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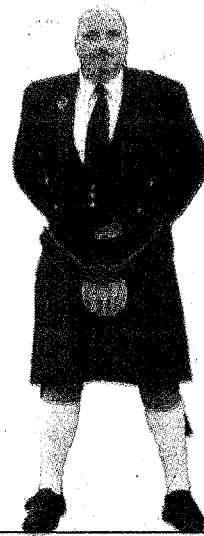
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Waste not

Canton will host its annual Hazardous Waste Round up 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Canton's Division of Public Works Building, located at 4847 Sheldon. This event is open to Canton residents only.

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

Canton officials said they will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive material, smoke detectors, and tires.

To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not acceptable please call Canton Public Works at 394-5150 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Arts festival

The fourth annual Cherry Hill Arts Festival takes place 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, in the Cherry Hill Village Downtown District. Spend the afternoon strolling through local businesses, the Village Theater, and Canton's many historic sites, all while enjoying art and performances by local artists.

The Cherry Hill Arts Festival is a celebration of all things art, and welcomes more than 2,500 guests annually. Musical entertainment, face painting, delicious food, en plein air (in the open air) painting demonstrations, educational workshops, demonstrating artists, artist/crafter booths, and art-themed activities for all ages are just a few of the things that the festival has to offer.

The festival is home to the "Chalk It Up" sidewalk chalk art contest that attracts talented artists both locally and regionally. This special sidewalk chalk art contest, presented by D & M Art Studios, allows entrants of all ages and skill-levels a chance to compete for prizes. Artists are required to check in by 11 a.m.

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

Still got it



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tom Strock and Marion Busa rehearse "Any Body For Tea?" They are both residents of Canton.

Older actors find a home with over-50 troupe

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before Tom Strock got back into acting five years ago, the only on-stage action he'd seen was in high school productions of *Our Town* and *Time Out for Ginger*.

But considering Strock is 69 years old, the high school work came some time ago. Still, when he went looking for something to do a few years ago, he opted for the grease paint and stage lights.

Now Strock is a leading man, heading a contingent of senior actors in the new Still Got It Players' production of *Any Body for Tea*, which opens at Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill later this month.

Strock is among a dozen actors, all at least age 50, who comprise the Still Got It Players.

"I've always admired actors," said Strock, who first joined the Canton Senior Players in 2004. "It seemed like quite a challenge. I figured if I didn't get a part and it didn't work out, well, at least I tried."

It worked out fine for Strock and the other actors in the group, the brainchild of 54-year-old director Debbie Lannen, who said she tired of watching play after play without any substantive roles for senior citizens.

Lannen, a former dance studio owner who holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wayne State University, said the Still Got It Players gives "something to do" to elder citizens who "aren't all ready to sit at home."

"A lot of times there aren't a lot of parts for the older actor," said Lannen, who directed the premiere of the musical *Father Bingo* at the Detroit Music Hall Center for Performing Arts. "This group is focused on finding roles for that age group."

There are a dozen actors filling 14 roles

TAKING THE STAGE

What: Still Got It Players productions of "Any Body for Tea" and "Funeral Tea"

When: Aug. 26-27, 1 p.m.; Aug. 28-29, 7 p.m.; Aug. 30, 2 p.m.

Where: Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton

Who: Still Got It Players features actors from Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Garden City, Westland and Northville

Tickets: \$15 for adults; \$13 for seniors/students under 19

Info: www.spotlightplayersmi.org or call (734) 734-480-4945



Director Debbie Lannen and set designer Michael Burden of Redford watch a rehearsal of "Any Body for Tea?"

in the two initial plays. The group focuses first on its fledgling productions, both one-act plays (the other is *Funeral Tea*) designed, Lannen said, to make it easier for the older actors to memorize lines and

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PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton Township engineer Anne Naszradi (left) and longtime Canton resident Joan Lager walked along part of the Lower Rouge Recreation Trail earlier this year. The township was recently awarded a \$350,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to build several foot bridges over the Rouge River.

Canton moves forward on bridge project

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A series of pedestrian bridges connecting a five-mile recreation trail that weaves through Canton Township could be in place as early as next spring, officials said Tuesday.

The long-anticipated project comes on the heels of a 2006 township survey citing walking trails as the No. 1 priority of residents, said Brad Sharp, Canton's park and facility maintenance manager.

"It's a great project," he said.

Seven wooden bridges, 10 feet wide, will transform the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail into a seamless path from Canton Center Road, near Palmer, to the I-275/Michigan Avenue area — allowing people to walk, run, ride mountain bikes and relish the township's natural beauty.

"It is a completely natural setting," Sharp said.

An initial phase of the project already opened with a trail head on Morton Taylor north of Michigan Avenue, but users who go there can only use an east-west path that stretches about 1.5 miles.

In all, seven bridges are needed to connect trails from Canton Center to I-275 and create what Sharp touted as "a regional trail system."

"We're trying to meet the needs of the community, and they've expressed recreation

trails as their most important (priority)," he said.

Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin said five bridges could be installed this fall and two others by next spring, a move she said will "really complement the nature area."

In a crucial decision Tuesday night, the Canton Township Board of Trustees voted to hire Florida-based Nature Bridges JD James Inc. — the qualified low bidder to build the bridges — for \$671,654.

An earlier design phase cost \$113,519.

Much of the money comes from outside sources. The township already has received approval of two grants, one for \$350,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and one for \$150,000 from Wayne County.

In turn, the township has to match the grants with a combined \$350,000, an amount budgeted in the township's Community Improvement Fund.

After paying for the bridges and the design work, officials plan to use the remaining amount of \$64,827 for signage and other materials needed for a stretch between Canton Center and Sheldon.

The recreation trails lie within the Wayne County-owned Lower Rouge Parkway, which includes nearly 300 acres of natural land within the township.

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Cherry hails diversity in temple address

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lt. Gov. John D. Cherry on Sunday told a large gathering of Sikhs in Canton they can play a pivotal role in helping Michigan rebound from its deep and lingering economic recession.

"Michigan gains great strength from the ethnic diversity that we have," Cherry said, in a keynote address inside the Singh Sabha of Michigan, a Sikh gurdwara, or temple, which opened last April on Canton Center Road near Geddes.

Cherry, a likely Democratic candidate in next year's gubernatorial race, vowed that "for Michigan to grow strong economically," it will need to chart a common path by drawing on all the talents and strengths of its diverse population.



Michigan Lt. Gov. John Cherry (center) told a crowd at Canton's Singh Sabha of Michigan the state "gains great strength from the ethnic diversity that we have."

Cherry compared the state's economy to a symbolic bus that has run into a ditch — a bus he said can only return to a road of prosperity if people of all cultures are on board. He lauded the determination of Sikhs

and described himself as "so impressed" that the two-story, 19,000-square-foot gurdwara in which he spoke was built with volunteers and donations.

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Actors Lanna Collins of Garden City (from left), Linda Trygg of Westland, Joanna McKay of Canton and Robin Hoover of Willis rehearse "Funeral Tea."

PLAYERS

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stage directions.

Linda Trygg of Westland said older actors can get a bit discouraged trying out for plays and seeing nothing but youngsters getting the roles.

"Half the time you go to rehearsals and you see a bunch of 20-year-olds," Trygg said. "You know you can't compete with that."

That's because actors over 50 are in the fourth stage of what he says are five stages of an acting career, according to Michael Burden of Redford, the set designer for Still Got It's production.

"First is, 'Who's Michael?'" followed by 'Get me Michael!' Burden said, smiling. "The third stage is 'Get me a Michael type,' followed by 'Get me a YOUNG Michael' and then, 'Who's Michael?' again."

So far, the group is having fun with the production. The two plays — *Anybody for Tea?* by C.B. Gilford and *Funeral Tea* by Pat Wilson — put the focus on a couple of different groups of ladies.

"In *Anybody for Tea?* is a wonderful group of elderly



Still Got It Players actors Marion Busa of Canton, Tom Strock of Canton, and Lanna Collins of Garden City rehearse "Any Body For Tea?"

ladies dying to meet the handsome detective across the street, and the lengths they go to meet him are hilarious and quite unexpected," Lannen said. *Funeral Tea* introduces us to a different group of eccentric ladies faced with the dilemma and privilege of finding the perfect resting place for a favorite uncle."

Robin Hoover, 50, of Willis, Mich., (between Belleville and Ann Arbor) joined the Spotlight Players for their production of *Pajama Game*, the first acting experience of her life. Being a part of the Still Got It Players fulfills a lifelong wish.

"I always wanted to act, but

I was the youngest of 11 children, so there was never time," Hoover said. "When I turned 50 I said, 'I'm doing it.' My kids thought I was crazy, but I didn't care!"

Lannen, the veteran director, is glad to see her dozen actors having fun.

"They seem to be enjoying it," she said. "They're volunteering to do things, bringing in props from home, things like that. They're excited when they get here."

She stops and smiles. "It's a new activity," she added. "It gives us something to do besides bingo."

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Canton hires consultant for neighborhood program

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township, slated to receive nearly \$2.2 million in federal dollars to help families buy foreclosed homes, has hired an outside agency to administer a program that has fueled controversy.

In a 6-1 decision Tuesday evening, township trustees hired the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, which already is helping cities such as Lincoln Park. Local officials, who lack the resources to administer the program, still will monitor it yet relinquish key responsibilities.

The grant — part of a massive, federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program — allows communities to buy foreclosed or abandoned homes, hire contractors for repairs, place them on the market and potentially offer assistance such as down payments.

"We can't make a profit on the homes," township Finance Director Rick Eva said, and even the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and contractors are limited on what they can earn.

Talks among township leaders Tuesday indicated that 15 homes could potentially get new owners, although officials conceded it was only an estimate. They are hopeful of finding families for homes considered neighborhood eyesores.

Trustee Pat Williams cast the lone dissenting vote against the plan, saying too few people

will benefit from it and questioning whether the program is a wise use of tax dollars. He said he might be more supportive if it put foreclosed families back in their former homes.

"I've had a lot of heartache with this," he said. Other trustees, though in some cases philosophically opposed to the program, said the money will likely get used, so Canton might as well benefit. Trustee John Anthony held out hope that empty homes will once again house families.

"I like the fact that there's a possibility of turning them around," he said.

Trustee Todd Caccamo voiced some concern about such federal programs, but he said "absolutely it's going to help some people, and that's what we're about."

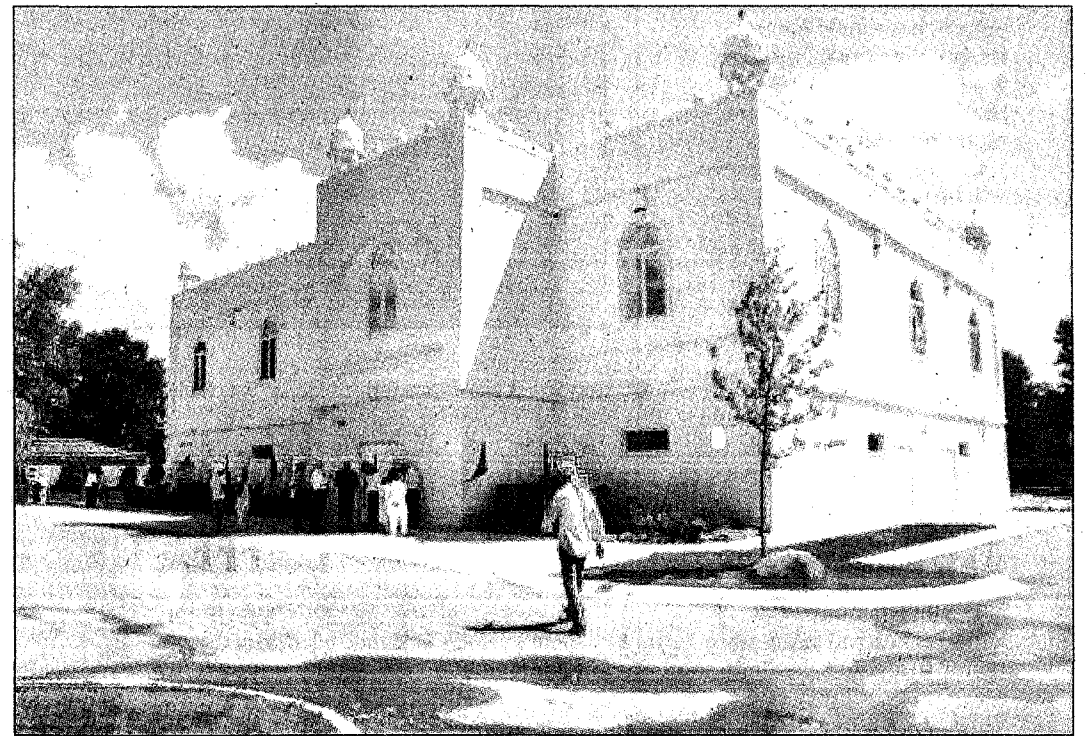
Township officials will have to commit the money within an 18-month period and spend it within four years. Families who benefit will have to receive budget counseling.

The program has certain income guidelines. Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said 25 percent of the homes, for example, will be sold to a family of four earning less than \$34,950 a year, while 75 percent of houses will go to similar-sized families making up to \$83,900.

Finance Director Rick Eva said the program will not be focused on expensive homes, but affordable ones.

"We're not going to be buying any \$300,000 homes," he said.

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The Singh Sabha of Michigan, a Sikh gurdwara, or temple, opened last April on Canton Center Road near Geddes.

DIVERSE

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Cherry joined other township, county, regional and state officials for a Sunday afternoon religious ceremony including Sikh music, prayers, customs and culture. Sikh means disciple or learner, and Sikhism is founded on the 15th-Century teachings of Guru Nanak and 10 successive gurus. It teaches of one God, equality, hard work, meditation, tolerance, religious inclusion and other beliefs.

"Anyone is welcome," said Singh Sabha member Rani Mahal, who organized Sunday's event.

Some Sikhs said Sunday they have struggled to be understood since they were mistakenly associated with the 9/11 terrorists. They also said many people simply aren't aware of customs, such as men

wearing long hair, beards and turbans as a form of religious attire.

Singh Sabha in Canton is part of the world's fifth-largest religion, and it draws people from all of western Wayne County and much farther away, Mahal said.

Before introducing Cherry, S. TejKiran Singh, a Ford Motor Co. senior engineer and one of the gurdwara's conflict resolution committee members, said Sikhs number 26 million worldwide and 500,000 in the United States. He said they represent many professions and are committed to hard work.

Singh asked government officials attending Sunday's ceremony to do what they can to halt the practice of denying Sikhs from wearing their religious attire and serving in the U.S. Army. Singh told the crowd Sikhs have "a passion to defend" a country many of them chose, and where many

were born.

Singh also called on government leaders to help fight the oppression of Sikh youngsters in schools, where they are often bullied because they are perceived as different.

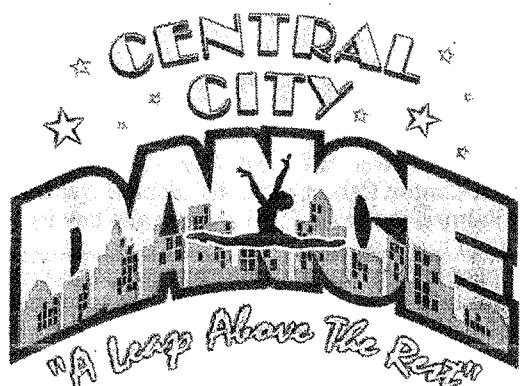
Moreover, he said the Sikh community, as Cherry suggested, can help Michigan fight its economic woes. He said many Sikhs chose to live in Michigan because of its natural beauty and its diversity.

"We love Michigan," Singh said. "We chose it as our home."

Jagdeep Singh, an executive committee member of Singh Sabha, called Sunday's event one of the gurdwara's biggest attempts yet to reach out to political leaders.

"This is (one of) the first times we have invited our political representation" from the state, county, courts and the township, he said.

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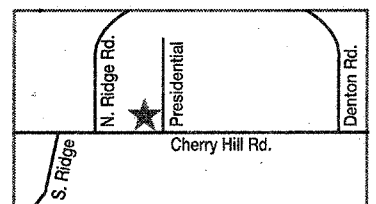
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Barefoot auditions

Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions conducts auditions for its production of "Mister Roberts," 7-9 p.m. Aug. 3-4.

Auditions take place at the former Walker-Buzenberg furniture store the production company now calls home at 240 N. Main in Plymouth. Roles are available for 19 men and one woman.

For more information, call Craig Hane, (734) 582-9688.

BLOCK open house

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, part of Canton Leisure Services, hosts an open house 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18. The event will showcase all of the upcoming fall programming and afterschool options.

Parents and their teens, ages 11-17, are welcome to tour the facilities and enjoy all the activities that The B.L.O.C.K. has to offer. Besides the homework and study area this youth and teen center has many entertainment options including: Rock Band, Guitar Hero, Nintendo Wii, a computer lab with internet, pool tables, air hockey, foosball and a big screen TV.

Information on a variety of The B.L.O.C.K.'s upcoming programs will also be available at the open house. With the After School Program, students are picked up from their school and transported by staff to the BLOCK where they can do their homework and spend free time with their friends.

A B.L.O.C.K. Membership allows teens unlimited access to the facility. Teen Night Out gives students a supervised field trip, away from their parents, while the BLOCK-In allows teens to spend a fun-filled all-nighter with their friends at The B.L.O.C.K.

The B.L.O.C.K. stands for Building Leaders Out Of Canton's Kids and is a place where kids can spend quality time in a safe, secure, and supervised environment. For more information on all of the teen programs Canton Leisure Services has too offer, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 398-5570.

Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestras, the youth ensembles supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society,



National success

Planetdance from Canton recently attended the Starpower National Talent Competition in Ocean City, Md., which featured thousands of dancers doing 1,300 routines during the week. The team traveled with 80 dancers to Maryland. The last day of the competition was the "Battle of the Stars" where they picked the top 80 routines to come back to the stage and re-compete. Planetdance was honored to have six routines make it to the Battle of the Stars. The competition also picked four dancers for a full scholarship to the dance convention "Wild," among them Alyson Fryz of Canton and planetdance. Planetdance is currently moving locations to Cherry Hill and Sheldon. Check out the studio's Web site at planetdancestudio.com for the summer schedule.

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

Comedy night

Three local comedians - Gary George, Dave Bell and Mike Malec - will perform at the second annual Plymouth High School Football Boosters Club Comedy Fund-raiser, at the beautiful Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton.

This evening of laughs takes place Aug. 8. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7. This event is general admission and tickets are

\$15. Proceeds from this show will help provide needed funds to the Plymouth Football Program.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the Theater Box Office or on-line.

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.

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.misswayneco.com.

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

Golf outing

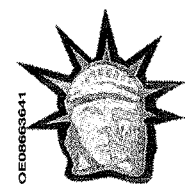
Each year the Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual Golf Outing. This year the classic will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Pheasant Run Golf Club of Canton. This event is open to the public, and there are various packages available for purchase.

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.

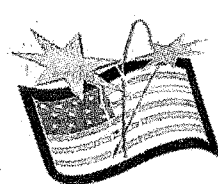


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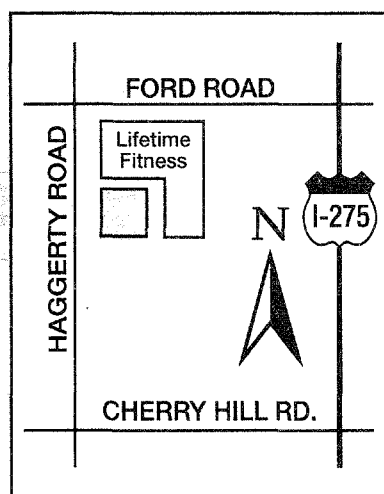
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Team prepared to handle disasters

As with all communities in Michigan, Canton is subject to natural, technical and human-related hazards. These hazards have the potential to threaten life, health and safety, as well as impact the quality of life, property, environment and infrastructure.

The Canton Emergency Management Division is responsible for providing a number of services to the community including:

- Emergency planning to effectively prepare for, mitigate for, respond to, and recover from large scale emergencies and disasters.
- Maintain an emergency operations center that can be activated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to serve as a central location for direction and control of an incident.
- Maintain databases to procure needed resources in an emergency.
- Coordination of public education campaigns to prepare the public for emergency events.
- Provide emergency public information to the public in an emergency.
- Coordinate with volunteer organizations to provide severe weather response.
- Maintain and operate a township-wide early warning siren system comprised of 14 outdoor sirens to warn the public of emergency events.

Whether you are a resident, public official, Canton employee or businessperson, your commitment to teamwork and participation is important when handling any emergency situation. Everyone in the community has a role to play in making the outcome a success. Team together before the next disaster occurs. This would be an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbors and work with your neighborhood association to help each other in planning for emergency situations.

If an event should occur, stay tuned to your local radio, television and cable channel, and read the local paper for additional updates, information and upcoming public meetings. We will also post important information on Canton's home Web page, www.canton-mi.org.

Please consider the preparedness suggestions and recommendations contained on our Web site and take action, beginning with your own household. Most of the information contained on this Web site can be downloaded or is available in pamphlet form from the Office of Emergency Management. Call (734) 394-5357 if you would like this information sent to your home or business.

(Story courtesy Canton Township Police Department)

Counterfeit bill doesn't fool anyone

A man failed in his attempt to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill at the McDonald's restaurant on Michigan Avenue east of Lotz.

The incident happened about 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

An employee told police the man tried to buy food but she discovered the \$20 bill was fake. She said she told him it wasn't real and that he became nervous and asked to see it.

The employee refused to give the bill back and told the customer she was calling police. She said he quickly left the restaurant and entered what she described as a white or silver Chrysler Pacifica.

Forced entry

Police went to an apartment on Brooke Park, south of Joy and west of I-275, after a woman said she returned from work about 8:15 a.m. Monday to find her front door had been forced open.

She found a safe box was missing from a front closet, and she said it contained a loaded handgun, \$5,000 in cash and property belonging to her late father, including a Rolex watch, a wedding band, other gold jewelry and a birth certificate.

She also told police a laptop computer was taken from her bedroom.

Kohl's caper

Canton police nabbed three suspects accused of trying to steal merchandise Monday afternoon from the Kohl's store on Ford near Sheldon.

A loss prevention employee said two females and one male entered the store, selected various pairs of jeans, put them in a cart and headed out the exit.

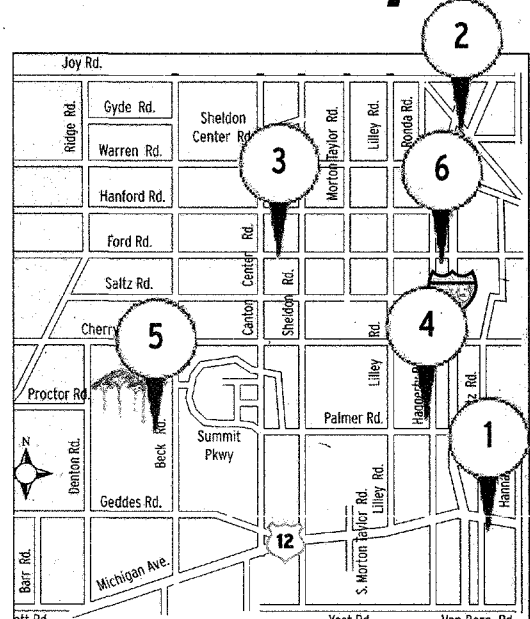
The employee identified himself, but the suspects fled, got into a Ford Taurus and drove west on Ford Road, where police stopped them.

Assault charge

Police arrested a man on an assault charge after investigating an ongoing dispute between him and another man.

The alleged victim told police that the suspect had been stalking him and harassing him for a few weeks after they had an earlier altercation. They attend the same church.

The alleged victim told police he was being followed home Saturday night when his follower pulled in front of his car near Ayshire



and Hampshire, west of Haggerty and north of Palmer.

The alleged victim said the man, accompanied by his son, approached him and hit him on the arm with what was described as a black rod.

The suspect told police that it was the other man who had been causing problems. Police were continuing their investigation.

Home invasion

A woman told police someone entered her home on Vistas Circle, west of Beck and south of Cherry Hill, prior to 5:15 p.m. July 17 and took personal papers she had placed in a folder next to her desk. She also said jewelry was taken from her bedroom.

The woman told police there were no signs of forced entry, and she believed the intruder may have accessed her home through a garage door.

Warehouse break-in

A security guard at Yazaki, a business on Haggerty north of Ford, told police someone broke into a warehouse between 2 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday.

The guard told police the intruder cut several large copper wires to disable an alarm system. He said nothing appeared to be missing.

Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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Understand the document you're signing

I have read many articles about the federal stimulus plan passed a number of months ago. I'll leave it to others to determine if it is working. However, there is one item regarding the stimulus package I would like to address. It appears that many of our elected representatives never read the legislation and are confused as to what is in the plan. I raise the issue not to criticize lawmakers but to remind everyone that when you sign a document you must take responsibility.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

In our society, it seems we are always signing a host of documents. Whether it's picking up prescription medication, visiting the doctor or meeting with a financial adviser, there's always documents to sign.

Unfortunately, most people have no idea what is in these documents. They assume the document is standard and that others have reviewed it. People sign up for charge card deals or deferred payment plan gimmicks from retailers without reading the fine print. They assume that there is some type of government regulation protecting them. Many

people who obtained mortgages failed to understand what they were signing and we can see how much government regulations protected them.

I recognize that many of these documents are difficult to understand. It seems that they are written by lawyers for lawyers.

What is the answer? Just sign something and hope for the best or try to understand what is involved? Obviously, certain documents have more serious ramifications than others. For example, the largest purchase or debt most of us will ever make is a home/mortgage. I highly recommend before signing these documents — which have a major financial impact on your life — that you understand it completely. If that means, and in most cases it does, that you seek professional help, so be it.

However, it is not practical to have every document that you sign reviewed by a professional. But you should read the document and if you don't understand it, ask questions.

Whenever you sign what looks like a standard document — often blank spaces or boxes to check based upon your individual situation — review all items for accuracy.

There may be times when you disagree with the document that you are signing but believe you

have no other alternative. Don't be afraid to ask if you can make a change in the document to suit your needs or see if there is another option.

If you find yourself between a rock and a proverbial hard place, you obviously have to make a tough decision. However, in today's world you may be surprised that you have more options than you thought.

It would be nice if in running the country's business our legislators took the time to read and understand everything that they are signing. Maybe it's impractical. I don't know. What I do know is that when it comes to running our family business, we have to take the responsibility to understand the consequences of each and every document we sign.

This is a complex and ever-changing world we live in and the government does not have the resources to protect us. Yes, the government does provide some protection, but it's not enough. We must be involved in the process and take time to read a document before signing it. Good luck!

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

ON STAGE

Music in the Park

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

- 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 31, Gia Warner
- Aug. 7, The Bluescasters
- Aug. 14, The Kris K Band
- Aug. 21, The Randy Brock Group
- Aug. 28, Mass Transit



Gia Warner takes the stage Friday at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

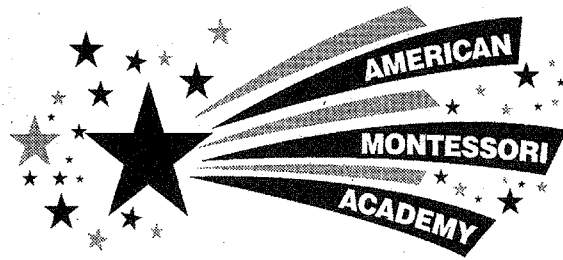
- Sept. 4, Lady Sunshine and the X Band

The concerts take place in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park and start at 7 p.m.

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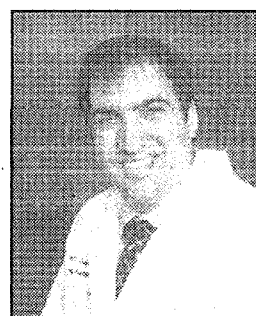


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PROVIDENCE

Power boost

Plan pushes stronger alternative energy goals



Northville Democrat Marc Corriveau, state Representative for the 20th District, outlines an alternative energy plan during a press conference in Canton Monday.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The last time Marc Corriveau stood in the lobby at Canton's Mechanical Energy Systems, he was there to push legislation that would have Michigan moving to cleaner alternative energy standards.

This time, the second-term state representative (20th District) was there to push harder.

Corriveau, a Democrat from Northville whose district also encompasses the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and a slice of Canton, joined fellow Democrats Dian Slavens (Canton) and Deb Kennedy (Brownstown) at the Canton business to push a plan to "catapult Michigan forward in alternative energy and make the state a magnet for clean, renewable energy jobs."

"There's an argument to be made this is good for our future, good for our kids," said Corriveau. "This is a way for Michigan to create a lot of jobs. We have a lot of displaced

(manufacturing) workers looking for work in new fields. This feels good personally, and it feels good professionally."

Democrats say the plan builds on legislation passed last year and "further positions Michigan to meet growing demand for clean energy workers by offering powerful incentives for renewable energy development and manufacturing, energy efficiency and alternative energy production."

Slavens, a first-term, sponsored recent legislation that helped attract major advanced battery manufacturers to Michigan. She said Michigan needs to do something to outpace other states trying to get into the alternative energy game.

"We need to do what we can right now to seize this growing industry," Slavens said. "Other states are becoming established. We need to do things that put us out front ... so Michigan is the place (manu-

facturers) come to put their businesses."

Among other things, the plan will:

- Create incentives for alternative energy companies to come to Michigan by requiring 30 percent of the state's electricity come from renewable energy sources such as wind and solar energy by 2025. The plan builds on legislation passed last year requiring 10 percent by 2015.

- Require utilities to work with customers to decrease electricity usage so utilities sell 2 percent less energy per year.

Slavens said utility companies have been cooperative in this plan.

"We're implementing standards they've agreed to," she said. "They know the economy is changing and they want to change with us."

- Revise building codes to increase energy efficiency.
- Encourage residents and businesses to become alterna-

tive energy entrepreneurs by allowing them to sell excess energy they create via renewable sources such as solar panels or wind turbines.

Donna Napolitano, who with her husband Joe owns Mechanical Energy Systems, is a proponent of the legislation.

"We've had a lifelong passion to bring alternative energy to Michigan, and we need to create a market for that to flourish," she said. "This plan provides incentives for small businesses like ours to grow and create more jobs right here in Michigan."

Democrats say research continues to show a "huge potential for growth" in the renewable energy industry. The U.S. Department of Energy has identified Michigan as one of four states that can create more than 30,000 manufacturing jobs in the wind sector alone. According to a 2009 Michigan Green Jobs Report from the Department of

Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, a sample of more than 350 green-related firms showed job growth of 7.7 percent; other businesses in the state lost jobs at a rate of 5.4 percent.

While the standards wouldn't be required for another 16 years, Corriveau believes workers could start seeing the effects of this plan soon.

"You can almost see jobs coming immediately," he said. "We know the country is going to renewable standards. We know if we can get a foothold, the jobs will come quickly. Renewable energy is growing by leaps and bounds, creating hundreds of thousands of jobs and bringing in billions of dollars. It's time for Michigan to take its place in the global economy before these jobs and investments pass us by."

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Whalers score with library reading program

When he plays hockey for the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers, Westland native Tyler J. Brown is known as a blue-collar, gritty player who gets in the opposition's face and stays there. He's not fun to play against.

Whalers rookie Austin Mattson (Livonia) likes to compare himself to Red Wing Darren Helm. Mattson admires Helm's speed and tenacity.

Brown and Mattson, though, showed a kinder, gentler side when they read and interacted with children during the Canton Public Library's summer reading program.

The Whalers and Canton Public Library are teaming up this year to bring spice to the Library's Summer Reading Program. Earlier this summer, Plymouth veterans Beau Schmitz, AJ Jenks and RJ Mahalak and mascot Shooter read to children on three separate occasions. Much like Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci changes players on the fly, Brown and Mattson took the next shift on Thursday. Myles McCauley and Brown will return for another shift at the library on Thurs. Aug. 6 from 11am-Noon.

"This year, I think our partnership with the Whalers has gelled together well," said Kristen Kostielney, Canton Public Library Program Specialist. "Everyone who



Plymouth Whalers Austin Mattson (left) and Tyler J. Brown (right) meet with young readers during a recent appearance at the Canton Public Library.

has come out here has been awesome. The rapport the Whalers have with the kids is incredible. Sports people are every young child's idol, so to have the children listen to the stories and find out some of the Whalers' favorite book is Dr. Seuss is something they can relate to. This is really fun."

Sure enough, it didn't take long for Brown and Mattson to command the attention of the 16 children who started the session and the 20 who finished. Although the Whalers read quietly, they held the attention of the group for at least ten minutes before members started to squirm – a normal trait that goes hand-and-hand with any group of young children.

"The kids really paid attention and that goes to show the rapport the Whalers have with the children," said Kostielney. "The Whalers can relate with all of them. They aren't teachers, so the kids relate to them easily. The players that have appeared here this year talk to the kids at their level. That's very important for children."

Although he attended the reading session as a parent with his eight-year-old son, Brandon, Dean Garber of Canton saw the event in a different light. Garber coached Brown and Mattson when they played together at the Squirt and Pee Wee AAA levels. Garber currently coaches his son for the Canton Crush Mite AA.

"I've followed their careers since they both moved on," said Garber with a smile. "It's nice to see them again out in the community. It shows that all the hard work that their parents and coaches have put in with them is paying off. It's really rewarding for them and is rewarding for me as a former coach."

"Brandon is excited about coming to see the Whalers play on opening night in Windsor (on Thurs. Sept. 17)."

The Whalers' partnership with the Canton Public Library goes beyond player appearances. The library will be distributing tickets for Plymouth games over the course of the 2009-10 season. Future events are in the planning stages as well.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 Canton Center Road. Check out future events online at www.cantonpl.org.

Although the Whalers are technically in the middle of their off-season, they have a full schedule of public appearances scheduled this summer. Check out future Plymouth players appearances online at www.plymouthwhalers.com/appearances.html.

To schedule a Whalers appearance, please contact Natalie Shaver at (734) 453-8400 or email her at natalies@plymouthwhalers.com.

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Attention Plymouth Township residents living in close proximity to waters (e.g., rivers, creeks, lakes)

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued a Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) identifying flood risk in Wayne County, including Plymouth Township. These documents include proposed changes to base flood elevations that may impact flood insurance requirements and rates for Plymouth Township residents living in close proximity to waters (e.g., rivers, creeks and lakes).

Township residents living in close proximity to rivers, creeks, or lakes are encouraged to review the proposed base flood elevations. A detailed listing of the proposed base flood elevations and further information on the statutory period provided for appeals are provided on FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Township residents may submit comments and/or file an appeal to the proposed base flood elevations. FEMA requests all comments and/or appeals be submitted to the Township. The Township will consolidate and forward all comments and/or appeals to FEMA by the statutory deadline. Final determinations on all appeals and/or comments will be made by FEMA.

All comments and/or appeals shall be submitted to the Township at the following address by September 4, 2009 to meet the statutory deadline:

Attn: Mr. Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official
Plymouth Township Hall - Building Department
9955 N Haggerty Rd
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Please note comments and/or appeals submitted to the Township after September 4, 2009 may not be received by FEMA before the statutory deadline.

A copy of the Preliminary FIS and FIRM are available for review at Township Hall, Building Department, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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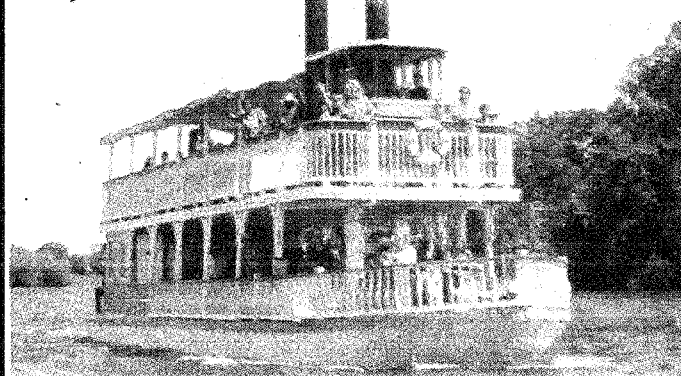


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Local triathlete club chases down the important things in life

BY KATE SALVADORE
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever thought of running 100 miles? How about swimming, biking, and running 140 miles? How about a 5k race? Have you ever volunteered at an athletic event? Do you live in Michigan? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, or perhaps even no, Triathletes in Action could be for you.

The real question is are you interested in giving back and supporting your community?

Locals Mark Savedes from South Lyon and Doug Herriman Jr. from Plymouth asked all of these questions and have launched a new club called Triathletes in Action — TIA for short.

The two became training partners for triathlons and realized that the support they provided each other was contagious.

"Mark and I started training together at Island Lake and it just started to grow," Herriman said. "We were just an example, and people began helping people."

Although the initial group met through athletic interest, they soon began to realize that they had many other ideals in common like interest in their communities.

"Some athletic groups can be elitist. We're not like that," Herriman said.

The group began realizing that they could really have an impact. Everyone was already competing in events and support was growing. They decided to make it official in October.

"Our goal was to create a group that everyone can be a part of. You don't have to be an athlete. It doesn't matter whether you're a sponsor, a volunteer or a participant," Herriman said.

Savedes and Herriman started spreading the word and local sponsors jumped on board. The list now includes Billy Downs, founder of BD's Mongolian BBQ, Brian O'Hara, owner of the Novi Bonefish Grill, Randy Step, founder of Running Fit, Mike Rueter of American Cycle & Fitness in Novi/Walled Lake, UPS, Five Hour Energy, MissionTri, Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists, and NorthRidge Church got involved.

With the sponsors in place, it was time to make an official membership. Through word of mouth more than 65 people from several locations signed up at the kickoff event at Bonefish Grill in Novi. Racing uniforms were made and people started networking and becoming active.

"Everybody that is on board wants to be part of something or have an impact," Herriman said.

Shortly after the event, Savedes and Herriman took their ideas and racing uniforms to South Africa in April. Savedes even temporarily closed his business, Aleko's Restaurant and Catering in South Lyon, to participate in Ironman South Africa in Port Elizabeth and Herriman volunteered at the race. They both also participated in the Cape Town half marathon and did mission work while they were there.

"It was an eye opening experience. Here we chase, chase, chase and we miss certain things in life. All the distractions were eliminated while we were there," Herriman said. "It really left a mark on my life."



KATE SALVADORE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Triathletes in Action members (from left) Billy Downs, Brian O'Hara, Doug Herriman Jr., Rick Smith, and Dion Bourque stand in front of the Bonefish Grill, one of the group's sponsors.

TIA SPONSORS

- Brian O'Hara (Novi-Bonefish Grill)
 - Billy Downs (grew up in Northville-Founder of BD's Mongolian BBQ)
 - Randy Step- Novi, Northville, Ann Arbor-founder of Running Fit
 - Mike Rueter- American Cycle & Fitness (Novi/Walled Lake at 14 mile and Haggerty)
 - UPS
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 - NorthRidge Church
- For more information, visit www.triathletesinaction.com or www.missiontri.com

With confirmation of their beliefs and success on the trip, the two came home and began working with their club. The group now holds regular practices at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Island Lake State Recreation Area (starting at the Kent Lake parking lot).

Their members have also begun representing them at local, state, national and even international events.

Rick Smith, a TIA member from Brighton, just raced Ironman Switzerland on July 12 and raced the New Orleans half Ironman in April. An Ironman is a long distance triathlon that involves a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike and a 26.2-mile marathon run. A half-ironman is just half all those distances.

Other members raced in Ironman Coeur d'Alene in June and some are training for Ironman Kentucky in August.

Another member, Dion Bourque has a big 100-mile running event this September. His goal is to race and raise funds for the University of Michigan Children's Orthopedic and Prosthetics Department.

"I want to raise funds and awareness for child amputees. I have been so blessed in my life and I want to give back. It is a good tie in for me-being able to use TIA as a spotlight and to begin raising money and awareness," he said.

The best part, according to Bourque, is the support of TIA members. Many who aren't racing in the event are going to cheer or take a volunteer shift in the 24-hour-plus event at Pinckney State Park.

"If I try to run 100 miles by myself it won't happen. But with all this support I know it will," Bourque assured.

Right now, members are just choosing charities and events and are using the support from the group to make it happen. In the future, some events might

be more structured for TIA to support. However, one thing will stay the same.

"Everyone is welcome," Herriman said. "It's about people helping people — giving back in sports which can be self-centered."

TIA is also partnered with MissionTri, founded by Billy Downs, a native of Northville.

"It's an organization involved in engaging athletes in mission work in and around athletic events," Downs said.

MissionTri is planning six major projects next year that involve charity and nondenominational Christian work.

"Everybody brings something different to the table. Food, supplies, support, accountability, just anything," Downs said. "Our focus isn't on ourselves, which can be rare for triathlon."

While MissionTri is a Christian network, TIA is not.

"Us founders happen to be two strong Christians. But we are open to everyone. We don't want to shove anything down anyone's throats. TIA is simply about having a support network and for people to get involved in any way they can or want to," Herriman said.

"Our group takes the ego out of triathlon."

For more information, visit www.triathletesinaction.com or www.missiontri.com. Membership sign-up is still available — or just show up at the TIA workouts. TIA racing jerseys will be available again this winter.

Program offers help to avoid foreclosure

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you think you might start having a problem making a mortgage payment, Jamele Hage wants to hear from you immediately.

"We're trying to get people in the process sooner. If someone hasn't missed a mortgage payment but is laid off, they should come in," said Hage, acting director of Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program. "The closer they are to foreclosure, the harder it is for us."

The non-profit program funded by Wayne County in response to the epidemic of foreclosures isn't going to help pay the mortgage but does offer assistance ranging from a Web site budget program to negotiating with lenders on behalf of homeowners.

At www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com, there is an online debt ratio program homeowners can use as a tool to pare down their discretionary spending, like monthly bills for cable or entertainment. About 18,000 people have visited the Web site.

"Most people have a hard time doing it on their own. We'll call them in and educate them," said Hage. "We help with an emergency budget to save the home. We will contact the lender and help draft a hardship letter."

MFPP will negotiate with a lender for loan modifications to help people keep their homes but Hage said some homeowners just want to get out from under their mortgage.

"If they have no prospect of keeping the home, we will work out a deed in lieu of foreclosure," said Hage. "With the purchase of the redemption and eviction, they (the homeowners) will get

\$5,000-\$10,000 to get themselves established again."

Along with taking no action, the worst thing a homeowner can do is simply washing their hands of their financial problem.

"You should never, ever just walk away," Hage said. "There will always be a deferring judgment following them for six years and it can be renewed. You can never walk away from the debt."

Nationally, about 29 percent of foreclosed homes can be rescued, Hage said, but that number is 39 percent in Wayne County.

"That's how good this program is - Michigan has the highest unemployment rate and in 2007, Wayne County was the top county in the nation for foreclosures," said Hage, adding another 60,000-80,000 foreclosures are projected this year.

Since starting in October, MFPP has assisted about 1,500 families and currently has about 700 active cases. People looking for some type of financial bailout will be disappointed.

"We're negotiating with the lender. There is no incentive to give them (homeowners) money. The lender gave them money for the house," said Hage. "There is no program to give people money to bail them out."

Part of the challenge for MFPP is getting the word out about their services.

"From April to May alone, we attended 38 outreach events at union halls, Employee Assistance Programs, churches, at the Westland Library - wherever we can get to the public," said Hage. "We will go anywhere we are invited. We want to get as much exposure as we can."

For more information, visit the Web site at www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com.

New law offers time to rework loan

A new law gives Michigan homeowners facing foreclosure a 90-day window to stay in their house and potentially work out a resolution with their lender.

Effective July 5, state law lets homeowners delay foreclosure proceedings for 90 days after getting a notice of foreclosure, if they meet with a housing counselor and the bank. Lenders refusing to rework loans for those qualified homeowners would have to go to court to finish the foreclosure. Only homeowners meeting certain financial standards could qualify for modified mortgage payments.

"If you're one day late paying your mortgage, you are in

delinquency. If you miss three payments, on day 91 you are in foreclosure and the bank can foreclose," said Jamele Hage, acting director of Wayne County's Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program. "Under Michigan law, you can be in foreclosure by advertisement, if the homeowner doesn't contact a housing counselor or the mortgage holder."

Counselors are available at no cost through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. More information about the Wayne County program is available online at www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com.

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OUR VIEWS

Plan links library to its community

Eva Davis knows the lagging Michigan economy could stunt the plans for her Canton Library to grow and develop over the next three years.

To her credit, though, she's not letting that concern stop her.

Davis, director of the library, and groups of diverse people including employees and patrons who joined focus groups, responded to on-line surveys, posted blog entries and filled out in-house comment cards, went ahead with development of a three-year strategic plan designed to steer Canton's bustling public library and embrace this community's increasingly diverse population.

Dr. Syed Taj, no stranger to improving cultural diversity as Canton Township's first India-born trustee, lauded the library's efforts to reflect the community's ethnically and culturally diverse residents.

And he's right about that. Of course, we shouldn't be surprised that Davis' efforts on behalf of the library (she'd be the first to say it's a team effort) are being applauded. The *Library Journal* recently recognized Canton with a three-star rating on its Index of Public Library Service. Canton and the Ann Arbor District Library were the only two Michigan public libraries so noted.

The strategic plan process, led by research consultant Susan Kennedy of Canton-based K2 Communication Plus, began in February and culminated this summer with a report to the library board. It led to a simply worded (one of its beauties) yet philosophical mission statement: The Canton Public Library connects your community.

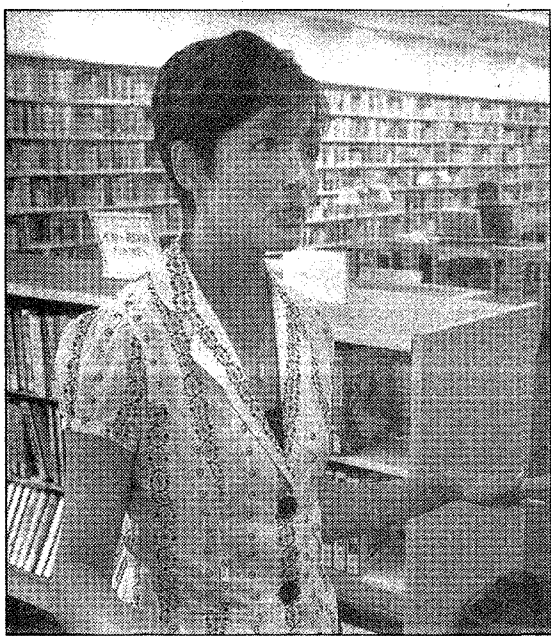
Moreover, the strategic plan adopted core values aimed at adapting the facility to community changes; supporting individual patrons and the township at large with diverse materials and ideas; respecting all people at all times; and leading with enthusiasm, creativity and professionalism.

Davis said the library hopes to build on community relations it already has established, partly by fostering an environment where the township's diverse residents can learn from one another and, true to the library's mission statement, connect with each other.

Increasingly, Davis said, residents want to volunteer at the library — a move that will be welcome as officials next year face the possibility of having to trim as much as \$400,000 to \$600,000 from the facility's current \$5.8 million budget.

The library's goals, bolstered by an international collection of materials in 21 languages, could be somewhat tempered by the brutal realities of a stubborn economic recession. But if history teaches us anything about the Canton Library, it's this:

There's no hurdle staffers aren't willing - and nearly always able - to leap.



FILE PHOTO

Eva Davis, along with input from staff developed a three-year strategic plan for the Canton Public Library.

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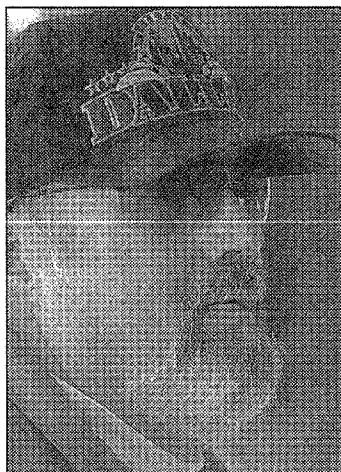
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What is your favorite Michigan getaway?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



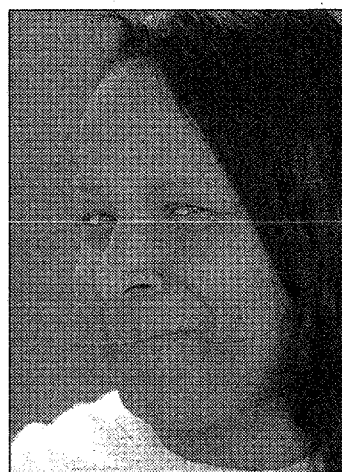
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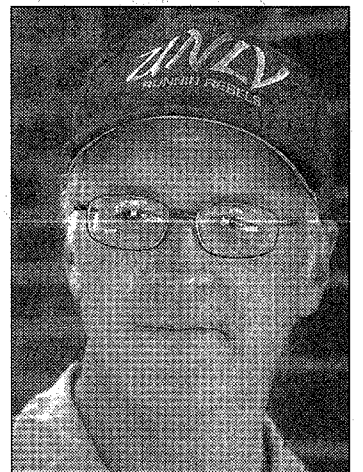
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Chris Yaglosky
Augusta Township

LETTERS

Bruised hearts

My grandparents, parents, siblings were born and raised in Plymouth, and most of our hearts have all stayed in Plymouth.

On Tuesday, July 21, my family's hearts were severely bruised when our daughter, who now lives and works in Las Vegas, arrived at 10:30 p.m. for a visit and to attend her brother's wedding.

Wanting to get something to eat they of course headed into Plymouth and stopped at Boulders Restaurant to eat and celebrate arriving home. After talking to some new friends and eating they went out to the parking lot to find their car GONE!

Someone had decided it was their right to take her car with everything you can imagine two people needing to spend 10 days in a car and driving across this great country: The camera with all the wonderful pictures they had taken, the laptop which held all their pictures from an employee trip to Hawaii, library books, clothes for the wedding and their trust.

They are fine physically, but mentally it has been challenging as they just want to know where their things are. Airplane tickets have been bought, wedding clothes were borrowed and we enjoyed our visit BUT it will take a LONG time to get past this invasion of their privacy.

A HUGE thanks to everyone's compassion during this time. To whomever took her car with the Nevada license plates and UNLV alumni sticker: Someday you'll have to answer for this.

Debbie Bence
Canton

Political pandering

We have given little consideration to the February 2012 gubernatorial race, as frankly, we are too consumed with just daily survival tasks. However, our own Attorney General Mike Cox has taken himself out of consideration for the next governor, in our view. As Michigan's chief cop, Cox has lowered himself to the rawest and most loathsome political pandering we have recently seen at a state level. With great manufactured fanfare, Cox announced his filing a brief with the Supreme Court to strike down Chicago strict gun control ordinance.

You may rightfully wonder why our chief cop is involving himself in Chicago gun control politics? The only purpose is for Cox to demonstrate his affiliation with the National Rifle Association. This is fine, except Cox is pandering to the NRA on your dime. Yes, the filing of this brief is using your tax money.

As our attorney general, Cox should be involving himself in reducing crime in Michigan and not involving our tax money in Chicago gun control politics. After this most recent demonstration of pathetic political pandering and ownership by the NRA, Cox has removed himself for consideration as our next governor by us.

Gerald and Dolores Maxey
Farmington Hills

Don't repeal Public Act 248

In 2004, mental health interests worked with legislators to protect behavioral health drugs from bureaucratic prior authorization within Medicaid. We wanted to end the dangerous situation whereby medications gained "preferred" status through cost considerations, and doctors and consumers had to seek approval of "non-preferred" prescriptions from a for-profit company in Virginia. Approval was often denied until a consumer failed twice on alternate, cheaper medications.

The Legislature agreed with advocates. It created Public Act 248 of 2004, stating that a mental health drug which lacks generics and is not a controlled substance cannot be subjected to Medicaid prior authorization.

Since 2004, state Medicaid officials have gone on periodic fishing trips, seeking legislators who might help overturn Public Act 248. No legislator has bitten, but now Michigan Medicaid and

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the governor's office are using the economy to pressure lawmakers, telling them it's a fiscal necessity that Public Act 248 be repealed.

This is a strange claim. Per the executive branch's own admission and figures, cost-saving steps could be taken now under Public Act 248 that would leave the state only \$2 million short (General Fund) of what the administration says it could save, if given complete prior authorization freedom.

There is an economic crisis, but even in crises, when an important, popular and visible program is threatened with elimination because of \$2 million, cost is not really the issue. Something else is going on. Whatever that is, consumers, families and all of Michigan will suffer if we return to pre-2004 when decisions about treating devastating conditions like schizophrenia were left to nonclinicians.

More than any factor, medication advances made possible society's emphasis on community treatment of mental illnesses. But there is great variability in how mental health drugs affect different people; what the side effects are; and whether an individual stays on the same medication and dosage or has to adjust. The need for adjustment is common, making Medicaid's offer to grandfather existing prescriptions this time around somewhat hollow.

With many illnesses, having to fail temporarily on the wrong drug may yield no significantly lasting life effects. But 30-60 days on the wrong drug for mental illness can leave someone in a state of chronicity; the justice system; a psychiatric hospital; a homeless shelter; and the public mental health system at long-term taxpayer expense.

Today's evidence is even stronger than in 2004. When there are restrictions on medication access, some people with mental illness will wind up with no medications at all or with drugs that don't work for them. They, their families and society will pay a heavy toll.

Is all this worth \$2 million in a state General Fund budget of over \$8 billion? Of course not. But the governor's office and the state Medicaid program think so. The Legislature must stand up to them. There is a one-in-three chance that your family has experienced mental illness. Should a phone technician in Virginia be empowered to overrule your loved one's doctor on the medications needed for that mental illness?

Mark Reinstein,
president and CEO
Mental Health Association in Michigan

Against national health care

I'm totally against National Health Care. It's immoral because it's based on altruism, a morality of sacrifice and force, and financed by the redistribution of wealth by government force.

Government interference in the economy and its lack of enforcement of our unalienable rights is the cause of our economic and social problems.

Paul Gruchala
Westland

Likes Dillon's health plan

Michigan Speaker of the House Andy Dillon suggested a plan to reduce health care costs by \$900 million a year and I like the way it looks. All Michigan State employees, retirees and administration workers would have the same choices so that the school bus driver would have the access to the same plan as the governor.

I think he's on to something here as a few other states have already adopted this idea. I'd like to add my 2 cents to the mix and suggest the following:

Any insurance company that wants to participate in this plan cannot refuse coverage to anyone because of prior health conditions. This will make competition work for us and put all the companies on an even playing field. They will have to keep their operating costs down in order to compete and this will lead to lower costs for all, including doctors that have to have so many on staff do deal with all the different insurance companies.

The committees to oversee, collect funds, negotiate plans and costs should be an independent public company whose officers should be elected by popular vote every two years. The first term can be "appointed" by a state legislative vote.

Funds collected for the medical plans should not be part of any government general or other fund where politicians can use the money for other projects. I'd suggest having a reputable firm oversee the funds and have them checked periodically by a number of independent accounting firms selected at random to audit the fund.

And if the federal government decides to follow suit, I'd also suggest that they:

- Lift all restrictions off of medical savings accounts.
- All premiums should remain tax free.
- All expenses paid towards medical care (co-pays, prescriptions, lab tests and hospital charges) should be tax deductible with no set limitation.

This is a plan that makes sense; don't screw it up with further restrictions, recommendations and guidelines. Do not give in to the unions on this one; this will be a good move for Michigan and politically for all.

Phil Solarz
Westland

Washington's loose cannons

Our representatives in Congress are supposed to be representing U.S. citizens and working toward the best interests of the vast majority of us. If bills like Cap and Trade and Health Care were clearly in the best interest of the country as a whole, Congress would not have to pass them in a rush.

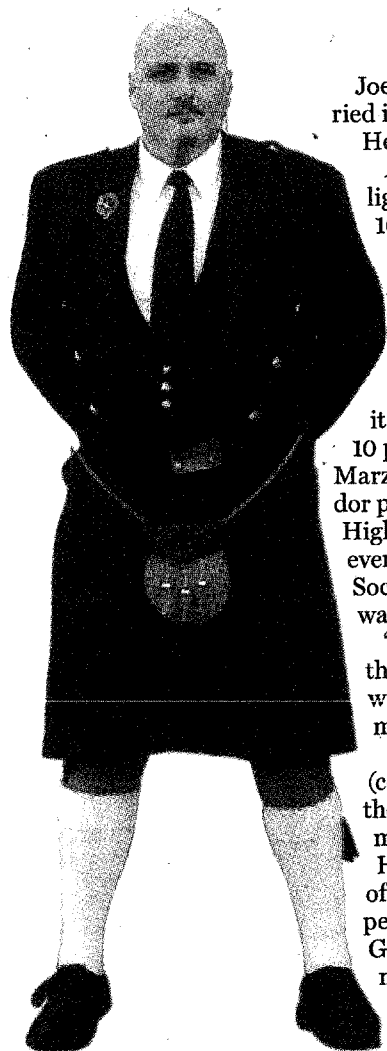
They would devote the time necessary to garner the solid information to make informed decisions; not decisions based on the arrogance of assuming they know what's best for the country without ever listening to what the informed citizenry actually think about a particular matter.

Their staffs and special interest groups add addendums that cannot be read and understood by the legislators themselves or the public prior to voting. The ramifications of their actions have not been thought out in the light of day. Our representatives seem to take pride in the fact that they can ram something so important through before the opposition can mount a counter offensive or shine a light on the long lasting affects of their actions. If a bill is indeed important enough to warrant their consideration, it should also be worthy of a viewing in the light of day with due diligence. I am ashamed that they feel the need to work in shadows using gorilla warfare and playing "gotcha politics" at our expense. We are experiencing firsthand the negative effects of an "unbalanced" Congress!

Lewis Cantor
Farmington Hills

Look fashionable at Highland Games with a kilt

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER



Joe Marzka of Redford married in a kilt.

He golfs in one occasionally.

And he plans to don a lightweight version for the 160th Annual Highland Games, Thursday-Saturday, July 30-Aug in Livonia.

"There are formal and not-so-formal kilts. Mine is formal because it cost \$1,000. It's about 10 pounds of wool," said Marzka, who chairs the vendor portion of this weekend's Highland Games, an annual event of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. "You don't want to wear it when it's hot. It's hand-stitched and is the highest quality wool. It was made in Scotland. It's my tuxedo."

Marzka wears the tartan (colors and plaid design) of the Murray clan, from his mother's side of the family. He'll be among hundreds of spectators, athletes and performers at the Highland Games dressed in the signature Scottish garment.

"When I first started wearing it I wondered

how do women sit in skirts?

Now it's second nature.

It's very comfortable," said Marzka, who also wears a kilt pin and family crest with his outfit.

Marzka was fitted for his formal kilt at Highland Fling, in Olde World Canterbury Village, in Lake Orion, where owner Gordon Hyslop is the unofficial kilt supplier to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

He sells and rents authentic kilts, kilted skirts for women, jackets, belts and other attire.

"A proper kilt is almost always wool. A genuine kilt is at least eight yards of fabric, which is why it weighs as much as it does and costs as much as it does," Hyslop said.

Hand-stitched and constructed according to each customer's measurements, they cost approximately \$600.

"You can get them in cotton and polyester. But it's not authentic," Hyslop noted. "We sometimes do the polyester for the younger guys on a budget. It comes in at about two-thirds of the price of wool."

He cautions against buying a ready-made kilt in cotton, because the fabric doesn't hang properly.

Price also depends on the

individual's size because it determines how much fabric, beyond the traditional eight yards, is needed.

ADDED COSTS

Then there are other accessories to complete the look. A sporran is a pouch that takes the place of pockets and hangs over the front of the kilt. It can cost anywhere from \$60-\$200.

"A kilt pin is for show. The other thing is the kilt belt. And the kilt hose or socks," Hyslop said. "An occasion like the Highland Games doesn't require a dress jacket."

The head-to-toe look, complete with jacket, kilt, hose and accessories runs about \$1,500.

"People call not realizing the cost. They about fall over when I tell them," he said.

Hyslop said some less expensive "sport kilts," which wrap with Velcro, are available to consumers as a ready-made garment.

"They try to look like a kilt but they're not. There are people out there who sell lookalike kilts or cheap kilts. But you get what you pay for."

Although some women, especially those in pipe and drum bands, wear authentic

kilts, many don kilted skirts for occasions such as the Highland Games.

Hyslop, who sells them, said they're made of a lighter wool and often worn with a sash that drapes over the shoulders.

Julie Zvoch, chair of the Highland Games, owns a traditional kilt — "It takes two hangars to hang because it's so heavy" — but will wear a mini kilt to the event.

"It's considered mini because it's above the knee," she explained. "It's lighter weight."

STATE TARTAN

Marzka suggests that those without clan affiliation choose a Scottish national tartan — rather than one associated with a family name — for their kilts. He said the Society hopes to convince state lawmakers to approve a state tartan in the colors brown, blue and green. The hues represent dunes, lake and forest.

Hyslop isn't big on rules when it comes to dressing informally in a kilt.

"Anyone can wear anything they want. You can wear your own (family) tartan or one that isn't specific to a clan," he said, adding that individuals also wear tartans from other clans.

"Sometimes you've got to look beyond that. If there's a kilt available in your size no one will bother if you don't belong to their clan. They'd probably be glad if you wanted to wear a kilt."

Some men pair the traditional garment with funky T-shirts or boots. Or they might skip the traditional socks and wear boat shoes or sandals on a hot day.

What to wear under the kilt?

"It's up to what the individual wants to do," Hyslop said. "Some go 'commando' and some wear boxer shorts."

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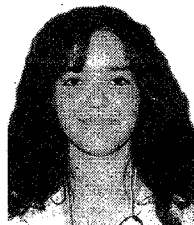
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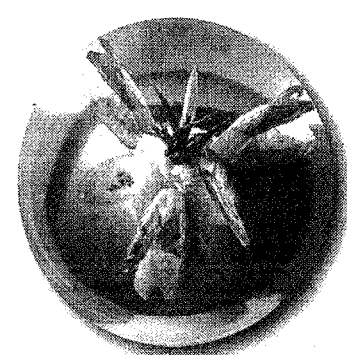
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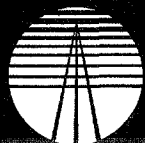
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MSU-bound Krug's meteoric rise icing on the cake

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last summer Torey Krug wondered aloud if he could measure up on skates. The 5-foot-9, 180-pound defenseman from Livonia was in the transition phase of his hockey career, moving out of Compuware's Midget Major program and into the juniors ranks just hoping for a tryout in the U.S. Hockey League. After some interest from Cedar Rapids (Ia.) of the USHL, the 18-year-old Krug eventually landed in Indianapolis (Ind.) with the Ice of the same league and has parlayed it in less than 12 months into signing an NCAA letter-of-intent last April with Michigan State.

"It's been a 360-degree spin," said Krug, who helped lead the Ice to the USHL Clark Cup Tier I junior post-season playoff title. "I was in Midget Major hockey and my dad (Kyle) came down

hard on me. It all worked out at the end and he knew what he was doing."

Simply put, Krug had to rearrange his priorities.

"I had to rethink things over, get more serious about what I was doing," said Krug. "I was enjoying the youth phase of my life. I was watching a lot of guys play in the NHL and leave home. It was scary, and I was not ready to go into that. I had to look at my options and I buckled down. All my life I've faced adversity because I was not tall and not big enough to go to that next level."

Indianapolis Ice coach Jeff Blashill, a former assistant at Miami of Ohio, became a convert after watching Krug perform a set of drills during last summer's USA Hockey's Select Festival held at St. Cloud State (Minn.).

"He (Blashill) said Torey did it better than any player he had at Miami," Kyle Krug said. "It got him a spot in a tryout

camp."

Ironically, Blashill wasn't always in Torey's corner.

"When he was scouting at Miami he told me he never liked me as a player," Krug said. "But from there everything skyrocketed and he took a chance on me."

Krug thrived in Indianapolis, helping the Ice to a 39-19-2 regular season record and a third-place finish in the East Division. He was named to USHL's All-Rookie team after scoring 10 goals and adding 37 assists (second among defensemen).

He attended Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and maintained a near perfect grade-point average despite missing 50 days of classes while traveling with the Ice, who average 4,000 fans per game at the Pepsi Coliseum.

College offers, meanwhile, poured in



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Livonia native Torey Krug made a meteoric rise in one year as a defenseman and will play next season for Michigan State.

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SIDELINES

MU adds Stoney

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced last week that Canton High catcher Daniel Stoney has signed an NAIA letter of intent.

Stoney becomes the ninth student-athlete to sign with the Crusaders joining Tom Atkinson, Alex Charles, Brett Gossett, Donny Holland, Brad Lineberry (Plymouth), Steve Pelletier (Farmington Hills Harrison), Aaron Saarela and Tyler Schofield.

Stoney helped lead the Chiefs to a pair of Division 1 district titles during his two years on the varsity squad while earning three letters each in basketball and football.

As a senior, Stoney hit .414 with six homers and 36 RBI en route to All-KLAA Kensington Conference honors.

"The staff is very excited to be able to sign Daniel this late in the recruiting process," said Haeger, who guided the Crusaders to their third Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title in four years and first-ever berth in the NAIA National Tournament. "We think that the upside with him is huge as far as being a good power hitter and we think he adds another big piece to what is already an outstanding class we have coming in this fall."

MU softball signee

Madonna University softball coach Al White added a late signee Monday with the addition of Monroe catcher and infielder Amber Rafko, who batted .431 as a senior and helped the Trojans reach the Division 1 state semifinals.

Rafko becomes the sixth player to sign an NAIA letter-of-intent for the 2010 season joining infielders Arielle Cox (Newport), Katelyn Hamann (Westland), Erica Landess (Carleton Airport), outfielder Ali Robinson (Farmington) and right-handed pitcher Natalie Sanborn (Livonia Franklin).

"Amber can come in and play a number of positions for us," White said. "We are very pleased to be able to sign her this late into the summer and happy that she has chosen to be part of the Crusader family."

Rafko earned four letters for Monroe coach Vince Rossi and was named Academic All-State as a senior. She is also a two-time first-team All-Mega Conference Red Division and All-Region honoree.

MU captured both the 2009 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season and tournament titles advancing to the NAIA National Championship for the second time in program history while posting a school-record 53 wins.

Foreign aid

Soccer taught the English way has youngsters kicking up their heels

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They may not be on their way to playing for Manchester United just yet, but nearly three dozen area youngsters certainly got the jump on future soccer competition with their involvement this week in the Challenger British Soccer Camps.

Staking out territory at United Christian School in Garden City since Monday, a trio of young and energetic soccer coaches from across the pond and representing British Soccer Camps, offered youngsters the rare opportunity to receive top-notch soccer instruction from experts deeply involved with the game.

"I'm having tons of fun," exclaimed Ethan Englehart, 9, of Westland, just hours into his week-long involvement in the fifth annual event hosted by United Christian School. "What's fun is we're all having good teamwork, there's a bunch of great coaches, everyone's being nice and playing fair."

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Jack Walsh (center), a coach with the Challenger British Soccer Camp, offers up instructions to youngsters participating in the week-long camp held at United Christian School in Garden City. Nearly three dozen participants enjoyed the rare opportunity to receive high-level coaching from international players.

Richters puts Wolves on U.S. Soccer's map

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As one of the most successful high school boys soccer coaches in this state, Livonia Stevenson High's Lars Richters is no stranger to winning.

Richters also proved he can thrive on the national stage after guiding the Under-15 and -16 Derby County Wolves to the 2009 U.S. Soccer Development Academy Championship with a 1-0 victory over California Odyssey in the finals held recently at The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif.

East Kentwood's Dzenan Catic tallied the game-winning goal in the sixth minute off an assist from Stefan Gigorakis (Belle River, Ontario), and goalkeeper Adam Grinwis (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central) posted the shutout.

The Livonia-based Wolves, sponsored by an English Premier League soccer club, feature several area players including defenders Eric Webberman (North Farmington), Vinh Nguyen (Plymouth) and Zachary Cooney (Stevenson).

Derby County came in as the top seed among eight

group stage winners from across the country after capturing a qualifier last month in Greensboro, N.C. with a 2-0-1 record. The Wolves posted identical 3-0 wins over Texas Rush AHFC AS Monaco and New York City BW Gottsche (N.Y.), along with a 0-0 tie with the Columbus (Ohio) Crew.

The Wolves then defeated FC Dallas (3-1) and the Chicago Magic AC Monaco (1-0) to automatically qualify for the Academy Playoff finals. Their only loss of the tournament, which started July 11, came against New York Red Bulls (0-2).

"We're thrilled to win the championship, but it's been a long journey that has been beneficial for the players and that's the most important aspect," said Richters, who was named U-15/16 Development Academy Coach of the Year. "The competition has been far superior to what we had been accustomed to, so that has been a great tool to help our development."

"One of the things that U.S. Soccer was so good about that week was educating the kids about what

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Livonia Stevenson High boys varsity soccer coach Lars Richters gets doused by his Derby County Wolves players after capturing the U-16 US Soccer Development Academy championship recently in Carson, Calif.



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Plymouth boy in world's largest motocross race

Plymouth youngster Colin Deems will spend the next week fulfilling a dream.

The 6-year-old dirt bike racer has qualified for the largest amateur motocross race in the world — the 28th annual Air Nautiques/AMA Amateur National Motocross Championships at Loretta Lynn's Ranch. The event runs from Saturday through Aug. 8.

Colin has earned one of just 1,386 qualifying positions.

"The Amateur Nationals at Loretta Lynn's is the event every motocross racer in the country wants to compete in," says Event Director Tim Cotter. "A win at the Amateur Nationals can serve as a springboard to a lucrative professional motocross career."

Most of America's top professional motocrossers, including James Stewart, Ricky Carmichael, Travis Pastrana and Jeremy McGrath have won AMA Amateur National Championships at Loretta Lynn's.

The race is so prestigious that last year's teenage stars such as New York's Justin Barcia, South Carolina's PJ Larsen, Pennsylvania's Darryn Durham and Texas' Blake



Plymouth's Colin Deems is just 6 years old. But he's already making a name for himself, qualifying for the world's largest motocross race.

Wharton were awarded pro contracts after the race.

Colin, who attends Allen Elementary School in Plymouth, has been riding since he was 2 years old.

Sponsors such as O'Neal MX and Scott USA help pay his way to the races. He has won over 30 races in the last 2 years, and competes nearly every weekend at tracks in Michigan and Ohio.

Colin will make the long journey to Tennessee along with his mom, dad and brothers, Ben and Drew.

He is just one of the over 20,000 who spent the last four months qualifying for the event. The top finishers in area and regional qualifiers earn a birth into the national championship race at Loretta Lynn's.

Racers may enter a wide variety of classes, from mini-cycle classes for children as young as four, all the way up to a Senior division for riders over 50. There are also classes for women, and classes for both stock and modified bikes.

The track is built on a section of Loretta Lynn's Ranch and Campground in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. The course contains a variety of jumps, corners and other obstacles designed to test the skills and stamina of the racers.

Most riders attend the event with the help of their families. In fact, many groups consider the event their family's summer vacation. Besides races, the ranch provides family-friendly facilities including a game room, swimming pools, arts and crafts activities, and a fashion and talent show.

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they need to succeed, and providing those things, too. From the food that they've eaten, to having constant access to Gatorade, the Academy has really done a lot."

Reed Losee (Lake Orion) was the team's leading scorer and was named to the U.S. Soccer Academy's Conference Starting XI.

The Wolves, who finished the year at 26-5-4 overall, were among 72 U-15 and U-16 select boys club teams from across the country who played a 30-game schedule, which began last November. The Wolves do

not participate in either the US Youth Soccer State Cup, Region, National or Olympic Development events.

The Derby County Wolves are members of the Academy's Great Lakes Division, which includes four teams from Ohio, one each from New York and Indiana, and another from Michigan (Vardar Soccer Club).

"The entire schedule is through the Academy," Richters said. "We play home and away, and two showcase events, one in December in California and another in May in Florida."

"They (the Academy) felt like there was too many games and they could do a better job getting ready for the World Cup. It's a

revolutionary change, one which is changing the landscape of soccer. What has made this venture successful is that it is coming from the top (U.S. Soccer)."

Other team members of the Wolves include Sean Cunningham and Nate Hicklin, both of Troy High; Aaron Hebdon and Jordan Tyler, Rochester Stoney Creek; Tommy Duquette, Novi; Kyle Rutz, Walled Lake Northern; Nick Prys and Kotaro Mitsuhashi, Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day; T.J. VanSlooten, Grand Rapids Northview; Erik Anderson, Holland West Ottawa, Sean Magee, Portage Central; and captain Josh Barens, Holt.

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CAMP

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What makes this soccer camp unique from the rest is the opportunity for participants to receive training of an international flavor as coaches provide cutting edge instruction of the No. 1 game in England. The Challenger camp is often regarded as the most popular soccer camp in North America as some 2,000 communities have been privy to innovative ways of receiving high-level coaching through an equal and educational format.

"We're here to improve their skills and make it fun," said Jack Walsh, 19, of Birmingham, England. "Participation is very important as Challenger's principals include respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and leadership. Mainly, we want everyone to have fun and promote their skills so they can take it to their high school teams, or whatever level of education they are at."

Walsh, along with fellow coaches 21-year-old Liam Blackwood (21) and 19-year-old Beth Rankine, are in the midst of a two-month trip across the United States working toward the development of skills and seeking to bolster excitement to what is widely considered the world's most popular sport.

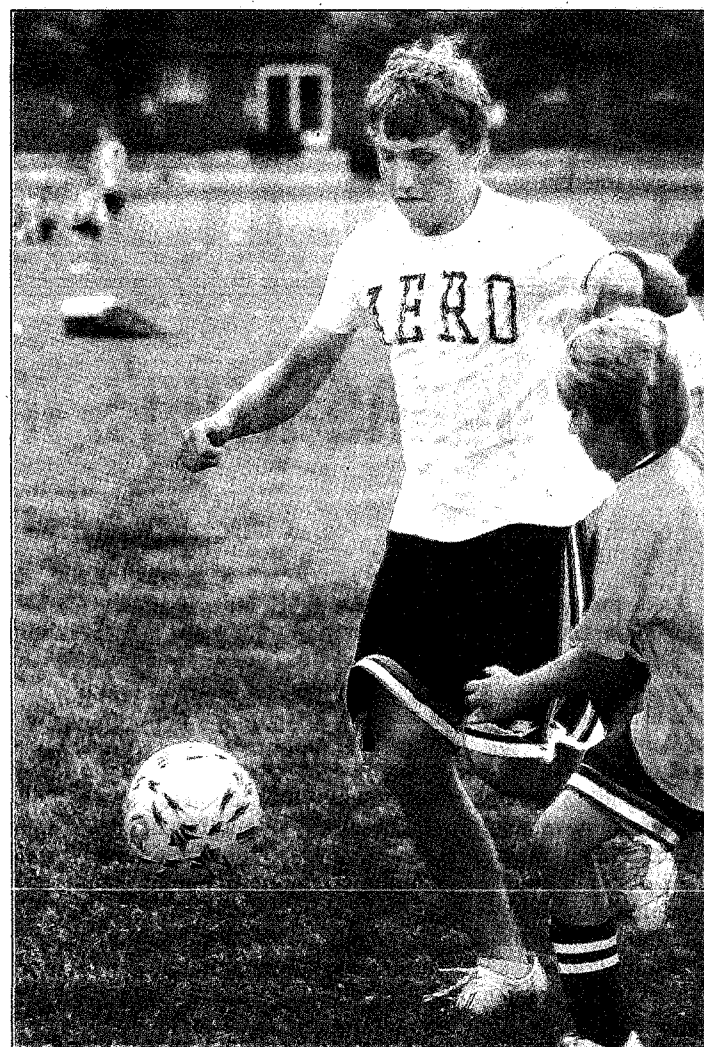
"Soccer is not a USA game, - that is well-known - because America has its own sports," said Blackwood, who first started playing soccer at age five and currently is involved on the semi-pro level back home in Birmingham. "But, in saying that, you can see leaps and bounds (of improvement) from the USA national team. A few weeks ago they are in the Federation Cup and they beat Spain - No. 1 in the world. Four years ago, they would have been wiped out. You can see progress."

And according to the three coaches, continuous instruction at an early age is the key ingredient in brewing such success.

"This is a lot better than the stuff I had when I was their age," Rankine said. "I never had opportunities like this. I would have loved a coach come over from America and coach us, but that wasn't around then."

"Each day here we have a specific task that we aim for the kids to learn - dribbling, turning, passing, shooting, different fundamentals," Rankine went on. "But we also have the technical side which is teamwork and integrity. It is all very important to their development."

The aim of the camp is to provide fresh and exciting activities as foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices and coached scrimmages highlight



Connor Fritz, 15, of Garden City shows off some of his skills during an afternoon session of the British soccer camp.



Ethan Englehart, 9, of Westland, displays his scoring touch as Beth Rankine, one of three coaches from England involved with Challenger British Soccer, looks on.

on-field involvement. Off-field lessons include discipline, sportsmanship and respect toward others and the game itself.

Many of the week's participants are involved in at least one of the areas's soccer organizations - the Christian Youth Soccer League, Garden City Soccer League or Metro Soccer League.

Connor Fritz, 15, of Garden City, who has been so impressed with the manner in which the camp is held, is back for a fourth year trying to hone his soccer skills.

"The English definitely have a different outlook on soccer," said Fritz, 15, a student at United Christian, who participates on the school's soccer and basketball teams. "I'm an

English (soccer) fan — a fan of Manchester United. I like the way they play. They control the ball a lot better than Americans. But Americans are tougher."

"I like coming here because they bring different coaches and they are all very good and very friendly," Fritz continued. "They help all the kids, no matter what age. I'm a midfielder, so there's a lot of things I need to know how to do and I'm always looking to get better."

Englehart seemed to be catching on as quick as anyone what the camp is all about.

"I'm making a lot of friends," he said. "So far we learned how to stop the ball really fast, play a few games and finished three scrimmages — and our team won all three."

KRUG

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throughout the USHL season, a total of 26 to be exact. Krug took all five of his official NCAA visits before narrowing it down to Colorado College, Boston College, Boston University, Cornell and MSU.

"I never had a preference growing up, but deep down inside I guess I had something against Michigan so I guess I was for Michigan State," Krug said. "I'd always go to (college) games at Joe Louis. I fell in love with the campus (East Lansing). It's a dream come true."

Krug is among nine recruits, which also includes Canton's Anthony Hayes, a forward who played for the Green Bay Gamblers (Wis.) of the USHL.

MSU, the NCAA champion in 2007, is coming off a disastrous 10-23-5 season in 2008-09.

"They're in the transition phase," Krug said of the Spartans. "It's not natural for a true freshman to play and I'm

only 18. Usually you're 20 or 21. It's pretty rare. If you're not going to get the playing time, you play down (in juniors)."

Krug, who attended Churchill High School through his junior year, comes from a hockey-playing family.

His two brothers, Adam and Matt, just finished their collegiate careers and are looking for minor league tryouts and contracts.

Adam, a forward, played two seasons at Wayne State and his final two at Adrian College, an NCAA Division III program that finished 27-1-1 last season where he earned RBK All-America honors and was also named the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association's Player of the Year (2007-08).

Adam played 11 games last spring for the Cincinnati Cyclones of the East Coast Hockey League.

Matt, a 6-foot, 215-pound defenseman, played three seasons at Wayne State before the program folded and finished his senior year at Robert Morris (Pa.) where the Colonials fell 3-2 in overtime

to NCAA Frozen Four finalist Bemidji State (Minn.) in the College Hockey America (CHA) playoff final.

"My brothers gave me insight and helped me set goals," Torey said. "I guess we all give each other advice whether we want it or not."

"Matt's given me a lot of pointers because he's a defenseman. He helps out and he knows all the ins-and-outs. Instead of going to parties or bonfires, I always went to see my brothers play. That got me started thinking about college."

Torey will be working a hockey school alongside his brothers in the coming weeks at Adrian College and continues to gear up for his first collegiate season at MSU.

He maintains a strict summer workout regimen at Total Performance in Wixom.

"I do the hockey treadmill, it's tough," Krug said. "I wake up sore every day. This is the biggest summer of my career, and I thought last year was."

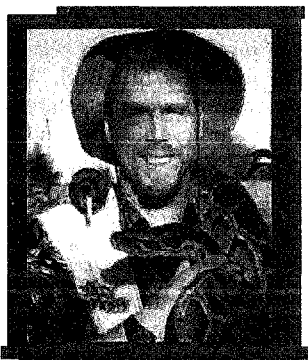
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Rams gear up for postseason

Jason Hanson bested Tom Hansen as the first-place 22-and-under Michigan Bulls wrapped up their Livonia Collegiate Baseball League season Sunday at Ford Field with a 4-3 win over the 20-and-under Michigan Rams.

The Bulls finish 22-6 in the LCBL and are headed to the postseason at the National Amateur Baseball Federation regional tourney in two weeks in Toledo, Ohio.

The Rams, who wound up 22-10 in the LCBL, will return to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The Bulls used four pitchers over the final seven innings in the nine-inning affair. Jason Hanson worked the first two innings, allowing two runs on two hits and a pair of walks to get credit for the victory.

The Rams' Tom Hanson

(Madonna University) went five innings, allowing four runs (three earned) on seven hits and three walks. Matt Broder pitched four scoreless innings in relief, allowing just two hits and a walk while fanning four.

Jon Berti (2-for-4, two RBI) and Matt McNiel (2-for-4, one RBI) paced the Bulls' hitting attack. Jeff Bultinck also collected two hits, while C.J. Maszal also knocked in a run.

Taylor twins shine in All-Star softball

Representing Livonia Franklin for the final time in their prep careers, twins Brittany and Brianna Taylor turned in sparkling efforts during last week's Division 1 Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association All-Star game held at Lansing's Ranney Park.

Catcher Brittany Taylor went 2-for-3 and scored the game-winning run in the sixth inning following a double to propel the White All-Stars to a 2-0 triumph over their Red All-Star counterparts.

Meanwhile, Brianna Taylor turned in a stellar defensive performance at shortstop as she recorded five assists, including a putout of the speedy Amanda Riley (Detroit Cass Tech), who had not been called out in two softball seasons.

The Franklin twins, both All-Stars, are headed this fall to Grand Valley State University to play basketball. They led the Patriots to a runner-up finish last March in the state Class A girls basketball tournament.

Pitchers Samantha Cole (Belleville) and Emily Pilon (Monroe) combined on the shutout for the White All-Stars, who were coached by Hudsonville's Tom Vrugink



Members of the victorious White All-Stars in last week's Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association Division 1 game included (back row, from right) coach Linda Jimenez, Brittany and Brianna Taylor, all from Livonia Franklin. Another member was Hannah Atkinson of Farmington Hills Mercy.

and Franklin's Linda Jimenez. Other members of the White All-Stars included Hannah Atkinson, Farmington Hills Mercy; Sydney Smith, Monroe; Liz Hamming, Hudsonville; Caitlyn Reynolds, Port Huron Northern; Kayla Smart, Jenson; Catherine Chamberlin, Troy; Alexa Maciejewski, Troy Athens; and Andie Dawson, White Lake Lakeland.

The Red All-Stars were coached by Don Peters (Clarkston) and Lisa Allian (Auburn Hills Avondale).

Schmitt in 200 free final

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

So far, so good for Canton High grad Allison Schmitt at the 2009 World Championships in Rome, Italy.

Schmitt, 19, a 2008 Canton graduate, was slated to compete in Wednesday's final of the 200 freestyle for USA Swimming. She earned the spot by way of her fourth-place time of 1:56.11 in Tuesday's semifinal; earlier, she had the second fastest time at the opening preliminary (1:55.92).

Meanwhile, Schmitt also will swim Thursday in the 4-x-200-meter freestyle relay.

Before the crucial week began, Schmitt sounded very confident during a webcast interview with Andrew Silver, senior editor of swimnet.com.

"I'm just getting ready and I feel fast," said Schmitt, adding that she was pumped up about swimming in the marble, outdoor pool.

"Right now, I'm just looking at swimming fast, swimming my best times and getting it up there for the USA," said Schmitt, answering Silver's question about what goals she had for the Worlds.

Schmitt, who is entering her sophomore year at the University of Georgia, qualified on July 7 when she won the 400-meter freestyle event at the ConocoPhillips USA Swimming National Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. She took fourth Monday in the final of the 400 free, with a time of 4:02.51.



Schmitt

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My favorite courses in Michigan

By David Graham

In my position as Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan, it is probably a politically incorrect position to express what golf courses make my personal list of favorites for obvious reasons. But like you, I do have favorites around the state of Michigan and I am willing to provide my two cents on the topic. This list is courses that if invited, I would make time in my schedule to play in a heartbeat. I must also state up front that I have not come close to playing all of the fantastic courses in this state. We are so fortunate to have so many great options. Also, I believe there is a bit of a halo effect on ones likability assessment based on how well one plays and scores at a particular course. I suspect that influence has impacted my selections. So this assessment is very subjective, and

while it will include some obvious courses on everybody's list, it probably is not your list. It does include both private and public facilities.

Dave's Faves in alphabetical order:

- **Arcadia Bluffs** – spectacular links style course along Lake Michigan. As the wind blows, so will one's score. No. 17 is an awesome par 3 when played with a breeze in your face it can be particularly difficult to score.
- **Belvedere** – Tom Watson spent his summers on this gem in Charlevoix. No. 16 is a shorter par 4 with the green wedged into the side of a hill. Great fun particularly if the hole location is on the right side of the green. Beware of an overly aggressive putt.
- **Crystal Downs** – Alistair

Mackenzie design with support from Perry Maxwell recognized as one of the finest courses in America. No. 10 is a great par 4 that demands an approach shot kept below the hole. If not, 50/50 chances you may putt off the green.

- **Eagle Eye** – Newer course with a lot of great holes including an exact replica of the 17th at the TPC at Sawgrass (Island Green). One of my favorites is no. 15 which is a par 4 that has a raised green with severe slopes around with collection areas for any wayward shots.
- **Franklin Hills** – A great Donald Ross design. No. 2 is a superb par 4 with a severely slanted green... do not be above the hole on your approach shot if at all possible.
- **The Gailes** – One of three courses at Lakewood Shores Resort, it is a very challenging links layout with hidden fairway pot bunkers throughout. Bring your "A" game

and you'll have a great time.

- **The Heathers at Boyne Highlands** – Robert Trent Jones design, no. 18 is a great risk reward hole that requires an approach shot over the lake for any realistic chance at a birdie finish.
- **Indianwood Old** – My home course, it plays different each day depending on the wind. No. 18 is a great finishing hole with a huge green. Putting over and around some of the buried elephants can be a challenge!
- **Kingsley Club** – Newer course receiving excellent national exposure. No. 9 is a modest par 3 until you get to the green. Unless you are below the cup you may have some interesting challenges. If chipping or pitching on from behind the green, good luck!
- **Meadowbrook** – Great set of green complexes throughout the course. No. 9 is a great shorter par 4

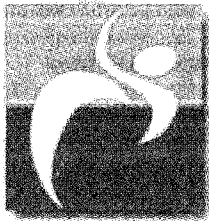
with a severely sloped green. Hands of a surgeon instead of a blacksmith will serve one well.

- **Oakland Hills South** – Spectacular host course to countless major championships as well as the Ryder Cup. No. 17 is a really cool par 3 uphill to a green surrounded by deep bunkers and equally challenging rough. A par on this hole is a great achievement.

The above is a sampling of the great courses in Michigan. If a friend should extend an invite to play any of the above, don't hesitate to accept and keep me in mind if you need someone to fill out your group.

David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan. Check for his Tee Time column every Thursday through September.

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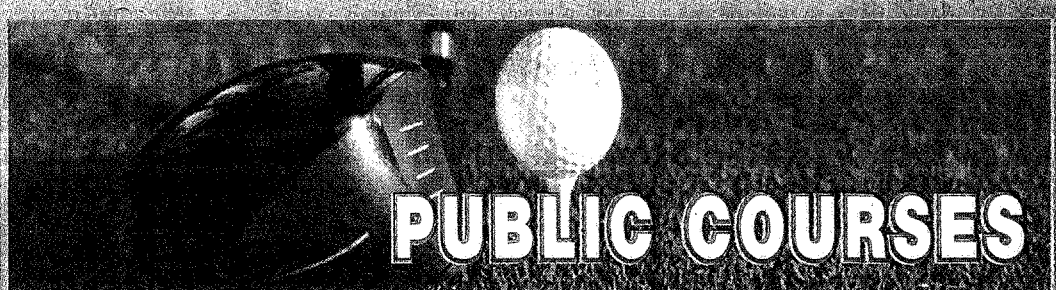
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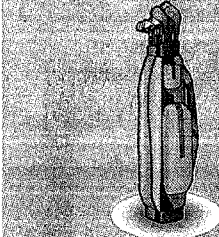


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A common home

Interfaith gathering looks at synagogues, churches

BY WENDY ROSE BICE
CORRESPONDENT

In 1922, Albert Kahn, one of the 20th century's most important architects, designed a house of worship for the Jewish congregation to which he belonged, Temple Beth El.

He chose an octastyle temple in the Ionic Order of architecture — think the front of the Lincoln Memorial and the inside of the Fisher Building. Above the entrance, etched in stone, Kahn had the following words inscribed, "My house shall be a house of prayer for all people."

"How could he know, in 1922, that one day this synagogue would be sold to the Lighthouse Cathedral and then to the Little Rock Baptist Church?" marveled Gerald Cook, of Farmington Hills and one of the organizers of a historic gathering of Jewish and Christian clergy and congregants at the Detroit Historical Museum in Detroit earlier this month.

The group of some 30 men and women of both Jewish and Christian denominations, African American and white, were called together to share stories about their common houses of worship. The event, sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan as part of its 50th anniversary celebration, brought white folks from suburban synagogues to meet representatives of urban churches that were once those very same synagogues.

Whether it is a new building or an old one, the stories shared by members of this group reflect the passion everyday people have for the place in which they pray. Cook, so overjoyed to finally have this group come together, told story after story of how the old synagogues continue to warm the hearts of the members who once worshipped there.

"We brought a tour group into the old B'nai Moshe (now the St. Paul AME Zion Church) on Dexter. The church service wasn't yet over, but we were invited in anyway and were treated to the most beautiful music from the choir," explained a nearly-teary eyed Cook who often leads tours of old Jewish Detroit for the Historical Society. "After the service and the tour, Dr. Ola Williams (a member of St. Paul) held up a little doggy piggy bank and asked us to help in their efforts to raise funds for their library. Our guests stuffed it with \$133 and then, after the tour was over, sent



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Jerry Cook explains the history of this stained glass, from Mogen Abraham, built in 1913. Located at Farnsworth and Beaubien, the congregation left in 1939. It was a Baptist Church until 1977. Senator Carl Levin, spotted the window in the back of a pickup truck while driving on a local freeway. He followed the driver and bought the window. It now belongs to the Reconstructionist Synagogue of Detroit.

another \$250."

Nationally, and here in the Detroit area, it was common that a Jewish congregation moving from its early location would sell its building to a church. Churches, synagogues, temples and mosques need to be near their congregants and as the population of an area changes, so do the houses of worship. Interestingly, churches have chosen to leave in-tact much of the iconography from the synagogue. Jewish stars, Hebrew and English torah verses are commonly found in the churches that were once Jewish temples.

"I've been at this church my whole life," said Rev. Davis of the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, formerly B'nai David. "We decided to maintain what was already there. There is a connection between Jewish and Baptist churches." What the New Mt. Zion church has maintained includes some 99 Jewish stars throughout the church.

Jews and blacks share more than houses of worship, though. Both minorities share histories of slavery, intolerance and prejudice. After the gathering and sharing of stories, the group took a tour of the exhibit, *From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish Life in America*, which traces America's history through a Jewish lens and delves into how Jewish immigrants came to this country, overcame bigotry and exclusion and built a permanent home...themes all too familiar to the members of these black, urban churches.

As only a person of the cloth could, Rev. Glen Plummer of the Christian Television Network, found the words to sum up the remarkable afternoon: "The Jewish community and the African American community historically have changed the country together."

Linda Yellin, of Farmington Hills and owner of Feet on the Street Tours and Events in Southfield, and one

of the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan's co-coordinators of this event, felt an important goal was met.

"This event not only celebrated the African American churches and organizations that honor and acknowledge the area's Jewish roots, but even more significantly, I felt we created another opportunity to celebrate our area's great diversity," she said. "I believe everyone who attended would agree that this event should serve as a reminder for all religious and community organizations to come together to honor, share dialogue, learn from each other and respect our similarities and differences."

From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish Life in America, presented by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, is on display through August at the Detroit Historical Museum. For private, docent-led tours, call (248) 432-5517. Visitors also can see

SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Lighthouse Cathedral, the former Temple Beth El: Rev. Melvin Green and his wife Theresa Ann Green, and Jan Durecki, Temple Beth El archivist

St. Paul Apostolic Temple, the former Temple Israel: Clergy from the Temple and Arnold Collens, a member of Temple Israel

St. Paul AME Zion Church, the former B'nai Moshe: Dr. Ola Williams and Claudia Brown

Clinton Street Greater Bethlehem Temple, the former Shaarey Zedek: Board member Ron Eliason.

New Mount Zion Baptist Church, the former B'nai David: Rev. Kenneth Davis

Greater Mitchell Temple, COGIC, the former Adat Shalom: Bobbie Patton from the Temple, and Adat Shalom's Rabbi Rachel Shere and Cantor Daniel Gross, his wife Lauren, and Barbara and Gerry Cook. Adat Shalom is located in Farmington Hills

Congregation Beth Shalom Rabbi Nelson, Congregation Beth Shalom (Oak Park).

David Henig, Michigan Board of Rabbis. Sharon Alterman (Franklin), Jewish Community Archives; Ellen Cole (West Bloomfield), co-president, Jewish Historical Society of Michigan; Aimee Ergas, director, Jewish Historical Society of Michigan; Wendy Rose Bice, editor, Michigan Jewish History; Bobbie Patton, Greater Mitchell Temple, COGIC, Pastor Benjamin Baker. Susan Herman and Lowell Boileau, creators www.shtetlhood.com (the Lost Synagogues of Detroit (Farmington). New Detroit Inc: Angelita Espino, Maurice Shane and Marshall Montgomery.

Linda Yellin (Southfield), Feet on the Street Tours, co-coordinator of the Interfaith Gathering.

the exhibit anytime by going to the Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave., at the northwest corner of Kirby, in Detroit's Cultural Center area. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

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DORIS BARBER

Age 85 formerly of Livonia, July 26, 2009. Beloved mother of Carl (Debbie), Mark, and Sheri Wellman. Dear sister of Melvin (Maria) Lloyd and Kenneth (Marina) Lloyd. Proud grandmother of seven. Funeral service will be Wednesday July 29 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.

To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

GERALDINE ARMINDA GERSAIS

Age 86, of Westland, MI, passed away Friday, July 24, 2009 at Four Chaplains Nursing Care Center, Westland, MI. She was born August 11, 1922 in Fargo, MN, daughter of the late Claude & Ida (Forum) King. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, cooking and most of all entertaining and having her family all together. She is survived by her loving husband, Wallace D. Gervais, two daughters Marlo (Jim) Pappas of Belleville and Nancy (Rick) Morris of Canton, MI, 7 grandchildren Richard and Wayne Milner, Renee (Bo) Knowlton, Heidi (Brad) Gallagher, Shane (Kelli) Morris, Nicholas (Bea) Morris and Brent Morris, also 9 great-grandchildren and one on-the-way. Services were at Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, July 27, 2009 with Rev. Carl Ames officiating. Interment in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI. www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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JULY 30-AUG. 5

Concert

Cabaret, Thursday July 30; dinner (\$8) at 6 p.m., followed by performance at 7 p.m. A free will offering will be taken. St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. (313) 534-7730.

Speaker

The Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, will talk about "Living Through Our Dark Nights of Faith, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 4, at St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. He'll explore the ways in which Christians can help those, who consider themselves to be more secular than religious, come to a Christian discipleship of increased maturity. Free event with refreshments. RSVP at (734) 425-5950, so we have plenty of refreshments available.

Vacation Bible school

■ 9:30 a.m.-noon, Sundays in August, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Studio Gol game show is theme of this year's school. Games, snacks, crafts and learning. Register at (734) 464-6722 or visit www.5milechurch.org.

■ 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.

■ 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 3-7, at Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Aimed at children, ages 4-10. Crafts, music, refreshments and a look at how children in other parts of the world are being helped. Children will decorate and pack back-to-school boxes for children in a local shelter. Register by calling (734) 524-0880.

■ 9 a.m.-noon, Aug. 3-7 at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, between Grand River Ave., and Freedom, Farmington Hills. Aimed at ages 3 through 5th grade. "Wonders of the World" at Discovery Canyon Vacation Bible School will include faith-filled activities, lively worship, Bible stories, games, crafts, stories, dramatic activities and more. \$20 per child. Register by calling (248) 474-0584.

Family Film

See "Beauty and the Beast" at dusk, July 31, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 525-3664 www.bethelloflivonia.com

AUG. 6-12

Hunger Walk

Churches and organizations interested in participating in this year's Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 11, 1009, may attend a recruiters' orientation meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11 at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Recruiters will receive Walk materials and share strategies for recruiting walkers. For more information, contact Barb Fichtenberg, coordinator, at (734) 981-4205 or bfichtenberg@hotmail.com.

Music Camp

Hearts, Hands & Voices, a worship and music camp for children, grades 2-5, in southeast Michigan, held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 10-13, with a concluding presentation 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

AUG. 13-19

Family film

See "Lion King" at dusk, Aug. 14, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 525-3664; www.bethelloflivonia.com

Vacation Bible school

Boomerang Express, an Australian theme program, runs 6-8:15 p.m., Aug. 17-20, at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago, Livonia. The program is for children who are preschool age through 6th grade during the 2008-2009 school year. Call to register (734) 421-5406.

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.

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■ 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 concern-

ing 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 (non-perishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia.

There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of non-perishable 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.real-life-plymouth.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. to noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at 41711 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org for information.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meets 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7

p.m. Sundays, in Classroom 1 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia. (313) 387-9797. www.aa.org

■ St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care is provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

■ Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. for this weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

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

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

■ Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville offers Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.ward-church.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, learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages. Starting Sept. 13, Sunday service time changes to 10 a.m. 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.

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Cherry Hill Arts Festival

Time/date: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 1

Location: Cherry Hill Village Downtown District, Canton

Details: Art, music, activities for all ages

Contact: cantonfun.org, (734)394-5460

Northville Art House

Time/date: Opening reception, 6-9 p.m., Aug. 7, with exhibit continuing through Aug. 22. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays, 1-9 p.m., first Fridays only

Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville

Details: "Detroit - Perceived Image," the work of Darcel Deneau

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Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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

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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

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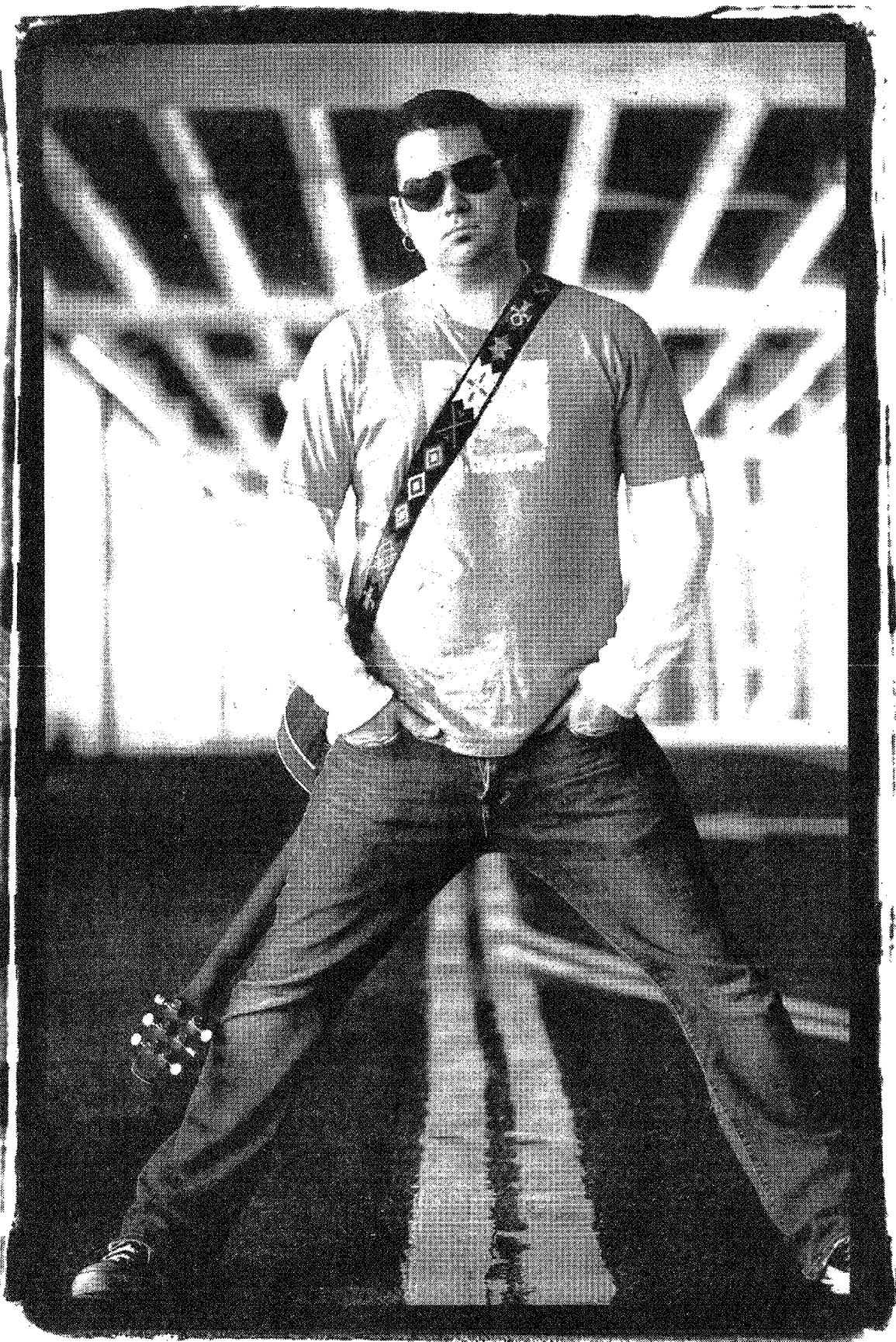
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Magic Bag

Time/Dates: J Chris Newberg, 7 p.m., 10 p.m. Aug. 7

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

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



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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. Jimmy Thackery & The Drivers, July 30;

Junior Brown, Deadstring Brothers, July 31;

Steve Gornall & The Blue Collar Blues Band,

Aug. 1; Moreland & Arbuckle, Aug. 7; Robert

Noll Blues Mission, Aug. 8; Tab Benoit, Aug. 9.

Location: 2105 South Boulevard, south of

the Palace, Auburn Hills

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

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Comerica Park

Time/Date: Vans Warped Tour, July 31

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

Dawn Farm

Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 31

Details: Grievous Angel live in concert. Benefit for the Dawn Farm Community of Programs, assisting recovery from alcoholism/addiction. Dawn Farm Community Barn, 6633 Stoner Creek Road, Ypsilanti. \$10

Contact: (734)485-9725, http://www.dawnfarm.org

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

DTE Energy Music Theater

Time/Date: Kenny Rogers, July 29; Anita Baker, July 31; Travis Tritt, Randy Houser, Aug. 1; Rockstar Energy Mayhem Festival 2009, Aug. 2; The Temptations & The Four Tops, Aug. 6; Newsboys, Aug. 7; Moody Blues, Aug. 9.

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Time/Date: "Stars in the Park" Thursday

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Time/Dates: Detroit Symphony Orchestra,

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NORTHVILLE, Toys, household items, some clothing, keyboard, drum set & more! 21916 Bedford, W of Center, S of 9 Mile. Fri-Sat, 9-3pm.

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Garage Sales **7110**

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REDFORD ENORMOUS YARD SALE. "One Day Only" Sat., Aug. 1, 8-5. Clothes, household items, Longaberger & lots more. 25000 W. Chicago

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WAYNE Multi-Family Garage Sale - 4111 Filbert St. July 30, July 31st and August 1st. 9am to 4pm. Tools, toys and household stuff.

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Visit a wee bit of Scotland in Livonia

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Get your haggis hurling-arm in shape. Your moment to toss the frozen Scottish delicacy — a stuffed sheep's stomach — arrives this Saturday, Aug. 1, at the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's 160th Highland Games at Historic Greenmead, in Livonia.

"It's a sheep stomach with all the ingredients you'd find in sausage, along with oatmeal. It's frozen, and it's thrown for distance," explained Julie Zvoch, games chair and a St. Andrew's trustee.

It's the one athletic event at the games that will be open to the public. Throughout the day amateurs and professionals trained in the Scottish sports of caber tossing, stone put, weight and hammer throws will wow the crowd with feats of strength and accuracy. "They're from all over the country. We have the 2008 North American and World champions competing in 'heavy athletics,'" Zvoch noted. "We have the top athletes."

The event also offers day long entertainment, including music, more than 120 dancers, 16 bagpipe and drum corps, a tug o' war, food and merchandise vendors, children's activities and clan information booths, where guests can learn about Scottish heritage.

Zvoch, who attended her first Highland Games 11 years ago, grew up learning about Scotland from her family. She joined the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit after visiting the Games and spent every year after on its organizing committee. The Chesterfield Township woman has chaired the games for four years.

"We have 32 clans joining us this year. I am by birth a Monroe. I belong to clan Monroe," she said. "By visiting my clan (booth) I can ascertain more knowledge about my family history ... if they were high or low landers, about the tartan, the family crest.

"We're very open and friendly and are proud to say we're Scottish."

But Zvoch stresses that visi-

160TH ANNUAL HIGHLAND GAMES

Movie night: Dusk, Thursday, July 30; "The Waterhorse: Legend of the Deep;" bring blankets or lawn chairs and coolers. No alcoholic beverages. Popcorn and beverages available. Free admission; parking \$5
Ceilidh: Kick-off party on Friday, July 31; tickets sold in advance only, \$15. Ceilidh entertainment: 5 p.m., String Cheese; 6:30 p.m., Alex Beaton; 7:30 p.m., The Kreellers; 8:30 p.m. Needfire; 9:15 p.m., Calling of the Clans; 9:30 p.m., Tartanic

Games day: 9 a.m.-8:30, Saturday, Aug. 1

Games day entertainment: Tartanic at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.; The Kreellers at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.; Needfire at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Alex Beaton throughout the day

Games day activities: Professional and amateur "heavy" athletics, including stone put, caber toss, 28-pound weight throw and hammer throw; haggis hurl (open to public participation); piping and drumming performances; dance performances; Border Collies herding ducks and sheep; tug o'war; food, merchandise vendors

Kids' corner: "Wee Bairns" events include painting a shield, tossing a wee caber, playing cricket, visiting animals, drilling with the 42nd Royal Highland Regiment, marching in a wee clan parade, visiting MacFarlane's Company and more

Location: At Historic Greenmead park, 20501 Newburgh, at Eight Mile, in Livonia

Tickets: Advance ticket is \$10; at the gate, \$15. Children under 12 are free if accompanied by adult. Buy tickets in advance at Greenmead.

Contact: Call Greenmead at (248) 477-7375; call (248) 593-5064 for Highland Game information or e-mail to gameschair@highlandgames.com

tors don't have to share a common ethnic heritage to enjoy the Highland Games.

"People say, 'but I'm not Scottish.' Come, enjoy ... experience a different culture."

NEW EVENT

The Society broadened the Highland Games this year to include a Thursday movie night in the park.

"For our 160th anniversary we wanted to give families another event to do. We have the Friday night Ceilidh, but that's more of an adult atmosphere. We wanted to offer a family-friendly, no alcohol event."

The film, *Waterhorse, Legend of the Deep*, starts at sunset tonight, Thursday, July 30.

There's no admission, but parking costs \$5.

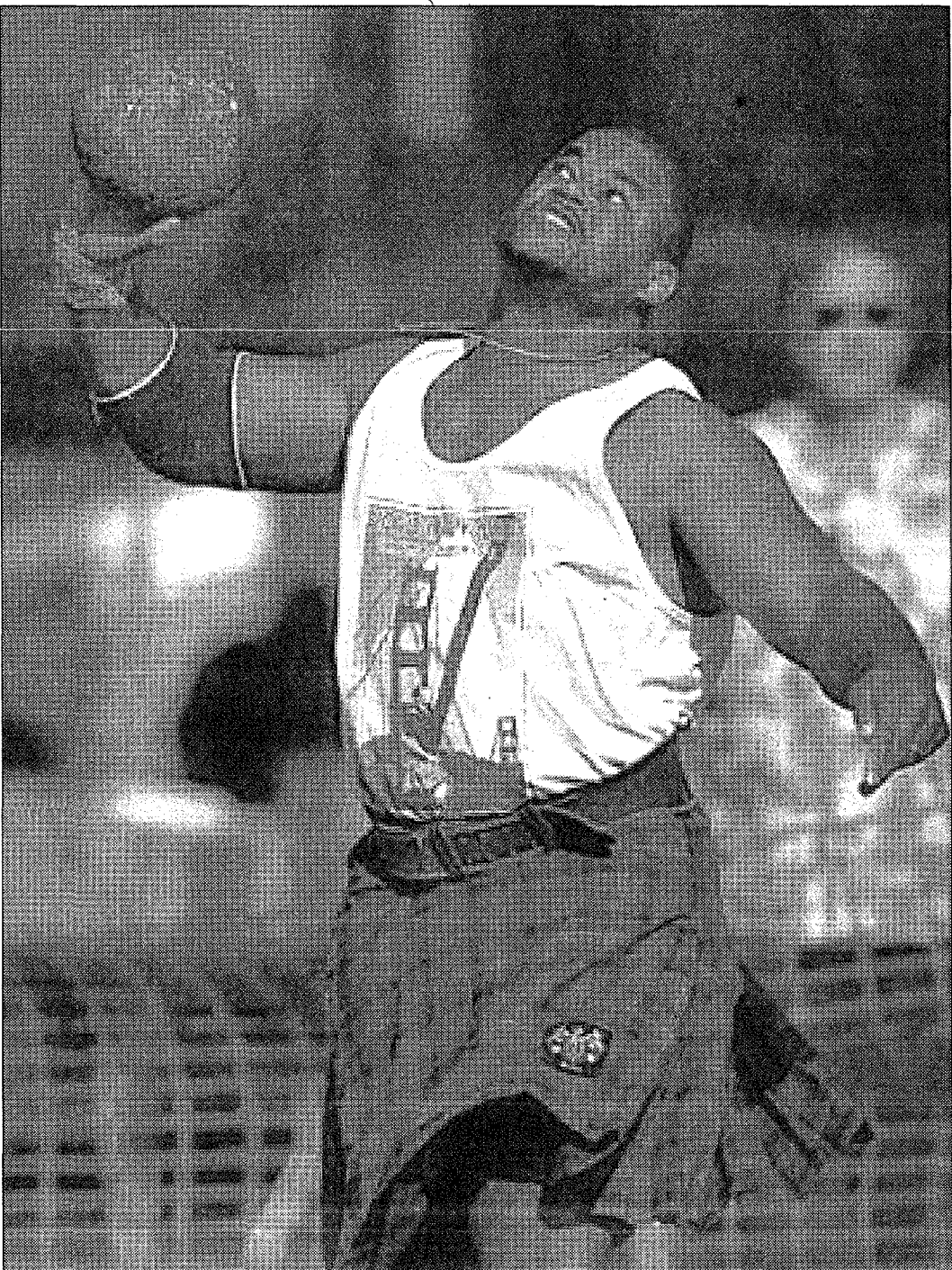
The Highland Games is the major fund-raiser of the year for St. Andrew's Society, a 400-plus member nonprofit based in Southfield. It gives approximately \$10,000 annually in scholarships to students

of Scottish dance, piping and drumming. It also supports charities such as Gleaners Food Bank and the Salvation Army.

"Unlike some nonprofits that raise money and keep it, we give it all away. We have a mini shower of love in April for Children's Hospital and we pack 70 or 80 boxes a year to send to troops."

Proceeds from movie night will benefit Livonia Public Schools.

For more about the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, visit www.detroitscots.com.



Professional athlete Harrison Bailey hurls stone in competition.



Tartanic



The Chalk It Up contest is a favorite event at the Cherry Hill Arts Festival.

Arts fest offers popular chalk on walk contest

Put your sidewalk chalking skills to the test at the 4th Annual Cherry Hill Arts Festival, Saturday, Aug. 1, in the Cherry Hill Village Downtown district in Canton.

The "Chalk It Up" sidewalk chalk art contest attracts talented artists both locally and regionally. This special sidewalk chalk art contest, presented by D & M Art Studios, allows entrants of all ages and skill-levels a chance to compete for prizes.

Artists are required to check in by 11 a.m. Registration fee for adults 13 and up is \$15 and children 12 and under can register for \$5. Chalk supplies are included in the registration fee. To participate in the "Chalk It Up" competition pick up a registration form at the Summit on the

Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, or on-site at the competition in Cherry Hill Village.

The art festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Cherry

Hill Village Downtown District. Visitors can spend the afternoon strolling through local businesses, the Village Theater, and Canton's many historic sites, all while enjoying art and performances by local artists.

The Cherry Hill Arts Festival is a celebration of all things art, and welcomes more than 2,500 guests annually. The event offers musical entertainment, face painting, food, en plein air (in the open air) painting demonstrations, educational workshops, demonstrating artists, artist/crafter booths, and art-themed activities for all ages.

Tabasco Cats, Central City Dance and Celebration Youth Orchestra will perform on the Cherry Hill Arts Festival Stage. In addition, Spotlight in a Trunk (Spotlight Players) will present *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

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Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Highland Lakes Campus. 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

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Dates: 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: Rhythms in Riley Park
Location: Downtown Farmington
Contact: www.DowntownFarmington.org

Trinity House

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9
Details: Benefit for medical costs of cancer survivor, singer-songwriter Ralston Bowles. Performances by Dave Boutette, Billy Brandt (of Grievous Angel), Chris Buhalis, Annie and Rod Capps, Stewart Francke, Jill Jack, Jan Krist, Mustard's Retreat, D.K. Rossiter (of Hoodang), and others
Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Tickets \$15; \$12 for Trinity House members
Contact: For tickets call (734) 464-6302 or write tickets@trinityhouse.org

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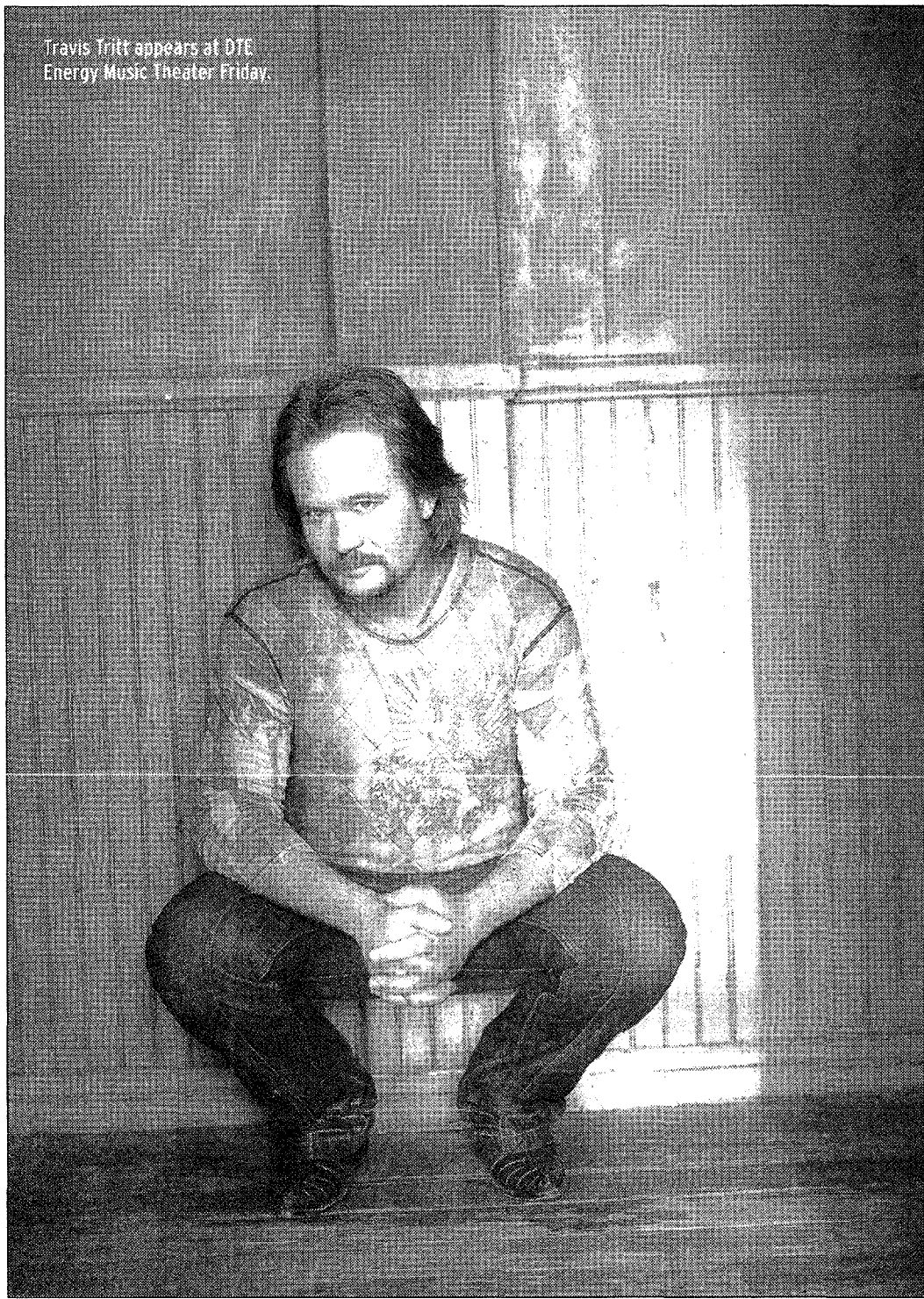
Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Details: Jazz for Kids Program
Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit
Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

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.northvillamarquistheatre.com

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Date: The Wiggles "Go Bananas Live," Aug. 14
Contact: (800) 745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com

FILM**AMC Summer MovieCamp**

Time/Dates: \$1 select movies, Wednesday's. AMC Forum 30 with IMAX; AMC Star Gratiot 21; AMC Star Great Lakes 25; AMC Livonia 20. Aug. 5, "Star Wars The Clone Wars" (PG)

Details: Benefits Variety - The Children's Charity and The Will Rogers Institute
Contact: www.amccentertainment.com/smc

Center for Japanese Studies

Time/Dates: Free summer film series offers "Honey and Clover," Friday, July 31; "Funky forest: The First Contact," Friday, Aug. 7; "Ping-Pong," Friday, Aug. 14 and "Happily Ever After," Friday, Aug. 21; 7 p.m.

Location: Ashwith Auditorium, Lorch Hall, 611 Tappan Street, Ann Arbor, on the University of Michigan campus

Details: All films are in Japanese with English subtitles
Contact: (734) 764-6307

Compuware Sports Arena

Drive-in
Time/Date: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30

Details: "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" and "Transformers - Revenge of the Fallen," screen 1; "G-Force" and "Up," screen 2; "Ice Age - Dawn of the Dinosaurs," and "The Proposal," screen 3

Location: 14900 Beck, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 927-3284
Detroit Historical Society

Time/Dates: Soupy Sales film series, 1 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays through Aug. 30

Details: Free with museum admission. Free museum admission, July

Location: 5401 Woodward Ave. northwest of Kirby), Detroit's Cultural Center area

Contact: (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org

Henry Ford IMAX

Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

Contact: (313) 271-1570

Penn Theatre

Time/Dates: Summer family movie series. July 30, "Annie," Aug. 6, "In Search of the Castaways," Aug. 13, "Babe," Aug. 20: "Apple Dumpling Gang," Aug. 27: "The Muppets Take Manhattan." 1 p.m., 7 p.m., \$3/seat

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre

Time/Dates: "Lawrence of Arabia," Aug. 7-9; "Planet of the Apes," Aug. 21-22

Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit
Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

MUSEUMS**Cranbrook Institute of Science**

Time/Dates: "Hatching the Past," through Sept. 6; Planetarium shows Friday nights and weekends; 11 permanent exhibits

Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

Contact: (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu

Detroit Historical Museum

Time/Dates: "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" through Sept. 6. Standing exhibits include Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, The Glancy Trains
Location: 5401 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org

Detroit Science Center

Time/Date: On-going exhibit, "Star Trek: The Exhibition"

Location: 5020 John R
Contact: (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org
Greenfield Village

Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

Contact: (313) 982-6001 or thehenryford.org

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Dates: "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St. 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, \$5; \$2 students 6-17; \$10 families
Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT**Detroit Historical Society**

Time/Dates: Weekly
Details: "Behind the Scenes" tours. \$20 society members, \$30 for guests

Contact: (313) 833-1801, or www.detroithistorical.org

Penn Grill & Bar

Time/Dates: Tuesdays, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Details: Karaoke

Location: 820 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-3570

THEATER**Barefoot Productions**

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. July 30, 8 p.m. July 31 and Aug. 1, and 2 p.m. Aug. 2.

Details: A comedy double feature - "Picasso" and "Neato-Man," tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 senior and student

Contact: (734) 560-1493

Location: Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 North Main Street, Plymouth

8th Wonder

Time/Dates: 8 p.m., Friday, July 31 and Saturday, Aug. 1, staged reading of the play "The Known Limits" by Joe Zettelaier

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads, Canton

Tickets: \$10 general admission

Coming up: "Big River," the musical version of "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," Aug. 7-9 and 13-16; tickets \$17 for adults and \$13 for seniors and youth

Contact: www.8thwondertheatre.com or (734) 972-4054

Fisher Theatre

Location: 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit

Contact: (800) 982-2787, www.ticketmaster.com, www.broadwayindetroit.com

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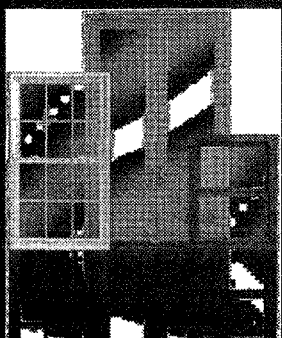
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BUSINESS MILESTONES

New DIY Web site

As the Appliance Repair Show enters its third season on News/Talk 760 WJR, RepairClinic.com has launched a new Web site to support listeners. Geared toward do-it-yourselfers, www.ApplianceRepair.com was created to offer consumers and listeners maintenance tips on household appliances along with the opportunity to revisit archived shows. The Web site's search capability gives users the opportunity to seek out past transcripts for their specific appliance problem and provides downloadable audio. The transcripts provide helpful content and links to specific parts and appliance-related problems. The site also features a 'Listen Live' option that can be heard worldwide when the show airs LIVE on News/Talk 760 WJR, Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Appliance Repair Show presented by RepairClinic.com in Canton, has been aiding the do-it-yourself market since June 2007. The show host, John Sowden, Vice President of Purchasing and Technical Services, shares his 25 years of experience with up-to-date knowledge to guide consumers who want to repair their own appliances and offers advice to

those with general appliance-related questions.

Clean Corporate Citizen

Yazaki North America, Inc., of Canton, a leading supplier of vehicle power and data solutions to the automotive industry, was named the 160th member of Michigan's Clean Corporate Citizen (C3) program for its efforts to maintain, protect and enhance Michigan's environmental resources. Steven E. Chester, director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, made the announcement. "I would like to congratulate the entire team at Yazaki North America for their work in protecting Michigan's environment," said Chester. "Yazaki shares our belief that environmental stewardship and economic prosperity can, and do, go hand-in-hand." The C3 program recognizes Yazaki for its adoption of facility-specific environmental management systems, institution of an ongoing pollution prevention initiative and consistent compliance with state and federal environmental requirements at its facilities in Michigan. "Yazaki is proud to operate in a state that promotes environmental quality and recognizes companies for their corporate citizenship," said William Schafer, Yazaki's environmental, health and safety

specialist. "We will continue our internal efforts toward creating a sustainable society, as well as our work on the development of energy efficient and hybrid electric vehicles."

Evola open house

Evola Music of Canton hosts a special Open House 2:30-5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8, to view the new Kindermusik and Piano classrooms. Evola Music is located at 7170 N. Haggerty between Joy and Warren. Activities include previews of the fall classes, meet-and-greet with teachers, Kindermusik Story Times, performances by the New Horizons Band, and hand printing the walls of the new Kindermusik room. Local home show demonstrators will also be on hand. The new Kindermusik room is larger and includes a parent waiting area, snack/craft tables, bigger classroom, better lighting and tons of storage for all instruments and classroom supplies. Registrations are now being taken for the fall semester. Classes in Kindermusik, piano, voice, violin and guitar and private lessons in a variety of instruments are offered. Call Evola Music Center at (734) 455-4677 or visit www.kindermusik-evola.com for more information. Classes begin Sept. 9.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



LaVida Massage celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week at its location at 42142 Ford Road in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents.

New center puts massage at your fingertips

Observer: Please tell us about your business.

LaVida Massage: LaVida Massage of Canton is a 10-room massage center that offers high quality therapeutic massage at affordable prices. Our one-hour sessions start at \$49.95. The Center is staffed with both male and female certified therapists who perform a wide variety of massage services.

Observer: What makes you unique?

LaVida Massage: Our LaVida Center specializes in solely Therapeutic Massage. We offer a non-membership and walk-in center making it easy and affordable to make massage a part of any lifestyle.

Observer: How did you first to

decide to open your own business?

LaVida Massage: I have been a retail business owner for almost three decades. Due to the growing Health and Wellness Industry LaVida Massage caught my attention. Right now people are working extra hard to take care of themselves and are looking for new, affordable and healthy ways to reduce stress. I feel that LaVida helps to fill that void.

Observer: How did you decide to locate in Canton?

LaVida Massage: Through demographic statistics, the residents of Canton were shown to be knowledgeable in the Health and Wellness Industry.

LAVIDA MASSAGE

Business Name: LaVida Massage
Business Address: 42142 Ford Road, Canton

Your Name and position: Mark Davis, owner/operator

Your Hometown: Brighton

Number of Employees: 12

Your Business Specialty: LaVida Massage stays busy offering top quality therapeutic massage at a great low price.

Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Business Phone/Web site: (734) 844-1402; www.lavidamassage.com



Ribbon cutting

Hampton Inn & Suites of Canton celebrated an opening with a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony, attended by employees, Canton Township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents. Hampton Inn & Suites is located at 1950 Haggerty in Canton.

CHAMBER CHAT

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 packages 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**

"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.

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.

Paul Todd concert

Paul Todd will be in concert at St. Thomas A' Becket, 555 S. Lilley in Canton, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2.

Todd, who hails from Florida, is returning for a second concert at the church. Cost is \$20.

8th Wonder

8th Wonder at the Village Theater presents several performances at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Cost is \$5 to \$17.

The schedule:

- The Known Limits, July 31 and Aug. 1
- Big River Musical, Aug. 7-16

For more information on show times and cost, call (734) 394-5460.

Maps/directories

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Community Maps and 2009 Chamber Directories are available at the Canton Chamber office.

The Canton Chamber Map includes a map of Canton with all streets and points of interest on one side and a Wayne County Map on the other side. The 2009 Directory includes information about the Canton Community as well as phone listings for State and Local Governmental Departments.

The Canton Chamber Directory also includes a member Buyer's Guide, Membership Directory, information on Chamber Membership and a complete listing of Chamber Community Events.

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.

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 diannec@cantorchamber.com.

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NEW PATIENTS

FOOD & WINE

Win cash, prizes and ribbons in fair recipe contests

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

With the Michigan State Fair less than a month away, it's time to start working on your blue ribbon-winning recipes.

The fair runs Aug. 28-Sept. 7 and includes lots of opportunities to show off skills in baking, canning and other home arts categories. Rules for each contest are available online at www.michigan.gov/mistatefair.

In addition to the local competitions, four corporate-sponsored food events offer cash prizes and in two cases, a national judging.

"These are special contests that are held, not only at the Michigan State Fair, but at up to 70 other state and county fairs throughout the country," explained Beth Betcher, a spokeswoman for the Blue Ribbon Group. "These contests have been hosted at the Michigan State Fair since as early as 1994. Three of the four contests — Hidden Valley, Pillsbury and Fleischmann's Yeast — have national judging. The first place winning recipes from all hosting fairs go on to national judging with a chance to win grand prizes from \$1,000 to \$2,000."

Hidden Valley's "Fresh Taste for the Family" Recipe Contest doubled its prize from \$1,000 to \$2,000 this year. Contestants may create an entrée, appetizer or side dish centered on fresh food, wholesome ingredients and traditions that bring families together. Entrants must feature Hidden Valley® The Original Ranch® Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix in their recipes and deliver their creations for live "judging" at the fair.

Entries will be judged on their fresh factor, taste, family appeal, and ease of preparation. First place is worth \$200. Second and third places are worth \$100 and \$50 respectively. A \$2,000 grand prize will be awarded to one of the first place winners among the 46 fairs. The contest is open to U.S. residents 18 years or older, one entry per person. The contest will



Pillsbury® Merry Cherry-Plum-Berry Tart

be judged at 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 3.

CHOCOLATE LOVERS

Create a decadent dessert with at least one Ghirardelli baking product and up to 10 other ingredients and you'll be ready to compete in the 2009 Chocolate Championship.

The chocolate challenge rewards winners with cash prizes, gift packages and winning ribbons. First and second place entries win \$150 and \$50 respectively. The top three winners take home a Ghirardelli gift basket, plus a prize ribbon, apron and award certificate. One random contestant also will win a Ghirardelli gift basket. Entries are judged on chocolate taste, originality/creativity, appearance, and ease of preparation.

Ages 18 or older may enter; limit one entry per person. Chocolate Championship judging is 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29.

PILLSBURY PIES

The Pillsbury® Refrigerated Pie Crusts Pie Baking Championship gives a \$200 cash prize and commemorative gift to the first place winner, \$100 to second place and \$50 to third place. The first place winner will also have a chance to win the \$1,000 national grand prize.

The Pie Baking Championship is aimed at all ages and pie-making skill levels. Entrants submit a two-crust fruit pie using Pillsbury refrigerated pie crusts. All entries will be judged at the fair based on taste, appearance, creativity, ease of preparation and general appeal. The web site www.pillsbury.com/pie will feature a variety of winners this fall, including the national grand prize recipe at year-end. The contest will be judged at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4.

FOR THE CURE

Fleischmann's Yeast, will donate \$10 to Susan G. Komen for the Cure for each entry into its BAKE for the CURE® contest. The contest offers \$375 in cash prizes and \$3,000 in national prizes. The main category awards \$150 for first place, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. In the second category, \$100 is awarded for the "Best Batter Bread," where contestants simply mix, rise and bake an entry. Qualifying bread recipes in the second category use just one rise time and no effort spent kneading the dough. Open to all ages. Judging is set for noon Sunday, Sept. 6.

Pre-registration is required for all four contests. Visit <http://www.michigan.gov/mistatefair> and click on Department 6-Daily Contests to enter.

BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

Need a little inspiration for the recipe contests at the Michigan State Fair?

Try these national and regional winners from the 2008 Hidden Valley, Pillsbury, Ghirardelli and Fleischmann's Yeast contests:

HIDDEN VALLEY® FRESH VEGGIE CRISPS

- 1 cup peanut oil for frying
- 2 burrito size flour tortillas (10- to 11-inch)
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 packet (1 ounce) Hidden Valley® The Original Ranch® Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
- 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 medium cucumber, seeded and chopped
- 1 medium zucchini squash, seeded and chopped
- 1 orange or yellow bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 2 roma tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

In large frying pan heat peanut oil on medium-high heat. Fry tortillas, turning once, until browned and crisp. Place on paper towels to drain and set aside. In medium bowl whisk together cream cheese, sour cream and the Hidden Valley® Ranch mix. Add the dill and mix well again. Spread the mixture evenly over fried tortillas; then sprinkle with the chopped fresh vegetables in order given. Top with parsley and enjoy. Cut in wedges to serve. Makes 16 appetizer wedges. (For baked tortillas: brush both sides with vegetable oil, place on baking sheet and bake at 450 degrees F for 4 to 6 minutes, turning once, until crisp)

PILLSBURY® MERRY CHERRY-PLUM-BERRY TART

Crust and Topping:

- 1 box (15 ounces) Pillsbury® refrigerated pie crusts
- ½ cup chopped almonds
- 3 tablespoons turbinado sugar
- Filling:
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup dried cherries
- ¾ cup amaretto
- 1½ cups fresh blueberries
- 2 plums, cut into pieces
- 1½ tablespoons cornstarch
- White Amaretto Truffle Sauce:
- 2 ounces white vanilla baking chips (1/3 cup)
- ½ cup whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons amaretto

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Let one pie crust stand at room temperature 15 minutes to soften; unroll crust into 9-inch tart pan. Lightly press crust into fluted edge of pan. Run rolling pin across top of pan to cut off excess crust. Prick side and bottom of crust with fork. Bake 10 minutes. In 2-quart saucepan, heat dried cranberries, dried cherries and ¾ cup amaretto over medium heat 5 minutes. Add blueberries and plums. Cook 15 minutes longer. Stir in cornstarch. Pour into partially baked crust.
2. Remove remaining pie crust from refrigerator. Chop cold crust into small pieces, adding almonds and sugar while chopping, to make crumbly topping. Sprinkle over filling. Bake 30 to 35 minutes. Cool 15 minutes.
3. Place baking chips in medium bowl; set aside.

In 1-quart saucepan, heat cream over low heat. As soon as bubbles form around edge of pan, remove from heat; pour warm cream over baking chips in bowl. Stir until chips are melted and completely smooth. Stir in 2 tablespoons amaretto. Refrigerate 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Stir sauce well before serving. Drizzle each serving with about 2 tablespoons amaretto sauce. Cover and refrigerate any remaining pie and sauce. 8 servings

GHIRARDELLI WHITE CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

- 8 ounces Ghirardelli White Chocolate
- 4 tablespoons orange liqueur, such as Grand Marnier
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1½ cups heavy cream
- 2 egg whites

In double boiler over hot water, melt chocolate — either two Ghirardelli White Chocolate Baking Bars or ½ bag of Ghirardelli Classic White Chips — with liqueur and water; stir gently to blend. Cool until chocolate mixture no longer feels warm to the touch. In large bowl with electric mixer, beat cream until soft peaks form; fold cream into chocolate mixture. In large bowl with clean mixer, whisk egg whites until soft peaks form. With rubber spatula, fold egg whites into chocolate mixture. Divide mousse among 6 dessert bowls or glasses. Chill at least 1 hour.

ORANGE NIRVANA

- 3 to 3 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 envelope Fleischmann's® RapidRise Yeast
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 ½ tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated orange peel
- ½ cup orange marmalade
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- Topping:
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, softened
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Icing:
- 1 ounce cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 ½ tablespoons orange juice
- ½ teaspoon freshly grated orange peel

Combine 2 cups flour, undissolved yeast, sugar and salt in large mixer bowl. Heat milk and butter to 120° to 130° F and add to flour mixture. Add butter, egg and orange peel. Beat for 2 minutes. Stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover and let rest for 10 minutes. Punch dough down. Roll into 14- by 9-inch rectangle. Spread orange marmalade down the middle of the dough, lengthwise. Make diagonal cuts 1 inch apart and 3 inches long down the two sides. Fold alternate strips of dough over the filling. Place on a greased or parchment lined baking sheet. Brush with the two tablespoons of melted butter. Cover and let rise until double, about 30 minutes. Combine topping ingredients to make crumbs. Sprinkle on top of the braid. Bake at 350° F for 30 to 35 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Combine all icing ingredients and drizzle over coffee cake. Yield: 1 coffee cake.

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Energy upgrades save on taxes, boost home values

Increasing the energy efficiency of your home is one way to cut down on monthly bills, and now is a great time to make some modest home improvements that will allow you to take advantage of federal tax credits and boost your property value. According to *Remodeling Magazine's* 2008-09 "Cost vs. Value" report, energy efficient replacement projects are some of the best bets for recouping money at resale. Consumers can now take advantage of several new and



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expanded tax credits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that encourage energy efficient home improvements. Some qualifying improvements include routine work that every homeowner must undertake now and then, such as installing a new roof. However, other qualifying improvements are more involved including installing a wind or solar energy system. To qualify for tax credits, improvements must typically be made on the owner's primary residence. Homeowners should keep in mind that just because a product has an ENERGY STAR seal — the Environmental Protection Agency's standard for energy efficient consumer products — it doesn't mean the purchase qualifies for the tax credit.

For the following home improvements, a household can take a tax credit for 30 percent of the improvement cost up to \$1,500 total for all improvements "placed in service" during 2009.

- Windows and doors including energy efficient skylights, storm windows, exterior windows, storm doors and exterior doors;
- Roofing and insulation, including metal or asphalt shingles;
- Heating and cooling systems including energy efficient central A/C units, oil and gas furnaces; and
- Water heaters including energy-efficient gas, oil, or propane water



heaters and electric heat pump water heaters.

Before making any energy saving purchases, do your homework because not all products qualify for a tax credit. Also keep the following tips in mind:

- Always check the company or contractor out with the Better Business Bureau. BBB Reliability Reports are available for free at www.bbb.org and will tell you if the business has a good rating and is accredited by the Better Business Bureau.

- Homeowners should get several estimates for projects and remember that you do not have to use any

specific contractor in order to take advantage of the tax credits.

- To claim the tax credit for energy efficient products installed in 2009, you will need to file the 2009 IRS Form 5695 and submit it with your tax return by April 15, 2010. Unfortunately, the form won't be available until late 2009 or early 2010, so if you are making a purchase now be aware that you need to complete the form when it becomes available and submit it with your return.

- Save your receipts and request a "Manufacturer's Certification Statement" for your records. A Manufacturer's Certification

Statement provides you with an acknowledgement that the product or service you are purchasing qualifies for a tax credit.

A full list of qualifying home improvements and answers to common questions are available online at www.energystar.gov/taxcredits. Also consider consulting a tax professional before filing your tax returns.

Tim Burns is the public affairs director for the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan (www.bbb.org). The Better Business Bureau works to promote trust and prevent fraud and unethical business practices in the local marketplace.

Consult with lawyer on easement

Q: I own four contiguous lots and have built a home on one of them. I am concerned about construction on the other three lots blocking the view of a river. When I sell my other three lots, I want to impose an easement restricting the location of the buildings on the conveyed lots. If I sell them to new owners, will they be able to build on those lots?

A: You should be able to get an injunction based upon a case out of Florida, where the plaintiff sought an injunction



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against the construction of a home by new owners of lots in similar fact claiming that the covenant did not bind them because there was no mutuality of obligation. But

the court held that the mutuality of obligation is not necessary for a restrictive covenant of this type. Mutuality is only required when the restrictive covenants are designed to enforce a general scheme or plan such as a subdivision plan. You are best advised to have an attorney draft the restrictions so that you are in compliance with the law of your particular jurisdiction.

Q: I am on the Board of Directors of a subdivision and wonder whether Michigan law requires a certain percentage of funds to be held in the Reserve Fund. We spent \$1,000 last year for a reserve study which shows that we are drastically unfunded and other board members now want to ignore the study.

A: I presume from your letter that you are a condominium. If you are not, there may not be any specific requirement in the law for any monies in reserve other than general good business practices and/or a specific provision in your subdivision documents. On the other hand, if you are a condominium, there is a minimum requirement of 10 percent of the current budget on a noncumulative basis to be held in a reserve for major repair and replacement of the common areas. The statute also requires a board to make reasonable diligence as to the amount that should be held in reserves. If your board, like so many others, is unwilling to follow the dictates of a reserve study and/or good legal advice, the board may be deemed to be negligent and potentially subject to liability. You may wish to show this response to your board, which may be helpful in resolving your issue.

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 \$99.95 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.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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.

Real Estate as a Second Career

A seminar for individuals considering real estate will be held each Saturday at noon at Home Smart Realty, 20853 Farmington Road. Call (248) 426-6754 to reserve your seat. Offered by Home Smart Realty.

Foreclosure tours

Tour foreclosed homes in the Farmington and surrounding areas on every Sunday at 1 p.m., offered by Home Smart Realty, 20853 Farmington Road. Call (248) 426-6754 for more information and registration.

Investors

Learn about short sales (discounting a mortgage) and loan modifications, presented by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Aug. 13, at 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU

Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

BIA

- 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.

- Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council presents a seminar on "Financial Planning" on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Brad Hinkson of Hinkson Construction, Inc. and NABHR chair, will moderate the presentation that will address how to evaluate the financial health of your business, self-diagnosis and how to get back on the right track.

There is no charge for council members and \$15 for guests. Advance payment is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

- Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will hold a Real Estate Continuing Education course on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the

course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education.

Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

- Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present an overview of the Michigan Uniform Energy Code (MUEC) on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC will present the training including comparison of the four compliance strategies, an explanation of the various methods of demonstrating compliance, a discussion of construction related changes, a description of the different foundation insulation systems, a comparison of insulation materials, and a view of the Sample Cost Scenarios of the different methods.

Registration fees are \$55 for Green Built™ Council members, \$75 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$95 for guests. For registration

information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

- Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present training on Compliance With The Michigan Uniform Energy Code (MUEC) on Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 8 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services LLC will present this advanced course to address the documentation that is necessary for compliance. Topics include the building science behind energy efficiency, advanced framing and air infiltration techniques that decrease insulation costs, construction related documents required by building departments, how to perform take-offs and calculate U-values, the Energy Star™ Thermal Bypass Inspection Checklist, and the next step to Green Built™ Certification.

Registration fees are \$90 for Green Built™ Council members, \$105 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of April 13-17, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton

39518 Cather St \$120,000
49791 Garfield St \$241,000
50048 Jackson Ln \$189,000
46977 Mornington Rd \$245,000
761 Roosevelt St \$248,000

Livonia

36966 Lancaster St \$145,000

Northville

16671 Dundalk Ln \$243,000
48961 Rainbow Ln S \$316,000
16436 Ridgewood Ct \$261,000

Redford

15835 Centralia \$40,000
19917 Centralia \$64,000
25769 Jennifer \$100,000
9234 Marion Cres \$153,000
13977 Seminole \$56,000

Westland

37759 Colonial Dr \$73,000
1650 N Berry St \$90,000
8160 N Henry Ruff Rd \$95,000
30792 Nelson Cir \$110,000
36184 Oakwood Ln \$205,000

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 20-24, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills

18855 Warwick St \$249,000

Birmingham

411 Bennaville Ave \$395,000
1106 Bennaville Ave \$400,000
450 Southfield Rd \$175,000

Bloomfield Township

2655 Aspen Ln \$170,000

Clarkston

7375 Oakstone Dr \$308,000
4686 Ottawa Ct \$275,000

Commerce Township

6171 Ashland St \$165,000
1730 Fenwick Dr \$290,000

Davidsburg

9110 Sherwood Dr \$114,000

Farmington

23700 Ely Ct \$50,000

Farmington Hills

22959 Canfield Ave \$153,000
21034 Colwell St \$42,000
28629 Green Castle Rd \$220,000

Farmington Hills

21282 Parklane St \$210,000
38218 Saratoga Cir \$106,000

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND COUNTY

Keego Harbor

3355 Orchard Lake Rd \$150,000

Lake Orion

2801 Glenwood Ct \$52,000
4300 Rohr Rd \$172,000

Milford

547 Heritage Dr \$369,000
3190 Pine Cone Ct \$435,000

Northville

43428 Galloway Dr \$165,000

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45149 Bartlett Dr \$310,000
1309 E Lake Dr \$283,000
25650 Island Lake Dr \$265,000
24403 Olde Orchard St \$68,000
27351 Victoria Rd \$270,000

Oakland Township

5592 Kirkridge Trl \$700,000

2472 Spyglass Dr \$130,000

Oxford

3050 Metamora Rd \$165,000

Rochester

1476 Ramblewood Ct \$475,000
536 Wyngate Dr \$195,000

Rochester Hills

54 Clair Hill Dr \$138,000
2694 Forest View Ct \$217,000
1709 Jason Cir \$218,000
884 Ten Point Dr \$205,000

Southfield

20200 Ledgestone St \$53,000
19104 Silvercrest St \$119,000

Troy

30 Wendelton Rd \$119,000

Walled Lake

22204 Alexa Dr \$130,000
1690 High Pointe Dr \$154,000
375 Wellsboro St \$65,000

Waterford

4933 Harbor Point Dr \$63,000
500 Pine Creek Ct \$165,000
6415 Tara Cv \$170,000
3425 Windcroft Dr \$123,000

West Bloomfield

3215 Blossom \$198,000
4350 Knightsbridge Ln \$105,000

White Lake

588 Farnsworth St \$44,000
8972 Tackles Dr \$170,000
1315 Waverly Dr \$125,000

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LIVONIA: Luxury Laurel Park. Lg. 2 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2 car. Great location! \$1500/mo. Water included. 313-657-8730

NORTHVILLE CONDO
 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1,000 sq.ft. Appl incl, 1 car garage, \$850 incl water. Call: (734) 416-9465

TROY - 2 bdrm, 2 full baths, finished lower level, 1 car attached, \$1195. Avail Sept 1. 313-743-4642, 248-627-9214

WESTLAND
 2 bdrm, washer/dryer included. Carport. \$750/mo. (586) 412-1597

Duplexes

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GARDEN CITY - 2 bdrm, full basement, 1 1/2 bath, fenced yard, no pets. \$585/mo. plus security. 734-261-1812

WEST BLOOMFIELD: 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch, 2 car garage, Birmingham Schools, all appliances \$1100. 248-624-2684

Westland - Norwayne
 2 bdrm, fenced yard, dead-end street. \$499 to move in. For appt. 734-968-2636

Flats

4040

NORTHVILLE - UPPER FLAT
 2 bdrm, upper flat w/ updated Kitchen, LR/DR, full bsmt, 1 car Gar w/ opener, just steps from downtown. Credit check/ references, 1 yr lease. \$795/mo + utilities. Call Jim Stevens (734) 416-1201

PLYMOUTH: 289 E Pearl St. \$775/mo. Min 1 year lease, sec dep, credit check required, no pets. Call: (734) 453-4679

Homes For Rent

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CANTON - 3 bdrm/3 level, 1.5 bath deluxe duplex near Ford/ Sheldon. A/C, appl, \$827/mo, 734-395-0829 NOW!

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 3 bdrm, 2 bath, new construction, \$945 + util & sec. Pets ok. After 5pm, 248-254-3085

DEARBORN HEIGHTS,
 3 bdrm, finished bsmt, 2 car gar, \$850; 3 bdrm, gar, \$700, option on both. 248-788-1823

DEARBORN HEIGHTS: 3 bdrm ranch, fenced yard, 1.5 car, kitchen & nook appl. Section 8 okay. \$900. (734) 239-1200

FARMINGTON HILLS - 3 bdrm, 2 bath, appl, a/c, 2 car, partial bsmt, garage. No pets! \$1000/mo. + sec. (248) 685-8138

FARMINGTON HILLS: 4 bdrm 2.5 bath colonial, garage, bsmt, air. Exc. location. \$1750. 248-872-2298

FARMINGTON HILLS
 Completely remodeled 3 bdrm brick ranch with finished bsmt. \$1295/mo, 248-943-2963
 www.birdsallproperties.com

GARDEN CITY - 31419 Sheridan. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, full bsmt, \$850/mo. No pets, avail immed. Chris: (734) 395-3696

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GARDEN CITY - 4 bdrm., 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, pets negotiable. \$910. 734-717-3452, 734-717-7643

GARDEN CITY - Sharp 3 bdrm bungalow, garage, finished bsmt, C/A, option/LC avail, bad credit ok. \$800, 248-788-1823

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LIVONIA: 2 bdrm, all appliances incl W/D, fenced yard, new carpet & windows. \$700/mo + sec. 734-207-2079

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LIVONIA: 3 bdrm, brick, appl., finished bsmt, 2 car gar., near park & pool. No pets. \$650 + sec. & utilities. 734-765-9980

LIVONIA: 3 bdrm, ranch, 2 car, family room, air, stove/refrigerator, lawn/snow srv. Must see. \$1250. (734) 464-6304

LIVONIA
 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, basement, country setting, \$1100/mo. (734) 751-3519

LIVONIA - Two clean 3 bdrms, fenced yard, carpeted. \$775 or \$875 w/garage & sunroom. 248-259-1556

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Must be energetic, precise, to organize & prep charts for 6 doctor office. Bending & lifting required. Approx. 32 hrs/wk. Bingham Farms. Email resume to: lesleyshops@aol.com

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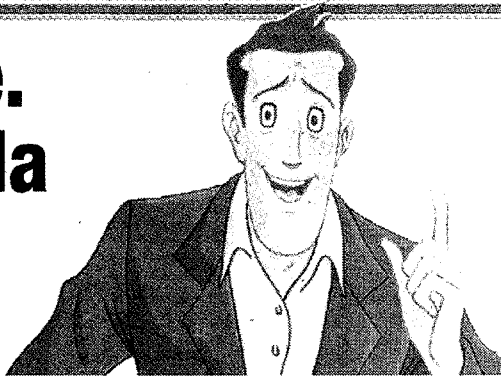
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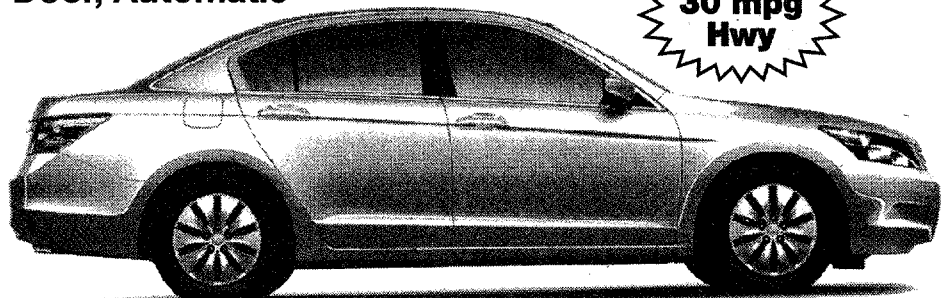
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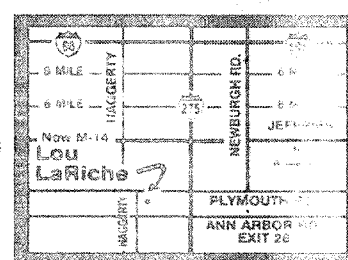
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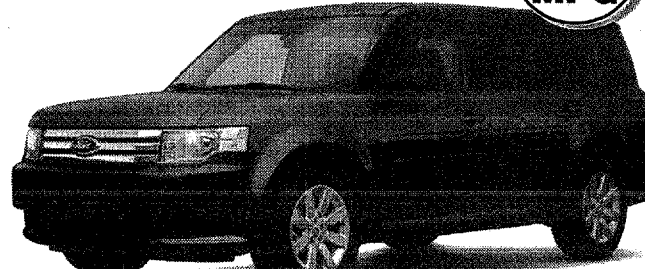
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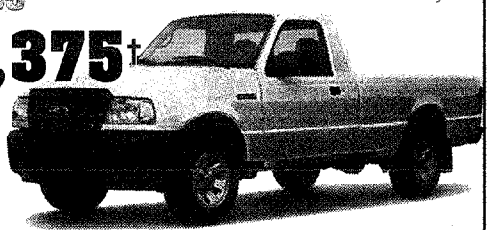
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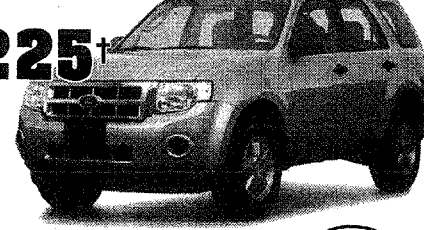
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