

Developer hopes changes will win over residents

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A developer is hopeful that changes to a proposed senior housing complex on Westland's north side will diminish criticism that some residents have lobbed at his plans.

"I believe the changes we made have made a big difference," Glenn Shaw Jr. said Friday of his proposed Nankin Mills Village, near Joy and Newburgh.

Even so, some critics still described themselves as opposed to Shaw's plans, and neighborhood resident Donna DeWitt vowed that she and others still will try to recall Mayor William Wild and four Westland City Council mem-

bers who supported the \$35 million project.

Some residents of Gray and Ravine streets learned of Shaw's latest plans during a joint meeting attended by about 20 people Thursday evening at the Hellenic Cultural Center, next to the site where Nankin Mills Village would be built.

Shaw has kept a 147-unit, three-story apartment building in his plans, but he said the outer corners of the H-shaped complex would be only two floors in an attempt to reach a compromise with residents who oppose the height.

Moreover, Shaw said the apartment building would be moved farther away from existing homes and closer to Sts. Helen & Constantine

Greek Orthodox Church.

"Nobody has an apartment building when they look out their back door," he said.

Shaw's plans still include 20 duplex-style condominiums and 54 stand-alone homes, and those — not the apartment building — would now be closer to the existing houses, he said.

"It would be back yard to back yard," he said.

In other changes, Shaw said a parking lot would be moved from the east side of the apartment building to the west side, farther away from the existing homes, and efforts would be made to provide a larger buffer with more vegetation.

"I felt that everybody was receptive to what we had to say," Shaw said. "We want to

make sure it's going to be the nicest (development) around."

But one resident who attended the meeting said it didn't appear that his suggestion for a two-story apartment building, with the first floor partially built below ground level, was given much consideration.

"I was very disappointed," Bill Brownell said. "I didn't feel they took my ideas seriously."

Shaw has said he talked with his team and that Brownell's suggestion wasn't workable.

Brownell and others also have raised concerns about increased traffic congestion and neighborhood safety in an area that Brownell said lacks adequate sidewalks. Brownell

brought that issue to the forefront after a 27-year-old man was hit and killed on Joy Road earlier this month. Brownell pledged to continue trying to work on a compromise with the developer, saying it appears residents have lost their battle to keep a more restrictive R-1 zoning in the area.

Meanwhile, Shaw's attorney, Bryan Amann, confirmed that Thursday's meeting was opened up to the entire Gray/Ravine neighborhood, even though Shaw earlier had intended the session as invitation-only. DeWitt, however, said no one told her.

"I definitely wanted to go to that meeting," she said, "but I was not invited."

DeWitt and Gray Street resident Rosemarie Rembisz

have filed proposed wording for a recall campaign against Wild and council members James Godbout, Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves — the four council members who voted in favor of Shaw's project in June. The Wayne County Elections Commission is expected to rule on the language on Tuesday.

"If we're not accepted, we'll be filing (revised) language that same day," DeWitt said.

Wild, meanwhile, said he talked with some residents who appeared pleased with some of Shaw's revisions. He said his overall impression was that Thursday's meeting "went very well."

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ADDRESS

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

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

Weaver had been senior pastor of Abundant Life Church in Canton, but left 18 months became pastor of North Point Ministries in Midland. He had been making the drive from



Weaver

Midland for school board meetings, but the cost of gas made it "cost-prohibitive to continue a lot of travel," Weaver said.

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

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

Froreich denies that her actions are politically motivated, saying that the earlier *Observer* story "triggered her response." She said she knew this didn't seem right based on her knowledge of working as

an election official in Canton, so she researched it.

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

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

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

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Grand opening

Some 100 patients, colleagues and dignitaries were on hand for the recent grand opening and open house of The Parkside Dental Team's new office on Warren Road at Central City Parkway in Westland.

"Our objective was to build an eye-catching structure that the City of Westland could be proud of," said Dr. Steven Cohen of Parkside Dental Team. "We also wanted to create an environment where our patients could feel comfortable and relaxed. We're very pleased with what we've accomplished."

The open house provided an opportunity to tour the state-of-the-art facility that features a unique design and cabin-like décor, including a large brick fireplace in the patient reception area.

"This remarkable structure adds curb appeal to the developing intersection," said Dan Martin, a member of the Westland Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. "It represents a huge investment in our community and a major commitment to the city."

After almost 50 years in Detroit, the Parkside Dental Team opens its new office in

Westland in March. The new facility includes a kids' waiting area filled with video games and movies and the Zoom Room tooth whitening center.

New location

Anytime Fitness has signed a lease for space in the Bayview Plaza, Wayne Road south of Cherry Hill, Westland, where it will develop a 4,000-square-foot exercise facility. Construction is already underway, and the club will be open for business within the next 30 days.

"Anytime Fitness offers a convenient and affordable exercise option for the area," said Greg Balteff, club manager. "We believe our 24-hour fitness club will be a great addition to the Westland area."

At Anytime Fitness, members can workout any time of the day or night. They use a security-access key to enter the club, even when it is not staffed. Once inside, members have full use of state-of-the-art strength training and cardiovascular equipment. Anytime Fitness also offers 24-hour tanning and membership reciprocity among its clubs, which allows members to use any of the more than 600 clubs that are currently open



City officials, including Mayor William Wild, joined with the staff of The Parkside Dental Team at a recent grand opening ceremony.

across the country.

For more information, call Greg Balteff at (734) 326-1550.

Rewards Club

Three pharmacies in Garden City and Westland are among more than 65 owned and operated Sav-Mor Drug Stores now offering a Prescription Rewards Club, a discount drug and per-

sonal medication review program.

Working with their suppliers, Sav-Mor is now offering its customers more than 300 generic drugs at a \$4 price for a 30-day supply and \$11.99 for a 90-day supply, as well as a free medication review. The review can help identify other cost-saving opportunities for patients and

allows them to ask questions or address concerns directly with the pharmacist.

Additionally, there are savings on all brand name and generic prescriptions, more than 5,000 in total, and a 20 percent discount on all Quality Choice private label merchandise in the store. The Prescription Rewards Club requires a one-time only membership fee of \$10.

"Our stores are Michigan-based and we pride ourselves on contributing to the com-

munities we are located in," Richard Grossman, Sav-Mor president and CEO, said. "Our Prescription Rewards Club is yet another way to do our part in helping our customers during this time of economic difficulty."

Participating pharmacies included Sav-On Andrews Drugs at 29436 Ford, Garden City, and Westland Maple Drugs at 34500 Ford, and Sav-On Checker Drug at 190 S. Wayne Road, both in Westland.

Advertisement for Instant Cash Advance Payday Loans, featuring a large 'NO FEES!' graphic and contact information for Garden City.

Advertisement for the City of Garden City, providing information on how to access council minutes and contact details for the City Clerk/Treasurer.

Advertisement for sports coverage, encouraging readers to get on the ball and read today's sports coverage.

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Students take plunge at band camp

BY SUE MASON
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The planning is over. The performance T-shirts ordered. Now all that's left to be done for the 40 members of the John Glenn High School's marching band and their chaperones is to have a good week at Camp Seagull in Charlevoix.

The band planned to leave this morning for a week of practice in preparation of the fall marching band season.

"I heard we practice a lot, but you do fun stuff like swimming," said sophomore Andrew Weeks, who is making his first trip to band camp.

"You heard correctly," said veteran bandsman Thomas Sample.

This is the 17th year director Scott Cramer has taken the band to camp and the sixth-seventh year they've made the trek to northern lower Michigan. While there, they'll work on marching on the field, their music and putting it all together for their first performance before parents when they get home Saturday.

"Each student has their own drill spot and the drill is written to the music," Cramer said. "They try to learn as much as possible. They work on remembering the routines."

Cramer equates the camp to taking a dip in a lake. You don't know how warm the water is until you step in. "It's an experience you have to have to understand," he said. "It has so much to offer, so many activities. It's hard to put it into words."

Cramer had students at the school for four days last week, learning the basics of marching and the language he uses to direct them. He has to teach them so he can teach them at camp.

Weeks is one of the students waiting to step into Cramer's lake. An opi — the band's name for first-time members — he's moving up from freshman band to marching band and is ready for the experience. Tyler Trombley talked it up during last week's practices.

"There's at least two three-hour practices each day and activities every night like movies and dances," said Trombley who plays trumpet. "Then Amy Carter plays *Taps* about 11 p.m."

A lot of planning goes into the camp experience. Cramer creates the performance T-shirt, using Cirque du Soleil as a theme. The students wear them for their Saturday evening performance.

"They're able to do two-three songs with drills, but it's not polished," Cramer said. He also does a band book, filled with information about the school, the band officers and section leaders and the history of the band. Sized to fit in a pocket, the book is updated each year. It's a must-have for all members of the band, from the opi to the veterans, Cramer said.

"It's important," he said.



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Sophomore Tyler Trombley, a saxophone player, is making his second trip to band camp.



Senior Kristina Peters goes through drills at band practice Friday morning.

"The book is about what's expected of them, it has our mission statement, a calendar that will be reproduced many times this year."

With 40 members, this year's band is small, a reflection of smaller junior and senior classes, a large loss of

seniors last year and economic issues, so Cramer is counting heavily on freshmen to fill the ranks. He has 10 who are going to camp.

"Every year is a little bit different," he said. "This is an interesting year. I have a smaller group, but I have a

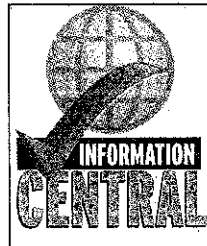
good group of students."

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Floral arranging

So you garden is in full bloom. Now what? Make this the year to channel your creative energy and explore the world of flower arranging. Adding an arrangement to your home can enhance a table, a mantle or even a book case, while helping to bring nature indoors.

Your choice of flowers, colors, containers and your personal style is all it takes to get started in creating a work of art.



For ideas and tips on how to start stop by the Public Library of Westland and check out Jane Newdick's, "The Flower Arranger's Handbook: Creative Floral Designs" or Susie Edwards' "The Encyclopedia of Flower Arranging."

Once equipped with the basics, turn your attention to "Arranging Flowers: How to Create Beautiful Bouquets in Every Season" (from "The Best of Martha Stewart Living"), Judy Spours' "The Ultimate Flower Arranging Book" or Judith Blacklock's "Flower Arranging Style." These resources can get you well on your way to a new artistic outlet.

If you like the idea of designing an arrangement for your next family get together but don't have the time, pick up some quick tips in Jane Packer's "Fast Flower Arranging" or Julia Clements' "Flower Arranging Made Easy." Jane Newdick's, "The Five-Minute Centerpiece" can also help to make any occasion special and have your family clamoring for more.

If soil and the outdoors just aren't your strong suit and even your best friends have told you that you don't have a green thumb, maybe a silk or dried flower arrangement is more your style. The choices of dried flowers are almost endless and just as beautiful as fresh flowers, and the best part is that they last forever. Get some great ideas on how to make the most of dried flowers in "Decorating with Silk & Dried Flowers: 80 Arrangements Using Floral Materials of All Kinds," Nan Geller's "The Complete Book of Floral Techniques: For Fresh, Dried and Silk" and Terry L. Rye's "Fresh Ideas in Dried Flowers."

Flower arranging wouldn't be

complete without reference to the Japanese tradition of ikebana, "hospitality from the heart" as explained by Reiko Takenaka in her book, "Enchanting Ikebana." This expressive art form is also detailed in Mary C. Takahashi's "The Joy of Ikebana."

So no matter what else you have planned for the rest of the summer, stop by the library to find ways to bring the beauty of the summer in your home year round. Just come by or visit us on the Web. Call (734) 326-6123 or log on to www.westland.lib.mi.us.

Highlighted Activities

Independent Movie Night: 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11.

Come join us for a viewing of: the documentary "Boys of Baraka." Every year the Baraka School selects 20 seventh-grade boys from the most violent neighborhoods of Baltimore, where 76 percent of male students do not graduate from high school, to spend two years at their all-male boarding school in rural Kenya. This documentary movie won awards at six film festivals for its portrayal of one such class. Refreshments will be provided. No sign-up required.

Adult Book Discussion Group: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Join us as we discuss "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" by John Berendt. Berendt's sharply observed, suspenseful and witty narrative reads like a thoroughly engrossing novel, and yet it is a work of nonfiction. Please read the book before the meeting. All are welcome.

Native Wildflowers for the Home Landscape: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20.

This program will review the origin of native wildflowers, identify easy-care plants for the fall garden and provide maintenance tips. Native wildflowers will be available for purchase outside the library from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Registration for the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Verne Stephens, native plant specialist, will present the program and conduct the plant sale. Call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123 to reserve your seat.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Marilyn Kwik. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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Featured in the game will be the AmpuTeam Spartans, sponsored by Wright &

Filippis, and the Saints, sponsored by the COCC.

The game will be played at Livonia Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, east of Merriman in Livonia. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the game will start at 6:30 p.m. Halftime activities will include a 50/50 drawing and a silent auction.

The Spartans team is made up of amputees coached by Brad Shebib, a physical therapist at Wright & Filippis and a member of the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia. The AmpuTeam program offers amputees opportunities to learn the skills necessary to achieve their unique individual func-

tional goals.

The Saints are volunteers from COCC member churches coached by Nisreen Fakhouri who played three years at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and overseas. COCC church members interested in playing for the team can contact her at (313) 770-3733 or by e-mail at fakhour@cooley.edu.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to Children's Hospital, a member of the Detroit Medical Center and is currently the only freestanding children's hospital in the state.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5

for seniors and children ages 11-18. Children age 10 and under are free. For advance tickets or further information, contact Richard Shebib of the COCC at (734) 422-0278 or by e-mail at paschabooks@sbcglobal.net, or Brad Shebib of Wright & Filippis at (248) 829-8327 or by e-mail at bshebib@wright-filippis.com.

Garden City Hospital programs focus on wellness

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

Monday, Aug. 11
Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Tuesday, Aug. 12
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (first of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral

is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Cardiac Education Support Group at 5 p.m. Had a cardiac event or know someone who has? Want more information about heart disease? Or just looking for a place to talk and share your feelings and concerns about heart attack or heart disease? Individuals who have heart disease and their family and friends are welcome to join the Cardiac Education Support Group in the Health Enhancement Center. The free support group will meet the second Tuesday of each month to discuss important topics and provide valuable information. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Wednesday, Aug. 13
Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level.

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CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurance cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Alzheimer's Support at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join this free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the lower level classrooms of the

Allen Breakie Medical Office Building (attached to the main hospital), 6255 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, Aug. 14
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"Focus on Living" Cancer Support at 7 p.m. A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. This meeting is free of charge. Call 734-458-3311 for further information.

Friday, Aug. 15
Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Daily Programs
Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and

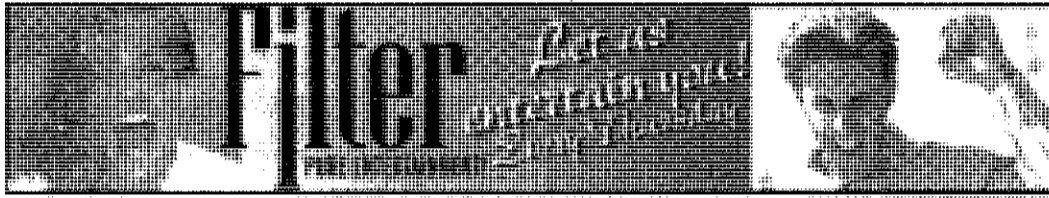
a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.

Volunteer at Garden City Hospital
Volunteer opportunities are available at Garden City Hospital for those age 14 and older. Individuals interested in providing clerical support, staffing information desks, transporting patients and assisting on nursing units are needed.

Volunteers receive a free lunch on their volunteer day, a uniform and the chance to be involved "behind the scenes" at an award-winning hospital.

To apply to become a volunteer, complete an application form, available at the hospital's main lobby information desk or call (734) 458-4280. The hospital is at 6245 Inkster Road in Garden City.

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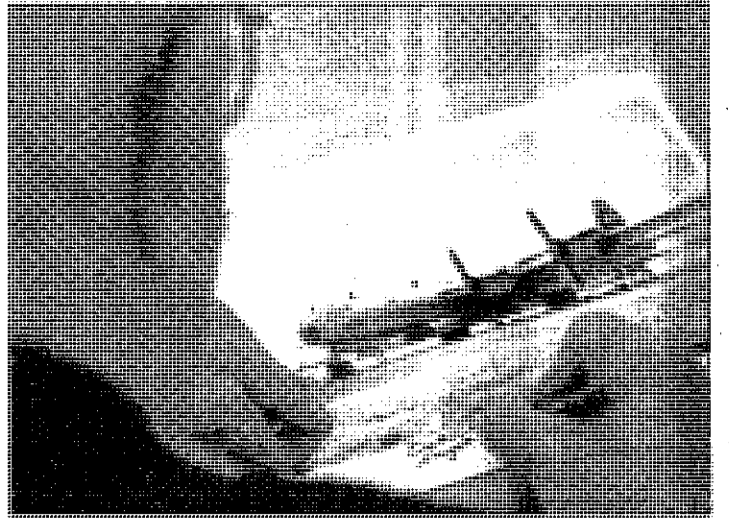
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Michael Robins of Livonia talks with Theodore 'Dutch' Van Kirk, navigator on the Enola Gay, after Van Kirk signed a book for him during a signing and presentation Wednesday, the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, at the Costick Center in Farmington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



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

Enola Gay

Last survivor of A-bomb mission shares memories

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"It was the easiest mission that I ever flew in my life."

That's how 87-year-old Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk remembers the historic flight of the Enola Gay to drop an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6, 1945.

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

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

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

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

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

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

But everything went according to plan.

"The weather that day was perfect. I could see the coast of Japan from 100 miles away," he said.

The bomb destroyed 69 percent of the city.

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

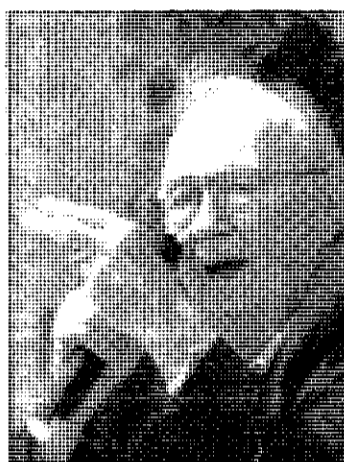
Three days later, the United States dropped another atom bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. In Hiroshima, 140,000 people were killed, in Nagasaki, 80,000. The missions are credited with bringing a quick end to the war in the Pacific and World War II.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Roush hosts open house

The Roush Automotive Collection, a museum housing all kinds of automotive and racing history, will host an open house from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at 11851 Market St. in Livonia. The event will feature an autograph session with Roush Racing driver Carl Edwards. Guests can tour the Roush collection and see a car show put on by the Roush Owners Enthusiasts Association. The door prize drawing at the signing include a pair of grandstand tickets to the Sunday, Aug. 17, 3M Performance 400 at MIS or two VIP passes to the Aug. 22-24 NMCA

Edelbrock Nationals at the Milan Dragway. According to Roush's Lynn McClenaghan, the company likes to bring in the talent when they're in town. "When drivers come out for events at MIS, we like to have them in for an autograph session," she said. The event will also have a AAA race car simulator which recreates the feeling of competing on the Daytona International Speedway and an engine build competition. "Teams from Roush will build engines from the ground up," McClenaghan said. "The first one to start their engine

wins." The show will be sponsored by *AutoWeek* and include prizes for best Roush, Best Ford, Best Custom and Best of Show. For those who want to participate, there are still positions available in the auto show. Entry forms can be found at the Market Street store as well as online at www.goroush.com. Market Street is located one block west of Levan, just north of Plymouth Road. Everything at the event, except for food and drink, is free to the public. For more information, contact the event hotline at (734) 779-7276 or visit www.roushcollection.com.

Cheer team collects medals at Olympics

The Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team were aiming to medal and medal they did at the recent on the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic games that were held in Detroit.

Members of the team competed in dance event, held at the Rock Financial Center in Novi on July 28, and also performed as part of the Celebration of Athletes program at Eastern Michigan University.

According to Coach Toni Lay, "the girls performed beautifully" in pom pon, jazz, hip-hop, high kick and novelty routines, receiving bronze medals. Some girls also performed a hip-hop officer line, duet and solo routines and received bronze medals. "Congratulations to all the team members of the Westland Stars for all their hard work and dedication," Lay said.

The team is coached by Lay, Jillian Wehrheim and Cassie Sanders. Captains are Pam Milewski, Diamond Davis and Bridgette Murphy. For girls interested in joining the Stars team this fall, practice begins 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Bailey



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Recreation Center in the civic center complex at Wayne Road and Carlson. For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620. Showing off they medals they won at the 2008 Junior Olympics were Westland Stars members Diamond Davis (back row, from left), Pam Milewski, Brianna Britton, Kandace Todd, Breanna Todd, Cydney Brock (front row, from left) Arion Logan, Carolee Mason, Haylie Kozak, Amanda Johnsona and Chelsea Dziekan.

'Feeding Is Believing' comes to MHS center

Thinking about adopting a cat or dog from the Michigan Humane Society?

You may want to consider visiting the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland on Friday, Aug. 15, where the 2008 Feeding is Believing Program will cover the adoption fee for the first 10 cat and dog adoptions.

The Feeding is Believing Program will be at the center noon-3 p.m. to stress that providing proper nutrition is the single most important thing an owner can do for his or her pet's health.

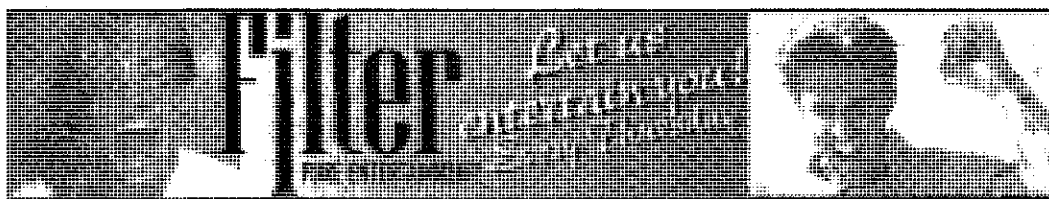
Unlike humans, pets can't make their own dietary decisions and taking the time to consider what they are feed can significantly improve their health. Various nutrients, such as high quality proteins, vitamins and antioxidants, can have a huge impact on common conditions, such as a sensitive stomach, skin and coat issues or even more serious topics like joint, kidney and heart health.

As part of the program, local pet owners are being invited to apply to become a Feeding is Believing "Partner" and witness the power of

proper nutrition first hand. The program is sponsored by Hill's® Science Diet® pet foods. All "partners" will go home with a 30-day supply of Science Diet food to manage their specific needs.

New and current a pet owners also can share and read testimonials about how proper pet nutrition has improved the lives and health of pets across the country at www.feedingisbelieving.com.

The Berman Center for Animal Care is at 900 Newburgh, south for Ford, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 721-7300.



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Water compact should sail to the president's desk

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

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

partner states to enact water conservation measures.

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

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

Officially known as the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources

Compact, it now moves on to the House, which is on recess and will return to session in September. All of Michigan's representatives in the House should make it a priority to push the Compact through and get it to the president's desk. President Bush has said publicly he will sign it into law if it is approved by the House.

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

irrigating farm crops.

We can't let our water be siphoned off to the highest bidder or to thirsty neighbors in the drought-stricken Southeast or arid Southwest. Those states need to utilize their own resources, not try to lay claim on ours. That's why the Compact is so important. No state (or province) within the basin will be able to sell off the water, no matter how cash-strapped they are.

So we urge the House to pass the bill as quickly as possible. Making the Compact law is important to protect our greatest resource for future generations.

Larkin is best for 11th District

Eleventh Congressional District Republican Congressman Thaddeus McCotter had another fine week misrepresenting his district prior to Congress recessing for August. First, McCotter sided with the big tobacco lobby instead of his constituents in an effort to prevent regulation of tobacco by the Food and Drug Administration. This legislation grants the FDA the long overdue authority to regulate both current and new tobacco products and it restricts tobacco product marketing. It passed the House overwhelmingly despite McCotter's opposition.

Only one other Michigan congressional representative voted against this necessary and sensible legislation, the ultraconservative Tim Walberg. The health and safety of McCotter's constituents, especially children, is obviously much less important than the continued favor of corporate lobbyists. Notably, as of mid-July 56 percent of McCotter's reported campaign funds had been contributed from PAC money, according to data obtained by the nonpartisan "Project Vote Smart."

Never one to rest on his repeated votes against the interests of his constituents, Congressman McCotter also joined many of his House Republican colleagues in voting against the Paycheck Fairness Act. This important legislation seeks to ensure salary equity among employees, especially women, who are still consistently underpaid when compared to men performing the identical work. The bill increases penalties for pay discrimination, which is still rampant in America. The legislation also protects employees who choose to share salary information in efforts to expose pay discrimination by their employers. Despite McCotter's opposition, this legislation also passed the House, although both bills are likely to be vetoed by the Congressman's good friend George Bush.

Thaddeus McCotter's voting record demonstrates a consistent level of disregard for those whom he claims to represent. Fortunately, we in the 11th Congressional District will have the opportunity to replace him in November's election. With Joe

Larkin, we will once again have a true representative of the people instead of a smug poster child for the failed Republican ideology of conservative arrogance, corporate corruption, phony moralizing, and contempt for the common good of America's citizens.

Joe Golonka
Westland

Best birthday present

The voters gave me the best birthday present - electing me as the Democratic candidate for Wayne County Commissioner in District 12 for the November election.

After the returns came in on Tuesday night, I thanked my husband Fred, my family members and all of my wonderful, dedicated volunteers. I now want to sincerely thank the people who made this election possible — you, the voters of Westland, Inkster and Livonia. I am grateful and humble for the vote of support and confidence that you have given me.

I promise you that I will not break that trust. I want to keep the lines of communication open. The people in District 12 have many problems, but we can solve them all together. You may contact me through my Web site at www.votejoan.com.

I want the 12th District to prosper, and with your help, we will move forward together.

Joan Gebhardt
Candidate for Wayne County Commissioner
District 12

McCain is right

I love the new McCain ad that points out the lack of leadership with the Democratic candidate Barack Obama. I think the McCain campaign got it right. We have been watching the "rock star" treatment that Obama has been enjoying for months without any challenge what he has been actually saying. The use of analogy and metaphor is a very effective technique. It efficiently communicates a message with a picture and gets people's attention.

The ad correctly depicts Obama's position on

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offshore drilling and asks the question: is this what we really want? It is up to the public to answer that question for themselves.

We need a leader in the White House, not someone who when challenged by a creative ad that is politically substantive, responds with made-up accusations that he is being picked on because he looks different than previous presidents.

The McCain campaign has never challenged him because he looks different. They are challenging his positions on significant issues and his lack of experience. To use a metaphor, the emperor is not wearing any clothes.

Jill Wilkinson
Birmingham

Energy bill lacks vision

Late on a Friday night not long ago, our Michigan Senate, in an act singularly lacking in both vision and courage, voted out a package of energy bills - pathetically weak and in sharp contrast to the negotiated bills of the Michigan House weeks before.

The House included a 1 percent per year energy efficiency standard and a 10 percent RPS by 2015, placing Michigan in the middle of the 26 states who already have such standards - hardly exemplary, but a step in the right direction nonetheless.

The Senate's contains a combined EE and RPS standard of 7 percent, placing Michigan at the BOTTOM of those states. Since Michigan ALREADY gets 5 percent of its electrical energy from renewables, no courage here.

Perhaps most egregious of all, the Senate bills have the audacity to include coal in its definition of acceptable "renewables." Just which planet are they living on?

One wonders: who do our Senators really represent? The public, who want clean air and mercury-free edible fish, children without asthma and optimally functioning brains? Or an energy industry, fearful of change and eager to perpetuate its reliance on the dirtiest, most destructive - and most expensive - of all energy sources?

Michigan is rich in alternative resources, with the manpower, skill and manufacturing capacity to be a world leader in the delivery of equipment for harnessing it. Yet, our senators would continue to spend billions annually to bring in fuel from out of state.

Our Michigan Senate - clinging to coal and the status quo!

Shirley L. Kaillo
Rockford

Card trick

"One percent of our population owns 90 percent of our wealth." Perhaps you have heard this statistic at some time, as it has been thrown out there quite a bit of late as the chasm between rich and poor has been widening at unprecedented rates while the middle class is fighting for survival in a lethal financial stranglehold. You may have shook your head in amazement or in disgust and walked on. Free marketers would shrug and say, "That's how the dice fall ... that's how the game is played."

Bill Gates, one of the richest men, not just in America, but in the world, and billionaire Warren Buffet want to spend a million dollars to teach the card game Bridge in schools. Does this reflect a massive disconnect between them and the real problems of real people — the other 99 percent of us?

How about spending it on real skills like reading and math? How about giving hope to bright students caught up in schools and neighborhoods where higher education is nothing more than an elusive dream? As the chasm continues to deepen, can we count on less and less relevancy, less and less understanding of the needs of 99 percent of people who live in the real world and struggle to pay the mortgage, tuition, health care, utility bills, grocery bills, auto and home insurance? Ordinary Americans don't have 12 hours a week to play bridge as Warren Buffet does.

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Run n' fun



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

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

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

"We had a lot of people come back that were at the rain date so it was nice to be able to provide another date for them," said Theresa Burgess, event coordinator

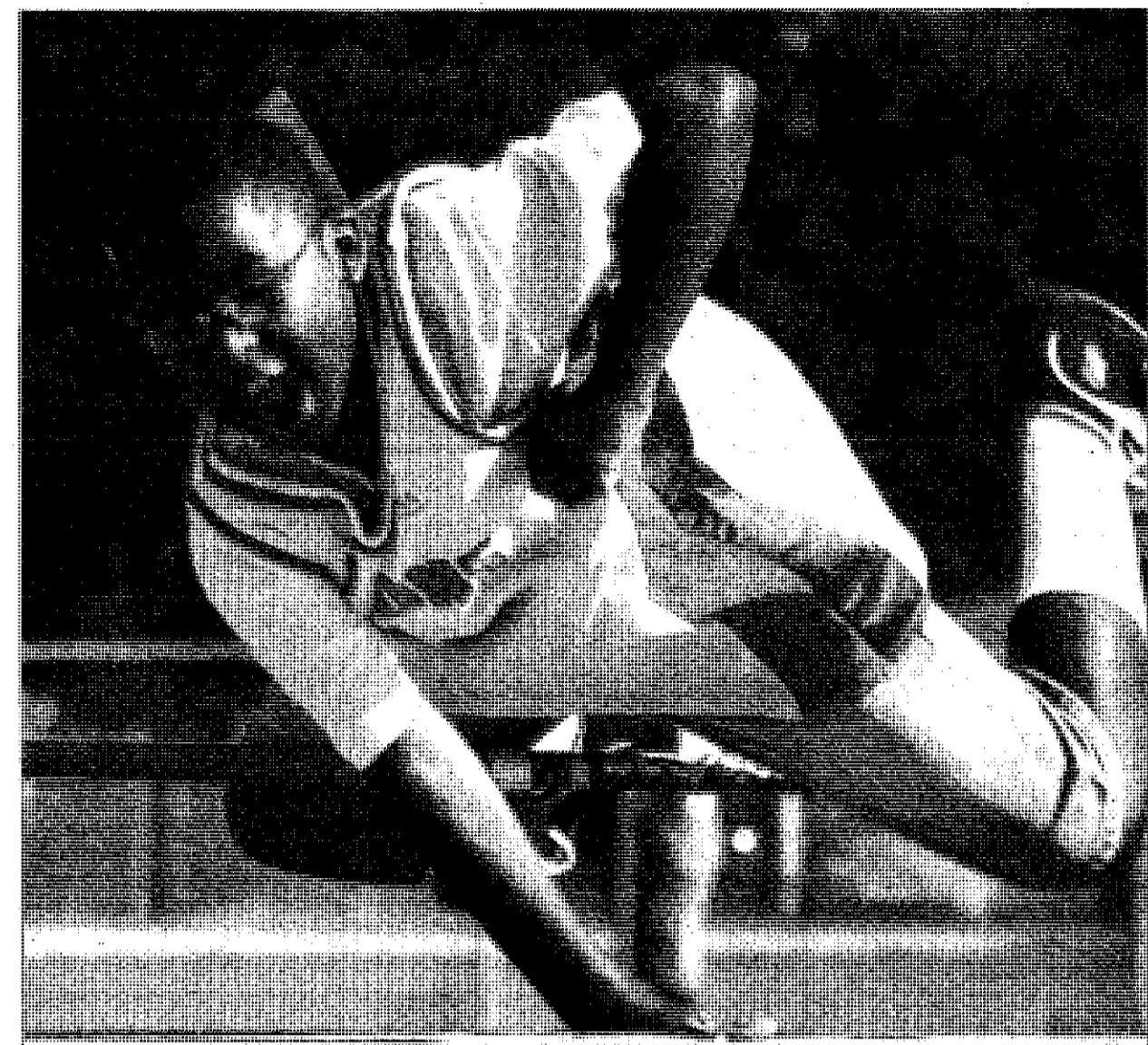
For Junior Olympics results, please visit www.hometownlife.com or see Thursday's Observer Sports section.

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

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

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

"We weren't going to be able to



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

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

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

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

"The kids just keep them from

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

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

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

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

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

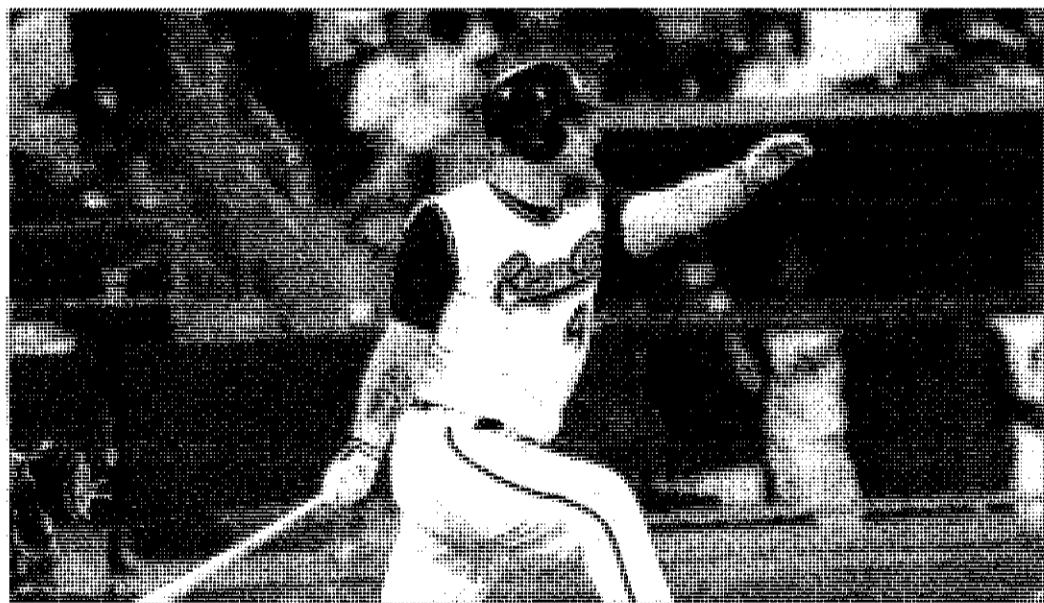
"I'm very thankful they did (reschedule the first one) because we were out of town," Brewer said. "It worked out well for us."

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

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

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Casey at the bat, Ryan's Song



RIVER CATS PHOTO

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

Mat career on hold for Triple-A first baseman

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rogowski feels he has a new lease on his baseball life

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

Younger Rogowski adapts to AA promotion

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Livonia native Ryan Rogowski knows that every ladder he climbs in the minor leagues, he gets closer to his ultimate goal.

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

But the former Catholic Central High and University of Illinois standout also real-

izes professional baseball can be a humbling experience and that patience is a virtue.

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

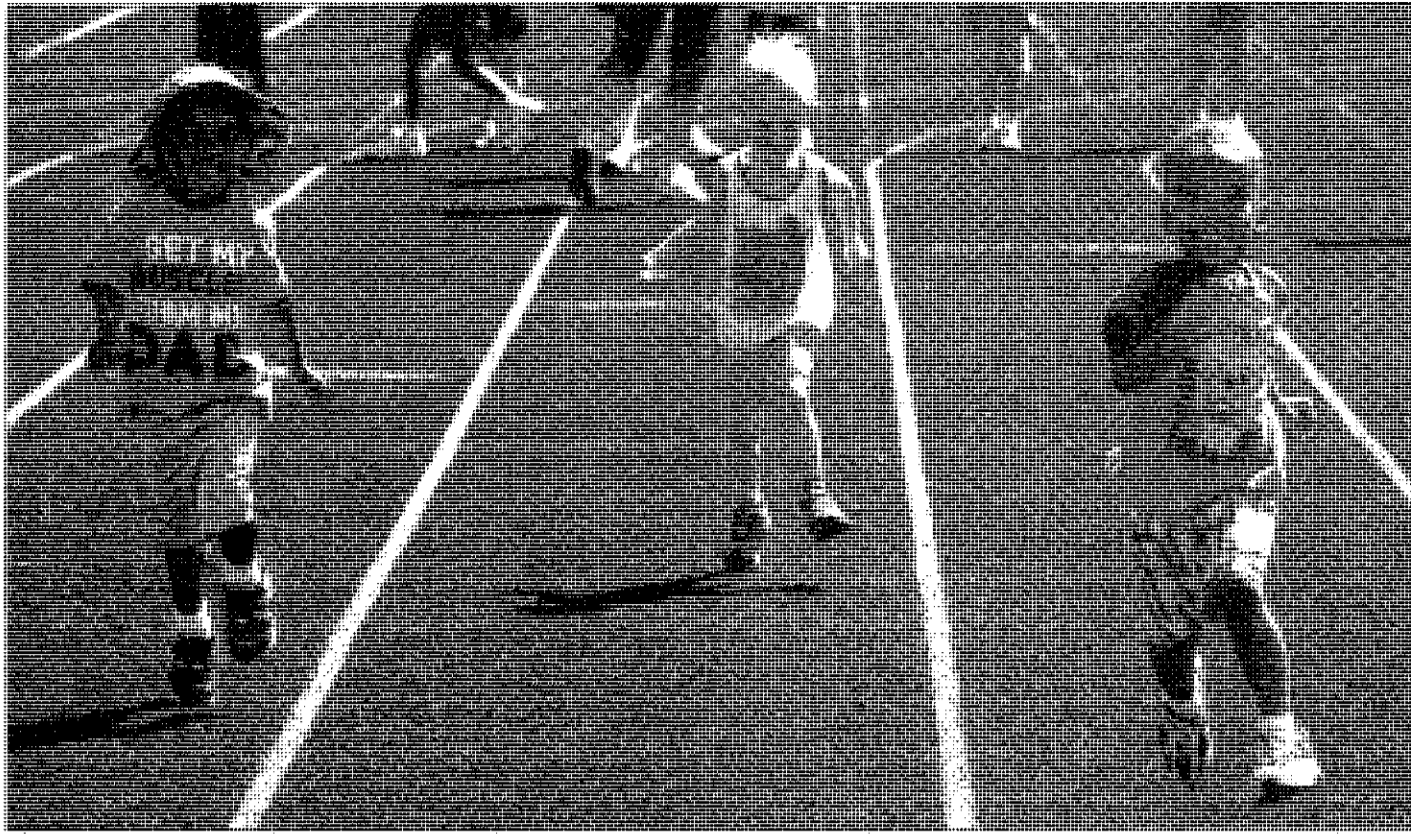
be more disciplined at the plate and know which (ball/strike) counts to look for."

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

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

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

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



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

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Clarenceville.

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

Hunter — who started tak-

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

FAMILY FUN

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

It was a similar story for

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

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

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

toss.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In 2007, Rogowski batted .253 with 27 doubles and 39 stolen bases.

The speedy 24-year-old continues to make adjustments as he goes along.

"When I get on base, I pretty much have the green light to steal," he said. "I'll bunt, too, but the thing I have to work on is my discipline at the plate. I have to learn to go the other way

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

During his abbreviated stint in

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

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

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

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


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

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


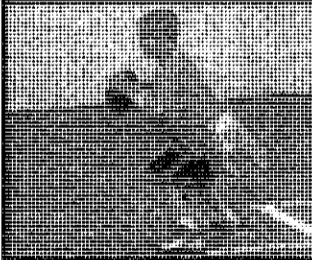

Meanwhile, Rogowski continues to navigate through the Dodgers' farm system. And even though he's just two rungs below the majors, the distance to the big leagues remains a long way away.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rogowski, however, survived spring training and feels resurrected.

His priorities have changed. His young family includes

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

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

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

Rogowski was hitting .282 despite going through a recent 0-for-19 slump. "I couldn't get anything to fall, it was always right at somebody, but it's going good now," he said.

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

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

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

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

advice to his younger sibling.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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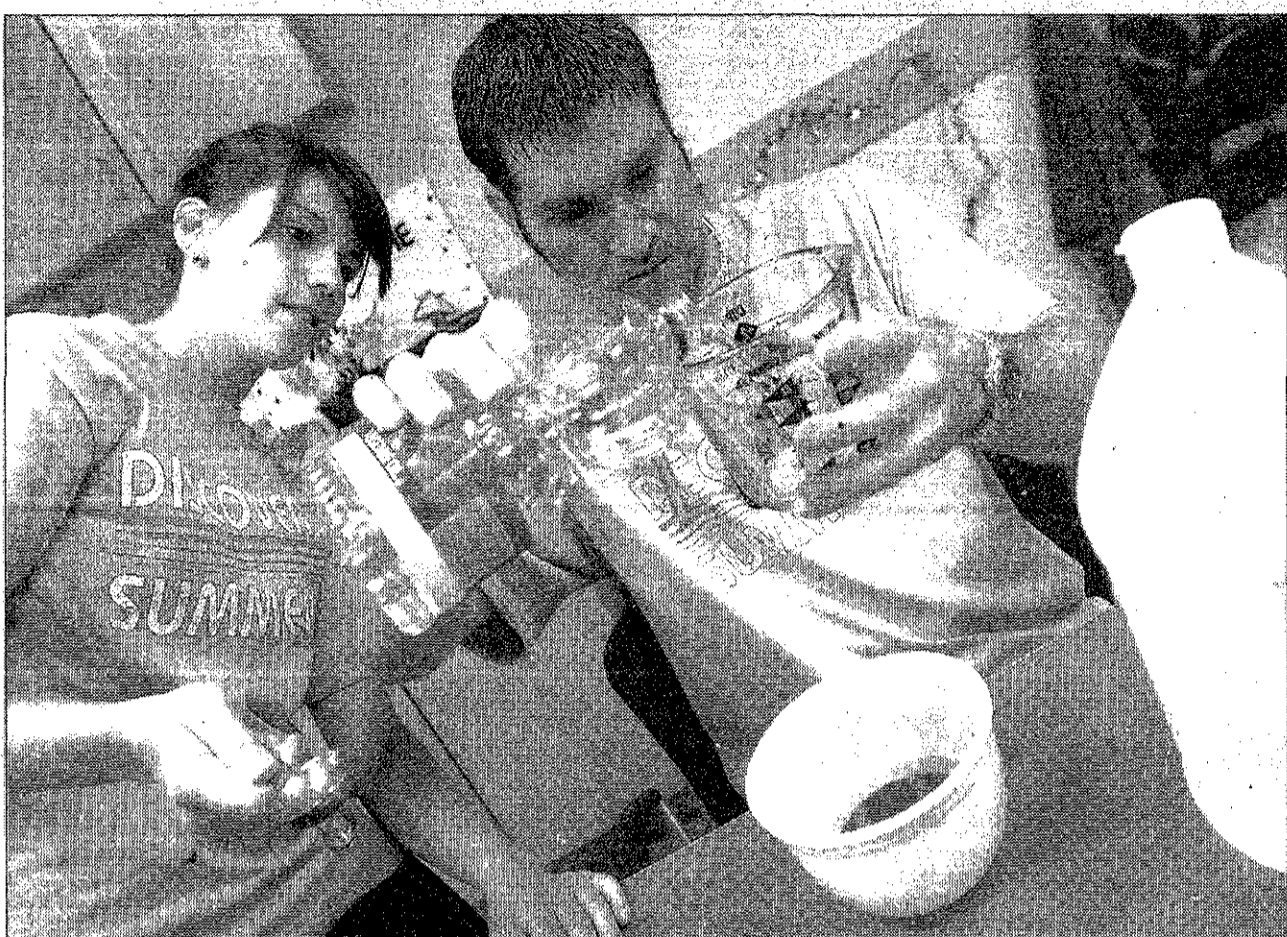
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Jeremy Buschmohle of Farmington Hills works on preparing an Asian dressing under the direction of staff member Lindsay Seitz at the Learning Tree Student Center in Livonia.

Life-changing injury

Rehab program helps children deal with brain trauma

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

On Wednesdays and Fridays they go

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Head injuries can often be prevented

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

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

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

While these students continue to

make progress as a result of the therapeutic programs at Special Tree Student Center in Livonia, their lives will never be the same. The sad part is many of their accidents could have been prevented.

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

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

"I tell them to always protect your head, always wear a bike helmet," said Buschmohle was 20 when he injured

his head in a car accident. "I want to get them while they are young. I wish I knew. At age 20 I thought I was invincible. All I had was a lap belt. Not enough people know about brain injury. There needs to be more education. The only prevention for brain injury is education."

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

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

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County to hold conference on childhood obesity

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

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

Conference sessions include learning about outdoor activities in Southeast Michigan,

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

Registration is \$5 for students, \$10 per parent/professional or licensed child care provider who need a certificate of attendance, and includes continental breakfast, lunch, conference materials and handouts. Scholarships and CEUs are available.

To register or for more information, call Clare Cheesman at (248) 858-0539 or e-mail cheesmane@oakgov.com.

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Lupus walk

The two-mile Amster Lupus Butterfly Walk takes place Sunday, Aug. 10, at Civic Center Park, Woodhaven. Registration begins 10 a.m., walk 11:30 a.m. A pancake breakfast will be held during registration time. Registration is \$15 per person or \$50 for a team of four. For information about lupus, to register or donate, call (734) 671-2367 or (248) 582-2727. e-mail butterflies@wowway.com or visit www.amsterlupus.org.

An evening with the mystic

An evening of wisdom, meditation and bliss 4 p.m. Reception, 4:30 p.m. Talk, 6:30 p.m. Book signing Sunday, Aug. 10, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi. Visit www.midnight-swiththemystic.com or contact (248) 601-6362 and Detroit@shafoundation.org. Free and open to the public.

Donor registration/fund-raiser

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

Kidney cancer symposium

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

Divorce support group

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

Diabetes support

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

Metro fibromyalgia/cfs support

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

Lupus support meeting

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

Active older adults workshop

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

Vinyasa yoga

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

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

Blood drive

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

Sharing & Caring

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

Movie marathon

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

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

Individuals aged 13-17 may only participate until 10 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Alzheimer's memory walk

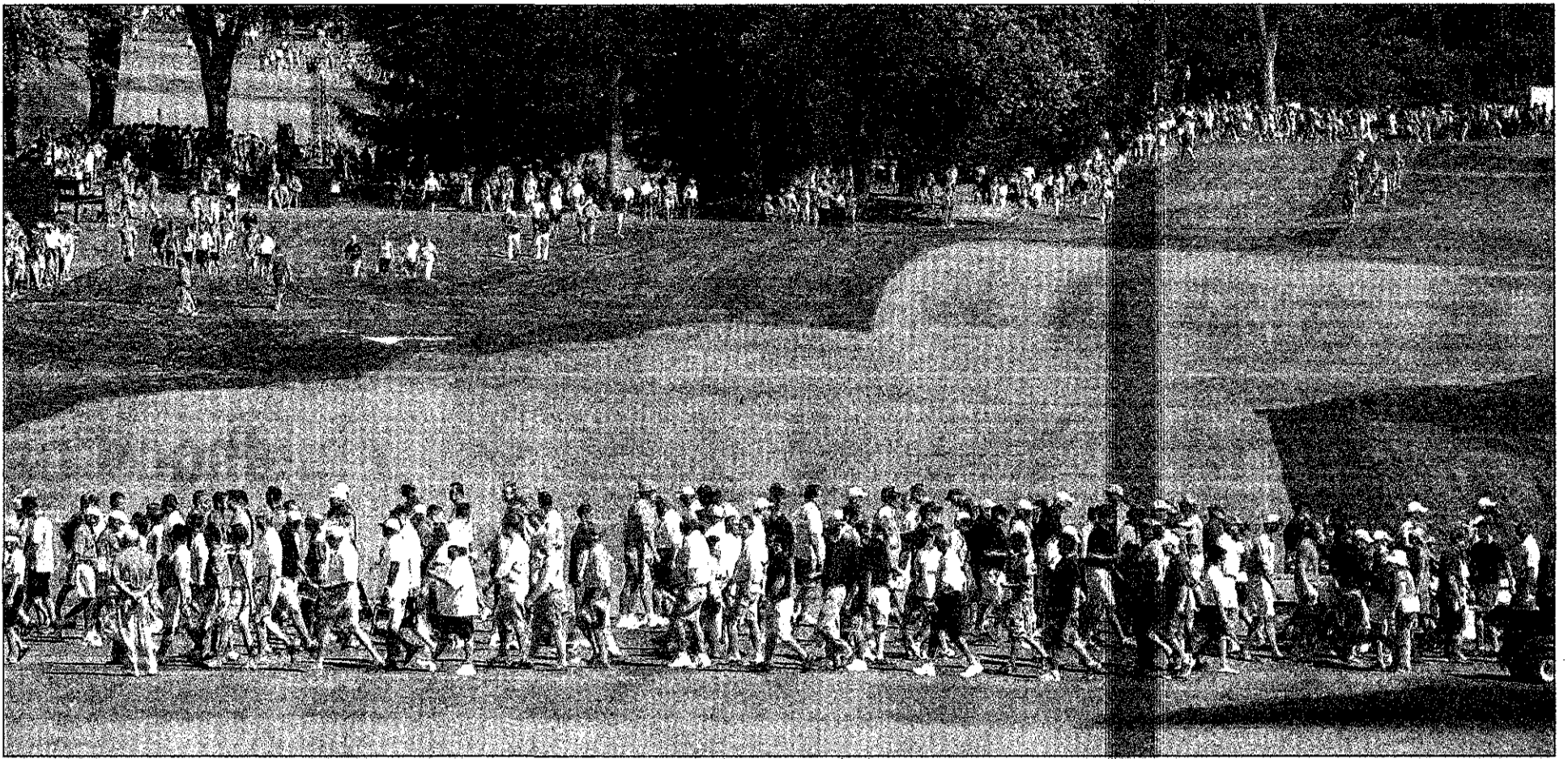
Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, rain or shine. To start a team or make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association at alzgmcc.org or (248) 351-0280. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. For more information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

Hatha yoga classes

From 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Aug. 26 to Sept. 30, in Classrooms 1 and 2 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Class participants need to be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease. There is a fee. Space limited. To register, call (734) 655-1162.

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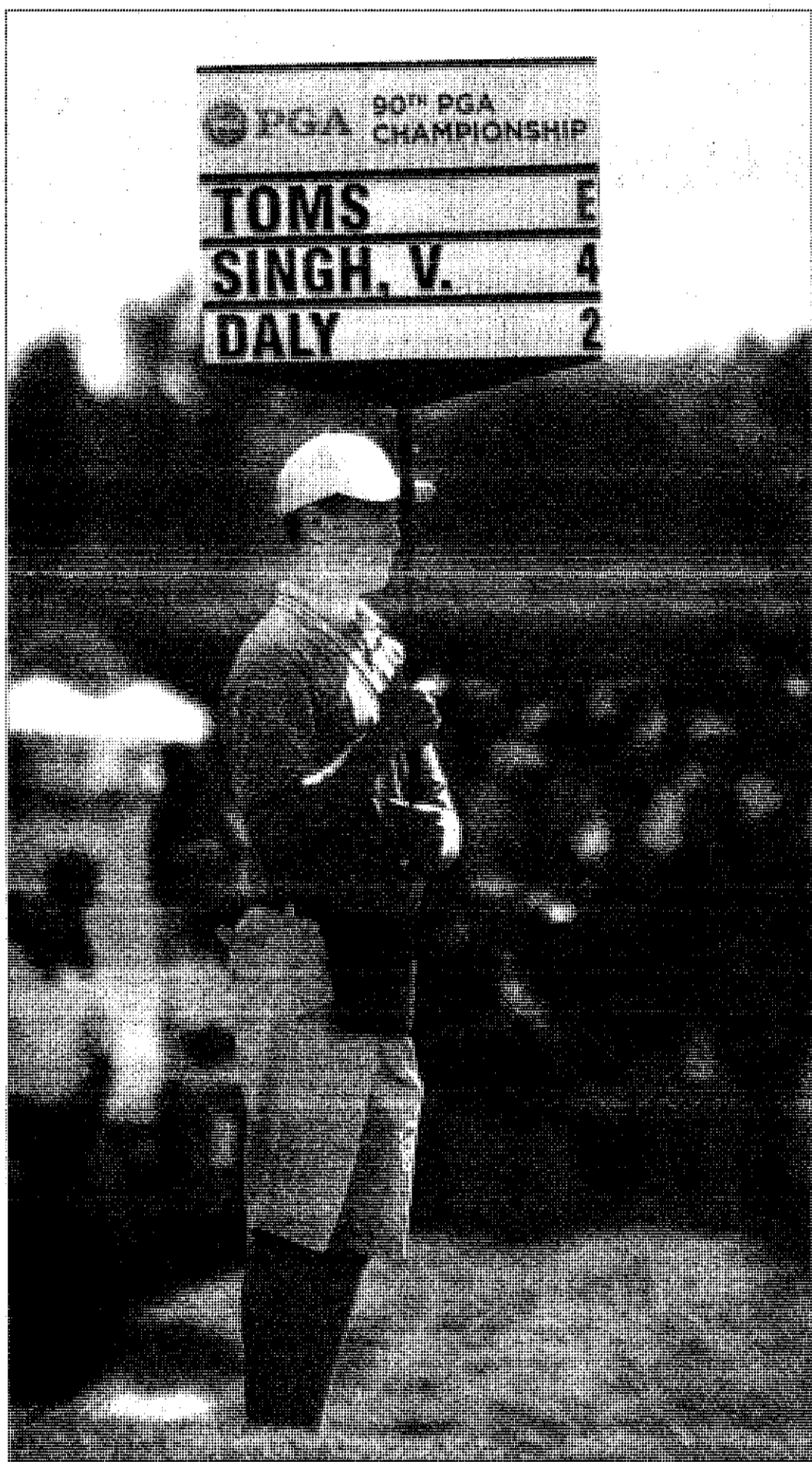
Educational seminar 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in classroom 10 of the Marian Professional Building at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register, call (734) 655-2400.



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

'Monster' crowds cheer on PGA pros



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



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

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

The season's final Major began with a field of 156 golfers and by Friday evening was reduced to 73 exhausted pros who managed to break the cut mark of 148, or eight over par. J.B. Holmes, a 26-year-old fourth-year pro from Orlando, Fla., was the lone marksman to break par with a one-under total of 139 through the first 36 holes. His two-day totals included eight birdies, seven bogeys and 21 pars.

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

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

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



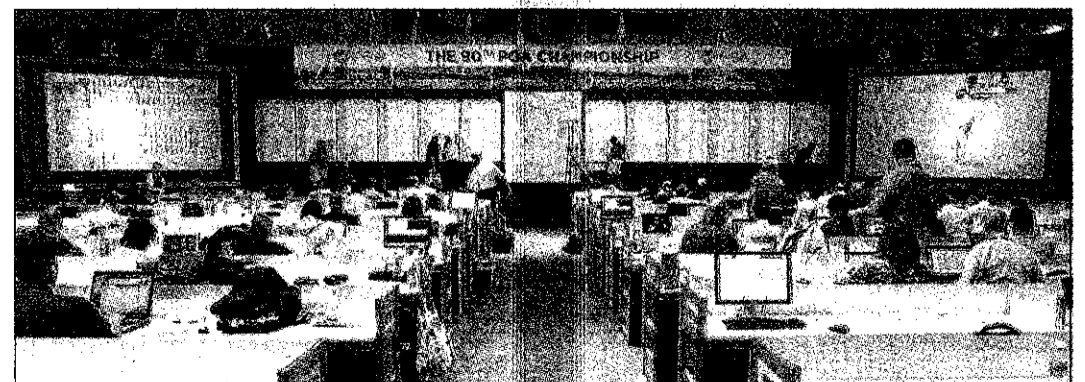
David Toms watches the flight of his shot out of the sand during early-round play of the 90th PGA Championship held at Oakland Hills Country Club.



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



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



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

For reading on the run, iPhone trumps Kindle

Dear Steve Jobs:

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

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

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

And, yet, people love the thing. They relish a lightweight, paper-back-sized device that holds hundreds of books and can download new ones on the run, no PC required.

Now let me clue you in on a little secret: The iPhone is a better e-book reader than the Kindle. (Same goes for its similar sibling, the iPod Touch.)

Consider: The Kindle is a single-purpose device.

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

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

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

Granted, the iPhone's battery life isn't great, but most people recharge daily anyway. It also has a smaller screen — 3.5 inches versus 6 inches on the Kindle — but I find it perfectly comfortable for reading.

Plus, it's much brighter, and it's a touchscreen: You can turn pages by swiping your finger, just like in a real book.

And let's not forget the most important consideration: price. The iPhone

starts at \$199; the iPod Touch, at \$299. As noted, both models perform significantly more functions than the Kindle — which costs \$359.

Consequently, I think the iPhone and iPod Touch could blow the Kindle out of the water.

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

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

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

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

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

How does your garden grow?

Church garden efforts feed needy, build communities

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER



Onions were almost ready.

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

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

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

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

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

Budding pianists perform with professional musicians

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

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

program at Schoolcraft College.

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

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

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

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

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

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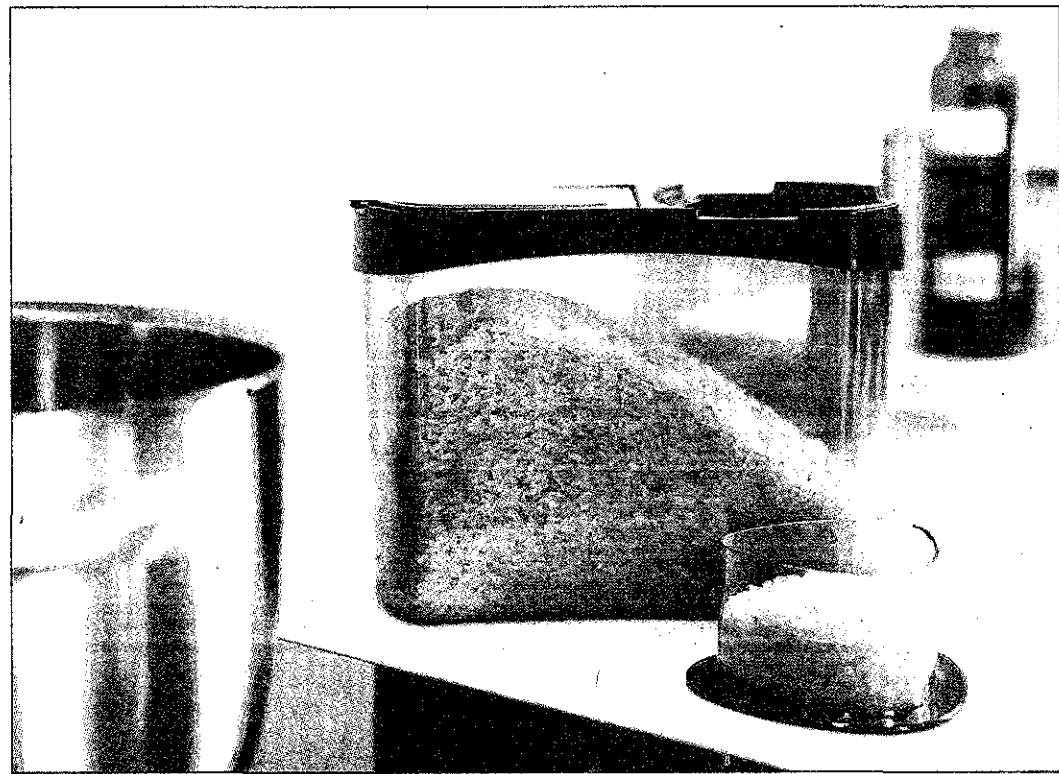
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Find inspiration for your own kitchen from showrooms like this.



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

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

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Its 374 pages long and as eagerly awaited as a best-selling novel. And if you don't have a copy in your hands by now, you soon will. Lisa Allen, public relations spokeswoman for the Ikea store in Canton, says the 2009 Ikea catalog will be mailed to those who haven't already received a copy last weekend with a daily newspaper distribution. But the book, essential reading for any Ikea fan, doesn't tell the whole story about the retailer's new furnishings and accessories. Or about new trends in color and pattern.

If you want to see it all, you've got to check out the showrooms, the marketplace shelves, peek into cabinets and test out the chairs in person as media and business community members did this week during a catalog kick-off breakfast and tour. Allen and her colleagues led the group through the store's 54 showrooms and three model homes.

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

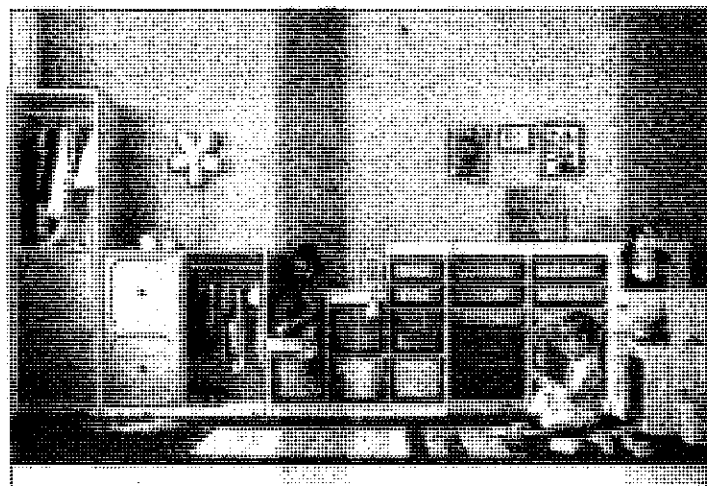
"Hopefully as people walk through the store, they'll identify with something. Something will draw them in."

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

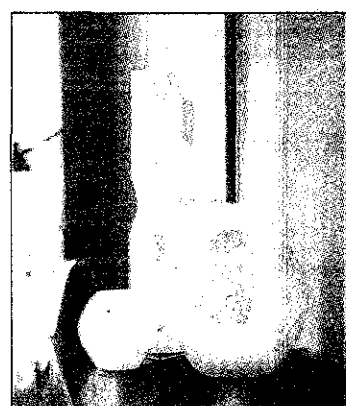
"For example, this is a basement solution. Everyone has a basement in this area," said Tippery, referring to a showroom that included seating, a bar and entertainment areas. "This is about a divorced father with a couple of kids. He likes to entertain."

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

Tippery said the store also keeps the local market in mind as it displays its merchandise. "You have to meet the range of who's coming here," she



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATALOG BROWSING

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

Duvels on page 194-95 — "The greatest part about a duvet, which is very European, is that you can change the style by changing the cover," says Tippery. "So, if you get bored quickly, get a new cover rather than buying a new comforter." Find covers in the textile section, starting on page 274.

For kids, pages 206-225 — Amid the new blankets, toys and organizers are old favorites, including the PS Lomsk swivel chair with a pull-down hood and the indoor/outdoor Ekorre swing. Wall-mounted laptop work station, page 244 — When there's no room for a desk, this new computer station with four cubby holes can turn even a hallway or empty corner into a mini-office.

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

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

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

— Sharon Dargay



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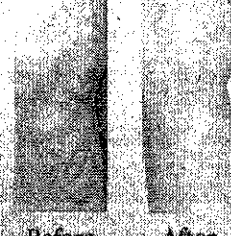
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GARDEN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GARDEN CALENDAR

Top 10 Lawn Tips

MSU Educator Ron Calhoun will teach everything from weed identification and control to fertilization and irrigation during "Evening in the Gardens - Ten Things People Need to Know About Their Lawn," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 11, \$20, at the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Call (248) 858-0887, e-mail smithlin@aokgov.com or visit www.msue.msu.edu/oakland.

Attracting butterflies

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

Maintain the Magnificence

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

Brook Hall Garden Club, which maintains the hall's 14 gardens. Supporters may purchase tickets (\$10 each, or 11 for \$100) for a chance to win \$2,500, \$1,250, and \$625 cash prizes. The drawing will be held 1 p.m. Aug. 19 at Meadow Brook Hall and Gardens, but ticketholders need not be present to win. To purchase tickets, call Laurence Cathey at (248) 467-0617.

Fall gardening tips

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

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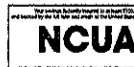
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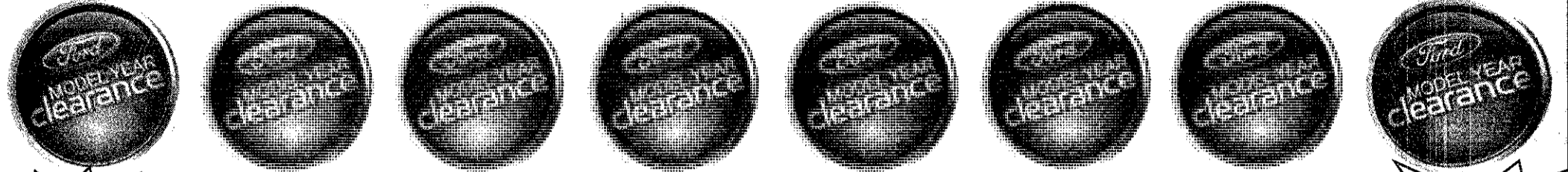
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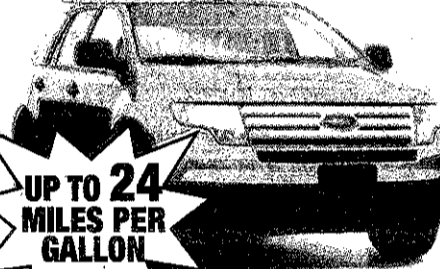
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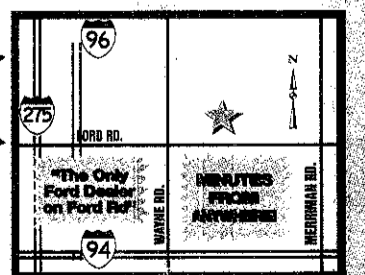
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