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Top clerk

Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett has been named Township Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.



Bennett

Bennett was slated to receive her award Wednesday at the annual MAMC Conference in Frankenmuth.

The criteria for nomination includes years of experience, demonstration of greater-than-average competence in the position; activity in county/state/national associations; demonstrated interest in improving professional and personal skills and in the advancement of the clerk's profession; a record of contributing to the improvement of his/her community and respect of community leaders.

Ford Road bears seven of top 10 accident sites



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The Ford Road and Haggerty Road intersection, Canton's most accident-prone, is targeted for more intense traffic enforcement.

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An analysis of Canton's most accident-prone roads has led township police to an indisputable conclusion — think Ford first.

A list of high-crash intersections using Michigan State Police data revealed that bustling Ford Road ranked among seven of the top 10 hot spots for township accidents, police Special Services Lt. Scott Hilden said.

Ford and Haggerty ranked No. 1 in 2008 with 78 crashes, followed by the Canton Center-Ford intersection with 50 accidents. Ford also made the top 10 where it crosses Lilley, Sheldon, Lotz and the I-275 area.

Amid hopes of convincing motorists to ease up and pay closer attention to their driving habits, township police in July will beef up their ticket-writing efforts at high-crash intersections along Ford Road.

Two morning traffic officers and two evening officers will implement a special rush-hour enforcement with a heavy emphasis on places where Ford intersects with Haggerty, Canton Center, Lilley, Sheldon and possibly the I-275 area, Hilden said.

Township police are putting out the warning early to encourage better driving habits now.

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Canton's most accident-prone intersections

Rank	Location	Crashes in 2008
1	Ford Rd at Haggerty Rd.	78
2	Canton Center Rd. at Ford Rd.	50
3	Ford Rd. at Lilley Rd.	36
4	Ford Rd. at Sheldon Rd.	31
5	Haggerty Rd at Michigan Ave.	28
6	Ford Rd. at S. I 275/M 153 Ramp	26
7	Canton Center Rd. at Cherry Hill Rd.	25
8	Ford Rd. at Lotz Rd.	24
9	Ford Rd. at S. I 275	24
10	Cherry Hill Rd. at Haggerty Rd.	23



SOURCE: State of Michigan

New additions add to festival lineup

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Visitors to the 2009 Canton Liberty Fest are going to be dazzled by all the usual events: the spaghetti dinner, the pancake breakfast, the International Festival, the parade and, of course, the fireworks display.

But Canton Township Recreation Specialist Jennifer Provenzano says organizers are even more excited about the new and exciting things at this year's festival.

According to Provenzano, some of the highlights include:

- Canton Kitchen Stadium activities on Saturday, including new cook-offs and interactive demonstrations.

- The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club Goes "Hog Wild for Kids," with pulled-pork sandwiches and sides for \$5.

- An "Adult Beverage Tent" will serve Jimmy Buffett-inspired summer cocktails from 7-10 p.m. next to the Canton Live Stage while "Air Margaritaville" performs on Friday and on Saturday from 5-10 p.m., "Oktoberfest"-inspired beverages will be served to those 21 and older while The Alpiners perform the music of Bavaria.



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There will be plenty for kids to do when Liberty Fest returns to Canton this weekend.

- There are big additions to the Family Zone, including more rides, games and attractions, sky-high performances by the Flying Wallenda family and the IGX Interactive Gaming Area (Wii, Playstation, etc.) including a Guitar Hero Tournament

Celebrating Canton's 175th anniversary as a township (special activities/signs throughout

the park will pay tribute to Canton's history), the Canton Historical Museum will be open and an "old-fashioned shuttle" (carriage ride) will take visitors there from the park and back.

"We could probably go on all day about everything exciting happening at this year's Liberty Fest," Provenzano said. "A lot of people dedicate months of energy and enthusiasm to

make the event enjoyable for the whole community. We're always honored to be a part of such an incredible tradition and hope that Canton residents will officially kick off their summers with us and come out to enjoy the weekend with their families, neighbors and friends."

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Canton gets 2nd chance to splash

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton is expected to receive a second splash playground similar to — but smaller than — one that drew an estimated 25,734 visitors to Heritage Park in 2008.

The new water play structure could be as large as 3,000 square feet and is expected to open next summer in Flodin Park near Saltz and Morton Taylor roads, easing demand on Heritage Park's amenities.

"I would love it," 6-year-old Ryan Rotole of Plymouth said, enjoying a picnic Tuesday with his mother, his sister, family friend Lesley Tauro of Canton and her three children. "I would love to get to splash around and just splash, splash, splash."

Lisa Tauro, 7, agreed and said when it's hot outside, "you could be cooled off."

The parents lauded the idea, saying it will only add to a park that they already like to visit with their children.

In a decision just this month, township officials decided to enter into an agreement with Wayne County, which plans

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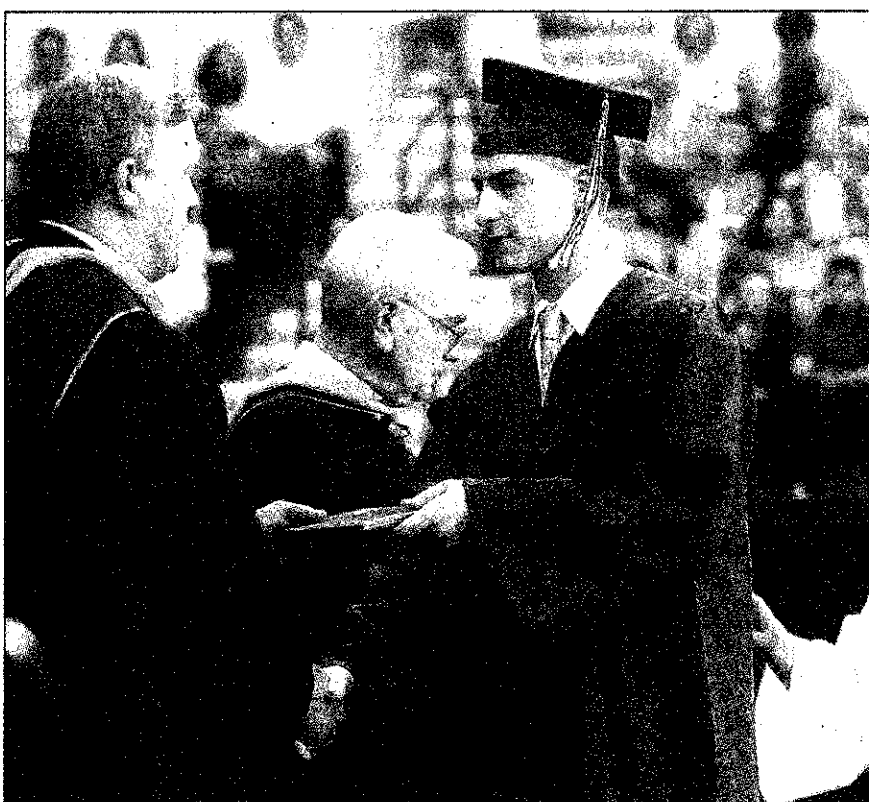
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Graduation gratitude

Joseph J. Morton accepts the congratulations of school board member Tom Wysocki at Salem High School's 2009 commencement ceremony at Eastern Michigan University. For a complete list of the graduates and more photos, please turn to Page A6, and see a photo gallery on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com



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3-Day fund-raiser

"Boobs for Life," a team walking in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day, holds a fund-raiser 7-11 p.m. tonight (Thursday), June 18, at the Cherry Martini, 50296 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Donations will be accepted at the door. The event will include raffles, a disc jockey, a silent auction and a variety of drink specials, along with free pizza.

For additional information e-mail Debbie Oaks at dmoaks@comcast.net or call (517) 404-3892.

Spotlight auditions

The Spotlight Players are getting ready to present *Oliver*, written by Lionel Bart and directed by Barbara Bloom.

Auditions take place Sunday, July 12 (for youth up to age 16). Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. Auditions for all adult roles (age 16 and over) are Monday, July 13, and Tuesday, July 14, registration each night begins at 6:30 p.m. Performance dates are September 18-20, 25-27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 504300 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Follow Oliver, an orphan, from the workhouse of his birth to an upper class neighborhood in London and meet all the strange, wicked, miserly and nice people that enter his life including Fagin, Nancy and the Artful Dodger through wonderful songs and a light hearted approach to a very dark Dickens tale.

For more information contact (734) 480-4945 and leave a message for Barbara Bloom and visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

Corriveau hours

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) invites residents to talk with him about any issues or concerns during his new office hours.

Corriveau's new office hour schedule is set to begin on July 6. He will hold office hours on the first Monday of each month at the following times and locations:

- 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., in Northville
- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road
- 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., in Plymouth
- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 129 W. Liberty St. in Plymouth

Corriveau also holds coffee hours and other events



Visit from Ronald

Ronald McDonald was on hand as the Canton Public Library started its summer reading program this week. Along with readers of all ages, other first-week guests included Shooter, the Detroit Pistons' mascot.

throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns. If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, please contact his office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP, or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fundraising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton, Mich. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by June 26th for the first wave of jurying. For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at 734-455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 7000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles.

"The Arts & Craft Ensembles are two of the most successful

fundraisers we host each year," stated Dennis Carnevale, president of the 2009 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the Concert and Marching Bands, Color Guard and Percussion programs that provide students with a one of a kind arts experience. Our craft shows have built a reputation for being some of the best run arts and craft events in the area."

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Holiday Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Nov. 21. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admittance is \$2.

Award-winning author Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin will be autographing copies of her latest children's book, "Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History," and her other books during an appearance at the Plymouth Historical Museum 1-3 p.m. June 24.

Her other books include "Cheryl's Musings: A Day In The Life Of An Award Winning Poet & Photographer," a slice of life vignette and mini writing guide which was released in 2008.

She'll also be at the Borders Express in Novi (inside Twelve Oaks Mall) 2-4 p.m. June 20, and at the Southgate Borders

Express, 2-4 p.m., Saturday, June 27.

Vatcher-Martin is also the owner of Pero Inc., a full service writing, tutoring, instructional design, consulting, photography, editing and publishing company. Her phone number is (734) 397-1626, e-mail her at peroinc5@comcast.net or visit her Web site at camartin.blogspot.com/

Hazardous waste day

The Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at Northville Public Works, located at 650 Doheny Drive, north of Seven Mile and east of South Main Street. This free event is open to Wayne County residents only.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected include household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only), solvents, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, mercury fever thermometers, smoke detectors, computer monitors, printers, scanners, mice, keyboards, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and

televisions.

Items that will not be accepted include: commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, shock sensitive materials, household trash, 55-gallon drums, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete.

For information on how to dispose of these items, contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

Salem golf outing

The Salem High School Baseball Team hosts a golf outing in honor of the passing of Milt Thackaberry at noon Saturday, June 27, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Registration is \$125 per golfer and includes a golf with cart, lunch, dinner and door prizes and raffle for the group. Tickets to attend the dinner only are \$50 per person. Hole Sponsorship packages are available.

Register for the event by e-mailing Steve Gordon at sgordon88@sbcglobal.net or Glen Kordick at gjkordick@gmail.com. For more information regarding this event or sponsorship opportunities, contact Steve Gordon at (734) 262-9000 or visit on-line, www.rocksbaseball.com.

Summer camps

Plymouth-Canton Community Education is offering a number of summer camps and programs for all ages - preschool to adult.

One of the most popular courses is the Safety Town Program for kindergarten and first graders, which teaches kids about house emergencies, emergency vehicles, fire safety, bicycle safety and stranger danger.

Registration is now open for all courses. For details visit the Community Education Web site www.pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-2937.

Museum bike ride

Before you let another summer go by, dust off that old bicycle and join other riders on a leisurely 10-mile tour of portions of an historic local railway system. The June 20 bike ride, sponsored by the Plymouth Historical Museum, takes participants along a stretch of the Detroit, Plymouth & Northville Railway, also known as the Detroit United Railway, or DUR, founded in 1899.

The ride also traverses a portion of the 400-mile, 13,000-year-old proglacial Great Lake Whittlesey

shoreline ridge. Great Lake Whittlesey formed in the Erie basin and its shoreline was formed by ice that initially drained to create an early route for aquatic life to migrate into the waters of the Great Lakes.

The majority of the historical ride is on sidewalks or paved pathways with some residential streets, and there will be various "water stops" for discussions. The ride leader is Plymouth Historical Society (PHS) member Alan Van Kerckhove.

Tickets for the ride are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, in downtown Plymouth, or online at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>, using PayPal. The cost is \$10 per person for PHS members and \$15 per person for non-members. For more information, call 734-455-8940.

Grub crawl

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, Charter Township of Canton and the Downtown Development Authority co-host Canton's eighth Annual Grub Crawl Tuesday, July 21, 6-10 p.m. This event is open to the public and participants must be 21 years of age or older.

The Grub Crawl is an opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their establishment as well as promote Canton's diversity while having fun. Participating restaurants in this year's event include: 4 Friends Restaurant, Applebees, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Bailey's Pub & Grille, bd's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Chili's, Crow's Nest, Max & Erma's, Rose's Grill & Bar, Shark Club, Shish Kabob Café, T.C. Gator's Sports Page, and T.G.I. Friday's.

"The Grub Crawl is an event for the community and businesses. It's really important that we continue to have functions that include our entire community, and the Grub Crawl gives us this opportunity," said Dianne Cojei, President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

According to Cojei, last year almost 600 people attended this event. Tickets (t-shirt) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating restaurants. T-shirts are on sale now and can be purchased at the Chamber office. T-shirt sizes are on a first come first serve basis so reserve yours early. If you are interested in participating in the Grub Crawl, please contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

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Plymouth tabs news vet for DDA post

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After years of reporting the news from Plymouth, Tony Bruscato is getting a chance to make some news.

A reporter for the *Plymouth Observer* for more than a decade, Bruscato, a Canton resident, has been picked to lead the city's Downtown Development Authority. He is expected to begin the job, which is formally called operations director, before the end of the month.

Bruscato, 55, will replace Sherrie Pryor, who ended a nearly three-year stint as operations director last month. The DDA, founded in the 1980s, works to improve central Plymouth, and bring in visitors and shoppers, through marketing, special events and physical projects such as streetscape beautification.

City Manager Paul Sincoc, who made the job offer with the approval of the DDA board, said Bruscato's familiarity with downtown business people, and the city overall and the way city government operates, will be a big advantage as he leads downtown improvement efforts.

"We're really excited about Tony," Sincoc said Monday. "We think he's going to be a tremendous asset to our DDA."

Sincoc said Bruscato has a lot of respect and "street credibility" in the community, and



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former *Observer* reporter Tony Bruscato joins the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

that he maintained good relations with city officials even though his work as a reporter sometimes put them at odds with him. Bruscato's reporting was fair and consistent, he said.

Bruscato will have big challenges on his plate when he starts at the DDA, Sincoc said, including working against a recessionary economy that's hit Michigan hard, plus a major maintenance project at the central parking deck, and planned streetscape updates.

Bruscato said his new role in Plymouth is a sort of homecoming.

"It's a place that I've really come to enjoy," he said.

He doesn't expect to come in and make wholesale changes at the DDA. He said he sees

his primary mission as helping downtown Plymouth business become and stay successful, and that he's looking forward to the challenges.

"Sherrie and John (Buzuvis, the assistant operations director) have been doing a really good job and set the bar high," Bruscato said.

Despite the general recession, and struggles at some businesses, downtown Plymouth is on the whole flourishing, Bruscato said, and is more successful than many small downtowns in Detroit-area communities.

Bruscato was a reporter at the *Canton Observer*, after being transferred from the Plymouth beat earlier this year, when he was among more than three dozen employees laid off from the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, owned by Gannett Co., in late May.

Bruscato said he has a lot of personal ties in Plymouth and is grateful for the many expressions of support he received, both when he was transferred to Canton and later when he was laid off.

His compensation as DDA operations director will be \$53,000 a year plus benefits.

Bruscato can be heard giving traffic reports on radio station WJR; he works part time for Metro Networks, which provides radio stations with traffic reporting services.

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Forum aims at melanoma education

A free melanoma forum organized by Kim's Klub, created in honor of the late Plymouth-Canton freshman volleyball coach, Kim Renzi, has been scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at the Comfort Suites in Wixom.

Renzi, who lost a battle with melanoma, inspired efforts to teach others how to protect skin from sun and other toxins, particularly during summer months.

The forum has been scheduled in the large meeting room of Comfort Suites, 28049 S. Wixom Road near I-96. Speakers are to include Dr.

Mark Naftanel, chief resident in dermatology, and Dr. Christopher Lao, assistant clinical professor of oncology and hematology, both from the University of Michigan Health Systems in Ann Arbor; Su Benteley and Sandra K., natural skin care specialists and motivational writers/speakers; and Roben Coury, 2002 graduate of the U.S. School of Naturopathy.

Topics for discussion are to include identifying melanoma; the difference between melanoma and skin cancer; stages of melanoma; new treatment options; how the disease can

spread to other organs; and genetic predisposition.

Other topics include how to safely protect skin from the sun and toxic chemicals; how the skin absorbs chemicals; the importance of a pH balanced body; being empowered to live healthy; and a holistic approach to melanoma treatment.

Seating for the forum is limited. Those who want to attend must register at www.kimsklub.com (see the "contact us" link) or by calling Leslie Garoufalos, account manager for Royal Oak-based Titan Benefit Communications LLC, at (248) 953-0884.

ACCIDENTS

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It's not an effort to generate revenue, Hilden said. Rather, police hope motorists will be safer, even if they have to learn the hard way by paying fines and accumulating points on their driving record.

"The ultimate goal is to reduce traffic accidents and prevent injuries," Hilden said.

The Ford-Haggerty intersection had no traffic fatalities in 2008. Still, it has consistently ranked high not only on Canton's list of accident-prone sites, but also on Wayne County's.

According to one analysis by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Ford-Haggerty intersection ranked as the entire county's most accident-prone intersection every year from 2005 to

2008, ahead of other high-accident spots like Ford and Wayne in Westland.

Hilden has a theory why. Canton-bound motorists rushing onto Ford Road from the I-275 area reach Haggerty as the first major intersection, before they begin to disperse onto other north-south thoroughfares. Hilden believes that evening rush-hour accidents occur as drivers are rushing to get home in heavy traffic.

If there's a positive footnote to the number of Ford Road accidents, the state police statistics, which focused on crashes within 200 feet of intersections, found that many mishaps were fender-benders. Nearly half of all crashes in 2008 occurred because drivers were trailing other vehicles too closely.

However, Hilden attributed another 30 percent of Ford Road accidents to motorists

crashing into each other at an angle, many of which happen when drivers rush to get through an intersection even after a traffic light has turned red.

It's those kinds of offenses — following other vehicles too closely and ignoring traffic lights — that township police will target during their ticket-writing efforts in July.

Hilden also offered other accident-avoiding advice:

• Try to avoid making quick decisions, particularly in heavy traffic. And if that can't be helped, then err on the side of caution.

• When approaching an intersection, especially when a traffic light has just turned green, look in all directions. Don't assume other drivers have stopped when they should.

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SPLASH

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to use money generated by a county parks tax to pay for the \$150,000 splash playground.

"It's exciting," said Ann Conklin, the township's leisure services director.

The township hopes to approve construction bids in coming weeks and oversee what officials described as a zero-depth splash playground with 11 water-spray features, a separate toddler area, a groundwater well to minimize water usage fees, a 5-foot-wide perimeter walkway, and a slip-resistant surface.

The new splash amenities in the 28-acre Flodin Park are expected to open next season, six years after the township's first water playground opened in Heritage Park. The first facility became so popular that local officials included a sec-

ond one in a 2006 master plan that serves as a blueprint for Canton's leisure services.

Township officials already have been evaluating bids for the Flodin Park improvements, although formal approval still is pending. Actual work on the splash playground isn't expected to start until late summer

or early fall.

Aside from improving recreational opportunities for children, local officials said the project also will return to the township some of the dollars it puts into the Wayne County parks millage.

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CRIME WATCH

Swan likely died of natural causes

The investigator looking into the suspicious death of a swan in the 4000 block of Pond Run Court in Canton has determined the swan likely died of natural causes.

Residents in the neighborhood reported the swan's death May 29, and suspected it may have been shot.

But the investigator found a local veterinary clinic willing to do an autopsy and X-rays to determine the cause of death. According to police, the autopsy showed no evidence of the swan being shot and determined the swan had most likely died of natural causes.

According to police, wounds to the swan may have been caused by a post-mortem attack from other animals.

Arrests made

A recent rash of tire and wheel thefts in Canton and other communities has led to arrests, police said.

Three suspects were taken into custody in Troy after stealing tires and wheels. Police said they are linked to similar incidents throughout Canton and other communities.

The suspects are believed to be part of a larger crew of thieves working in the area.

Ransacked home

A woman told Canton police that her mobile home on Old Michigan, south of Michigan Avenue between Haggerty and I-275, was broken into and ransacked between noon June 12 and 11:40 p.m. Sunday.

The woman told police she had been doing renovations to the home only to learn that the door was ajar. She said her belongings had been thrown around the home. She also said missing items included a mini-refrigerator, a DSL cable box, a wireless router, a 19-inch television, a digital camera, an air compressor, a computer hard drive, a laptop, a computer printer and a cell phone.

She told police she didn't know who might have done it.

Car theft

A 22-year-old man reported that he returned home to Cambridge, southeast of Warren and I-275, to find that his white, 1989 Chevy Caprice with a blue vinyl top had been stolen. He told authorities he noticed broken glass in the space where his car was last seen.

The man said the incident happened 2:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday.



Vehicle damage

A man returning to his home on Bristol Court, south of Saltz and west of Canton Center Road, told police he became suspicious when he saw four people sitting in a vehicle in front of his house. He said he walked up to them and was told that they were just hanging out, but the vehicle then sped away.

The man tried to trail the vehicle for a short distance but returned home. Sometime between 2 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. Sunday, he said his own vehicle was damaged with scrapes and dents on the driver-side door. A police report indicated that it looked as though the man's car, a 1992 Lincoln, may have been hit with another vehicle.

Apartment break-in

A 26-year-old man reported that someone kicked in the door of his apartment while he had gone to pick up his wife from work between 4 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. June 11. The incident happened on Honeycomb, southeast of Joy and I-275.

The man told police he found the door slightly open. A police report indicated that the door frame was cracked and that the door knob had been pried open. The apartment had been ransacked with closet contents emptied onto the floor, a mattress flipped up and leaning against the wall, and a 60-inch television left on the floor with a crack in the screen.

TV theft

A 37-year-old woman told police that someone entered her residence on Trails Court, south of Joy and west of Sheldon, sometime between 11:55 p.m. June 9 and 4 p.m. June 11. She said she noticed that a television was missing from a bedroom.

The woman indicated to police that she sometimes leaves the door open for her son when she knows he is coming to visit. On this occasion, she said she fell asleep when the incident is believed to have occurred.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from reports filed with the Canton Police Department.



Canton Firefighter of the Year Kevin Henderson, holding his award, is flanked by Public Safety Director John Santomauro (left) and Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher.

Firefighters honored at annual ceremony

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kevin Henderson, a veteran Canton firefighter lauded for his contributions to the township's emergency medical services and for his recent deployment as a Navy medic in Germany, has been named township Firefighter of the Year.

Henderson, along with some 35 other firefighters and a few dispatchers and police officers, received awards Monday evening for outstanding service during the 10th annual ceremony at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"(Henderson) sets the bar very high for himself and deserves to be acknowledged for his efforts," Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said, adding later, "He's obviously a good choice."

Henderson has been instrumental in the EMS program and other specialized department teams. He served one year as a Navy corpsman — or "coreman" for slang — before returning to his township job in October 2007.

Aside from his duties as a firefighter and paramedic, Henderson's duties include overseeing the EMS supply inventory, being a CPR

instructor and serving as an EMS instructor and coordinator. He also is a member of a western Wayne County hazardous materials response team and the township's fire investigation team.

Another firefighter, Matthew Long, was honored Monday with the township's Ironman Award for his top-notch service in 2008. Last year, Long responded to 659 fire and EMS incidents, more than any Canton firefighter, and he has been commended for being thorough, conscientious, ambitious and enthusiastic — traits that officials say can help motivate others.

In honoring employees who Rorabacher said "go above and beyond their everyday responsibilities, companies that helped pay for the Monday's event included Accumed Billing Inc., Belfor Property Restoration and Rose's Restaurant & Lounge in Canton.

Numerous other firefighters received certificates of merit, department commendations, life-saving awards and unit awards. The ceremony also included a salute to retirees, fallen firefighters everywhere, and township fire department employees who had perfect attendance last year.

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Balance retirement and home purchase planning

When it comes to IRAs, it seems most questions deal with how to invest money. It is essential to have a strategy and invest your IRA wisely.

I believe one should treat an IRA as a portion of an entire portfolio rather than a separate investment. That said, I also believe it is important to have a strategy when it comes to withdrawing money from an IRA.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Most people assume you should let your IRA grow tax-deferred for as long as you can before taking distributions. I don't believe in this strategy for everyone. So much of the strategy regarding how to withdraw money from an IRA is dependent upon an individual financial situation. For example, someone in a low tax bracket should consider taking money from his/her IRA and letting outside investments continue to reinvest and grow. The reason is because nonretirement accounts would be subject to capital gain rates which are substantially lower than the ordinary income tax bracket.

The key is to do what's good for you.

On the topic of withdrawals, I've had a number of questions of on whether to withdraw money from an IRA to purchase a home. With housing prices continuing to fall, many individuals are looking at taking advantage of the bargains but they need money for the down payment. Should they withdraw money from their IRA? First, it is important to understand that if you are under 59½ there are ways that you can access your IRA without having to pay a penalty. Of course, while you are subject to the tax on the money there are ways you can avoid penalties. The real issue isn't the tax, but rather should someone use a retirement account to purchase a home. Generally, my advice for most people is don't touch the IRA. However, we are in extraordinary times and in some situations it may make sense.

I cannot stress enough the importance of saving for retirement and investing retirement money wisely. In the past, I have discouraged people from using retirement money to purchase a home because my general view was if you had to touch your retirement money, you probably could not afford the home. After all, when you consider

retirement you must factor into the equation what Social Security will be in the future is unknown, people are living longer and also the numerous changes in the financial marketplace. That is why I generally recommend against tapping into an IRA to purchase a home.

But there are exceptions,

and one just might be the first-time homeowner. The credit available to first-time homebuyers for federal tax purposes and the low prices of homes provide a good argument for using an IRA to purchase a home. Even for those who do not receive the first-time homebuyer tax credit, tapping using IRA money may make

sense. Of course, the individual who is tapping into an IRA must make a dedicated effort to eventually replenish that money by continuing to make ongoing contributions.

There used to be a rule that in the great majority of cases, one had to put 20 percent down in order to purchase the home. Although that rule

has unfortunately gone away, I believe it is a rule that most people should follow. If you end up buying a house that you cannot afford you will be unable to save for retirement and that could lead to problems down the road.

If you commit yourself to being fiscally responsible and continue to save for retire-

ment, accessing an IRA to purchase a home can be a very good strategy particularly for first-time homebuyers.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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The day camp's activities include touring an ambulance, learning CPR, and visiting a local emergency room. HVA Paramedics and EMTs serve as "camp counselors," teaching campers about safety at home and at play, how to perform lifesaving skills on injured victims, and all about Emergency Services careers.

For a registration form or more information, call Jason Trojan, Camp 9-1-1 Coordinator, at (734) 477-6781 or email him at camp911@hva.org. Registration forms are also available at www.hva.org.

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Life's next step: Salem grads move into the future

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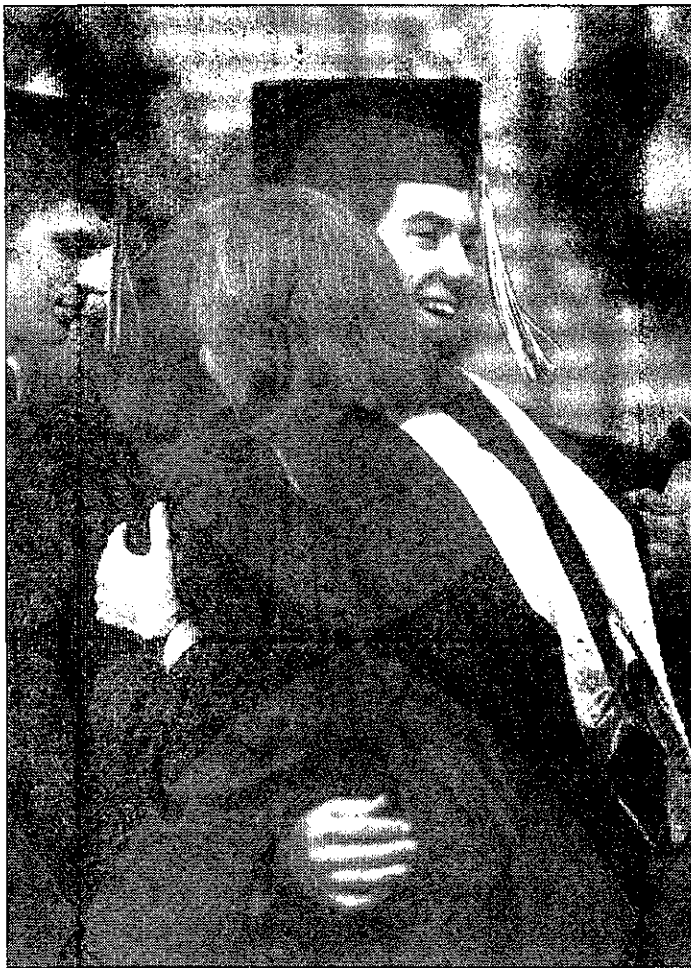
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Tim Schoenherr directs the P-CEP Bands during the graduation ceremony at EMU.



Salem Senior Class President Armani Paresh Patel addresses her classmates one last time.



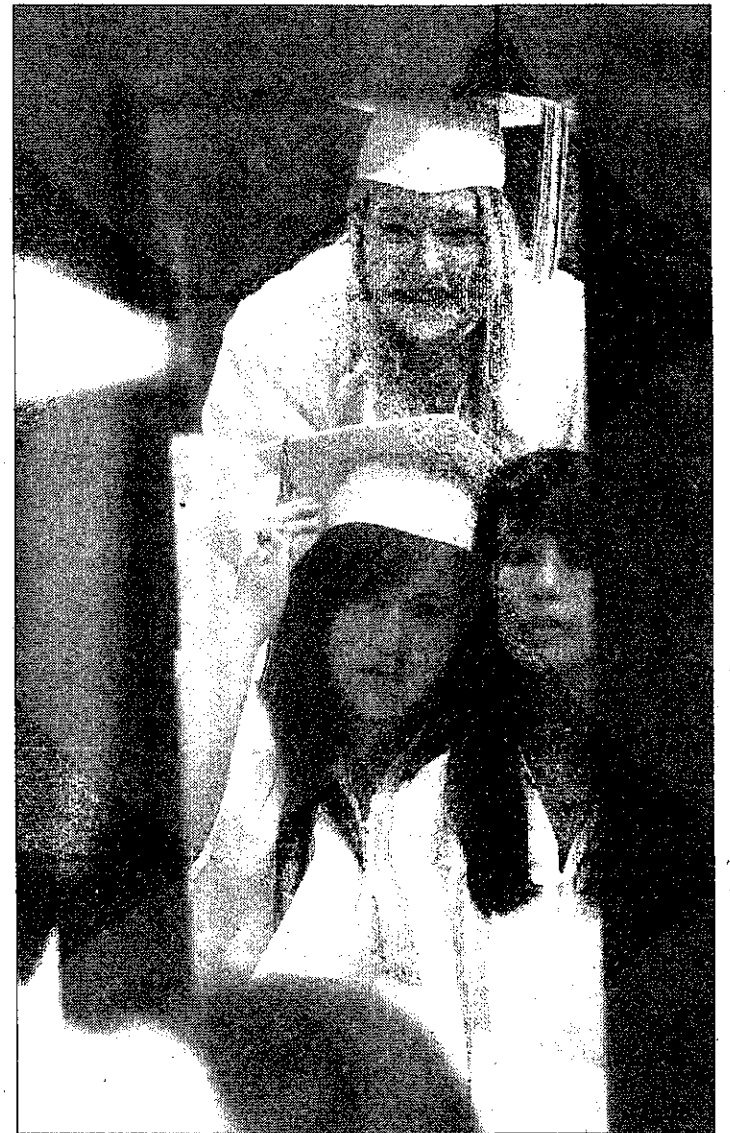
Jacob Parker Burnstein has a hug for school board trustee Nancy Eggenberger.



Taylor Marie McPhail grasps her diploma and cheers as she is graduated.

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Fallon Burke, Kathleen Guevara and Gizelle Guerra check out the mirror before marching in to the arena for Salem High School's graduation exercise at Eastern Michigan University.



The P-CEP Combined Choirs sing 'Like An Eagle' at Salem's graduation ceremony.

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The fight for Life

Plymouth Relay for Life draws record number of survivors and top amount of money, too

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jeff Wright was walking with a purpose Saturday when he took the track at Central Middle School for the 2009 Plymouth Relay for Life.

Wright and his wife, Lisa, marched in the relay on the team representing Wright Asset Management Group. The Wrights were walking after finding out a Wright Asset employee had been diagnosed with cancer.

"The company decided to sponsor a team, and I've always felt it's important to give back to the community," said Wright.

Lisa Wright, who was walking while carrying niece Gracie piggy-back, had several family members on her mind as she took her walk. Lisa's grandmother and a great aunt had breast cancer, and her grandfather had prostate cancer.

"I like to give back, too, but I'm doing this for other reasons," Lisa Wright said. "Maybe by the time I'm susceptible to cancer, there won't be cancer."

The Wright team was one of some 23 teams that contributed to the third Plymouth Relay for Life, an event that has grown every year.

This year's event had a goal of \$57,000 and, as of Wednesday, had reached more than \$56,000 with donations still pouring in.

"We're pretty confident we're going to make (the goal)," said Katie Brennan, the community representative for the American Cancer Society.

Brennan said the event was successful for other reasons, too. For instance, nearly 500 Luminaria bags, honoring victims of cancer, were sold, and the event raised more on-site money (people purchasing things at the event) than in the previous two years.

More importantly, 37 cancer survivors attended the event (a record) and some 50 people made pledges to take preventative measures against cancer in the coming year.

The event was so successful, the ACS already has nearly enough volunteers to make up the committee for next year's Relay, a rarity, according to Brennan.

"The whole vibe of the event was positive," she said. "Everyone had a good time. We have so many volunteers who want to get involved."



Plymouth resident Heather Shephard listens to the Fight back ceremony. She's a nine-year colon cancer survivor.

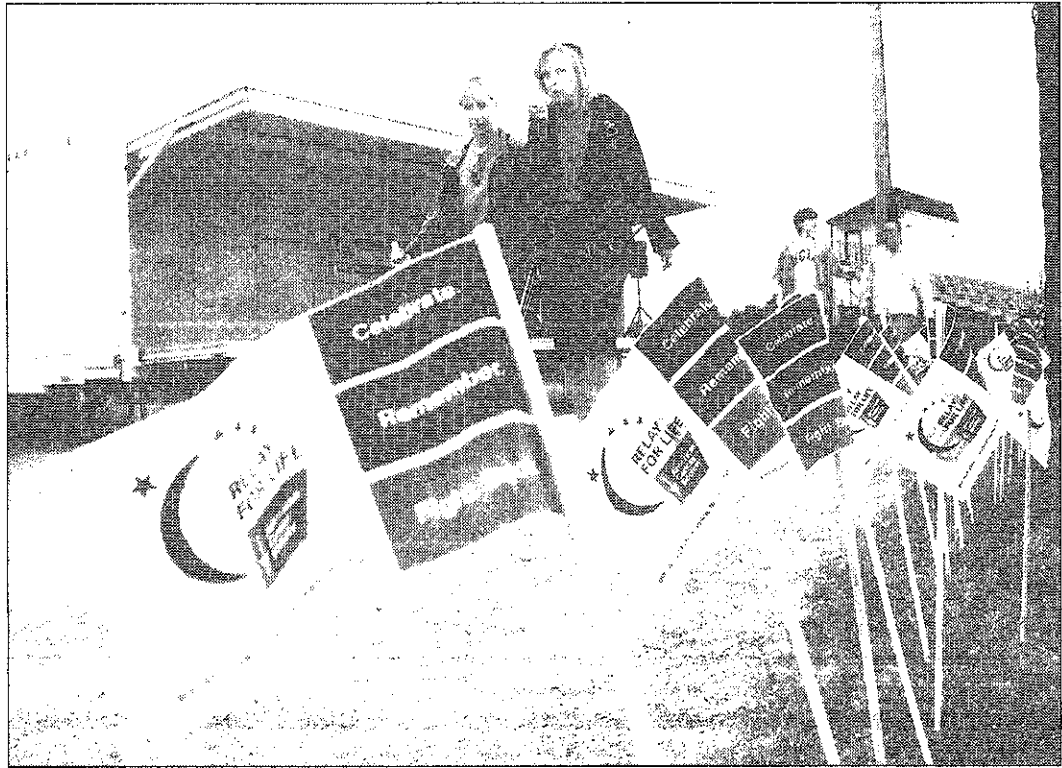


It's not Rocky, but Shane O'Donohue, of Livonia.



Rick and Sue Gilbert of Novi walk the track at Central Middle School.

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The 188 flags represent those in Plymouth who will be diagnosed with cancer in the next year.



Sisters Nicole, Erica and Jennifer Harris of Detroit were among the hundreds of walkers who took part in the third Plymouth Relay for Life.



Plymouth Relay For Life participants Laura Haldane and Kathleen Salata walk the track at Central Middle School. They are both Livonia residents.

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OUR VIEWS

Liberty Fest a can't-miss fun event for all

If you've seen Canton's Liberty Festival before, you know it definitely does not fall into the "if you've seen one, you've seen 'em all" category.

If you haven't seen Liberty Fest before, know this: It definitely falls into the "I've GOT to see THAT!" category.

Either way, you get your chance to see it — again or for the first time — when Liberty Fest returns starting with the preview night tonight (Thursday) and continuing Friday and Saturday.

It's an amazing combination of family fun, patriotic displays and charitable works that is a steadfast Canton tradition. From the Family Zone activities to the parade and fireworks, to the various food concessions that give to charity, Liberty Fest provides (if you'll pardon the cliché) something for everyone.

The Family Zone features daily performances from the Flying Wallendas, as well as a Guitar Hero competition and 15 carnival rides.

Friday features entertainment on two stages, along with the Canton Firefighters' 11th spaghetti dinner and the preview party for the America's Most Wanted Car Club vintage auto show.

The festival's final day is book-ended by the annual parade along Ford Road (which starts at 9 a.m.) and the fireworks display that evening (which generally start shortly after 10 p.m.).

You should come to the parade hungry, because the Canton Lions Club will be serving up their pancake breakfast. Later in the day, the Kiwanis Club goes "Hog Wild for Kids" with its first pulled-pork sandwich sale, also for charity.

There's all kinds of other stuff going on (if you're looking for the full schedule, look no further than the Liberty Fest guide published in today's paper) during the three-day festival. If you can't find something for the entire family, you're just not looking hard enough.

Of course, the festival wouldn't even be possible without the efforts of Jon LaFever and Jennifer Provenzano, whose yeoman efforts along with the rest of the Canton Leisure Services department make the whole event go. And enough can't be said about the work of all the civic organizations, businesses, and especially the volunteers whose efforts should be applauded.

All that effort combines to make Canton's Liberty Fest a can't-miss proposition.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

There are many treats to be had at the Canton Liberty Festival, as Breann Bowman found out last year while attending the festival with Carol and Bill Bowman, her grandparents.

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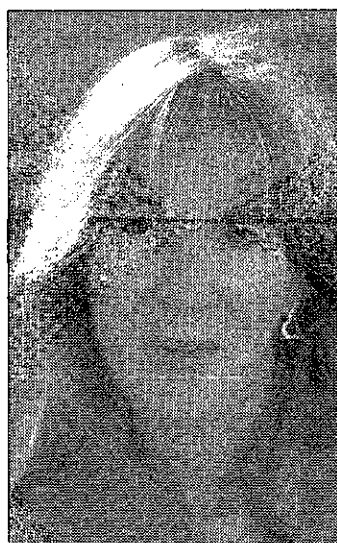
COMMUNITY VOICE

If you won an all-expenses paid vacation to anywhere, where would you go and why?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



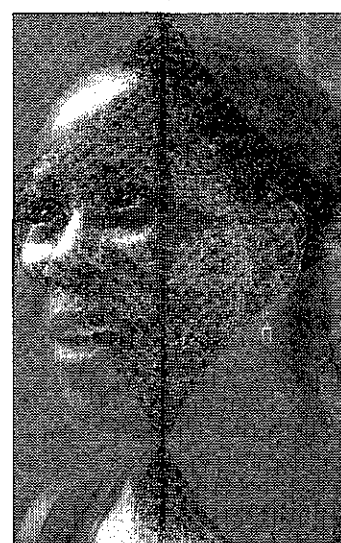
"Right now it would be India. I want to see the Taj Mahal."
Beth Shaum



"I would go back to Mexico. I went with my daughter last year (for a senior school trip) and loved it."
LeeAnn Kowalski



"I'd have to go to Disney World with my husband and two children."
Julie Ealovega



"I guess I'd go to Mexico, maybe Acapulco. I've never been there, and I hear the beaches are wonderful."
Sherrie Murphy-Willett

LETTERS

Officers are trustworthy

I would like to comment on the ridiculous letter sent in recently by a reader about Canton, "Not so safe."

Mrs. Skaff, perhaps you failed to realize that this "unsafe" community has ranked in the top 30 for the safest places to live in the nation for the past several years, and ranked in the top 20 safest last year. That statistic alone, tells me that the police officers in Canton are not only doing their jobs, but they obviously take great pride in their work. I think Canton is a great place to live and a safe community to raise my family.

As far as officers handing out \$65 dollar tickets for not wearing a seat belt, perhaps you did not know that the State of Michigan provides grant money to local police departments to issue seat belt tickets at specific dates and locations. These details are funded by the state to reduce traffic fatalities, and to be honest \$65 is about the cheapest violation that currently exists, so if you received one of these tickets (which I strongly believe you did), you should be glad it was not a three-point, \$130 dollar violation for a moving offense.

These details are also posted with warning signs in advance, and if you do not want your community burdened with a \$65 ticket, then wear your seat belt. As far as officers issuing tickets for prohibited turns, I am pretty sure that traffic enforcement is part of their jobs, just like responding to calls, and patrolling for criminals.

Canton is a very diverse and growing community, yet the men and women in blue continue to keep this township ranked high in safety. Perhaps you should compare the crime statistics to area communities and you will realize that the Officers in Canton are spending their time wisely.

Mrs. Skaff, in your article, you stated "I read the paper and see many crimes that are now being committed in your once safe community." Did you know that you also can watch the news, and see that crimes occur in every community, and crime will probably continue to grow due to the current state of the economy. The biggest difference regarding Canton, is that fewer crimes are occurring here than the majority of cities and townships in the nation, and you should be thankful to the Canton Police Department for that.

You asked for the community to stand up and voice our opinion, well I did just that, and I could not disagree with your article more, Mrs. Skaff. This is a very safe community, the police officers do a great job in this City. My back ground is also in law enforcement, I have been a police officer for over 15 years, and I proudly call Canton my home, and I do not even work for the Canton Police Department. I know very few of the Canton Officers, but I do know that when it comes to protecting the citizens, the Officers in Canton can be trusted with keeping this community as one of the safest in nation.

Gary Voiles
Canton

Thief is a lowlife

To the lowlife who stole my Red Wing flag — pole and all — on Wednesday, June 10, you think it's funny? It's NOT! You think it's cute? It's NOT! You think it's a joke? It's NOT!

Whether you stole a \$40 flag and pole or a \$40,000 item, you are a common criminal. A THIEF! Since you obviously have no

conscience, I hope that someday you will answer to a higher power, who will treat you as the common criminal you are.

You have no right to steal from people!

Nancy Spencer
Canton

Focus on big picture

Please find my thoughts on the article regarding the House of Representatives vote to ban smoking in bars and restaurants. I am a nonsmoker, yet I do not support the ban on smoking. Here are my reasons:

- Economy — In this horrid economy the government should not shoulder local businesses with additional regulations. If an individual does not like the smell of a specific establishment they can simply turn around and walk out the door. No need to regulate. Consumer's wallets will complete the regulation process.

- Hypocrisy — I find it humorous that people want to ban smoking in a BAR. If you ban smoking in a bar why not ban a number of other items found in bars and restaurants.

For example, while banning smoking in bars, they should also ban alcohol. Alcohol causes birth defects in children and millions of dollars are spent in treating alcohol abuse. In addition, drunk driving is one of the leading causes of accidents; thus they should ban alcohol.

While banning smoking and alcohol in bars and restaurants they should not overlook red meat and cheese products. These items are proven to contribute to high cholesterol, heart disease and obesity which are known killers. Thus we should add cheeseburgers to the list of banned items.

Along with smoking, alcohol and cheeseburgers the state should also ban Kenos. Kenos is a first step into gambling which has caused financial hardships for people throughout Michigan. The state cannot risk their citizens falling into the clutches of gambling.

Oops. Strike that. The state makes millions on gambling and has omitted casinos from the smoking ban. The House of Representatives would not want to appear hypocritical.

I would ask that the State of Michigan's government focus on the most important item on their plate; to increase the favorability of Michigan to business by reducing taxes so that jobs will remain/return to the state. Their intentions may be noble but I ask that they focus on the big picture and leave the smaller decisions up to the remaining citizens of the state.

Of course, this could all be an elaborate plan by Lansing. If all businesses/citizens leave the state there will be no need for bars/restaurants; thus there will be no bar/restaurant patrons and there will be no remaining citizens to inhale second hand smoke. Problem solved.

Sarcastically yours,

Geff Phillips
Plymouth

Selective amnesia

In response to a letter to the editor by Jim of Northville, printed on June 11, it seems that he is suffering from a case of selective amnesia or using psychological projection.

Jim speaks of blank checks issued by "legislative sycophants" in response to a presidential declaration that we are "out of

money" that "wildly enlarged all government costs without a whimper."

I wonder how Jim thinks we got to this point? What about a \$155 billion surplus that was transformed into a \$1.5 trillion deficit in eight years? What about a presidential budget of \$3.1 billion for 2008 with the two foreign wars, one necessary the other chosen, being financed off the books so that an egotistical chief executive, in pursuit of a legacy, could gain political traction that would translate into "leverage" in matters foreign and domestic by making himself a wartime commander in chief?

What about the "tyranny" of hacked e-mails, government wiretaps and other suspensions of civil liberties, crimes perpetrated and laws enacted in response to fear over the contrived emergencies, WMDs in Iraq and a nonexistent conspiracy between al Qaeda and Saddam Hussein, that have haunted us for the last six years?

Yes, we have "exhausted international lenders" in Jim's words, by borrowing the funds to conduct two wars from China, but this did not occur during the current administration. Jim states that the recipe for tyranny includes "giant debt load, lingering unemployment, inflated money and market control," all characteristics of the previous administration, but neglects to include the impact of the Iraq war on the American psyche.

Remember that war that seemed absolutely necessary because the administration falsified its own intelligence, ignored intelligence from allies and obtained false information through torture after the fact to evidence the inescapability of war.

As far as "bailouts driven" by "Fannie, Freddie and the Fed," those too began on the prior watch. By the way, the failures of Fannie and Freddie played a relatively small part in the meltdown. Noted economist Paul Krugman termed those who believe that Fannie and Freddie were the causal agents of the cataclysm as "delusional." They were mere symptoms the result of 28 years of conservative-led, greed motivated deregulation that has resulted in the banking industry behaving more like a casino than the keeper of the currency.

Jim may be right on the assumption that we will all have to tolerate regressive, "relentless taxation upon anything produced, moved or used in America" to maintain the status quo. If we continue to allow corporations a virtual free pass with a loophole-ridden tax code featuring the legal offshoring of the fair tax burden as well as low marginal tax rates and low capital gains taxes on wealthy individuals, someone will have to foot the bill.

Amazingly, corporations in the '50s paid over 30 percent of the federal tax bill and now pay about 7 percent. In addition, low marginal tax rates on that second or third million encourage the "boom, bubble, bust" economies that have become painfully all too familiar. Perhaps Jim and I agree on ousting "arrogant incumbents" if he is a citizen of the 11th U.S. Congressional district, the home of "Dr. No." In that eventuality Jim, speaking of arrogance, states that there are "real Americans" who should feel the "calling to serve" but I fear that those folks who qualify are only those who agree with him and who now, after having things their way for 20 or more of the last 28 years and thoroughly messing things up, are having to adjust to a new reality.

Mitch Smith
Canton

MALLS & MAIN STREETS

If you have an item for Malls & Main Streets, please e-mail Susan Steinmueller at ssteinmueller@hometownlife.com or Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

Free classes

Art Van Furniture, Michigan's largest furniture retailer, will offer design classes this fall. The store's Visual Merchandising team will present classes on four main topics: Determining Your Style, The Impact of Color, Furniture Placement, and Accessorizing. The style class will teach participants how to make smarter decisions about major purchases and make a home more comfortable for the family. The color session will explain the value of color and how to pick the right hues for a style. The furniture placement class will cover traffic patterns, focal points, floor plans and visual balance. The final session will clarify how to clear clutter, work with pieces that hold an emotional connection, and mix old and new pieces together.

Classes will be held Sept. 15, 22, 29 and Oct. 6 at the Novi store, 27775 Novi Road, and Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1 and 8, in the Ann Arbor store, 425 E. Eisenhower Parkway.

Reservations are requested. Register by calling (888) 619-2199.

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Borders Express at Laurel Park Place in Livonia is challenging youngsters 12 and under to read this summer and offering a 50 percent savings on merchandise when they do.

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Forms must be returned by Aug. 31.

Meet the author

Tom Lowe, author of *A False Dawn*, will sign his new crime novel at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, at Barnes & Noble's Northville store, 17111 Haggerty. (248) 348-0696. At 7:30 p.m., the store's mystery book group will meet.

Grill or Barbecue?

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Too hot or wet to hit the pavement outdoors? Head to Laurel Park Place Mall where the doors open to walkers at 6 a.m., Monday through Saturday and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. You'll log more than a half mile for every completed trip through the mall, including hallways. Laurel Park Place is located on Six Mile, between I-275 and Newburgh, in Livonia.

Inline skating

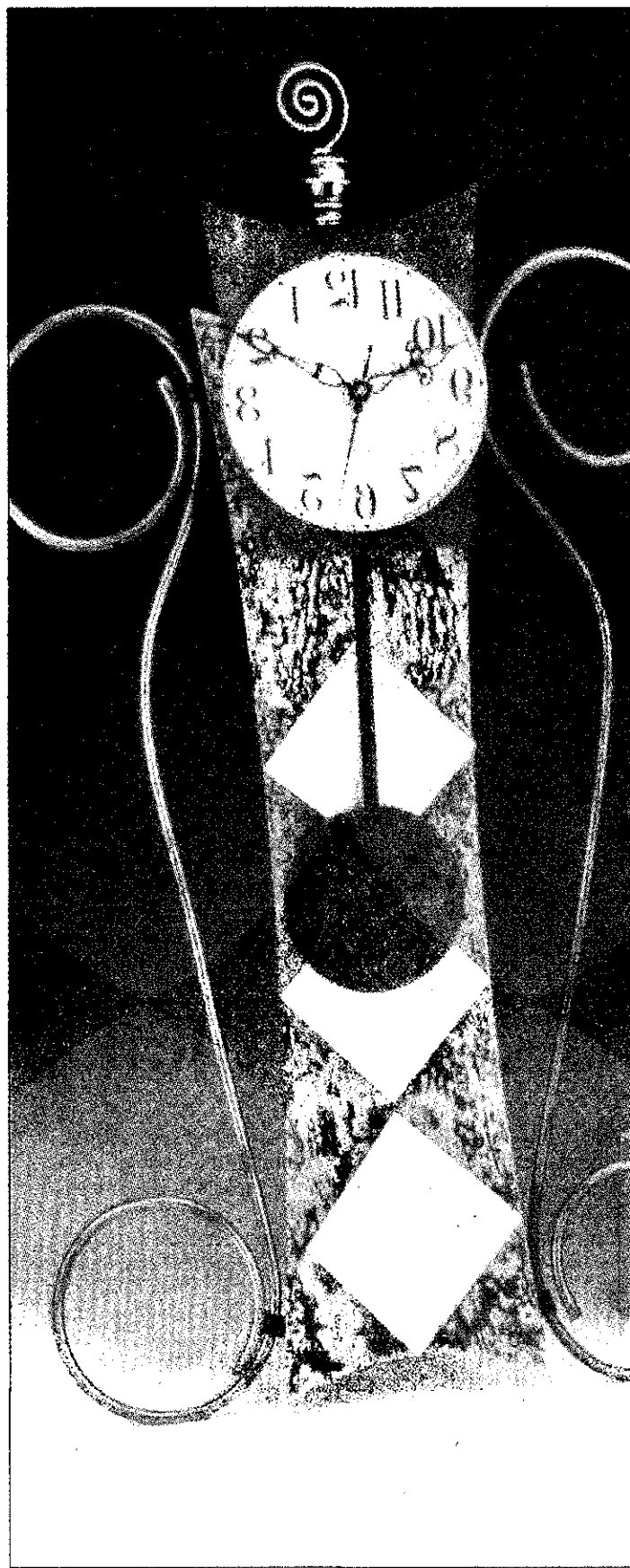
Summit Sports and the Farmington Inline Skate Club will host inline skating events 6:30 p.m.-midnight. Intermediate/advanced skaters will meet every Monday in June in the rear parking lot of Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power Road, Farmington for a 15-25 mile skate through hilly terrain.

Beginner/intermediate skaters will meet Wednesdays, through Aug. 26, in the public parking area on Orchard Street (behind the Farmington Shopping Center at Farmington and Grand River) for 4-12 miles of skating in two loops.

The store is located at 28942 Orchard Lake Road. On July 29 and Aug. 26, Summit Sports will hold a skate maintenance clinic at 7:30 in between the loops Call (248) 737-0970.

— Compiled by Sharon Dargay

Downtown Northville gears up for art festival



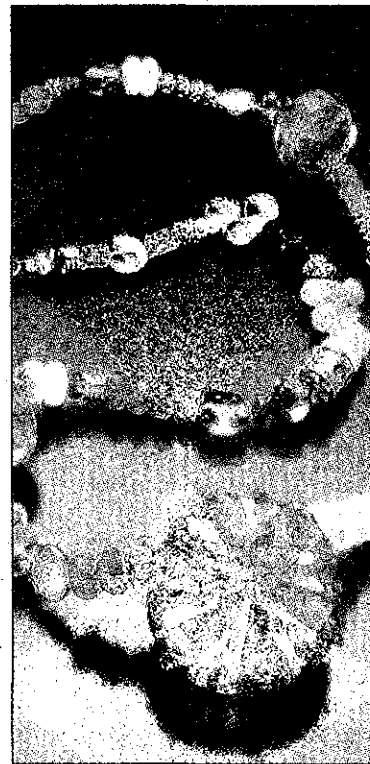
Artist Duane Scherer's clock sculptures will be on display at Northville's upcoming art festival.

The 21st Annual Northville Art in the Sun fine arts festival will offer more than 100 juried artists, lively music, food, kids' activities and the ambiance of downtown Northville, Saturday-Sunday, June 27-28.

Festival hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday.

Kids activities will include sand art, plaster painting, sandy candy, caricatures, and face painting. Sheila Landis, award winning jazz vocalist will perform noon-4 p.m., Sunday. Performers from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday are classical guitarist Roy Scoutz, drummer Ken Majors and Americamanta, with Brazilian music.

For more information about the show, leave a message at the Northville Art House at (248) 344-0497 or visit online at www.northvillearts.org.



Jewelry, like this glass bead necklace by artist Ann Jalsa, will be sold at Northville's Art in the Sun festival.

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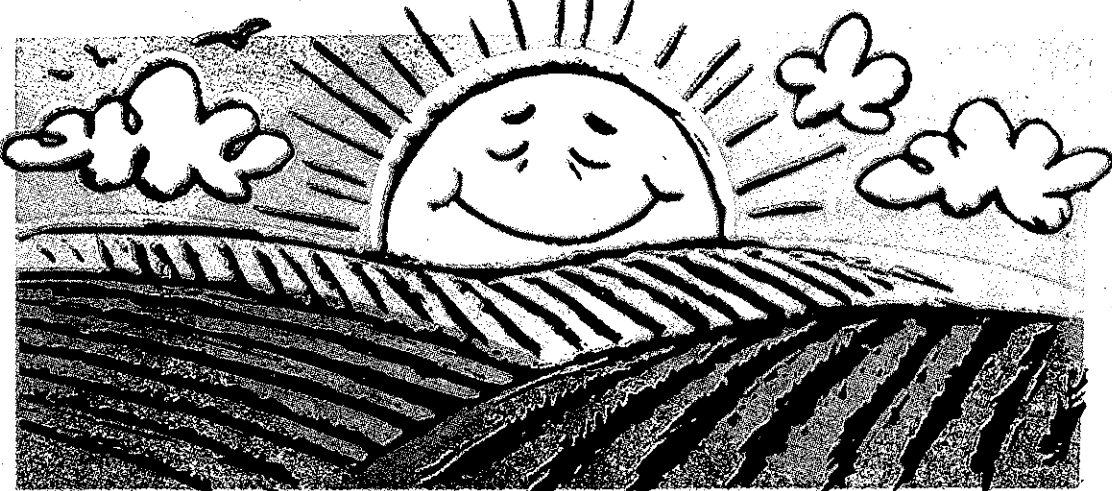
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Cavaliers calling

Drum corps expects local audience at Wayne show

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Cavaliers are coming. If you're a fan of drum lines and drum and bugle corps, you won't want to miss the Rosemont, Ill., Cavaliers when they make a two-day stopover at Wayne Memorial High School to rehearse for competition in Toledo, Ohio.

"Their visit is creating a lot of excitement," said Wayne High band director Matt Diroff, who is organizing band boosters and students to prepare for the group's arrival. "I'm amazed at the hard work that's put in for one of these visits. It's a great learning experience for the kids."

Diroff was contacted at the end of May about hosting the Cavaliers. The school will provide sleeping areas and shower rooms for the members and their drivers and cooks and provide the high school football stadium for rehearsals. The group — five motor coach-



Founded in 1948, The Cavaliers is an all-male drum and bugle corps.

es, three tractor-trailers and several cars — will arrive at the Wayne high school around 2 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, Diroff said.

They'll use the high school football field for practice 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday before heading to Toledo where they compete with six-seven other drum and bugle corps in the Glassman All-Star Review at the University of Toledo.

"They only need a place to rehearse and sleep, they have their own food truck," said Diroff. "What we try to do is make them feel welcome and let them know they're at a place that appreciates the opportunity to host them."

Band boosters are creat-

ing goodie bags for the group filled with snack foods that they can take with them when they leave. They also will man the concessions stand where corps members and people who come to watch the practice can buy hot dogs and snacks throughout Wednesday afternoon and evening.

One booster is also creating vinyl signs to hang up outside the gym and stadium welcoming and wishing the Cavaliers good luck.

"The boosters are doing an amazing job. Having been a member of one of those groups, I know how nice it was to have someone make you feel at home in a strange place," said Diroff. "These kind of groups take off in June and stop at their home base once or twice over three months."

"They do their performances then pack up and move on to the next stop. They do that until August when they converge on Indiana for the world championships," he added.

The Cavaliers have 150 members and a support staff of some 35 people. The group got its start in 1948 when a Chicago Scoutmaster organized his troop members into a drum corps after seeing a performance at Soldier Field by a group of Racine, Wis., Eagle Scouts. The all-male Cavaliers perform in the Drum Corps International's world class division and has won five world championships over the last eight years, including a first-place finish in 2006.

Diroff expects the Cavaliers visit will attract alumni and fans from around the state as well as a large contingent from Plymouth-Canton, which has a strong music program. He expects the largest crowds during the afternoon and evening practices.

And the Cavaliers aren't the only drum and bugle corps that will stop by the school this summer. Wayne High also will host a one-day visit by the Santa Clara Vanguard from

Santa Clara, Calif., on Aug. 3.

Diroff said the visit will be "exciting" because the Vanguard will be "in tiptop shape."

"After they come here, I'm pretty sure they'll head to Indiana," he said.

The high school has been hosting drum and bugle corps for several years and has done such a good job that it's now at the top of the list for host schools. Diroff made the connection through a friend of a friend. According to Diroff, the Cavaliers' visit should be a must for bandsmen serious about their performances.

"If you want to learn how to do what you do better, you have to see it done at the highest level," he said.

Wayne Memorial High School is at 3001 Fourth St. at Glenwood in Wayne. For more information, contact Diroff by e-mail at diroffm@wwcsd.net.

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Local Star Trek fans create their own online movie

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the last televised incarnation of Star Trek off the air since 2005 and a new Star Trek movie that set box office records, some local fans have created their own version of the show and are hoping to tell as many stories as they can.

In *Eclipse*, the first episode of *Star Trek: Osiris*, worsening relations between perennial Federation enemies the Klingons and Romulans are framed against the launching of the U.S.S. Osiris, Starfleet's newest and fastest ship, and a coup against the president of the United Federation of Planets. The ship's captain is wrestling with his superiors, the crew is fractious, the engine just doesn't want to work ... all familiar Star Trek flavors.

On top of that, all of the props, costumes, sound effects and dialogue are as close to the image and feeling of the Star Trek products since *Star Trek: The Next Generation* as the filmmakers could get. All of the sets and effects are com-



Carr and Miller after the computer-generated backgrounds have been added. All of the other props and costumes were made for the production specifically.

puter-generated.

Executive producer, writer and actor Todd Adams of Waterford ("Cmdr. Alaric Thorsson") was working with co-creator Jay Miller at Best Buy in 2007 when they watched *Hidden Frontiers*, the most extensive fan-generated Star Trek online series. It gave them both ideas.

"After watching it we were saying that we could do that," he said. "One day those conversations got serious."

Starting with the idea that all they needed was a camera and a green screen they started planning their own series.

Mary Gibbs (associate producer, casting director) of Redford plays the part of helmsman Kara Donovan. A veteran of independent features, murder mystery dinner theater and the Michigan Renaissance Festival, she got the part after answering an online ad.

"I responded to a Craigslist ad looking for actors for a *Star Trek* fan Web series," she said. "I went there, auditioned on the green screen set and got the job."

After getting the job, she said Miller was doing casting as well as producing and directing, and she asked if she could take over some of those responsibilities. She used her contacts in Michigan film to

get people she knew, other actors, to come out and audition for parts in the production.

Adams said getting the actors together turned out to be a regular chore. Only two of the people involved were professional actors, the rest were people with day jobs so shooting was a weekend balancing act. Others found other challenges inherent in the project.

All acting is make believe, but the set of *Star Trek: Osiris* is entirely a green screen environment where everything that isn't in a character's hands or on his/her back is computer-generated. Gibbs said it can be difficult to adjust.

"I had done green screen before but nothing like this," she said. "You're sitting there with the console in front of you but it's plywood sprayed green and you're pretending to push buttons."

Jay Miller (director, producer, editor, "Capt. Kieran Bale") created all of the computer generated sets and effects using an editing program he taught himself to use.

It was a lot of work.

"It was more work than I originally thought," he said. "Now I realize how hard it is to manage talent and work with the computer. I gained a lot of respect for the guys who created *Hidden Frontiers*."

The first episode of *Star Trek: Osiris, Eclipse*, has been

online since April 18 and thousands have already seen it.

"The positive response of the Trek community has been more than I expected," Adams said, "It's been above and beyond."

How long can it go on? Miller said he expected a few more episodes will be needed to flesh out the story arc started in *Eclipse*. After that, who knows?

"We've got a general idea where we want it to end," he said. "I'd like to keep it going, to say what life is like after these events, what is the change after this."

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HOMETOWN LIFE



East All-Star third baseman Brad Lineberry of Plymouth High School stretches for a hot shot in 'Brandon Inge territory' on Tuesday night. But he couldn't quite reach the ball.

It's big-time finale for baseball pals

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How unbelievable Tuesday night must have been for Plymouth's Brad Lineberry and Salem's Sam Ott?

Both are longtime friends who played baseball together growing up as well as against each other during high school. But Tuesday at Comerica Park, they finished their high school careers in the best possible way — on the same team in the place the Detroit Tigers roam.

"This is probably the best experience I've ever had playing baseball," said Lineberry, who lined out and played third base in the East All-Stars 13-4 loss to the West All-Stars. "It's the best life experience ever."

According to Ott, "It was great, not only because we played in the same park but I've played with Brad since I was probably 7 or 8 years old."

"Just our last high school game we're ever going to play

we played together, that's really cool," Ott said. "The whole thing was awesome, there's nothing that could be better."

"Me and Sam played travel ball since we were 8 years old," chimed in Lineberry. "We hung out together, everything."

Lineberry came up to bat in the sixth, trying to get a base knock and match what Ott did in the fourth (a single to right).

But the West center-fielder dove headfirst to pick Lineberry's shot off the carpet.

Ott had a bit more success, not only singling but scoring a run.

"I didn't want to go 0-fer," he said, smiling as he talked on the field after the game. "I was happy to get a hit off a good pitcher and it was great to get a run, too."

AMAZING OPPORTUNITY

They said it was great to

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STAR POWER

East All-Stars fall 13-4 at Comerica Park, but local players shine

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Today's top high school baseball players Tuesday night put an undeniable exclamation point on their prep careers at Comerica Park.

Plymouth's Brad Lineberry, Salem's Sam Ott and several others with area ties had strong showings, even though it turned out to be a lopsided affair on the scoreboard.

The 28th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Baseball Classic went to the West, by a 13-4 final.

"It was amazing, just the atmosphere, playing on a nice field," said Lineberry, who played third base and was robbed of a hit in his only at-bat. "I could never wish for anything else. I was standing at third thinking, hey, Brandon Inge is here almost every day. It was great."

Ott, the starting left-fielder, contributed a line single to right field and scored a run in two at-bats while also pitching a frame for the East.

"Everything is just so much bigger, not only the dimensions but the stands and everything," Ott said. "It's a little harder to pick up the ball. You just have to get used to the ball going up in the seats. It's great playing here."

On a night when big-league scouts probably were watching Detroit Tigers draft pick Daniel Fields of University of Detroit-Jesuit (0-2) it was



East All-Stars congratulate teammate Matt Conway, of Birmingham Brother Rice, after he clobbered a solo home run into the Comerica Park bullpen in left.

Birmingham Brother Rice senior Matt Conway who wowed the crowd.

Conway, the East MVP, socked a solo homer into the left-field bullpen in the fourth, to spark a four-run surge that would briefly tie the contest at 4-4.

But things went downhill fast for the East (coached by West Bloomfield's Pat Watson), largely due to the heavy hitting of West MVP Torsten Boss of Lowell, who doubled, tripled and drove in four runs.

GOING YARD

"Even when I hit it, I was like 'There's no way it's going out,' and then it goes out of

the park and everyone's going crazy," said Wake Forest-bound Conway, who played twice before at the Copa in the Catholic League championship. "It was a great experience rounding second. Even some of the guys in the field were saying nice shot. So it was great camaraderie out here. Everyone's pulling for each other even though we're kind of competing to win. It was something I'll never forget."

Conway, ironically, also served up a round-tripper. He pitched the ninth inning only to yield a three-run shot to left by Rockford's Shane Street.

Other area players made their presence felt. Novi's

Garrett Green doubled and made a sparkling defensive play to save a run in the eighth and West Bloomfield's Takahiro Fukui singled.

The West scored single runs in the second and third and tacked on two more in the third helped out by some sloppy East fielding.

But Conway drilled his home run and Ott followed with a single in the fourth to get the East thinking comeback.

GIVING IT BACK

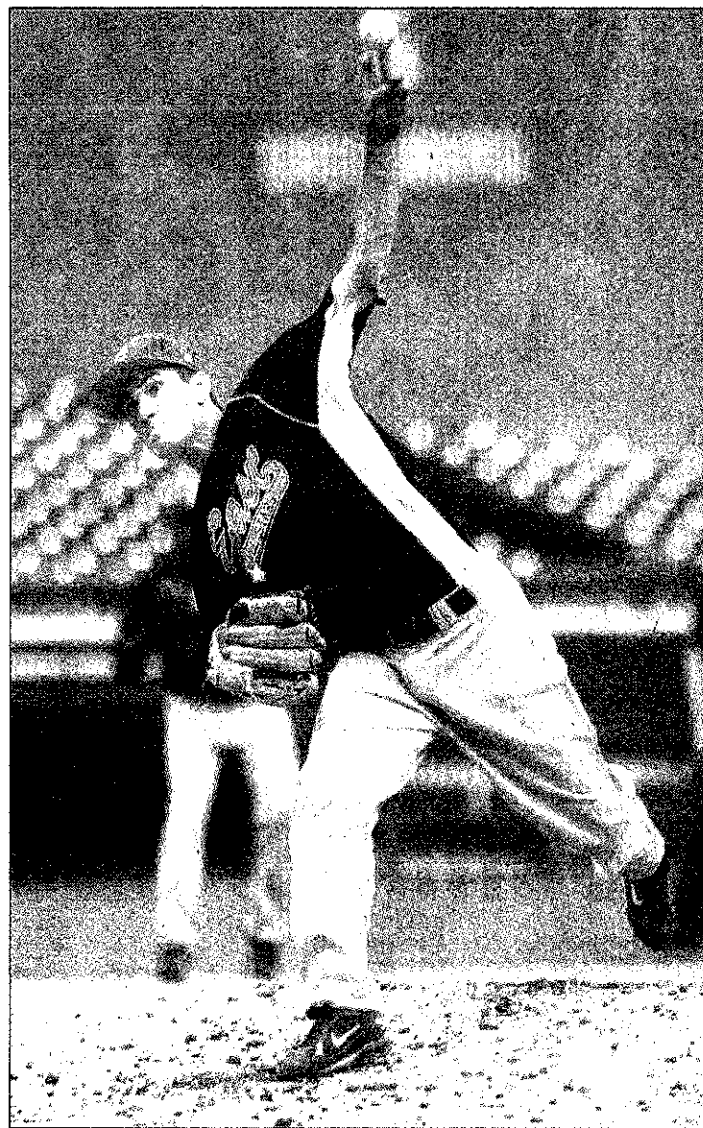
Pinch hitter Mike Carson (Lapeer East) made it 4-2 with a single and two more runs scored on a passed ball and wild pitch.

It didn't take long for the West to get the lead back as Jason Hockemeyer (Meridian) doubled home Boss.

A two-run triple to the scoreboard in right-center by Boss opened up a 7-4 edge in the sixth and he drove in two more in the seventh on a double to left. Picking up the victory for the West was Temperance Bedford lefthander Mitch Hoooven, while the loss was pegged on Carson, who allowed the go-ahead run in the fifth.

The Classic again was presented by the Detroit Tigers Foundation, an affiliate of Ilitch Charities, to provide prep players a chance to showcase their talents and strengthen the game throughout Michigan.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sam Ott of Salem High School launches a pitch toward home plate during the fourth inning of Tuesday's East-West All-Star Game at Comerica Park.

Salem's Cox leads lacrosse honorees

Another successful season for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools girls lacrosse team yielded a number of honors, bestowed at the team's recent awards banquet.

At the top of the list of honorees was senior captain and Salem student Emily Cox, who was the second recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship award.

Lady Warriors' head coach Dave Medley described Cox as "a solid defensive force" throughout her three-year varsity career and she "demonstrated a very calm confidence on and off the field, which was the reason she was named captain."

It should be noted that Cox and Lady Warriors' teammates Lauryn Ebersole (Plymouth) and Chelsea Olson (Canton) played in the senior Hall of Fame game Saturday and Ebersole was named by the Michigan Women's Coaches Lacrosse Association for honorable mention All-State.

Olson was the first scholarship recipient. The PCS Lady Warriors is a combined varsity team with players from Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools.

There were other honors for Cox. The Michigan Women's Coaches Lacrosse Association recognized Emily's strong defensive skills this season.

She received an Honorable Mention award for defense for 2009 in the All

East Central League.

The coaches of the teams that the PCS Lady Warriors faced this season voted on the award.

Her teammates also voted her as the Best Defensive Player for the season, Medley said.

In addition to her lacrosse excellence, Cox has participated in numerous volunteer service activities. She is an active participant in the Open Door Ministry Food Bank, packaging food for local needy families, volunteers for the Canton Goodfellows and for the Kids Time After School Program.

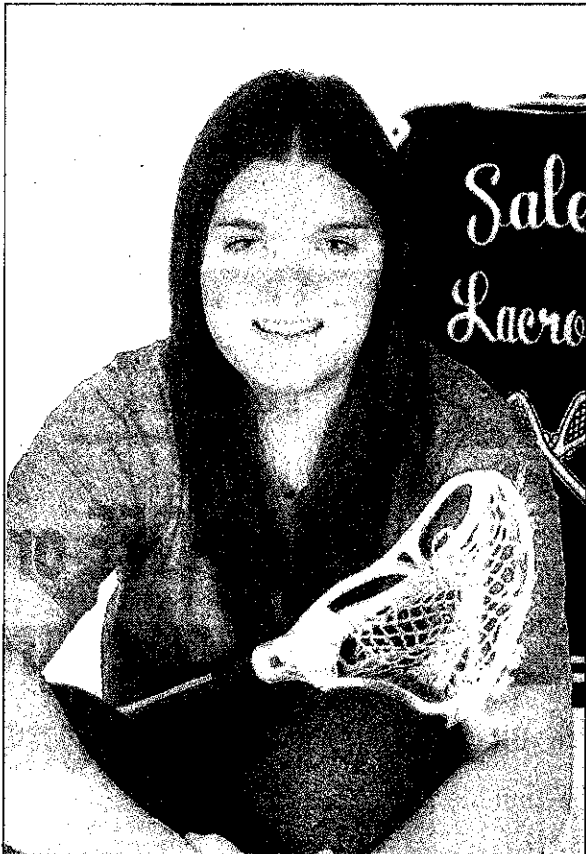
Her assets extend beyond the field and her service; she is an excellent student. Finishing high school with a 4.0 grade-point-average, Cox has been accepted at Michigan State University, and has been invited into the Academic Scholars Program at MSU.

Emily also was one of 14 players to earn a Scholar Athlete Award in recognition for her academic and athletic achievement (Check the list below for other winners).

OTHERS EARN AWARDS

A number of other awards were presented at the banquet. They include the following:

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Salem senior Emily Cox recently became the second winner of a \$1,000 scholarship awarded by the Plymouth Canton Community Schools girls lacrosse team.

Tourney success in Cards

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hard work, fun and commitment to team success is the right blend for the winning machine that is the Canton Cardinals' 11U baseball team.

The Cardinals, coached by Dan Hejka Sr., are 29-4-1 following recent tournament championships at the Frankenmuth Baseball Showcase and Farmington Hills Cobra Classic.

Hejka's team follows the mantra that "players play, teams win."

The youngsters keep that in mind when they dive to catch a fly ball, sacrifice runners over or make a fundamentally sound relay throw to the plate. Every player makes a contribution.

Meanwhile, the head coach also points to other attributes that contribute a great deal, such as solid character and encouragement from family.

"They are a great group of boys," Hejka emphasized. "And (they) are hard-working and deserve any accolades that come their way."

"I am also blessed with very supportive families that are the main reason for our success."

The Cardinals, a travel team based out of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association, will try to extend that run of success June 19-21 at the USSSA State Championships in Sterling Heights.

With another month or so of games to be played, the Cardinals have been clicking when it counts most — going 4-0 at the Cobra Classic tourney.

In the semifinal, the Cardinals outslugged the Grosse Pointe Park Titans, 9-7. They then went on for a 9-1 victory over the North Farmington West Bloomfield Cobras, 9-1.

PALS

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compete with the cream of the crop, many of who will play in college or perhaps even professionally. Lineberry and Ott are looking to play baseball at Madonna University and Eastern Michigan University, respectively.

"Getting an opportunity to play in a game like this is so cool because you've got a bunch of kids either going to big-time colleges or maybe even the pros," Ott said. "Just being able to say you were one of the 36 people out of how many play high school baseball that got to play in this game is just amazing."

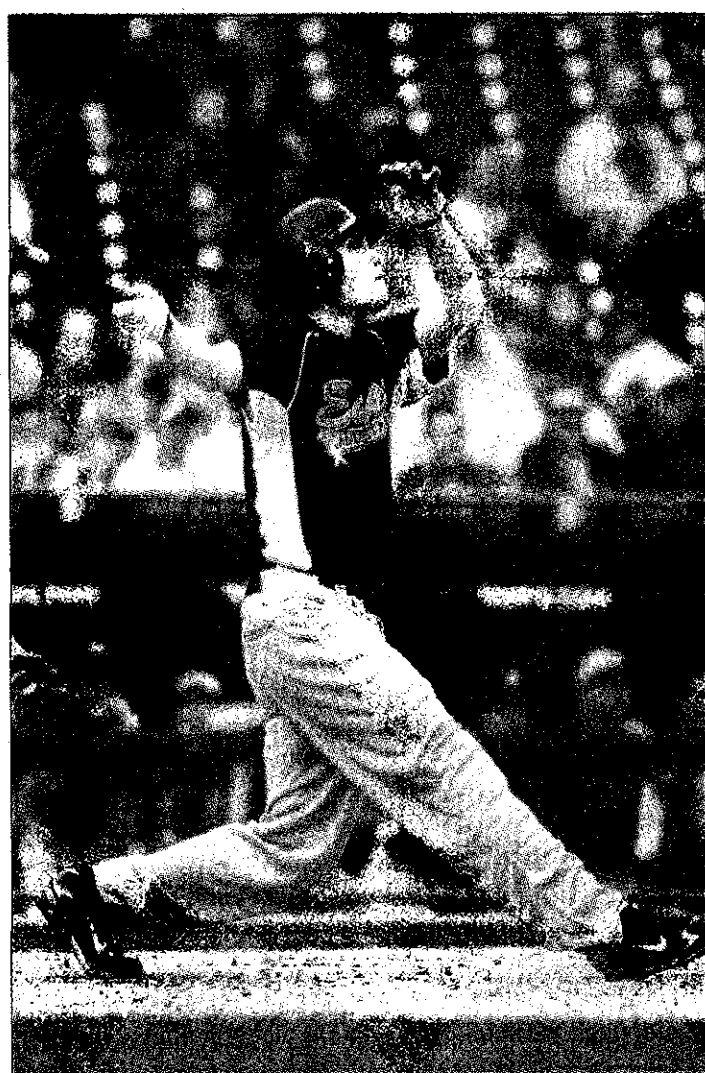
Surprisingly for such a big stage, they didn't battle too many jitters.

But the main thing was getting used to a different kind of environment.

"Everything is just so much bigger, not only the dimensions but the stands and everything," Ott said. "It's a little harder to pick up the ball."

"You just have to get used to the ball going up in the seats but it's great playing here."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lacing a single to right field at Comerica Park Tuesday is Salem's Sam Ott.

Niles foils Ladywood title hopes

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Niles pitcher Jenny Ignowski barely left a crack in the door before slamming the shut on Livonia Ladywood's bid to become the Division 2 state girls softball champions.

The senior right-hander struck 14 and allowed just two hits to propel the Vikings to a 4-0 triumph over the Blazers for the coveted title Saturday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

Ignowski, who also made a pivotal play in the top of the sixth inning to protect a 1-0 lead, enabled Niles (35-5) to earn its first state crown of any kind since 1964.

Ladywood, making its longest softball tournament run in school history, bows out with a 38-7 overall record.

"We've seen a lot of good ones throughout the season and she's one of the top three or pitchers we've seen," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said of the 2008 Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year. "She's good because she mixes it up well. It's her senior year and it was her time. She deserves everything she gets. You have to tip your cap to her."

Ignowski started the game on fire by fanning the entire Ladywood batting order through the first three innings. Through five innings, the Eastern Michigan University-bound hurler allowed only one base runner (a fifth-inning walk to Julie Bushart).

Meanwhile, Ladywood freshman pitcher Briana Combs kept the Blazers close by allowing just one run on just four hits through five innings herself.

Niles, however, got on the board in the bottom of the fourth on a single and stolen base by Heather Daniels followed by a sharp double to left-center field off the bat of Demi Schrader.

In the top of the sixth, senior Courtney LaValley, the offensive hero in Friday's 1-0 state semifinal win over Williamston, led off by reaching base on an infield single.

Freshman Nicole Payne came on to pinch run, but Ignowski got the next two outs after the Blazers were unable to execute successive sacrifice bunt attempts.

"Both Briana (Combs) and Jennifer Kelley are two of our best bunters, but against somebody that throws hard

and high, it's harder to hit against," Combs said. "After we were able to go through the lineup one time, we started to put the bat on the ball."

The first bonafide Ladywood offensive threat came the very next at-bat when freshman left fielder Carli SanMillan ripped a shot to right-center field for a double.

Combs, coaching third, waved Payne around and home on the play, but Daniels relayed the throw from right field and into the waiting hands of Ignowski just in front of the plate. The Niles pitcher flipped the toss to catcher Maggie Ernsberger and Payne was cut down at home for the final out of the inning.

"She (Ignowski) is a very good pitcher and that's why we had to take a chance to score - you've got to run," Combs said. "I thought when she cut the ball she would throw it down to second (base) and we'd score and it would be 1-1."

"We had only one or two chances and we took a shot to sneak across a run. We just did not get enough balls in play."

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- Plymouth junior Lauryn Ebersole, who set a single-season PCS record for goals with 51 and most ground balls in a season (129), was voted "Best Offensive Lady Warrior."

But Ebersole also was named: by MWCLA as a first-team midfielder for the 2009 All East Central Leaguer; All-KLAA midfielder; nominated for All-State honors.

- Canton senior and co-captain Chelsea Olson, who set a Canton goal record with 39, was voted "Most Valuable Lady Warrior."

Olson received a Scholar-Athlete Award and also was named honorable mention midfielder in the KLAA and second team midfielder for the 2009 All East Central League.

- Plymouth senior Nicole Rottell, in addition to "Humor" and "Best Assist" awards, She was the first PCS lacrosse player to receive a scholarship to play the sport in college.

Rottell was voted by MWCLA and was honorable mention attack for the 2009 All East Central League.

- Plymouth senior Elyse Ohryn, "Best Attitude" award.
- Canton sophomore Lauren Allard, "Hustle" and Scholar-Athlete awards.

- Canton freshman Stephanie Bower, "Most Improved Lady Warrior" and Scholar-Athlete awards.

- Salem senior and co-captain Melissa Giannini, "Toughest Lady Warrior" and Scholar-Athlete awards.

- Salem senior and co-captain Edra Burris, "Humor" award and recognized for establishing a Salem single-season goal record of 17. Also a Scholar-Athlete recipient.

- Plymouth sophomore Taylor Martin, "Most Reliable" and Scholar-Athlete awards.

- Canton senior and co-captain Natalie Sitko, "Wolf Team Spirit" and Scholar-Athlete awards.

- Canton sophomore Sarah Coleman, "Wolf Team Spirit" and Scholar-Athlete awards.
- Salem sophomore Lexi

O'Connor, tied for "Most Improved" award and also was honorable mention goalie for KLAA and second team goalkeeper for the 2009 All East Central League. Also a Scholar-Athlete recipient.

- Salem sophomore Meaghan Eldridge, "Leadership" award.

- Scholar-Athlete Awards also were presented to Plymouth sophomores Taylor Birman and Rhianna Fleisher, Canton junior Kylie Miller and Salem junior Stephanie Poe.

All team members received certificates of participation, letters and pins. Those not yet named include: Canton senior and co-captain Stephanie Pettovello, Canton senior Abbeygail Epelman, Plymouth freshman Katelyn Hill, Plymouth freshman Shannon Lubin, Plymouth sophomore Lauren Manner, Salem sophomore Katie Meagher, Canton freshman Marissa Paponetti, Canton freshman Tessa Warner, Canton junior Cady Struble, Salem junior Jennifer Herzfeld, Plymouth junior Brittany Lewis and Salem junior Rachel Sedlik.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Summer programs and camps

The Plymouth Family YMCA also is offering a variety of summer sports programs and several clinics.

- The summer programs (from July 13 through Aug. 17) will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through instruction and include "Kickers and Shooters" soccer, preschool and youth basketball, preschool soccer class, preschool and youth baseball.

Morning and evening classes are available; ages vary by program but there is something for children between ages 3-9. Programs are open to YMCA members and community members.

- Three sports clinics also are on tap through Plymouth Family YMCA. Those include baseball (July 21-25, for ages 9-11), soccer (July 28 through Aug. 1, ages 6-9) and basketball (Aug. 4-8, ages 6-9).

Call (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadeloit.org for information on the summer programs and clinics.

PCEP alumni lacrosse

The fourth annual Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Men's Alumni Lacrosse Game is fast approaching, with game time slated for 1 p.m. Saturday, June 20.

It will be an "alumni vs. alumni" matchup, with teams picked prior to the start of action - so players should try to get to the PCEP Varsity (Turf) Field no later than 12:30 p.m.

Each players should bring a stick, helmet, full pads and any practice penny one might have. Officiators and scorekeepers will be provided.

For more information, contact PCEP Alumni Booster Nina Smithpeters at nsmithpeters@wowway.com.

Wildcat grid camp

Ready to get cracking? The Plymouth Wildcats football team is holding its Youth Camp from Monday, June 22, through Wednesday, June 24, at the PCEP Turf Stadium for players interesting in honing their linemen or passing skills.

There will be two sessions of the camp, being run by coach Mike Sawchuk. For those going into grades 5-9, sessions will be 5-7 p.m. each day; players entering grades 10-12 go 7-9 p.m.

Please go to www.plymouthwildcats.com for camp brochures and more information. Sawchuk can be reached at (734) 582-5696.

Learn to skate

The Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton is offering eight weeks of learn-to-skate sessions, beginning Tuesday,

June 23.

Classes are 30 minutes each with 15 minutes of free time and are grouped by age and ability.

Parents can register children at the Arctic Edge, 46615 Michigan Avenue, or call (734) 487-777 for more information.

New CAHA site

The Canton Amateur Hockey Association recently unveiled a new and improved Web site for the 2009-10 season.

The site has all the information anyone might need about CAHA teams, leagues and coaches for next year as well as brand new online registration.

Check it out at www.cantonhockey.org.

Summer spikers

Plymouth varsity volleyball coach Kelly McCausland is hosting a camp for those entering grades 6-10, to take place 1-4 p.m. Monday, July 27, through Wednesday, July 29. The camp is slated for Plymouth High School.

The fee is \$65. Contact McCausland at mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us for more information.

Ultimate soccer tourney

A Post Tryout Tournament hosted by Ultimate Soccer Arenas is slated for July 26-28.



Three games are guaranteed for all age groups, including U9-U18 (girls) and U9-U14 (boys). U9-U10 teams will play 6v6; U11-U12 will play 8v8; and U13-U18 play 11v11.




The cost is \$199 per team, and prizes will be given to first- and second-place finishers in each age division.


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Is a golf course slope rating of 130 always really tough?

By Doug Hendershot

With nearly 900 golf courses in Michigan, there is certainly a wide range of golf course and slope ratings to select from. With this many courses you can find any degree of difficulty one chooses. And with some knowledge of the USGA Course Rating System, it is possible to find that special "hidden gem" that suits your game and makes the golfing experience even more fun.

The USGA Course Rating of a golf course (not slope rating) is designed to ensure that the rating of a golf course is in proper relation to the ratings of the other courses. This applies to your local courses, as well as courses throughout the entire United States.

The USGA Course Rating, generally found on a scorecard, is based on the performance of the scratch player and his or her scoring ability related to playing length and 10 obstacle factors.

This USGA Rating System also provides procedures for determining a Bogey Rating based on the performance of the Bogey golfer and his or her scoring ability. This rating is used in connection with the USGA Course Rating to provide a slope rating. For a comprehensive list of all current USGA Course and Slope ratings in Michigan, go to www.gam.org and click the course finder tab under the Handicap section of the Golf Association of Michigan Web site.

OK, so now you have your list of courses that may be suited to your playing ability. It's time to take a closer look at both the course ratings and slope numbers to get a better feel for the type of poison you are about to be encounter. Through the collection of data on thousands of golfers and thousands of golf holes, the factors that affect the difficulty of a golf hole have been evaluated and assigned numerical

values that yield an accurate course rating and slope rating when applied to an entire course. The slope rating is an indicator of the relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch players. Since the vast majority of golfers are not scratch players, we will now take a closer look at what really makes a tough golf course.

With permission from the author, the following are excerpts from an article, "Setting the Record Straight," by David Parsigian:

"What do the ratings Mean? Many golfers and golf magazine editors believe "slope" is the best indicator of difficulty. This is incorrect. Slope allows the golfer to accurately determine the number of handicap strokes they are entitled to on a given golf course. That's it! The true key to fulfilling your need for self-punishment is course rating.

The USGA has weighted all of the factors for effective playing length and obstacles, and adjusted those weightings for how they affect the scratch and bogey player differently. Plugged into a formula with this weighting, the factors result in a different course rating for the scratch and bogey golfer.

Now we are ready to put it all together, the course rating represents the average of the better half of the scores of the scratch or bogey golfer under normal course and weather conditions. On a course rated 69.0 with a par 72, a scratch player will shoot that score one out of four times. So where does slope come in?

Slope simply measures how much more difficult a course is for the bogey golfer than the scratch golfer. The higher the slope, the greater the relative difference in difficulty between these two golfers.

So, if you perfectly fit the criteria

for a bogey golfer, slope is a reasonably good measure of difficulty. But a better one is to use the course and slope rating to determine the bogey rating. Below is the formula for men. Once you've figured out the bogey rating, you'll know that a bogey golfer will, on average, shoot that score only one out of four times.

Course Rating (Bogey) = Course Rating (Scratch) + (Slope Rating divided by 5.381), for women, just replace 5.381 with 4.24."

Now that I have empowered you with course rating knowledge, you can look at both the USGA slope and course rating to decide if a "130 Slope" is really that tough. Hint, "Remember to look at the course rating."

Doug Hendershot is the Golf Association of Michigan's Director of Course Rating.

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FIRST-TEAM SINGLES

Jennifer Yen, N. Farmington: The junior standout is one of the top singles players in the state. She was a regional finalist and a No. 4 seed at the Division 2 state tournament where she reached the quarterfinals.

Yen didn't have the opportunity to win an OAA title since the division meet was not completed due to rain. She did post a 16-8 overall record with half her losses to two players.

"Jen has so many strengths; she has continued to improve and move up in the lineup every season," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "She started her high school career with a state title at No. 3 singles as a freshman and has continued to impress me every year. She is steady and powerful, which is why she can compete with the top players in the state at No. 1 singles."

Ariana Kabodian, Mercy: The sophomore was unseeded but won her first two matches at the Division 2 state tournament and reached the quarterfinals where she lost to top-seeded Talia Johnson of Portage Northern. Playing against some of the best competition in the state, Kabodian had an 11-10 record.

"Ariana is a great girl who dealt with some injuries during the season but really pulled everything together at states," coach Jake Stocker said. "She should be very successful over the next two seasons."

Katie Blumberg, Farmington: Blumberg was the top player on a solid team, posting a 14-10 record against quality competition at No. 1 singles and leading the Falcons into the Division 2 state tournament. The junior won her flight at the Goodrich Invite and was a regional semifinalist. She and Yen split two matches.

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FIRST-TEAM SINGLES

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"Katie is an excellent leader who worked extremely hard to make her team better by giving time to younger varsity players and even assisting with the JV team," coach Gary Nicholls said, adding Blumberg was chosen team captain by her teammates. "She played very well against the most talented players in Oakland County."



Jennifer Yen
N. Farmington



Katie Blumberg
Farmington



Victoria Amponsah
Farmington



Michelle Mac
Farmington



Emily Hand
N. Farmington



Michelle Ho
Mercy



Denise Berg-Grant
Churchill coach

Victoria Amponsah, Farmington: Amponsah compiled an impressive 23-1 record at No. 2 singles for the Falcons. She was the Goodrich Invitational winner at her flight and was the OAA White Division champion. The sophomore standout was seeded No. 2 and was a semifinalist at the Division 2 state meet.

"Victoria is a powerful player with great strokes off both wings," coach Gary Nicholls said. "By improving her serve, she also captured many easy points. She plays an attacking style that intimidates many opponents."

Margaux Kabodian, Mercy: The freshman sensation was a quarterfinalist at No. 2 singles in the Division 2 state tournament, falling to the No. 1 seed from Forest Hills Northern, Caroline Aleck. Kabodian finished her first season of high school tennis with an 18-9 record.

"Margaux did a great job for our team the entire year, coming up with some huge wins," coach Jake Stocker said. "Having her back for another three years will be very helpful for our team."

Michelle Mac, Farmington: The junior had a super season at No. 3 singles, finishing with a 22-1 record. She was the Goodrich Invite and regional champion at her flight. Mac was seeded No. 3 and advanced to the quarterfi-

nals of the Division 2 state tournament. She's also a 4.0 honor student and a classical concert pianist.

"Michelle is a well-conditioned athlete who consistently won opponents down," coach Gary Nicholls said. "She improved her ability to attack this season, but her strength was still the ability to get every ball back. If you want to win a point from her, be ready to hit 20 to 30 balls."

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES

Emily Hand-Emily Jan, N.

Farmington: The outstanding junior duo, known affectionately as Em-and-Em, compiled a 24-2 record at No. 1 doubles. Hand and Jan were 19-0 until losing to Lahser in a three-set regional final. They were seeded No. 2 at the Division 2 state tournament and won three more matches before losing to the No. 1 seed from Forest Hills Northern in the final.

"Emily Jan and Emily Hand are not only amazing players and contributors to the North Farmington tennis team; they are also wonderful team leaders (as tri-captains)," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "Their leadership skills on and off the court helped lead our team to a very successful season."

"Emily and Emily play doubles the way it is supposed to be played, being very aggres-

sive and working together as a team. This is why they only had two losses the entire season and were state finalists. They work and play beautifully together."

Alyssa Paul-Victoria Facchini, Mercy: Though they were unseeded at No. 1 doubles, the senior combination of Paul and Facchini fared well at the Division 2 state tournament. They upset the Nos. 4 and 5 seeds from Birmingham Groves (6-3, 3-6, 6-3) and Birmingham Seaholm (6-2, 6-4), respectively, to earn a semifinal berth. Their Cinderella run ended with a loss to the No. 1 team and eventual state champs from Forest Hills Northern. The Marlins finished with an 11-8 record.

"Victoria and Alyssa were great players and did a great job this entire year," coach Jake Stocker said. "Their run to the state semifinals was a great accomplishment, and they will greatly be missed next year."

Lisa Carlson-Michelle Ho, Mercy: The juniors ended the season with an 18-4 record at No. 3 doubles. They were seeded No. 2 for the Division 2 state meet but were upset by the East Lansing team in the quarterfinals (3-6, 6-4, 6-4).

"Lisa and Michelle are a great doubles team," coach Jake Stocker said. "They provided the team with many important wins

and could always be counted on to give full effort. We look forward to them returning next year."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Denise Berg-Grant, Churchill: The 15th-year Churchill girls coach posted her best season as the Chargers finished with a 10-2 overall dual-match record and a KLA South Division title.

Berg-Grant also guided Churchill to a third-place finish at the Woodhaven Tournament, as well as sixth places at both the Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional tournaments.

"We had people pick us up where others couldn't, and we were able to pull off the win," said Berg-Grant, who has coached a total of 20 seasons. "We had a set lineup, but we had some depth."

Berg-Grant also credits assistant coach John Webster for the team's 2009 success.

"We work well together and he works hard," Berg-Grant said. "We also have a group of parents willing to help. They take care of other things, which allows us to coach."

Berg-Grant, a graduate of Inkster Cherry Hill High School, played four years of collegiate tennis — three at Wayne State and one at Henry Ford CC. She teaches physical education and health at Livonia Franklin.

Livonia bowler gets new lease on life through the sport



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Let's call this story "The Curious Case of Timothy Wilson."

He is a 69-year-old bowler from Livonia who said that being a bowler actually saved his life.

"In the late summer of '08 I was having a problem keeping my balance while riding my bicycle," Wilson explained. "I kind of wanted to go left all the time. Otherwise, everything else seemed normal. I was concerned that my

bowling average had dropped by a staggering 25 pins and this was more worrisome as I had always been in the 190-200 range.

"When I got up on the approach, it didn't feel just right and I couldn't get to the line in my normal way. The coordination wasn't there and it seemed that I couldn't get my body to do what I wanted it to do."

Some people might pass this off as part of getting older, but fortunately, not Tim. He wasted no

time in getting to his doctor.

"My doctor sent me directly to a neurologist and he ran an MRI which led to a diagnosis of something called Hydrocephalus of the third Ventriculostomy," Wilson said. "That translates to water on the brain, a very serious condition which if untreated would lead to severe problems which include memory loss, loss of bladder control and balance."

If not treated early, these symptoms would only get worse and most

likely lead to Alzheimer's disease.

"I thank bowling for discovering the problem early enough that I was able to get the proper treatment for it," he said.

The procedure included drilling a hole into his skull to the bottom of his brain so the liquid could drain.

Wilson has been a very active bowler on the local scene for about 50 years. He has been secretary-treasurer of the Woodland Men's League for 25 years and has bowled in the

Tuesday Men's Classic at Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland, as well as the Friday Nite Men's Classic at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

You might say that bowling has been a focal point in the life of Wilson, and he is ever so thankful for that.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame and the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached by email: tenpinalley710@yahoo.com.

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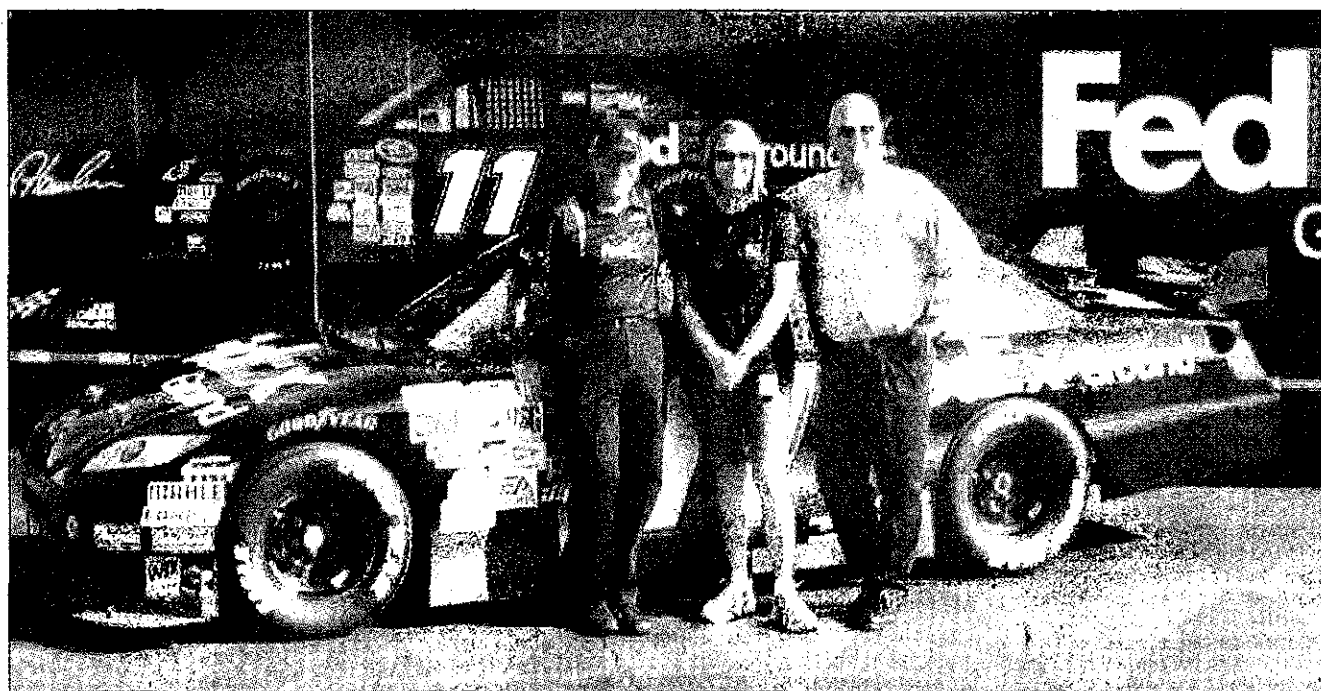
The company was founded in 1999 by two unlikely partners, Larry Beach and Chris Hall, each with his own set of unique experiences. Beach previously, had founded another company called Creative Solutions, an accounting software firm, located in Dexter. Hall owned his own appliance repair business in the Ann Arbor area.

The two teamed up to offer consumers appliance parts online with a unique twist: They designed their site with the added benefit of free repair help. When a homeowner is struggling to fix his appliance, and he's not even sure what to do first, the RepairClinic.com site can help him get started.

The site offers diagrams and explanations to help do-it-yourselfers figure out what's wrong with the appliance, and what parts may be needed to fix it, along with the advice for fixing it on their own.

At the anniversary party, RepairClinic.com employees celebrated with a feast of food and fanfare. The celebration began with a luncheon in an outdoor setting, along with a presentation from the CEO, highlighting historical milestones from the last 10 years and a slide show of funny moments, along with some monumental moments.

Employees who had been with the company for three, five, and seven-plus years were honored and recognized. Photos were taken; jokes were told about hair loss, tiny office spaces, and smiley faces, along with many "remember when" stories. In the end, more than 100 RepairClinic employees were very grateful to see their company thriving in a challenging Michigan economy.



Retired No. 11 FedEx NASCAR made an appearance at the 10th anniversary party for RepairClinic.com



Hundreds of visitors enjoyed the 10th anniversary party for RepairClinic.com

Afterwards, the retired number 11 FedEx NASCAR arrived and was on display for the public all afternoon. More than 400 guests stopped by to see the

car, have some hot dogs and ice cream, enjoyed music from a DJ, and let their kids play on the inflatable. RepairClinic employees also gave dozens of warehouse

tours, wowing visitors with their high-tech distribution process. At one point, a few RepairClinic employees were even spotted "doing the hustle" on the lawn to some retro DJ music!

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Time: 7:30-9 a.m.

Location: Comfort Suites, 5730 N. Haggerty
Reservations are required, please call the Chamber at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail receptionist@cantonchamber.com.

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Date: Thursday, June 25, 2009
Time: Noon

Location: Edward Jones-Spirl, 5948 N. Sheldon Rd.
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Date: July 21, 2009
Time: 6-10 p.m.

Location: Multiple restaurants throughout Canton

If you are interested in purchasing tickets (T-shirts), please contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail receptionist@cantonchamber.com. T-shirt (ticket) - \$35

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Date: Aug. 18, 2009
Time: Registration begins 8 a.m.

Location: Pheasant Run Golf Course

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BUSINESS MILESTONES

Planning officers

Canton's Planning Commission recently held an officer's election, appointing Greg Greene as Chairman, Craig Engel as Vice-Chair and Damon Garrett as Secretary. In addition, Sue Dodson was appointed by Canton's Board of Trustees to fill Vic Gustafson's vacant seat. Greene was appointed to the Planning Commission in January of 2004 and is currently serving his second term. Greene is an active member of the community having served on Canton's Downtown Development Authority Board since 1997 and is a former member of Canton's Committee for Community Excellence and former board member of Canton's Chamber of Commerce. Engel was appointed to the Planning Commission in April of 2008. Still in his first term, Engel has a rich and diverse professional background. A long-time Canton resident, Engel completed Citizens Planner Training in 2008 by Michigan State University and is "certified" as a citizen planner. Garrett was appointed to the commission in 2006 and is currently serving his second term. Garrett is a graduate of Michigan State University and has worked as a Civil Engineer for over ten years. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers. Dodson was appointed to the commission in May and has over 30 years of public service experience including serving over three years on the Canton Planning Commission. She is retired from the City of Westland where she served as the Building Director and was responsible for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Hospice hire

Hospice of Michigan welcomed Sheila Hay of Canton as the new corporate director of service operations for the southeast Michigan region, including Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and Washtenaw counties. In her new position, Hay will be responsible for overall leadership and management of clinical services for the southeast Michigan area.

"We are very pleased to welcome



Sheila Hay

Sheila to the Hospice of Michigan staff," said Patrick Miller, senior vice-president of operations and chief operating officer. "Sheila brings a wealth of experience, and knowledge of the delivery and management of hospice care to Hospice of Michigan." Hay earned a Bachelors Degree in Nursing from Madonna University and her Master's Degree in Health Care Education from University of Phoenix. Hay is certified in hospice and palliative care and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau- the National Honor Society of Nursing, and is a member of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA), National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) and the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (MHPCO). "I am pleased to join the Hospice of Michigan team," said Hay. "I have always held a high regard for the quality of care provided by the staff of Hospice of Michigan and also have a great deal of respect and admiration for the innovative accomplishments the organization has achieved over the years. I am very proud to be a part of the great organization." Hay joins the Hospice of Michigan team with more than 13 years of experience in the field of hospice care. Previously, she worked at Arbor Hospice as director of clinical services. Hay and her husband Thom have lived in Canton for 15 years.

Hospital fund-raiser

With the Fourth of July approaching, many Americans are looking forward to fireworks, barbecues, baseball games and various other events marking the history, government and traditions of our country. As part of this celebration of history, Botsford Hospital is focusing on one of Michigan's great treasures, the Botsford Inn and offering a special holiday discount to those who wish to join the celebration of the Inn. For generations, families and friends celebrated special days at the Botsford Inn on Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills - engagements, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, holidays and Sunday dinners. Built in Michigan's pioneer days of 1836, the Inn has been witness to more than 170 years of Michigan history. Its current owner, Botsford Hospital, has restored the Inn's exterior to its 1925 Henry Ford era appearance. The Botsford Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Botsford Hospital, is inviting members of the community to purchase a commemorative brick in the plaza directly outside the Inn honoring a special event, person or memory. A purchase of a brick will help to write a new chapter in the history of the Inn by supporting the renovation and restoration of its interior. Bricks include a personalized inscription and will be available for purchase only in 2009. 4" x 8" bricks are \$250 and 8" x 8" bricks are \$400. To celebrate America's 233rd birthday, Botsford is offering a \$50 discount on these prices through Friday, July 31. For more information on how you can honor or remember a loved one with a brick and to receive your discount, please call (248) 442-5065 or visit www.botsford.org. Facebook users can also join the group "Botsford Inn Commemorative Brick Plaza" to reminisce about the Inn, post photos or share stories. Funds from Botsford Hospital will not be used for the renovation of the Botsford Inn. All money for this project will be raised through community support.



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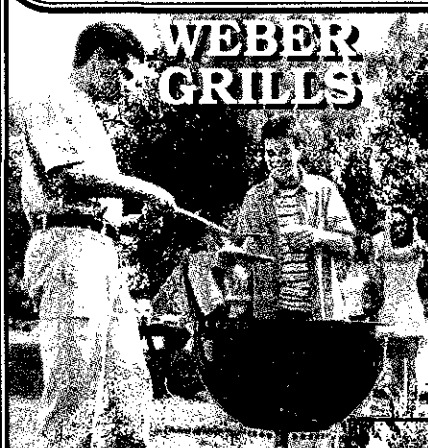
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**FRANCES WIMSETT
"Wimpy" FORESTER**

Died in Southfield on Sunday, June 14, 2009. Age 88. Wife of the late "Tiny" George Wayne Forester, Jr. (1920-2001) for 55 years. Life-long resident of Birmingham, Michigan. Born Frances Marion Wimsett on April 20, 1921 at a house her parents were renting in Birmingham which is four houses north of her residence for the last 49 years on Pierce Street. She was the only child of the late Nellie Elizabeth Smith (1894-1954) of Clarkston, Michigan and the late George Leo Wimsett (1894-1942) of New Haven, Kentucky. Frances was educated in Birmingham at Barnum Elementary School and graduated from Birmingham Baldwin High School in June of 1939. She was a member of the Baldwin school bands, playing the saxophone which two of her children later played. Frances began working at Michigan Bell Telephone Company as an operator in 1939, eventually becoming an assistant chief operator and then head clerk. At the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham on April 10, 1946 she married her beloved "Tiny" - George Wayne Forester, Jr., the last of six children of the late Mary Elizabeth Clift (1890-1957) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and the late George Wayne Forester, Sr. (1885-1951) of Detroit, Michigan. After her marriage, Frances continued to work part-time at Michigan Bell helping with monthly accounting and statistics. She was very proud to be asked to come back to work full-time during 1950 to help with what was called "the cutover" - the change to dial telephone service in the Birmingham area. After that was completed, Frances left Michigan Bell to start preparing to raise what would be a large family. Three years later her children began arriving at an almost alarming rate. By the summer of 1953 Frances and George had built a small summer cottage on the water on Saginaw Bay near Crosseville, Michigan. Their six children were born from 1953 to 1962 so two more bedrooms were added to the cottage in the 1950's. The family spent many happy summers there, she and the children from June through Labor Day and George driving up almost every weekend and for vacations. Frances was active in Baldwin Elementary School, Barnum Junior High School, and Seaholm High School in a variety of roles. Her children were involved in many sports, drama, and music in school and outside of school and she made every effort to attend as many games, meets, and performances as she could to support them. Frances was a voracious reader and very knowledgeable about what was happening locally and globally. She was a strong supporter of all the Detroit sports teams and loved to watch any team or individual sport - tennis, golf, the Olympics - on television. There can be no mistake that Frances raised her children with help from George. Her children and grandchildren, all Foresters, sorely miss her and honor her memory. Steve (Kathy Nunez) and daughter Mackenzie and son Jack of Dearborn, Greg (Lisa Boynton) and son George of Metamora, Randolph (Rochelle Rosenthal) and daughter Ivy of Birmingham, Thom (Lauretta Gambino) and sons Mike and Tom, Jr., of Royal Oak, Nancy of Portage, and John (Elaine Staley) of Oak Park. She is survived by two sisters-in-law, Helen Forester Seiden of Florida and Imalee Forester Halsey of Michigan. Frances is mourned by her many nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren. She was a person who never failed to keep in touch with her family and the people she knew. Frances is greatly missed by the many people whose lives she touched. Service of remembrance was held Thursday, June 18th, Interment Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes to The National Audubon Society, or Leader Dogs for the Blind, or The Lighthouse Preservation Society, view obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



**KATHLEEN "Kathy" P.
GOUDREAU**

Age 69, of Northville, MI, passed away suddenly in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Providence Hospital as the result of a heart attack. Her loving family was with her when she went to be with the Lord. Kathy was raised in St. Ignace, MI by her parents, Bernard and Gertrude Crouch. She graduated in 1957 from La Salle High School. She started college at Northern Michigan University but left to marry her high school sweetheart Wilbur "Pudd" Goudreau and to raise her children. They moved to the Detroit area and she began her career in her 20's selling Rubbermaid and Tupperware. In 1981 Kathy and her husband opened Kamar Office Products in Pontiac, MI. She devoted endless hours to building a successful business and worked so hard until the very end. When Kathy wasn't working she enjoyed travelling with her family, especially taking trips to Disney World with her grandchildren. She enjoyed her collection of Beanie Babies, Santa Bears, and dolls. Shopping at TJ Maxx was a favorite pastime. Kathy gave a lifetime of generosity to her family, friends, employees, and even strangers. She was a very strong and proud woman who was loved deeply by her family and friends. They will miss her more than words can express. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 51 years Wilbur; daughters Carol Goudreau, Roxanne (Jeffrey) Fesko, and Angela (Ryan Terry) Goudreau; grandchildren Amanda, Christian, and Cassie; father Bernard Crouch; sister Bonita Meade; brothers Terry (J.A.) Crouch, Daniel (Stephanie) Crouch, and Brian (Lisa) Crouch. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, her beloved dog Coco and cat Rumor. Kathy was preceded in death by her son Robert Paul, her mother, her brother Bill and sister Penny. Friends and family may visit Wednesday, June 17, 2009 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held Thursday, June 18, 2009, 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. She will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, or Michigan Humane Society.

THERESA A. RINGHOLZ

June 14, 2009, Age 56 of Westland. Beloved wife of Michael. Dear mother of Joseph (Christina), Terry, and Shaun (Angie). Daughter of Virginia and the late William Helfrich. Sister of Gail Hassel and Richard Strain. Grandmother of Michael, Shayler, Drake, Amelia, and Haley. Services at The Uth Funeral Home, Westland, Thursday, June 18, at 11:30 a.m. Visitation at the funeral home Wednesday, 3-9 p.m. Cremation rights were accorded. Please view memorial and send tributes at: www.uthfh.com

STANLEY TELMAN

Age 95, passed away June 14, 2009. Beloved husband of Sophie for 72 years; dear father of Don (Mickie), Ray (Rhonda), and the late Diane (John) Breintebach; dearest grandfather of Mark, Teri, Ashley, and Kristen; and great grandfather of Tori and Donovan; also survived by sister Anita Conser. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. The family appreciates memorial contributions to the Livonia Rotary Charitable Trust, PO Box 51964, Livonia, MI 48151. Please share a memory with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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Church collects nonfood items for those in need

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rickey Amstutz is Cross Connections coordinator at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia. "It means I get people to do things in the community," she said.

The church, with partners including the city of Livonia, has begun a nonfood pantry for residents of Livonia.

"We try to supply the non-food pantry to all the Livonia residents that need it." St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, Emmanuel Lutheran Church of that city, and the Livonia Rotary Club assist.

"They have helped at times," said Amstutz. A couple who help with inventory and notices of what's needed, Tammy and Joe Wojcik, members of Holy Cross, are key.

"They're the ones that kind of organize it, and make sure I have things to give out."

It's been about a year for the project, which helps those who can't use their government assistance for nonfood items, as only food is covered. "I real-

ized that a lot of people do a lot of things helping people with food assistance," Amstutz said.

She contacted the city of Livonia and bounced the idea off officials. Together, they came up with a method to get items to the items to people who need them.

Those in need go to Sharon Sabat at the city of Livonia for referrals. "They bring those referrals to me." The demand is great.

"Oh, my goodness, the need is growing," Amstutz said Holy Cross distributes six-10 boxes a week to Livonia residents only.

"We can't possibly do everybody. Any donations would definitely be appreciated."

Items needed include: toilet paper, dish soap, paper towels, floor cleaner, Kleenex, shampoo, bleach, toothpaste, laundry soap, bar soap, and dryer sheets. Any help (one time or ongoing) is appreciated. Organizers can receive donations 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Holy Cross is on Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt in Livonia. Nonfood items are generally give out Mondays, Thursdays



You can help fill empty grocery bags with nonfood items being collected by Holy Cross Lutheran Church working with the city of Livonia.

and Fridays during business hours.

For additional information, contact Rickey Amstutz at

Holy Cross at rickey@holycrosslivonia.org, (734) 427-1414 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Thursday, Friday).

Local Felician Sister Jamroz tapped to serve on religious order's council

Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz, Madonna University's dean of Students and vice president for Student Services and Mission Integration, recently was elected to serve on the Felician Sisters new governing council.

Sister Jamroz represents the Livonia province on the council, which includes representatives from the eight provinces that make up the religious order's organizational structure in North America.

With its recent election of council members, a new vicar and minister, the religious order is taking steps to merge its eight separate provinces into one. The Felician sisters have more than 2,000 members on four continents, with about 900 in the United States and Canada.

"This new configuration will allow us to more effectively meet the needs of the times and to fulfill the mission of the Congregation which is to cooperate with Christ in the spiritual renewal of the world," stated the provincial minister-elect Sister Mary Christopher Moore of Coraopolis, Pa.

The new council will be installed Nov. 21, on the 154th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation.

Felician Sisters can be found working with the underprivileged and within poor communities, as well as in schools, hospitals, parishes, and various other locations.

Sister Jamroz attended St. Raphael Elementary in Garden City and

Ladywood High school in Livonia before entering the Felician Sisters in 1959. She received an undergraduate degree from Madonna (College) University; a master's in educational administration from Marygrove College and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit Mercy.

She ministered in elementary and secondary schools in the Detroit and Jackson areas for 25 years. She has been with Madonna University since 1983.

The other Felician council members are from Connecticut, Illinois, Ontario, New York and New Jersey.

For more information about the religious order, visit www.feliciansisters.org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. For a complete listing of events online please go to hometownlife.com.

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Family film

See "Kung Fu Panda" outdoors at 8 p.m., June 19 at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 525-3664 or www.betheloflivonia.com.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. Separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy M. (734) 513-9479.

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Bethany Suburban West

A Day at the Races 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at Pinnacle Race Track, 18000 Vining, between Sibley and West Rd., New Boston (Exit 13 off I-275). Buffet at 11 a.m. For details, call Robin (734) 676-4515.

Food pantry

Saturday, June 27, at Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, in Plymouth. Reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. from Monday-Thursday, June 22-25.

Garage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday-Friday, June 25-26 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 27, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford. (313) 538-1142

Polish wedding party

The West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society, a non-profit organization in historic St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Detroit, holds a 60s Polish Wedding Party 7-11 p.m. Saturday, June 27 at the St.

Aidan Catholic Church social hall, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia, from 7 until 11 p.m. Highlights of the evening include dancing to the music of a live polka band; a traditional, full-course Polish dinner (as it would have been served at a '60s wedding reception); a "bridal party" with musical accompaniment; traditional bread and salt blessing by the cook as the "bride and groom" enter the hall; wedding cake; Oczipiny (unveiling) and Grand March, and dancing to mainstream '60s music played by the band. All are welcome. Those married in the '60s are invited to bring a framed photograph of their wedding to be used as a table centerpiece and ladies are invited to bring a bridal veil to wear for one of the Oczipiny dances. '60s attire is encouraged but optional. Tickets \$25 per person, \$45 per couple (any two people) and include two drink tickets with each ticket. Tickets are by advance reservation only no later than Friday, June 19. Send check or money order payable to WSDPAHS to Laurie Gomulka Palazzolo, c/o 32101 Shiawassee Rd., Farmington, MI 48336. All reservations will be held at the door, no tickets will be mailed. For information, contact Laurie Gomulka Palazzolo at (313) 407-5534 or lpalazzolo@detroitpolonia.org. Reservation form can be downloaded at www.detroitpolonia.org.

ONGOING

AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Classes/study

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 designed to reduce stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any

time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates. ■ Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.

Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

■ Scripture studies, from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

■ Learner's Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

■ Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions - at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.

■ Bible study, 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

■ Bible talks, 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

■ Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer,

snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

■ Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.

■ A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy. A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820.

Concerts

■ Rush Hour concert series continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

Fellowship dinner

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

Hall rental

Volkmars Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

Prayer

■ Music, singing, prayer at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through entrance #2, at the back of the church. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participate in

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an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Call (248) 476-8860.

■ Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

■ 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660.

Singles

■ Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office. All fitness levels welcome.

■ 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.

Soup kitchen

Learn about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit by participating in its "Day of Service" program. Dine with guests at the soup kitchen, tour the Earth Works urban garden, and

take 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 seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

Support

■ A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this is a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

■ Are you or someone you know struggling with depression, divorce, grief, addiction, relationship difficulties, or job loss? Real Life Church through its volunteers and partnerships with area ministries and professionals provides classes, seminars, care, support & recovery groups, counseling, and prayer to help you get through life challenges. Visit the Web site for details on current classes and groups offered as well as location, days and times www.reallifeplymouth.com.

■ The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m.-noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at 41711 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org for information.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meets

7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7 p.m. Sundays, in Classroom 1 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia. (313) 387-9797. www.aa.org

■ St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care is provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association. Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. for this weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

■ Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

■ Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

■ Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville offers Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group

discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

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■ Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days. (248) 851-5100.

■ Anglican Church of Livonia: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, 10 a.m., service at Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive, www.hischurch.us.

■ Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia: 9:45 a.m., Sunday, contemporary multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments, and occasionally dramas; 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. traditional services; 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes. (734) 522-6830.

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

■ Due Season Christian Church holds services at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services at 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m., Tuesday Bible study. (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

■ Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five

Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, 8:15 a.m., learning hour is at 8:15 a.m. for all ages. Visit www.livonfaith.org.

■ Garden City Presbyterian Church, Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road: 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday. Call (734) 421-7620.

■ Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with communion each Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. (734) 427-3660.

■ Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service, and 10:30 a.m., contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m. (734) 637-8160.

■ Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 9 a.m., Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday worship in the chapel. Call (734) 427-1414.

■ New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford: 10:30 a.m., Sundays. (313) 255-6330.

■ Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday worship. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services. (734) 453-5534.

■ Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service. (734) 722-1735.

■ Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia: Non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, 6:30 p.m., every second and fourth Sunday of the month at the church. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music in a casual atmosphere. (734) 464-0990.

■ Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia: 9 a.m., last Sunday of the month features a contemporary service with church members presenting a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

■ St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, traditional worship at 8:30 a.m., and 11 a.m., Sunday, contemporary service at 9:50 a.m. Sunday and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for additional information.

■ St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia: contemporary service, 11:30 a.m., fourth Sunday of the month. (734) 422-6038.

■ St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia: 10 a.m., Sunday. (734) 422-1470.

■ Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, 6 p.m., Sunday Bible studies and worship center for all ages includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

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Oooh ... aahh ... fireworks!

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Faith Fowler promises "out of this world" food, a "spectacular view" and a sky-high seat for anyone who attends Catch the Fireworks with Cass on Wednesday, June 24 in downtown Detroit.

Rev. Fowler heads Cass Community Social Services, (CCSS) the organization that will benefit from the \$250 per ticket fund-raiser set in the Coach Insignia restaurant at the top of the Renaissance Center.

"This is our fourth or fifth year (for the fund-raiser). There's nothing better. It doesn't feel like many other fund-raisers — it's pure fun."

The event will start at 6 p.m., with a gourmet strolling dinner, open bar and silent auction. Ticket-holders will get an in-your-face view of the pyrotechnics at approximately 10 p.m. Honorary chairman, Earvin "Magic" Johnson will be on hand to meet and mingle with other guests. Parking is included in the ticket price.

"For me it puts everything in perspective. From that height you can see for miles, from Detroit to the suburbs. You see how it all is one piece of the pie."

Rev. Fowler said ticket proceeds this year will benefit CCSS' operating budget because some of the grants the organization has depended on in the past have been "slashed."

"More and more people are needing help with emergency services, in particular as they are facing foreclosure."

CCSS runs eight sites throughout Detroit, offering food, permanent and transitional housing, clothing, medical aid, job training and placement, and youth mentoring and recreation.

Tickets for Catch the Fireworks with Cass are available by calling (313) 883-2277 or by visiting casscommunity.org.

Representatives from one of CCSS' Green industries will be on hand June 19-20 at the Canton Liberty Fest, selling mud mats made from discarded tires. Check out their booth in the festival's "green" area.

The Parade Company's VIP Rooftop Party will benefit the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation and offers a view of the Target Fireworks from atop the Miller Parking Garage. Benefit tickets are \$175 and children's tickets (6 and under) are \$75. Entertainment, food, games and children's activities will keep participants busy until the fireworks start. Buy tickets at (313) 432-7831.

LIBERTY FEST

John LaFever is in "crunch mode" this week as the 18th annual Liberty Fest — three days of entertainment, food, games, carnival rides, with a car display, parade and fireworks — gets underway in Canton.

LaFever coordinates the festival, including the fireworks, and says every seat in Heritage Park offers a great view of the 40-minute display.

"Anywhere within the park you're within 300 yards away from where they're being shot," he said. "The amphitheater is usually packed because we have entertainment leading up to it and we've added a second stage."

"Some people sit in their cars, but the regulars will bring a lawn chair or blanket."

LaFever suggests that viewers wait for the grand finale and "not be faked out" by the great displays leading up to the end of the show.

"Some people left early last year," he explained.

He's a fan of the fireworks that "blow out like a flower," but says viewers will see a variety of dazzling colors and shapes.

"We change the show every year based on comments we

get."

Heritage Park is located on Heritage Park Drive, west of S. Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

Look for a more fluid show this year with less time between each spectacular display. Other upcoming fireworks displays:

LIVONIA

Fireworks cap Spree 59, the city's annual birthday celebration from June 23 to June 28. The 30-minute show starts at 10:15 p.m., Sunday, June 28, at Ford Field, located between Stark and Farmington roads, between Lyndon and Schoolcraft. Shuttles will run from noon until after the fireworks, from Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, south of 5 Mile and east of Farmington Road.

WESTLAND

The Westland Summer Festival runs July 1-5 on the grounds of Westland City Hall, located south of Ford Road, east of Newburgh. The fireworks show, one of the largest in the tri-county area, starts at approximately 10:15 p.m.

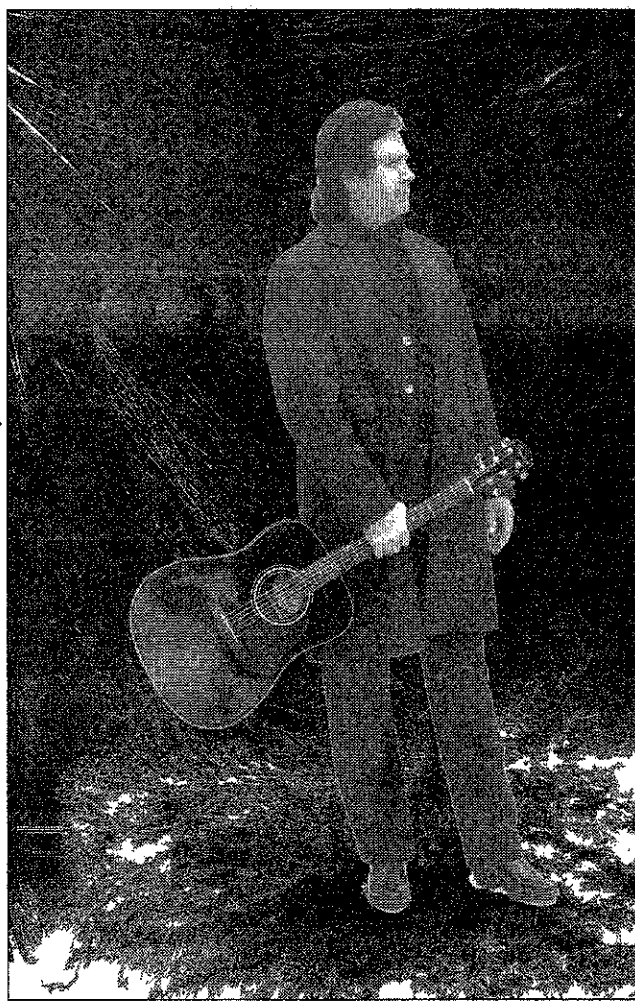


See the 51st annual Target Fireworks and help Cass Community Social Services at the same time, Wednesday, June 24 in downtown Detroit.



Gypsy swing

Music lovers can enjoy an evening of hot acoustic jazz music with the Caravan Gypsy Swing Ensemble 8 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. All seats are \$15-general admission. Currently on tour promoting their self titled release "Caravan Gypsy Swing Ensemble" on Hot String Swing Records, this ensemble is an instrumental acoustic jazz group based out of Madison, Wisc. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person.



Starring in the Park

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In conjunction with Palace Sports & Entertainment, the two groups have also partnered with Oldies 104.3 WOMC and WXYZ - Channel 7 to support the 15th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise. A portion of the ticket proceeds will benefit the Woodward Dream Cruise charities.

On the night of the concert, classic cars will be on display in the DTE Energy Music Theatre parking lot. DTE Energy Music Theatre is located at 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston.

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Major Bag: The Motorflys, June 19; **The Mega 80's,** June 20; The Lemonheads, June 21; Taylor Hicks, June 22; The Cliks, June 23; The Church, June 25; Leon Russell, June 26; Dr. John, June 27; Live The Wino, July 10; The Original Wailers, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. To Freedom, Aug. 16; AJA, Aug. 21; 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Major Stick: The Homosexuals, June 18; Propagandhi, June 19; The Detroit Cobras, June 20; The Germs, June 25; Thunderheist, June 26; Jay Reatard, June 27; Greg Cartwright, June 28; The Present, June 29; Black Moth Super Rainbow, June 30, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com.

Majestic Theatre: The Gories/The Oblivians, June 27; Leftover Crack/Casualties, July 1, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com.

Norville Friday Night Concerts: Shawn Riley Band, June 19; Gia Warner, June 26; Randy Brock Band, July 3; Mass Transit Band, July 10; The Kris K Band, July 17; Soul Academy, July 24; Fifty Amp Fuse, July 31, 7-9 p.m., Town Square, (248) 349-7640, www.norville.org.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Robin Trower, June 20; Sonic Youth, June 29; Red Big Fish & The English Beat, July 3; Asher Roth and Kid Cudi live, July 18; Wilco, July 21; Fleet Foxes, Aug. 5; The Decemberists, Aug. 11, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, www.royaloak-musictheatre.com.

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Ten runners-up will get dinner for four and Coppola wine at Carrabba's. All contestants will receive a certificate for a free appetizer valid on a future Carrabba's visit.

The restaurant has eight locations in Michigan, including Canton and Novi.

Enter the contest through June 30 at www.carrabbas.com.

CHICKEN BRYAN

(Yields 1 serving)

Ingredients:

- 1 chicken breast, boneless, skinless
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 3 teaspoons pepper
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 Ounces goat cheese
- 2 Ounces Lemon Butter Sauce
- 10- 12 pieces sundried tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped



Instructions:

Season chicken on both sides with salt and pepper. Dab with olive oil.

Grill chicken until cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees, and then place goat cheese on each side of the breast and continue to cook until warm.

To a sauté pan add the lemon butter sauce, sundried tomatoes, and the basil. Place over medium flame until hot. Do not overheat or sauce will break.

When done, place chicken on a hot plate with grill spatula and spoon sauce over. Accompany chicken with choice of side.

LEMON BUTTER SAUCE

Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 teaspoons onion, chopped

2 teaspoons fresh garlic chopped
3 tablespoons white wine
4 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
Pinch White pepper to taste

Instructions:

In a sauté pan place 1 tablespoon butter, and sauté onions and garlic until softened. Add white wine and lemon juice; simmer approximately 10 minutes on medium-low heat to reduce. A little at a time, add remaining 3 tablespoons butter until butter melts and mixture emulsifies.

MARSALA DI CARRABBA

4 ounce sirloin steak
4 ounce chicken breast (pounded thin)
¼ cup sliced button mushrooms
2 teaspoons yellow onion (fine chopped)
½ cup dry marsala wine
12-15 pieces of prosciutto ham (thinly sliced, cut into ¼ inch strips)
½ stick unsalted butter
Flour
Salt
Black pepper
Italian parsley (finely chopped)

Instructions:

Season the sirloin and grill to desired temperature. While the steak cooks, prepare the rest of the dish.

Lightly season chicken with salt and black pepper. Heat oil or clarified butter over medium high heat in a sauté pan. When the oil is hot, lightly dredge the chicken in flour and add to sauté pan.

Cook chicken for 2-3 minutes until browned and then flip over. Cook about 1 minute more, add the mushrooms and cook for another minute. When chicken is almost finished, add the Marsala wine, prosciutto, onion, a pinch of salt and black pepper, and allow the wine to reduce by 85 percent. When most of the wine has been evaporated, remove from heat and toss the chicken and mushrooms well. The wine should be almost all evaporated and reduced to a thick syrup.

Allow the pan to cool for a minute. Cut the butter into small cubes (about 6). Return the pan to low heat and, using a wire whip, fold the butter into the reduced wine one cube at a time. Stir constantly as you add the butter. Do not allow the sauce to get too hot or it will separate. After all the butter is folded in, add chopped parsley and toss.

Place the cooked sirloin on a plate. Place the sautéed chicken on the plate and spoon the remaining sauce over the chicken and sirloin. Serve with your favorite side of pasta or vegetable.



Marsala di Canabba

CITY BITES

Donating Produce

NORTHVILLE — Seed producers, green house growers, and garden retailers all report booming sales as more families plan vegetable gardens this year to save on food costs. In Northville, volunteers at the food pantry Civic Concern hope most of those gardeners will plant a row of produce to donate to Wayne County residents in need.

"We're thrilled by a partnership with the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County and the Northville Farmers Market which will allow us to distribute fresh produce to our clients," stated Marlene Kunz, Director of Civic Concern.

"Every Thursday at the Northville Farmers Market home gardeners can drop off produce at the Master Gardeners' booth until the Market closes at 3 p.m.," said Sher Watkins, market master., "And if the rabbits get to the romaine before gardeners do, they can consider purchasing produce from one of the market's vendors and walking it over to the Master Gardeners in booth #57 for the benefit of Civic Concern."

Produce collection at the Master Gardener booth continues every Thursday through Sept. 24. Community gardeners also may donate produce directly to Civic Concern, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday or Friday, at its location in Highland Lakes Shopping Center, 42951 Seven Mile.

Tagalong Blizzards

WAYNE COUNTY — No, you can't earn a Girl Scout patch for ordering Dairy Queen's newest Blizzard. But you'll satisfy off-season cravings for Girl Scout cookies as you spoon your way through the vanilla soft serve ice cream layered with crispy Tagalongs, the peanut butter patties sold by troops every February and March.

The Tagalong Blizzard will be Dairy Queen's flavor of the month for July, just in time for Girl Scouts Appreciation week beginning July 20. The DQ will celebrate with events at its locations nationwide.

This is the second year that Dairy Queen has partnered with the Girl Scouts. Last year's team-up resulted in the Thin Mint Blizzard, which will be August's Blizzard flavor of the month this year.

The average price of the Girl Scouts Tagalongs Peanut Butter Patties Blizzard and the Thin Mint Cookie Blizzard is \$3.09 for the 12 ounce, \$3.49 for the 16 ounce and \$3.99 for the 21 ounce.

Free Pizza

WESTLAND — There's just one week left to win a free Toarmina's Pizza in celebration of the restaurant chain's 22nd anniversary. The restaurant opened in Westland in 1987 and now has locations in Canton, Livonia, Novi, Plymouth, South Lyon and many other communities.

"We are showing our gratitude by offering 22,000 dollars in free pizzas to our loyal customers," stated founder Lou Toarmina. "We hope that by celebrating our 22nd anniversary with a bang we can attract new customers and at the same time reward the customers who have been coming to us for years."

Toarmina's Pizza is calling customers to let them know they've won a free 12-inch pie.

Find the nearest location of a Toarmina's Pizza by calling (888) 24DELIVER or by visiting toarminas.com.

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Metro Realtor proud to be tapped for national '30 Under 30' rank

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Realtor Christian Grothe, 27, of Birmingham's Max Brook real estate firm is among honorees in *Realtor* magazine's "30 Under 30" selection.

"This is an absolute passion," said Grothe, a Royal Oak resident, speaking of real estate. He was particularly pleased to see the region, which has taken an economic battering, so recognized nationally and is proud to represent Detroit.

"It felt great," said Grothe, who's married and enjoys classic cars (he's from an automotive family) and contemporary architecture. "It really means a lot because it comes from a group of my peers."

He hasn't yet met any of the other "30 Under 30" professionals face to face, but has been in touch with them to send congratulations and share stories, beneficial as they can share ideas for success.

"A positive, upbeat attitude and just a ton of work," he said of his success. "A lot of this comes from hard work."

Grothe's career answer has been Max Brook Select, a rewards program he created whereby selected high-end clients are issued membership cards that entitle them to discounts of 25 to 40 percent at about 30 local restaurants, boutiques, and

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CHRISTIAN GROTHE, honored Realtor

country clubs. That's helped to get his name out, Grothe said.

Grothe's volume more than doubled in 2008 (he closed just over \$13 million in sales). He works closely with clients, taking care of such details as arranging movers, which is appreciated.

Grothe, a 2000 Detroit Country Day graduate, said people are buying high-end homes. "They are moving as long as they're priced right."

When he came to Max Brook two years ago, his goal was to work in the high-end market, usually handled by Realtors with more experience. He's learned a lot of good lessons: "I've learned to work a bit smarter," he said, tipping his hat to his two assistants. Technology also helps to get the work done.

Grothe is near completion of a bachelor's degree he plans to finish with a background in international business marketing. He sees glimmers of hope in metro Detroit's real estate market.

Volume of sales is up with inventory being reduced, although pricing

remains an issue. He noted some communities like Ferndale homes under \$100,000 have become a sellers' market.

Grothe said the Obama administration's \$8,000 tax credit to first-time homebuyers has been "a huge help." It's impacted Royal Oak, Ferndale and even lower-end Birmingham homes. There are now more showings and homes spend less time on the market.

Although there's always some seasonal adjustment, he said, more people are feeling a sense of comfort with a home purchase. Grothe has developed a parallel specialty in short sales and foreclosures by establishing relationships with a number of loan officers at banks and mortgage firms. To learn more, visit www.christian-grothe.com.

The Class of 2009 is focused, energetic, and upbeat, according to *Realtor* magazine, published by the National Association of Realtors. Members are driven by youthful enthusiasm but also embrace innovation and seek out knowledge when they don't know the answer.

"Many of our younger members have little experience with market downturns, but they have confidence in the long-term value of homeownership and real estate investment," said National Association of Realtors President Charles McMillan, a broker



Christian Grothe

with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Dallas-Fort Worth. "Whether they're exploring new industry innovations, making significant contributions to their communities, or simply providing tremendous value to their clients, this new generation of Realtors represents the future of the real estate industry."

Six of the 30 Realtors recognized this year do much of their business in foreclosures and short sales, which account for 45 percent of recent sales, according to NAR's most recent existing-home sales report. Whether they're helping homeowners avoid a foreclosure by facilitating a short sale, or assisting buyers who might not have been able to afford a home a few years ago, the young pros are passionate about making a positive difference in people's lives, according to the NAR.

The NAR Web site contributed to this report.

Realtors know Florida lay of land

Q: I am just wondering what your experience has been in the Naples, Fla., area, in terms of the opportunities for investment and/or the real estate market as a whole?

A: On recent visits to Naples, Fla., in March and April of 2009, speaking with Realtors I have learned that the market is beginning to pick up and it



Robert Meisner

appears to have bottomed out. While Naples' real estate suffered severe loss in value, it was partly due to the extraordinary increase in market value of the properties for a considerable period of time. Most Realtors say that the West Coast of Florida will come back financially before the East Coast. As always, you are best advised to consult with a real estate consultant and an attorney before you purchase any property.

Q: We have a number of construction defects at our condominium and are in the process of considering retaining an experienced lawyer. One of the attorneys that we have interviewed indicates that he has a builder's license and can save us money because of that particular expertise in dealing with the problems. Is that a significant factor to take into consideration in retaining an attorney?

A: The most important thing that you have to consider is the expertise and quality of the attorney from a lawyering standpoint that you will hire. The fact that someone has a builder's license may or may not be helpful, particularly, depending upon how he or she is representing that they will use that credential. For example, if you are led to believe that you will not need experts such as engineers and architects because the person has a builders license, that is, obviously, not the case. Indeed, the fact that he or she has a builder's license may be detrimental to the objectivity of the attorney in terms of handling your case and whether or not you get qualified architects or engineers.

You should consider foremost the experience of the attorney in these types of cases, the reputation of the attorney among developers and/or builders (which sometimes has a therapeutic effect on you getting a more expeditious and better result), and the availability of the attorney to assist you competently in connection with your matter.

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

Career Seminar

For those who've thought about a career in real estate, a free 59-minute Career Seminar will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 14. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. It will be at Keller Williams Realty, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve your seat.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Recession Proof Mini Boot Camp Sales Training" on Wednesday, June 24, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Dave Tear, "The Sales Coach" of Sale Coaches' Corner, will show participants how to stop letting the tough economy get them down. Participants will learn techniques to deal with the demand to lower prices, with canceled orders, with prospects' fear of spending money on products and services, and with feeling scared and/or desperate.

Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ of Southeastern Michigan Introduction to Green Building on Wednesday, July 8, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making a positive environmental statement. This is the first in a series of five trainings.

The training is free for BIA members. For registration information, call (248) 862-1016 or register online at www.builders.org.

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■ The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will host its "Macomb County Golf Spectacular" on Thursday, July 30, at the Cherry Creek Golf Club, 52000 Cherry Creek Drive (24 Mile and Van Dyke), Shelby Township.

The complete golf package includes: 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, drink tickets, dinner, hole-in-one and other golf contests, and door prizes. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Note that this is a "spike-less" course.

Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 9 a.m. Golf begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Steak dinner begins at 3 p.m.

Registration fees are \$125 for a complete golf package for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and non-members or \$45 for dinner only. For registration information, call (248) 862-1016.

Real Estate Agents, Appraising & Staging

Thinking about a career in real estate? Is working in real estate your dream? Keller Williams Realty is seeking experienced or non-experienced people in the real estate field. The candidates must be hard working and have a passion for learning.

There's a free seminar every week: Tuesday or Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon at 27555 Executive Drive (off West 12 Mile and Halsted), Farmington Hills 48331. For more details, contact Steve Leibhan, (248) 553-0400, Ext. 2500.

Tours, classes

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 787-7325 or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com. Real estate investors can learn from experts in a two-day class, \$99 includes classroom and field experience. Contact AddedValueRealty.com, (248) 787-7325.

Tours are Sunday at 1 p.m. Meeting place is the Home Depot parking lot at I-96/Telegraph.

Home staging

Impact Interior Design solutions participated in the third annual "Parade of Staged Homes" on Sunday, June 14, from 1-4 p.m. "The featured homes had all been Staged by IAHP (International Association of Home Staging Professionals) Great Lakes IAHP Chapter members. The event is a fund-raiser for the 2009 World-Wide Staging Service Week charity project, sponsored by The International Association of home staging Professionals (IAHSP). Proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

The "Parade of Staged Homes" will bring consumer attention to the benefits of using Home Staging to prepare homes for a quick and profitable sale. Visitors will learn why Home Staging is a good investment and how it can provide a cost-effective solution for selling homes in this tough market.

The featured Staged Homes are located throughout the greater Detroit and surrounding metro areas. For more information, visit the Web site: <http://www.paradeofstagedhomes.com/>

Impact Interior Design Solutions had three properties featured in this year's event:

1576 Hazel, Birmingham

3020 Bridgefield, Ann Arbor

10208 King, Davisburg

If you wish to contribute, you may mail a check (payable to Ronald McDonald House) to 1012 N. Pleasant St., Royal Oak, MI. 48067. Funds generated by the event will support renovation projects at the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit, to be completed in September by the Great Lakes IAHP Chapter members.

Home sellers can get more home staging information by visit www.impactids.com, or call (248) 761-3320.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 2-7, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

50492 Amberley Blvd	\$457,000
6449 Carlton Rd	\$177,000
1372 Colomade Ct	\$398,000
51230 Glen Hollow Ave	\$265,000
50335 Lansdowne Rd	\$76,000

43664 Westminster Way	\$166,000
17220 Catherine Ct	\$201,000
19358 Hardy St	\$144,000
32421 Hees St	\$184,000
15255 Knolston St	\$122,000
30651 Mason Ct	\$170,000
18964 Norwich Rd	\$124,000
34170 Richland St	\$155,000
31420 Schoolcraft Rd	\$610,000

44489 Broadmoor Blvd	\$250,000
16196 Crystal Downs E	\$410,000
39718 Dun Rovin Dr	\$235,000
46291 Norton Ct	\$189,000

49767 Parkside Dr	\$365,000
19578 Pierson Dr	\$560,000
19325 Surrey Ln	\$63,000
45784 Tournament Dr	\$483,000
45920 Tournament Dr	\$580,000
20150 Woodbend Dr	\$320,000

8898 Corinne St	\$227,000
801 Harding St	\$473,000
1959 Landers Dr	\$385,000
50936 Richard Dr	\$400,000
11955 Trailwood Rd	\$260,000
45134 Turtlehead Dr	\$253,000
301 W Liberty St	\$139,000

12152 Berwyn	\$110,000
20095 Delaware Ave	\$65,000
15343 Woodbine	\$104,000
15349 Woodbine	\$104,000

30836 Avondale St	\$30,000
34541 Birchwood St	\$40,000
37663 Colonial Dr	\$53,000
8138 Hugh St	\$53,000
1008 Mitchell Dr	\$161,000
2044 N Walton St	\$30,000
34734 Sansburn St	\$68,000
36135 Traditions Dr	\$186,000
35205 University St	\$120,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 9-13, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

80 N Squirrel Rd	\$50,000
125 E 14 Mile Rd	\$41,000
1042 Floyd St	\$208,000
1276 Hillside Dr	\$138,000
635 N Old Woodward Ave	\$171,000
1769 Pine St	\$305,000
4284 Covered Bridge Rd	\$300,000
2595 Hunters Blf	\$570,000
6145 Idlewyle Rd	\$165,000
524 Rolling Rock Rd	\$233,000

1658 S Hill Cir	\$114,000
5325 Ridge Trl N	\$230,000
4408 Phillip	\$200,000
9494 Westwood Cir	\$190,000
34080 Alta Loma Dr	\$140,000
29429 Lochmoor St	\$150,000
26165 Northpointe	\$515,000
414 Aldi Ct	\$215,000
3139 Katie Ln	\$280,000
3750 N Shoreline Dr	\$575,000
335 Eaton Dr	\$100,000
41475 Burroughs Ave	\$422,000
51116 E Bourne Ter	\$45,000
42601 Faulkner Dr	\$230,000

22323 Peachtree	\$119,000
41144 Vincent Ct	\$406,000
625 Southshore Dr	\$269,000
525 E University Dr	\$58,000
3758 Connors Dr	\$50,000
470 Daylily Dr	\$210,000
1974 Edgemont Ct	\$256,000
823 Quarry	\$120,000
451 Whitney Dr	\$215,000
23611 Prescott Ln E	\$390,000
20083 Beechaven St	\$137,000
28375 Brooks Ln	\$150,000
23245 Grayson Dr	\$45,000
29171 Rambling Rd	\$92,000
29101 Rock Creek Dr	\$104,000
29101 Rock Creek Dr	\$40,000

4419 Coffey Ct	\$415,000
1522 Devon Ln	\$160,000
1066 Salma Dr	\$500,000
2645 South Blvd W	\$149,000
1765 Alton Cir	\$90,000
1131 S Commerce Rd	\$94,000
5919 Dwight Ave	\$43,000
3350 Homestead Dr	\$50,000
4073 N Walton Blvd	\$100,000
6878 Alderley Way	\$200,000
7432 Azalea Ct	\$53,000
2091 Daintree Ave	\$315,000
3593 Elder Rd S	\$170,000
5317 Fairway Ln	\$82,000
2617 Valleyview Ln	\$211,000
8929 Nature View Cir	\$180,000
11107 Sugden Rd	\$150,000

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ACROSS

- Count on
- Polite address
- Capture
- Play award
- Atmosphere
- Sonnet kin
- Lounge
- Tending toward
- Contest hopeful
- Moon of Jupiter
- Before
- Goes diving
- Smelled bad
- Admission charge
- GI entertainers
- Pasture grazers
- Travel word
- Coat or sweater
- Tax shelter
- Aries mo.
- Raises the alarm
- Rice entrees
- Sushi-bar selection
- Ledger entry

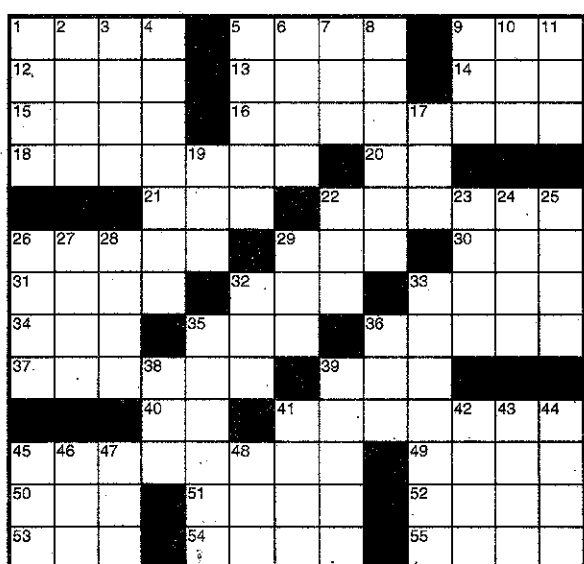
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- Fjord port
- Flamenco shout
- Whimper
- Very, informally
- Make a fly
- Ages upon ages
- Manage for oneself
- Thorny shrub
- Black, in verse
- Hitchhiker's need
- Kind of sale (hyph.)
- Quebec neighbor
- Family member
- Curve
- Spite
- Miss Piggy's refusal
- Lime cooler

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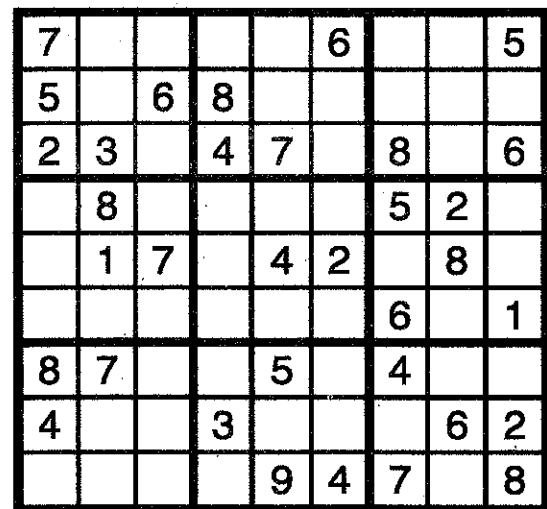
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- Double or twin
- Promise to pay
- Ozarks st.
- Watery expanse
- Laird's accent
- Mighty
- Bribes
- Send off
- Garr or Hatcher
- Europe-Asia range
- Fragrant tree
- Corp. execs
- Saled with apples
- Chalet (hyph.)
- Led to the altar
- Pretend
- Titles like Tarzan's
- Dupe
- Palm reader's opener (2 wds.)
- Vivacity
- Realty sign
- Compost
- Yale grad
- Bridal notice word
- Business VIP

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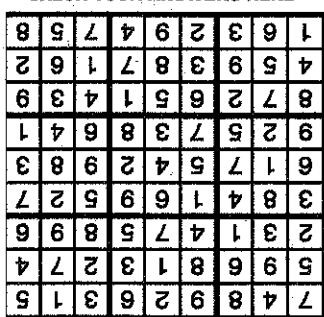
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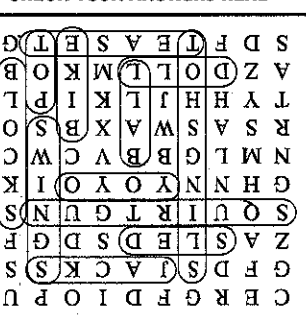
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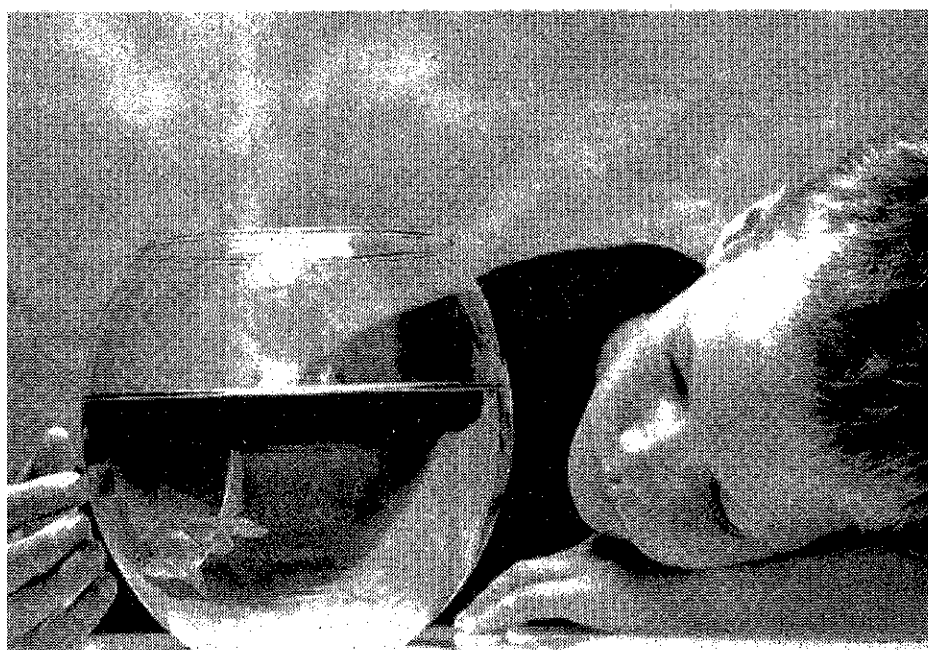
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clothing & more!

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Garage Sales **7110**

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS- Tools,
linens, tables, records, appli-
ances, TVs & more. Thurs-
Sat, 9-4pm. 8476 Riverview
S. of Joy & E. of Telegraph.

Farmington- Designer items
new-old, household toys &
clothing. 6/18-6/19, 10-4 &
6/20, 9-3. 24158 Broadview,
S. 10 Mile/W. Orchard Lk.

FARMINGTON HILLS Garage Sale
Thurs., Fri. & Sat, 8:30-
4pm. 28265 Green Willow,
Farmington Hills. Kids'
clothes, toys, adult clothes,
household items.

FARMINGTON HILLS June
20-21, 10-5pm. 21479 Ruth,
W of Orchard Lake Rd., off 9
Mile. Kid's, household, more!

FARMINGTON HILLS - Multi
Family Sale. Huge variety of
items! NW corner of Orchard
Lake & 11 Mile, watch for
signs. June 18-20, 9-5pm.

FARMINGTON HILLS Rolling
Oaks HUGE Sub Sale -
Between 13/14 Mile and
Farmington/Drake. June 19-
21, 8am-4pm.

FARMINGTON HILLS Colony Park West
N/12, E/ Drake, June 18-20,
9-4. Baby & kids items, fur-
niture, small appliances, house-
wares, sports equip., men's &
young women's fashionable
clothing, craft items.

FARMINGTON Huge Multi
Store Sale - Saturday, June
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of Grand River, 1 block West
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FARMINGTON Quality Sale!
Furniture, Crib Set, hockey
goalie equip, Clothing, Men
& Ladies Business Suits,
electronics, exercise equip,
household, decor. 22852
Walsingham, 9 Mile, btwn
Drake & Halstead. 6/18-20,
9am-5pm

GARDEN CITY Garage Sale
33421 Kathryn, North of
Cherry Hill, West of
Farmington Street. Household
items, tools, furniture, crafts
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STUFF!!! Thurs. 6/18 - Sat.
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HIGHLAND 5 Family Garage
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LIVONIA 15460 Greenlane, 5
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LIVONIA 24 HOME SUB-WIDE
GARAGE SALE
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Joy, btwn Newburgh & Hix.

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LIVONIA- 3 family sale!
Clothes, homegoods, col-
lectibles, etc. 29521 Hatha-
way, S. of W. Chicago, W. of
Middlebelt. 6/20-6/21 9-5pm.

LIVONIA- 35801 W. Chicago.
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yrs. entire home & garage,
tons of tools, Haywood
Wakefield furniture, col-
lectibles & much more!

LIVONIA- 35648 Dardanelle, 7
Mile/Levan, Furniture, glass-
ware, dishes, household
items. June 22-27th, 10-4pm.

LIVONIA 37733 Jamison.
June 18-20, 9-5pm. Multi-
Family. Crafts, holiday items,
clothes, household items -
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LIVONIA: We're Back! 32014
Maine, Sat. June 20th, 9-4, N.
of Joy, W. of Merriam. Mint
condition toys, strollers, girls
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collectibles, appliances, tools,
baby items, clothing & more.
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skates & equip. & much more!

MILFORD- Neighborhood Sale,
Hill St. across from Post
Office. Everything, including
the kitchen sink. June 18th &
June 19th; 9-4

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LIVONIA: Garage Sale.
Thurs-Sat. June 18-20, 9-5.
27499 Five Mile Rd. W. of
Inkster. Household, clothes,
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LIVONIA Help Us Find Laura
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MULTI-FAMILY CHARITY
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9800 W. Ann Arbor Rd. just
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& 19, 8am-6pm. Furniture,
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electronics, perennials, dog
crate and more!

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Multi-Family Warehouse Sale
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west of Godfredson. June 18
& 19, 8am-6pm. June 19, 8am-6pm.
Furniture, home goods, small
appliances, electronics, peren-
nials, dog crate and more!

PLYMOUTH: Trailwood Sub
Wide Garage Sale, June 18, 19
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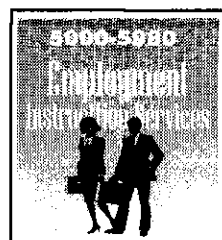
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Beech Daley. June 18-20, 9am-
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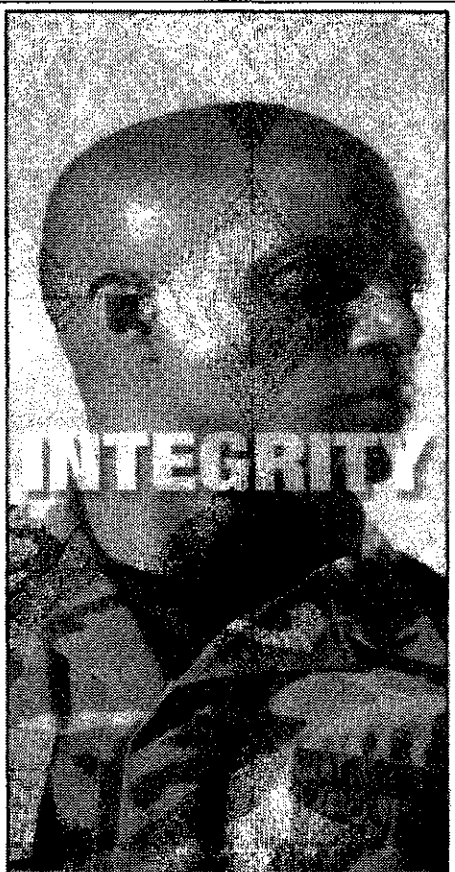
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By Dale Buss

Ford Motor Co. has marked all kinds of environmental firsts for the U.S. auto industry.

It became the first domestic automaker to introduce a hybrid, and the first anywhere to launch a hybrid sport utility vehicle, with the Escape Hybrid in 2004.

Ford was the first OEM to put a grass roof on an assembly plant — the top of its refurbished River Rouge complex that manufacturers the F-150 truck in Dearborn, Mich., not far from corporate headquarters.

And, Ford was the first of the American Big Three to be run by a CEO who made "green" a rhetorical priority. "The day will come when the notion of car ownership becomes antiquated," William C. Ford Jr. declared at a Greenpeace conference in London in 2000. "If you live in a city, you don't need to own a car."

But times changed quickly. Bill Ford had to cancel the company's all-electric vehicle program, its pledge to build 250,000 hybrids a year by 2010, and other green initiatives before he stepped down as CEO in 2006. And when Alan Mulally arrived from the CEO post at Boeing to take over the same job at Ford Motor, his priority was different: ensuring the company's very survival.

As a result, while continuing to broaden its portfolio of hybrid models over the last few years, Ford notably has

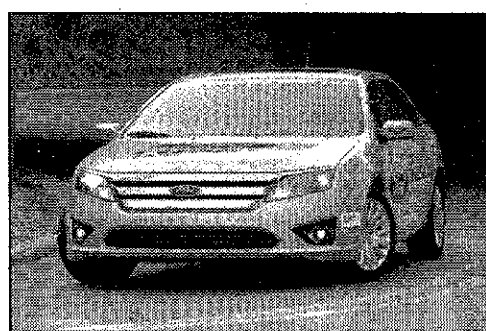
fallen back on its previous overall industry leadership on green issues.

"Ford is still in there, but there has been a difference sometimes between talk and action," said David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Indeed, these days, Ford is regathering itself on the environmental front. Despite the fact that it has been able to avoid seeking the kind of federal bailouts that have rescued General Motors and Chrysler, Ford will be required to play by the same tougher rules on emissions and other green criteria that the Obama administration is advancing.

So, Ford is emphasizing improvements in conventional internal-combustion engines through its EcoBoost technology. It demonstrates a fuel-economy performance edge in new current-generation hybrids, such as its Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan compacts, even though Ford admits trailing GM and Toyota in its timetable for introducing a plug-in hybrid. The company continues to pursue hydrogen fuel-cell development and keeps rolling out new FlexFuel models that can operate on ethanol. And Ford arguably is the domestic-industry leader in development of soy foam and other environmentally friendly materials for use inside vehicles.

EcoBoost already has been a clear



The 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid gets a segment-topping 41 mpg in city driving.

Production of EcoBoost engines begins in Brook Park, Ohio.



winner for Ford both in terms of performance and image-building. At a time when gyrating oil prices, climate-change politics and an actively green administration are exerting enormous pressures on automakers to come through with environmental advances, EcoBoost is carrying the weight for Ford.

"It's the cornerstone of our sustainability plan," Brett Hinds, Ford's advanced-engine design manager, said of EcoBoost.

The technology, of course, combines turbocharging and direct injection to deliver the power of a V8 and the fuel economy of a smaller V6 — a savings of as much as 10 percent to 20 percent. "We're using more advanced materials in the turbochargers and more precision machining and semi-synthetic oils that have become available only now," Hinds explained. "There also are advancements in the control systems that interact with the throttle and turbochargers. All of that together has made [EcoBoost] a very reliable technology that isn't intrusive to the customer in any way."

This summer, EcoBoost is being

offered as an option on the Lincoln MKS and Ford Taurus SHO sedans and will be available on the Lincoln MKT and Ford Flex crossovers in the fall. Next year, the V6 EcoBoost engine will be offered in the Ford F-150 pickup, which now comes only with a V8.

Next year, Ford plans the first applications of an inline-four-cylinder EcoBoost engine to replace some of today's V-6s, though it hasn't yet announced displacements or applications.

And Mulally has promised that, by 2013, Ford will offer the EcoBoost engine in 90 percent of its models, amounting to a projected 700,000 vehicles annually in North America and 1.8 million globally. And by 2020, Hinds said, Ford believes that all of its gasoline engines will be EcoBoost versions.

Underscoring Ford's determination on EcoBoost, the company held the official kick-off of production of the engine in May at its Brook Park, Ohio, plant, even as President Obama was announcing stricter fuel-economy and emissions standards in Washington, D.C.

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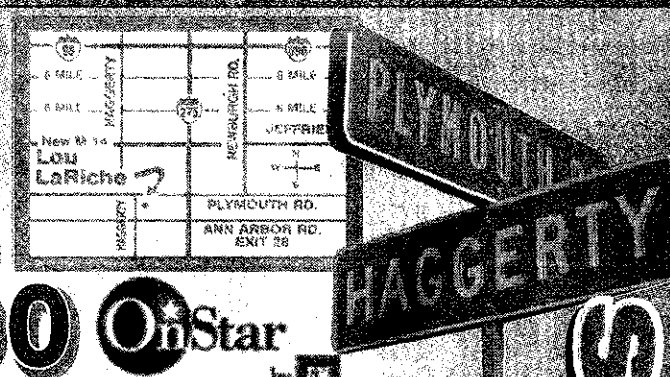
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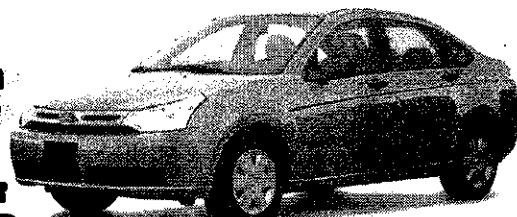
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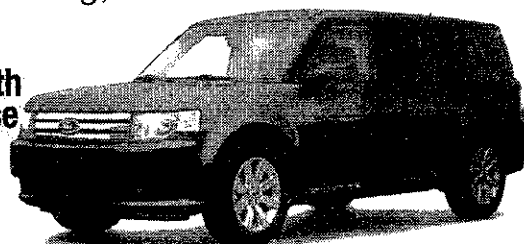
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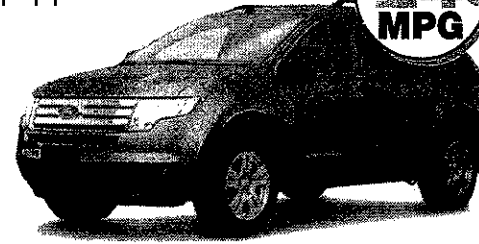
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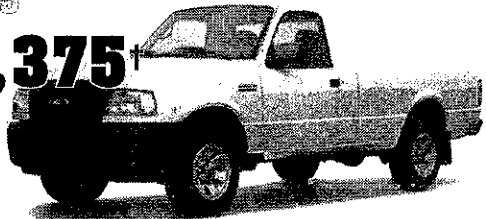
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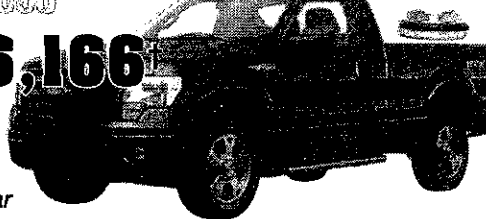


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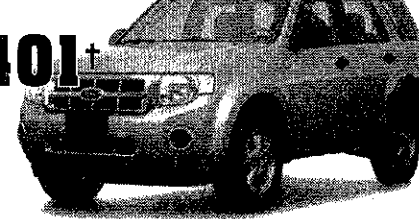


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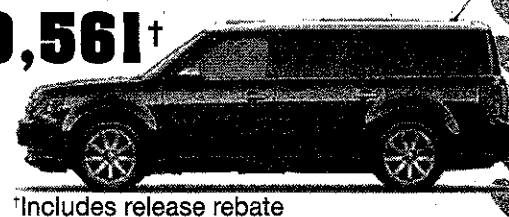


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