



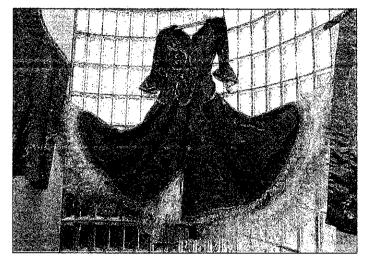
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On Friday and Saturday evenings, there is flamenco dancing and Spanish quitar music.

New Spanish eatery features flamenco shows, tapas

BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Flamenco dancing and great food are on the menu at Tasca de Plata Tapas Bar & Restaurant, a new eatery on Canton Center in Canton. Owner José Montes is proud of his establishment, which opened in mid-May and offers Spanish food.

"People confuse it with Mexican food," said Montes, who grew up in Garden City and now lives in Brighton. It's somewhat similar to French cooking, with sautéeing, and fresh ingredients, including a lot of cheeses and chorizo sau-

"It's growing little by little," he said of business, noting they haven't done a lot of promotion yet. "It's mostly by word of mouth.'

He's been in the restaurant business since the late 1980s, and previously had the Spanish restaurant Alegrias in a hotel in Farmington Hills. That hotel was torn down and

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between Warren and Ford, north of Hanford. The distinctive building needed a special name for its new purpose, so they settled on Tasca de Plata. "Tasca" is a pub or tavern in Spain, and "plata" is silver in Spanish, referring to the silvery exterior.

They offer flamenco shows

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. lasting 45 minutes with guitar music and at least two dancers. There's a stage to present the Spanish music and dance. The restaurant also features photos of Montes' late mother, Maria del Carmen, a well-known flamenco dancer who danced professionally in New York City and elsewhere. The king of Spain made her a Dame in 1990 for her contributions to



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José Montes presents tapas at his new Canton restaurant, Tasca de Plata.

Spanish culture.

The Canton restaurant has 25 tapas, or "small plates," both hot and cold. They're somewhat like an hors d'oeuvre, he said, but larger, with two or three making a meal. They also serve entrees, including some Mexican food, and paellas.

"We have one that's all seafood," he said of the paellas. "We have another one that's vegetarian. You basically use the rice and you build from there."

ment," he said of his mother's dance career from childhood on.

The menu explains such ingredients as shrimp in olive oil, or lamb meatballs with mint. They have beer and wine, and hope to add liquor soon.

Customer Jennifer Smith was pleased with her recent meal at Tasca de Plata.

"The food was delicious, and it was different for the Plymouth-Canton area," said Smith, a speech and language pathologist who lives in Canton. "I liked that they had food. The salsa was wonderful." She found

Spanish food's a natural for his family, Montes looked for a new site. as his parents were from Spain, although Spanish food but they also had Mexican He found the former Central his sister and brothers were born here. the staff friendly. City Diner, on Canton Center "We kind of grew up in that environ-

W-W braces for possible teachers' strike

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools could have summer vacation extended, if the district's teachers carry through on a plan to delay the Sept. 2 start of

Members of the Wayne-Westland Education Association voted overwhelmingly Monday evening to authorize the job action, "if the district continues to bargain in bad faith and prevents a fair and equitable contract settlement."

The two sides have been negotiating this week in hopes of reaching a contract settlement. The

teachers' contract expired Monday. "We'd very much like a contract," said John Retzer, WWEA vice president.

"We have been very disappointed by the status of negotiations and the offer by the district.'

School Superintendent Greg Baracy said the union's announcement is an attempt to put pressure on the school board and himself.

"I don't anticipate our professional staff will participate in an illegal job action, and this is an illegal action," he said. "I expect them to be in class on Tuesday."

Teachers' strikes have been illegal since 1996, and teachers who participate in such job actions can be fined or fired. The last time Wayne-Westland teachers walked

off the job was in the 1970s. Teachers were in school this week preparing for the new school year, but whether students are in the classrooms next Tuesday depends on the outcome of this

week's bargaining. Negotiations were scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and Baracy indicated the district is willing to "go around the clock." However, he admitted the two

sides are "light years apart." According to Retzer, the union has three "major" issues — class sizes, health care and wages. He said that only three districts have

salaries less than Wayne-Westland and that new teachers make \$6,000 less than surrounding districts.

"We want comparable salaries, quality health care and smaller class sizes," he added.

Baracy said the district will continue to negotiate in good faith.

"We are determined to hold school on Tuesday," he said. "Our intentions are to get a con-

The school district has been posting negotiation updates on its Web site at www.wwcsd.net since mid-August. About 1,000 Canton children attend Wayne-Westland schools.

Neighbors feeling 'closed in' by plans for new church

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

Upset neighbors called amended plans for Canton Friendship Church's proposed facility on the northeast corner of Beck and Saltz a "complete, 180-degree" turn on Monday night.

"This is nothing like what we were promised," said Hendrie Street resident Gina Thibault during a lengthy public hearing before the Canton Planning Commission.

Thibault, and one of her neighbors, Laura Vespaziani, said they were at peace with the church's plans, which were approved by the Township Board in December, until the amendment surfaced. The amendment calls for the church to be moved 100 feet west of where it was initially planned.

Thibault said the church's sanctuary will be directly south of her home.

"I will feel very closed in," she said, adding that the distance between her home and the church would be less than 70 feet.

In addition to the amendment of its special land use request, the church also presented a revision to its site plan with the proposed purchase of a seven-acre Saltz Road parcel. The church intends to divide the land, which has a single-family home on the west portion, and use the east side to create an additional entrance to the church.

The main entrance is slated for Beck Road.

The idea of a second entrance, which was promoted as a way to lessen traffic congestion, doesn't sit well with Timothy and Nicole Zapinski, who live west of the proposed parcel on Saltz Road.

"Honestly, we don't want the drive-

way," said Timothy Zapinski. Canton Friendship Church estimated that about 50 vehicles will be at the church each Sunday.

In the end, the commissioners voted 3-3 on the request, which meant a denial. The request will now go before the Board of Trustees, which can follow the commission or push the project forward.

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin, who also sits on the board, said she was "disappointed" with the changes in the proposal but voted for it because it met all township ordinance requirements.

The original plans were "a point of satisfaction," McLaughlin said because "everyone felt a bit of pain and a bit of joy." But, the township can't force the church to move the building back to its previously proposed location, she said.

Commissioners Katharine Bovitz and Ronald Lieberman also supported the changes. Commissioners Damon Garrett, Greg Greene and Craig Engel voted against the project.

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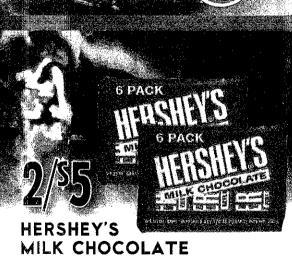
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Twisted Scripture?

Man sues publisher for Bible translations he says discriminate against gays

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bradley Fowler says the biggest misconception about his lawsuit against the world's largest Bible publisher is that he has a problem with the Word of God.

The 39-year-old Canton man says his issue isn't with God's Word but those who have twisted the Scriptures.

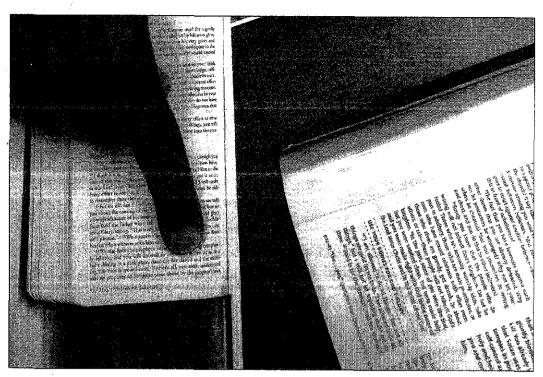
"This is the Holy Bible. What we have been taught doesn't coincide with what was written," said Fowler, who has a \$60 million lawsuit against Zondervan, a Grand Rapids-based publisher. The case was filed with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

In the suit, Fowler, who is gay, claims he began experiencing mental anguish and medical problems in 2007 when he came across several Zondervan-published Bibles that used the term "homosexual" in certain Scriptures. particularly 1 Corinthians

"When I realized what they had done, I was so furious that I couldn't sleep for at least two days," he said, noting he feels the term was added to push an agenda. "This is a sacred book and the Scriptures say that no one is to add or take away (from

the Word).' Various translations have used various terms over the years to describe one particular group who will not inherit the kingdom of God, such as "sodomites," "practic-ing homosexuals," "abusers of themselves with mankind," and "men who practice homosexuality.'

Zondervan officials, who recently filed a motion to dismiss Fowler's suit, say that Fowler is going after the wrong party.



Fowler points to some of the passages that led to his lawsuit.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Canton's Bradley Fowler has filed suit against Grand-Rapids-based publisher Zondervan for including terms like "homosexual" in its Bible. What do you think of his lawsuit? Either e-mail Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

"It has come down to taking issue with the way a word was translated (but) we did not translate these Bibles, we only published them," said Zondervan spokeswoman Tara Powers.

Powers said teams of evangelical scholars are responsible for the translations.

"It is a laborious and intensive process," she said. "They want it to be accurate.'

In its motion to dismiss. Zondervan officials called

Fowler's claims "patently ridiculous" and wrote, "For the purpose of this motion to dismiss, Zondervan will accept all of plaintiff's factual allegations as true. Yet, even then, these facts do not support the legal claims (the) plaintiff has made."

Fowler, who is representing himself in the lawsuit, believes the Bible never addresses consensual homosexual relationships and discovered the use of the term while doing research for his Bible study guide.

"From the age of 10, I have been told that I was wrong because it was in the Bible," he said.

"But God never said it was wrong, it was people that put that in there. The Bible has been changed so many times it's ridiculous."

Nonetheless, Fowler's claims have been discussed on tens of thousands of Web sites and blogs and many have denounced the author's lawsuit calling it a stunt to bolster his writing career and solid proof that the world is in its "last days."

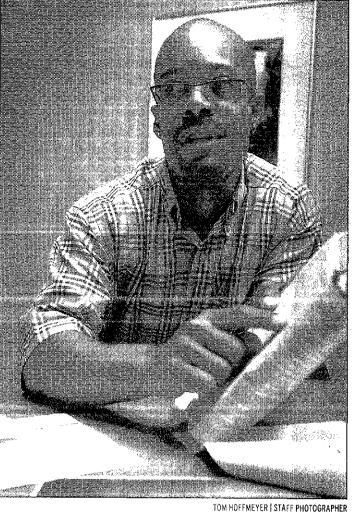
Fowler's criminal past, which includes a manslaughter conviction in 1986, has also been raised as a measure of his credibility.

While admitting his past faults, including a destructive childhood that he says was triggered by molestation from a male family member, Fowler says he is emotionally drained and would not have placed himself in a position to be the "laughingstock of the country" if he didn't believe in his cause.

"My faith says that I'm right," he said.

Nothing in my body tells me that I'm wrong. To the public, it seems that I made it this far alone but my God has directed my path."

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Author Bradley Fowler of Canton goes over his research detailing the information he has compiled in bringing a civil lawsuit a Grand Rapids publisher of the Bible.

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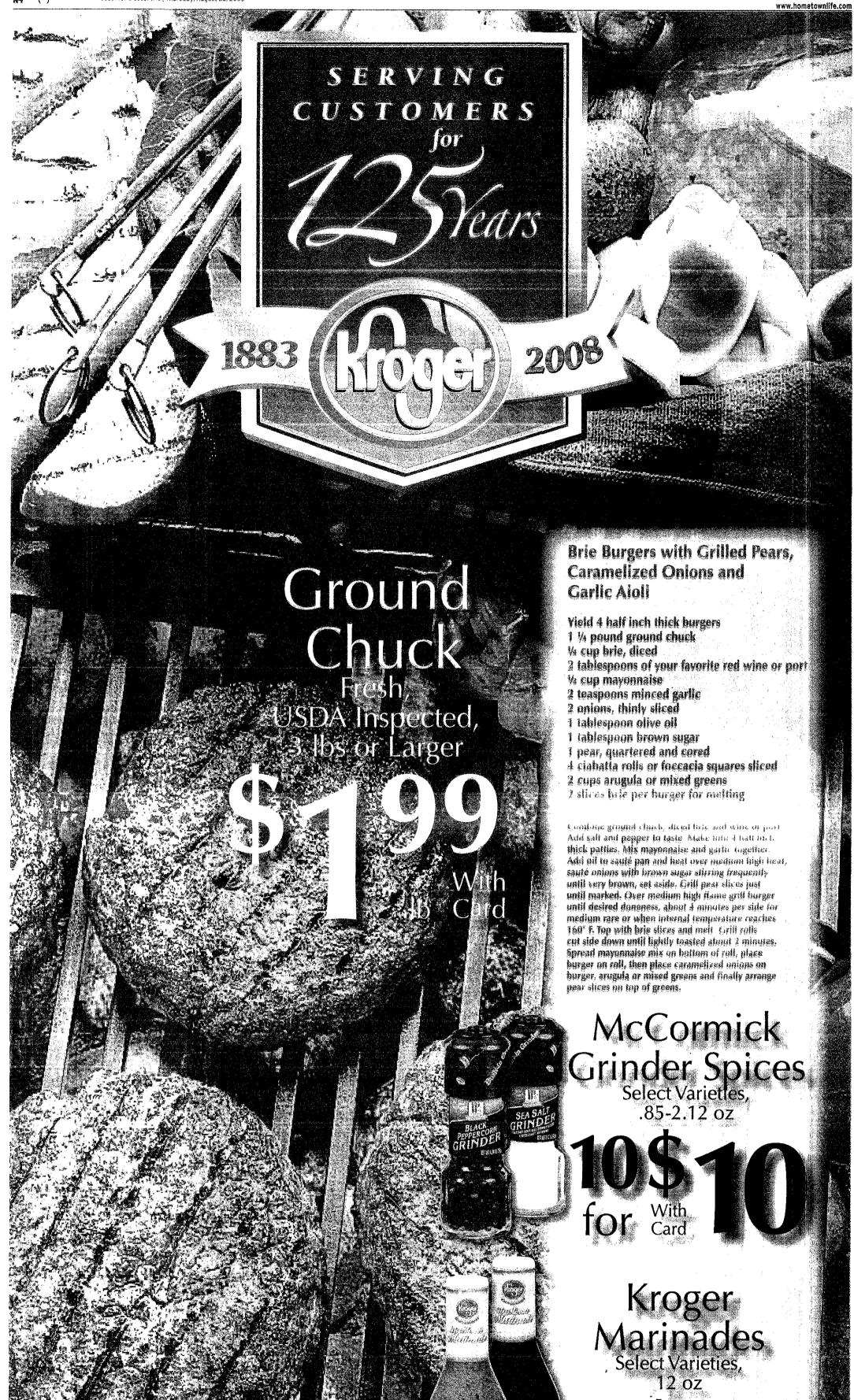
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Hazardous waste drop-off

Canton's annual Hazardous Household Waste Day will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6 at Canton's Division of Public Works Building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road. This event is open to Canton residents only and is an opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable, or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected include, but are not limited to, fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, expired medicine, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, household batteries, propane tanks, mercury waste, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kerosene, motor oil, and acids.

Canton will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive material, smoke detectors, and tires. To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not acceptable please call Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150 or

visit www.canton-mi.org. For year round disposal of hazardous waste, Canton Waste Recycling (CWR), located at 42020 Van Born Road, will accept limited items on scheduled Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on scheduled Saturdays from 8-11 a.m. Items accepted for drop off at CWR include, batteries, oil, antifreeze, and paint (limited to five one-gallon containers). CWR recycling dates can be found in your monthly Focus Newsletter under the community calendar or by calling CWR at (734) 397-5801.

Partnership fund-raiser

Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities has been collecting on pledges made during its initial capital campaign when its efforts were exclusively focused on supporting the construction of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Like other charitable organizations, the Partnership has seen its donor base shrink because of the economy. As a result it hasn't been able to provide funding to local arts programs, particularly at the theater. Beginning in September the Partnership will hold its

annual fund raising drive. "With gas prices on the rise, folks can experience culture and arts right here in their own neighborhood with all the theater has to offer," said Executive Director Elizabeth Knoll, who noted if every Canton household donated \$25 a year to the Partnership and its efforts to support cultural arts, it would provide the resources needed to keep the Village Theater resident groups expanding as well as dollars to invest in new cultural arts projects.

For more information on making a donation to the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, please log on to www.partnershipforarts.org to download a giving form or



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Children's carnival

Abundant Life Church, located at 2100 Hannan Road in Canton, will host a children's carnival 6-8:30 p.m., Aug. 28-30. The event will feature food, activities and inflatables for the children, as well as an interactive children's Bible program. On Aug. 30, there will be a pienic from 4-6 p.m., and will feature volleyball, horse shoes, a slip and slide and plenty of food. Register to win a free bike. For more information, send an e-mail to arkybuddyamb@aol.com.

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One scoop or two?

Lt. Governor John Cherry (right) was in Canton last week during an ice cream social hosted by the Community Democratic Club at UAW Local 735 on Michigan Avenue. Here Cherry serves some ice cream to Larry Parks of Northville. The event was also attended by local Democratic elected officials.



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Jane Bensen, 10, of Canton (right) looks for the right boxes as she and her 7-year-old sister, Claire, make a donation to the Back to School Blitz Friday morning at the Salvation Army in Plymouth.

Drive fills bus with needed school items

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gayle Berner of Canton Township arrived at the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps parking lot off Main Street with several bags of back-to-school items Friday morning.

Berner said she heard about the drive sponsored by the Salvation Army and Plymouth-Canton Schools to fill a school bus with school

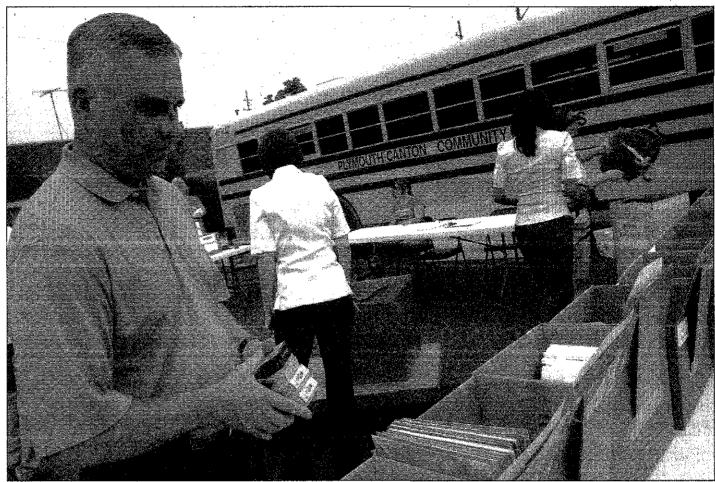
supplies, and showed up with several shopping bags loaded with notebooks, pens, markers and crayons.

"I want to help out the kids who can't get the supplies themselves," said Berner. "It's a good thing to do, and makes you feel good."

Maj. Jim Irvine, pastor and corps officer of the Plymouth Salvation Army, witnessed a flow of people who delivered supplies - rulers, paper, pens, pencils and backpacks

Sweet Dreams'

Demand for supplies



Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel sorts out donations during the Back to School Blitz at the Salvation Army in Plymouth.

Friday during a one-day,

12-hour drive. "Parents are being squeezed on every front and they're having a difficult time getting the kids the supplies they need to go back to school," Irvine said. "And yet, people from all walks of life, at all abilities, have come to help."

Fourteen-year-old Angela

Moser of Plymouth volunteered to sort the donations.

"I just wanted to do it to help other kids," said Moser, who noted there were times when her family needed similar help. "It's hard to ask, but it feels good to help."

Sarah Lee of Flat Rock represented employees of the Comcast Call Center in Plymouth Township who donated school supplies.

"Sometimes you don't realize how something like this can tax somebody's family,' said Lee. "And, it's nice to know that in two weeks some kid will get a brand new ruler that he wasn't going to get, or new pencils or a box of cray-

A \$2,647 grant from Comcast, along with \$2,000 from the Wilcox Foundation and Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, will allow the Salvation Army to give families \$40 gift certificates to

purchase new shoes.

The kids in the corps' day camp also got involved, donating change each day that raised \$567 for new shows. It helped them win a bet — to throw a pie in the face of Irvine who said "It was worth it."

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Bankruptcy can help give individuals a fresh start

ple in severe financial condition. They maxed out their charge cards. They worked with a credit counselor, who got their payments lowered. They called the charge card company, which lowered the interest on their debt.

Despite all that, they were



Money Matters

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file Chapter 7 bankruptcy. It was the only way to relieve them of their financial crisis. I believed

there was no

realistic way

they could continue to maintain their payments. Recently, I received a letter from a reader who disagreed with my conclusion.

The basic premise of the letter was that people get themselves into financial difficulty and they should get themselves out.

The letter writer believed bankruptcy was immoral and something that, if up to him, would not be available. He asked me to address the issue.

I appreciate different opinions and I learn by listening to others. That being said, I stand by my original recommendation. I do not think bankruptcy is immoral.

We live in a great country, which recognizes that people make mistakes and sometimes need a fresh start. That is what bankruptcy is meant to do. It is not meant to reward, but rather an opportunity to learn and to get a fresh start.

Many people believe there are no consequences to bankruptcy. Not true. There are substantial consequences for anyone who files for bankruptcy. Not only is your credit situation hurt, but filing for bankruptcy can also impact your ability to

obtain a job. In addition, there is the psychological aspect that people go through when they file for bankruptcy.

There is another issue that rarely gets discussed, but I believe should be raised. Many personal bankruptcies are because of charge cards. There is no doubt that many people are irresponsible with charge cards and that leads to problems. However, it is important to recognize that charge card companies - in many situations - are charging exorbitant amounts of interest. One reason they charge high interest rates is to cover losses caused by bankruptcies.

The charge card companies, in effect, are charging individuals an insurance premium to insure themselves from losses due to bankruptcy. You could argue this premium is no different than any other type people pay to cover themselves in the case of a loss.

I do not believe bankruptcy should be a first choice if you run into financial difficulties. One should explore a variety of options to determine which suits the situation. However, after exploring options, if bankruptcy is the best option, so be it.

An individual who follows the law and selects bankruptcy should not be stigmatized. Northwest Airlines, Kmart and thousands of companies that have filed for bankruptcy don't believe they cheated their creditors or their shareholders. Companies use bankruptcy laws for their best interest.

I have no problem recommending that we as individuals also take advantage of the law where appropriate.

That does not mean bankruptcy is always the best solution, because it is not. However, it is one solution that individuals facing severe financial difficulty should explore and use where appropriate.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser, Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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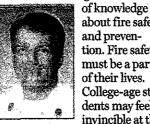
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College students need to prevent fires

™very year, college and university students experience a growing number of firerelated emergencies. There are several causes for these fires, but most are due to a general lack



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about fire safety and prevention. Fire safety must be a part of their lives. College-age students may feel invincible at this

age, but they

aren't. Most of

our children will take responsibility for their own safety if we only show them how

to do it. There is a strong link between alcohol and fire deaths. In more than 50 percent of adult fire fatalities, victims were under the influence of alcohol at the time of the fire. Alcohol abuse often impairs judgment and hampers evacuation efforts. Cooking is the leading cause of fire injuries on college campuses, closely followed by careless smoking and arson. Many factors contribute to the problem of dormitory housing fires.

■ Improper use of 911 notifica- level of housing facilities. tion systems delays emergency

response. ■ Student apathy is prevalent. Many are unaware that fire is a

risk or threat in the environment. ■ Evacuation efforts are hindered since fire alarms are often

ignored. ■ Building evacuations are delayed due to lack of preparation

and preplanning. ■ Vandalized and improperly maintained smoke alarms and fire alarm systems inhibit early

detection of fires. ■ Misuse of cooking appliances, overloade d electrical circuits and extension cords increase the risk of fires.

If your child is going away to college this year, give them information on how to take responsibility for their own safety. Sit down with them and explain to them the following key points:

■ Provide students with a program for fire safety and prevention.

■ Teach students how to properly notify the fire department using the 911 system.

■ Install smoke alarms in every dormitory room and every

■ Maintain and regularly test smoke alarms and fire alarm systems. Replace smoke alarm

batteries every semester.

Regularly inspect rooms and buildings for fire hazards. ■ Inspect exit doors and windows and make sure they are

working properly. ■ Create and update detailed floor plans of buildings, and make them available to emergency personnel, resident advisors and students.

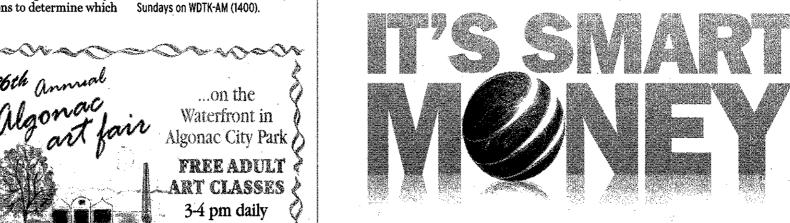
■ Conduct fire drills and practice escape routes and evacuation plans. Urge students to take each

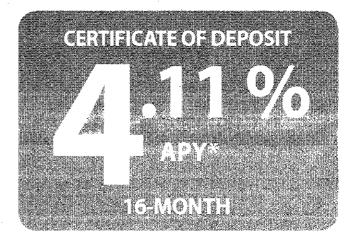
alarm seriously. ■ Do not overload electrical outlets and make sure extension

cords are used properly. ■ Learn to properly use and maintain heating and cooking appliances.

The steps that everyone can take to protect themselves and their children are fairly simple ones. Since your student may never have had to take responsibility for their own safety before, prepare them before they head out the door for college.

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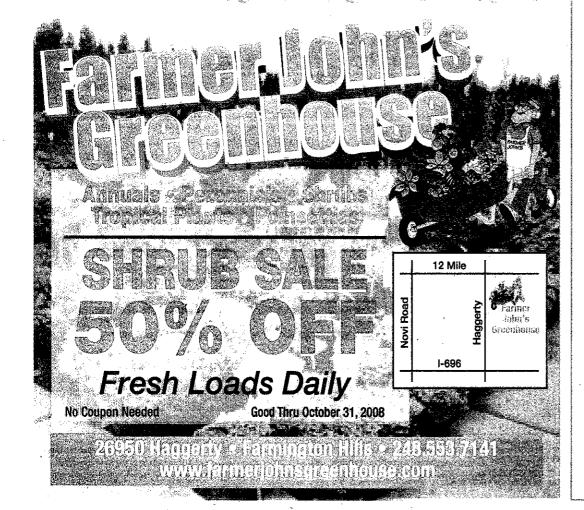
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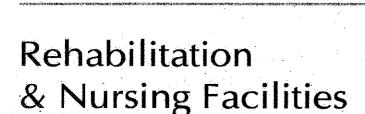


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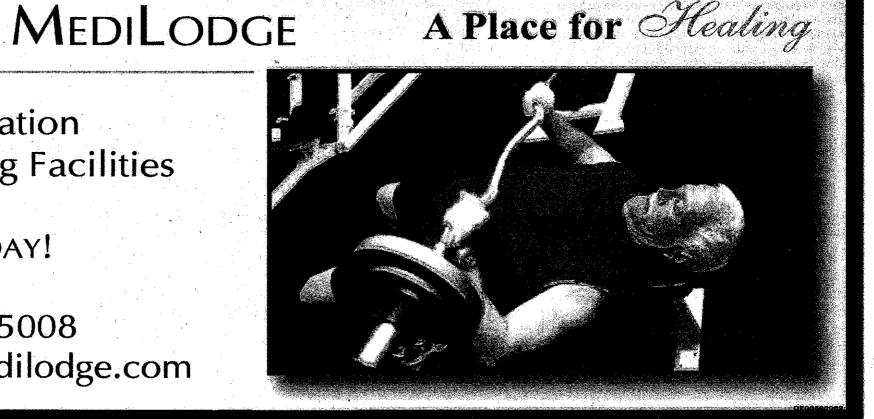


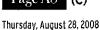




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Schmitt is Canton's true hometown Olympian

A couple of years ago, during the Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy, figure skaters Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto helped put Canton on the map with their silver medalwinning performance in ice dancing.

Canton responded with a grand celebration for the two heroes. But Belbin was born in Ontario, Canada, and Agosto was born in Chicago, and neither of them were reared here. They just happened to train at Canton's Arctic Ice arena (something they no longer do).

Allison Schmitt, on the other hand, is a true hometown hero. The 2008 Canton



Allison Schmitt

"When we were stand-

The fact that the team didn't earn a gold didn't faze Schmitt one bit. She was just thrilled to be able to compete on such

High graduate was raised in the Canton community and began swimming here when she was just 6 years old. A little over a week ago, Schmitt stood near the top of the swimming world in Beijing, China. The 18-vear-old was part of the U.S. women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay team that won a bronze

ing on the podium for the medal ceremony, I couldn't stop smiling. It was like a dream come true," Schmitt said. "I still don't really believe it all. It was so cool just to be able to participate in the Olympics. To get a medal, too, was very special."

medal.

a stage.

Schmitt's Olympic experience included meeting the president of the United States and many of America's top athletes, including her teammate Michael Phelps, as well as basketball stars LeBron James and Kobe Bryant. It was truly a dream-like week for Schmitt.

However, she said everything paled in comparison to winning an Olympic medal. It was the culmination of countless hours of training and hard work, which only Schmitt, her parents (Gail and Ralph Schmitt) and her coaches can truly appreciate.

Tonight, Schmitt will be honored at halftime of the Canton-Brighton high school football game at the PCEP junior varsity field. It will be a fitting and well-deserved honor considering the legacy she has left at Canton High. She has set a new standard for all swimmers in the district to look up to.

Fortunately, this is not the end of the story for Schmitt. In addition to swimming for the University of Georgia Bulldogs beginning this fall, she has already said she would like to compete in the 2012 Olympics in London, England. We can't wait.

Congratulations, Allison, and thanks for being such an

It's your job, parents, to teach life's most important lessons

With school starting Sept. 2, parents may think they're off the hook for a while.

Not so fast.

Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers. Parents may get a break from taking care of them from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. when school is in session, but their children don't stop learning when the last school bell of the day rings.

Children learn by example. And the lessons their parents teach are among the most important.

Parents who want their children to succeed in school - and in life - will set a good example. This includes accepting responsibility for their own actions, doing the right thing even when "everyone else" is doing the wrong thing, and following through on their commit-

Parents can't simply tell their children, "Do as I say, not as I do." They have to live what they teach, or their children will see through their hypocrisy.

A good education is necessary. Today, youngsters need a high school diploma and a college degree or some kind of specialized job training to be financially independent.

But character development is even more essential. A degree from a prestigious university may land a grad a job, but being an honest employee who treats co-workers and managers with respect will help him to keep it.

Parents can't depend on teachers to teach morals they have enough to do teaching them academics.

Besides it's parents' responsibility to teach their children about responsibility, honesty and the other important lessons of life.



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LETTERS

Thanks to Farrand

As the new school year begins and both our children are now in middle school, we can't help looking back on the experiences we had at Farrand Elementary.

Our family would like to extend our deepest heartfelt thanks to the teachers and staff at Farrand. Over and over again we were impressed with their professionalism, their skill, their kindness, and their sincere interest in our children's well-being.

We were lucky enough to participate in the multi-age program, and we would like to extend a special thank you to Ann Hagen and Isabelle Sand — two remarkable teachers. We will miss you, the community of volunteers, and all the staff at

Good luck on the new school year, and thank you for all you do for our children. You have made a lasting difference in our

Stephanie and Matthew Duda

Restrict dangerous chemicals

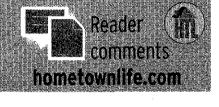
Right now the Michigan legislature is considering the restriction of two dangerous chemicals: lindane a treatment for lice on children; and deca-BDE a flame retardant in mattresses, furniture, computers and televisions. As a Christian, I am deeply concerned about the health effects of these chemicals on children's health and all God's creation.

Lindane has been banned by 50 countries and the state of California. It is no longer used by the U.S. military, or on our livestock. Children who have been improperly exposed to lindane have suffered neurological damage afterwards. There are safer alternatives already in use; and lindane is a last resort when used in a doctor's office.

Deca-BDE is a flame retardant found in furniture, electronics, mattresses and textiles. The flame retardant releases into the air and water and can move up the food chain from fish to humans to babies. Scientific studies have found that American women have the highest concentration of flame retardants in their breast milk. Relatively high levels of deca-BDE have been found in fish from the Great Lakes. Animal studies have linked deca-BDE to thyroid and liver diseases and developmental delays. Safer flame retardants exist on the market, and should be used in place of deca-

In the gospel of Matthew 18:2-4, Jesus says, "Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Children are dear to God, and we must ensure that they are able to grow without concern for toxic trespass of their bodily temples. We are also taught that God made the Earth and said it was good (Genesis 1:18). God put us on the Earth to care for Creation (Genesis 2:15).

Louise Ramsay



Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, www. hometownlife.com:

■ In response to: McCotter: Bush reaction to Georgia invasion 'inexcusable': imjustasayin wrote:

Dear Uncle Thad, I'm sure GWB was very upset when someone gave him a 5 second cliff note of the E-mail you took 2 days to right and re right. Congratulations on again wasting tax payers money writing it and then calling everyone you know to let them know you took a swing at a president with weeks left in power. What a brass pair you have. Go ahead and listen to your advisers and try to suck up some Democratic votes for November while you

I hope the next president knows when to get our troops involved and when to do things diplomatically as well as GWB does. China and Russia are strong world powers, it's not like the sand dunes of backwater Iraq and the caves of Afghanistan. China and Russia can bring the war here, to our Georgia, please do not forget that (even though you would probably be in Canada for it anyway.)

It was a bold move to go to China and needed to be done. More then a rebellion Georgia. More then baby-sitting Congress. He Showed PRIDE in America. Try it sometime." phikapbob wrote:

Constituents: McCotter reaction to everything 'inexcusable'

Is this saber-rattling against China and Russia? Is McCotter intent on reinvigorating the Cold War, or going all the way to WW3? His position to "make sure they have weapons to defend themselves" should be translated to "we need to allow our Republican Military-Industrial-Complex warmongering donors to sell them more weapons."

I also ask McCotter, if he's such a stalwart for energy policy, where was he during the last six years when Dick Cheney was allowing oil companies to construct the previous energy bills. He was right there by Bush/Cheney's side, cheerleading as usual.

tigersnut wrote:

What I find ironic is how Congressman McCotter is distancing himself from Bush when he has been so "Rah-Rah Bush" in the past ... lame attempt to get reelected.

chickenfight wrote:

It is idiotic to think that being in Iraq makes us lack moral authority about going into Georgia. Iraq is a problem but in a different way. The president executed this war poorly. He did not listen to his generals on the ground as he so often claims. He tried to do two wars on the cheap to prevent any injury to American business and the economy. Yes people, the economy

would be a lot worse if the President had actually asked for sacrifice from the American people. We should have devoted our full resources to crushing the Taliban (which are now resurging) and finished off Afghanistan before we went anywhere else. Now we have zero military resources to defend our ally Georgia. Congressman McCotter has been complicit in the way this war was executed and due to his high standing in the congressional Republican delegation, should share more blame in America's failing to have the ability to protect our allies.

In response to Teacher strike could be looming:

teachergrandma wrote:

I'd like to make a correction: there were certainly more than 150 teachers at the meeting at the WWCS Board Office. There were closer to 300 or more district staff and parents/community members gathered to show support for our bargaining team, which by the way, has been attempting to secure a fair contract for district staff. Unfortunately, much of the information given to the community has been skewed regarding negotiations this summer against the union.

wlndcitizen wrote:

I agree teachers deserve to be among the ranks of importance along with police, firefighters, doctors, etc. Without them our community would be lost. From what I have heard some of which was directly from teachers, this is not about class sizes and such things that directly effect our students. This is about pay raises and health care. Although these issues are important, this isn't anything the rest of us haven't faced already with the current state of our economy. I also agree that there are not enough parents involved, but I don't see a smaller class size changing that. Those parents either work two or three jobs or they are the kind of parent who wouldn't participate anyway. Whether or not it was the right time for football fields or gyms to be upgraded is left to be determined. I can say they are needed because without them there would be less revenue to the schools and more students with extra time on there hands with nothing better to do. We can all guess what that would lead to.

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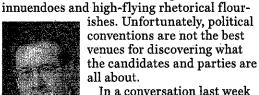
"All of our efforts and energy should be focused on turning Michigan around by attracting new businesses and investment. Kwame Kilpatrick's frequent appearances in the news do nothing to draw businesses to Michigan. If our biggest city is such a mess, why would any business want to set up shop in our state?"

- State representative candidate Dian Slavens of Canton, who joined the ranks of people calling for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to step down from office

Presidential contest is close, and the question is why

he Democrats are doing their thing this week. The Republicans take the stage

You'll hear a lot of the usual jibes, attacks,



In a conversation last week with U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, he said congressional candidates who Hugh Gallagher hold too closely to doctrinaire party positions would be the ones in danger of losing their

seats this November.

But you can go on YouTube and watch a McCotter presentation on the House floor in which he drags out all the old and dreary labels for the Democrats. He attempts to "humorously" present a primer on speaking Democratic and then proceeds to equate Democrats with socialists, appeasers, big taxers, big spenders, anti-business. You know the drill. (But no, he isn't in danger of losing his seat.)

In our conversation, he said the American public is just as angry at Democratic-controlled Congress as they are at the sitting Republican president. He cites polls showing that this is the most unpopular Congress ever. But the fact is that the Democrats have only had control of Congress for two years, after 12 years of Republican control of the House. Many of the Democratic legislative initiatives have met with presidential vetoes or shortfalls in the Senate. The Senate is really an almost even split, with many conservative Democrats (and the lone wolf Joe Lieberman) giving the Republicans a majority on defense issues. It's hard to believe that the public could possibly equally blame the new Democratic majority in Congress with the president and his policies over the past eight years for the many messes the country is in.

But recent polls on the presidential race suggest a very close election.

Real income is down. Foreclosures have reached historic highs. Thousands of American workers have found themselves out of work or underemployed. Many young college graduates have found it impossible to

find a job in their field and difficult to find

any job at all. The stock market has been in

a long skid, plunging the value of 401(k)s and making a comfortable retirement a dim prospect, even as many companies are trying to force workers toward retirement. (And we won't even mention disastrous environmental policies, no leadership on escalating health care costs and a war in Iraq that is costing us billions and short-circuited the hunt for bin

Sen. John McCain has prided himself as a "maverick" and his personal history, his ability over time to work with Democrats and his folksy demeanor are all appealing qualities. It is interesting that voters in the Republican primaries chose the candidate who was least 'doctrinaire" about Republican positions. But to seal the deal, McCain has moved back toward those doctrinaire positions. He could have, and may yet offer an alternative conservative vision, but time to make his case is running out. He has embraced a failed presi-

Despite that, recent national polls show him and Sen. Barack Obama in a dead heat.

State polls from last week do show Obama pulling ahead in Michigan, the state that was the first to feel the full impact of a fast shifting global economy and an inadequate federal response. For far too long, many Michigan voters have been conned into voting against their own economic best interests.

Obama offers an opportunity to break that

Obama is not a doctrinaire Democrat, much to the distress of some in that party. He does have serious economic ideas that borrow from across the political and academic spectrum, from Reagan to Clinton, from Friedman to Galbraith. His ideas are nuanced, pragmatic, based on free market principles.

But already the pundits are upset that the Obama campaign is pulling its punches, in its so-far tepid ads and at the convention. What are they waiting for, when Republicans have been girding themselves for the political lashing eight years of Bush "leadership" deserves.

Are we incapable of actually considering the real ideas of these candidates? Do we make all our decisions on which campaign can be more negative, more snarky, more mislead-

Too bad, here in southeast Michigan, we need ideas not sound bites.

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Wonders of wizardry come alive as passion for Potter prospers

n the last couple of weeks, Russia has invaded Georgia, Barack Obama has chosen Joe Biden (yay! by the way) as his running mate, George Bush suddenly thinks it's a good idea to get out of Iraq (how 28 percent of the country thinks this guy is doing a good job

is beyond me) and Plymouth-Canton graduate Allison Schmitt won a medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics.

What most of you probably missed was the item that most affected me personally: The release of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince has been delayed from Nov. 21 to some time in July. That's NEXT July. July 2009.

ELEVEN months from now.

Brad Kadrich

Now, that may not mean much to you, but to a Muggle-born wizard wannabe, it's disappointing news, indeed.

A few months ago, it would have meant nothing to me. A few months ago, I'd never read a word of J.K. Rowling's multi-gozilliondollar series, never watched a single second of any of the first five Harry Potter movies. Now, I'm so addicted my 18-year-old, Marc, isn't sure he can live with me any more (a difficult position for him, since this is all his fault).

I've covered the last couple of releases of Harry Potter books, without really having much interest in the actual writings. I have my passions (my knowledge of M*A*S*H is unparalleled, for instance), but I still found the devotion of Potter fans willing to wait hours until the midnight release of both Goblet of Fire and Order of the Phoenix surprising.

I remember talking to one young girl at the release of Goblet of Fire, the fourth book in the series, who had read the first three (I hadn't read any of them). She had waited with her dad in line for several hours at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park in downtown Plymouth. At the same event were several young people in costume — Hermione Granger, Professor Dumbledore and the Boy Who Lived himself, Harry Potter. I was more amused than impressed. I was such a tremen-

dous git back then.

None of it really meant anything to me until about three months ago, when I ran out of reading material at home. Marcus and my 11-year-old Robert, both urged me to finally give the Potter franchise a try and convinced me to try again to read Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. I had tried it once before and found it thoroughly uninteresting.

But that's the interesting thing about our fancies, about our passions: We don't always know they're our passions, at first.

I gave Sorcerer's Stone another chance, and I haven't read anything but Harry Potter since. Rather than childish fantasy I found well-written lessons about life, about overcoming differences and adversity, with a few spells thrown in. What the Potter books really are are a seven-part coming-of-age story, sometimes breathtakingly told in a style that allows Rowling to really bring Potter and his

I've now read all seven books and watched three of the first four movies (I opened the DVD of Chamber of Secrets, borrowed from my Little Ones, only to find a Fairly Oddparents cartoon disc in it). I know who the Weasleys are, and I know what Quidditch is. I know what Death Eaters did, and I know why you'd drink Polyjuice Potion (I'd explain it all to you, but they only give me about 19 column inches here; Potter-maniacs - Pothead, Marc calls me - know what I'm talking about).

I stopped in the middle of writing this column to take two Harry Potter quizzes online, dragging my son into one of them and prompting him to tell me, "You've got to be stopped."

He thinks it's bad now? Wait 'til he sees the Invisibility Cloak I'm asking for for

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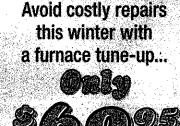
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Salem nets '08 Balconi soccer title

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BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The heat was relentless during Saturday's Gary Balconi Soccer Tournament on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus.

Just not quite as relentless as Salem's soccer team.

The Rocks opened their 2008 campaign in sizzling fashion by outlasting many of the top teams in southeastern Michigan on the way to a 3-0 record and the Balconi title.

"It was a fantastic day for us," noted Salem coach Ed McCarthy, whose squad knocked off U of D Jesuit, 5-1, in the

Canton eyes

return trip

to playoffs

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's football team won't push any scales to the

brink of collapse this fall, but the Chiefs will certain-

As a result of a much-needed infusion of speed,

Baechler's squad, which will be banking on quick-

twitch muscles to return to prominence following

scoreboards may be lighting up as well for coach Tim

"We're not real big, but our overall team quickness

is much improved since last year," said Baechler, who

led Canton to seven straight post-season berths prior to last year's near-miss effort. "This team proved

during the off-season that they're very committed to

defense and two on offense — but their roster was replenished with several players who led last year's

Engineering the team's bruising fullhouse, tight-T

offense will be quarterback Kevin Delapaz, a 6-foot,

180-pound lefty who has earned the rare distinction

"He's a very calm and cool kid," said Baechler. "So

far, he's shown us that he can make the plays and he

The Chiefs will also employ a spread offense on

Canton's starting running back trio enters the

2008 campaign with hardly any varsity experience,

Halfbacks Kiere Daniels, a 5-10, 175-pound senior,

"They're not big, but they're quick and shifty," said

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and Rohn Gaudi, a 5-9, 155-pound junior, will flank

but more than enough wheels to compensate.

junior fullback Adam Payter, a 5-7, 160-pound

Baechler. "They're all play-makers."

of being named a captain in his junior season.

junior varsity and freshmen units to a combined

the program and I like the chemistry.'

The Chiefs return just six starters

ly light up some stop watches.

last year's 5-4 campaign.

record of 17-1.

doesn't get rattled."

occasion, Baechler revealed.

championship match. "Our team's fitness level was the key reason we were so successful on a very hot day. All the conditioning the kids did over the summer paid off"

Junior John Krutty's goal off an assist from Scott O'Connor was the difference in Salem's tournament-opening 1-0 triumph over Dexter. Junior goalkeeper Sasa Miskovic was flawless between the pipes for the winners.

Junior Lachlan Savage accounted for both goals in Salem's 2-0 Game 2 victory over Novi Catholic Central. Savage was assisted by Alex Tramel and Mohammad Pourmandi.

Josh Pascarella was the brightest star among many in the lopsided title-clinching win over Jesuit. The senior tallied a pair of goals while Sam Savage, Matt Woster and Tramel each recorded one net-finder.

Plymouth went 1-2 Saturday, defeating Dexter, 1-0, before falling to CC, 1-0, and Ann Arbor Huron, 5-2.

Danny Jasewicz netted the only goal in the victory over the Dreadnaughts after securing a pass from Nick Russ.

Jasewicz and Russ both found the back of the net in the setback to the River Rats.

Last Thursday, the Wildcats opened the season with a 1-0 triumph at Walled Lake Northern. Jasewicz scored the lone goal while Kyle Brindza and Josh Hill each played a half in the shutout of the Knights.

CANTON 2, NOVI 2: On Monday at Novi, the Chiefs earned a draw against the Wildcats thanks to goals from Yusef Bazzy and Joey Krizanek. Mitchell Reinhart, Jon Allen and Brandon Burt contributed assists while Nick Turnbull played solid in goal.

PCA 1, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0: On Tuesday, the Eagles improved to 4-0 as senior keeper Brent Zinn stopped 21 shots and Blair Robinson deposited the gamewinner with approximately eight minutes left in regulation. Spencer Wiard assisted Robinson, who headed the ball over the Warriors' keeper's grasp.

"We knew it was going to be a tight game," said PCA coach Larry Machonga. "At halftime, my co-coach, Evan Baker, predicted one goal would win it and he was right on."

The shutout was Zinn's third of the season.

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2008 prep football preview



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior Kevin Delapaz (carrying ball) will take over the all-important quarterbacking duties for Canton's football team this fall. Delapaz possesses poise, speed and a strong arm.

ALL ABOUT THE CHIEFS

HEAD COACH: Tim Baechler

(11th year);
2007 RECORD: 5-4;
RETURNING STARTERS: 6;
KEY RETURNERS: Bryan Gerst,
Sr. LB; Nick Sweda, Sr. DB/RB;
Justin Sneddon, Sr. OL/LB;
Dakota Dark-Bird, Jr. TE/LB;
Todd Turfe, Sr. TE; Dave Wilcox,
Sr. RB/DB; Dan Stoney, Sr. K.
COACH'S OUTLOOK: "We're not real big, but our oyerall team quickness is much improved since last year. This team

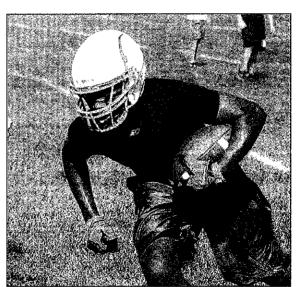
proved during the off-season

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to the program and I like the chemistry."

2008 SCHEDULE
(all games start at 7 p.m.)
Thursday, Aug. 28 - BRIGHTON
Friday, Sept. 5 - LAKELAND
Friday, Sept. 12 - PLYMOUTH
Friday, Sept. 19 - @ John Glenn
Friday, Sept. 26 - WAYNE
Friday, Oct. 3 - @ Franklin
Friday, Oct. 10 - CHURCHILL*
Friday, Oct. 17 - @ Crossover
Friday, Oct. 24 - @ Salem

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Canton senior receiver Marlan Glenn is expected to play a big role when the Chiefs' offense shifts to its spread formation.

Plymouth Township resident Bill Skubik is prepared to compete

speed-burner.

Plymouth Township resident Bill Skubik is prepared to compete in his first fullfledged triathion Saturday in Plymouth, Mass. The 46year-old Realtor has completed marathons.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ENDURING QUALITIES

Plymouth Township man primed for first triathlon

BY ED WRIGHTOBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like millions of Americans, Bill Skubik will

be going for a swim this Labor Day weekend. What makes Skubik's water-based activity so unique is that he'll be swimming 2.4 miles in 68-degree salt water that's expected to be a little choppy.

And when his extended dip in the Plymouth Sound is over Sunday morning, he'll barely have time to dry off before jumping on his ultra-light bicycle and pedaling 112 miles through the eastern Massachusetts country-

To top his day off, the 46-year-old Plymouth Township Realtor will lace on his running shoes and complete a 26.2-mile marathon.

No, Skubik's not crazy — he's a budding triathlete who is eagerly anticipating his first full-fledged triathlon — a grueling 140-mileplus athletic test that truly separates the men from the *iron*men.

"About a year ago I was talking to a guy who works out at the same place I do and he told me he had just finished a full triathlon," Skubik said, explaining why he has chosen labor over leisure this coming holiday weekend. "I thought to myself, 'He's 43 (years old) and he did it, so maybe I can do it, too.' I've

THE SKUBIK FILE

NAME: Bill Skubik

AGE: 46

HOME: Plymouth Township FAMILY: Wife, Julie; sons, Matt, 17, and Adam, 16

JOB: Owns Religious Real Estate
ATHLETIC FEATS: Has completed 10 marathons,
the latest the Marine Corps Marathon last fall in
Washington, D.C.

UPCOMING CHALLENGE: Will participate in his first full-fledged triathlon on Sunday. The event includes 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike race and 26.2-mile run.

TRAINING REGIMEN: Runs, lifts weights, swims and bikes up to 28 hours a week.

completed 10 marathons, so I knew I could do the running part."

Fine-tuned focus

Once his mind was made up, the father of two sons — Plymouth High School students Matt, 17, and Adam, 16 — and husband of Julie started a regimen that included two to six hours of training per day.

"I'll work out two to three hours in the morning before work, either swimming or

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Schmitt ceremony

Canton swimmer Allison Schmitt, who earned a bronze medal at the 2008 **Summer Olympics** earlier this month, will be honored at halftime of tonight's Canton-Brighton high school football game, which will kick off at 7 p.m. at the PCEP junior varsity stadium located just south of Plymouth High School.

Schmitt will be presented with a resolution from the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education at half-time.

She will be available before the game to meet kids and sign autographs.

Holes in one

Several local golfers registered aces on area courses recently:

Joey Verkerke, 9, of Plymouth, aced the 78-yard eighth hole on the Strategic Fox layout at Fox Hills on Aug. 6. He used a driver. Verkerke recorded a nine-hole score of 43

■ Brendan
McCann, 11, of
Plymouth, aced
the eighth hole at
Strategic Fox on Aug.
12 using a driver.
He fired a nine-hole
round of 34.

■ Nate Brocci, 14, of Plymouth, notched a hole in one on hole No. 12 of the Strategic Fox, using a five iron. He shot a nine-hole round of 26.
■ Joyce Davis of

Plymouth aced the 127-yard third hole at Timber Trace Golf Course in Pinckney using a nine wood.

Local bikers

Several Canton residents are primed to ride in the 38th annual Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw (DALMAC) bicycle tour that runs Wednesday through Sunday.

Christopher
Gavalier will ride his
first DALMAC while
Mark Bourcier, Jeff
Deneen, Brandon
Rogers and Carolyn
Rothwell are all tour
veterans. This year's
event will be Deneen's
sixth.

Founded in 1971 by former State Sen. Dick Allen, DALMAC offers riders a choice of five routes that will end in either Mackinaw City or DeTour Village.

This year's routes range in distance from 303 to 414 miles.

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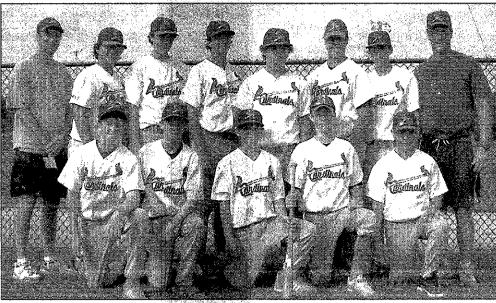
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Kings of the Kensington
The 140 Canton Cardinals captured the Kensington Yalley Baseball & Softball Association Open division title this summer after compiling a 13-5 record. The Cardinals also placed third in the AA State Championship tournament. Pictured (from row from left) are Chris Bohrer, Zach Sharrer, Kyle Rodes, Vaughn Birchler, Mitch Belisle, (back row from left) coach Glen Sharrer, Matt Grabowski, Matt Constance, Nick Posh, Braden Price, Tyler Goble, Bernabe Salinas and head coach Jim Belisle. Not pictured are Peter Nowak, coach Steve Nowak and coach Joe Rodes.

Steelers tame Cougars in season opener

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers got their season off to a rousing start Sunday when they swept the host Garden City Cougars.

The Steelers' varsity squad ousted the Cougars, 27-14, as Joshua Mayberry scored a touchdown behind strong blocking from Jalen Bryant, who also scored. Kyle Topper added three extra-point

Defensively, the victors were paced by Lowell Wade, who forced a fumble, and Justin Broughman, who scored on a fumble recovery.

The Steelers' JV contingent trampled the Cougars, 32-12, thanks in part to Anthony Convertino, who threw a TD pass along with providing strong leadership.

Also shining for the winners were Trenton Shelby, who scored three of the team's five TD's, and Nick Poet, who pounced on a fumble. Kevin Justice, Phillip Avramoski and Hussein Shahine excelled defensively for P-C.

The freshmen routed the Cougars, 34-6, as Aaron Brazelton rushed for a pair of touchdowns. Chris Bryant got JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT

things going when he ran back the opening kick-off for a TD. Nathan Gozdor excelled on the offensive line. Defensively, Joey Ahearn, Ben Phillips and Matthew Poet played well.

The junior freshmen shined on both sides of the ball. Offensively, Rashawn Allen, Nicholas Polydoras and Ryan Young each scored twice while Lou Baechler (four solo tackles), Aaron Gabarino and Evan Good led the defensive effort.

Lions split with Bulldogs

The Canton Lions' varsity squad opened the 2008 campaign with an impressive 45-22 victory over the Brighton Bulldogs Saturday afternoon.

The Lions' offensive output was led by Malcolm Hollingsworth's three touchdowns. Jordan Ciciotti, Scott Gring and Nathan Emminger added a touchdown each. The offensive line play of Danny Stropes and Luke Denzer was great all day.

The defensive line play of

Cody Sirls, Alex Smith, Travis McCall and Evan Lee stuffed the Bulldogs' offense. Brandon Lee and Jamarl Eiland added interceptions while Kyle Durham played a solid all-around game.

The Lions open their home schedule on Sept. 7th at Central Middle School against the Redford Rangers.

The Lions' JV squad fell to the Bulldogs, 20-0. Several Lions sparkled on the defensive side of the ball, including Daniel Jipping, Kenny Arnold, Andrew Hunt, Mike San Millian and Daniel Kilgore.

The Lions' freshmen squad dropped a 25-0 decision to a tough Bulldog contingent.

The Lions' defense kept them in the game until the end of the third quarter with strong play from Justin Burgos, Jason Arnold, Jackob Wickens, Jackson Austin and William Bode, who blocked an early punt.

The Lions' offense had a tough time moving the ball against a stingy defense, but were led by quarterback Evan Voyles and the line play of Shaw Lyall and Spence

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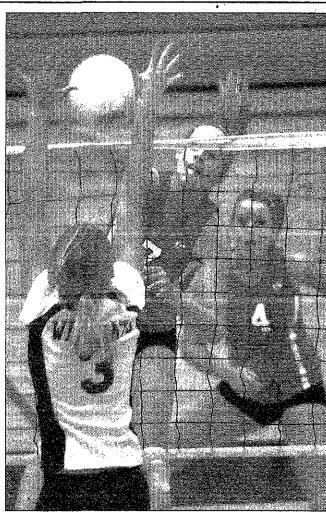
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Canton's Jordan Kielty (7) and Shelby Anthony (4), pictured in action last year, helped lead the Chiefs to a runner-up finish in Saturday's South Lyon Invitational.

Kielty's kills propel Chief spikers to runner-up finish

Canton's volleyball team struck gold at Saturday's season-opening South Lyon Invitational.

The Chiefs advanced all the way to the Gold Bracket championship game before falling to 2006 Division 1 state champion North Branch, 25-14, 25-21.

Canton, which went 4-0 in pool play before spiking the host Lions in the semis, was led by senior setter Kacy Moran (97 assists, 36 digs, seven aces) and junior Jordan Kielty, who racked up 61 kills, seven blocks and 38 digs.

"I have five returning players (Moran, Kielty and seniors Gina Waite, Janelle Burdiss and Shelby Anthony) who really held things together on the court for us," said Canton coach Jen Barnes, "We had a freshman Kristen Muir — who really stepped up her play and was a kills, 30 digs and eight aces, huge asset for us going opposite Kielty.

"Janelle, who's usually on our right side, had to play middle for us this weekend and she had great net play and may be seeing more time in the middle this season. I think our defense is what is going to keep us competitive. We still have a lot of offensive work to do. Although Kacy and Jordan look great together, we need more offensive options when we play the bigger teams."

The Chiefs breezed through pool play by sweeping Howell (25-14, 25-23), Dexter (25-17, 25-19), Brighton (25-20, 25-12) and Wayne Memorial (25-13, 25-8). They then outlasted South Lyon in a threeset thriller 25-23, 14-25 and

Anthony contributed 45 digs and six aces while Waite chipped in with 45 digs and six aces. Muir notched 25 and Burdiss registered six

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Stingy 'D' should lead Salem to plenty of W's

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Opposing forwards may have a hard time "Cope" ing when they take the field against Salem this season.

That's because the Rocks' defense will be as hard to penetrate as a rock wall thanks to the presence of returning senior defenders Kevin Cope, Jace Bearden, Matt Calupina and Garrett Rogers and All-State net-minder Sasa Miskovic, who's only a junior.

"We're going to have a strong back line led by Kevin Cope," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "And Sasa (pronounced Sa-sha) is in my estimation one of the top three or four goalies in the

McCarthy had high praise for Cope, who has verbally committed to play collegiately at Michigan State University.

"Kevin possesses a great combination of size and speed," said McCarthy. "He's also a tough and aggressive player."

Junior Zach Basanese will provide defensive depth for the Rocks. Senior Josh Pascarella will pace the Rocks at the other end of the pitch. Pascarella led the team in scoring as a junior

"Josh is a very crafty finisher," said McCarthy. "He's very hard to stop one-v-one and he comes back to the ball very well, which helps us possess the ball longer."

despite the fact he doesn't possess blazing speed.

Joining Pascarella up front will be Sal Savage and Alex Tramel.

The Rocks' corps of mid-fielders is deep and talented led by senior Jeremy Stoychoff. Other key mids include senior Alex Covert, junior John Krutty, junior Lachlan Savage, senior Matt Woster, senior captain Dan Radosevich, junior Scott O'Connor and junior Evan Antich. Will Allen will back up Miskovic between the

The Rocks return 18 letter winners from

their 2007 team that went 7-6-10. "With all of our experience, I expect us to compete for a league championship this season," McCarthy asserted. "We're in a very tough division, though, with Stevenson, Novi and Northville, so it will be the ultimate test."

PLYMOUTH

Head coach Jeff Neschich will be looking to replace the school's best player ever — Colin Rolfe — who graduated in June and is now playing for the University of Louisville.

Also gone from last year's 9-7-5 squad are twins Trevor and Tyler Floyd, who contributed in many ways.

"I think we're going to be OK," said Neschich. "Obviously, we have some holes to fill, but the kids are working hard to make up for the losses we had to graduation.

"Our strength is probably going to be our defense, where we return three of four starters."

The player expected to pick up most of the scoring slack in Rolfe's wake is forward Danny Jasewicz, who was second on the team in goals scored last season. The talented junior has already netted three goals in the Wildcats' first four games.

"Danny's a very strong, physical player," said Neschich. "He has good, all-around skills." Other key forwards include seniors Kyle Anderson and Bradley Finnegan.



Salem senior defender Jace Bearden (7), pictured in a game last season, combines with fellow senior Kevin Cope to give the Rocks a formidable one-two punch along the back line.

PREP SOCCER PREVIEW

Providing strong depth in the mid-field for the Wildcats will be sophomore Ian Griffiths, sophomore Steve Jahn, senior Zach Neville, senior Chris Shackleford, junior Joey Klonowski, junior Dan Conklin and junior Harold Blohm. The Wildcats' goal-keeping duties will be shared — at least early on in the season — by junior Josh Hill and sophomore Kyle Brindza, who is also a place-kicker on the Plymouth football team. Making their jobs easier will be a deep and talented defensive corps that includes seniors Evan Yoder, T.J. Madigan and Austin Kacznowski; and juniors Vin Nuygen, Joey Bockstanz and Sam Maccani.

PCA

The Eagles closed out 2007 with a bang and came within a shootout goal of capturing a

Division 4 District title. They return five key seniors this year who have led them to an early 4-0 start, including a title-clinching effort at last week's Macomb Crusader Cup tournament.

Leading the way is senior goalie Brent Zinn, a four-year starter who is being recruited by several Division 2 colleges

"Brent's a highly skilled player who, if given the chance, could be a high-scoring forward," said PCA co-coach Larry Machonga. "He's very athletic and has great instincts for the game. If he's not first team All-State this year, I'll be

PCA's primary defenders will be senior sweeper Paul Kitti, right back Josh Kraus — a transfer student from Indiana — junior stopper A.J. Neil and junior left back Matt Zandee.

The Eagles' mid-field is explosive thanks to the skills of senior Andy Bartes, freshman Alex Chapman, junior Blair Robinson and senior Caleb Middleton. Machonga's son, Jordan, a jumor, heads a dangerous forward contingent that also includes sophomore Travis DeKruyter and senior Spencer Wiard.

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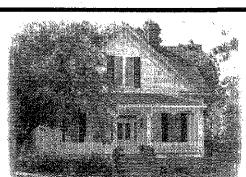


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WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Friday, Aug. 29 Schoolcraft at Owens Classic, TBA. (Point Loma Nazarene, Calif. Madonna vs. Ashford, noon.
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Madonna vs. Mt. Marty, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30
Schoolcraft at Owens Classic, TBA.
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Madonna vs. College of Idaho, 1 p.m.

Madonna vs. Point Loma, 8 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Aug. 30 Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

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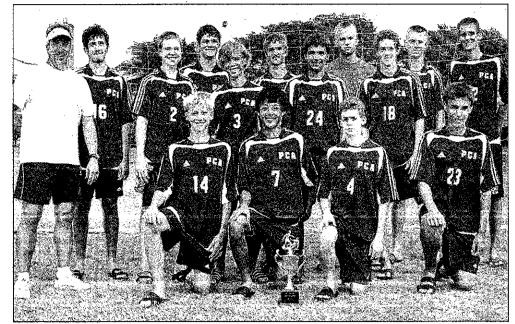
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Fly like an Eagle

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys soccer team opened its 2008 campaign in high style Saturday when it claimed first place in the Macomb Crusader Cup tournament. The Eagles were led by senior goalkeeper Brent Zinn, who recorded two shutouts, and junior forward Jordan Machonga, who registered a tournament-leading five goals. Pictured are (front row from left) Josh Witkowski, Alex Chapman, Josh Middleton, Chris Scagnetti, (second row from left) coach Larry Machonga, A.J. Neil, Andy Bartes, Blair Robinson, Jordan Machonga, Paul Kitti, Josh Kraus, Brent Zinn, Caleb Middleton, Matt Zandee and Spencer Wiard. Not pictured is co-coach Evan Baker.

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TRIATHLON

running on an elliptical, along with some weight lifting," Skubik said. "At night, I might go biking or running. On the mornings I don't swim, I'll bike for two or three hours."

Surprisingly, the toughest of the three legs of the race for Skubik is the one that allows him to sit down.

"I have the most room for improvement with the biking," he said, smiling. "I've heard the course has some rolling hills to it, which I don't mind. For me, the wind is more of a negative."

The other two legs are less worrisome for Skubik due to his extensive long-distance running resume and a wellthought-out aquatic training regimen.

Back in January, I started swimming 20 minutes a day, three days a week," he said. "I added five minutes every time I worked out every week. By the end of March, I was up to one hour and 30 minutes per workout, which is about the length of time I'll be in the water during the triathlon."

Realistic expectations

Skubik said he has no idea who will win his age division on Sunday, but he's pretty sure who won't.

"I don't think I'll be anywhere near the (awards) podium when it's over," he said, chuckling. "I'd like to do well for myself, but since this is my first one, just finishing is my ultimate goal.

"When I completed a halftriathlon earlier this summer, I finished in just over seven hours. Well, the guys who placed in my age group did it in about five hours and 20 minutes, so they had time to finish the event, eat a meal and were on their way before I crossed the finish line."

What advice would Skubik pass on to anyone who may want to follow in his ironman footsteps? "Take it slow and build on it," he said. "Like I did for swimming — add five minutes a week. It doesn't seem like much, but it adds up. You can do it for running and biking,

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SC spikers surge to red-hot start Schoolcraft College opened the 2008 women's volleyball

season with a near-perfect weekend showing at Delta College as the Lady Ocelots romped to 3-0 victories in all four conference matches — defeating Alpena and Delta two matches each.

On Friday, Schoolcraft defeated the Lumberjacks 25-13, 25-15 and 25-5 before hammering the host Pioneers in similar fashion -25-11, 25-13, 25-8.

"We only committed 12 unforced errors in this match," said Schoolcraft head coach Richard Lamb about Friday's triumph over Delta. "We were able to see what all the players bring to the table."

Lamb saw the Lady Ocelots basically repeat Friday's strong performance on Saturday. Schoolcraft (4-0) romped to a 25-7, 25-13, 25-11 victory over Alpena and wrapped up the weekend with a 25-8, 25-19, 25-13 win over Delta.

"Delta really brought their A-game during the second set," noted Lamb. "At one point, we were down by four.

"Our team maintained their calm and we were able to run the last six points for the win." Canton's Virginia Butler (Westland John Glenn)

sparked Schoolcraft's offense with a total of 40 kills over the four matches. Freshman defensive specialist Jordan Kerr (Livonia

Churchill) opened her college career in style. She totaled 42 defensive digs. Registering 69 assists was freshman setter Brittany

Denter while freshman outside hitter Kaitlyn Litteral chipped in with 10 blocks.

"Overall it was a good start," Lamb said. "We still have a lot of work to do, but this team is highly competitive and have a strong desire to improve on areas that need it.

"I am impressed with their composure and maturity at this point in the season."



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New conference is a gas when it comes to travel

🖣 as consumption is down across the nation, except when it comes to the opening night of football in the newly formed 23-school **Kensington Lakes Activities** Association, which was origi-

nally designed to cut down on travel expens-

So how about these gas-guzzling firstweek matchups? Livonia Churchill

Brad Emons

at Hartland (73 miles

round trip); Waterford Mott at Westland John Glenn (60 miles round trip); Wayne Memorial at Waterford Mott (60 miles round trip); and Brighton vs. Canton at Plymouth (64 miles round trip).

And then there's the Redford Thurston at Croswell-Lexington matchup, which has the KLAA matchups beaten by a Mapquest special of 194 miles round trip.

Call that one the Michigan Mega-Blue Water Area Conference challenge.

Thank goodness for Livonia Franklin at Livonia Stevenson on opening night.

Week No. 2 doesn't get any closer: Waterford Kettering at Churchill; Walled Lake Western at Franklin;

GRID PICKS

Stevenson at Howell; John Glenn at Pinckney; Mott at Wayne; Brighton at Plymouth; and Lakeland at Canton.

And don't forget to allow yourselves that extra 30 minutes for rush-hour traffic.

But once division play starts in Week No. 3, travel will be reduced considerably.

Here is a look at this week's matchups as Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons tries to retain his grid picks prognostication title against Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith and Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright:

THURSDAY'S GAMES (ALL 7 P.M. STARTS UNLESS NOTED)

LUTH. WESTLAND (5-4, 4-3) at D.H. ANNAPOLIS (6-4, 4-2), 4:30 p.m.: Annapolis is coming off a playoff season, while the Warriors, with only four seniors on their roster, find themselves in a major rebuilding mode: PICKS: Emons (Annapolis); Wright (Annapolis); Smith (Annapolis).

Det. University Prep (2-6) at Liv. Clarenceville (1-8, 1-6): The Trojans hope to rebound from their worst season in 10 years with the addition of Detroit Cody transfer Dominque Jones and Indiana University recruit Jeremy Gainer. PICKS: Emons (C'ville); Wright (C'ville); Smith

(C'ville). Liv. Churchill (7-3, 4-1) at Hartland (3-6, 2-5): This is where the KVC and the WLAA lock horns for the first time. Churchill's backfield duo of Jeff Ricketts and Matt Kowalis is potent. Hartland, meanwhile, is expected to be much improved after several close losses last year. PICKS: Emons (Churchill); Wright (Churchill); Smith (Hartland)

Liv. Franklin (7-5, 3-2) at Liv. Stevenson (13-1, 5-0): Didn't these two teams play just a couple of weeks ago? The last meeting, a state playoff quarterfinal, went to the Spartans, 10-7. Should be another good matchup of backfields with Austin White and Wade Stahl of Stevenson against Franklin's David Fortin and newcomer Mike Baumgardner. This could be the best game of the night. PICKS: Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson);

Smith (Stevenson). Waterford Mott (7-3, 7-1) at Westland Glenn (5-4, 3-2): Mott made the playoffs last year out of the OAA-Blue. while Glenn is under new leadership with Tim Hardin. Where's Keshawn Martin when you need him? PICKS: Emons (Glenn); Wright (Glenn); Smith (Mott).

Wayne (4:5, 2-3) at Waterford Kettering (4-5, 4-4): Have these teams ever met? Kettering also comes out of the OAA-Blue, while the Zebras will implement their spread option attack under the guidance of rookie coach Kevin Weber, the KLAA's youngest. PICKS: Emons (Wayne); Wright (Kettering); Smith (Wayne). Brighton (3-6, 3-4) vs. Canton

(5-4, 3-2) at P-CEP Varsity Stadium: The Chiefs didn't make the state playoffs for the first time in eight vears and that's motivation enough. Brighton has also had some lean times of late. Cliff Kiefer takes over as the Bulldogs' head coach for Bill Murray, who guided the immortal Drew Henson (now of Detroit Lions fame). PICKS: Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton).

Salem (1-8, 1-4) vs. Plymouth (6-4, 2-3) at P-CEP: The Rocks are hungry to turn their program around, but must do it against the neighboring Wildcats, a playoff team which defeated Salem twice last year, 31-14 and 55-6. PICKS: Emons (Plymouth): Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth).

Garden City (2-7, 1-5) at Taylor Kennedy (4-5; 3-3): The Cougars are dropping down to the Mega-Blue, while Kennedy remains in the Mega-White. Kennedy took last year's season opener, 21-0. PICKS: Emons (Kennedy): Wright (Kennedy); Smith (Kennedy).

Redford Union (5-4, 3-3) at D.H. Crestwood (5-4, 5-1): Both teams fell one win short of making the playoffs a year ago. RU remains in the Mega-White, while Crestwood is a member of the Mega-Gold. PICKS: Emons (RU): Wright (RU); Smith (RU).

Red. Thurston (3-6, 2-4) at Croswell-Lexington (3-6, 3-4): The Eagles, members of the Mega-Gold, make a long road trip on opening night against the Pioneers, members of the Blue Water Conference. PICKS: Emons (Thurston); Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston). FRIDAY'S GAME

Det. Allen Academy (0-0) at Redford Covenant (8-3, 4-1), 4:30 p.m.: The Spartans, led by Indiana recruit Jamonne Chester, went two rounds into the Division 8 playoffs a year ago, while Allen Academy is just getting its feet wet. PICKS: Emons (Covenant); Wright (Covenant); Smith (Covenant).

Brad Emons is the Livonia-Westland Observer sports editor. He can be reached at (734) 953-2123; or via email at bemons@oe.homecomm.net.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sunday fall hoops

The Madonna University men's basketball program and All-Star Basketball Camps will stage its 2008 fall basketball league on Sundays, Sept. 7 through Oct. 26.

The league will provide instruction in preparation for the upcoming winter basketball sea-

son from MU players. Division II (ages 11-13) starts at 1 p.m. each followed by Division

I at 3 p.m. The cost is \$125 per player (includes reversible game jersey

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Plymouth YMCA fall sports

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The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its fall sports programs, which are filled on a first come-first served basis.

Fall soccer leagues are forming for children between the ages of 4 and 11. Practices begin the week of Sept. 15 and games start Saturday, Sept. 20.

There is one practice a week and one game a week. The cost is \$63 for members and \$95 for community members, and all participants need a YMCA Youth Sports reversible jersey, which costs \$15.

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Alumni soccer

All former Salem and Canton boys soccer players are invited to participate in the annual "Alumni Game" on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m.

The alumni game will follow the Rocks and Chiefs varsity game, which is set to kick off at 5:30 p.m.

Former Salem players interested in playing should call Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846. Former Canton players should contact George Tomasso at (734) 812-2290.

O&E Men's golf

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Saturday, Sept. 13. Entries will be limited to the first 200 golfers.

(Starting times and pairings will be available after noon on Thursday, Sept. 18.)

For more information, call

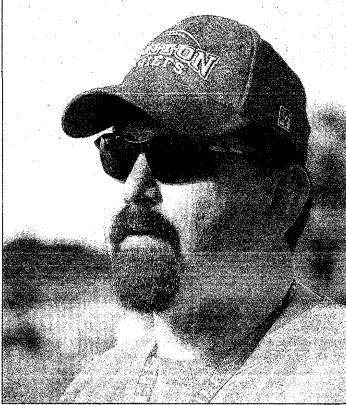
Seniors Dave Wilcox (5-11, 185) and Nick Sweda (5-11, 180) should also get their share of carries along with junior Brett Phillips (5-7, 145), who will back up Payter at fullback.

Senior left tackle Justin Sneddon (5-9, 210) will anchor an offensive line that is jelling more with every snap of every practice, Baechler said. Sneddon, the lone returning starter, will be joined by senior center Kyle Dunleavy (5-10, 210), junior left guard Chris Hilton (5-9, 210) and junior right tackle Carter Staffeld, the largest of the group at 6-2, 265. The starting right guard position was still up for grabs as of last Thursday.

"They're showing a lot of promise," said Baechler. "They're still learning how to block the way we want them to, but they're making progress every day."

Senior Todd Turfe (6-2, 210) and junior Dakota Dark-Bird (6-3, 225) will provide Delapaz with big, reliable targets from the tight end position.

When the offense spreads out, senior Satish Subramanian (5-11, 155), senior Marlan Glenn (5-11, 170) and junior Arron



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton football coach Tim Baechler has compiled an 82-29 record in 10 years as the Chiefs' mentor.

Boudreaux (6-0, 170) will check into the huddle as wide-outs. Senior Jeff Sanctorum

(5-11, 150) will serve as the team's reserve quarterback. Unlike the 2006 Canton team that advanced to the semifinal round of the

Division 1 state playoffs, this year's defensive line is not populated by hulking giants. The largest of the four players who have earned D-line time are seniors Pat Madish and Jason Hu, who tips the scales at 210 pounds a piece. Seniors Rob Moores and

Matt Sauter are 190 and 185. respectively, but they possess a degree of quickness that few offensive linemen will be able to match.

'Our defensive line is small, but fast," Baechler confirmed. "In fact, I think three of our defensive linemen are faster than our linebackers.'

Among those slotted for line-backing duties are Dark-Bird, junior Alex Dixon (5-11, 200), senior Mike Clemens (6-3, 190), returning starter Brvan Gerst, a 5-11, 205pound senior, Sneddon and Jordan Brooks, a 5-9, 200pound junior.

The Chiefs' secondary will be led by Sweda and senior Dave Wilcox (5-11, 185), both of whom started last season.

Among the players in the mix for starting cornerback slots are senior Donnie Barlow (6-1, 185), and sophomores Josh Nolan (5-8, 150) and Davion Stackhouse (5-10.

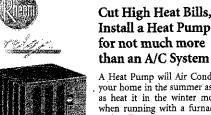
Senior Dan Stoney (6-2, 200) will handle the placekicking duties.

The Chiefs open tonight at home against Brighton. The 7 p.m. game will be played at the PCEP junior varsity stadium, which is located just south of Plymouth High School,

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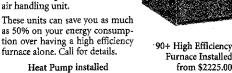
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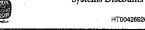
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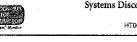
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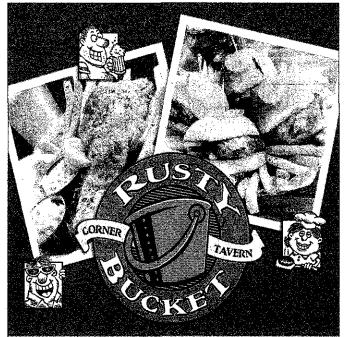


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MARGERY P. GILMAN

Age 81, of Battle Creek, MI, formerly

of Hendersonville, NC, died on Thursday, August 21, 2008, at

Mrs. Gilman was born on March 17,

1927, in Detroit to Burton M. and

Mildred L. (Cochran) Pheatt. On February 7, 1948, she married

Frederic S. Gilman in Bloomfield

Hills, MI. He preceded her in death

on March 11, 1986. Mrs. Gilman spent

her life as a home maker staying home

and taking care of her family. In her

later years, she worked as a clerk in

departments stores in the Detroit area

and she also volunteered at Beaumont

Hospital. Mrs. Gilman was a member

of the Episcopal Church, Daughters of

the American Revolution. Order of the

Eastern Star, and the Red Hat Society.

She enjoyed playing board games, cards, and especially bridge. Mrs.

Gilman enjoyed spending time with

She is survived by her two sons;

Frederic (Faye) Gilman of Peoria, IL,

and Jeff (Carol) Gilman of Marshall.

She is also survived by eight grand-

children, and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by

her husband, parents and a brother

William Pheatt. A memorial service

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10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Willow Metro Park, Big Bend. For details go to www.kirbychurch.com.

Mom to Mom Sale

Features 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, books/DVD's, baby equipment, etc., that their families have outgrown 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, north of Michigan Ave., Canton. Admission \$1. Refreshments available. Strollers welcome. For information, visit mom-2momlist.com.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly dance 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Robert Beliarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. No dance lesson this month. Cost \$10, refreshments included. Doors open a 7:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information, (734) 261-5716. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Rally day

For Immanuel Lutheran Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Inkster Rd., Dearborn Heights, Sunday School starts Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at St. Mel Church, 7506 Inkster Rd., Dearborn Heights, Tables \$25, Call (734) 525-3607 or (313) 274-0684 by Sept. 8.

Dorje Chang is living in America Presentation focusing on reincar-

nation of the highest leader of Buddhism, HH Dorje Chang Buddha III, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. For information, visit www.zhaxizhuoma.net/. Respected Zhaxi Zhuoma, a close disciple of HH Dorie Chang Buddha III will lead the congregation in Detroit.

Music at St. John's

Opens the 2008-2009 concert series with a performance by Scott Woolweaver, an internationally renowned violist, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. No charge and open to the public. For more information, call (734) 453-0190.

Tent sale

Begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Household item, specialties like Avon, candles, tools, houseplants, books and crafts. Also a used clothing sale inside the church for \$2 a plastic grocery bag. All proceeds donated to area organizations to help people in the community. Cost to participate is \$25 if you bring your own table, \$35 to use one of the church's 8-foot tables. For details, call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd. next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call, Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Celebration

This year, Israel celebrates a significant milestone that provides a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements and history of the Jewish State. In honor of this momentous occasion, The Russian Chapter of American Friends of Magen David Adom (Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross) will host a celebration 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Adat Shalom, Farmington Hills. The evening includes Russian-Jewish delicacies, entertainment by Ben

Opengeim, door prizes and auction. Tickets \$90, with proceeds benefiting ARMDI. Friends and families of all faiths and backgrounds welcome, but space is limited. For details, visit www.lifetosave.org.

Organ recital

Robert Bates, associate professor of organ at University of Houston, performs 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22. at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, north of Grand Blvd., Detroit. \$10 per person at the door or call (313) 875-7407. Reception follows concert. Free supervised parking adjacent to church.

Sacred music concert

Let the Heavens Rejoice: Sacred Hymns of the Carpathian Mountains, the seminary choir of the Blessed Theofdore Romzha Theological Academy of Uzhorod, Ukraine sing selections from liturgical services and religious hymns in Church Slavonic 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge, but free will offering requested to support the seminary. Open to the public. Several audio and video recordings will be available. For information, call (734) 522-3166 or visit www.seminaryconcerttour.com.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Safety/health fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, physical fitness competitions for kids, bicycle safety, health screenings for adults, parent information on child safety and health, free car seat inspections by Canton police officers, child safety identification, at All Saints Catholic School parking lot and gym, 48735 Warren, between Beck and Ridge, Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-2490.

Marian rally

Sunday, Sept. 28, join the Felician Sisters of Livonia as they honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally beginning at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), in the Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia, followed by the praying of the rosary alternating decades in English and Spanish at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima Shrine and Crowning of Our Lady, by students from St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, Ind. Refreshments available after the liturgy. Wheelchair participants welcome. Parking available at Montessori Center of Our Lady at Newburgh entrance. For information call (734) 591-1730.

Bethany hay ride

Saturday, Sept. 27, for Bethany Suburban West and Bethany South in South Rockwood. Cost is \$20, includes hay ride, hot dogs with all the fixings plus beverages and a DJ. They have an indoor facility for dining and dancing, Call Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479 or Judy at (313) 389-4730 for tickets.

Spirit of Manresa

Dinner and auction begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac, Cost \$150, \$250 patron, includes dinner. silent and live auctions, dancing. Call (248) 644-4933. Ext. 34 or visit www.manresa-sj.org. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is a place of quiet, peace and prayer that seeks to help people grow in their spiritual life.

Parenting class

Parenting Families DVD based classes help address issues in a positive way that will enhance your family life. from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29 to Nov. 3, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. For information, call (734) 522-6830. Please register at www.christoursavior.org under Adult Fall Classes.

Crop walk

Sunday, Oct. 5, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. For information, call John Hirtzel at (248)

Tiny Tots Preschool

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

Crafters wanted

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

Fall craft show

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

ONGOING

Thursday fellowship dinner All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W.-Six Mile, Redford, Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455.

Worship schedule

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Time change

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

Sunday worship

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

Reformed Protestant services

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

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www. renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule

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

Call (734) 421-7620. Single Place Ministry

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

Prince of Peace Church

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

Tai Chi and strength classes

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

Church offerings Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday

visit www.orchardumc.org.

worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services Want a unique church experience?

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

Tai Chi class Orchard United Methodist Church,

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

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ALICE M.A. McKIM Age 92, of Superior Twp, passed away August 23, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Mearl. Dear mother of Ilene Holl. Sharon Davis and Edwin McKim, Also leaves ten grandchildren, 19 greatgrandchildren and one great-greatgrandchild. Funeral services were held from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, on Tuesday August 26, 2008. Memorials may be made to the Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia or The Cherry Hill United Methodist in Canton. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.

DENNIS S. PRYCIAK

Age 60. August 22, 2008, of Livonia. Beloved husband of Nancy, Loving farther of Jeannette (Gregory) Capote (D'Arcy) Jeffrey Pryciak. Grandfather of Mikayla, Adam, Savannah, and Autumn. Son of Stanley and the late Leona Pryciak. Services for Dennis were held Tuesday, August 26, 2008. Arrangements by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, MI. Those wishing to make a contribution in Dennis' name are asked to consider Angela Hospice or A.L.S. of Michigan.



ELIZABETH "BETSY" HOPKINS

Passed suddenly August 26, 2008 in Chicago, IL. Age 25, formerly of Birmingham, MI. Beloved and cher-ished daughter of Mary K. Hopkins (Jim Kelley) and Andrew D. Hopkins (Linda). Dearest sister of David J. Hopkins. Niece of Ina Hopkins. Also survived by Erin Blagdurn, Jamie Kelley (Krista), Liz Kelley, Gracie and Lowie. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday 3-8pm. Funeral Mass Saturday 9 a.m. at the Chapel of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI. Visitation begins at the chapel 8:30 a.m. Memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. View obituary and share memories at:

www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



HAROLD E. DENISON

Age 82, a resident of Plymouth since 1958, passed away August 24, 2008. An award winning athlete in high school, Mr. Denison also proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Plymouth. He loved the outdoors and playing golf, and also enjoyed singing and playing the piano. He is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Viola; his children, Susan Denison, John Denison, and Duane (Elizabeth) Denison; his grandchildren, Jamie and Francesca; and his brothers, Raymond (Shirley) Denison, Donald (Ann) Denison, and George (Beverly) Burke. Memorial service at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth, Thursday, August 28, 11am. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, (734)453-3333. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Age 59, of Canton, MI., passed away

August 22, 2008 after a long battle with a rare form of Parkinson's disease. Born October 29, 1948 in Highland Park, MI, to Mary and Emmett O'Rear. She is survived by her loving husband David of 38 years, her five children, Kimberly (Joseph) Dzmura, John (Becki), Laurel (Mark) Anderton, Jason (Sandra), Kevin (Michelle) a stepchild, Kelly Bosworth, her mother, Mary, sisters Laurel (Bob) Gilge and Rachelle (Tom) Schierman, four nieces and 17 grandchildren. Her father Emmett and sister Debra preceded her in death. Linda worked in a family owned business in KS, was an Administrative Assistant at Ford Motor Co., Mercy Health Services, and Visteon Corp. She was the Facility Manager at the American Embassy Assoc., Guest House in Bonn, Germany for several Linda loved supporting her children and their friends in their many school and church events. She also enjoyed traveling on the autobans touring bed and breakfasts throughout Europe with family and friends. Memorial services were held on Wed. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 7575 Hix Rd., Westland followed by interment in St. George Cemetery in Brighton, MI. Visitation was at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to The Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, Inc., 11350 McCormick Rd., Ste

vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

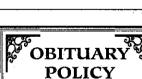
906, Hunt Valley, MD 21031 or to

Angela Hospice Home Care, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. To

share memories or leave a message of

condolence, please visit:

MARTHA P. STACE Age 91, of Syracuse, formerly of Plymouth, died August 22, 2008 at Loretto. She is survived by a daughter, Beverly Redd, two sons, John L. Stace of Liverpool, NY and Gerald Stace and 17 grandchildren, 20 greatgrandchildren. Services were held Wednesday at the Fairchild & Meech DeWitt Chapel, 3690 Erie Blvd. E. Dewitt, NY. Burial was in White Chapel Memory Gardens.



The first five "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)

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

Thrift store

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

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series

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

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www. holycrosslivonia.org.

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Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. F.I.R.E. ministries The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

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

Worship Service

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

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

or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday

Visitors welcome. Worship service

School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis, E.I.R.E. Ministries, For more information, call (734) 425-

6360. New worship schedule

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

All visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Sunday worship

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

Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville, All men are invited for fellowship and food.

Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford, Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki. tiernan@gmail.com.

MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@

hotmail.com.

LOGOS Youth Club Calling all youth grades 4-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Sept. 26. For registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

HeartCry

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. They use "The Hope of a Homecoming," by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

Women of the word

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth

Project (new from Focus on the Family).

To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen.

Bible study Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Focus of study is Romans. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information. **Fellowship Dinners**

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313)534-7730.

Thrift Shop

9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of 1-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler. preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

Morning prayers

7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan. Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish

to share.

Higher Rock Cafe Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan

Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland, Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-

Sunday worship

3440.

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday services Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal) Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road, Sunday School is 10

a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m.

Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Call

(734) 425-6360. Farmington Women Aglow

Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. A

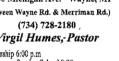
Christian women's group. Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

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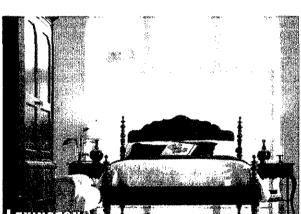
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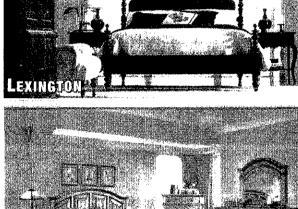
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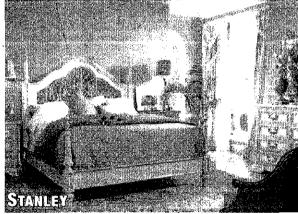
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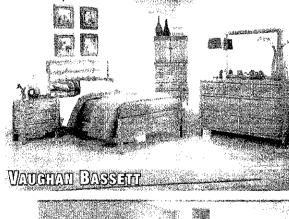


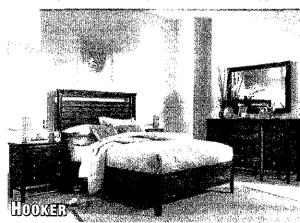












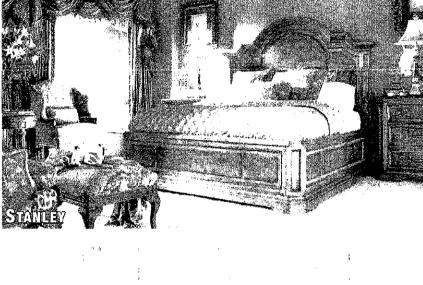
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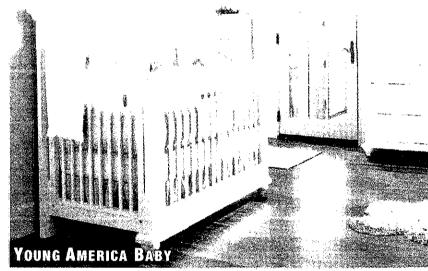


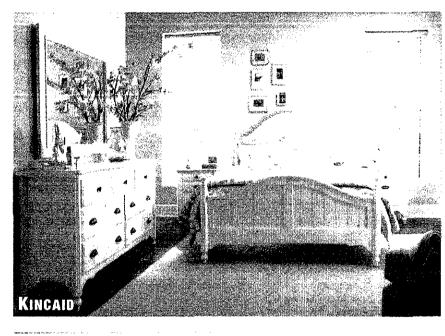
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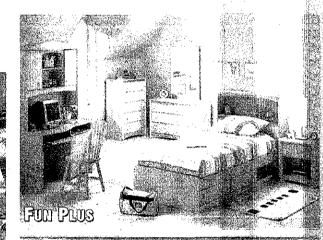






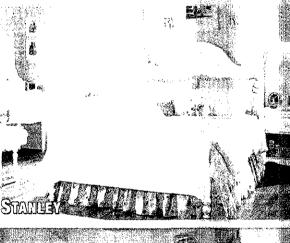
















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Foreign buyers drawn by some U.S. properties

O&E STAFF WRITER

International real estate purchases in the U.S. continue to be a significant share of business for many Realtors, according to the 2008 National Association of Realtors Profile of International Home Buying

Nanci J. Rands, associate broker with SKBK Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham, noted the impact is less in metro Detroit.

"The effect that it has on the Detroit market is fairly minimal," said Rands, a past president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, covering Oakland and Macomb counties. "There's a very small effect in metro Detroit."

The new research indicates that international buying activity in the U.S. is widespread. NAR estimates that between 150,000 and 190,000 homes were sold to foreign nationals from May 2007 to May 2008. Recent foreign buyers purchased properties in every state and the District of Columbia. The most popular states where international buyers purchased homes are Florida, California and Texas. Arizona, New York, Washington and Nevada were also popular.

Rands noted that Sun Belt states like Florida are more popular with foreign buyers, as are New York and Washington, D.C., which are financial/governmental capi-

"We don't have either of those," she said. Metro Detroit does have people here for business: "Some of them are automotive-related," she said. Others predominate in financial services and health care in southeast Michigan.

Some foreign buyers plan to retire in the U.S., Rands said, so buying makes more sense than renting.

Other currencies around the world are strong right now against the dollar which makes our real estate market a real value," including for Canadians, Rands said.

"We do have an abundant inventory," she added of home supply. Interest rates here are low, and many believe the local economy will rebound.

Foreign buyers often pay cash, she noted. In Michigan, there's a bit of the foreign buyer "resort effect" in areas like Traverse City and Petoskey, as well as further south in Michigan along the dunes in communities like St. Joseph.

"We've seen this for a long,



long time," Rands said of foreign buyers. "The effect is growing now because these currencies are so much stronger."

Is foreign investment good? "It's a much-needed benefit to our housing market," said Michael Whitty, adjunct professor in the College of **Business Administration** at the University of Detroit Mercy. "It has kept the value of property up.

"Buying in the tri-county area is beneficial to the housing in the region and it is helpful to the state economy," added Whitty, noting our area was settled by foreigners from its origins. To say otherwise, he believes, is "outright racism and stupidity. Let's be charitable and chalk it up to confusion and stupidity," the professor said.

"As the most trusted resource for real estate information, Realtor have long understood what this latest research confirms — the U.S. housing industry truly has no boundaries," said NAR President Richard F. Gaylord, a broker with RE/MAX Real Estate Specialists in Long Beach, Calif.

The typical international buyer purchased a singlefamily vacation home costing \$297,400. Four in 10 paid for their U.S. property with cash, compared with 7 percent

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for all domestic buyers. The typical international owner stayed at his or her U.S. property for 2.6 months during the year, according to the NAR findings.

Foreign exchange rates have helped make U.S. homes more affordable for international buyers. The euro, for example, has strengthened 24 percent vs. the U.S. dollar over the past two years. Home prices are also now more affordable in places such as Florida and Arizona, contributing to those states' popularity among foreign buyers.

"Many international buyers recognize that real estate is an excellent investment and are drawn today by abundant inventory, low interest rates and a softer dollar. These conditions allow them to own their own a piece of the American dream," Gaylord said.

International buyers are distinct from domestic buyers. International buyers tend to purchase more expensive properties, which cost an average of 36 percent more than the typical domestic

buyer's home purchase. In fact, more than 14 percent of properties sold to international buyers sold in excess of \$750,000. Foreign buyers also show a greater preference for condos and townhouses compared to domestic buyers.

People from North America, Europe and Asia accounted for more than 85 percent of recent foreign home buying transactions. The top six countries of origin for foreign homebuyers, in rank order, were Canada, the United Kingdom, Mexico, China, India and Germany. This year, Canada replaced Mexico as the country with the largest share of foreign buyers in the U.S. The percentage of Canadian buyers doubled from last year, from 11 percent to 23.5 percent.

Locally, Rands noted that foreign buyers often feel their investments are safer in the U.S. "There's a real feeling this could be a safe haven," she said, citing Florida and difficulties in South and Central America.

Of the Realtors surveyed, 26 percent served international clients in the past year and about half of those clients ended up purchasing a home. The primary reasons some clients did not eventually buy a house were home price concerns, immigration laws, and property

Realtors who have sold homes to international clients reported that their transactions with these clients accounted for about 16 percent of their entire business. For about 8 percent of Realtors who work with foreign buyers, more than half of their transactions were international sales.

The 2008 presidential race has included debate on the U.S. economy and its housing market; Rands noted that the president of our country has less impact on the economy than voters often think. "The president is not the controller of the economy," she

UDM's Whitty's just back from California, where he taught, this summer at the University of San Francisco. "That's a very different housing mar-

ket from Michigan," he said. Losses aren't extensive on the West Coast, said Whitty of the "extremes of the U.S. housing market."

Whitty noted the Bangladeshi community settling in Hamtramck where homes are affordable, as the Polish-Americans who used to live there move to Macomb County or other areas.

New immigrants keep the U.S. labor market healthy, Whitty added, and their kids will "probably be part of our employment pool of the future." Such workers often are disciplined and work hard, said Whitty, who earned a Ph.D. on the history of the United Auto Workers from Syracuse University in New York state.

The 2008 NAR Profile of International Home Buying Activity is based on responses from approximately 4,000 Realtors who serve foreign buyers. It describes international home buying activity in the U.S. over the 12-month period from May 2007 to May 2008 and updates information from the 2007 survey. The full report is available from NAR's Research Division or at www.realtor. org/research/research/reportsintl.

The NAR Web site contributed to this report.

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display of signs, that would include political signs and you are best advised to enforce that uniformly and vigorously, especially because of the upcoming election season.

Q: I am wondering what the status of the real estate is in San Francisco, and Marin County? Do you have any information?

A: Upon a recent visit, it appears that while the market in San Francisco has slowed down, it is still appreciating in value and there is much development, both commercial and residential, in the Bay area of San Francisco. As to Marin County, it continues to appreciate at a significant pace although not as great as was the case before. The "dot.com" bust has not, apparently, affected Marin County, as has been the case in several other areas of Southern California.

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

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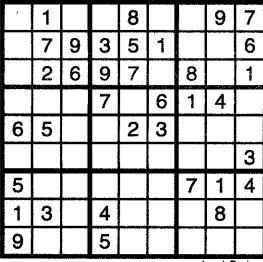
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Centex, Lombardo will complete construction for Centex's customers with homes on order or in progress. Additionally, to preserve consistent architectural integrity, Centex has licensed to Lombardo the right to build the same house plans that Centex offered in these neighborhoods. This transaction substantially completes Centex's previously announced exit from the Detroit area as part of its overall strategy to concentrate resources in core competitive markets. Centex will continue to provide

uninterrupted warranty support for its customers in the Detroit area.

According to Crain's Detroit Business' List of Largest Homebuilders, Lombardo Homes was ranked third by 2007 permits issued in Southeast Michigan. The company led all other builders in Macomb County and was the only builder in the top three that is privately owned and operated. Builder Magazine reported that Lombardo Homes was the 145th largest builder in the nation with 301 closings last year.

Currently the majority of Lombardo's development activity is concentrated in Macomb County. The acquisition will position the company to expand its horizons to include Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties with a total of 26 communities under active development. Lombardo Homes' COO Sebastian Lombardo emphasized that his family is "dedicated to growing in Michigan" and is "absolutely committed to customer service."

In 2005, Lombardo earned top honors for customer satisfaction among all homebuilders in Southeast Michigan from J.D. Power and Associates. The company was named 2007 Developer of the Year by the Southeast Michigan **Building Industry** Association (BIA). Last year Lombardo participated in ABC-TV's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition to benefit the Gillian family.

"For Lombardo Homes, and other homebuilders who can excite buyers with creative and affordable solutions, the future does indeed look bright. We are gearing up to offer a new three-bedroom home starting at less than \$90,000. With values like that in 26 quality neighborhoods, we feel that we have created an ideal blueprint for growth," said Sebastian Lombardo.

For additional information, visit lombardohomes.

Condo operation

Meisner & Associates will present "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation," a four-week course, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Bingham Farms office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467. The course is for those interested in serving on a board of directors of a condo, co-op or community association, as well as developers and managing agents who are assisting these boards.

All attendees will receive a copy of attorney Robert Meisner's booklet, "Condominium Operation: Getting Started and Staying on the Right Track."

Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (800) 470-4433 or e-mail bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. Checks should be payable to Meisner & Associates, P.C. Cost is \$95 per person, with \$85 each for additional attendees from the same association.

Homebuying

There's a free Homebuying Seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Buying your first home is probably the most exhilarating material experience you can have. It's where you hang your hat, where you rest your head; it's a source of security, an investment in your financial futures. More importantly, a home becomes part of the psyche that houses your most powerful memories. Some of the topics covered will include: criteria for your home search, loan applications, how much home can you afford, advantages of a Buyer's Agreement, and nine great reasons to buy a home. Call Heidi Anderson to reserve your seat at (734) 673-9265.

■ Building Industry

Association of Southeastern Michigan and Bank of America will sponsor a Fall Parade of Homes event running through Sept. 14. Parade of Homes features readyto-move-in homes as well as under construction and pre-construction homes throughout southeastern Michigan.

Fall Parade of Homes, the 14th annual fall exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, opened on Aug. 15 and runs through Sept. 14. Building **Industry Association of** Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Bank of America Mortgage are the sponsors of this public event.

The Parade of Homes offers buyers an opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 37 model homes range in base price from \$95,900 to \$1,999,900.

Architects and building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories prior to the event opening. The judges will make their decisions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price. A Parade of Homes

magazine containing renderings, features and location maps is available at select CVS/pharmacy locations and at all model homes. Parade of Homes will also be featured at BIA's Fall Remodeling & Design Expo, Oct. 10-12, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

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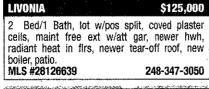
to park! Grmt Kit w/new cabs, LR w/vaulted ceil,

rec'd ights, DR w/drwl to deck, Mstr Ste w/crwn

Quality upgrades, 4BR, 2 Bath Cape Cod, Granite kitchen, new ceramic tile in baths, FP in LR, Pella

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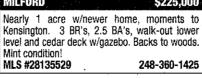


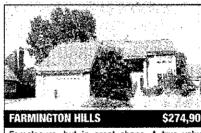


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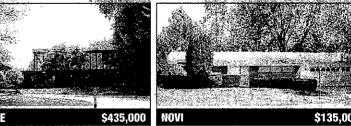
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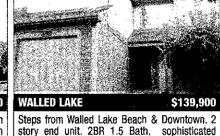


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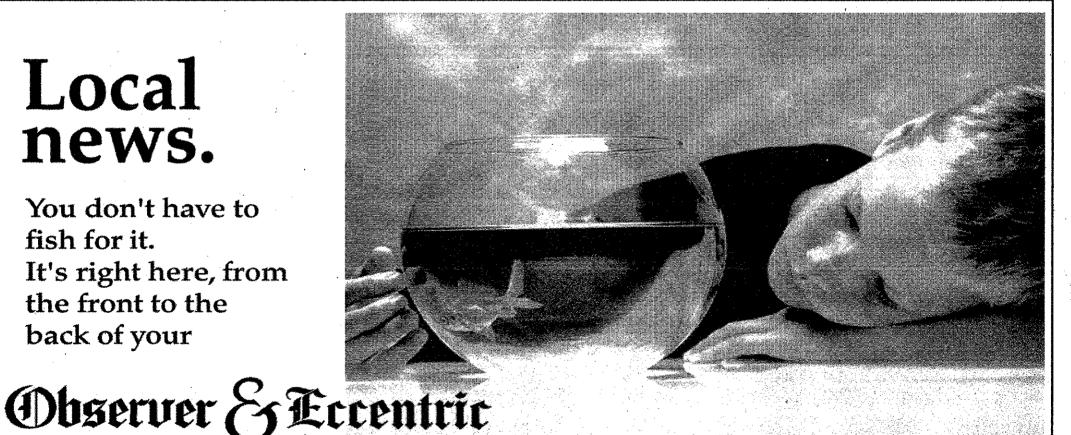
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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SEEK SPECIAL PERSON Romantic, fun-loving, open-minded women, 61 years young, 5'3', seeks a man, 50-68, with the same qualities, who enjoys dancing, concerts, dining out, travel, long drives and more. \$289125

DEALITIEUR CRE 37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. \$\frac{\pi}{271683}\$

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR? WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, moviles, reading and more, to do things with. **27280581**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS Good looking SBF, hvp., intelligent, mature, spiritu-al, seeking a SM, 577 +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes travelling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **21147056**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a re-ally nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, mini-mal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. #279171

SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! \$\frac{\pi}{2287187}\$

HARD WORKER SEEKS SAME SBF, 44, N/S, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29-49, N/S, homebody, to explore all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. \$\frac{\pi}{2274519}\$

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 55°, blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company, \$\mathbf{T} 2591247

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black halr, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, ding, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. 72284388

SEARCHING FOR A MAN... 40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. 27962317 TRADITIONAL VALUES

Well-educated DWF, 5'8", dark blonde/green, full-fig-ured, interested in finding friendship leading to more with a WM, 30-50, to share life with. \$\mathbf{T}283327\$ ARE YOU THE ONE?

SWF, 42, 5'1", loves Italian food, music, Looking for SWM, 32-59, who is successful, financially secure, has a good head on his shoulders but also has a wild side. 17:284915

SPONTANEOUS WOMAN
Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, goal-oriented SBF,
39, ptus-sized, with herpes, would like to meet an
understanding male, 28-49, for possible relationship. \$\frac{1}{2}28800\$

VERY ATTRACTIVE SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. 1282115 ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP

SWF, 55 bissonate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. 17284371 MATURE MAN WANTED SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramsi complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. \$\frac{\pi}{2287856}\$

A NEW BEGINNING
SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, danoing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBM, 45-55, for friendship or more. 27299151

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SWF, 36, long brown/green, N/S, athletic build, pretty, animals lover, in search of attractive, fit, tunny, easygoing SWM, 27-43, with no children, for dating, possible LTR with right man. \$286634 HELLO OUT THERE

SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys lifes simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship lirst. 17241298 ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 57", full-figured, N/S, likes rollerskating, canceing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a genteman, 48–70, who is heathry, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. 1728/305

A POLISHED DIAMOND

DWF, 52, 5'10", 300-lbs, N/S, N/Drugs, many interests. family-oriented, honest, loyal, easygoing, optimistic, seeks friendship first, possible LTR with S/DWM, 46-60. 17285168

GIRL NEXT DOOR
Sugar and spice and . . . attractive blonde enchantress, 5'5', 5'0s, enjoys cooking, travel, drives, more
. . seeks soul-mate, call me; serious replies answered #234677; SEEKING SINCERITY

SEEKING SINCERLLY
SBF, 5'4", 120'bs, likes parks, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. Looking for down-to-earth, familyented SM, 40-50, with same intere NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 136lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **12409879**

IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND...
a 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5-7*, 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/O-free, never married, no children. Interested? Cal

COULD IT BE YOU?
SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. \$7235988

BEAUTIFUL
BIBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BiF, 25-40, race open, D/D free, H/W proportionate. You must be confident with who you are. 1271860

HEART OF GOLD SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys cross-word puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6'+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **TZ56442**

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST

SBF, 36, 510", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SBM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. \$\frac{\pi}{2280950}\$ LET'S DANCE IN THE RAINI
Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. £7281372

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120'bs, long blande/blue, well-proportioned, very ferninine, attractive, self-employed.
Seeking SWM, 48-57, 6'1"+, 225'bs-y, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, advenof humor, energetic, traveler, outdooturer, manly gentleman. 25692549

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, seerious SBM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. \$\mathbf{T}273603\$

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. 12*630808

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. \$230694

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 146lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. 17963760

Sexy, full-figured SWF, 40ish, long blonde/hazel, looking for a man into art, music, movies, karaoke. Ypellanti area. 27:291222

LOADS OF FUN
Active WF, young 50s, good sense of humor, enjoys different music, travel, dining out, dencing, more. Seeking decent, kind, honest man for indoor and outdoor activities. \$\mathbf{T263342}\$

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Asian woman, 5'2', 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome W/AM, 47-56, N/S, clean-shaven, H/W proportionate, for friendship first. 1281229

KEEP COOL SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SB/HM, 18-25, who keeps it real. \$287598

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 180bs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-out, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. 113901

A WOMAN OF CLASS SWF, 68, tooks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater, is it you? \$2271085 GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. #282578

LET'S GET TOGETHER SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBWM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. 7222444

FUN & OUTGOING SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies; basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. \$257908 WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call ms, let's get together and get to know each other. 2217234 VERY LOVING PERSON

VERY LOVING PERSON
Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. 27273294

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF,
54, platinum/blue, 5'5", H/W-proportionate, enjoys
travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing, Seeking SWM, 55-85, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship, if you love motorcycles call me. 2759845

TAKE A CHANCE!

SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. \$\frac{\pi}{283845}\$ LADY IN THE WOODS

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 6'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, goodhearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. 12210247 CHOCOLATE TREAT

CHOCOLATE TREAT

Pefined, romantic, creative divorcee, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. 7281197

IN SEARCH OF
a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. 17288886

GREAT-LOOKING BF... seeks serious, mature, financially secure for LTR. Call me; you won't be disappointed! 83172 BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and aducated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-55, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. 27245846 CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. 22207254 **ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS**

BF, 5'5", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. 36-60. 2284318 SINCERE AND HONEST

Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SW/BM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first, \$\mathbf{T}284932\$ FORMER RUNWAY MODEL

Attractive SBF, 510°, 140lbs, N/S, one kid, likes clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking single mate, 25-38, 61°, N/S, silm to medium build for friendship first, dating and more.

STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 22113198

I NEED A LOVE.. to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. 2568059

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SPF, 55, 54*, interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 45-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, waiking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and seif-worth. \$282518

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HANDSOME MALE SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confident, likes concerts, travel, dining, Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. 2984967.

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests 12 200459

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WIWM, 45, 5'11'; 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. 27265340

ARE YOU THE ONE? Handsome BM, 39, easygoing, enjoys dining, mov-ies, talks, walks, having fun, quiet times. Looking for compatible SBF, 27-37, who enjoys life. 2290798 QUALITY TIME TOGETHER
SBM, 42, 6'3", 200lbs+, no children, light smoker, looking for SBF, 35-45, who enjoys bowling, movies, shooting pool. #2291168

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel.

DWM would like to meet SBF, 22-46, N/S, who likes to experience new things in life, has varied interests. \$\pi 287230\$

candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. \$259545

Spontaneous BM likes working out, riding motorcycles, being outdoors and more. Would like to meet a woman with a similar personality. 35-50. 2227900

LET'S CONNECT SBM, 33, looking for love and possibly marriage with SA/HF, 18-25. Let's talk and see what develops. **17:285:26**

SWM, 48, handsome, well-built, educated, owns two homes, lives on the river. Looking for exciting, caring woman, 18-60, with great sense of humor. \$\frac{\pi_289548}{\pi_289548}\$

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

SBM, 38, N/S, loves walking, jogging, dinner and a movie, having fun, partying. Looking for SF, 28-70, for friendship first, maybe more. **T278442**

FIT & FUN-LOVING
Easygoing DWM, 48, 6', 185lbs, romantic, looking for a woman, 25-50, who can find humor in what life gives us. Open to anything as long as we're laughing. 17288335

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. 17692418

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING
Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44. ISO
romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great
SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. 27968147

WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL
SHF, 46, 5'10", average build, likes going out and having fun, movies, parties, just chilling and relaxing. Seeking SH/AF, late 30s, for possible relationship. 17289039

SWM, 39, enjoys dining, movies, camping, hunting, Looking for SWF, 28-34, for friendship or more. 17288045

SHARE LIFE TOGETHER

LETS GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 27128302

IF INTERESTED, CALL ME
WM, 48, 6'5", enjoys movies, sports, concerts, dining out, travel, Looking for an honest women, 38
50, who likes to go out and have fun. 17286510

HOPE 2 NEAR FROM U SOON
SWM, 43, in shape, 58°, 170lbs, brown/brown, looking for older woman 50-60, fit and attractive, easygoing and secure, who knows how to have a good time in life. \$7251226

LOOKING FOR ME?

GOOD MAN FOUND

Recently divorced BM, 43, 55°, 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. 17267088

SEEKING A SLIM GOODIE

COUNTRY BOY-AT-HEART Hardworking WM, 6'2', 195lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys comedy movies, horseback riding, socoer, softball, camping and more. Seeking outgoing AWF, 25-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. **TP258231**

JUST ME AND MY DOG WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes roller-blading, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. \$272374

LAID-BACK GUY
BM, 6', 175lbs, athletic build, likes going out some-times. Looking for a BF, 19-45, who enjoys life. 17272875

GIVE ME A CALL.

BM, 35, 5'5', 150lbs, secure, family-oriented, looking for a SWF, N/S, who shares the same interests and passions. I enjoy life, going places and trying new things. 13'27'1820

SWM, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. 12205048

Attractive SBM, 35, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed #283615

LET'S MEET SOONI
SWM, 44, 1910s, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTP. 12247784

CALL THIS MAN!

Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. 111288 LEAVE ME A MESSAGE

LONELY, GENUINE HEART SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. \$\mathbb{T} 287987

A GREAT GUY Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. 276478

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romartic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. 22176497

KEEP IT REAL SWM, 55, 5'10", 150lbs, father of two, homeowner, wants to meet slender, average femals, 25-45, who likes music, art, just hanging out. 17287898

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. 27531308

SBM, 50, 195lbs, 6'1", physicall out, plays, moute

SBM, 50, 195lbs, 6'1", physically fit, likes working out, plays, movies, concerts, bowling. Looking for SF, 45-52, for possible relationship. **27289335**

OUTGOING GUY
SWM, 26, 6'5", 180lbs, black/brown, with sense of humor, likes movies, beach walks, bowling. Seeking SW/AF, 20-28. T288652

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Single, middle-aged male seeks SWF for casual dating. She should be attractive, petite, financially independent. Prefer Oakland County. 2266732 HONEST AND SINCERE

HONEST AND SINCERE
DWM, 52, 5'10', 150lbs, likes roller skating, computers, biking, boating and some old moves. Seeking SW/HF, slim to medium build, for dating and LTR. #1256288 SHY
SM, 26, 5'5", light complexion, red hair, in search
of fun and friendship with a single female. Let's taik
and see if we click! 1281335

SEEKS SOULMATE SWM seeks brunette, 23-55, who is a little on the shy side, knows how to have fun. **T286860**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
SWM, 5'10", 190lbs, active retires looking for Black
or Asian female, 50+ for long-term relationship and
possibly more. I enjoy travel, sports, casinos, health
clubs and I'm social-drinker. \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$27100

AM I YOUR MISTER RIGHT? SM, 28, 5'8", 165lbs, two tattoos, muscular build, goatee, nice smile, seeks SF, 19-47, for friendship or more. **17:287140**

SEEKING SOULMATE
SM, 33, 5'9', loves going out and having tun. The one love if m seeking must be down-to-earth, honest, beautiful woman, 21-30, who is classy. Friendship first. \$2287948

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

Tall, ethletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. \$\pi\$587540

SEEKING A LADY SWM, 75, wants to meet an active WF, 55-70, who likes dancing, walks, movies, travel in the US. Will respond to all. \$2274642 LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE
SWM, 70s, 5'4". N/S, would like to meet a lady, 6572. I enjoy taking waiks, riding bikes, taking trips.
Seeking SWF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe more.

RETIRED SWM, 65, smoker, wants to meet a SWF, 48-67, prefer heavyset, for friendship first. I love cooking, devoting time to a loving companion. 12284754

SINGLE DAD WM, 5"7", 150lbs, brown/brown, medium build, two children, likes the outdoors, working on cars, hav-ing fun. Looking for a good, down-to-earth, honest, attractive WF, 23-33, for dating. **T284933**

WELL-ROUNDED

DWM, retired gentleman of independent means, emotionally/financially secure, honest, eclectic, N/S, seeks slender, physically fit woman who loves the outdoors. \$\mathbf{T}\$284895

READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP
Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad
habite, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind female, 40-70. \$287161 GOOD BETTER BEST! SWM, 49, 5'9", 196lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 27992943

Attractive SWM, 673", 1951bs, N/S, N/D, shy, fit, enjoys carpentry, riding my bloycle, gardening and more. Seeking a SWF, 50-60, with similar interests, for possible LTR. 12248074

PLAY YOUR SONG?
DWM, 52, D/D-free, east area, great SOH, interested in music, outdoors, pets, gardening, romantic evenings by my fireplace. ISO WF, 35-55, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. 1220

LET'S HANG OUT SBM, 29, 6'5", slim bulld, sm SBM, 29, 6'6", slim bulld, smoker, seeks nice wom-an, 25-28, to chill with and get to know. \$277937 OPEN-MINDED SF WANTED OPEN-MINDED SF WANTED
SM, 6', 185lbs, short brownish-blond/bue, muscular build, no tattoos, N/S, social drinker, loves
art museums, craft shows, music, concerts, quiet
times, movies, dning, Seeking slender woman,
similar interests. \$277964

SWM, 30, 5'8', 140lbs, down-to-earth, open-mind-ed, hard-worker, likes fishing, hurting, clubbing, Seeking SW/AF, 18-40, for possible relationship, 1279555

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE
Sociable SM, 57, 577, graying brownblue, mustache, loves music, cooking, Italian food, reading, writing action and romance films, quality conversation nd romance. ISO good-hearted, creative, WF to share these. \$\frac{\text{T223744}}{\text{T223744}}\$

READY FOR RELATIONSHIP SM, 29, 5'6", light smoker, hazel eyes, looking for SF, 21-40, for friendship or more. \$\frac{279902}{279902}

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWM, 52, seeks slender female, 40-50, who likes fishing, the outdoors, hunting, gardening, cooking.

LET'S TALK
SM, 28, 5'11", 200lbs, very fit, loves working out, sports, movies, dining. Looking for SB/HF, 18-50, for possible relationship. 17282305 SM, 31, looking for fun, sexy, spontaneous, down to-earth, cool SF, 24-40, with a good attitude \$\frac{\parabolar{2282777}}{2282777}\$

LOOKING FOR THE "ONE"
SWM, 61, 5'9', 170lbs, blond/blue, degreed, veteran, N/S, N/D, Catholic, humorous, spontaneous, like music, outdoors, sports, seeks attractive, easy going SWF 45-69. 27278705

GET TO KNOW ME SBM, 32, 5'8", In the Navy, seeks SW/BF, 21-40, for friendship or whatever it may lead to. \$\frac{\pi}{2283786}\$ Fun-loving DWM, 5'9', 190lbs, goatee, light smok-er, retired, enjoys camping, movies, travel, more. Seeking WHF, 55-63, slim to medium build, hope-fully LTR. Dark hair a plus. 12284471

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. 17672855



what you enjoy and what kind of date you'd like us to have! I'm worth the time!

1-800-510-4786

SWM, 53, brown/blue, 115lbs, smoker, looking for a nice, young lady, 18-25, to light up my life. \$\mathbb{R}^2\$90675

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SWM, 32, N/S, interested in meeting a lady, 35-42, for friendship first, maybe more. 27290956

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. 2860305

HOW ABOUT A DATE?
WM, 6'6", 285lbs, looking for a secure, female who likes to hang out, have fun, dining out, relaxing at home, movies and more. 30-80. #2289482

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be indepen-dent and shapely. Serious replies only. **Tr684501**

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

ENJOY THE VIEW

Romantic, thoughful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. \$\pi\frac{113835}{2}\$

Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listen-er, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for

EASYGOING
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By Dale Buss



For leaders, employees, suppliers and fans of the Detroit Big Three, one of the few silver linings in the market's recent travails has been one that few people would admit seeing: the troubles of Toyota Motor Corp. For the last generation, both globally and in

the U.S. market in particular, Toyota and its products have been seen as the industry's gold standard across a broad range of criteria: product-cycle alacrity, manufacturing quality and innovation, technology leadership – even in areas such as marketing where Toyota, truthfully, hasn't been that outstanding.

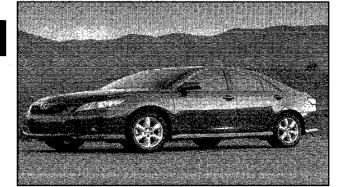
The fact that Toyota has been chasing General Motors over the last two years for the title of the world's largest automakers - a distinction that it appears Toyota finally will grab this year - has created even a larger rooting interest against Toyota in these parts. So lately, as Toyota has demonstrated its

own difficulties in adjusting to the severe shift toward smaller and more fuel-efficient vehicles in the U.S. market since last spring, about the only thing that Big Three executives have been able to say in their favor is: "See Toyota is having the same problems!"

And indeed, Toyota has been frustrated,

like its Big Three rivals, by great consumer migration away from its largest vehicles, including its Tundra pickup truck. But at the same time, Toyota has been temporarily overtaken by huge demand for its Prius hybrid, which has outstripped available supply in the U.S. for several months now. So Toyota did something that it, arguably,

does better than any other auto manufacturer in the world: adapted on the fly. The company already has pulled the trigger on a series of



The 2009 Toyota Camry offers more of the same: excellent utility and dependability.

high-risk changes in its U.S. production strategy that will drastically cut output of Tundra, allow Toyota to begin building Prius in the U.S. for the first time by 2010, and jiggering with production of its Highlander crossover and staple Camry

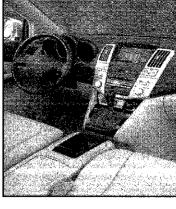
In the meantime, of course, Toyota just keeps putting out vehicles that remain the pinnacle of most segments that they occupy. Take the Lexus RX 350 crossover, for example. The introduction of the Lexus RX series was

perfectly timed to meet affluent consumers emerging desire for SUVs that were easy to drive in suburbia and furnished to luxury sedan standards. The first of the luxury crossover SUVs, the RX 300 quickly became the brand's best-selling vehicle. It won over shoppers with its easygoing personality, upscale cabin, virtually silent powertrain and outstanding build quality. Now badged as the RX 350, this midsize

crossover is nearing the end of its second generation but remains a strong competitor in its class. Rivals surpass the 2008 Lexus RX 350 in the handling department, but for buyers seeking comfort and serenity in large helpings, it easily

And in its latest version, the 2008 model, the Lexus RX 350 still tops all of the Johnny-comelatelies in the crossover segment. It offers not only tremendous driving dynamics but also that patented ride quality, exceptional fit and finish, and ample day-to-day utility. Its high-trade cabin furnishings and user-friendly high-tech features top out the RX 350's appealing profile.

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interior touches characterize the 2008 Lexus RX 350.

A new grille design and chrome exterior door handles distinguish the 2008 Lexus RX 350 from last year's model. In addition, there's a new graphite-finish 18-inch wheel design on the options list, and in models with a gray interior, you'll find black bird's eye maple trim. Similarly, although much earlier, the Toyota

Camry established the industry standard for mid-sized, mainstream sedans. It took over the title of America's best-selling car several years ago from Ford Taurus and has hung onto that claim proudly ever since, keeping Honda Accord and certainly any offering from the Big Three -

at bay during that time.

Nowadays, the 2009 Camry is continuing the model's domination. It is Toyota-pleasant to drive and plenty spacious enough for four people on a long road trip. Plus it has a powerful and fuel-efficient V6 engine, top crash-test scores and a high resale value. Its biggest drawback is a few inconsistencies in fit and finish and a few instances of low-grade plastics in the interior.

In an indication of the confidence that both buyers and Toyota have in this car, the company made no major changes in the 2009 model from

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Clean, updated ranch, backs to nature preserve. Open f plan, high clings, cust firs, hrdwd firs. Fin bsmt w/4th bdrm & bth. Garden egress windows in bmst. All appls. MLS 28090631



Btft updtd 4 BR, 3.5 BA col. Best fir plan (3600 sf), & 3 car gar (not tandem). Ftrs daylite bsmt. Grmt isl kit opens to GR, Entire home trishly untd. Each BR has adjoining BA. 248-855-2000



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3 BR 3 BA., kit w/s.s. appl. 07, cer tile & cab. Lrg mstr ste w/ priv BA. French drs to 1,300 sq ft deck. LR w/lrg f/p. Updts: Indscpg, rf, Imnt fir. Pump & line, wtr sftnr, FFL. Att gar. MLS 28131458 248-855-2000

Lrg mstr 8R. FR w/built in ent ctr, we**t bar & game area.** MLS 28126446 **248-855-2000**



Lovely ntrl decor/nicely fin bsmt w/dry bar & built-in shelving, updtd rf, wndws, furn, a/c, kit & BAs, kit w/built-

in oven, morwy & cook top, fpl in Irg FR doorwall to deck.

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Spectacular det condo! Kit w/grnt cntrs, wd fir & built in Beautiful brk home in prestigious Blmfld Pines w/hdwd firs appl. Spacious LR & din area. Lrg foyer/pwdr rm w/mrbl firs. in kit, lib, idry, & DR. Grmt Kit w/grnt cntrs, Sub Zero, JenAir appls, & but pntry to DR. FR drs to crtyd, LR, & study. MLS 28135397 248-85



Mint condition cul-de-sac beauty over commons, ponds 2 st fyr, S.S kit, oak firs, lovely mstr BR & BA w/huge WIC club house w/wrkt area, sub pool. Wiking tris & plygrind. MLS 28110751 248-855-2000



Absolutely wonderful & almost like new! Beautiful updated kit and bath, new roof, vinyl windows and siding, new furnace, a/c & hwh



Beautifully indscpd 4 BR 3.1 BA col. Grand 2 stry foyer Lib w/french drs. Cath cings in LR & DR. Kit w/42" cabs 8

all appls. FFL w/washer & dryer, Guest BR w/bth & wic.

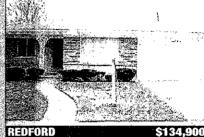
Super sharp brick 2 story, 2 full baths, hardwood floors thru-out, fin basement, all appliances included, nice landscaping. MLS #28135798



Beautifully updated ranch with great daily sunlight exposure, liv rm bay window, fin lower level with wet bar,



Fabulous 1st fl master, large bedrooms with loft, oversized gourmet kitchen/cherry cabs & granite, brick



Gorgeous updated kit w/lots of cupboards, Family room with fireplace. Newer carpeting, c/a, copper plumbing, 2-734-462-9800



Impressive and better than new! Spacious great room w/ bay window, baths are fully updated w/ ceramic & marble flooring, private patio & yard. MLS 28129910



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Clean 3 bedroom brick ranch, many updates, kit has beautiful oak cabinets, pantry, plenty of table space, fin basement, hardwood floors 734-462-9800



Newer built colonial on quiet court setting, generou room sizes, nice fin bsmt w/full bath, fam rm w/fireplac



Beautiful 4 BR, 3 bath home w/ open floor plan. Glearning hardwood floors, living room w/ fireplace, great room w/ entertainment center & bar. Deck overlooking river front. MLS 28097566 248-673-2211



3 bedroom ranch updated from top to bottom. All sports Tuli Lake. Home features large LR & FR w/ FP. Finished basement. In-ground pool and beautiful views of the lake MLS 28136894 248-673-2211



WHITE LAKE TWP Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Home features cath ceilings, hdwd floors, catwalk, mstr ste w/ French doors & Jacuzzi tub. Phenomenal views, patio, & doorwali MLS 28001984



A well maintained 3 bedroom home w/Williams Lake privileges. Living room w/fpl. Many updates including ewer roof, floors, and bathroom. Fenced in double lot. MLS 28115741 248-673-221



Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home. Home features formal living room & dining room, custom kit, family room w/ fpl overlooking woods, finished walkout lower level.



4 bedroom, 3 bath home located on Van Norman Lake. Home features fireplace in GR & family room, hardwood floors, doorwall to deck, finished walkout to patio. MLS 27099377



Gorgeous 3 BR, 3.5 BA Lake Lapeer front home. Home features fpl in LR & family room, many doorwalls, master uite w/ jetted tub, finished walkout basement MLS 28069172



3 bedroom brick ranch. Newer vinyl kitchen floor, living room with fireplace and hardwood floors, family room with doorwall to deck. Fenced yard, located on 1/2 acre.



5 bedroom, 2 bath home with Little Silver Lake privileges Large rooms, country kitchen, brick walkout basemen n-ground pool, fenced yard, beautiful views of lake. MLS 28120613



walk out. 2 fireplaces & attached garage. Large lot, 100 ft frontage, multi-tiered decks. Located in serene bay.



\$189,900 Undated contemporary-Union Lake steps from front door. High Ceilings. Private Fenced Yard. Deck 248-360-9100



3 BR. 2 BA ranch. Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings basement. New deck. 2.5 car gar. Sears Lake privileges (28118967)248-360-9100



Fox Lake. Open floor plan, Island Kit w/granite, hrdwd (28130688)



Updated 3 BR 2 BA ranch w/fin Basement. Desirable Wolverine Lake Village w/Lake privileges. Custom oak

(28135339)



Granite Counters & all appls. Covered patio. Florida rm wa wood stove, overlooks lake. Sandy beach for swimming. (28129430) 248-360-9100



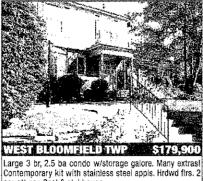
Great room w. Froic, doorwall to patio & view of pond. Island kit w pliances. Loft, 1st floor laundry & study. Many Updates. 8084926) 248-360-9100 (28084926)



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Georgian colonial with open floor pl**an. Gourmet** kit w Jenn Aire cook top & granite island. Mstr ste w/whirpool tub, WIC. Fin lower level. Private yard w/pool & hot tub (28119162)248-360-91001



248-647-8888 (28130337)



Many updates! 3 br, 2 ba bungalow w/2 car garage. All appls. Hrdwd firs. Newer windows, C/A, furnace, roof. (28108960)



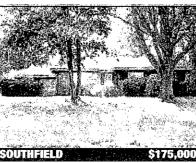
Completely updated 4 br, 2.5 ba colonial! incredible built-ins in FR & mstr bdrm. Finished walkout basement. rfield Hills schools. Mrs. Clean lives here 248-647-8888 (28115045)



Birmingham schools! Delightful 4 br, 3.5 ba colonial in Cranbrook Village. Remodeled top to bottom in 05! 2 car side entry garage (28129045)



3 br, 2.5 ba ranch offers 2000+ sq ft. Family rm w/stone raised hearth fireplace. Full bomnt with lav. Cedar close Alarm system, 2 car att garage. (28109287) 248-647-888



Beautiful 3 br. 1.5 ba ranch on a premium lot. Updtd kit. Fireplaces in living room & in finished bsmnt. Lovely imily rm. Att garage.



Beautifully maintained ranch in prime North Royal Oakl Many updates: furn, A/C, roof, vinyl windows, kitchen. Hrdwd firs. Close to everything!



Great value! Birmingham schools! Desirable 2290 sq ft home offers updtd kitchen w/stainless steel appls, FR w/ frplc, LR, frml DR, newer windows, morel



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