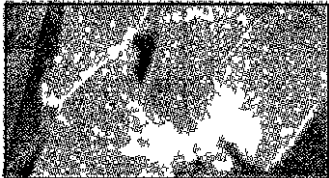


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Committee offers redistricting options

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Armed with a lease to use a Livonia elementary school, and the opening of Workman Elementary in Canton this fall, the Plymouth-Canton Schools Housing Committee will be recommending to the Board of Education a number of redistricting options

And, to no one's surprise, the recommendations are already drawing criticism from parents who don't want their children moved, even if their school is overcrowded

The school board has approved a one-year lease to use Washington Elementary in Livonia — at the corner of Hix and Ann Arbor roads — as a home for Miller Elementary students while their Canton school is shuttered for the entire 2006-07 school year for a \$5 million makeover

The lease will allow for 354 of Miller's K-6 students to be bused to Livonia, while 140 Talented and Gifted students will be housed at the new Workman Elementary, both for one year. Meanwhile, 130 Miller students who currently drive past Workman will be redistricted closer to their homes in Central Park Estates

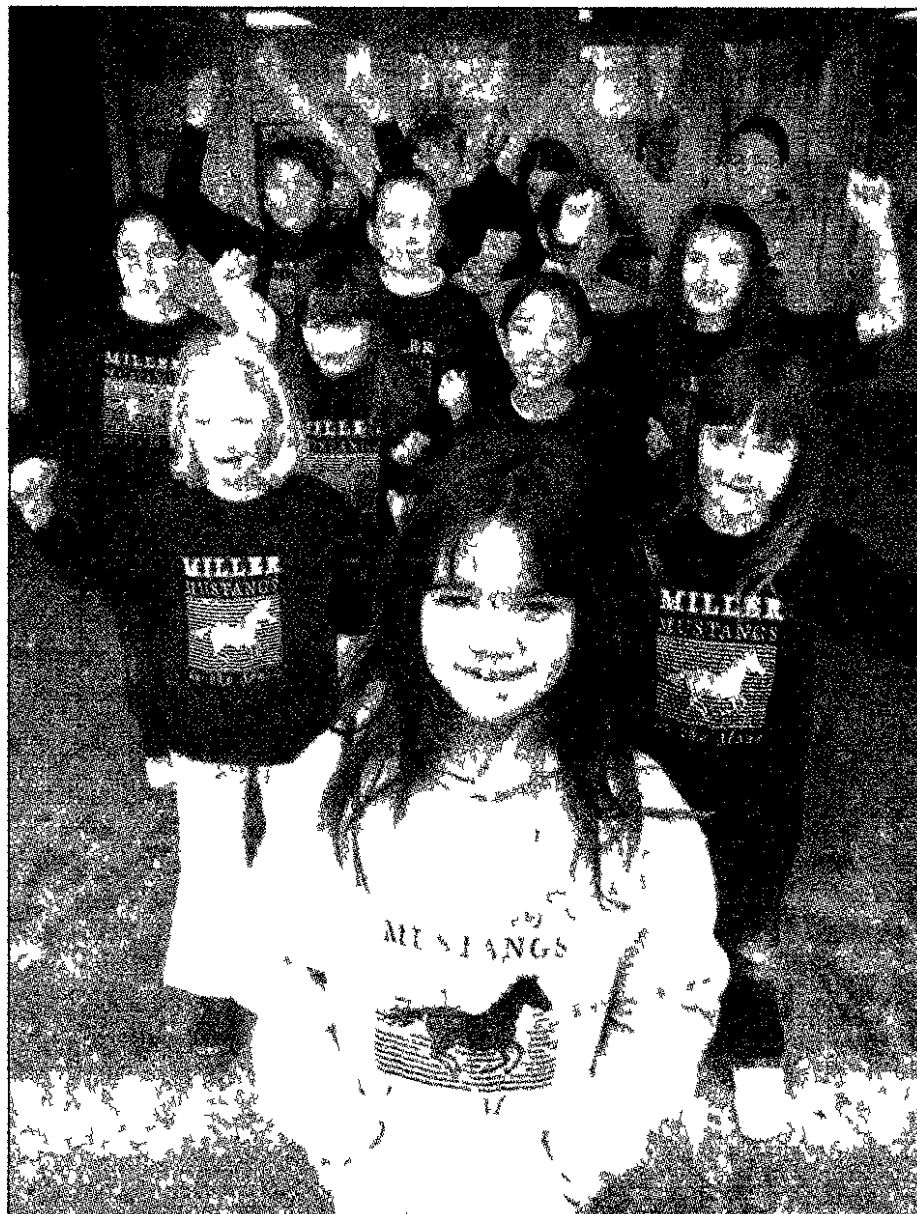
Barbara Rodenberg, assistant superintendent for instructional services, said there are also proposals to move students from Dodson, Hulsing, Hoben, Gallimore and Bentley to Workman, which will open in August with nearly 700 students

Many students were bused to those schools because there wasn't a school in southwest Canton that was closest to them geographically and had enough space, Rodenberg said

Part of the maneuvering at those six elementary schools will result in 62 students in the Fox Run subdivision in Canton — who currently attend Isbister Elementary in Plymouth Township — to be moved to Workman, which Rodenberg said will be a shorter bus ride

By moving Fox Run, as well as an incoming kindergarten class that is smaller than the outgoing fifth grade at Isbister, another part of the recommendation is to move 63 current Bird Elementary students to Isbister. Not unlike last

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Miller students are on the move. The school's shirts and sweat shirts reflect next fall's year-long temporary move. Natalia Trevisan is front and center. Her schoolmates are Amanda Brechko, Jenna Dornoff, Kristi Smiley, Jill Shah, Haley Berryman, Meghan Berliner, Jessica Dornoff, Kyle Nowack, K.J. Wooley, Tom Raymond, Leah Schrauben and Shelby Crosier

County: CSX won't get on board

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Drivers who've waited since the late 1990s to see an underpass built on Sheldon Road at the CSX railroad crossing should sit down before they continue reading, because they're bound to be stunned

The project faces yet another potential delay. In a letter dated March 31, Wayne County Assistant Executive Alan Helmkamp said actions taken, or more accurately not taken, by the railroad "have placed this project at great risk"

But CSX officials are saying basically the same thing about Wayne County executives, accusing them of not being totally honest about the timing of some communications pertinent to the project

And there, caught between all the finger-pointing, are the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. In his letter, addressed to city Mayor Dan Dwyer and township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Helmkamp outlines five "outstanding matters" CSX must deal with before the project scheduled to start this fall, can move forward

Helmkamp said he sent a letter to railroad officials detailing the issues and setting an April 19 deadline for dealing with them. We've sent different contracts to them in a form we're willing to sign, and we've given them a deadline to fish or cut bait, Helmkamp said. "Without (CSX) we can't stay on the timeline"

RAILROAD ISSUES

The issues include acquisition by the county of a 50-by-100-foot parcel of land owned by the railroad. According to Helmkamp, the county offered the railroad \$45,000 for the property in November 2002, CSX officials said they want a newer appraisal

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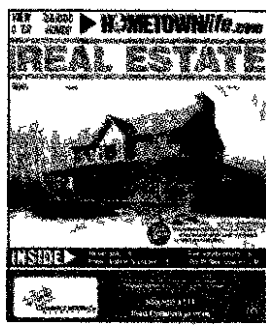
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Hopeful wants to move from committee to board

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER



Sneedman

When the Plymouth-Canton Schools redistricted several dozen middle school students last spring, Steve Sneedman addressed the district's housing committee as to why his twin daughters shouldn't be moved from West to Pioneer

PLEASE SEE SNEIDEMAN, A7

Candidate wants to keep district 'strong like it is'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER



Christenson

When Mark Christenson and his family moved to Plymouth Township three years ago, one of the biggest considerations concerning where to locate was Plymouth-Canton Schools. "We wanted a strong school district for our

PLEASE SEE CHRISTENSON, A6



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The Sheldon Road underpass project could hit another snag if CSX doesn't respond to a letter sent by Wayne County officials by April 19

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Chorus concert

The Plymouth Community Chorus presents its annual spring concert, "Just for Fun," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 29 and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30 at Northville High School, 46700 Six Mile, Northville.

The chorus brings back popular and soft-rock favorites, designed to get toes tappin' and hands clappin', from artists such as George Benson, Earth Wind and Fire, Henry Mancini and Manhattan Transfer.

Tickets are \$12-\$13 and are available by calling the PCC ticket hotline, (866) 924-4276.

Bunny pictures

GMAC Real Estate/The Kee Group in Plymouth hosts pictures with the Easter Bunny 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

In addition to the opportunity to take pictures with the Easter Bunny, the event features lemonade and treats for the children and coffee and cookies for the parents.

GMAC Real Estate/The Kee Group is located at 1365 S. Main in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 451-5400.

Bunny at Compass Cafe

Children of all ages can have pictures taken with the Easter Bunny Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Compass Cafe on Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

The Easter Bunny is sponsored by the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club. The \$5 donation will help the club fund its community-wide programs.

Legal clinic

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. will conduct a

free outreach clinic on civil legal services for income-eligible residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, including the city of Detroit, 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 4 at the Plymouth Community Council on Aging in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Attendees are asked to register before 10:30 a.m., as a Legal Aid attorney will assist only those persons who have done so by that time.

For further information, contact Gina Polley, director of community relations and governmental affairs, by phone at (313) 964-4111, Ext. 6440 or (877) 964-5310, or by e-mail at gpolley@ladetroit.org.

Golfapalooza

The Jen Possible Golfapalooza is scheduled for May 5 at Fellows Creek in Canton. The event is a fundraiser for Jennifer Hayse, a Plymouth resident and a mother of two, who died of cancer on Feb. 10. Proceeds will help the family pay bills.

The golfing event, which begins with a shotgun, 4-person scramble at 9 a.m. The cost is \$95 per person and dinner for \$30. Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast and lunch at the turn. Dinner to follow. Other fund-raising opportunities include a silent auction, raffle drawings, a putting competition, skins, Texas hold em holes, and more.

Registration deadline is April 7. To reserve a spot, contact Todd Laird at (313) 755-0182 or Mike Michela at (313) 722-1018. To learn more about Jennifer's story or to make a



Great grinch

Fiegl kindergarten student Kayla Butske got hugs from The Cat in the Hat (Michele Mitchell) and The Grinch (Andy Whalin) during the school's recent Seuss Day celebration. Nearly 500 students at Fiegl Elementary School in Plymouth were treated to a special presentation and "birthday party" in honor of Dr. Seuss. Kindergarten through fifth graders participated in an interactive skit based on Seuss' "Horton Hears A Who," part of the presentation coordinated by the "Seuss Day Group," sisters Annette Frederick of Plymouth, and Michele Mitchell of Grass Lake, along with volunteers. Following the skit, special guest "The Grinch" greeted the children and handed out prizes. The group also provided birthday treats and donated books to the school library. The annual event is held during March, National Reading Month, and is designed to encourage and promote reading by elementary school students. The sisters created the program in 2003, in honor of their mother, Phyllis Mitchell, a longtime Fiegl teacher and reading advocate.

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Breakfast forum

Area investment advisors and registered representatives are invited to join the law firm of Miller Canfield at an upcoming Before the Bell Breakfast Forum, "Report from the 2006 Securities Industry Seminar," 7:15-8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 20, from 7:15-8:30 a.m. at Fiamma Grille, 380 S. Main in Plymouth.

A recap of this year's hot topics, trends and targets as heard at the Securities Industry Association (SIA) Seminar will be given by Miller Canfield securities attorneys, Michael Coakley and Todd Holleman. Space is limited, advance

registration is required by responding to bera@miller-canfield.com or calling (248) 267-3345. There is no cost to attend, however, the event is limited to registered representatives and investment advisors.

Health screening

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging sponsors a health screening for seniors 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at the Plymouth Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft in Plymouth Township.

The Medical Team, a certified home health agency, will provide screening and testing to persons 60 years or older who reside in southern and western Wayne County. The screening includes vital signs/blood pressure, blood

sugar, cholesterol testing, complete blood count and urinalysis.

Seniors should bring the name of their physician and relevant health history, including a list of medications. There is no charge for the screening, but voluntary donations will be accepted to help defray the costs of the program.

Pre-registration is requested and can be accomplished by calling (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Mom-2-Mom sale

Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples sponsor a "Mom-2-Mom Sale" 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia, between 7 and 8 Mile roads.

Admission is \$1, and parents are asked to hold off on strollers until after 11 a.m. The department-style event features more than 30 sellers featuring baby and children's clothes, equipment, toys, strollers, car seats, maternity wear, etc.

For more information, contact Fiona via e-mail at surfaceinnovations@wowway.com.

Art exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will feature, "Versatility," paintings by Marjorie Hogan Chellstorp through April 20. The Farmington Hills artist taught art at Madonna University for 18 years.

As the title of her show implies, she works in more than one medium. This exhibit will include works in watercolor, acrylic and oil with subject matter ranging from realism to abstract. The one constant factor is the exploration of color in all her images.

Chellstorp has exhibited widely and has won several awards throughout the state. In addition, she has many corporate mural commissions and her work is part of many corporate and private collections.

For a breath of spring, visit the Arts Center at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. The

artists reception is 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 8. The public is welcome. Regular hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call for (734) 416-4278 for additional times.

Chamber events

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors the following events in the coming weeks:

■ Downtown Plymouth Madness Sale, 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 7 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, April 8. Many downtown stores are offering sales on the latest home decor, fashions, products and services.

■ Plymouth Hall of Fame, 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 11. The banquet, held at Atlanta's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, honors the newest inductees into the Plymouth Hall of Fame, local businessmen Bob DeMatia and James Vermeulen. Tickets are available at \$20 per person, which includes dinner. The banquet is open to the public.

For more information on these and other chamber events, call (734) 453-1540.

Fall Fest news

■ The first meeting for the 2006 Plymouth Fall Festival takes place at Plymouth City Hall 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25.

Community groups interested in operating a food booth must have a member in attendance at this meeting and the three additional meetings held before the festival. Booth applications are available online at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or they'll also be available at this meeting.

■ Festival organizers are accepting applications for the festival craft show, which takes place Sept. 9-10. The craft show moves this year to the lawn of the Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Union.

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Plymouth leaders lay out plans for future

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume was only in office four months last April when he delivered his State of the Township address at the State of the Community Breakfast, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

With another 12 months under his belt, Reaume was able to give a more complete picture to the room full of community leaders at Station 885 Tuesday morning, noting 2005 was a pretty good year for the township.

"It might not seem significant to you, but we signed and settled our union bargaining contracts. That's a big thing," said Reaume. "We asked for a renewal of our police and fire millage. That actually failed in May and we had to go back to the public. We re-educated them, and not only did they pass it in August, we actually got an increase."

Among other accomplishments the past year breaking ground on the \$13 million township hall, courting the Robert Bosch Corporation, with its nearly \$40 million in development at Five Mile and Haggerty roads, and the opening of a renovated St. John's Inn, which Reaume called a "jewel."

However, like most other community leaders, Reaume put a caveat on 2006.

"All that's not without challenges," warned Reaume. "Our costs are going up over 5 percent a year, our revenues are not even going up 3 percent a year."

"At this point we are not laying off individuals in the township, but as people

retire, we're not replacing them," he said. "We have five less individuals in the township, now, all from retirements."

Reaume challenged restaurant and retail shop owners to get ready for the June opening of the new IKEA store in Canton Township.

"Even though it's down in Canton, let's take advantage of that opportunity," said Reaume. "I've already got my staff working on what we can do to get people on Ann Arbor Road and get them to spend here. And, they will."

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer used the platform to admonish the State of Michigan for two proposals that are forcing communities to go broke.

"With Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment, about all the city can focus on right now is staying afloat," said Dwyer. "Proposal A and Headlee are going to kill this state. It's killing the city of Plymouth, and until people get up and mad about it, we're going to be telling the tale of woe for a long time."

However, Dwyer said despite the budget problems, residents told commissioners — in a survey conducted by University of Michigan School of Business graduate students — don't ask for more money.

"The residents told us to live within your means," said Dwyer. "We're working hard to do that."

The survey also indicated to commissioners it's Plymouth's small town atmosphere that brings them to live within the city's 2.2-square-mile, and what keeps them here.

The city heard that, and we have charged the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) with looking at

issues of density in the downtown, parking requirements downtown and big-foot homes," said Dwyer. "We heard what they had to say, and we're working actively at addressing them."

Dwyer said city residents indicated they would like to see a bigger and better recreation center.

"They're screaming for it," said Dwyer. "I don't know if they're willing to pay for it."

"We've had conversations with (Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent) Dr. (Jim) Ryan about the Central Middle School property," he said. "We'd like to cooperate and partner with the schools in some kind of development."

Dwyer, a proponent of regionalization of services, said the city is looking for partners for all services, except police.

"We're looking for partners from all of our neighbors to save money," said Dwyer. "It's the right thing to do."

Ryan said Plymouth-Canton Schools has passed Livonia as the state's fifth-largest district with more than 18,400 students. That includes an increase of nearly 1,000 students the past two years, with an expected 500 more next year.

"We think the growth will continue the next 5-7 years," said Ryan.

Ryan said the upcoming \$120 million bond issue — for elementary building renovations, a new middle school and improvements like a pool and theater at the high school park — is paramount for the district.

"We understand it's a tough economy, but we have kids coming so fast that if we don't prepare now

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Candidates trade ideas about future of district

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A fiscally challenged Plymouth-Canton Schools budget, the \$120 million bond proposal for renovations and new school facilities, health care costs, class size and early childhood education were all topics of conversation Tuesday night by seven of the eight candidates vying for two open seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education in the May 2 election.

The candidates answered submitted questions by several dozen people who attended a candidates' forum sponsored by the Plymouth and Canton Observer newspapers, and conducted by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

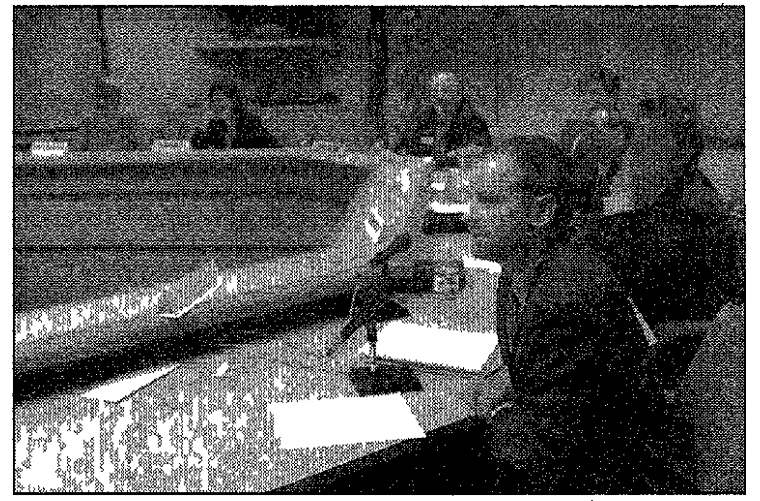
Beth Gorman of Plymouth Township said the forum helped her narrow down two choices for the four-year terms.

"There are a lot of concerns about the fiscal health of the school district, it's going to be a major concern," Gorman said. "I would like to see school board members support the bond issue. Some were unsure, but we've had a lot of growth and a lot of diversity, so there are a lot of different needs for a lot of different groups."

Del Templeton of Plymouth Township, who also drives a school bus in the district, said he's not voting for a candidate that doesn't support the \$120 million in bonds, which appears on the same ballot.

"We need to maintain this district as a leader in education, and if they don't have the facilities, they won't," Templeton said. "If we don't build it, they won't come. It does have an effect on housing prices."

Former school board President Mark Horvath said none of the eight candidates



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

School board candidates (foreground to back) Steven Sneedman, Brandon Hynes, John Nichols, Larry Martin, John Jackson, Dianne Gonzales, and Mark Christenson took part in Tuesday's forum.

was able to sway his vote. "I'm a little concerned they all look like the same person," Horvath said. "I didn't see anyone who would be on the board of directors, someone who can make a difference."

Horvath said none of the candidates, in his opinion, seemed to have a grasp on the budget deficit and the problems ahead.

"None of them seemed to have a firm grasp on the structural deficit," Horvath said. "They're all going to the Legislature and get more money, but with the current economic climate in the state, I don't see that as a realistic opportunity."

"They don't seemingly want to address salaries and benefits," Horvath added. "With nearly 89 percent of the budget people, when you're going to reduce costs, it has to be about people."

The eight candidates are Brandon Hynes, Cheryl McKoy, John Nichols and Steven Sneedman, all of Canton, and Mark Christenson, Dianne Gonzales, John Jackson and Larry

Martin, all of Plymouth Township. McKoy didn't take part in the forum.

The Michigan Education Association 2A Coordinating Council, which represents 2,000 MEA members, is endorsing Jackson and Sneedman.

"Jackson is a straightforward person that will look at multiple issues," said Tracy McCord, council member and Political Action Committee chair of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, composed of 1,100 teachers. "He has a well-rounded perspective about what's important to our school district."

McCord said the council liked Sneedman for his knowledge on many issues.

"He has a ton of energy and a lot of data," McCord said. "We've interviewed people who have a lot of budget data, but he has researched well and knows what's going on."

McCord said the MEA 2A Coordinating Council will contribute financially to the campaigns of both candidates, and send a mailing to its members.

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Hungry businessmen offer Schoolcraft opportunity in China

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

American businessmen are beating a path to set up operations in China. But after sampling the local cuisine, they might have a hard time finding some good lasagna or a hearty beef Wellington.

The need to feed western businessmen could be a niche market for Schoolcraft College's esteemed culinary arts program. On March 14, three representatives from the college returned from a 10-day exploratory visit to three Chinese cities to test the idea of providing training to Chinese culinary arts students in the preparation of western food.

John Walsh, executive director of development and government relations, Bruce Konolow, director of culinary arts, and Shawn Loving, culinary instructor and owner of the Loving Spoonful restaurant in Farmington Hills, spent a hectic but productive trip visiting schools and commercial operations in Beijing, Shenzhen and Shanghai.

Our mission was to learn about the culture and the business and educational climate so we can gather facts and see where we fit in to the big picture," Konolow said. "By being exposed to the three cities we went to, I believe we accomplished that. We also wanted to make friends and I believe we did that as well."

The trip was proposed by Laura Wang, a Northville business consultant. She accompanied the three men on the trip, acted as an interpreter and consultant and stayed behind to attend some more meetings.

She knew about the college and had a personal familiarity with our academic program and she knew a good meal," Walsh said. "She had eaten here. She also knew from business clients that they were struggling to find a decent western meal."



Chef Shawn Loving of the Loving Spoonful restaurant, third from left, Chef Bruce Konolow of Schoolcraft College, in the center, and John Walsh of Schoolcraft College, met with Chinese cooks in Shanghai.

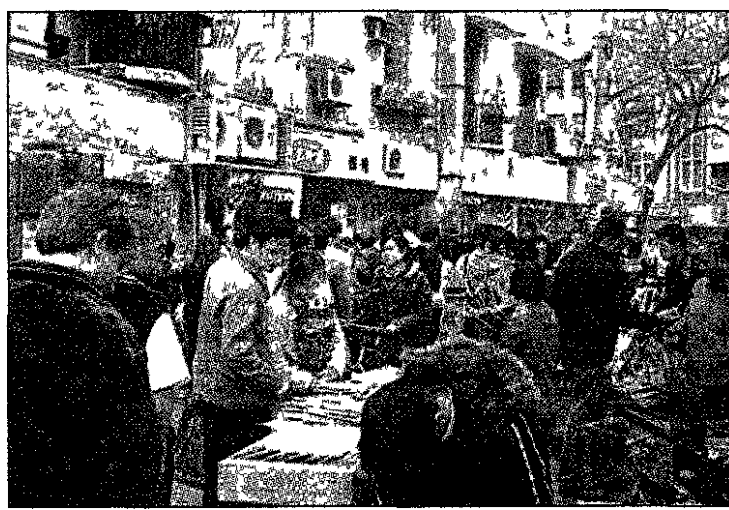
Wang chose the three very different venues. Beijing is the nation's capital, but it is also the site of the 2008 Summer Olympics and will be hosting thousands of visitors from the west. Beijing also has a Western Cuisine Association.

"She picked Shenzhen because it's a relatively new city, four million and growing. Fifteen years ago it was farm country," Walsh said.

In Shanghai, western-style cooking is available at the major hotels, which have European and American chefs but are required to hire Chinese cooks who need training.

Shenzhen Polytechnic Institute, which looks like a Florida resort, has a state-of-the-art culinary arts facility and shares a lot in common with Schoolcraft College. But other schools and restaurants, except for the major western hotels, aren't equipped to handle western cooking.

"A typical eastern kitchen is composed of a cooking line of



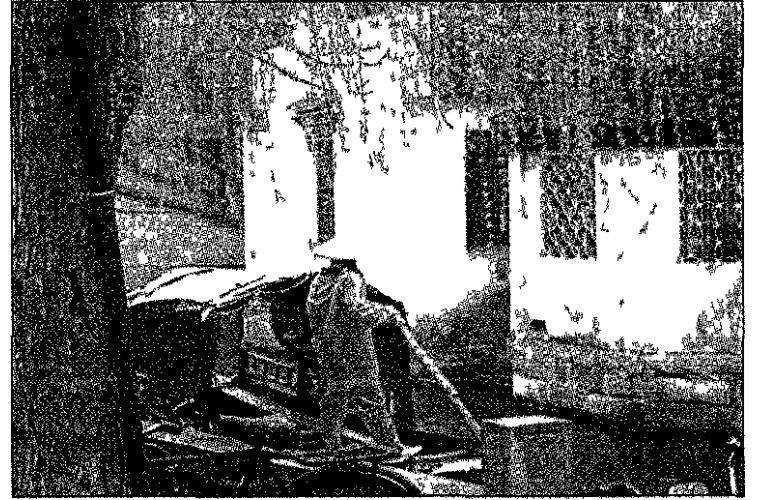
John Walsh and Shawn Loving, far left, explore an outdoor market in China.

woks," Konolow said. A wok for sauteeing, a wok for deep frying, poaching or boiling. Something that's an all-purpose unit. They do have a small oven that they use for various things, but they don't have the baking facility that we have. Their kitchens are styled for their cuisine. Very unglamorous, they're minimalists. They don't have the razzle-daz-

zle or sophisticated equipment they we feel we need for our cuisine."

FAST FOODS AVAILABLE

China has been introduced to some western cuisine — fast foods. Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, Burger King and Sizzler have all opened shops in the major cities. On weekends, Kentucky



A 'water village' near Shanghai still follows the traditional lifestyle of rural China.

Fried Chicken often has long lines. But few western chefs are moving to China to open full-service restaurants. Western meals are primarily served at the major western hotels.

Starbucks and Coffee Beanery have also invaded China.

"We didn't get a bad cup of coffee anywhere we went, which is surprising given how important tea is to them," Konolow said.

Walsh said the trip offered several potential opportunities for Schoolcraft.

"In Shenzhen we saw an opportunity. It might start merely with an exchange of students and faculty," he said. "One thing we talked about at length was the possibility of a joint degree, a degree in western cuisine from Schoolcraft and a degree in eastern cuisine from Shenzhen. That student would be valuable anywhere in the world, not just China."

He said in Shanghai, the opportunity might be a business relationship. The group met with representatives from the Ritz Carlton and Marriott about doing seminars at the hotels. He said Beijing was both less western and more bureaucratic, offering fewer opportunities for a partnership.

Konolow and Walsh were surprised by the size of the country and its expanding capitalist economy.

"Take New York five times over and you might have Shanghai," Walsh said. "When we drove in, driving in this little car, I turned to Bruce and Shawn and said our coming and going is not even a ripple."

The Schoolcraft group did make some excursions away from their business meetings — to the Great Wall and to a 1,000-year-old "water village" or fishing community.

"In my opinion, that gave us a real feel for traditional or rural China," Konolow said. "Out of 1.3 billion population, 800 million are farmers."

Walsh said the next step will be to meet with Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress and report on their findings. The school has been asked to participate in a couple of cooking fairs in China this summer and fall. The prospects look good for some kind of culinary program in China, which could expand to programs in nursing, hospitality and engineering.

"China is a player," Konolow said. "They are looming large in the world economy. It's important to be part of that economy."

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In addition to an adventurous array of music, the evening will feature fine dining, and the Plymouth Symphony League's fund-raising auction. As an exciting precursor to the PSO's 61st season, opening at the Penn Theatre next fall, symphony officials say patrons will enjoy a stellar program with music from classic and popular movies such as *The Sound of Music*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Batman*, *Dances with Wolves*, *Prince of Thieves* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The POPS concert is a family-oriented event and invites audience members of all ages to delight in good music and auction, bidding for their favorite items, including a chance to conduct the PSO.

Throughout the evening the Plymouth Symphony League's annual silent and live auctions will take place. Items to be auctioned include 18-carat gold and diamond Pave Ball pierced earrings and pendant donated by Dearborn Jewelers, a diamond and topaz pendant with white gold box chain donated by Showroom of Elegance, a pearl-and-diamond ring set in 14 carat gold donated by O & D Bush Jewelers, one-of-a-kind experiences such as a five-person golf-cart tour of the Detroit Zoo, dinner packages at several restaurants in the area and the



Music director Nan Washburn will conduct the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in its annual benefit concert/auction April 28 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

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to the POPS. Tickets for the event are \$75 for adults and \$35 for children. Table sponsorship for groups is also available. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, e-mail info@plymouthsymphony.org or contact the Plymouth Symphony Office at (734) 451-2112.

Salvation Army seeking help to provide Easter baskets to kids

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps is looking for help in its quest to give 220 Easter baskets to children in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

Bill Moritz, social services director for the Plymouth Corps, said the need in the area continues to grow. "We're definitely seeing a big need out there, and it seems to be getting bigger and bigger," said Moritz. The Salvation Army is giving all the families an Easter dinner, which will include ham, vegetables, rolls and

juice. Moritz said thus far, they have only 70 Easter baskets for children, and need at least 150 more.

"They can make one, or go to the store and purchase one," said Moritz. "We would like each basket to be made strictly for either a boy or girl. Suggestions for the basket include candy, small toys, stuffed animals."

Moritz said he needs the baskets by Monday. They can be dropped off at the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth Township.

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CSX

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Other issues include completion of construction, right-of-entry and easement agreements and a preliminary engineering review.

In his letter to the municipalities, Helmkamp said CSX "refused to work on this project further without the county first demonstrating funding was in place and committing to reimburse their rather modest costs they will incur in completing engineering review."

"We understand they have their interests to protect, but this recent history of obstructionism is strong evidence for the proposition CSX does not wish this project to move forward," Helmkamp wrote.

But CSX spokesman Tom Drake maintains the railroad is still solidly behind the project, and accused the county of falsely portraying the railroad's response. "This has been a very familiar tactic of the county," Drake

said "Each time they have to make a report to the community, they send us a revised draft just a day or two before they have to report, and say CSX has not been responsive. That has simply not been the case."

BAD TIMING

Helmkamp said the April 19 deadline for CSX's response is necessary in order to let out bids for the project, which would then allow construction to start this fall.

Earlier this year, both the Plymouth City Commission (\$503,000) and the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees (\$1.1 million) reaffirmed their financial commitment to the project. However, both approvals contained caveats. The city made theirs contingent upon the continued involvement of the other parties, while the township insisted on a relaxed payment structure. The county agreed to both stipulations.

Dwyer said Tuesday the city has put off improvements to its own streets because the money is earmarked for the underpass

"I've said for years this project is never going to happen, and I still don't think it will ever happen," Dwyer said. "We ran out of bond money, (so) we can't pave all the streets we need to pave."

SOME OPTIMISM

Reaume was less pessimistic and said the board would likely stand behind its original decision. "The township voted to be in the agreement in 1999, reconfirmed it in a vote in 2000," Reaume said. "For all the reasons it was a good project in 1999 and 2000, it's still a good project."

"If you want to travel east and west, you can go under the viaduct on Ann Arbor Road," Reaume added. "If you want to go north-south, there's no such luxury (The underpass) provides a north-south route that's unimpeded by trains."

That is, Helmkamp maintains, unless CSX doesn't get on board the project.

"We don't want to see the project get killed," Helmkamp said. "We need the railroad on board with this. I don't think

we can do it without them."

Railroad officials insist they support the project, and intimate it's the county forcing it behind schedule.

"We do hundreds of public projects all over our system every month, and all of them are pretty boiler-plate," Drake said. "We process these things routinely (but) for some reason this one has proven to be very difficult."

"We are in favor of the project, we do support the project," he added. "We're as anxious to get resolution as (Helmkamp) is."

For his part, Reaume hopes that's true, noting CSX "hasn't always been a good neighbor." Several years ago, the railroad went to court over tickets issued by the city for blocking crossings for long periods of time. The railroad eventually won the case.

"It's very difficult to find anyone at CSX to speak with," Reaume acknowledged. "They run under federal regulations, their headquarters is in Jacksonville, Fla. They haven't been the most cooperative neighbor. We would wish they would be, going forward."

REDISTRICTING

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year, when there was a proposal to move several dozen Bird students in the Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills subdivisions to Farrand — which didn't happen when parents complained — parents in the Ridgewood Hills subdivision are voicing their displeasure with the No. 1 option to relieve overcrowding at Bird, which is moving their children.

In a letter to Supt. Jim Ryan and the Board of Education, Ridgewood Hills parents voiced concerns the housing committee has three Bird parents on it, none of whom represent their subdivision.

"While we don't believe anyone would openly or even intentionally sway their vote, it is human nature to want to protect your own interests," the letter said. "Why were the Country Club Village parents not asked to recuse themselves from the discussion and vote regarding potential moves of their own neighborhood, not to mention their own children?"

There are eight community members on the committee, with four representing elementary parents, two representing middle school parents and two representing the community. All eight have children in the school system.

"Finally, to put it simply, this is just not right," the letter continued. "How can neighborhoods such as Ridgewood Hills and Trailwood, who have 20 or more years of history at a school, possibly be displaced by new development?"

Rodenberg said the recommendation to the Board of Education will also include moving 143 students from Dodson to Workman, 37 students from Smith to Hulsing, 41 from Eriksson to Field, 28 from Field to Bentley, 21 from Bentley to Dodson, 42 in the Antique Forest subdivision in Canton from Gallimore to Dodson, and 16 in the Arlington Park sub from

Hoben to Dodson.

The Board of Education is expected to receive the redistricting recommendations at its Tuesday, April 11, meeting. The housing committee will have a public hearing Saturday, May 6, at a location to be determined.

The Board of Education voted 6-1 in favor of the lease agreement with Livonia Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski doesn't believe the district's claim the cost factor of housing all Miller students at Workman for a year is a wash with the \$288,000 lease. "It makes more sense to stay in our own district," Ham-Kucharski said. "There are still incidental costs for operating that building. There would have been no incremental change by moving to Workman."

Meanwhile, as Miller Elementary staff and parents gear up for the move this summer, there remains mixed reaction from parents.

Tracy Visnaw drove her first-grader, J.D., to get a look at their substitute school.

"At first he said, 'Are we moving, too?'" Visnaw said. "I told him it would be just for a year, and when we come back we'll have a great-looking, almost new, school. I'm making it upbeat, it's only for one year, and it's worth it."

However, Pam DiBenedetto, who walks her third-grade daughter to Miller, said she doesn't like the change.

"I didn't want my kids going to Livonia, I want them to be closer to home," said DiBenedetto, who also has a middle schooler at Pioneer in Plymouth Charter Township. "All parents will be driving to school functions, and there won't be enough parking for special events."

Miller Principal Lynn Haire said for the most part, everyone is upbeat in preparing for the move.

"The district has included us in a lot of the planning, so there isn't that negative feeling," Haire said.

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CHRISTENSON

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son," said Christenson, who is employed by Detroit Diesel. "We looked at the district and the diversity, and it mirrored the business world my wife and I work in."

Three-year-old Mark currently attends Kiddie Kampus at Canton High School. In an effort to make certain the district remains strong when his son attends Farrand Elementary, Christenson has thrown his hat into the ring, seeking one of the two four-year seats on the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education in the May 2 election.

"It's all about the kids in the

community," said Christenson. "If there's anything I can do to help improve the district and keep it strong like it is, that's my main concern."

Christenson said that includes supporting the two-question \$120 million bond that will appear on the same ballot.

"I originally didn't want the bond, but after seeing the numbers, I'll vote 'yes' on both," Christenson said. "People can actually see their tax dollars being spent in a positive way — Workman (Elementary) being built, and the (proposed) technical education center."

"I think the technical center will be a very good addition," he said. "Not all the kids are going to college. They're going off in all different realms of the working world."

Plymouth-Canton Schools, not unlike districts throughout the state, has been spending more than it receives in funding from the state, forcing the school board to dig deep into its coffers to balance recent past — and future — budgets. Christenson said he's a "pay as you go" type guy.

"You've got to keep a clothespin on the wallet and save money," suggested Christenson. "Then, when you really need to get something, you take the clothespin off and the money is there. I'm just not a fan of deficit spending."

Christenson also has concerns about the new high school graduation requirements being passed down by the State of Michigan.

"I think it will put a strain on

school districts and teachers," said Christenson. "I'm not sure if all kids can handle geometry and algebra."

"It's kind of like No Child Left Behind. It sounds great, but if you talk to the teachers, they say it's not what it's all cracked up to be," he said. "How much money have they thrown at that, where is it now, and why aren't we all geniuses?"

Christenson said if elected to the Board of Education, he will spend a lot of time listening before making decisions.

"I'd like to walk through all the schools and talk to the students, teachers, parents and administrators, and see what they have to say," Christenson said. "I'm very hands-on, that's how I get my information. I like to listen."

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SNEIDEMAN

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"I spoke against it, and asked them not to do it," said Sneideman. "But they did. It was an emotional meeting."

Sneideman said that after the initial hard feelings, the moved turned out to be a good one.

With that experience in hand, Sneideman decided to "put my money where my mouth is" and joined the housing committee.

"Being on both sides of it has been interesting," said Sneideman. "It allows me to speak to some of the parents that come to us, and tell them that I was in their position. Maybe it helps them listen a little more."

Sneideman has decided to take the natural progression, a run for one of the two four-year seats on the Board of Education on the May 2 ballot.

"The housing committee has done somewhat of a good job preparing me for what it's like to be on the board," said Sneideman. "It's understanding the emotion, but still being able to decide what's the most

beneficial course of action for the whole district."

Sneideman moved to Canton 12 years ago, before children were part of his family equation. He's found the school district one that has high achievement standards, but said while Plymouth-Canton constantly exceeds the state averages on standardized MEAP tests, the district doesn't do as well as its neighboring districts and the Canton Charter Academy.

"Maybe we need to take a look at the curriculum and find out what other districts are doing," said Sneideman. "I see it as an important direction in making us the premier district in the state."

Sneideman said he voted for Proposal A, and is still in favor of it, but said the proposition that lowered property taxes and turned funding of public schools over to the state needs to be tweaked.

"We need to lower the (Plymouth-Canton budget) deficit to a point where we can extend it out a few years before we end up in the red, and work on Lansing to get more funding," said Sneideman. "We are already bare-bones in terms of administrative costs, and the primary place that could be cut

is teachers. I'm not willing to take those teachers out of the classroom."

Sneideman said he'll vote in favor of the \$120 million, two-question bond proposal on the May 2 ballot.

"We need more elementary classrooms, and the need for a middle school in Canton is very important," Sneideman said. Central Middle School just isn't a good learning environment.

With our growing population, in order to become the premier district in the area, we need to have the facilities people expect in a district like that," he said.

Calling himself a 'core curriculum type of guy,' Sneideman said he's concerned about new high school graduation requirements.

"I want to make sure it doesn't cause us to increase the dropout rate," Sneideman said. "We don't want to lose kids who were never destined to go to college, but found a great education at Plymouth-Canton because of all we had to offer, because they can't handle Algebra II or a science requirement."

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Plymouth auto supplier to expand in Livonia

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

State economic development aid will enable a Plymouth-based company to expand into Livonia and use a vacant 74,000-square-foot industrial building on Plymouth Road.

Skyway Precision Inc., a manufacturer of components for drive train and diesel engines, plans to take over the Plymouth Road property between Newburgh and Eckles to grow its manufacturing operations. The company, founded in 1968, currently runs a 150,000-square-foot facility on Plymouth Road, between Haggerty and Eckles.

According to its MEDC application, Skyway's expansion plans will gradually produce 80 new jobs. "This is great news," said

state Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, who announced state aid Thursday. "It's important that we do everything possible to help make Michigan a more attractive place for economic development projects."

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, with its municipal bonding capabilities, approved a low-interest loan worth some \$7 million to help Skyway acquire, refurbish and equip the Livonia facility for manufacturing operations.

The MEDC bond program provides profitable firms with capital cost savings because its bonds are tax-exempt, compared to taxable interest rates companies receive from private lenders.

"They are going to expand their operations to serve new contracts for the manu-

facturing of truck parts," said Larry Gormezano, Southeast Michigan manager for the MEDC. "They were considering going to Indiana, so we were happy they stayed."

Livonia Economic Development Director Jeff Bryant said the city has established industrial development district for the new Skyway property, which makes the company eligible to apply for a tax abatement. Bryant said the abatement application, which would cut the property's tax assessment by about half, still needs to be reviewed by city officials and approved by the Livonia City Council.

"The building has been empty for a long time," Bryant said. "I'm glad we were finally able to fill it."

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 Femmel 79 of West Bloomfield died March 31

H
Florence M. Hirschmann
 Hirschmann 88 of Ann Arbor died April 2

Richard L. Huber Jr.
 Huber 66 died April 3

L
Charles H. Leinenkugel
 Leinenkugel 84 formerly of Birmingham died April 2

Louise M. Linder
 Linder 90 died March 31

T
Eileen R. Toy
 Toy 77 died April 2

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A20



JCI honored for diversity innovation

Johnson Controls of Plymouth has been recognized by the World Diversity Leadership Council as winner of the global Corporate Diversity Innovation award

Johnson Controls is being honored with the award based on its supplier diversity joint venture program and for excellence in collaborating with suppliers in urban, diverse communities. The award ceremony was held in Prague, Czech Republic, at the World Diversity Leadership Summit.

The summit has become a high-profile forum for addressing challenges and opportunities related to diversity management. Major summit partners include the New York Times, the International Herald Tribune, Cornell University, Procter and Gamble, Sun Microsystems, Visa and Hilton International. Johnson Controls is being honored for best-in-class performance along with organizations such as MTV Networks and Adecco.

"We're pleased to have won the 2006 diversity award from

IN BUSINESS

WDLs for our continued success in global inclusion with our diversity business development best practices," said John Barth, chairman and CEO of Johnson Controls. "We're proud to play a leading role in helping to connect our minority business partners to the global economy, ultimately impacting the local economy and economic development in diverse communities around the world."

Chuck Harvey, vice president of diversity and public affairs, accepted the award on behalf of Johnson Controls.

A key component of our business strategy is to align our business interests with the interests of the communities we serve to create winning opportunities in a dynamic and emerging global market place," he said. "The recognition from WDLs is a result of both our business practices and our overall philosophy on diversity."

Johnson Controls has received many awards for its long-term commitment to minority business integration in mainstream business operations. In 2005, the company received the Toyota Superior Award, Ford Recognition of Achievement Award in Diversity and Community Service, DaimlerChrysler Corporation of the Year Award and Tennessee Minority Supplier Development Council Corporation of the Year Award.

In 2003, Johnson Controls received the "Corporation of the Year Award" from the National Minority Supplier Development Council, one of the most prestigious honors for minority business development in the United States.

"To remain viable in a global marketplace, minority businesses must be capable of helping us compete on a world-class level to better serve our customers," said Reginald Layton, Johnson Controls director of diversity business development. "That's why we emphasize world-class systems and processes in establishing a distinguished supplier diversity program."

Since 2002, Johnson Controls has spent more than \$1 billion annually for goods and services with minority- and women-owned firms. The company is one of only 14 firms named to the Billion Dollar Roundtable, an organization comprised of U.S. corporations that spend more than \$1 billion annually with minority- and women-owned businesses.

Diverse suppliers that support Johnson Controls internationally include Flex-N-Gate, Urbana, Ill., Detroit Technologies, Inc., Bingham Farms, Mich., CNI, Inc., Auburn Hills, Mich., and Span Logistics, Toronto, Ontario. These firms support Johnson Controls in Mexico, Spain, Slovenia, Germany and Canada. Johnson Controls is currently a partner in four minority joint ventures that provide automotive seats, door systems and overhead systems to General Motors, Ford, DaimlerChrysler, Honda and Toyota. Joint ventures include Bridgewater Interiors LLC of Detroit, Mich., TruQuest LLC, Grand Rapids, Mich., Automotive Technology Systems, Lawrenceville, Ill.,

and Avanzar Interior Technologies, Ltd., San Antonio, Texas.

Ilmor funding

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation has allocated more than \$2.5 million to help finance the expansion of Ilmor Engineering, Inc., in Plymouth Township.

The bonds proceeds will be used to construct an approximately 12,000 square-foot addition and purchase and install machinery and equipment for the facility. Ilmore Engineering, Inc. designs and manufactures automotive and marine racing engines.

"Creating and retaining jobs is our number one priority," said state Rep. John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township). "This is great news for Plymouth. We want to attract and expand businesses in Michigan."

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State House set to take on illegal immigrants

BY ALEX LUNDBERG CAROL MARSHALL
AND DAN WEST
STAFF WRITERS

Getting a handle on how many illegal immigrants live and work in Michigan is tough. Getting an estimate on their impact on the economy and the state's social programs is even tougher. A package of bills crafted to keep illegal immigrants from receiving help from some state programs will be up for discussion by the Michigan House later this month.

"I've heard estimates of 150,000 illegal immigrants in Michigan, but I don't know for sure how many there are," said Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, who drafted the 11-bill package and presented it to the state Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Committee. The bill was unanimously passed out of committee, and will now go to the House floor. The package is titled, "Michigan Citizens First," and it seeks to create residency and citizenship requirements for certain financial assistance, particularly scholarships and education grants, and state-funded mortgage programs.

'TAKE CARE OF THEM'

"There are 12 million immigrants in this country, and we're not going to get rid of them all, so we'll take care of them. We just want to be fair and make sure they follow the rules," said Rep. John Pastor, R-Livonia. Pastor sponsored one of the bills, which would require state residents - including legal residents - to be American citizens in order to qualify for state scholarships.

Though the timing of the bills seems to mirror recent immigration reform proposals in Washington, Pastor said the bills were actually proposed several months ago.

Illegal immigration, and the cost to taxpayers, should be a concern for everyone, according to Pastor.

"Money is so tight right now that there is not enough to go around without giving it to people who don't pay their fair share of taxes," Pastor said.

But Gosselin, who wrote the bills and asked his colleagues to sponsor them, isn't sure of the cost - or the possible positive impact that immigrants have on the state economy.

"I don't know what it would mean in terms of economics if we clamped down on illegal immigration. But I do know that it's costing us right now. We pay for it through our hospitals and our schools. Our systems are being overtaxed and drained dry," Gosselin said. He added that the package of bills is intended to be a preventative measure to ensure that the



Gosselin



Pastor

state doesn't lose money to illegal immigrants.

American Civil Liberties Union Executive Director Kary Moss said the package of legislation is anything but new.

"We see hateful bills like this come up once in a while, she said. "The anti-immigrant sen-

timent goes against the democratic ideals this country was founded on. We are a nation of immigrants.

She said the bills, if passed, will do little if anything to curb illegal immigration. The nation's vast borders and equally vast numbers of employers looking for low-cost labor make even the most stringent laws hard to enforce.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

She said there are side effects the anti-immigration proponents are not considering.

"There are all kinds of adverse economic effects to

this," Moss said. "Good or bad, the economy relies on people who work for low wages."

Gosselin sidestepped the issue of the effect a crackdown on all illegal immigration would have on the farming industry, which provides low-cost produce partly because it hires illegal immigrants to work for less than the minimum wage. He said in the end, taxpayers lose much more to illegal immigration than they would have to pay if farm labor costs were to increase, though he didn't know how much more the average consumer would have to pay for goods, or how many immigrants are not

paying taxes.

The intent of the package is to be sure the state complies with federal laws regarding financial assistance, according to Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton.

"Basically we want to be sure that all who are receiving aid from these packages are legally registered to be here," he said. LaJoy sponsored a bill that deals with Michigan Educational Opportunity Grants, state supplements to Pell Grant - college tuition grants typically used by low-income students.

"Basically my part of the package ensures that if you're eligible for federal grants,

you're eligible for state grants," he said.

Gosselin said that illegal immigration costs Michigan more than just money. It also costs power in Washington.

"You have to remember that Michigan lost a congressman and California gained one because California's population grew so much," he said. "The number of representatives is based on the number of people, not citizens. So we lost a representative because of a population of people who can't even vote here."

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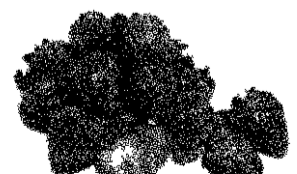
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Sneideman, Gonzalez our picks for board

With the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools facing large projected deficits, many observers believe the next four years will be crucial to the district's survival, which puts a lot of pressure on the district's Board of Education, which is losing two experienced incumbents

We believe **Steve Sneideman** and **Diane Gonzalez** would be the best candidates to fill the two, four-year seats

Sneideman, a purchaser with IBM who lives in Canton, showed he's willing to "put his money where his mouth is" with his involvement on the district's housing committee. His twin daughters were redistricted from West Middle School to Pioneer and he spoke out against the move, though his family has since adjusted well to it.

When he read about vacancies on the committee, he got involved in the process, rather than just complain about it. Now he sees both sides of redistricting issues and is able to impart those perspectives.



Diane Gonzalez



Steve Sneideman

He's been president of his homeowners association and he currently serves as the president of the Cruisers, the large youth swimming organization.

Sneideman has put thought and effort into his school board run. He sat with district officials to obtain a better understanding of the budget and researched the district's MEAP performance and funding compared to comparable districts.

A Plymouth Township resident, Gonzalez would bring a varied perspective to the mix. She's a former teacher, having taught in Detroit Public Schools for 10 years. She's a mother to elementary school-age children and she and her husband run their own residential and commercial real estate company.

Gonzalez's interest in the school board was piqued last year when the district's housing committee recommended redistricting some students from Bird Elementary to Farrand. She said she was concerned the board would bow to pressure from a vociferous few, even though the committee had put months of effort into the plan.

Some of her thinking is different. She's one of the few candidates who isn't necessarily sold on the district's two-part bond proposal, scheduled for the May 2 election.

With so many important issues facing the school board in the next few years, it's important voters make the right decisions May 2. We believe electing Steve Sneideman and Diane Gonzalez would do the trick.

Governor's vetoes are risky, but right

The political games are in full swing.

The Republican-dominated state Legislature has been throwing spitballs at Gov. Jennifer Granholm that they believe can make for good soundbites during the upcoming gubernatorial election between Granholm and Grand Rapids businessman Dick DeVos.

Unfortunately, the political games are a substitute for substantive legislation at a time when the state desperately needs thoughtful leadership.

Granholm recently vetoed two pieces of legislation that were clearly intended to create a negative view of the governor for suburban voters. But in both cases, she made the right — if risky — decision.

Granholm vetoed the elimination of the Single Business Tax in 2007, two years before a scheduled expiration, arguing that the Legislature had not provided an alternative revenue source for the nearly \$2 billion that would be lost. Republicans argue that there is time to develop an alternative for restoring some of the lost revenue, but past time for the tax to go.

Granholm has also vetoed a bill sponsored by Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, that would have created an oversight board for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. This is the second time Granholm has vetoed Toy-sponsored legislation on this issue. Toy argues that suburban customers of the DWSD are angry about rate hikes and what she calls questionable contracting practices.

Sometimes the governor and Legislature can work together as in the recent passage of strong graduation requirements. It was so smooth you wouldn't even know it was an election year.



Geoff Brooks 4/6/2006 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

LETTERS

Language of the land

After listening to all of the political rhetoric about proposed solutions to undocumented (dare I say "illegal") aliens in the U.S., I suggest that first, we simply enforce the existing laws, tighten the border against "coyotes" (people smugglers) and drug traffickers and after "problem numero uno" is addressed then focus on the status of the X-million illegals in the country.

Of course, the border problem is not just the Mexican/US crossing. Canada has a very liberal admittance policy, who knows what could cross there?

Part of the Senate's bill for we-don't-want-to-call-it-amnesty for "undocumented" aliens would require immigrants learn English on "the path (expressway?) to citizenship." Isn't that already a requirement?

I offer that many hopeful petitioners for U.S. visas — waiting in their country of origin — are studying English BEFORE they get the legal come on over' document. Explain to me how sneaking into the country illegally, taking a job that no American will take* in order to pay a \$1,000-2,000 fine, and THEN learning English — while enjoying the comfort and privileges of the U.S. — to get legal status is going to the end of the line on the path to citizenship?

I agree with Newt Gingrich "You want legal temporary workers who have background checks and sign a contract that they will obey the law, pay taxes and who can be removed from the U.S. in 48 hours if they break the contract. Illegal immigrants should be required to go home and apply for temporary workers' permits."

After the borders are secured, one of the first bills I'd like to see would be to make English the "official" language of the United States. Why do we coddle people who make no effort to learn the dominate language of the country they have chosen? Why must official documents be multi-lingual? You can't vote unless you are a citizen (usually, legally), yet instructions are printed in how many languages?

The act of learning the language indicates the amount of sincerity an immigrant has in becoming an American. Why would they come here, and stay here for a lifetime, and not make that effort? (Is life too easy — who needs to?)

I went to a newly constructed indoor lumber yard chain store in Canton and there, above the door, was a big red sign with two words, one above the other. On top was "Entrance," underneath was "Entrada." I wondered just how soon the additions of Hindi, Japanese or Arabic versions of "Entrance" would be added as these are dominate "foreign" languages in town.

And what about linguistic minority groups? Shouldn't Portuguese, Bulgarian or Albanian, for example, be included? Aren't we concerned that people from these language groups probably will never be able to find the door?

In our "melting pot/salad bowl" country, just how many languages must we politically correctly list above a door so that we do not offend a potential patron who has not taken the initiative to learn the (admittedly still unofficial) language of the land?

Linda Newberry
Canton

Republicans' new slogan

The Senate Judicial Committee has recently reviewed the conduct of the executive branch of our government for secret spying of Americans. What should have been a demonstration of democracy at work and an exercise of the balance of power between the branches of government turned into an endorsement for ever expanding tolerance of the current administration.

The chief of the judicial committee, Sen. Arlen Specter refused to swear in Alberto Gonzalez, the attorney general, even after several other members of the committee requested the swearing-in. When appearing before court or any other official government fact finding mission, citizens are sworn in to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Apparently Sen. Specter did not require the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth when questioning Mr. Gonzalez.

The administration was called before the judicial committee because they had gone around the secret court to spy and listen in on Americans. There is only one reason the administration would bypass secret court and that would be to hide something, probably illegal.

The frightening part of the whole debacle of the judicial committee is the lack of leadership on the committee. Congress is a branch of government which is part of the balance of power, and currently there is no balance. In fact, what has been revealed during the hearings is that the Republican senators are cooperating with criminal behavior, acknowledging and consenting with criminals.

This may be extreme, but if a Democratic president had conducted this activity, this Republican-led committee would have subpoenaed all records, shut down this operation and had the FBI director terminated as well as the attorney general for permitting this illegal activity and putting the original terrorist prevention activity of the secret review court at risk. If the NSA had followed the law and allowed democracy to work, then this spying could continue in secret and maybe catch a few terrorists.

The latest spin from the right wing propaganda network is that the Republicans are tough on terrorism and Democrats are soft on terror because Democrats are calling for an end to the illegal and un-American spying. The truth is Republicans are cooperating with criminals and are well-connected with criminals. REPUBLICANS ARE SOFT ON CRIME.

Arlene Specter showed how the Republican Party deals with crime within its own party. Aid, assist and turn the other way. The new party slogan is "Republican, the pro-crime party."

Allan Biber
Westland

Lawmakers must fix problem

Fiscal crisis coming soon to a school district near you. I am glad that 'Support Livonia' parents remember this warning issued last spring throughout Michigan. Three straight years of diminishing state funding was the reason thousands of parents and educators descended upon the

Capitol last June. We needed to tell the Michigan Legislature that our students deserve better.

Unfortunately, fiscal crisis has come to Livonia. State funding continues to decline and districts everywhere are cutting programs and laying off staff. Yet, many residents still do not understand that their school tax dollars go straight to Lansing where, not their local school board, but the state Legislature decides how to distribute them.

Fiscal crisis has come to dozens of the 83 school districts in the tri-county area. Within three years, at the most, all 83 will not look like the same places they were only a few years ago. The only responsible thing to do that significantly reduces Livonia's expenditures is to reduce the number of schools it operates. District citizens need to work with their board and administration to get this problem fixed by those who control it. The Michigan Legislature.

E. Kathleen Boohar
executive director

Tri County Alliance for Public Education

Pretzel logic

In the *Observer's* "Proposal A's impact goes beyond funding," the writer says the problem is that the taxable value is capped for the owner and a millstone for the purchaser. I disagree. Not with the millstone, but with the logic.

In his example, with or without Proposal A the value of the house for the purchaser is \$400,000, which is the basis for taxation. Without Proposal A the owner would have been paying the higher taxes all along as the value increased. So wouldn't the millstone have been applied to the owner?

He continues to say that the "other consequence is a disincentive to buy," creating a drag on the new home market. Again the logic is flawed, it is the price of the house and the tax on it that is a disincentive. Not that the tax jumped when it changed owners. If the writer's intent is to eliminate Proposal A and raise everyone's taxes, then just say so. Don't dream up some rippling "impact." Proposal A created. Just to be clear, I have not lost the fact we are in a school funding crisis — only in the writer's pretzel logic.

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"I was sound asleep when the phone rang about 5:15 in the morning. I quickly thought 'maybe it's Jill,' and didn't have much time to think if it could be good news or bad news. When I answered I heard, 'Mom... it's Jill.'"

— Former Plymouth-Canton teacher Mary Beth Carroll, whose daughter, Jill Carroll, was released last week by Iraqi extremists who'd held her hostage since Jan. 7

New graduation standards are only start of new battle

Now some good news, for a change. The Michigan Legislature and Gov Jennifer Granholm have actually cooperated in taking a significant step toward promoting a better educated work force and a brighter economic future for us all. Last week, the Legislature adopted much tougher high school graduation standards and the governor promptly signed them into law. This all came with relatively little of the watering-down and endless delaying tactics that were feared and widely expected.

Lots of people deserve plenty of credit for this one. State Supt of Instruction Mike Flanagan, who designed and pushed the new curriculum Granholm deserves praise for convening the Cherry Commission two years ago, which called for improving higher education in the state — and raising standards for the public school standards to be raised.

Republican-led lawmakers get applause for realizing how important it is that new high school graduates have the education they'll need to compete in the modern world.

Until now, we have only required our graduates to have one semester of civics. But starting with the high school graduating class of 2011, students will need to complete at least three and a half years of math, four years of English, three years of science and social studies and two years of a foreign language to graduate.

The new high school diploma actually now will be a document demonstrating educational attainment. There is also talk that the Legislature may finally take the sensible next step and raise the age when students are allowed to legally drop out of school from 16 to 18.

But raising the standards themselves is a terrific accomplishment. It even gives us a sliver of hope that our long-gridlocked political system may just be capable of doing something meaningful in the face of our present economic crisis.

Yet amid all the backslapping, here's a note of caution.

Talk to most high school graduates about what remains in their heads from the required civics course. You'll find the answer is basically nothing. Separation of powers? "What's to separate?" The Bill of Rights? "I know my rights. I gotta pay a bill for them?" Judicial review? "Sounds like the review session I took to pass civics." I exaggerate, of course, but not much.

And you get the idea. The sorry fact — well-known to any civics teacher and to many anguished parents, not to mention many employers — is that in order to get little Johnny through the required civics class and on to his high school diploma, the content over the years, has been watered down to the

point where Ben Franklin would blush. How did that happen? Easy. When little Johnny failed civics the first time, his parents went tearing in to the principal's office whining about how tough the course was and about how unfair it was to require their little darling to learn the material. When little Johnny failed the second time, his parents screamed off to the local school board meeting and raised holy hell.

How could they impose such a difficult course on their little darling, who needed desperately to graduate so he could get on to a relatively mindless career in automobile manufacturing? And if little Johnny was a minority, charges of racism were thrown in for good measure. What does the education system do when confronted by hordes of angry parents? Cave in, of course. The required civics course was gradually watered down so much even little Johnny could be assured of passing.

That's the downside of local control of our schools, folks.

So beware! Now we have not only civics, but math, English, science, even foreign languages. All of which are prime targets for legions of little Johnnies and little Sallys' parents. If you think civics was watered down, just wait til you see the pressure on teachers, principals and school boards when the curriculum is actually tough.

But when I talked with Flanagan, he seemed reasonably confident that this time, the curriculum won't be watered down.

"First of all," he said, "every required course will have a detailed set of course expectations up front. We'll have that ready by August, and every school — and every parent who wants to find out — will have a clear and detailed road map of what's expected from the required courses."

"Second," Flanagan said, "each required course will have a required end-of-course exam. If the kid doesn't pass the exam, he or she will have to take the course again or some acceptable variation. If the kid fails algebra, for example, he'll have to master the same material, but perhaps in a vocational education setting."

So what's the education system going to do with parents who come in yelling their heads off about how unfair you're being to little Johnny? "Simple," Flanagan said, "cite the law."

I admire Flanagan's cool toughness. But all I can say is that I sure hope the school system is as determined and tough in standing up to the intense pressure that is sure to come.

Pressure, that is, to water the new standards down. This, after a rare moment of lucidity in which the political class realized that without stern standards, Michigan may never be able to compete.

For in a sense, what has just been done was easy. The tough part is about to begin.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcn.net.

Sometimes, club membership doesn't cost an arm and a leg

Over the course of my 44 years, I've been a member of various groups and organizations, some memberships lasting longer than others.

I've been a member of my family (haven't been disowned yet), several different churches (keep those collection envelopes coming) and, at times, sports teams, service clubs, school groups and neighborhood associations. I'm currently a card-carrying member of a union (for the first time in my life). Local 34022 of the Newspaper Guild (keep those dues coming).

I've never been a member of any political party (although I have been accused of being a communist), any religious cult (no, I'm not a Rastafarian) or any country club (you need two things to become proficient at golf — time and money, I'm forever short on both).

I discovered recently, in a coincidental sort of way, that I'm also a member of an exclusive group of property owners in northeast Oakland County.

According to a very official-looking letter I received last month in the mail, I'm apparently a proud member in good standing of the Frost Drainage District, "legally established" under the jurisdiction of the Oakland County drain commissioner (John P. McCulloch for those who are unaware). Big John — our exclusive drain district members.

Now, though it's never before brought to my attention, it's likely I've been a member of the Frost group ever since I bought my Orion Township home, in 1999. Further research indicates I've probably been a member in good standing since at least 1990, when my wife and I purchased our first house in the lovely village of Oxford (motto: no, we're not from England).

How do I know this? My very official-looking letter, on snazzy OCDC stationery, stated plainly, in language only a lawyer could love, that the Frost Drainage District includes 2,068 parcels, spread throughout various sections of Orion, Oxford, Oakland and Addison townships (what they ran out of names that begin with the letter O?).

You can imagine my surprise at discovering I've been a member of the Frost (almost certainly named after the obscure 1960s band from Detroit whose big hit was the cleverly titled *Rock n Roll Music*) for some 16 years. Shockingly, my wife didn't share my enthusiasm at finding out we were part of the club (she even talked me out of call-

ing my parents). Instead, she wanted to know why we were just now receiving this news.

Well, I answered, it's time for us to pay our dues. Frankly, I don't understand how we've been allowed to be members of the club all these years and enjoyed all the benefits and privileges of uninterrupted drainage without having to pony up. I mean, miss one measly house payment and the mortgage company acts like we've stolen the Hope Diamond.

So realizing that I'd been basically scamming my exclusive club membership for the better part of two decades, I knew the day of reckoning was at hand. My mind began racing as I tried to calculate the cost of the county providing me and my family the wholly necessary and indispensable service of drainage. How can one place a price on the day-to-day task of making sure my neighborhood doesn't float away in a sea of sewage (my own sump pump notwithstanding)?

It was with trembling hands and sweaty palms that I grabbed the letter off the table. Would I have the funds in my checking account to cover the assessment? Would I have to raid the kids' college savings? Would I have to make a trip to the store to return bottles?

Silly me. I should have had more confidence in Brooks Patterson and his band of merry men that the fiefdom that is Oakland County would be run more efficiently than even I thought. Turns out my share of paying for the famous Frost Drainage District calculated to a millage rate of 0.00010 mills (I wish I had paid more attention to that unit on decimals). The bottom line — I was in hock for 19 cents.

With a sigh of relief, I retreated to our bedroom, where the bowl of coins sits on a shelf. Just as I was getting ready to mail in the two dimes (I figured I probably owed a tip after all these years), I spotted the fine print at the bottom of the letter: "Do not make direct payment to OCDC. This assessment amount will be included on your 2006 winter tax bill."

Well, alrighty. I figure the good folks over at the county complex just wanted to let me know that my place in the Frost Drainage District was intact for another year. I'll sleep better tonight, especially after learning that it cost the OCDC 39 cents to mail me the notice that I owed 19 cents.

Ah, the privileges of membership!

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Governor recognizes Last Call program

The Wayne County Sheriff's Office's Last Call unit has received recognition from Gov. Jennifer Granholm for its work keeping drunken drivers accountable for their actions and helping to make local roadways safer for the public.

The team of deputies was recognized recently at the governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission luncheon for its outstanding contribution to traffic safety in Michigan.

Sheriff Warren Evans created the five-officer unit in October of 2003 using a state grant from the Byrne Memorial Fund and charged the officers with finding and arresting drunken drivers who either have failed to show up for their court dates or have violated their probation. To establish the need for such a unit, Evans' staff had contacted local district courts and discovered that at that time there were more than 7,000 such people in Wayne County alone many of them repeat offenders.

It was an epidemic that no one was paying attention to," Evans said. From experience we know that these individuals are a very high risk to drink and drive again and to kill or seriously injure someone. The reason they were allowed to do this was because the system had no one holding them accountable. Now we have the Last Call unit.

Since the unit's inception, this small team of deputies has arrested more than 1,400 offenders and brought them before a judge. Many of them, Evans said, are getting more serious jail time and being forced into the kinds of treat-

ment programs that can help them with their drinking problems.

The direct effect this approach has on drunken driving statistics will be hard to measure, Evans said, but feedback from local communities has been positive. "We're hearing from many of the district courts that the number of no-shows in drunken driving cases has gone down significantly," Evans said. The reason is that

just as people had been conditioned to know they could skip court and not get caught, they are now being conditioned to understand there will be serious consequences if they don't stand accountable for their actions."

Evans said his is gratified that his officer's efforts have been recognized by Granholm.

This is the only unit anywhere doing this kind of work and I think the officers are having a

tremendous impact. I hope that once the grant expires that the continuation of this unit will be a priority in the county's budget," Evans said.

Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies Lamar Nelson (left) and Cpl. Brian Ferris review district court files of drunken drivers who have failed to show for court or have violated their probation.



Sheriff offers CCW classes

The Wayne County Sheriff's Office has scheduled three gun safety classes for individuals interested in carrying a concealed weapon. The training is mandatory for obtaining a CCW permit in the state of Michigan.

The one-day class costs \$100 and includes hours of class instruction and approximately five hours at the sheriff's indoor firing range. The Sheriff's Office will provide participants with all firearms and ammunition necessary. Participants however, must bring their own eye and ear protection.

Upcoming dates are April 29 and May 6. Each class runs from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Museum revisits the 1970s era

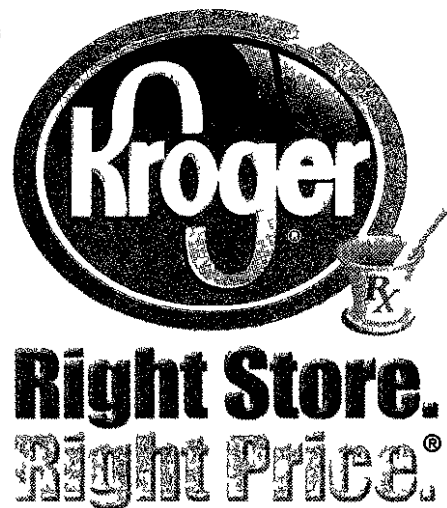
The Detroit Historical Museum brings back the 1970s Saturday, Sunday, April 22-23. The first evening is for adults 21 and older only and features an Atlantic City theme. The fun begins at 7 p.m. and continues to midnight with a cash bar and a DJ spinning disco, pop and rock music in the 1970s Lounge.

Partygoers are encouraged to dress in the spirit of the 70s.

Tickets are \$25 for society members, \$30 for nonmembers and available by calling (313) 833-7935 or online at www.detroithistorical.org.

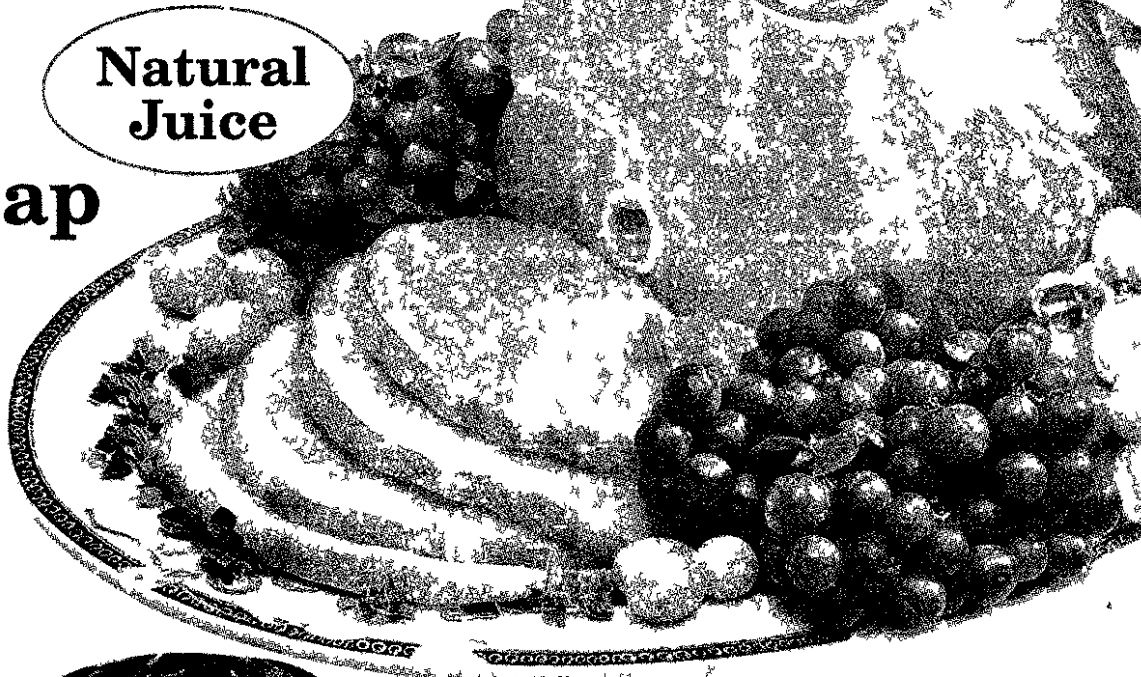
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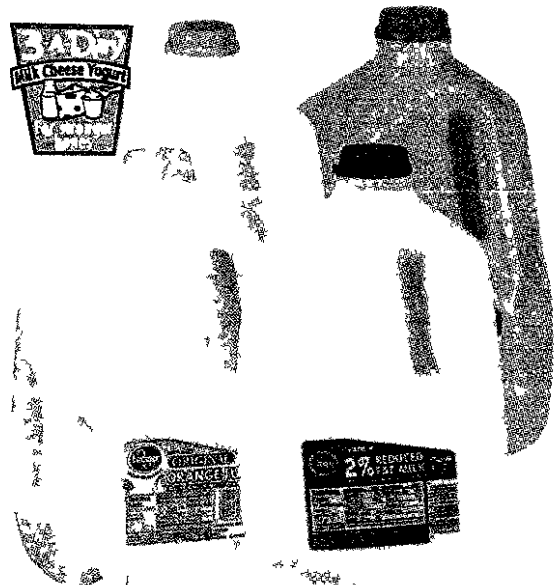
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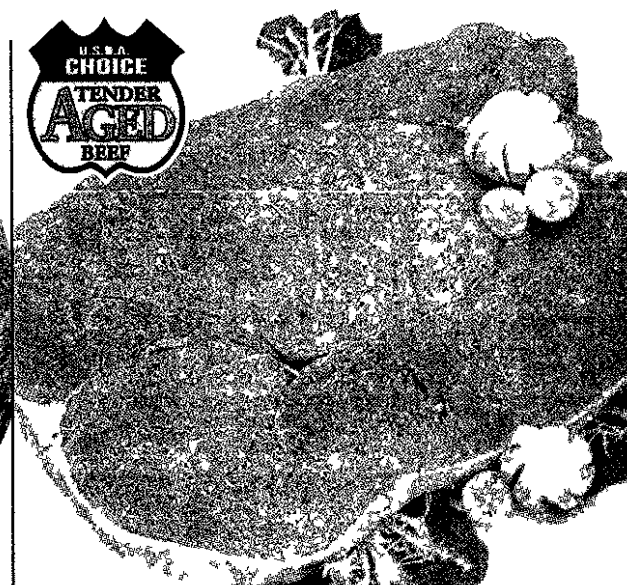
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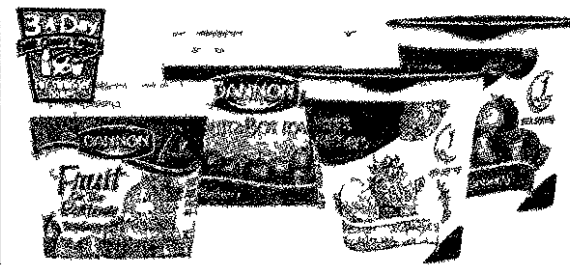
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Friends of Rouge fight for future

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

For months, the nine employees of Friends of the Rouge have been busy planning the 20th anniversary of Rouge Rescue, by all means a major milestone in the restoration of the Rouge River.

About two weeks ago, the FOTR team met with volunteers from many of the 48 communities in the Rouge watershed to discuss project ideas for Rouge Rescue, the annual volunteer effort to clean up the river, which is scheduled to take place this year June 3. FOTR officials were thrilled with the turnout.

But the best news of the day for the organization, which dates back to 1985, actually came a couple of hours before the meeting, when it was announced that the state's congressional delegation was successful in freeing up a \$75 million federal grant through the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. The grant, which had been frozen by the Environmental Protection Agency, provides more than 60 percent of the FOTR budget.

According to FOTR Executive Director Carolyne McCaughey, last year's grant was set to run out Aug. 31, which means the organization was facing some tough decisions by summer's end if the new grant didn't come through. She said the staff certainly would've been cut, as well as many of the programs the group provides to local communities all over the watershed, which includes portions of Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

Since FOTR was founded in December 1985, it has organized the annual Rouge Rescue event, coordinated the Rouge



The Rouge Education Project, which Friends of the Rouge started about 20 years ago, has taught students to take ownership of the Rouge River. Here a student checks the chemical makeup of the river.

Education Project, in which thousands of students from around the watershed have monitored the quality of the Rouge, started a frog and toad survey, and helped with a number of streambank stabilization and wildlife habitat improvement projects.

Fortunately for the organization, several members of Congress, including Rep. John Dingell, Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, were able to get the EPA to free up the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project grant that had already been approved by Congress. Now the federal funding is guaranteed through November 2007.

Kurt Heise, the director of Wayne County's Department of Environment, said the grant is not only important for FOTR, but also for all the communities

in the Rouge watershed.

"We were all sweating bullets the last few months. The EPA had frozen our incoming funding. That impacted everything from the Friends of the Rouge to the major CSO (combined sewer overflow) project in Dearborn," he said.

Heise praised the work the FOTR team does in the watershed, including providing public education, which is a required component of the stormwater management plans of most Rouge communities. He said the group is no longer solely tied to the annual Rouge Rescue event.

"They've gone from a once-a-year operation to one of the best watershed resource education groups in the state," Heise said.

Still, the snafu with the federal grant has made McCaughey realize FOTR needs to start looking into other sources of funding. That includes everything from expanding membership — it currently has about 400 members — to finding other grants and even corporate sponsors.

To that end, about a year ago the organization hired a development coordinator, Kathy

Milberg, to find alternative sources of funding. She said everything is on the table. They have been trying to cement ties with local businesses, such as getting them to sponsor Rouge Rescue activities. She said they are also trying to get their many volunteers to support the group with donations, and possibly even solicit funding from the many communities they provide services to.

But Milberg understands these aren't necessarily the best times to raise funds.

"Money is so tight and so competitive these days. There was Katrina and the states economy is in the toilet. There are all these basic needs people are giving to, which is understandable. It's hard to compete with that," she said.

McCaughey is optimistic, however. She feels the organization has become an integral part of the Rouge River restoration efforts, and that the FOTR team is up to the challenge of finding the necessary funding to survive into the future.

"I really feel Friends of the Rouge is more stable than we've ever been," McCaughey said.



Friends of the Rouge have been instrumental in a number of streambank stabilization projects, including this effort on a Rouge tributary in Birmingham last year.

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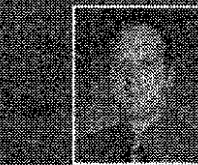
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Start your engines

Westside Rod and Customs Car Club ready to roll out its weekly car shows

BY SUE NASON
STAFF WRITER

A hint of warm weather is enough for car fever set in, especially if you belong to the Westside Rod and Customs Car Club.

The long-established group of car and motorcycle aficionados is ready to rumble into the parking lot of the Romanowski VFW Post on Joy in Westland, the home of the club's weekly car shows.

"People can pull in and park and show off their cars," said Bill Brown, who has a black 1951 English Ford to display when the shows start up Wednesday, April 19. "Everyone's welcome, including tuners, rat rods and monster trucks, restored or original."

The club has been doing weekly car shows for at least 17 years. Most of that time, it called Windjammer's on Farmington Road home, but when the club was told it could no longer use the Consumers Energy parking lot, it found itself having to move.

Its first stop was at the defunct Country USA bar on Merriman in Westland for a few years and then Joy Manor. When the banquet hall closed (it has since reopened), the club found a new home at the VFW just a few doors down Joy Road.

"Something you don't like to do is move around when you do something like this," said club member Jane Thomas of Farmington Hills.

"And because it's a relatively new location, we're trying to get more peo-



Jane Thomas, Bill Brown and Bob Lane are ready to roll out their custom cars for the start of the Westside Rod and Customs Car Club's annual weekly car shows. Brown owns the black English Ford on the right, while Lane is sitting on his Big Mike's custom chopper and owns the Chevelle Super Sport on the left.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ple to come out," added Garden City resident Bob Lane.

The VFW post is adding a patio area where members will have food available for people at the show. The club has members from throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties. Its roster is like reading a map with car owners com-

ing from Brownstown, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Wayne, Garden City, Livonia and Westland.

"The closer car people live to the show, the more show up, but they come from as far away as Milford," Lane said. "Anyone who thinks their car is cool is invited to come."

The cars will run from 5 p.m. through dusk on Wednesdays through mid-September.

"When it starts getting cold and dark early, we call it," said Thomas, who has a 1968 Plymouth Satellite. "But we do try to make it to the end of September."

The car club not only uses the VFW post's parking lot for the car show, some 50 members also meet there during the winter months to plan the next club season.

In addition to its weekly shows, the club also coordinates the annual Livonia Spree car show in June and has a variety of cruises for members during the summer months.

The cruises take members to the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant in May and to Midland in June. There's also an August cruise to the Michigan International Speedway where members have the chance to drive their cars around the oval race-track.

"The Soaring Eagle is very cool, so is MIS," said Brown, who owns a custom Big Mike's chopper and a 1968 Chevelle Super Sport. "The cruise to Frankenmuth in September also is a popular one."

"We pick a central location and leave together," added Brown, a Garden City resident. "Part of the reason we like to get together is the camaraderie, it's a big social event."

For more information about the Westside Rod and Customs Car Club, call Bob Lane at (248) 320-1706.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA APRIL 13, 2006

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY APRIL 13, 2006 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

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Roll Call Randy Blaylock Jim Cisek Cathy Johnson Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Theodore R Johnson of TJ Design Strategies Ltd 2311 W 22nd Street Suite 208 Oak Brook IL 60523 representing Costco Wholesale 999 Lake Drive Issaquah WA 98027 for vacant industrial property located south side of Michigan between Beck and Belleville Roads appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102 Article II Section 102.35 (1) a wall sign variance Zone C 3
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2. Pat McCune of Kumco Realty Corporation 5737 Bigger Road Dayton OH 45440 representing Project Representative Joe Samuel of RLK Incorporated 6110 Blue Circle Drive Suite 100 Minnetonka MN 55343 for vacant commercial property located at 43473 Ford Road south side of Ford Road between Morton Taylor Road and Oakview Drive appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 4 00, Section 4 01 to allow more spaces than maximum allowed and Zoning Ordinance Article 6 00 Section 6 10 regarding minimum open space requirement and setback from residential Zone C 2
Parcel 057 99 0001 710
(Planning)

3. Robert and Katherine Coggins 778 Princess Drive Canton MI 48188 representing Robert Pelzel of All Seasons Sunrooms 23561 Lakepointe Drive Clinton Twp MI 48036 for residential property located south side of Princess Road between Lilley and S Canton Center Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00 Section 26 02 rear yard setback Zone R-5
Parcel 090 01 0233 000
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4. Stephen B Kissinger of Stephen B Kissinger Architect 11950 N Bradley Drive, Jerome, MI 49249 representing Gteto Lyucovic of L George's Coney Island, 31230 Applewood Lane Farmington Hills MI 48331 for commercial property located south side of Michigan Avenue between Washburn Street and Oakview Street appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00 Section 26 03 front setback variance Zone C 2
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5. Dean Downing of Commercial Advertising Inc 34225 Groesbeck Clinton Twp MI 48035 representing Dr David Kam DDS Lifetime Dental 155 Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188 for commercial property located west side of Canton Center Road at Cherry Hill Road appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102 Article II Section 102 34 (1), a ground sign variance Zone O 1
Parcel 064 99 0015 701
(Building)

6. Randy and Lori Echols 29512 Chester Garden City MI 48135 for residential property located west side of Sheldon Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00, Section 26 02 b width and depth variance Zone R 3
Parcel 086 01 0002 000
(Planning)

7. Stephen and Lisa Schirmscher 49396 Cheshire Lane Canton, MI 48187 for residential property located east side of Ridge Road between Ridge and Gyde Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00 Section 26 02 g setback on side yards facing a street Zone R-1
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Large cash reward offered for information in ATM robbery

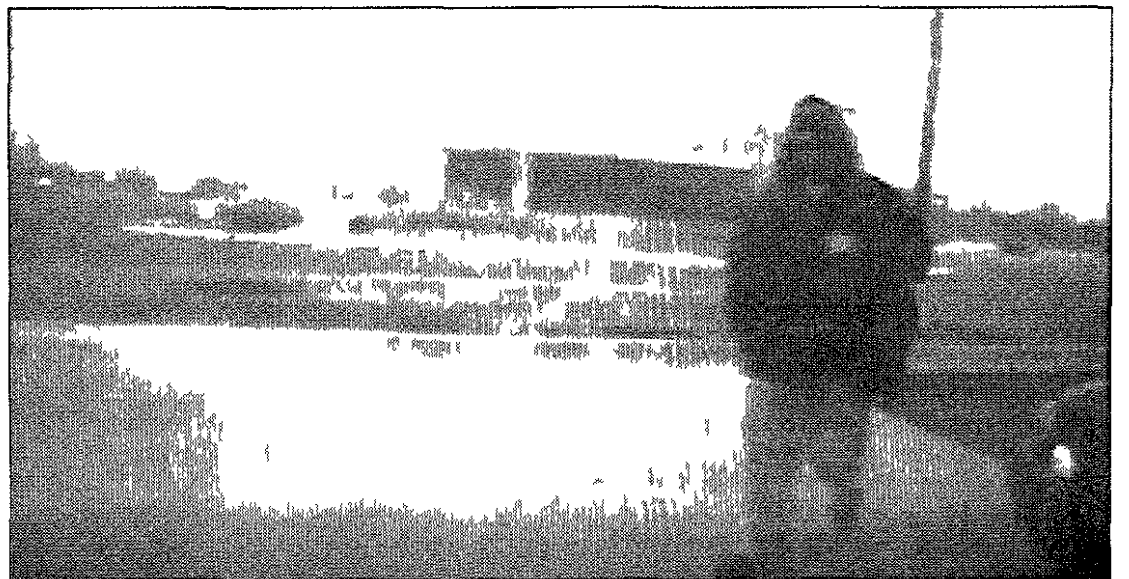
BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The cash reward to help catch a man who locked a woman inside an ATM machine has increased to \$50,000.

The reward had been offered by the woman's employer last week after the suspect robbed the LaSalle Bank in the 45000 block of Michigan Avenue, near Canton Center. The suspect remains at large, according to Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

The robbery occurred March 30, just after 7 a.m. According to police reports, a woman working as a contractor was servicing the drive-up ATM machine at the bank.

A man approached her and showed her a handgun before demanding that she open the ATM machine door. She did, and he went inside the machine with her. He ordered her to fill a satchel with cash and, after she did as he asked, the man bound her with duct tape and locked her inside the machine and drove away in her



A surveillance camera captured the suspect of the March 30 armed robbery at a Canton LaSalle bank.

car, a 2000 black Ford Escort.

A customer called police about an hour and a half later when he tried to make a withdrawal at the ATM machine, and heard someone was inside. Police arrived and used the Jaws of Life to free the woman.

Police are reviewing surveillance video from the scene, but don't have any clues to who would have robbed the ATM machine in this fashion.

Canton police recovered the woman's car Thursday after-

noon near Sheldon and Van Born roads.

An anonymous donor is offering the reward for information leading to the arrest of the man who committed this crime. The victim described him as a white male in his early 20s, about 5-foot-5 to 5-foot-7 and weighing about 150 pounds. He also had facial hair at the time of the robbery. He was wearing a dark hat, blue coat with a collar, dark shoulder bag with a buckle, tan

pants and may have been wearing white gloves.

The weapon was seen in the suspect's waste-band. The victim reported seeing just the handle of the weapon. The suspect threatened to shoot her if she did not retrieve the money.

Reward information can be obtained at (800) 422-6835, ext. 4702. Anyone with tips or information on the robbery is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

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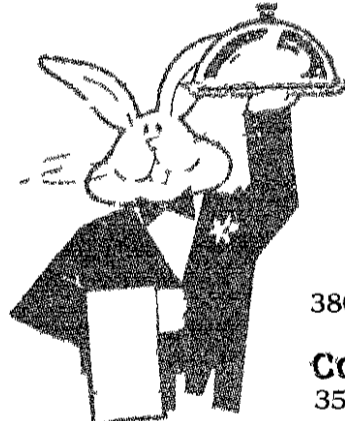
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Quick reaction: Bikers band together to protect funeral services

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

In response to a church that has crusaded around the country protesting soldiers' funerals, veteran and civilian motorcycle groups are now riding out to block the protests and give grieving families some space.

The Patriot Guard Riders are a nationwide group of motorcycle enthusiasts dedicated to showing respect for fallen soldiers and their families and shielding those families from protesters.

Westboro Baptist Church, based in Kansas, has made a name for itself in recent years by staging anti-government protests near soldiers' funerals nationwide. They believe that soldiers' deaths are the consequence of the nation's tolerance for homosexuals and carry signs like "God hates fags" and "Thank God for IEDs."

The rider's group is apolitical and is open to non-veterans, riders of any kind of motorcycle and even to non-riders. They were created as a response to the Westboro group and have appeared at recent soldiers' funerals in Flushing and Grand Ledge.

Bill Kaledas, former Garden City Mayor and captain of the Michigan chapter of the Patriot Guard Riders, said there's a set of rules to be followed once membership finds out the service funeral before anyone heads out.

"We find out about the funerals through the Department of Defense and we coordinate through the funeral director," Kaledas said. "We get the family's permission and

contact local law enforcement to find out if someone has filed for a permit to protest."

He said it's important to note that the Patriot Guard Riders do not hold counter protests at the funerals. They also do not address, confront or debate funeral protesters. There is not a speaking part.

"We turn our backs to the protesters, hold our flags high and encourage others to do the same," Kaledas said.

"Hopefully we can shield the families from the protest."

When the group rode to Flushing earlier this month, organizers made it clear that the job was not to react to the Westboro Baptist Church members at all.

Kaledas said a little prevention turned out to be a very good thing.

"We arrived in a large group there was already a lot of people there and they were getting

hot, he said. "We told the people to ignore them and they'd go away. Otherwise, that could have got ugly."

Andy Russell of Milford is the director of the American Legion Post 216 Riders and got involved with the Patriot Guard Riders shortly after hearing about the Westboro protests.

"We put out the word on the Guard and got people to help out," he said. "You rarely find

someone not in support of the troops or their families."

State and national lawmakers are moving to regulate the way protests outside soldiers' funerals are being conducted. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-8) has drafted legislation to keep protesters 500 feet away and an hour before or after a funeral.

Legal representatives of the church have said the restrictions are a violation of First Amendment protections of

speech and assembly. Rogers has said the Supreme Court has condoned legislation regulating time and place that doesn't preclude speech.

The legality of the legislation may be moot.

"Crowds coming out with the Guard are going to get larger and larger," Russell said.

"There's no telling what it's going to be like when the weather gets better and more bikes come out of storage."

Task force formed on Pinnacle

The Wayne County Commission has formed a Pinnacle Aeropark Task Force to investigate the long-delayed development of land just south of Detroit Wayne County Metro Airport.

The Pinnacle Aeropark Project was first introduced in 1999. Its purpose was to develop approximately 1,200 acres of land acquired in Huron Township and the city of Romulus for a multimillion-dollar mixed-use business park. The park was to include light manufacturing and research and development facilities. There were also plans to include property within the Detroit Metro facilities.

Jewel Ware, chairwoman of the Wayne County Commission, said developing the project has taken on a new urgency.

"Although the concept of Pinnacle is an often recurring theme," Ware said in a press statement, "we've not seen sufficient movement to give us a firm indication of what, if any, direction it's taking."

Chairing the Pinnacle Aeropark Task Force will be commission Pro-Tem Edward A. Boike, D-Taylor.

"We plan to look at what finances have gone into the project and what kind of budgeting may be needed to get it off the ground," Boike said. "We'll also look at property ownership issues, including what parcels are in the hands of both the airport and county government, property values and potential impediments to property use. It is an imperative that we conduct a comprehensive inquiry into these and other issues."

In addition to Boike, the committee will also include Commissioners Joseph Palamara, D-Grosse Ile, Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, Gary Woronchak, D-Dearborn, and Keith Williams, D-Detroit.

No date has been scheduled for the first meeting of the task force, however, Boike said he anticipates convening by the third week of April.

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Canton brothers reunite in Iraq

After enlisting in the Marine Corps more than a year apart, two brothers from Canton have crossed paths in Iraq, while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Lance Cpl Ian Eichel, a 23-year-old motor transportation mechanic with Regimental Combat Team 7, said he was pleasantly surprised March 17 when a gunnery sergeant drove his brother, 21-year-old Lance Cpl Aaron J. Eichel, to the motor transportation lot here to put the two brothers in touch.



STAFF SGT JIM GOODWIN | U.S. MARINE NEWS

Ian Eichel (right), a 23-year-old motor transportation mechanic, had a surprise visit from his brother, Aaron Eichel, 21, at Camp Al Asad in Iraq on March 17. Both Marines are Canton natives.

"I was just going on duty at the motor pool when he drove up in a Humvee and said, 'Hey, Eichel - I've got a surprise for you.' That's when he (Aaron) jumped out of the truck, said the older Eichel brother, who has been in Iraq now for

nearly two months. The younger Eichel, a

field radio operator with the Hawaii-based 3rd Battalion,

3rd Marine Regiment, arrived in Iraq "just a few days ago" and happened to be in transient at Camp Al Asad while his unit awaited transportation to their forward operating base in western Al Anbar Province.

Both are graduates of Salem High School. Ian graduated in 2001, and Aaron the year after. In true brotherly fashion, the Eichels are very competitive with one another, despite their one-year difference of time in the service.

"I beat his rifle score at boot camp," said the older Eichel, as Aaron shakes his head and smiles.

Back home, the two Marines compete in a different fashion - whoever can catch the biggest fish.

"We only see each other once a year," admitted Ian, who is based out of the

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif., with the rest of 7th Marine Regiment. "I saw him during his pre-deployment training for Afghanistan last year."

While both enlisted in the Marines for their own reasons, both wanted to deploy in support of the global war on terrorism. Ian will be in Iraq for a year, Aaron for seven months.

"This is a good experience," said Ian, who has recently spent several weeks assisting Iraqi Security Forces to learn the "ins-and-outs" of performing maintenance on High Mobility Multi-wheeled Vehicles (Humvees). "This gives me a chance to save up some money, too."

Aaron, who said he misses "hanging out with the guys"

back home in Michigan, agreed.

"This is where I wanted to go. I wanted to see combat, and I have in Afghanistan. But this is the place I wanted to go," he said.

Both brothers miss their parents and other family and friends back home. Before deploying to Iraq, their mother told them she was worried about them, but understood that the two Marines have a job to do, said Ian, who added that the events of 9/11 influenced his decision to enlist.

The Eichel brothers' youngest sister, 19-year-old Andrea, is also a Marine. She is currently undergoing Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, N.C.

This story was submitted by Staff Sgt. Jim Goodwin of the U.S. Marine News.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - March 28, 2006

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:00 p.m. in closed session to discuss employee negotiations. Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo. Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Margaret Debler, Johnson, Rosati, LaBarge, Aseltyne & Field, P.C. Closed session adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Motion by Zarbo supported by Bennett to move from closed session to open session at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. 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, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo. Staff Present: Director Minghinae, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of March 14, 2006. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Study Minutes of March 21, 2006. Motion carried by all members present.

Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for March 28, 2006 General Fund 101 \$246,581.48 Fire Fund 206 103,105.57 Police Fund 207 137,549.48 Summit Operating 208 89,290.90 Cable TV Fund 230 2,157.52 E 911 Utility 261 1,672.44 Auto Forfeiture (wva) 267 1,408.35 Federal Grants Fund 274 1,964.62 Auto Theft Grant 289 1,399.85 Downtown Dev Auth 294 33,264.92 Cap Proj Road Paving 403 150,000.00 Golf Fund 584 47,376.23 Water & Sewer Fund 592 611,249.99 Construction Escrows 702 1,298.15 Post Employment Benefits 736 13,419.10 Total - All Fund 1,421,738.60

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. **WAIVE SIDEWALK SALE AND BANNER DISPLAY PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR THE ANNUAL LIBERTY FEST PARADE SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2006 (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to waive the Sidewalk Sale and Banner Permit process for one day June 17, 2006 for the Annual Liberty Fest parade. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. **SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR MOTHER OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS) OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S BIENNIAL CHILDREN'S SALE (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs (at major intersections on Saturday April 1 and will be removed on Sunday April 9, 2006) for Calvary Baptist Church's MOPS bi-annual Children Sale on Saturday April 8, 2006 at 43065 Joy Road. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. **AUTHORIZE THE YOUTH SPORTS AGREEMENTS (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize Youth Sports Agreements with the Canton Soccer Club, Canton Amateur Hockey Association, Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association and Canton Laons Football for 2006. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. **CONSIDER PATEL REZONING (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to carry the resolution for rezoning request of Neel Patel. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. **CONSIDER PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN FOR THE LANDINGS AT CHERRY HILL VILLAGE (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for the preliminary site plan for The Landings at Cherry Hill Village Site Condominiums. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. **CONSIDER PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN FOR THE CORNERS AT CHERRY HILL SITE CONDOMINIUMS AND TWO-UNIT ATTACHED CONDOMINIUMS (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for preliminary site plan for The Corners at Cherry Hill Village Condominiums. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. **CONSIDER REQUEST TO REPROGRAM CAPITAL FUNDS TO PURCHASE MICROSOFT ACCESS FOR USE ON THE XPLORE TABLET PC'S BY BUILDING AND INSPECTION SERVICES (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the reprogramming of capital funds needed for the purchase of 15 licenses for Microsoft Access at a cost of \$143 each for a total of \$2,145 from the following account: Building & Inspection Services Capital Equipment 101.371.977.2580 \$ 2,145. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 5. **APPROVE THE WEED CUTTING CONTRACT TO M.S.T. & L., INC FOR THE 2006 WEED CUTTING PROGRAM (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to award the 2006 Weed Cutting Program to M.S.T. & L., Inc in the amount of \$47.00 per acre/lot (Contractual Services - Weed Cutting 101.521.823.0000). Motion carried by all members present.

Item 6. **CONSIDER PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR LAND TO CONSTRUCT EXPANSION OF LOWE ROUGE EQUALIZATION BASIN FACILITY (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the attached purchase agreement for 6.615 acres of land necessary to construct the expansion of the WTUA Lower Rouge Equalization Basin Facility in an amount of \$1,368,000 (account no. 592.000.130.0000 Land). Motion carried by all members present.

Item 7. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ON FORD ROAD BETWEEN CANTON TOWNSHIP AND THE CANTON DDA (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the attached reimbursement agreement with the DDA for \$33,600 as part of MDOT's Ford Road bridge reconstruction over the Fellows Creek. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 8. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR EXTRA WORK REQUESTED BY THE DDA OF MDOT ON PROJECT #05-5369 (RECONSTRUCTION OF FORD ROAD BRIDGE OVER FELLOWS CREEK) (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the attached contract with MDOT for extra work totaling \$33,600 on MDOT Contract #05-5369 (Ford Road bridge reconstruction over Fellows Creek). Motion carried by all members present.

Item 9. **APPROVAL OF CANTON POLICE DEPUTY CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION CONTRACT (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Canton Township and the Canton Police Deputy Chief's Association to run from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 10. **CONSIDER ANNUAL PATROL LAPTOP SERVICE AGREEMENT (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Patrol Laptop Service Agreement for March 2006 through February 2007 with Motorola, invoice #78013851 in the amount of \$5708.16 account #207.301.818.0000 (Cost Center P00049 0000 0000). Motion carried by all members present.

Item 11. **INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER #57122 AND**

CONSIDER TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE POLICE RADIO SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve a 2 year extension of the Police Radio System Maintenance Agreement with Mobile Communications Services to expire in December 2007 in the amount of \$16,230.48 per contract year. I further move to increase Purchase Order # 57122 in the amount of \$528.48 Account # 261.346.818.0000 (Cost Center P00049 0216 0000). Motion carried by all members present.

Item 12. **AWARD CONTRACT FOR PORTABLE TOILETS FOR 2006 SEASON (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the contract for the 2006 season of portable toilets to John's Sanitation, Inc of 24700 Milford Road South Lyon, MI 48178 in the amount of \$6,510. Funds are available in account #101.270.818.0000 (Parks-Contracted Services) and 534.756.818.0000 (Pheasant Run Golf Club Contracted Services). Motion carried by all members present.

Item 13. **AWARD BID FOR PRINTING SPRING/SUMMER AND FALL 2006 AND WINTER 2007 DISCOVER BROCHURE (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for the printing and mail sorting of the spring/summer 2006, fall 2006 and winter 2007 editions of the Discover program guide to S & N Graphic Solutions, P.O. Box 871296 Canton MI 48187 in the amount of \$44,310 to be paid from account #'s 208.757.900.0000 101.691.900.0000, 101.672.900.0000 211.756.900.0000 101.755.900.0000 101.750.900.0000 and 101.240.900.0000. Amounts are based on the number of pages for each Department. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 14. **AWARD BID FOR THE 2006 CANTON LEISURE SERVICES OUTDOOR MOVIES (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to award the bid for outdoor movies to Great Outdoor Movies 2632 Hillendale Rochester MI 48309, in an amount not to exceed \$5,100 to be paid from the Recreation Budget Contracted Services account #101.691.818.4000. Special Events Motion carried by all members present.

Item 15. **APPROVE STUMP REMOVAL FOR FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the transfer of \$9,500 from Account #101.285.970.0000 Tree Fund Planting to Account #101.285.930.0000 Maintenance and Repair Tree Fund. I further move to award the proposal of stump removal at Fellows Creek Golf Club to D & B Lawn and Lot 433 S John Hix Westland MI 48186 in the amount of \$9,500 to be taken from Tree Fund Maintenance and Repair Account #101.285.930.0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 16. **APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER FOR USSA SANCTIONING FEES (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase order to Michigan USSA, 33600 Mound Rd Sterling Heights MI 48310 in the amount of \$13,800 and charged to Acc# 101.755.818.0000 for payment of USSA Sanctioning fees. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 17. **APPROVE PURCHASE OF CANTON SPORTS CENTER START SMART SUPPLIES (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of Start Smart Supplies from National Alliance for Youth Sports 2050 Vista Parkway West Palm Beach Florida 33411 for a total amount of \$10,600 and charged to account number 101.691.742.6000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 18. **APPROVE PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of 16.4 8 fertilizer to Prosource One 10680 Macon Hwy, Tecumseh MI 49286 in the amount of \$41,479.07 to be taken from Pheasant Run Golf Club Account #584.756.930.0000 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds in the amount of \$22,608 and Parks Account #101.270.930.0000 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds in the amount of \$18,871.07. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 19. **APPROVE PURCHASE OF CANTON SPORT CENTER 2006 TROPHIES (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of trophies to Little Bill's Trophies, 25886 W 6 Mile Rd Redford MI 48240 in the amount of \$5,824 charged to Acc# 101.755.740.0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 20. **APPROVE PURCHASE OF 16 10-GALLON BANNER LINKPACKS (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 16 10 gallon drums of Banner Linkpacks, 7 in the spring and 9 between July 15 and August 15 in the amount of \$44,080 from Turfgrass Inc P.O. Box 667, South Lyon, MI 48178. Funds are available in Pheasant Run Golf Club Account #584-756.930.0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 21. **APPROVE PURCHASE AND PLACEMENT OF BUNKER SAND FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to award the purchase of 535 Bunker Sand with loading and placement into bunkers to Osburn Industries, 5850 Pardee, Taylor MI 48180 in the amount of \$32,437.50 to be taken from Pheasant Run Golf Club Account #584.756.971-0000, Capital Land and Improvement. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 22. **LIGHTENING PREDICTION SYSTEM FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER AND PHEASANT RUN (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of the lightning prediction system for Canton Sports Center and the Pheasant Run Golf Club in the total amount of \$25,175.00 from Guardian Equipment Company located at 44375 Grand River Avenue Novi Michigan 48375. Funds to be taken from the community improvement fund in the amount of \$25,175.00 of which \$11,400.00 will be reimbursed by MMRMA. I further move to approve the following budget amendment to appropriate additional funds for this purchase: Increase (decrease) Revenues Contributions from private sources #246.000.675.0000 \$ (100) Appropriation from fund balance 246.000.699.0000 2,275, Total \$ 2,175. Increase Appropriations Capital Improvements Parks & Recreation #246.750.970.0000 \$ 2,175. This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from \$3,607,226 to \$3,609,401. Motion carried by all members present.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Anthony Cauchi, 7410 Hillsboro discussed the state cable franchise pending bill vs local franchise agreements. OTHER: Director Faas stated there will be a coordination meeting for the road repairs to Warren Road on Wednesday March 29, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, PDC Room 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, 48188. Director Conklin stated on March 30, 2006 at the Summit on the Park there will be a celebration for 13 skaters including the Silver Medalist from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This event is free, however tickets will be needed for admission. Supervisor Yack stated there will be a Study Session on Tuesday April 4, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. with Public Safety at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room 1150 Canton Center S, Canton MI, 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

-Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.cantonmi.org after Board Approval.

CALENDAR

Telephone retirees
Ameritech and Michigan Bell are invited to the group's monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday April 10 at Archies Fine Dining 30471 Plymouth Road between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads (586) 268 1613.

Grief series
Coping with the death of a loved one can be very difficult for many of us. Heartland Hospice is offering a six week series Living With Grief beginning 4:30 p.m. April 20. May 25. The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office in Ann Arbor and is open to anyone. For more information or to register contact Ann Christensen bereavement coordinator at (734) 973-1145 or toll free (888) 973-1145.

Walk America
March of Dimes WalkAmerica takes place Saturday April 29 at Hines Park in Livonia to help the March of Dimes fight prematurely a growing crisis that now affects half a million babies born in the U.S. every year. The Walk is approximately six miles long and will begin and end at Nankin Mills in Hines Park. For more information about WalkAmerica or to join the event at Hines Park on April 29 visit walkamerica.org or call 1 800-525 WALK.

Marshmallow drop
Wayne County Parks presents Marshmallow Drop 2006 Friday April 14 when kids from all over will have the chance to turn in marshmallows for a prize. More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter at the two county parks locations. 9 a.m. at Elizabeth Park in Trenton and 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills in Westland. Elizabeth Park is located on Jefferson east of I-75 and south of West Road in Trenton. Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For additional information call (734) 261-1990.

STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (April 17 2006) Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA 6729 CANTON CENTER RD CANTON MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

Daniel A Fowler, B56	10x15	Couches Chairs, Waterbed
William Gamber, C71	10x25	Antique chest, end tables, kitchen set, tools, book shelf, push lawnmower
Alan Ray Brown, D156	10x20	Misc Household goods
Rod O Davis, E186	10x10	Painting Equipment

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 20th, 2006 for the following:

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Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid title, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. 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

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NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to FS 713.78 On Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

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1993 Lincoln Town Car Executive	1LNLM81W3PY750289
1992 Lincoln Town Car Executive	1LNLM81W5NY688701
1997 Suzuki Swift (White)	2S2AB21H8V6601188
1987 Mercury Cougar XR7 (Black)	1MEBM62FXHH664948
1994 Ford F250 Regular Cab/4X4	2FTHF26G6RCA34984
1989 Honda Accord LX (Burgundy)	1HGCA5531KA097766
1991 Ford Escort GLX (White)	1FAPP14J7MW337471
1988 Dodge D100/D150 Convent	1B7FD14WSJ8698348
1992 Plymouth Acclaim (Brown)	1P3XA4636NF222728
1990 Lincoln Continental (Blue)	1LNCM9743LY762819
1985 Oldsmobile (Burgundy)	1G3CV6939F4391601
1995 Mercury Cougar XR7 (Black)	1MELM62VWXS845053
1998 Ford Explorer	1FMDU34XSTZA44098
1997 Honda Accord (Red)	4T1BG22K9VU130482
1992 Chevrolet Beretta (Blue)	1G1LW13T8NY105037
1992 Pontiac Gran Prix (Blue)	1G2WJ14TXNF217680
1995 BMW 5-Series 525i (Black)	WBADH6328SGK47054
1989 Dodge Grand Caravan SE	1B4FR52L2SH431839
1995 Ford Windstar GLX (Green)	2FMDA5148SBB45250
1985 Chevrolet S10 Durango/EXT	1GC0S14B4F2192951
1994 Volkswagen Passat GLX V6	WVWJF4318RE002688
1990 Ford Aerostar Eddie Bauer	1FMDA31XLZB35998
1995 Dodge Neon (Blue)	1P3ES47CXSD569537
1993 Chevrolet Cavalier (Green)	1G1JC1448P7252510
1995 Buick Lesabre (Green)	1G4HR52L2SH431839
1992 Ford Taurus (Green)	1FACP5342NA200793
1991 Plymouth Acclaim (White)	1P3XA7637MF710201

Police: Were there several child killers?

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

As investigators continue to conduct interviews, the Michigan State Police have made the Oakland County child killing case a top priority with intensified efforts to analyze DNA on evidence collected 30 years ago.

With the new technology today, maybe we'll get lucky, said Livonia police Sgt. Cory Williams, one of the lead investigators in the case.

Forensic scientists will try to collect samples from the clothing of the four children found dead in 1976-77 for DNA analysis. Investigators hope to find new evidence to connect any of the several "persons of interest" to the crimes. Williams said it's likely more than one person carried out these crimes.

Victims of the so-called Oakland County Child Killer included two boys and two girls, ages 10-12, who were kidnapped, reportedly kept alive and later murdered. The boys were sexually assaulted.

All the bodies had been cleaned before they were dumped around Metro Detroit. The last victim, Timothy King, was abducted in Birmingham and his body was found along Gill Road in Livonia.

The probe has directed investigators to Detroit's Cass Corridor among several spots in the search for leads and evidence.

Investigators also are interested in a man from Ohio and plan to interview another man in Indiana.

Television reports indicated a Cleveland-area man failed a lie-detector test in response to questioning in this case. The man was briefly interviewed on FOX 2 News (WJBK-TV) and said he was 'nervous' when asked why he failed the test.

Williams had no comment on the exam's findings.

"We'll let his reaction on TV speak for itself," said Williams, who added the television report helped police collect new tips and leads.

Police were scheduled to travel to Indiana this week to interview a jail inmate based on a tip that he may have some information. The interview

however, was postponed when too many media members gathered around the prison.

Williams said he doesn't expect to garner much new information when that interview takes place. He added he doesn't consider the Indiana inmate to be a person of interest at this time.

He's one of hundreds, if not thousands of tips that we've followed up on," Williams said. "We are thorough and follow up on all the leads we can."

There are at least two more persons of interest at this time. Police are looking into the past of Bob Moore, a Detroit man who died in 1996, and Richard Lawson, a man who was recently assessed a life prison sentence on a first-degree murder conviction for the 1989 killing of Livonia businessman Exavor Giller.

Theater time

Students at Divine Child High School rehearse for this weekend's performance of 'Carousel.' Pictured are Westland student Al Jakiel, Mackenzie Forester of Dearborn and Christopher Rivard of Dearborn Heights. Show times are 7:30 p.m. April 7 and 8 and 3:30 p.m. April 9. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door. Divine Child High School is located at 1001 Silvery Lane between Cherry Hill and Ford and between Gully and Telegraph in Dearborn. For more information, call (313) 562-1990.



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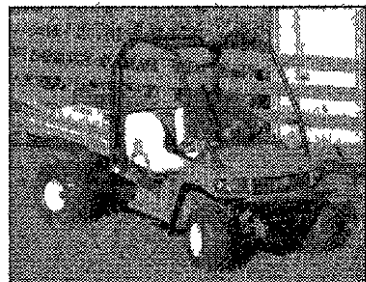
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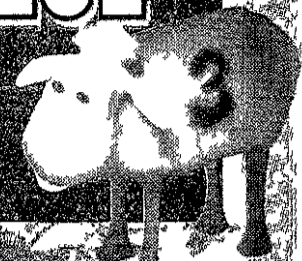
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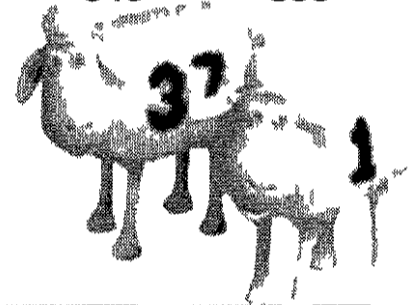
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OHL Playoffs: Game 7



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Derek Merlini and his Plymouth Whalers teammates skated into the second round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs Tuesday night thanks to their 6-2 victory over Windsor in Game 7 of the first-round series

Plymouth hitters start with a bang

PREP BASEBALL

Plymouth's baseball team put its dismal 2005 season in the rear-view mirror with style Saturday when the Wildcats swept their season-opening double-header from Belleville, 13-8 and 8-7

The two wins not only matched the Wildcats' win total from last season — they came against a perennially strong Belleville squad

Plymouth won the opener in dramatic fashion when it pushed seven runs across the plate in the seventh inning to overcome an 8-6 deficit. Nate McManus had the biggest hit, ripping a two-run double that tied the game at 8-8. The next six Wildcat batters reached base without the aid of a hit as five players walked and one was hit by a pitch.

Senior lefthander Bryan Stotz started on the mound for Plymouth, yielding six runs in four innings. McManus earned the win, allowing two runs over the final two frames.

Junior outfielder Tyler Locklear proved to be a catalyst both at the plate and in the field, going 2-for-3 while contributing a spectacular backhanded, diving catch with two runners on base in the sixth.

Phil Sullens led the Tigers with a pair of hits. Brenden Madaj and Matt Pinter both drilled doubles for the hosts.

Belleville, which outthrew Plymouth 8-7, trailed 6-1 before it scored four runs in the fourth and three in the fifth to grab an 8-6 lead. The Wildcats committed four errors, the Tigers booted two balls.

Locklear earned the pitching win by shutting out the Tigers over the final three innings after relieving starter Alex Harvey in the fifth.

Offensively, Plymouth was led by Ben Kosmalski (three hits), Alex Harvey (two hits) and Garret Reban, who added two hits and four RBI. Alex Pinter led Belleville with three hits.

"I was pleased with the way we came out and played to open the season," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "Getting a couple of wins in the pocket is a great way to start. I was proud of the way we battled back in the top of the seventh in the first game. Nate McManus's double to tie it in the seventh sounded like a crack of thunder to wake us up and, hopefully, get this season going in the direction we hope it can go."

Tyler Locklear came in clinging to a one-run lead in the fifth and just flat-out shut the door on a pretty good hitting Belleville squad. We are going to need more of the same from him — and others — if we plan to accomplish our goals this season."

Plymouth outthrew Belleville, 9-8, in Game 2. **AA HURON 12, PLYMOUTH 6** On Tuesday, the River Rats took advantage of six Plymouth errors to post the victory. Marion Smith earned the win while Plymouth's T J Downey suffered the setback.

Huron, which won despite yielding nine walks, broke open a 7-6 game with five runs in the sixth and final inning.

Matt Barrera stroked three hits for the Wildcats. Ben Kosmalski and Garret Reban had two pieces. Brian Barkley paced the winners with three safeties.

"It was a tough day to play," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams, referring to the cold, windy conditions. "We needed to execute better to beat a really talented Huron squad. They have at least four or five players who are looking to play at the next level."

"T J Downey turned in a gutsy performance, but he didn't get much help from his defense. Even though we didn't play well, I still think we're on the right track."

Sidelines

Coaches: Please call in results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report the results of their spring sporting events to *Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright*.

The best times to call in results are weeknights 5:30-11 p.m. Wright can be reached at (734) 953-2108. Results can also be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife.com. The deadline for Thursday editions of the *Observer* is Tuesday at 11 p.m. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 11 p.m.

Agape wins

The Canton Agape Christian baseball team opened its 2006 season Tuesday afternoon with an impressive 11-1, six-inning victory over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian. Sophomore pitcher Jared Miller held YCC to just one hit and three walks while striking out six. Kyle Miller, Brandon Pierson and Matt Molnar all ripped two hits for the Wolverines, who will take on Novi Franklin Road this afternoon.

'Cat kickers fall

Dani Martinak had two goals and an assist Monday to lead Walled Lake Central's girls soccer team to a 5-0 victory over host Plymouth. Paige Taylor added two goals, Sam Echols had two assists and Erin Eddy added the fifth goal for Walled Lake Central (3-0-0). Taylor Kaminsky had the shutout for the Vikings on eight saves. Plymouth is 0-3-0.

MU softball splits

Madonna University bounced back to earn a split of Sunday's softball doubleheader with visiting Siena Heights.

The Crusaders lost 5-3 in the opener, unable to claw back from an early 4-0 deficit.

But in Game 2, Madonna came out with a vengeance, scoring six times in the bottom of the first and never looking back, claiming a 7-2 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph. MU first baseman Alison Grant pounded two doubles among three hits, driving in three runs. Catcher Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood) chipped in with two hits to help starting (and winning) pitcher Liz Ballinger, who gave up one earned run in five innings of work to improve to 5-0.

The victory improved the Crusaders mark to 22-2 overall and 3-1 in the WHAC, while the Saints dropped to 13-8 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

MU baseball wins

Madonna University swept a pair of Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball games Sunday from Siena Heights.

The Crusaders gave the home crowd at Ilitch Ballpark plenty to cheer about, winning 10-3 and 8-0.

SEVENTH HEAVEN

Vigilante-led Whalers eliminate Spitfires

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to an inspired effort by captain John Vigilante Tuesday night, the Plymouth Whalers will be playing Guelph instead of golf next week.

Vigilante tallied two goals and an assist to lead the Whalers to a decisive 6-2 victory over Windsor in Game 7 of the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference quarterfinal series played before a crowd of 3,283 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

With the triumph, the Whalers now must turn their attention to second-round opponent Guelph, which will visit Compuware Friday night for the series opener. The

opening faceoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

The Spitfires, on the other hand, will have plenty of time to focus on the fairways following their disappointing first-round exit.

John played like you'd expect a captain to play tonight," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. He's played in game sevens before, so he set a good example for the younger players, especially Chris Terry.

A loss Tuesday night would have marked the end of an illustrious career with the Whalers for Vigilante, an over-aged player who has signed a professional contract with the NHL's Nashville Predators.

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B3

ON DECK: GUELPH

The Guelph Storm will be the next opponent for the Plymouth Whalers in their quest to win an Ontario Hockey League championship. The Storm advanced to the second-round of the OHL playoffs by sweeping Saginaw. Plymouth earned home ice advantage in the Guelph series thanks to its No. 2 seed. Following is the schedule for the OHL Western Conference semifinal series.

- **Game 1:** Guelph at Plymouth, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
- **Game 2:** Plymouth at Guelph, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- **Game 3:** Guelph at Plymouth, Monday, 7:30 p.m.
- **Game 4:** Plymouth at Guelph, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
- **Game 5 (if necessary):** Guelph at Plymouth, Friday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.
- **Game 6 (if necessary):** Plymouth at Guelph, Saturday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.
- **Game 7 (if necessary):** Guelph at Plymouth, Monday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.

Pace-setter

Garden City's Pace top volleyball coach

See All Area girls volleyball on page B2.

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

When John Pace was a high school athlete at Dearborn Heights Robichaud, he paid close attention to how his coaches treated him and other athletes.

More than two decades later, Pace is demonstrating that he didn't forget the lessons about the essence of prep sports and life taught to him at Robichaud by track coach Lert Jones and cross country and tennis coach Jim Hadley.

"I looked at what motivated me as (an athlete) and I look at that when I motivate my kids," said Pace, the Observerland Volleyball Coach of the Year after leading his Garden City team to a 40-5-4 record and its first district championship in 10 years. "I looked at how two great coaches motivated me in high school. They showed me coaching isn't just about winning and losing. It's about character, taking care of your athletes."

But Pace, who in his second season at Garden City led the Cougars to a 12-0 record in the Mega-Blue, deserves a



John Pace
Garden City

lot of credit for turning around a program that was winless in 2003-04.

Through his abilities to be a motivator and a fair-minded teacher, like Jones and Hadley were to him, the Cougars came back from a 500 season in 2004-05 raring to blaze a trail of excellence. Perhaps recalling Pace's "I believe in you" speech to them at the end of 2004-05, when he told the athletes they were capable of coming back and winning a league title, the Cougars returned pumped up for the first practices of 2005-06. They also set a number of lofty goals — including 30 victories, winning tournaments (they won five of six) and achieving the league and district championships.

"When we started this year they were extremely aggressive," Pace said. "The first day of practice we (coaches) were slowing them down. They set a lot of goals for themselves and from the first day they went out to achieve them. I've never coached a team that set as many goals as they did and achieved them all."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Instructor Frank Huber leads a group of young, but eager, students through a learn-to-skate session Monday night at the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton Township.

Learn-to-Skate has wide appeal

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If Mandy Lu wins a figure-skating medal in the 2026 Winter Olympics, she can look back at Monday's opening session of the Arctic Edge's Spring Learn-to-Skate program and say, "That's where it all started."

Lu, 5, was one of several area youngsters who were taught the basics of ice skating by the Arctic Edge's knowledgeable staff of instructors Monday evening during the first of eight Learn-to-Skate

sessions.

"This program has really grown since we started it three years ago," said Learn-to-Skate Director Theresa McKendry. "We had 25 kids in it the first year. This year, we've already had about 280 sign up. I'm sure the Winter Olympics this year had a lot to do with the popularity of the program, especially with Tanith (Belbin) and Ben (Agosto) doing so well. But the turnout was good even before the Olympics."

PLEASE SEE SKATE, B4

Digging the scene: All-Area spikers discover their niche

FIRST TEAM
Lauren Krupsky, Jr. OH, Liv. Churchill: The 5-foot-11 junior earned All-Region and second-team Division I All-State honors, as well as All-Western Lakes Activities Association accolades
 Krupsky set Michigan High School Athletic Association records for kills in a single season (711), breaking the school mark at Churchill by 131, along with kills in a single match (32) for the Division I state quarterfinalist

"We moved Lauren from a middle hitter her sophomore year to outside hitter as a junior to take advantage of her outstanding athletic ability," Churchill coach Mark Greiner said "Lauren was our go-to player and she never disappointed"

Krupsky is also a five-time scholar-athlete, a two-time member of the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches All-State team

"With her tireless work ethic and positive attitude, Lauren should put together a senior season, as good as, any senior has ever had at Churchill," Greiner said

Maria Mezzadri, Sr. MH, Liv. Stevenson: Headed to the University of Buffalo, the three-time first-team All-Area pick capped her senior year with a team-high 532 kills for the year

The 5-10 middle hitter also had a team-best 78 blocks along with 63 aces. The All-Western Lakes selection also had a serve-receive percentage of 69, along with a 68 percent attack receive

"It's been a pleasure to have Maria play for me these last three years," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said of the third-team Division I All-Stater and All-Region pick "She has overcome injuries and inexperience to blossom into one of the top volleyball players in the state. Her sheer determination to improve and learn more about the game has truly come full circle based on her performance"

2005-06 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FIRST TEAM

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this year. She will be a tough one to replace and I wish her the best of luck next year"

Lindsay Fletemier, Sr. MH, Garden City: Fletemier's powerful presence at the net sparked the Cougars to a 40-5-4 record - including 12-0 in the Mega White - and a district championship

Individual accolades included being named to the all league and Region 18

teams as well as being a Division 1 All-State honorable mention selection "I think she should have been higher" on the latter list, said Garden City head coach John Pace. She also was an academic all-state honoree

Pace said Fletemier was "phenomenal," with 581 kills, 219 digs, 130 blocks and 89 aces along with leadership skills that helped the Cougars achieve numerous pre-season team goals

The nearly 6-6 Fletemier will launch her college career this fall at the University of Dayton, where Pace envisions her being very successful

"The Dayton coach said if she follows the course, she'll be an All-American," Pace said "They're expecting huge things out of her"

Teresa Coppelie, Jr. OH, Salem: The talented outside hitter earned Honorable Mention All-State recognition following an outstanding junior season during which she helped lead the Rocks to the regular-season WLAA title. Coppelie recorded 45 aces, 559 kills, 369 digs and 69 blocks

"Teresa is a great, natural athlete and a true leader on the floor," said Salem coach Amanda Suder "She's an excellent player who is very coachable. She's one of the main reasons we did as well as we did this season. I expect great things from her again next season"

Kyndra Abron, So. MH, Liv. Churchill: The 6-1 sophomore earned honorable mention Division I All-State, All-Region and All-Western Lakes honors as she finished with a total 522 kills, which ranks her third all-time at Churchill

"On many occasions, Kyndra dominated the net by either blocking or running the slide for an attack," Greiner said "She is just starting to reach her potential as a volleyball player and as she continues to improve, she is developing into one of the most dominant players not

only at Churchill and the Western Lakes, but also at the state level"

Abron also had a total of 120 blocks for the season, which ranks her second among all Churchill players in 36 seasons

"With the hard work that Kyndra is putting into the spring and summer, she should be a very exciting player to watch for next season," Greiner said "I look forward to using her in many capacities next year"

Lauren Price, Sr. OH, Salem: Price closed out a brilliant four-year varsity career by helping lead the Rocks to the WLAA regular-season championship. Bound for the University of California (Pa) on a volleyball scholarship, Price notched 68 aces, 503 kills, 352 digs and 27 blocks

"Lauren and Teresa Coppelie formed a great outside hitting duo for us this season," said Suder "As a captain, Lauren brought a lot of intensity to the court and she was a big reason for our success. Lauren will be missed a lot next season"

Brandi Swyhart, Sr. Libero, Plymouth: The senior made a smooth transition to the Libero slot, racking up 389 digs (4.0 per game). She also had a stellar of 88 percent

"Although I was only able to coach Brandi for the past two years, I instantly noticed what an asset she would be to our growing team," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland "She is an absolutely outstanding defensive player and I am very thankful that she transferred to Plymouth. She was the defensive glue that stuck our team together this past season when the bulk of our offensive line was injured. Although Brandi is still not signed yet, I wish her the best of luck and look forward to watching her continue to improve her skills at the next level of play"

Lauren Boehmer, Jr. MH-OH, Liv. Ladywood: The 6-foot junior earned All-Catholic League honors for the Class B regional finalists. Boehmer, who could play middle or outside hitter, averaged 4.05 kills per game, while finishing the year with 67 aces and 37 blocks

"Lauren was our most consistent offensive threat," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said "We looked to her in both side-out and transition situations"

"She never gets rattled in the big moment. We always knew she would come through with that big kill when we needed it. She has the ability to hit from each position, which makes her very difficult to defend against"

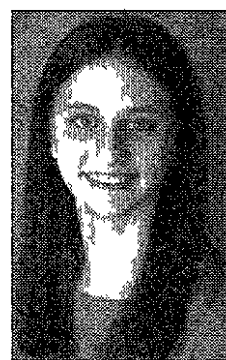
Jean Carrier, Sr. MH, Red. Thurston: The 5-9 Carrier sparked Thurston with solid leadership and front-row prowess, earning her selection as the team's most valuable player along with all-Mega Blue and Region 18 honors

"This year, she absolutely turned so many corners," said Eagles head coach Scott Gray "Jean seemed to go from a 'hard-working, just one of the kids' kind of player to superstar in a matter of one season"

The fourth-year player excelled all over the floor, with 319 kills, 315 service points (including 52 aces), 296 digs and 26 solo blocks



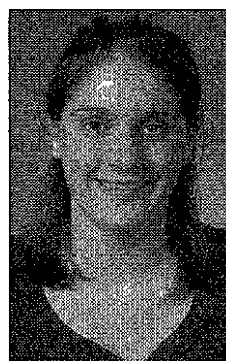
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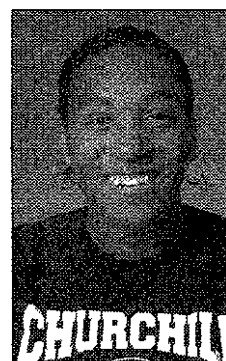
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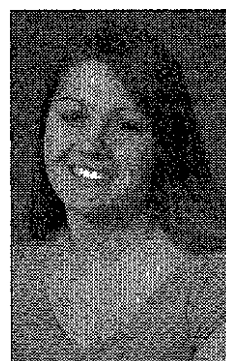
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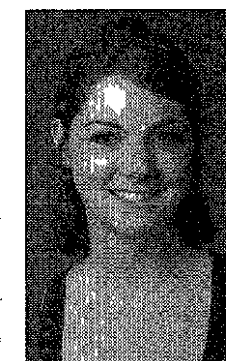
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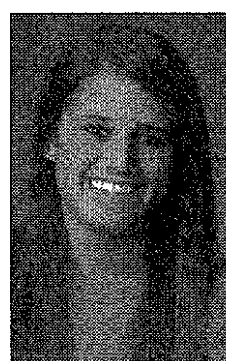
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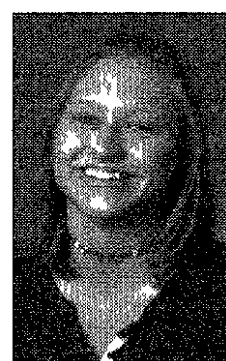
Lauren Boehmer Ladywood



Jean Carrier Thurston



Stacy Urbats Churchill



Liz Dempsey Franklin



Jennifer Swartz John Glenn

She's one of those special kids that doesn't come along too often," added Gray

Stacy Urbats, Sr. Setter, Liv. Churchill: The two-year starter set the MHSAA mark for both assists in a season (1,373) and in a single match (52)

The 5-7 senior, an All-Region pick, shattered the Churchill assist mark by 498 assists. She also paced the Chargers with a 97.4 serve percentage and aces (40)

"Stacy was our floor leader, a player with exceptional range along with the ability to set anywhere on the court," Greiner said "She was an extension of the coach out on the floor. She always made good decisions as she quarterbacked our offense"

Urbats is a three-time Scholar-Athlete and two-time member of the MIVCA's Academic All-State Team. She also earned individual honors with a 3.7 GPA

Liz Dempsey, Jr. MH, Liv. Franklin: The 5-6 junior stood tall for the Patriots all season as she earned All-Western Division honors after finishing with a total of 248 kills, 74 aces, 331 digs and 51 solo blocks

She also served at 89.2 percent clip and went 922 on serve receive (out of 424 attempts) to earn first-team All-Area honors for the second straight year

I could have put Liz in any

position and she would have gotten the job done," Franklin coach Danielle Wensing said "She is an elite volleyball player who loves and adores the game. Her teammates looked up to her for inspiration and she ran the court with tons of determination and drive"

She is one of the best players I've ever seen, especially considering she's only 5-6"

Jennifer Swartz, Sr. MH, Westland Glenn: The 5-foot-11 senior, who has signed with Eastern Michigan University, earned first-team All-Area honors for the second straight year after finishing with a total of 355 kills in 116 games. She also added 230 blocks, 307 digs and 32 aces

Jenny is the type of athlete every coach wants to have 12 of," Glenn's Kathie Barker said of the All-Lakes Division pick "She is a leader on-and-off the court, a true most valuable player. She has a 3.8 GPA (grade-point average), which shows she works just as hard in the classroom as she does on the court"

"Jennifer's focus has always been to be a great front row player, but this year she really wanted to improve in the back row. She worked hard to be a better defensive player and proved she can do that just as well"

"She was my go-to girl. Glenn will obviously miss her greatly next year"

RUNNING

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John Vigilante contributed two goals and an assist in the Plymouth Whalers' 6-2 victory over Windsor Tuesday night. The win advanced the Whalers into the second round of the 2006 Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

WHALERS

FROM PAGE B1

"When I walked into the lockerroom tonight, I thought about how I wasn't ready for it to end yet," the popular Dearborn native said. "It was a Game 7, too, and if you can't get up for a Game 7, you don't belong out there."

The first six games of the back-and-forth series were dominated by stirring comebacks and blown leads. Tuesday night's showdown would include neither, which was fine with the Whalers who jumped out to a commanding 3-0 first-period lead.

James Neal gave Plymouth a 1-0 advantage just over two minutes into the contest when he secured a perfect centering pass from Andrew Fournier and wristed the puck over the shoulder of Windsor goalie Anthony Guadagnolo. Ryan McGinnis also picked up an assist on the short-handed goal.

Vigilante upped the Whalers' advantage to 2-0 five minutes later when he one-timed an Evan Brophey pass past Guadagnolo who yielded goals on two of Plymouth's first three shots.

Terry scored from the doorstep with 1:46 left in the first period to make it 3-0.

Vellucci said the early explosion was nice, but it didn't necessarily allow him to feel at ease, especially given the no-lead-is-safe history of the series.

"It's always important to

score first, but this series had been so weird — we won when we were down two and lost when we were up three — that I was never comfortable," he said. "Even though we won 6-2, it always seemed like it was closer than that."

Windsor mounted what appeared to be the early stages of a comeback 1:35 into the second period when Peter Aston scored a power-play goal to bring the Spits to within 3-1. However, Plymouth repelled the rally with two second-period goals of its own — from John Armstrong with 10:05 left and Terry at the 5:03 mark — to take a 5-1 bulge into the final 20 minutes.

Paul McFarland's goal less than two minutes into the third period brought the Spitfires to within 5-2, however, Vigilante put the icing on the cake with 16:53 remaining when he stole a Windsor clearing pass 15 feet in front of Guadagnolo and fired the puck into the back of the net to close out the scoring.

Vigilante's big night had the potential to become huge, but he was denied by Guadagnolo on a pair of one-on-one break-aways.

I've never missed two break-aways in a row in my life so that was kind of embarrassing. Plymouth's captain said, smiling, "But we won, which is the most important thing."

Plymouth goalie Justin Peters was stellar between the pipes, stopping 22 Windsor shots. Guadagnolo finished with 37 saves, including six break-aways.

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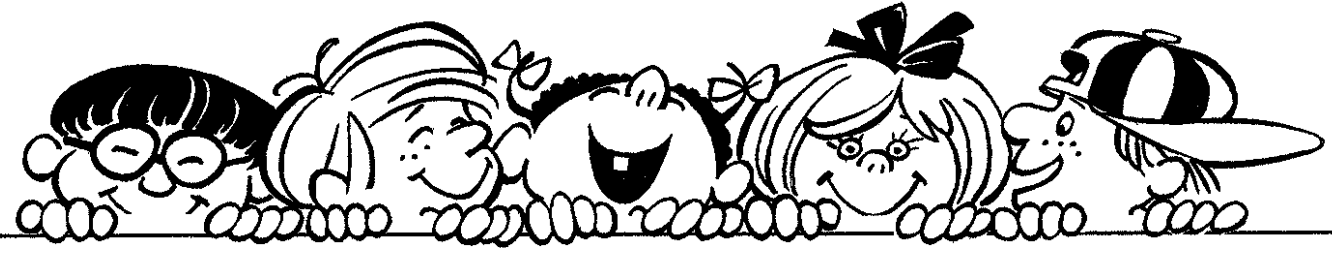
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Thursday, April 6
Lutheran Westland at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 7
Canton at W.L. Western 4 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Salem 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Northville 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 8
Swartz Creek at Canton 1 p.m.
Salem at Flagstar Tournament 9 a.m.
W. Bloomfield vs Plymouth at EMU 11 a.m.
PCA at Franklin Road 9 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 6
Macomb Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 7
W.L. Western at Canton 4 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Northern 4 p.m.
Northville at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 8
Salem at Taylor Tournament TBA

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, April 6
Canton at Plymouth at P CEP JV football stadium 3:30 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Salem 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 8
Canton and Salem at A.A. Pioneer All Comers Invite 10 a.m.
Plymouth vs Farmington Hills Mercy at Novi Catholic Central 2 p.m.
BOYS TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, April 6
Plymouth at Canton at P CEP varsity track 5:30 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Churchill 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 8
Canton at Pioneer Tri Meet 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 6
Salem at Howell 7 p.m.
PCA at Zoe Christian 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 8

B. Ham Seaholm at Canton 2 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Friday, April 7
W.L. Western at Canton 4 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 8
Salem at Essexville Garber Invite 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Friday, April 7
Salem at Hartland Invite at Dunham Hills GC 9 a.m.
Saturday, April 8
Salem at Grosse Ile Invite at Riverview Highlands 9 a.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Thursday, April 6
PCS at Ypsilanti 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 8
PCS at Flint Powers 3:30 p.m.
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Thursday, April 6
Madonna vs Tiffin (Ohio) at Ilitch Ballpark 1 p.m.
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Madonna vs St. Xavier (Ill.) at Ilitch Ballpark 1 p.m.
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Thursday, April 6
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The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Salem softball team hopes to build momentum

When Salem's softball team heads to Florida in two weeks for its annual "Spring Training" trip, the Rocks hope their record will be as sizzling as the Sunshine States temperatures

With a solid — but young — nucleus of players, there's a good chance it will be

"Every year we see some new talent and get some great surprises during tryouts," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, who is set to begin her 22nd year at the helm "We have a lot of depth again this season, especially where the pitchers are concerned Nothing is set in stone yet, so there's a lot up for grabs

"I'm excited to see how the season plays out We have the talent and we are going to really work hard on the hitting this year If we can do that, I think everything else will fall into place

The Rocks have been one of the Western Lakes Athletic Association's most consistently successful teams over the past several years, winning 20 or more games six of the last seven Led by seniors Ali Proodian, Amy Caves and Tina Smiegowski, the Rocks went 20-14 in 2005

Senior captains Maureen "Mo" Bohr and Courtney Davis, both of whom are three-year varsity players, will lead the Rocks' 2006 contingent. They will also form a formidable battery with Bohr catching and Davis hurling

"Mo has great leadership

qualities and adjusts easily to every situation," said Southerland "We have three pitchers and Mo works great with all of them

"Courtney has worked all winter and keeps improving in every aspect of her game She is one of the most positive players I have coached"

Senior Deonna Szawara has earned the starting spot at first base thanks in part to her ability to stretch for widely thrown balls that Southerland described as, "the best in the league"

"Deonna is a veteran of the game," said Southerland "She is the last of a string of successful Szawaras — I've had a Szawara on my team for eight years now They know what it's like to win a district, conference and division This year we hope to continue that legacy and take it one step further"

Sharing the mound chores with Davis will be Melissa Leach, who led the Rocks in innings pitched last season Sophomore Abby Paitz will serve as Salem's third pitcher

"I have three pitchers who I can rotate and I feel pretty comfortable doing that," said Southerland Any one of the three could become the ace, they all have the talent to do so It's nice having this kind of depth and talent

For the second consecutive season, Salem's shortstop responsibilities will be handed to junior tri-captain Kait McKinley, who is a three-year varsity player



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem pitcher Courtney Davis brings experience and talent to the Rocks' starting rotation this season

"Kait has come a long way," said Southerland "She was my No. 4 batter last year She's one of the hardest-working girls on the team and she demonstrates great leadership She makes the game look easy and enjoys competition like no one else"

Junior Kelly Behr will patrol center field for the Rocks after spending most of the 2005 campaign in left.

"Kelly has great speed and a strong arm, and I need a leader in the outfield," said Southerland "Sliding her over from left to take charge out there is going to be great"

Two others seniors who are expected to make solid contributions are Laura Kordick, a designated hitter, and Robin Carner, an outfielder Southerland said a trio of juniors — Missie Plante, Liz Thomas and Damelle Dipietro — should make a big impact on how this year's squad fares

Plante and the speedy Thomas are battling for outfield time while Dipietro is slated to start at second

Several returning starters give Chiefs solid foundation for '06

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's softball team shredded opponents and the school's record book with stunning regularity last season

The Chiefs shattered 11 records while cruising to a 36-2 mark.

While graduation losses left some big shoes to fill, six starters return, making this year's squad a threat to write their own history

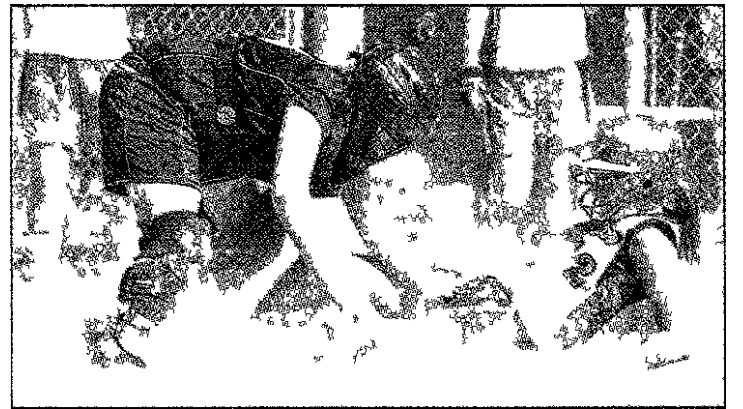
"We're looking pretty good so far," said Canton coach Jim Arnold, the Chiefs' mentor for the past 17 seasons "We scrimmaged Brighton last week and hit the ball pretty well Defensively, we had to move a couple of players around due to injuries, but overall I was pleased We made a few base-running mistakes, but nothing that can't be corrected

"Our only goal every year is to win our last game If you win the last one, you're going to be in pretty good shape

The Chiefs lost their last game in 2005, but it didn't come until the Division 1 Regional final against Belleville The starting battery from that game — pitcher Molly Conlon and catcher Melissa Cienuch — make up the two biggest losses to graduation Conlon wind-milled her way to a 24-1 record and Cienuch was a clutch hitter and solid behind the plate

The Chiefs' revamped pitching staff will be headlined by juniors Sarah Anthony and Stephanie Sadek, and sophomore Hilary Payne

"All three of them have different styles and a different favorite



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Alyssia Johnson, pictured above sliding into home plate in a game against Ann Arbor Pioneer last season, will patrol centerfield for the Chiefs this season

pitch, said Arnold "Sarah has a good change-up and good location, Stephanie has good location and a nice fastball, and Hilary has a great rise ball I think they'll all do well

The trio will be throwing to targets provided by catchers Tiffany Quiroz, Kim Beaudoin and Mary Kate McWhirter Quiroz is the lone senior of the three Beaudoin and McWhirter are both juniors

The starting infield that will take the field Monday in the Chiefs' opener at Ann Arbor Pioneer are senior first baseman Ashley Trent, senior second baseman Rachel Wade, junior shortstop Lauren Delapaz and senior third baseman Brittany Scero Trent hit 368 in 26 games last year while Wade and Delapaz both hovered around the mid-400s The two middle infielders combined to commit just five errors between them

"Rachel just signed with Ferris State and Delapaz is good

enough to play Division 1 after high school," Arnold said "Lauren has been our starting shortstop and No. 4 hitter since her freshman season, so that tells you something right there"

Junior first baseman Kimmy Keppen, McWhirter, Sadek, Anthony and Beaudoin will provide Arnold with infield depth

A pair of outfielders — senior left fielder Rachel Beaudoin and junior center fielder Alyssia Johnson — saw considerable playing time in 2005

Completing the outfield contingent are juniors Laura Ditzler and Abby Skrzypek, and senior Chelsea Quiroz

"Livonia Churchill has (Bridget) Long back to pitch, so they'll be tough," said Arnold, when asked who the teams to beat are in this year's Western Lakes Activities Association "Northville is always tough and Plymouth is an up-and-coming team"

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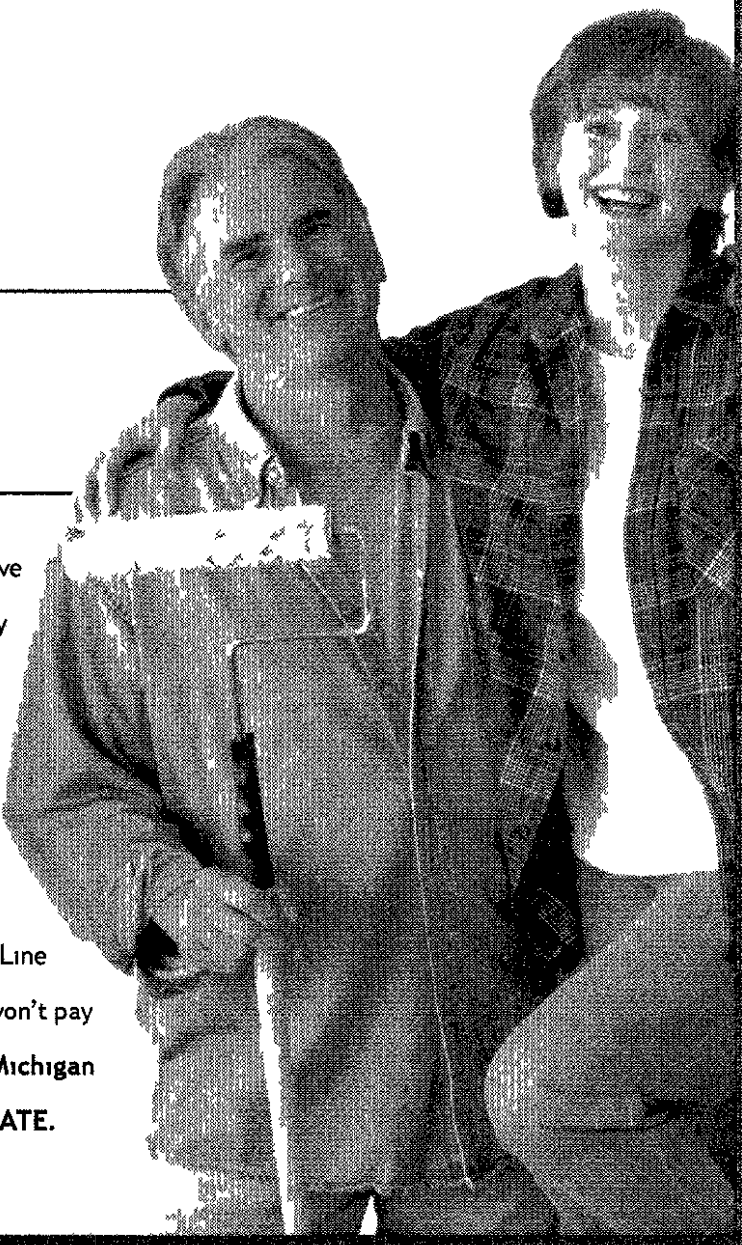
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Instructor Ashley Chambers guides 3 year old Gavin Willman through some basic skating drills during Monday night's Learn-to-Skate session at the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton Township

SKATE

FROM PAGE B1

Many of the young skaters found out quickly Monday night how difficult moving across a sheet of ice on a pair of thin blades can be That's why one of the first skills instructor Frank Huber taught his group was the proper way to get up following a spill

"It's important that they know the right way to push themselves off the ice after they fall, and there's a certain way to do it correctly," said McKendry, as Huber and his group of preschoolers simultaneously righted themselves following intentional falls "The hardest part about skating for beginners is balancing on the blades But when the eight weeks are up, all of these kids will be able to skate

from one end of the rink to the other"

While girls outnumber the boys in the classes, the number of males signing up for the program has been growing, McKendry said

The cost of the eight-week course is \$100, but the registration fee includes free entry in the facility's open-skating sessions

"If they take advantage of the open skating, the cost of the program pays for itself," said McKendry "Also, the kids who come to the open skates more with their parents tend to improve at a much faster rate"

This year's final Learn-to-Skate session begins June 5 The deadline for registering is June 3

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Wildcats softball team shoots for 3rd district title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's softball team has won two District titles without seniors.

Head coach Val Canfield and everyone else associated with the program can't wait to see what the Wildcats can win with their first crop of four-year athletes.

"It seems like our team has really come together this year and jelled," said Canfield, whose team finished 25-10 in 2005. "I think the main reason for that is the chemistry that has developed between the girls throughout the past four years."

"Our biggest strength this season will be our depth, which is something we've been lacking the first three years. We have a very good freshman class this year that will contribute immediately to the program."

In the middle of every great softball team is an outstanding pitcher. The Wildcats' top hurler is junior Claire Ostrowski, who pitched in all 35 games last season.

"Claire is much more aggressive this year," said Canfield, "both mentally and physically. I'm expecting big things out of her again."

Ostrowski will be joined in the rotation by sophomores Ally Ciotti and Meghan

Patterson, both of whom have the talent to be No. 1 starters on other high school teams.

The trio of pitchers will be throwing to junior catcher Madison Dresser, who possesses a strong arm and good leadership skills, according to Canfield. The Wildcats' infield will include junior first baseman Melissa Butzow, freshman second baseman Beth Heldmeyer, junior shortstop

Kim Klonowski and senior third baseman Lauren Stemberger. Along with holding down the responsibilities of the toughest defensive position, Klonowski will also be clean-up for Canfield.

Kim is one of those players that makes things happen, Canfield said. "She's very aggressive and on defense she's like a machine."

Freshman Erin Rodes

should see plenty of playing time, Canfield said.

"She's a very gifted player," she said. "Once she gets some experience, she'll really excel."

The Wildcats' outfield is stocked with several experienced players, including Danielle Bondy, last year's starting center fielder, Rachel Juco, Erin Ondusky, Amy Bondy and Jill Brennan.

"I've been totally impressed

with Rachel Juco so far," said Canfield. "And Erin Ondusky has one of the best drop steps I've ever seen for an outfielder. She can really move to the ball. Amy Bondy has one of the most accurate arms around. Her throws are always on the money."

Canfield expects Canton, Northville and Livonia Churchill to be the biggest hurdles in her team's quest for

a Western Lakes Activities Association title.

"Our top goals this year are to learn with each game and to grow with confidence each game," she said. "We'll go after the District and Regional championships again, and our dream season would be to get to the state title game."

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Plymouth junior pitcher Claire Ostrowski is one of the primary reasons the Wildcats have won two District softball titles.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CANTON FOOTBALL

GOLF OUTING

The 4th Annual Canton Chiefs Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, June 10, beginning with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start at Fox Hills' Classic course in Plymouth Township. For more information on the event, call (734) 467-8148 or (734) 981-9385.

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- Juniors (must be 12 years old and older as of July 1, 2006 and have passed intermediate moves in the field) — April 27 and April 30, and
- Masters (25 years old and older) — June 4 and June 11, 7 30 9 p.m.

If skaters meet the tryout requirements for multiple divisions, they should attend the tryouts for both divisions. Rosters for all the teams (except Masters) will be announced in early May. The Masters roster will be announced in June.

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Wildcat runners possess speed to burn

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

New Plymouth boys track-and-field coach Kurt Britnell is no stranger to the Wildcats' program

Britnell has served as an assistant coach since the school opened over three years ago, so he knows what kind of explosive potential and talent the team is equipped with

"I'm extremely optimistic," said Britnell, looking ahead to the 2006 season, which opens outdoors with this afternoon's duel meet with Canton "Our confidence is high and I think we can be competitive with everyone in our division I remember our first practices like they happened yesterday I can't believe how fast the time has gone by"

Speaking of fast, the Wildcats will be pated by a solid group of sprinters, led by senior D J Coleman, juniors Nate Gholston and LaBroderick Caldwell, and sophomore Rico Tyus Coleman excelled in the 100- and 200-meter dashes last year and he is also one of the area's top high-jumpers, having leaped 19-11 5 in Plymouth's season-opening indoor meet last month

The Wildcats' jack-of-all-trades will be senior three-sport athlete Josh Le Duc, who

PREP BOYS TRACK PREVIEW

will — among many things — anchor the team's 800-meter dash foursome

"Josh will be running in a lot of different events for us this year," said Britnell "We'll put him wherever we think we'll need points — he can do anything from throw the discus to run the 300 hurdles, and he does everything well"

Plymouth's top middle-distance performer is expected to be senior Sean Dillon, who will run the 800 and 400

"We'll need some of the young guys to step up and help Sean," Britnell said

Among the team's long-distance threats are seniors Anthony Scaparo and Patrick Slavens, both of whom starred for the Wildcats' cross-country unit in the fall

The Wildcats' premier field events specialists are high-jumper Cam Scharchburg and pole-vaulters Ben Ambrose, Nate Sherwood and Andy Knisely

Canton

Coach Bob Richardson's squad should continue its juggernaut-like ways this season despite losing several key athletes — namely David Calille, Rodney Preston, Derek Reeves

and D'Angelo Pitts — to graduation

Among last year's lofty achievements were a 7-0 dual-meet record, a third-place finish in the WLAA meet, a fourth at the Division 1 Regional meet and a 30th-place showing (out of 114 teams) at the Division 1 state meet

Canton also won the Dearborn Elks Relays and the Troy Athens Relays, and earned a runner-up finish at the Observerland Relays

"I'm hoping to at least duplicate what we did last year, if not improve on it," said Richardson

Leading the Chiefs will be a quartet of captains — seniors Cyrus Azziz, Andy Rossow, Phaltiel Whitlock and Joe Zugaj — who shine both on and off the track

Azziz and Rossow are two of the swiftest and most versatile Chiefs Azziz excels in everything from the 200 to the 800, especially the 400, Richardson said

"Cyrus is one of the hardest workers we have, and we have a lot," said Richardson "He runs track year-round He has the talent to run for a Division 1 school in college"

Rossow specializes in the 200 and 400, but he's also a key component on the Chiefs' 1,600 and 800 relay contin-

gents Whitlock should rack up a boat-load of points in the 400 and 800 this season

"Phaltiel is a workaholic," Richardson said "He absolutely loves to train and he loves competition He's one of those kids who lead by example"

Zugaj is expected to be Canton's top point-earner in the shot put and discus events

Among other seniors who should make major contributions to the Chiefs' cause are Ryan Jonik (field events), Rob Lindman (pole vault, sprints), Charles Wolfe (3,200) and Scott Reidsma (middle-distance events)

The athletes who make up the Chiefs' strong and deep junior class are Peter Boucher (hurdles), Ryan Dugan (middle-distance), Wardell Fuqua (field events), Ryan Langdon (pole vault, sprints), Deshou McClendon (sprints), Steve Paye (field events, sprints), Eric Thornton (field events, hurdles) and Eric Zech (800 and 1,600)

Sophomores expected to earn consistent points are Josh Etum (high jump, long jump and sprints), Tim Belcher (hurdles and relays), Derek Hoerman (800, 1,600 and 3,200), Eric Piwowar (sprints), Adam Somers (long jump, sprints) and Dalton Walsler (sprints, long jump)

1st-year Salem coach inherits talented squad

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP GIRLS TRACK PREVIEW

First-year Salem girls track-and-field coach Julie Montgomery brings a wealth of coaching experience to her new post, along with a valuable familiarity of the Western Lakes Activities Association power structure

"My twin daughters ran track for Stevenson a couple of years ago, so, from going to watch them compete, I'm familiar with which teams are usually strong in the conference," said Montgomery, who served as the head coach at Farmington High School for two years before taking over the reins of the Rocks

"So far, it looks like we're going to have a pretty good team this year," Montgomery said "We don't have a lot of seniors, but we have good balance We're going to be strong in the distance events and we have some talented sprinters as well"

Serving as captains this season will be seniors Allison Janda, Marisa Carpinelli and Dana Eldred Janda and Carpinelli were both key members of Salem's Top 10 cross country team last fall

"Allison will run the 800, 1,600 and she'll probably be on our mile-relay team,"

Montgomery said "Marisa will be one of our top middle-distance runners and Dana will run sprints and hurdles They're all very dedicated, hard-working girls"

Two other seniors who bring lofty expectations into the 2006 season are sprinter/hurdler/long jumper Brittany Lockhart and sprinter Brittany Jones "Brittany Lockhart is a great all-around athlete," Montgomery said "I expect her to place high in a lot of meets and I think she's capable of reaching her goal of qualifying for the state meet"

Pacing Salem's junior class of athletes are long-distance runner Hannah Cavicchio, hurdler Katrina Cope and distance runner Sarah Kosteva

The top sophomores are Cathin Heaney (sprints) and Samantha Oliver (field events)

Salem opens its 2006 schedule this afternoon with a 3:30 p.m. meet against Livonia Churchill at the P-CEP varsity track

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Canton runners 11th at Eastern Michigan

The Canton boys track team finished 11th at Saturday's Ann Arbor Pioneer Indoor Invitational, which was held at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Fieldhouse The Chiefs finished with 12 points

The Chiefs' top performer was senior shot-putter Joe Zugaj, who placed third in the 14-team field with a personal-best effort of 46-2 25 feet

Canton received fourth-place points from its 1,600-meter

relay team of Phaltiel Whitlock, Ryan Langdon, Sherif Hassamen and Andy Rossow, which was clocked in 3:41.0

The Chiefs' shuttle hurdles foursome of Pete Boucher, Tim

Belcher, Jon Rykalsky and Hassamen placed sixth in 3:48.0

Rossow was the final point-earner, placing sixth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.8 seconds

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Canton's High Velocity Sports will be offering all-sport and craft camps during spring break, April 17-21

The all-sport camp includes several activities, including flag football, basketball, volleyball, dodge ball and floor hockey The camp will be offered daily or weekly There are also half-

day options (9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.) for kids between the ages of 5 and 8 Full-day camps for kids between 7 and 12 will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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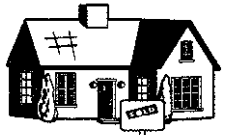
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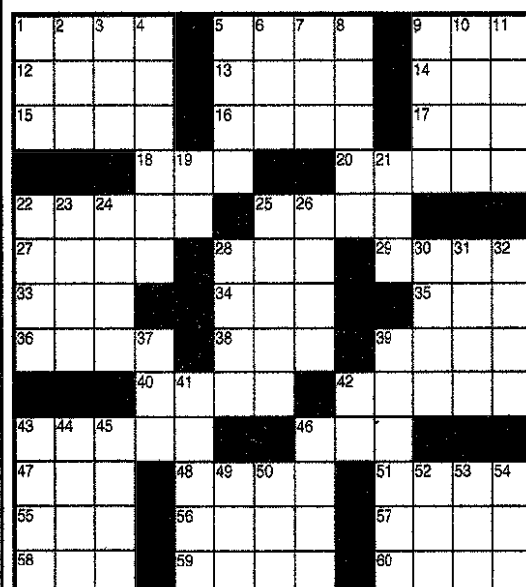
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GOING GLOBAL BRINGS HAZARDS AND HUMOR



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Doing business internationally can be colorful. Some situations are more than funny. Openness and responsiveness meet the business challenge.

Have you ever told a bedtime story to a child while a person in Singapore sat on hold for 10 minutes (on speaker phone unbeknownst to you)? Jonathan Philips has. This former chemical engineer is managing director of executive search firm Magellan International L.P. in Houston with a practice that is 50 percent global.

"At 8:00 I had to call my son and tell him his bedtime story," he recalls. "The person on the speaker phone (a candidate) didn't say a word. When I hung up on the other line, he said, 'That was a lovely story. I'll have to tell my son some time.' Then he told me one—a Singaporean bedtime story. We traded stories. Why would someone hang on for 10 minutes? International calls, Philips explains, may require three to four calls before you have a connection good enough for a conversation. You dare not drop off when you do."

Andy Kruse, co-founder and vice president of Business Development at Southwest Windpower Inc., in Flagstaff, Ariz., buys some components overseas for his small wind generators, which produce electricity. Two years ago, he was directing about half of his 63 employees to get some orders out the door. "Customers needed them desperately. Some of the components were made in Asia, primarily Japan. They were en route to the United States in a ship full of chickens and were quarantined for six weeks. 'Sometimes the system breaks down,' he

continues. "We used local suppliers to fill the gap but it's definitely scary with big orders."

BARKS

Liam Brown, CEO of New York City headquartered Integreon—a professional outsourcing services firm for investment banks and law firms—employs 1,000 employees almost all in India. Their work resembles that of junior associates in law firms and in banking such as conducting database and M&A research, reviewing case law and drafting corporate presentations and legal contracts. "The initial phases of research," he says, "the company does not use call centers."

Brown discusses the fact that doing business in India creates certain expectations on both ends of the telephone. "We thought that we'd be able to recruit and train people in the same way as in the U.S.," he states. "We could on the technical skills very quickly, but there was no cultural context for supporting very demanding professionals."

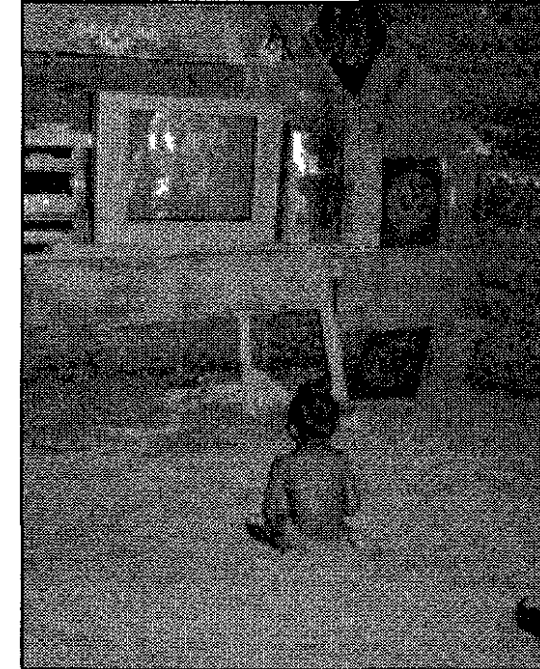
"In India," he remarks, "if a person says, 'I will call you right back'—a person in the United States will wonder if five or 10 minutes should pass. In India, the statement means 'I'll call you some time before I go home at 8:00 or 9:00 at night.' This has been a huge focus for us." The exceedingly polite Indians are trained to be calm, more assertive than is their wont and rather than simply agreeing to everything, make small milestone commitments to specific results by a specific time to build trust. However, Brown concedes that they nonetheless "respond in a typically Indian passive fashion to conflict with their Indian managers."

'CONNECTS'

Kruse reports that his wind generators are now in remote areas of 88 countries. He's benefited from the export credit insurance of Ex-Im Bank in Washington, D.C., which guarantees payment to him when companies default. (In 2005, the Bank



A Mongolian family who traded cashmere wool for a 400-watt air wind generator. They are extremely popular in the valley for being the only nomadic people with electricity and a TV.



assisted small business exporters in this country by more than \$13 billion in a total of 3,128 transactions, according to a spokesperson.) He tells a colorful story about a distributor in Mongolia who barter the wind generators in swap meets. "Nomadic tribesmen trade the products from cashmere wool raised from goats to power radios," he says. "They've been living in yurts for thousands of years. People used to buy the cashmere at a very discounted price. Now the wind generator-radio tells these nomadic people when the price is right in the cities. They go directly to the market and make more money." He thrives on this kind of work across the globe. "It

kind of connects the world."

Learning occurs on both sides of the global divide. Magellan's Philips points out that the people in his Houston building found his search firm's request for power around the clock inexplicable. For a time, while working at midnight, he and his colleagues had to shut everything down and leave the building for coffee. "It took a week," he muses, "but then they came around."

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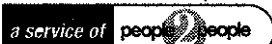
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Classy, slim, young-looking SWF 57 with good personality and values, financially/emotionally stable ISO SWM 53-64 with same qualities for serious relationship ☎867073

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty charming SWF successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates ☎592074

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE
Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3" trim and shapely enjoys dining, travel dancing theater family and friends Seeking honest, handsome fit 55+, college grad, N/S with youthful passion for life Serious replies only ☎652360

A GOOD FRIEND
SWF 57, full-figured 5'4" likes movies dancing good company Seeking a nice guy to enjoys a friends first relationship ☎916193

ISO MR. RIGHT
SBF 25 5'3" mother of one open-minded and fun to be around Seeking a single male, 28-36, who is ready to settle down and enjoy life ☎932247

COME DANCE WITH ME
Lovely, trim warm, intelligent, affectionate retired JPF, N/S, good SOH Seeking tall, attractive, educated romantic, dance partner who enjoys classical music theater movies, books, long walks, and dining out (70-76) ☎506895

CHEER ON THE HOME TEAM
Widowed WJF 56, N/S, loves life, cruising walking reading, concerts, football, baseball, and basketball Seeking adventurous WM, 55-66 N/S ☎938734

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 Lets create sparks and watch them fly ☎639272

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HAPPY DAD
Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues cooking and more Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with ☎715711

GOT WIT?
DBM, late 40s, homeowner, N/S, loves traveling taking part in community events, jazz and comedy clubs Seeking WF, 42-52, smoker, responsible drinker ok, not afraid to take a chance ☎883266

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY
Easygoing cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds enjoys art, wine tastings charity, seeks similar-minded lady for friendship maybe more ☎548455

EASY ON THE EYES
Well-maintained SWM, 56, who enjoys keeping in touch with current events heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations Lets meet over coffee and see what develops ☎259844

NICE GUY
SWM 66 5'6 150lbs manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S works out enjoys movies restaurants and summer festivals Seeking SWF 50-65 N/S Shirley please call back ☎708126

HELLO OUT THERE
SBM 32 5'9 light complexion honest affectionate seeks attractive woman to share good times good talks day trips and simple fun Friendship first ☎934910

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Independent self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter sociable affectionate likes boating, walks drives cycling, cooking Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life ☎855207

THE MEANING OF LIFE
Attractive multiracial (British and Indian) SPM, 37, 165lbs fit N/S, world traveler, enjoys sports theater Seeking intelligent witty woman, 19-35, fit, slim, race open ☎941160

NO DRAMA HERE
SWM 41, 6'2", 230lbs, with daughter (17) occasional smoker, loves grilled-cooked dishes, camping and listening to Rush Seeking WF 33-45 smoker for LTR ☎941236

MY 411
Sexy SBM, 39 6'3", 230lbs, very attractive Scorpio N/S, truck driver, seeks a beautiful woman, 21-40, N/S ☎939685

ALONE TOO LONG?
Me, too Male, 38, 5'9" 160lbs, Virgo, N/S, enjoys music, movies sports Seeking AF 30-45, N/S, who enjoys movies, music and sports ☎940640

ATTRACTIVE MALE
WM, 6'4", 195lbs, enjoys scuba diving, travel, family, more Looking for an honest WF, 25-38, who is mature, confident, affectionate, outgoing and easy to talk to ☎942547

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER
Mature, attractive lady sought by handsome WM, 42, brown/blue, active homeowner Interested range from outdoors to movies, to dining and dancing ☎683230

LIFE'S A CABARET
Classy romantic, intelligent SWM 50 well-traveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady 36 55 Lets share life romance and laughter ☎480718

OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY
DWM, 64 5'11", 190lbs, self-employed N/S socially drinker great SOH I am looking for the right lady to spend time with, get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship ☎891796

HOW ABOUT ME?
Caring SWM, 35, looking for a nice woman with a big heart and warm smile to share the special moments in life ☎938379

SHARE LIFE WITH ME
affectionate sincere SBM 45, chef by trade, seeks spiritual, down-to-earth lady who enjoys attending church, bowling and life simple pleasures to snare companionship, happiness maybe love ☎933984

HERE I AM
Good-looking SM, 36, N/S, N/D, good-humored, likes romance, music, movies biking Seeking fit, fun, honest SF, 24-42, for friendship, possible LTR ☎937190

LET'S GO OUT
SWM, 24 5'5", medium build, hazel eyes Gemini, smoker, self-sufficient, works at a steel factory, loves camping Seeking WF 18-30, smoker ☎940524

ROMANTICIST
SBPM, 50 6' athletic build salt-pepper hair and mustache Libra, N/S, loves cooking arts and crafts, and museums Seeking classy, trustworthy, humorous BF, 40-61, N/S ☎939188

WORTH THE CHANCE
Attractive DWM, 31, 6', light brown/green, lean build, independent, enjoys outdoors, nights out, or just cuddling on the couch Seeking a good friend to possibly develop a relationship with 20-35 ☎942424

POSITIVE PERSONALITY
Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion, 54 5'8", 148lbs, fit financially secure, caring, fun-loving, seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe more ☎514300

TRY ME
Honest and up front SBM, 39, 5'8" 165lbs open-minded and kind-hearted enjoys movies, theater, jazz concerts romance Seeking a beautiful fun-loving honest lady to share the good times in life ☎933866

ONE-ON-ONE TIME
DWM medium build Oakland County enjoys comedies walks, quiet times Seeking medium to full-figured woman, 30-50, affectionate, romantic, casual dresser ☎278513

LIFE IS TOO SHORT...
not to share it with someone SWM, 50, Italian descent, Scorpio, N/S, no children, seeks WF, 46-55, to connect with ☎935694

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC
Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46 likes movies, concerts, boating Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook ☎642092

COULD IT BE YOU?
SWM, 40s, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easy-going, honest and secure enjoys hunting, Harleys and the outdoors Seeking attractive slim/fit woman 30-50, N/S, D/D-free, comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes ☎798519

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open ☎531308

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER
SBM 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding loving and caring, for a LTR ☎869189

TRUE GENTLEMAN
SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54 Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest ☎912726

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46 looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life ☎692418

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?
SBM, Native American, never married 40 5'8", 170lbs, enjoys cooking soft music, and stormy, rainy nights Seeking nice, full-figured, SF 30-40, with similar interests Honest and N/S Enjoys evening walks ☎854016

BIG THREE ENGINEER
Attractive SBM, 6 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker 40-ish, very laid-back family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, and going to the gym Seeking SF, 20-45, race open H/W proportionate for friendship possible LTR ☎822912

TRY ME
SBM, 32 5'11", 200lbs attractive fun, seeks goal oriented and sincere, who knows how to enjoy life ☎934603

INTERESTED
SBM, 20 5'5", dark complexion, likes hanging with friends, the outdoors, movies and more Looking for a level-headed, fun SF, not into games to share good times friends ☎936039

TAKE A CHANCE
SM, 25, college-graduate, employed, active, looking for a nice girl to share good times, talks, friendship and fun ☎936061

LOOKING FOR YOU
SBM, 58, father, looking for a loving, affectionate polite good-natured, classy, intelligent lady, race open N/D, N/S D/D-free, to share happiness ☎935752

WHY NOT CALL?
SBM, 24, 6'4", well-built, 205lbs, likes sports, time with friends Seeking a cool, genuine, lady, 30-35, to share the good things in life friendship first ☎937972

TRY ME
SBM 18, 6'1", hazel eyes light complexion, dimples looking for a cool, genuine, level-headed female to share good times, good talks, friendship and more ☎938647

IN THIS BOX, YOU HAVE...
a good-looking, well-built SBM, 33, 6'3", bald, goatee, safe, sane, D/D-free, N/S seeks sexy, good-looking woman, 35-70 ☎940135

A BIT ABOUT ME...
SWM 42, 5'10" 185lbs brown/brown, enjoys boating, dining out, dancing, pool, bowling, darts Seeking a SW/HF 25-52, who is interested in a LTR ☎914372

SWM DESIRES SBF
Call me if you desire a nice shape blue-eyed blonde 50-year-old 180lbs Desires one on one for friendship and definitely romance ☎777324

LOVELY & READY
SWM 49 Italian heart of gold Virgo N/S seeks WF 45-55 for a nice build ready for LTR Serious replies only ☎860305

NEW DREAM TEAM?
Spend some time with this bright, enthusiastic optimistic, yet realistic SWM who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s ☎550046

MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW
Open-minded fairly articulate, somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talks and walks, pets, reading, etc Seeking SWF companion ☎114862

PICK A WINNER
SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-looking youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places Seeking lady to spend time with ☎730508

CUTE & CUDDLY
Nice SWM, 50s, with wisdom, wit and warmth, can be fun, charming, helpful and who knows what else would like to meet a nice lady and see what develops ☎478746

SECURE
WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there ☎828139

SIMPLE REQUEST
WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with Age open ☎833911

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10" handsome and secure seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating and movies Friendship, possible LTR ☎269646

ANYONE OUT THERE?
SWM, 26, brown/blue, 5'10", 180lbs, firefighter, looking to share friendship and fun, with an easygoing, open-minded, loving SF ☎930567

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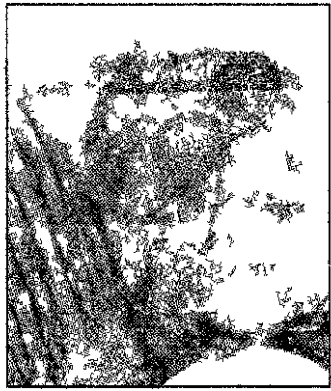
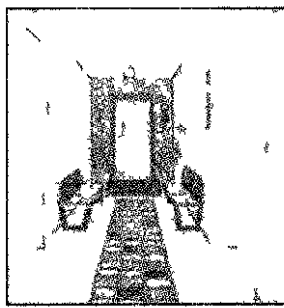
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Stuffed Chicken Breast is one of the many Passover dishes at Bloom's Jewish Cuisine in Farmington Hills

It's time: Passover

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Shrlee Bloom gets a little busier this time of year

It's time for Passover, which begins Wednesday, April 12, and the catering specialist at Bloom's Jewish Cuisine in Farmington Hills expects to serve be busier

Bloom, who continues a catering tradition started by her parents Lil and Harry Bloom in 1952, uses matzka meal, matza farfel or cake meal, instead of flour and yeast, for Passover meals

It's all part of this Jewish festival, symbolizing the Jewish exodus from slavery

When Jews left Egypt, they left in a hurry and the bread didn't have time to rise, so they consumed unleavened portions on their long journey To this day, unleavened bread is

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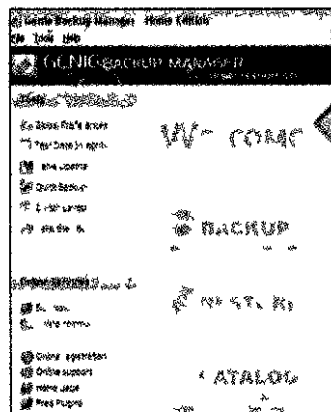
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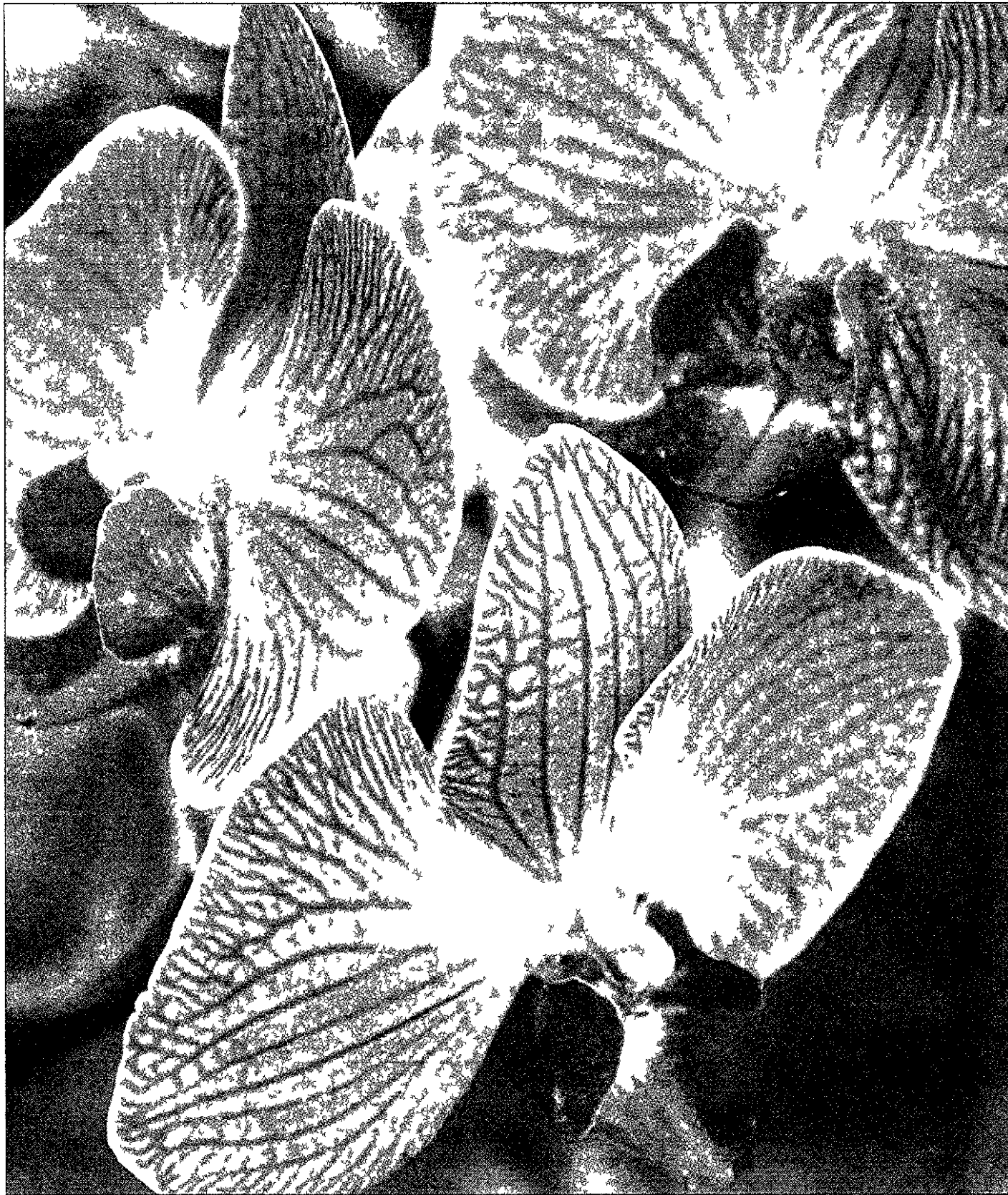
I've discovered that sticking to a backup plan is like sticking to a diet It's a chore, and you're probably destined to fail unless you find the one that's right for you

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PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D6



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This phalaenopsis is at the home of Cheryl and Dan Ciemiak.

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Beautiful orchids fascinate, delight

BY MARY KLEIMIC
STAFF WRITER

The combination of unusual and ethereal plants looks like something in a faraway paradise

A variety of petals is on view - some broad and almost flat, some wispy, some with shaded accents or delicate designs, some seemingly balanced on graceful, arched stems

Roots curl around and even through containers, or hang in cascading lengths

But such a display could be at your neighbor's house - or even your own This one is at the home of Glenda Lask of Bloomfield Hills, a member of the Michigan Orchid Society

'An orchid is not a treasure that you have to worry about having an endangered species,' she said

Lask, who was elected chair of the Great Lakes Judging Center at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, tends around 1,000 orchids at her home, in and out of a greenhouse

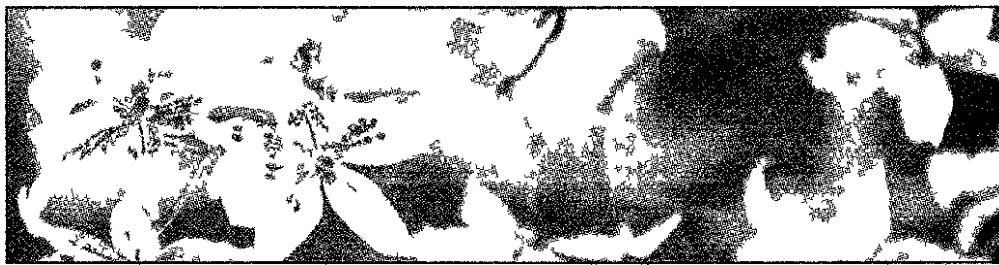
'There is something always flow-



Cheryl and Dan Ciemiak enjoy their greenhouse at their West Bloomfield home They started growing orchids 20 years ago



Glenda Lask grows about 1,000 orchids at her Bloomfield Hills home She is a member of the Michigan Orchid Society, which is having its Palm Sunday show in Livonia this weekend



PLEASE SEE ORCHIDS, D6 This spotted orchid at the Ciemiak home is called Tiger Crow "Golden Girl"

Accents

Friendly fertilizers

The Earth-friendly Fertilizer program of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority helps residents who want to improve the quality of their lawns in an environmentally friendly way

The 21 hardware stores and garden centers in Oakland County participating in the program this year receive bright green stickers to designate recommended fertilizers

For more information, call SOCWA at (248) 288-5150

A tap tip

'You turn on a faucet and all you get is a trickle - or streams squirting left and right The problem might not be in your faucet, at all, it might be the small device on the end of the spout called an aerator,' say James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

'The aerator is there to mix air into the water stream and to provide an even splash-free flow

'But its screen traps all kinds of debris, from rust particles to calcium deposits Over time, it gradually cuts the flow, leaving only a dribble or weak pressure

The solution is an easy one Unscrew the aerator first wrapping it with masking tape to protect the surface, then using pliers for a solid grip

'Once it's off, remove the gunk from the screen (soak overnight in vinegar, if needed) and screw it back on'

Landscape walk

Scott Kunst, owner and head gardener of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, will host a Guided Historic Landscape Walk through Ann Arbor's Old West Side Historic District in May

The hourlong, leisurely sidewalk tour will explore relics of the historic landscape that survive in any older neighborhood trees that predate the pioneers, tiny garages built for Model T's, antique arbors and bird baths even historic weeds, Kunst said

To register, call (734) 995-1486 Pre-payment of the \$10 admission is required.

Times are 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 10 a.m. Monday, May 15, 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, or 11 a.m. Saturday, May 20.

Each walk will start at the Jefferson Market at 609 W. Jefferson in Ann Arbor. For more information, e-mail charlie@old-housegardens.com or call (734) 995-1486

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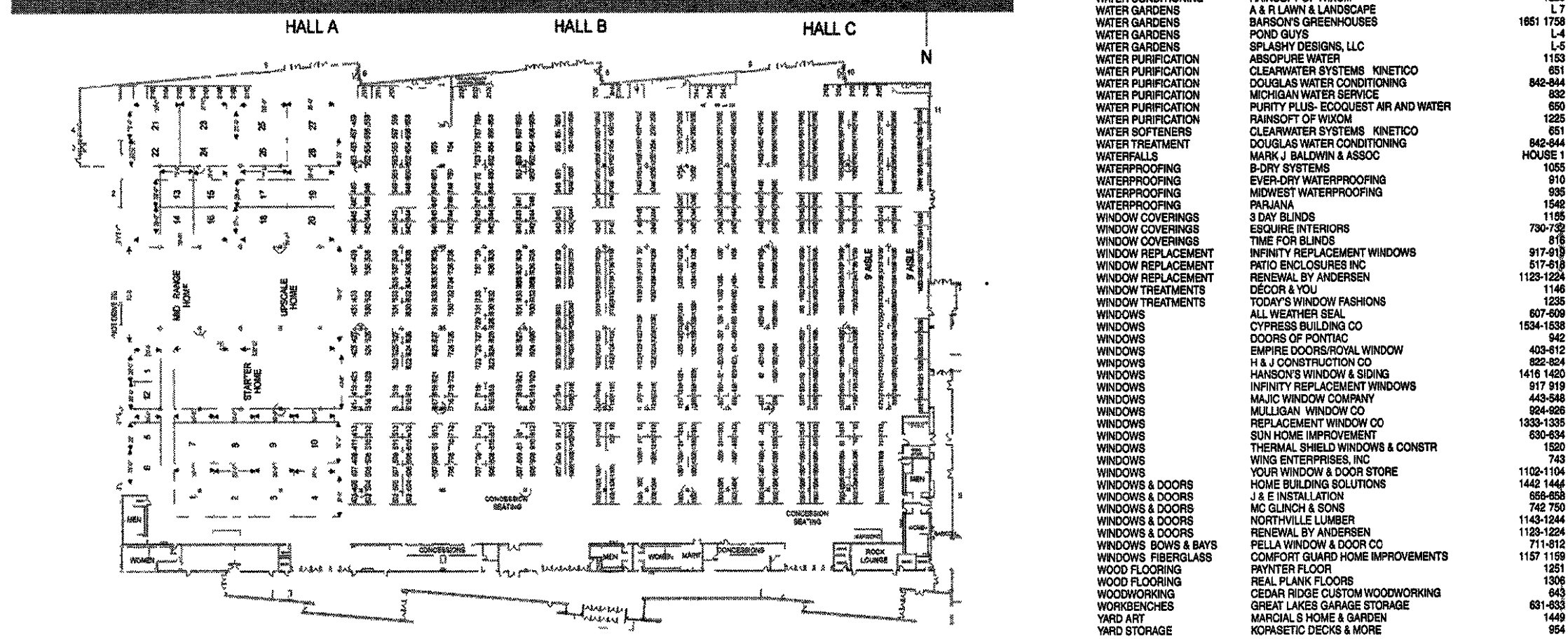
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Exhibitor List Continued for Spring Home & Garden Show

Table listing exhibitors across various categories such as Decks, Home Theater, Pavers, and Home Automation, including company names and phone numbers.

SHOW FLOOR PLAN



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Students make creative space for carpets

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

A rug is more than a furnishing to participants in The Ghordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Creative Space Competition. Each year design students answer the challenge to illustrate the use of a carpet in a room setting, making the rug the focal point.

The room design is to be built

around a carpet that is provided by The Ghordes Knot, which is at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

Responses show style and imagination, as the rugs become strong artistic elements in many different types of settings.

"It's very interesting," said Ann Parker, The Ghordes Knot showroom manager. "It's a good opportunity for the students to gain knowledge of the rugs and an understanding of how they're

made."

A panel of professional designers, all ASID members, selects the winning designs. The Ghordes Knot furnishes \$1,000 in prize money: \$500 for first place and \$250 for each of two honorable mentions.

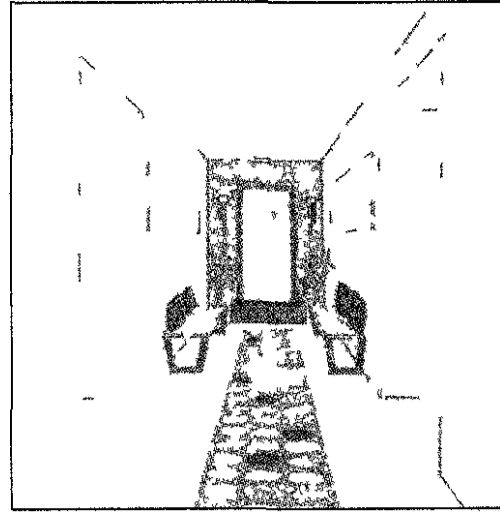
The winning designs will be displayed at the design center on Student Career Day, April 7.

This is the 17th year of the competition. Twenty-three entries were received.

Carrie McCallum of Harrison Township, a Baker College student, was awarded first place.

Crystal T. Pomiatowski, a student at Michigan State University, and Yolanda Rangel of Fowlerville, a student at the International Academy of Design and Technology, were awarded honorable mention.

Contestants work with actual carpets from The Ghordes Knot, which provides photographs of the rugs. Many partic-



Carrie McCallum, a student at Michigan State University, was awarded first place in The Ghordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Creative Space Competition for this design. Participants were challenged to illustrate the use of a carpet in a room setting with the rug the focal point.

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ipants also visit the showroom to see the carpets.

The rugs this year were Canterbury by Asmara, a needlepoint carpet, and Story Stones by Odegard. Both are hand-knotted.

Canterbury was to be depicted as a 10-by-14-foot rug, and Story Stones as a 3-by-12-foot runner. Submitted entries had to feature a rendering of the design, mounted on a mat, with a statement by the student on the back. Entries that didn't follow the design requirements and instructions for submission were eliminated.

All three prize winners chose Story Stones.

McCallum's inspiration for her design came from the rug's earthy colors and stone pattern, she wrote in her entry statement. McCallum placed the rug between two benches.

Pomiatowski's design was inspired by the Bauhaus movement, she wrote.

The rug is by geometric furnishings in her design, including a box-shaped sofa and chair, a triangular coffee table and a round end table. The tables are clear, and the room looks out onto a wooded scene.

In her design, Rangel placed the rug in a spa, between two benches in a cream-colored room.

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Spring home, garden show set for weekend

The Spring Home & Garden Show®, produced by Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA), will take place Friday-Sunday, April 7-9, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

More than 500 exhibitors will line the aisles and offer advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts, crafts, heating, cooling and appliances.

"The possibilities are endless," said James P. Babcock, president of BIA.

Using the array of resources available at the show, homeowners and idea seekers can save a lot of time and money by simply strolling through the show and taking advantage of the experts and talent under one roof.

The Rock Financial Showplace is on Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck.

Show hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for ages 65 and older, free for children under age 12 when accompanied by an adult. Ample parking is available at the Rock Financial Showplace for a fee.

Discount coupons are available online at www.novihomeshow.com or at participating metro Detroit Dunkin' Donuts locations.

For more information, go to www.novihomeshow.com or call (248) 862-1019.

Don Engebretson, the "Renegade Gardener," will present a seminar, Top 10 Gardening Blunders and How to Avoid Them.

Seminars will also be presented by local experts, including *Roses for Michigan* author Nancy Lindley and master gardeners from the Michigan School of Gardening. Little Valley Homes in Novi will display and showcase three model manufactured homes at the show, ranging from a starter through an upscale home.

Each will feature a profession-

ally designed landscaped garden to provide a visual example of the great possibilities attendees can create for their own home.

More than 30,000 square feet of landscaped displays, created by dozens of local landscape companies, will decorate a quarter of the show.

Stone City will offer do-it-yourself brick paving workshops. Attendees can learn how to install brick pavers and garden walls and how to seal the brickwork.

A newly built brick patio will be put to great use by housing the Barbecue Bonanza featuring the Grilling Buddies Mad Dog & Merrill, who will host hilarious seminars all weekend.

The Spring Home & Garden Show, along with Rock

Financial and AM 910 Radio Disney, are giving away The Ultimate Backyard Makeover Register at the show to win a \$10,000 prize package.

Children can enjoy do-it-yourself workshops too. AM 910 Radio Disney and Home Depot of Novi will host workshops for youngsters Saturday and Sunday.

There will also be a springtime petting zoo with bunnies, chicks and even a visit from the Easter Bunny.

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Clean dishwasher with the Tang treatment

Mr Miller sent an e-mail "Over the years I believe Joe Gagnon said that Tang, the orange drink, can be used to clean a dishwasher. Do I remember correctly?"



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

radio shows, the Tang dishwasher treatment is my most popular secret.)

Today you can shop for products in stores that are designed for the purpose of cleaning dishwashers, and it wouldn't surprise me if those products contained some Tang in them.

I've never been good at keeping secrets and I'm always proud to

have shared this one with the world.

The orange Tang powdered breakfast drink has the correct amount of acidic content and abrasive characteristic to clean the interior parts of the dishwasher and yet completely dissolve in one application.

The interior walls and surfaces will be clean and even smell good when you open the door.

Most important, though, are the surfaces you can't see. Take the front bottom area where the door meets the cabinet. If you run your finger along that edge, it may come out with a black slime on it.

Take the motor impellers that are used to give you a strong flow of water through the wash arms. They may be coated with this black slime, which will decrease the flow of water and give you poor wash ability.

Another area affected by this black slime can be the soap dispenser doors, which will stick either open or closed.

The black slime can also cause a dishwasher to have a door leak because the door seal doesn't set against the frame as tightly as it

should.

The black slime so grossly mentioned here is simply undissolved detergent. It doesn't look good, smells worse and isn't eye-appealing to anyone using a dishwasher. The major effect it has is slowing down the motor impellers.

Many consumers have told me how much cleaner their dishes come out after giving the dishwasher a Tang treatment.

The factor of undissolved detergent is usually a result of the water inside the dishwasher not being hot enough. Water temperature must be at least 140 degrees or hotter to do the job effectively.

Care should be used by parents of infants whenever they raise the hot water temperature on the hot water tank.

The kitchen sink faucet should always be turned on for a minute or so before using the dishwasher. Most people don't get into the habit of doing this, which results in cold water entering the dishwasher during the fill cycle.

Too much detergent placed into the cup on the door is another cause.

A good rule of thumb is 1 or 2

level teaspoons used with a water softener system, or 7 or 8 level teaspoons used with city water supplied to a home.

Here is the Tang treatment:

You need hot water. Turn on the faucet for a minute at the sink, then turn on the dishwasher. Let it run for five minutes so that it fills with water and then shut it off.

Open the door and dump the contents of a 16-ounce jar of Tang powdered breakfast drink directly into the water in the bottom of the dishwasher.

Shut the door, turn on the dishwasher and let it go through the rest of the cycle. You have now performed the Tang treatment.

Note: Don't use the Tang treatment if your dishwasher has a leaking door and you have white carpet in your kitchen. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

ORCHIDS

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erning all the time."

A similar Eden-like environment is at the home of Dan and Cheryl Ciemniak of West Bloomfield, also Michigan Orchid Society members, who tend an estimated 200 orchids.

They started raising orchids on a window sill about 20 years ago after attending an orchid show, and now have a greenhouse containing these and other flowers. Orchids are also displayed around the house.

"I just found an orchid I liked," Cheryl said, explaining how the couple got started with the plants.

"Regular houseplants, I can't keep 'em. I don't understand that," she said with a smile.

The Michigan Orchid Society will have its annual Palm Sunday show this weekend in Livonia (see related item).

Between 500 and 600 orchids will be exhibited and thousands will be for sale, 10 to 15 vendors will sell items and about 30 displays will be featured, said Troy resident Joe Peterson, the organization's program director.

"The flowers are beautiful," he said. "It's like being in the jungle when you walk into the show. Some are quite exotic."

"Come to a show," Lask advised would-be growers. "There are lots of dealers there. You see the plants and see what appeals to you."

TYPES

Orchids are strong and resilient. Different types have different requirements, such as the amount of

PALM SUNDAY ORCHID SHOW

■ **What:** The Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show, featuring between 500 and 600 orchids on display. Vendors will be available.

■ **When:** Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9.

■ **Where:** Laurel Park Place Mall, 37700 W. Six Mile at Newburgh, just east of I-75 in Livonia.

■ **Admission:** Free.

humidity, light and heat.

You can find orchids that would thrive in the conditions at your home. A special structure such as a greenhouse or an orchidarium isn't needed.

Approximately 30,000 species of orchids grow around the world. Orchids are found on every continent except Antarctica.

Lask's orchids include epiphytes (air plants) that she mounts on wires. These and other orchids that don't require soil can be grown in fir or redwood tree bark, crumbled charcoal or pebbles, or on tree-fern or cork plaque.

(Other types of orchids are lithophytes, which cling to rock surfaces, saprophytes, which grow in decaying vegetation on forest floors, and terrestrials, which secure themselves in soil or sand.)

Lask has been growing orchids since 1975, when a neighbor got her started.

"I've collected orchids from many places in the world," she said.

Among her plants are vandas, bulbophyllum, paphiopedilums (slipper orchids), coelogyne, cattleyas and phalaenopsis. The latter, called moth orchid because its blooms resemble moths, is easy to grow and recommended for beginners.

"You can keep them flowering for months," Lask said.

There is an ascocenda, Ashley Love "Scarlet Beauty," with a deep color, and a brightly patterned Cindy Banks vanda.

On a smaller scale are neofinetia falcata, which is grown for its leaves, and Yosemite Sam, which has a tiny, star-like bloom that resembles the drooping mustache of the cartoon character for which it is named.

"My worst pests are slugs and snails," Lask said.

She uses soap and water, or soap and alcohol, instead of pesticides.

The Ciemniaks have a wide variety of orchids, including vandas, dendrobium and cattleyas.

Among the types of phalaenopsis they raise are the brightly colored Baldans Kaleidoscope and Little Emperor. The multi-branched Tiger Crow "Golden Girl" is a glorious yellow.

Odbrs Kenneth Biven has curving, spindly petals. The leaves of macodes petola almost glow in the dark.

Dan's favorite is the Fire Dance cattleya, which fits its name, having the color of flames.

"Lady slippers tend to be not as colorful," he said. "Now I'm into bright colors."

"My favorite this week is villosum," Cheryl said, indicating a pastel-colored

ored slipper orchid.

The Ciemniaks' greenhouse has blinds because it faces west and gets hot.

TIPS

Tips from Lask and the Ciemniaks include:

■ When buying your first orchid plant, get one that is blooming so you'll know what the flowers look like.

■ Look for a healthy plant. The leaves should be clean and firm. "Feel the leaves," Dan Ciemniak said. "It should have strong leaves."

■ Grow orchids in a bark-type mix instead of sphagnum moss, which is hard to get moist if it dries out.

■ Don't overfeed orchids. "They're very light feeders," Lask said.

■ Remember, what works for one person might not work for someone else. "Don't consider yourself a failure (if your orchids die). Don't give up," said Lask, who has lost orchids.

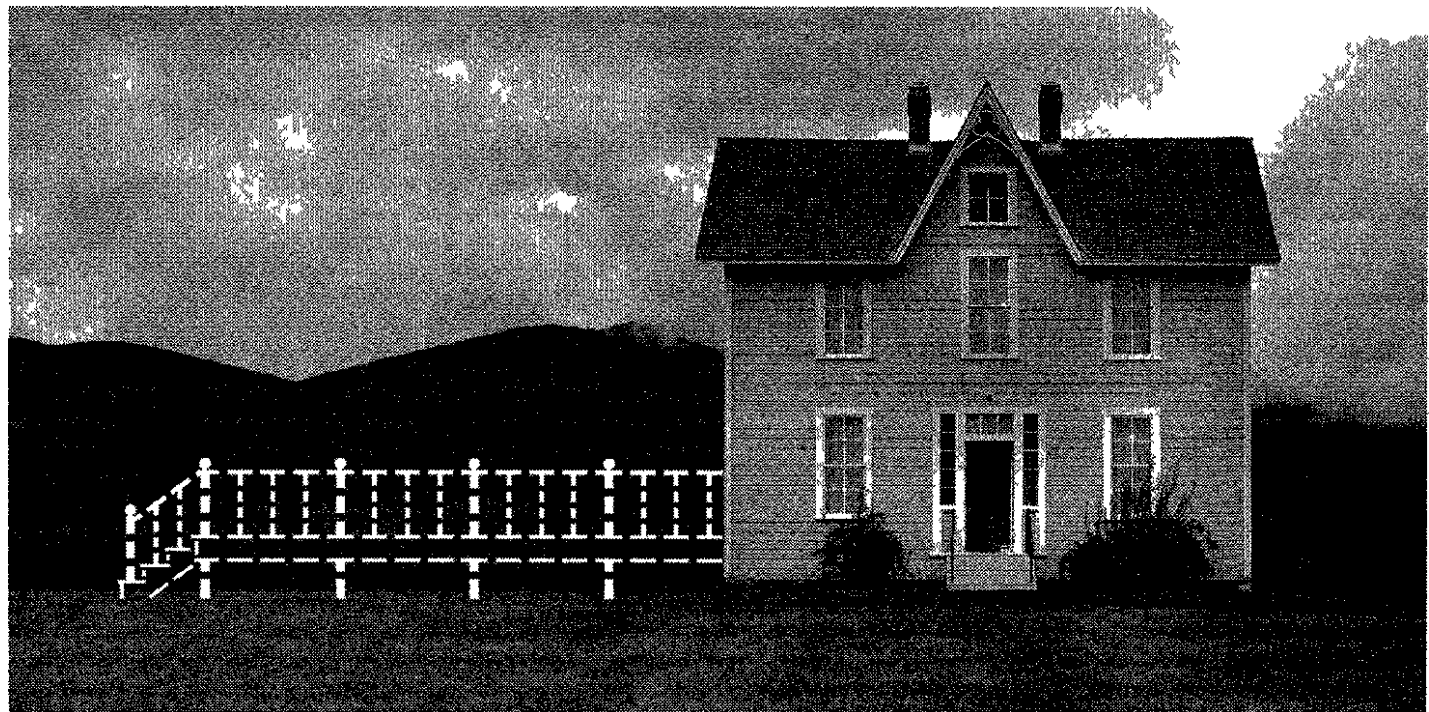
■ Attend Michigan Orchid Society meetings, which feature a plant table discussion and a speaker. The society also offers study groups, a summer workshop and special activities.

The Michigan Orchid Society meets the third Sunday of the month at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates, north of Maple (15 Mile), between Southfield Road and Woodward in Birmingham.

Doors open at 2 p.m. and the regular meeting starts at 2:30 p.m. For more information about orchids visit the Web sites of the Michigan Orchid Society (www.miorchids.com) and the American Orchid Society (www.orchidweb.org/).

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Making a name in the wine business

Some people take direct routes to their vocational goals. Tony Peju took the long route to his ultimate career, making wine in Napa Valley. From his birthplace in Azerbaijan on the Caspian Sea to France, England, Los Angeles and finally Napa Valley, Peju's love of wine and agriculture were the driving force.

While studying filmmaking in Los Angeles, Peju made his living in the florist industry, real estate, and eventually a nursery, but he really looked forward to owning a farm. Scouting for property, he traveled from the Mexican border to Santa Barbara, but it was not until he took the leap to Napa Valley that he knew he had found his dream location.

HOW GOOD CAN IT GET?

By 1983, after searching for two years, Peju found a small property in a very good neighborhood. Instead of his original thought of 500 acres, he had to settle for 30, but the property was located on Highway 29 with Robert Mondavi, Niebaum-Coppola, Beauhieu Vineyards and Cakebread as neighbors. How good is that?

Vineyards on the property were yielding some very good cabernet sauvignon that was sold to nearby wineries.

When word got back to Peju that



Focus on wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

winemakers were very happy with the results they achieved with his grapes, he decided it was time he made his own wine. That headed Peju to University of California Davis to study winemaking.

When Peju began to make and sell wine, he was convinced that the old block cabernet sauvignon would be the core of Peju Province winery's success. When phylloxera became a problem in Napa Valley, Peju was forced to replant his vineyard to disease resistant rootstock, but the top wood was grafted from the original block.

These vines were named the HB clonal selection, after Peju's wife, Herta Behensky. Although the original age and origin are unknown, that clonal selection, grown in the Rutherford appellation, is given credit for the distinctive character of Peju Province estate cabernet sauvignon.

MAIN ATTRACTION

Today, visitors are attracted to Peju

Province not only for its wines but as a horticultural attraction along Highway 29 in the Napa Valley.

The tasting room is a 50 foot cop per roofed tower, reminiscent of French Provincial architecture surrounded by two acres of a garden environment, reflecting Tony and Herta's horticultural talents.

Peju Province's chef and hospitality director Max Duley has created a wine program that goes way beyond a tasting room.

Visitors can take advantage of three levels of wine classes, food demonstrations, winemaker dinners and hands-on cooking classes, all designed to give visitors the opportunity to increase their understanding of food, wine and how they enhance each other.

"We have a monthly calendar that lists all of the classes available to visitors," Duley said. "It's a great way for wine enthusiasts to have a more in depth experience during their visit to Napa Valley. What could be more fun than finding new ways of bringing food, wine and people together?" To request a calendar of events, e-mail info@peju.com.

Here is what you should buy from Peju Province:

■ 2004 Sauvignon Blanc (\$17) is picked at three stages of flavor development, each adding a different com-

ponent to the wine. Pineapple, citrus and melon pair together to provide a complex whole.

■ 2004 Chardonnay (\$23) is a generous full, well balanced wine with chablis like mineral notes, apple, tropical fruits and a toasty finish.

■ 2002 Merlot (\$36) Red currants introduce a mellow merlot that delivers a nice note of spicy new French oak in a balanced package.

■ 2002 Syrah (\$33) In the style of the Northern Rhone, this wine has good fruit elements with a firm backbone and tannins.

■ 2001 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$39) Black currant and cranberry aromas introduce a concentrated wine with good structure and long finish.

■ 2002 Zinfandel (\$26) Ripe raspberry jam aromas and flavors combine with smoky notes leading to a long finish.

■ 2002 Cabernet Franc (\$42) Perfumy, earthy, and black raspberry aromas introduce ripe, jammy fruit flavors, finishing with notes of vanilla and chocolate.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine spirits and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

WINE PICKS FOR PASSOVER

Indisputably American-born winemaker Victor Schoenfeld, armed with an enology degree from University of California Davis, makes the best kosher wine (not mevushal) in Israel under the Yarden label. For Passover (beginning at sundown April 12) this year we recommend the following Yarden wines available in this market:

■ 2002 Yarden Galilee Syrah \$22 that is complex and rich with elevated flavor concentration and just the right touch of oak.

■ 2001 Yarden El Rom Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$45 with lush blackberry and cassis flavors leading to a cocoa/chocolate-like finish.

■ 2002 Yarden Galilee Muscat \$15/375ml is a remarkably fresh, not overly sweet dessert wine.

■ 2002 Yarden Galilee "Heights Wine" Gewurztraminer \$25/375ml is a lush and rich wine that is dessert in a glass - one of the best sweet gewurztraminers, rivaling those produced in the Alsace region of France.

PASSOVER

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eaten during the eight days of Passover.

"You must do that during Passover," Bloom said. "There's nothing with flour in it."

Soon it will be time for the cleansing of the kitchen - tough work if you are baking all the time.

"You have to take everything out of the kitchen and use only Passover foods," Bloom said. "It's really a big job, cleaning all the cupboards and refrigerator. The stoves have to be blown out at 500 or 600 degrees and the utensils cooked. It's a giant project."

"It's the hardest holiday of the year, but it's fun. It's nice for the family and it's all worth it when you're done."

The first two nights are celebrated with a feast called a Seder (SAY der).

The word Seder literally means order of service. It is a ceremonial dinner marked by the retelling of the story of the Exodus from Egypt through the use of prayers, songs and ceremonial foods.

A special book, the Haggadah (hah-GAH-dah), is used during the Seder. The word Haggadah means "the telling of the story or narrative."

The head of the household serves as the leader of the Seder, directing the reading of the Haggadah. Everyone participates, including the youngest person, who recites a Passover tradition, "The Four Questions." The Haggadah tells the story of Passover through answers to the Four Questions.

FOODS

The Seder plate consists of ritual foods.

A roasted lamb bone is a reminder of the lamb slaughtered and eaten by Jewish families on the eve of Passover in biblical times.

Horseradish, or Maror, is the bitter herb to remind Jews of the bitterness of slavery.

Charosis is a sweet mixture of chopped apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine, symbolizing the mortar made to hold together the bricks the Jews produced while slaves in Egypt.

Karpas is a green vegetable, either parsley or celery.

GEFILTE FISH

1 1/2 pounds ground whitefish
1/2 pound ground pickerel
1/2 cup matzo meal
5 eggs
2 tablespoons sugar
1 medium ground carrot
1 medium ground onion
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon white pepper

Mix whitefish, pickerel, eggs, carrot and onion. Add matzo meal, salt, sugar and pepper. Mix well. Shape into small footballs and place on wet plate (use wet hands). Gently slide fish into fish juice (see recipe below) while on rapid boil. Cook for 1 hour, 20 minutes.

FISH JUICE

1 gallon water (with fish bones if available)
1 onion quartered
2 carrots cut into 3 inch pieces
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon white pepper
1 tablespoon sugar

Bring ingredients to rapid boil for 30 minutes.

Reduce to a gentle boil, add fish and cook for 1 hour, 20 minutes.

MATZA FARFEL STUFFING

20 ounces matza farfel
4 teaspoons kosher salt
3 teaspoons black pepper
1 quart warm water
3 cups fresh mushrooms (drain slice)
4 onions (saute and grind)
1 egg

Place matza farfel in bowl. Add water and let stand for 15 minutes, then mix well. Add egg, salt, pepper, ground and sauteed onions and mix well.

Saute mushrooms in 4 teaspoons vegetable oil. Add to mixture. Cook for approximately 30 minutes.

Add chicken broth or gravy if you prefer it more moist.

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1 large onion
2 tablespoons salt
1 teaspoon white pepper
Vegetable oil

Grind potatoes in food processor until coarse, then drain in colander. Grind onion in food processor, then drain in colander. Mix all ingredients. Line a 13-by-9-inch pan with foil and brush with oil. Fill pan with potato mixture and pat top with oil. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 1 hour or until browned. Cool before cutting.

STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST

4 double (both halves) boneless chicken breasts with skin on
2 1/2 ounce boxes of matza farfel
2 zucchini
1 squash
1 red pepper
Kosher salt and black pepper to taste
cup orange marmalade
cup chicken base
Vegetable oil

Oranges and cherries

Soak matza farfel in warm water approximately 15 minutes. Drain and mix well. Dice vegetables very small. Sauté vegetables in vegetable oil. Add vegetables to matza farfel. Stuff chicken breasts with vegetable/matza farfel mixture.

Put toothpicks in breasts to hold stuffing in and refrigerate overnight.

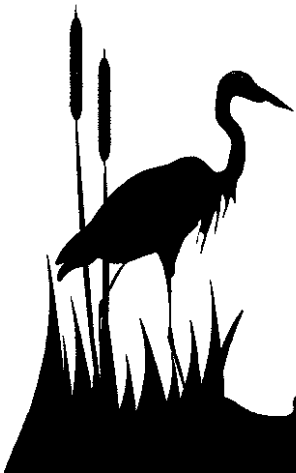
Place chicken in pan. Mix chicken base with hot water to make chicken broth and add to pan to desired taste and consistency. Cook approximately 40 minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

While chicken is cooking, mix orange marmalade with chicken broth. When chicken is done, pour sauce over chicken. Top with orange slices and cherries. Recipes courtesy of Shirlee Bloom of Bloom's Jewish Cuisine in Farmington Hills.

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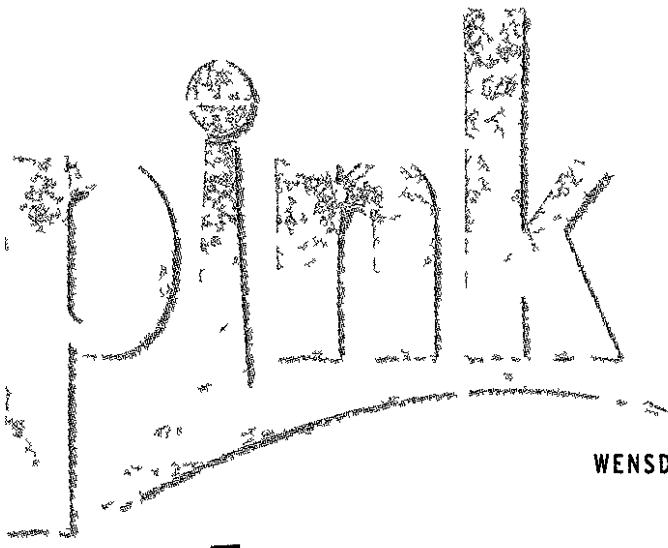
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Adventures in Vintage

Authors bring timeless style to Antiques Show

By Wendy White

When it comes to vintage shopping, it's all about the hunt. You've got to be willing to scour racks at resale shops, thrift stores, church rummages and estate sales — always on the lookout for great garments.

It's a quest that vintage dealer Alison Houtte loves as much as a well-worn pair of Levi's 501s.

Houtte, a former model, owns the vintage clothing shop Hooti Couture in Brooklyn, NY. She wears something vintage almost every day, and has become an expert on fashion history, designers, labels and fabrics.

Houtte and her sister, Melissa, will bring some of their favorite finds to the 16th Annual Community House Antique Show in Birmingham April 8. During two presentations of 'A Passion for Everyday

Vintage,' at 9:15 & 10:15 a.m., they'll tell guests how to incorporate fun, fashionable vintage pieces into a modern wardrobe and how to spot high quality and good buys.

The sisters also will sign copies of their recently-published book *Alligators, Old Mink & New Money*. Admission is \$15.

Hooti Couture

When PINK called to interview Alison Houtte, she was on the road, driving a truckload of vintage clothes to a show in Buffalo, NY.

Of course, she made a couple stops at hunting grounds along the way. Among her finds was a signed silk Lanvin scarf

from Paris for \$1

Houtte believes used garments have energy, and she enjoys revitalizing clothes with a past. She hopes her book, her shop and her everyday ensembles inspire others to give new life to old clothes.



PHOTO BY ROD SPICER

Alison Houtte scored this great vintage Russ Togs suit for \$4

'Call your grandmother, call your great aunt, have a cup of tea and say 'Hey can you open up your closet and show me the goodies from your past?' she said. "You can have so much fun with vintage."

The Community House Antiques Show will feature vintage clothing and jewelry April 7-8. Call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com

Vintage Shopping List

In *Alligators, Old Mink and New Money*, Alison Houtte shares what vintage finds sell well at her store.

Always in style:

- Alligator, crocodile & snakeskin accessories
- Stetson cowboy hats
- Levi's 501s
- Almost any boots
- Strands of pearls
- Anything in black
- Tweed skirts, jackets & coats
- Hand-knit sweaters, scarves and hats
- Anything with sequins, beads, netting or rhinestones
- Anything in cashmere or silk
- Anything in fur, fake or real

Hot right now:

- Vintage logo T-shirts
- Eyelet
- Full skirts
- '70s hippie chic — think boho dresses with wild prints
- Early '80s prep — think Izods and madras

list

Marshall Field's Beauty Week Beauty begins with radiant skin and Marshall Field's is hosting a week's worth of events that will help you put your best face forward. Stop by any Marshall Field's April 6-15 for free skincare consultations from your favorite cosmetic lines. Or visit specific stores for the following:
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By Gwen Joy

Detroit artist and girl about town Gwen Joy lives vintage. By day she works at Metals in Time in Royal Oak.

By night, she dons glamorous vintage finds and tours nightspots as an old-fashioned concessionaire, selling cigarettes, candy and quirky toys out of a tray that hangs around her neck.

Gwen also sells her artwork, painted vintage handbags and reconstructed jewelry at



Artist and entrepreneur Gwen Joy

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This week, Gwen shares her timeless picks with PINK.

Slim, waist-emphasizing skirts and dresses

Khakis

Ladylike sleek heels in black, brown and tan

Clunky heels

Smoky eyeliner and shadow

Vintage jewelry finds at the Farmer's Market in Royal Oak

The vintage film *Butterfield 8*

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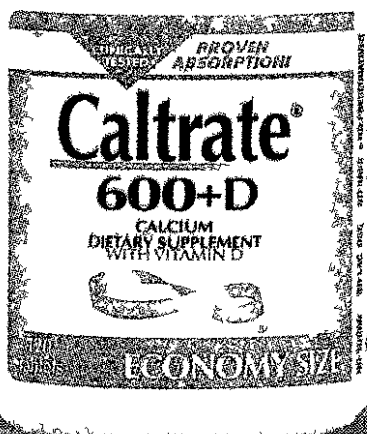
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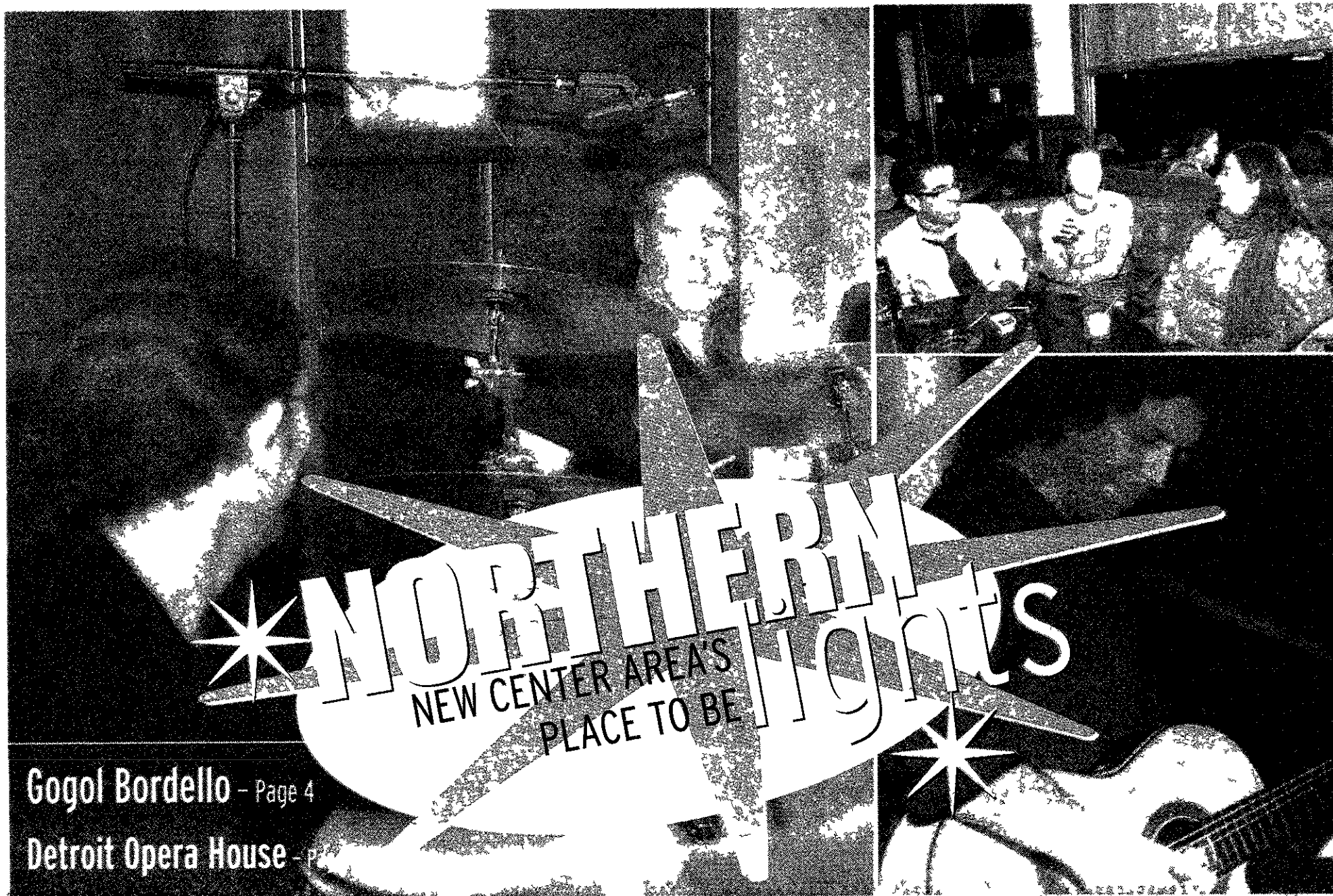
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Good-bye to Arctic Monkeys guilt

BY STEPHANIE TARDY
STAFF WRITER

Arctic Monkeys
Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I Am
Domino

First of all, the wordsmith in me wants this album to be called *Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I Am*. Not because of this. I've been calling it the wrong thing for weeks.

Second of all, I absolutely hate myself for loving it. I hate that I avoided them for being the first real buzz band after Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, and I hate that I loved the SNL performance, and I hate that I

had to pick it up from Target because it was less embarrassing than one of my normal record shops. I hate myself for loving it because I'm supposed to hate it. Got that? It's just like how I'm supposed to hate The Killers and The Strokes and anything else with a marketable hook. Sounds silly, right? Tot right it is.

I'm not going to be able to tell you anything new about this album. It's all over everywhere and if you're paying even a small bit of attention, you already know all the comparisons, influences and yarns about how the music industry is changing on a few bands' marketing plans (And how they all eat green eggs and ham.) However, I can appeal for us all to come out of the Arctic Monkeys closet. Let's not let hipster pride and punk rock values come in the way of 40 minutes of awesome, kids. Breathe in. *There's only music so there's new ringtones*. Breathe out. Guilt. Feels good, doesn't it?

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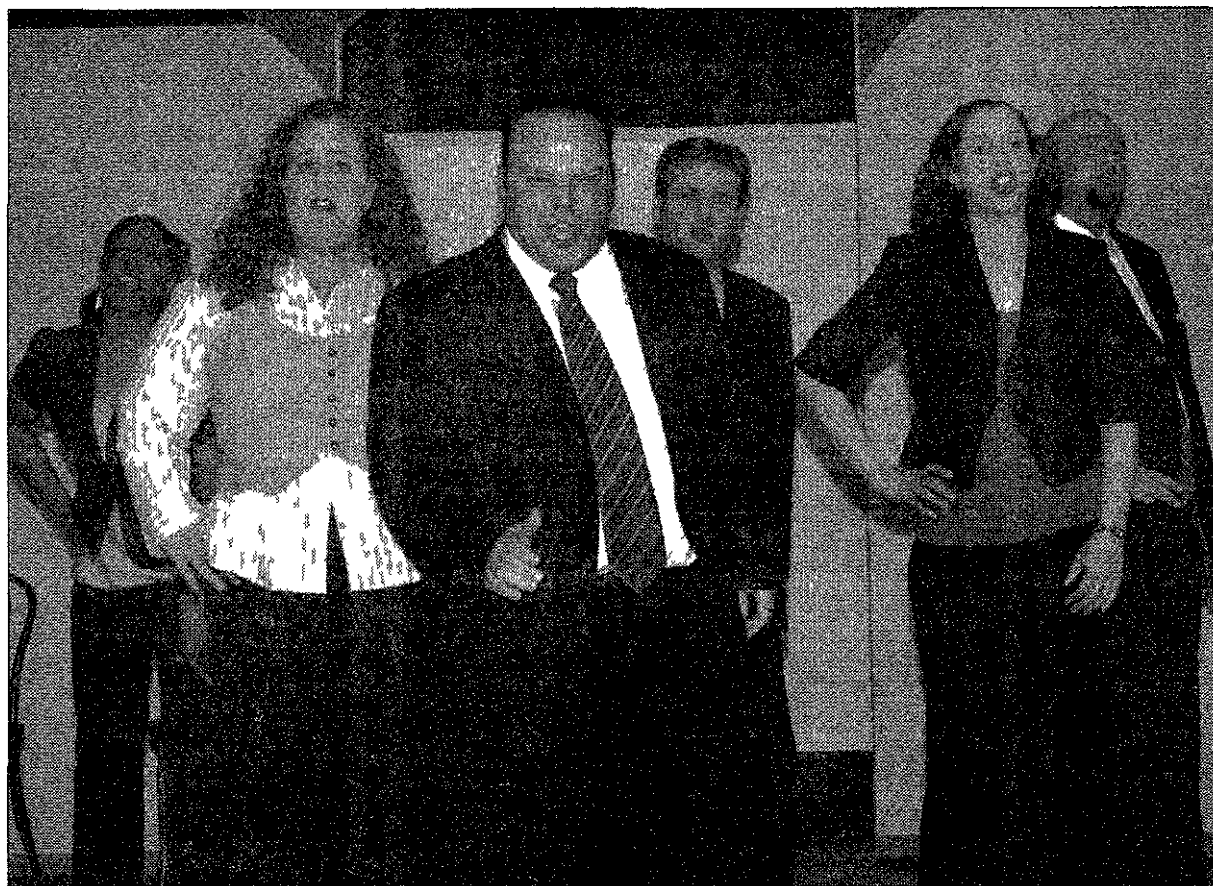


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Bobble Heads of State is The Second City Detroit's newest show. The troupe is Tiffany Jones (from left), Margaret Exner, Topher Owen, Shawn Handlon, Jenny Hagel and Quintin Hicks

Poking at politics

Second City Detroit's latest show takes up the war

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Oh, those crazy, crazy comedians, they're always laughing, joking, mocking and acting just plain silly

What an easy and fun job, eh?

Well, it's not as easy as it looks, especially when it comes to tackling sensitive or controversial

issues. And the Second City Detroit's latest show, *Bobble Heads of State*, which runs Wednesday-Sunday at the Second City complex in Novi, does just that

Among the topics explored onstage is the war in Iraq

"It's always a challenge to find the right angle on difficult subjects," cast member Margaret Exner said. "With the war, for example, everybody in

SECOND LOOK

What: The Second City Detroit presents *Bobble Heads of State*
When: Ongoing with performances at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday
Where: Second City Complex, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi (across from the Novi Town Center)
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our country has a different opinion, and so you have to find that middle ground where everybody thinks something is funny."

Doesn't sound so easy after all. Not to mention that Second City's signature is touching on hot-button issues of the day and

transforming them into onstage humor

"We try to hit a lot of political and social issues," Exner said. "It keeps us from being all dirty or all ridiculous."

Bobble Heads of State, a 75-minute one-act production, also explores gay issues and "the fear culture of the media," Exner said.

The open-ended show includes Second City Detroit's full cast of six, incorporates live music and is followed by improvisational sets every night except Friday.

"What makes this (show) really enjoyable is that it moves very quickly from scene to scene, and it moves from scene to scene in very interesting ways," Exner said. "The music is great, there are lots of laughs, and it's a really fun show."

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Gogol Bordello: A band with its own musical style

Very few bands, arguably, can claim ownership to their own style

Rip-off after rip-off after uninspiring sounds, turn on the radio and it's rare to hear something seemingly new

Unfortunately, you won't hear Gogol Bordello on the airwaves, but you can hear them online. Then you can hear them at the Magic Stick, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Gogol Bordello is an eight-piece band that plays the style known now as gypsy punk, growing popular in the UK, which means it's going to take a while to catch on here.

The New York Times describes the band as "Iggy Pop meets Kafka."

The band has, though, a very strong following and its shows sell out. So if you want to see them play, don't want to buy tickets at the door. And since they were just on Jimmy Kimmel on March 22, they have an extra publicity push.

Gogol Bordello's world music edge is strong since its band members' backgrounds span the globe: Russia, Israel, the Ukraine, a Chinese-Scot, Thai American and one member born in the United States. Focused on dispelling cultural apathy and pushing music's boundaries, the band's sound is definitely punk but also includes traditional

Roma (gypsy) sounds, flamenco, Perestroika punk and Jamaican dub.

Frontman Eugene Hutz, born in Kiev, fled his homeland during the Chernobyl disaster and settled in Vermont after living in refugee camps in Italy, Austria and Hungary.

It was during his life in Kiev where he

discovered New York's alternative band Sonic Youth. At that moment as a child, he decided he would someday move to the Big Apple and lead a band.

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Bid on big name concert tickets to U2's hurricane charity

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Queensryche, Melissa Etheridge, Sammy Hagar, Ben Harper & Damien Marley and Tim McGraw with Faith Hill plus 60 other artists are selling concert tickets online to raise funds for musicians in Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Fans of the music can bid on tickets online for more than 80 summer shows. From there, money will go to Music Rising, the campaign to replace instruments and equipment - to help musicians get their livelihood back.

The bidding began on Saturday, April 1. New auctions for additional concert events are scheduled to launch each Saturday throughout the month of April.

Along with tickets, the majority of auctions will each include opportunities to bid on one Epiphone guitar autographed by one or more of the show's performing artists.

Music Rising, the musical instrument replacement fund, was founded by U2's The

Edge, music producer Bob Ezrin and Gibson Guitar chairman and CEO Henry Juszkiewicz along with the Guitar Center Music Foundation and MusiCares.

"The Central Gulf Coast region has one of the most vibrant music cultures in the world," Edge from U2 said. "That culture was almost eradicated in the storms of last summer. We need to help bring it back. Music Rising is helping thousands of musicians affected by the hurricanes to gain a foothold on their future."



Sammy Hagar is one of dozens of musicians donating a portion of ticket proceeds.

Arthur Fogel, president of Live Nation's The Next Adventure, said money also helps the churches and schools that also lost instruments and have little or no funding to replace them.

The auction is also headed by Ticketmaster, Live Nation, House of Blues, AEG Live, Nederlander Concerts and Gibson Guitar.

"Together with the artists and with Gibson Guitars, we are able to make a real difference - not just for those individuals and groups whose instruments we replace, but for the health of the whole region," Fogel said.

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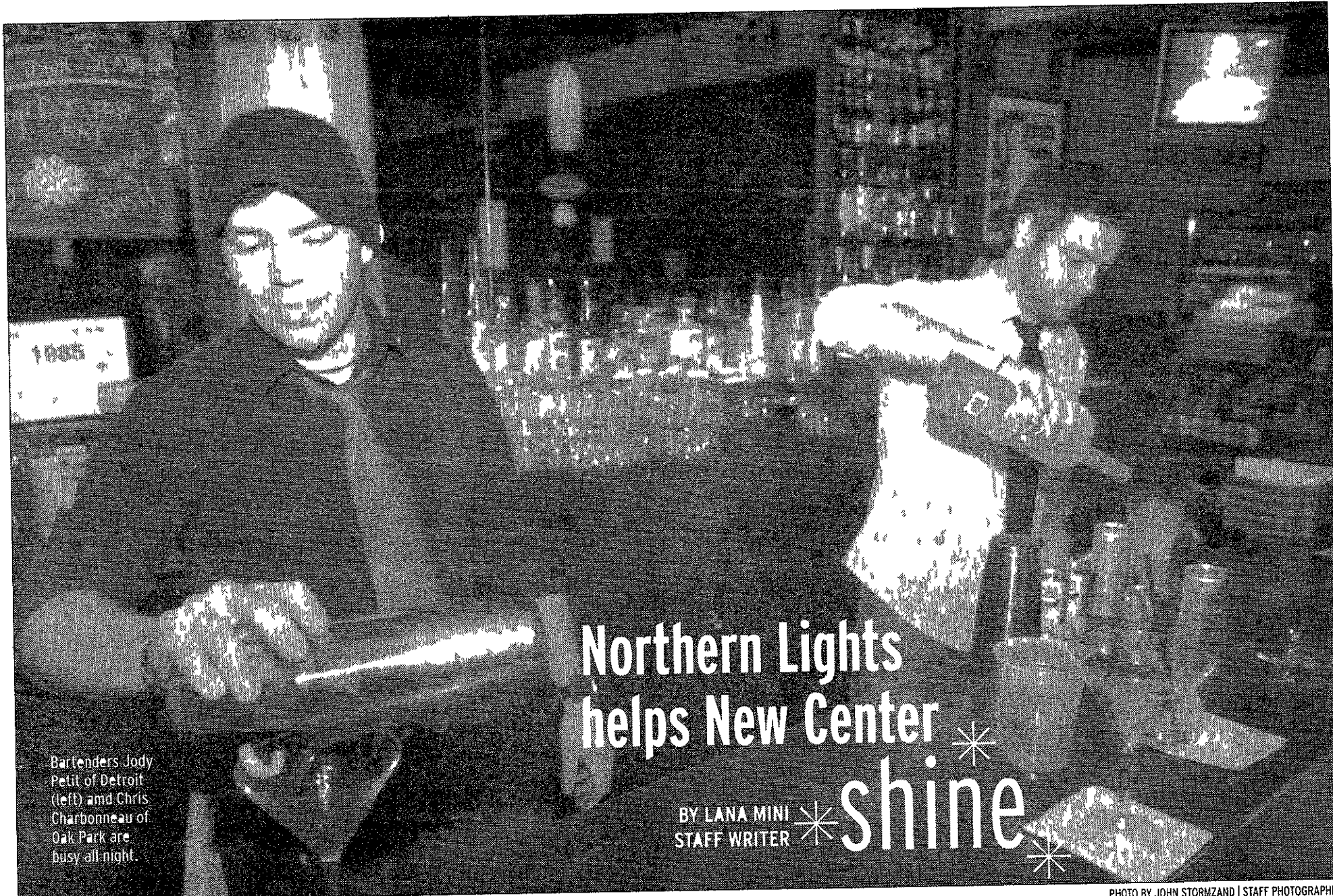
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Northern Lights helps New Center shine

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

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It's a Wednesday night, 10 p.m., and most of the streets throughout the New Center area are pleasantly calm.

A few people strolling here and there, a few folks hanging out outside chatting. There's a buzz of activity outside Cuisine, the well-respected French-American restaurant on Lothrop.

And outside Northern Lights, the area's hip bar on West Baltimore, activity is alive.

Inside it seems more like a Saturday night bar atmosphere than Hump Day. It's packed with trendy, laid-back late

20- and 30-somethings who have that New York/Los Angeles attitude of visiting the it-place, not only to socialize, but also to network. The Northern Lights crowd is packed with graphic artists, ad people, fashion designers, hip-hop artists and, of course, those just there to dance.

The bar, designed with seemingly proper feng shui, is one big room, but spaced in a way to give three separate areas. The whole place consists of predominantly wood walls that create a cozy feeling. The sleek furniture, though, is cool vintage, reminding us that this place is no country inn. Near the bar's entrance are sofas facing each other, separated by a big coffee

table. There strangers sit, introduce themselves and socialize.

The main bar area has stools, of course, at the bar, and tall tables that newcomers share. The drinks of choice seem to be vodkas, premium beers and martinis.

"We just come here to have a drink and meet people," said Anya Wilson of Detroit, who moments earlier made friends with a group of single women lounging at the bar. "It's not a meat market, but you can meet people and there isn't that 'I'm too cool' competitive attitude."

Near the dance floor and stage are cozy, retro, half-booths that provide a swanky, romantic feel.

Onstage every Wednesday, around 11 p.m., the prestigious Blackman Arnold band plays. The world gypsy jazz band captivates the crowd with intense flamenco guitar and later African rhythms.

Earlier in the night, a hip-hop DJ performed.

The crowd at Northern Lights is mixed with world music fans, hip-hop lovers and electronic music enthusiasts who are all there to make good vibes.

There's no pretension here. It's crowded on Wednesdays for

Blackman Arnold, and it's cool to see people out later at night in Detroit during the week," said Kevin Russell, who was visiting from Chicago. "This is the place to be."

Friendliness is the New Center area vibe and businesses that are opening here are proof.

Down the street at the Fisher Building, City Knits (located in the basement) is a trendy knitting spot where knitters go to swap ideas, purchase quality yarn and make friends.

Nearby at Pure Detroit, the clothing boutique, it's all about Detroit love. And at Cuisine, the food may be high-end, but the attitude isn't — sophisticated yes, snobby, no.

Michael Solaka, one of Northern Lights' owners, and president of the nonprofit organization The New Center Council, is dedicated to making the area pretty (flower boxes abound in the spring), clean (the streets are spotless) and energetic (friendly energy at Northern Lights starts with the door people and flows through to the bar).

Expect a lot more growth from this area of Detroit.

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Electronic music festival is a go, at least for now

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

It's teetered on extinction since its inception

Every year, talk spreads that Movement, Detroit's Electronic Music Festival, held every Memorial Day weekend at Hart Plaza, might not happen

But Detroit needs it. And at least for 2006, the show will go on.

Paxahau Promotions Group was chosen by the City of Detroit as the producers of this year's festival held Saturday through Monday, May 27-29.

The producers have also been endorsed by previous festival directors - techno founders Carl Craig, Derrick May and Kevin Saunderson.

'We are sincerely honored that the city has selected someone within the electronic community to produce this event - we have worked extremely hard to establish ourselves as a globally respected organization, specifically to bring this event the cultural attention it deserves,' said Jason Huvaere, owner of Paxahau.

Paxahau has produced electronic

events throughout Detroit since 1988. It also has a record label, booking agency, Web archive and event production company.

'We want to see this event flourish and continue to draw people from all over the world to Detroit,' said Lucius A. Vassar, the City of Detroit's chief administrative officer.

In an effort to maintain a globally recognized, positive brand image for Detroit, Paxahau will retain the name "Movement, Detroit's Electronic Music Festival."

This year the plan is to expand Movement into a cultural attraction that celebrates sonic art forms associated with Electronic Music, plus the visual arts culture that has evolved from its electronic music influence.

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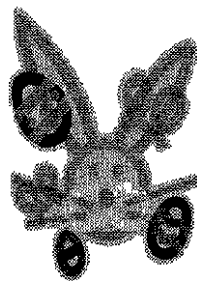
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Morton's opens in Troy

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

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Banking on carnivores penchant to pay big bucks for the finest beef money can buy, Morton's, The Steakhouse opened its second Detroit area location a week ago in Troy

This brings Morton's total to 70 restaurants world-wide, including chic spots like Hong Kong, Puerto Rico and Singapore. Since 1992, the first Michigan Morton's has been located in Southfield

“Our company strategy is to return to an area for an additional location, where our name recognition is strong and there's the correct population density to support it,” said Roger Drake, vice president of communications and public relations. “We've been looking in Troy for about four years. We built onto the Troy City Center Building because it's a business center along

WHAT'S NEW?

The Troy location is one of the first to incorporate Morton's new bar concept - Bar 1221 - a name derived from the date Dec 21, 1978, when Morton's opened its first restaurant in Chicago

“Bar 1221 is an exciting, modern environment, focused on 21st Century guest expectations of a high-end bar,” said general manager Todd Shepard, a Farmington Hills native. It's designed to complement the new bar bites menu and provides seating for 45 at stools and tables. During happy hours, 5-6 30 p.m. and 9 30-11 p.m., bar bites include items such as mini prime cheeseburgers, tenderloin steak sandwiches, crab and artichoke dip and shrimp cocktail at \$3 per order

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In time for Father's Day 2006, the Morton's Steak Bible (Random House, \$30) with color photos will be available at Morton's locations, in bookstores and by online order at www.mortons.com. Authored by Morton's co-founder and vice chairman Klaus Fritsch, it features 100 previously unreleased Morton's recipes, each adapted

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Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com

AAA gives them four diamonds

The city of Ann Arbor has joined the list of Michigan cities with AAA Four Diamond properties. The Earle Uptown, 300 S Thayer in Ann Arbor, received its first AAA Four-Diamond plaque at a special luncheon ceremony March 28 in Mount Pleasant.

In all, 22 Michigan properties earned the prestigious AAA Four-Diamond Award for hospitality excellence and one restaurant — The 1913 Room at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids — earned five diamonds for a fourth consecutive year. The 1913 Room is the first restaurant in Michigan to attain Five-Diamond status and one of only 48 restaurants nationwide to earn the distinction.

Ten restaurants and 12 lodging establishments now carry the Four-Diamond rating. Hotels include Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, The Townsend

Hotel Birmingham, Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, The Athenaeum Suite Hotel, Detroit, Radisson Plaza at Kalamazoo Center, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mount Pleasant, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, Westin Hotel, Southfield, Westin Detroit, Metro Airport, The Dearborn Inn, Radisson Hotel Detroit, Bloomfield Hills. The restaurant list includes The Lark Restaurant, West Bloomfield, Webster's, Kalamazoo, Tribute, Farmington Hills, Indecence, Detroit, Rugby Grille, Birmingham, The Grill at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, Cafe Cortina, Farmington Hills, Il Posto Ristorante, Southfield, Cygnus, Grand Rapids, and The Earle Uptown, Ann Arbor. Diamond ratings will be included for each lodging and restaurant listed in the 2006 AAA Michigan/Wisconsin TourBook.



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ART EXHIBITS

Cranbrook Art Museum

Cranbrook Academy of Art Graduate Degree Exhibition April 23 May 12 student art auction is slated May 6 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills \$4 \$6 call (877) GO CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

Screenprints

The Art of Screenprint at the Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$3 \$6 (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

ART ETC.

Detroit Area Art Deco Society preview Preview for Michigan Modernism Exposition to benefit the society with vintage fashion show and art exhibit April 21 \$50 65 www.daads.org or (248) 582 3326

ART GALLERIES

Lawrence Street Gallery

Exposures 10th annual photography exhibit through April 28 22620 Woodward Ferndale (248) 544 0394 or www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

Glass Expressions glass exhibit through May 4 Jewish Community Center 660 West Maple West Bloomfield (248) 432 5579

C-POP Gallery

Science Shows You How a solo exhibition of lenticular images by artist Chris Dean through April 21 4160 Woodward Detroit call (313) 833 9901 or visit www.cpop.com

Actors Acting

Exhibition of photographer Howard Schatz's portraits through April 29 Museum of New Art 7 N Saginaw Pontiac www.detroitmona.com/howardschatz.htm

Washington Street Gallery

Recess by Jennifer Thompson watercolor mixed media paintings through April 16 120 East Liberty Ann Arbor call (734) 761 2287 or visit www.wsg.art.com

Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Kristin Beaver's solo exhibit of lens based painting through April 16 Oakland University 208 Wilson Hall Rochester Hills free call (248) 370 3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag

Flatlanders Art Galleries

Three solo exhibitions of sculpture painting and photographs David Kelly's *Classic Silver* David Eichenberg's *Touch of Tradition* and Sandy Zenisek's *Sticks and Stones* through April 30 (517) 486 4591

Creative Arts Center

Art and the Motorcycle through April 8 47 Williams Street Pontiac call (248) 333 7849

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

By Design works by graphic designers Main Gallery *Earth and Sky* acrylic paintings by Carol Reid First Floor Gallery both exhibits run through April 15 407 Pine Street Rochester call (248) 651 4110 or visit www.pccart.org

Tangent Gallery

Parallel Lies featuring Mark Heggie show runs through April 715 E Milwaukee Detroit (313) 873 2955

Cass Cafe

Detroit All Stars of Art show runs through



May 13 4620 Cass Detroit (313) 831 1400

Arnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration urban views exhibition with Arms Christo Mersheimer Murphy and others 11 a.m. 5 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 32782 Woodward Royal Oak (248) 647 7709

Orchard Lake Art Gallery

A Glassy Occasion glass exhibit continuing through the end of April 4301 Orchard Lake Road West Bloomfield (248) 538 9021

The Print Gallery

Vintage Poster Exhibit through April 29 with posters used to advertise food liquor entertainment etc 29173 Northwestern Hwy Southfield (248) 356 5454 www.EverythingArt.com or www.MonaLisaMania.com

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show Paintings ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus At the campus at 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

ART ETC.

Farmington Hills Artists Club

Spring 2006 Exhibit juror Laura Whitesides Host of Birmingham April 26 30 free admission William M. Costick Activities Center 28600 11 Mile Road Farmington Hills (734) 455 9885

CLASSICAL

Scarab Club

Feminine Approach III enjoy music of four women composers performed by six musicians 7 p.m. Sunday April 9 \$18 at door \$16 for advance \$14 to Scarab Club members students \$10 at 217 Farnsworth Detroit behind the Detroit Institute of Arts www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic

Monthly

The Birmingham Musicale presents its monthly concert on Thursday April 13 at the Community House 380 S. Bates Birmingham This concert will feature this year's scholarship award winners \$2 suggested donation (248) 626 8238

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Belmont Bar

Mademoiselle Mondays \$10 for martini and manicure therapeutic massage \$1 minute punk nights Tuesdays live rock Wednesdays DJs and local bands on week ends 10215 Joseph Campau Hamtramck (313) 871 1966

Blind Pig

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Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays hip hop 18 and over 299 E. Woodbridge Detroit (313) 235 2233

Crazy Moe's Cafe

Food dancing music 2 N. Saginaw St. Pontiac (248) 322 5550

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Laid back small friendly 22824 Woodward Ave. Ferndale (248) 546 8331

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Live bands on weekends football specials on Sundays hip laid back friendly 22740 Woodward Avenue just south of Nine Mile Road in Ferndale (248) 591 DINO

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bugs Beddow 9 p.m. Friday Saturday April 7 8 220 E. Merrill Birmingham (248) 645 2150

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Emerald Theatre

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Ginopolis on the Grill

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Avant garde open until 4 a.m. access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada Hotel building 400 Bagley Street Detroit www.lelandcityclub.com

Rainbow Room

Laid back atmosphere dancing 6640 E. Eight Mile Road Detroit (313) 891 1020

X/S

High energy dance club 1500 Woodward north east corner at John R. Detroit (313) 963 9797

Sky Club

Tango salsa and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m. located above Sangria's Restaurant 401 S. Lafayette Royal Oak (248) 543 1964

Oak Grille

Guitarist Nathan Montgomery CD release party Saturday April 8 Pianist Brett Luginbill and acoustic folk band National Bird will accompany Genre is a mix of blues jazz funk and rock 212 West Sixth Street Royal Oak (248) 556 0947 www.oakcitygrille.com

COMEDY

Second City

Performances are Wednesday Sunday \$15 \$20 42705 Grand River Ave. Novi call (248) 348 4448 For tickets call (248) 645 5555 or www.ticketmaster.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand up 269 East Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

Joey's Comedy Club

Stand up at two locations 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (734) 261 0555 and 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeyscomey.com

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

314 E. Liberty www.aacomedy.com (734) 996 9080

DANCE

Les Grands Ballet de Montreal

At the Detroit Opera House April 7 8 1526 Broadway Detroit call (313) 237 SING or visit www.MichiganOpera.org

Bellydance Show

Tribal style fus on bellydancer Rachel Brice of the Bellydance Superstars and The Indigo per

forms at 7:30 p.m. Saturday April 15 at Recording 17 W. Lawrence Street Pontiac (248) 332 8119 www.rksrecording.com www.detroitbellydance.com \$20 at the

FAMILY

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

Children's programs April 8 and 29 1100 Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores visit www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884 422

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include *A Journey to Our Future* now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit 5020 John Detroit \$6 \$7 call (313) 577 8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org

JAZZ

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County Present: Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Soc. Band 1 4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month Shield's Pizza 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph Southfield \$8 cover (248) 478 0172

Jazz and dinner

Kind of Blue Tuesdays at Lola's Harmon Park Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday 1427 Rand Street in Detroit's Harmonie Park for dinner reservations or information call (313) 962 0483

Swingin' '70s Dance Party

Learning Institute of Family Education ho fund raiser Saturday May 20 at the UniQ Dance Studio 18846 W. 7 Mile Rd. Detroit ballroom dance lessons everyone encouraged to wear 70s and 80s attire and prizes will be awarded to contestants with the best dress (313) 342 0006

Lola's

Ursula Walker with pianist Gary Schunk 8 p.m. midnight Saturday April 8 1427 Randolph Detroit (313) 962 0483

Alexander Zonjic & Friends

Plus saxophonist Warren will perform 7 30 p.m. Sunday April 9 at the Roostertail Detroit to benefit Smooth Jazz V98 7 Funk music program \$30 at www.ticketmaster.com or (248) 645 6666

MORE MUSIC

Oakland Community College

Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent and The Rage 7 30 p.m. Friday April 7 \$20 Student Center Arena OCC's Highland Lakes Campus 7350 Cooley Lake Road Waterford (248) 34 2270

Depot Theater

Singer/songwriter Joseph James presents by the Clarkston Village Players 8 p.m. Saturday April 8 \$8 at the Depot Theater 4861 White Lake Road Clarkston Visit www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

KerryTown

415 N. Fourth Ave. Ann Arbor reservations recommended (734) 769 2999 www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com

Station 885

Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz every Thursday 7 10 p.m. (bass and piano) 885 Starkweather Plymouth (734) 459 0885

Trinity House

Reservations recommended for 87 seat concert house 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I 275) Livonia shows 8 p.m. No alcohol no smoking (734) 464 6302 www.trinityhouse.org

The FCB Concert Band presents

'Homecoming 2006' A Celebration of 40 years of The FCB 7 30

p.m. Saturday April 8 at Harrison High School Auditorium located on 12 Mile Road west of Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills. Free admission.

Oakland Community College
Singer-songwriter Terry Callier 2 and 7:30 p.m. Friday April 14 \$15 for matinee \$20 evening show Smith Theatre Orchard Ridge Campus 27055 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills (248) 341 2270

U-M World Music Summit
Presented by the University Musical Society 8 p.m. Saturday April 15 at 8 p.m. in Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium 825 North University Avenue. Concert features Abdullah Chhadeh Rami Khalife Trio Joubran and more (734) 764 2538 or online at www.ums.org

U-M Bug Beddow
Bugs Beddow Brass Quartet St. Thomas More choir Patricia Masri Fletcher harpist at Detroit Symphony Orchestra music at Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 p.m. St. Thomas More Church 4580 N. Adams Troy (248) 647 2222

U-M Vannelli
At Music Hall 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday April 7 and 8 \$35 to \$60 at all Ticketmaster locations www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (248) 645 6666 or www.musichall.org

Oakland Community Chorus
Mozart's *Coronation Mass* and *Vesperae de Dominica* 8 p.m. April 29 Our Shepherd Lutheran Church 2225 E. 14 Mile Road Birmingham \$15 \$50 (248) 852 9895 www.oaklandcommunitychorus.org

Romanian and Middle Eastern Folklore Music
Concert 2 p.m. Saturday May 6 free admission Farmington Community Library 32737 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills (248) 553 6880 www.aratopouzian.com

MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum
20900 Oakwood Blvd. west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. For more information call (313) 982 6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org

Cranbrook Science Museum
Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills general admission is \$5 \$7 planetarium \$1 \$3 (248) 645 3200 or www.cranbrook.edu

Detroit Science Center
Premiere of *Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon* narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time* \$6 shows run indefinitely 5020 John R. Detroit \$6 \$7 (313) 577 8400 www.detroitsciencecenter.org

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
1927 Dairy Barn 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history. General admission \$5 adults \$3 seniors and students (248) 656 4663 www.rochesterhills.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Historic Fort Wayne Flea Market
April 8 9 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Historic Fort Wayne 6325 W. Jefferson Detroit (586) 498 9298 or (586) 415 5581

Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station



ON STAGE

Mimi and Me, by local playwright Kitty Dubin, is among the short works being presented at Play-By-Play Retrofest.

Take a tour of the inside of the human body. Walk through the ribs, crawl through the digestive tract, test your muscle strength and more. The SJMHES has free Family Fun Days on the fourth Thursday of each month 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. inside the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building at 1600 S. Canton Center Road Canton (734) 398 7518 www.healthexplorationstation.com

May Play Day Celebration
Music dance workshops evening concert noon 11 p.m. Saturday May 6 University Presbyterian Church 1385 S. Adams Rochester Hills \$25 family \$10 person concert only (7:30 p.m.) \$5 www.paintcreekfolkloresociety.org

Detroit Zoo's Exhibit Hall of the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery

Portraits of a MicroWilderness: Michigan's Backyard Invertebrates an exhibit of color photographic images of insects and other invertebrates by Rick Lieder beginning April 6. Free with zoo admission \$7. For more

information call (248) 398 0900 or visit www.detroitzoo.org

Michigan Modernism Exposition Gala
Preview Party benefit for the Detroit Area Art Deco Society 7:10 p.m. Friday April 21 vintage black dress fashion show and exhibition featuring prints by Balthus Korab at the Southfield Civic Center on Evergreen south of I-696. Tickets \$50 in advance and \$65 at the door www.daads.org or (248) 582 3326

Pinnocchio 3000
A classic 3-D tale with a futuristic twist. Animated feature is part of the Kidtoon Films G-rated weekend matinee program at Emagine Canton on Ford Road just East of I-275 and Emagine Novi located at 44425 W. 12 Mile Road in Novi \$5. Visit www.emagineentertainment.com or call (888) 319 FILM

THEATER - COLLEGE

Antony and Cleopatra
By William Shakespeare runs through May 4

\$15 \$28 Hilberry Theatre Wayne State University campus Detroit (313) 577 2972 www.hilberry.com

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Stagecrafters
Dinner with Friends at the Baldwin Theatre 415 S. Lafayette Ave. Royal Oak through April 16 (248) 541 8027 or www.stagecrafters.org

Marquis Theatre
Little Mermaid 2:30 p.m. April 8 9 22 23 29 and 30 and April 17 21 \$8 135 E. Main Northville (248) 349 8110 www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

Marquis Theatre
Vaudeville Tonight family skits songs and acts 8 p.m. April 7 8 \$12 adults seniors and students \$10 each 135 E. Main Northville (248) 349 8110 www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

St. Dunstan
Sordid Lives 8 p.m. April 7 8 \$14 \$16 contains adult language and subject matter not suitable for children 400 Lone Pine Road Bloomfield Hills (248) 737 3587 www.StDunstansTheatre.com

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

Performance Network Theatre
Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House* through April 23 \$20 \$34 120 East Huron Ann Arbor (734) 663 0681 or www.performance-network.org

Play festival
Heartland Theatre Company's first Play By Play Retrofest 7:30 p.m. April 11 Seligman Performing Arts Center at Country Day School Beverly Hills www.heartland.com or (248) 988 1094

Abreact Theatre
Who's House? one woman show by and starring Jen House April 7 22 donations accepted 442 East Lafayette Detroit www.theabreact.com or reservations@theabreact.com

Gem Theatre
Norma & Wanda written by Jeff Daniels open ended run at Gem Theatre 333 Madison Detroit \$30 \$50 \$39 \$50 call (313) 963 9800 (248) 645 6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

Plowshares Theatre Company
Pretty Fire continuing through April 16 2870 East Grand Blvd. Detroit (313) 872 0279 or www.plowshares.org

Detroit Repertory Theatre
Yemaya's Belly runs to May 21 13103 Woodrow Wilson Detroit call (313) 868 1347 visit www.detroitreptheatre.com

Fisher Theatre
Les Miserables through April 16 Performances at 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 2 p.m. Saturday Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday 3011 W. Grand Boulevard Detroit \$28 \$69 call (248) 645 6666 or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com

Seligman Performing Arts Center
Mamaleh April 6 9 at Detroit Country Day School 22305 W. 13 Mile Road Beverly Hills tickets \$45 For tickets call (313) 963 9800 or visit www.mamaleh.com or www.gemtheatre.com also can call Ticketmaster at (248) 645 6666 visit www.Ticketmaster.com

Meadow Brook Theatre
Devour the Snow through April 9 Meadow Brook Theatre Oakland University campus Rochester Hills \$20 \$36 call (248) 377 3300 or visit www.mbrooktheatre.com

Purple Rose Theatre
137 Park Chelsea \$25 \$35 (734) 433 7673 www.purplerosetheatre.org

Breathe Art Theatre
Hedwig and The Angry Inch through April 15 at Detroit's 1515 Broadway most performances slated at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$12 and \$20 call (519) 980 0607 in Windsor or (313) 965 1515 in Detroit

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TICKETS ON SALE

Wicked
Tickets on sale on sale for Detroit premiere of the Grammy and Tony award winning musical running May 31 to June 18 Masonic Temple Theatre 500 Temple Avenue Detroit \$25 \$50 \$79 \$50 call (248) 645 6666 or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com

Tim McGraw and Faith Hill
8 p.m. Friday May 5 at The Palace \$87 \$50 \$67 \$50 and \$47 \$50 reserved available at Palacenet.com at all Ticketmaster outlets or call (248) 645 6666

University Musical Society
127th season Michigan League Ticket Office 911 North University Ave. Ann Arbor (800) 221 1229 all venues in Ann Arbor

Performance Network Theatre
2005 2006 season ticket packages available now \$85 \$102 five and six show packages season started in September 120 East Huron Ann Arbor (734) 663 0681 or www.performance-network.org

Meadow Brook Theatre
Clark Gesner's *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* April 19 May 14 \$20 \$36 on campus of Oakland University (248) 377 3300 or www.mbrooktheatre.com

Michigan Opera Theatre
35th anniversary opera season *Desperate Divas* and DaimlerChrysler Dance Series \$23 \$113 at box office 1526 Broadway Detroit or (313) 237 7464 or www.MichiganOpera.org

Sex and The Second City
Wild spoof of dating and relationships in 21st Century coming May 16 to Meadow Brook Theatre \$26 \$36 (248) 377 3300 or visit www.mbrooktheatre.com

Pearl Jam
Tickets on sale at the Palace for 7:30 p.m. Thursday May 22 show Call Ticketmaster or visit online at www.ticketmaster.com

Royal Oak Music Theatre
318 W. Fourth Street Royal Oak (248) 399 2980 www.royaloakmusictheatre.com
On sale now Thomas Dolby performing Saturday May 13 Yngwie Malmsteen performing Tuesday May 16 Royal Oak Children's Choir All That Jazz on Sunday April 9 Mamapalooza featuring Kathy Valentine of the Go-Go's The Candyband and the Mydolls on Friday May 5 That 80s Band on Saturday April 8 Yeah Yeah Yeahs on Tuesday April 11 and Alkaline Trio on Sunday April 23

Kid Rock
On sale 10 a.m. Friday April 17 Show date is 8 p.m. Friday May 12 Tickets \$39 reserved plus facility fees Available at Palacenet.com The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations

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about five minutes or less Don't just show up, you have to reserve your spot in advance

After each story, the Citizen Improv acting ensemble improvises scenes that deconstruct the story

The scenes, while humorous, never make light of you - the "Citizen" - and never

casts you - the Citizen - in a bad light You're the muse for the show, not the butt of the joke

At the end of the evening, you/the Citizen deliver an epiphany, summarizing thoughts, feelings, or life lessons

The event runs about 90 minutes

The purpose of the show is to reduce distance between audience and performers, and

between the Ann Arbor community and the artistic community

The show also reveals how improvisation can be used to speak to the common humanity in all of us

The group's goal is to take someone's life, celebrate and elevate it A different person is celebrated each week

Lana Mini

IMPROV INFERNO

The show Citizens volunteer in advance to narrate short stories about their lives An acting team then creates a short act all improved about the narrator

What The Improv inferno is a full bar comedy club but does not serve food
Located 309 S Main St in downtown Ann Arbor

When: Every 8 p.m. Wednesday
Tickets: \$5 Reservations can be made by calling (734) 214 7080 or by e-mailing reservations@improvinferno.com
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Digital to poetic

'Exposures' showcases photographic talent

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER



Pictures say it instantly without the countless words. Even abstract work produced through digital technology can tell a story or share a sentiment.

That's why *Exposures*, the Lawrence Street Gallery's annual juried photography exhibit, is the most popular of the gallery's outside artist shows.

Comprised primarily of work by Michigan photographers, the show opens tonight and continues through April 28 at the Ferndale gallery. An opening reception is slated April 7

"I do think photography is a very exciting field because of all the techniques available for altering images today," said Judy St John, chair of *Exposures Photography '06*. The event is in its 10th year.

The appeal of digitally-altered work is the prospect of endless possibilities, St John said, adding *Exposures* receives more and more submissions in the digital category every year. Photographers are "not just locked into recording what reality is," she said. "It can be very expressive."

However, *Exposures* showcases the full spectrum of photographic techniques,

including good old-fashioned black and white.

About 50 works were selected for display by juror Bruce W. Feldman, chair of the photography department at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.

Exposures is one of four other juried art shows hosted by the gallery each year. "We have a strong feeling that part of our mission is to provide a showcase for emerging artists' work and student work," St John said of the juried art program.

An unusual component of this year's *Exposures* exhibit is a poetry reading about photography, set for 2 p.m. April 8

SIGHTS

What: *Exposures Photography 06* a juried exhibition of photography in its 10th year
When: April 4-28, opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday April 7 reading of poetry about photography 2 p.m. Saturday April 8 Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Where: Lawrence Street Gallery 22620 Woodward Ferndale
Information: Open to the public. Call (248) 544-0394 or visit www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

at the gallery

Local photographer Don Levin also writes poetry and has agreed to read from his recently released book of poems, *In Praise of Old Photographs*.

Pictures and words - what a combination

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REVIEW

I was beginning to have serious doubts about whether or not the Yeah Yeah Yeahs would actually release their much-anticipated sophomore album. Their debut release, 2003's *Fever*

to Tell, is one of my top albums for the decade, and I'm sure others would agree with me. But time kept passing and I'd heard nothing from my favorite New Yorkers.

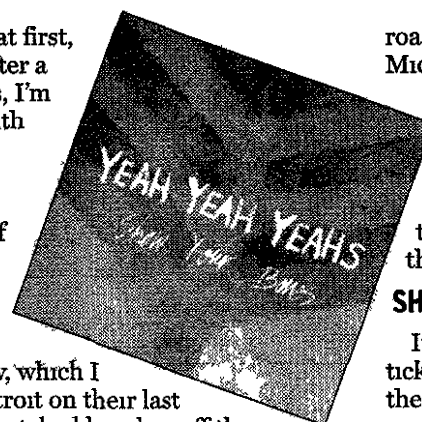
That was until the end of March. Phew! *Show Your Bones* hit store shelves March 28 and is noticeably more mellow than the explosiveness that was *Fever*. Mellow? The Yeah Yeah Yeahs, the band known for lead singer Karen O's incredible, Ritalin-needing performances? I was

surprised at first, too, but after a few listens, I'm pleased with the softer sounds.

Let's admit it. If Karen O had kept up with her crazy stage show, which I saw in Detroit on their last tour and watched her dive off the Magic Stick stage, I don't think she would have made it much longer. Literally *Bones* proves the band has staying power and is settling themselves into a more mature sound, while not being too polished, that will generate several more albums.

This isn't an album of ballads by any means, there just isn't that trademark screaming and frantic guitar pace we've come to know. It's more acoustic than it is electric, in a number of ways, but isn't an entire record of *Maps*-esque tracks. *Mysteres* is one of the faster songs on the album and features the most Karen-like wails. *Dudley* has the sweet melody of a child's nursery rhyme that lingers long in your mind after the track has ended. My favorite track is *Cheated Hearts*, since it combines both the new mellowness and a hint of the band's familiar roar from earlier days. The repeating chorus of "Sometimes I think that I'm bigger than the sound" might just be the anthem for this release.

After listening to *Bones* over and over again, I've come to appreciate the album's relaxed pace. At least now I know Karen O will be around a while longer. The NYC trio is currently out on the



road promoting *Bones*. They'll be in Michigan Tuesday, April 11, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. To purchase tickets, visit www.royaloakmusictheatre.com. You can also listen to them online at National Public Radio's concert series, free for downloading after the original April 3 broadcast on the Web. Listen to it at www.npr.org.

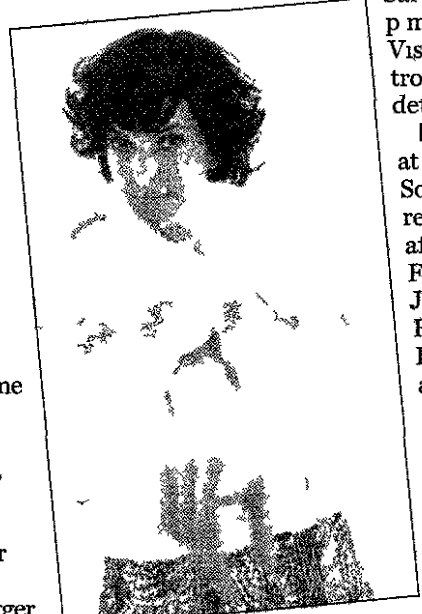
SHOWS

If you weren't fast enough to get your tickets to Clap Your Hands Say Yeah! at the Blind Pig on Friday, fear not. Here are my choices for this week's top shows as the spring concert season gets under way.

■ The Dirtbombs play a Monday night show at the Magic Stick (4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit) April 10 along with The Black Lips and Dan Sartain. Doors are at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$8. Visit www.majesticdetroit.com for more details.

■ Later that week at the Magic Stick, Soledad Brothers will return to Detroit after a long absence, Friday, April 14. Joining them are the Heartless Bastards. Doors are at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$10.

■ Former Detroiters Rosie Thomas will be at the Magic Bag (22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale) on Sunday, April 9. Doors are at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10. Visit www.themagicbag.com for more information.



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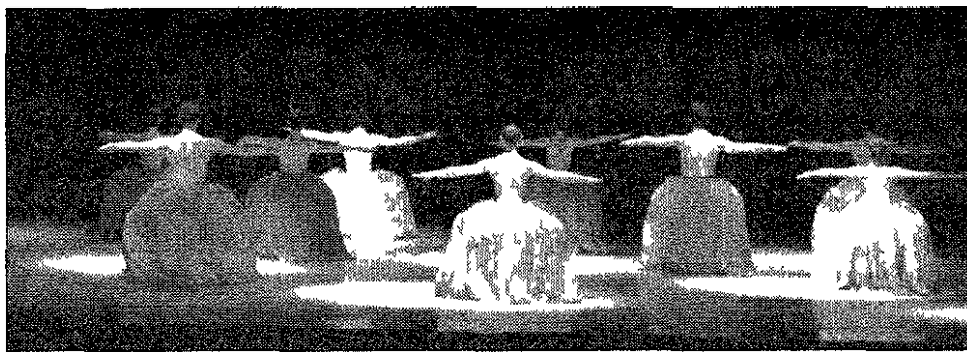
performance seasons resumes at Detroit Opera House

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

"This is our answer to contemporary ballet," said Carol Halsted, DOH director of dance.

The troupe will perform a three-part program of choreography by the company's artistic director, Jiri Kylian. "Who is known worldwide," Halsted said.

The show contains partial nudity and runs to taped music featuring numerous composers from Mozart to Benjamin



DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montreal takes the Detroit Opera House stage with choreography by Jiri Kylian

Britten. Interestingly, Kylian also designed several of the production's stage sets.

The 2005-06 dance season closes with a visit from Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Performances are slated May 24-28. But before April closes, yet another desperate opera diva will command the DOH stage. Verdi's strong-willed Ethiopian princess Aida in an production of the same name. Aida is set to run April 22-30.

Then, a different sort of princess and another sort of opera diva, *Cinderella*, visits in the operatic version of the children's fairy tale by Rossini. Performances are slated May 13-20. Last but not least, the seductive vixen in Strauss' *Salome* closes out the season, June 3-10. "I was looking to kind of traverse the century with some of the great female roles," said David DiChiera, general director of Michigan Opera Theatre. Composers in the 19th century were really drawn to the wide range of emotion that women feel free to express. These women

FROM MONTREAL

What: Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montreal presents a three part program with choreography by Jiri Kylian. Audiences are cautioned the show contains partial nudity.

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express things in a very, very strong and sometimes larger-than-life way.

The 2006-07 opera season begins in October and includes Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, Rossini's *Barber of Seville* and Gounod's *Romeo et Juliette*. Next year's dance season starts in September and includes *Dracula* by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and American Ballet Theatre's *Swan Lake*.

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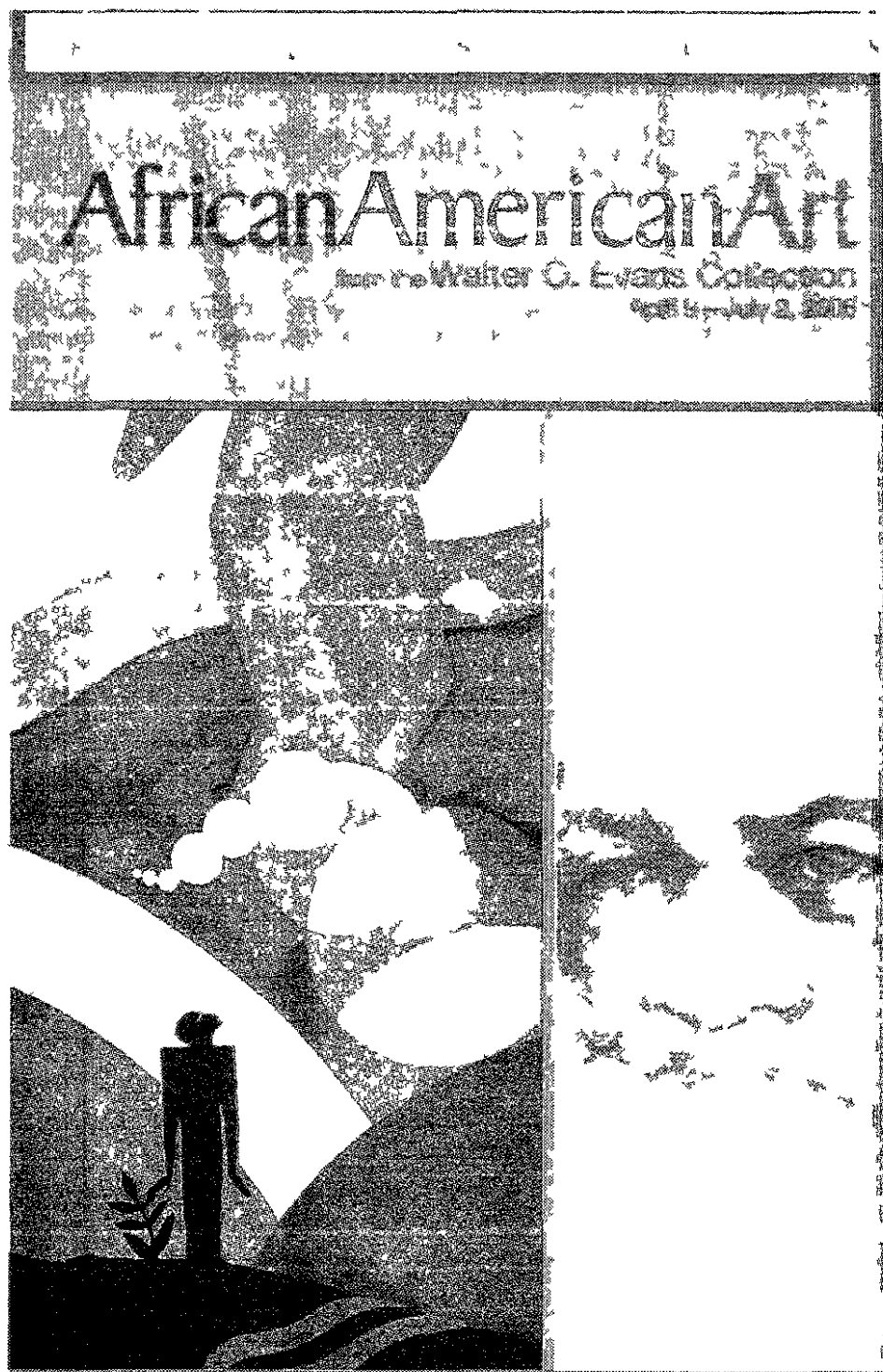
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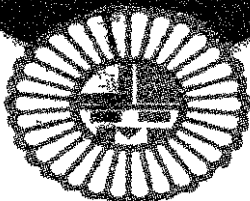
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