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Fred Abels' photograph on the island of Moorea is a finalist in a photo contest sponsored by Energizer and National Geographic.

## Local man a finalist in magazine photo contest

By Norb Franz  
Macomb Daily Staff Writer

During his 26 years as a travel agent, Fred Abels has seen a variety of sights and attractions.

But when a storm approached on the island of Moorea in French Polynesia while the sun still shone, the Center Line resident grabbed

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Macomb Daily staff photo by Craig Garfield  
Dave Goodwin, an employee in the stock department at the Sunshine Thrift Store, arranges clothing, while customer Linda Lee looks through men's slacks.

## A ray of sunshine

### Clinton Township thrift store offers clothing special for the unemployed

By Rita Rose  
Macomb Daily Special Writer

Competition is tough these days in the resale industry, but one local store hopes to generate some interest, while helping those in need.

Sunshine Thrift Store in Clinton Township is offering a special promotion through November.

Anyone who brings in proof of current unemployment will get 50 percent off all clothing purchases.

"It's really about neighbor helping neighbor," said Chris Pearson, president of Sunshine Thrift,

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**Company:** Sunshine Thrift Store  
**Location:** 37695 S. Gratiot, north of 16 Mile Road  
**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday  
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday  
**Telephone:** (586) 465-5990  
**Web site:** [www.sunshinethrift.com](http://www.sunshinethrift.com)

which also operates a second store in Tampa, Fla. "We wanted to thank our customers and really be a part of the camaraderie that's going on right now in the state of

Michigan."

The store, which stocks 30,000 items each week, has been at its current location near the Farmer's Market meat and produce store since 1968. In recent years, however, several other second-hand stores opened nearby, including one just a few doors down in the same shopping plaza.

"There seems to be kind of a group of thrift stores in this area," Pearson said. "I took over operations in March and we've been trying to rebuild and re-brand ourselves in the community."

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## Non-profit helps those who need transportation

By Linda May  
Macomb Daily Special Writer

Drew Fraser's life revolved around transportation when he sold cars in the world's "motor capital."

But it wasn't until he had to use a wheelchair temporarily and had a difficult time getting around that he realized how important transportation truly is to one's quality of life.

A few years ago, he broke his back while working on a deck on his property and, while he was

not paralyzed, he did have to use a wheelchair to get to doctor appointments. His diminutive wife, Michelle, who was pregnant with their son at the time, had to get a wheelchair in and out of their vehicle to assist him.

"It opened my eyes a lot," he said. "When you are not disabled, you don't think about these things. You have to be in that situation to fully realize."

Fraser is a person who believes that everything happens for a reason, so he feels he was more or less destined to go in the kind of

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Drew Fraser assists Robin, one of the patients who is better able to get to doctors' appointments and other needs thanks to Fraser's business, People Helping One Another.

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Financial news czar Bloomberg makes play for BusinessWeek magazine. — Page 2C

#### THE NUMBERS

<b>INTEREST RATES</b>	<b>DOW Industrial</b>
Prime Rate: 3.25	9,821.08
Discount Rate: 0.50	-14.74
Federal Funds Rate: 0.25	
Broker Call Loan Rate: 2.00	
CD's 30 days: 0.54	
CD's 90 days: 0.82	
CD's 180 days: 1.19	
	<b>S &amp; P</b>
	1,078.19
	-3.00
<b>PRECIOUS METALS</b>	
Gold (London): \$1,056.70	
Silver (London): \$17.805	
	<b>CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES</b>
Canadian dollar: 1.0778	
European euro: 1.4677	
British pound: 1.6104	
Japanese yen: 92.13	
	<b>NASDAQ</b>
	2,138.89
	+0.75

#### IN BRIEF

##### Bochenek to speak

U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) director Dr. Grace M. Bochenek will speak at two National Defense Industrial Association conferences at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn at 8 a.m. today. Bochenek will discuss TARDEC's role as the Department of Defense's Ground Systems Integrator and as a leader in power and energy, robotics and ground system's survivability.

For the Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI), Bochenek will give a technology address at 11:45 a.m. Thursday. In this address she will affirm TARDEC's position as lead integrator in the TACOM LCMC Ground Vehicle Enterprise emphasizing collaboration with industry, academia and other government agencies.

##### Cupcake-Palooza

The Give Thanks Bakery and KJ's Confections will host the Cupcake-Palooza from 4 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday and 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Give Thanks Bakery, 225 South Main Street, Rochester. Cupcakes will sell for \$2.25 each. One hundred percent of all sales will be donated to three local charities, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Imago Dei Adoptions and The Chase Away Foundation.

For more information visit [www.cupcake-palooza.com](http://www.cupcake-palooza.com) or call (586) 419-1722 or (313) 601-1542.

##### Hospice grand opening

In-House Hospice is holding the grand opening of its newest team site located at 2385 Denton Street Suite A in Clinton Township at from 1-5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29. There will be greeters, food, refreshments, informative materials as well as a chance to speak to In-House Hospice staff members. Those interested in attending the open house and learning more about Hospice benefits available can RSVP by calling (586) 499-8321.

##### Preka now a citizen

Linda Preka of Sterling Heights was accompanied by Sterling Heights Mayor Richard Note when she was sworn in as a United States citizen Sept. 17. Preka is an entrepreneur who started her own residential cleaning company in 1996. By 2004 it had diversified into a commercial industrial cleaning service, Noble Cleaning Services and in 2008 expanded to Celebrity Carpet Care.

#### NAMES & FACES

##### Cerwin promoted

Community Central Bank Corporation, the holding company for Community Central Bank has appointed Carol Cerwin to the position of senior vice president, River Place Trust, a division of Community Central Bank. Cerwin will manage and administer key components of clients' trust account relationships, serving as a liaison between beneficiaries and their legal and financial advisers.

##### 'Super Lawyers' named

O'Reilly Rancilio P.C. announced that Clark A. Andrews, Lawrence M. Scott and Charles E. Turnbull have been selected as Michigan 2009 "Super Lawyers."

This honor is limited to only 5 percent of the total lawyers in Michigan. Andrews specializes in the areas of commercial transactions, estate planning and probate, real estate, governmental and municipal law.

He has been a member of the firm since 1974 and was also honored as a Michigan Super Lawyer in 2007 and 2008. Scott specializes in the areas of banking law, commercial litigation, commercial transactions, corporate and shareholder litigation.

He serves as a director of O'Reilly Rancilio, P.C. and was also honored as a Michigan Super Lawyer in 2008.

Turnbull specializes in the areas of banking law, real estate, business succession planning and commercial transactions.

He serves as an officer and director of O'Reilly Rancilio, P.C.



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