator, and a lot more. (The Touch isn't a phone, but does most of these other things.)

It's smaller, thinner, lighter, and way, way sexier than the Kindle. And it taps the same high-speed data network for on-thego downloads.

Granted, the iPhone's battery life isn't great, but most people recharge daily anyway. It also has

a smaller screen

I find it perfectly

comfortable for

Plus, it's much

brighter, and it's a touchscreen:

You can turn

pages by swip-

reading.

3.5 inches versus 6 inches on the Kindle — but

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Nor space was university days had Be sink, all three sets of tenants (elever people in all, including four children and a

The iPhone and iPod Touch are fantastic on the go. It's too bad

ing your finger, just like in a real And let's not devices for reading books forget the most important con-Apple doesn't agree. sideration: price.

The iPhone starts at \$199; the iPod Touch, at \$299. As noted, both models perform significantly more functions than the Kindle — which

costs \$359. Consequently, I think the iPhone and iPod Touch could blow the Kindle out of

There's just one problem: The iTunes Store doesn't sell e-books.

Why not? It sells audiobooks. (Apparently people don't read books, but they do listen to them.) By not offering ebooks, you're missing an incredible oppor-

tunity. Two of them, actually. First, there's money to be made. The Kindle is proof of that. You've already got a store in place; you just need to make the content available. I'll bet book publishers would line up down the street for a chance to hawk their tomes on iTunes.

Second, you'll encourage more people to read. Anyone packing an iPhone could also be packing a novel - perfect for those

Please see BROIDA, C4



Tina Gerlach cuts off Swiss chard along with Helene Flesher and her son, Jack, 8, of Canton from the garden at Resurrection Catholic Parish in Canton which helps to feed needy families.

Church garden efforts feed needy, build communities



Onions were almost ready.

BY JULIE BROWN

ina Geriach of Canton thought a few moments about why she works the garden at Resurrection Parish in Canton.

"It's helping other people and doing something you like," she said of the garden she coordinates with fellow church member Elaine Jeris. "It's enjoyable."

About 10 church volunteers have worked on the 70-by-40-foot or so plot at Resurrection, on Warren near Beck. The project got under way a few years back, with the harvested produce going to St. Aloysius Parish in Detroit to feed

"Father Dick (Perfetto) lets everybody do (ministries), within reason," said

Please see GARDEN, C5



Ken Graham of Superior Township and his grandson, Phillip Doran, 10, of Canton pick yellow wax beans from the garden.

Budding pianists perform with professional musicians

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Kelvia Jaupi is only 8 years old but she's already played a concerto with a professional string quintet. It's rare that young piano students have the opportunity to work with an ensemble, so her mother Entela can't say enough about the summer program at Schoolcraft College.

Entela, a violinist with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, says the piano camp allowed her daughter to interact with the musicians.

Students chose from Concertos and Chamber Music or Solo Piano and Piano Duets for the intense two week sessions on the Livonia campus

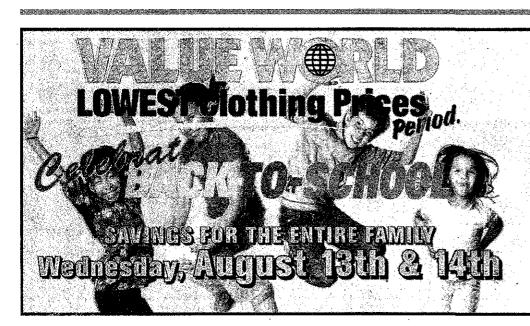
in July. At the end, 22 budding pianists performed in recital with the Ambassador Chamber Players who worked with students throughout the concertos camp.

'It's a unique kind of opportunity to work together as an ensemble," said Donald Morelock, the program's

Please see PIANISTS, C6



Kelvia Jaupi played Mozart's Concerto in C Major in a recital with the Ambassador Chamber Players at Schoolcraft College.



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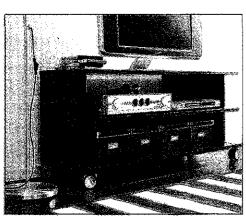


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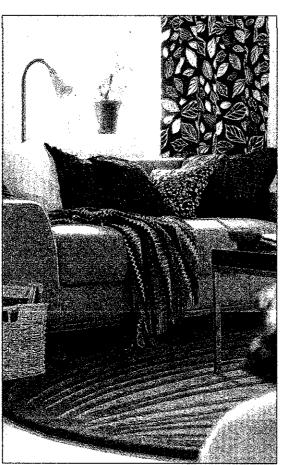
This Raritet jar includes a measuring cup in the lid. \$9.99



Store media in a wall unit or a low-rise TV bench, like this Benno-style furnishing on casters, \$79.99



Find inspiration for your own kitchen from showrooms like this.



Ikea is showing lots of mixed patterns — florals mixed with stripes and abstracts - this year in white, black, brown, green, and other earthy colors.







IKEA offers solutions to beautify, organize every room in the house

BY SHARON DARGAY **0&E STAFF WRITER**

It's 374 pages long and as $\,$ eagerly awaited as a best-selling

And if you don't have a copy in your hands by now, you soon will. Lisa Allen, public relations spokeswoman for the Ikea store in Canton, says the 2009 Ikea catalog will be mailed to those who haven't already received a copy last weekend with a daily newspaper distribution.

But the book, essential reading for any Ikea fan, doesn't tell the whole story about the retailer's new furnishings and accessories. Or about new trends in color and

If you want to see it all, you've got to check out the showrooms, the marketplace shelves, peek into cabinets and test out the chairs in person as media and business community members did this week during a catalog kick-off breakfast and tour.

Allen and her colleagues led the group through the store's 54 showrooms and three model

"The goal at Ikea is to make everyone their own interior designer," explained Heidi Tippery, design manager. "That's what we hope to do, so you get inspired, go home and say, 'oh, I want to do that.'

"Hopefully as people walk through the store, they'll identify with something. Something will draw them in."

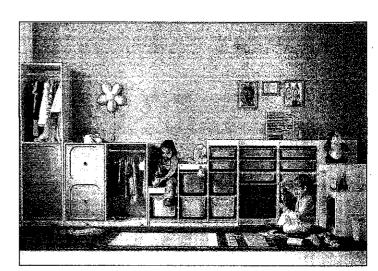
That lure might be the furniture style, such as traditional, modern or country. Or it might be the lifestyle reflected in a showroom. Ikea designs its display areas with specific people in mind.

"For example, this is a basement solution. Everyone has a basement in this area," said Tippery, referring to a showroom that included seating, a bar and entertainment areas. "This is about a divorced father with a couple of kids. He likes to enter-

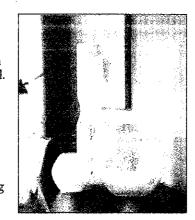
Another setting's contents might appeal to an "empty nest" couple. Or to an environmentally-conscious young person.

Tippery said the store also keeps the local market in mind as it displays its merchandise.

You have to meet the range of who's coming here," she



Keep children's rooms neat with storage bins and drawers.



These Knubbig table lamps, made of blown glass, with a cherry blossom pattern, are \$8.99 and \$16.99.

explained. "It's a very traditional market here."

At that same time, it stays true to its focus on functionality, organization, and maximizing the use of space, whether the customer owns a McMansion-style home or a one-room loft.

"The idea of what Ikea stands for is that you can do-it-yourself. The knowledge is here to support you if you need it. But we don't have designers that go to your house," Tippery noted. "You tailor (products) to your own taste and space. That's why Ikea products

So, how does this year's catalog differ from its predecessor? What's new on the showroom floor?

"I think last year was all about Scandinavia designs - bright, bold. This year it's very earth tone...a lot of browns, grays, whites, beiges. Deep greens, light greens, yellows."

Tippery pointed out that the store is showing a mix of patterns — florals, stripes, abstracts within some of its showrooms. A floral chair might sit near a striped rug, across from a table with an abstract-patterned lamp "If you look at some of the fur-

niture coming back in, it's black, brown, some oak, she added. "Our leather range is expanding, so that brings in more blacks and browns. And I think that's what the market is looking for."

Ikea is located at Haggerty and Ford roads, west of I-275. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday. (734) 981-6300.

CATALOG BROWSING

■ Media storage on pages 72-73 - You need to stash all those DVDs, video games, and equipment somewhere. Why not put it all together in a wall unit? "Media is huge for us," says Heidi Tippery, design manager, She said Ikea's media storage furnishings have expanded over the past few years. Find low-rise TV benches on pages 74-75.

■ Duvets on page 194-95 - "The greatest part about a duvet, which is very European, is that you can change the style by changing the cover," says Tippery. "So, if you get bored quickly, get a new cover rather than buying a new comforter." Find covers in the textile section.

starting on page 274. For kids, pages 206-225 - Amid the new blankets, toys and organizers are old favorites. including the PS Lomsk swivel chair with a pull-down hood and

the indoor/outdoor Ekorre swing. ■ Wall-mounted laptop work station, page 244 - When there's no room for a desk, this new computer station with four cubby holes can turn even a hallway or empty corner into a mini-office.

Flooring on page 300 - Yes. you can buy laminate flooring from 65 cents per square foot for a beech effect to \$1.15 per square foot for antique, maple, oak, white and brown looks, Or head to the store and check out the bamboo floor in some of the showrooms.

Celeber series food storage on page 314 - Don't hide these white porcelain jars in a kitchen cabinet. "This is something that is meant to be seen," Tippery notes. The solid acacia wood lids include a plastic see-through

Slatthult stickers on page. 342 - Plant a folk tree design on the wall with decorative, selfadhesive paper stickers. "A lot of people use these in schools because they can't put nails in the wall," Tippery says.

- Sharon Dargay

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Livonia businesses team up for a good cause

The Perfect Present and Maxima Salon are teaming up to raise money for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk, one of the largest fundraisers for breast cancer, by holding their own 3-Days Aug. 14-16.

Cheryl Williams, Perfect Present owner, lost her mother to the disease two years ago.

From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, a portion of the sales will go to the Komen organization for research, education and programs.

Supporters can choose from haircuts, manicures, pedicures, and massages in the salon, or shopping the sales at The Perfect Present. A donation of \$5 or more entitles the donor to a

There will be refreshments and raffles as well to enjoy.

For more information, call (248) 478-4438 or (248) 473-5720.

The Perfect Present is at 32614 Seven Mile; Maxima Salon is at 32618 Seven Mile.

unexpected "down times," like a long line at the post office or the doctor's-office waiting room.

If, as you say, people don't read anymore, it's because we have limited time and countless other distractions. By making books available on a device you'd no doubt like everyone in the country to own, you might just change that unfortunate

One last thing: I'm already reading e-books on my iPod Touch thanks to a third-party service called eReader. I don't particularly care who gets the money I spend on books. Do you?

Hugs,

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

First Step looking for volunteers

Do you want to help end domestic violence and sexual assault in your community? If so, it's time to get involved.

First Step, Wayne County Project on Domestic and

Sexual Violence, is looking for volunteers to act as victim advocates in the legal system, assault responders and to nurture survivors and their children. The next volunteer train-

ing starts Saturday, Sept. 6. For more information, call Sally Coder-Martinez at (734) 955-3850, ext. 3807 or visit the Web site at www.firststep-

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SALLY CHRISTINE BERRY

Of Rochester Hills, age 60. Died suddenly July 26, 2008 in San Francisco, while doing what she loved most: visiting one of her children. Sally was the beloved wife of Paul for 39 years and mother of Scot, Gretchen, Leanne and Craig, Sally was also the proud grandmother of Parker. Mother-in-law to Krista and Renee and sister of Raymond and Elton Merrill. Daughter of Norman and Bernice Merrill. Sally knew what was important in life and pursued those things with joy and humor. We love you, Mom! Sally will be buried in Wake Forest NC and her Memorial Service will be held at University Presbyterian Church, Rochester Hills, MI at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 16, 2008. Donations in lieu of flowers may be given to United Cerebral Palsy or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

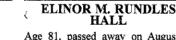
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ROSE MILLER Rose Miller, age 91, beloved mother, and loving grandmother, passed away Thursday, July 31, 2008, in Austin, Texas. Rose was born in 1916, in Detroit, Michigan and spent her child-hood years in Michigan, Pennsylvania and working in New York. In 1942 she married Clarence Miller and for several years they owned and operated a restaurant in the Detroit area before having a child and becoming a homemaker. Following her husband's death, Rose was very active in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for Wayne County for 25 years. During this time her selfless service working for the American Cancer Society for the benefit of Cancer patients was recognized many times by the Wayne-Westland Mayor's office and in 1989 by the Governor's Office. She loved to spend time with her son's family traveling extensively in the Middle East, and Europe or visiting the Grand Canyon, Hawaiian Islands, and the Bahamas.In 2002, she relocated to Austin, Texas to live with her son and his family. However, due to a stroke she was residing at the Heartland Healthcare Center in Austin prior to her death. Her husband, two brothers, two sisters, and her former daughter-in-law, preceded Rose in death. She is survived by her son C. J. Miller and his wife Laura, formerly of Canton, Michigan. Her grandchildren, Brett and Adrienne Miller and her sister Josephine Worthington of New Boston, Michigan also survive her. Rose had a reputation as a tireless worker who always had a smile on her face and a kind word for those who met her. She will be greatly missed. Memorials can be sent to Hospice Austin (1-800-445-3261) in lieu of flowers. Weed Corley-Fish funeral



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Age 81, passed away on August 1, 2008, after a courageous battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. The 37year resident of Winter Park was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 26, 1926. A graduate of Flint Central High School, she attended Northwestern University and, after marrying Trevor W. Hali and having five children, she completed her undergraduate degree at Oakland University in Michigan followed by an M.S. in Library Science at Wayne State University in Detroit in 1970. Her area of interest was in enhancing library services to the aging. She worked in library services at Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, Michigan, where the family lived, and was active in local civic and community organizations there until moving to Winter Park with her husband in 1971. After the relocation to Florida, she joined the staff of the Orange County Library System and became active in the American Red Cross, League of Women Voters, National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood. She retired in 1991. She is survived by her daughters: Andrea J. Schewe of Wheaton, Illinois; Barbara E. Branic of Carmel Indiana, and Cameron Hall Spitznagel of La Canada, California; sons: Trevor W. Hall, Jr. of Orlando and Mark R. Hall of New Smyrna Beach, Florida; grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Walter Z. Rundles, Jr., M.D., and sister, Marilyn McTaggart of Michigan and many friends. The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 14 from 6-8 PM at Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home, 301 NE Lake Ivanhoe Boulevard, Orlando. A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 15 at 10:00 AM, All Saints Episcopal Church, 338 E. Lyman, Winter Park. In lieu of flowers the family is asking contributions be made in her memory to The American

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ANNIVERSARIES



John and Dorothy Hull will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends at the Marriott Park Hotel at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The couple has five children, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The Hulls live in Plymouth Township, though John is formerly of Royal Oak and Dorothy lived in Detroit. They attended Royal Oak High School and Western High School respectively. John is a World War II Navy veteran. The couple wed Aug. 14, 1948.



Robert and Nancy Benoit of Livonia celebrate 50 years of marriage this month. The couple wed on Aug. 2, 1958 in Detroit and have two children: David (Shelly) Benoit of Northville and Robert (Leslie) Benoit of Midland. They also have three grandchildren. The couple are retired from their respective jobs and enjoy spending time fishing, cooking and traveling. To celebrate the anniversary they planned a Caribbean cruise vacation.



Milliken

Pat and Ginny (Verpoort) Milliken of Redford will celebrate 60 years of marriage next month. The couple wed on Sept. 4, 1948 in Detroit and have lived in the metro area all of their lives. They have three children: Marilyn (Bruce) Godfrey of Northville; Pattie (Mike) Conzelman of Plymouth and Mark Milliken of New York City. They also have four grandchildren. Pat has retired from owning a Ford dealership in Redford Township. They will celebrate their anniversary with family.



Siefman

Ronald and Rhoda (Rosche) Siefman of Livonia will celebrate 50 years of marriage this month. The couple wed on Aug. 16, 1958 at Bushnell Congregational Church in Detroit. They have lived in Livonia for 46 years and have three adult children: Sherry Siefman of Plymouth; Scott (Judy) Siefman of Livonia and Susan (William) Adams of Troy. The Siefmans also have five grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

Ronald Siefman retired in 1996 from his work at Chrysler Corporation and Rhoda has worked as a homemaker. The couple are members of Mt. Hope Congregational Church. They enjoy golf, traveling, and spending time at their lake house in Irish Hills.

To celebrate the anniversary, The Siefmans took a family vacation to Branson, Missouri in June. A party with family and friends will be held this month at the lake house.

ENGAGEMENTS

Young-Torres

Frank and Cheryl Young of Naperville, Ill. and formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren, to David Torres, son of John and Christine Torres of Livonia.

Lauren is a graduate of Churchill High School and is studying at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill, where she is pursuing a degree in nursing. David is a Stevenson High School graduate and is currently at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, where he serves as an airman for the U.S. Air Force. He plans to earn a degree in meteorology.

The couple met at the Youth Group at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. David is in the process of adopting Grace Young, Lauren's daughter, so they may be a family



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by their wedding day, July 4, 2010. The wedding will take place in Michigan. David proposed to Lauren this past July 4 weekend, on top of the Ferris Wheel at Chicago's Navy Pier, with fireworks bursting around them.

Bruce-Boran

Stephen and Carol Ann Bruce of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Marie Bruce of Chicago, to Christopher Joseph Boran, also of Chicago. He is the son of Jerry and Colleen Boran of Forest City, Iowa.

Heather is a 1999 graduate of Farmington High School, a 2003 graduate of University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and she earned her juris doctorate from the Chicago School of Law at Loyola University in 2006. She currently works for Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago. Christopher is a 1987 graduate of Forest City High School in Iowa, and a 2000 graduate of University of Northern Iowa, where he earned a bachelor's



degree in accounting. He earned his juris doctorate from Georgetown Law School in 2004 and now works for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in Chicago.

The couple are planning a Nov. 15 wedding at Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Chicago.

Skwiers-Brady

Peter and Camille Skwiers of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amelia Rose Skwiers, to Patrick Joseph Brady of Livonia. He is the son of Frank and Pamela Brady of Plymouth. Amelia is a 1998 graduate

of Churchill High School in Livonia and she earned her bachelor's degree in education from Western Michigan University in 2003. She works as a teacher at West Middle School in Ypsilanti and teaches dance at Bunny Sanford's School of Dance in Livonia. Patrick is a 1994 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and he earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Michigan State



University. He is senior project manager at Coretek Services in Milford.

The couple is planning a Nov. 29 wedding at St. Mary Orthodox Church, with a reception at St. Mary Cultural Center. They will make their home in Livonia.

BIRTHS



Highhouse

James and Kellie Highhouse of New Hudson announce the arrival of their daughter, Olivia Rose Highhouse, born May 30 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Olivia joins siblings Joseph, 19, and Cecilia, 12. Darrell and Anna Hoffman of New Hudson; Stewart and Johanna Highhouse of Highland and Juanita Highhouse of Wixom are grandparents.



James and Jennifer Wright of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Paityn Gabriella Wright, born July 10, 2008 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Paityn joins sister Kaidence Isabella, age 3. Linda Warren of Canton, the late Marvin Finnerty, Jr and Paul and BettyAnn Wright of Harrow, Ontario are her grandparents. Ruth Browne of Westland, Betty Finnerty of Detroit and Violet Shepley-Clark of Harrow, Ontario are her great-grandparents.

WEDDING

Hercula-Boyd Mark and Janice Hercula of

Fraser announce the wedding of their daughter, Carrie Hercula, to Bryan Boyd of Canton. Bryan is the son of William and Robyn Boyd of Northville and Crystal Glass-Boyd of Canton. The couple wed Aug. 9, at St. Thomas a'Beckett Church in Canton and held a reception at Burton Manor in Livonia. The bride was attended by maid of honor Catherine Hercula, and bridesmaids Carrie Sliwinski, Kelly Boyd, Stephanie Wolfe, Jen Wolfe and Tracy Stop. The groom was attended by Bill Boyd, Mitch Uyeda, Burke Daneman, Josh Tilley, Trent Van Wormer, Eric Konopka, Dave Partaka, Tom Hercula and Jeff

Carrie is a graduate of Fraser



High School and Oakland University. She teaches at Central Middle School in Plymouth. Bryan is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and Central Michigan University. He teaches at Central Middle School in Plymouth. They will make their home in Canton.

Gerlach, owner of Ideal Cakes in Canton, of the many parish ministries. She's a gardener, and other church members garden as well, so a vegetable plot to feed the needy was a natural.

"I think that everyone who does it likes to garden," she said. "Food is such a basic need. There's so much space at Resurrection that it's conducive to having a garden."

This year's bounty includes onions, beans, carrots, beets, Swiss chard, tomatoes and peppers. Gerlach noted food pantries often get a lot of canned foods and items like pasta and cereal, but not as much fresh produce. Also, there are few grocery stores in Detroit.

"They're doing a lot of community gardens in Detroit," she said of the growing trend to "grow your own."

Elaine Jeris' husband works at the Detroit Public Library, and regularly takes food to St. Aloysius. A Resurrection deacon's been making deliveries, too.

"We just coordinate when we pick the produce," Gerlach said of the organic garden.

She doesn't think such a ministry is common, but noted Our Lady of Good Counsel Church of Plymouth has planted greens. Gerlach finds summer's a bit slower, so there's



Resurrection Parish garden produce goes to St. Aloysius Parish in Detroit.

Michael Carsten, director of the outreach center at St. Aloysius, called their Canticle Cafe a "Franciscan Starbucks," complete with Internet access on four or five computers, coffee, tea, breakfast and other "light fare."

We also serve the senior citizen population in the area," the Fenton resident said of grocery bags distributed monthly. The parish only has about 160 families.

"We are really going to be able to use it this year," he said of Resurrection's produce.

"I would also like to reach out and involve some of the

area and our Jewish brothers and sisters," Carsten said. Donated items support the Detroit ministry, such as from Knights of Columbus groups: "A huge amount of that already is coming from the suburbs. What we're given, we give away. Today, we had hamburgers."

City businesses like Compuware have donated box lunches, he added.

Another Canton church decided to start a veggie garden last year, and is continuing this summer. "Very good, very good," said Gary Call of garden progress at Geneva

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than last year." Last year's Geneva garden was overwatered, said Call, a Canton resident and retired GM toolmaker.

Geneva's growing beans, zucchini, acorn squash, onions, tomatoes and summer squash this year. Church members Don Glass and Buddy Stover also do much of the work.

"If someone comes in and needs some food, we'll give it to them," said Call of the church food pantry. Church members have also enjoyed the harvest bounty, added something to do since I've retired."

Call, who got involved "to have



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Attracting butterflies

Brenda Dziedzic, President of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, will talk about monarchs and other butterflies, their habitats and plants that attract the insects, at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 16, at Goldner Walsh Garden & Home, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Come away with the knowledge to plant your own butterfly paradise that will be pleasing to the eye and will promote the diversity of the local butterfly population. Cost is \$10. Seating is limited. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations. Maintain the Magnificence

Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club is selling raffle tickets during an ongoing fund raiser to benefit Meadow

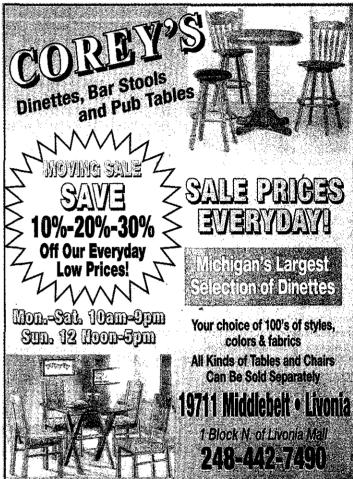
Brook Hall Garden Club, which maintains the hall's 14 gardens. Supporters may purchase tickets (\$10 each, or 11 for \$100) for a chance to win \$2,500, \$1,250, and \$625 cash prizes. The drawing will be held 1 p.m. Aug. 19 at Meadow Brook Hall and Gardens, but ticketholders need not be present to win.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

467-0617. Fall gardening tips

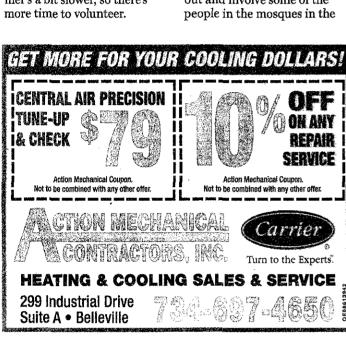
Nancy Szerlag, author of "Perennials for Michigan" and "Annuals for Michigan" will present the free gardening seminar "Fall Gardening Tips Make Spring Magic," 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at Art Van, 29905 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Refreshments will be served. Call (888) 619-2199.

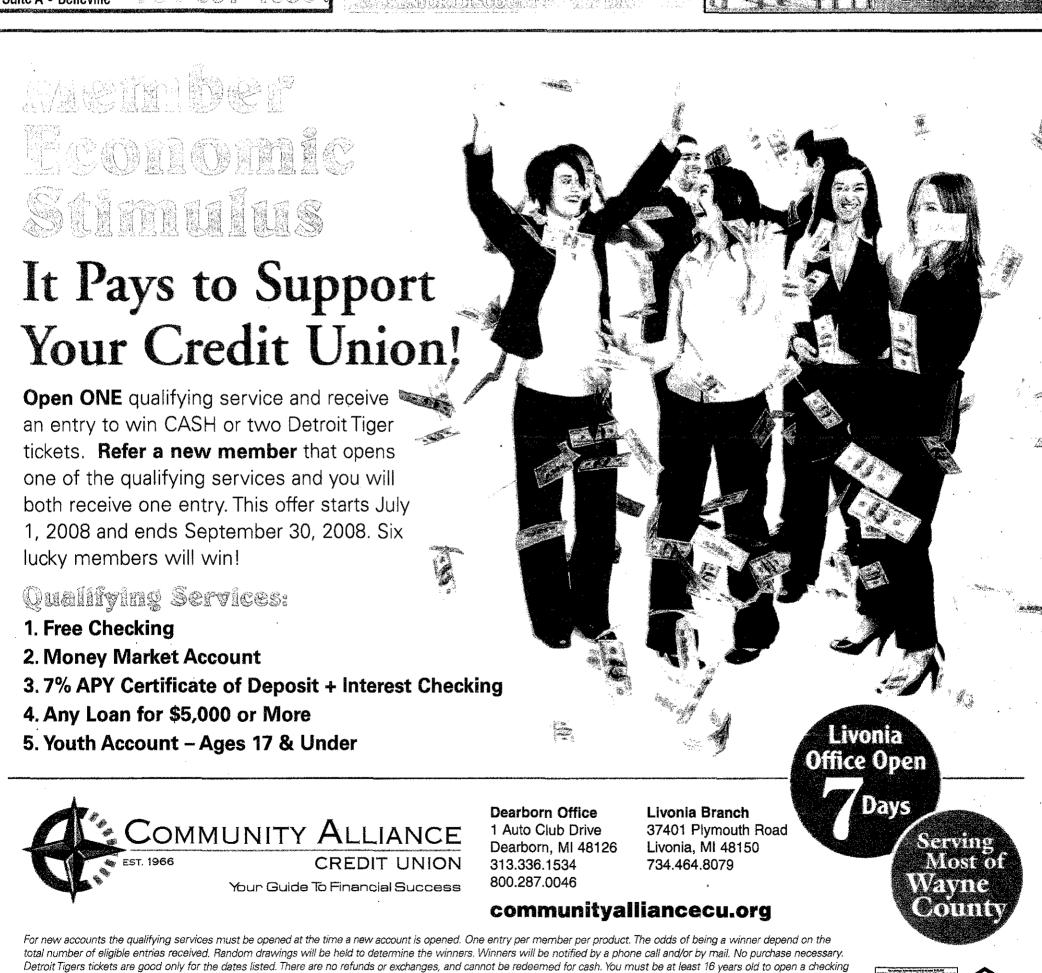
From Garden to Plate

Learn the basics of canning, freezing and storing fresh produce for optimai quality and safety through the Michigan State University Extension Oakland County, Robin Danto, MSU Extension instructor will teach a class from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 27, at Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook, Novi, \$20 per person. (248) 858-0887 or e-mail to smkithlin@oakgov.com.



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director and an instructor. "It's a partnership of equals." Kelvia spent hours learning

Mozart's Concerto in C Major,

K. 246. That's no easy task for a third grade student. Kelvia goes to Webster Elementary in Livonia. This year she was a finalist in the Michigan Music Teachers Association competition in Lansing where she was one only one of two competitors under age 10.

"The summer school was a great experience. She sounds different," said Entela Jaupi. "It's amazing how Kelvia improved. She's playing songs that sixth graders play."

"It's fun to learn," said Kelvia who plans on becoming a concert pianist when she grows up. "I had to play three movements over 30 minutes by memory. You have to know all the lines in your head. viola, violinist, every part, when to start and stop. It is difficult, but once you do it a few times you get used to it. It's in your heart."

Kelvia's piano teacher Mary Siciliano helped her practice the concerto. She recommends the piano camp to her students. Siciliano is a professor of piano at Oakland University and teaches piano pedagogy at Schoolcraft College.

"I think it really builds the self esteem," said Mary Siciliano of Livonia. "I think it's intimidating the first time, but it's also extremely inspirational. If a student felt unsure of this is what they want to do, it inspires them to continue and even listen to orchestral music and not just piano music. It opens up their musical experience.

Siciliano's daughter Julia ... taught at both piano camps this year. Julia attended the sessions as a student as well.

'The fun part about the camps is they're there with students their ages, all doing music together," said Julie Siciliano, who teaches privately in Livonia and Ann Arbor. Siciliano is studying for a master's degree in performance at the University of Michigan School of Music. "Piano is very isolating. During the year

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Katherine Dougan of Plymouth (left) and Julia Siciliano pose for a photograph after a recital at Schoolcraft College. Siciliano was an instructor at a summer piano program on the Livonia campus.

they're on their own. They can inspire each other, learn from each other. It's fun but very much a learning experience. As pianists we're kind of all on our own, only hear our instruments. Teachers tell them to imitate the cello. They get to hear those sounds teachers are always talking about, to play with professional string play-

Kathryn LaBelle thought it would be a good experience to play with a chamber ensemble even though she'll be studying engineering at the University of Notre Dame this fall. The Livonia woman has been studying piano 12 years, nine with Mary Siciliano.

"The camp was very educational," said LaBelle, who recently graduated from Stevenson High School in Livonia. "Every day we'd spend half the time in the rehearsal hall listening to other people play and playing ourself with the quintet, the other half listening to lectures on practice skills, how to play with an orchestra. I had to work on listening to thé orchestra but not so much that I wasn't paying attention to my own music. It was just how the music was meant to be played. I've played a lot of concertos before, but it was special to hear what it was supposed to sound like (with

orchestra)."

Like LaBelle, Katherine Dougan isn't planning on becoming a concert pianist but wanted to play a concerto with a professional ensemble. This was her fourth piano camp, but her first focusing on concertos. Dougan is a senior at Mercy High School

in Farmington Hills. "The teachers are amazing," said LaBelle, 17, of Plymouth. LaBelle, who's studied piano since first grade, takes private lessons with Morelock. "Before I never appreciated classical music. It was a once-in-a-life experience for me. I'm not. going to have the opportunity to play with professionals."

Susan Nye enjoys working with the students as much as they appreciate learning to play with an orchestra. Nye plays cello with the Ambassador Chamber Players. First violinist is Windsor Symphony concert mistress Lillian Scheirich; second violin, Delia Turner; viola, James Greer, and bass, Gregg Powell.

"These students are well prepared, good students who have reached a certain level of proficiency if they're playing a concerto," said Nye of Livonia. "For us it's entertaining to see them grow."

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A combined reunion, Oct. 4, 2008. Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60. Dinner Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at door. Contact (248) 442-0946 or bbhsfirstfive.com

Brighton High School Class of 1989

Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school

class of 1989" for more information. Cass Technical High School

Classes of 1964-67 Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15. Call Rita, (313) 567-8133.

Christ the King School All Class Reunion in honor of 70th year anniversary 6 p.m. Sept. 12, at the church in Detroit. School tour. Tickets \$25. For more information, contact Rosanne Jodway at rmjodway@sbcglobal.net or Yvonne Perrault-Moyer attyvonnemoyer@ hotmail.com. Proceeds to benefit school scholarship fund.

Clarenceville High School Class of 1988

A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org.

Crestwood High School Class of 1968

A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or email CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

Dearborn Edsel Ford **January Class of 1958**

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A 20-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 22, 2008 adult gathering at Avenue Bar & Grill, Dearborn, \$25 per person. Saturday Aug. 23, Family Picnic at Ford Field, Dearborn, \$25 per family, For details and to RSVP see www. freewebs.com/fordson88 or e-mail fordsonclassof88@yahoo.com

Detroit Cass Tech Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

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Detroit Holy Redeemer High School Class of 1958

A 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at O'Kelley K of C, Dearborn. Contact Mary Burns at (313) 937-3979 or burnsmary@aol.com for information.

Detroit High School of Commerce Class of 1958 January, June and August

A 50-year Reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008. Contact Bester King, (248) 547-1693, or Jackie Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834.

Detroit Northeastern Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 23, at Farina's Banquet Center, Berkley. Contact Audrey Bynum Bibbs at (248) 474-2716 or Dorothy Rodgers McCree at (248) 224-7598.

Detroit Redford High School Class of 1968

A 40th reunion is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008, at Mama Mia Ristorante, 1403 S. Commerce, in Wolverine Lake (Walled Lake). Check out the class's Web site: www.redfordhigh1968.com or contact Jessie Wysocki Farkas at (248) 669-3364.

Detroit Western High School

Class of 1978 A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

Farmington Harrison High School Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. Purchase advance tickets. \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites. 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, III. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com. Garden City High School

Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008. Call Willbey Pistor: (734) 261-5193 or call Jim Fill: (734) 722-4453.

Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of 1-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online. Send names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com. Visit www.myspace.com/qchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set vet. **Grosse Pointe North**

Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www. taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@ taylorreunions.com.

Groves High School Class of 1978

30-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008 at D'Amato's, 222/224 S. Sherman Dr., Royal Oak. Tickets, \$35 per person, \$45 at the door, include hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar. Visit www.groves1978.com or call Kathy (Tepanian) Albertson (248) 851-0777.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcgloblal.net.

Livonia Bentley

Class of 1958 50th reunion, Oct. 10-12, including golf at Whispering Willows Golf Course and dinner at One Under. For details contact Ellen Baumgartner Dorman, (734) 261-6984; Jane Faries Hopper,

(248) 474-3728. Livoniá Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or email: Kavninilu@aol:com.

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1978 A 30-year reunion, Aug. 16, 2008, at Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Includes DJ, cash bar, and strolling buffet. For information, contact Tim Oehmke at (734)637-1002 or

Class of 1973

superchargertest@aol.com Milford High School Class of 1978 Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion

committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com. Plymouth-Canton high schools

Searching for classmates for 35th reunion, 7 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, Sept. 6 (Fall Festival Weekend) at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cash bar, business casual, light hors d'ouevres, donation at the door. E-mail Roxanne McTurner Gill at gillroxanne@yahoo.com or Curt Horton at curtis.horton@hortonplumbing.com.

Pontiac Senior High School

Class of 1958 Seeking classmates for 50-year reunion dinner/dance 6 p.m. Friday. Aug. 22, at the Marriott Pontiac, 3600. Centerpoint Parkway, Tickets, \$75, include dinner (cash bar) music and more. Call (248) 375-0316 or (248) ~642-8026, or e-mail phs1958reunion@ sbcglobal.net or cholstein8494@wow-

Redford Thurston Class of 1968

way.com.

Pre-Party Get Together 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 21, at Bar Louie, 37716 West Six, Livonia. 40th Year Reunion with strolling buffet 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 22, at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North. \$50 per person plus cash bar. Contact Tony D'Ascenzo at tonyd@guardianplumbing.com, Terry Tipton at tetipto® netscape.net, or visit www.thurstonclassof1968.com for details.

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20-year reunion, Friday, Oct. 10 at the Royal Oak Music Theater featuring The Mega 80's. More information on classmates and where to register can be found at www.dondero1988. myevent.com.

Royal Oak Kimball

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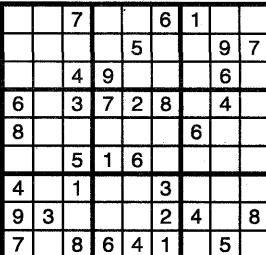
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WHAT EMPLOYERS SAY ABOUT COLLEGE-LEVEL RESUMES



become an essential job-hunting tool, especially because of the explosion of methods job seekers Mildred L.

use to get them in front of employers. Young job seekers face a particular problem that's difficult to overcome: no job

experience or little bits of job experience, seemingly unrelated. Do employers want all of the gory details? Erika Cavins, director of Campus Recruitment at Northwest Mutual Financial Network in Chicago, has been recruiting college juniors and seniors for the

company's internship program for more than two years. She's read resume after resume spanning restaurant jobs to jobs in large organizations. Cavins indicates that the trend is to shorter resumes, a page or three-fourths of one, rarely less. Ken Whiting, president of WAVES for Success

Inc., in Santa Cruz, is both a consultant on youth hiring and an employer. His Whiting's Food Concessions Inc., has hired and employed several hundred teenagers for 55 years to work in food and

beverage at amusement parks, handling hotdogs, hamburgers, pizza and ice cream. As such, he's aware of some of the most basic work that can appear on resumes. Does all of that experience need to appear on

"I think less is more," Whiting states. "I don't think a resume needs to be cluttered. It should be specific about experiences and education and what the person is applying for. Skills are the easy part (for training). The tough part to get instilled is the attitude and ability to work in a team environment. There needs to be a cover letter addressing why they're applying and where their interest and passion lie. They need to include something about the company to draw connection."

"How less is less?" Cavins asks. "I don't think they should necessarily put everything, but maybe their top three or four experiences . . . appealing to their strengths" and their current objective. Resumes that stand out to her include the name of her company and statements reflecting familiarity with the organization and its internship. She points out that lots of entrylevel job experience can be a really good thing, because it indicates that "students have identified what they like and don't like."

of college with an idea about what they want to do for the rest of their lives? When you were in college, did you know where you'd be sitting right now? Most careers make sense in hindsight, but many of them are completely unpredictable during college. Students can't predict where the workplace is going, and its people with it. Some people deeply ensconced in the workplace can't either.

Much of Whiting's consulting to teachers and employers involves telling them to show students how an entry-level job can be on track for a career. Whiting sees this as "cause-and-effect" and believes that this can be done. Of course, not all employers are good career counselors.

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connect skills used in entry-level jobs, such as communication, organization, coordination and implementation and organization, are essential to the workplace, family and society overall.

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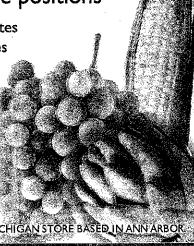
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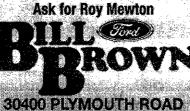
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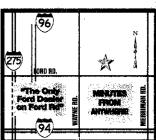
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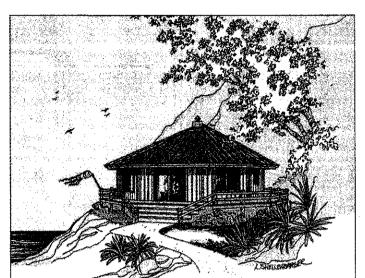
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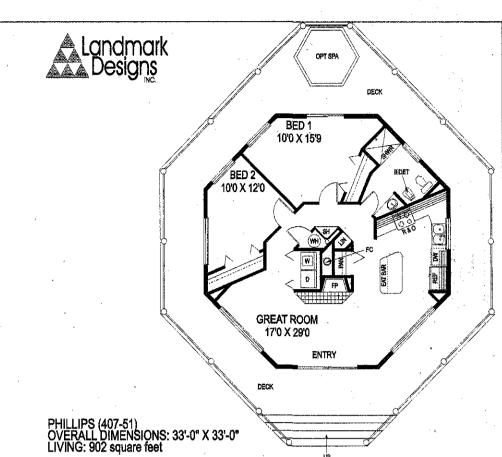
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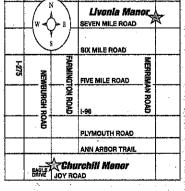
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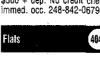
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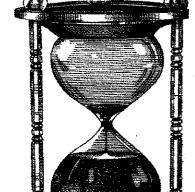
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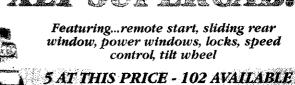
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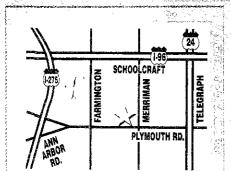
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