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Citizens' group to promote millage

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

After voters overwhelmingly turned down a millage renewal and increase for police and fire services May 3, Plymouth Township officials admitted they hadn't done enough to educate residents on the need for the proposals.

As leaders prepare to go back to voters Aug. 2 for the renewal and an even larger increase, the **Concerned Citizens for Police** and Fire have gathered to keep them from making that same mistake

Armed with a plan and figuring on spending some \$10,000, the committee wants to make sure voters understand the need.

"Our main goal is to get the word out in the community about the need for the millage,' said co-chair Geri Hames. "We recognize the fact it was already turned down once, but we all feel that's because it wasn't properly sold to the communi-



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Our Lady of Good Counsel students Kevin Zarate (from left), Charles Vink and Brad Hartland empty some samples collected by fellow student Megan Symanow during a Rouge River education project Wednesday afternoon.

A (Rouge) river runs through it **Experiments teach students**



New Bird plan just a **1-year fix**

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

More than 50 parents from the Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills subdivisions in Plymouth Township breathed a collective sigh of relief Tuesday night — for at least the time being — when a window opened that may allow their children to remain at Bird Elementary next year.

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan made a recommendation to the Board of Education Tuesday night that sidesteps the advice of the district's housing committee, which proposed redistricting several dozen students to Farrand Elementary next year to relieve overcrowding at Bird.

Ryan's recommendation is dependent on 52 of the 110 students who registered for kindergarten at Bird next year to agree to send their children to Hulsing Elementary in Canton Township for one year. Ryan said the moves will allow the district to add one more section of first grade at Bird to lower the class size below the cap limit set by the school board, and create a split classroom of second- and third-graders to address overcrowding in the third grade.

"It was a hard-fought victory," said

ty. The group hopes to convince voters to pass the township's requests for a 1.63 millage renewal and a 0.5631-mill increase to help fund police and fire services at their current levels. The police department currently has 31 officers, while the fire department is manned by 27 firefighters and three management-level staffers.

Township officials have said deep cuts — in the form of layoffs — will be necessary in both departments if the two proposals are defeated again in August.

The group formed to keep that from happening is intended to be a grass-roots effort made by ordinary citizens with nothing to gain personally from the passage of the millage request. And, while there are plenty of those involved, the majority of the people who showed up for the group's initial meeting last week at Papa Romano's were either police officers, firefighters or township employees.

Township supervisor Richard Reaume said, while those people were there to show support, the bulk of the work will be done by residents.

"We want to turn this over to the citizens, because they're the ones who are going to make it go," Reaume said. "We've got two citizens ready to co-chair, and I'd like to see them run with it."

In addition to Hames, the other co-chair is Chuck VanVleck, a former Plymouth firefighter who served 32 years in the department before retir-

PLEASE SEE MILLAGE, A8

environmental lessons

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Being extremely careful not to step into Fellows Creek behind Tonda Elementary, 11year-old Josh Mirsky gently leaned over and dipped a thermometer to measure the temperature of the water.

"If it's too hot it can get nasty," said Josh, a fifth-grader, "and if it's too cold, it won't burn off the germs.

"We eventually drink this water after it gets to the Detroit River," he said. "It's a whole big circle."

PLEASE SEE RIVER, A8

Restaurant 'family' gathers to help one of their own

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Harb remembers waking up one morning in March to find the entire right side of her body numb.

The 20-year-old Canton Township woman couldn't move her right arm, her speech was slurred and she limped while walking. After an MRI at the hospital, doctors gave her three possible explanations, none of which were good news.

"They found a lesion on the right side of the brain, and the doctors told me I either had a tumor, suffered a stroke or had Multiple Sclerosis," said Harb. "When they told me it was MS, I was devastated."

Harb said taking a shower, driving long distances and shopping are all examples of things she used to take for granted, but now

take a lot of energy. It also means the two jobs she worked to support herself and her parents have been put on hold, making it tough to pay her bills including medications that cost hundreds of dollars a month.

Tim Patino, the general manager at Bennigan's Grill and Tavern in Plymouth, knew he had to do something for Harb, who worked 2-1/2 years as a bartender. Having some fund-raising experience, he organized a spaghetti dinner and auction where 350 people – many of them customers - donated food, prizes and money to raise \$6,000 for Harb's expenses.

"The staff pulled together ... and I was very surprised at the turnout," said Patino, 40, of Plymouth Township. "The money we raised was much more than I expected." Long-time customer



Bennigan's general manager Tim Patino (left), Bob Brotcher, Charlena Owens and Julie Dodsworth (far right) show their support for Jennifer Harb (in the GAP sweatshirt), who is battling multiple sclerosis.

Mark Cossin of Plymouth Township donated auction items and got his heating and cooling company suppliers to pitch in.

"Everybody rallied together to make this happen," said Cossin. "Jeni's a hard worker and a great person. That kind of spirit

and attitude for her was very touching. Harb calls Patino her

guardian angel. "I've never had anything so

wonderful happen to me in my life," she said. "I'm so blessed for the friends I have."

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Gary Winkler, who helped lead the charge of parents against the housing committee's recommendation. "I'm encouraged that Jim Ryan is sending out this plan."

Winkler, who has two children at Bird and a soon-to-be kindergartner, said he would be willing to send his son to Hulsing for a year.

"It's the lesser of two evils," said Winkler. "My other two will get to stay at Bird, and he'll get to come back."

Board President Mark Slavens cautioned that while Ryan's recommendation is a solution, it's only a one-year fix.

"If we can do this, you then are going to need to get together as a school and talk about how we're going to address this issue next year," Slavens said. "This is just resolving the issue for one year, this is not a permanent solution."

Melissa Norko's third-grader Anna-Marie and first-grader Dominic could still be faced with moving to Farrand next year.

"I really feel it would be a hardship," said Norko, who lives in Heather Hills. "We've been in the district for a year, and have them make friends and move again ... knowing that probably in a couple of years they'll probably be moved again ..."

Several members of the housing committee sat quietly in the back of the board room while Ryan announced his plan.

"I think our solution would have been a longer-term solution," said committee member Nancy Conzelman of Plymouth. "There's actual capacity at Farrand.

"I feel we have a much bigger issue in the district," she said. "There isn't a single school in the northwest quadrant, and once the Cherry Hill Village school opens (August 2006) it's going to be at capacity, and we're going to be in the same situation we've been in."



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Prank puts students in the street

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Four female students were being questioned Wednesday afternoon by Plymouth police, just hours after smoke bombs forced the evacuation of Central Middle School.

School administrators and Plymouth community firefighters found three smoke bombs throughout the school, two of which reportedly were set off shortly before noon.

"They are in the process of being ticketed," said Police Chief Wayne Carroll as the girls were being questioned by officers at the school. "They probably will be ticketed with summoning the fire department by joke or prank.

The antics could be costly to the girls and their families. Carroll said the cost of the police and fire response were being tabulated, and will be presented to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

"We will make every attempt to capture our costs on this needless prank," he said.

Students were ushered out quickly when the alarms sounded. There was no real damage to the school, and no injuries reported.

"We were eating lunch when the fire alarm went off," said

Kamber Kennedy, 13, a seventh-grader from Canton Township. "We all thought it was a drill, but then we realized we never have drills durout of the lunch room we saw

Julia Herrman teaches social studies in room 220, not far from where one of the smoke bombs was found.

room we didn't see smoke, but we smelled it," said Herrman. "Smelling the smoke made it seem a little more important." Assistant Fire Chief Mark Wendell said officials believe it

"They have to understand

resources were pulled from other potential emergencies, and just getting here we put ourselves at risk.

"It's not fun and games," he said. "There are serious consequences for whoever did this."

way. "I think it's inappropriate and immature to do that," said Molly Grady, 13, of Plymouth. "This is a place to learn."

@ THE LIBRARY

The following events take place at the Plymouth District Library during May. The library is located at 223 S. Main.

SHAKING HANDS WITH LEFKOWITZ, Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m. -The Friends of the Plymouth District Library invite the pub-" lic to meet mystery author Mel Foster. The author of Shaking Hands with Lefkowitz, Foster will share the story of his career as an author, an audio books narrator and an advertising executive. Registration is not required for this free

program. HOMEBOUND BOOK DELIVERY — Joining the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the Plymouth District Library will deliver

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at (734) 453-2454. To learn

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Poppy Days

Volunteers from the American Legion, the Auxiliary and the newly formed Junior Auxiliary will be at several locations throughout Plymouth for the annual Poppy Days event from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. May 19-21.

The poppies, crafted by hospitalized veterans, became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives lost during World War I and are a way to honor the contributions of veterans. They are given out in exchange for donations, the proceeds of which benefit veterans and their families.

Volunteers will be stationed at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road, the Farmer Jack on Morton Taylor at Joy and Leo's Coney Island and Busch's grocery store, both at 5 Mile and Sheldon.

Band recruiting

The Plymouth-Canton **Educational Park Marching** Band is recruiting new members for its Fall 2005 season, which includes state and regional competitions and culminates with participation in the Bands of America Grand National Championship Finals in Indianapolis.

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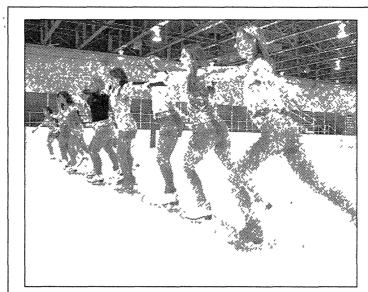
Participants need not be enrolled in the day band program. All students who play a musical instrument and who will be attending the Park in the fall are invited to attend the following workshops in the Plymouth High School band room and on the band practice field in front of the

Mondays, May 23 and

Saturdays, June 4 and 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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High school teammates Taryn Knedgen, Alex Muma, Jessica Pavelka, Chelsea Anderson, Mary Bai, Katie Summers, Kaitlin Forster, Amanda Rahie, Jilliam Miller, Karma Elchanter and Laura Sigler hit the ice to practice for this weekend's "Celebration on Ice 2005" skating show at the Plymouth Cultural Center ice arena. The show, with its "What's on TV" theme, is set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and a 3 p.m. performance Sunday. Skaters come largely from the cultural center's basic skating skills class or the Skating Academy of Plymouth. Tickets are \$5 for seniors and children under 10, \$7 for adults.

Quilt exhibit

The exhibit, which tells the story of how quilts and their patterns may have been used Underground Railroad, closes May 30. The exhibit's 15 quilts from the museum's collections dating to the Civil War time period lead visitors through the "quilt code" which was documented in a book, Hidden in Plain View.

Exhibit hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Scavenger hunts for the kids help lead them through the exhibit and all

kids win a prize. For more information visit the museum Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 453-8940.

Arts camps

The Plymouth Community Arts Council offers the following camp opportunities:

Guitar camp — The PCAC offers two guitar camps this summer with instructor

great summer planned to teach the different aspects of drama and theater as well as the usual camp activities.

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Campers should bring a lunch each day and plan for a performance for family and friends at the end of each week. Camp is from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. July 11-15, July 25-29 or Aug. 15-19. The cost is \$110 for PCAC members, \$125 for non-members.

Fine Arts Camps — "All things Black & White" and "All Things Color" will be the focus of the Visual Arts Workshops this summer. From July 19-23, young artists ages 7-14 will create two- and three-dimensional artwork with pencil, paint and and sculptural materials in Black & White. The Aug. 9-13 workshop will offer the challenge of all color including paper or maybe clay, paint and pastels. Cost is \$125 for PCAC members, \$140 for nonmembers.

MY Youngest Artists Camp -Artists between 5- and 8years-old have a chance to experience both drama and visual arts from July 27-30 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Campers will create artworks such as masks or puppets to use in a short play to present to family and friends on Thursday afternoon. Camp times are 9:30 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$60 for PCAC members and \$70 for non-members.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon. To register or for more information on any of the camps, call (734) 416-4278.

Golf outing

Spots are up for grabs in the 2005 Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing, set for July 11 at Northville Hills.

The outing is one of two major fund-raisers to support chamber programs. The event features 144 golfers and will include a variety of games and prizes. Cost is \$250 per golfer, \$1,000 for a VIP foursome, which includes golf with a cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, dinner, cocktails and a tee sign. Victory Honda is the outing's major sponsor.

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May is the last chance for visitors to see the Underground Railroad Quilt Exhibit at the Plymouth

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■ NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING, Monday, May 23, 7-9 p.m. - Needlecrafters of all varieties are invited to attend these meetings on the 4th Monday of the month. No advance registration - just bring your current project and come to the Library for informal sharing.

a.m. to 5 p.m.

An orientation meeting for interested students and their parents will be held at 7:30 p.m. June 8 in the Plymouth High School Band Room. Additional information may be obtained through the band's Web site at www.pcepbands.net or by contacting Marc Whitlock, the P-CEP Director of Bands, via e-mail at pcepbandman@aol.com or by calling (734) 582-5666.

Bicycle safety

The Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club hosts a Bike Safety Rally open to all children in the Plymouth-Canton community. The event takes place from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 22 in

es. For more information, call the Plymouth Symphony office, (734) 451-2112, or email at info@plymouthsymphony.org

Crafters needed

Crafters needed for the 19th-annual Delta Kappa Gamma-West Middle School juried show Saturday, Oct. 15. The show will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call Jan at 734-844-1707 or

e-mail to

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Henry Bahrou. Beginning through intermediate guitarists age 7 and up can learn or improve their skills June 20-24 from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Those aspiring musicians age 11 and older can attend Aug. 1-5 from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. A group performance will be given at the end of this week. The cost for these five-day workshops is \$125 for members, \$140 for non-members.

Drama camp — Aspiring actors ages 5 to 14 can come for one, two or all three weeks to the PCAC this summer for the Plymouth Uptown Players Drama Camps. Director Sharon Belobraidich and the center's seasoned staff have a

Senior legal aid

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging and the **Plymouth District Library** host "Senior Citizens Legal Aid" day free of charge Tuesday. May 24 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Senior Citizens Legal Aid is for Wayne County residents who are 60 years of age or older. Appointments are handled first-come, first-serve and are limited to the first 25 people who sign up. The attorney will be at the site at 9:30 a.m. and will stay until all appointments who have signed up by 10:30 have been seen. No pre-registration is necessary.

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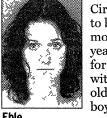
LOCAL NEWS

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Eble sentenced to prison, deportation

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Suzanne Eble was sentenced Monday in



Wayne County Circuit Court to between 15 months and 15 years in prison for having sex with a 14-yearold Canton boy. After she serves her

prison term, the former

teacher's aide at Fiegel Elementary will then be deported to Germany, where she has her citizenship. Eble, 34, was arrested Feb.

14 on three counts of criminal sexual conduct and one count of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct. On April 27, she pleaded no contest to the charges, which is not an admission of guilt, but is treated as such by the court.

According to Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden, who is in charge of the Child Abuse Unit, Eble will serve "every day" of 15

months in a state women's correctional facility. It will then be up to a

Michigan Department of Corrections parole board to review her case and determine if she should serve longer.

Because she is not an American citizen, Eble will be deported back to Germany when she gets out, which Weingarden said is "automatic" for non-citizens who commit felonies. The victim's brother, who is not being identified to protect the identity of the victim, said the family feels justice was served in the case, especially the fact that Eble will be deported.

We're pretty well satisfied with the sentence," he said. "I was particularly happy she will be deported. That was the issue I was worried about. I did not want to worry about her having contact with my brother after she got out."

The victim's brother said it is time for the family to move on.

"It's been a hard ordeal, and we're happy it's over," he said. Eble is married and has two children.

Construction set to start on largest school BY TONY BRUSCATO

STAFF WRITER

Groundbreaking was held Tuesday in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village for the Plymouth-Canton school district's 16th elementary school, nearly eight months after voters approved a \$109 million bond issue.

The \$15 million school, which is being constructed at the corner of Cherry Hill and Denton, will be the largest elementary school in the district when it's completed in August 2006.

After the ceremonial shovels of dirt were turned, Gillian Marceau said she was always confident there would be a school built in her neighborhood. Marceau's two children were slated to go to Dodson Elementary when it opened, but were instead sent to Miller.

"Ever since we moved here, I've been working toward this day," said Marceau, who was a member of the bond steering committee. "Everybody came together, we knew the need was there. It's going to be nice to have a school in the community.

Jasmin Walker, whose three children also attend Miller, says the new school will make it easier for parents to participate in school activities.

"I think there's more of a challenge to get parental involvement when it's so far," said Walker. "A lot of parents think there will be more involvement two minutes down the road, compared to 15 minutes."

The 70,780-square-foot building, which will be schoolhouse red, will have the same basic footprint as Dodson, but

Elementary excitement



Volunteers Karry Amin (from left), 2004 Bond Co-Chair, Nancy Eggenberger, 2004 Bond Co-Chair, Mark Slavens, Board of Education president, and new principal James Burt start off the ground-breaking ceremony for the new elementary school at Denton and Cherry Hill in Canton.

who have lived here for a num-

ber of years looking for a

will have several outside design changes to fit in with architec-

neighborhood school," said Burt to dozens of people on hand for the groundbreaking. "They will have heightened expectations for their kids

when they come here. "This is really an exciting opportunity for me," he said. "I'm going to have a big part in all aspects in development of this school; working to create a learning environment for kids, working to create a school climate best for kids, working in partnerships with teachers and parents to create an optimal school for kids."

When the Cherry Hill Village school opens, it will immediately be at capacity housing neighborhood children, as well as students from Miller, whose building will be closed for a year during renovations.

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the ground-breaking ceremony Tuesday evening with her mother for Canton's new elementary school at Cherry Hill and Denton Roads. There is a possibility that Allison will be a student at the new elementary within the next few years.

Party marks playscape's 10th birthday

Plymouth Township residents get the chance to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the playscape at the township park when officials conduct an anniversary commemoration this weekend.

The "Plymouth Dream Playscape Project" became reality in 1995 after two mothers with young children got together and spurred a large volunteer effort to build a place for them to play.

The celebration takes place at the playscape area in Plymouth Township Park at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22. A limited number of commemorative T-shirts will be given out and ice cream will be served. Supervisor Richard Reaume hopes that members of the original volunteer group, as well as all other members of the community, will plan to attend.

"We were able to contact several individuals who were on the planning and

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construction committees and they were very excited. Nobody could believe 10 years have already gone by," Reaume said.

"This playscape has been a wonderful part of the park. Just ask the many children and parents who use it during three seasons of the year!'

Residents are encouraged to explore the rest of the park before or after the anniversary celebration. According to township officials, the baseball diamonds have been improved with the installation of new fences and dugout benches; the pavilions have been painted; and the popular

Sprayscape water feature was added two years ago. The sprayscape will be open

on May 22 during the anniversary event, weather permitting.

Plymouth Township Park is located on Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha Road between Sheldon and Beck.

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tural style of Cherry Hill Village. Actual groundbreaking is slated to begin the first week of June.

tors," said Bill McCarthy, sen-

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Principal Jim Burt, who lives

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These cancer fighters go the distance at Relay for Life

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Nancy Glodich of Plymouth Township might have been the most recent cancer survivor at this past weekend's Relay for Life in Canton. Glodich, a teacher at New Morning School, had skin cancer surgery May 10.

"I thought it was important to be here today," she said while sitting in the Geneva

Presbyterian Church booth at the Heritage Park event. She was tired following surgery and isn't sure yet what followup treatment will be needed.

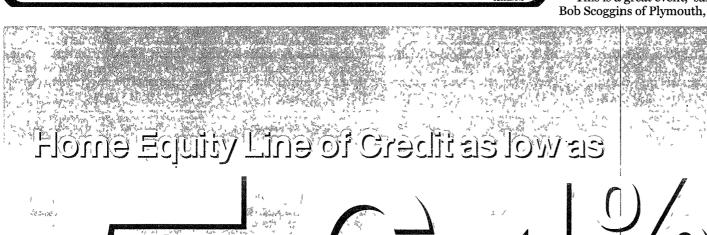
Glodich was among those walking the survivors' lap during the American Cancer Society benefit, which ran 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday and had a \$1 million cumulative goal for the seven years it's been held. Barb Berberet of Canton, a two-year survivor of breast cancer, also came to Heritage Park.

"I'm here to walk the survivors' walk and I'm going to work in the church booth," said Geneva member Berberet. "I think it's great to bring the survivors together."

Jean Tabor of Canton, director of the Canton Public Library, lost her father to lung cancer and her brother-in-law to a rare form of blood cancer. She was out Saturday with the

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Survivors take to the course during this past weekend's Relay for Life at Heritage Park. The event surpassed its fundraising goal.

library team at Heritage Park. "I think it's wonderful," Tabor said of Relay for Life. "It brings the community together."

A total of \$247,910 raised was announced Sunday morning, surpassing the goal. Canton Rotary President

Lisa Kennedy was at her team's booth. "My father-in-law passed away from leukemia," said Kennedy, whose mom is a skin cancer survivor. "She's one of the lucky ones because everything was caught early." Kennedy liked Heritage Park

as a site and praised Canton Township staffer Debbie Zevalkink's skills in getting the event under way.

Plymouth A.M. Rotary was also involved, teaming up with Carlson Wagonlit Travel and staffers at Tanger Center. Kathy Hosten of Whitmore Lake, team captain, said they were selling cookies and Southern gospel CDs and doing cup stacking to raise money.

"This is a great event," said

club president and retired Plymouth police chief. "It's an event that has grown every year."

He was selling CDs from his group, The Chapels, with proceeds going to Relay for Life. Information's available online at bobbycrumpler.com.

Scoggins lost his grandfather to cancer and his stepfather died of cancer-related illness. He noted that virtually everyone's been touched by cancer.

Hosten praised the Tanger staffers, who run the Plymouth-Canton district's infant and preschool special education. They brought Shotsie, the school therapy

dog. "We have many family members who have experienced cancer," said Mary Kay Herr of Plymouth, a Tanger teacher consultant. Her mom died of cancer almost two years ago. "She was quite a fighter."

Herr was glad to team up with Rotary. "It's been a lot of fun," she added.

Students were a key part of Relay for Life, including the \setminus Robotic Relayers team. Members were from the Lightning Robotics group at **Plymouth-Canton Educational** Park

Julie Rowe, 16, of Canton



Luminaries were placed in the park in memory and honor of loved ones.

and a sophomore at Plymouth High, agreed the event was fun. She and others from the club had a robot Carlson X on display. The robot was out on the track for a lap, said Joe Jagadics, 17, of Canton, a Canton High junior.

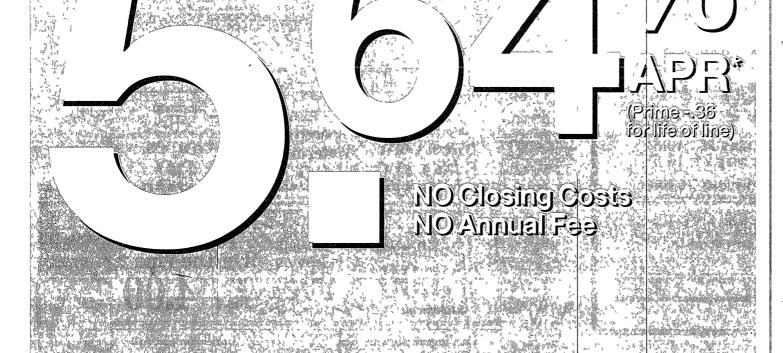
The robot was from a competition in which students had six weeks to finish work. It plays a game with other robots and creates a tic tac toe grid.

"We had an awesome programming team this year," said Rowe, vice president. Jagadics was president this past year, Through donations, their

club raised about \$2,000 for the Relay. They also collected from those trying out Carlson X. Their club is sponsored by Visteon and also has students from Plymouth Christian Academy and Marian High, in addition to Catholic Central students in the past.

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AIM Dance and Fitness Center has opened its doors in Westland. Stop in before May 27 to take advantage of one free introductory class in the dance discipline of your choice. Classes include Ballet,

Rhythm Tap, Jazz and Hip-Hop. The center caters to dance students of all ages.

"The opportunity to bring our unique and authentic forms of Hip-Hop and Rhythm Tap to the area is very exciting," says Alicia Smith, artistic director. "We are open to all ages and look forward to training dancers in all disciplines."

Smith is a certified member of Dance Masters of Michigan and a member of the General Board of the Cecchetti Council of Michigan. Students can take advantage of courses for health benefits or work toward performances.

"Alicia's qualifications and advanced certifications are of great value to us here at AIM Dance and Fitness Center," said Angela Smith-Maggott, managing director. "We are



very proud to have a presence in Western-Wayne County and look forward to being warmly received by the community."

Prices range from \$15 for walk-ins to \$50 for enrollment in fall courses.

Summer sessions for children or adults will run from June 20 through Aug. 13 at a cost of \$75.

Children ages 6-12 may enroll in any of six one-week summer camps at \$125 per week.

AIM Dance and Fitness Center is located within the Wayne Road Plaza at 902 South Wayne in Westland. For more information, call (734) 721-7210.

MOVING FORWARD

Livonia Chrysler Jeep, at 30777 Plymouth, is just about to get a facelift. The Livonia business is part of a companywide effort meant to give all Chrysler dealerships the same look, according to General Manager Dave McDonald.

"If you're driving down the road, you'll be able to identify us," he said. The branding of Chrysler dealerships will impact this location inside and out. Already, the showroom, offices and service center have undergone remodeling, making it brighter, cleaner and more up-to-date.

"The exterior of the building has been completely re-painted," said McDonald. In addition, doors have been replaced and floors have been refinished. "It's a much more sterile, friendly, brighter environment," he said.

The dealership was built and opened in its current location in 1979. McDonald said other than the normal upkeep, it "still had the appearance of a dealership in the 1960s outside."

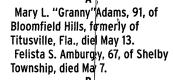
The 33,000-square-foot building is housed on 4.3acres property on Plymouth Road between Middlebelt and Merriman.

"It's been a great place to do business," said McDonald. The Livonia Planning

Commission approved plans to revamp the business and McDonald will soon go before the City Council for approval. If all goes well, work will begin within 30 days and be complete within three

months. Livonia Chrysler Jeep is open from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The Service, Parts and Body shops are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@oe.homecomm.net or call (734) 953-2054.



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Barabara C. Campell, 86, of Farmington, died Nay 16. Cynthia Nell Cardin, of Westland, died May 11. Robert A. Colvin, 2, of Orchard Lake, died May 16.

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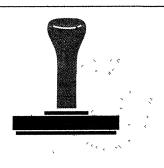
FIRERUNS

The Plymouth[‡]ommunity Fire Department reponded to the following runs duing the period May 11-17:

🖬 Tuesday, My 17 – Downed wires on McClimpha; rescue run at Linden and Evergreen; vehicle accident on sothbound I-275 north of M-14; ommercial rescue runs on Sheldo and on Main; investigation o southbound I-275 near M-14.

📓 Monday, Ma 16 – Special run on Plymouth Rod; residential rescue runs on Mai, on Northville Road and on Male; open burning on Tavistock; wah-down at 5 Mile and Sheldon.

FOR THE RECORD



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Saturday, May 14 – Residential rescue runs on Corrine, on Sheldon and on North; vehicle accident on Sheldon north of M-14; rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road; wash-down on Main.

🔳 Friday, May 13 – Residential rescue runs on Simpson, on Newporte and on Schoolcraft; rescue run to a public building/school on Church; downed wires on Auburn, on Sheldon, at Blanche and Sunset, at Mill and Wilcox and on Penniman.

🔳 Thursday, May 12 -Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Ivanhoe, on Lexington and on Howland Park; rescue run on Andover Lakes; grass fire on Ann Arbor Trail.

🔳 Wednesday, May 11 – Commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Main; industrial rescue runs on Plymouth Oaks and on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Arboretum, on Starkweather, on Northville Road, on Hilltop, on Jackson and on Karl; vehicle accidents on northbound I-275 at M-14 and at Haggerty and Schoolcraft.

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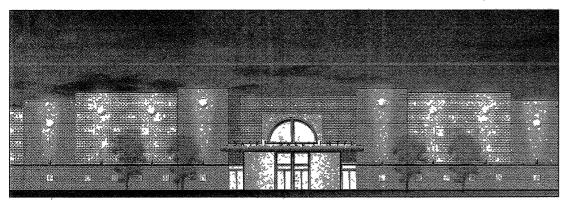
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An artist's rendering shows what the new indoor basketball will look like when it is built on Michigan Avenue next to the Canton Softball Center.

Basketball enthusiast to build state-of-the-art courts

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Just three years ago, if you had asked school teacher Jason Kaye about building a \$5.2 million premiere basketball facility, he may have thought you were just a bit crazy. But today, it's a perfectly sane idea, and Kaye hopes to break ground before summer.

"It's all very exciting. It's really a big adventure," said Kaye, a Canton father and teacher at Pioneer Middle School.

On April 18, the Canton planning commission recommended special land use approval for the project's site on Michigan Avenue, near the Canton Softball Center and Arctic Edge ice arena.

The idea started percolating about a year and a half ago when Kaye thought it would be nice for Canton to have an indoor basketball facility.

He coaches teams for American Athletic Union (AAU) and very often the facilities he visits are not

top-notch, he said. "But you look at this area -

not just Canton but the region - and you see what kind of place we're in. People want what's best for their children and they believe in good sports programs for young people, and the pay-to-play facilities are all doing very well," Kaye said.

So he found four business partners - all from near or within Canton, and all of them parents - to help him get his plans off the ground.

The team put together a business plan and formed P3 (Peak Performance Pavilion) Enterprises.

The plan is for a 62,000square-foot building with six full courts and two half courts.

Each court will be dual-purpose, appropriate for either volleyball or basketball.

The facility will have a 900person capacity, which Kaye said is large enough to handle entire tournaments all under one roof.

There will be the opportunity

for shared parking with the Canton Softball Center, and Kave said he is currently negotiating the details with Canton Leisure Services.

A lifelong basketball enthusiast, Kaye is looking forward to starting programs for very young children, instructional and recreational leagues for young people, as well as a "second shift" league for workers who don't get off the clock until near midnight, and a first responders league for police officers and firefighters

There will be a lounge area in the center of the buildings, separated by glass from the courts, and the lounge will offer wireless Internet access for laptop users. A gourmet coffee shop and concessions will be available, and Kaye is negotiating with large vendors and sponsors for the new facili-

Kaye hopes to have his building open by December.

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'40s style dance aids wounded soldiers

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A Westland committee has embarked on a plan to help wounded U.S. soldiers returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Westland City Councilman Robert Stottlemyer, committee leader, has announced a "Back to the '40s" charity dance scheduled for 4-11 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at Burton Manor in Livonia. "I've always been ticked off at

what happened to the troops when they came home from Vietnam and the way they were treated," Stottlemyer said. "I didn't want the troops coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan to feel like nobody cares.

The '40s dance will cost \$30 a person. Stottlemyer said it will feature the Glenn Miller Orchestra, an Andrew Sistersstyle group called Satin Dollsand the U.S. Army Reserve Band.

All military branches will be represented, including several soldiers wounded in the latest conflicts involving U.S. soldiers. The cities of Westland, Garden City and Wayne already have adopted proclamations endorsing the event. The Livonia City Council has indicated it will give a vote of support, and committee members also plan to approach Redford officials.

"This is for a great cause," Stottlemyer said.

The charity dance will benefit two organizations - the national Wounded Warriors

Project and the Westlandbased Veterans Haven - that are dedicated to helping soldiers and their families with housing, food, daycare, handicap ramps and other necessities that they need but can't afford.

"I want to say a word on Veterans Haven. I know they provide all the services for free - 100 percent that goes in goes out," said Garden City Councilman William Kaledas. "Please try to attend. It's important to the returning soldiers."

Stottlemyer, wife Betty and other committee members hope to sell out the 1,800-seat Burton Manor and raise as much money as possible to help wounded troops.

They're advertising the event by putting up posters around the area, and senior citizens at the Westland Friendship Center also made pin-on buttons to promote it.

Stottlemyer credited corporate donations with helping to cover the event's costs. Moreover, other proceeds will come from ticket sales and a silent auction organized by committee members Georgia Becker, Jo Johnson and Pat Mitchell.

On Tuesday, Becker said bids already are being accepted and will continue through the evening of the "Back of the '40s" dance.

"Right now, we have 39 items (for bid) in the book," Becker said. "We're still getting items donated, and we've already had some people bidding on different items."

Some items include four Detroit Tigers baseball tickets with free parking; a gold ring; Meadow Brook Theatre tickets; an \$100 tab for Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe; Macomb Center for the Performing Arts tickets; Showcase Cinema passes; a \$225 gold bracelet; a T-shirt autographed by racecar driver Bobby Rahal; and autographed, pictures of racer Richard Petty and actor John Travolta, among many other items.

"I just wrote John Travolta a letter, and he sent a picture," Becker said. "Isn't that cool? Everybody has been really generous in giving items for the silent auction."

To bid on items or for more information about the auction, call Becker at (734) 729-1605.

Organizers say that the "Back to the '40s" event isn't intended as political, but only to show support for troops regardless of whether those attending favor or oppose U.S. involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan.

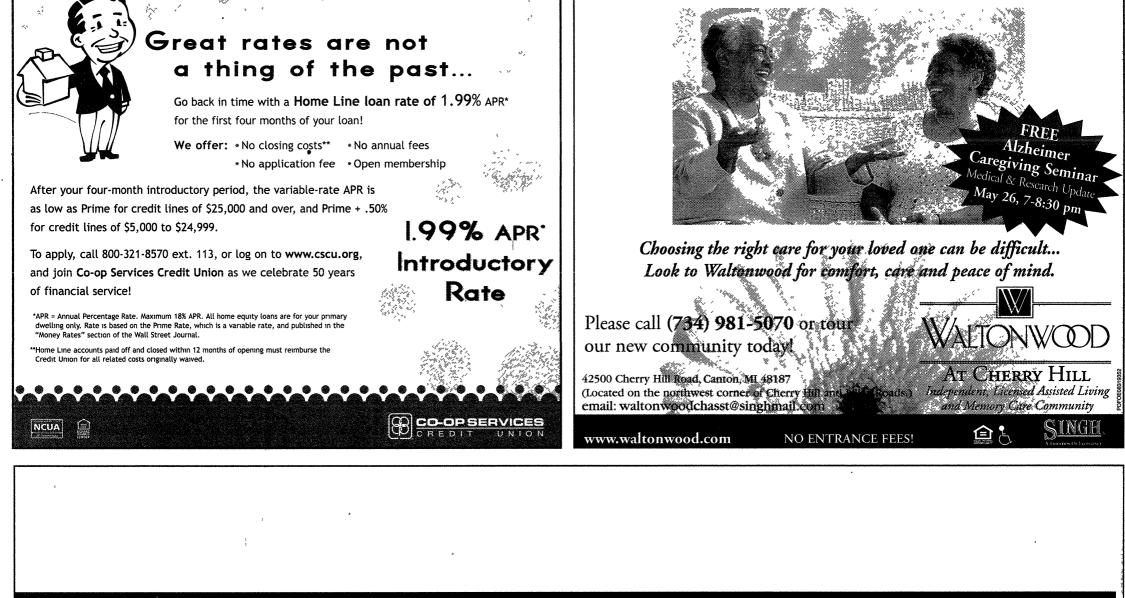
Veterans Haven President Vince Berna sent out a letter seeking support for the charity event.

"You may not agree with the war," he wrote, "but we must support the troops."

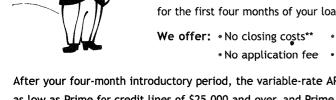
Tickets are available at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia; the Hellenic Cultural Center, on Joy east of Newburgh in Westland; at Veterans Haven Outreach Center, 4924 S. Wayne Road in Wayne; or by calling (734) 721-4594.

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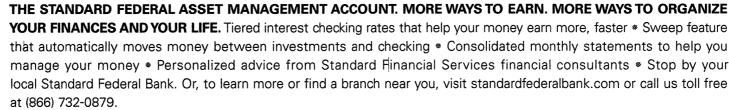




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RIVER

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Becky Leiting's fifth-graders were among the nearly 6,000 students from metro Detroit schools who participated in a hands-on learning experience this week by cleaning Rouge River tributaries and performing experiments coordinated by the Friends of the Rouge.

"We're investigating the water quality of Fellows Creek to see how it affects the Rouge River," said Leiting. "We're dissolving oxygen to see how much oxygen is in the water. The more there is, the cleaner the water is.'

Speaking of the organisms they found in the water, 11vear-old Claire Huddas said "they need oxygen to live in the water. If there isn't enough, they can't live.'

Students from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth performed similar experiments in Tonquish Creek, within

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"We're trying to separate the different bugs to count how many we have, to see how the population is growing," said Kelly Lorenz, 14, an eighthgrader from Plymouth Township. "The water is healthy with oxygen and safer than last year."

Katie Yelick, 14, from Plymouth Township, also noticed the seemingly improved quality of Tonquish Creek this year, compared to experiments she did a year ago.

"Everything is more in abundance than last year because the water is being treated with more care than before," Yelick said. "It's improved a lot."

Their OLGC teacher, Mary Beth Nicholas, agreed they found more creatures than last year, "but we still have to analyze our tests to find out the quality of the water.'

Teachers say having an outdoor classroom near their schools is a benefit in teaching science.



Our Lady of Good Counsel students Katie Yelick, left, and Kelly Lorenz look carefully at their sample from a Rouge River tributary.

"It's convenient having an outdoor classroom where the kids can have hands-on science," said Nicholas. "In the classroom, you get to do some labs, but this is hands-on science, so the kids get excited." David Tessier of Friends of

the Rouge spent time observing the experiments being

conducted by Tonda students. "This is where it starts," said Tessier. "Educating the youth so they can understand what impacts the river and environment, and to learn what they can do to improve its health."

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ing two years ago. "I want to see the class of service kept the way it is; that's near and dear to my heart," VanVleck said. "I hope we keep it a positive campaign. We want to keep what we have and hopefully make it better. That's sort of what I've heard as the theme."

Residents got copies of an outline for the campaign at that first meeting, which included a target of "a minimum" of a \$10,000 budget. The plan is to organize, raise money and produce literature during May, then hit the streets door-to-door the last three weeks of June.

Visits to absentee voters, who turned down the original proposal by nearly 400 votes, will be stepped up in July. The group figures to spend some \$4,000 on each of two mailings and another \$2,000 on handouts and yard signs.

Township resident Vijay Chaudhri said he had a problem with a stalker about three years ago and called Plymouth

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Why - Organizational meeting to set goals, etc.

Township police, whom he said handled the problem professionally. It's stories like Chaudhri's township officials are hoping will convince voters to approve the requests.

went out of their way to nail the guy and put him behind bars," Chaudhri said. "When I heard about (the millage election), I wanted to make sure people know what they're getting for what they're paying. I believe this is an essential part of the community. It is not discretionary."

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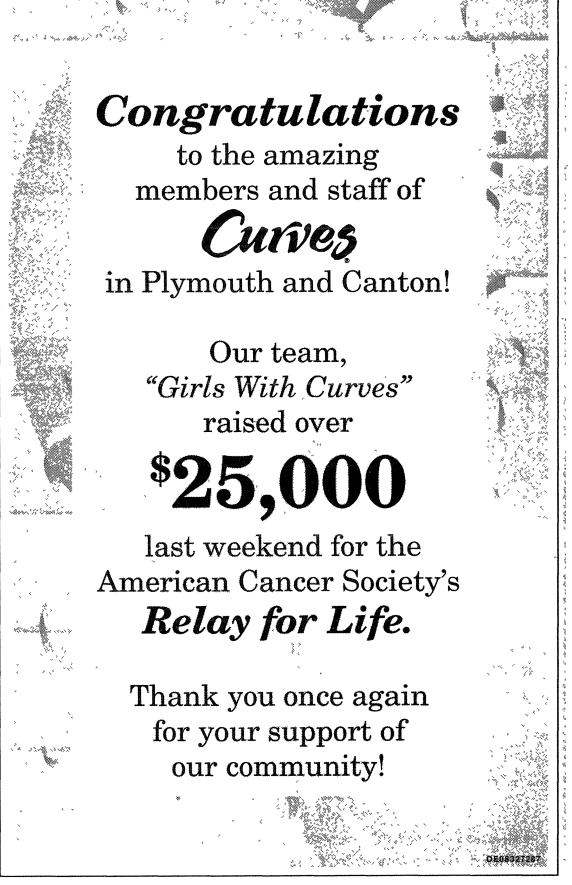
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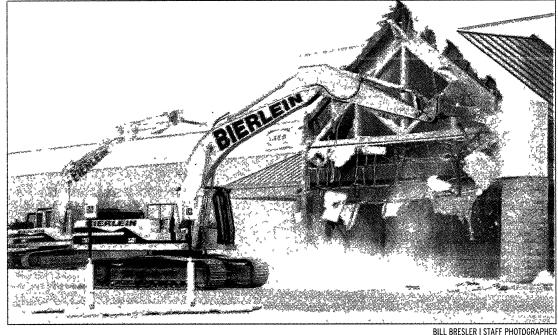
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The demolition of the Super KMart at Ford Road and Haggerty begins as developers make way for the Canton IKEA store.

Kmart razing clears the way for IKEA to get started

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Monstrous backhoes churned and groaned loudly as the crowd of 100 watched the demolition of the former Super Kmart. People schmoozed and rubbed elbows, and all the while. Susan Mendenhall and Kirsten Ussery never looked up from their IKEA catalogs, except to exclaim periodically, "Oh yes! I want something like this!"

The demolition crew began tearing down the old Super **Kmart building late Tuesday** morning to make way for shoppers like Mendenhall and Ussery.

Mendenhall just moved into a new house in Westland, and Ussery recently moved into a new flat in Detroit, and they both have empty walls and cupboards that need to be filled. They want to fill them with goods from Swedish furniture retailer IKEA when the store opens in 2006.

"I can't wait," Mendenhall said. "I wish it was open now. I don't want to take a road trip · · · Chicago.

The Canton IKEA store has been in the works for a little

more than a year. The 300,000 square foot store will be at the site at Ford and Haggerty where the Super Kmart, about half the size of the new IKEA store. once was.

A little more than a year ago, IKEA began working with Canton Township to build the chain's first Michigan store. The Canton store will be IKEA's 28th location in the United States. IKEA currently has 210 stores in 33 countries.

The impact on the community and on the state will be tremendous, according to **Canton Township Supervisor** Tom Yack.

After it is built, the store will generate an estimated \$1 million in annual property taxes, as well as \$5 million in state sales taxes, and will employ some 350 local workers.

"It's not just Canton that will benefit," Yack said. "The sales tax revenue generated from this building, revenue that would be somewhere besides Michigan, will be going into the state coffers. This will have a tremendous impact on the state."

Township officials are working the Canton Chamber of Commerce to develop plans to

encourage shoppers to stay in the area when they visit IKEA, he said.

"We don't want them to come for two or three hours for furniture and meatballs," he said, adding he hopes they will stay in local hotels and visit other stores, restaurants, and theaters.

Officials aren't the only ones excited about the new store. Thad Bartley is the director

of sales for the Comfort Inn in Plymouth Township.

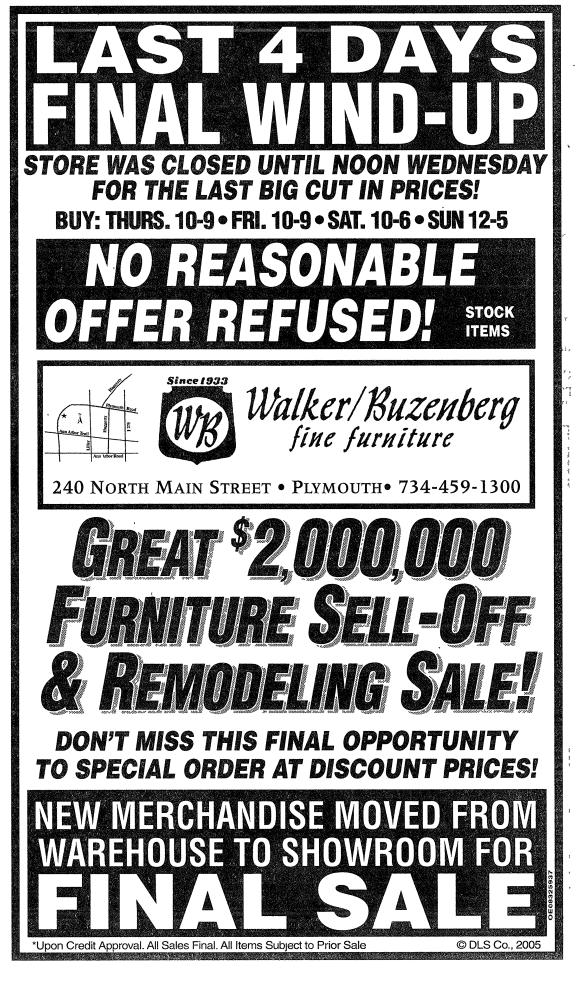
"This is the biggest opportunity we've seen," he said. "We're excited."

Bartley is hoping that the IKEA retail development team will choose his hotel when they make their frequent visits to Canton during the next year. But after the opening of the new store, he's hoping shoppers will find their way to stay overnight.

'Certainly we're hoping to attract IKEA visitors, but we're also looking at all the residual business that will come after," he said.

"The economic boom will be exciting."

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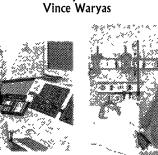
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^{*} OUR VIEWS Stick to truth in millage campaign

With Plymouth Township officials set to go back to the voters Aug. 2 in a second attempt to get a police/fire millage renewal and an increase, one citizens committee has already formed to promote the proposal and another is surely to follow to try to defeat it.

We have three words of advice for both committees: keep it clean.

Township leaders are asking voters to swallow both a 1.63-mill renewal and a 0.5631-mill increase for police and fire services. They packaged the renewal and a smaller increase in a question on the May 3 ballot, and promptly had it swatted away by voters.

The problems with the first election were numerous: Leaders did precious little to educate their voters about what purpose the millage serves. Putting the increase in the same question as the renewal was a calculated risk which had worked in previous elections. Township officials wrongly assumed it would work again.

This time around, they wisely decided to separate the issue into two questions, though they're asking for even more money. It's another calculated gamble, but one township officials feel they can sell.

Here's the problem: To do that, they're going to have to explain the numbers behind the proposal. Supervisor Richard Reaume started that process at last week's board meeting, showing a variety of charts containing a mindnumbing assortment of facts and figures.

There's nothing wrong with that, because voters deserve to have the proposal explained to them, complete with numbers that accurately display the needs in both the police and fire departments.

The problem with numbers is you can make them say just about anything you want. A twist here and a nudge there, and numbers that one side says explain why something is necessary can be used by the other side to explain why it isn't.

There's a very real danger of that happening in this case, because emotions are bound to flow as one side talks about potential police and firefighter layoffs and the other side talks about scare tactics and overspending.

The rhetoric started at last week's board meeting, when one township resident accused one board member of incompetence and threatened all seven with recall. Those kinds of threats do more harm than good by getting in the way of trying to educate the public — one way or the other — about the issue.

Committee members on both sides should use the numbers accurately and without hyperbole to get their points across.

Check the histrionics at the door, and do an honest job of campaigning. That's what the voters deserve.

Don't take clean



No excuses

My goodness! Some people in the township imply that the voters didn't understand the proposal. Are we stupid or what? Another suggested that the senior vote lost the proposal. Could that be related to the fears about Social Security and pensions?

Bush has made it clear that those receiving now will not be affected. Nevertheless the fear goes on, that fear being flamed by partisan parties with hidden agendas. Private pensions, on the other hand, are vulnerable today. Metaldyne, right here in the township, just dumped its retirees. United Airline just dumped its retirees onto the government, also known as taxpayers. Other companies are reducing benefits for retirees.

And since the ball is rolling downhill for retirees, what's to stop many other companies from doing the same to save profits? The global economy was supposed to be a good thing, the politicians

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incomes above \$50,000. Many uninsured are young adults between ages of 19 and 25, who feel they do not need insurance because they are young and healthy.

Solution? Make health insurance policies affordable by offering a variety of policies from basic to deluxe and design special, inexpensive policies for healthy, young adults who are not covered by their parents. And to make sure no one is left behind, make having health coverage mandatory, just like auto insurance.

Janusz M. Szyszko

Canton

City's problems

Detroit had problems long before Engler, Limbaugh or Kilpatrick arrived on the scene. Electing political leaders that take advantage of race differences must stop. Cross-district busing destroyed our school system and endangered our children when we lived in the signed the paperwork I signed a contract to pay these charges. In so many words, "just shut up and pay." It does not matter how unjust the charges are.

George Moitke

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Tell the truth

The White House press corps asked the right questions at the recent press conference, but they did not get a candid response from the president. This is because the administration prefers to keep its motives hidden — what the president and his representatives say in public often belies their real intentions.

During the first term, for example, "Clear Skies" was their euphemistic name for legislation that would decrease environmental regulation. "Healthy Forests" was the name of a program designed to hasten the destruction of healthy forests ... and so on.

As we find ourselves bogged down in the deadly and costly war in Iraq, we now know that there were no weapons of mass destruction, but already unsubstantiated claims about a growing threat posed by weapons in Iran, or Syria or Cuba are starting to be heard. You have to wonder what the hidden agenda is. The president says he wants to strengthen Social Security, but actually the hardliners in the Republican Party have long desired to dismantle this hugely successful program. And when Bush's religious backers claim that the filibuster on judicial nominations is "against people of faith," they are ingenuous. What they are really trying to do is to marshal the Christian troops. The filibuster is not about religion. It would be against seven judges who have already been voted down for possessing opinions far out of the mainstream.

water for granted

If there is a state whose people take water for granted, it is Michigan.

And why not? In addition to being surrounded by the Great Lakes, there are within our borders more than 11,000 lakes and thousands upon thousands of miles of streams and rivers. In fact, the only state with more coastline than Michigan is Alaska. Our state truly is a water wonderland.

But there is a long list of threats currently facing our lakes and rivers, and these threats come in many forms. Some are exotic invaders that hitch rides in the ballast of large freighters from far away seas. It is estimated there have been more than 140 invasive species that have taken up residence in the Great Lakes since the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Some of these invaders, including the sea lamprey and zebra mussel, have made a dramatic impact on the lakes, and have probably altered their ecosystems forever.

However, the greater threat to our lakes hit a little closer to home.

On Tuesday, the Environmental Integrity Project, a national organization dedicated to stronger enforcement of existing federal and state anti-pollution laws, released a report that found a significant number of cities in the six Great Lakes states, including Michigan, are still not in compliance with the federal Clean Water Act. The EIP reports that many cities are still allowing sewage overflows into our creeks and streams.

When the Clean Water Act was enacted in 1972, the Great Lakes were a virtual dumping ground for all kinds of pollutants. There is no doubt much progress has been made since then. But laws are only words unless they are enforced. It is up to us to ensure our waters remain clean. It isn't something we should take for granted.



in a hesitation to believe what all politicians say.

But there is an additional factor for seniors. It's called money to pay bills. If one is a widow whose husband used to do all the handy work around the house, she must now hire outsiders to do that work. For example, it costs a fortune to get certain repairs made. So was I happy about that proposal? No!

I have no problem with the amount of money that is necessary for community services. But to be honest, I always have in the back of my mind that there is room for cuts in the budget. I have the greatest admiration for the firefighters and police officers. I would not want one of them to be laid off. They are needed desperately. I know. I have used their services several times with very high satisfaction.

So show me that the township has no excess spending, that cuts are to the bone. Now that the trial balloon has deflated, it appears that the township will do what it has to do. And the citizens must also do what they have to do: get out the vote, with no excuses.

Beatrice Scalise Plymouth Township

Health insurance solution

I agree with David Spivey's column "Lack of health insurance takes toll" (May 1), but only to a point. Mr. Spivey does not come out and say it, but his statement, "In a just society, no one should be left behind," sounds like a pitch for a national health insurance plan better known as socialized medicine.

The problem of the uninsured can be solved without resorting to drastic measures such as socialized medicine, which would make matters even worse.

The uninsured are those who are too wealthy to qualify for Medicaid and too young to qualify for Medicare. They do not receive health coverage through their employer and do not purchase health insurance on their own.

A recent Michigan study of people without health insurance found that many live in households with incomes of more than \$75,000, even more with

racially mixed Marygrove area.

HUD moved criminal elements into formerly unlocked homes and no one was safe anymore. Property values dropped faster than suburban prices increased. We remained until 1964, but the first to flee suffered the least.

Coleman Young was elected to end STRESS, the police decoy program that happened to capture mostly blacks. Crack addict Malice Green became a hero and the white police officers enforcing the law went to prison.

A smart cop will look away because criminals are often untouchable. Industry hesitates to move into a city that taxes even the incomes of employees living elsewhere, and preferential hiring and "living wages" discourage the likelihood of making a profit. Government does not create jobs, but it certainly destroys them.

> Hank Borgman Farmington

Unjust charges

I would like to give your readers two examples of why our medical costs are so very high. I am a high-risk heart patient. My wife took me to a hospital emergency room twice in one week. After another catherization, angioplasty and stent procedure, I was released the next day before noon.

While waiting for the volunteer to arrive to transport me, a doctor who I had never seen before walked over to me, introduced himself, said he was a vascular surgeon and wanted to leave me his business card.

For this moment in time he charged Medicare \$148 for an initial patient consult. Another billing the same day, by a doctor that I had never met, saw or heard of, charged Medicare \$100 to sign my hospital discharge papers.

Can you believe this — \$100 for a signature? These examples go on and on. When complaining by phone to the doctors' offices, the hospital, Medicare and the insurance company, I was told that these were legitimate charges.

The doctors are allowed to charge up to the approved amounts and when I

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"It's possible a tax increase might not be a bad thing ... The board needs to explain why they didn't do this in the first place. With what's going on in terms of homeland security, this is not the time to be cutting police and fire."

- Carl Berry, former Plymouth Township police chief, on the Aug. 2 police/fire millage proposal

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Their names have been resubmitted by Bush in an in-your-face challenge to the Democrats who dared to oppose him on the nominations.

The press can ask the right questions, but they won't get a frank reply unless they demand to be told the how, what, when, where and why. It is past time that we had some accountability from this administration. It is time that they told us the truth.

> Katie Jacob Birmingham

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Congress needs to act now to prevent pension disaster

hen it comes to the autumn of our lives, few things are as important as a decent and comfortable retirement. Yet increasingly, a forest of dense and often bewildering terms are standing in the way:

Defined benefit pension plan. Pension Benefit Guarantee Corp. (PBGC). Distressed termination. Frozen plan. Underfunded. Deficit reduction contribution requirements. Legacy costs.

Unlovely words — but important ones, because for thousands and thousands of Michigan workers and pensioners, each term represents a potential threat to their retirement future.



Phil

Power

r retirement future. Here's the key to understanding all this: Some companies have promised their employees a "defined benefit" pension upon retirement (i.e. plans that provide workers with a set amount each month, depending on their wages and number of years worked), but yet have not contributed enough to their pension funds to pay for the benefits they promised.

Such plans are "underfunded" and, by law, the companies are obliged to make up the differ-

ence — a "deficit reduction contribution requirement" — within three years. A huge problem for some financially weak companies is that making these catch-up payments could push them into bankruptcy.

If that happens, their pension obligations can be turned over to the federal Pension Benefit Guarantee Corp. But the PBGC is already saddled with a \$23 billion deficit, the result of various companies having gone into bankruptcy over the past few rocky years.

Which means that pensioners covered by the PBGC often discover their benefits are much less than what they assumed they'd get in retirement.

All this can cause big trouble for many people. Just last week, in the largest corporate pension default in U.S. history, United Airlines obtained permission from a bankruptcy judge for a "distressed termination" of its pension plan, which was underfunded by \$9.8 billion.

That ruling clears the way for United's pension plan to be turned over to the PBGC, which scares the dickens out of the airline's retirees and employees already nervous about their pensions. A spokeswoman for the Association of Flight Attendants said that her pension, for example, could be cut from \$1,700 a month to \$800 — less than half what she had counted on.

And there is a potential local angle that could have far more importance for our area. Northwest Airlines, the dominant carrier at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, employs nearly 9,000 people in Michigan and has something like 1,000 retirees. They have been nervous for some time, and what happened with United last week made them a whole lot more so.

The nation's airlines are in trouble, having col-

lectively lost nearly \$33 billion since 2000. Northwest is no exception, having lost \$458 million in the first quarter of this year alone. By the end of last year, Northwest's pension plan was underfunded by \$3.829 billion. For months, the airline has been fighting to stay out of bankruptcy, which, if declared, would lead to serious job loss and risk reductions in pension benefits.

If bankruptcy were to happen, everybody loses, according to Andrea Newman, Northwest's vice president for government relations.

"Under current law, once a pension plan is underfunded the difference has to be made up within three years. If that happens, the risks become very great," she said. "Making these big cash payments could push the company into bankruptcy. The employees could find their pension benefits cut substantially. The Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation would be saddled with another big debt obligation, and the taxpayers would have to pay for it. Nobody wins." As what happened to United shows, Newman

is describing a looming crisis that demands a prompt solution.

She and others in the airline industry think they have one. They would prefer to amend the federal law to allow the airlines to freeze their pension benefits at current levels and stretch out overdue payments to their pension funds for 25 years instead of three, as the law now requires.

Representatives of the airlines and their unions met in March with 10 senators to press for the change. To my mind, this proposal only makes good sense. Employees would continue to get their full pension benefits rather than see them slashed when the pensions are taken over by the PBGC.

By stretching out their underfunded payments, airlines would get time to return to economic health. And both the government and the taxpayers benefit by avoiding a wholesale shift of pension liabilities.

What are the chances for legislative success? Reasonable, Newman says: "The senators have assured Northwest that their forthcoming pension bill will include a provision that deals with this issue. The House has told us they are interested in working with us. I'd guess something will be done, sooner or later. But the Pension Funding Equity Act expires at the end of 2005, so 2006 will be the year of the big crunch."

Far from being a government handout, the solution proposed by Northwest and other airlines makes sense. It costs no money. It improves the business prospects for Northwest, Michigan's dominant air carrier and one of the big factors in any economic development strategy for the state. And it protects workers from seeing their pension benefits slashed.

It's a win-win-win deal that, for the benefit of all concerned, the U.S. Congress should pass and the president should sign, right away.

Phil Power, the former chairman of HomeTown Communications Network and regent of the University of Michigan, is a longtime observer of politics, economics, and education issues in Michigan.

Michigan deserves fair share for highway repairs

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ighways laden with potholes. Bumperto-bumper traffic on overcrowded streets. Large orange barrels and

"detour" signs and roadway closures.

Sound familiar? Traffic congestion and weathered roads have become all-too-familiar to Michigan motorists, who end up with deteriorating cars and white knuckles. We need adequate federal funding to get our roads back in working order.

The Senate is currently considering a highway funding bill that provides federal fund-

ing for highways and bridges, highway safety initiatives, and transit programs.

Unfortunately, the bill maintains discriminatory funding formulas that require about 20 states, including Michigan – known as "donor" states – to send more gas tax dollars to the Highway Trust Fund in Washington than they receive in transportation infrastructure spending,

while the remaining 30 states – known as "donee" states – receive more in

transportation funding than they pay into the Highway Trust Fund. This formula was developed in 1956, and

for the past 50 years, those states that benefit from it have fought tenaciously to defend it.

For many years, I have worked with other members of the Michigan congressional delegation to fight for a fairer return on our state's highway dollars.

We have made some progress over the years – for instance, 25 years ago Michigan received about 75 cents out of every dollar we paid in federal gas taxes, and we've clawed our way to where we now receive over 90 cents. I won't be satisfied until we get our full return.

I introduced a bill earlier this year with

Liberal nonsense

Listening and reading the things that liberal Democrats are putting out about the problems in the Senate would make most people think we are on the verge of becoming a dictatorship, and frankly I'm sick and tired of their collective whining! I cannot remember one single liberal Supreme Court nominee who the Republicans filibustered or threatened to filibuster because filibustering a presidential nominee is not constitutional.

This nonsense from liberals that Republicans are trying to "change the constitutional balance of power" is asinine and over the top. Most constitutional scholars agree that the filibuster was meant to be legislative, For many years, I have worked with other members of the Michigan congressional delegation to fight for a fairer return on our state's highway dollars.

Republican Sen. George Voinovich from Ohio that would increase the federal minimum guaranteed funding level, which would bring us one step closer to achieving fairness in the distribution of federal highway funding to states. At stake are tens of millions of dollars a year in additional funding for Michigan to pay for badly needed transportation improvements – as well as the jobs that go with it.

Last year, the Senate passed a highway bill that would have given Michigan about \$7.4, billion in highway funding over six years, which would produce about 100,000 new jobs. While it would not have fully corrected the inequities in funding formulas, it would have made some progress. The bill was never signed into law, however, because the president vowed to veto the Senate-passed bill, despite the fact that a strong, bipartisan majority approved the legislation.

The bill that the Senate is currently considering falls short of last year's effort. It provides fewer resources than the bipartisan bill that the Senate passed last year, and it fails to adequately raise the guaranteed rate of return to the states to 95 cents.

I'm going to fight for a fairer bill – along with senators from some other donor states – but we need the president to agree to support a bill that does not favor one group of states over another. We need a bill that is fair to everyone.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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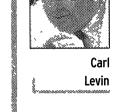
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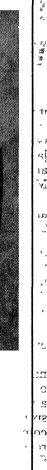
This whole thing is nothing more than a "liberal temper tantrum," because of their continued failure at the polls and the resulting loss of legislative power in Washington, and it will result in more of the same for them in the future. Does anyone remember the Republicans doing anything remotely similar during their 40 years as the minority party? I can tell you people remember and then compare the differences, even if liberals still think that they don't.

> Jeffrey Scott Trov

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COUNTY NEWS

Battle over interstate wine sales far from over

BY JOE BAUMAN STAFF WRITER

Wine writers Ray and Eleanor Heald may have won their legal war Monday against the state of Michigan when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a ban on interstate, direct-to-consumer wine shipments, but the battle over the issue is far from over

The Healds, wine columnists for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Troy residents, sued the state in March 2000 claiming Michigan's law was preventing them from securing wine samples from out-of-state wineries needed for their work.

The case focused on whether Michigan's law violated the commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution since it treated instate wineries differently from their out-of-state competitors. Michigan wineries are free to ship their product directly to customers, while out-of-state wineries have to use the state's established three-tier distribution system.

The case eventually was joined with a similar suit from New York state before landing on the Supreme Court docket.

We knew a case would even-

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tually make it to the Supreme Court since appellate courts were handing down conflicting rulings, but we didn't imagine it would be our case," Ray Heald said. "The state would be foolish and irresponsible to act in a way that would put any state industry at a disadvantage."

Heald's comment was in response to published reports that the head of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission will ask the state Legislature to change the law so even in-state wineries would be prohibited from shipping wine to Michigan residents.

Such a move would essentially put Michigan's growing wine industry out of business, said plaintiff's attorney Alex Tanford, who served as co-counsel on behalf of the Healds through the law firm Epstein, Cohen, Donahoe & Mendez.

"This case is not about just shipping wines to consumers," said Tanford, who also is a professor of litigation at Indiana University. "What the courts rightly ruled is that the state has to treat all wineries the same in terms of doing business, regardless of whether they are located in the state or not."

If the state continues to ban

out-of-state wineries from dealing directly with customers, then Michigan wineries would lose all the competitive advantages they have enjoyed over the years with the state's blessing.

"If Michigan wineries can only sell through the current threetiered system of distribution burdening out-of-state wineries, then that means they can no longer sell to customers who visit the winery or an off-site tasting room," he said. "And it would also snuff out any new wine ventures in the state since there is no way they could afford to be represented by a wholesaler or compete for shelf space at the retail level."

Tanford said the state of Michigan will be responsible for paying all legal fees accumulated over the five-year fight, which will be set by U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman, who first heard the case. He said the total cost of the case, including staff time of the state's in-house counsel, could reach \$1 million.

For their part, the Healds said they hope the state will do the right thing and swing open the doors to all wineries wanting to sell to Michigan residents, which also for the first time would allow Michigan wineries to begin shipping their products to out-ofstate customers

"Wine lovers in Michigan and the other 22 'constrained' states will now be able to join winery clubs in other states and receive special wines and educational materials to expand their knowledge of wines," Eleanor Heald said.

Tanford said it should take about 90 days before the high court's ruling is officially entered and takes effect. Until then, he said "just about anything" can happen.

"The Liquor Control Commission could seek an administrative action outlining

new rules, or the Legislature could pass a new law establishing whatever guidelines they feel are proper and necessary," he said. "But I can't imagine the state would be interested in investing a whole lot more time and money in trying to protect bad legislation."

Liquor Control Commission Chairwoman Nida Samona could not be reached at press time.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) said the state will need to level the playing field without devastating Michigan's wine industry.

"The court ruled the commerce clause trumps a state's right to regulate alcohol sales, so we need to be sensitive to that while keeping focused on the impact to an important state industry," she said. "This is a complex and complicated issue that will take some time to work through."

Any new law must be focused on keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors, said state Sen. Laura Toy (R-Livonia), a major argument in the state's case that was largely discounted in the court opinion.





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l enjoyed visiting all of your gardens

y first column appeared June 4, 1987. Eighteen years later, this column is the last.

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You have generously shared your ideas and gardening methods as we strolled through your gardens. What a treat that was.

gardening methods as we strolled through your gardens. What a treat that was. I enjoyed learning about new plants and products and sharing that information. I hope the book reviews helped you to make wise selections.

Now it's time to move on to other things. Lew and I will continue to travel, visit relatives and friends, and take time to enjoy life as it should be enjoyed. He deserves it - he has encouraged and supported me through the ups and downs. (Someday I'll even get this computer mastered.) People ask, "What did you like best about this job?" I say, "The people!" I leave you with many memories. You'll see my name again as I will occasionally do a story for the Observer හ Eccentric Newspapers and for Michigan Gardener. As you know, I tried to teach something each time my work was published, so I won't stop now. I encourage you to become a master gardener. To find out about the classes, call your county extension office-(under government in the phone book). Once you attain the master gardener status, go for the advanced degree. Get involved with the Plant a Row For The Hungry program. Share produce with others when harvest time is here. You can do this by yourself, or become more involved with the PAR program. Just call Garden Writers Association toll free: (877) 492-2727, or email them: par@gardenwriters.org. I cannot omit my editors, Co Abatt, retired, Mary Klemic, and Ken Abramczyk, who have been so supportive and. patient. My many thanks.

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AT HOM

light touch – that is, a touch of light – can be just the right touch to enhance a home or landscape. Paul Eddleston, president of Illuminata, an exterior lighting company based in Birmingham, has a philosophy of "quiet understatement" when it comes to illuminating a residential landscape.

"Don't get carried away," said Eddleston, who lives in Birmingham. "A little lighting goes a long way."

Lighting can do more than illuminate pathways and house numbers. And any home can have attractive lighting, not restricted to architecturally appropriate fixtures.

Besides providing security and safety, lights can show off architecture, plants and gardens as well.

Illuminata helps homeowners design creative ways of shining light on property. The company designs, installs and maintains exterior lighting systems.

"People underuse (lighting) and overdo it," said Eddleston, who is opposed to what he calls "light pollution" – glaring illumination.

"You want to make people aware of the paths, but there's a little more you can do creatively."

ENLIGHTENING

Like an artist with a canvas, Eddleston works with lighting to create beautiful and mesmerizing night scenes involving paths, steps, plants, patios

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Lights that accent and illuminate paths at night (at right) can be out of sight

during the day (at left).

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Gardens and paths don't have to be lit like a runway; lights here and there create an interesting ambiance while providing safety and security.

Making the case for TV shows you can download



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Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touchtone phone. Her fax number.is (248) 644-1314.

AT HOME

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Tour modern kitchens to benefit camp

You can learn more about* modern kitchens or get new ideas at an upcoming kitchen tour on Friday, May 20 in Northville.

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The third annual Northville Kitchen Tour, scheduled 10 a.m.-4 p.m. helps benefit O.U.R. Camp for Children with Special Needs in Plymouth.

The tour of beautiful kitchens in five homes in the area features tablescaping designed by local businesses. The tour includes a luncheon at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant. This year, homes are located in Northville and Novi. Four of the kitchens are remodels and the fifth is a new home.

The tour is sponsored by the Board of Directors of O.U.R. Camp, a local summer day camp in Northville for children with special needs.

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For further information, call Kathryn Peltier 248-348-7026.

All proceeds from the tour will help to support O.U.R. Camp (Opportunity, Understanding, Recreation); a summer day camp for any child ages 3-9, with special needs. The camp is operated by a volunteer, parent-run Board of Directors whose mission is to offer a fun-filled, appropriately-structured program at the lowest possible cost. The group must raise funds every year to fulfill the camp's mission and cover operating costs, and to avoid raising the camp fees.

arry from Canton e-mailed me recently about his prob-basement.

Through our communications, it appears his problem may be due mainly to saturated soil, a typi-

cal problem in Canton (and most of the other metro Detroit communities) where homes were built on heavy clay Ask soil. This can Dad be a very difficult problem for Harry homeowners Jachym and something we'll explore in

another column. Let's look at some of the more common reasons for leaky basement walls and the remedies for them.

Uncontrolled surface water or water pooling close to the

foundation probably causes more basement leaks than anything else. Start by checking for proper drainage slope away from the house.

Check downspouts, gutters if your basement leaks

The Michigan Residential Code (401.3) savs, "The grade away from foundation walls shall fall a minimum of 6 inches within the first 10 feet." Sometimes this slope may be difficult to achieve because of the lay of the land, proximity to other structures or lot lines. The code addresses this problem by stating that "drains or swales shall be provided to ensure drainage away from the structure." It is still imperative that there is drainage away from the building.

Overflow from gutters and downspouts that are clogged are some other contributors to surface water that is too close to the foundation or the downspouts themselves are insufficient. Cleaning the gutters and downspouts will often eliminate this problem. If you suspect that you don't have enough downspouts, clean the gutters. Then go outside and

look at them during a heavy rain (when rain falls for about 15 minutes, but not during a thunderstorm and lightning strikes). If you find that there is overflow, have extra downspouts or larger downspouts installed.

While on the topic of downspouts, whenever possible have them discharge 10 feet from the foundation. This is often very difficult to do as water can discharge onto neighboring properties, make mowing difficult in your yard or the downspouts just may be unsightly. Just keep in mind that farther is better. Get them away from the house as far as possible. Grass tends to "shed" water

more than soil. Large flowerbeds sometimes allows water to reach the foundation walls.

Still another area to look at is places where pavement abuts the foundation. Look for pavement that has settled toward the house and the sealant at this joint. The sealant is relatively easy to repair. Use polyurethane

backer rod and a good self-leveling concrete caulk, such as products from the Sika Co. These goods are available at home improvement stores and many hardware stores.

Finally, all too often leaking basement wall problems are caused by overwatering of lawns and shrubs. Check that the automatic irrigation system is adjusted properly, so it is not sprinkling too much water near the building. Also, adjust the activation time so you don't saturate the soil, especially near the foundation. You may even want to consider investing in a rainstat, which doesn't allow the system to activate when there has been sufficient rain.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@ comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Try this hotline for some yard care information

Before you get your hands dirty working in your yard over the Memorial Day weekend, you can get "yard smart" with a phone call.

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LIGHTS

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and decks. The right light can have an artistic effect on a specific element, or showcase a house, garden or landscape.

Among his projects, Eddleston has placed lights behind bushes that washed the facade of a house with illumination, bringing out attractive patterns of brick and stone. Plays of shadows that result are another bonus.

Lights positioned under soffits grazed brick; those under a canopy to show steps also enhanced the architecture of stone piers.

Eddleston has positioned small floodlights up in trees for downlights, creating a subtle illumination like soft moonlight that paints bushes with a gentle glow.

Rather than illuminating everything in a landscape, he has lit bushes from within, and selected accent pieces for highlighting.

"Restraint is the key," Eddleston said.

Illuminata uses new brass and copper fixtures, as well as low-voltage lights that are cheaper and safer than linevoltage lamps. The low-voltage systems feature cables that can be covered by mulch.

Stylish lights don't have to attract attention. Illuminata designs have featured lights that are out of sight during the day; for example, path lighting that is nestled next to shrubs.

Eddleston meets with the homeowner and visits the site

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to develop a feeling for what lighting to use. You have to see them and

talk to them about what they need and what they want illuminated.

"What do they want the light to do? Once you answer that question, we (develop) a solution for that."

BACKGROUND

Eddleston has 11 years of experience in electrical engineering and landscaping.

"It was like everything I did was leading up to this," he said. Born in Manchester, England, Eddleston studied electrical and mechanical engineering at Salford University College in England.

He had a career in electrical engineering, working as a designer in nuclear, waste water and lighting and small power industries.

"I was really a cyclist at heart," said Eddleston, a former semi-professional bike racer.

He moved to Cincinnati 15 years ago because of his love of bike racing, which led to his involvement in the landscaping industry.

Eddleston worked with Botanics Landscaping and Horticultural Services Inc., including assisting with landscape designs and starting a landscape lighting division.

"I did that to pay for my cycling," he said.

"I was still trying to get back into engineering but got distracted (with the landscape firm).

Eddleston founded LIMEY-

LIGHT Landscape Lighting in Cincinnati in 1996. He moved to Washington, D.C., and start-' ed Illuminata.

Eddleston's wife, Lori, is an assistant professor of biology at Wayne State University.

VARIETY

A display of outside lights at Brose Electrical in Livonia shows the wide variety available - with different finishes (including pewter, verde bronze, aged bronze, ebony, antique copper, antique nickel, brass and brick), styles (such as classical and Arts and Crafts) and types of lights (including flickering flame).

Well lights are popular, said Patrick Tumey, estimator at Reliable Landscaping Inc. in Canton. These are buried in the ground and shine up on trees or any other focal points.

Reliable will set up demonstration kits to give customers an idea of the lighting effect.

Plymouth Nurserv and Garden Center uses Rockscapes professional lighting, a low-voltage system with lights and lanterns made of materials that include brass, copper and aluminum.

'We don't want to get a runway effect," said Ann Hagman, landscape designer. "We'll highlight trees, focal points."

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SHOWS

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equally simple. But consider what happened while the Recording Industry Association of America was busy suing the stuffing out of file-sharing sites and teenage girls: iTunes came along and proved that people were more than willing to pay for digital music. Now it's the model for the entire industry So if we're headed in that

direction anyway, why wait? Do you really want to share your profits with Steve Jobs? You may argue that this move is unnecessary, that DVDs are

making it less likely I'll miss my favorite shows. But for some reason you're screwing that up, too, like when you schedule shows from 8:00 to 9:01.

That's right, NBC, I'm missing The West Wing because ABC tacks an extra minute on the end of Lost. You gonna let them get away with that?

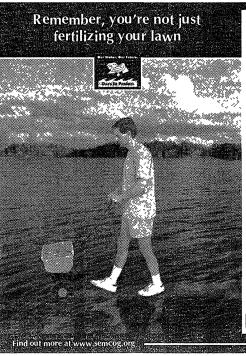
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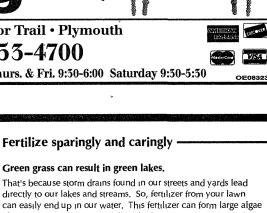
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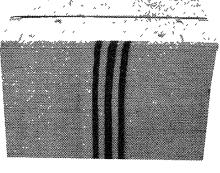
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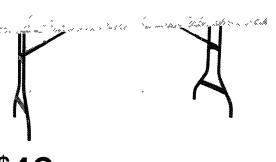


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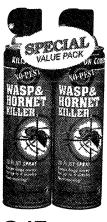
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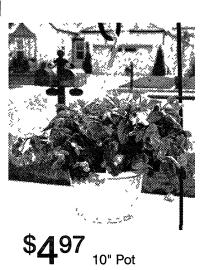
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Connoisseurs enjoy the fruits of regional vintners' labors at OCC fund-raiser

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Observer

obert Gillikin of Canton enjoys the Great Lakes Great Wines event at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

And being the wine lover he is, he's not particularly shy about being a wine connoisseur.

"I like the fact that you can go pick up a bottle and pour it yourself," he said. "You can find something you like and go with it. The wines are tremendous and the food is outstanding."

Gillikin and more than 200 others enjoyed food from 14 restaurants and country clubs with proceeds going to a scholarship fund. Monies raised also will help fund a trip to France next year for students in the school's Culinary Studies Institute.

Darlene Levinsor



Patrons examine some of the wine offerings at the Great Lakes Great Wine Tasting at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

'We had quite a few new wineries. We had some amazing ones. The Michigan vineyards are getting a lot better.'

Darlene Levinson Great Lakes Great Wines chair

fied executive chef at **Dearborn Country** Club, added a spring touch to the menu with a light and delicious Asian salmon salad with honey-lime vinaigrette.

Then there were the wines, featuring more than 500 of them from six states(Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, New York and Pennsylvania) along with wineries in Ontario, Canada.

Gillikin enjoys the sweet whites, namely the reislings. He enjoys the Michigan wines. "It's really the best-kept

chair of Great Lakes Great Wines and instructor, said she would not know for several days how much this year's event would raise, but said the event has raised more than \$80,000 in its first nine years. More than 250 tickets were sold for this year's event.

"We had quite a few new wineries," Levinson said. "We had some amazing ones. The Michigan vineyards are getting a lot better."

Then there's the food. Gillikin's favorite dish was OCC's Culinary **Studies Institute's** shrimp and sausage New Orleans-style with dirty rice. That and steamed chicken dumplings were hits with the guests, dishes



Pastry Chef Todd Litton of Confectionately Yours prepares a Vanilla Pastry Cream Crepe Flambe.

created by OCC chefs and instructors Kevin Enright and Doug Ganhs, assisted by OCC culinary students. "I also liked the crab cakes from Travis Pointe Country Club," Gillikin added.

And there were other delicious dishes, too, from many area chefs. Steve Allen, co-owner of Steve & Rocky's in Novi, featured a poached salmon with vermouth sauce, while Detroit Athletic Club's David Howell created a smoked whitefish with potato cake.

Chef Randy Emert, certified executive chef at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester, created a spicy spring pork tenderloin. Mark Dixon, certi-



Sandi Rewalt of Berkley checks out a bottle of fruit wine.

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secret in Michigan," he said.

Johanna Schave of Trenton saw a newspaper article and decided Great Lakes Great Wines would be a fun event to attend. "It really sounded interesting," Schave said. She had hoped that the Oliver winery in Indiana would have wines there, but she tried and enjoyed some of the others, including Black Star from Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula.

"The food is excellent," Schave said. Her favorite: the chicken wraps from P.F. Changs.

Schave's friend, Dianne Macut, also of Trenton, enjoys traveling to different wineries throughout Michigan. "We're looking for other

wineries and we can see ones here we can travel to," Macut said. With so many wineries from New York at the fund-raiser, Macut said she'd be interested in traveling there. Both women keep wine journals, noting which labels they enjoy.

"We love the Traverse City wines," Schave said.

Levinson said fruit wines are not her favorite, but she notes that they are getting better overall in the entire Great Lakes region: "I'm amazed at the quality of fruit wines. I'm just amazed at how good they are and how they have grown so much. It's getting quite competitive."

Area chef debuts in new public television show

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Shawn Loving may soon join the ranks of Emeril Lagasse, Mario Batali, Sara Moulton and Bobby Flay. Well, maybe he doesn't have the national appeal of those chefs just yet, but the owner of Loving Spoonful in Farmington Hills will debut in his own cooking show at 5:30 p.m. today on WTVS-TV (Channel 56).

Loving shows viewers how to bring out the flavor in Cuisine from the Heart.

"My goal is to show a very simple

appreciation of cooking and to cater to every age group and ethnic group," he said. "I want to try to capture food to appeal to audiences, kind of like the Nick at Night episodes." Lovina

Loving wants to explore creativity in the kitchen, yet keep it simple. "We'll show easy recipes with basic items you can find in the pantry, leftover items and oneand two-part combinations of flavors, and meals you can prepare," he said.

The show's producer said the show gives home cooks information that they will enjoy and appreciate using

"We think viewers will appreciate the show because it is contemporary and informative in offering ways to save time and money with healthy and tasty dishes that are fun to prepare," says B. Charles Mercado, the show's producer. Jeff Forster is the executive producer.

Loving, who also teaches at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, hosted a dinner at his restaurant about a year ago to help raise money for the public

television station when officials approached him later about hosting a television show. "They approached me and I thought, like any chef would, 'Why not?'" Loving said.

The half-hour program explores how ingredients and cooking techniques have changed. Loving will demonstrate preparation of dishes that are flavorful, healthy and inexpensive.

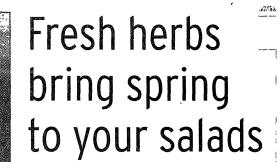
Loving enlists the help of two of his students to create a variety of dishes using a roasted pepper and tomato sauce. "You can use it on pasta, or form a puree to use in a soup or mix

in leftover products, like rotisserie chicken, and make a stew with it," he said

Sherri Cooper of Armada appears in today's episode to recreate a wacky cake recipe left behind by her aunt. After failing in her own efforts to bring out the taste, Cooper issues a challenge to Loving. The chef tested and adjusted the recipe several times with his students, then unveils a revised wacky cake for the program guest.

The question of whether Loving restored the taste to Cooper's family recipe will be answered on the show.

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BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

Perk up green salads by adding fresh herbs like parsley, basil, or mint (available at the market) to your dressing, leafy greens, or both.

In spring, I especially like using mint. It refreshes the flavor of romaine and other greens, and makes commercially-grown baby spinach positively sprightly.

The concentrated aroma and flavor of herbs signals that they are packed with nutrients. Mint is particularly rich in vitamin C, carotenoids and antioxidant compounds, especially terpenes, which laboratory studies have shown to protect against some cancers. It also contains substances that help the body fight inflammation and can aid in easing nasal congestion, just the thing if you suffer from spring allergies.

The mint you buy will probably be spearmint, though you might find peppermint. Spearmint has slightly rounded, crinkly, bright green leaves and a mild, refreshing flavor. Peppermint's pointed leaves have a purplish cast. Its flavor is cool and intense.

The recipe for the following salad appears in The New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life. The dressing includes a touch of mint, plus fresh berries, but you can also add a bit more mint to the salad itself. I like to snip four or five additional mint leaves into thin strips and toss them with a combination of baby spinach, romaine and red leaf lettuce. Fresh berries on top of the greens gives the salad a vernal look while enhancing its nutritional value. If there are no blueberries around, strawberries can take their place in both the dressing and on the salad.

MIXED GREENS WITH BLUEBERRIES AND FETA

- 2 tablespoons raspberry-flavored (or blueber-
- ry-flavored) vinegar ¹/₄ cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 2 small fresh mint leaves
- 1 cup plus 10 fresh blueberries
- 8 cups mixed salad greens, torn into bite-sized pieces.
- 2 ounces crumbled reduced-fat feta cheese

In a blender, place vinegar, broth, oil, honey, mint and 10 blueberries. Blend at low speed just until smooth and well-combined. Transfer the dressing to a jar with a tight-fitting lid and refrigerate until needed. (It will keep for up to 3 days.)

In a large bowl, toss greens with remaining blueberries. Shake vinaigrette until well blended, drizzle over the salad, and toss lightly. Sprinkle the cheese over the top an serve.

BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

Imagine the adventurous soul who first dared to eat a raw oyster. While this heroic act is celebrated by gourmands, I would rather cheer the cook who discovered how to whip a humble tuber into måshed potato bliss.

No one knows for certain who first made mashed potatoes. Most likely, it happened somewhere in France or in Britain, conceivably as early as the 16th century, shortly after potatoes were brought to Europe from the New World. At that time, most Europeans believed potatoes were poisonous and cultivated them mainly for their fragrant flowers, and it was

Parmentier, the French military man who popularized spuds in France, served Benjamin Franklin a meal prepared entirely of potatoes.

By the late 18th century, chefs in Europe and the U.S. were serving lavish potato dishes full of cream, butter and even precious truffles. Europeans took potatoes along as they conquered the East, planting a taste for them in India, Indonesia and other parts of their empires.

As they took root in various places, potatoes were combined with local ingredients. Malaysians still use them in roti canai, a paper-thin flatbread dipped into a curry sauce that includes chicken and potato chunks. Ethiopians add potatoes to alich'a, a mild veg-

cakes called dosas.

New twist on an old favorite:

Moroccan mashed potatoes

In Morocco, Jews make a casserole of mashed potatoes with carrots, peas, scallions and cilantro. They fluff the potatoes by adding eggs rather than milk or cream. A touch of turmeric adds both golden color and a rich, buttery flavor.

MOROCCAN-STYLE MASHED POTATOES

1 pound yellow-fleshed potatoes 2 tablespoons canola oil 1 medium carrot, finely diced 2 cups chopped onion 1 garlic clove, finely chopped 1 cup frozen baby green peas canola oil spray 3 extra large eggs, lightly beaten ¹/₄ teaspoon ground turmeric 1 teaspoon salt ⅛ teaspoon ground pepper 4 scallions, white and green, chopped ¹/₃ cup chopped cilantro

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté the carrots 3 minutes. Add the onions and garlic and sauté, stirring, until the onions golden, 2 minutes longer. (Do not allow garlic to brown.) Mix in the green peas. Remove from heat and set aside.

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Preheat the oven to 350º F. Coat a deep 8-inch baking dish with cooking spray and place it in the oven to preheat. (This helps brown the potatoes on the bottom.)

When cool enough to handle, peel the potatoes and mash until fluffy. Mix in the eggs, then the vegetables, cilantro and turmeric. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Carefully remove the hot baking dish from the oven. Transfer the mixture to the pan. Bake 45 to 50 minutes, or until golden on top. Serve immediately.

Makes 12 servings.

Enjoy Moroccan mashed potatoes with carrots, peas, scallions and cilantro.

supterfuge and disguise rather thần derring-do that gradually turned the potato into an everyday ingredient.

By the 1700s, English aristocrats had a passion for colcannon, the poor man's dish from Ireland, combining mashed potatoes with kale or cabbage. Also, Antoine

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etable stew made with cabbage, carrots and onions, and make fiery stews, or wa'ats, with ginger and dried red peppers. Indians love potatoes in curry, a wonderful combination, and wrap peppery mashed potatoes inside the immense, paper-thin, crisp pan-

Place the potatoes in a deep saucepan, halving any large ones so that potatoes are roughly a uniform size. Add cold water, covering them to a depth of 2 inches. Cook, uncovered until tender, about 30 minutes.

Per serving: 98 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 12 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 222 mg. sodium.

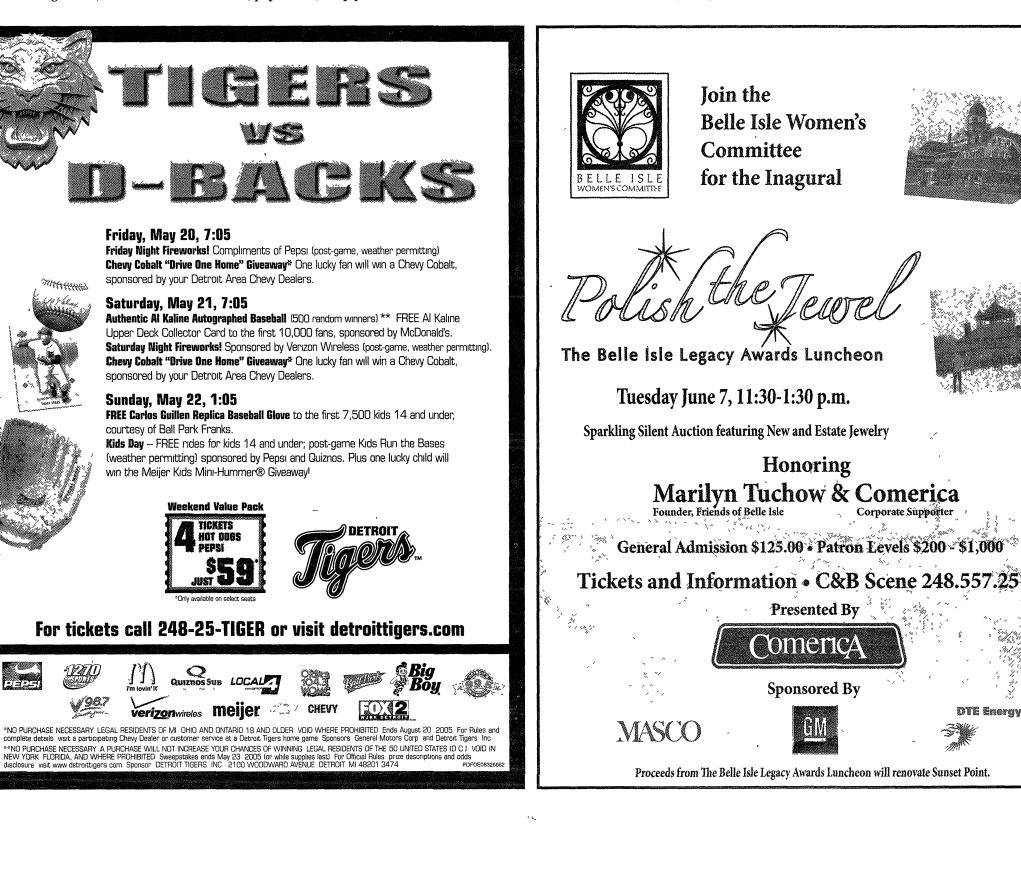
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Makes 8 servings. Per serving: 64 calories, 4 g. total fat (1 g.

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saturated fat), 5 g. carbohydrate, 3 g. pro-

tein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 126 mg. sodium.



Make chili lean with vegetables

BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

We call it chili, shortening the name from its original, chili con carne, the dish chuck wagon cooks in the Southwest made to feed the he-man appetites of cowboys working cattle at the ranch and out on the range. We expect it to be hearty and filling, whether it is hot, hotter or hottest from liberal seasoning with ground dried chile peppers.

Until fairly recently, most people also expected chili to be meaty. In addition to arguing over the relative virtues of personally blended secret seasonings, and if it was acceptable to include beans in chili, rather than accompanying it, they also debated whether great chili could be made using ground meat, or if it had to be finely chopped by hand. What no self-professed "chilihead" ever considered was leaving out the meat.

In fact, beans help make vegetarian chili as satisfying as those using meat, and a far sight healthier. Although it is so much leaner and cholesterol-free, pitching meatless chili to anyone but committed vegetarians used to be a hard sell. This changed when the world discovered the black bean chili Deborah Madison made when she was the chef at Green's restaurant in San Francisco in the 1980s. She proved how profoundly flavorful, yet simply sophisticated, vegetarian dishes can be. This chili inspired the rest of us to develop more pleasing meatless chilis, like the one below, which is crammed with summer vegetables and perfect for a summer day, sunny or rainy.

I find that pintos – the soft, creamy bean that usually accompanies Texasstyle chili con carne - the

wise into 1-inch slices 1 small egoplant, about 1 pound, cut in 1-inch cubes 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil 1 large sweet onion, chopped 3 large garlic cloves, finely chopped 2 tablespoons chili powder 2 tablespoons dried oregano 1 tablespoon ground cumin 1/4 -1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle chili 1 tablespoon tomato paste One can (28 ounces) whole plum tomatoes, drained, liquid reserved 2 cans (15 ounces each) black beans, rinsed and

drained 1/2 packed cup cilantro leaves Cavenne pepper, to taste (optional)

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste 1/2 cup reduced fat sour cream, for garnish 1-2 tablespoons lime juice. for garnish

Preheat the oven to 425º F.

Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray. Place the zucchini and eggplant on the sheet. Generously spray the vegetables with cooking spray and toss to coat them all over. Spread them in one layer. Roast until the eggplant is lightly colored and soft but holding its shape, 20-25 minutes, turning the vegetables after 15 minutes. This can be done up to 4 hours ahead.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat. Sauté the onion until translucent, 4 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until the onion is soft, 3 minutes longer. Mix in the chili powder, oregano, cumin, and chipotle chili. Stir in the tomato paste. Add the tomatoes and¹/₂ cup of their liquid. Break up the tomatoes with a spoon. Simmer 15 minutes.

Add the beans and roasted vegetables. Cook 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, adding more tomato liquid to keep the chili moist but not soupy. When the zucchini is soft but not mushy,

Mexican tomatillo soup shows regional flavor

BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

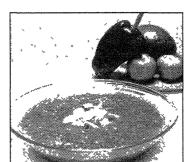
As Mexican cooking has become increasingly popular, chefs have taken to exploring its regional aspects. A refreshing example of this, both for its flavor and unexpected use of common Mexican ingredients, is a soup created by restauranteur Bob Kinkead, featured in his recent Kinkead's *Cookbook.* The easy-to-make version below, adapted from his recipe, shows influences from the Yucatan peninsula jutting out from Mexico's

southern Gulf Coast. Food in the Yucatan reflects influences of the ancient Mayan culture. The Mayans, as well as Aztecs, the ancient native culture most associated with Mexico, were fond of tomatillos, also called tomate verde. They are a cousin of the tomato, which Mexicans call jitomate or tomate, depending on the region of the country. This dish also calls for fresh tuna, typical of use of the excellent seafood from local waters in Yucatan cooking.

Tomatillos are most commonly used in salsa verde cruda, the green table sauce, and salsa verde, the lightly cooked sauce used for enchiladas and chilaquiles. Both these loose, green sauces often call for lightly-boiled tomatillos, because cooking eliminates their raw taste and rounds out the lemony, clean flavor we enjoy in most dishes featuring this Mexican native.

The most flavorful tomatillos are small. and soft green to yellow or purple outside. All are vivid green inside. They should feel firm, and the papery husk covering them should fit tightly, feel dry and show no mold spots.

One reason truly authentic Mexican cooking is rare in the U.S. is that many of its techniques take time. Here, both the tomatillos and onions are dry roasted briefly in a cast-iron or other heavy skillet. Different from conventional grilling, this sears them for outstanding flavor with less charring. Tangy and hot, the puréed soup retains a texture that contrasts deliciously with the seared tuna and diced avocado. Crushed corn chips add crouton-like crunch.



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Tangy and hot, the puréed tomatillo soup retains a texture that contrasts deliciously with the seared tuna and diced avocado.

³/₄ pound tomatillos, husked and halved crosswise 1¹/₂ packed cups cilantro leaves 2 cups fat-free, reduced sodium chicken broth, divided Salt, according to taste 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive

oil ³/₄ pound yellowfin or albacore tuna, cut in³/4-inch cubes $\frac{1}{2}$ peeled avocado, diced, for

aarnish 1/4 cup chopped scallion, for garnish

16 tortilla chips, crumbled, for garnish

Roast the poblano pepper over an open flame until its skin blisters. Seal it in a paper bag to steam for 10 minutes. Using your fingers, slip off the skin. Seed and chop the pepper. Place it in a blender. Add the garlic, canned chiles and cilantro. Set aside.

Heat a heavy skillet over medium-high heat. When hot, add the onion slices in one layer. Cook until grilled in places, 1 minute. Turn and grill on the other side, 1 minute. Transfer to a plate. Pan-grill the tomatillos, cut side down, until dark brown in places, about 2 minutes. Turn and cook until they brown in spots on the rounded side, 2 minutes. Transfer them to the plate.

Coarsely chop the tomatillos and onions. Add them to the blender along with 1 cup of the broth. Process into a pulpy purée. Transfer to a deep saucepan. Stir in remaining broth. Season to taste with salt. Over medium heat, bring to a boil. Transfer to 4 shallow soup bowls

Rinse and dry the skillet. Add the oil and heat over mediumhigh heat. Add the tuna chunks, ing and turning them unti they are opaque all the way through, about 3 minutes. Divide the fish among the bowls. Garnish with avocado, scallions and tortilla chips. Serve.

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least satisfactory for a vegetarian chili. I-think black beans are best, staying firm yet creamy and giving a pleasing contrast to the other ingredients. I especially like them combined with roasted vegetables, which remain pleasantly al dente, while adding the layfers of flavor that make an exciting chili like this one.

BLACK BEAN AND ROASTED **VEGETABLE CHILI**

Canola oil spray 1 large zucchini, cut cross-

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remove from the heat. Mix in the cilantro and cavenne, salt and pepper to taste.

Divide the chili among 8 bowls. Mix the sour cream with the lime juice, and garnish each bowl with a dollop.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 150 calories, 3 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 25 g. carbohydrate, 8 g. protein, 8 g. dietary fiber, 340 mg. sodium.

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TOMATILLO SOUP

- WITH FRESH TUNA 1 poblano chili pepper 3 garlic cloves, chopped 1 can (4 ounces) green chiles, drained 1 large onion, preferably white,
 - cut crosswise into¹/₂-inch slices

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 181 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 11 g. carbohydrate, 23 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 434 mg. sodium.

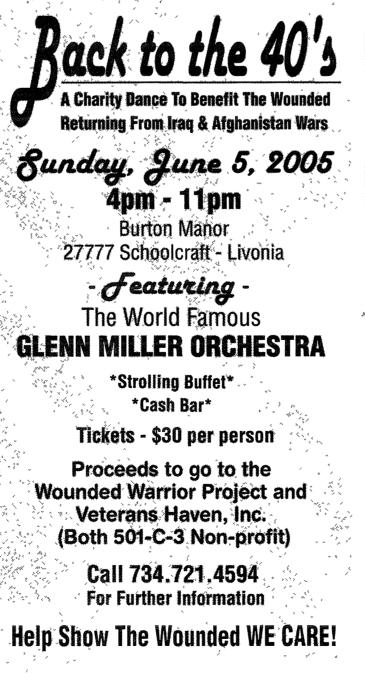
Kinkead's Cookbook.

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Adapted from a recipe in







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This salad of bulgur, chickpeas, apples, raisins and pumpkin seeds in a lemony dressing is a good way to start including more whole grains in your meals.

Going with the grain

As the low-carb diet craze subsides, it's time to reconsider the grain.

Grain products, such as bread, pasta, rice and cereal, offer many vital nutrients. But, for maximum nutrition and health protection, they should be whole grains.

New research reported by the American Institute for Cancer Research shows that whole grains have powerful antioxidants – cancer-fighting agents - that have gone undocumented for years. Whole grains, the study found, exhibit a level of anti-cancer activity that is equal to, and sometimes greater than, the level known to occur in vegetables and fruits.

AICR recommends giving whole grains a prominent

include bulgur, brown rice, whole-wheat bread and pasta, barley and quinoa. A grain of whole wheat is composed of three parts: endosperm, bran and germ. When wheat - or any grain - is refined, the bran and germ - which contains most of the nutrients and fiber - are removed.

Whole grains, as well as other plant-based foods, also contain antioxidants and phytochemicals, natural substances that protect our health from serious diseases like cancer. Different foods contain different phytochemicals, so it is important to eat a variety of these foods for good health.

Adding whole grains to meals is not difficult. Some simple adjustments in shopping and cooking can help. Use 1 large celery rib, finely chopped 1 medium green bell pepper, finely chopped

- 1 can (15 ounces) canned chickpeas, rinsed and drained or 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese (optional)
- 1/2 Granny Smith apple, finely chopped
- 1 cup loosely-packed parsley, chopped
- ¹/₃ cup raisins Juice of 1 small lemon

dry serving bowl.

- 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 3 tablespoons toasted pumpkin seeds, coarsely chopped

Place bulgur in a large bowl. Carefully add water. Let stand until bulgur is tender, about 20 minutes. Drain well in strainer, pressing gently to remove excess moisture. Transfer bulgur to a

Add celery, bell pepper, chick-

peas or cheese (if desired), apple, parsley and raisins. Stir to com-

together lemon juice and oil, then

add to the salad while tossing ingredients with fork to evenly dis-

with salt and pepper. Just before

serving, toss with pumpkin seeds.

Per serving: 276 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated

fat), 44 g. carbohydrate, 6 g. pro-

tein, 9 g. dietary fiber, 25 mg. sodi-

Makes 4 servings.

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tribute the dressing. Season to taste

bine. In a separate bowl, mix



place at the table. The New American Plate approach to eating, created by AICR, fills at $least^2/3$ of the plate with a variety of plant-based foods whole grains, fruits, vegetables and beans – and leaves the remaining¹/₃ (or less) of the plate for animal protein. This plate, according to AICR, reflects the best available advice on lowering risk for cancer, heart disease, stroke and other diseases. At the same time, the New American Plate remodels meals so they are higher in fiber and lower in fat and calories than the traditional American meal.

Nutrient-rich whole grains

whole-wheat pasta, ask for brown rice at Asian restaurants, eat bread that is 100 percent whole grain and, for breakfasts, check that your cereal is either 100 percent or a high proportion of whole grains.

This salad of bulgur, chickpeas, apples, raisins and pumpkin seeds in a lemony dressing is a good way to start including more whole grains in vour meals.

BULGUR SALAD WITH RAISINS

AND PUMPKIN SEEDS 1 cup bulgur wheat 2 cups boiling water

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Practice your stir-fry methods

Stir frying is a good method to master in the months before you have an abundance of zucchini in your garden. By then, you'll know how to take those summer vegetables, cut them into small pieces and cook them quickly and easily.

Although stir-fry recipes may seem like a lot of dicing and chopping, there are a number of shortcuts. For example, use precut vegetables, found in the produce section at the supermarket. More variety also offers a health bonus. The more variety of vegetables you use, the more different kinds of phytochemicals and other nutrients you'll have. Phytochemicals are natural plant substances that have been shown to have cancerfighting properties. The American Institute of Cancer Research has recently published a cookbook called The New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy *Life*. The book is based on the premise that eating a variety of mostly plant-based foods fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans and nuts - in the right proportion and portion sizes, can help you lower your risk of serious health problems like cancer, heart disease and diabetes, and help you maintain a healthy weight.

Once the vegetables you've

chosen for your stir-fry are cut up, the cooking process is quick and easy. Stir-frying is similar to sautéing. The pan is heated until hot, a little oil is added and heated and, on high heat, the ingredients are added in order from the longest to shortest cooking times. The food is stirred constantly during the cooking to keep it from burning and ensure it cooks evenly on all sides.

Use this recipe for zucchini and portobello stir-fry with chicken to practice your technique.

ZUCCHINI AND PORTOBELLO STIR-FRY WITH CHICKEN

(From The New American Plate Cookbook)

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive 01 1 pound skinless, boneless chick-

en breast or thigh, cut into3/4inch pieces

2 large red bell peppers, seeded and cut into 1-inch pieces 2 large zucchini, halved length-

wise and sliced diagonally into//2-inch pieces 4 garlic cloves, finely minced

4 large portobello mushrooms (about 1 lb.), cleaned, stems removed, and cut into 1-inch

pieces 2 teaspoons dried basil 2 teaspoons dried oregano ¹/₂ teaspoon dried red pepper 1 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth

1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 cups hot cooked brown rice Place a large skillet or medium stockpot over high heat.

Add the olive oil and heat until very hot. Add the chicken and stir-fry for about 5 minutes, until it loses its pink color. With a slotted spoon, remove the chicken from the skillet and set it aside. Add the bell pepper, zucchini and garlic to the skillet. Stir-fry about 2 minutes, until the vegetables are crisp but tender. Add the mushrooms and stir-fry for about 2 minutes, until the liquid released from the mushrooms evaporates.

Return the chicken to the skillet and add the basil, oregano, red pepper flakes and chicken broth. Cook for about 4 minutes, stirring, until the chicken is completely cooked through. Remove from the heat. Add the cheese, season to taste with salt and pepper, and toss ingredients together. Serve immediately over the brown rice.

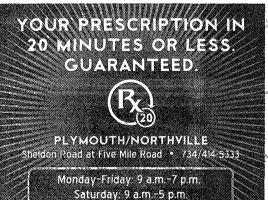
Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 364 calories, 11 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 32 g. carbohydrate, 34 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 303 mg. sodium.

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PREP SOFTBALL – Conlon silences Wildcats

Salem kickers edge Chiefs on Adsit's goal

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem sophomore forward Kelly Adsit's right leg is so powerful, she could probably score a goal while waiting in line for a bottled water at the concession stand.

Adsit's game-winning goal Monday night in the Rocks' 1-0 victory over cross-campus rival Canton wasn't quite that challenging, but it was far from routine.

After taking a pass near the corner from teammate Amy Gizicki 12 minutes into the game, Adsit dribbled a few yards before zipping the ball past Canton net-minder Brittany Cervi from a nearly impossible angle.

"Kelly's shot is like a rocket, so she can score from just about anywhere," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Cervi made a nice play on the shot, and I think she

'There was so much time left and Canton was really coming at us, so at the time I didn't think one goal would

be enough to win.'

Kelly Adsit Salem forward

got a hand on it, but it was a great play by Kelly."

Both Nora and Adsit incorrectly assumed the Rocks would need more than the one goal to triumph over the fired-up Chiefs. But it's one time they were glad to be

wrong. "There was so much time left and Canton was really coming at us, so at the time I didn't think one goal would be enough to win," Adsit said. "I was pumped after I scored. It's always huge to score against Canton."

Nora agreed with Adsit's one-goalwouldn't-be-enough theory.

"You never think one goal is going to be enough against Canton," the veteran coach said. "I've coached games against Canton when the final score was 4-3, so you never know. Anything can happen. It was nice getting an early goal tonight. It kind of got the momentum going for us the rest of the half."

The victory improved Salem's record to 7-6-3 overall and 7-0-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The loss dropped Canton to 9-4-2 and 8-2

"I think our emotions had a negative effect on some of our decision-making in the first half," said Canton coach

George Tomasso. "But in the second half, we settled down and started playing the way we're capable of playing. In the second half, we did everything we could to score without scoring.

"I thought their goalie (Alyssa Guerin) and their defense played great. When the defense wasn't bailing out the goalie, she was bailing out the defense."

Guerin made nine saves, the most impressive coming with 37:40 left in the game when she went down on the ground to smother a point-blank shot by Canton's Lisa Ealy, who had broken behind the Rocks' defense.

Chief net-minder Brittany Cervi also turned in a stellar effort at the other end of the field. Other than barely missing Adsit's goal, Cervi was flawless. Additionally, several of her free kicks soared more than 30 yards downfield,

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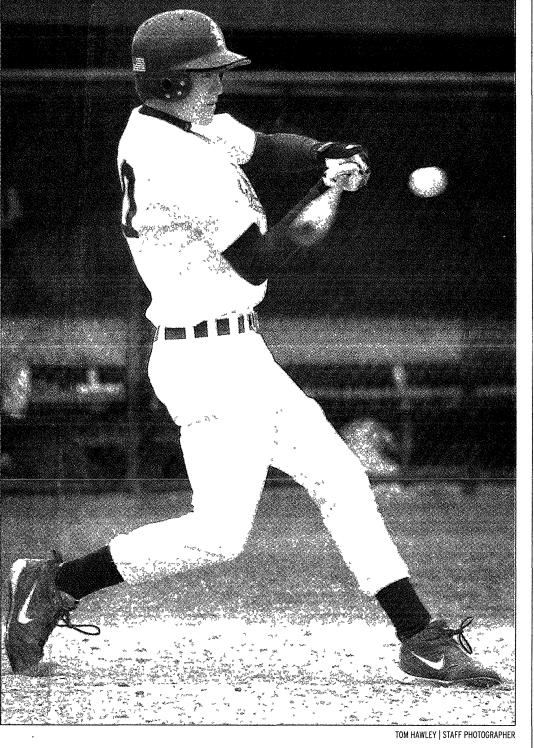
Fence busters

Salem pounds out 14 hits in 16-6 win

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

At times Monday afternoon, it appeared as if Salem's hitters were taking target practice – and the advertising signs affixed to the left-field fence were the targets.

The hot-hitting Rocks pounded out 14 hits - three of which crashed into the signs approximately 340 feet away and two others soared over the signs and the fence - and cruised to a 16-6 victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson in a crucial Western Lakes Activities Association contest for both teams. The final result of the sixinning, mercy rule-shortened game left both teams tied atop the competitive WLAA Lakes Division with 5-4 records. Stevenson, which dropped to 11-13 overall, defeated Salem (10-12) 6-5 earlier in the season on the Spartans' home turf. The Rocks have now won five of their last six games and appear to be peaking at the right time as post-season tournament time approaches. It's like the old adage goes hitting is contagious, and it was for us today," said Salem coach



Chiefs mercy Wildcats, 13-2

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

For a moment Monday afternoon, Plymouth had visions of pulling off a monumental upset over cross-creek foe Canton. The Wildcats jumped ahead 2-0

in the bottom of the first when Ryan Valle walked and scored on Alex Harvey's two-run home run.

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However, the visiting Chiefs retaliated with a resounding nine-run second inning and went on to record a five-inning, mercy ruleshortened 13-2 victory.

Canton, which improved its record to 12-12 overall and 5-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division. outhit the Wildcats, 13-3. Plymouth fell to 2-15-1 overall and 0-8 in the division. "I told the kids before the game to make sure they were focused and ready to go," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "Every game is a big game for us now if we want to win the division."

Walleye warriors The Canton father-andson fishing team of Ron 🖟 and Chris Merbler finished sixth Saturday in the 48-team Houghton Lake (Mich.) Walleye Tournament. The impres-

sive finish earned the Merblers a \$390 pay-day and earned them valuable points in the summer-long Professional Walleye Trail Circuit. It was the first time the Merblers have won a cash prize in a PWT event.

"We attended a six-day school that was taught by pro Lance Valentine this winter, and we used a lot of what we learned to catch our limit of six fish on Saturday," Chris Merbler sàid. "We trolled with a planner board, which was one reason we were successful."

The Merblers will compete again in June at a PWT event at Hubbard Lake (Mich.).

Whalers rookie orientation

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers will host their annual rookie orientation Saturday and Sunday at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The camp gives newly drafted players and their parents an opportunity to get a close look at the city of Plymouth and the surrounding area, and a chance to get acquainted with schools in the area. The public is invited to attend two scrimmages held during the orientation - Saturday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Whalers' office at (734) 453-8400.

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, C4

Salem's Billy Leddy rips one of the Rocks' 14 hits Monday afternoon in their 16-6 victory over Livonia Stevenson. Leddy finish with two singles and an RBI.

Canton starting pitcher Matt Hemmelgarn overcame the shaky first inning to record a completegame victory, improving his record to 4-3.

"Matt wasn't throwing overly hard today, but he worked a lot on his off-speed stuff," Dickey said.

Canton's big second inning was highlighted by a pair of Shawn Little hits and a two-run double off the bat of junior catcher Tarik Khasawneh.

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Marian derails

Crusaders, 10-6

The Madonna University baseball team saw its

setback to Marian College (Ind.) in the NAIA Region

Despite the loss, MU (40-16) finished with its first

The Crusaders fell behind early when the Knights

scored a pair of runs in the opening inning. MU cut

its first-inning deficit in half when second baseman

Jason Barbeau launched a solo home run to make it

Marian pushed across three unearned runs in the

fourth against MU starting pitcher Paul Hays (2-2) to

The Crusaders' bats were stymied by Knight start-

ing pitcher Matt Kennedy (6-0) until the bottom of

the sixth when first baseman Todd Kalmbach deliv-

ered a two-out, two-run single to bring MU to within

However, after Hays walked the leadoff hitter in

the seventh, the Crusaders turned to All-WHAC clos-

MU added a pair of runs in the ninth when fresh-

man pinch-hitter Mike Cauzillo delivered a two-run

Three Crusaders were named to the NAIA All-

Region VIII team: senior outfielder Joe Greene,

Fedorka and junior pitcher Derek Dufrane.

er Kyle Fedorka, who yielded four runs, giving

VIII baseball semi-finals at Kimball Field in Grand

Rapids

2-1.

single.

40-win season since 1994.

pad their lead to 5-1.

Marian a 9-2 advantage.

2005 season come to an end Saturday after a 10-6

MU hoop camp Madonna University will

stage five different sessions for its popular All-Star Basketball Camps, featuring MU men's basketball coach Chuck Henry along with daily appearances and talks by Bernie Holowicki, for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15 years old.

The boys camps include: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 13-17 (cost \$170); 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday through Sunday, June 24-26 (cost \$155); 5-9 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, June 27-28 (cost \$155); 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday through Tuesday, July 15-19 (cost \$170); and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 1-5 (cost \$170).

The girls camp will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, July 20-24 (cost \$170). Hot lunch meal plans are available for full-day camps (\$25 per week or \$5 per day). For more information, contact Chuck Henry at (734) 398-5975 (day or evening) or call Madonna University at (734) 432-5591.

Net meeting

A meeting for girls interested in playing for the 2005 Salem tennis team will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 23, in Room 1316 at Salem High School.

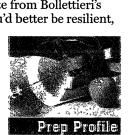
Hoernschemeyer is well-rounded ace

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Referring to the world-renowned Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy located in Bradenton, Fla. as merely a "summer camp" is like saying Lake Michigan is merely a large puddle of water.

To graduate from Bollettieri's academy, you'd better be resilient, well-condi-

tioned and ready to soak up large doses of tennis knowledge - both the



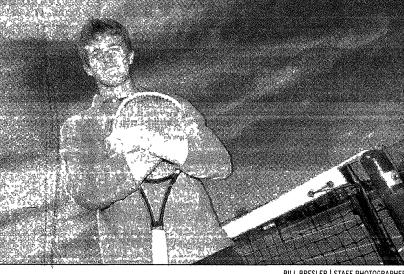
mental and physical variety.

Zach Hoernschemeyer was ready, willing and able to handle everything Bollettieri's staff threw at him last summer, and when his twoweek session had ended, the seniorto-be at Canton High School headed back to Michigan a much better player.

"It was awesome," Hoernschemeyer said of his stay in

Bradenton last July.

Despite having to pound literally thousands of tennis balls over the net while the scorching, middle-of-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRA

Canton No. 1 singles player Zach Hoernschemeyer started competing at tennis at the age of 7. The Hope College-bound senior is also an accomplished planist and student.

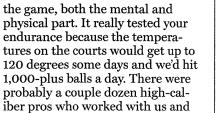
the-summer Florida sun relentlessly beat down on him, Hoernschemeyer said he loved his experience at the academy.

HARD WORK, NET GAINS

"I was only there two weeks," he said, "but my game improved dramatically, anywhere from 25 to 30 percent. I learned so much about

physical part. It really tested your endurance because the temperatures on the courts would get up to 120 degrees some days and we'd hit 1,000-plus balls a day. There were probably a couple dozen high-caliber pros who worked with us and

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LOCAL NEWS

Canton's bats rattle Northville Mustangs

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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(CP)

The second game of the May 12 double-header between Canton and Northville spanned five days after it was suspended due to darkness.

It must have seemed like five years to the Mustangs' pitchers, who ended up giving up 18 hits in the Chiefs' 19-10 victory

The final 2.1 innings of the contest were completed Tuesday afternoon at Northville. When it became too dark to finish last Thursday, Canton led 12-6 with two outs in the bottom of the fifth.

The victory improved Canton's overall record to 13-12 and their Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division mark to 6-3. Northville slipped to 14-9 and 2-7, respectively.

"We're executing and hitting the ball well," said Canton coach Scott Dickey, explaining his team's offensive success against the Mustangs. "We played great defense, too. I've always told the team that if we commit zero to two errors, we should win, and that's what we've been doing."

Canton outhit Northville, 18-13, and played flawless defense while the Mustangs were committing four costly errors

Sparked by an eight-run fourth inning, the Chiefs led 9-2 after four and 12-2 heading into the bottom of the fifth. However, Northville avoided the 10-run mercy-rule when it plated four in the bottom of the fifth.

When play resumed Tuesday, Canton kept hitting, scoring four in the top of the sixth to go up 16-6. For the second time in the game, Northville ducked the mercy rule by putting a four-spot on the scoreboard to ensure a seventh inning.

The Chiefs scored three in

PREP BASEBALL

the final frame to coast to the win. Shawn Little did it all for Canton, earning the win by pitching six inning and striking out five. He also excelled at the plate, contributing three hits, including a triple, and five RBI. Little knocked in 10 runs combined in the twinbill.

Jake Powers also had a strong pitching/hitting game, shutting out the Mustangs in the seventh inning and chipping in with two hits and an RBĬ.

Also contributing to Canton's powerful offensive attack were Craig Galarnau (4-for-5, three runs), David Neu (2-for-4, two runs, two RBI), Tarik Khasnaweh (2for-5, two RBI), Eric Byrne (2-for-3, two RBI), Scott Steffes (2-for-4, 1 run) and Justin Latin (1-for-5, two runs).

CANTON AGAPE 11, WARREN ZOE 10: The Wolverines overcame a 7-0 deficit Tuesday afternoon at Griffin Park to win a thriller with a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Freshman southpaw Jared Miller notched the win by pitching a scoreless seventh inning. Kyle Miller (three innings, one earned run) and Ryan Barber (three innings, two earned runs) preceded Jared Miller on the mound.

The victory improved the Wolverines' record to 5-12 overall and 4-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Zoe, which entered the game tied for first in the MIAC Red, dropped to 8-2 in the league.

Zoe tallied three runs in the first and three in the third before Agape mounted a seven-run rally in its half of the third to knot the game.

"The kids were a little down when we fell behind 7-0, but we rallied them around and told them there was a lot of game left to play," said Agape

coach Scott Lewald. "We had three errors that really hurt us in the first three innings, but we played a lot better defensively after that."

Trailing 10-9 heading into the bottom of the seventh, Agape loaded the bases with no outs when Jared Miller hit into a fielder's choice that brought home Barber with the tying run. The next batter struck out before Wolverine lead-off batter Matt Holmes was intentionally walked to load the bases. Jack Anleitner followed with a hard-hit ball to second which was bobbled and thrown away for an error, allowing the winning run to cross the plate. Five Wolverines had two hits each:

Holmes, Barber, Matt Molnar, Jared Miller and Nick Feeley. Barber knocked in four runs.

BIRMINGHAM ROEPER 11, PCA 2: The short-handed Eagles were outhit only 7-6, but were done in by 11 walks, three hit batsmen and two errors. PCA was missing five players, including starting shortstop Stephen Sumner, who was ill.

Sophomore southpaw Matt Saagman started on the hill for the Eagles and yielded three runs before leaving in the third. He was relieved by Bobby Unis, who completed three innings before giving way to Eric Immerfall, who tossed a scoreless seventh.

The Roughriders broke open a close game with an eight-run fourth inning.

"It was a disappointing loss for us," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston, "especially after beating (state-ranked) Inter-City on Saturday."

Nathan Bixler was the lone Eagle to wrap out two hits. Senior Adam Catallo went 1for-2 and scored a run for PCA, which hosts Southfield Christian on Thursday and Canton Agape Christian on Friday. Both games are set to begin at 4:30 p.m.

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No sleep, no problem Canton boys track team defends Troy Athens title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

A good night's sleep on the eve of a big track-and-field meet is overrated.

At least it was on Saturday afternoon for Canton, which shrugged off the effects of the previous night's senior prom to capture its second consecutive Troy Athens Relays crown.

The Chiefs finished with 46 points, 11 more than runner-up Utica Stevenson and 18 more than the host Red Hawks. Grosse Pointe North (20) and Walled Lake Central (19) rounded out the top five places in the 20-team field. "I was very happy with the

kids' efforts, especially the seniors, who were pretty tired from the night before," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "The kids ran some great races.

"We love going to this event because it's a big weekend fund-raiser. There is a baseball

TROY ATHENS RELAYS (Saturday at Athens) **Boys Results**

TEAM SCORES - 1. Plymouth Canton, 46; 2. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 35; 3. Troy Athens, 28; 4. Grosse Pointe North, 20; 5. Walled Lake Central, 19; 6. Oxford, 18. DISCUS RELAYS - 1. Utica Eisenhower, 353

8; 2. Canton, 352-0; 3. Oxford, 350-3; 4. Grosse Pointe North, 344-4; 5. Redford Union, 341-1.

18-2: 2. Canton, 16-9; 3. Walled Lake Central, 16-6; 4. Notre Dame, 11-8; 5. Redford Union, 10-

Athens, 5:54.09; 3. Walled Lake Central, 5:54.94; 4. Redford, 5:57.13; 5 Edsel Ford, 6:04.39

800 METER RELAY - 1. Canton, 1:30.79; 2. Edsel Ford, 1:31.66; 3. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 1:31.97; 4. Troy Athens, 1:32.08; 5. Grosse Pointe North, 1:32.30.

Central, 18:53.42; 2. Oxford, 19:01.59; 3. Troy Athens, 19:05.76; 4. Walled Lake Western, 19:15.11; 5. Grosse Pointe North, 19:4779

Edsel Ford, 3:34.79; 3. Troy Athens, 3:37.11; 4. Walled Lake Central, 3.37 69, 5 Ferndale, 3:42,08

LONG JUMP RELAY - 1 Sterling Heights

tournament, tennis tournament and some other things going on. It's a circus-type atmosphere with all the events. We've done well there, too, in the past. We've won it three or four times now."

Junior Andy Rossow may have been the Chiefs' most valuable performer Saturday if such an award had been handed out. Rossow was a member of three first-place units and Canton's second-place threeman high jump squad.

Canton earned first-place points from its 800-meter relay squad (Kevin Burdette, Rossow, Cyrus Azizi and David Calille), its sprint-relay foursome (Rodney Preston, Dalton Walser, Eric Piwowar and Calille) and its 1,600 relay quartet of Rossow, Derek Reeves, Calille and Azizi.

The Chiefs also won the unique Athens Relay event, which consists of two 800meter legs and two 400-meter

TRACK RESULTS

400 METER RELAY - 1. Grosse Pointe North, 44:20; 32. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 44:52; 3. Ferndale, 45:82; 4. Oxford, 45:45; 5.

SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY - 1. Troy, 1:04.85; 2. Troy Athens, 1:04.92; 3. Canton, 1:05.03; 4 Notre Dame, 1:05.78; 5. Utica Eisenhower, 1:06.47

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY - 1. Grosse Pointe North, 10:56.57; 2. Troy, 11:06.58; 3. Edsel Ford, 11:09.97; 4. Ferndale, 11:33.99; 5. Walled Lake Central, 11:39.98.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY - 1, Canton, 1:36: 2. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 1:36.06: 3. Wavne 1:40.00; 4. Troy Athens, 1:40.19; 5. Edsel Ford, 1.40.35

3200 METER RELAY - 1. Troy Athens, 8:42.38: 2. Walled Lake Western, 8:53.43: 3 Walled Lake Central, 8:59.20; 4. Ferndale, 9:05.12: 5. Trov. 9:06.42

Girls results

TEAM SCORES - 1. Lake Orion, 42; 2.Grosse Pointe North, 33; 3. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 26; 4. Ferndale, 21; 5. (tie) Troy Athens, Plymouth Canton, 15.

DISCUS RELAY - 1. Grosse Pointe North, 283-4; 2. Lake Orion, 275-0; 3. Fraser, 263-0; 4. Oxford, 262-8; 5. Sterling Heights Stevenson,

HIGH JUMP - 1 Notre Dame, 14-9; 2 Utica Eisenhower, 14 5, 3 Birmingham Marian, 13-10, 4 Dearborn, 13-7 5 Canton 13-5

ATHENS RELAY - 1 Canton, 713 04, 2 Edsel Ford, 71616, 3 Lake Orion, 730.49, 4. Notre Dame, 7 41 15, 5 Walled Lake Western, 7:44 70 800 METER RELAY - 1 Ferndale, 1:4619; 2 Utica Eisenhower, 1:48.57, 3. Grosse Pointe legs. Phaltiel Whitlock and D'Angelo Pitts ran the 800's while Rossow and Azizi manned the 400's.

Canton's field-event competitors got the Chiefs off to a solid start by finishing second in the discus and high jump competitions, and fifth in the shot put event. Steve Paye, Joe Zugaj and Jayson

Wurtzbacher made up the discus team while Rossow, Matt McClellan and Paye combined for a 16-9 total in the high jump. P.J. Caram, Jason James and Zugaj racked up a 116-10.25 total in the shot put category.

The Chiefs' final points came from their third-place shuttlehurdles team of McClellan, Tim Belcher, Pete Boucher and Preston.

Canton trailed with four events remaining, but finished first in three of the competitions to earn the "Red Hawk" trophy.

North, 1:48.83; 4. Oxford, 1:49.36, 5. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 1:51.00.

6400 METER RELAY - 1. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 22:37.40; 2. Troy Athens, 23:04.70, 3. Lake Orion, 23:07.09; 4. Grosse Pointe North, 23:46.12; 5. Edsel Ford, 23:54.37.

1600 METER RELAY - 1. Lake Orion, 4:15.61; 2. Ferndale, 418.10; 3. Troy Athens, 420.77; 4. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 424.62; 5. Livonia Ladywood, 4:26.75

SHOT PUT RELAY - 1. Lake Orion, 96-4; 2. Grosse Pointe North, 93-6 1/4; 3. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 93-3 1/4; 4. Fraser, 89-10; 5. Oxford, 89-8 1/4

LONG JUMP RELAY - 1. Edsel Ford, 43-1 1/2; . Sterling Heights Stevenson, 42-5; 3. Lake Orion, 41-6 3/4; 4. Troy Athens, 40-2 1/4.

400 METER RELAY - 1. Ferndale, 50:83; 2. Wayne, 51:44; 3. Oxford, 52:35; 4. Utica Eisenhower, 52:43; 5: Livonia Ladywood, 52:47. SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY - 1. Lake Orion,

1.07 50; 2. Livonia Ladywood, 1:09.90, 3 Birmingham Groves, 1:11.20; 4. Grosse Pointe North, 1.12 05; 5 Oxford, 1.14.02

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY - 1. Grosse Pointe North, 13:19 98; 2. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 13:33.88; 3 canton, 13:43 57; 4. Troy Athens, 13.44.38, 5 Walled Lake Western, 14:00 17

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY - 1. Wayne, 1:54.70; Grosse Pointe North, 154 84; 3 Bloomfield Hills Andover, 156 97 4 Troy Athens, 15771, 5 Utica Eisenhower, 1 58 29

3200 METER RELAY - 1 Sterling Heights Stevenson, 10 10 46, 2 Oxford, 10 32 56; 3. Canton, 10 37 04, 4 Livonia Ladywood, 10 42 27; 5 Troy Athens, 10.44 83

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HIGH JUMP - 1. Sterling Heights Stevenson.

ATHENS RELAY - 1. Canton, 5:53.29; 2. Troy

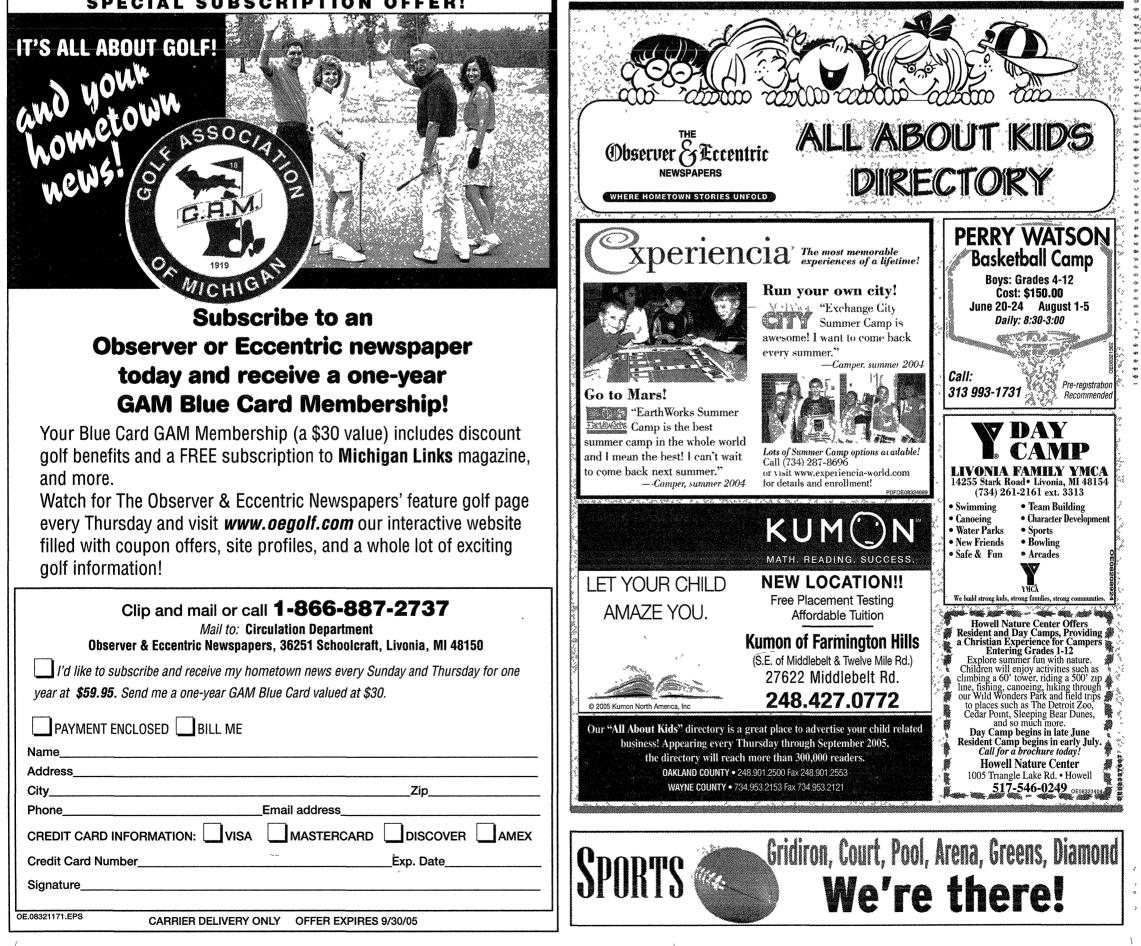
6400 METER RELAY - 1. Walled Lake

1600 METER RELAY - 1. Canton, 3:30.95; 2

SHOT PUT RELAY - 1 Oxford, 136-3 3/4, 2 Sterling Heights Stevenson, 126 5 1/2 3 Notre Dame, 122-4 1/2, 4 Redford Union 120 5 1/4, 5 Canton, 116-10 1/4

Stevenson, 55-7 1/2, 2 Utica Eisenhower, 54-1, 3 Highland Park, 53-3 1/4, 4 Ferndale, 52-5 3/4; 5 Walled Lake Western, 51-9 1/4

Highland Park, 46:28.



Conlon silences Wildcats

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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton's softball team battled Plymouth and complacency Monday afternoon in its 6-0 victory over the Wildcats.

"I thought we came into the game a little too relaxed," said Chief coach Jim Arnold, 'whose team improved its record to 26-0 overall and 8-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. "We didn't hit the ball well in the first couple of

innings, but we started coming around as the game moved along.' **PREP SOFTBALL**

Chief mound ace Molly Conlon was nearly

unhittable as she improved her record to 17-0. Conlon yielded just two hits and struck out six in the complete game performance. Claire Ostrowski pitched well for the Wildcats, giving up just six hits, however, she was hampered by four Plymouth mistakes. The host Chiefs broke open a scoreless game with two runs in the third. They iced the win with a four-run fifth thanks to a bases-loaded triple by Melissa Cieniuch. Rachel Beaudoin also had a strong offensive effort, going 2-for-3.

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PREP BASEBALL Thursday, May 19 PCA at Southfield Christian, 4 30 p m Agape at Macomb Christian, 4 30 p m Friday, May 20 W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p m Salem at WL Northern, 4 p m Northville at Plymouth, 4 p m Agape Christian at PCA, 4 30 p m Saturday, May 21 Lakeland at Salem (DH), 11 a m GIRLS SOFTBALL Thursday, May 19 PCA at Southfield Christian, 4 30 p m Agape at Macomb Christian, 4 30 p m

Friday, May 20 Canton at WL Western, 4 pm

WL Northern at Salem 4 pm Plymouth at Northville, 4 p m Agape at PCA, 4 30 p m Saturday, May 21 Canton and Salem at Madonna Invite, 8 a m Wildcat Invitational at Plymouth, TBA Sunday, May 22 Canton and Salem at Madonna Invite, 8 a m BOYS TRACK Friday, May 20 Division 1 Regionals at Canton **GIRLS TRACK** Friday, May 20 Division 1 Regionals at Canton GIRLS SOCCER

THE WEEK AHEAD

Canton pitcher Molly Conlon was instrumental in the Chiefs' 6-0 victory over Plymouth on Monday.

Friday, May 20

BOYS TENNIS

Thursday, May 19

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Friday, May 20

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GIRLS GOLF

Thursday, May 19

Division 1 Regionals at Giant Oaks GC

BOYS LACROSSE

Thursday, May 19

Lakeland at PCS,

at Plymouth HS, 8 pm

Saturday, May 21

PCS at Romulus, noon

Thursday, May 19 Bethesda Christian at PCA 430 pm

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shortening the field for the Canton offense.

Canton's Becci Houdek nearly tied the game twice, the first time with 4:10 remaining in the opening half when her attempt from short range bounced hard off the cross-bar, then straight down before getting cleared by Salem sweeper Kathryn Wheatley.

Houdek nearly struck again with 18:10 left in the game, but her shot from 17 yards out was re-directed over the net by a leaping Guerin.

"I was proud of the way the girls fought back the last 40

minutes of the game," Tomasso said.

Nora praised the strong play of Megan McCarthy, Kim March, Kathryn Wheatley and Guerin, who he said played "spectacular."

"Canton was in our end of the field for most of the second half, but I thought we did a good job of handling everything they threw at us," he said.

PCA 7, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 1: Abby Lorion tallied three goals to help the Eagles improve their record to 9-2 overall and 8-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"Southfield dominated the mid-field in the first half, but our defense got stingy when they got within 25 yards of the net," said PCA coach Bob

Lorion. "At halftime, we made a few adjustments, and they worked."

PCA, which outshot SC, 13-5, led 3-0 at the intermission. Lauren Soblesky (two),

Meghan Polera and Karen Cleary also scored goals for the winners. Anna Dempsey, Julie Predhomme, Sarah Roth, Sara Ross and Cleary added assists.

Ross earned the win in net for the Eagles, who host Bethesda this afternoon.

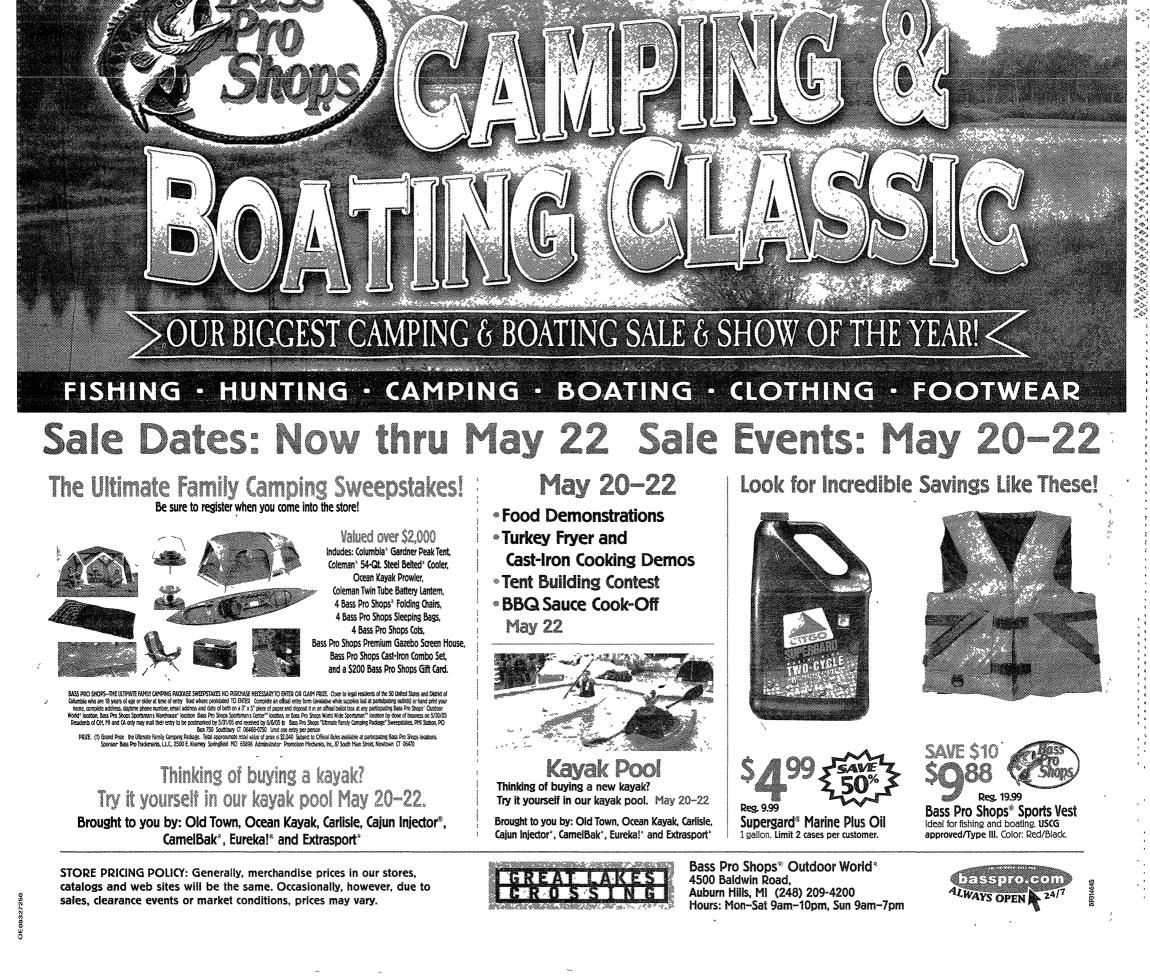
"Throughout this entire season, we seem to be a much better second-halfteam," Lorion said. "We seem to come out and play up to our potential more after the half.

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Szawara's key hit KO's Spartans, 4-1

Deonna Szawara's 2-run single keyed a fourrun uprising in the sixth inning Monday as Salem (14-8, 4-4) ousted Livonia Stevenson, 4-1.

The loss dropped the Spartans (17-6, 6-3) out of contention for the Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Ali Proodian went 2-for-4 with a run scored to pace Salem's six-hit attack.

Winning pitcher Melissa Leach went the distance, allowing just four hits and three walks. She struck out two. All three of Leach's walks were intention-

al to Stevenson slugger Roya St. Clair.

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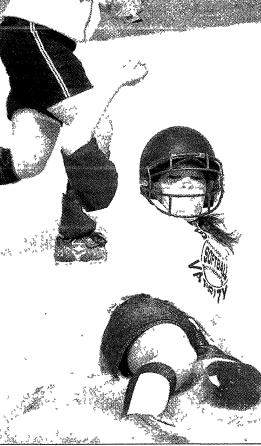
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Losing pitcher Jenny Hamel struck out one and walked one in seven innings.

Janice Hollandsworth went 2-for-3 with a double for the Spartans, who led 1-0 in the bottom of the fifth on Monica Piekarski's RBI single.

"We finally came out swinging and made things happen on the bases (in the sixth inning)," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "It was a nice game for us. The girls played hard and made some great defensive plays. Kait Downey saved a run in the third when, with the bases loaded, she went down on her knees to make a catch. And Deonna Szawara grabbed a line shot at first to double off Hollandsworth to end the game.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Melissa Plante and her Rock teammates slid past Livonia Stevenson, 4-1. Monday afternoon in a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division contest played at Stevenson.

"Leach is throwing really well right now. It's great to see her team back her up."

The Rocks will host Walled Lake Northern on Friday before taking part in the Madonna University Invitational on Saturday and Sunday.

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BASEBALL

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Dale Rumberger. "A lot of our kids are getting good at-bats, which is a great sign. We need to keep hitting to help cover up for some of our defensive lapses (the Rocks committed three errors Monday)."

Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said the lop-sided final score was the product of solid Salem hitting and shaky Spartan pitching.

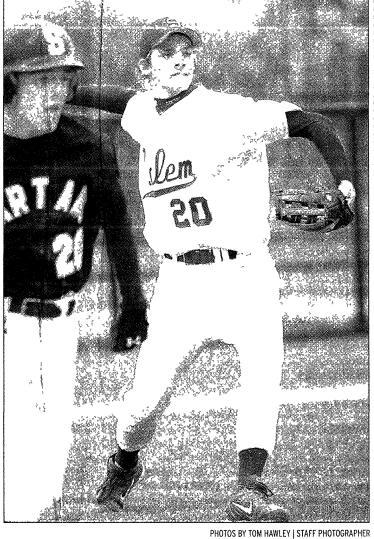
"Our pitchers came up a little flat and Salem can really hit the ball," Berryman said. "It wasn't just their long hits that hurt, but also the ones that found the spots between the third baseman and the shortstop. I give Salem a lot of credit. They did a nice job of hitting.

"I had to put our starting pitcher (Matt Tuttle) into Friday's game for 40 pitches, so he was throwing on just two days' rest. His brother, Andy, came in and pitched well in relief."

While every Salem starter reached base at least once, it was the bottom-third of the order that did the bulk of the damage. The Rocks' No. 7, 8 and 9 hitters - Bill Horgan, Scott Holka and Dave Cardenas, respectively reached base in nine of their 12 combined plate appearances and scored half of Salem's runs.

'You need the bottom of the order to produce if you're going to score 16 runs like we did today," Rumberger said. "We have a lot of speed in our lineup, especially at the bottom of the order, which sets things up for the guys at the top and middle of the order."

Horgan had a huge day at the plate for Salem, going 3-



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Salem pitcher Josh Ritter throws out Livonia Stevenson's Luke Knochel, who attempted to reach first on a bunt during Monday's WLAA Lakes Division showdown.



Salem second baseman Steve Myers forces out Stevenson's Ben Schroeder during the third inning of the Rocks' 16-6 victory over the Spartans Monday

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -May 10, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Minutes of May 3, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments: Jim Cicsek, Christmas in Action Chair, stated that the group completed major and minor repairs to 7 homes of seniors and handicapped residents on April 30th with over 200 volunteers. Wesley Farrow, Central Park S. Fifth Avenue, stated that in March the Board of Trustees passed a resolution in regards to the Van Buren School District and Mr. Farrow would like to know how this has progressed. Supervisor Yack stated that he has met with the Superintendent of Van Buren School District on two occasions, Representative Phil LaJoy and the superintendents from Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren School Districts have met once. Supervisor Yack stated that there will be a meeting on Thursday with the residents of that area to sit down and identify the short comings. Supervisor Yack stated that on Friday an email will be sent to the individuals that signed up to assist in these discussions. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Expenditure Recap for May 10, 2005 General Fund \$619,303.64, Fire Fund 206 91,210.66, Police Fund 207 212,975.76, Summit Operating 208 50,384.83, Street Lighting 219 18,511.39, Cable TV Fund 230 5,429.94, Twp Improvement 246 271.16, E-911 Utility 261 594.26, Auto Forfeiture(wwa) 267 125.00, Federal Grants Fund 274 16,115.92, Auto Theft Grant 289 14,334.37, Cap Proj-Summit Const 402 14,285.81, Golf Fund 584 31,049.95, Water & Sewer Fund 592 880,817.66, Trust & Agency Fund 701 5,973.00, Construction Escrows 702 605.00, Post Employ. Benefits 736 40,493.00, Koppernick Corp. 852 77.00, Tonquish Creek Storm 854 98.00, S. Haggerty Rd. Paving 175.00, Total - All Funds 2,002,831.78 PUBLIC 865 HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FY 2005 CDBG PROGRAM. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing for comment on the FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan, and approve the forwarding of the Consolidated Plan to the Department of HUD. Motion carried unanimously. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. **RESOLUTION "CELEBRATION DAY OF THE MICHIGAN** HUMANE SOCIETY. (SUPV) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution in Support of Celebration Day of the Michigan Humane Society. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution in Support of Celebration Day of the Michigan Humane Society Whereas, the Michigan Humane Society was formed in 1877 and has provided critical services such as cruelty investigation, animal sheltering and adoption in southeast Michigan since then; and Whereas, the Westland facility first opened and began providing needed services to Western Wayne County communities in 1971; and Whereas, approximately 14,000 animals are sheltered every year and over 23,000 veterinary clients are seen at the Westland facility; and Whereas, a trained staff of about 45 people provide vital services, which include animal rescue, shelter, adoption, training and veterinary care to thousands of animals; and Whereas, nearly 4,000 companion animals are placed into new loving homes each year through the Westland facility alone; and Whereas, the Westland Humane Society began a renovation and expansion project in 2003 that triples the sheltering and adoption capacity, adds a training and education room and incorporates a family grief center and adds veterinary exam rooms. The construction and interior details are expected to be completed by July 2005. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Canton Board of Trustees declares May 22, 2005 as "Celebration Day of the Michigan Humane Society" and encourage Canton residents to visit the newly renovated and expanded facility. Item 2. RESOLUTION HONORING CANTON AND SALEM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES. (SUPV) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution of recognition for Canton and Salem High School Graduates Motion carried unanimously Resolution of Recognition for Canton and Salem High School Graduates Whereas, graduates of Canton and Salem High Schools have devoted four years to study, and Whereas, the young people who graduate from our high school will face more challenging tasks and greater rewards in future endeavors, and Whereas, many graduates of our local high schools have gone on to represent the community in outstanding fashion by achieving further successes: and Whereas, this year's outstanding group of Juates seems destined produce similar to Whereas, the community as a whole is tremendously proud of all who have worked hard to earn their well-deserved diplomas; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby extend formal congratulations to all 2005 high school graduates from Canton and Salem; and FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby declare June 12, 2005 as a Special Day of Recognition for 2005 graduates. AYES: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Resolution declared adopted May 10, 2005 Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING ST. THOMAS A 'BECKET'S "MOM TO MOM" SALE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to grant special event status and to approve installation of signs (placed on Mav 14 and removed on May 22, 2005) advertising St. Thomas a'Becket's 'Mom-to-Mom' sale at St. Thomas a' Becket's Church on May 21, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. ESTABLISH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES FOR 2005. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to establish the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the remainder of year 2005 as follows: first, second, third, fourth and fifth Tuesday of each month as amended by adoption of revised by-laws on April 26, 2005 of the Charter Township of Canton, Board of Trustees Regular Meetings of the Board will be held, at 7:00 p.m. at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, Board of Trustees meeting room, 1150 Canton Center South, First Floor. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. APPOINTMENT TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD. (SUPV) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to that the Canton Township Board of Trustees appoint David J. Bartlett to serve on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton to fill an unexpired term which ends February 28, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DETROIT EDISON EASEMENT FOR **TOWNSHIP PROPERTY PARCEL NUMBER 071-99-0007-000** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Detroit Edison Easement document for the Township owned property on Ridge Road - Parcel No. 71 071-99-0007-000. Motion carried unanimously GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2005. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to move to approve the attached resolution authorizing the sale of the General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2005, not to exceed \$9,800,000. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX** REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2005 Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held on May 10, 2005, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo The following preamble and resolution were offered by Bennett and supported by McLaughlin: WHEREAS, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended ("Act 34"), authorizes the Charter Township of Canton, County of Macomb, State of Michigan (the "Issuer") to refund all or any part of its outstanding securities; and WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton Building Authority, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Authority") has previously issued its Building Authority (Library) Bonds in the original principal amount of \$6,000,000 with callable maturities due serially October 1 in the years 2009 through 2020 and its Building Authority Recreation Bonds (General Obligation Limited Tax) in the original principal amount of \$6,000,000, with callable maturities due serially October 1 in the years 2011 through 2018, inclusive (together the "Prior Bonds"); and WHEREAS, the Issuer and the Authority have entered into certain Limited Tax Full Faith and Credit General Obligation Contract of Leases dated as of September 30, 1999 (the "1999 Contract") and September 1, 2000 (the "2000 Contract") by which the Issuer has agreed to pay cash rentals to the MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C. Authority in amounts sufficient to pay the debt service on the Prior Bonds when due, and has pledged the Issuer's limited tax full faith and credit therefor; and WHEREAS, the 1999 Contract

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and the 2000 Contract are each an "outstanding security" of the Issuer within the meaning of Act 34; and WHEREAS, in order to achieve savings on the Issuer's debt service payments for the outstanding Prior Bonds, the Issuer tentatively determines that it is in the best interest of the Issuer to for all or a portion of the Prior Bonds to be refunded; and WHEREAS, to refund all or a portion of the cash rentals due under the 1999 Contract and the 2000 Contract for the purpose of financing the refunding all or any portion of the Prior Bonds, the Issuer deems it necessary to borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Nine Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,800,000) and issue its refunding bonds therefor; and WHEREAS, the Issuer expects to receive an offer from Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. (the "Underwriter") to purchase the Bonds pursuant to a negotiated sale. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. Bonds of the Issuer designated General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2005 (the "Bonds") are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed Nine Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,800,000) for the purpose of paying, together with other available moneys, the costs of refunding all or any portion of the Prior Bonds as described in the preamble, including the costs incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. The issue shall consist of bonds in fullyregistered form of the denomination of \$5,000, or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the maximum principal amount of that maturity, numbered consecutively in order of registration from 1 upwards. The Bonds will be dated as of the date of delivery (or such other date as determined at the time of sale thereof) and be payable on October 1 (or such other date as determined at the time of sale thereof) in the years and in the annual amounts determined at the time of MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C. sale. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined at the time of sale thereof, but in any event not to exceed seven percent (7%) per annum, payable on October 1, 2005 (or such other date as determined at the time of sale thereof), and semiannually thereafter, by check or draft mailed by the Transfer Agent (as hereinafter defined) to the registered owner of record as of the 15th day of the month prior to the payment date for each interest payment. The record date of determination of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this section may be changed by the Issuer to conform to market practice in the future. The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the times and prices and in the manner as determined at the time of the sale thereof, provided that the redemption premium, if any, shall not exceed 3%. 2. The Bonds of this issue shall be executed in the name of the Issuer with the facsimile signatures of the Supervisor (the "Supervisor") and Township Clerk (the "Township Clerk") of the Issuer and shall have the seal of the Issuer, or a facsimile thereof, printed or impressed on the Bonds. No Bond shall be valid until authenticated by an authorized officer or representative of the Transfer Agent. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable at the designated office of a Michigan bank or trust company selected by either the Supervisor, Township Clerk, or Director of Finance and Budget (the "Finance Director") (each of the foregoing an "Authorized Officer") of the Issuer, as registrar and transfer agent for the Bonds (the "Transfer Agent"). The Bonds may be issued in book-entry-only form through the Depository Trust Company in New York, New York ("DTC") and any officer of the Issuer is authorized to execute such custodial or other agreement with DTC as may be necessary to accomplish the issuance of the Bonds in book-entryonly form and to make such changes in the Bond form within the parameters of this Resolution as may be required to accomplish the foregoing. 3. The Transfer Agent shall keep the books of registration for this issue on behalf of the Issuer. Any Bond may be transferred upon such registration books by the registered owner of record, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Transfer Agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Issuer shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds, for like aggregate principal amount. The Transfer Agent shall require the payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer. 4. The Issuer hereby pledges its limited tax full faith and credit for the prompt payment of the Bonds. The Treasurer of the Township is hereby authorized to open a separate depositary account with a bank or trust company designated 2005 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS DEBT RETIREMENT FUND (the "Debt Retirement Fund"), the moneys to be deposited into the Debt Retirement Fund to be specifically earmarked and used solely for the purpose of paying principal of and interest on the Bonds as they mature All proceeds from taxes levied for the Debt Retirement Fund shall be deposited into the Debt Retirement Fund as collected. Commencing with the fiscal year 2005, there shall be levied upon the tax rolls of the Issuer for the purpose of the Debt Retirement Fund each year, in the manner required by the provisions of Act 34, an amount sufficient so that the estimated collection therefrom will be sufficient to promptly pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the Bonds becoming due prior to the next annual tax levy; provided, however, that if at the time of making any such annual tax levy there shall be surplus moneys on hand in the Debt Retirement Fund for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, then credit therefor may be taken against such annual levy for the Debt Retirement Fund, but such levy shall be subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations. In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this Resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the Bonds shall have no further rights under this Resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange Bonds as provided herein. 5. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be used to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds and for the refunding of all or any portion of the Prior Bonds, as provided in this section. Upon receipt of the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, the accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited in the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds. From the proceeds of the Bonds there shall next be set aside a sum sufficient to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds in a fund designated 2005 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS ISSUANCE FUND (the "Issuance Fund"). Moneys in the Issuance Fund shall be used solely to pay expenses of issuance of the Bonds. Any amounts remaining in the Issuance Fund after payment of issuance expenses shall be transferred to the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds. The balance of the proceeds of the Bonds together with any moneys transferred by the Issuer or the Authority at the time of sale of the Bonds from the debt retirement fund for the Prior Bonds and any other lawfully available funds of the Issuer or the Authority, shall be held as cash or invested in direct obligations of or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America or other obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully secured by the foregoing (the "Escrow Fund") and used to pay principal, interest and redemption premiums on the Prior Bonds. The Escrow Fund shall be held by an escrow agent (the "Escrow Agent") pursuant to an escrow agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") which shall irrevocably direct the Escrow Agent to take all necessary steps to call for redemption any Prior Bonds specified by the Authority at the direction of the Issuer upon the sale of the Bonds, including publication and mailing of redemption notices, on any call date, as specified by the Authority at the direction of the Issuer. The investments held in the Escrow Fund shall be such that the principal and interest payments received thereon will be sufficient, without reinvestment, to pay the principal, interest and redemption premiums on such Prior Bonds when due and upon redemption. Following establishment of the Escrow Fund, any amounts remaining in the debt retirement fund for the Prior Bonds shall be transferred to the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds. Any Authorized Officer is authorized to select a Michigan bank or trust company to serve as Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, to approve the form of Escrow Agreement and to execute and deliver the Escrow Agreement to the Escrow Agent. 6. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2005 Date of Interest Rate Maturity Date Original Issue CUSIP Registered Owner: October 1, *, 2005 Principal Amount: Dollars The Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Issuer"), acknowledges itself to owe and for value received hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns, the Principal Amount specified above, in lawful money of the United States of America, unless prepaid prior thereto as provided herein, on the Maturity Date specified above with interest thereon until paid from the Date of Original Issue specified above or such later date to which interest has been paid, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, first payable on October 1, 2005 and semiannually thereafter. Principal of this bond is payable at the corporate trust office of \times , Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Issuer may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to

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any interest payment date (the "Transfer Agent"). Interest on this bond is payable to the registered owner of record as of the 15th day of the month preceing the interest payment date as shown on the registration books $\ensuremath{\mathring{q}}$ the Issuer kept by the Transfer Agent by check or draft mailed by the Transfer Agent to the registered owner of record at the registred address. For prompt payment of this bond, both principal and iterest, the full faith, credit and resources of the Issuer are hereby irevocably pledged. This bond is one of a series of bonds aggregating the principal sum of \$*, issued for the purpose of defraying the csts of refunding a portion of the cash rental payments due under a Limited Tax Full Faith and Credit General Obligation Contrac of Lease, dated as of September 30, 1999, and a Limited Tax Full Rith and Credit General Obligation Contract of Lease, dated as of ctober 1, 2000 by and between the Issuer and the Charter Townhip of Canton Building Authority, County of Wayne, State of Mihigan (the "Authority") by which the Issuer has agreed to pay cash entals to the Authority in amounts sufficient to pay the debt service when due on the Authority's Building Authority (Library)Bonds (Limited Obligation General Obligation) and its Building Athority Recreation Bonds (General Obligation Limited Tax) Series 2000. Bonds of this issue maturing in the years 200* through*, inclusive shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds mauring in the years*through*, inclusive shall be subject to redemption at the option of the Issuer, in such order as the Issuer shall determine, on any interest payment date on or after October 1,*, at pa and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. [The bonds maturing on October 1, * (the "Term Bonds"), are subject to mandatory redemption in part, by lot, at par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption without premium on October 1 of each of the years and in the principal amounts set forth in the following schedule: Term Bonds Due October 1, Redemption Dates Principal Amounts October 1,* \$*,000 October 1,*,000 October 1, * (Maturity) *,000 In case less than the full amount of an outstanding bond is called for redemption, the Transfer Agent, upon presentation of the bond called in part for redemption, shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered ovner of record a new bond in the principal amount of the portion & the original bond not called for redemption.] Notice of redemption hall be given by the Transfer Agent at least thirty (30) days prior to he date fixed for redemption by mail to the registered owner at th registered address shown on the registration books kept by the "ransfer Agent. Bonds shall be called for redemption in multiples of \$5,000 and any bond of a denomination of more than \$5,000 shal be treated as representing the number of bonds obtained by lividing the denomination of the bond by \$5,000 and such bond my be redeemed in part. Notice of redemption for a bond redeemed inpart shall state that upon surrender of the bond to be redeemed a new bond or bonds in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredemed portion of the bond surrendered shall be issued to the registed owner thereof. No further interest on a bond or portion theref called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for redenption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided fund are on hand with the Transfer Agent to redeem the bond or portin thereof. This bond is transferable only upon the registration boks of the Issuer kept by the Transfer Agent by the registered ower of record in person, or by the registered owner's attorney duly uthorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Transfer Ager duly executed by the registered owner or the registered ower's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a nw registered bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amout and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in xchange therefor as provided in the resolution authorizing thi bond and upon the payment of the charges, if any, therein prescried. This bond is payable out of the Issuer's debt retirement fun for this issue and in order to make such payment, the Issuer is required to levy taxes on all taxable property within the boundaries if the Issuer for such payment subject to applicable constitutional, satutory and charter limitations. This bond is not valid or obligatry for any purpose until the Transfer Agent's Certificate of Auhentication on this bond has been executed by the Transfer Agent, IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer, by its Township Boardhas caused this bond to be signed in the name of the Issuer by the facsimile signatures of its Supervisor and Township Clerk and a facsimile of its corporate seal to be printed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Conty of Wayne State of Michigan By: Its: Supervisor (SEAL By: Its: Township Clerk (Form of Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication) CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION This bond is one of the bonds described in the within-mentioned esolution. Transfer Agent By: Authorized: DATE OF REGISTATION: [Form of assignment inserted at time of printing] 7. The ssuer shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within it control necessary to maintain the exemption of the interest on the londs from general federal income taxation (as opposed to any altrnative minimum or other indirect taxation) under the Internal evenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not linited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earning and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and money deemed to be Bond proceeds. Upon the advice of bond counsel, a Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to designate all or anyportion of the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for puposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institution to the extent that such designation is lawfully available pursuant) Code. 8. The Issuer agrees to enter into an undertaking for the enefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds pursuan to Rule 15c2-12 of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Finance Director is hereby authorized to execut such an undertaking prior to delivery of the Bonds. 9. The Issuerhas considered the option of selling the Bonds through a competitiv sale and a negotiated sale and, pursuant to the requirements of ct 34, and based on the advice of the Issuer's financial advisor, detrmines that a negotiated sale of the Bonds provides the Issuer vith greater flexibility in structuring bond maturities and the tiping of the sale of the Bonds, and will enable the Issuer to better mrket the Bonds to the advantage of the Issuer and its taxpayers.). The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to negotiat the sale of the Bonds, within the parameters established by this Reolution, with the Underwriter pursuant to a bond purchase agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement"). The Authorized Officers a each authorized to do, all other acts and take all other necessary procedures required to effectuate the sale, issuance, and delivery of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, executing the Bond urchase Agreement. 11. The Authorized Officers are each herby authorized and directed to cause the preparation and circulation of a preliminary and final Official Statement with respet to the Bonds; to procure a policy of municipal bond insurace with respect to the Bonds or cause the qualification of the Bnds therefor if, upon the advice of the financial advisor to the Issuer, the acquisition of such insurance would be of economic binefit to the Issuer; to obtain ratings on the Bonds; and to take allother actions necessary or advisable, and make such other filing with the Michigan Department of Treasury or with other parties, trenable the sale and delivery of the Bonds as contemplated herein. 2. The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to adjust the final bond details set forth herein to the extent necessary or convenient to complete the transaction authorized herein, and in pursuance of the foregoing is authorized to exercise the authoity and make the determinations authorized pursuant to Section 35(1)(d) of Act 34, including but not limited to determinations regrding interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principalamounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dats, redemption rights, the place of delivery and payment, designation of series, the portion or portions of the Prior Bonds to be refunce, the date or dates on which all or any portion of the Prior Bondshall be called for redemption, and other matters, provided that the rincipal amount of Bonds issued shall not exceed the principal amont authorized in this Resolution, the interest rate per annum on the Bonds shall not exceed seven percent (7%), and the Bonds shall fature in not more than twenty (20) years. The Authorized Office, are each is hereby further authorized to execute a sale order approing the final terms of the Bonds and making all or any of the dterminations, designations and appointments authorized by thi Resolution. 13. The Township Board hereby determines to payin advance its obligations required to be paid under the 1999 Cotract and the 2000 Contract represented by the advance refunded paturities of the Prior Bonds and directs the Authority to take all actions necessary or appropriate to fully implement the refuding contemplated by this Resolution, and the Authorized Officersare each authorized and directed to take such actions and execute and deliver such notices to the Authority as necessary or appropriate to carry out the foregoing determination. 14. All resolutions ad parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions (this Resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. (* To b determined at sale of bonds) AYES: Bennett, Caccamo, Lirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo RESOLUTION DECARED ADOPTED. City Clerk Item 2. CONSIDER AL HASCHEMY REZONING. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported y McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of \$hissan Abdelnour (Al-Haschemy Property). Motion carried unarimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of Ghassan Abdelnour (Al-Haschemy Property) WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 4.8 acres of land located south of Ford Road and east of Gorman Drive be rezoned from R-1, Singl-Family Residential to R-3, Single Family

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TENNIS

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they did a great job.

"When we weren't playing tennis, we'd be working out with, let's say, a medicine ball, or something else. It was hard work, but it was well worth it."

How much more enhanced would his tennis skills be if he were able to stay at the academy year-round like some of **Bollettieri's students?**

"I'd be 100 to 200 percent better," he said. "But that's a huge commitment for the players who do that."

YOUNG NETTER

SOCCER CAMPS

Hoernschemeyer, who has done an admirable job as the Chiefs' No. 1 singles player this spring, picked up his first racket at the age of 7.

"My mom wanted me to get into a sport that I could play my entire life, so tennis was a natural," he said. "The thing I like about tennis is the friendly competition it offers. You're not necessarily out to destroy

For the 13th consecutive

year, Bryan "Goose" Finnerty

will be hosting Goose's All-Star

Soccer Camps in the metropol-

itan Detroit area. Joining

Rocker teammates Droo

Rodrigo Gonzalez, Marty

Caves, Jim Lemley, Amy

Bell, Billy Joker and Brian

for local soccer clubs year-

round. The instructor-to-

camper ratio is 1-to-10.

Finnerty are former Detroit

Callahan, the camp's director,

Knechtly, Emily Jackson, Gary

Vanderziel. All the coaches are

"My staff and I look forward

to another exciting camp sea-

son," said Finnery. "Being able

to give back to our local com-

munities is a highlight and an

honor. The friendships we've

reunion every week. It's great

to catch up on how they did in

school and what new achieve-

ments were conquered both on

built with the kids over the

years make it like a mini-

and off the soccer field."

The camps include two

options: a regular camp for

licensed and serve as trainers

your opponent like in some other sports. Plus, I love being outdoors in the sun." Around the time Hoernschemeyer started to

become accomplished at tennis, he took on the challenge of learning to play the piano. And, like tennis, he's still playing today.

'The biggest thing playing tennis and playing the piano have in common is that you need good hand-eye coordination for both," he said. "Plus, you have to have to have a lot of dedication to practice if you want to get good. Looking back, I wish I would have practiced tennis more when I was younger because a lot of the really good players I've lost to the past couple of years became excellent players because of how much they played when they were young."

NEW CHALLENGES

When Hoerńschemeyer hit his early teens, he decided to temporarily shelve tennis and play ice hockey, and swim for

the Central Middle School team.

Although he excelled in both, he eventually was drawn back to the tennis courts his freshman year at Canton.

"I wasn't sure if I wanted to play my freshman year," he said. "When I finally decided to, it was too late because the roster had already been set. I played No. 3 singles my sophomore year and No. 2 last year."

Hoernschemeyer said people outside of tennis circles don't understand how grueling the sport can be.

"You always hear people say that hitting a baseball is the hardest thing to do in sports, or dunking a basketball," he said. "It's kind of frustrating knowing that tennis doesn't get the attention some of the other sports get. Tennis is a very demanding sport. It tests you mentally and physically. Not too long ago, Andy Roddick won a five-set match that lasted five hours and 19 minutes in 90-degree temperatures."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

beginner to intermediate players; and advanced camps for striker/goalkeepers. The advanced strike camp is an alloffensive camp that moves at an accelerated pace and focuses on finishing (scoring).

The fee for the regular camp is \$139 per player, while the advanced striker/goalkeeper camp runs \$179. Interested players can register at www.goose22.com by May 1, and receive \$20 off the registration fee. For more information on Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps, visit www.goose22.com; or call

(734) GOOSE-22. There will be camps in

Canton June 20-24 and July 18-22, both at Independence Park.

T-BALL LEAGUE

The City of Plymouth is accepting registrations for its Summer 2005 T-Ball league. All games will be held on Wednesday or Thursday evenings at Central Middle School. Practice days will be determined by each team's coach.

Games begin the week of June 20 and will run through Aug. 5. The fee for Plymouth residents is \$55; the non-resident fee is \$75. Registration forms can be filled out at the Parks & Recreation Dept..

located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer St. Weekday office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

Scholarship opportunities

ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

ACADEMIC ACE

Hoernschemeyer's academic skills are as impressive as his forehand volley. The Hope College-bound senior has served up a 4.0 grade-point average even though his schedule has included several advanced-placement classes.

"I have an (advanced placement).calculus class right now that is ridiculously hard," he said. "I just ask a lot of questions and make sure I get my work done on time."

Hoernschemever said he plans on studying German and electrical systems engineering at Hope. His long-term goal is to work in the military defense field as a weapons engineer.

'Ideally, I'd like to work for General Dynamics or a company like that," he said.

No matter what line of work he gets into, Hoernschemeyer said he'll never stop playing the piano or tennis. That would be music to Nick

Bollettieri's ears.

ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

are available for local students between the ages of 12 and 18 who participate in the third season of the Top 50 Jr. Tour, which is presented by the Professional Golfers' Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-endwww.Top50jrTour.com. Contact the tour at (248) 321-

for a membership application.

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CANTON TOWNSHIP

Residential District; and, WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL and the Wavne County Planning Department made no recommendation on the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP # 036-01-0008-000 from R-1, Single-Family Residential to R-3, Single Family Residential District. Item

3. CONSIDER FLAGSTAR BANK/TIM HORTON'S PROPERTY SPLIT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the property split for parcel 132-01-0001-000, Flagstar Bank/Tim Horton. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR NATIONAL PARTS DEPOT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special use for National Parts Depot. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Special Use for National Parts** National Parts Depot. Depot WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bennett Donaldson, has requested special use approval for a warehouse (National Parts Depot) to be located in the LI-R Zoning District on Haggerty Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Roads, identified as part of EDP#098-99-0028-001; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval, with conditions as specified in the staff analysis; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bennett Donaldson, to conduct the special use for the proposed National Parts Depot conditioned upon restriction of the number of truck wells to those presented on the plan, continuation of the small window pattern around the entire building, inclusion of an access point to the vacant parcel on the southwest corner of the site and completion of an access agreement for the adjacent Mannik and Smith site prior to approval of the site plan, and subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Item 5. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR CROSSWINDS COMMUNITY CHURCH. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special use for Crosswind's Community Church. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Special** Use for Crosswinds Community Church WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, has requested special use approval for a religious institution, Crosswinds Community Church, to be located on Cherry Hill Road between Beck and Canton Center Roads, identified as EDP# 063-99-0036-000; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, to conduct the special use for the proposed Crosswinds Community Church, subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Item 6. CONSIDER ROBINSON REZONING (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the rezoning request of Mahdi Abro (Robinson Property). Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of Mahdi Abro (Robinson Property) WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 1.2 acres located on the east side of Haggerty Road south of Ford Road be rezoned from MR, Multiple-Family Residential District to C-3, Regional Commercial District; WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in and. conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan: and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning ROVAL of the request: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP # 050-99-0017-001 to C-3, Regional Commercial District. Item 7. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE INTERSECTION AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RANKING METHODOLOGY AND RECOMMENDED LIST OF INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS. (MSD/PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the Intersection Audit Committee's ranking methodology and approve the prioritized list of intersection safety improvements. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN PURCHASE ORDER NO. 43414 FOR THE FLODIN PARK WETLAND NATURE TRAIL PROJECT BY AN AMOUNT OF \$1,460.00. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to increase Purchase Order No. 43414 for the Flodin Park Wetland Nature Trail Project by an amount of \$1,460.00. Motion carried unanimously. Item. 9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$25,697 FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize payment of the invoice for \$25,697 (account no. #101-445-928-0000) to continue our membership in the Assembly of Rouge Communities. Motion carried unanimously. Item 10. AWARD BID TO CONTRACTOR TO DEMOLISH THE VACANT HOUSE AND REMOVE DEBRIS AT 5645 N. BECK ROAD. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to that the bid to demolish the house and outbuilding at 5645 N. Beck be awarded to M. D. Taddie Construction in the amount of \$5,300.00 (Account Number 245-265-700-0000 (Expenditures Public Improvement Fund). Motion carried unanimously. Item 11. CONSIDER WAIVING FORMAL BID PROCEDURE AND APPROVE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT PURCHASE BACKHOE BOOM AND **RELATED PARTS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the emergency purchase of the necessary repair parts for Public Works' backhoe loader at a cost of \$11,892.76 from Wolverine Tractor and Equipment Co. and waive the formal bid procedure. The funds for this purchase coming from the Public Works account number 592-441-932-0000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 12. AUTHORIZE CHAMBER ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LIBERTY FEST. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize the sale and consumption of beer at Heritage Park during Liberty Fest on Saturday, June 18, 2005; and furthermore, that the Canton Chamber of Commerce will make application for a one day special liquor license from the Liquor Control Commission. Motion carried unanimously. Item AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE 2005 LIBERTY TEST KIDDIE RIDE ATTRACTIONS. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the contract for the 2005 Canton Liberty Fest "kiddie" attractions to Galactic Transit Authority, Inc. 9874 Ford Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 from account Recreation Division - Special Events account #101-691-818-4000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 14. APPROVAL OF MCACA GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the application to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for a grant for \$29,875 towards the expense of the FY 2005-2006 Village Theater season; and further authorize a cash match of \$30,525, to be paid from ticket receipts, for a total project cost, including an in-kind contribution of \$99,694, of \$160,094. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated that the Study Session Meeting for May 17, 2005 is cancelled. The next regular Board meeting will be May 24, 2005, Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. Supervisor Yack stated that this coming weekend is "Relay for Life" in Heritage Park, with 60 teams who will raise money for the American Cancer Society. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Association Michigan Section. ing championship tournament on Aug. 8. The full schedule is posted on the tour's Web site at 000 or visit the tour Web site

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for The District's Quarterly News Publication of "Newsline". Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E.J McClendon Educational Center, RE: Newsline Bid, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 1:00 p.m., Friday, June 3, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Terry Wood, Coordinator/Community Relations at (734) 416-3297. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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SHURGARD STORAGE CENTERS

"Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 05/27/05 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the following locations:

Shurgard of (2101 Haggert Canton, MI 4 734-981-0300	y Rd 8187	Shurgard of Westland 36001 Warren Rd. Westland, MI 48185 734-326-6000		
Denney Greenisen Humbarger Merritt Neighbor Pasqual Washington Shurgard of I 41889 Joy Rd		Dungy Gary Harbour Jacobs Mercier Mordi Pendleton (2 units) Wagonjack	household household household household household household household	
Canton, MI 4 734-459-2200 Dent Depriest		Shurgard of Canton South 45229 Michigan Ave. Canton, MI 48188 734-398-5416		
Fuquá Fuquá Kulisch Mazorowicz Rockets R Us Saidman	household household household	Bereznay Cash Husketh Nailor Sundquist Wolf	household household household household household household	
Shurgard of I 24920 Trowb Dearborn, MI 313-277-2000	ridge 48124	Shurgard of Taylor 9300 Pelham Rd.		
Fowler Hanchett Hollie	household household household	Taylor, MI 48 313-292-2950 Bailey Boggess	180 household household	
Shurgard of I 30300 Plymo Livonia, MI 4 734-522-7811	ath Rd. 8150	Cook Davis Edwards Farlin	household household household household	
Kenney Hood Gibson Hassell Hughes Rayman Smith Tillman Weinrauch White Whitmore	household household household household household household household household household household	Harlin Horn JJ Construction Kenney Linares Parks Vincent Devoy Nundley Wamble Whitney	household household business household household household household household household household household	
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept qualifications at the Department of Public Works until 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 3rd, 2005 for the following:

ENGINEERING DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR SANITARY SEWER **RELIEF SYSTEM**

The specifications are available at the Public Works Department or you may contact Bob Belair at (734) 394-5154. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all qualifications. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

Publish May 19, 2005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN**

PROPOSED ACTION:	A Public Hearing will be held
	regarding the proposed Charter
	Township of Plymouth Recreation and
	Open Space Plan
PURPOSE:	To receive final comments from the
	public regarding the proposed plan
DATE OF HEARING:	Wednesday, June 1, 2005
TIME OF HEARING:	4:00 PM to 7:30 PM
PLACE OF HEARING:	Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann
	Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, has completed a review of the Township's Recreation and Open Space Plan adopted by the community in 1999. The purpose of the review was to update the Recreation and Open Space Plan to make sure the new plan (2005) reflects the needs of the community for the next five years, and establishes a method for implementing the plan. Your input has been requested throughout this process. The intent of this public hearing is to receive any final comments you may have before the plan is considered for adoption by the Township Board. To assist you in this matter you can find a "Draft" copy of the 2005 Recreation and Open Space Plan at the following locations: Plymouth District Library, the Township Clerk's office, Township Treasurer's office, Township Building Department, Township Community Development Department and the DPW building. You will have an opportunity to present us with your comments or recommendations at the meeting or, if you wish, you may provide us with your written comments or recommendations by sending them to:

Ms. Susan Vignoe Division of Public Services 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170 e-mail: svignoe@plymouthtwp.org Phone (734) 453-8131 ext. 33 If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Ms. Vignoe at the Division of Public Services at (734) 453-8131 ext. 33. James D. Anulewicz

Director of Public Services

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Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

MUST BE RESPECTFUL Very attractive BF, financially/ emotionally secure, looking for a laid-back, easygoing man, 34-47, who likes travel, dining out, more. æ595277

VERY CARING

AF, 45, 5'3", 110lbs, attractive, active, very independent, loving, down-to-earth, health-conscious, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, and traveling. Seeking W/AM, 40-50, H/W proportionate. **a**609537

SEARCHING FOR YOU Sexy, attractive SBPF, 34, 5'2", 160lbs, Aries, seeks honest, outgoing SBM, 38-52, for friendship, quality time, and possibly more ່ລັດ615717

LOOKING FOR ONE VERY ... tunny man SWF, 39, 5'6", brown/ green, full-figured, single mom, un-loving, laid-back, hard-work-ing. Seeking one very special man, 35-50, for endless fun, possible LTR. 2655557

SEEKING KINDRED SPIRIT

UNATTACHED.. but very together. SWF, 47, 5'6", average build, Pisces, legal sec-retary, smoker, loves flea mar-kets, dancing, meditation, and antiques. Seeking WM, 44-55, for LTB, 76,19246 Attractive 52-year-old, blonde/ green, 5'5", nice figure, romantic, LTR. 2619246

COFFEE? **OPERA FAN** SBPF, 46, 5'6", school teacher, night college student, N/S, laid-

back, somewhat reserved, seeks BM, 40-52, N/S, for friendship and dating. 2638537 STUDENT

HF, 18, 5'5", long black/brown, likes going out on the town. Looking for a fun guy, 18-23, who can make me laugh. Must be respectful. 727648023 FIND ME

HAPPY & SECURE

movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. **2**669606

LOVE & COMMUNICATION

are the best things. Very passion ate and romantic SWF, 59, 5'6"

medium build, redhead, N/S,

not into games. 2669032

seeks down-to-earth WM, 50-65,

ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF

49, H/W proportionate, medium

build, enjoys cruises, concerts,

dining out, movies, traveling. See-king honest, passionate SM, 45-

60, with similar interests, for dat-

JUST A CALL AWAY

ing, possibly more. 2134441

Attractive, DWF, 50, loving and sincere seeks same in non-**REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS**

smoking SWM, 45+, for dating and relating. Let's talk! \$\mathbf{T}\$655541 DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, home-owner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5"10"+, N/S; social drinker for LTR. **27**548938 DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/ brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, MUST LOVE ANIMALS

WF, 53, 5'4", blonde/blue, full-fig-ured, likes travel, fine dining, shows, plays, animals, children, picnics, boating, swimming, cook-ing, reading, fishing, slow danc-ing. Seeking good, kind-hearted man, 50-62, with, integrity and morals. **26**01692

HEY, OVER HERE Attractive SBPF, 52, 5'5", 125lbs, with herpes, N/S, feminine, humorous, works out. Seeking SCM, 47-57, N/S, fit, for possible LTR, race unimportant. 2611221 JOURNEY WITH ME ..

through life's adventure. DWF, 50ish, slim blonde, enjoys ro-mance, travel, life to its fullest. Seeking financially secure WM, 55-65. Let's unravel life's mysteries together! 2605996

RETIRED BUT ACTIVE SWF,62, 5'4", N/S, independent, happy, good-humored, free-spirited, enjoys playing cards, travel, boating, vacationing, walks, music, dining, more. ISO socia-ble SWM, 55-67, who's active and has a great sense of humor. **3**654265

SOULMATE SEARCH Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF loo-king for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. 2589875

58 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun looking for her knight and shining armor, any caucasian, sincere, uccessful, spiritual, 55-80. **2**592074

LET YOUR HAIR DOWN SBF, early 50s, N/S, sweet, medium-sized package, passionate, romantic lady, feminine, classy, fun-loving, outgoing, enjoys concerts, plays, dining, music ISO special guy to teach me how to ballroom Friends first **\$\overline{1}\$**637522

ZEST FOR LIFE SJF, 60, 5'2", attractive, intelligent, sincere, outgoing, easygoing, down-to-earth, romantic, spneous, sensitive, with great

Ready to meet great new people?

for possible romance.

GIVE ME A CALL

THICK AND HEALTHY TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. SBM, 38, 6'0", 219lbs, bald, wellgroom beard, have no children but don't mind kids. Love the outdoors, bowling quiet times, romantic evenings, movies, traveling, like to make people laugh. Have a boat. Seeking petite SWF, 27-42, for companionship. EDUCATED AND POSITIVE SWF, 55, 5'10", Polish, N/S, likes

the outdoors, movies, good con-**2**670983 versation, trivia, genealogy, res-taurants, traveling, dogs. See-king intellectual SWM, 47-60. **R U THE ONE?** Intelligent, outgoing SBM, 32, Capricorn, smoker, seeks full figured, down-to-earth, woman,

25-50.

2670729

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING Nice-looking SM, 49, 5'10", 200lbs, N/S, easygoing, w/sense of humor, seeks woman, 40-45, Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age who needs love and lots of attention. 2674973 open. 2547524

JUST PLAIN TALK **ARE YOU OUT THERE?** A strong shoulder to lean on! Nice-looking SWM, 43, kind, con-SM, 42, N/S, looking for SBF, 22-45, who is fit, attractive, for dining, siderate, romantic, seeks femidancing, and more. 2660098 nine lady friend. 733275 ON THE GO

SOME ONE LIKE YOU Athletic SWM, 46, 5'11", N/S, Sincere, sensible SWM, 45, genworks in heating and cooling, likes to workout in the morning, tleman, down-to-earth, mild-mannered, quite attractive, seeks fundoesn't like to sit around, seeks loving, romantic SWF, age open. SBF, 25-50, who likes trying new **a**472867 things. 2640046

LET'S TRY IT OUT

HAPPY GO LUCKY

NEED A SEXY LADY

ANTIQUES LOVER

BM, 57, 6'1", H/W proportion-

ate, brown eyes, beautiful smile,

communicative, engineer, loves vegetable and flower garden-

ing. Seeking woman, 40-63.

JOIN ME

GET BACK AT ME Just call this friendly, social, easygoing SWM, 40s, humor-Employed SBM, 40, 5'11", N/S, medium build, searching for outgoing, open-minded woman, 25-45, N/S, who loves to have a ous, optimist, seeks kind, sociable lady for casual dating. Age open. 2513284 good time. 2662433 I'LL HELP YOU ...

I REALLY BELIEVE .. finding true love. Cynical, yet hopeful SWM, 43, seeks atten-Do you believe in love at first sight? Interesting SWM, easy to tive WF, for caring relationship. talk to, active, adventurous **2**568641 seeks pleasant, playful SWF, 35-50. 2686509 LETS TRY THIS OUT

Nice SWM, 40s, energetic, acc-**ROCHESTER GENTLEMAN** ommodating, easy to talk to, seeks a great lady for friendship DWM, 59, 6'1", blue eyes, handsome, fun-loving and active, but heavyset with cane, retired engiand love. 2258398 neer, financially secure, enjoys local theater, cooking and road trips. Seeking S/DWF, 50-60, for Dance, flirt and have fun with me! SWM, 40s, seeks friendship with LTR. 2533085

a good-natured, fun-to-be-with SWF, 35-50. 2283848 MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW Open-minded, fairly articulate, SWM, 48, average build, hard-working, loves to have fun, looksomewhat intelligent SM, 51, N/S, enjoys talks, walks, pets, quiet times. Seeking trustworthy, compatible SWF, 39-59, for coming for a sincere woman, 45-50, for LTR. Redford area. **2**604036

panionship. 2631197 EASYGOING GUY

SWM, 51, 6'1", 210lbs, college graduate, financially secure, homeowner, bodybuilder, seeks petite SWF, 35-50, sexy, attractive, to enjoy dining out, movies, for LTR. **2**255073

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WANT TO BE

MY SWEETHEART?

NEW TO THIS

FRIENDLY BM

plays and more. Want to spend

time with a sincere female, 21-60.

MUSCULAR GUY

SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/ blue, college grad, enjoys work-

ing, reading, travel, dancing,

sports. Seeking outgoing SF, with similar interests, for friendship

BEAUTIFUL

PRINCESS WANTED

brown hair, blue eyes, loves old

cars, and a girl that melts in my arms. No drugs, booze, kids.

TAKE A CHANCE

SM, 41, enjoys dining in/out, ac-

Seeking easygoing, open-mind-

...PSSST..

I'm alive with the perfect smile!

SWM, 41, 5'11", 200lbs, brwn/

brwn. I'm here to entertain you.

MAKE IT HAPPEN

HEAVEN TONIGHT

LOVELY LADY

have some fun. 2653384

and more. 2431926

replies only. 2684501

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GIVE ME A BUZZ

SM, 59, 6'3", 260lbs, engineer, likes the outdoors, square danc-Commitment-minded SM, 21, brown/brown, strong build, looking, camping, nature walks. Seeking easygoing, active, sponta-neous, fun-loving lady, 5'6"+, proing to meet loving, caring, affectionate SF. 21, not about games portionate, N/S, to enjoy travel to share a lasting, serious, funtalks, dates, friendship, fun, LTR? filled relationship. 2667801 **2**634440 YOUTH IS A STATE OF MIND

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A ROMANTIC ODYSSEY Retired SWPM, 80, N/S, in good Grab your dreams and let's go! health, financially secure, inter-Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, seeking attractive SWF with a ested in music, travel, seeks attractive, intelligent SWF, 45-75, lively spirit, good sense of hufor companionship, possible ro-

mor. But will consider others

SEARCHING FOR AN ANGEL **ONE-WOMAN MAN** Serious, honest, warm-hearted SWM, 50ish, 5'10", 165lbs, brown/brown, employed, homefun-loving, sincere, well-educated SWM, 52, 5'6", 160lbs, with good owner, no children, looking for attractive woman, 35-50, to build job, financially secure, seeks attractive, intelligent, sweet lady, 35life-long relationship. 2663251 48, with good morals, for possible long-term relationship. H/W pro-portionate. 2134345 MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

I PREFER KINDHEARTED. with a lady's touch. SWM, 45 seeks good friend and true partner. Looks and age not that important. I just want someone real! 2783752

www.hometownlife.com

ROMANCE AND YOU.. over due? If you are a SWF, 40-55, decent-looking, and some what romantic, then we might connect. This gentle, optimistic SWM could make you really happy. 2799032

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE SBPM, 36, 5'6", Leo, N/S, seeks, attractive SW/HF,age and height open , who is outgoing, honest, and seeking friendship leading to LTR. **2**837750

YOU AND ME

SBM, 52, 5'8", 190lbs, takes good care of himself, and is seeking woman, 32-46, who is easy on the eyes and fun to be with 2496257

JUMP START YOUR LOVE Realistic, respectful SWM, 45, believes in destiny and chemistry. Seeks a special SWF sweet heart. 2878507

BORED AND RESTLESS This blind date can be very interesting. Call me. A good guy! SWM, 40s, seeks SWF. 2891601

ROMANCE AND REALITY Handsome gent, SWM, 40s, one of-a-kind, lots of great interests, willing to share them. Seeking special lady in my life to adore **a**283228

MORE THAN A DATE! Your heart's desire, SWM, 45, positive outlook, neat, clean seeks SWF, friend, lover, com panion, for dating and possible LTR. 2355547

CALL TO ACTIVATE

Humorous, wonderful, caring, un-derstanding SWM, 40s, 5'10", brown/hazel, H/W proportionate, looking to share friendship and companionship with attractive SWF. 2434500

MR UNLIMITED POTENTIAL Classy, Straight-forward SWM, 39, with creative energies and good tastes, seeks warm, sin-cere, feminine SWF for possible romantic future. **2**548766

JUST SOMEONE TO ...

make your day better. Meet me with ease and confidence. Humorous, nice-looking gent 40s, seeks nice SWF girlfriend **2**609661

LIFE IS GREAT... we need a mate! Let's tempt fate, call for a date! Poetically chal-lenged SWM, 45, seeks lively SWF with good sense of humor. \$\$\pi **2**673860

A ROMANTIC MAKE OVER Good-looking, cuddly SWM, 47,

lots of get up and go, seeks settled, sociable, sincere SWF, age open. 2686918

WORTH THE TIME

This WiWM, 39, 5'11", 215lbs, brown/brown, enjoys a variety of activities Looking for LTR with female, 18-40 2265340

ARE YOU MY ANGEL? SBM, 52, 5'9", medium build brown/brown, professionally employed, N/S, seeks woman, 39 47, N/S, who loves boating and traveling. 2597165

TRY ANYTHING ONCE

FORMER MODEL SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks part-ner 38-50, who is attractive and

a service of people people

fit, to share this interests and more. 2600106 ATHLETIC, ATTRACTIVE. sexy SWF, 27, 5'6", Libra, N/S, graphic designer, seeks man, 26-37, N/S, who enjoys life, for friendship, maybe more. 2667756

LOOKING FOR MY FRIEND SWF, 51, 5'4", light brown/blue, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, with grown children and grandchildren, loves

flea markets, garage sales, and church. Seeking WM, 49-60, smoker ok. **T**669889 **ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS** Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, plans to retire soon, stays physically ac-tive, would like to hear from

SLOW

and special times. 2576279

LONG HAIR A PLUS

SWF, young 43, N/Kids, nature/

LIKES TO LAUGH

seeks SWF, N/S, for talks, walks

WHERE ARE YOU?

N/S 672174

be too. 2288396

movies. 2459998

and fun, let's share life together friendly, honest man, 56-68, **2**443339

SBF, 45, smoker, wants to find friendship, possibly more w/gen-tleman, 40-60, who appreciates music, travel, spending time out-

SBF, 28, 180lbs, 5'5", mother, likes bowling, golf, simple times. Seeking outgoing, lov-ing, child-friendly SM to enjoy friendship, laughs and possible LTR. **2**662522 **SPRING IS HERE!** spring is here, summer is near, so much to see, so much to do. Would like to do them together with you! In the 70's. 2962340 LOOKING FOR AN EQUAL YOKE Christian SBPF, 36, 5'8", N/S,

ISO drug-free SBCM, financially secure, who respects women, to enjoy the simple and finer things in life. Enjoy travel, dance, exer-

cise, play. 2506589 **EBONY SEEKS IVORY** DBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, full-figured, seeks to date SWM, 40-50, in the Mount Clemens area. 2455323

GOOD MAN WANTED Attractive SBF, marriage-minded, 5' 6", average build, 40, Capricorn, N/S, seeks BM, 40-51, N/S, to enjoy life and more. 2692032

MR. RIGHT Are you a tall, big, handsome man, that could be my Mr Right, for a SWF, 5'8", attractive, loving

MAKE ME LAUGH

DANCING, ROMANCING DWF, 45, N/S, H/W proportionate, perky brown-eyed girl, honest and outgoing, seeks SWM, 40-50, for good friendship, dating doors. 2460269

wanting to meet a very romantic, affectionate SM, 42-52, who will treat her like a queen. 2617628 LOVE SONG Full-figured SWF, 26, 5'9", N/S, blonde/blue, loves to sing, ISO SWM, 21-35, to make beautiful music with. 2657491 STARTING OVER

Employed, widowed grandmother, 56, loves old-school music playing cards, concerts, and park walks. Searching for a similar man, 48-62. 2648146

LOVELY AND LOVING

GET TO KNOW ME Easygoing, sensitive SWF, 31, enjoys dining out, romance, lau-ghter, the outdoors, traveling, honesty and more. Seeking sen-sitive, sweet, trustworthy SWM, 30-45, for friendship, maybe more. 2206863

SEXY

ly, kind, considerate, polite, seeking a SW/DM, 42-62, for friendship, possibly more. 2512857

SERIOUS IN SOUTHFIELD SBF, 53, 5'8", 150lbs, slender build, secretary for community services organization. N/S. seeks intellectual BM, 49-60, N/S, committed and faithful, for serious relationship. 2618676

LET ME GET TO KNOW YOU SBF, 27, 5'3", N/S, works in customer service, likes opera, reading, baking, art museums, seeks man, 25-32, N/S, with same interests, for LTR. 2662460

NO GAMES

SF, 25, 5'5", fushia dyed hair, hazel-green eyes, medium build, tattoos, pierchings (6 gage in ears), ISO SM, 23-29, Punk/ Goth, piercings/tattoos A+, who's adventurous, outgoing, affectionate, good-humored, family-oriented and fun. 2662498

GREAT PERSONALITY Honest, caring, sincere SWF, 51, 5'1", 106lbs, likes festivals, movies, and friendly drives. Seeking honest, caring, sincere SWM, 42-56. 2982309

VERY SOCIABLE SHF, 56, 5'8", 140lbs, smoker, enjoys the outdoors, museums, art galleries, theater, movies, blues and jazz festivals. Seeking open-minded, intelligent man, 55-65, N/S. 2666385

A PHONE CALL AWAY SWF, 41, N/S, is looking for a

very nice man. 45-70, who is honest, friendly, and a soulmate. So give me a call. 2659224 QUALITY TIME

SWF, 48, 5', 115lbs, petite, dark/ dark, N/S, seeks easygoing WPM, 45-50, N/S, who enjoys dining in/out, movies, travel, concerts, plays, and ball games. 2670169 **RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM** SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smok-ing man, 35-53, who likes outdoors, bicycling, walking, family.

a115795 HAPPY, HEALTHY...

adventurous, athletic SWF, 39, 5'2", smoker, mother of 2, seeks adventurous, energetic WM, 35-46, with a good sense of humor. C542710

GREAT COMPANION

SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smok-ing counterpart, 62-70. 2633527

LETS GET AWAY SBF, 27, 5' 7", slim build, Taurus, smoker, enjoys reading, writing, and shopping seeks man, 24-32, just as a friend. 2673171

GENUINE-HEARTED SWF, 49, 5'3", slim build, Scorpio, very healthy and energetic, smoker, seeks energetic WM, 35-55. for LTR 2620308

picknics, concerts, dining travel, seeks mature BM, 45-60, for possible romance. 2669485 **POSITIVE OUTLOOK** DWCF. 68, looks much younger, N/S, N/D, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, who loves sports, drives, holding hands. 2656264 ADAM

LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB inancially secure, independent

SBCF, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys concerts, movies, dining, quiet times and more. Seeking SCM, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. 2217475

\heartsuit loyal

SWF, 44, Leo, N/S, blonde/blue, professional chef (cake decora-tor), green thumb, petite, enjoys cooking, boating, seeks com-patible SWM, 40-50, N/S, for dating and possible relationship. **2**956732 MACOMB AREA

DWF, 42, 5'7", 135lbs, brown/ hazel, smoker, likes to bowl, go to shows, travel, take long walks, for friendship, possible lookina LTR with SWM, 42-50. 2656268 SINGLE & FLEXIBLE

DWF, 40, 5'5", 110lbs, brown/ brown, Gemini, smoker, enjoys watching sports, taking long walks. Seeking WM, 38-45, smoker, interested in meeting me. **2**665985

WARM AND CARING

Positive, professional SJF, 47, looking for a happy, intelligent, sweet and funny, to be a best friend and more. I enjoy swimming, dancing, theater, movies, Sound good? Let's talk! **2**643833

HONESTY REQUIRED Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, is looking for tall, dark, handsome SBPM who is honest and downto-earth, to spend time with. **2**401088

RESCUE ME!

SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, en-joys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. 2408635

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall, dark, handsome SBM, 33-50.

animal lover, enjoys gardening, old cars and quiet nights at home. **a**481293 Positive attitude and drama-free STILL LOOKING is a must. Attractive and fit, you Attractive tall SBF, 48, N/S, business woman. Enjoys fishing, boating, movies, long walks. Seeking 35+ w/same interest, Tall, attractive SWF, 47, tomboy-ish, long brown hair, brown eyes, N/S. 2525043

WHERE ARE YOU? Looking for a emotionally and

Likes motorcycles, working out, financially stable man, who is kind, generous, honest, commu-nicative, for friendship first, possi-Spontaneous SBF, 53, thick, 5'0", 170lbs, mature, Libra, N/S, enjoys ble marriage. Me: SWCF, 5'5" brown/blue, good person, gentle lady. 2779434

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE Sports-oriented BF, 39, two teenage daughters, physically challenged, loves jazz, sports, gospel, picnics, amusement parks. Seeking SF. 29-45. 2223080 **BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE** SF, 47 years young, 5'5", very outgoing, loves family, fun, life.

Would like to spend time with someone, 40-60, who loves jazz, concerts, movies, dinners, weekend getaways. 2208051

NO NONSENSE Nice-looking, active, no-non-sense gal, seeks good-looking, active, no-nonsense guy, 35-49, white or Hispanic. DWPF, young 43, athletic. Companionship and fun desired. 27448655

VERY SPICY! BBW, passionate, SBF, 46, honey -complexion, dimples, seeks outgoing, fun-loving gentleman, 35-55, N/S, N/Drugs, any race, for movies, pool, dancing, music, and romance. Dating, possible LTR. 2752243

NASCAR & HOCKEY FAN SWF, 54, 5'1", N/S, Taurus, loves to bowl and watch funny movies. Seeking WM, 45-55, for

friendship, possible romance. SEMI-RETIRED

SBF. 61, 5'8", 165lbs, very carefree, loyal, honest, enjoys reading, flea markets, antiques, long walks and travel. Seeking BM 58-61, with similar interests. **2**649333 VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE Refined. full of life, easygoing,

well-dressed, professionally em ployed, affectionate, romantic kind, early very youthful 60s. 5'3". feminine, shapely, fit, enjoys dining, travel, music, theatre, dancing, family and friends. Seeking a handsome, educated gentleman, over 50s, N/S, with a youthful passion for life. Serious replies

only. 2652360 CUTE AND CLASSY SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. 2574342

SOH, loves to laugh/smile, enjoys music, plays, concerts. Seeking compassionate, communicative, caring, quality SWJM, 50-70.

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH? Spontaneous SWF, 61, 5'4", average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music, dining, walks, travel, golf. Seeking good-humored SM, w/similar interests, for companionship. 2962703

LONESOME Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy. Need the attention of a WM. 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please. hurry up and call me! 2449585 I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. **a**639272

FRIENDS FIRST SBF, 28, Aquarius, N/S, is looking for a friend, SBM, 28-38, N/S. Must have a sense of humor, must be hard-working, trustworthy, and goal-oriented. 2759073 **GREEN-EYED LADY**

Slim SW mom, 30, 5'7", 110lbs, loves outdoor activities like fishing and hunting. Seeking a man who has the same, or similar interests. 2976510

FUN TO BE AROUND

tion, comedy films, plays, travel, cycling, fitness, family times. Lovable, energetic, athletic SF, 30, N/S, loves shopping, movies, plays. Looking for a down-toed, honest lady who enjoys the same. 2662532 earth, understanding, lovable, caring SM, 29-39. 2257129

SLIM AND PETITE Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. **2**271793

ARE YOU THE ONE DBF, 53, H/W proportionate, outgoing, loves the arts, plays, dancing, movies, outdoors, scenic drives. ISO SM D/D-free, w/similar interests, smoker, social drinker ok. No games! 27417236 WHAT ARE YOU

LOOKING FOR?

could be it! Attractive SWF, 50, SWM, 45, 4' 7", 165lbs, average 5', 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM, 32-50, for special relationship. 27418068

IT'S ALL GOOD Cool SBF, 31, 5'8", N/S, likes to bowl, fish, skate and travel, seeks SBM, 19-35, N/S, to share honest friendship, romance, quality

time together. 276802 LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER Pretty, slender Ukrainian lady, 54 Catholic, 10 years in the U.S. Seeking caring relationship with

blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities seek friendly SF, SWM, 49, fit, healthy, nice-look-ing, with good attitude, seeks charming, cheerful SWF, 39-59, age/location open. 2531308 SOUND INTERESTING?

Nice-looking DBCM, 51, 5'11", 195lbs, N/S, w/herpes, brownfor dating and relating. 2956021 complected, interested in music, WM, 45, loves exercise, playing movies, picnics, seeks SBCF, 46music and more. Looking for a WF with similar interests. A plus if 58, N/S, for LTR. 2659886

GOT THE TIME? you like classic rock. 2647670 SBM, 85, 5'9", 210lbs, Virgo, smo-ker, seeks strong, A/HF, 19-31, BM, 47, enjoys cooking, music,

N/S, for relationship. 2666210 LOVELY LADY

Attractive SBM, 22, medium build, Taurus, N/S, seeks conservative, BF, 18-35, N/S, for possible romance. 2666397

FUN-LOVING GUY WM, 33, looking for WF, 23-40, who lies to go out and have a good time, maybe go to a con-cert, have some drinks or just stay at home. 2664621

LOOKING

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, FOR A BEST FRIEND younger lady, 28-45, for romance, SWPM, 44, 5'7", dark hair, mous-tache, father of one, loves chilcompanionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious dren, outdoors. Seeking SWF 35-46, to enjoy life together. I SWEETHEART ATHEIST want to know your inner soul. I'll SWM, 46, 5'8", 205lbs, soft

treat you right. 2266345 SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL Good-looking, friendly SWM, 41, 5'11", 180lbs, no children, N/S easygoing, enjoys movies, music, travel, dining. Seeking very att-ractive, pretty SH/A/WF, 28-39, friendship, possible relationship. **2**760359

JUST SAY WHEN ...

Willing to go anywhere in the tricounty area. SWM, 44, articulate, friendly and gentle. Enjoys art, nature, dancing and romancing. Seeks sincere lady companion. **\$604683**

STARTING ANEW WITH ..

Wise conduct is a pleasure. Let's just me and you! Sociable, gen-tlemanly SWM, 40, likes to go to SBM, 29, 5'8", 155lbs, black/ interesting places. Seeking nice female companion, LTR ok, no brown, Aries, smoker, seeks BF. 23-30, N/S, for possible romance. marriage right now. 2660062 FATHER OF ONE IN LIVONIA Handsome, fit, fun, honest, se-cure SWM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs, w/ Financially secure SBM, 39, 5'7", Pisces, N/S, enjoys golf, the gym, seeks WF, 20-39, N/S, 7664843 daughter age 11, enjoys reading, biking, running, family activities! Seeking positive, fit SWF for great relationship! 2711245

PICK A WINNER

build, Pisces, marriage-minded, smoker, seeks WF, 36-45, for SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-looking, youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun things and LTR. 2665117 WHERE ARE YOU? going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with. DWM, 41, 5'8", 180lbs, Capri-**T**730508 WHY NOT CALL???

> Your sweetheart is waiting! Goodlooking, all-purpose SWM, 49, has a plan if he's your man, so why not call??? 2358502 COULD WE MEET?

and have fun while getting ac-

quainted? Good-natured, goodlooking SWM wants to meet interesting SWF, 30s-40s. 2764071

Outgoing, spontaneous SWM 50, 6'3", N/S, likes island get aways, seeks SAF, 45-60, N/S for LTR. 2632686

NEW DREAM TEAM?

Spending time with this bright enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realis tic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. 2550046

GENTLE AND CUTE

Active and attractive SWM, 58 good-natured, friendly gent enjoys outdoors, dancing, casinos, estate sales, etc. Seeking sincere, romantic, friendly lady **2**341899

WELL, HELLO

SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7" 180lbs, medium build, employed self-reliant, D/D-free, easygoing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking. See-king S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs. **2**597126

NICE GENTLEMAN

SM, 29, good person, looking for a SB/WF, 19-40, for friendship or more. Call me, let's talk! **æ**606930

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE SWM, 54, 6'2", shoulder-length brown hair, enjoys outdoors, ca-mping, fishing. Seeking SWF, happy, good sense of humor, with similar interests, for possible LTR. **2**619803

MY CATEGORY

Retired SWM, 55, 5'7", 200lbs, N/S, loves sports, animals, walks in the woods. Seeking WF, 40-55, N/S. 2624662

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY Easygoing, cute ŚWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds enjoys art, wine tastings, chari-ty, seeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more **2**548455

HOLY COW! SWM, 23, 6'2", 170lbs, blond/ blue, Leo, smoker, no kids, home-

owner, owns a construction com pany, loves camping, four-wheel-ing, and bonfires. Seeking WF 20-25. 2588991

THE OLDER THE BETTER SWM, 56, 5'7", 185lbs, fit, medi-um build, likes classic cars, outdoor concerts, day trips, movies Seeking senior GWM. 2634597 THINK YOU'RE THE ONE?

BM, 6'1", salt-n-pepper/brown moustache, beautiful smile, likes collecting antiques, gardening, walks in the park, boating, more Seeking a special woman, 48-61 **2812524**

CAN YOU MAKE ME LAUGH? SWM, 6'3", blond/blue, well-built likes biking, walks, hanging out and more. Looking for a WF, 18-30, who is outgoing, for dating **2**661614

BRINGING US TOGETHER Why go it alone? If you're a

decent, friendly lady, I'm a nice looking, upscale SWM, 40s, look ing to connect. 2534514

3

ce. 2666309 SEXY AND SUCCESSFUL

39, educated, intelligent, funny race open. 2667232

corn, smoker, enjoys sports, the outdoors, fishing, seeks WF, 35-45, for possible roman-Very attractive, well-built, SWM, 6', 185lbs, black/brown, Italian,

down to earth, romantic, sensual, warm-hearted, independent man no games, seeks similar sexy, who enjoys family, theater, travel. slender female, for LTR. Age and **2**512135 SINGLES LINGO: A-Asian B-African American/Black C-Christian D-Divorced F-Female H-Hispanic J-Jewish M-Male N/S-Non-smoker N/D-Non Drinker N/Drugs- No Drugs P-Professional S-Single W-White LTR-Long Term Relationship

Salem 3rd, Canton 5th at Western Lakes net tourney

Led by No. 4 singles player Peter Bartlett and the No. 3 doubles team of Dave Geick and Alex Poe, Salem earned a third-place finish at the Western Lakes Activities Association boys tennis tournament Saturday at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Salem finished with 19 points, four behind first-place Northville and just one behind runner-up Walled Lake Western. Livonia Churchill copped fourth (14 points), while Canton and the host Spartans tied for fifth with 11 points a piece. Plymouth notched ninth with four points.

Although Western finished second in the WLAA tournament Saturday, the Warriors still gained a share of the overall championship with Northville because Western went 11-0 in their WLAA dualmeet campaign. The dual-meet and tournament standings count 50 percent each toward the overall tally, making Western and Northville league co-champions.

Bartlett won his flight by ousting Stevenson's Gino McCathney, 6-2, 6-0, in the finals. Bartlett advanced to the championship match by defeating Northville's Ashtyn Saltz in straight sets.

Geick and Poe also won their flight by knocking off Walled Lake Western's Colin Sipperly and Jason Yokibishon, 7-6 (7-1), 6-4.

The Rocks earned secondplace points from No. 2 singles player Rob Wallen, who entered the tourney unbeaten,

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and No. 3 singles player Lawrence Washington, who is just a freshman. Wallen was defeated by Canton's Mike Keesey, 6-3, 6-2, in the finals, while Washington fell to Northville's Colin Ackerman in three sets. Washington outstroked the Chiefs' Eric Szydlowski, 6-2, 6-3, to advance to the final match.

Canton's Keesey qualified for the gold-medal match by upending Northville's Chris Irvin, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1.

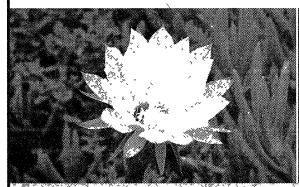
Western junior Jason Norville, a resident of Farmington Hills, captured the No. 1 singles title by defeating the defending champion, Ryan Kingsbury of Livonia Franklin, in the final, 6-2, 7-5.

In the semifinals, Norville edged Northville's Jason Spruit, 6-2, 7-6 (5), while Kingsbury advanced with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Churchill's Trevor Kogut.

Western fared well in singles competition with Yale Miller, Ryan Jackson and Michael Chou reaching the semifinals at the Nos. 2, 3 and 4 flights, respectively.

The Warriors won the No. 2 doubles championship when Jean-Luc Delpy and Brian Stone defeated Northville's David Cornett and Chris Doud in the final, 6-1, 3-6, 6-0.

Western's No. 3 doubles team of Colin Sipperly and Jason Yokibishon and its No. 4 duo of Danny Cohen and Zack Goldstein were runners-up.



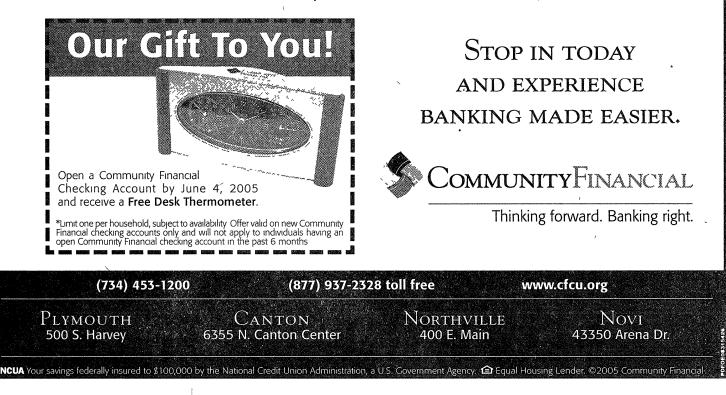
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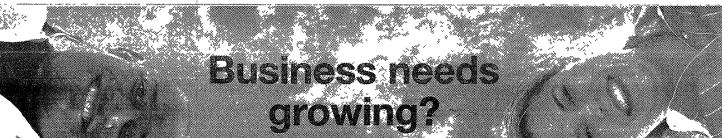
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TENNIS RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT May 14 at Livonia Stevenson

TEAM STANDINGS: 1 Northville, 23 points, 2 Walled Lake Western, 20, 3 Salem, 19, 4 Livonia or urchill, 14, 5 (tie) Canton and Livonia Stevenson, 11 each, 7 Livonia Franklin, 8, 8 Walled Lake Central, 6, 9. Plymouth, 4; 10. (tie) Walled Lake Northern and Westland John Glenn, 1 each, 12. Wayne Memorial, 0.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Jason Norville (WLW) defeated Ryan Kingsbury (LF), 6-2, 7-5; semifinals: Norville def Jason Spruit (N), 6-2, 7-6 (7-5); Kingsbury def. Trevor Kogut (LC), 6-3, 6-3.

No. 2: Mike Keesey (Canton) def. Rob Wallen (Salem), 6-3, 6-2; semifinals: Keesey def def Chris Irvin (N), 7-6 (7-4), 6-1; Wallen def. Yale Miller (WLW), 6-7 (4-7), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 3: Colin Ackerman (N) def. Lawrence Washington (Salem), 3-6, 6-2, 6-0; semifinals: Ackerman def. Ryan Jackson (WLW), 7-5, 6-1, Washington def. Eric Szydlowski (Canton), 6-2, 6-3.

No. 4: Peter Bartlett (Salem) def Gino McCathney (LS), 6-2, 6-0; semifinals: Bartlett def. Ashtyn Saltz (N), 6-2, 6-3; McCathney def. Mike Chou (WLW), 7-5, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Mike Baskins-Peter Curran (N) def. Evan Be-Mike Layne (LC), 6-1, 6-1; semifinals: Baskins-Curran def. Josh Kay-Aki Fukuta (WLC), 6-2, 6-2; Be-Layne def. Blake Foster-Neil Bakshi (Salem), 6-2, 7-5.

No. 2: Jean-Luc Delpy-Brian Stone (WLW) def. David Cornett-Chris Doud (N), 6-1, 3-6, 6-0; semifinals: Delpy-Stone def. Jay McConnell-Ian Petty (LS), 6-3, 7-5; Cornett-Doud def. Pete Schrader-Casey Green (LC), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

No. 3: Dave Geick-Alex Poe (Salem) def. Colin Sipperly-Jason Yokibishon (WLW), 7-6 (7-1), 6-4); semifinals: Geick-Poe def. Harry Zhang-Kevin Zhang (N), 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (9-7); Sipperly Yokibishon def. Rich Simkow-Kyle Anderson (LC), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

No. 4: Andrew Mills-Phil Irvine (N) def. Danny Cohen-Zack Goldstein (WLW), 7-5, 6-4; semifinals: Mills Irvine def. Yash Chauhan-Mike Carpenter (LS), 6-4, 6-3; Cohen-Goldstein def. Taylor Frangie-Jay Cunningham (LC), 6-3, 7-6 (8-6).



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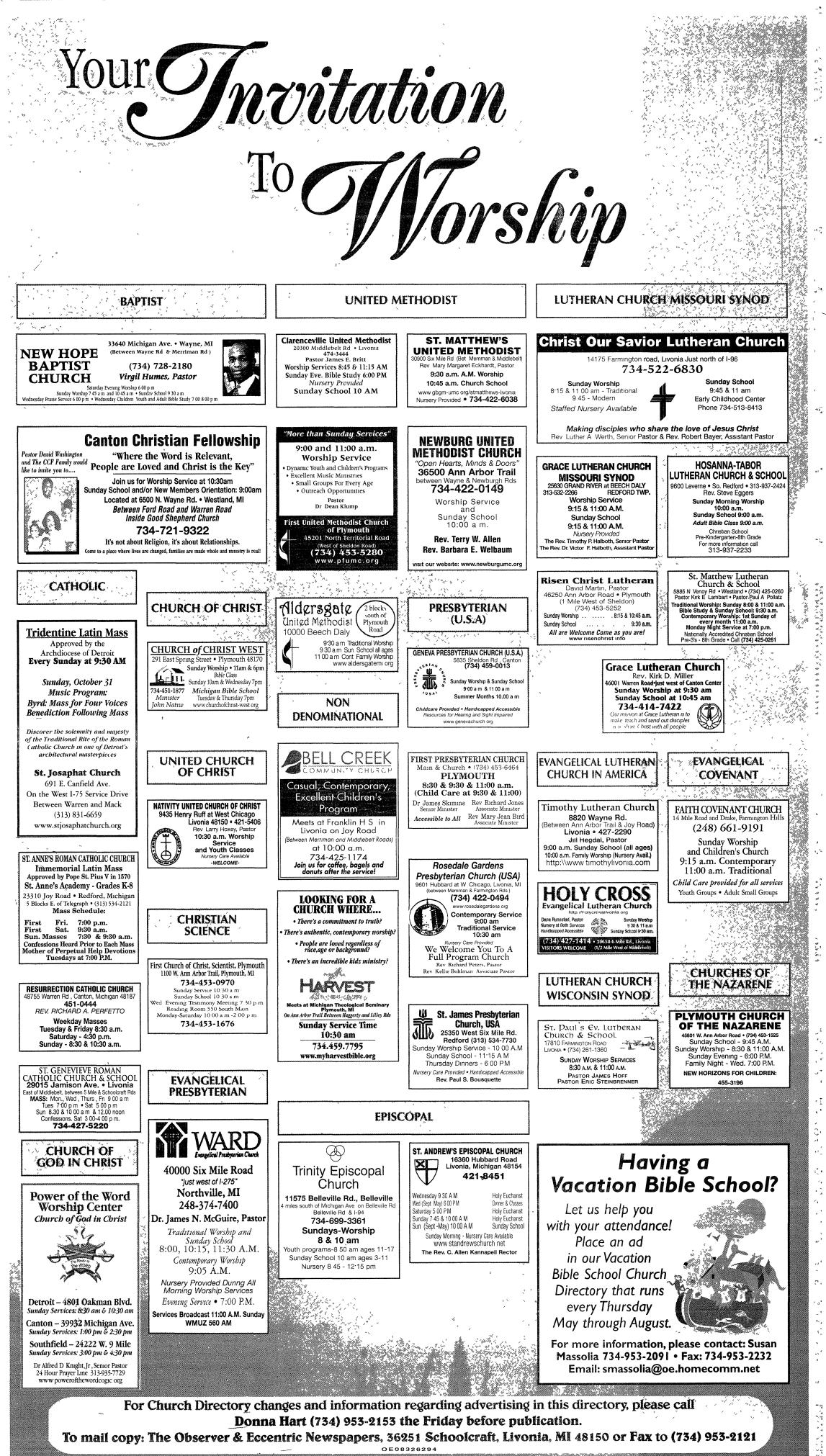
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MAY

Lecture series

On Thursday, May 19, Rabbi Ernst Conrad speaks about Jews and Judaism from the perspective of an interfaith activist, at 7 p.m. in the Basilica of St. Mary Activity Center, 18200 Merriman, between Six and Seven Mile, in Livonia. For more information about the Dialogue of Civilizations and People in Times of War, call (734) 422-0010.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 20-21, offering household items, clothing, furniture, appliances, at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, 23310 Joy, east of Telegraph, Redford. Call (313) 534-2121.

Hymn festival

4 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. This event combines choirs from area congregations and The Light Metal Band Brass Quintet. Mark Lohmeyer, music director and organist of Christ Our Savior, will lead the festival from the church's 34 rank Casavant pipe organ. No charge and open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted. For information, call Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830.

Brass concert

Salvation Army Citadel Band 6 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. No charge but an offering will be received to support Salvation Army missions. Call (734) 422-6038. **Mission Grace**

A new band performs as part of the contemporary service 6 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. Mike Allen shares his talents at the June 26 service. Church is handicap accessible. For information, call (734) 421-7620.

Jazz concert

- Featuring Christa Grix (harpist) and the Jazz
- Trio will be performing 7 p.m. May 22, Faith

RELIGION CALENDAR

Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi. Call (248) 349-2345. Tickets available.

Purpose Driven Life

Continues 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sundays, to May 22, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584. Child care available for those who indicate a need in advance.

Lecture series

On Thursday, May 26, Bruce Rigdon talks about Christianity at the crossroads of history, at 7 p.m. in the Basilica of St. Mary Activity Center. 18200 Merriman, between Six and Seven Mile, in Livonia. For more information about the Dialogue of Civilizations and People in Times of War, call (734) 422-0010.

Choirs Talent Show

7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26, featuring handbells, brass, soloists and ensembles, comedy and more at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26155 Farmington Road. No charge. Call (248) 474-6170.

Summer worship

Begins week of May 29, 10 a.m. Sunday service (traditional), 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (informal with communion), at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Schedules continue to Sept. 7. Call (734) 427-1414.

Summer schedule

New worship and praise-style service began May 15 and continues Sundays at 6:30 p.m. at Prince of Peace, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Call (734) 722-1735.

Disciple concert

7 p.m. Monday, May 30 (doors open at 5:30 p.m.), at Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer, Westland. Tickets are \$10.

Preschool open house

Applications available for 3- and 4-year olds 9-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, at St. Robert Bellarmine School, 27201 West Chicago, Redford. Call (313) 937-1655.

Grief workshop

Trinity Church of the Brethren and New Hope Center for Grief Support co-sponsor a sevenweek grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope, beginning 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, at Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 West Chicago at Inkster, Redford. For registration information call (248) 348-0115. If you decide to come at the last minute and haven't registered, that is OK. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Nancy Stoner and Linda Pouliot, New Hope trained facilitators. Each session begins with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by group participation.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Taking registrations for fall of 2005 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Tiny Tots Preschool, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211 for more information. There are still openings for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoon 4year-old class and Tuesday-Thursday morning and afternoon 3-year-old classes.

UPCOMING

Lecture series

On Thursday, June 2, Ihsan Bagby speaks about Islam, at 7 p.m. in the Basilica of St. Mary Activity Center, 18200 Merriman, between Six and Seven Mile, in Livonia. The series concludes on June 9 with a panel discussion of possible resolutions for war. For information about the Dialogue of Civilizations and People in Times of War, call (734) 422-0010.

Good News Day Camp

For children completing kindergarten through sixth grade, games, music, skits, snacks, crafts, nature, Bible stories, water play, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 20-24, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. Cost before June 1 is \$50, \$45 for second children, \$40 for third. After June 1, \$55 per child. To register, call Judy Cook at (248) 442-0307. Kids at the Park

This year's theme is Ranch House Kids for ages pre-kindergarten through entering fifth grade 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 20-24, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860 to register. Cost is \$20, \$30 after June 6.

Safari Adventure

It's time to register for Vacation Bible School

Holy Cross-Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. This exciting Bible adventure is being offered 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 27 to

July 1. There will be Bible stories, crafts, music, games and more as children go on a safari to discover Jesus the King. Bible School is free and is open to all children ages 3-11 in the community. A program will be held on Thursday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. Parents, family members and friends are invited to attend the Vacation Bible School Program, followed by refreshments.

Enroll children now by calling (734) 427-1414 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

ONGOING

Christian women's golf league

Par from Perfect Ladies Golf League at Northville Christian Assembly has a few openings to fill. Game times are 5:45 p.m. Thursdays through September at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth. For information, call (734) 981-8757.

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, story telling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

Qigong

The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine. A safe and effective way to rid body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. Learn the art of natural movement and breath to cultivate vital life energy. Classes at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday -Qigong meditation 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday -Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.

Worship services

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

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Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sunday at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. For more information, call (248) 626-7606.

Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 West Chicago at Inkster, is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this cost-free, 30minute class, wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional). For more information, call the church office (313) 937-1199.

Bible studies

Led by C. Jack Brinkman 8-9 p.m. Thursdays, at the Birmingham YMCA, 400 E. Lincoln. Brinkman wrote the book The Word of God: Jesus Christ. Part of the proceeds from book sales go to the YMCA.

Bible Study for Parents

For Parents with Young Children 6 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Child care available. Call (734) 699-3361. Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Services

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (1550 Walton, Rochester Hills) will be holding services at the usual time during construction of the addition -5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (contemporary service) Sunday. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Enter and exit using the east drive. For more information, call (248) 651-6550.





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Jon Culbert and Rhonda Hart enjoy their time on the air during 'Mornings with Jon and Rhonda.' The show airs 6-10 a.m. Monday through Saturday on WMUZ 103.5, a local Christian radio station.

WMUZ Christian show greets early risers

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

"Mornings with Jon and Rhonda" went on the air at WMUZ radio in early April. Station general manager Frank Franciosi is pleased with response to the Christian morning show.

"It's been very positive," said Franciosi, who's been at Detroit-based WMUZ 103.5 for 30 years and manager since 1979. "Jon and Rhonda bring a slightly different feel to the morning show."

The show with hosts Jon Culbert and Rhonda Hart airs 6-10 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Franciosi believes its core of spirituality has drawn listeners, who have e-mailed, written and phoned in praise. Advertiser response has also been positive.

Traffic, weather, news and a little comedy are featured, he said, and "on top of it, there's that spiritual component."

The new show came about as a result of station staffers knowing Christians "also live everyday lives so they need information. All of that practical help we thought could be provided through a morning show," Franciosi said.

Hart has more than 25 years of experience in radio and has

worked in metro Detroit for WABX, WRIF, WYCD, WOMC and WCSX. "The part I enjoy right now is the chance to share my faith," said Hart, who with her husband became a Christian about seven years ago.

"My husband and I both prayed before I took the job." She considers her husband to be part of the team for the show.

Hart has found those in metro radio are a little surprised at her change to Christian broadcasting. She went into rock radio at 18 and was living that lifestyle. Hart, who was raised in Warren and still lives there, grew up in the Catholic church but wasn't a regular worshiper.

Her key message is for others to realize no matter what mistakes they've made in life, God will offer forgiveness.

"Here, Jon and I are equal partners running the morning show," she said of their program, which includes Christian music. Culbert started in radio as a teen at Port Huron Northern High School where he had a morning show before school.

"I've been doing mornings from the start," said Culbert, who worked recently on the "Paul Miller Show" at WPHM

in Port Huron, a news/talk morning show. "So coffee has really become my friend over the years."

Culbert, who's also done country radio, is a Christian who came to his faith with the help of a youth pastor when he was a teen. "Every time we open up the microphone there's a responsibility," he said. "We don't want to let them down.'

It's rewarding to hear how they've picked people up, he said, something that happens far less in secular radio. He appreciates Hart's experience in radio and is learning each

day. "I think we do both bring different perspectives," Culbert said, adding listeners have welcomed them as family.

WMUZ is owned by-Pennsylvania-based Crawford Broadcasting Co., which owns 29 stations, three in Detroit. Most are Christian in focus, Franciosi said. WMUZ has been around nearly 50 years as a Christian station.

Franciosi noted the growth of Christian radio as the evangelical movement has gained strength. Even Catholics, Presbyterians and others who aren't evangelicals "are turning to Christian radio because it's kind of a safe place to explore their faith," he said.

Thomas R. Montgomery, III. Great grandmother of Jessica, Reed Jr., Alexa, Tyler and Luke. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile) Saturday 3:00pm until memorial service 4:00pm. A reception will follow at 6pm at the family residence. Memorial tribútes to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 or William Beaumont Hospital, Cardiology Dept., 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073 View obituary and share memories at

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www.DesmondFuneralHome.com JANE ALT KILGOUR

Age 96, passed away peacefully Saturday May 14, 2005 at the Fisher Convalescent Home in Mayville, following a lengthy illness. She was born May 8, 1909 in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of the late John Thomas & Jane Marie (Hartson) Alt. She was united in marriage to Thomas Robert Kilgour on March 2, 1932. He preceded her in death on October 16, 1994. Jane earned a Master's Degree in Mathematics and taught mathematics and art at Mackenzie High School in Detroit and later at Cranbrook for twenty-five years, retiring in 1960. After her retirement, Jane became a Realtor and real-estate investor in the Birmingham area for many years. She returned to her grandparent's homestead area in Mayville in 2003 where she spent her last few years. Jane was a member of Christ Church of Cranbrook, the Women's Painters Association, Detroit Institute of Art, and was a life member of the Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham Garden Clubs. She loved art, piano, gardening, reading, traveling world-wide, antique collecting, speaking French and Spanish, and family related activities. Surviving are her daughter, Anne Wilson Kilgour Hogan of Caro and her companion, Dale W. Heckroth; three grandchildren, Jennifer Sue (Kelly) Levely of Gladstone, MI, Laura (Tim) Driscoll of Seattle, WA, Michael Thomas Hogan of Spruce, MI; one sister, Maxine Magle of Florence, AZ; and three nieces, Linda Gray Lowis of London, England, Virginia Louise Alt (Richard W.) Huntington of Hart, MI Mary Alt Strange of Eaton Rapids, MI, Kathy Magle Parker of Washington State and nephew Clifford Magle of Mississippi. Besides her husband, Jane was preceded in death by one brother, Victor Alt, and nephew, Wayne Magle. Funeral services took place, Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Ransford Funeral Home in Caro with Rev. Duane Miller of the Caro United Methodist Church, officiating. A piper made one last call at the funeral home as well at the graveside in Greenwood Cemetery in Birmingham. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Masonic Home in Alma. The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Funeral Home of Caro.

Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple Rd., Bırmingham, Thursday, May 19th, 7-9 p.m Memorial tributes may be sent to the Roeper School Library Fund, P.O. Box 329, Bloomfield Hills M1. 48303. Further information Cal 1-248-203-7312

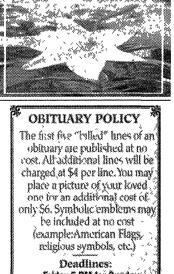
JANET EVANGELIDES

Longtime resident of Southfield and Birmingham, Beloved wife of the late Gus Evangelides. Beloved mother of Michael of Chicago, IL and Mark of Albany, CA, and cherished grand-mother of Olivia, Noah, and the late Gus. The Funeral will be held on Friday, May 20, 2005 at 11:00AM at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church 3109 Scio Church Rd., Ann Arbor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gus Foundation, 833 W. Wrightwood, Chicago, IL 60614. Arrangements by MUEHLIG FUNERAL CHAPEL.

MARY L. ADAMS "GRANNY"

Of Bloomfield Hills, MI, formally of Titusville, FL. passed away in coura-geous style at the young age of 91 or Friday 5-13-05 at St. Josephs Mercy Oakland. Loved by many Granny is preceded in death by her husband Tony Adams and dear son Charlie Adams. She is survived by her devot ed and caring daughter Karen Ruddy and Son in-law Gregory P. Ruddy with whom she lived for the past ter years. She was the beloved grandmother of Kari (Robert) Cardone, Rae Ann Ruddy, Kirk (Doreen) Ruddy, and Nicole Ruddy (dear friend Harry Lomason) and the great grandmother of Nicholas Cardone, Max, Luc and Ben Ruddy. Granny was filled with kindness as well as an amazing hear and wonderful genes. She will truly be missed by many, especially by her 100 year-old sister Josephine Young and dear friends Joyce Moelich, Jane Luedtke and caregiver Lois Decker whom we cannot thank enough. How lucky and blessed we all were, and will continue to be, to have been touched by Granny's amazing love and spirit. Memorial visitation was held Tues 6:30-8:30 held Tues 6:30-8:30 pm at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 W. 12 Mile Rd. (2 Blocks West of Woodward) Berkley. Rosary was held Tues 7:30 pm. Memorial Instate was Wed. at 9 am until the memorial mass at 10 am. at Sacred Heart of the Hills Catholic Church 3360 Adams Rd. Auburn Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart of the Hills Catholic Church and St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland.

Twp.; 6 grandchildren and 6 greatgrandchildren. Also survived by 4 step-children, Robert (Kimberly) Redner of West Bloomfield, Susan E Lang of Parker, CO, Ann G. Redner of Rochester Hills, John (Zara) Redner of West Bloomfield and 6 step-grandchildren. Dr. Colvin practiced dentistry for 40 years and had the largest dental practice in Pontiac. He was a retired Air Force Major, member of Cass Lake Ice Yacht Club, a scuba diver and pilot. He was a life member of the American Dental Association, Air Force Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Bob brought with him the gift of unconditional love and compassion. He was happiest when spreading these around to his wife of 10 years, to his family and to his countless friends and former dental patients. Bob and his wife, Pat lived a cherished, rare and true love affair. Bob will be remembered by family and friends as "living large". His sharing of adventure, laughter and sense of humor brightened the lives of all whom knew him. There were no strangers to Bob-only those whom he had yet to meet. At his request, he will be cremated with no service. Memorials to Grace Centers of Hope, 35 E. Huron St., Pontiac, MI 48342 are appreciated. Arrangements by Pixley Funeral Home Godhardtomlinson Chapel, Keego Harbor. (248) 682-0200.



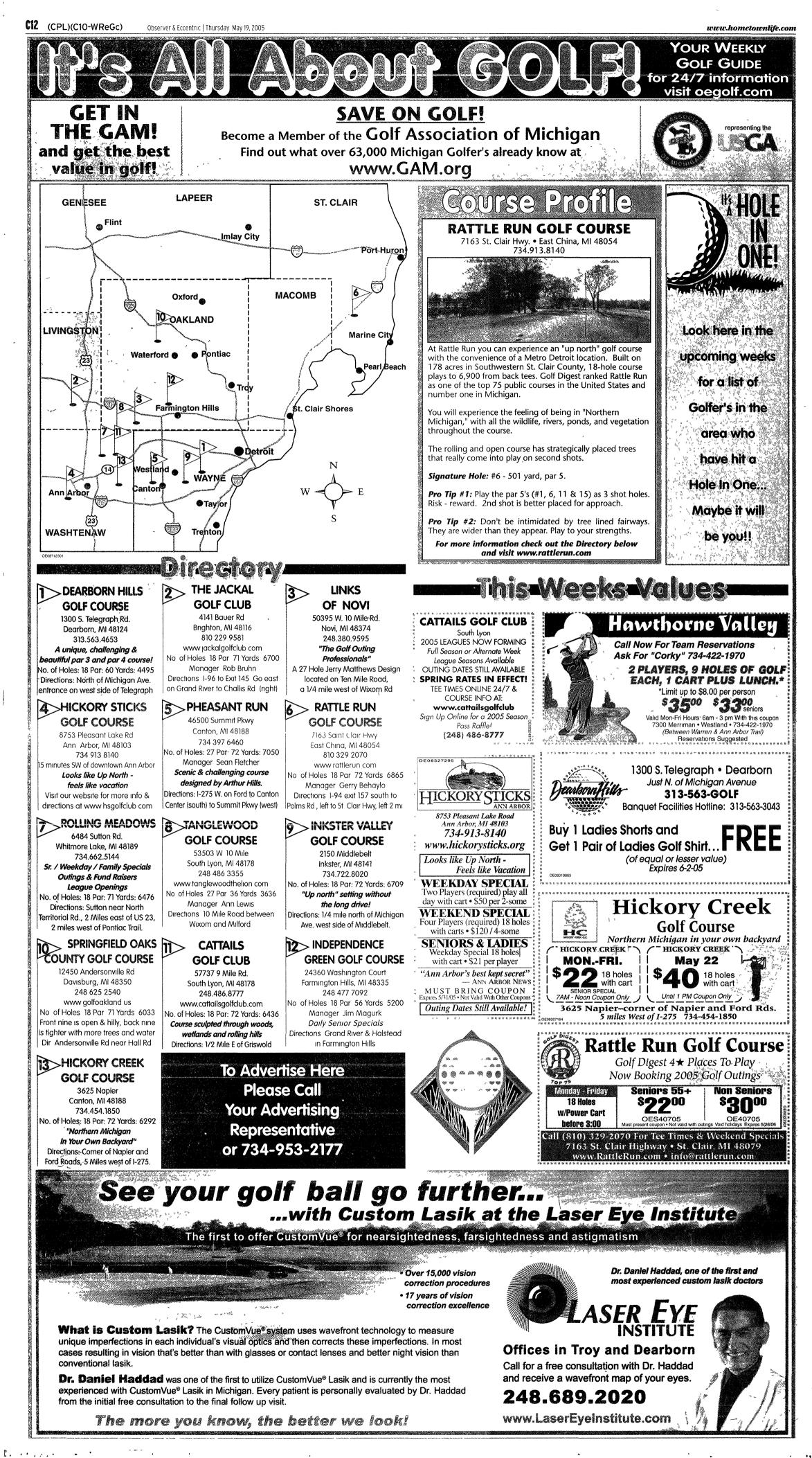
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NANCING your new home a crucial first step

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BY JOE DANIELS

If you are in the market for a new. home, the news couldn't be better. Mortgage rates are at bargain-basement levels and there's no end to the numbers of deals and arrangements that can be put together to match your financial situation.

"I don't know that the public understands what a good deal you can get right now on a mortgage," said Jack Brown, executive vice president of retail mortgage sales at Standard Federal Bank. Standard Federal has been the number one mortgage lender in Michigan for 15 of the past 17 years.

"About this time last year, we all pretty much thought that by now, the rock bottom rates on mortgages will be history, but now we are just an eighth above our bottom from last year," he said.

So, what's the best deal going? "There's as many different answers for that as there are people," Brown says. "Take down payment — the old norm was you had to have 20 percent down. Now, down payment is almost a matter of personal preference," he said, explaining mortgage options that feature virtually no money out of the buyer's pocket up front.

Others might be willing to pay fees, known as "points," up front, in exchange for a lower interest rate over the long term. Before deciding on a mortgage plan, however, it is important to first determine what size loan you can afford.

Most lenders recommend that you

Alf they aren't planning on being there a long time, it can be a great way to go.'

Kim Schmidt First State Bank Mortgage

use no more than 32 percent of gross income on your monthly payments to cover principal, interest, property taxes and heating costs (PITH). This is called the Gross Debt Service ratio (GDS).

Gross household income is the total salary, wages, commissions and other assured income, before deductions, by all household members — such as a husband and a wife – who are co-applicants for the loan.

A second factor is the Total Debt Service ratio, which stipulates that no more than 40 percent of your gross income can go toward your total debt load, including your mortgage and all other loan payments.

It is important to calculate how much mortgage payment you can handle as part of that monthly payment.

Once you have worked out how much you can afford in monthly payments, you can determine the maximum amount of the mortgage loan that you qualify for. Subtract the estimated property taxes and heating costs from the total maximum monthly payment. The remaining sum is what you have

available for the principal and inter-The amount of the mortgage loan The amount spence with a \$1,000 monthly payment depends on the interest rate at the time-the lower the interest rate, the higher the amount you can borrow.

The traditional mortgage is a 30year, fixed rate mortgage. But in recent years, a wide variety of mortgage options have come on line, including interest-only adjustable and fixed-rate mortgages.

If you plan to be in your home five years or less, an adjustable rate mortgage, or ARM, might be right for you, said Kim Schmidt, president of First State Bank Mortgage.

An ARM is a bit of a gamble, after an introductory period, typically of a couple years, the interest rate can go up if the market for rates goes up. Generally the ceiling on how high the rate can go up is capped at about 6 % higher than what you started paying at. So, you aren't locking in the great fixed rate mortgage for the long haul, but you will be saving up front.

"For some people who are only going to be in a home for four years, that's enough," Schmidt said. "They say 'Oh my gosh, I can save a point for a whole year.'

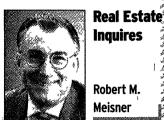
"If they aren't planning on being there a long time, it can be a great way to go," she said.

Getting your mortgage loan preapproved helps determine exactly how much your costs will be, Schmidt said. "That way you know in advance how much house you can afford," she said.

Covenant exemptions need to be unanimous

We have restrictive covenants in our subdivision regarding the use of residential property. One of the lot owners wants to exempt his property from it and a majority of the homeowners are willing to allow him to do so. Can that be accomplished?

Of course, it depends upon the covenants and conditions which may prescribe the requirements to amend the documents. However, in a recent case in Michigan, the court concluded on similar facts that amendments to the covenants that affect less than all the lots subject to the covenants required the unanimous consent of the affected property owners even though a super majority of the owners within the subdivision approved the amendments. The Court of Appeals held that the amendment procedure in the restrictive covenants was intended for uniform changes applicable to all lots. The court further stated that "permitting non-uniform amendments and exemptions by a majority or super majority vote would destroy the crucial aspect of covenants and thus undermining the entire system of private regulation and real property in Michigan." It would appear, therefore, that unanimity may well be required.



I am wondering whether one can purchase a condominium in Naples for \$250,000 or less. Do you have any information in that regard?

You are best advised to consult with a Realtor familiar with the Naples condominium area but I can tell you from my knowledge 💈 of the area and personal observation that there are new units available for \$200,000-\$300,000 in nice areas although not necessarily near the Gulf of Mexico. Also, there are used condominiums of some vintage which are available on the market in the Naples/Benito Beach area in that price range, although there has been significant appreciation in the Naples area over the last several years. Before buying a condominium, you should consult with a condominium attorney and knowledgeable real estate professional.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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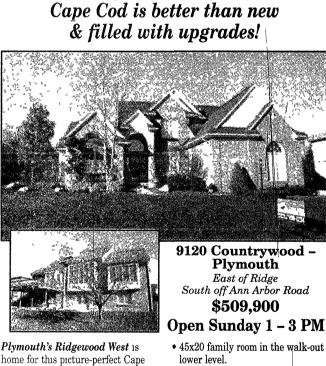
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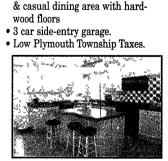
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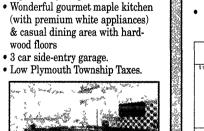
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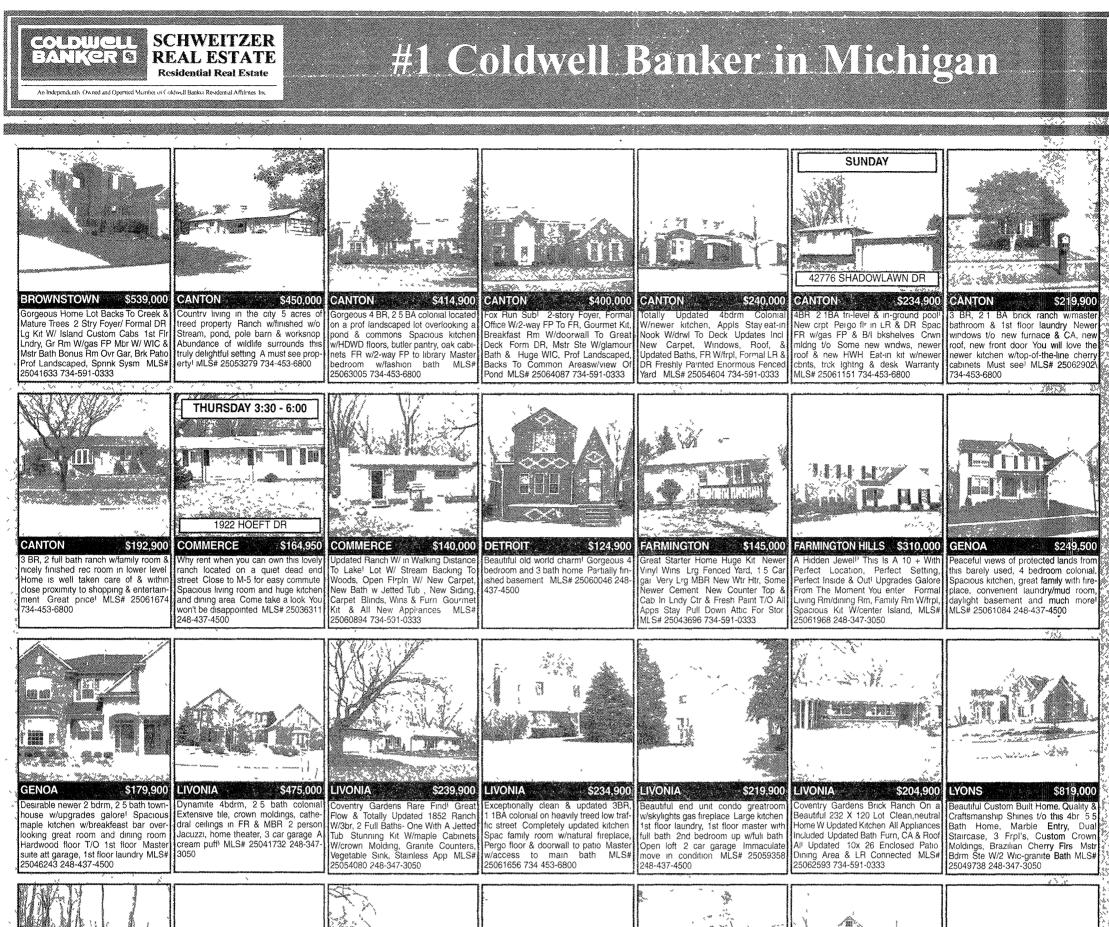
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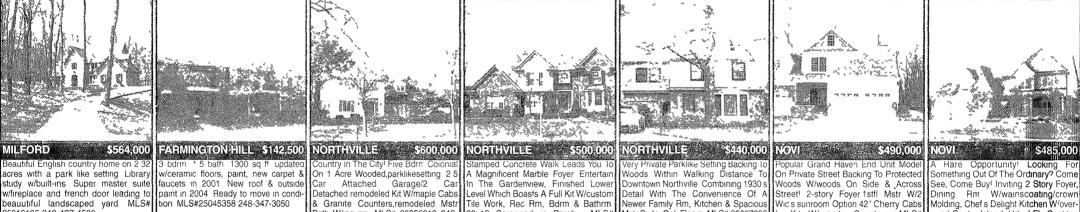
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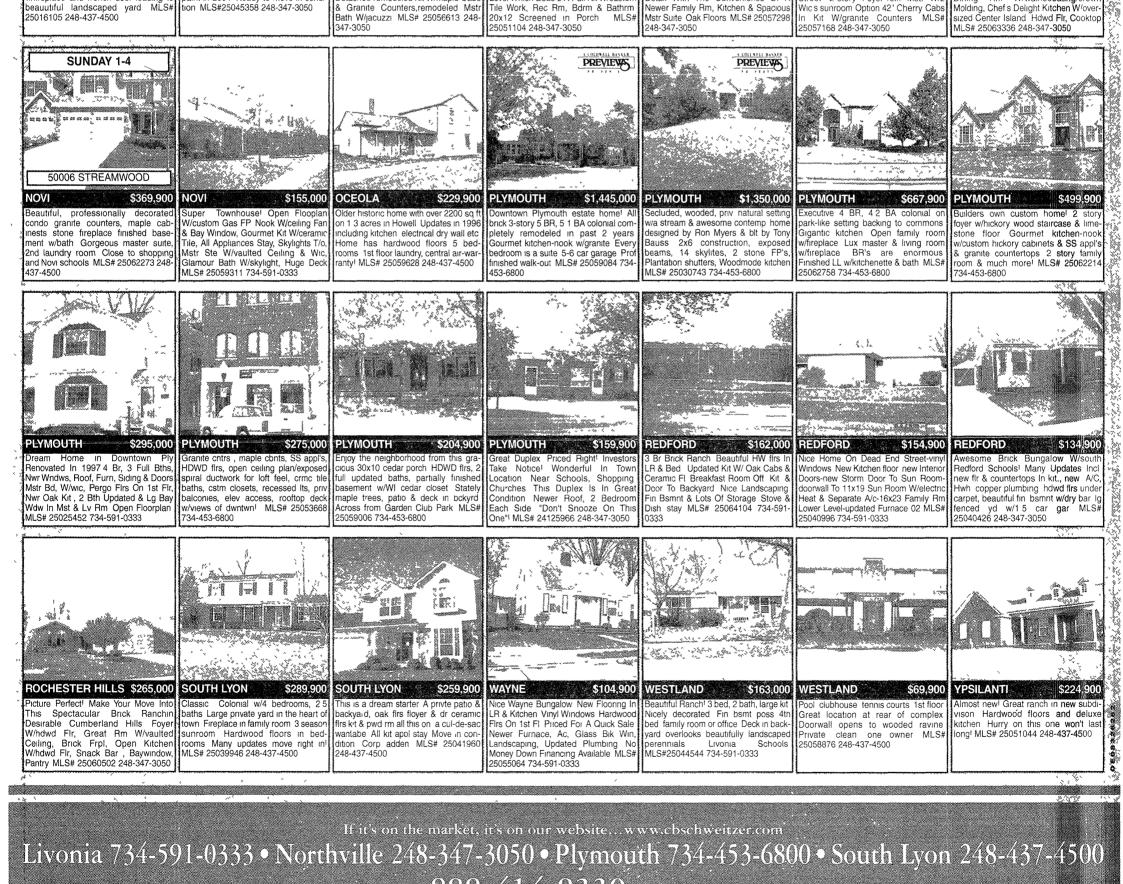
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■ "Land Development, Site Planning & Zoning" – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 2, registration fees, including breakfast, lunch and course materials are \$140 for Remodelors Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests.

■ Field Superintendent Designation Course – 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 8, registration fees, including breakfast, lunch and course materials are \$145 per person.

North Oakland County Golf Classic – 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at Links at Pinewood, 8600 PGA Drive, Walled Lake. Registration fees, including 18 holes of golf (spikeless course), cart, lunch, refreshments, dinner and golf competitions are \$140 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and non-members; \$55 for dinner only, \$200 for a hole sponsorship and \$250 for a hole sponsorship with dinner.

"Balancing Our Books" Mid-Year Economic Forecast – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Road (between Livernois and I-75), Troy. Registration fees, including lunch, are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$60 for guests and non-members.

■ Sales and Marketing Seminar "Achieving Successful Time Management" - 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, at the Michigan Design Center, Troy. Registration fees are \$30 for Sales and Marketing Council members, \$45 for BIA members and \$60 for guests.

Remodelors Seminar "Cheese is Binding ... A Handshake is Not! How Your Subcontractor Contract?" - 6-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 15, registration fees are \$25 for Remodelors Council members, \$30 for BIA members and \$35 for guests.

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The combination solution calls for them to take out two separate new loans to replace their old one. The first would be a conventional loan written at 80 percent of their home's current value, and the second would be loan large enough to pay off the balance of the first mortgage, plus the new loan costs.

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Today's TIMBIT: Though not all borrowers qualify for combination mortgages, the fiscally savvy who do qualify Timothy Phillips

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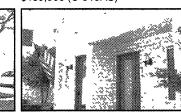
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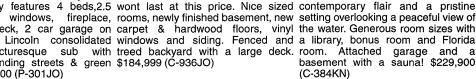
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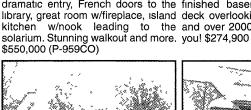




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Barton Malow as a project architect for Barton Malow Design and most recently held the position of project director for Barton Malow's Public Education Planning group. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects Detroit Chapter and The Council of Educational Facility Planners International. Stempien holds both a master's and bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, as well as a bachelor's degree in business administration from Lawrence Technological University.

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Former Senior Vice President Opens Lee & **Associates Office**

Bill Lee, founder of Lee & Associates, the fourth largest full-service commercial real estate sales organization in the country, has announced the opening of the firm's Michigan office. Jon Savoy, CCIM, SIOR - a former senior vice president of Grubb & Ellis - plans to open and manage Lee's new office located at 25900 W. 11 Mile, No. 230, Southfield, (248) 351-3500. Prior to joining the Lee & Associates team. Savoy was a senior vice president and director

> of industrial services for Grubb & Ellis' Detroit office since 1999. For more than 27 years, he has served a diverse group of clients. Today, Savoy specializes primarily in industrial real estate markets of Farmington Hills, Novi, Wixom, Lyon Township, Commerce Township and Livingston County. Savoy earned his Certified Commercial Investment Member accreditation in 1983 and his Society of Industrial & Office Realtors designation in 1992. In addition, he was awarded membership in the Grubb & Ellis Circle of Excellence in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 for his achievements as one of the top

salespeople in the country. Last year, he was recognized as "Broker of the Year" by the Oakland County EDC, "Broker of the Year for Detroit Region" by First Industrial Realty Trust and as a "Power Broker" by the CoStar Group.

Senior Investment Officer

Michael Simmers has joined the Leonard & Company, the largest Michigan-based, fullservice securities brokerage, as a senior investment officer. Prior to joining Leonard & Company, Simmers served as senior vice president and investment advisor for Wachovia Securities.

As senior investment officer. Simmers is responsible for portfolio management and investment selection for his high net worth clients.

Simmers earned a bachelor of arts degree from St. Mary's University of Winona, Minn., and has 35 years of experience in the business. He lives in Bloomfield.

Two Management Companies Join Forces Real Equities Property Management and LR Management Services Corp. have merged. The joint venture will increase the property portfolio, employment base and market share. Real Equities will be moving from Bingham

Farms to LR Management Services Corporation's current headquarters in Oak Park. The company will continue to operate using both names.

Free Homebuyer Class

Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage will hold a free class on homebuying at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, at First Michigan Title, Six Mile and I-275. Topics covered will include: Why it's important to get pre-approved; what kinds of mortgages are available and to whom; how to avoid a "lemon" and have the house inspected professionally; have a buyer's agent who works only for you; how to get "Seller's Concessions"; how to decide on a good offer price; what are all the papers involved in writing an offer; and more. Reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance. Call (734) 420-9600.

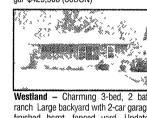
Sales and Marketing Management

A program on "It's Not About Price: Value-Added Selling '05" will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the Westin Southfield. Topics covered will include: 15 things that buyers want from you before low price; five steps to selling value over price; and more. Seats limited to 35. Call Paul Mensi, (800) 467-2084, or www.sellmore.now.net.

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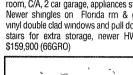
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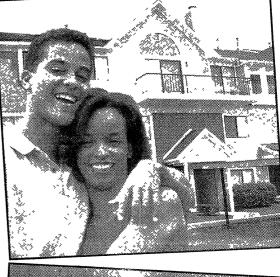
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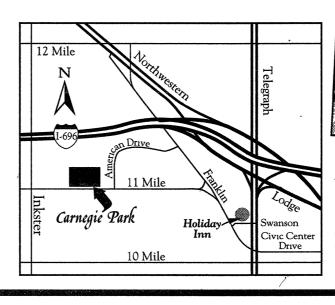
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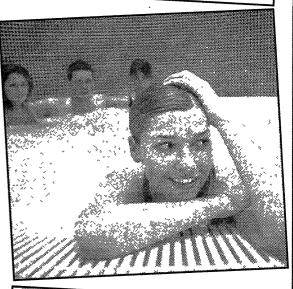
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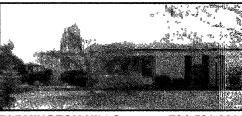


734-591-9200 CANTON Great curb appeal on this 4 BR, 1.5 BA. Eat in kit & DR. Deck off master BR, natural FP in FR. Close to expressways, great neighborhood (25053205) \$226,900

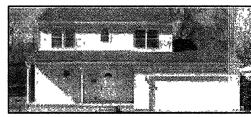




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6200 (24043061) \$174,900

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248-348-6430 ESIRABLE RANCH wayne/westland school 3 BR,1 BA home w/updated kit, BA, crpt, plumbing, breakers, steel doors, HWH, interior doors.Nice Florida rm & appl stay.Hurry, won't WESTLAND

REDFORD

734-326-2000 EASY TO ENJOY This 3 BR brick ranch, with newer windows, partially fin'd bsmt, large kit, 2 car gar, in great sub. (M340) \$159,900

Clean, Neat! 3 BR vinyl ranch freshly painted

& carpeted. Many updates: some new wndws,

roof, siding, plumbing, elec, furn, hdwd flr

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PERSONALITY, CULTURE AND PAID PATERNITY LEAVE



How would you characterize (paid) paternity leave in a workplace? It varies from company to company and

employee to employee.

Arik Hanson manages financiallyrelated publications reaching 60,000 CEOs and CFOs

monthly and 50,000 midsized businesses annually for the \$499 million RSM McGladrey. The company, headquartered in Bloomington, Minn., has 2,081 employees in 100 sites in the continental United States (140 in Bloomington). Three percent of employees have taken maternity/paternity/adoption leave since it was instituted four or five years ago. Note the androgynous categorization. Hanson took his first paternity leave in December, when Matthew was born. The leave, when combined with holidays and paid vacation, transpired over a onemonth period. However, he wasn't off a full 30 or 31 days straight. He describes his break as "interspersed" to accommodate the needs of his job and his lively e-mail inbox.

Hanson explains. "It worked out well for "us. I interspersed my days, working two "or three days, then taking long weekends. For example, I worked Monday through "Wednesday, then took Thursday through Sunday off. We were in the hospital a couple of days. A first child turns the world upside down." He says that the person from marketing who stepped in during this period had experience working with agencies and"filled the shoes nicely."

Some people would consider this schedule fragmented and chaotic. Hanson concedes that

his boss was extremely understanding as he was defining the shape of his time off. Hanson

maintains that "everyone has a unique job. Situations vary. Work/life balance here is very

flexible." Unexpectedly, he fully enjoyed the time he had with the baby. BUSINESS AS USUAL

Scott Fritz, in a very different company, is director of financial reporting at the Woodcliff

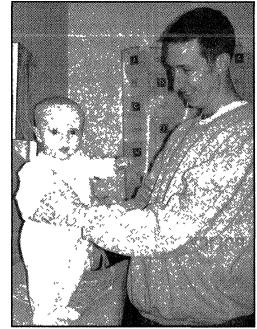
Lake, N.J., office of \$4.1 billion Big Four, KPMG L.L.P.. He manages 12 accounting, financial, and technical employees out of the location's 1,000. Two years ago, he had almost two weeks of paternity leave around the birth of his third child. He attributes the success of his leave to the company's "good people, policies and procedures." In 2004, more than 80 percent of eligible employees took advantage of this benefit, up from 30 percent two years previously, when it launched.

A 15-year employee at KPMG, he mentions, "I felt no tension in asking. Our process flowed well. I didn't have to think about work and what my boss thought. "Things got done," he says. "We had a good group in place, and everyone knew I was going out. I didn't check in but told people to call me (if a problem arose). I didn't get a lot of calls. When I returned, there wasn't a lot of work waiting on my desk. My boss was extremely supportive"

RESPONSIBILITY

Fritz and Hanson, both grateful to their employers for providing this benefit, nonetheless differ on the issue of where the emphasis upon responsibility lies for a successful paternity leave. Hanson, who works in a much smaller group, remarks, "The onus falls on you. My manager helped me through it. The individual has all of the responsibility, because it's your job, your time away from the office. It's like a vacation. You plan, make sure work's getting done and that the work that isn't doesn't impact bottom line. I planned this with people in our marketing group. I had to communicate my schedule to the people in the agency we work with. I let people know that I was at home, just hanging out with the family. I received a couple of calls pretty minor. I wanted people to have that option."

Fritz says that there is a company-wide responsibility. Leadership must be supportive of work/life balance, and the policy, he hopes, individuals won't abuse. "A company must be people-focused," he observes. "There's a real understanding where people are everything. I didn't anguish in my office and wonder if my boss would shoot laser beams. I didn't worry



Arik Hanson took his first paternity leave when his son Matthew was born.

about things getting done."

RSM McGladrey is one of several companies where Hanson has worked. "I don't think that people are impressed that we get five days off," he remarks, but he wasn't counting days. He was enjoying the flexibility. Fritz, whose experience was equally seamless, quips, "This is my last paternity leave story, because I'm not having more kids."

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp comments upon the workplace in national media. Copyright 2005 Passage Media.)

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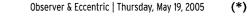
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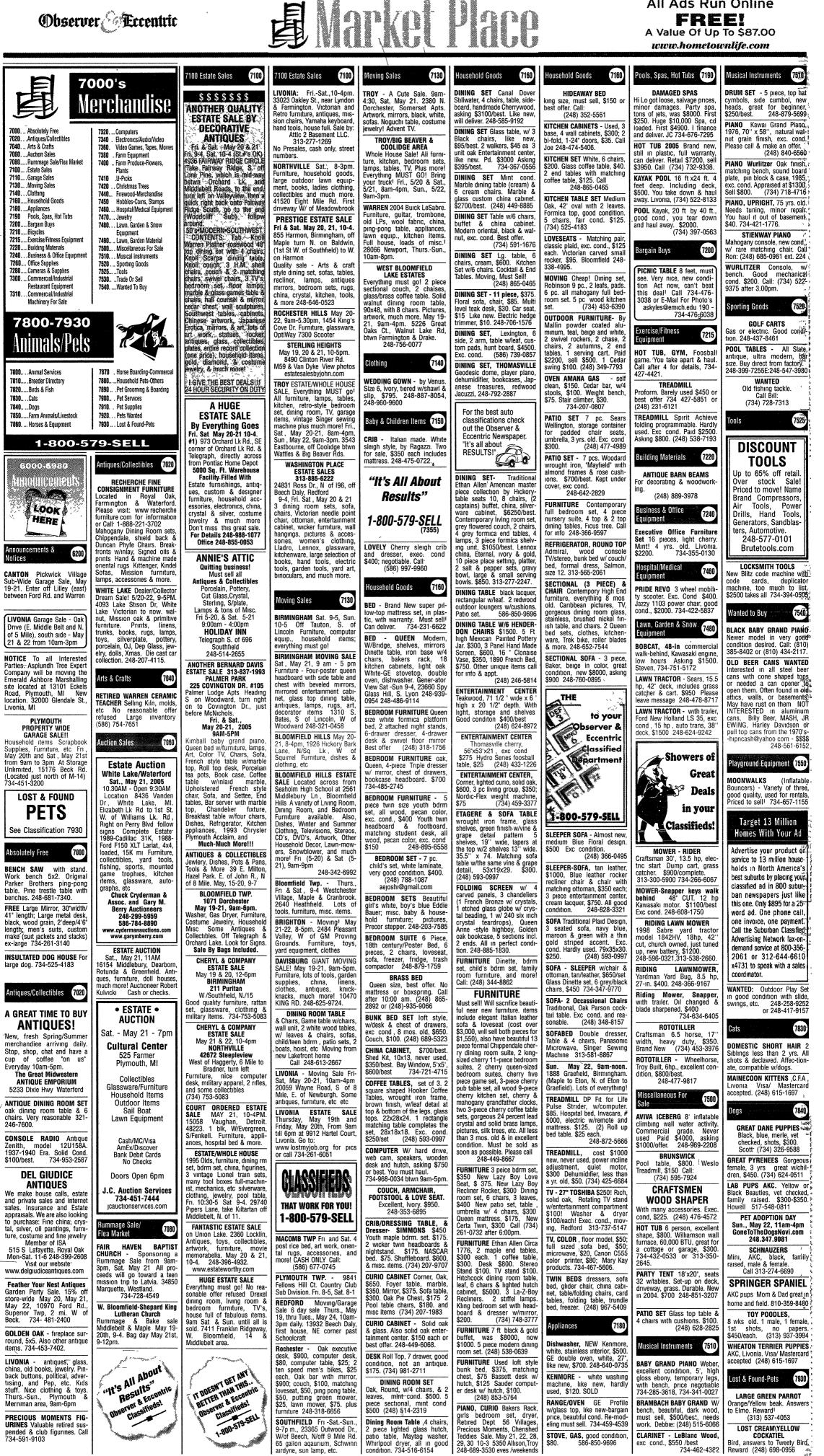






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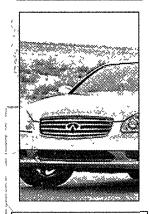
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BY DALE BUSS

Less Euro funk, more American hunk. That's what I've believed for a long time that Volkswagen needed to do to make its vehicles more than quirky and, inevitably, niche vehicles in the U.S. automotive market. If they ever hope to grow into a significant mainstream player here, the manufacturer of the boxy and strange Eurovan, the exotic and expensive Phaeton sedan and the highly personable but fickle New Beetle absolutely need to get it right when it comes to their staple sedans in this market.

I think they're finally doing it, with the improved 2005 Passat and the all-new 2005 Jetta. These cars leave off some of the strangeness of their Volkswagen pedigree, thankfully, in exchange for taking on a greater resemblance to the American and Japanese compacts and midsize cars that they're competing with. And in so doing, Passat and Jetta look better than ever by comparison.

The Passat GLS version that I drove is impressive in many ways. Some guy at the corner gas station saw me filling it up the other day and stopped dead in his tracks to come across the island and give it a once-over. He said it surprised him that this was a Passat because it looked sort of Japanese. He very much liked the styling.

My thoughts were similar. The rounded and sloping front end of the 2005 Passat makes the car look more like a projectile than the boxier designs we're used to seeing from Volkswagen. In fact, it's a compliment in a way that the vehicle that is often mentioned as most closely resembling Passat is Ford's new 500 sedan, a highceilinged design that is aimed rather capably at the heart of the U.S. sedan market.

Equally satisfying as looking at the 2005 Passat is driving one. The GLS version I drove is the medium entry in the line, but its powertrain is anything but middling. It was the 1.8T 4Motion Passat offers a dependable, fun package with fuel economy of 20 mpg city and 29 mpg on the highway.



model, meaning that it was driven by a 1.8-liter, turbocharged, four-cylinder, 170-horsepower engine with a capable 166 pounds-feet of torque and equipped with optional four-wheel drive.

This Passat was copiously powered and crisp in maneuvers, with a well-balanced suspension and perfectly weighted steering. The ride quality was excellent. And by producing city fuel economy of 20 miles a gallon, and 29 mpg on the highway, Passat offers a dependable, fun package with a welcome eye on operating costs as well.

Inside, I enjoyed how VW is conventionalizing its instrument panel and dashboard a bit from past models that included too much wild European extravagancy – or maybe the strange design just made them feel that way. But the 2005 Passat has a much more conventional feel. And while it may hurt the pride of VW interior designers to hear that, the reality is that it also gives the car extra impetus in the company's drive to add to Passat's recent popularity and make it a truly significant player in the U.S. mar-



Jetta offers performance at a price range from around \$17,900 to around \$22,000

ket.

Jetta, the compact, is all-new for 2005. Gratifyingly, it displays some of the more rounded and aggressive lines of its bigger sibling as well as a penchant for delivering delightful performance. For one thing, Volkswagen gave the new Jetta a new,

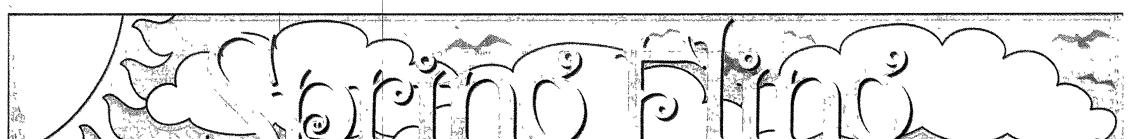
2.5-liter, five-cylinder engine, whose improved torque pulls the driver away from the curb quickly and crisply.

Apparently, much of the investment in the new Jetta went toward increasing the car's structural integrity, which is evident in the solid feel of the drive, for example, and in other ways such as reducing unwanted noise in the cabin.

The interior of the 2005 Jetta also adopts a more conventional look without sacrificing VW's distinctive economy of space. The leather upholstery is nicely stitched and very supportive. And aesthetics-wise, nice touches include metallic trim around the shift lever, metallic instrumentcluster rings, and glimpses of chrome in places such as the button for the parking-brake lever. 2005 Jetta prices range from around \$17,900 to just over \$22,000. For the Passat version I drove, sticker was \$27,175. In either segment, American buyers are getting more and better from Volkswagen than ever.

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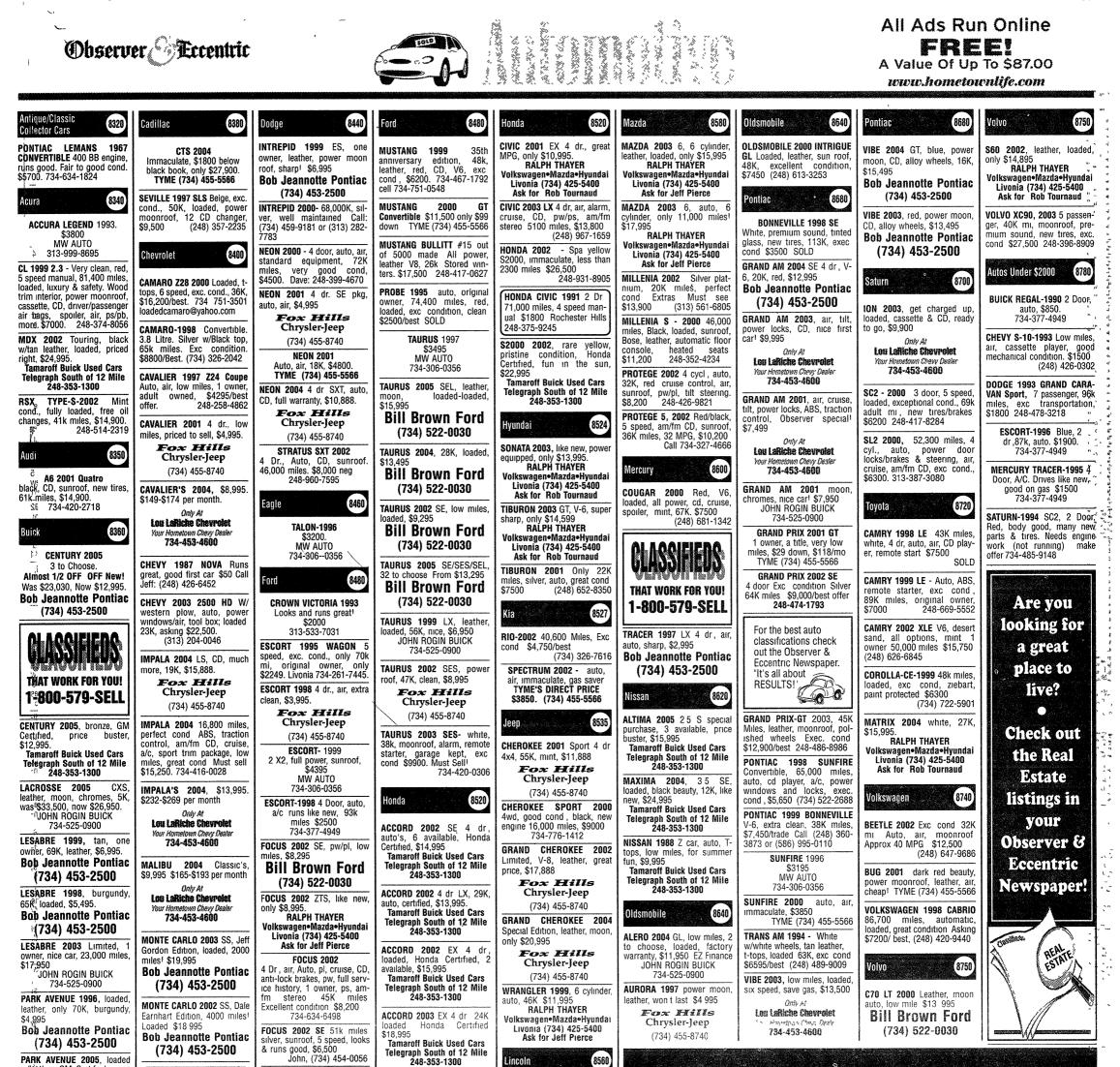
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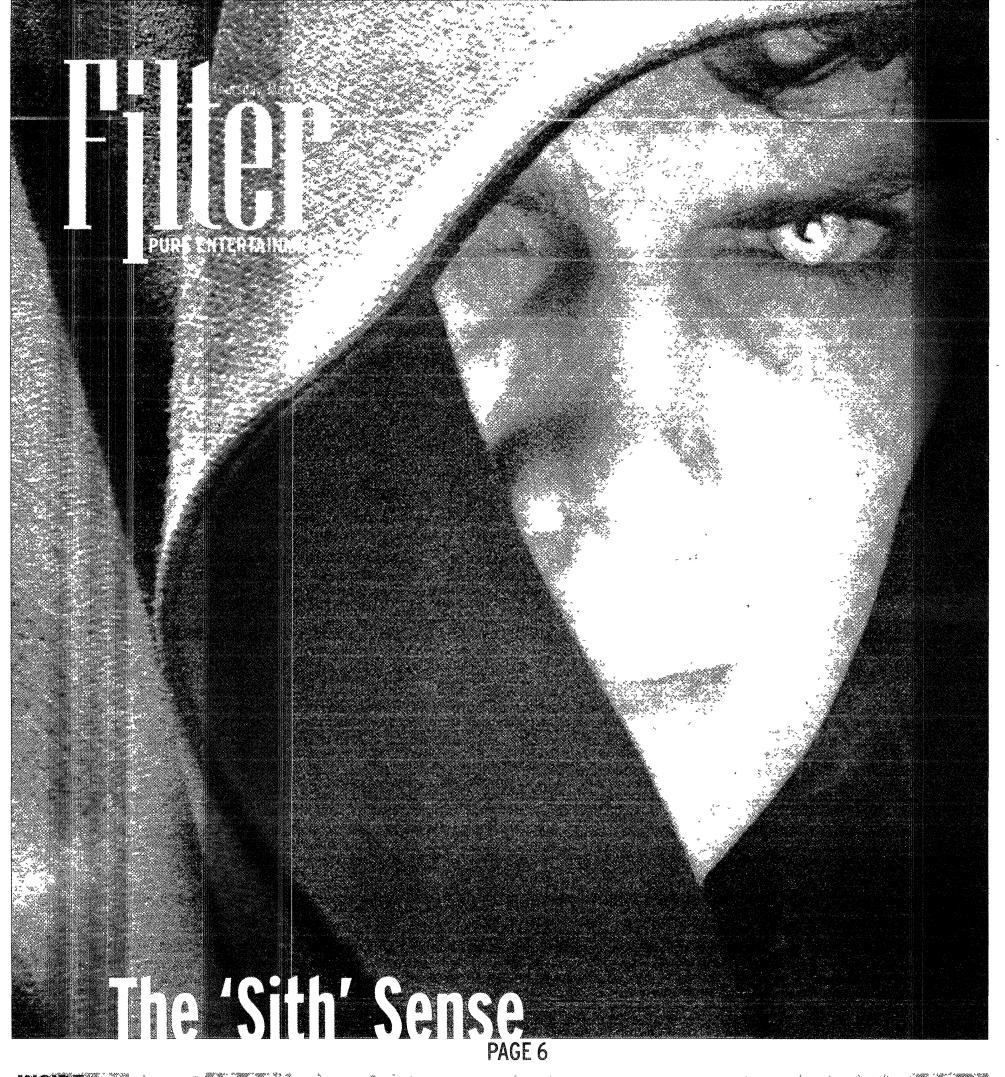
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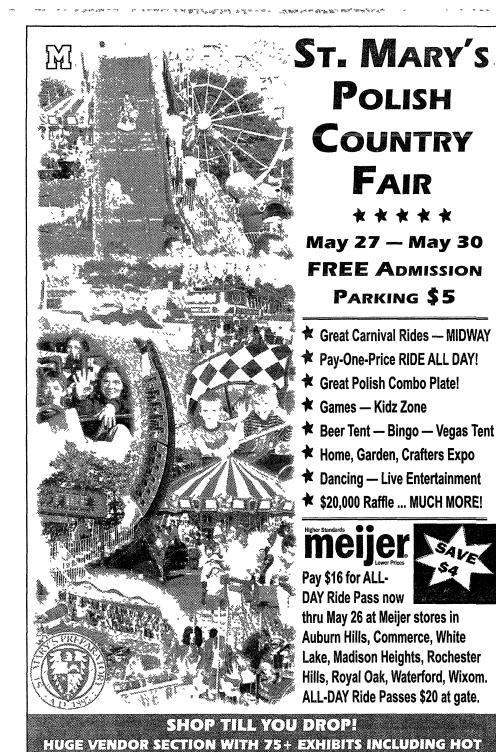






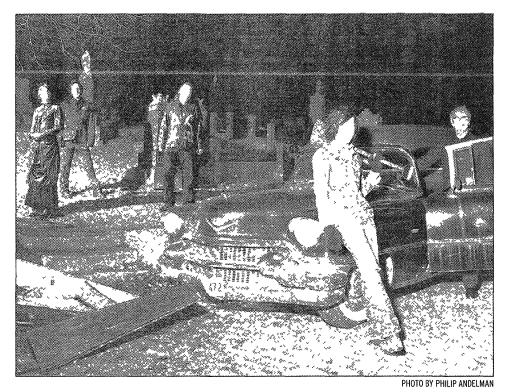


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Pure Picks Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.



Ladies, please form a line to the left of the body. Ryan Adams returns to form with his new band The Cardinals.

I like **Ryan Adams** sad. Downtrodden, melancholy and dripping with regret. I liked him (note past tense) when it seemed that the songwriting was the only thing with shadows.

In short, I want him drunk in Whiskeytown or heartbroken, and by extension, I want his latest, **Cold Roses**, recorded with his new band The Cardinals, to harken back to the time before he copied The Replacements, hooked up with Parker Posey and fought Jack White – you know, when he was just an alt-country kid with damn great songs. The first of three albums to be released by Adams this year, I have to admit I was a little scared of possible disappointment with the double CD out now on Lost Highway. While tearing off the shrink wrap, I was reminded of my history with Ryan.

As a long-time listener and lover of Mr. Adams, I have in recent times felt betrayed by him. His work lately seems less for any kind of development of

weirdos. Detroit Docs will show the film Friday at the

It starts at 9 p.m and admission is \$8 or \$6 for DFT

or Detroit Doc members. The showing will benefit the

seat restoration project at the DFT. For more, check

Not enough Wayne Coyne for you? After the film,

head over to the Magic Stick where they will host an afterparty with performances by Outrageous Cherry,

P.A. and Midstates. Cover is \$5 and apparently they

will be giving away some Flaming Lips swag. 18 and

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who is so

excited that summer is almost here she is about to

faint. You can tel, ner how much Ryan Adams stinks at

Detroit Film Theatre, at the DIA.

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the art form and far more for a development of sales numbers. How disconcerting to have a prolific writer use his talent for evil – especially when it's someone you really started to admire. Anyway, where is this going, oh right, I was talking about hearing the new album.

So I popped *Cold Roses* in my stereo and was immediately reminded of 2001's *Gold*, the last solid release coming from the Adams general direction. It's in the middle of the second disc that I realize I am indeed listening to something good again. The sound is a blend of Neil Young's guitar and classic country's swagger. Rachel Yamagata lends her vocals to some of the album's best songs, recalling the Emmylou Harris duet of *Oh My Sweet Carolina*. (Though who can top Emmylou?) *Cold Roses* is filled with influences, not copycat syndrome. The final product is a return to his alt-country roots. Adams fans won't be disappointed.

In conclusions, welcome back to my heart Ry Ry.

Like **The Flaming Lips**? Then you will probably want to see the only Detroit showing of **The Fearless Freaks**, a documentary by Bradley Beesley about the Oklahoma Former Saturday Looks G

Former Saturday Looks Good to Me and current Showdown at the Equator singer **Kelly Caldwell** is releasing her own record *Many Many Birds*, which I believe is actually her second solo record. To celebrate, Caldwell will play Friday at Jacoby's in Detroit. Doors at 9:30 p.m. Cover is \$10. 18 and up. Check out her Web site at http://www-personal.umich.edu/~brycejb/kelly/

Want to see your favorite new movie, band or book in this well-written column? Submissions for Pure Picks are always accepted. Shoot me an e-mail at stardy@oe.homecomm.net about your favorite new thing and let me know why you think it should be included Or do the old-fashioned thing and send a letter too The address is Pure Picks c/o Stephanie Tardy, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009.

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you to see electro musicians Reidnoise where founder Reid will play his songs with



Hot Ticket

Plug Everyone's a DJ at Bosco's MP3 night

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Mix whatever three you like: Tom Waits, Autechre and The Fugees. How about Jimi Hendrix, Perry Farrell and Primus? Ella Fitzgerald, Moby and Mostafa Sax?

Make it surreal, make it danceable, make it mellow. For three songs, the room can be yours at the Bosco in Ferndale as it becomes the first metro Detroit spot to kickoff iPod DJ nights. Every Wednesday at the Bosco, DJ enthusiasts can bring their MP3 play-

ers, take a number and wait their turn to spin three songs to help create the ambiance of their choice.

The theme for musical democracy at nightclubs is happening in London, Tokyo, Paris, Manchester and now

The iPod nights originated through noWax, a U.K.-based company that has partnered with the Bosco.

"We've been considering the idea of an iPod DJ night for some time, but pairing with an organization like noWax fills in all the gaps," Bosco owner Daniel Haberman said. "They've got a good thing going, and being based in London, they're really familiar with the style and vibe of a place like the Bosco. It's going to be really interesting."

The first noWax event was held in 2003 at Dreambagjaguarshoes, a bar in London. Success happened fast. Charlie Gower of noWax said the

company doesn't take a financial cut from the lounges that host noWax nights. The company instead wants to "give the night away." noWax is part of Sense

said.

Worldwide, a research company that specializes in

understanding people and their relationships with products, brands and one another.

The company hosted social gatherings to have face-to-face contact with people, rather than rely solely on telephones and Internet. The democratic approach to playing music at lounges spawned there.

"You get some friction when people play some things that others don't want to hear, but we don't censor their expression as this is the heart of the concept," noWax states on its site.

Haberman isn't worried about tension. People who visit the Bosco are open-minded, he said.

"Almost anything goes," Haberman

"This is really going to be the big mystery, and where the DJ is going to have to feel out the crowd. Should

someone want to spin some Backstreet Boys, I might expect a bit of rible Backstreet Boys track mixed with Pink love it."

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The Bosco was named one of the nation's top bars/nightclubs in the country by Nightclub ຮ Bar magazine.

Fine Living Network's "Insider's List" named it one of the top 10 places in the country

for a drink. It's laid-back and hip. Don't overdress, but the clientele is creative so

casual clothes are still interesting. Known for the mojitos, the lounge also added some newer drinks. Haberman's descriptions:

Pink Cocktail, tastes like ruby red grapefruit juice

Melona Bar, liquid version of a Korean/Hawaiian ice cream bar

Shaved Peach – a light peach vodka-based martini

Lemonhead (this name might change), a muddled lemon and sugar/ citron vodka cocktail

Checkout www.nowx.com.uk for playlists at noWax nights worldwide.

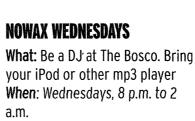
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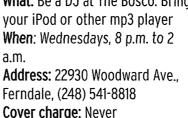


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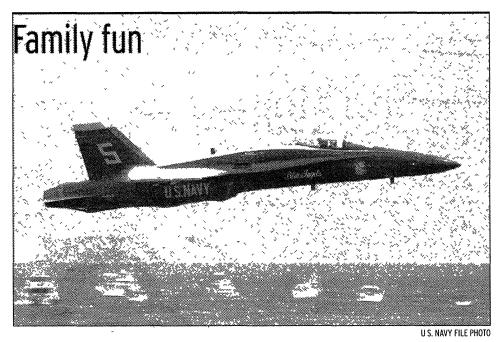
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The Blue Angels will make its first appearance in nearly 10 years at the Selfridge Air Show.

Flying High AgainBlue Angels return to Selfridge

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

There's two important elements to this year's Selfridge Air Show, one is rocking and the other is about honoring.

The bi-annual show, Saturday and Sunday at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township, will include the Blue Angels for the first time in nearly 10 years. The acrobatic aviation team flies F-18s in artistic formation and high speeds.

"It's really exciting to watch," said Maj. Jim Rossi, director of the air show. This year's event also marks two

Vietnam anniversaries. In 1965, President Lyndon Johson

sent the first large-scale number of combat troops to Vietnam. In 1975, the last American officially left the country.

"We have a group of Vietnam veterans here in Michigan who earned medals, but they were never officially presented," Rossi said. "It's long overdue and will happen at the show." The Moving Wall will be on display.

The Moving Wall will be on display. The memorial is a replica of half the side of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C. and has been touring the country for more than 20 years. "It's a sobering experience," Rossi

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SELFRIDGE AIR NATIONAL GUARD SHOW

When: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. Flying begins about 11 a.m. Where: Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Harrison Township

Admission: Free

Tips: Get there early, gates to the base close when it gets too crowded. Car pools encouraged.

If you can't get on base: Follow other vehicles and park on the shoulders of roads around the base.

Getting there: The I-94 east exit to Hall Road closes for the weekend beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday. Public access to the base is through the Main Gate at Hall Road and Jefferson Avenue and also the Air Show Gate on North River Road, west of Bridgeview.

What's special this year: Local Vietnam veterans will be honored as 2005 marks the 40-year anniversary of the escalation of the war and the 30year anniversary of the war's end. Highlights: The Blue Angels.

For more information: www.self-

ridgeairshow.org; for traffic information that day tune to 87.9 FM

Permitted: Chairs, blankets, sunscreen and film.

Prohibited: Coolers, backpacks, cans, glass, alcohol, pets, weapons, tents, awnings, cooking equipment, bikes, roller blades, recreational vehicles and skateboards.

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Music

Carbon Lounge features audio-visual feast

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Electronic music with a danceable rock edge, artistic imagery, heavy percussion, dance floor, sofas and an ultra-hip, laidback and friendly atmosphere with a wellstocked bar.

Is it enough to intrigue? There's a lot happening for a \$5 cover

'I wanted more than just good tunes. With electro music, and all music, it should be entertaining to watch and to hear, so we created an audio-visual experience.'

musician

Lounge in Hamtramck on Saturday, May 21. Headlining that night is electro musicians Reidnoise where founder Reid will play his songs with studio drummer Duane Huff known for his work with

Snoop Dogg,

charge at the

Carbon

Dr. Dre, Mary Jay Blige and locally with Robb Roy. Adding to the ambiance, video jockey Julie Met will bring her creative imagery for visual effect.

"I wanted more than just good tunes," Reid said. "With electro music, and all music, it should be entertaining to watch and to hear, so we created an audio-visual experience."

Earlier that evening, INS (Infinite Number of Sounds) of Cleveland will perform.

The collective group of artists, musicians and writers mix music and noise samples also with video imagery to create sometimes dreamy, sometimes heartpounding sounds.

"There will be so much talent that night," Reid said.

New to electro? Don't worry about feeling like an outsider. Reid said electro music has come full circle since its popularity growth and everyone is welcome.

"Electronic was popular in the late '90s, then we had the surge of garage that kind of took its place. Now people are coming out to shows again. The audience is people 18 and 19 and also in their 30s. It's come full circle, it's really great," Reid said.

Reid writes his own songs and





DANCE, LISTEN OR WATCH

What: Electro musician Reid along with renowned drummer Duane Huff and video artist Julie Metz perform together at midnight. At 10 p.m., electronic artists INS (Infinite Number of Sounds) will perform.

When: 10 p.m. until 2 a.m., Saturday, May 21

Where: Carbon Lounge, 11474 Jos Campau, one block North of Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278. Admission: \$5.

For more information: www.reidnoise.com, www.infinitenumber.com or www.julie.meitz.free.fr

mixes '80s tunes from bands like U2 or new wave artists for his electro sound.

Carbon Lounge, originally known for hosting house music, is making a deeper mark in the Detroit-area club scene as now both musicians and DJs entertain here. Punks, casual passers-by, creative Hamtramck locals and others blend nicely in the unpretentious atmosphere.

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Cover story



Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor, left) and Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) face off against enemy droids in Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith.

Darth days 'Star Wars III' is a thrilling finale

long time ago in a galaxy far, far away the words Star Wars blasted onto movie screens and into film lore. The galaxy has changed much since 1977 when the original *Star Wars* opened. So has *Star Wars*. It has matured from fun-filled hokum to a characterdriven, somewhat brooding morality tale.

It has crossed over to the Dark Side.

Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith opens today and no doubt will thrill hard-core Star Wars fans. But even more, it may bring back those of us who have strayed from the fold with the last two installments, which were less than thrilling.

This is a much darker *Star Wars*, strong on characterizations and shorn of much of the too-cutesy elements – like ewoks and the ghastly Jar Jar Binks.

But it has to be that way. *Revenge* of the Sith is the key Star Wars film.



It melds the initial film, which was actually *Episode IV*, to bring the cycle to a close. *Episode I* introduced Darth Vader.

Revenge of the Sith shows us how he descended into a figure of evil, seduced by the power of the Dark Side.

It isn't an easy journey, but director-writer George Lucas understood that this story is in the telling since we already know where it is going. And he masterfully transforms Anakin Skywalker, a loving husband and father-to-be, into a remorseless child killer whose evil is second only to Palpatine, supreme chancellor-turnedemperor. Like its earliest predecessor, *Revenge of the Sith* opens with a stunning star war as hundreds of ships battle each other. Here Skywalker and his mentor Obi-Wan Kenobi are on a mission to liberate Chancellor Palpatine who has been kidnapped by Count Dooku, nobly played by Christopher Lee in a fartoo-small role.

While they are successful, the battlefield shifts to Skywalker's soul as he is drawn into the world of political duplicity, power brokering, treason and trickery. His only real concern, initially, is to protect his secret bride, Sen. Padme Amidala, who he is convinced through his horrific dreams will die in childbirth.

That leads him to seek out the Sith secret of defeating death, tantalizingly offered by Palpatine.

And step-by-step he is seduced by the power of the Dark Side and turns against his mentor, Obi-Wan. This culminates with a blistering light saber fight and Anakin's rechristening as Darth Vader. There are spectacular battles enhanced by superlative special effects. Whether an extreme closeup of Yoda to a sweeping cityscape of massive buildings and unending streams of aircrafts flowing across the sky, every detail is perfect.

But it is the details of the landscape of Anakin's soul that makes *Revenge of the Sith* succeed

Hayden Chirstensen ably plays Anakin, and is well supported by Natalie Portman as Padme and Ewan McGregor as Obi-Wan. Ian McDiarmid seethes with evil as Palpatine.

Pay attention to the details particularly at the end, when all the threads come together. The characters on the space ship are wearing the same uniforms that they wore 28 years ago in *Episode I*. It's almost nostalgic.

That and the promise of a bright tomorrow – literally – keep this film from being a complete downer. Indeed, it is exhilarating.



Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Get Out! at least two weeks in advance, to Lana Mini, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, MI 48089, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail Imini@oe.homecomm.net.

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Plowshares Theatre

Spunk by Zora Neale Hurston adapted by George C. Wolfe. Opens May 21, runs through June 19 at the theater, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Tickets \$20-25 adults, \$17-22 seniors, \$15 for youth. Call (313)872-0279.

Riverdance

Through May 22 at the Detroit's Fox Theatre. Showtimes are: 8 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2 and 8 p.m., Saturday, May 21: 1 and 6:30 p.m., Sunday, May 22, Tickets \$33-\$68 available at The Fox or charge by phone by calling (248) 433-1515. For more information visit www.olympiaentertainment.com or call (3130 471-6611.

COMMUNITY/COLLEGE THEATER

Village Players of Birmingham

Nine. Tony Award-winning musical version of Fellini's

film 8-1/2.2 p.m. May 22 at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. Tickets \$15. Call (248)644-2075.

SRO Productions

Norm Foster comedy *Office Hours* at the Historic Burgh Church, 26060 Berg Road, Southfield. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through May 22, Admission \$10. Call (248) 796-4645.

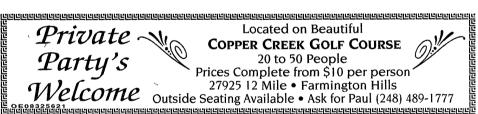
Inspired Theatre

Godspell. Musical based on the gospels. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at Grace Moravian Church, 31133 Hiveley, Westland. Tickets \$10. Call (734)728-4107.

Flander's Theater Production

The Neil Simon tribute to the whimsical side of Anton Chekhov. The Good Doctor, hits the stage of Trinity House Theater for a final weekend at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets for "The Good Doctor," a Flander's Theater Production, range from \$12-\$15. Trinity House Theater is located at 38840 West 6 Mile Road in Livonia. To reserve your seats call the Trinity House box office at (313) 538-5739.

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First Thursday Jason Ruff and April Wagner, an artisan husband and wife team. open their epiphany Glass Studio, 770 Orchard Lake Road at Sylvan in Pontiac, to the public for First Thursdays. On the first Thursday of every month, visitors may meet Ruff and Wagner and view an individually crafted collection of handblown glass sculptures. (Shown here is a work from the artists' Old School collection.) Live glass-blowing demonstrations are conducted every half hour. First Thursday hours are 4-9 p.m. Admission is free. For more



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Table hopping



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Pan-roasted breast of duck is accompanied by foie gras spaetzel and a pomegranate and port reduction at Café Bon Homme in Plymouth. This entree is on the regular dinner menu at the restaurant.

Café Bon Homme Goodmans celebrate 20th year in Plymouth

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

When you consider how frequently restaurants close their doors within the first five years of their existence, it almost shocks you when they hit the 20-year mark.

Except when the food is high quality, then it isn't surprising at all.

Café Bon Homme in Plymouth is celebrating that 20-year milestone this year, as owners Greg and Susan Goodman and chef de cuisine Eric Schilbe added a special Bistro menu that runs Monday-Thursday, or what Goodman calls his 3/4/30 menu, featuring three courses (salad or soup du jour, main course and dessert) for \$30.

"It was a way to thank our customers who have been coming here for 20 years," Goodman said. "Summer is also a casual time, and we thought to at least offer this as an option would be appropriate." (Goodman named the restaurant after himself, using the French translation of "good man.")

OLD MENU STILL REMAINS

Of course, all the traditional principal dishes on the regular dinner menu are still offered: pan roasted breast of duck, lobster dusted Lake Superior whitefish, caramelized scallops and sweet corn variation, veals and morels, tenderloin of beef and rack of lamb. Prices on those items range between \$36-\$42. Appetizers are \$12. Soup and salads are \$5 or \$7.

The less expensive Bistro menu features a choice of one of four main courses, which includes pan-seared scallops with grilled asparagus and lobster sauce. Maryland crab cake with roasted corn, beef tenderloin parpardelle or roasted chicken with Manchego cheese and prosciutto de parma. Desserts included are flourless chocolate torte, vanilla-infused creme brulee and white chocolate cheesecake.

The restaurant and smoking loungecocktail reception room seats approximately 60 diners. The decor is sleek and simplistic, reflecting a modern feel.

Kicking off the 3/4/30 meal is the choice of a traditional Caesar salad with whole leaf Romaine and anchovies or a honey mustard vinaigrette with brie cheese and vine-ripened tomatoes. "That was one of our original salads 20 years ago, and we've had a good response to that," Schilbe said.

One of the second courses (the scallops) features grilled asparagus with lobster sauce and little sherry vinegar "to finish," Schilbe said. "Grilling the asparagus adds a little smokiness to it, more acidic and a little more bitter. It brings out the flavors and makes it a little more crisp."

After 20 years, Goodman knows he can't rest on the laurels of writeups from

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Conde Nast, Zagat or *Gourmet* magazine. "That's great, but the key is executing on a day-to-day basis," Goodman said. "You just can't hang your hat on past performances."

CONTEMPORARY FLAIR

Goodman doesn't like to label the restaurant's food, but describes it as contemporary, combining French and American influences and techniques. "But we're not using a lot of butter and a lot of cream, it's much lighter with spice rubs and herb and oil influsions, and reductions," Goodman said.

"What we had decided in the demographics have changed," said Schilbe. "We're seeing a little more casual dining and we're no longer open for lunch, but we've scaled down the lunch items and added popular ones to the dinner menu." Schilbe, who has cooked at Touché and

Schilbe, who has cooked at Touche and Five Lakes Grill, said his favorite is breast of duck slow-roasted, with spaetzle infused with foie gras, with a pomegranate, port and currant reduction. "What I try to do is get duck into mainstream cooking like it is in Chinese and French cooking. The duck is medium rare and juicy, as it is slow-roasted in the pan," Schilbe said. The sweetness of the pomegranates port and currant balances the dish.

Goodman's favorite is caramelized scallops with sweet corn variation with parmesan polenta, smoked tomato and corn ragout and a basil-infused roasted corn sauce. "We caramelize the natural sugars with intense heat. It adds a little texture."

Goodman expects ethnic foods will



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Where: 844 Penniman (just west of Main), Plymouth (734) 453-6260 Open: 5-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 5-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. (Time of last reservations is 9 p.m.) Food style: Contemporary, French influences with American flair Cost: Main courses \$36-\$42. Three course bistro menu featured Monday-Thursday for \$30.

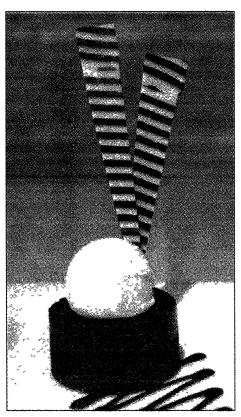
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maintain their appeal over the next 20 years and as the demographics change and the population ages, so will eating habits. "I think we'll be eating smaller foods, but the intensity of the food will be there," Goodman said. "We enjoy food, but we've noticed we want to do tastings."

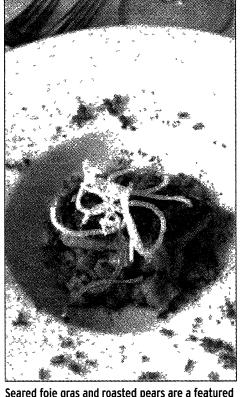
Schilbe calls the 20 years a milestone. "It is quite an accomplishment for Greg. I admire him for what he has done. When he set out to do this, he wanted to do it right and do something special and you can see that it is something special."

American chefs have an adventurous approach, Goodman said. "Combining unique and separate flavors continues to be unique and fascinating," Goodman said.

"It's nice that we say, 'Who says you can't do this?"



Flourless chocolate torte is featured on the special bistro menu.



Seared foie gras and roasted pears are a featured appetizer at Café Bon Homme on the restaurant's dinner menu.

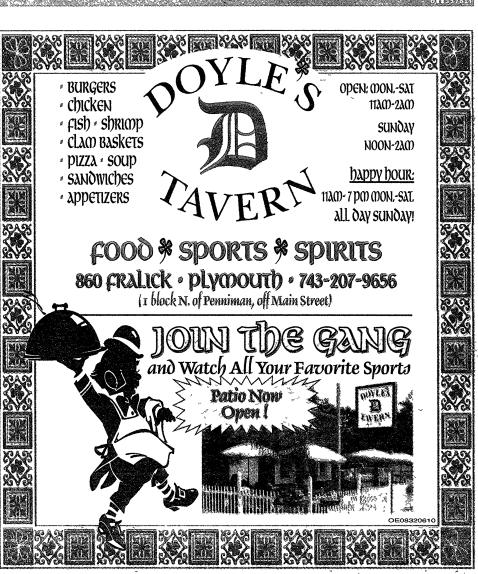
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Family fun

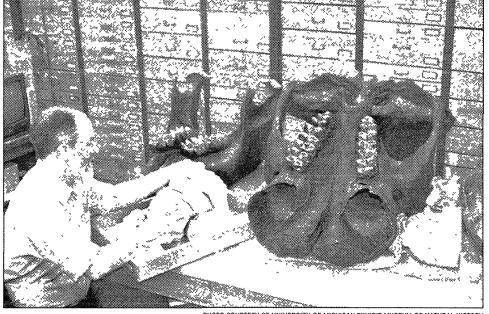


PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Daniel C. Fisher, University of Michigan professor of geological sciences, studies mastodon bones.

Holy mastodon!

U-M museum expands exhibit

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

They belong to the same family as the mammoth and elephant, and their remains have been found right here in Michigan.

In fact, the female mastodon skeleton on display at the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History came from Owosso. Now she'll be joined by a male mastodon skeleton that showcases the size difference between the genders.

The addition of the 9-foot skeleton marks an expansion of the museum's mastodon exhibit. A public opening with special activities for children is scheduled for Saturday.

"He weighed about 6,000 pounds," museum director Amy Harris said of the male skeleton. "Which is the equivalent of two Hummer H2s. I can't believe how big it is. Oh my gosh."

The museum's display of an adult male and female mastodon together is the first of its kind in the world, Harris added. The male is a replica, while the female is almost entirely composed of real bones.

The expansion includes additional objects, including bones and tusks, and arrowheads used by human hunters. Some of the artifacts on display can be touched, and explanatory text panels have

HOLY MASTODON

What: Public opening of the museum's expanded mastodon exhibit featuring a 9-foot tall male mastodon skeleton.

When: Opening, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; exhibit is permanent; regular museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon

to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Where: University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History, 1109 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor.

Admission: Free; for information, call (734) 764-0478 or visit www.exhibits.lsa.umich.edu.

been added to enhance visitor learning. An interactive audio system, which explores the art and science of paleontology, is also planned.

The mastodon exhibit is a permanent display at the museum, which was established in the 1800s after an alumnus toured the world and sent back 60.000 specimens for study. The female mastodon skeleton has been on exhibit since the 1940s.

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GET OUT

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Oakland Theatre Guild

The Scarlett Pimpernel. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays through May 22, at the Starlight Theatre, Summit Place Mall. Tickets \$14 adults, \$12 seniors and \$10 for students. For information, call (248)335-1788.

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

A two-star night at the DSO features guitarist Pat Martino and his quartet. There's also a concert, Jazz at the Lincoln Center, that pays tribute to saxophonist Dexter Gordon by a group of jazz artists. The band includes director and pianist George Cables, bassist Rufus Reid, drummer Leroy Williams and tenor sax player Jerry Weldon, Jimmy Greene and Wayne Escoffery. Tickets \$18-\$52. Box seats \$85.

Also, the DSO welcomes back quest conductor Mark Wigglesworth to lead a concert series titled Three Fours. Spanning three centuries, the program features the fourth symphonies of Mozart, Sir Michael Tippett and Brahms. The concerts at Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center are 8 p.m., Thursday May 19, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m., Friday, May 20, and 8:30 p.m., Saturday, May 21. Tickets are \$16-\$69. Ninety minutes prior to concerts, seniors can purchase select tickets, based on availability, at 50 percent off at the box office. For tickets or more information call (313) 576-5111

JAZZ & MORE

Ron's Fireside Inn

Jim Ryan and Friends perform 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, May 25 at 28937, Warren Road, Garden City. Cover \$5 with dinner, \$10 without. Call (734)762-7756.

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

From 8 to 11 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at Marge's Bar, 15300 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park. Tom Saunders and his Detroit All Stars perform. Also at 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the Dakota Inn, 17235 John R, Detroit, Mike Montgomery and Kerry Price perform. Every Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. at La Dolce Vita, 17546 Woodward Avenue, north of Six Mile Road, the Gypsy Strings of Detroit perform. Brunch & Jazz with Dad

From noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 19, is Brunch, Dad & Jazz with the Michigan Jazz Festival. The annual Father's Day Brunch at the VisTaTec Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The Keller/Kocher Quartet with Susan Chastain will perform Tickets \$25 Mail check or money order to the Michigan Jazz Festival, 20457 Maplewood St, Livonia, MI 48152-2022

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Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive the tickets. **Global Jazz Trio**

The Ark, 326 South Main Street, Ann Arbor. A concert for World Peace, 8 p.m., Thursday, May 26. Tickets \$13.50. Purchase at The Ark or online at www.tickemaster.com or call (248) 645-6666. For more information call (734) 476-0611 or visit www.globaljazztrio.com

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Bosco

noWax nights every Wednesday night at the Bosco, 22930 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. Download music into your MP3 Player, come to the bosco, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs. No cover. For more information visit

www.thebosco.com or call (248) 541-8818. 21 & over only.

La Dolca Vita Restaurant

Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Trio will perform at La Dolce Vita at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 17546 Woodward, north of McNichols. Call (313) 865-0331. **Fifth Avenue**

p.m., Sunday, May 29. Located at 2100

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FOLK, POP & ROCK

Comedian Steven Wright at Meadow

Brook Music Festival, 8 p.m. Friday, June

17. Tickets, \$29.50 pavilion and \$15 lawn.

Stevie Nicks and Don Henley at DTE

Tickets, \$89.50 pavilion and \$29 lawn.

Ticket price includes \$3 parking fee.

Energy at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 18

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On sale now

A House of Funk Evening beginning at 8 Paulina Rubio

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Latin pop singing sensation, Paulina Rubio spices up the Royal Oak Music Theatre 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 24. Tickets (\$40 & \$58) and can be purchased at the Royal Oak Music Theatre box office or call (248) 399-2980 or visit www.tickets.com or visit www.royaloakmusictheatre.com. The Royal Oak Music Theatre is located at 318 W. Fourth Street.

Detroit Public Television presents

Kids Club Live with Barney and special

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Ford Theatre (formerly Freedom Hill) in

Thursday, June 23. Tickets, \$18 pavilion

and lawn. Ticket price includes \$3 park-

Business Tour along with special quest

Talib Kweli at DTE 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 1.

Tickets, \$35 pavilion and \$23 lawn. Ticket

Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster

centers. Tickets may also be charged by

At the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, 8 p.m.,

American Hi-Fi and Adam Richman. The

New Orleans trio blends country and

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Royal Oak Music Theatre Box Office or

online, www.tickets.com. To charge by

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Thursday, June 16. Special quests

Sterling Heights. 2 and 7 p.m., on

Black Eyed Peas in The Monkey

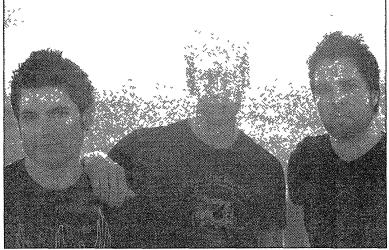
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ing fee.

Chiara Civell

Acclaimed Italian jazz singer Chiara Civello, 8 p.m., Sunday, June 12 at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. Her repertoire includes original compositions and arrangements by Alain Mallet, as well as renditions of jazz standards. She blends pop, rock, Latin, Italian and Brazilian songs. Tickets are \$15. Call (248) 544-1991.



Better Than Ezra

Better Than Ezra appears at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth Street, at 8 p.m., Thursday, June 16. Tickets are \$16-\$18 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre Box Office or online at www.tickets.com. To charge by phone or for more information, call (248) 399-2980 or visit www.royaloakmusictheatre.com.

How sweet it is

Sweet Charity: The front row is Sarah Austin, Cynthia Pike and Heidi Bennett, while the back row is Samantha White, Kathleen Warner, Christi Carpenter, Amy Kuta, Christa Coulter and Darci Bryan. These actors star in the musical comedy Sweet Charity at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook, 400 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Showtime is 8 p.m., June 3, 4, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18. \$18 for adults, \$16 for students 18 and younger plus senior citizens. For more information visit www.StDunstansTheatre.com or call (248) 644-0527.

On Sale now:

Black Eyed Peas, 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 1 at DTE. Tickets \$23-\$35.

Montgomery Gentry, 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 29 at DTE. Tickets \$18,50- to \$35,50. John Mellencamp with special guest John Fogerty, 7 p.m., Saturday, July 2 at DTE. Tickets \$25-\$59.50.

Tesla, 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 17 at Jerome Duncan Ford Theatre, Big Beaver in Sterlina Heights.

Tickets for DTE and Jerome Duncan Ford Theatre shows available at all Ticketmaster outlets or call (248) 645-

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■ The Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey & Dean, at Detroit's City Theatre, formerly The Second City, June 7 through July 3. Tickets \$35-\$40. Tuesday through Saturday performances at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 p.m., Saturday & Sunday matinees 2 p.m. Charge by phone, (248) 645-6666. For more information www.ticketmaster.com

ART

Our Town

The Community House will present the 20th annual OUR TOWN Art Exhibition and Sale on Oct. 20-21. Artist call to enter applications are available at The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham. Applications can also be downloaded from The Community House website at www.communityhouse.com. The deadline for applications is July 29. For more information, contact Kathie Ninneman, The Community House, 248/594-6403.

Detroit Artists Market

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: The Politics of Boomerang. Editorial cartoonist Draper Hill in a one man show sponsored by sculptor Sergio De Giusti Opening reception 6-10 pm Friday.

Gallery hours 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Show runs through May 22 at the gallery. 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Featured cartoons include Mayor Coleman Young, Richard Nixon, Spiro Agnew and both Presidents Bush.

Oakland Community College Student Art Show. Paintings, ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus. At the campus Woodland Hall Library, 7300 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

32nd Annual Art Fair: Chelsea Painters 10 am. to 5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, June 4 & 5 on the grounds of Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main Street, Chelsea. Twenty-eight artists will feature an array of mediums. Live country/bluegrass by Beverly Smith. Kids activities. Admission is free. For more information call 1-800-888-9487 or visit www.annarbor.ora

AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

Funny summer school Registration is open for The Second City's youth and adult summer workshops. Subjects are improv, acting, writing and music for adults 18 and older. Kids can learn the fundamentals of comedy plus the art of improv. Classes begin Saturday, June 4. Tuition for the eightweek adult courses and youth Workshops is \$200. The cost per threehour workshop for adults is \$25 per workshop. For more information visit www.secondcity.com and click on the Training & Education link. Further curriculum can be found at www.secondcitysummers.com. Enroll for classes in person or by calling (248) 348-4448. All classes held at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

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Star struck

(May 19-21) By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

It's zip-your-lip time, Ram. Your temper could easily get the better of you later this week as the sun changes signs, but that doesn't mean you'll win. Therefore, be extremely careful of what you say and to whom now, because any outrageous statements you make are sure to catch up to in late June.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Feelings appear to be running high over a project or relationship and you would do well to share any doubts rather than keep them to yourself. But do so with care, Bull. Nobody wants to feel guilty or trapped during Monday's full moon even though you have been feeling against the wall. Stay focused, positive.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Words always come easy to you, but sometimes you say things that are a bit too off-the-wall or abrasive, and that is something you must watch out for now. If you must point out other's faults, try not to destroy their confidence. It's time to make peace with those whom you've burned bridges.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

I'd like to say that you're in for a financial windfall, but you're going to have to practice patience and cleverness now, MoonKid. The more others make you feel guilty for all the good things in your life, the more you should remind them that nothing is free. You've sacrificed enough, and things are turning to your favor.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You know how to communicate, Lion, so why are you making such a bad demonstration of it lately? The only way you'll get what you desire in the days ahead is if you spell it out in plain and simple language. "Enemies" may only be such because you don't treat them as friends and see their view.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Virgoes never lack for ideas, but how often have those of yours been turned into action lately? If

the answer is "not recently," you get the chance to make up for it this week. Don't listen to those

who say you should be more cautious (yawn). Some folks may not want you to succeed. Prove them wrong; plow ahead!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You know better that there are times when you struggle to keep your composure and it may get you into trouble with loved ones, Balancer. The sun in your element as of yesterday with angles to powerful Pluto means that the next person or family member you pick a fight with may be tougher than you. Stay nice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Others may want you to change your plans to fit what they're doing and their desires, but you're under no obligation to do so now, Scorp. You have your own agenda and needs to satisfy and

they must come first, especially as you're committed in both time and money now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

If a partnership is, or has been recently, on the slide: let it go all the way to bottom and just pick ⁺ up yourself, Archer, and let it go all the way to the bottom – for recycling. According to the planets, kiddo, "it" isn't worth saving any longer. And the sooner you accept that fact, the better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

Now with the sun in Gemini, instant decisions aren't a Cap's best pal, and the planets warn that if you act without thinking, you may regret it. Take your time and don't allow yourself to be rushed by those who'd profit by your mistakes. You're smarter than you give yourself credit,

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

It's an open up your eyes and mind-kinda week, WaterBearer. It's not like you to waste time looking back, but you seem to be doing a lot of that lately. The current planetary setup urges you to stop thinking about what might have been and start thinking about what is going to be.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

A problem shared is a problem halved, or so they say, and it's certainly true that if you ask for assistance this week, you'll get as much as you need and, hopefully, more. No one expects you to do everything, so don't expect it of yourself, Fish. Make this a less-stress week. Stop fretting over moolah!.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 546-6912 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.



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Art U of M students create art to remember

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

Artists often use their work to infold their own life stories, but art and design students at the University of Michigan have urned to the experiences and nemories of local seniors for creative stimulation.

In the end, 12 three-dimensional pieces, which also funcion to enhance the short-term nemories of the seniors who nspired the work, were created.

The student pieces remain on display through May 29 at the Work Gallery in Ann Arbor.

"The important thing here is how did we make art," explained the students' instructor, University of Michigan School of Art and Design professor Satoru Takahashi.

TOUCH MEMORY

What: Exhibit of memory-aid art for seniors created by University of Michigan art students at the Work Gallery.
When: Through May 29; regular gallery hours are noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Work Gallery, 306 S. State Street, Ann Arbor. – Admission: Free; for information, call the gallery at (734) 998-6178.

Takahashi became interested in how to use art both to enhance the memory skills of seniors and impart greater understanding about memory problems.

"How can we include those

seniors and their problems with memory? Art can make it a more universal experience," he said. So Takahashi decided to pair

12 of his students with seniors experiencing memory problems who were seeking support through the University Health System's Turner Senior Resource Center.

The students met with and interviewed the seniors weekly for about three months as part of a class.

The seniors also visited the students' art studio to give input on work in progress.

The pieces, which were completed three weeks ago and taken to each senior's home, "are all different," said Takahashi.

"There are different shapes and sizes, from a music box to a glove, and different mediums from wood and glass, to plastic and fiber," he said, adding many students plan to ultimately turn over their work to the seniors who inspired them.

Some of the works tell the life story of an individual senior.

Others simply impart the subject's life sentiments.

All, however, are hands-on pieces that seek to aid memory through touch and sensory stimulation.

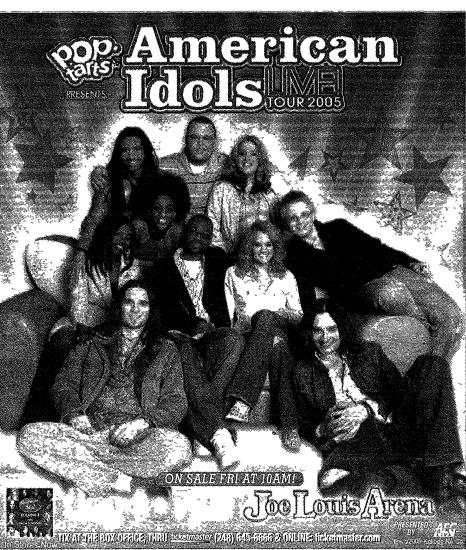
One student, for example, created a music box with drawers that open to reveal descriptions of the places her subject visited. Some of the pieces are wearable art. Others resemble albums.

"It's like kind of a game," explained Takahashi.

⁴You can imagine a box and divide it into nine sections. You can open them up, and you can see your life story, and some sections you can't open. This idea helps short-term memory loss by encouraging longterm memory."

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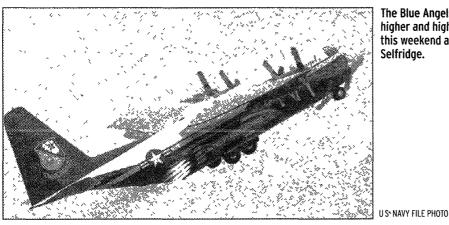




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The Blue Angels fly higher and higher this weekend at

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children.

The remains of about 250 mastodons,

which walked the earth some 10,000

years ago, have been found in southern

a fact intrigues not only adults but also

lower Michigan, Harris said, adding such

Activities planned for the public open-

ing include kids craft projects related to

shows, refreshments and balloons. University of Michigan paleontologist

the Ice Age and mastodons, planetariums

Daniel C. Fisher and University of Michigan School of Dentistry professor Daniel Chiego are set to compare mastodon tusks and human teeth from 1-3 p.m.

Fisher, an internationally known paleontologist, will also discuss his recent research on mastodons at 8 p.m. Friday during an on-campus lecture for adults.

"He's interested in how and why mastodons went extinct. The jury is still out," Harris said. "But he has several theories."

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AIR SHOW

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said. "And it gives people who can't, or don't, travel an opportunity to view it."

Speaking at the air show is Col. Roger Donlon, the first Medal of Honor recipient from Vietnam. On July 5, 1964, Donlon was severely wounded from mortar fire during an enemy attack at Nam Dong. During the five-hour siege, Donlon moved throughout the darkness, dragging needed supplies to his troops who were hunkered down in pits. He encouraged them, directed gunfire and moved wounded men to safer areas.

"His story is truly heroic," Rossi said. "It will give you goosebumps.

Aircraft used in Vietnam like the AC 47 Spooky Gunship will be on display and flown. "That's an important one," Rossi said.

"The Spooky was a low-flying aircraft that flew over the jungles in search of the enemy. It was loud. Troops on the ground say it was their guardian. When they heard it overhead at night, they knew they could go to sleep."

There will also be F-104 Phantoms, a Russian MIG-17 Fresco, F-16s, A-10s and others. Acrobatic pilot Sean D. Tucker brings his Oracle Challenger to the show and will fly backward at more than 100 mph. Jim LeRoy's Bull-Dog Acrobatics also returns this year with his highly modified, factory-built Pitts S2S.

Every aircraft at Selfridge will be available for up-close views by the public, Rossi said. "Viewing the aircraft up-close is a way for taxpayers to see where there money is spent."

More than 150,000 are expected to watch the show.

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