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AROUND TOWN

Block party

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is hosting a block party 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Corps Center at 2300 S. Venoy, Westland.

There will be inflatable bouncers, carnival games, food and performances by Christian bands. The block party is being supported by Sak N Save, Palace Supermarket, Bobbies Bouncers, Kroger and Marquis Foodservice.

Volunteers also are needed. For more information or to help, call (734) 722-3660.

The Salvation Army also has a limited number of backpacks filled with school supplies to give to away. Eligible children and their families must live in the Corps service area of Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Romulus and New Boston.

Call Robin Rutledge-Clarke at the aforementioned phone number for further qualifications.

Surplus food

A variety of food stuffs will be given out to eligible residents during the city of Westland's surplus federal food distribution this month.

Baking mix, pork, American cheese, mixed vegetables, tomato soup, peaches, instant potatoes and frozen orange juice will be given to eligible residents living north of Michigan Avenue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy.

Eligible residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-1737 for information.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can pick up their food at the apartment building. They need to call the building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents also must pick up their food items at Greenwood

For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366. The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

Beatle time

Join Beatles fans at the "Twist & Shout" concert, featuring music of the Beatles performed by the Backbeats, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh.

The cost is \$10 per person, which includes the concert and pulled pork sandwiches.

It will take place outside on the Friendship Center grounds, so please bring a lawn chair. It will move inside in the event of rain.

Bryant, Reeves top primary vote-getters

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An newcomer and an incumbent topped the list of Westland council candidates moving on to the Nov. 3 general election.

In her second bid for council,

Christine Cicirelli Bryant was the top vote-getter, followed closely by Dewey Reeves, the only incumbent council member in the race.

"I'm excited, I was surprised to be first. In a sense, I don't have the expectation to be number one," Bryant said. "I work hard to do my

best and be successful. I'm very thankful to voters. I've been walking door-to-door a lot — that's the best campaigning you can do."

A teacher in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Bryant said the door-to-door campaigning helps her hear residents' concerns, what they

have positive feelings about and the things they'd like done by the city.

"I did OK, I can do better. A knee injury kept me from doing a tremendous amount of walking. I'm not making any excuses," said Reeves, a

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Members share secret of their 'park'



Wilma and Bill Murphy say the Holliday Park Towne House Cooperative are the best kept secret in Westland when it comes to housing in Westland.

Cooperative living complex now has open waiting list

BY SUE MASON

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cooperative living suits Bill and Wilma Murphy just fine. Fourteen-year residents of the Holliday Park Towne Houses, they say they have the best living arrangement there is.

"This is the most economical living in Michigan," Wilma Murphy said. "It's cheaper than low-income housing."

The Murphys waited five years to land a spot in the complex. Pat Moore was 80th in line the year she signed up and ended up waiting four years.

"I camped out overnight to get in

here," said Moore, who calls herself a "newbie," having lived in the complex for only seven years. "It was the first time I'd ever done that."

Built in the 1960s, the housing cooperative has made news in the past for

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COOPERATIVE LIVING

What: Holliday Park Towne House Cooperative, a moderate-income nonprofit 694-unit complex at 34850 Fountain Blvd., Westland. The complex has seven styles of housing from one- and twobedroom ranches to threebedroom townhouses. Floor plans range from 600 to 1,058 square feet. All have hardwood floors, separate basements and front and back doors. The two-story models have 1½ baths. There also is a swimming pool, tennis court, club house and large green

Who: The complex is open to people of all ages - young adults, families and senior citizens

Cost: The carrying charge ranges from \$241 to \$353 per month and includes heat and maintenance - indoor and outdoor. Members pay for electricity, telephone, water and cable TV. Membership is approximately \$23,000 to \$45,000, depending on the unit. After the initial buyin, residents only pay the monthly carrying charge. Information: More information is available in the complex's office, which is open from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday or by visiting the Holliday Park Web site at www.HollidayPark.com

Man faces charges after standoff with police

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland Police are waiting to arraign a man on charges stemming from a standoff Tuesday morning on Harvey Street.

The 23-year-old man was hospitalized Tuesday, suffering from self-inflicted knife wounds, after police forced their way into his home ending a lengthy armed standoff.

The man's home on Harvey was being boarded up after the incident — every window on the house just north of Ford had been damaged by police concussion grenades and tear gas.

The incident began about 3:30 a.m., when the man fired a shotgun through the rear doorwall of a home on Parent which backs up to his home. Police also found a spent shotgun shell

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A 23-year-old Westland man who reportedly held police at bay for more than six hours is wheeled to fire rescue for transport to an area hospital for treatment of selfinflicted wounds.

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New services added to city Web site

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Online bill and fee paying are among recent services that have been added to the Westland city Web site.

"We recently added online services for our constituents and that included paying water bills," said Dan Bourdeau, Westland's Information Technology director. "We are adding more and more services online. We just launched the online payments three weeks ago. It's very user friendly."

Other fees that can be paid online include Building Department reinspection fees and also miscellaneous fees at the direction of the building department.

This differs a little

from online billing from Comerica. This allows payment by credit card," Bourdeau said. "There are convenience fees associated with them."

The convenience fees are a \$4.95 flat fee on water bills with a percentage added on building fees.

Golfers can also reserve tee times and pay greens fees for Westland's municipal services via the city Web site.

"Upgrades to the golf reservation system that are being considered largely revolve around making the process easier for those using the system," Bourdeau said. "The goal for me is to make sure we provide as many constituent services as we can."

The goal is to make city government services available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, he said, so residents can conduct business whenever they want.

'We can't keep the **Building Department open** 24 hours a day, but this allow services for people when they want it," Bourdeau said.

More enhancements will continue to be added to the Web site, he said

"My job is finding technology to get government services to the community in better ways," Bourdeau said. "We have a lot exciting projects coming up, especially Web 2.0. We want to communicate much quicker - in real time — with residents." The city Web site is www.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Flea market

If you have items you are interested in selling, stop by Westland Bowl on Wayne Road north of Ford this week-

The last of the outdoor flea markets will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 8-9. Daily reservation rate is \$15 for a 9-foot

by 18-foot space. It must be reserved prior to date of event and spaces are on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call (734) 732-6895.

on the front lawn of the man's

"I think that's what got the neighbors' attention and they called us. He fired multiple times at the officers (who responded)," Westland police Chief James Ridener said. "He then went back inside and continued firing the shotgun inside the house. We're not sure if he lives alone, but he was the only one inside the house."

The man then began coming outside armed with a large hunting or combat knife.

"He was having a very ani-

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agent, shall be spread against the property on the next County and

mated conversation with our negotiator. He (the suspect) challenged him to a fight in the street," Ridener said. "This went on for a while. As it got light, he went inside and we had no contact. We were on the bullhorn, but he didn't listen."

The Westland Police Tactical Response Unit Team had responded to the home. Multiple sight and sound distraction devices — what police call flash bangs — were fired into the house along with tear gas, with no response from the

"Within an hour, we got a camera in the house to see if we could see him. After that, officers breached the door," Ridener said, adding officers

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were unable to see the man with the camera. "He had barricaded the front door. He was on the main floor in a bedroom and had jabbed himself in the chest with the knife.'

Officers had prior contacts with the man, who was transported to an area hospital by Westland Fire Rescue, Ridener said.

The standoff snarled traffic on Ford throughout the morning rush hour after the major thoroughfare was closed at 7 a.m. from Wayne Road to Central City Parkway. The road reopened after the man was taken to hospital around 10:30

'When he was outside talking to the negotiator, he was not much of a danger to the motoring public," Ridener said. Once he went back into the house and reintroduced a firearm, we couldn't take a chance of him hitting a passing motorist. Unfortunately, we had to shut down Ford Road.

During his conversations with the police negotiator, the man had told the officer he ran out of ammunition or would have continued shooting, Ridener said, but police couldn't confirm that informa-

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CORRECTION

COOPERATIVE FROM PAGE A1

the long lines of people who waited to get on its closed waiting list. The last time that happened was in 2004, when 355 people signed up. But the effects of the housing market slump have shrunk the list to 80 names and led the board of directors to create a marketing committee and offer an open waiting list. It even has Saturday greeters, so people can come in and see the facilities,

"The reason that (the long lines) happened is because people were eager to get in on great economical housing," said Gene Suchy, an at-large member of the board of directors. "We now have an open waiting list because of the change in the housing market. People can sign up at any time seven days a week."

"It's absolutely the best opportunity for these economic times. This is the housing solution for this time," Sara Lightfoot said. "We had people waiting until now, but they can't sell their homes and generate the income to move in."

Holliday Park started out with 455 units, but they sold out so quickly that developers shelved plans for a golf course, creating a mini nine-hole layout, and built more than 200 additional units. Roughly 30 units a year become available. People on the list can pass on a unit three times before dropping off.

What you won't find at Holliday Park are tenants and mortgages. The residents are members and share joint own-



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jan and Gene Suchy have lived in Holliday Park Townhouses for more than 30 years and have been active volunteers, too. She heads up the night patrol and he is an at-large member on the board of directors.

ership in the nonprofit housing cooperative. Because they buy the equity in the unit, an up-front cost that ranges from \$23,000 to \$45,000 depending on the unit, banks will not give mortgages.

The cooperative also has minimum income guidelines, ranging from \$20,800 to \$30,160 for workers to income-asset requirements of \$10,500 and \$50,000 to \$16,000 and \$79,000, respectively, for non-workers.

Members elect directors who manages the affairs of the cooperative, set the carrying fees, listen to members' complaints and set the policies. Different committees handle marketing, building and grounds, traffic and safety and social activities like a card club, pool parties and



Marcie Hay has planted a lot of flowers at the entrance to her townhouse.

Christmas party and \$1 movie nights.

The cooperative paid off its mortgage several years ago. Members continue to pay carrying charges, creating reserves of more than \$2 million, money that is being used for repairs like installing new furnaces in the units and putting on new roofs.

Suchy moved into the complex when he was single. When he married, he asked his wife Jan to decide if they should stay or go. She said stay, so Suchy "had to get on the board." His wife is the impetus behind a night patrol in the complex, lining up 300 volunteers who give three hours three times a week to drive around the complex.

"That's kept us one of the safest places in the city, according to the Westland Police," Suchy said.

The cooperative is now starting to get second-generation members' parents and children. Suchy had all of his brothers join him in living in the complex.

"We hear so many heartfelt stories about Holliday Park," he said. "It's Holliday, I think it was properly named."

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A recent cutline in the Sports section explaining a photo honoring the 14-and-under Livonia Travel Tarheels baseball team mistakenly identified one of the team's members as Josh DeYonker. The correct name should have read Alex DeYonker. clothing consultant. "My goal

retired Washtenaw Sheriff's deputy and self-employed





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is to be number one in the general election. I will work harder than I have ever worked.'

Having served nearly three years on council, Reeves was initially appointed to fill a vacancy on council and was elected to his current term within a few months of the appointment.

Reeves was dismayed by the low voter turnout at the election -4,408 voters, which is only 7.34 percent of Westland's registered voters.

In my precinct 28, 51 voters is pathetic; the absentee ballots carried the election. That's not a bad thing. Maybe we should go to absentee ballots for everyone," Reeves said.

Only one of the nine candidates on the ballot won't move on to the general election — last-place finisher Harold Dunn. In addition to Bryant and Reeves, candidates on

the general election ballot will include (in order of their primary finish): Kenneth Mehl, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Sam Durante, Mark Rodriguez and Janet Frederick-Wilson. In November, the top three

finishers earn four-year terms on council, with the fourthplace finisher getting a twoyear term. Incumbent Mayor William Wild is unopposed for re-election. Incumbent council members Cheryl Graunstadt, Charles Pickering and Robert Stottlemyer aren't seeing re-

There was one write-in candidate, Daniel Devlin, A total of 26 write-in votes were cast, but whose name was written in won't be known until Wayne County election officials have certified the election results.

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'Thrilled': Demolition clears way for Sonic

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a grand slam for Westland last Friday as the long-closed former Denny's Restaurant on Cowan and Wayne Road was demolished.

"We're absolutely thrilled to see it demolished for new development," said Lori Fodale, economic development director. "It was amazing to see all the people watching and taking pictures. The community is excited to see the building go."

A new Sonic restaurant will replace the former Denny's which had been closed for a number of years and had become an eyesore on a busy corner near Westland Shopping

John Matar of Westland Sonic is developing the new restaurant and also will be involved in the operation. He expected the site to be cleared of debris by as early as Saturday. The new restaurant should be ready to open in 60 days, he said.



The shuttered Denny's Restaurant at the corner of Cowan and Wayne Road was turned into a pile of rubble as work began on the construction of a new Sonic restaurant in Westland's core business district.

This will be the second Sonic to be opened by Matar — the first is in Southgate - and he has plans for future restaurants in Monroe and Livonia. Matar has the rights to open Sonic locations in Wayne County.

Sonic features car hops for drive-in service, outdoor patio seating and a drive-through window but has no indoor

seating. The drive-in is under a canopy and year-round will be staffed by servers on roller

'We're looking forward to the grand opening. We visited the store in Southgate in a blizzard. They keep the parking lot clear," said Fodale.

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McCotter: Health care plan would kill jobs

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

As Congress wrestles with health care reform, House Republicans

are waiting to see what emèrges from the Democratic majority, according to U.S. Rep. Thaddeus

McCotter, R-Livonia. But he doesn't want Congress to race through the proposals, either.

Like many of his Republican colleagues, McCotter disagrees with President Barack Obama's health care plan.

'We're waiting to see what the Blue Dogs (fiscally conservative Democrats) do," said McCotter whose 11th Congressional District includes Westland and Garden City.

McCotter believes the president's plan will lead to rationing of health care services. Should government become more involved in health insurance, McCotter believes jobs will be lost in the health care industry from government entering the marketplace.

Republicans would like to see insurance companies have the ability to sell health insurance across state lines, McCotter said.

"Increasing the supply (of health care) will mean more jobs" in the industry, and will assist with filling the demand for an aging population as baby boomers retire, McCotter said.

Republicans also want liability reform and patientcentered wellness.

Wayne County has the second highest cost in the country for medical liability malpractice, McCotter said. "We have OB-GYN's who are leaving their practices. There has to be tort reform, or we

will continue to see defensive medicine.'

The Republican plan lets small businesses band together to purchase health care for employees at a more affordable price, McCotter said. He'd also like to see Medicare and Medicaid improved by rooting out waste and fraud.

In the end, McCotter expects any health care package to move from the center of legislative moderates into the liberal and conservative camps.

McCotter said his constituents want something done with health care. "A vast majority want us to do it right and prefer to see us take our time," he said. "People are concerned with the costs of health care, but they are generally happy with the quality of it. And they want to see something for people who don't have it."

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Baby shower benefits low-income families

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's 12th Annual Community has issued an invitation to parentsto-be to attend a baby shower Thursday, Sept. 24, at Wayne County Community College's Downriver Campus in Taylor.

The Community Baby Shower is a free event for lowincome expectant parents and those with infants up to 3 months of age by Sept. 24, who live in out-Wayne County communities, including Westland, Redford, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth and Garden City. Parents will receive valuable information and resources regarding their new bundles of joy. Guest speakers will share information regarding family safety, parenting tips and healthy relationships.

The event will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be lunch, prizes and raffles throughout the event. Call for information regarding on-site childcare.

Space is limited. Participants can call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 122, for more information or to register. Callers who reach a voice mailbox should leave their name and telephone number so that their call can be returned and the registration process can be completed.



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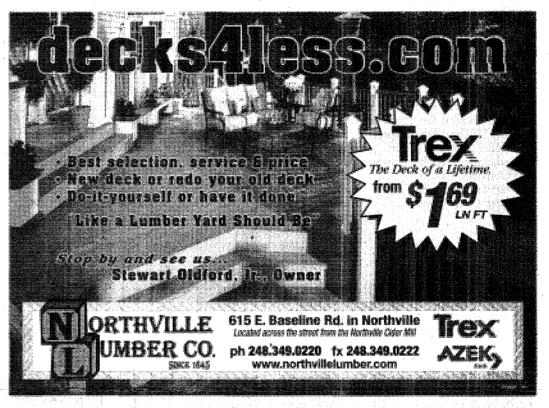
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TV, gaming systems taken from ransacked apartment

A resident of the Waynewood Apartments, 6737 N. Wayne Road, told police July 29 that he returned home and noticed his front door

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open. He said the door had been pried and the apartment ransacked. The dead bolt had not been

was partially

The officer noted every drawer and cupboard had been searched along with the mattresses removed from the bed. Reported missing was a 42-inch flatscreen television, a computer monitor, a PlayStation3 with games, a Wii game system with games, a Gucci purse, clothing and a checkbook.

locked, the man told officers.

Vehicle theft

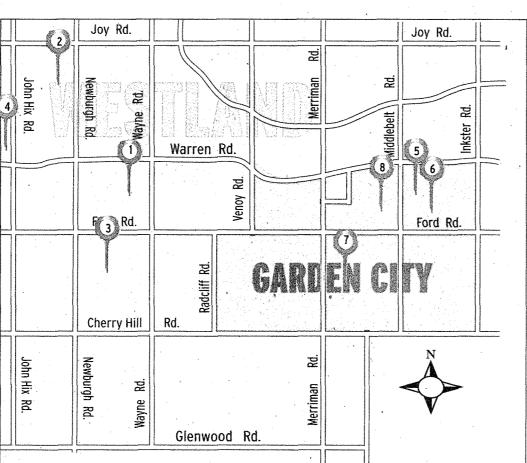
On July 29, a resident of the Scottsdale Apartments, 37630 Dale, reported that her 2001 Dodge Caravan valued at \$4.000 had been stolen. The vehicle, valued at \$4,000, was paid for, the owner told police.

Larceny

Two bicycles valued at \$260 were reported stolen from a garage in the 34000 block of Melton July 28. The owner said she had last seen the bicycles on July 18. The officer reported that there were no signs of forced entry, so the homeowner said someone apparently just opened the garage door and removed the bicycles.

Vandalism

The driver's door lock was reported damaged on a vehicle parked in the 1900 block of Eagle Court July 29. The officer noted the damage, estimated at \$500, appeared to have been done with a screwdriver. The



owner said she had locked the vehicle the night before but found the doors were unlocked.

Larceny from a vehicle

Just before 1 a.m. July 29, police were called to the 35000 block of Canyon about two males taking items from a vehicle. A resident told the officers that he had heard a strange noise and looked out to see the two males walking past his home. After hearing strange noises again a few minutes later, the resident said he looked out to see the door open on a vehicle owned by his neighbor. He said he then saw a male exit the vehicle and walk

The vehicle owner told police

that his Ford Explorer had been ness. An unspecified number of left unlocked. The face plate to his vehicle stereo was reported stolen, he said. Officers were unable to locate the suspects.

Vandalism

Someone used rocks from the roof to break the outer pane of glass on a window at Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview, July 28. A school employee checking on the building discovered the damage.

More vandalism

A police detective investi-gating a previous burglary at National Block Company, 39000 Ford. July 28 called for a patrol officer to take a vandalism report at the busi40-pound concrete blocks sold by the business had been dam-

An employee told police that he arrived at 4:20 a.m. and found someone inside the east gate with two more people outside the gate. All three fled on foot.

The officer noted one of the suspects had apparently dropped a concrete block on their foot and cut it. Blood was found on a broken block and trailed to the right of way just outside the east gate of the business. There officers also found some bloody tissues and a pair of shoes.

- By LeAnne Rogers

Woman turns in purse found in store lot

Stolen purse

A Good Samaritan turned in a purse that she found in the Kroger store parking lot about 4:30 p.m. Aug. 3.

A 45-year-old Garden City woman realized she had left her purse in

GARDEN CITY the cart after she packed COP CALLS her groceries

in her bicycle cart and went home from the Kroger store on Middlebelt, north of Ford.

Nothing was stolen from the purse.

Drunken driving

An alert witness called police after seeing a man parked outside of Joe D's Bar, 29242 Ford, never get out of the vehicle about 12:30 a.m. Aug. 4. The police found him asleep with a 12-ounce can of beer in the cup holder next to him in his 1997 Jeep station wagon.

The Inkster man registered a .14 blood alcohol level which is over the legal limit. It was his second alcohol offense. His first was in 2005 in Inkster.

Break-in

🛮 A woman who moved into a home in the 30800 block of Brown about a month ago said that somebody stole about \$50 from her home when she was away for a short time on Aug. 2.

Because she was painting, she left the windows open. The police believe that's how the suspect gained entry.

Someone pushed open a garage window in the 31900 block of Elmwood sometime before 6 a.m. Aug. 3. Nothing was taken.

• Someone broke into a garage about July 31 in the 6900 block of Whitby. They entered through a garage window and stole \$10 from an unlocked 2008 Mercury that was parked inside.

Stolen vehicles

An F250 truck with an attached trailer was reported stolen Aug. 3 in the 28500 block of James. The truck was parked in the driveway.

• A 2002 Dodge Intrepid, which was parked in the parking lot in the 6500 block of N. Venoy, was stolen before 2 a.m. Aug. 3.

Cash, a karaoke machine, a MP3 player, a camera and camcorder, a sleeping bag and a folding camping chair were inside.

Property damage

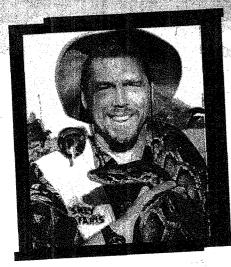
The management of Albert's on the Alley at 5651 Middlebelt, wants a 21-yearold Chatsworth, Ga., man to pay for the damage that he caused about 1:30 a.m. Aug. 2.

As the man left the bar, he slapped the head of a statue that was near the front door. The head came off, causing the left eye to break.

The police arrested the man who said that he didn't know that the robotic statue cost \$3,000.

- By Sue Buck

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Cherry hails diversity in temple address

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

Cherry compared the state's economy to a symbolic bus that has run into a ditch - a bus he said can only return to a road of prosperity if people of all cultures are on board. He lauded the determination of Sikhs and described himself as "so impressed" that the two-story, 19,000-square-foot gurdwara in which he spoke was built with volunteers and donations.

Cherry joined other township, county, regional and state officials for a recent Sunday afternoon religious ceremony including Sikh music, prayers, customs and culture. Sikh



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

means disciple or learner, and Sikhism is founded on the 15th-Century teachings of Guru Nanak and 10 successive gurus. It teaches of one God, equality, hard work, meditation, tolerance, religious inclusion and other beliefs.

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

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

as a form of religious attire. Singh Sabha in Canton is

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

Before introducing Cherry, S. TejKiran Singh, a Ford Motor Co. senior engineer and one of

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

the gurdwara's conflict resolution committee members, said Sikhs number 26 million worldwide and 500,000 in the United States. He said they represent many professions and are committed to hard work.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Madonna awarded \$2 million grant to aid student retention

Madonna University was awarded a \$2 million grant, to be paid over five years, through the federal **Strengthening Institutions** Program. The funding will be used to expand student services at the 4,200-student, independent University, so as to increase graduation and retention rates of targeted student populations.

"In Michigan, we know that in order to ensure a better tomorrow, we must make

sure our students have access to the best opportunities today," said Ü.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, who supported Madonna's program. "That is why I am pleased Madonna University received this important funding to expand services to students who need it most. These additional resources will help ensure that more students earn a degree and learn the skills necessary to compete in the 21st century economy."

Student advising, academic and technology support are a few of Madonna's programs that will benefit from the grant. Madonna officials have developed strategies to assist at-risk students, including first-time-in-any-college (FTIAC), part-time and nontraditional.

"Providing students additional tools to ensure their successful degree completion is a win-win situation for students and for the University,"

said Dr. Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic administration. "This generous grant supports Madonna's mission to make a college degree affordable and accessible to everyone."

In addition to student services, the university plans to use the funds to enhance student and faculty interaction, locate adult-learner services in a centralized office, and add instructional delivery options at Madonna's Orchard Lake Center through interactive video technology.

The U.S. Department of Education's Strengthening Institutions Program helps eligible institutions of higher education become self-sufficient and increase their capacity to serve at-risk students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the academic quality, institutional management and fiscal stability of eligible institutions.

Madonna University,

located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia, has centers in Orchard Lake, Southwest Detroit and Gaylord. Madonna offers more than 75 undergraduate and 27 graduate programs in the colleges of arts and humanities, science and mathematics, social sciences, education, and nursing and health, as well as the School of Business and the Graduate School.

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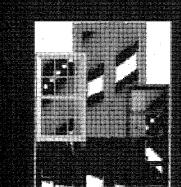
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OUR VIEWS

Rally, expo are good for the city

Last week, more than 400 hungry people converged on Westland's restaurant row for the Westland Chamber of Commerce's annual Restaurant Rally. While it wasn't a sellout this year, it was a huge success in bringing people into the city's core shopping and dining district.

Chamber events like the Restaurant Rally and this month's Health and Business Expo at Westland Shopping Center help showcase businesses in the Westland community to people who live here or who are visitors. They're great marketing tools that provide exposure for the community as well.

Fifteen restaurants participated in this year's event, which had Antoinette Martin of Ameriprise Financial and Dan Martin of NovoPrint USA Inc. as major sponsors and TDS Metrocom as the corporate sponsor. They and all the businesses that were involved saw a value in the rally, and we're glad.

Events like these in Westland and in neighboring communities carry an underlying message of spend your money locally. Frequenting local businesses is a benefit not only for the merchants, but the community. They, like residents, are stakeholders in the city. Their financial health is dependent on their customers, as is their ability to pay taxes and maintain their properties.

The message is a localized version of Buy Michigan Now, which has been circulating around the state since late 2007. When possible, buy locally, or Michigan-made. Why? Buying locally helps maintains existing jobs and can attract new employers, thereby creating new jobs. It also increases the tax base.

As individuals, we don't have the ability to bring in new business, but the cumulative effect of shopping locally sends a clear message to potential businesses that Westland offers a sustainable customer base. You need only look to the automotive sector to see that.

When GM and Chrysler shuttered dealerships, Westland came through unscathed. Why? Because its dealerships - Red Holman and North Brothers — have strong community support. And those dealerships in return are strong supporters of the community.

And ditto for the other merchants who

call Westland home.

Kudos to the Westland Chamber for continuing to stage events like the Restaurant Rally and the Health Expo. They're nice additions to the summer activities in Westland and a great way to showcase the city to non-residents.

We also urge residents to stop in the local businesses to see what they have to offer. By buying Michigan-made products and shopping at our local businesses, we can help rebuild Michigan and Westland and make them both better and stronger in the

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Teens' deaths are wake-up call

I feel this was a very unfortunate situation, and though it was tragic, it should be a wake up call for all drivers, just be safe and use good judgement. May GOD bless their souls and give their parents and family the strength they will need to get through this.

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Right to talk to voters

That doesn't mean that citizens working the polls or just citizens at the polls that are at least 100 feet away can't talk to voters and let them know that there is a write in and who it is. So you do have a right, if not an obligation to pass the word

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite movie this summer?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



'Spidermand.' **Austin Fandrey** Westland



'Bolt.' I like the movie stars."

Kayla Fandrey Westland



" 'Transformers II.' I liked all the action and stuff. It had cool scenery."

Brandon Detherage Westland



"So far, my favorite has been 'G-4,' mainly because it's funny and I love Guinea pigs and all the names."

Kaitlyn Willis Dearborn Heights

LETTERS

Thanks for assistance

The Westland Monitors would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the Joy Baptist Church for the use of their hall, chairs, tables, etc. They were wonderful. Also, a big thank you to all of the candidates who were there. Without them and the use of the church, the event would not have been possible.

Also the local papers and The Detroit News and the great article that Sue Mason wrote. We greatly appreciated the comments from the candidates and many of the citizens who were there on how to improve upon the next event.

The mission of the Westland Monitors is to increase the Westland voter turnout by at least 35 percent in the local elections. Anyone interested in coming to our group meeting is more than welcome. Please call (734) 721-4142 or (734) 525-8788.

Karol Hudson

Westland

Annapolis Park gets marker

The overcast skies and light rain did not deter folks gathering at the corner of Middlebelt and Hanover streets in Westland on Saturday, July 25. The occasion was the celebration of the eighth State Historical Marker to be planted in our city and titled "Annapolis

This event and the cost of the historical marker was sponsored by the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association. Timing was everything at 10 a.m. that morning, for as the celebration began the unwanted rain ended. Brother Terrence McClain had some choice words for this happening, and then he proceeded with the invocation.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

Web: www.hometownlife.com E-mail: smason@hometownlife.com. Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Mistress of ceremonies Lori Wilson welcomed everyone and acknowledged some dignitaries, namely Mayor Wild, Judges Cicirelli and McConnell, Councilmen Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemyer and Johnson and City Clerk Eileen DeHart.

Ms. Wilson then told some history about the subdivision of 354 homes that was built in the early 1950s.

The Honorable Mayor William R. Wild talked about the historical markers in the city and the importance of the history of Annapolis Park Sub to our community. Not only did he acknowledge Edna Parker and myself, Ruth Dale, for the role we played in acquiring National Register of Historic Places designation, and a State Historical Marker for Annapolis Park, but he gave credit to Robert Christensen and Laura Ashlee, State Historic Preservation Officers in Lansing.

(Note: Mr. Christensen was a tremendous help. He not only researched housing discrimination in the Detroit area at that time, but using research material furnished by Ms. Parker and myself, he wrote the seven-page significance statement, and a two-page description of Annapolis Park, that was required for the National Register application. Laura Ashlee used the same documentation and wrote the marker text.)

Special guests was not the only involvement for Ms. Parker and me. Much to the surprise of both of us, the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association presented us with plaques of appreciation for our research on the history of Annapolis Park.

The benediction was given by Brother

The special guests were handed a giant pair of scissors and were asked to do the honors of unveiling and cutting the ribbon on the long awaited, beautiful, historical marker for Annapolis

The first part of the celebration had ended and the crowd anxiously headed for the old-fashioned picnic to be held at Stottlemver Park nearby.

As most of you know, Annapolis Park Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places May 18, 2006, the only National Register designation in Westland. You can check this out at www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/MI/Wayne/ state/html. Then click on "historic districts" to read about it, where it is No. 2 on an alphabetized list. At the same site, click on "state listings" and scan to No. 6 where it is listed. Approval for a State Marker was in August of the same

Ruth Dale Westland

Health care not responsible for economic troubles

oday, across the state and country, we're facing an economic climate unlike anything most of us have seen in our lifetimes. As political and business



leaders search for solutions. health care reform remains high on the todo list in both Lansing and Washington. Some see the

health care industry as contributing to the state's and country's economic woes. The facts point

to a very different reality. Health care is the largest industry in Michigan, responsible for generating approximately \$50 billion in annual revenue. Oakwood Healthcare alone employs some 9,000 people and is affiliated with 1,300 physicians, making it one of the five largest employers in Wayne

Simply put, the power of a health care system as an economic engine for the community should not be underestimated. Yet, as an industry, we, like so many others, are facing a long list of challenges. In 2008, half of all Michigan hospitals operated in the red. One of the biggest reasons health care systems are experiencing these losses is the increasing number of newlyuninsured and underinsured patients. Thousands of citizens who have carried insurance their whole life now for the first time find themselves without health insurance due to job loss. At the same time, many with insurance are facing significant increases in co-pays and deductibles - expenses that they may not be able to afford.

The increase in uncompensated care, which includes charity care, losses on Medicaid and Medicare payments, and no-pay care, is staggering. In 2004, Oakwood provided \$37 million in uncompensated care and charity care, in 2008 that figure increased to nearly \$70 million.

Cutbacks in federal and state spending have also affected

the health care industry. In the past 11 years there has been no rate increase in the amount health care systems receive in Medicaid payments. And yet, the state of Michigan is proposing an 8 percent Medicaid rate cut that is currently being considered by the Michigan Senate Appropriations Subcommittee of the Michigan Department of Community Health in its 2010 fiscal year budget recommendations. This cut would cost Oakwood Healthcare alone \$4.6 million in 2010 and leaves health care systems facing a devastating reduction in Medicaid payments that weren't even covering our costs to begin with. But, as a health care system, we can only do so much. With GM, Chrysler and so many other employers increasing the amount employees pay for their health care through higher premiums, co-pays and deductibles, individuals also have an obligation to be financially responsible when it comes to choosing care.

It's important to understand the value of the care you receive

 even if your insurer is paying for it. That means taking on a consumer mentality when seeking care, just as you would when shopping for any other item.

I urge you to use your voice and contact your state senator to let them know the impact additional Medicaid cuts will have on our hospitals is unacceptable. It's crucial to protect health care services for everyone and we at Oakwood believe the resolution to the state's budget crisis will not come through massive cuts.

These are difficult times to say the least. It's never been more important for consumers and health care providers to work together or for providers to support the communities that have supported us through the years.

Brian M. Connolly is president and CEO of Oakwood Healthcare, Inc., a comprehensive regional network operating four hospitals and multiple health care centers and post-acute sites that serve 35 southeastern Michigan communities. He is also on the boards of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Michigan Health & Hospital Association.

Fashion benefit

"Cause for Celebration: A Parisian Private Shopping Event" will show the hottest fashion trends for fall, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

The private night of shopping is a benefit for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Participants will get 20 percent off shopping, with a 15 percent savings on cosmetics and fragrances. Additional exclusions apply to the shopping pass, with information available from store associates. Admission is \$10 per person.

Refreshments from local restaurants will be served. Members of the Detroit Ignition will attend, and fashion designer

Victor Alfaro will be on hand with his collection.

For information, call (734) 953-7500, Ext. 285. The event is sponsored by Parisian and Ford Motor Co.

Sweet and salty

LUSH's Sugar Scrub

Massage in Canton

They may sound good enough to nibble, but LUSH's new Sugar Scrub and Sugar Babe are designed to help you put your best face forward. Sugar Scrub uses exfoliating Fair Trade sugar to scrub away dead skin cells. Its stimulating blend of fresh fennel LUSH's Ocean Salt Cleanser and fennel oil acts as a tonic

for the skin; lavender oil has a healing effect and warming ginger kicks the circulation up a notch. Sugar Babe also uses Fair Trade sugar to exfoliate and reveals a soft center of extra virgin coconut oil as it melts away. Each one-time bath ball costs \$4.95.

If you prefer salty to sugary, try LUSH's Ocean Salt Cleanser. The sea salt gently exfoliates, while avocado and coconut butters keep

skin moisturized. Cost is \$18.95 for 4.2 ounces.

in Novi and The Somerset Collection in Troy.

Howell-based LaVida Massage recently

opened a new center at 42142 Ford Road, in

Canton. LaVida offers its clients various mas-

sage services including Swedish, couples, deep

LUSH stores are located at Twelve Oaks Mall



Founded in 2007, LaVida Massage is a health and wellness massage center, providing massage, facial and cosmetic services that revitalize and reinvigorate clients' emotional and physical health. www.lavidamassage.com.

Community Day

Visit www.communitydayevent.com, type in your city and you'll find a long list of local organizations that will benefit from Parisian's annual Community Day on Nov. 14.

The nonprofits — everything from the Farmington High School Pompon team to Livonia Co-op Nursery — are selling \$5 Parisian discount booklets that contain cou-

pons and offers for a savings of more than \$60. They'll keep all proceeds from the \$5 booklet price. Customers will use the booklets on Nov. 14 at Parisian, which will extend its shopping hours that day.

Organizations can sign up to participate in Community Day by logging onto www.communitydayevent.com, and submitting a registration form. Qualifying Community Day organizations include local 501C-3 nonprofit organizations, churches and schools.

Community Day has raised \$63 million for nonprofits over the past decade

Parisian is located at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, in Livonia

Got waste?

Cart those old cleaning solvents, paint cans, garden chemicals and other household hazardous waste Aug. 22 to Westland Shopping Center, located at Warren Road and Nankin Blyd. Wayne County's Department of

Environment will be on hand 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the lot behind JC Penney's to collect your toxic Only products used by Wayne

County residents will be accept-Here's a list of some accept-

able items:

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- chemicals, pesticides Anti freeze, motor oil and

gasoline

Fluorescent bulbs, automotive batteries, dry cell batteries Fire extinguishers, smoke detectors

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ners, keyboards, mice Cell phones, fax machines, televisions



Little girls can dream about being Barbie under this Barbie Doll-theme duvet, available at Pottery Barn.

Doesn't every little girl wish for a life-sized Barbie's Dream House of her own?

She can have the next best thing this fall with the Pottery Barn Kids Barbie Collection of bedroom bedding and accessories.

It's all in time for the 50th anniversary of the iconic doll, which Pottery Barn will celebrate with an in-store Dream Room Workshop and an online contest.

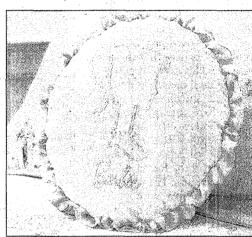
The Barbie collection, which includes a duvet, duvet cover, sheets, pillow and art work, will be available in Pottery Barn Kids stores, online at www.potterybarnkids.com/barbie and in the store catalog beginning Aug. 27. Prices range from \$129 for a full/queen duvet cover and sham to \$26 for a standard sham and \$34 for a decorative pillow.

Barbie Dream Room Workshops will run

Sept. 12-13 at all stories, including Pottery Barn's Michigan location at The Somerset Collection, Big Beaver (16 Mile) and Coolidge in Troy. Kids will decorate and take home their own dream room during a craft session. Space is limited. Call the Troy store at (248) 643-0172 to sign up.

The grand-prize winner in the Barbie Dream Room Sweepstakes will receive a \$5,000 gift card from Pottery Barn Kids to create a fantasy bedroom. Second prizes include a Barbie Three-Story Dream Townhouse and Barbie Fashionistas dolls.

To enter and for official rules visit www.potterybarnkids. com/Barbie between Aug. 27 and Sept. 24.



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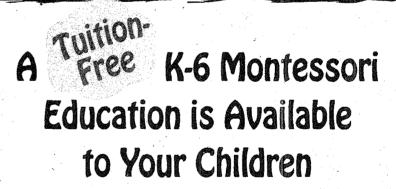
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Don't get burned by a faulty dryer vent

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Recent fires in Livonia and Westland could have been prevented with a call to Clean & Green Dryer Vent Experts.

"The Livonia fire was reported to have caused over \$100,000 in damages and the Westland fire resulted in the loss of a beloved pet, "says Tim Reiher. "I believe that this service provides the community with what it needs right now. We are mainly focusing on two causes here, making homes safe and more efficient."

Tim's father Ron retired from Chrysler after 32 years and opened the Redfordbased business. The company is a family effort, with wife Christine and sons Tim and Jonathan all doing their parts.

Ron and Tim are both Certified Dryer Exhaust Technicians through the Chimney Safety Institute of America, CSIA. Tim Reiher recently joined the business after four years as a corporate trainer for a national franchise company in the same industry.

So what exactly do they do? Clean & Green helps prevent dryer fires by keeping the appliances functioning properly. They inspect dryer and clean, modify or replace vents when necessary. The result is a safer, more efficient dryer.

Unfortunately, it is an issue many people don't think about until it is too late. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 15,500 dryer fires occur every year. The leading cause to these fires has been cited as lack of maintenance. These fires can easily be prevented through education.

"That's 42 fires caused by dryers every day," said Tim

Vents can easily become



Father and son team Ron and Tim Reiher specialize in making dryers safe and efficient.

them inefficient and even dangerous, especially vents made of plastic or foil, which are no longer the industry standard.

Proper maintenance extends the life of a dryer and can reduce energy consumption by up to 50 percent, which means less carbon gas floating from your dryer vent into the atmosphere.

WARNING SIGNS

Ron Reiher said the following signs indicate a malfunctioning dryer:

- Clothes are taking more than one cycle to dry
- Lint no longer appears on lint screen.
- Dryer repeatedly stops during a cycle.
- Clothes have moldy smell after dry cycle.
- Check for loose lint behind your dryer. • If you can't hear or feel air
- moving from the vent from the exterior you may have a clogged vent.

TAKING ACTION

Here is what to do if you suspect a problem:

regulations with your city, state and manufacturer.

- Replace plastic and foil vent systems with semi-rigid or solid metal venting.
- Replace exterior vent cover with a louvered cover to prevent animal and debris obstructions.
- Do not put clothes with flammable materials such as oils, cleaning products, or gasoline into the dryer.
- Clean screen lint trays before and after drying a load.
- Wash lint screens with soap and water every few months to remove residue left behind by fabric softeners.
- Remove and clean excess lint from around your dryer.
- Don't leave the house or go
- to bed with the dryer running. · Have dryer vents professionally cleaned and inspected

"Following these tips and looking out for the warnings signs can prevent serious risks to your safety and help you to maintain an efficient laundry room," said Ron Reiher.

For more information, call (734) 377-4175 or visit www.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is being held today (Aug. 6) to celebrate the opening of the Artiste Hair & Nail Salon at 30765 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Merriman Road, in Westland.

New tenant

Centro Properties Group has announced that a 25,000-square foot Office Solutions recently opened at West Ridge Shopping Center on Warren Road between Central City Parkway and Wayne Road, across the street from the Westland Shopping Center in Westland. Centro Properties Group is the owner of West Ridge Shopping Center.

Get organized

Samara Spurlock is the proud owner of business owner of Simple Spirit Organizing in Westland, Simple Spirit Organizing can organizing homes, offices, garages and that ever stressful paperwork pile. You can find all the details at Spurlock's Web site, www.simplespiritorganizing.com. Also check out her August newsletter. Every month has a theme full of tips relevant to the theme.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Breakfast time

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Downtown

for Breakfast 8:15 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at Plato's Place, 30090 Ford, west of Middlebelt in Garden City. Residents and business owners are invited to have a casual discussion with local politicians about current events. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 422-4448.

Flea Markets

If you have items you are interested in selling or things you might want to purchase, don't miss the last of the outdoor flea markets

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 8-9, in the Westland Bowl parking lot at 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Daily reservation rate is \$15 (does not include table) for a 9-foot by 18foot space. Must be reserved prior to date of event and spaces are on a

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BUSINESS MILESTONES

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information, call (734) 732-6895. The Maplewood Community Center and the Straight Farm House are hosting outdoor flea market and crafts 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second

first come, first serve basis. For more

and third Saturdays of the month at the farm house, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road. A 10-by-10 space

costs \$10, payable the day of the flea market. No advance reservations needed. Set-up begins at 8 a.m. The flea market will be cancelled due to inclement weather. Upcoming sale dates are Saturday, Aug. 8 and 15 and Sept. 12 and 19.

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Farmers Markets

Take advantage of summer's bounty by visiting the farmers markets held in several western Wayne County communities. You'll find them in: • Garden City - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday through Oct. 28 at the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town

Center Plaza. For more information, call (734) 422-4448.

Joy Rd.

- · Wayne 3-7 p.m. every Wednesday now through Oct. 28. The market is for growers only and is held in the parking lot next to the State-Wayne Theater at 35310 W. Michigan Ave. For information, call Sandy McClure (734)
- · Livonia 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday through October at the Wilson Barn at Middlebelt and West Chicago. For more information, call Stan Anderson of Friends of the Barn at (734) 425-8959.
- Canton 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 25 at the Bartlett-Travis House, 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 398-5570, Ext. 5, or by e-mail at cantonfarmersmarket@ canton-mi.org.
- Plymouth 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Saturday through October at the The Gathering across from Kellogg Park next to the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

'09 tax year has opportunities for seniors

know this may sound a little crazy but it's not too early to start year-end tax planning. Although tax planning is something that should be done throughout the year,

most people delay and wait until the last minute. Unfortunately, if you wait you can end up rushing, making an incorrect decision or missing out on an opportu-



nity. This year in particular there are different opportunities, particularly for senior citizens. This year there are no mandatory required minimum distributions. Generally, when someone turns 70 ½, he or she must begin making yearly distributions from a retirement account. Because of the economic crisis, senior citizens do not have to make a 2009 mini- long term (minimum fivemum required distribution. However, that doesn't mean that they should not do so. Seniors need to look at their individual situation to make a

Seniors should also consider taking a distribution from their retirement account and transferring it into a Roth IRA. Roth IRAs have the advantage of growing tax free and are not subject to required minimum distributions. Many seniors are under the mistaken belief that once you turn 70½ you are no longer eligible to convert from a Traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. What is confusing is when you do turn 701/2 the amount of your required minimum distribution is not eligible to be converted into a Roth IRA. However, since this year there

is no required minimum distribution it does provide a tax loophole.

Converting Traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs is not an option available only for seniors, it is for everyone. In order to convert a Traditional IRA into a Roth IRA, the law requires adjusted gross income less than \$100,000.

Just because you are eligible to convert money into a Roth IRA, doesn't mean you should do so. The following are my rules that I use in determining whether it makes sense to do a Roth conversion.

1. You must have the money to pay the tax on the amount being converted without taking it from the distribution.

2. By converting money into a Roth IRA, you will not be putting yourself into a higher tax bracket. Remember, the amount of money that you are converting from a Traditional IRA into a Roth is subject to ordinary income tax.

3. You can invest the money seven years. If you meet the criteria, it makes sense to consider a conversion.

If you convert money into a Roth IRA, the transaction must be completed before the end of the year. There is plenty of time to perform the transaction. Converting money into a Roth IRA from a Traditional IRA is simple and typically doesn't take that long. However, in today's ever crazy world, anything and everything can happen so don't wait until the last minute to perform the transaction.

Many people are under the false impression that the goal of year-end tax planning is to reduce taxes. Although, there is nothing wrong with reducing one's taxes, the real goal of year-end tax planning is to increase net worth. Lowering

taxes doesn't automatically increase net worth. For yearend tax planning or, any type of tax planning to be effective, your goal must be to increase net worth.

It is easy to lower your taxes, just lose money. Too many people get caught up in the idea that lowering their taxes will automatically increase their net worth. That is not the case. The key with tax planning is to be smart with taxes.

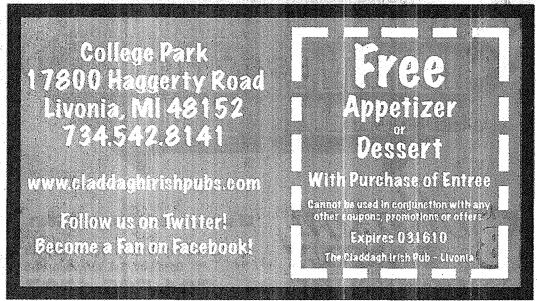
When it comes to tax planning, if you need the assistance of a professional, keep in mind there is a big difference between tax preparation and tax planning. Someone who prepares tax returns doesn't necessarily have the knowledge for tax planning.

If you are going to do tax planning and you are hiring a professional, make sure you deal with someone who has the expertise. In addition, it is important to be sure that whoever you deal with has a commitment to continuing education. Good tax planning a year ago is not necessarily good tax planning this year. The laws have changed and it is important that if you're paying for advice, you get what you're paying for.

One last note. If you are doing your tax planning on your own and need to do some research, visit the IRS web site (IRS.gov). It offers a wealth of information about taxes and is easy to navigate. Even if you do use the services of a professional the IRS web site is still an excellent place to learn about taxes.

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





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Bomb Squad plays Aug. 1

Net worth

Former Whalers goalie Bacashihua eyes Capital opportunity

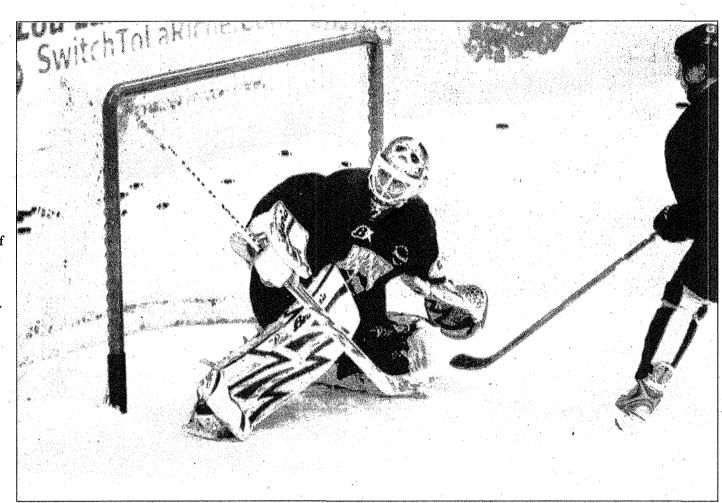
BY JIM TOTHOBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Who knows? Maybe this time, Jason Bacashihua will find himself in the right place, at the right time, with the right team.

The former Plymouth Whalers goaltender, with ties to Garden City, is back in town for a couple of weeks as a participant in the highly-acclaimed Bandits Goaltending School, honing his skills and preparing for next month's training camp with the Washington Capitals of the National Hockey League. The Capitals are the fourth NHL franchise to own the rights to Bacashihua, following in line behind Dallas, St. Louis and Colorado.

"It's been quite a trip, obviously, and now being with the Capitals organization this year (officially signed with American Hockey

Please see GOALIE, B2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Plymouth Whalers goalie Jason Bacashihua has been busy this week taking part in the Bandits Goaltending School at Compuware Ice Arena.

Bacashihua is a member of the Washington Capitals organization and will be looking to stick with the parent club once training camp begins next month.

Christoff's imprints not to be forgotten

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Larry Christoff was remembered as a dedicated educator, soccer coach and wrestling official who made a difference in both the Livonia and Novi com-

munities.
Born in northern Greece, the
66-year-old Christoff died July
28 of complications from cancer. Services were held at Holy
Cross Greek Orthodox Church
in Farmington Hills. He was
interred at Parkview Cemetery in
Livonia.

He is survived by his wife Joan and two sons, Leonard and Christopher, along with a brother, Apostoli, of Kastoria, Greece.

Christoff taught the subjects of social studies and U.S. history in the Livonia Public Schools at Stevenson and Churchill high schools. He helped launch the boys club soccer program at Stevenson and helped form a local high school league.

"He was intregal in the development of Stevenson becoming a varsity soccer program," former Stevenson coach and Schoolcraft player Walt Barrett said. "He was one of the founding godfathers of soccer in the western suburbs.

"He was like a Bo Schembechler and Vince Lombardi. He pushed players beyond abilities that they couldn't think they could handle. He was hard-driving and molded his team around the European principles of hard work and dedicating yourself to a common effort. He played like he coached and he coached like he played."

christoff later became men's

Please see CHRISTOFF, B2



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Michigan State University's soccer program was a powerhouse in the mid-1960s led by Larry Christoff (third from left) and Van Dimitriou (far right), both former coaches at Schoolcraft College.



Under the direction of Madonna University assistant coach Stu Rose, the Michigan MuskRats 18-and-under squad captured the 2009 Continental Amateur Baseball Association (CABA) World Series, held July 18-22 in St. Clair

World Series champion MuskRats have MU flavor

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the summer season is any indication, the Madonna University baseball program

should continue to thrive.
Under the direction of MU
assistant coach Stu Rose, the
Michigan MuskRats 18-andunder squad captured the 2009
Continental Amateur Baseball
Association (CABA) World
Series, held July 18-22 in St. Clair

. The World Series crown comes on the heels of a USSSA Mayors/State Championship captured, June 26-28 in Battle Creek. The MuskRats also won the Battle of the Capitol (Lansing) and Madonna Inviational tournaments (a 4-2 win over the Michigan Mustangs).

The MuskRats finished the

summer with a 26-5 overall record.

The MuskRat roster features
10 current and future Crusaders,
including CABA World Series
MVP Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/
Dearborn Divine Child).

After splitting their first two games at the CABA tourney, the MuskRats won six straight in four days, including a 5-4 win over the Lorain (Ohio) Panthers in the championship final.

Also named to the AllTournament team were
MU recruit Steve Pelletier
(Farmington Hills Harrison),
Ben Kinch (Ann Arbor Pioneer),
Jon Bezak (Michigan State)
and Aaron Saarela (White Lake
Lakeland).

Joining Gooding this summer were 2009 MU freshmen D.J. Jaglois (Birmingham Groves), Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) and Garret Rebain
(Plymouth), as well as incoming freshmen Alex Charles
(Farmington Hills/Birmingham
Brother Rice), Brett Gossett
(Farmington Hills/Novi Detroit
Catholic Central)), Donnie
Holland (Lakeland) and Brad
Lineberry (Canton).

Rounding out the squad are John Rose (CC), Tim Dezelski (CC/Hillsdale College) and Eric Becker (CC).

Joining Rose on the coaching staff were fellow MU assistant Mike George and junior infielder Mike Gansser (Lake in the Hills, Ill.).

Madonna finished the 2009 season 39-12 overall after winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season title and earning its first-ever NAIA National Tournament bid as an at-large team.

SIDELINES

Schmitt gets silvers

Canton High grad Allison Schmitt, entering her second season at the University of Georgia, earned a pair of silver medals last week at the 13th FINA World Swimming Championships in Rome, Italy.

After placing fourth in the 400-meter freestyle earlier in the week, the NCAA champion (500 freestyle) was runner-up to Italy's Federica Pellegrini in the 200 freestyle.

On July 28, Pellegrini eclipsed her own world record with a time of 1 minute, 52.88 seconds, while Schmitt finished second in 1:54.96. Dana Vollmer of the U.S. placed third in 1:55.64.

On July 30, Schmitt and Vollmer teamed up with Lacey Nymeyer and Ariana Kukors to place runner-up in the 4 x 200 freestyle relay with a time of 7:42.56. Schmitt's 200 freestyle split was best among the American quartet in 1:54.21.

China's Yu Yang, Qian Wei Zhu, Jing Liu and Jiaying Pang captured the event with a world record clocking of 7:42.08, eclipsing the mark of 7:44.31 set by Australia in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Summer Games.

Bowling benefit

The Bowl-4-Animal Rescue Benefit Event will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Country Lanes, 30250 Nine Mile (west of Middlebelt), Farmington Hills.

All proceeds will benefit the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Professional bowling champions Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen, who coown Aleta Sill's Bowling World and have adopted seven animals, will host the fourth annual event.

Sill is a Detroit Dream Team member and bowling's first female \$1 million player. Mullen is a USA Bowling GOLD coach and author of Bowling Fundamentals.

Tickets are \$25 and include three games, food and fun. There will be auctions, raffles, door prizes and karaoke. Bowlers can even have one of the professional bowlers throw a strike for them.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Aleta Sill's Bowling World at (248) 615-9060 or via e-mail at michellemullen@att.net.

Elks Soccer Shoot

The City of Livonia
Department of Parks and
Recreation's annual Elks
Soccer Shoot will be at 5
p.m. Monday, Aug. 17 at the
Livonia Community Center
soccer fields, located at 15100
Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Registration, which is free, starts at 4:30 p.m.

Boys and girls separate age groups, determined as of Aug. 1, 2009, include 7and-under, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Age-group winners advance to the state contest in October.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.



League affiliate Hershey Bears)," Bacashihua said during a recent break at the school held inside Compuware Ice Arena. "It's something I'm looking forward to. It's a new team and you want to go in there and make a good impres-

"That's why I'm here working this week," he went on. "It's a great camp because it's work you're doing on-ice and off-ice. I've been doing it for the last eight or nine years and it's something I come back for all the time. If I'm coming back, it's doing something for me."

Participation in the goaltending school means Bacashihua is reunited with director Stan Matwijiw, who coached the netminder when he got his big break playing between the pipes for HoneyBaked Hockey Club a decade ago.

"I've known Stan quite some time and over the years his progress with these camps have gone beyond and beyond," Bacashihua said. "It gets you back in shape strength, agility, conditioning, you name it, they got guys here doing it. I dread it, but I know it works.

EVERY PLAYER'S DREAM

From the first time lacing up the skates and stepping on the ice, Bacashihua entertained those dreams every youngster has of one day playing the with best in the NHL. "As a kid you always want to be in the NHL," Bacashihua explained. "It's hard work. It's dedication on both ends — not just a player's point of view, but parents

as well. All kids get here through their parents and their dedication of driving and taking you where you need to go."

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Bacashihua's roots in goal are reminiscent to that of most keepers - volunteering to keep a game of hockey ongoing.

"Growing up playing travel hockey at the end of practice one day everybody wanted to have a little scrimmage, but nobody wanted to play goalie," Bacashihua said. "I said I'd do it, and from that point on I've been a goalie. A goalie my whole life. I've never taken a step on the ice with the forwards. and probably be a little afraid because the way they can skate."

Bacashihua said being "the last line of defense" has always been a motivating factor in playing the position as "it's always a great feeling knowing you can stop a puck and keep your team in games."

He credits his chance to play AAA hockey with HoneyBaked as the tilting point toward his dedication and determination to take the sport in a serious

Bacashihua, now 26 years young, would like nothing more than the opportunity to prove his worth to the Capitals organization. He has already experienced competition on the NHL level and knows with the right circumstances surrounding him, he can prove to be a viable commodity to the franchise.

Bacashihua's NHL debut came during the 2005-06 campaign when he saw action in goal in 19 games for the Blues. A 4-10-1 record and 3.23 goals against average was the result of his play and Bacashihua returned to the AHL and the Peoria Rivermen

later that season. In 2006-07, he returned to the Blues and once again competed in 19 games. This time he posted a 3-7-3 ledger and a 3.16 goals against mark. Another return to the Rivermen followed and, since that time, Bacashihua continues to seek that ultimate feeling of any hockey player to don an NHL sweater.

"I look at being traded not as a bad thing. I look at it as you had a chance with one club and things didn't work out," Bacashihua said. "Another picks you up because they want you. That's what these organizations have been doing, picking me up and wanting me on their team to see if I can come in and do what they ask. I'm still looking for that one shot, one chance. That's all it really takes."

Bacashihua has fond memories of his playing days with the Whalers as the 2001-02 season saw the 5-foot-11, 175-pound netminder appear in 46 games, finishing with a 26-12-7 mark and posting a sterling 2.34 goals against average. He also remains quite clear on the details surrounding his NHL debut that came against the Philadelphia Flyers and his initial victory that came against the Phoenix Coyotes.

"(Phoenix goalie Curtis Joseph) Cujo was across from me, so obviously it was a great feeling playing against guys you grew up watching," Bacashihua said of that 5-4 victory over the Coyotes. "To look down on the other end that night and see a guy like Cujo, it was a great feeling to know that all the hard work was starting to pay off. I've gotten a taste of it and I want to be back there. If I keep working hard things will come my way and we'll just go from there."



All-Star hoop MVP

Livonia Franklin High grad Briauna Taylor scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds Saturday to lead the White team past the Black, 69-59, in the Michigan High School Basketball Coaches Association Class A-B All-Star girls basketball game held at Brighton High School. Taylor, who earned team MVP honors, was joined on the White squad by Chelsea Davis (Salem), Carliss Verkalk (Holland Christian), Shaelby Carter (Byron Center), Jasmine Kennedy (Grosse Pointe North), Becka McHenry (Fraser), Stephanie Mitchell (Roscommon), Paige Sickmiller (Romeo), Lauren Stodola (Jenison), Jasmin Woods (Holt) and Lauren Malinowski (Dearborn Divine Child). Miss Basketball Jenny Ryan of Saginaw Nouvel Catholic was named MYP of the Black squad. Stodola with join the Taylor twins, Briauna and Brittany, at Grand Valley State University this fall.

soccer coach at Schoolcraft College, posting a record of 84-18-14 in 10 seasons. He guided the Ocelots to two trips to the NJCAA Nationals (1978 and 1980).

Christoff later served as head boys and girls soccer coach at Novi High School. During the winters, he worked as a longtime wrestling official who worked the state finals and also helped out as a volunteer assistant coach at Novi.

"What I remember was his outgoing personality," former Schoolcraft College athletic director Mary Gans said. "He was entertaining to watch on the sideline. My wife (Rikki) told me the only reason why she came to

the games was to watch him. "He was a tough coach, and

a tough, hard-nosed player. He was a guy who cared about everything."

Christoff was a World War II refugee whose family fled to Romania and the former Yugoslavia before arriving in the U.S. at age 12 with an uncle.

"They bombed out his village, his parents were imprisoned and tortured, and he spent time in an orphanage — he went through a lot of hell," Joan Christoff said.

Christoff graduated from Detroit Redford High and played on an NCAA co-championship soccer team at Michigan State.

In 1965, he scored both goals in a 2-1 second-round NCAA College Cup Tournament win over East Stroudsburg (Pa.) State, but injured his knee while scoring the game-winner in

overtime after crashing into the goalkeeper.

Christoff then returned to teach and coach in Livonia. Following his retirement from teaching, Christoff and his wife relocated for four years to a small farm in Tennessee before returning recently to Novi.

legiate coach who impacted a lot of young men," longtime acquaintance John Gelmisi said. "I got called to referee one of his games and I asked whether I should do it, but they said it was OK. It was an interesting game. He was very animated, but it was fun to ref his game.

"He made a name at Schoolcraft College. He recruited some good players, and he made

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Grand champs

The Livonia Stevenson varsity pom squad recently captured the Mid American Pom Camp's Grand Champions trophy along with the Most Improved team award at Northwood University in Midland. The Spartans, coached by Lyndsey Domm and Ashley Thomas, earned first-place scores on all three nightly performances and also took first place in kickline, speed of learning and original routine. Team Members include Courtney Adkins. Lindsay Bauer, Carly Bernadotte, Shannon Black, Amanda Brindley, Morgan Collins, Sam Earhart, Paige Frey, Jilly Henderson, Lindsey Kleven, Emma Knox, Katie Kretunski, Ivy McMullen, Ashley Niesyto, Breann Ostlund, Megan Pietila, Rachael Reister, Courtney Remijan, Anna Sinclair, Hannah Smith, Jen Smith, Rachel Stone, Jenna Suzio, and Sam Turner,

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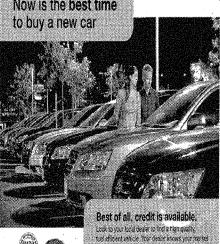
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For more information, contact John Mulroy, athletic director, at (248) 477-5749 or (248) 514-1772.

• Redford Union's girls volleyball team will be conducting tryouts for the freshman, junior varsity and varsity squads, Aug. 12-14, from 6-8 p.m. at the high school, located at 17711 Kinloch.

• Tryouts for the 2010 Plymouth Canton Vipers baseball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon Sunday, Aug. 16 at the Canton

High School varsity baseball field.

For more information, call Tony Boucher at (734) 454-4992; or e-mail thoucher14@ yahoo.com.

• The Farmington Hills Expos U14 Travel Baseball Team will be holding tryouts for the 2009-10 season Aug. 8-9 from 9-11 a.m. at Founders Sports Park Field #6, located on 8 Mile Road between Halsted and Farmington.

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The coaching staff places an emphasis on instruction with the goal to prepare players to have the skills needed to play at the high school level.

The Expos will play in the Kensington Valley League and participate in approximately six tournaments.

Players are asked to arrive 30 minutes

early to register. For more information, contact Jeff Tomski at (248)613-8469 or fouryos1et@aol.com.

• Redford Union's boys soccer program will be holding tryouts for its varsity and junior varsity squads Aug. 12-14 from 3-5 p.m. at MacGowan School, 18255 Kinloch, in Redford. For more information, call (313) 995-4234.

· Baseball travel tryouts for the Livonia Baseball-Softball Association will be available for the following age groups at Bicentennial Park (field No. 8):

9-and-under – 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22: 11-and-under (Titans) - 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22; 10-and-under - noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23; and 12-and-under (Tarheels) - 2-4 p.m..

Report a half-hour early prior to the tryout time to register. Age is determined as of May 1, 2010.

Manager are also wanted for the 9- and 10-and-under teams.

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niabsa.com. You can also e-mail Rosen at MBLR1218@aol.com.

• Here's the pitch. Tryouts for the 2010 Canton Cardinals travel baseball teams are continuing throughout August.

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The Great Eraser Rule

By Jeanne Myers

If you substitute a ball when you are not allowed to, or drop or place a ball in the wrong place or otherwise not in accordance with the Rules, and you haven't played it yet, you are allowed to lift it without penalty and correct your mistake. This is the Rule that officials call the Great Eraser Rule!

For example, if you take relief from a lateral water hazard and drop a ball within three club-lengths of where it last crossed the hazard margin (instead of within two clublengths), you have dropped in a wrong place. If, before you play a stroke at that ball, you realize what you have done, you may lift the ball and drop in the correct place without penalty - you just "erase" vour mistake.

Or, take the case of your ball lying on a cart path, and you decide to take relief. After you have determined where to drop the ball, you mistakenly drop a ball other than the original. You have substituted a new ball when you are not allowed to do so. If you notice it before you make a stroke at it, you may pick it up under the Eraser Rule and drop the original ball as required, and there is no penalty.

Many golfers like to use a "water ball" when they have a hard shot over water, or a "putting" ball because they believe that a brand new ball is going to roll truer on the green. The Rules say that you must use the ball that you play from the tee throughout the entire hole, unless it becomes lost, is hit out of bounds or you substitute another ball under a Rule. There is no Rule that allows you to substitute a ball

so that you don't lose a brand new ball in the water, or to substitute a new ball on the putting green just because you believe it will putt better. You can do it, but it will cost you a two stroke penalty. So, if you have substituted a new ball on the putting green, and someone lets you know you are not allowed to do that, as long as you haven't hit it, you may lift it and replace the original ball back in the correct spot without penalty. The player who lifted his ball in play in the fairway and replaced it with a "water ball" is not quite so lucky. As long as he hasn't hit the "water ball," under the Eraser Rule he can replace the original ball and avoid that penalty. However, he will still receive a one stroke penalty for lifting his ball in

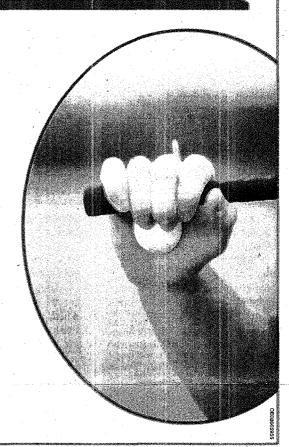
If you drop a ball when you should have placed it, or placed a ball

play when he had no right to do so.

when you should have dropped it, under this handy little Rule, you may lift the ball and correct your error without a penalty. If you mistakenly drop a ball a third time, instead of placing it on the spot where it hit the ground on the second drop, you can "erase" that under this Rule also.

You won't find this helpful Rule in the Rules of Golf listed as the Great Eraser Rule. It's just hiding out unobtrusively under Rule 20, Clause 6. This is one of those little gems that good golfers should know to help them get out of trouble. Not all the Rules of Golf are bad!

Jeanne Myers is the Golf Association of Michigan's Assistant Director of Rules & Competition.



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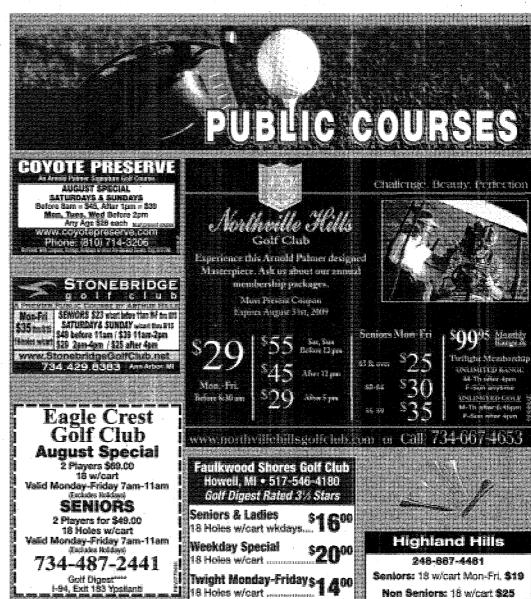


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Family heard God's call to ministry

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

Beth Librande doesn't remember one particular incident when she knew she would become a pastor, but even as a child she understood it was her calling.

And why not growing up with parents who were pastors and a brother who also became a pastor?

That's just one of a few parallel paths in the family. For example, Librande's father, Rev. Bob Goudie grew up attending services and school at Clarenceville United Church where Librande is now the

"My brother and I grew up in the church and really felt like this is where we needed to be," Librande savs of her brother, David Goudie, pastor of Utica United Methodist Church. "It was always a comfortable, safe and warm place. My main goal is to present the gospel of Jesus Christ and to help make disciples of Jesus Christ."

Librande, 39, has three children, Sarah, 16, Taylor, 13, and Isaac, 11. Her husband, David Librande, home schools their children and works at a bicycle shop in Dearborn. She says she can't imagine doing her job without his constant support at home and for the ministry.

In fact, her first encounter in religious life was with her husband when they served as directors of children



The Rev. Beth Librande

and youth ministry in Indiana.

"I particularly have a heart with young people," says Librande, a Livonia resident. "I think it's very difficult for children to grow up in this society and remain faithful, but I believe they will when they have that real experience with the Lord. It's a matter of helping, encouraging and supporting them in their faith even

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BETH LIBRANDE, $pastor\ of$ Clarenceville United Church

when there's so many ways in which we cannot honor God."

MOM'S MINISTRY

The call to ministry was different for her mom, the Rev. Diana Goudie, who says she knew she wanted to be a pastor when she was a teenager at camp. The counselors there, however, told her that because she was a woman she would be better off setting her goals on becoming a pastor's wife. After marrying Goudie, she had a series of dreams and believed she was being called again. This time she answered.

The Rev. Diana Goudie retired at the end of June from Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church and at that time her husband was her associate pastor. Again, the family's professional paths crossed.

"I started as his associate, then we were at separate churches, then we were co-pastors and now he's my associate," Librande said in mid-June before she retired.



Bob and Diana Goudie are both ministers.

As her parents leave the vocation, Librande is embarking on her ninth year this month as a pastor. She began her career at Willow United Methodist Church in New Boston and then at South Rockwood Church.

TYPICAL DAY

Her workday includes preparing her Sunday sermons, praying with people who need to talk, visiting the sick, officiating at funerals, consoling families and other pastoral duties, like working with the youth group during the school year.

"The economy has really impacted people and I think there's a feeling

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of fear and a bit of discouragement," she says. "Offering hope is sometimes very challenging when we want to focus on the negative instead of focusing on what God will do in our lives. It feels difficult, but looking at history, the church has been persecuted and had difficulty in proclaiming the gospel. It's the truth and sometimes people don't want to hear the truth or hear about God."

Her biggest reward, she says, is when people come to know the Lord, because of her ministry.

"It gives me such joy in my heart." she adds.

DAD'S MINISTRY

That was the same joy her father felt starting the family pastoral tradition when he become pastor at St. James United Methodist Church in Detroit. Future church assignments in Waterford, Monroe and Milan forced him to move the family - which includes another daughter, Susan Goudie, who lives in Ypsilanti and is not in the ministry.

We did not try to push them into the ministry," Diana Goudie says. "You have to feel God wants you in the ministry and they both had their separate encounters with God. They knew sometimes it's difficult being a pastor, but they knew there are lots of good things that go along with the bad. The main thing is they love God and want to do what God wants them to do."

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ELAINE H. BRADFORD

Elaine H. Bradford died August 2 2009 at her residence in Vero Beach. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and lived in Vero Beach for 14 years coming from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Mrs. Bradford attended 1st Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach and was a member of Moorings Club, Vero Beach, FL and long time member of the Oakland Hills Country Club, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Survivors include her daughter, Diane Finegan and her husband, J. Richard Finegan of Incline Village, NV, grandsons, Kevin Finegan of Reno, NV and Sean Finegan of Troy, MI. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, John L. "Brad" Bradford in 1990. Memorial contributions may be Hospice Foundation. Arrangements by Strunk Funeral Home and Crematory

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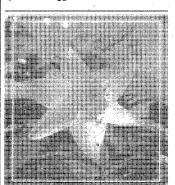
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KAREN JAYNE MARTIN

Age 42, August 2, 2009. Beloved daughter of Margaret Milliron. Dear sister of Christopher (Diane) and Thomas (Laura) Martin. Dear aunt of Raymond and Troy. Also survived by 3 step-sisters, 1 stepbrother, aunts, uncles and cousins, Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Livonia, Saturday from 9:30 until Memorial Service at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Williams Syndrome Association or the ARC of Northwest Wayne County. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com.





MARJORIE PATTERSON

Age 89, passed away Saturday, August 1, 2009, in a local assisted living health center. Memorial Service: I p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan 48336, (248) 474-5200. A memorial celebration will be at a later date in her son's home in Southlake. Marjorie was born June 26, 1920, in Michigan to Frank and Lydia Mertens Ohst. Marjorie made a great contribu-tion to our country during World War II as one of the group who became known as "Rosie The Riveter" as they helped produce weapons used during the war. Marjorie was a dedicated care giver to her husband and to her son and to many others. Her gifts of service were evident in libraries, churches and as a volunteer at Maplegrove Hospital in West Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She devoted her life to helping others. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Patterson in 1987, a son, Chris Patterson and a sister, Gertrude Riching. Survivors: Marjorie is survived by sons, Mark Patterson and wife, Kathlyn, and Michael Patterson and wife, Heidi; grandchildren, Kari Reasnor and husband, Micah, and Jennifer Cannefax and husband, Cody, and Lisa Fairley and husband, Dave, and Hollie Visage and husband Britt, and Gregory Patterson and wife, Penny, and Becky Patterson and Joel Patterson: Mother of Kari and Jennifer, Diane Hobbs; loving, caring, helping nieces Margie Pierce and husband, Greg, and Karen Baker, and Donna Mahoney and husband, Bill; Nephews. Scott Riching and wife, Karen, and Tommy Riching



and wife, Denise.

JEANNE A. OUELLETTE

84, born in Ottawa, Canada; a resident of Farmington for 47 years; July 31, 2009. Jeanne is survived by Henri Hank", her beloved husband of 58 years; loving mother of Louise (the late Greg) Zilan, Suzanne (Allan) Schaefer, Janine MacKinnon, Carole (Allan) McPhée and Marie (John) hepherd; cherished grandmother of Barry, Geoffrey, Julia, Nick, Michael, Kevin, Andrew, Ian, Ken, Dan, Ryan, Scott, Nathan, Sarah and great-granddaughter Corinne; dear sister of Isabelle Beauchemin and Marguerite Sauve. A Memorial Mass was held Wednesday, August 5th, 10 AM (gathering 9:30 AM) at St. Fabian Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd. (btwn Farmington & Orchard Lk., Rds), Farmington Hills. The family received guests on Tuesday from 2-8 PM with an evening rosary at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btw 9-10 Mile Rds., N of Grand River) Downtown Farmington (248) 474-5200. Memorial tribûtes are suggest-

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VOJISLAV (BILL) SARCEVICH

Age 81, August 1, 2009 Beloved Husband of Violet. Dearest Father of Delcy (Mark) McArthur, Nancy (Heinz-Peter) Jansen, and Ronnie. Loving Grandfather of Ian, Karin, Meredith, Heather, Milena, and Alexandra Violet. Dear Brother of Ilinka (Vojo) Vulcevic, and the late Vlado and the late Nikola. Visitation Wednesday 2-9pm, with a 7:30pm Pomen Service at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. In State Thursday 10:00 am until time of Service 11:00 am at St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Church, 4575 E. Outer Drive, Detroit. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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Hunger Walk

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

Vacation Bible school

■ 6-8 p.m., Aug. 10-14, at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. Aimed at children, 4-12 with focus on three lesson topics: caring for creation, acting in God's image to create beautiful things, and respecting differences to build community. Each evening will include kid-friendly dinners. The week will conclude on Friday with a family pizza and movie night.(734) 425-2800.

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AUG. 13-19

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West and downriver chapters team up for a ride on the Detroit River with the Portofino Boat Cruise, 8-11 p.m., Aug. 14. Tickets are \$30. Call Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479. Bethany West's Monthly Breakfast Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Aug. 15 at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim. Horton's) in Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479.

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

Vacation Bible school

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

AUG. 20-26

Book bag giCveaway

2-5 p.m., Aug. 23, at Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road. Plymouth. Way of Life Christian Church is sponsoring the outreach. Backpacks with school supplies will be given to the first 100 children who register. Registered children also may bowl. Their parents and other adults may bowl for \$5. The price includes shoes. For more information call Ron Spencer at (734) 697-6107.

ONGOING

AWANA

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

Classes/study

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

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is designed to reduce stress and is great for over-

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

all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome

www.orchardumc.org for updates. ■ Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in

Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will

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

Example 2 Learner's Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville.

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

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

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel. (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

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

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

Concerts

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

Fellowship dinner

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

Films

10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Guitar Praise game preceeds the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events are free. (248) 476-8222

Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call.

Prayer

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

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

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

- Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and. Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.
- 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660 for information.

Sinales

- Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office. All fitness levels welcome.
- Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www. singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Soup kitchen

Learn about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit by participating in its "Day of Service" program. Dine with quests at the soup kitchen, tour the Earth Works urban garden, and take a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www. cskdetroit.org.

Support.

cupboard.

- A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the
- Are you or someone you know struggling with depression, divorce, grief, addiction, relationship difficulties, or job loss? Real Life Church through its volunteers and partnerships with area ministries and professionals provides classes, seminars, care, support & recovery groups, counseling, and prayer to help you get through life challenges. Visit the Web site for details on current classes and groups offered as well as location, days and times
- www.realifeplymouth.com. ■ The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at 41711 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org for information.

- Overeaters Anonymous meets 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7 p.m. Sundays, in Classroom 1 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia. (313) 387-9797. www.oa.org ■ St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care
- Association. ■ Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. for this weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

is provided. Call Connie McNutt

at (734) 895-1426. This group is

authorized by the Alzheimer's

- Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church. 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.
- Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago. Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.
- Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville offers Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. din-

ner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www. celebraterecovery.com and www. wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Thrift store

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

Worship

- 🕮 Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days. (248) 851-5100.
- Anglican Church of Livonia: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, 10 a.m., service at Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. www. hischurch.us.
- Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes. (734) 522-6830.
- Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sunday worship, 9:45 a.m., Sunday school, 7 p.m., Wednesday prayer and Bible study. Youth fellowship 7 p.m., every other Friday.
- Due Season Christian Church holds services at Stevenson High School on Six Mile west of Farmington Road, in Livonia: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services at 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m., Tuesday Bible study. (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.
- Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt. Livonia: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages.

Starting Sept. 13, Sunday service time changes to 10 a.m. Visit www. livonfaith.org.

- Garden City Presbyterian Church, Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road: 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday. Call (734) 421-7620.
- Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with communion each Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. (734) 427-3660.
- Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service, and 10:30 a.m., contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m. (734) 637-8160
- Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 9 a.m., Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday worship in the chapel. Call (734) 427-1414.
- New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford: 10:30 a.m., Sundays. (313) 255-6330.
- New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville: 11 a.m., Sunday. (734) 846-4615 or www. newlifecommunitychurch4u.com
- Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday worship. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services. (734) 453-5534.
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an

- education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service. (734) 722-1735.
- Riverside Park Church of God. 11771 Newburgh, Livonia: Non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, 6:30 p.m., every second and fourth Sunday of the month at the church. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music in a casual atmosphere. (734) 464-0990.
- Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia: 9 a.m., last Sunday of the month features a contemporary service with church members presenting a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494
- St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday; traditional worship at 9 a.m., Sunday, and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Call (248) 474-0584 for additional information.
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia: contemporary service, 11:30 a.m., fourth Sunday of the month. (734) 422-6038. •
- St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia: 10 a.m., Sunday. (734) 422-1470.
- Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, 6 p.m., Sunday Bible studies and worship center for all ages includes din-
- Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads: 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sundays. (734) 421-1760.

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

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RULIER

Free concert series going strong as summer wanes

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

There's still plenty of time - and places - to take in a free concert this summer. Community concert series run through the month in most locales and include a mix of music, from rock to classical, big band to jazz.

Canton's Backyard Beats Concert Series brought local bands to shared green spaces and parks in subdivisions all summer long. It wraps up with a concert by Tony Ruda Jazz Ensemble, Wednesday, Aug. 12 at Royal Pointe and Wednesday Aug. 19 at Cherry Hill Village. "I think it's five or six years old now," said Jennifer Provenzano, events specialist for Canton Leisure Services."It was slow in the beginning — we had to approach homeowner associations to give us a chance, but now they're super excited about it. Now we have a waiting list.

Some subdivisions build block parties around it. They've seen its success. Those (neighborhoods) who have done it before get 200 people to come out,' Provenzano said, adding, "We're always excited to go into new neighborhods.We love the chance at outreach and for people to get to know their neighbors.

For the Royal Pointe concert, head west on Ford Road, turn right on Beck, left onto Waddington and right at Royal Pointe Drive. The common area is behind houses on the left. For the Cherry Hill Village show, go south on Canton Center Road, right on Cherry Hill, left on Independence, and left on Constitution. Park on the right.

Canton's Thursday Night Concert Series at Heritage Park Ampitheatre winds up tonight, Aug. 6, with Toxic Groove. Bring a blanket or folding chair for the amphitheater lawn. The show runs from 7:30-9 p.m. Heritage Park is located at 1010 Canton Center Road.

'We've seen higher numbers this year than we've seen in recent years," Provenzano noted. "You can tell people are looking for free and inexpensive things to do. On a good night you'll see 500 people. It's been a great summer for outdoor concerts."

The Downtown Development Authority's Friday Jazz Concert Series runs 7-9 p.m. in store parking lots along Ford Road. Bring a chair and listen to Thornetta Davis, Aug. 7 at IKEA; Doug Cassens, Aug. 14, at Super Bowl; Tumbao Bravo, Aug. 21, at Centre Village (Bailey's); and Bugs Beddow Band, Aug. 28, at Sam's Club, on Ford Road at Lotz.

All concerts are weather dependent. Call (734) 394-5460 for cancellation or schedule changes.

LIVONIA SERIES

Livonia's Music From The Heart series of Thursday night concerts run through Aug. 27.

Shows start at 7 p.m. and are co-sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission and the Performers Trust Fund.

Hear Toppermost's tribute to the Beatles, today, Aug. 6, Stewart Franke with soul music on Aug. 13 and Dezie McCullers in a jazz concert Aug. 20. All shows are scheduled for Civic Center Park, Five Mile and Farmington Road. Both shows will be in the park. The series ends



Bomb Squad plays Aug. 13 in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

Aug. 27 with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra at the Livonia Community Center, Five Mile and Hubbard.

For information call (734) 466-2540.

DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH

Plymouth offered music for children and adults in its free summer series. Teri Fry, **Downtown Development** Authority event manager said both have been popular this

"They've been enormous," she said, assessing the crowds. "They've been great, both the kids' concerts and the Music in the Air on Friday night. It's been standing room only."

Only two noon Wednesday children's shows remain. Guy Louis brings his popular Chautauqua Express show to Kellogg Park, 381 S. Main on Aug. 12. Cats & the Fiddler wind up the children's series on Aug. 19.

The community's Friday Night Concert series in Kellogg Park runs through Sept. 4. All shows start at 7 p.m. Bluescasters play Aug. 7; Kris K Band on Aug. 14; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 21; Mass Transit, Aug. 28 and Lady Sunshine & the X Band wrap up the series on Sept. 4. (734) 453-1540

REDFORD'S CAPITOL PARK

Redford Township's Concerts in the Park series continues Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. through Aug. 25 in Capitol Park, 26590 Capitol, north of Plymouth Road and west of Beech Daly.

Little Davy & Diplomats play a musical variety on Aug. 11; Sun Messengers performs rhythm and blues on Aug. 18; and Missing Links Band brings a big band sound to the park on Aug. 25.

The concession stand will be open during the concert, selling snacks and beverages. Bring your own blanket or chair. Call (313) 387-2650 for more information.

FARMINGTON AREA

Bring lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic basket to the Thursday night concert series in Heritage Park. 24915 Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills and then do it all over again the next night in Riley Park, 33113 Grand River Ave., east of Farmington Road in downtown Farmington.

The Heritage Park series runs from 7:30-9 p.m. Let the Farmington Community Chorus serenade you Aug. 6. Bomb Squad play music of the 70s and 80s Aug. 13 and Seriux and Friends offers a Motown Review Aug. 20. The series ends with Uprizin's swinging Caribbean rhythms Aug. 27.

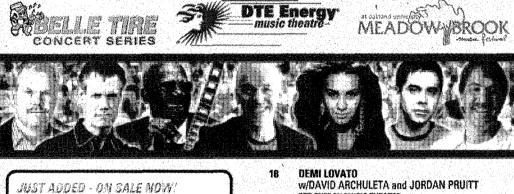
No alcohol or pets are allowed in Heritage Park. The Costick Center, 28600 W. Eleven Mile, in Farmington Hills, is the designated site in case of rain. For more information call (248) 473-

Rhythmz in Riley Park concerts start at 7 p.m. Fridays. Scoot Magoo plays hits by U2, Boston and KC & The Sunshine Band, among others Aug. 7. Billy Mack & The Juke Joint Johnnies play Rockabilly on Aug. 14. Renegade, a country music cover band, plays Aug. 21; and Volebeats, a legendary Detroit-area band known for its vocal harmonies, wraps up the series on Aug. 28.

The First United Methodist Church, across from the park on Grand River Ave., is the rain-out site. For more information about the downtown music series and other events call (248) 473-7276.

MUSIC IN NORTHVILLE

Hear The Milionaires play big band, Aug. 7; Redhill with country music, Aug. 14; Oak Pointe's musical revue, Aug. 21; and Steve King and the Ditties with top 40 tunes, Aug. 28, at Town Square, in downtown Northville. (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org



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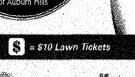
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ART

Northville Art House

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

Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville

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

Admission: Free

Contact: (248) 344-0497, or visit www.northvillearts.org

COMEDY

DTE Energy Theatre

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21, Jeff Foxworthy, tickets \$59.50 and \$35 pavilion and \$15 lawn

Location: 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston Contact: (248)377-0100, Palacenet.com

Go Comedy! Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays 🗈

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Three original sketch comedies 8 p.m. Thursdays: Jeremy Conn and Garrett Fuller, both of Garden City, in their one- act comedic play, "Travel Earth Timeshares," through Sept. 24. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

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

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

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall

Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit **Details:** Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free

Contact: (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

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

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com Magic Bag

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

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

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

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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

Meadow Brook Music Festival Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Jim Gaffigan; tickets, \$49.50 pavilion and \$15

Location: 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills

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

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Date: Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24 Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

CONCERTS

Callahan's Music Hall

Time/Date: Moreland & Arbuckle, Aug. 7; Robert Noll Blues Mission, Aug. 8; Tab

Benoit, Aug. 9. Location: 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills

Contact: www.atcallahans.com, (248)858-9508 **Detroit Institute of Arts**

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

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

DTE Energy Music Theater Time/Date: The Temptations & The Four Tops, Aug. 6; Newsboys, Aug. 7; Moody Blues, Aug. 9; Nickelback with Hinder, Papa Roach and Saving Abel, Aug. 12; Jimmy Buffett and The Choral Reefer Band, Aug. 13; MC Hammer with Coolio and Tone Loc, Aug. 14; Crue Fest 2 with Motley Crue, Aug. 15; Randy Travis with Keith Anderson, Aug. 16: Demi Lovato with David Archuleta and Jordan Pruitt. Aug. 18; B.B. King with Robert Cray Band, Aug. 19; The B-52s, Aug. 20; blink-182 with Fall Out Boy & Panic at the Disco, Aug. 22; Kenny G, Aug. 23; Creed, Aug. 25; Soul Asylum with Seven Mary Three and Sponge, Aug. 27; Dennis DeYoung - The Music of Styx with Rock Symphyony, Aug. 28; Eddie Money with Pat Travers, Aug. 29; Lil Wayne wsg Young Jeezy, Soulja Boy, Drake, Aug. 30; Michael W. Smith, Sept. 4; Tesla, Sept. 5; Darious Rucker with Luke Bryan, Sept.

Focus Hope

Time/Date: 2-8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22

Details: Hot Summer Nights Music Festival, a free concert, features Paul Miles the Blues Man, Ortheia Barnes, Lola Morales, the Carolyn Striho Bande, Wojamm and Shiron Denise and General Population, with WAE and Peace. The mobile hip hop museum also will be on site. Family-friendly event with children's activities, moon bounce and face painting

Location: 1355 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit Contact: (313) 598-0408

Magic Bag



"Nightfall on the City" by Darcel Deneau

Time/Dates: The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. to Freedom, Aug. 16; AJA: A Tribute to the Music of Steely Dan, Aug. 21; The Mega 80's, Aug. 22; Buckwheat Zydeco with Josh Charles, Aug. 25;

Location: 22920 Woodward, FerndaleThe Original Wailers, Aug. 26; Echoes of Pink Floyd, Aug. 28

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

Meadow Brook Music Festival

Time/Dates: George Thorogood & The Destroyers/Jonny Lang, Aug. 16; Heaven & Hell with Coheed and Cambria, Aug. 21; Peter Frampton, Aug. 22; GetBack! The Cast of Beatlemania, Aug. 29; O.A.R. with special guest Brett Dennen, Sept. 4; Highland Heartbeat, Sept. 5

Location: 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills Contact: (248) 377-0100. Ticketmaster.com

Oakland Community College

Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Highland Lakes Campus. Aug 4, Pamela Wise and the Latin Jazz All Stars; Aug. 11, Cats and the Fiddle; Aug. 18: Blackthorn **Details:** Free summer concerts

Location: 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Dates: AC/DC, Aug. 16; American Idols Live! Aug. 26; The Circus Starring Britney Spears with Ciara, Sept. 8; Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16; King of Leon with Glasvegas, Sept. 22; Miley Cyrus, Oct. 6

Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

Trinity House

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9

Details: Benefit for medical costs of cancer survivor, singer-songwriter Raiston Bowles. Performances by Dave Boutette, Billy Brandt (of Grievous Angel), Chris Buhalis, Annie and Rod Capps, Stewart Francke, Jill Jack, Jan Krist, Mustard's Retreat, D.K. Rossiter (of Hoodang), and others Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Tickets \$15; \$12 for Trinity House members

Contact: For tickets call (734)464-6302 or write tickets@trinityhouse.org

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

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

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admis-

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

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

Marguis Theatre

Time/Dates: "Rumplestiltskin," Aug. 8-Sept. 20; "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up Location: 135 E. Main, Northville

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

Meadow Brook Music Festival

Time/Dates: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26; Johnny and the Sprites; tickets, \$20 pavilion, \$10 GA pavilion and \$10 lawn

Location: 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills Contact: (248) 377-0100, Ticketmaster.com

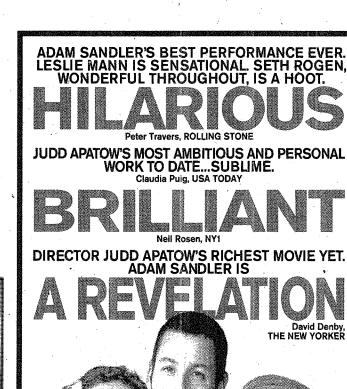
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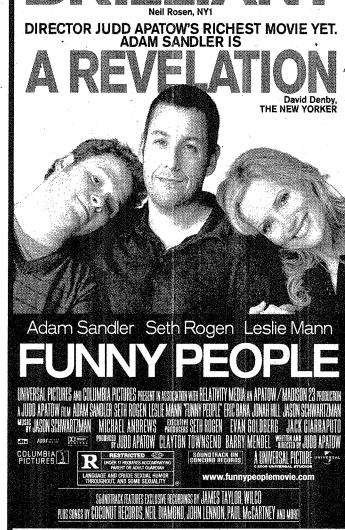
Time/Date: The Wiggles "Go Bananas Live," Aug. 14 Contact: (800) 745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com

AMC Summer MovieCamp

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

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





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Chili contest raises money for charity in downtown Plymouth

Think you've got what it takes to make a winning pot of

Put your cooking skills to the test by entering the 14th annual Great Lakes Chili Cook-off and you might win money, a trophy, accolades and a chance to compete in the World Championship Chili Cookoff sponsored by the International Chili Society.

Some regional winners will take home \$2,000 in prize money. The world champ gets \$25,000.

The regional event runs from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4 in downtown Plymouth.

In addition to the traditional Red Chili competition, the event offers a Chili Verde contest (Green Chili) and a Salsa contest. A Best Booth contest and Peoples Choice winners will also be awarded prizes.

Just want to come and sample chili? More than 60 different kinds of chili will be available beginning at noon for a donation of \$1 per sample.

Fifteen restaurants will serve their finest chili in the "Restaurant Chili Challenge." Past winning restaurants include 1999 Tavern. The Picnic Basket Market, The Omelette and Waffle Cafe, Station 885, Boulders Restaurant, Plymouth Pub, Doyle's Tavern, and Plymouth Crossing. Bowls of chili will be available for a donation of \$4 per bowl or \$1 a sample from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All money raised during the event goes to Habitat for Humanity.

MotorCity Harley Davidson, BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan and Indian Motorcycles plan a Bike Show and a Chili Ride in conjunction with the cook-off.

The event also will include kids' activities, live music, dance team performances and more.

To register or for more information, call Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669, or e-mail to glrchili@sbcglobal.net or visit www.greatlakeschili.com.

For Bike show and Chili Ride information, call MotorCity Harley Davidson at (248) 473-7433 or visit www.motorcityharlev.com; call BMW of Southeast Michigan at (734) 981-1479 or visit www.bmwmcsem.com or call Indian Motorcycles at (734) 398-5454 or visit www.dickscott.com.

LAST YEAR'S CHAMP

Need inspiration to cook up a unique recipe?

Here's the 2008 world champion recipe, "Southern Chili Georgia Style," by Georgia Weller. It's from the International Chili Society Web site:



Southern Chili Georgia Style

Chili lovers flock to downtown Plymouth for their favorite food.

Ingredients:

- 4 Tablespoons California chili powder
- 3 Tablespoons Gebhardts chili powder
- 1 Tablespoon Pasilla chili powder 1 Tablespoon Chimayo chili powder
- 2½ Tablespoons cumin
- 1 Tablespoon granulated garlic
- 1 Tablespoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon Cayenne powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- Combine above ingredients for spice mix. Reserve 4 Tablespoons of mix and set aside. Divide the remaining amount into two equal parts.
- 3 pound tri-tip roast or chuck tender cut in small chunks
- 115 ounce can of beef broth (\$wansons)
- 115 ounce can of chicken broth (Swansons)
- 110 ounce can of tomato puree (Hunts)
- 2 green chiles from a 4 ounce can of whole ones blended
- Tabasco to taste
- Sait to taste
- Instructions:
- In chili pot, combine beef broth, chicken broth, tomato puree and 1/2 of remaining spice mix.
 - In skillet, brown the meat, drain and add to chili pot. Cook for about 1½ hours.
- Add other 1/2 of spice mix and blended green chiles and simmer for an additional hour.
- Add reserved 4 Tablespoons of spice mix and cook a 1/2 hour more or until meat is tender.
- Adjust salt if necessary.
- Add Tabasco to taste.

Whip up a tasty bowl of potato salad

Julie Dohring of Canton says she gets compliments every time she serves Eileen's Potato Salad.

"It's a fast and easy recipe and it's very good. This is my friend's creation that I borrowed some years ago. It is always winner and many time requested at summer events."

Dohring, who works for Ford Motor Company and is the mother of two-year-old twins, has used the recipe on marketing materials for her part-time real estate job. She said customers are more likely to keep a real estate postcard on hand longer if it includes something they'll use again and again.

She generally doubles the potato salad recipe and loosely fol-

lows ingredient measurements. "I'm not great at measurements, I only write down ingredients and then just make it," she said, adding "I just seem to cook as if I'm at home with my large Italian family by doubling every-

Dohring advises readers to "be ready to hand out the recipe"

when they serve it "because it's delicious." Sharon Dargay

EILEEN'S POTATO SALAD

6 hardboiled eggs 10 boiled potatoes, cooled. I prefer red with skins left on and pre-cut to bite size portions prior to boiling

→ green pepper cut into small 1 stick celery cut into small pieces

1 medium onion cut into small

Season to taste with:

Lawry seasoning salt, red label Garlic powder

Black Pepper

Mrs. Dash season salt original blend Hellmann's Mayonnaise - this is a

Cut and Mix all ingredients add enough Hellmann's until creamy. Very fast and easy recipe.

CITY BITES

Berry Desserts

Ann Arbor - Hiller's Homemade in-store free samplings show shoppers how to get the most bang for their grocery buck and make great food at the same time.

You don't have to sacrifice quality, flavor or nutrition to save money," states Executive Chef Peter Julian. "The answer is really getting back to basics — the more we make from scratch, the more we can save money and use quality, health-promoting ingredients. This summer, it's my mission to empower shoppers to spend less and eat bet-

Check out "Cooking and Conversation with Chef Pete" at noon, 1 and 2 p.m. Aug. 15 for berry desserts, at the Ann Arbor store, 3615 Washtenaw Ave.; (734) 677-2370).

Restaurant Week

Farmington — Restaurant Week wraps up Saturday, Aug. 8, but there's still time to score a bargain or two a local eateries. Here's a sampling:

- Sunflour Bakehaus offers daily samplings of breads and other baked goods (SunflourBakehaus.com
- Sample Iced Ginger's Peach Tea, homemade ginger bread and peach cobbler at Gingers Cafe and Gourmet Shoppe. (gingerscafeoffarmington.com)
- Ten dinners will be priced under \$10 on Aug. 8 at Page's Food and Spirits and BBQ ribs, all-u-can-eat will be priced at \$12.95. (pagesfoodandspirits.com)
- Buy one scoopo of Rocky Road ice cream and get one scoop of Rocky Road free at Hershey's Ice Cream. (248) 476-0230
- Free Beer plays classic rock with no cover charge at 9:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 7, at Cowley and Sons. (johncow-
- Buy one coney dog and get one free with purchase of a beverage at Tina's Coney Island. (248) 888-0700

Bar Crawl

Livonia — The Livonia Jaycees sponsor its tour of six Livonia pubs Saturday, Aug. 8. The event starts at 4:30 p.m., at George Murphy's at the Creek and ends there at

Participants will travel by bus to visit Kickers from 5:45-7 p.m., Lakepointe Yacht Club from 7:15-8:30 p.m., Bar Louie from 8:45-10 p.m., Claddagh from 10:15-11:30 p.m. and Docs Sports Retreat from 11:45 p.m.-1 a.m. Tickets are \$25 and include an event T-shirt, bus ride

and food and drink specials. Visit www.livoniajaycees.com for tickets or more infor-

Blizzards for charity

Wayne County - Buy a Blizzard on Aug. 13 and Dairy Queen will donate \$1 to the Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization that raises funds for children's

Last year on "Miracle Treat Day," Dairy Queen raised more than \$4.5 million for 170 Children's Miracle Network

Dairy Queen brought back the Girl Scouts Thin Mint Cookie Blizzard as the featured Blizzard this month, just in time to celebrate Miracle Treat Day. Girl Scouts Thin Mint Cookie is the most popular limited-time-offer Blizzard ever, since the first one was served upside down with a spoon in 1985. The Thin Mint Cookie Blizzard is made with creamy DQ vanilla soft serve blended with Girl Scouts Thin Mint Cookie pieces and a Crème de Menthe topping.

Join DQ's Blizzard Fan Club by logging onto blizzardfanclub.com. For more about the benefit event, visit miracletreatday.com

