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First winner

Stephanie Fletcher, a computer systems administrator from Plymouth, won the Hometownlife.com Beyonce ticket contest and received two tickets to the July 18 show at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Fletcher signed up for our new E-newsletters at Hometownlife.com in the first days of the contest and waited to see who would win the random drawing with hundreds of other readers. Fletcher — a subscriber to the *Plymouth Observer* for the past three years — was randomly selected Friday.

The Beyonce tickets have been awarded but there are plenty more concerts this summer so the contest goes on.

Canton Observer readers still have a chance to win tickets to Dave Matthews Band, Randy Travis, American Idols Live and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Anyone who signs up for our new E-newsletter will be entered into a random drawing for two tickets to one of the concerts. Drawings will take place a week before each show. The DSO's Tchaikovsky Spectacular is July 25 at Meadow Brook Music Festival so hurry and sign up for a chance to win.

Readers who sign up could also win a pass for two (any day) to Imagine Theatres in Novi or Canton, and a free Buddy's small pizza.

To sign up, the first thing you have to do is become a member of our Web site by going to Hometownlife.com and clicking on the link Become a member, just above the main carousel of stories. Once you are a member, click on the E-newsletters tab at the top left of the homepage to sign up.

Camping out

Canton Leisure Services' annual Family Camp-out and Movie night takes place Friday, July 17, and will feature *Journey to the Center of the Earth* in 3D, with 3D glasses available for a nominal fee.

Families are invited to celebrate the great outdoors and set up tents around the Heritage Park amphitheater. Enjoy this popular movie at dusk. Tent setup begins at noon and there will be activities for the entire family beginning at 6 p.m.

No advance reservation is necessary and the \$15 camping fee should be paid on-site the day of the event. Those who want to take part in the event but can't stay the night can do so for \$5. Heritage Park is located west of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill Road.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460 or visit cantonfun.org.

'Huge' project could ease I-275/Ford Road issues

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A \$22.5 million proposal to create hundreds of jobs and improve Canton's overburdened I-275/Ford Road interchange hinges on federal economic-recovery dollars communities are fiercely competing to receive.

Officials say the project would dramatically ease traffic congestion in a bustling corridor including the Ford-Haggerty intersection, one of Michigan's most accident-prone intersections with 345 crashes during a five-year period ending in 2008.

The project could begin with a design phase as early as February with construction finished in 2012, aiding

motorists not only in Canton, but also in neighboring communities such as Westland.

"This would be huge," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Tuesday.

His remarks came on the same day the township board agreed to spend nearly \$10,000 to hire a Detroit-area transportation consulting firm, Parsons-Brinckerhoff, to beat a Sept. 15 deadline to apply for a federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER, grant.

Consider how the three-pronged project would benefit the area:

- Motorists exiting the southbound I-275 ramp could avoid Ford altogether and connect to northbound

Haggerty by accessing a new road slip that would curve over and intersect with Haggerty north of Ford, near the IKEA property. A traffic light would be installed at the intersection.

- Drivers using the same I-275 ramp could access southbound Haggerty by crossing Ford — rather than traveling on it — and using another road slip south of Ford. Even with two traffic lights — one at Ford, one at Haggerty — motorists could avoid the Ford gridlock.

"It's a huge difference," LaJoy said.

- Drivers traveling either east or west along Cherry Hill could access I-275 by using a northbound connector — essentially a service drive — that would be built along the east side of

the interstate. The connector would intersect Ford, where a traffic light would be installed, and then continue to a newly designed, northbound I-275 on ramp.

Tim Faas, the township's municipal services director, said the \$22.5 million project, if approved for federal funding, could create an estimated 235 to 705 jobs. Area businesses also could benefit from the dollars those workers would spend, he said.

Moreover, the project would be far less costly than installing a completely new interchange — a much larger project that would force out some of the area's residents and businesses.

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'It never gets any easier'

First responders fight emotions to get job done

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the call came in — an Amtrak train collided with a car trying to beat it across a railroad crossing on Hannan in Canton Township — not too much more than that basic fact was known.

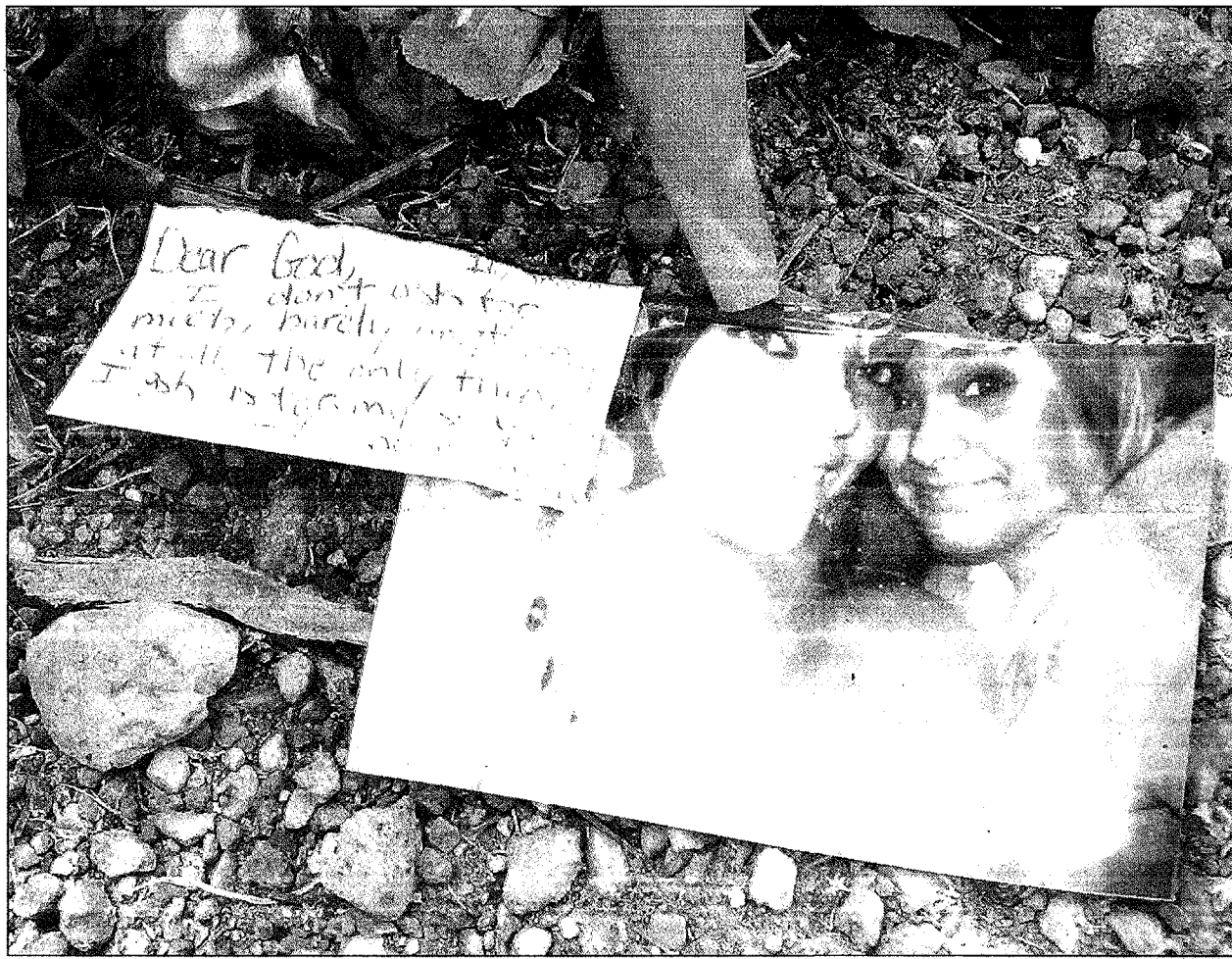
But cars don't win too many battles with passenger trains, and Canton Township's first responders — police officers and firefighters — must have known what awaited them. And when they got there, their worst fears were confirmed: Five young people dead, trapped inside a twisted mass that used to be a Ford Fusion.

It was an emotional, heart-wrenching scene, but the police and firefighters on the scene couldn't think about that. Some of them parents themselves, all of them with loved ones of their own, they still had to force the swirling emotions deeper inside and focus on one thing: Doing their jobs.

"They have to deal with the reality of being involved in what our police and fire personnel do for a living," Canton Township Public Safety Director John Santomauro said. "They can identify with what they're doing, (because) they have children, they have wives and moms and dads. The association we tend to make with our own lives kind of brings this home for our public safety people."

Santomauro paused. "Unfortunately, for those doing the hands-on work," he said, "it never gets any easier."

Killed in last week's accident



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A makeshift memorial is at the Hannan Road railroad crossing where five young people died.

were Daniel Broughton, 19, of Woodhaven; Jessica Sadler, 14, of Wayne; Sean Harris, 19, of Taylor; his brother, Terrence Harris, 21, of Stafford, Va.; and Eddie Gross, 17, of Taylor.

Police and firefighters who were at the scene declined to talk about it, but their leaders — Santomauro and Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher — agreed a sense of professionalism kicks in, helping their men and women deal with the emotional aspects of such an incident.

"When we respond, we're pre-

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Canton firefighters move away from the car struck by the Amtrak passenger train in last week's accident that claimed five young lives.

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Canton man bound for trial on sex charge

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man faces trial for third-degree criminal sexual conduct stemming from charges involving a woman inside The Crossings apartments near Joy and Haggerty.

Yao Fiacre Kra, 28, could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison if he is convicted in Wayne County Circuit Court for an incident that police said occurred April 6.

Kra, released on a \$5,000 personal bond, was ordered to stand trial following a preliminary hearing Friday in front of 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe, who entered a not-guilty plea on Kra's behalf.

Kra's defense attorney, Lyle B. Harris, declined to comment.

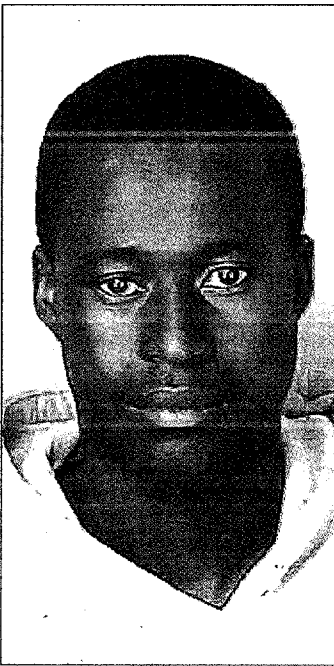
Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said two women had gone to a bar and then returned to the apartment with some males they had met.

After the victim had gone into a bedroom and fallen asleep, Kra is accused of going into the room and making unwanted sexual advances toward her, Gajeski said, based on statements made to Canton police.

The woman filed a complaint that resulted in an investigation against Kra, who was charged and scheduled for last Friday's hearing in front of Lowe.

The defendant has been ordered to appear in circuit court for a July 24 arraignment as he awaits the outcome of his case.

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Pageant volunteers

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Scholarship Program is in need of volunteers to help out with this year's program. Organizers' goal is to make the event bigger and better, and say the only way to do that is with volunteers. Anyone interested should send an e-mail to pcjrmiss@yahoo.com. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

Grub crawl

Canton Chamber of Commerce, Charter Township of Canton and the Downtown Development Authority will be co-hosting Canton's eighth annual Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. 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, Applebee's, 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.

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.

Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestras, the youth ensembles supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, conduct auditions for next season Aug. 14 at Evola Music in Canton.

The four ensembles of the Youth Orchestra include Celebration Youth Symphony for advanced students in winds, brass, percussion and strings; Celebration Flute Choir for to intermediate and advanced flute students, which in addition to playing on CYO concerts also performs for a variety of events throughout the community; Celebration Sinfonia for intermediate-level string students who are ready for more challenging repertoire and wish to continue building ensemble skills; and Celebration Strings for younger string players who wish to learn ensemble playing skills such as playing in a section and listening and following a conductor.

More audition information can be found on-line at www.celebrationyouthorchestras.org

Staged reading

8th Wonder Theatre at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents the award winning "The Known Limits" by Joe Zettlmaier, performed as a staged reading July 31 and Aug. 1 at 8 p.m. at the Village Theater in the Biltmore Studio.

Zettlmaier lives in Milan, Mich., and is an Associate Artist at the Performance Network, an adjunct lecturer at Eastern Michigan University, and the Playwriting Mentor at Pioneer High School.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400



Pom pre-eminence

The Canton High School Chiefettes PomPon Teams attended the recent MidAmerican PomPon camp held at Northwood University in Midland. The honors awarded to the teams included Overall Grand Champions and overall Peppy Pom Award for the Chiefettes' junior varsity squad.

Cherry Hill, at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. Tickets are \$10 general admission only. Box office opens an hour before show time. Go to www.8thwondertheatre.com for more information or call (734) 972-4054.

Pageant time

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary. Young women who live, work full time, or attend school full time in Wayne County and are between the ages 17 and 24 are eligible.

Areas of competition include and interview, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, evening gown, talent and on-stage question. The winner will represent Wayne County at the 2010 Miss Michigan pageant in Muskegon as well as receive a cash scholarship.

Call (734) 367-0560 or send an e-mail to sheilamae116@aol.com to request an application. They also can be found on the Miss Wayne County Web site at www.miss-wayneco.com.

The deadline for entry is Aug. 17. The pageant will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, at Livonia Churchill High School.

Music camps

Parents looking for a fun, new camp to introduce their children to music might want to check out the Music, Melodies & More summer camps offered by the Plymouth Symphony.

- "String Camp," July 27-31, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-11.
- "Wind Camp," Aug. 3-7, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-11
- "Brass and Percussion Camp," Aug. 17-21, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-1.

Aspiring musicians can sign up for one or all three camps. Activities and musical instruments will change with each session so that young musicians will enjoy a different experience throughout the summer.

Instructor Faith Demorest, along with other Plymouth Canton Symphony musicians, will teach the camps. Each session will introduce different instruments, explore vari-

ous composers, teach musical games and get creative with musical crafts. Parents can plan for a performance for family and friends at 4 p.m. on Friday after each session.

Instruments are encouraged; however, those who don't have one can contact the symphony.

Call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 to sign up today.

Food drive

All during July, a Canton hair salon, Great Clips, will give \$1 off haircuts for anyone who brings in non-perishable food donations to help local food centers and shelters.

The salon is located at Canton Premier Center, 46018 Michigan Avenue.

For more information call (734) 495-9446.

Big River

8th Wonder Theatre at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents "Big River," the Tony Award winning musical version of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn."

Performances are 8 p.m. Aug. 7; 2 and 8 p.m. Aug. 8; 2 p.m. Aug. 9; 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 13-14; 8 p.m. Aug. 15 and 2 p.m. Aug. 16.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge in Canton.

Tickets can be purchased at the Summit on the Park or by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or on-line at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or at the door.

For more information go to www.8thwondertheatre.com or call (734) 972-4054.

Scrapbooking workshop

Anyone looking for time to work on scrapbook albums or crafting projects can join Chrissy Detary for her workshop with fresh ideas, new techniques and tools available to use.

The 12-hour scrapbooking workshop takes place 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Extended Stay America-Canton. Cost is \$30 per person with lunch and dinner included. Six-hour options are

also available that include one meal for \$15.

For details, contact Detary via e-mail at cldetary@hotmail.com or call (734) 546-5246. Must be registered to attend.

Mobile playgrounds

Canton's Mobile Playground Program is underway offering a wide variety of recreational activities for children ages 5-15 all summer long. Kids throughout Canton are invited to visit any of nine supervised playground sites Mondays through Fridays right through the annual Parks-A-Palooza Bash Friday, Aug. 7.

Special activities will be planned, including weekly themed days, sports and games for all ages, field trips to Super Bowl and Skatin' Station, creative arts and crafts, and weekly visits from Canton's Climbing Wall and Recreation Station.

Mobile Playground locations and times are as follows:

- Heritage Park and Flodin Park, Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Hulsing Elementary and Central Park, Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 2-5 p.m.
- Royal Pointe and Miller Elementary, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Field Elementary, Cherry Hill Village and Freedom Park, Tuesday and Thursday, 2-5 p.m.

Mobile Playground Program, formerly known as the Supervised Playground Program, offers tons of fun for just a one time materials fee of \$10 per child. For more information on this summer's Mobile Playground Program, contact Canton Leisure Services Playgrounds at (734) 394-5460, Ext. 1221.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based organization committed to providing excellent hospice care for patients and their families. The group is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor to patients in the Western Wayne County area. Training is provided.

For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Volunteer Coordinator, toll-

free (888) 983-9050 or e-mail at achristensen@cch.net.

Golf outing

Each year the Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual Golf Outing. This year the classic will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Pheasant Run Golf Club of Canton. This event is open to the public, and there are various packages available for purchase.

Golf for Four Package, \$550- Includes golf with cart for four, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package and more!

Golf for Four Sponsorship Package, \$650- Includes golf for four with cart and a Tee or Green Sponsorship, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package, signage at the course, recognition at the dinner, and a plaque.

Individual Golf, \$150- Includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package, and more!

Dinner Only, \$35. Tee and Green sponsorships are available and affordable. If you are interested in purchasing a sponsorship, contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 21. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. 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 26 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 7,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles.

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.

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.

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Police hope 'black box' will answer questions

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Police won't be completely finished this week with the investigation into the train-car collision that killed five young people July 9 — for instance, toxicology reports are still likely weeks away — but investigators are hoping to have a lot more answers.

One key source of potential information, according to Canton Police, is the "black box" from the Ford Fusion driven by Daniel Broughton, who tried to beat a 530-ton

Amtrak passenger train across the railroad crossing on Hannan.

Police sought a search warrant for the box, a move that became necessary, Canton Police Department spokesman Sgt. Mark Gajeski explained, once the car was removed from the accident scene. The car, which belongs to Broughton's mother, Donna Broughton of Woodhaven, was taken to Westland Car Care Center.

Surveillance video taken by a nearby company showed Broughton passing a white SUV already stopped at the

tracks, where video and witness accounts say the gates were down and lights were flashing. The train struck the Fusion as it tried to cross.

What the video doesn't show is whether Broughton attempted to slow or at what speed he was traveling, questions Gajeski said police hope the black box will answer.

"Right now, we're waiting for that box," Gajeski said. "Hopefully, they'll be able to download the data from it."

The medical examiner's report, which will come when toxicology results are in,

should show whether alcohol or drugs were a factor. Gajeski said at the scene the day of the accident there was "nothing to indicate" anything of that nature.

Published reports have since said Broughton, 19, was hurrying to avoid being late for work. Killed with him in the accident were Jessica Sadler, 14, of Wayne; brothers Sean Harris, 19, of Taylor and Terrence Harris, 21, of Stafford, Va.; and Eddie Gross, 17 of Taylor.

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sented with a specific set of circumstances (and) our objective is to stabilize the incident, whether it's putting a fire out, transporting people to the hospital," said Rorabacher, who's been a firefighter for 34 years. "No matter what we find when we get there, whether it's this or any of the other 6,000 incidents we respond to in a year, people depend on us to keep a clear head and work on the goals we have."

Both chiefs agree that never gets any easier, but both police officers and firefighters have seen it before, and they know they'll see it again if they stick around long enough.

They may never come across a scene where five young people perish needlessly, but there are other equally horrific things to deal with.

"I'm hesitant to use the term 'get used to it,'" said Rorabacher, himself the father of one. "What happens is you learn how to deal with it (and) the best way to do that is providing professional service wherever you go."

"We have some of the best-trained firefighters anywhere, and they do a great job staying focused," he added. "We have all sorts of incidents where there are all sorts of age groups involved. If you allow yourself to be distracted by your emotions, you're not doing the best you can do for the people who've called you out there. We don't have that luxury."

There are support systems in place to help responders deal with the issues associated with tragedy; for instance, Canton uses chaplains, and there's a Crisis Incident Stress team available.

In his 40 years in law enforcement, Santomauro said he and the folks with whom he works have built "a very good support system, our own 'survival' techniques."

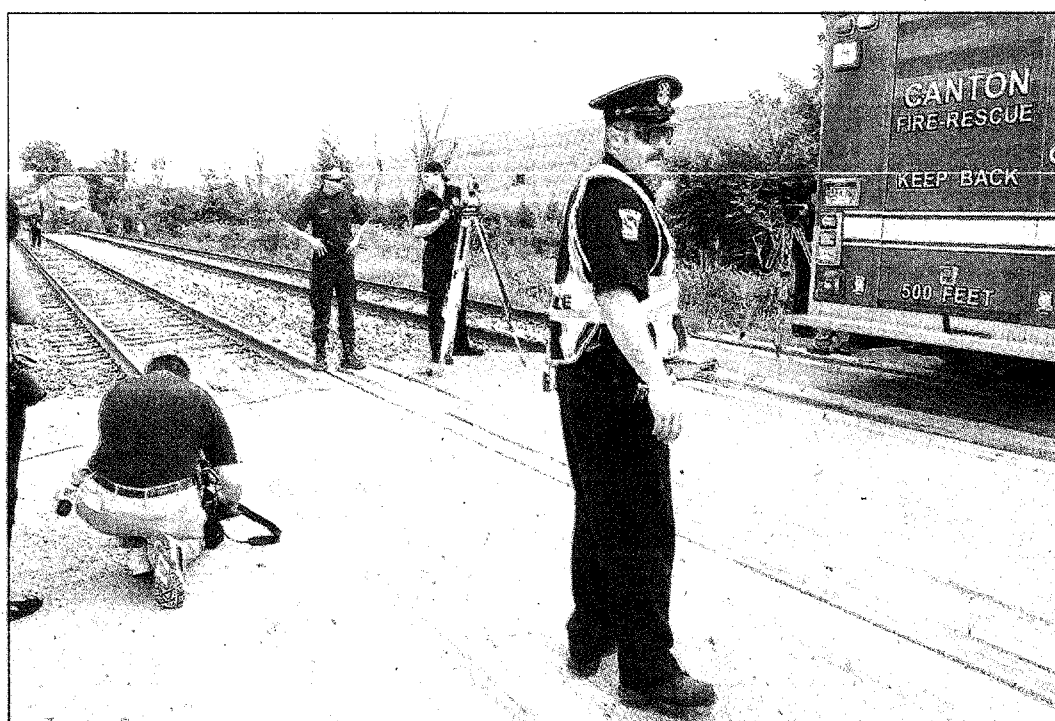
"I think it's difficult for all people," said Santomauro, the father of two children and two step-children. "The reality is this is what our folks do for a living, and each builds his or her own techniques for how they're going to cope with that."

"When I watched our people functioning out there in such an adverse situation, the observation I had is they conducted themselves very professionally," he added. "The efficiency and effectiveness with which our guys did their work I think made a very tragic situation bearable."

That efficiency and effectiveness is born from the amount of training police and firefighters undergo, according to Rorabacher. They train for mass-casualty incidents, a level of training that "takes over" and allows responders to "do what you have to do."

"It's sort of what we sign on for," Rorabacher said. "It certainly does take its toll, but any person can watch the news and say, 'Oh, my goodness.'"

Santomauro and Rorabacher agree that, no matter the emotional pressures, no matter the relation to their own lives, their people



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The accident investigation team spent hours getting photos and measurements at the scene.

simply have no choice — no matter how difficult it might be — than to put all that aside and do the job.

"When you come onto the job, it's to be expected," Rorabacher said. "Our people are all paramedics, and as part of that training you talk about injuries you're going to see, what kinds of incidents you're going to see. Then you don't get all excited, you do what you're supposed to do."

"It all has to be put into perspective, and the way you do that is deal with it as professionally as you can."

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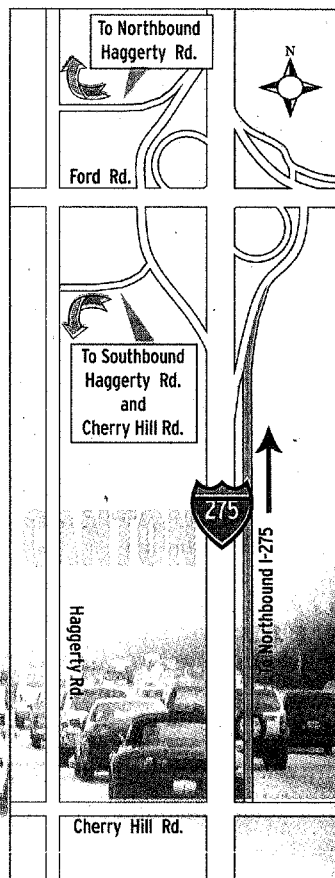


Canton Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski had the responsibility of informing the media of developments in last week's car-train accidents.

I-275/Ford Rd. Recommended Enhancement Concept

Features:

- Access to Northbound I-275 from Cherry Hill Rd. without use of Haggerty Rd., bypassing Ford/Haggerty intersection.
- Access from Southbound I-275 to SB Haggerty Rd. and Cherry Hill Rd. without use of the Ford/Haggerty intersection.
- Access from Southbound I-275 to NB Haggerty Rd. without use of the Ford/Haggerty intersection.
- Potential for improved access to development parcels east of I-275, relieving congestion at Ford/Lotz intersection.



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"It would be brutal," Faas said, but the current proposal will not displace anyone.

The impact of potential lane closings during construction isn't yet known. But, Faas said, "I expect the biggest disruption could be on the northbound on ramp to I-275, as it (would be) completely reworked."

The project already has gained support from the Michigan Department of Transportation, but Faas conceded competition will be fierce for \$1.5 billion at stake in federal TIGER funds, part of a larger economic stimulus plan. However, the firm hired to seek the grant, Parsons-Brinckerhoff, is highly familiar with the project because the company was involved in a regional transportation study that placed a high priority on

the proposal.

That study — completed for local, county, regional, state and federal officials — spawned a report in 2006 that listed numerous projects endorsed by an array of government agencies, including the township board. The study cost \$450,000, largely funded by MDOT, and it encompassed a 72-square-mile area.

LaJoy said talks about improving safety around the I-275/Ford Road interchange began in earnest in 2003, when he was a state representative. LaJoy called it critical to ease traffic congestion along Ford Road, which he said already was being traveled by some 50,000 vehicles a day when one study was done nearly a decade ago. Haggerty, too, has its share of gridlock.

Township officials expect to know by February whether the \$22.5 million project will be approved. Said LaJoy: "It's a kind of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

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CRIME WATCH

Accidental fire damages home

1 A Canton house was damaged by a fire that happened about 2:45 p.m. Tuesday on Times Square, east of Denton and north of Geddes, Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said.

Canton EMS dispatch received a 911 call about a house fire, and firefighters arrived to find smoke and flames coming from the kitchen area of the home.

Firefighters donned protective gear, including their self-contained breathing apparatus, and then entered the house to put out the fire.

The lone occupant of the home was not there at the time, and there were no reported injuries.

The fire was ruled accidental and attributed to a "careless cause." The home sustained substantial damage to the kitchen area, and the rest of the house had significant smoke damage.

Jewelry heist

2 A man who lives on North Vistas Circle, west of Beck and south of Cherry Hill, told police that jewelry worth more than \$10,000 was missing from his home.

The man told police items such as gold necklaces with diamonds had been placed in a jewelry box in the bedroom. He said the items were taken between July 8 and July 13.

He told police there were no signs of forced entry at the house.

Home invasion

3 A woman who lives on Old Michigan, southeast of Haggerty and Michigan Avenue, told police she was asleep in her bedroom when a man she knows came in, yelled at her, threatened her and pulled her onto the floor.

She said he was upset after



accusing her of having sex with someone else. Another man who was in the house left to avoid a fight during the incident, which happened shortly after 10 a.m. Monday.

The woman told police that her assailant used to live at her residence but moved in October.

Intruder alert

4 A man who lives on Haverhill, west of Ridge and north of Warren, said someone entered the house while he and his wife were sleeping during the early

morning hours of July 9.

He said they heard something around 4 a.m. but thought it might be their daughter getting ready for work. Later, he went downstairs and saw signs that an intruder had been in the house.

The daughter's wallet was found on the trunk lid of her car in the garage, and her keys were in the grass next to the driveway.

The daughter's wallet had no money in it, and nothing appeared to have been taken from the home, which had been left unlocked.

Door damage

5 A sales associate reported that someone kicked in a door of a vacant condominium in The Traditions, a complex north of Saltz and west of Canton Center. The door jam had been broken and the door was ajar.

No one lives in the unit, and nothing was reported missing. The associate said the incident happened sometime before July 12.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Fire Department and Canton Police Department reports.

Home invasion suspects face circuit court date

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Ypsilanti men will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court following allegations police nabbed them during a home invasion in Canton.

Joel Allen Boyd, 24, and Keith Eugene List, 25, could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison if they are convicted of second-degree home invasion and for being habitual offenders.

New legal troubles against Boyd, a prison parolee, and List, who was on probation, began mounting after the pair was arrested in late June for a home invasion that police said occurred on Napier near Ford, on the township's west side.

The men are facing trial after they waived their preliminary hearings Friday in 35th District Court — a decision that averted testimony and prompted Judge Ronald Lowe to send the case to circuit court.

Authorities arrested the pair amid accusations a surveillance team followed them to a residence on Napier, where police said they knocked on a door and entered a residence.

"When the officers lost sight of the men, they approached the house and witnessed the men inside the residence attempting to remove property," a Canton Police Department statement said at the time.



Boyd



List

Police said they took Boyd and List into custody without incident. The men had been under surveillance following a string of home invasions that included Canton.

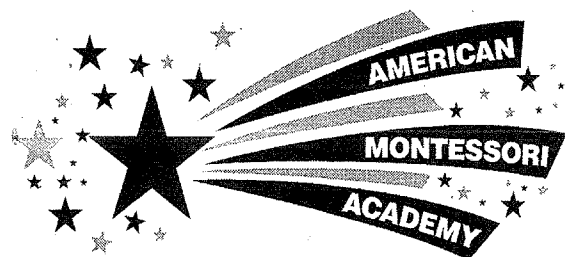
According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Boyd had been paroled in late 2008 after serving more than two years in prison for incidents in Washtenaw County that involved resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer; felony firearms; carrying a concealed weapon and second-degree home invasion.

MDOC records also indicate that List had been placed on probation for an incident in Washtenaw County that included having stolen property worth \$1,000 to \$20,000; possession of less than 25 grams of cocaine; and trying to resist and obstruct a police officer.

Boyd and List remained jailed as they await trial. Lowe continued Boyd's \$50,000 cash bond and List's \$50,000/10 percent. Not-guilty pleas had been placed on record for the two men.

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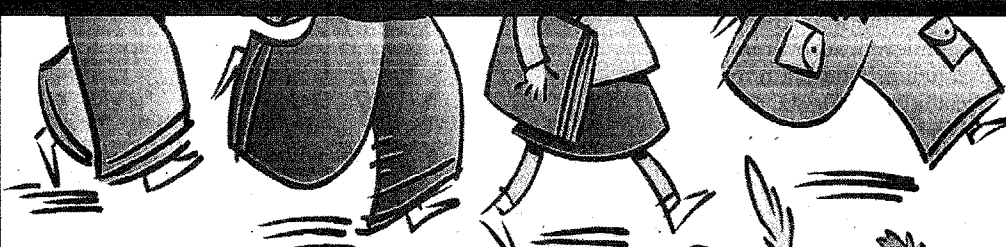
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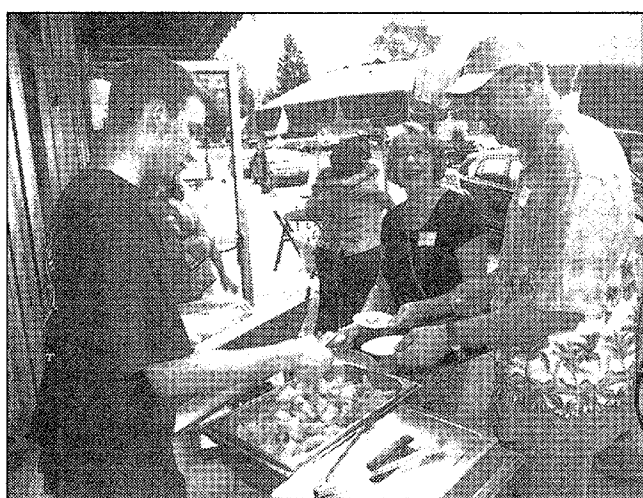
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Tino Toia, son of Plymouth Fish Market and Restaurant owners Vince and Lori Toia, served up samples of cod, fries and coleslaw to Gary and Mary Ann Martin of Canton during last year's Old Village Restaurant crawl. Plymouth Fish will again take part in the crawl, set for Aug. 5.

Old Village eateries set for annual crawl

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Among the many attributes Plymouth's Old Village has is a plethora of good restaurants.

Half a dozen of those eateries will be on display when Old Village owners and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce partner for the 10th annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl.

The popular crawl takes place 5:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 5.

"Last year's response was overwhelming," said Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Wes Graff. "We're encouraging folks to buy their tickets now, while they last."

Restaurants participating in the Crawl this year include Liberty Street Brewing Company, Mill Street Gourmet Pastries, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Station 885, Crawford's Kitchen and Plymouth Fish & Seafood.

There will be raffle prizes given away to participants who go to all six participating restaurants.

Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years old. They can be purchased at any of the participating restaurants, or at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

To purchase tickets over the phone or for more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

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Canton Softball Complex serves as Special Olympics host site

Athletes from around the state will gather this weekend when the 2009 Special Olympics Michigan State Summer Sports Classic tees off Friday and Saturday.

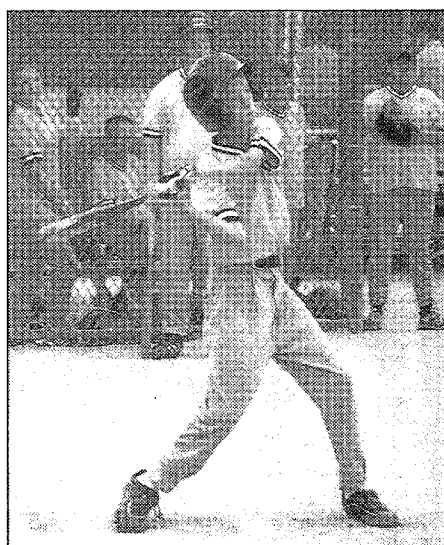
The golf competition is set for Friday at the Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti, with the softball competition set for Saturday at the Canton Softball Complex.

The golf competition will involve a nine-hole course play, including an individual skills contest and a Unified format, which involves Special Olympics athletes participating on the same team with non-Special Olympics players.

It's the 19th straight year Canton Softball Complex has been the home of the Special Olympics Michigan State Softball Tournament.

Competition for both days begins at 8:30 a.m. The two-day event can be a stepping stone toward the National Games in Nebraska in 2010. In the past, teams have been selected from this competition to participate in the Special Olympics National Games.

The State Summer Sports Classic is one of seven annual state-level competitions



The Canton Softball Complex serves as the host for the softball portion of the 2009 Special Olympics Michigan State Summer Sports Classic.

for athletes of Special Olympics Michigan. The Special Olympics Michigan programs are offered at no cost to athletes or their families.

"Through these various competitions Special Olympics Michigan provides, athletes are given continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other athletes and the community," said Kimberly Purdy, public relations manager for Special Olympics Michigan.

The State Summer Sports Classic "would not be a success without all of the people involved, including athletes, volunteers and sponsors," Purdy pointed out. The State Summer Sports Classic brings together over 100 volunteers who help the athletes compete in their respective sports.

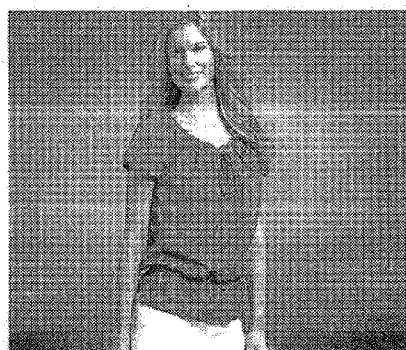
The presenting sponsor for this year's event is Amerisure Insurance. Statewide partners include Spartan Stores, Real Estate One, Wertz Warriors, Water Warriors, Law Enforcement Torch Run and Knights of Columbus.

For more information, directions or schedules for the State Summer Sports Classic, visit www.somi.org.

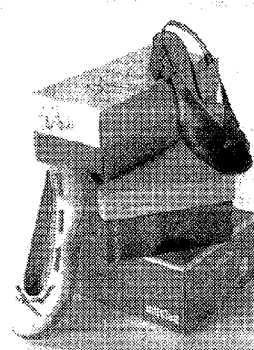
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Steve King and the Ditties take to the Kellogg Park stage for Friday's 7 p.m. Music in the Air concert.

Plymouth concerts pack in music fans

Here's the remaining schedule for the weekly Music in the Park concert schedule, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council:

- July 22, Saline Fiddlers
- July 29, Candy Band
- Aug. 5, Barbara Bailey Hutchinson
- Aug. 12, Guy Louis and his Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 19, The Cats & the Fiddler

All concerts start at noon in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Sponsors include the Carl and Isabelle Schultz Family, The Wilcox Foundation, Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Dr. Brian Brackney, Bacinski's Best Friends of Learning Institute and Lodging by the Month.

Music in the Air

Here's the remaining schedule for the Friday night "Music

in the Air" concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield:

- July 17, Steve King and the Ditties
- July 24, Sarah Lenore (Plymouth native; www.myspace.com/sarahlenore123)
- July 31, Gia Warner
- Aug. 7, The Bluescasters
- Aug. 14, The Kris K Band
- Aug. 21, The Randy Brock Group
- Aug. 28, Mass Transit
- Sept. 4, Lady Sunshine and the X Band

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State Reps. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, host a special town hall meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Canton Library, to share information about job opportunities in new and emerging industries like renewable energy.

"Renewable energy and other green technologies are creating jobs for our hard-working men and women right here in Wayne County," Slavens said. "This informational meeting will help

provide residents with the resources they need to find good-paying, green-collar jobs."

Slavens and Corriveau will be joined by Liesl Clark, deputy director of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth (DELEG). For information on green jobs available in Michigan, please visit DELEG's Web site at www.michigan.gov/dleg.

"Our workers are the best in the world and their knowledge and skills will help make Michigan the nation's center for green technology," Corriveau said. "I encourage everyone to join us for this excellent opportunity to learn about resources that are available to help them land a job in this emerging industry."

The Canton Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Christmas in July

Canton Goodfellows and Indigo Salon and Day Spa partner for the 2009 Gifts for Kids with a "Christmas in July" special Monday, July 20.

Proceeds from 100 percent of services rendered noon to 7 p.m. that day will be donated to the Canton Goodfellows Gifts for Kids to help children in need.

The Indigo Salon and Day Spa is located at 50545 Cherry Hill in Canton's Cherry Hill Village.

To reserve a spot, call the Spa at (734) 961-3245. For more information go to the Spa's Web site at www.indigosalonanddayspa.com or the Canton Goodfellows' Web site at www.cantongoodfellows.org

Republican picnic

The Wayne 11th Republican Committee hosts a "Taking Back America" picnic 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at Heritage Park Pavilion 2 on Heritage Drive (west of Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill) in Canton.

Cost is \$10 per person (and 50 percent of that goes to the Michigan Military Moms). Hot dogs, chips, pop and fun are promised, with guest cook State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and special guest Attorney General Mike Cox. Picnic goers will be able to talk and network with other people from western Wayne County, discover how to remain informed and get necessary information to become more involved.

Democratic Club meets

The next meeting of the Plymouth Democratic Club takes place 7 p.m. Monday, July 27, at the Plymouth District Library on Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

The meeting features guest speaker Garrett Arwa, the Michigan State Field Director for Organizing For America, who will give a short informational segment and then take questions. The club is also still looking for additional speakers for its upcoming Energy and Environment Forum. Subsequent meetings take place Aug. 20 and Sept. 10.

Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the meeting to be donated to Food Gatherers food bank.

Haggerty closes

Drivers used to traveling Haggerty near Cherry Hill noticed the northbound lane closed a quarter-mile north of Cherry Hill Monday.

The northbound lane of Haggerty will be closed for four to six weeks for a Wayne County resurfacing project during which workers work to resurface Haggerty from Cherry Hill to Ford Road.

Canton Township officials are suggesting northbound drivers use Lilley as the detour.

In a few weeks, officials said, the southbound lane on Haggerty will be closed at the bridge; however, they said, southbound traffic will be shifted to the northbound lanes on the bridge. Southbound traffic will be maintained at all times during construction.

More information on road projects is available at Canton's Web site, www.canton-mi.org

NAMI Walk

Anyone whose life has been impacted by the effects of

mental illness gets a chance to help when the National Alliance on Mental Illness Michigan chapter hosts their sixth annual "NAMI Walks for the Mind of America" in some 80 communities - including Detroit - around the country Sept. 26. The 5k/3-mile walk is expected to draw some 117,000 walkers nationwide. A key fund-raiser for NAMI, organizers hope to raise some \$8.5 million.

The Detroit walk takes place on Belle Isle, with registration at 9 a.m. and the walk starting at 11 a.m. There is no registra-

tion walk fee for participants, who are encouraged to collect donations from family members, friends, co-workers and business associates.

Proceeds will fund NAMI programs in Michigan, including support, education and advocacy involving schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and severe anxiety disorders.

NAMI has affiliates in every state and in more than 1,100 local communities across the country dedicated to the

eradication of mental illness and improving the quality of life for people affected.

"NAMI members are volunteers whose mission is to provide help to people with serious mental and emotional illnesses and their families," said Sherri Solomon, executive director of NAMI Michigan. Companies, organizations and families are encouraged to organize teams of walkers, made up of employees, organization members, relatives and friends. Walkers raising \$100 or more get a NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America event

T-shirt. Walkers also get other incentives based on amounts raised up to \$5,000 or more.

There are a variety of sponsorships available, ranging from "Kilometer Sponsor" (\$250) to "Presenting Sponsor" (\$10,000), each carrying various incentives and opportunities for recognition/publicity.

To register or become a sponsor, go online at www.nami.org/namiwalks/MI; contact walk manager Marti Bush at mbush@gchi.org or (313) 263-2370; or Solomon at shallsolomon@comcast.net or (517) 485-4049.



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Obama invite excites Schoolcraft's chief Jeffress

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress got a call from the White House Monday, he wasn't sure he should take it seriously. The call turned out to be legit, and Jeffress was on his way at lunchtime Tuesday to see President Barack Obama during a visit to Macomb County Community College

in Warren. The president was in town to unveil a \$12 billion program to improve U.S. community colleges. "I enjoyed them even though we sat in the sun four hours," said Jeffress Wednesday morning of Obama's remarks. "It was worth the wait." He was about 12 feet away and able to take photos of the president with his cell phone. "The programs he proposed

are fine," Jeffress said of the community college funding, primarily financial aid through Pell grants. Obama hopes to boost community college graduation rates. The U.S. president sees many job opportunities requiring two-year degrees, and hopes to better link community colleges to successful job training. Completion rates at Schoolcraft depend on the pro-

gram, Jeffress said, with nursing and culinary arts around 90 percent. "We can't really track people who come in and take one or two courses" and move on, he said, noting that's easier for four-year universities. Schoolcraft has a main campus on Haggerty in Livonia as well as a Garden City campus, and serves a number of western Wayne communities.

When students apply to Schoolcraft, they get a flier with job information, such as pay and the employment picture. "We try to give them as much information as possible," Jeffress said. Obama's speech cited his goal by 2020 of the U.S. having the highest proportion of college graduates worldwide. The community college

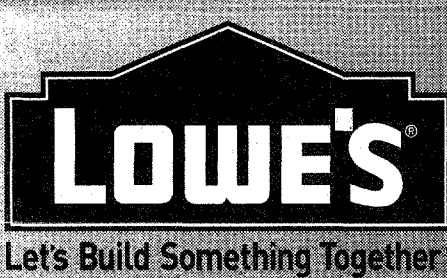


Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College.

Challenge Fund cites dual enrollment with public schools, and tutoring to help students graduate, Jeffress said. "He wants to concentrate on completion rates and I think that's great." Employers like to see that students were able to complete a program. The president's plan called for some \$2.5 billion to upgrade and maintain community college buildings. "Always it comes in handy," said Jeffress, citing phone and computer systems, as well as building renovations. "That's a continuing problem with all the schools." Obama cited loans and not grants for facilities. "It doesn't bother me either way," Jeffress said Wednesday. "You have to stay current." Students site buildings as part of their satisfaction with the school, he said, and expect up-to-date facilities. "Actually, any money is wonderful," Jeffress said. "I'll take it in a brown bag." The president's plan also calls for \$500 million for online learning. Schoolcraft's already a leader in that area, either No. 1 or 2 among community colleges statewide. Jeffress hopes to "invest in the robustness of that." He envisions more interactive content, beyond that of a PowerPoint presentation. Jeffress said he and colleagues have discussed what would happen if the flu pandemic strikes this fall and shuts down classrooms. "What would happen if you couldn't come to school? You have to invest in that," he said, adding that online learning would be an asset. Jeffress was pleased with the online learning component, citing universities like Harvard and Yale providing free courseware to students. "I think the online environment is a natural," he said. Younger people now use Twitter and YouTube, not common to Jeffress and his generation. "That is the means by which young people communicate," he said. Jeffress was surprised to get the call of "We have a ticket for you, come pick it up" Monday. As an African American, he was additionally excited about being in the audience. "It's really the opportunity to be there and play a little part in history," Jeffress said. He noted funding must go through Congress and its committees. Schoolcraft will take steps to be ready. "We'll start setting up things that make our ability to take advantage of these funds easier when they get here." He recalled when President George Bush Sr. visited Schoolcraft, and the Secret Service and other preparation. "It's always lots and lots of excitement. It's really rather exhilarating," said Jeffress, who found Obama a charismatic speaker. Jeffress also appreciated seeing other officials he works with regularly on college matters.

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

OUR VIEWS

'Change or Die': Let panel do job

The Internet is one of those places where people can hide behind fictitious names and post comments that can range from accurate and well-informed to outlandish and asinine. A case in point are those posted on a story about the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' 21st Century Committee beginning its work of planning for the district's future.

If you believe Debi911, the district is using "a Communist dictator as a model" and his propaganda creed of "Change or Die." Debi911 also urges "government schools to be closed down once and for all."

We have to wonder what Debi11 thinks about the changes that Chrysler and GM just went through. Both companies were on the brink of extinction when they filed for bankruptcy. Their choice was "Change or Die." Both companies chose the former over the latter, and they have emerged from bankruptcy, a lot different from when they entered it.

And even more businesses are facing the same choice in this current economic climate. Because it was used by Mao Tse Tung, it doesn't mean "Change or Die" is communism. It's a reality. If you want to survive today, you have to adapt, and that's the mission of Wayne-Westland's 21st Century Committee.

Wayne-Westland is facing several problems. It is losing students — 1,800 since the 1990s — and the losses continue. The lack of jobs is forcing families to leave the state. Each child that leaves the Wayne-Westland represents a loss of close to \$8,000 in state school aid, which is the district's primary funding source. The state budget is in shambles and being propped up by federal stimulus money. When it's gone in two years, the holes in the budget will be in the billions of dollars.

The district has used up its fund equity to keep its current educational program intact. It cannot go out and ask for new millage to replace the lost revenue. It has to find a way to continue to provide students with a quality education.

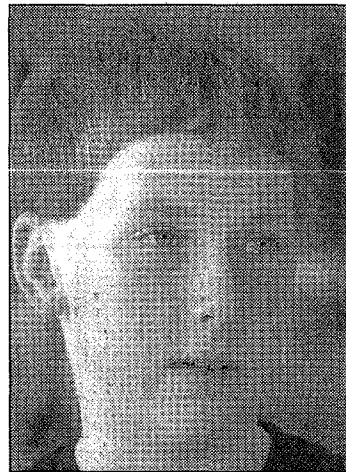
Wayne-Westland can't continue down the same road it's on now. Status quo will leave the district up to its eyeballs in deficit and hacking away at the educational program won't help. You need only look to the Garden City Public Schools, where they've cut staff and programs, but still face an uphill battle to get out of debt.

It doesn't matter who said it or what his or her political beliefs were, we believe the school district is on the right course. It has to "Change or Die." It understands that it must transform itself to meet the needs of its students. We urge people, including Debi911, to hold off on their comments until the committee has done its work. Now is not the time to be throwing stones.

COMMUNITY VOICE

"How will the Tigers do the rest of the season?"

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



'I think they're going to do pretty good. They'll get pretty far.'

Spencer Oliver
Canton



'I think they're going to take it all (the World Series).'

Laura Oliver
Canton



'They'll go pretty good. They'll have a winning record.'

Kenny Topolovec
Canton



'I'm assuming they will do all right. We're hoping.'

Terri Harleton
Canton

LETTERS

Whining un-American

This article ("Couple sues over solar panel denial," *Canton Observer*) does not state whether the solar collectors will be mounted flat against the roof or propped up at an angle on a rack so that they are more perpendicular to the sun.

If mounted flat then I say absolutely, they should be allowed to mount them.

Even if they are to be mounted jutting out from the surface of the roof which is less aesthetically pleasing, their case should be heard in court. If our sons and daughters can give their lives fighting for energy in Iraq the least these homeowners can do is stomach the eyesore of some solar collectors. Their whining is just un-American.

Other options are for the homeowners association to shell out the money to buy the couple additional collectors to make up for the lower efficiency of mounting them flat against the roof. The greater area of the collectors would compensate for the fact that they are not as directly facing the sun

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when mounted flat. Another option is to go with evacuated tube style collectors which are more efficient because the vacuum

traps the heat just as in a thermos bottle.

Dick Griest
Griest Associates Solar Research
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Personal prejudice

YES! They should be allowed to install the solar panels. The chairman of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) made the statement "to follow the spirit of our covenants and restrictions."

If you review those covenants and restrictions, there is no article or paragraph that is written identifying renewable energy green projects as identified by the State of Michigan, therefore the ARC is basing their decision on their own personal prejudice.

Judge Hathaway's decision will have a distinctive impact on the renewable energy issue.

Jack Brisbin
Canton

Value your hometown newspaper

What if our local newspaper went out of business? What would we lose as a community the day our newspaper dies? If our local paper dies, could it be resuscitated?

It hit me watching the Fourth of July parade in downtown Northville. I thought I would enjoy reading the local newspaper, the *Northville Record*, next week to capture the simple joys of a parade — kids march-



Tom Watkins

ing, the smiles on young and old faces as the clown came by, and the salutes from the war veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the recent heroes back from fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But what if our hometown paper ceases to exist? No, I haven't even heard a rumor to this effect — but

given what is happening to the newspaper business across the country, but the thought is not that far-fetched.

We are losing great newspapers and writers to budget cuts. What makes us believe our local community paper will be immune? This would be an enormous blow to our collective freedom and our democracy. The great news reporter Walter Cronkite remarked, "Freedom of the press is not just important to democracy; it is democracy." We need to know what is going on in our world, nation and state — but no one covers our hometown like the local paper.

What if the *Observer & Eccentric* and the *Hometown* weeklies go the way of far too many good newspapers across the country and disappear with the latest wave of economic bad news? Sure, you will still get the Tigers, Lions and Red Wings scores, the latest problems from our State Capitol and updates on the most recent national scandal. You don't need the local press to be inundated with the Michael Jackson stories of the world — unless you want the "local angle."

Our newspapers and our democracy are dependent on the economy and advertising dollars. Both are in a sharp decline. The reality is that ad revenue is down for newspapers. Advertising reportedly represents 75 percent to 80 percent of most newspaper companies' revenue. It is a sad and unfortunate reality that the cost of our freedom and knowledge is dependent on the bottom line.

But a community that loses its local paper loses part of its community soul.

No, our world will not come to an end if we don't read about the newest flavor at Guernsey's Farm Dairy, that the cow had a new calf at the farm in Maybury State Park, the Tuscan Cafe's women's softball team made the playoffs (even though all teams that sign up make the playoffs), what's happening at Jack's Barber shop, what is playing at the Tipping Point or Marquis Theater, the father-daughter St. Valentine Day's dance will be held at the Rec Center again this year, or our local schools produce nationally recognized students while struggling financially due to the state's economic woes.

This is our hometown community, family, friends, connections. The true simple pleasures in life that happen close to home are what truly matter. It is good to see the news about our local businesses, and what our hometown mayor, City Council, County Commission or Township Board are doing.

The *Detroit News*, the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Oakland Press* all do an admirable job attempting to cover the multitude of small communities that make up southeast Michigan. Yet, as hard as they try, they cannot capture the local culture and makeup, nuances and the small things that make our local communities unique. Nor will they devote the ink or newsprint to cover the PTA, VFW, Rotary, Optimist, Lions, Moose, new school bus routes, police blotter, the new technology at our local library and the many other events that document the wonderful things about our local community.

DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GOT TIL IT'S GONE

What can you do to help?

Do you believe having a hometown newspaper adds value to your hometown? If the answer is yes, I highly encourage you take the following action:

- 1) The first and easiest thing we all can do is to renew or take out a subscription to your hometown paper.
- 2) Encourage your neighbors to sign up for a subscription.
- 3) Advertise in the local paper.
- 4) Frequent the local merchants that advertise. These businesses give back to our community in many ways and need our support and help to stay in business during these tough economic times.
- 5) Send news to the local editor. Like most businesses, our local papers have cut back and don't have enough reporters to "dig up" the news — so send it to them. Tell them about how Grandpa is turning 100, that the new baby has arrived, the baseball team went undefeated, how the robotics or Odyssey of the Mind team did at the national competition, and the acts of kindness shown by the local high school students.
- 6) Send a letter to the editor telling him or her how you value your hometown news.

The time to act is now. Our community newspaper is a business. Like all businesses it needs our support to survive and prosper. We should do all we can to help keep our local newspapers alive and covering the good, the bad and ugly to keep us informed about our town.

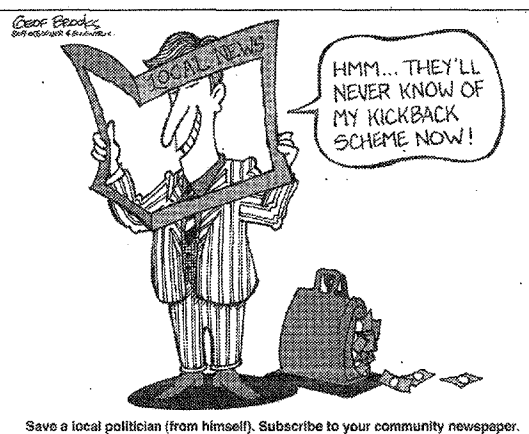
Let's not let the ink go dry in our community.

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Susan Yerebeck of Brighton and Last Chance Animal Rescue (from left), Andrew Baum at the drive-through window, Jason Smith of Novi and Silver Dairy Operations Manager Gary Bernstein of Farmington enjoy a cool break with their furry friends while planning for this weekend's pet adoption day and fundraiser at the Farmington ice cream store.

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Pendleton aids Golden Retrievers

Pendleton in Downtown Northville is partnering with the Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan - GRRoM - in a special fundraising sales event. From July 16-18, when you designate your purchase to GRRoM, 10 percent will be donated to GRRoM. A representative from GRRoM, along with a foster Golden Retriever, will be there from 12-3 p.m. each day to answer questions.

For more information about Pendleton, call (248) 596-9820. For more information about GRRoM, visit www.grrm.com. Ice cream social and pet adoption From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Silver Dairy, 32323 Grand River Ave., Farmington, will host a pet adoption day and fund raiser for Last Chance Rescue Animal Rescue of

Howell, Brighton and Flint. There will be animals to adopt and partial proceeds of sales will go to the organization. Dogs are welcome, cones for dogs are available. The event is being held on the weekend of the Farmington Founders Festival. (248) 474-6609

Coffee for a cause

From noon to 5 p.m. July 18-19, Biggby's Store 241, 1952 South Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, will celebrate its one year anniversary by donating \$1 for each drink sold to Variety Far Conservatory. Students will also sell products they created and there will be a Far Band and vocalists, among other activities. Variety FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts enriches the lives of children and adults with special

needs and serves over 2000 individuals in school and community-based programs.

Bowl-4-Animal-Rescue

The 4th Annual Bowl-4-Animal-Rescue! is a night of family fun at Aleta Sill's Bowling World, Country Lanes, 30250 W. 9-Mile Road, west of Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills. The event is 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit the Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network. Tickets are \$25 and include three games, food and shoe rental. There will be auctions, raffles, door prizes, music, karaoke and cash bar. For tickets, call 248-615-9060 or via e-mail: Michelle@YourBowlingCoach.com. Or visit www.YourBowlingCoach.com/Community

Retailers, businesses, offer summer camps, activities for kids

An Old Navy camp shirt might be just the thing for this camp.

From July 20- 24, Old Navy is partnering with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Canada as well as other youth serving non-profit organizations to offer teens a chance to explore career opportunities in retail and develop valuable job skills.

In more than 450 Old Navy stores across the U.S. and Canada, teens ages 13-18 will become campers at Camp Old Navy, now in its ninth year. Teens will spend the day getting a behind-the-scenes look at how a retail store operates and gaining hands-on experience in retail management, sales and merchandising as they "job shadow" employees.

Participating Old Navy locations are: Novi at the Novi Town Center, Romulus BGCA; Auburn Hills at Baldwin Commons, Detroit Salvation Army; Troy at Midtown Square, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Detroit; and Ann Arbor, Arborland Shopping Center, BGCA of Ypsilanti.

Observer-area Old Navy stores include Old Navy in Farmington Hills.

Also offering youth an insider's look at their business this summer is Uptown Entertainment, an Ilitch-owned company that operates three metro Detroit movie theatres. It will host Harry Potter enthusiasts ages 9 -12 for a special, one-time-only Harry Potter Movie Day Camp at the Palladium 12 theatre in downtown Birmingham from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 20.

The event features a special showing of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," which hits theatres this week. Participants will also tour behind-the-scenes areas of the theatre, enjoy lunch and movie concessions and dress up as their favorite Harry Potter characters for their own big screen performance. Uptown Entertainment will provide the costumes, as well as gift bags and a DVD of the kids' performances for them to take home.

Tickets are \$50, available at the Palladium 12 at 250 North Old Woodward Avenue in Birmingham or by phone at (248) 723-6220.

Retailers are also offering plain old fashioned fun.

Kids Days is a two -day shopping event, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 21 and 22 at Parisian Laurel Park, Livonia.

"We have partnered with local businesses to create a fun and exciting Back to School shopping day for families. All activities are complimentary and will be located in our children's department and our mall courtyard. We will also have a few non-profit organizations for children and animals visiting as well," said Jill Engel, Parisian spokeswoman.

Also, the more Parisian customers buy, the more they'll save that day: from 20 percent for spending \$25 to 30 percent for spending \$75 and more.

Retailers offering activities for the entire family will include: Max & Erma's, Zap Zone Extreme, Livonia Family YMCA, Lightning Speedway, Borders Express, Pump it Up, D&M Art Studios, Michigan Flag Football and Just Baked Cupcake Shop.

Have fun shopping, exploring downtown areas during festivals, fairs

Summer is great for shopping in downtown areas and having fun at their festivals and fairs, too. Following are a few:

FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

The Farmington Founders Festival is this week, July 17-19. The weekend is one of music, art, and fun for all ages.

The festival is well known for its one-of-kind shopping. In addition to great finds at Art On The Grand and the Crafters Marketplace, the festival is the perfect opportunity to explore downtown Farmington shops and boutiques. There will also be sidewalk sales.

The kids will love the activities. This year's festival has a circus theme. The Meijer Go PlayGround will feature the Ringling Brothers.

From 5 to 11:30 p.m. each evening, the over 21- crowd can enjoy fine wine, food, and live music in Alley Regalley, in the big white tent on Grand River near Farmington Road. The \$5 cover charge benefits charity partner Make A Wish Foundation.

Find out more at FoundersFestival.com.

ANN ARBOR ART FAIR

There'll be lots of art to buy at the 50th annual Ann Arbor Art Fair through July 18 in the heart of the central campus of the University of Michigan. The fair features 150 juried artists, an array of free art activities and performances for the whole family to enjoy.

BUY MICHIGAN NOW FESTIVAL

Downtown Northville is the host location for the official "Buy Michigan Now" Festival, July 27-Aug. 2.

Participating organizations will all be Michigan-based. Vendors and exhibitors will be on hand all week to describe services, offer tastings and to demonstrate and sell their products.

Weekday themes draw attention to emerging industries and opportunities. They are: Monday - Going Green in the Eco-Peninsula; Tuesday - Family, Fun, and Food; Wednesday - Wellness Wednesday; Thursday - Creating

Commerce; Friday - Cultivating a Creative Economy; Saturday & Sunday - Made in Michigan Exploration & Celebration.

Hiller's Market in Northville is one of the participants. It will host local companies and products, with samples for shoppers.

"There is so much talent in the state of Michigan - as a business owner, I am honored to highlight the hard work of my neighbors and support our economy by buying their products," said Hiller's Markets CEO Jim Hiller. "Working together, we ensure the viability of this region that much faster."

Hiller's Michigan Food Fair is 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 1-2. Hiller's Michigan stores include a Plymouth location.

Buy Michigan Now Festival attendees will also enjoy downtown Northville events happening throughout the week and sidewalk sales July 31 and Aug. 1.

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Backyard habitats

It's easy to 'give back' to nature, in your own back yard

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The only thing that thrives on an expansive lawn is a lawn mower.

That's what Naturalist Joe Derek says when he thinks about how many more people could "give back" to nature by creating their own backyard habitat.

Attracting wildlife to a suburban backyard isn't as difficult as it would seem. The key is to let it grow, naturally. Farmington Hills resident Pete Fellman knows this, firsthand. His back yard rolls down to a pond, where wildlife teems.

"We just try to protect the indigenous species of wildlife and plant life," said Fellman, describing how he and his family encourage the survival of what's already there. "We try not to disturb what's down there."

But, he did take the opportunity to offer a helping hand to the resident wood ducks by building nesting boxes, so the ducks have safe places to nest.

"Encouraging the native wildlife is the best thing we could do," he said.

For properties that do not already have a pond, there are four elements to consider when creating a backyard habitat: access to food, water, cover or shelter and a place for the animals to raise their young.

Backyard habitats can be as large as the Fellmans' property or as small as a balcony on an apartment or condo.

Derek said butterfly habitats are the best for small spaces.



Above, the habitat at the Nature Center, in Heritage Park, grows naturally, but the native plantings, along with the waterfall and pond are carefully maintained to ensure it's an inviting place for wildlife.

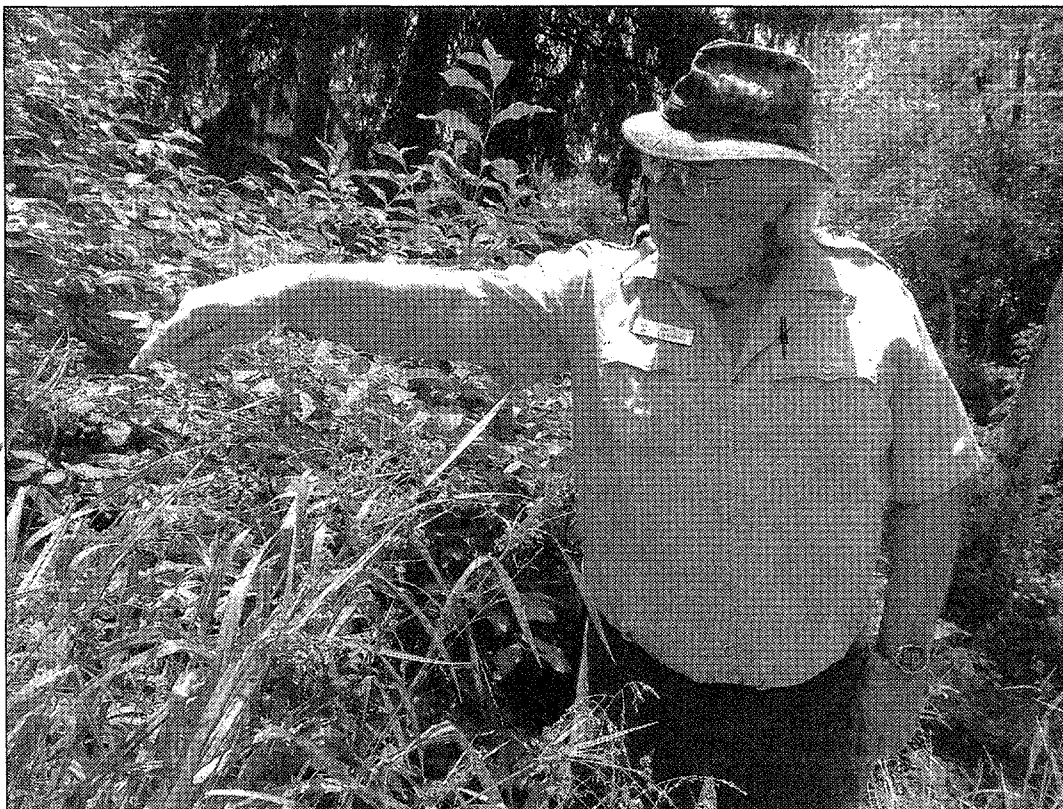
Fennel or parsley plants are good for laying eggs and a butterfly bush is a good food supply for the butterflies once they hatch.

"You've created a habitat and a food source for caterpillars and butterflies to come in," said Derek.

A good example of a backyard habitat that attracts all sorts of wildlife, including animals, insects and birds, can be found at the Nature Center at Heritage Park on Farmington Road.

The lush area, outside of the bird viewing window, has a waterfall and small pond and is filled with native plants such as goldenrod, elderberry bushes, Timothy grass, jewel weeds, milk weed and more. Most of the plants have come in naturally, while others were planted there.

On a given day, the habitat attracts many species of birds, squirrels, woodchucks, chipmunks, ducks and even deer, if the conditions are just right. People enjoy sitting on the



Farmington Hills City Naturalist Joe Derek points out the native plantings in the wildlife habitat at the Nature Center.



A family of ducks take a swim through the pond at the wildlife habitat at the Nature Center.

bench in the viewing room and watching all of the activity.

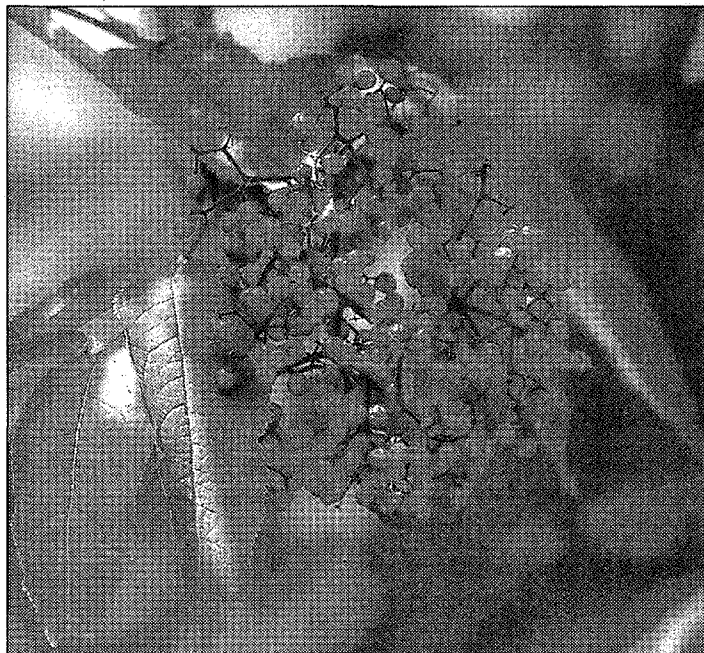
"The habitat here is a hit," said Derek. "This is the place everybody comes — but, anyone can do this in their own yard. Nature will bring it in for you, and then you can tweak it."

He said the backyard habitat will immediately become a hit with wildlife, too.

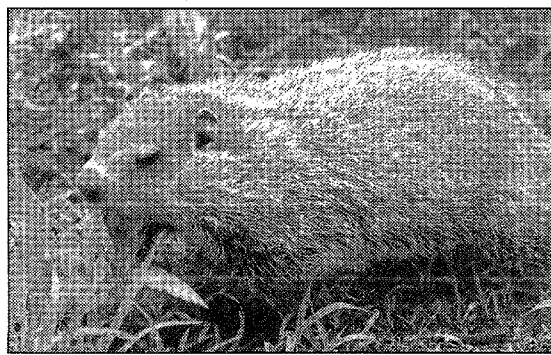
"If you plant it, they will come," he said.

Derek noted that a habitat offers a place for wildlife to thrive, instead of struggle to survive.

"At least this is somewhere they can come in and continue to exist with us," he said. "We're part of the chain, we're part of the web. People think we're at the top of the food chain and that's it. This is just giving back."



The elderberry bush is a food source inside the wildlife habitat at the Nature Center.



A woodchuck stops in for a snack at the Nature Center's habitat.

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HOMETOWN LIFE



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League-leading Rams sweep Eagles

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scoring early and often was the recipe for success Sunday as the Michigan Rams twice made easy work of the Detroit Eagles in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League play. Backed by a three-hit showing from Aaron Cieslak and strong mound performances by Brady Cooper and Taylor Robson, the Rams rolled to an easy 8-1 victory over the Eagles in game one. Game two wasn't much different as

Cieslak again led the hitting parade with three hits and left-hander Tom Hansen tossed five shutout innings of one-hit ball as the Rams took the nightcap, 10-0, in five innings.

In the opener, the Rams jumped on Eagles starter Chris Whitney for three runs in the second inning. They added two more in the fourth and two in the fifth, knocking Whitney out of the game.

Cieslak drove in three runs in the game and teammate Joe Barnes chipped in with a two-hit performance

that resulted in two RBI and two runs scored. Andrew Ciennik singled, knocked in one run, walked twice and scored two times, while Jake Rhodes singled and scored two runs. Nick Plinka and Justin Forster added to the nine-hit Rams attack with a single each and combined to score three runs.

Cooper earned the victory in the contest with three scoreless innings of work. He faced just 10 batters, striking out four, walking none and not allowing a hit. Robson took over in the fourth and yielded one hit and three walks.

Jeff Beckles had the only hit and RBI for the Eagles.

In the nightcap, the Rams scored two runs in the first, pushed across four more in the second and put the game away with two in each of the third and fourth frames to rack up the win.

Cieslak clubbed two singles and a triple, scored three times and drove in two more to highlight the nine-hit offensive attack. Forster, meanwhile, hammered a double and triple, drove in

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GAME WRAPS

Marecki at USAs

Livonia Stevenson High grad Brynn Marecki, who will be a sophomore this fall at the University of Buffalo, qualified for the 100-meter breaststroke at the USA Swimming Nationals last week in Indianapolis, Ind. where she wound up 59th overall with a time of 1:14.65.

The 2008 MHSA Division 1 state champion in the 100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley also earned All-Mid-American Conference honors this past season with the Bulls.

At the MAC Championships, she swam the breaststroke leg of the record-breaking, first-place 200-yard medley relay and was also a member of the record-breaking 400 medley relay (3:44.39).

The freshman made an NCAA 'B' cut in the 100-yard breaststroke, breaking her own school record for the fourth time this season with a clocking of 1:01.81, good enough for a third-place finish. Marecki also earned sixth place in the 200 breaststroke with a school record time of 2:15.99.

All-Academic baseball

Six area players were among 65 state-wide recently selected to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Division 1 Academic All-State Team.

Among those selected were Livonia Churchill seniors Jimmy Szymanski and Jimmy Tyler, along with junior Christian Leathley.

Livonia Franklin was represented by Jack Chinavare and Nick Hopson.

Also selected was Westland John Glenn junior Andrew McGrath.

Fall ball signup

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association is accepting registration from youth between the ages of 4-14 and for the Fall Baseball season. Games begin in mid August and continue through early October.

For more information, call (734) 483-5600 or email cott@canton-mi.org.

Ace shooters

Glen Garry, of Garden City, recently notched his first hole-in-one as his 5-iron to the 114-yard eighth hole at Rolling Meadows Country Club found the bottom of the cup.

Steve Wheeler, of Canton, also scored a hole-in-one. Wheeler aced the 149-yard fifth hole at Snow, Snake, Ski & Golf in Harrison Township on June 28.

He used a 7-iron.

Motor City Junior Golf

The Motor City Junior Golf Championship, sponsored by Caddyshack and Top Flite Golf, will be Wednesday, July 29 at Whispering Willows Golf Course, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads, in Livonia. The event is open to boys and girls ages 12-17.

Included in the \$49 entry fee is 18 holes, practice rounds (prior to the event), driving range balls (day of the event), lunch ticket and gift pack.

All entries are due by Friday, July 24. (Checks should be made payable to T.J.W., Inc.).

For more information and tee times, call (248) 476-4493.

Moldovan leads area winners at Kingsbury tourney

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia's Bianca Moldovan was a late entry into the 11th annual Jud Kingsbury Memorial Junior Tennis Tournament hosted by the Livonia Family YMCA.

Rated No. 2 in the Girls 12s and No. 16 in the Girls 14s in the latest Southeast Michigan Tennis Association rankings, the unseeded Moldovan moved up two age flights last weekend to earn the Girls 16s singles crown with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph Saturday over Ann Arbor's Courtney Lymburner in the finals at Stevenson High School.

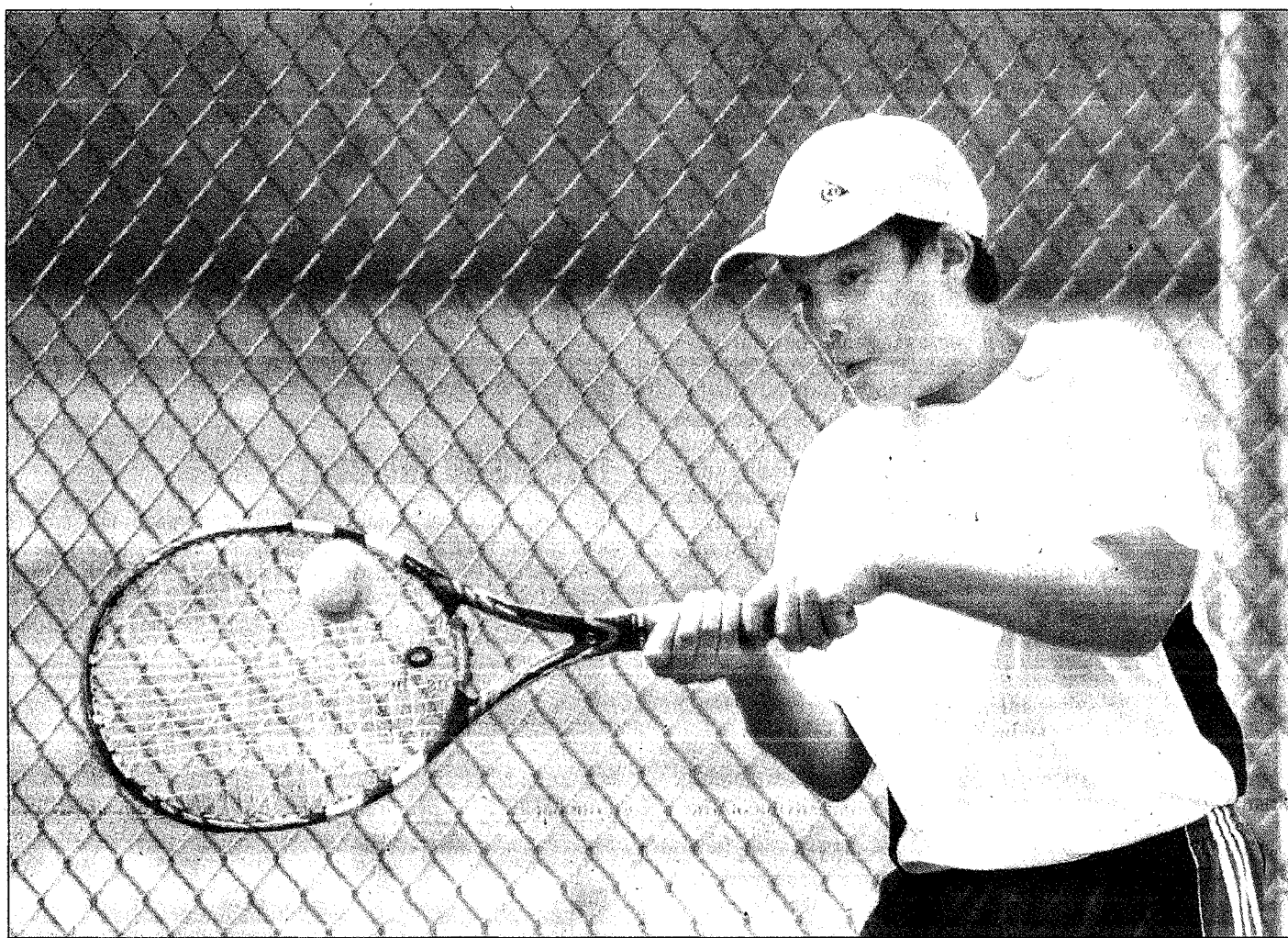
Moldovan, who recently captured the Girls 14s singles title last month at the Schoolcraft College Spring Open and won the SEMTA District Muthig Girls 12 qualifier in May, now sports a 12-month overall record of 45-5 dating back to July of 2008.

Other girls singles winners at the Kingsbury Tournament, included unseeded Emily Nghiem, Franklin Village (Girls 14), who beat Westland's Carolyn McCullen; top seed Marybeth Hurley, Novi (Girls 12); and unseeded Madalyn Winarski, Rochester Hills (Girls 10).

In the Boys 18 singles, unseeded Garrett Halpert of Ann Arbor won in straight sets, 7-5, 6-2, over Michael Fitzgerald of Grosse Ile.

Halpert is ranked No. 11 in the Boys 16 SEMTA rankings. Top seed Andrew Cahn of West Bloomfield rolled to the Boys 16 title with a 6-3, 6-4 win in the finals over second-seeded Kevin Chang of Ann Arbor. Cahn is ranked No. 12 in the SEMTA Boys 16 rankings.

The top seed also captured the Boys 14 title as Rishi Patel of Bloomfield Hills defeated Jason Mondry, also of Bloomfield Hills, 6-3, 6-1.



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Michael Martz of Farmington Hills looks for a successful return during recent play in the 11th Annual Jud Kingsbury Memorial Junior Tennis Tournament held in Livonia. The event crowned champions in five different age categories.

Bianca Moldovan moved up two age flights last weekend to earn the Girls 16s singles crown with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph Saturday.

The Boys 12 singles title also went to No. 1 seed Franklin Brozovich of Fort Gratiot. He defeated Brendan Dillon of Birmingham, 6-3, 6-1, after Dillon toppled second seed Jonathan Martin of Livonia in a third-set tiebreaker, 11-9.

The Boys 10 singles featured a round-robin format with Troy's Anthony Ciraci winning all three of his matches to take the title.

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Boys 18s: Garrett Halpert (Ann Arbor) defeated Michael Fitzgerald (Grosse Ile), 7-5, 6-2; **semifinals:** Halpert def. Michael Zieck (Bloomfield) 7-6 (7-3), 1-6 (10-4 third set tiebreaker); Fitzgerald def. Tyler Marengo (Fort Gratiot), 7-6, 6-2.

Girls 16s: Bianca Moldovan (Livonia) def. Courtney Lymburner (Ann Arbor), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Moldovan def. Katelyn Blumberg (Farmington Hills), 6-1, 6-2; Lymburner def. Abby Wang (Novi), 6-2, 6-4.

Boys 16s: Andrew Cahn (West Bloomfield) def. Kevin Chang (Ann Arbor), 6-3, 6-4; **semifinals:** Cahn def. William Wilson (Commerce), 6-1, 6-2; Chang def. Stephen Payne (Livonia), 6-4, 6-4.

Girls 14s: Emily Nghiem (Franklin) def. Carolyn McCullen (Westland), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Nghiem def. Kerry Hu (West

Bloomfield), 6-2, 6-1; McCullen def. Maria Vicini (Farmington Hills), 6-1, 6-1.

Boys 14s: Rishi Patel (Bloomfield Hills) def. Jason Mondry (Bloomfield Hills), 6-3, 6-1; **semifinals:** Patel def. Michael Ciraci (Troy), 6-4, 7-5; Mondry def. Phillip Kovalev (Bloomfield Hills), 6-4, 6-2.

Girls 12s: Marybeth Hurley (Novi) def. Reehma Kumar (Ann Arbor), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Hurley def. Nina Zhang (Troy), 6-2, 6-1; Kumar def. Mausam Patel (Ypsilanti), 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

Boys 12s: Franklin Brozovich (Fort Gratiot) def. Brendan Dillon (Birmingham), 6-3, 6-1; **semifinals:** Brozovich def. Koby Mueller (Ann Arbor), 6-1, 6-0; Dillon def. Jonathan Martin (Livonia), 3-6, 6-2 (11-9 third set tiebreaker).

Girls 10s: Madalyn Winarski (Rochester Hills) def. Allona Yutzy (Northville), 6-2, 6-4; **semifinals:** Winarski def. Lily Zhang (Troy), 6-2, 6-3; Yutzy def. Tara Shetty (Ann Arbor), 6-1, 6-0.

Boys 10s (round robin): 1. Anthon Ciraci (Troy) def. Sean Mulka, 6-0; 6-1 def. Brad Silverman (West Bloomfield), 6-3, 4-6 (10-7 third set tiebreaker); def. Brendan Allen, 6-0, 6-0; 2. Silverman def. Allen, 6-1, 6-2; def. Mulka, 6-2, 6-3.



Morgan Spencer of Plymouth goes to the backhand to return a shot in junior tennis play.



Spring champs

The 9U Spring Baseball Playoff Champions in The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association are the Nationals. Members of the team include (front row, from left) Colin Troup, Joseph Vespaziani, Tanner Tracy, Gabe Segovia-Plate, Matt Breda, Grant Harmer and Alex Schafer. In the middle row (from left) are Jacob Paton, Davey Farhat, Matt English, Mitch Harber, Jacob Seipenko, Nathan Faur and Brett Caldwell. The back row includes (from left) coaches Scott Schafer, Don Harber and Brian Paton.

Bucks seek must-wins on the road

The Michigan Bucks dominated the offensive statistics on Saturday night, but as the story of their season goes, they failed to finish their chances when they needed to score.

The Chicago Fire Premier punched their Premier Development League playoff ticket with a 2-1 win in front of an enthusiastic crowd of 989 fans at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Chicago improved to 9-1-5 in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference, tied for first with the Kalamazoo Outrage (10-2-2, 32 points).

The loss leaves the Bucks looking on the outside for the third and final playoff spot at 7-5-2 (23 points), five points behind third-place Forest City of London, Ontario (8-3-4).

"The players responded well and never gave up," said Livonia native and Bucks CEO/Chairman Dan Duggan. "We just didn't have things go our way when we needed them. As I replay the season in my head, I can tell you of four games if we finish one of those chances we change the entire situation so that we are not in a position to have a 'must win' at this point in the season. The fans got their money's worth tonight, and saw at least six future Major League Soccer (MLS) players on the field. Unfortunately, this year most of them were wearing the wrong color jersey."

Chicago jumped out to a 1-0 lead on striker Andre Akpan's goal from Rich Balchin in the

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CAMPS/CLINICS

Football

• North Farmington High School will have a football skills camp 8 a.m. to noon July 27-30 for any football player entering the ninth through 12th grade in the 2009-10 school year.

The cost is \$75. The camp will be conducted by the North coaching staff. Each player will need football cleats, gym shoes, workout clothes and helmet with mouth guard. Helmets should be provided by the player's high school.

To register contact coach Todd Schultz at either Todd.schultz@farmington.k12.mi.us or 248-888-6263.

• The Pops QB Tutor summer camps will be making stops in the area including: Plymouth/Canton Area QB-WR - 1-2:30 p.m., July 27-30, at Heritage Park (grades 3-12). For more information, visit poppsqbtutor.com; or e-mail Richard Popp at: theqbtutor@yahoo.com.

All sports

• Schoolcraft College will offer a series of summer sports camps for ages 10-18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, including:

Boys and girls soccer - July 20-23, 27-30 (cost \$150); boys and girls basketball - July 20-23 (cost \$150); girls volleyball - July 27-30 (cost \$150).

For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Athletic Department at (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail

athletic director Sid Fox at sfox@schoolcraft.edu.

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

The summer programs, 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.ymcadetroit.org for information.

Soccer

• Midwest Soccer Academy, one of the most respected and experienced soccer training organizations in the United States, will be conducting soccer training camps for boys and girls July 20-24.

Hosted by Our Lady of the Good Counsel in Plymouth, the week-long camp will feature members of the MSA staff

working with youngsters in improving their overall skills.

Cost is \$125 per camper. Sessions for girls will be held 9 a.m.-noon daily, while the boys will run from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

More information can be obtained by contacting Midwest Soccer Academy at 1-800 714-5575 or toll free at 1-877-714-5575, or by email at info@midwestsoccer.net, or by signing up online at www.midwestsoccer.net.

Basketball

• Madonna University will be staging its 35th annual All-Star camp for boys (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 27-31.

The cost is \$175 per player. For more information, visit madonnacrusaders.com.

Cross country

• Madonna University will stage its summer 2009 base cross country camp from 8-9:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 27-31, at cost of \$70.

MU will also stage long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. each Saturday, July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1 and 8; at Cass Benton Park (\$2 for each session).

For more information, call MU cross country coach Pat Daugherty evenings at (734) 658-0226 (cell); or (734) 432-5634 (office). You can also e-mail pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

For more information, call (734) 642-6664.



Storm rules tourney

The 16-and-under Livonia Storm softball team recently captured the Warren Fury Tournament. Members of the Storm include: Katie Bone, Lauren Brenner, Anna Burch, Nicole Emery, Jessica Emery, Amber Gelinis, Sidnee Mattison, Naomi Oxendine, Amanda Shaltis, Anna Plumley and Breanna Taylor. The Storm is coached by Mark Bone, Brett Emery, Kathie and Joe Taylor and Dennis Mattison.



Turning up the Heat

The Livonia YMCA Heat recently captured the Western Suburban Soccer League's Recreational High School Open Division 1 with a 6-1 record for the spring 2009 season. Members of the Heat include (top row, from left): head coach Todd Francisco, Jeff Dombrowski, Kevin Francisco, Chad Stevens, Tyler Brown, Aiden Yee, Michael Dolunt, Neil Culbertson, Tyler Ruchala, Zach Miller, Scott Vasko, Tim Talty, assistant coach Steve Vasko; (bottom row, from left) Jake Allen, Kyle Keller and Tony Ianni. (Not pictured is John Falkowski.)

BUCKS

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14th minute.

The Bucks, meanwhile, mounted constant pressure but were denied by Fire goalkeeper James Maurer, who made four spectacular saves.

The Bucks, however, tied it on Mauro Fuzetti's penalty kick after teammate Kenny Uzoigwe was knocked down in the box to make it 1-all at intermission.

In the second half, the Bucks continued to pound at the Fire defense and had several golden opportunities to take the lead but were denied by Maurer or his defenders.

The goalkeeper's best friends cleared two balls off the line before the Bucks could finish their chances as the game went into the final quarter hour. Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald threw all his players forward the last 10 minutes, desperately trying to get the go-ahead strike while the disciplined Fire side patiently waited for a Bucks mistake.

That happened in the 86th minute when the last Fire counter-attack started deep in their own defensive end. Three passes later, Akpan was in alone on Bucks keeper Steve Clark to put an end to the Bucks' chance of winning. Michigan did have several more opportunities to tie the game, but could not get the final equalizer.

"This game was a snapshot of our entire season," Fitzgerald said. "We played one of the best teams in the PDL even and had at least five great opportunities to put them away, but couldn't finish. Give them credit; they are an intelligent, disciplined team. We outshot them 18-10 but could not get anything past them other than the PK. Credit their goalkeeper for saving the game, and the finishing of Akpan was outstanding. We wish them well as they move on to the postseason."

Duggan, meanwhile, was not pleased with the outcome, but proud of the effort his team displayed against a difficult opponent.

"It's always difficult when

we lose a game," he said. "It really hurts when you have such a great crowd on a night when the outcome of the game means so much to both teams. Everyone in the building knew we had to win this game, as a tie or a loss did us no good in trying to get that last playoff spot."

The Bucks have the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever to thank for their extended playoff lives, as they played London to a 1-1 draw on Sunday, leaving the door open for the Bucks to sneak past the first-year club by winning its final two matches of the season.

The Bucks travel Friday to FC London and then finish their 14th regular season in the PDL on the road Sunday against the host Toronto Lynx. The Bucks have qualified for the PDL playoffs 12 of the last 13 years.

But to qualify this year, they will need to win both road games this weekend. If the Bucks do anything but win both games, then FC London will clinch the final playoff spot in their inaugural season.

RAMS

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three runs and scored twice.

Barnes, Plinka, Ciennik and Alex Trojan all added a hit apiece.

Hansen (Madonna) faced only 18 batters in his five innings of work, striking out seven and walking only two. The only hit off the lefty in the mercy-shortened contest came from lead-off batter Corey Chapman in the first inning. The win moved Hansen to 5-

1 on the season and kept his ERA a perfect 0.00.

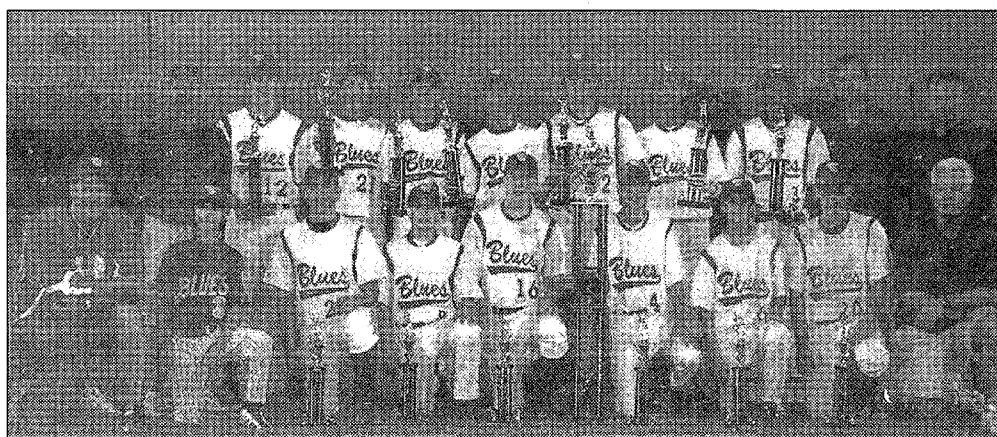
A single game slated with the Eagles for Monday produced much the same result as a five-run third inning by the Rams triggered a 10-0 triumph in six innings and a sweep of the three-game series.

Trojan paced the 12-hit Rams attack by going a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate and knocking in four runs. Rhodes clubbed two hits and also drove in four runs and Cieslak's hot bat produced

a single and double and one RBI. Forster, Barnes, Ryan Abraham, Kyle Vesey and Brett Mazmanian each chipped in a hit apiece.

Starter Erik Wright was just as overpowering on the mound as the Rams hurler fanned seven in four scoreless innings of work. James Bertakis came on to clean up the final two frames, allowing only one hit during his time on the mound.

The Rams now stand 16-8 on the season with eight games remaining in the regular season. The Eagles fell to 5-19.



Blues win Major Elite crown

The 14-and-under South Farmington Blues won the Michigan Major Elite tournament June 12-14 in Monroe and Flat Rock. The Blues went 3-1 in pool play and were the fourth seed in the championship bracket. The Blues defeated the NFWB Cobras and Illinois Sparks to make it to the semifinals game against the Up to Bat Titans from Cleveland. The Titans took a 12-5 lead. With two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Blues scored eight runs to advance into the final. The Blues defeated the Cincy (Ohio) Flames to win the title, 6-4. This is the fourth tournament the Blues have won this year. The Blues placed second in the Michigan Super NIT and qualified to play in the USSSA Elite World Series at Disney World in July. The Blues are (bottom row, left to right) head coach Pat Malzone, batboy Nate Wenson, Matt Stojkov, Jason Gluck, Connor Mohr, Bobby Lett, Alex Peczynski, Sal Cipriano, coach John Perry, (top row, left to right) coach Kevin Lowery, coach Dave Peczynski, Jake Lowery, Carmen Benedetti, Nick Malzone, John Perry, Harrison Wenson, Randy Kuzdak, Sterling Sharp, coach Paul Wenson and coach Joe Stojkov.



Mud Hens win second championship

The Farmington Hills Mud Hens won the Fowlerville 10-and-under tournament June 27-28. The team posted a 3-0 record, defeating the Pinckney Pirates and the Hartland Eagles in pool play and beating the New Lothrop Hornets in the championship game. The Hens needed a dramatic come-from-behind victory to win the championship. Trailing 9-1 in the bottom of the sixth, the boys scored eight runs to tie the game and send it to extra innings. Trailing 11-9 in the bottom of the seventh, the Mud Hens again rose to the challenge and scored three runs to bring home their second championship in the month of June. The Mudhens are (front, left to right) Colin Repasky, Ben Kucharski, (second row) Joe Majoros, Blake Kocsis, (third row) Dov Seifman, Charlie Ciaramitaro, Blake Bean, (fourth row) Drew Sheckell, Jack Politowicz, Dillon Champagne, Jared Fish, Jadyon Hodges, (back row) coach Tom Champagne, coach Steve Sheckell, manager Steve Bean and coach Brian Seifman.

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Who's who of Golf Associations

By David Graham

Have you ever wondered who all those golf associations are? The PGA, USGA, LPGA, GAM, PGA of America, Michigan Section PGA, MGCOA, MTF, MIGCSA, R&A, WGA, etc. It seems like we have more initials and abbreviations that make it "easy" for us in the business to talk in shorthand but confuses the bejabbers out of the vast majority of "golf fans." Who is responsible for what? Here is a quick tour of the statewide and leading national organizations that support our favorite sport in Michigan.

Golf Association of Michigan

Classified as a State and Regional Golf Association, the GAM is the only association that is dedicated to interests of the individual golfer. Founded in 1919, the mission of the GAM is to "promote, preserve and serve amateur golf in Michigan." Accordingly, we support a broader range of stakeholders, from golf facility operators, to golf professionals, to course

superintendents... all key participants in this industry. The GAM also serves as the licensed representative for the USGA to administer the USGA course rating and handicapping systems in Michigan and GAM administers all of the state amateur golf championships as well as qualifiers for the USGA's national championships including the U.S. Open and the U.S. Amateur.

United States Golf Association

Founded in 1894, the USGA is the national governing body of golf in the USA and Mexico. The USGA administers the national championships including the U.S. Open, writes the Rules of Golf, conducts equipment testing, maintains the official Handicap System, provides a Turf Advisory Service and administers an ongoing "For the Good of the Game" grants program.

Professional Golf Association Tour

The Tour is where the best golfers in the world compete for huge sums of dollars. "The mission of the PGA Tour is

to expand domestically and internationally to substantially increase player financial benefits while maintaining its commitment to the integrity of the game. The PGA TOUR events are also committed to generating revenue for charitable causes in their communities." In Michigan, we have had the Buick Open contested for over 50 years hosted at Warwick Hills Country Club in Grand Blanc.

PGA of America and Michigan Section PGA

This is the association of club golf professionals who work at golf facilities, private clubs, driving ranges, teaching academics, et. al. These professional golfers pass rigorous examinations of not only their golf skills, but also facility operations, retail merchandising, staff management, golf instruction, etc. The country is divided into districts and within districts, sections. We have the Michigan Section based in East Lansing that serves the member professionals around the state.

Ladies Professional Golf Association

This is the professional tour for the best women golfers in the world. Their stated mission is "to be a leader in the world of sports and to promote economic empowerment for our members. We will also serve as role models on and off the course." The Oldsmobile Classic was a LPGA tournament hosted at Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing for a number of years.

Michigan Golf Course Owners Association

The MGCOA is "the voice of Michigan's Golf Business." This statewide organization is affiliated with the National Golf Course Owners Association and serves public golf facilities. Special purchasing programs are available to the members as well as leadership on marketing initiatives. In addition, the MGCOA pursues needed lobbying efforts in Lansing to insure the golf course operator's voice is heard by our legislators.

Western Golf Association

The WGA is best known for

overseeing the Evans Scholar Foundation that has provided college scholarships for deserving caddies who could not afford to go to college otherwise. In addition, the WGA has hosted the Western Open Professional Golf Championship (now known as the BMW Championship) and the Western Amateur and Junior Championships.

Michigan Golf Course Superintendents Association

The newest of the statewide associations, the MIGCSA serves as the voice of golf course superintendents throughout the state. Until this state wide group was established in 2008, the needs of these professionals who really understand how to "keep our courses green" were organized into regional chapters all linked into the national association. The stated mission is "to provide leadership for Golf Course Superintendents and other golf industry partners on the economic, environmental and recreational vitality of golf in Michigan."

David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan.

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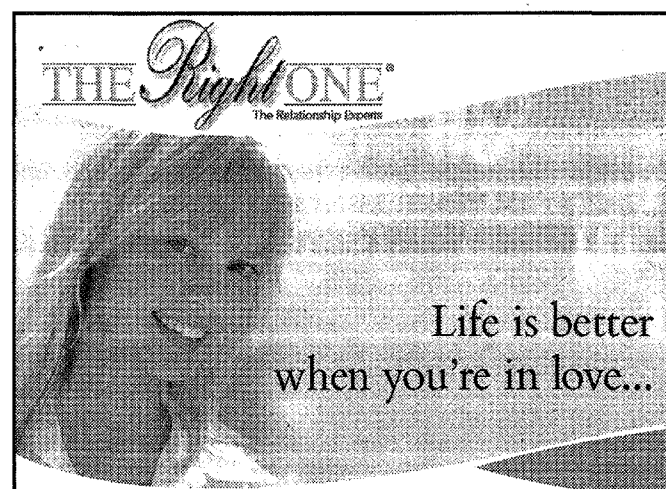
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Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. ☎282258

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

SWPF, 48, educated, HW proportionate, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, N/S, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink. ☎311355

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. ☎282115

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SBF, 36, 5'4", 160lbs, brown/brown, drama-free, disease-free, looking for SW/BM, 35-60, to talk to. I like movies, music, hanging out, travel, having fun. ☎317137

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?

WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. ☎280581

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME

SBF, 44, 5'2", 155lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. ☎284368

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. ☎289947

CURVACEOUS

SWF, 47, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys R&B music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎283605

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH

SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SBM, 30-43. ☎299111

ARE WE A MATCH?

SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. ☎299793

LADY OF QUALITY

SBF, 30-something, 5'7", laid-back, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loyal, faithful professional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, race open. ☎310218

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SBF, 44, N/S, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 39-49, N/S, hombody, to explore all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. ☎274519

LET'S TALK SOON!

I am 5'2", in my 60s, brown hair, brown eyes, W/LTM "tall" well-groomed, neat, 60-74 SWPM, who likes to travel, cards, casinos, dining out, exercise etc. Is this you? ☎982305

GREAT-LOOKING BF...

35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me; you won't be disappointed! ☎283172

BEAUTIFUL SBF...

37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. ☎271683

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT

SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes rollerskating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. ☎287305

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SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SM, 45-55, for friendship or more. ☎289151

PETITE AND CUTE

SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SWM, 36-45, who will love me for me. ☎294943

THAT SPECIAL ONE

SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SBM, 38-45, for possible relationship. ☎295026

SEEKING STRONG BM

Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. ☎295568

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH

Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. ☎295421

SEEKING A MATURE MAN

Attractive SBPF, 35, N/S, N/Drugs, would like to meet respectable, happy SBPM, 25-50, to enjoy life together. ☎300660

TAKE A CHANCE

SBPF looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. ☎306228

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, N/S, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. ☎310924

SINGLE DAD WELCOME

PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. ☎288002

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

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

SEEKING A REAL MAN

Retired SBF, 48, likes the internet, watching tv, shopping, visiting friends, picnics, taking walks, parks, dining, hanging out with friends. Looking for a SBWM, 29-58. ☎314707

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

WWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. ☎978914

LET'S GET TOGETHER

SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBWM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. ☎282444

OUTGOING

BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. ☎282940

PRETTY EYES

SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. ☎298970

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

Attractive SWF, 5'5", 125lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love the companionship of a pleasant gentleman, 65-75. ☎891247

WEST SIDE BEAUTY

Professionally employed in the beauty field. SWF, 5'6", slender, 54, seeks a gentleman, 44-52, HWP, many interests including music, movies, cultural events, camping, and most things outdoors. Light smoker, for friendship leading to relationship. Sincere responses only. ☎230791

ACTIVE WOMAN

SWF, 58, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. ☎282181

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. ☎279171

TAKE A CHANCE!

SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. ☎283845

IN SEARCH OF

a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. ☎288886

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS

BF, 5'5", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. 36-60. ☎284318

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP

SWF, 55, peppy about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. ☎284371

SINCERE AND HONEST

Happy SF loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SW/BM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. ☎284932

MATURE MAN WANTED

SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. ☎287858

KEEP COOL

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

WARM SMILE

SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! ☎287187

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD

SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 155lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. ☎282913

I NEED LOVE

Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves being loved. Seeking SB/BM, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. ☎300110

SEEKING SBM COMPANION

I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. ☎302311

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic SM, 40-65, N/S, who loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must be good SOH and self-worth. ☎282618

HOPING WE CLICK!

SBF, 23, 5'1", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-68, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk. ☎307550

STILL SEEKING

Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

MUST LOVE THE LORD

SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SB/HM, 18-27, for possible relationship. ☎311174

LOOK NO FURTHER

SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet that SM, 18-22, who is tired of playing games. ☎311011

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

DBF SEEKS LTR

Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unattached male, 48-65, not into games. Must be ready to start a new found friendship and see where it goes. Ballroom dancing is a plus. ☎310736

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN

WF, 5'9", blond/blue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. ☎310164

TIERED OF BEING ALONE

DBF, 50, 5'3", full-figured, N/S, loving, independent, intelligent, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, enjoys going out and romantic evenings at home. Seeking S/DBM, 50+, with similar qualities and interests, who wants to enjoy the rest of life with no drama. ☎311153

SOPHISTICATED LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, laid-back yet serious-minded and responsible, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, responsible, good sense of humor, with good values and morals, for serious relationship. ☎207254

PLUS-SIZED LADY...

34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! ☎217234

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 60s, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 60-72, financially secure, educated, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎630808

I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎588059

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Cool, humble BM, looking for a classy lady who is down-to-earth and likes having fun. 20-29. ☎294314

WORTH THE CALL

SBM, 35, no kids, looking for a SBF, 24-34, N/S, for good friendship possibly leading to more. Call me! ☎318056

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎289646

LET'S MAKE A CONNECTION

SWM, medical professional, 51, courteous, looking for fit single lady, 35-45, with whom to spend some quality time. Let's do dinner, movies, bowling, golf, tennis, swimming, or just kick back and watch a DVD. ☎310972

R U SEARCHING FOR ME?

WPM, 70, very active, affectionate, romantic, caring, SOH, N/S, seeks an Aries, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Libra or Sagittarius female, 55-70, for friendship and possible relationship. Race open. Disease-free, height-weight proportionate. Down River area. ☎146036

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT

WWWM, 46, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎265340

CALL ME

SM, 42, would like to meet a WF, 35-45, who is outgoing and fun to be with for LTR. If you're out there, please give me a call. ☎317043

YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE

SM, 5'8", 155lbs, brown eyes, interested in meeting a nice, honest, respectful, trustworthy woman, 35-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. ☎316761

HONESTY A MUST

SWM looking for an honest female, 18-44, who is interested in LTR. No games please. ☎317031

ARE WE A MATCH?

SWM, 30, 6'2", 175lbs, blond/blue, outgoing, playful, loves to talk. Looking for SF, 23-38, with same interests. ☎318166

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your investment. SBM, 58, seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. ☎313155

SOFT-SPOKEN

SM, 6'1", 200lbs, dark brown/hazel, very hard-working, looking for an honest, down-to-earth WF, 35-45, who likes movies, fishing, camping, hunting, biking riding and more. ☎316099

HARD-WORKER

SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. ☎290657

FEMININE LADY WANTED

Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, long walks, holding hands, good conversation, seeking sweet, feminine lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. ☎291990

LET'S GET GOING!

SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks a personable SWF for dating and more. ☎128302

A WALK AND A TALK

Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. ☎200890

EASYGOING

Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

SEEKING EBONY WOMAN

Attractive SWFM, 41, seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, HWP proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. ☎262579

WORTH A CALL

Attractive SBM, 36, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! ☎283615

WORTH THE CALL

SBM, 41, N/S, seeks open-minded, fun, nice young lady, 21-50, to spend some time together and get to know. ☎

Canton Strictly Business

BUSINESS MILESTONES

In the air

Foster Aviation is now open for business at the Willow Run airport, on the south side of the airfield in Hangar 2, Bay 6. Foster Aviation (www.foster-aviation.com) services all aircraft makes and models, including the MiG-17 and the MiG-21 that will be performing at the Thunder Over Michigan air show.

Development manager

Plymouth-based Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., announced the addition of Steven



Willobee

Willobee as community development manager. Willobee brings 10 years' experience helping governmental and private clients secure financial incentives and address federal, state and local requirements

associated with redevelopment projects.

He specializes in packaging and negotiating financial incentives for mixed-use, commercial, industrial, downtown revitalization and residential developments. Willobee holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Lake Superior State University and a master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan.

Health Screening Clinic

Meijer Pharmacy, located on Ford Road at Canton Center, will be holding their monthly health screening clinic 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 8. Cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screenings are available at a very affordable cost. Appointments are required; please contact the pharmacy for details at (734) 844-2733.

SpongeBob anniversary

This summer is SpongeBob Squarepants' 10th anniversary and

Borders is having a party.

It's SpongeBob's Day of Happiness 2 p.m. July 18, an event that will feature SpongeBob games, trivia and stories. This is NOT a costume character event. It's open to children ages 4-12.

• Evelyn Aschenbrenner will sign copies of her book, A History of Wayne State University in Photographs, 7 p.m. July 22.

• Borders also sponsors "Space Camp" 2 p.m. July 25. Attendees can celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Moon Landing. Bring out your inner astronaut with a special Kids Space Camp with games, trivia and stories.

All events are free. Borders is located at 43435 Ford Road in Canton.

Retail management

LaKritz-Weber & Company announced the formation of Retail Center Management, a new property management company which will actively handle third-party management,

lender distressed properties as well as the existing LaKritz-Weber portfolio.

Presently, the new company involves retail properties only. David Gronbach has joined Retail Center Management as its Executive Vice President and CEO. He brings to Retail Center Management more than 35 years of retail real estate experience. Formerly as vice president of Real Estate with a regionally based retailer with more than 70 locations, Gronbach has extensive knowledge and experience of commercial real estate, particularly in property and project management.

He is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, currently serving as the State Retail Chairman.

Gronbach is a graduate of Wayne State University and has a Michigan broker's license.

Golf outing

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing takes place Tuesday, Aug. 18, at Pheasant Run Golf Club of Canton. This event is open to the public, and there are various packages available for purchase.

- Golf for Four Package, \$550- Includes golf with cart for four, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package and more!
- Golf for Four Sponsorship Package, \$650- Includes golf for four with cart and a Tee or Green Sponsorship, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package, signage at the course, recognition at the dinner, and a plaque.
- Individual Golf, \$150- Includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package, and more.
- Dinner Only, \$35

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's Golf classic is one of the most popular events of the year, bringing together over 200 golfers and volunteers. It's an outing for everyone, from the serious golfer to the person that has never golfed.

"Our golf outing offers a great opportunity to reward employees and/or potential clients, and helps to promote your business while supporting camaraderie amongst your employees," said Dianne Cojei, President of Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Tee and Green sponsorships are available and affordable. If you are interested in purchasing a sponsorship, contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Major Sponsors of this event are Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, Jack Demmer Ford, Inc., Lou LaRiche Chevrolet and Yazaki North America, Inc.

Think first: Loyalty, love not part of investment equation

It's hard to believe that in six weeks General Motors declared bankruptcy, developed a reorganization plan, had the plan accepted by the creditors and now has become the new General Motors.

The new GM is supposedly leaner and meaner and better able to compete in the worldwide economy. Hopefully, this will be the case, however, it is still too early to tell. After all, worldwide the entire auto industry is experiencing difficulties and the new GM will undoubtedly face certain challenges.

While in some ways the new GM looks the same as the old yet in other ways it will be totally different. One way is ownership. One new owner — the U.S. government — has received very little publicity. The U.S. government owns a majority of the new



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

or bad, on how the company is managed.

You may be asking what happened to all the individual shareholders that owned General Motors stock before it went into bankruptcy. The short answer is they received nothing from their invest-

ment. In addition, the Canadian government, along with the United Auto Workers Health Trust, will also be major shareholders in the new General Motors.

The fact that governments are now the major shareholders will certainly have an effect, good

ment. Their investment in the old GM is worthless and they have no ownership interest in the new company.

Lost in the discussion of the General Motors bankruptcy has been the individual shareholder. The individual shareholder virtually had no rights in the bankruptcy.

I believe it is important to understand what happened to the individual shareholder because, unfortunately, too many individuals continued to retain GM stock even as its finances continued to fail, not because they thought it was a solid investment but out of loyalty. Loyalty is a great attribute in many situations. However, as an investor loyalty should not factor into the decision making process. Your investments don't love you, so you

shouldn't love them.

Never forget we invest money to make money. That concept should be the guiding light when it comes to investing. Unfortunately, many investors forget about that and let other things such as loyalty enter into the equation. The result is that investors who were loyal to GM now find their investment is worthless. They have no ownership interest in the new company and all they will receive is a tax write off.

The fact that shareholders will have no interest in the new GM is not surprising. It wasn't too long ago the same thing happened to Kmart shareholders.

Investors have to realize that in a bankruptcy preceding the shareholder is last in line. When a publicly held company declares

bankruptcy, shareholders will not benefit.

Whenever you buy a stock and invest in equities there is a risk that if the company does run into financial difficulty, your investment may become worthless. This is a risk that every investor has to accept. After all, if it can happen to GM, it can happen to any company.

Even though investors cannot prevent companies from going into bankruptcy, they need to be monitor their investments. Loyalty should not be a consideration in deciding to sell.

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Having 'Hope'

A ribbon cutting was held recently to commemorate the opening of Hope Health Care Center. Hope Health Care Center is located at 38410 Cherry Hill Road in Westland. Attending this event were employees, township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents.

CHAMBER CHAT

Grub Crawl

Canton Chamber of Commerce, Charter Township of Canton and the Downtown Development Authority will be co-hosting Canton's eighth annual Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. 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, Applebee's, 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. Fridays.

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.

Contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040, or log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

Texas Hold 'Em

We still need volunteers for the Texas Hold 'em fund-raiser. We need volunteers for the 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. shift for both September and October. If you are interested in volunteering, e-mail dianne@cantorchamber.com.

Photo gallery

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has added a new and exciting feature to the Chamber Web site at www.cantonchamber.com.

"We now have a Photo Gallery, that covers all of our Chamber Events," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. We have photos from all of our 2009 Ribbon Cuttings as well as our Luncheons, After

Hours, Networking Coffees, Auction, Consumer Expos and much more.

The Chamber Web site offers a complete Directory listing of our members by category and/or by company name. We also offer easy access to other Web sites including Shop Canton, Canton Township, Canton DDA, Leisure Services, S.C.O.R.E. and much more. The Chamber Web site offers coupons and discounts for members, residents and visitors. Looking for a place to hold a meeting? Looking for a good place to eat? The Canton chamber Web site has it all... just go to www.cantonchamber.com

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is a member driven organization dedicated to stimulating positive business growth, fostering community leadership and acting as an advocate for the business community. For more information, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

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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.

JULY 23-29

Golf outing deadline

July 25 is the final day to register for the 14th Annual Ed Day Golf Classic, sponsored by the athletics program of St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia. The event will start at 9 a.m. Aug. 8, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia and includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental, lunch at the turn, banquet dinner in the clubhouse, prizes, and fun for all. Teams and individual golfers are welcome and sponsorships are still available. Half of the team deposit is required at registration. All golfers must be at least 18 and soft spikes are required. Register online at www.livonia.stmichael.org or by calling (734) 464-4523; (734) 968-3161; or (734) 777-8791.

Annual soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church provides an opportunity for beginning and intermediate soccer players to learn and develop proper skills and knowledge of the game through a mini-camp, 6:30-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 27-30 at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. The mini-camp offers small group instruction and individual attention for boys and girls of any skill level, age 5-12 years. Call (734) 522-6830 or visit www.christoursavior.org. Cost is \$30 per student, includes instruction, T-shirt, snacks, and a soccer ball to take home. Fee payable at time of registration.

Vacation Bible School

"Good News Clues," 6-8:30 p.m., July 27-31, at Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia. Aimed at grades 1-6. Register by calling Melissa at (734) 466-8694.

JULY 30-AUG. 5

Vacation Bible school

9 a.m.-noon, Aug. 3-7, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, in Livonia. Activities include worship, crafts, games, science, music, Bible stories and more. Registration is \$25 for the first child in the family,

\$20 for the second child, and \$15 for each additional child. Registration fees include a T-shirt for each child and a VBS music CD. Call Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-0307, or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz for additional details and registration information.

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

■ New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville, offers a jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays, a reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays. (734) 846-4615

■ 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

Volkmar 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 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 for information.

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 (nonperishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this 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.reallifeyouth.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.oa.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.

Thrift store

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

Worship

■ 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.

■ New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville: 11 a.m., Sunday. (734) 846-4615 or www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com

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■ Westwood Community Church, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland: 10-11:15 a.m., Sunday. Come as you are. Coffee and doughnuts, children's church every Sunday.



EVELYN BRAGG DANIEL

On Monday, July 13, 2009, Evelyn Bragg Daniel, 87, went to be with her Lord, and to be greeted by all of her loved ones who have gone before her. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at Arlington Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Arlington Funeral Home. Evelyn was born July 5, 1922, in Moscow, Ky. She was the daughter of Woodford and Mora Bragg. She married Wiley Daniel in 1940, and they had five children while living in Union City, Tenn. Evelyn moved to Plymouth, MI in 1954 where she worked and retired from the Plymouth School District. After retirement they returned to Clinton, Ky. and lived there for two years before moving to Texas. Evelyn was a member of Lamar Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wiley; twins; two sisters, Lena and Edith; and three brothers, Aaron, Morris, and Gene. Survivors: Sons, Lynn Daniel and wife, Toni, and John Daniel and wife, Ann; daughter, Mary Jean Steinmetz and husband, Melvin; she will be missed by all of them, as well as her six grandchildren, David Daniel, Richard Daniel, Kim Peach, Sarah Steinmetz, Greg Daniel, and Jennifer Bassier; and five great-grandchildren, Lane, Isabella, Cooper, Landon, and Campbell. Arlington Funeral Home, 1221 E. Division St., 817-548-1791

MILLIE D. HENSLEY

Age 78, July 12, 2009. Beloved wife of Howard for 60 years. Sister of Duane (Velda) Durham and Helen Durham. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. She was a wonderful lady who will be missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service Thursday 11:30am at the John N. Santeu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). Memorials suggested to the USO.

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DOWNEY LAMB

86 years old long - time resident of Redford, Michigan. This loving, thoughtful, compassionate, generous, independent woman passed away 6.29.09. Loving wife of the late Robert A. Lamb. Proud loving mother of Michael (Diana) Lamb, Linda (Bill) Lawshe, Steven (the late Terrie) Lamb. Loving Grandmother of Todd, Patrick, Jasone, Benjamin Timothy, Stacy & the late Jeffrey and a "new" grandmother to Pete, Angela and Ryan. And loving Great-grandmother of Isabella, Maggie & Lucus. Dale was the eldest daughter of the Late Mary (Gouge) and Charles Downey of Royal Oak, Michigan. She was the eldest sister of Marilyn (Pat) Feore, Crystal (Don) Gurey, Emily (Gail) Lovelace, Chuck (the late Barbara) Downey and the late Carol Watson. She was a graduate of The Royal Oak High School class of 1940. Please join us for a Memorial Celebration Sat., July 18th 1:00 pm until Service at 2:00 pm at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (Btwn. 6 - 7 Mile). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to: Brain Injury Assoc. of Michigan, 7305 Grand River, Suite 100, Brighton, Michigan 48114 (envelopes available @ service). And, per Mom's wishes, please join us for a picnic/swim celebration @ Mike & Diana's house after her Memorial Service.

RONALD A. SCHOMER

Age 61, of Westland, July 13, 2009. Beloved husband of Sandra. Loving father of Lisa (Pat) McDonagh, Lori (Stephen) Garchar, Ronald (Penny) Schomer Jr., Clint (Jennifer) Farley and Jonathan (Erika) Farley. Dearest grandfather of 10. He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Jeannette Schomer. Funeral service is Thursday, 10:30 AM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Tuesday, 6:00-9:00 PM and Wednesday, 12:00-9:00 PM. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

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Go 'behind the scenes' of dailies during Historical Society tour

The Detroit Historical Society's popular weekly "Behind the Scenes" series, sponsored by the DTE Energy Foundation, continues with a special tour of the Detroit Media Partnership Sterling Heights Operations Facility at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 25.

The *Detroit Free Press* was first published as the *Democratic Free Press* and *Michigan Intelligencer* in 1831. The *Detroit News* began publication in 1873 and rented space in the *Detroit Free Press* building. In 1987, the two newspapers entered into a 100-year joint operating agreement that combined their business operations and resulted in the Detroit Media Partnership.

During this special tour, guests will go behind the scenes at the Sterling Heights Operations Facility and see how the papers are created, printed and distributed to your doorstep.

The cost for the tour is \$20 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$30 for guests. Telephone reservations can be accepted with a Visa or MasterCard 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Tickets are not sold the day of the tour. Those who register receive directions to the tour location, a map, and additional information in the mail prior to the tour.

For more information or to reserve a spot, call (313) 833-1801, or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's Sports section

Physical therapist assistant comes to the rescue for Detroit Zoo flamingo

The Detroit Zoo's keeper staff had to think outside the bird's nest recently when it came to treating the bowed leg of one of its flamingos. A therapeutic taping method most commonly known for its use on athletes at the 2008 Beijing Olympics turned out to be the perfect solution.

While hand-rearing Ashton, a male Chilean flamingo born in October 2008, bird care staff noticed a progressive rotation in one leg as he continued to grow. When regular exercise did not solve the problem, it became evident that alternative treatment would be necessary. If left untreated, the condition can lead to scar tissue formation and a painful arthritic condition from bone-on-bone contact.

Zookeepers and veterinary staff thought Ashton's leg abnormality could be remedied noninvasively and enlisted the help of Stacey Lonser, a local physical therapist assistant trained in the Kinesio Taping Method. The therapeutic taping method, using Kinesio Tex Tape, is traditionally used on humans to decrease pain, increase circulation and restore tissue normality. The tape drew worldwide attention last year when it was used on prominent athletes — including USA Olympic beach volleyball gold medalist Kerri Walsh — at the Summer Games.

Kinesio Tex Tape, which is durable, elastic and waterproof, uses stretch to re-educate the neuromuscular system. Once applied, the tape gently recoils toward its anchor, providing non-restrictive support and allowing a full range of motion. With the Kinesio Taping Method, Ashton is able to engage in regular activity while the tape encourages proper bone alignment.

Once a week, Lonser visits the Detroit Zoo on her own time to measure Ashton's progress and

re-apply the tape. Since beginning treatment in April, the flamingo's leg has improved from being twisted at a 12-degree angle to a 4-degree angle. Zookeepers plan to continue Ashton's treatment for a few more weeks, at which time a full recovery is anticipated.

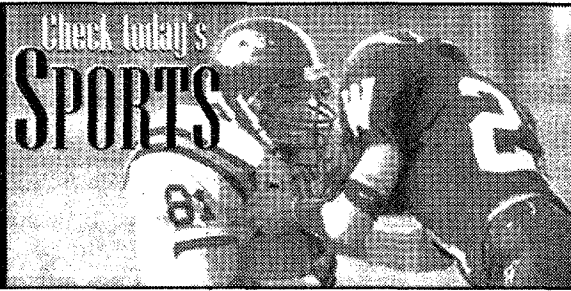
"We are pleased with the results of the taping method and feel fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Stacey to noninvasively improve the health of the flamingo," said Director of Conservation and Animal Welfare Scott Carter.

Detroit Zoo visitors can see Ashton — still sporting his Kinesio Tex Tape — and the other two dozen Chilean flamingos in the South American animals habitat across from the Horace H. Rackham Memorial Fountain.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a non-profit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October (open at 9 a.m. May 1 through Labor Day) — with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August — and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March.

Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org. The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round and provides educational programming with interpretive staff support from the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 852-4056.

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Feel the thunder, see the speed, precision at air show

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Watching the Blue Angels perform is something you feel as much as you see as the jets roar above performing awe-striking maneuvers.

If your breath isn't taken away by the enormity of the machines and the blasts of the rumbling engines, the skill and precision of the pilots certainly will during Thunder Over Michigan Air Show, beginning at 9 a.m. July 18-19 at Willow Run Airport. Tickets are \$20 and children 15 and younger are admitted free.

The performance by the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels is sponsored by Chrysler Jeep Superstore and the Yankee Air Museum.

"It's an overwhelming response when the Blue Angels come to town," said Kevin Walsh, Air Show director for Thunder Over Michigan.

Between 80,000 and 100,000 people are expected to watch the show featuring the F-16 East Coast Demo Team and Herc Invasion, a line-up of C-130 Hercules aircraft in celebration of the Her's 55 years of global airlift power.

Maj. Nathan Miller of Lapeer is flying in his third and last year with the Blue Angels.

"Some people say it's a rush," Miller said. "I wouldn't call it that. It's exhilarating. You're mentally and physically involved in the 40-minute show."

Watching the planes dive and flip prompt many to wonder about the danger.

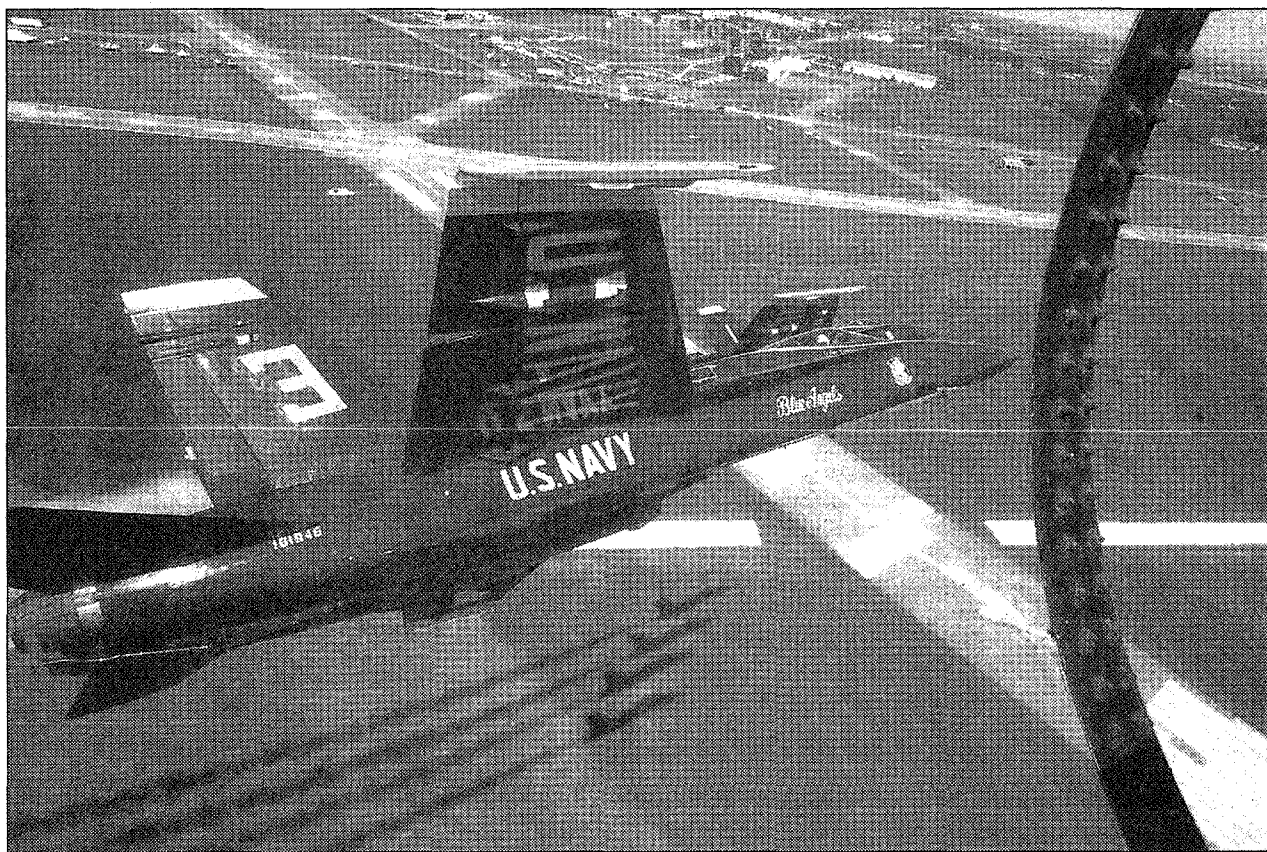
"You take the risk out by reviewing the tapes every flight," Miller said.

NEW MUSEUM

Blue Angel fans will see top fighters and bombers of World War II, a special salute to Vietnam and modern aerial demos.

Proceeds will go to rebuild a new museum complex following an October 2004 fire that devastated the entire WWII hangar and most of its contents. The museum is housed in Hangar 2 on the southwest side of Willow Run.

The fire destroyed a prototype North American YOY-10A Bronco, Waco CG-4A Glider, Republic F-105,



Blue Angels airplanes fly in tight formation.

Aero L-39, Link Trainer, artifacts, spare parts, tools and the museum's library.

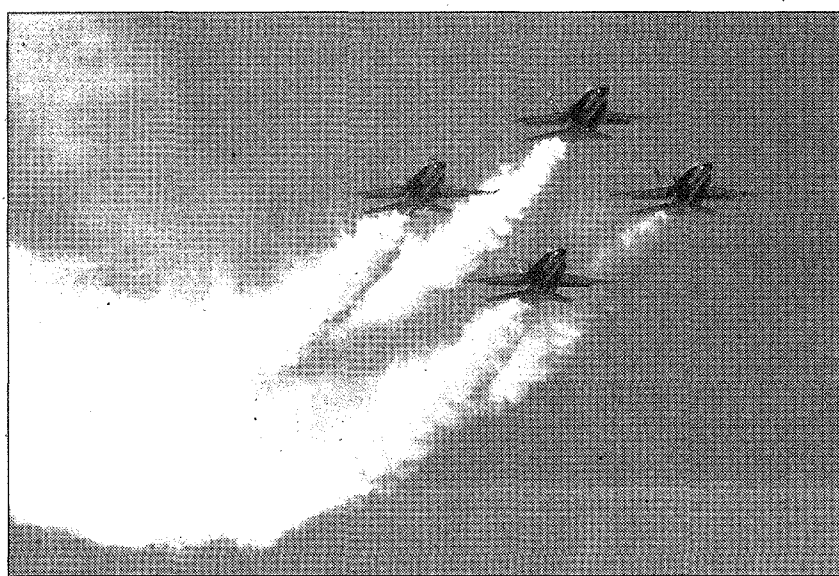
Reconstruction plans are under way and the objective of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation Inc. is to build a greatly expanded, state-of-the-art aviation museum and aerospace facility to replace what was lost.

Thunder Over Michigan is expected to raise between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

"Our main goal is always to break even and then make money on the back side," Walsh said. "Fund raising in this economic climate is tough. We are at a point where we're back on our feet."

The Blue Angels are scheduled to fly 69 air shows at 35 air show sites in the United States from March to mid-November. Last season, more than 13 million spectators watched the Blue Angels perform.

"The majority of our crowds are non-aviation enthusiasts," Walsh said. "The Blue Angels are a big



The Blue Angels fly in a diamond formation.

name. People know they're going to see a great show. By having the non-aviation buffs out there that gives us a chance to introduce them to the

Yankee Air Museum and get them to become members and become involved."



Blue Angels pilots ready for a flight.

DREAM CAREER

The Navy and Marine Corps also use the Blue Angels as a recruiting tool.

Blue Angel pilots practice 150-175 hours before performing in their first show, Miller said.

"Then every practice is a show and every show is a practice," he adds. "Our mission is to recruit. We have been told there are spikes (in recruitments) after the shows. We have those kids who dream about what they want to be. And we provide hope to older people. They tell us, 'Thank you for your service in the military.'"

A Blue Angels flight demonstration exhibits choreographed refinements of skills possessed by all naval aviators. It includes the graceful aerobatic maneuvers of the four-plane Diamond Formation, in concert with the fast-paced, high-performance maneuvers of its two Solo Pilots.

Finally, the team illustrates the pinnacle of precision flying, performing maneuvers locked as a unit in the renowned, six-jet Delta Formation.

The team is stationed at Forrest Sherman Field, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., during the show season. However, the squadron spends January through March training pilots and new team members at Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif.

Since inception in 1946, the Blue Angels have performed for more than 455 million fans.

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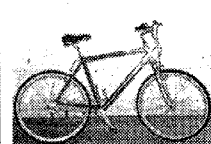
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Garage Sales 7110

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LIVONIA 2 Family - July 16-17, 9-5pm & July 18, 9-3pm. 20025 Irving (W of Farmington, N of 7 Mile).

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Details: Artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition

Contact: (248) 684-2613, www.HotWorks.com



Carnation, by Laura Williams, is on display in a show of floral works at Northville Art House.

ART EXHIBITS

Art in Bloom

Time/Date: Through July 18

Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, Northville

Details: All-media juried floral arts show. Free

Contact: 248-344-0497, www.northvillearts.org

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays.

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Three original sketch comedies 8 p.m. Thursdays: Jeremy Conn and Garrett Fuller, both of Garden City, perform in their one-act comedic play, Travel Earth Timeshares, through Sept. 24. Wednesdays, admission \$5; shows at 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m. Thursdays, admission \$10; shows 8 p.m., 10 p.m., 11:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, admission \$15 for early shows and \$5 for late show; 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., Sundays, admission \$10 for early show, \$5 second and third shows. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is at 10 p.m., Wednesdays.

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday thru Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, Inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall

Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free

Contact: (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

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Time/Date: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

Callahan's Music Hall

Time/Date: Summertime blues concerts, 8 p.m. Tinsley Ellis, July 24

Location: 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills

Contact: www.atcallahans.com, (248) 858-9508

Clutch Cargo

Time/Date: 8 p.m., July 17, Peter Murphy with special guests, Venus Infers

Location: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac

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Comerica Park

Time/Date: Kid Rock, July 18; Vans Warped Tour, July 31

Contact: 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Heritage Park

Time/Date: "Stars in the Park" Thursday nights

Location: Heritage Park, 24915

Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Rain-out site, Costick Center

Contact: (248) 473-1857, www.fhgov.com

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: The Original Wailers, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. To Freedom, Aug. 16; AJA, Aug. 21

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Meadow Brook Music Festival

Time/Dates: ABBA The Tour, July 16; Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, July 17; Chris Isaak, July 19; Gordon Lightfoot, July 23; Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 25, 26 & 31 and Aug. 1-2; Jackson Browne, July 27; Comedian Jim Gaffigan, Aug. 7; George Thorogood & The Destroyers/Jonny Lang, Aug. 16; Peter Frampton, Aug. 22; O.A.R. with special guest Brett Dennen, Sept. 4

Location: 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills

Contact: (248) 377-0100, Ticketmaster.com

Northville Friday Night Concerts

Time/Dates: 7-9 p.m., The Kris K Band, July 17; Soul Academy, July 24; Fifty Amp Fuse, July 31

Location: Town Square.

Contact: (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org

Oakland Community College

Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Highland Lakes Campus. July 21, Jim Dignan & Swing Shift; July 28, Partly Brothers; Aug. 4, Pamela Wise and the Latin Jazz All Stars; Aug. 11, Cats and the Fiddle; Aug. 18: Blackthorn

Details: Free summer concerts

Location: 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford



Alan Parsons will perform July 17 at DTE Energy Music Theatre in the Alan Parsons Live Project.

DTE Energy Music Theatre

Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Alan Parsons Live Project with special guest The Orchestra, featuring former members of Electric Light Orchestra and Electric Light Orchestra Part II

Location: 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston

Contact: (248) 377-0100 or Palacenet.com

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Dates: Beyonce, July 18; Jonas Brothers w/Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, July 26; The Wiggles, Aug. 14; AC/DC, Aug. 16; Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16; Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24

Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills

Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

Riley Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Fridays

Details: Rhythmz in Riley Park

Location: Downtown Farmington.

Contact: www.DowntownFarmington.org

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Marquis Theatre

Time/Dates: "Rumplestiltskin," Aug. 8-Sept. 20; "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up

Location: 135 E. Main, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

Northville Tunes on Tuesday

Time/Dates: Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express, July 21; Palamazo, July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Town Square

Contact: (248) 349-0203, www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Annual art fair offers smaller alternative to Ann Arbor fests

BY SHARON DARGAY
& E STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for a small, "accessible" art fair this weekend, you won't have to drive farther than Farmington.

The community's Art on the Grand runs Friday-Sunday and offers more than 50 art booths, along with entertainment and children's activities.

Nancy Coumoundouros of Farmington Hills Culture Arts Division, says that although the Ann Arbor Art Fair is scheduled for the same weekend, Art on the Grand, a juried show, will draw its own, albeit smaller, crowds.

"We've found that we bring people in from outside our area," Coumoundouros said. "It's small — Ann Arbor's is mammoth — but ours is very friendly and it's an interactive one."

Artists, both local and from out of state, will sell their works in 55 booths. Coumoundouros said about 80 artists will be represented in total, because the Farmington artist tent will show a mix of works from its members.

New this year is Odds and Ends, a couple that creates "fantastic" face painting.

"We've always had face painters, but I've seen their work and I was impressed. They have their own special style. They do large pieces on faces."

A henna artist also will be on hand this year to create intricate, temporary tattoos.

The entertainment schedule offers musically diverse performers. A fan dancing troupe from Farmington Hills will execute their moves in colorful Korean dress. Rock and Soul, a local duet, sings pop and oldies, and Simpatico plays jazz.

A returning favorite to the fair, Robert Shangle, will impress with his ability to mimic a statue.

"Isn't he wonderful? He's one of the best highlights of the festival," said Coumoundouros, adding that this is Shangle's third year at Art on the Grand.

"It's a riot to see his effect on the crowd. Some can't believe he's not a statue. We keep inviting him back. I've seen a lot of living statues, but he is the best."

"He's from Oklahoma and he says this is one of his favorite fairs."

Look for Shangle from 1-7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Here's the rest of the entertainment and activity schedule:

■ Friday, July 17

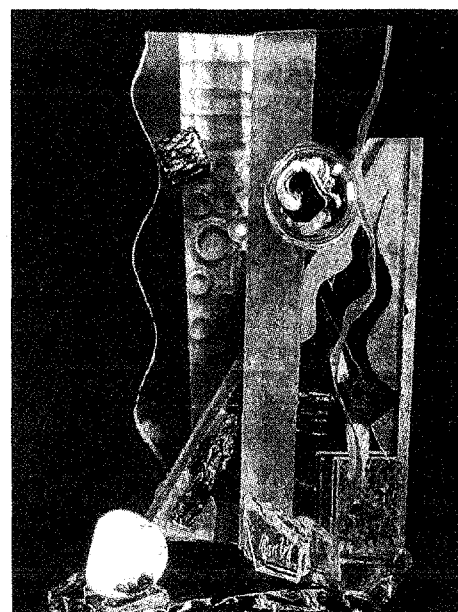
Noon to 8 p.m. free children's art tent; 4-9 p.m. artistic face painting; 4-5 p.m. Max Reid & Tommy Brigham; 5-6 p.m. Rob Hayes; 7-8 p.m. Steve Schriemer, 8-9 p.m. Bob Young Band

■ Saturday, July 18

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. free children's art tent; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. artistic face painting;



Robert Shangle, "the Living Statue" holds his pose, sitting next to Alyssa Costyk.



Glass art by Steve Brewster, one of the artists who will exhibit at Art on the Grand.

2-2:30 p.m. Korean fan dancing troupe; 2:30-4 p.m. David Nefsh; 4:30-6 p.m. Bobby Pennock Band; 7-9 p.m. Rock & Soul.

■ Sunday, July 19

Noon to 5 p.m. free children's art tent and artistic face painting; 1-2 p.m. Darwin Mamassian; 2-3 p.m. John Nativ; 3-5 p.m. Simpatico.

ART ON THE GRAND

What: More than 50 artist booths with more than 80 artists showing their works; entertainment; children's activities

When: Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 19

Where: Downtown Farmington, in the park at Farmington Road and Grand River Avenue

Admission: Free



The Korean fan dancing troupe will perform at Art on the Grand.

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Summer plants, flowers can spruce up home, don't cost a fortune to put in and maintain

BY JULIE BROWN
OSE STAFF WRITER

Summertime, and the living is easy, with plenty of flowers, shrubs and trees to make your home attractive.

Local gardening experts agree you don't need to spend a fortune to spruce up your home with plants and flowers. Anita Callender, Master Gardener volunteer coordinator for Wayne County, noted much work begins in spring with soil preparation and planting, "putting the right plant in the right place."

Garden City resident Callender puts larger, taller plants in back, smaller in front, "basically have it go down like a hill."

You need to remember that plants will get bigger, she said, so don't space them too closely together. Plants can grow in and up to cover the ground at full size.

"I use triple shredded (mulch) in my beds," Callender said. Mulch helps to keep water in the soil, and keep weed seeds from germinating.

Midsummer's a good time to mulch and keep weeds down. "They can take perennials and convert their major beds to perennials," said Callender, who attributes her difficulty with roses to her childhood efforts to tend them for her parents.

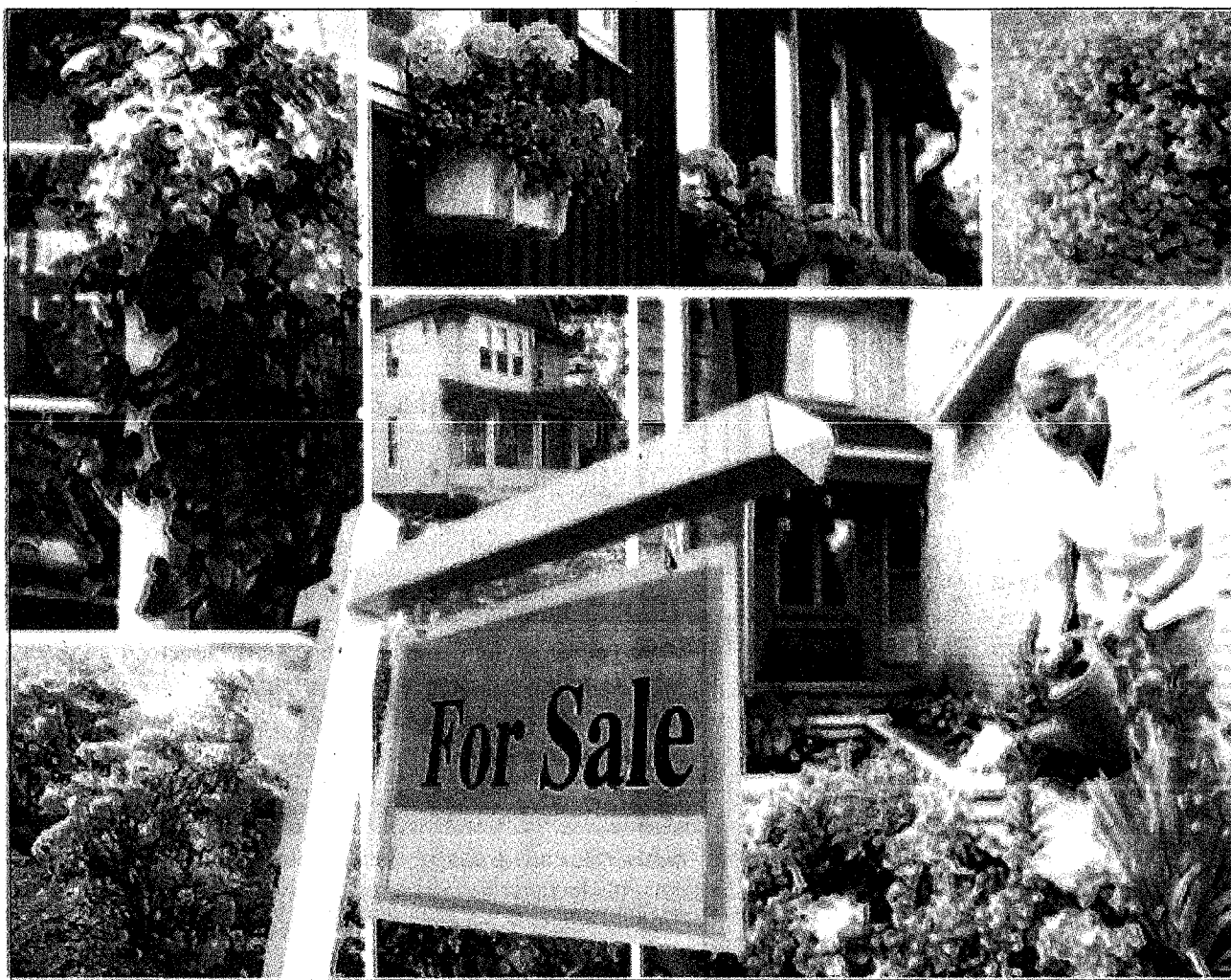
Tim Parker, general manager at Plymouth Nursery, recommends a soaker hose, which can be put on a timer, for watering. "You get a good, deep watering," the Pinckney resident said, noting water doesn't hit the foliage and keeps it cleaner.

"That's probably the biggest thing, watering," he said. Some people forget to feed plants; Parker recommends slow-release fertilizers. You can use Miracle-Gro or slow-release pellets on hanging baskets.

"There are also a lot of organic choices out there," he said.

Fall bulbs will be available for ordering now, but it's best to wait until it's cooler out to plant them. "It's always think ahead in your planting schedule," Callender said.

When Callender first became a Master Gardener, she was enthralled with just about all plants and didn't think through their use. "I didn't go with a plan."



She's learned since then, and encourages gardeners to do their homework on the type of plants they're getting. Some hostas, for example, can take a full day of sun.

Callender "deadheads" her flowers in summer: "When a bloom is half done, deadhead it." By removing the bloom, it may bloom again in the same season. You'll have continuous color and the texture of leaves.

Callender has some 75-100 square feet of flowers in a couple beds at her Garden City home, and needs minimal time to deadhead them — even though she's been on crutches after a fall.

If you begin to look at fall catalogs for bulbs, consider size and quality. "There are some companies that are far better than others," she said.

Some larger bulbs planted in fall will bloom as early as next spring.

"That's probably one of the best times of year to plant your perennials," she added of fall, noting there are good sales at garden centers.

Parker's excited about an endless summer hydrangea, developed in Minnesota so you know it's hardy. It will continue to bloom on old and new wood. He also cited a new amber-color flower carpet rose. That's used more like a shrub bed, and is found at subdivision entryways and even in commercial use.

Plymouth Nursery has a "Lo and Behold" butterfly bush which is smaller, low and compact. It's a prolific bloomer, Parker said.

He's been pleased with gardening business in April and May, noting customer counts are up but people are watching spending. "They're just not buying as much and they're not buying the bigger ticket items," he said.

Landscape contracting is doing well at Plymouth Nursery, he added.

There's a Wayne County hotline for gardening questions, (734) 727-7240, staffed 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m. Thursdays April through September. Her office on Venoy in the city of Wayne also offers diagnostic clinics for problem plants, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Thursdays. Price is \$6, payable by check only, and clinics run through Sept. 24.

You can get a soil test kit from Wayne County by calling Callender at (734) 727-7238, with cost of \$13.78 payable by check only. Fall's a good time to check on soil preparation, she said, noting lawn needs are different from those of a tomato or hydrangea.

Callender can also be reached via e-mail at acallend@co.wayne.mi.us.

Release limits action against developer

Q: I have been on the Board of Directors of a condominium association for five years, and have observed that the developer, who we had to sue, retained a management company who recommended the lawyer that we used to sue the developer. I don't think the lawyer was aggressive enough, and I think the management company recommended the lawyer because of that. What can I do about it at this point?

A: Unfortunately, you can't do much if, in fact, the lawsuit with the developer has been resolved and, you have given the developer a release. At least you are knowledgeable enough



Robert Meisner

to recognize what many boards have not seen, and that is that developers retain management companies who in turn recommend lawyers who

the developer knows will not be aggressive enough in pursuing the developer. Your best bet is to retain an attorney who does not have any affiliation with any management company and who is prepared to be aggressive in pursuing the developer and, for that matter, the management company. Absent that independence, you are still under the thumb of the developer long after it is out of the project.

Q: We have been provided with a contract by a new management company that provides that the managing agent can receive financial benefits from the contractors with whom the association contracts. Do you think that is proper?

A: I think that the managing agent is honest enough to be telling you that it is getting a kickback (which frequently happens in the management world), but it is still unethical and inappropriate and should be deleted from the contract. I would also seriously question whether or not hiring a managing agent who tries to acknowledge that he is getting kickbacks from contractors with whom the association operates is the person with whom you want to do business. Setting aside the ethical considerations, you may be looking for legal problems down the road.

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.

BRIEFS

Foreclosure help

As the dates near for free public seminars offering information and resources to homeowners at risk of foreclosure, support continues to grow through local communities and school districts throughout southeast Michigan by aiding in distribution of information.

"We know that some homeowners are embarrassed to admit they have a problem paying their mortgage. In fact, they will just avoid contact with their creditors," said Dale E. Smith, Western Wayne Oakland Association of Realtors executive vice president. "These public sessions are designed to provide the public with the information they need, without having to give the presenters any personal information."

All homeowners currently or potentially facing a foreclosure are encouraged to attend to learn about the foreclosure process and what can be done during these tough economic times. Representatives from various state and local organizations will be available during these seminars to answer all questions and provide information on the foreclosure programs they have available as well as other resources available. These seminars are scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, at Northwest Activity Center, located at 18100 Meyers in Detroit along with another date set for Thursday, July 23,

at Embassy Suites in Southfield, located at 28100 Franklin Road, from 6-8:30 p.m.

Further details can be found online at www.MIREALTORS.com.

Career seminar

Keller Williams Realty, 366422 Five Mile in Livonia, will offer a 59-minute Career Seminar 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, for those interested in real estate careers. Questions regarding startup costs, commission and success potential will be covered. To reserve a seat, call (734) 266-9000.

BIA

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.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a Certified Graduate Builder seminar, "Construction Contract & Law," on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will provide attendees with a step-by-step explanation of how contracts sustain positive customer and supplier relations, provide for resolution of disputes, and minimize the risk of litigation.

Participants will learn about mandatory and optional provisions, warranties, and arbitration procedures. Participants earn credit toward Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder or Certified Graduate Remodeler designation.

Registration fees are \$155 for National Association of Home Builders Professional Remodelers members, \$175 for BIA members, and \$200 for guests. For more information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 6-10, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	4169 Arcadia Dr 2682 Croftmill Dr	\$326,000 \$130,000
Birmingham	825 N Glenhurst Dr 1115 N Old Woodward Ave 731 S Bates St 142 Westchester Way	\$300,000 \$200,000 \$625,000 \$200,000
Bloomfield Hills	2378 Hickory Glen Dr 2441 Hickory Glen Dr	\$275,000 \$241,000
Bloomfield Township	594 Kendry 3631 Wabeker Rd	\$180,000 \$370,000
Clarkston	8963 Morning Mist Dr 9653 Norman Rd 7130 Talnuck Ct	\$367,000 \$258,000 \$310,000
Commerce Township	7969 Farrant St	\$480,000
Farmington Hills	28298 Burton Ln 28165 Forestbrook Dr 28395 Grand Duke Dr	\$213,000 \$175,000 \$160,000

29234 Oak Point Dr	\$185,000
27900 W 11 Mile Rd	\$112,000
Lake Orion	
3664 Green Meadow Ln	\$213,000
3179 Walden Ridge Dr	\$195,000
Milford	
1980 Dunhill Dr	\$275,000
Northville	
1087 Allen Dr	\$207,000
20726 Taft Rd	\$40,000
Novi	
51014 Alfami Ct	\$360,000
26475 Mandalay Cir	\$805,000
25704 Shoreline Dr	\$539,000
24630 Simmons Dr	\$156,000
Oakland Township	
3660 Collins Rd	\$160,000
Oxford	
617 Doral Dr	\$135,000
1143 Fountain View Ln	\$153,000
2145 Heidi Dr	\$280,000
3699 Highview Dr	\$430,000
3875 Victoria Ct	\$144,000
818 W Peninsula Ct	\$233,000
1445 Wood Trl	\$375,000
Rochester Hills	
2899 Avalon Rd	\$89,000
3656 Charwood Dr	\$230,000
2963 Fair Acres Dr	\$330,000
3906 Hidden Creek Ct	\$206,000
95 Nesbit Ln	\$115,000
1812 Thomas Ct	\$115,000
2501 Tower Hill Ln	\$250,000
456 Wimpole Dr	\$164,000

1008 Birchway Ct 23597 Prescott Ln W		\$240,000 \$425,000
	Southfield	
18205 Lincoln Dr 25441 Saint James		\$33,000 \$60,000
	Sylvan Lake	
1656 Beverly St		\$61,000
	Troy	
66 Alganssee Dr 3663 Forge Dr 419 Hartland Dr 2043 Lancer Ct 48 Webb Dr		\$82,000 \$160,000 \$85,000 \$320,000 \$170,000
	Walled Lake	
3108 Addington Dr 29104 Chesapeake Cir 1487 Harbor Dr		\$80,000 \$130,000 \$33,000
	Waterford	
4450 Cheeseman Ave 4200 Court Anthony 4308 Heatherstone Dr 500 Marion Ave 42 S Avery Rd 457 S Hospital Rd 935 Sarena Ave 107 Scott Lake Rd 2737 Silverhill Dr		\$120,000 \$202,000 \$155,000 \$145,000 \$114,000 \$105,000 \$119,000 \$63,000 \$417,000
	West Bloomfield	
5594 Bayswater Rd 3440 Lone Pine Rd 5450 Nardo Ct 4065 Orchard Crest Ct		\$203,000 \$575,000 \$175,000 \$225,000
	Wolverine Lake	
688 Wolverine Dr		\$215,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 30 to April 3, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

	Canton	
4143 Cornerstone Dr		\$46,000
46892 Creeks Bnd		\$187,000
48046 Gladstone Rd		\$310,000
42720 Hanford Rd		\$143,000
45478 Muirfield Dr		\$333,000
4399 Southbridge Dr		\$46,000
6178 Winter Dr		\$155,000
	Garden City	
31485 Alvin St		\$155,000
28910 Florence St		\$35,000
1659 Harrison St		\$158,000
	Livonia	
14522 Blue Skies St		\$168,000

18521 Deering St		\$30,000
36066 Howell Ave		\$208,000
8980 Melrose Ave		\$98,000
9255 Montana St		\$140,000
14942 Pere St		\$180,000
Northville		
18939 Bella Vista Ct		\$381,000
44043 Cypress Point Dr		\$505,000
16104 Morningside		\$137,000
46361 N Valley Dr		\$338,000
Plymouth		
44960 Albert Dr		\$190,000
41255 Greenbriar Ln		\$188,000
9060 Trillium Ln		\$227,000
Redford		
16668 Beech Daly Rd		\$48,000
18250 Dalby		\$45,000
27125 Grand River Ave		\$139,000
9217 San Jose		\$90,000
Westland		
33098 Lancashire St		\$95,000

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's Sports section

Thursday

PUZZLE CORNER

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ACROSS

- 1 Beat a retreat
- 4 Attention getter
- 8 No picnic
- 12 Santa — winds
- 13 Tune for a diva
- 14 Affirm
- 15 Kidding around (2 wds.)
- 17 Countess's title
- 18 Skater's leaps
- 19 Hull bottom
- 21 Cheyenne's st.
- 23 Hollow rock
- 27 Tourist's need
- 30 Branch
- 33 Make illegal
- 34 Casually
- 35 Booster seat user
- 36 E-mail option
- 37 Fergie's daughter
- 38 Elbow
- 39 Nays opposites
- 40 Chemical compound
- 42 Thousand gee's
- 44 Storm centers
- 47 Estimate
- 51 Fragrance
- 54 Post Office feature (2 wds.)
- 56 Car import
- 57 Japanese soup
- 58 Student stat
- 59 Quaker pronoun
- 60 Low voice
- 61 Resistance unit

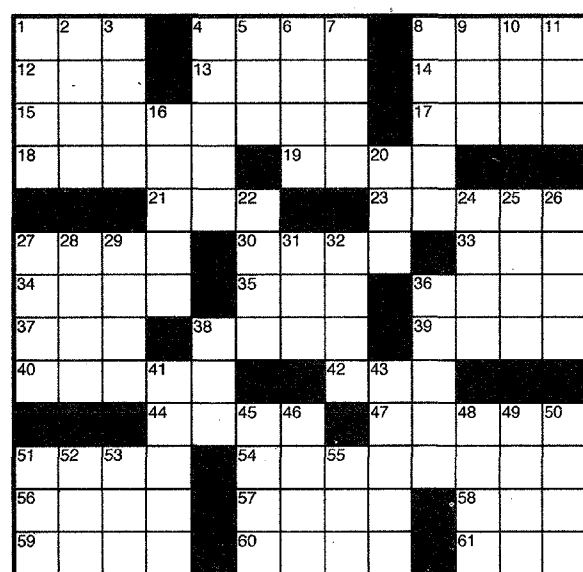
DOWN

- 1 Elephant owner, maybe
- 2 PC system
- 3 Cathedral part
- 4 Easy mark
- 5 Mexican Mrs.
- 6 Kimono material
- 7 Box-office total
- 8 Actress —
- 9 "Mogambo" name
- 10 Rainbow band

Answer to Previous Puzzle

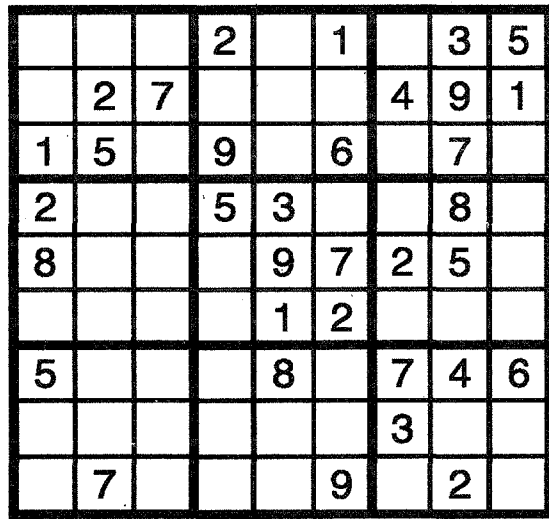
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- 11 Lacking moisture
- 16 Broncos great
- 20 It may be poached
- 22 Comic-strip dog
- 24 Yield
- 25 Hamlet or Ophelia
- 26 Wraps up
- 27 Feeling
- 28 Bad day for Caesar
- 29 Thin board
- 31 Stir-fry pan
- 32 Big-ticket —
- 36 Pedro's toast
- 38 Apply a jimmy
- 41 Like a haunted house
- 43 Ice dwelling
- 45 Jane Austen novel
- 46 Put to sea
- 48 Therefore
- 49 Ex-frosh
- 50 Cyberspace junk mail
- 51 Nutritious grain
- 52 "Like, stupid!"
- 53 Type of poem
- 55 Is, to Fritz

SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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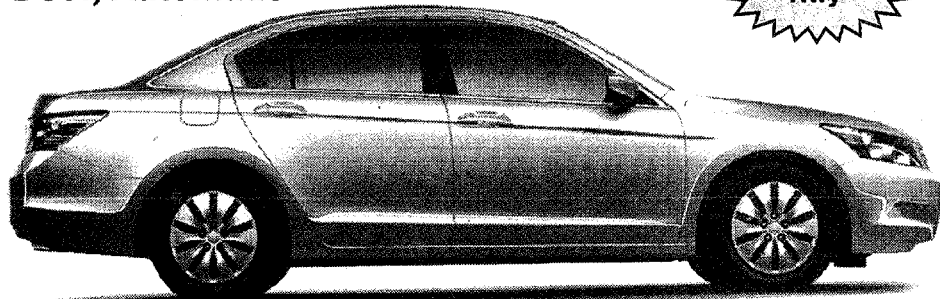
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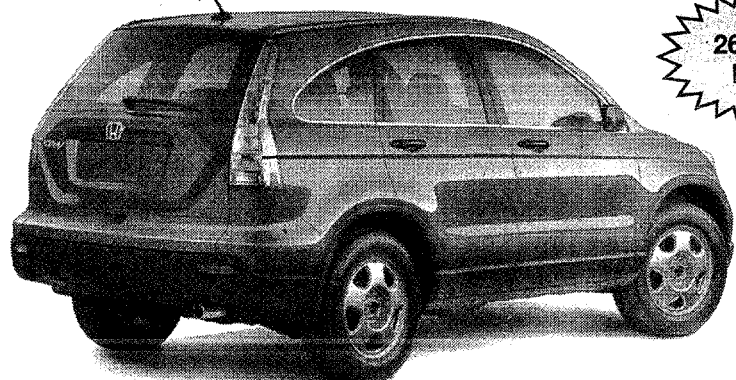
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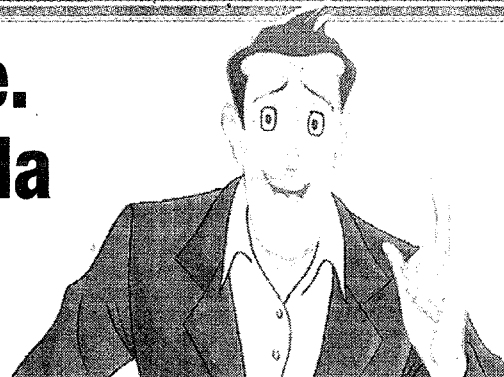


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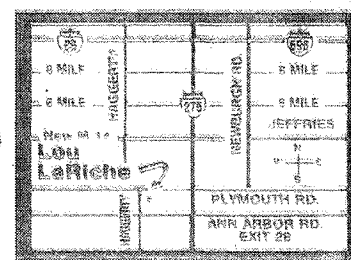
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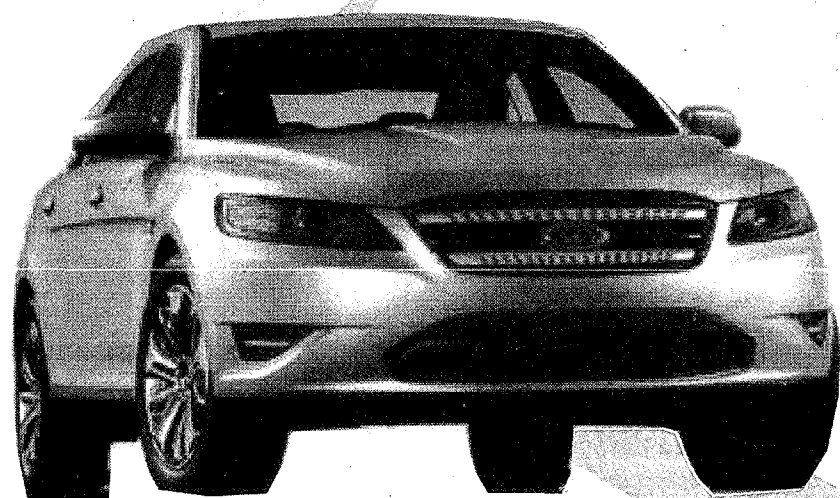
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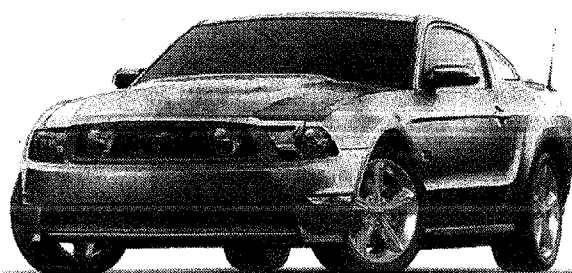
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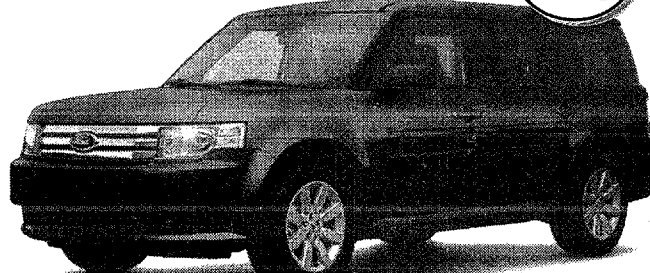
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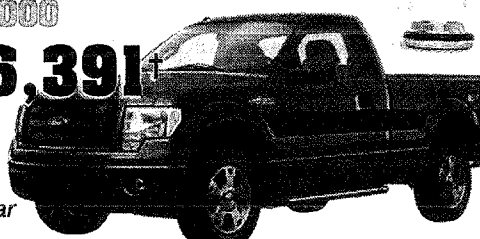
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