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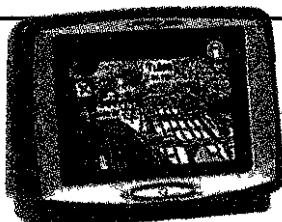
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City eyes addition of tax-handling fee

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city commissioners are considering charging city residents a 1-percent administrative fee for handling property tax payments, which could be used to eliminate or reduce projected budget deficits.

Finance Director Mark Christiansen said levying the fee on \$20 million in taxes collected by the city — including those disbursed to Wayne County, Schoolcraft College and Plymouth-

Canton Schools — could generate approximately \$207,000 in revenue. It would come at a time when Christiansen projects budget deficits of \$35,000 in 2007-08, \$167,000 in 2008-09, \$149,000 in 2009-10, and \$389,000 in 2010-11.

Christiansen said if the administrative charge was only levied on money collected for other taxing authorities, and not property taxes owed Plymouth, the city would generate an estimated \$147,000.

"Frankly, there are very few com-

munities that do not charge an administrative fee, in one form or another," Christiansen said. "It's a potential major revenue source."

The city stopped collecting the fee in 1984, when it was prohibited from doing so because of a lawsuit filed by a Plymouth corporation, which claimed it was unconstitutional. The city settled the lawsuit by agreeing to stop collecting the fee. The Michigan Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal in 1991 concerning new legis-

lating the fee. However, commissioners never voted to reinstate it.

Commissioner Dave Workman said the idea is one he and his colleagues should consider.

"We have fewer services because our manpower is collecting taxes, and can't be used for those services that residents feel more noticeably," Workman said. "If we're going to scale back our police force and our services, I think that's certainly something we should consider."

Commissioner Ron Loiselle echoed

Workman in his support for charging the 1-percent fee.

"We're so limited in ways of raising revenue, this could be a big one," Loiselle said. "By instituting the 1-percent fee, that would plug in \$200,000 in our budget and take care of our shortfall the next four years. For most taxpayers that would be \$30-\$40 a year, not a big deal."

That's not how Mary Tidwell of Plymouth, a retiree, sees it.

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Putting some 'heart' into studies

Live broadcast lets students get bird's-eye view of surgery

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Watching video clips of open heart surgery isn't anything new to 18-year-old Nick Landis of Canton.

His uncle, Dr. Tony Tatrooles — an Illinois heart surgeon — has been known to pull out his laptop at family gatherings and show Nick bits and pieces of the heart surgeries he performed.

However, it was a much different story when Tatrooles conducted an entire bypass surgery that was broadcast live Wednesday morning to three high schools around the country, including to several dozen students who watched for more than two hours — via satellite — in the distance learning lab at Plymouth High School.

He'd always talk about it, but it's unbelievable to actually see it, said Landis, a Canton High School senior who watched as his uncle performed the surgery in suburban Chicago. "It just seems like you have to be so careful, but you look at them and they're not quite as fragile as I thought they would be. They're stabbing and poking, and just pull it (the heart) out like it's no big deal, like they do it all the time."

Nick's mother, Margaret Landis,



Kevi Zhu and Jessica Perrin watch the surgery

who teaches biology at Salem High School, set up the live heart surgery broadcast after talking with Tatrooles — her brother-in-law — who mentioned the Museum of Science and Industry's Live From The Heart program, which broadcasts surgeries from

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Sean Prudhomme watches the surgeon make the initial incision as P-CEP students view a live broadcast of an open heart surgery

Bird parents loud against plan to change boundary

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Housing Committee presented redistricting proposals Tuesday night to the Board of Education that will affect 12 of the district's 16 elementary schools.

While many parents have contacted Assistant Superintendent Barbara Rodenberg and members of the committee with concerns about boundary changes next year, it's the parents at Bird Elementary who continue to protest the loudest about the committee's top option. Moving 64 students who live in the Ridgewood Hills subdivision to Isbister Elementary next year.

Three of the housing committee members have ties to Bird Elementary School, with two of them living in a neighborhood located within the second-place option, said Donald Klingler, whose third-grader will move to Isbister next year if the school board approves the realignment. "We're only being realistic to question how the results would have been different had these members abstained from voting on an issue that would impact either their families directly, or the families of neighbors and friends."

Ridgewood Hills resident Beth Chuba said moving 64 children would not have a significant impact on Bird's overcrowded situation.

"There are other, more viable, solutions available," Chuba told the board. "Options that put Bird under capacity, move students who live farthest out and have the longest bus ride to a school that is closer, and creates neighborhoods with contiguous Isbister boundaries."

Last year, parents of nearly 50 students who were scheduled to be transferred from Bird to Farrand Elementary balked loudly enough that the move never occurred. However, listening to comments by trustees, unless the housing committee's public hearing Saturday, May 6 (Pioneer Middle School, 9 a.m.), or a board study session Monday, May 8, results in any major modifications, the recommendations are likely to be supported May 9.

"I realize some of these experiences are not always pleasant to go through," trustee Carol Saunders said. "We all have made changes, and have all lived through it."

Board President Mark Slavens said his subdivision was redistricted last year and, if the recommendation is accepted, will be again this year.

"Nobody is immune from redistricting," Slavens said. "That's one of the things that happens when you live in a growing school district."

Trustee Joanne Lamar called the housing committee report "accurate and very fair."

"You can finally see neighborhood schools and clearly there is lower class size," Lamar said. "That's a wonderful benefit."

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DDA plans addition to downtown parking garage

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A \$3 million plan by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority will add a third level to the present parking deck, resulting in an additional 142 downtown parking spaces.

DDA chairman Mike Wright said the DDA parking committee examined the possibility of constructing a second parking garage downtown, but decided on improvements to the current 274-space deck, for several reasons.

"A new deck is more than double the cost, and the parking study did affirm the main need is in the core downtown, at this point, and the structure and space that best serves that area is the existing parking garage," Wright said. "There is unanimous agreement the current

structure is not a very attractive structure, so a key piece would be to address the look and feel of the existing structure to make it more attractive and appealing. And we would include addressing the Fleet Street area, which is a thoroughfare, but looks like an alley."

Pauline Drabicki of Livonia, a frequent visitor to downtown Plymouth, parked in the garage while in town Tuesday. Drabicki said finding a spot in the parking garage during midday wasn't difficult.

But when there's something going on — like during the week-ends and evenings, Art in the Park and Friday night concerts — it gets congested," Drabicki said. "I remember last summer, during the art fair, we had to drive a lot and park way out in one of the neighborhoods."

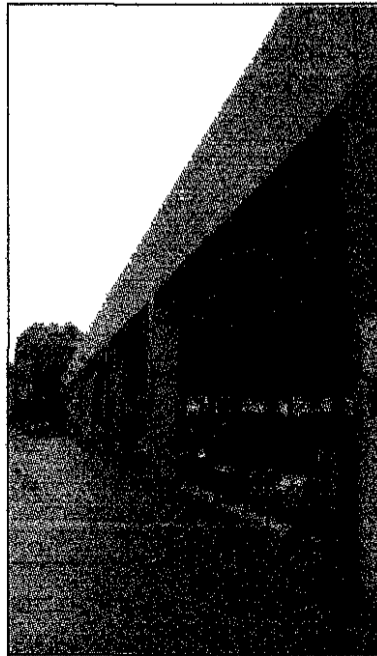
Wright said he expects construction on a third deck to begin

after the 2008 Plymouth Ice Spectacular, which is staged in mid-January. Wright said the DDA would spend an additional \$1 million over the next 20 years "for maintenance, to ensure we have a 20- to 40-year life expectancy of the entire project."

"I think during the summer we will have more problems," said Zuhdi Iskandar, manager of the Bookcellar, which has a rear entrance off the parking garage. "If customers don't find a parking spot, they will end up leaving instead of coming in."

Wright says a new downtown signage program will help downtown visitors find the garage entrance, as well as the public parking lot at Wing and Harvey streets, and on Union Street, behind the Penn Theatre.

"A key part of the strategy is identifying a parking loop so any visitor can identify public parking downtown," Wright said.



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Plymouth plans to add a third level to the central parking deck downtown

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Coming Sunday in Health

Cancer news

Conference hears about new studies, treatments for ovarian cancer in Sunday's Health section

Voter guide

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has prepared nonpartisan Voter Guides for the Plymouth-Canton school board election May 2

The eight candidates running for two positions on the school board were asked to provide a short biography and to answer several questions All but two of the candidates submitted responses The Voter Guide provides another vehicle for the voters to compare the candidates before the May 2 election

Copies of the Voter Guides are available in the Plymouth and Canton Libraries, as well as on the League's Web site, www.lwvnmw.org The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government

Nutrition program

The Plymouth District Library invites all to an upcoming health and nutrition program 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20 "Creating a Personal Program of Diet, Nutrition, and Exercise" will be presented by Debi Silverman, MS, RD, FADA Silverman is a licensed dietitian, a professor in the Human Nutrition Department at Eastern Michigan University and a past president of the Michigan Dietetic Association The Friends of the Library will sponsor this free event Registration may be made by calling the Library's Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4

Purple Heart

The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is

presently seeking volunteers for programs at the Ann Arbor VA hospital

For details, contact Roger L. Kehner at (734) 453-2031

Activity fair

Elementary-age children and their parents are invited to Community Financial's "Money Smart Kids Activity Fair" Thursday, April 27 The event takes place 6:30-8 p.m. at the credit union's Plymouth office located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth

Hands-on financial activity stations will give children and parents an opportunity to have fun and win prizes while getting Money Smart Activities will include identifying money, setting savings goals, playing Money Smart Twister, growing money with Money Tree seeds, making your own savings bank, and identifying the difference between needs and wants

Natalie McLaughlin and Beth Troost, the credit union's education partnership coordinators, are organizing the program and will be assisted at the different activity stations by several Community Financial team members Community Financial's Activity Fair coincides with National Youth Week and Money Smart Week

There is no cost to attend the event, which is open to the public, though reservations are requested by calling the credit union at (734) 582-8848 by April 21

Good Friday concert

First United Methodist Church presents renowned concert organist Huw Lewis at its annual Good Friday concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 14 Lewis will perform Vienne's *Symphony I* Lewis is chair of the Organ Department at



Bunny hop

GMAC Real Estate manager Jackie Sherbaty joined Olivia and Nicholas Braunscheidel to greet the Easter Bunny The Plymouth company gave children the chance to get their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny, as well as providing lemonade and treats for the kids and coffee and cookies for the parents

Hope College in Holland, Mich., and has served as director of music at St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit He earned his doctorate in organ performance at the University of Michigan, studying organ with Robert Glasgow

Immediately following, J. Matthew Moore will conduct the Chancel Choir and guest vocalists in Vienne's *Solemn Mass* The 40-voice ensemble will be accompanied by organist Marcia Van Oyen The *Solemn Mass* was composed by Louis Vierne in 1900, inspired in part by the magnificent Cavaille-Coll organ at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris

The concert is open to the public, and admission is free, presented as a musical tribute in honor of Holy Week Visit www.pfume.org for directions

Lincoln roundtable

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table features Tom Nanzig of Ann Arbor 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20 at the Plymouth Historical Museum Nanzig will present a slide lecture on the first major battle between the Army of the Potomac and the Army of Northern Virginia, The Battle of Williamsburg, May 1862

The Battle of Williamsburg, little known and nearly forgotten among the long list of bloody Civil War battles, is the fight that took place outside Williamsburg Va. May 5-6, 1862 This battle included a roster of names that became synonymous with the Civil War, including General Joseph Johnston, General George B. McClellan, Longstreet, Pickett, Early, Stuart, Hooker, Kearny, Hancock, and Custer Nanzig will use slides and a collection of battlefield and camp relics to discuss this early war battle and its effects on one of our country's most historical towns Nanzig is the Genealogy and

Local History editor at ProQuest Information and Learning (formerly University Microfilms) in Ann Arbor He is also the co-founder and president of the Ann Arbor Civil War Round Table and a recent president of the Michigan Archival Association

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth The public is invited and admission is free For more information call (734) 459-7324

Appraisal clinic

Ernest DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Galleries in Detroit, a frequent appraiser for PBS Antiques Roadshow, will be at the Plymouth Historical Museum 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, to appraise antiques and collectibles

Those interested must schedule an appointment by e-mailing secretary@plymouth-history.org or calling (734) 455-8940 People may bring up to four hand-held items for appraisal

The cost is \$10 per item for an oral appraisal and \$15 per item for a written appraisal

Jaycee egg hunt

The Plymouth Jaycees will hold one of the area's longest-running Easter egg hunts on Saturday, April 15 at Plymouth Township Park The Easter Bunny is expected to arrive at 9:30 a.m. with the egg hunt beginning about 10 a.m. In addition to eggs filled with candy and tickets redeemable for grand prizes, all children who attend will receive a special gift

The egg hunt was first organized by the Plymouth Jaycees in the 1950s, and is one of the longest-running Plymouth civic organization projects The primary sponsor of the Easter egg hunt is Dr. Gary Hall and the Plymouth Dental Group

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

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@ladadetroit.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 donation, visit www.jenpossible.us

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

Sensors 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

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 artist's 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

CORRECTIONS

An article on April 6 in the At Home section on Passover indicated that Shirlee Bloom, catering specialist at Bloom's Jewish Cuisine in Farmington Hills, receives orders for pork during Passover

Actually Bloom does not receive orders for pork — and nor does she serve it — as Jews do not eat pork

During Passover, Bloom receives orders for roast chicken, stuffed chicken, beef brisket and gefilte fish Bloom serves kosher foods

Anyone who wishes to order Passover or kosher foods from Bloom can contact her at (248) 855-9463

The information under the illustration accompanying the April 6 in the At Home section article, 'Students make creative space for carpets,' should have read, "Carrie McCallum, a student at Baker College, was awarded first place in The Ghiorde Knot American Society of Interior Designers Creative Space Competition for this design

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Running can greatly benefit health. A 30 to 40 minute run three or four times per week helps maintain flexibility, increase mobility and build strength and endurance. It can also reduce stress, lower risk for heart disease and help achieve and maintain a healthy weight. This strenuous activity does pose some risks of injury, many of which stem from overuse. With this in mind physical therapists recommend S.M.A.R.T. tips for preventing overuse injuries. These consist of: Stretching (concentrating on the calves, hamstrings, quadriceps, groin, buttocks, outside of the knee and back); Moving (proper posture and body mechanics); Adding it up (gradually increasing distance and speed); Reducing strain (avoiding hard surfaces); and Talk (to a physical therapist for advice).

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The city of Plymouth Recreation Department's Don Massey field has been awarded the "Field of Excellence" Award for outstanding athletic field maintenance for the 2005 seasonal year.

Massey Field earns honors

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department's Don Massey field has been awarded the "Field of Excellence" Award for outstanding athletic field maintenance for the 2005 seasonal year.

The award, sponsored by the Pioneer Manufacturing Company, recognizes outstanding athletic fields and the staffs that maintain those fields. Colleges, universities, high schools and other institutions from all over the country submit pictures, letters of recommendation and essays of their facilities and their maintenance programs.

Don Massey Field/City of Plymouth Recreation Department was one of 20 winners selected from around the country.

Deputy Recreation Director Steve Anderson received the honor on behalf of the ceremony.

The hard work and improvements at Don Massey Field over the past year are shining examples of what can be accomplished by the combined work of governmental and community based organizations," Anderson said. This award could not have been won without the hard work of the City of Plymouth part-time field management staff and the materials and labor provided

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by the Michigan Indians Baseball Club, managed by Jim Gendron."

Retailer of the Month

The official Trail of Painted Ponies announced this week Native West in Plymouth is the chosen "Retailer of the Month" for the Painted Ponies line of collectibles.

The Trail of Painted Ponies began as a 2001 Santa Fe-based public art project that invited the premiere artists in the Southwest to imaginatively transform life-size fiberglass horse sculptures into original works of art.

The results raised almost \$1 million for philanthropic organizations at auction, and were reported on CNN and ESPN with a documentary film on the project airing on PBS.

The artwork generated by the Trail of Painted Ponies is distinguished by its uniqueness, quality and diversity and appreciated by collectors across the country. The power, beauty and magic of the original Trail of Painted Ponies is also available in collectible sized figurines officials said have "quickly become one of the hottest selling collectibles in America," as

well as at Native West.

Native West is located at 863 W Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. For information, call (734) 455-8838.

Hamilton ground-breaking

Connectiv Communities breaks ground on 300 Hamilton, a sophisticated condominium complex in downtown Plymouth. The development, located two blocks east of Kellogg Park, features 27 residences from 1,100 to 2,000 square feet in a three-story building.

"We are especially excited about this building, this site and this city," said Shelby Fulkerson, a director at Connectiv.

300 Hamilton is the one of three main industrial-to-residential redevelopments recently introduced into Plymouth. Daisy Square, by Joseph Freed Company, is currently delivering loft and townhome units, 300 Hamilton will be completed in early 2007, and Amelia Row, another Connectiv development, will break ground later this year.

Connectiv hosts an opening event showcasing 300 Hamilton Monday May 22 at Fiamma Grille. The public is welcome and may register online at 300 Hamilton.com or call (248) 497-2163.

Tower turns to retirees in bankruptcy filing

Tower Automotive announced it has submitted for approval to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court settlements with two groups representing current and future retirees, with both settlements including modifications to retiree health care benefits the company says are imperative to Tower's successful restructuring and emergence from bankruptcy.

The settlements cover retired salaried employees company-wide as well as current and future retirees of the recently closed Milwaukee facility.

The agreement with salaried retirees was reached with the Official Committee of Retirees. Under the agreement, Tower will continue its current benefit payments to salaried retirees through June 30. The Retiree Committee will establish a Voluntary Employee Benefits Association trust to administer future benefits.

Tower will make a cash payment to the VEBA July 1 and

another payment in cash and/or equity when the company emerges from Chapter 11 reorganization. These payments will total approximately \$5 million. If Tower's reorganization is not completed by July 1, the company will make supplemental cash payments to the VEBA until the reorganization is complete.

In addition, retiree life insurance will continue at the current benefit levels. The Retiree Committee represents approximately 200 retired salaried workers and their dependents.

"The decision to ask our retired colleagues for changes to the benefits they receive was a difficult one, but it is a necessary step in achieving the cost savings that are critical to our reorganization plan," said Kathleen Ligocki, president and chief executive officer of Tower. "These agreements, which resolve over 90 percent of Tower's retiree obligations, enable the company to reduce its costs while providing a

framework for continued healthcare coverage. We appreciate the retirees' willingness to join with us in doing their part to ensure that our reorganization plan is successful, and we are pleased that agreements could be reached without the need for the Bankruptcy Court to rule on Tower's request to modify the benefits."

Tower also submitted to the Court a previously announced agreement with unions representing employees and retirees at its Milwaukee manufacturing facility. Under that agreement, Tower will continue current benefit payments through June 30. A separate VEBA will administer benefits for current and future Milwaukee retirees beginning July 1. The company will contribute approximately \$30 million in equity in the reorganized company to the VEBA when Tower emerges from bankruptcy. Tower may make additional cash payments if certain financial milestones are met.

Tip leads to arrests in ATM robbery

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Two men and one woman are expected to be arraigned today on charges stemming from a March 30 bank robbery in Canton. The charges could include armed robbery and theft, as well as other unspecified charges, Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said.

According to police reports, a customer using the ATM machine at the LaSalle Bank on Michigan Avenue, called police March 30 at about 8:30 a.m. She reported there was someone locked inside the machine.

When police arrived, they used the Jaws of Life to open the machine and they found a woman inside. The woman told officers that she was a contractor who was servicing the machine that morn-

ing at 7 a.m. She reported that a man approached her while she was working, ordered her to open the machine, took the money from inside, bound her with duct tape, then locked her inside the machine before he drove away in her car.

Police found the car hours later, it had been abandoned just miles from the crime scene.

Police had been looking for clues in the case when officers received a call from a Michigan State Police trooper who had been contacted by a local attorney, according to Pomorski.

The attorney said one of his clients had contacted him after hearing the story about the ATM robbery in the news. The client said he'd also heard information through personal acquaintances and he began to believe he may have information about the robbery.

He was right. Once Canton Police, the Western Wayne County Community Response Team and the FBI began making calls and conducting interviews in the investigation, it was a matter of about 24 hours before the arrests were made.

"Every time we got some information, it led to more information, and the next interview, and the next and the next, and it went on like that continuously until the arrests," Pomorski said.

All three suspects are residents of Downriver communities, Pomorski said, and all are in their early 20s. None of them have any active warrants against them, but police are looking into the criminal history of each. They are being held at the Canton Police Department jail pending charges.

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Police look for suspect in home egging

Plymouth Township police are scrambling to find out who might have peited a Plymouth Township home with eggs last week

The homeowner told police the egging happened sometime between 10:30 p.m. and midnight April 8. She told police the aluminum siding on both the first and second floors of her home were covered in eggs.

She also told police her family has "not had any problems with anyone in the neighborhood."

Police have no suspects in the incident.

Radio theft

Sometime the evening of April 11, someone entered the car belonging to a Chestwick Court homeowner and stole a satellite radio.

The car was parked in the driveway of the home, the owner told police. He said he didn't hear anything because he was in the rear of the house.

Car damage

Sometime between April 7 and April 9, someone vandalized a 2001 GMC Safari van

POLICE CALLS

belonging to a Colony Farm resident

The owner told police the suspects "keyed" both the driver's and passenger side of the car, which he said was parked in the driveway of his home at the time.

A woman told police sometime between 3-3:30 a.m. on April 8, someone slashed the convertible top of her 2001 Toyota.

The car was parked in the driveway at the time of the incident. The owner was awakened by the sound of her dog barking between 3-3:30 a.m.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between April 5-11:

Tuesday, April 11 — Residential rescue runs on Woodberry, on Jackson, on Newporte, on Northville Road, on Pinehurst and on Colony Farms Circle, commercial rescue run on Sheldon, industrial fire on Keel, rescue run on Plymouth Road

Monday, April 10 — Vehicle accident at Plymouth Road and Haggerty, industrial rescue run on Keel

Sunday, April 9 — Residential rescue runs on Ivywood, on Haggerty and on Newporte, rescue run on Plymouth Road, vehicle accident at Maple and McKinley

Saturday, April 8 — Residential rescue runs on Tavistock, on E Drive and on Hartsough, vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Massey, commercial rescue run on Halyard

Friday, April 7 — Residential rescue runs on Plymouth Way, on Southview and on Tyler, downed wires on Ann Arbor Road

Thursday, April 6 — Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Haggerty, on Trailwood, on Blunk and on Greenbriar, open burning violation on Pearl, vehicle accident at Five Mile and Beck

Wednesday, April 5 — Residential rescue runs on Haggerty and on Turtlehead Court, open burning violation on Haggerty; commercial rescue run on N Territorial, industrial rescue run on Sheldon



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Candice Abro and Robin Redline take a lunch and rest break from the All Saints walkathon

Walking with a purpose

All Saints students raise \$7,000 for charity

More than 50 eighth-graders from All Saints Catholic School in Canton spent most of the day Monday outside walking around the school's grounds. They weren't playing hooky from class, but rather walking to raise money for charity.

The 56 students, who had solicited pledges from family and friends, spent five hours walking. They raised more than \$7,000 for Christmas in Action, a local charity that helps fix up homes for senior citizens and others in the community who don't have the wherewithal to make the repairs themselves.

According to counselor Kristen Strausbaugh, the idea for the fund-raiser came from eighth grader and student council member Zack Cisek, who is the son of Jim Cisek, president of the Wayne County Chapter of Christmas in Action. She said in years past,



All Saints students are on the march for Christmas in Action

the eighth graders have raised money by collecting cans, but this is the first year they did something of a "physical" nature.

"I don't think they realized how difficult five hours of walking was going to be," Strausbaugh said. "We figured the students walked between seven and nine miles."

Strausbaugh said she hopes

students in the future will continue the fund-raiser.

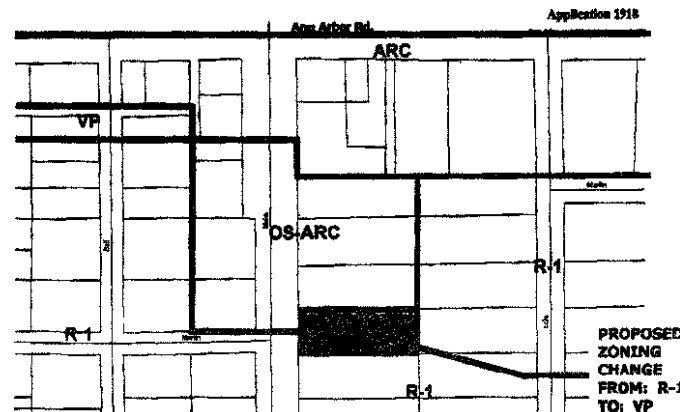
"This year we had an unbelievable eighth grade graduating class. It was the largest eighth grade class we've ever had, and next year we're expecting 10 more students. So I think this would be a great tradition," Strausbaugh said.

By Kurt Kuban

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM R-1 Single Family Residential District
REZONE TO VP Vehicular Parking
DATE OF HEARING Wednesday April 19, 2006
TIME OF HEARING 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R-78-061-01-0003-000 (property address is 9400 Main Street) from R-1, Single Family Residential District to VP Vehicular Parking District.



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 009
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

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Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-061-01-0003-000 (property address 9400 Main Street)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131 ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township MI 48170. At the public hearing the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to a use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 99.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth MI 48170. Phone 734-453-3840 TDD users 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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Cashing in 401(k) could mean big hit on tax return

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

As if the economy weren't a big enough concern, Canton resident Doug Walter is worried about taxes. More specifically, he's worried about what happens to taxpayers who will take a big hit on their tax returns because they cashed in 401(k) accounts after being downsized.

So many people here in lower Michigan are getting laid off, it's unbelievable, Walter said. And these

are good jobs with good salaries — like \$60,000 to \$70,000.

Though he hasn't been downsized from his job as a project manager for an automotive prototyping company, he's worried about those who have been.

They've been pulling their money out of their 401(k) accounts, and a lot of companies don't pull taxes out when you cash in your account, he said.

On top of that, there is usually a 10-percent penalty for cashing in the account early, and the withdrawal may put the taxpayer in a higher tax bracket,

which further impacts the tax bill.

The bottom line is a lot of these people are getting whacked and had no idea this was coming, he said.

Walter is right, Farmington Hills CPA Ron Silberstein said.

It's a mistake that's fairly common with Silberstein's new clients, he said.

"My existing clients contact me first, but that doesn't mean they don't cash in their accounts. If you need the money to pay the mortgage, you need it. It's just that they're prepared for the fees and the taxes," he said.

Some companies will allow account holders to borrow money against their 401(k) accounts, he said. You usually have a limited time to pay it back, but you can avoid the fees and it doesn't count as income, Silberstein said.

"In effect, you're just borrowing the money instead of taking a distribution, so when you pay it back, you're just paying yourself back," he said. But if you land another job quickly, you may need to be prepared to pay back the loan immediately or it could wind up qualifying as a distribution, which means you

would have to ultimately pay the fee and the tax penalty, he cautioned.

Often, the penalty is worth the price, though, particularly if a job loss has led to opportunity.

"A lot of times when people lose their jobs, they decide to open their own businesses or buy a franchise," Silberstein said. "So people take a buy-out, and then use the money from the 401(k) account to do that, and that's fine. Just be sure to talk to someone before you take your money out."

YW Readiness program wins state award

The YWCA's Michigan School Readiness Program recently received a Red Wagon Award from Michigan's Promise: The Alliance for Youth.

As a participant in Michigan's Promise, the YWCA is designated as a site of promise committed to fulfilling five promises to children enrolled in its programs: Caring Adults, Safe Places, Healthy Start, Marketable Skills, and Opportunities to Serve.

Michigan's Promise is dedicated to making the streets safer for children, children healthier and communities better.

The Red Wagon Awards are designed to recognize and thank special local programs for their contributions toward making Michigan communities the best places to raise children.

The YWCA also will be recognized at the Michigan Nonprofit Superconference in May.

The YWCA is a winner in the Caring Adult category.

This is a great way to honor our teachers who make visits at home," said Karen Murphy, YWCA chief executive officer.

"We have a very dedicated teaching staff who provide quality instruction to children in the comforts of their own homes."

For more information about the Red Wagon Awards, the YWCA Michigan School Readiness Program or any other program offered by the YWCA Western Wayne County, call (313) 561-4110.

The YWCA serves Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Westland, Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville, Romulus, Taylor, Van Buren Township and Wayne.

Bookstock benefit takes over Laurel Park April 30-May 7

Laurel Park Place will host Bookstock, the area's largest used book and media sale, with all proceeds benefiting literacy and education projects April 30-May 7.

Over the past three years, Bookstock has raised close to \$136,000 for literacy and education projects in metro Detroit. Bookstock is run by the Oakland Literacy Council, the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy and a consortium of Jewish organizations with more than 700 volunteers working to coordinate and conduct the week-long sale.

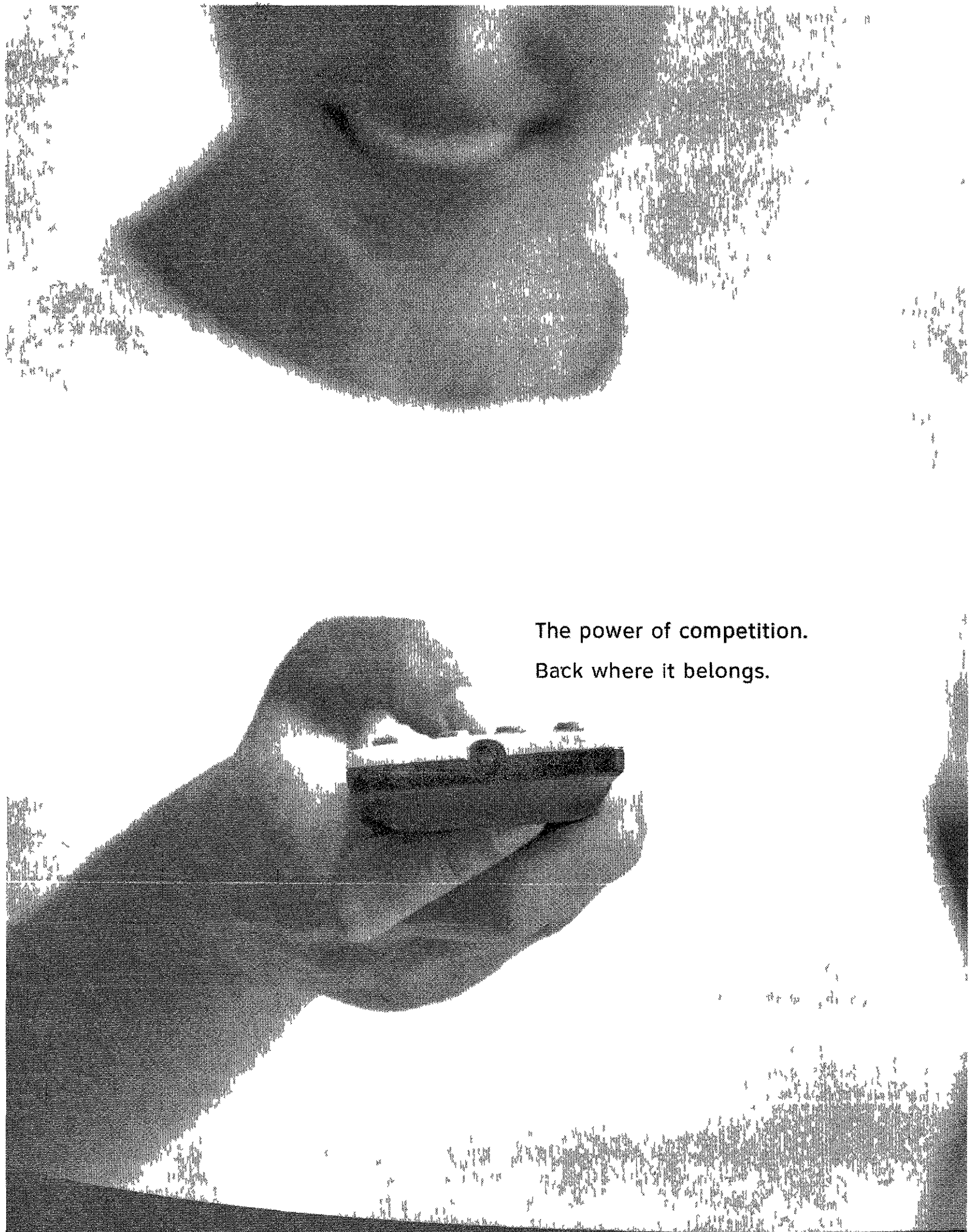
This book-lovers paradise features donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records, all for sale at bargain prices.

Shoppers and collectors can get first crack at the Bookstock Pre-Sale from 8:45-11:45 a.m. Sunday, April 30. There is a \$10 admission charge only for the Bookstock Pre-Sale.

The sale will continue through Sunday, May 7, running Sundays, noon to 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Books will be sold for half-price on Sunday, May 7, the last day of the sale.

All of the books and media items sold at Bookstock are donated at collection sites throughout the year. These donations continue to provide reading enjoyment and promote learning by funding education and literacy projects in Detroit and throughout the metropolitan area.

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DEATHS

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 Blair 89 of Clawson died April 6

C
Howard Clayton Cole
 Cole 83 of Oxford formerly of Bloomfield Hills died April 6

E
Max Erdmann
 Erdmann 84 died April 10

M
Patricia Jean (McDonald) McNeil
 McNeil 82 of Westland died April 7

P
Erlene L Pummill
 Pummill 77 died April 7

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A18

HEART

FROM PAGE A1

Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Ill., every Wednesday Tatooles made sure he was on board for Wednesday's surgery, and even answered a few questions from Nick, as doctors interacted with students

It's an opportunity for students to see this procedure from beginning to end, instead of just a portion, like you would see on television,' Margaret Landis said 'They will never get this view from anywhere else It's the next best thing to being in the operating room'

Through the wonders of

technology, Plymouth Canton students were able to meet their counterparts before the surgery After a brief introduction by medical staff, they saw doctors prep a 68-year-old man before undergoing bypass surgery

Students watched intently as surgeons cut through the skin tissue to the breast muscle and then used a pneumatically driven saw to cut the breast bone However, the biggest gasps came when the chest was opened, exposing the heart, pumping blood in plain view

It kind of seemed like they ripped it open, said 14-year-old Anna Zhang, a Salem freshman I didn't think they would do that, because it's a heart I thought it was delicate,

but I guess it's not

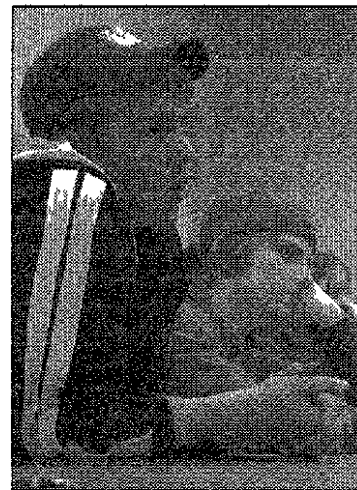
We were naming off the parts because of the stuff we learned in class, the Canton Township teen said 'In class, everything is a perfect figure and symmetrical But the shapes and colors are different

Anu Dewasurendra, a sophomore at Plymouth High School, said the surgery reaffirmed her decision to become a gynecologist, thereby avoiding the operating room

I definitely ruled out being a surgeon, because I don't think I could handle it,' said Dewasurendra, 15, of Canton 'I would be afraid of messing up But I guess that's why you go to school, to learn how to do it'

That's part of the lesson Salem biology teacher Sharon Caldwell wanted students to learn

I want them to see what really goes on in that operating room, as well as career options,' Caldwell said 'It's



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gary Daroczy and Dalton Walsler watch the heart surgery broadcast live Wednesday morning to three high schools around the country, including to several dozen students in the distance learning lab at Plymouth High School

not only about being a doctor There are other (medical) careers out there Seventeen-year-old Alex

Marinica of Canton said he's thinking about becoming a pediatric surgeon as he enters Wayne State University next year

'In surgery, it's life or death,' Marinica said 'It's a situation where you're really helping someone in a way no one else can, other than God You're as close as it gets

Students were told by doctors that heart problems result from such factors as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol Some were surprised to see fatty tissue around the heart, which Tatooles said is generally determined by how obese a person is

That was enough for Zhang to commit to a healthier lifestyle, to avoid being one of Tatooles' future patients

When I saw all that fat on the heart, I decided I'm not going to McDonald's anymore,' Zhang said

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FEE

FROM PAGE A1

All I hear is that Plymouth is in trouble, Tidwell said 'It's an increase, just like everything else goes up But our income remains the same, especially if you're retired'

One Plymouth man, who didn't want to be identified, calls the fee a tax increase

It's obviously a hidden tax,' he said 'I guess it's easier than putting through a millage, which could be higher

While Christiansen said many communities charge the fee, Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said the township does not, despite the fact it could raise some \$700,000 because the township collects roughly \$70 million in taxes

'It's one of those unvoted taxes, and we won't do that, Edwards said A lot of (communities) do that, because it's a lot of money'

Officials in the Canton Township treasurer's office said

Canton also doesn't charge the 1-percent fee to pay taxes

'It's a right that communities have to do that,' said Bruce Malinczak, assistant treasurer 'But the current treasurer (Elaine Kirchgatter) views it as an additional tax, and the board is not in favor of that

This is the first community I've worked in that doesn't charge it,' said Malinczak, who has also been employed in Saline and Van Buren Township

Despite projected budget deficits, Christiansen's report to the city commission shows a much-improved financial picture than a June 2003 report, which showed a fifth-year budget deficit reaching \$2.4 million

The deficits have been reduced with revenue enhancements or expenditure reductions,' Christiansen said 'The most significant effect has come from the reduction of staffing from 71 full-time equivalents to 55 full-time equivalents Further cost cutting, either through staff

reductions or otherwise, will

necessitate major changes in how and what services are delivered to the public

Also in his report Christiansen noted the recent reappraisal of residential property will net the city \$63,000 for the general fund Commissioners are considering a similar program for commercial and industrial property within the city limits

City Manager Paul Smcock told commissioners the proposed total city tax rate will be reduced in the 2006-07 budget cycle, and the city will not have to use the \$550,000 Budget Stabilization Fund, which was created for use during financial emergencies

'Our current budget (2005-06) will see an increase in our unreserved general fund surplus plus to a projected \$813,000,' Smcock said This represents an increase of cash reserves of \$124,310 The new total cash reserves, including the Budget Stabilization Fund, will represent 19 percent of our general fund revenues

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■ **GREAT BOOKS**, Monday, April 17, 7 15 p m — This group meets every other Monday evening and continues its work with the anthology *Psychological Fiction* compiled by Morris Beja The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454 To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet Web site <http://www.great-books.org/>

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, April 18, 4 p m — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author Jane Saylor No previous writing experience is necessary

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, April 19, 7 30 p m — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *Broken for You* by Stephanie Kallos New members are welcome at any time For further information, call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, April 20, 7 p m — Join local gardeners in this informal monthly gathering This month discussion will center around spring clean up and early planting No registration is required

■ **CREATING A PERSONAL PROGRAM OF DIET NUTRITION AND EXERCISE** Thursday April 20, 7 p m — Local dietitian Deborah Silverman, MS, RD, FADA returns to the library after her popular nutrition program in 2005 She will lead a lively discussion on how to sort through the vast amount of available information to create a personal program of diet, nutrition and exercise This program is made possible with the support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library, healthy snacks will be served Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext 4

■ **AUTHOR VISIT, 'The Road You've Traveled'**, Monday, April 24, 2 p m — Local author Jane Saylor will share the secrets of recording personal history as detailed in her new book, *The Road You've Traveled How to Journal your Life* She will provide valuable how-to information to assist attendees in this process which can preserve history or help with future decision making Signed copies of Saylor's book will be on sale at the end of the program Register for this program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext 4

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, April 24, 7-9 p m — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees No registration required

■ **MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG WORKSHOP**, Tuesday, April 25, 1 30 p m —

The library joins CVS/Pharmacy in helping area seniors better understand the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program Individuals should bring a list of their specific prescription needs and will be able to compare pricing in the different programs offered Registration is required, call (734) 453-0750, Ext 4

■ **WORLD WAR I SERIES**, Tuesday, April 25, 6.30 p m — Scott Beaman will conclude this six-part series as he introduces Professor Robert Citano of Eastern Michigan University Professor Citano will present "After the War the Turbulent Years" Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext 4

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, April 26, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk Bring a lunch, beverages are provided For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **HOMEBOUND BOOK DELIVERY** — Joining the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the Plymouth District Library will deliver library books and audio books to homebound residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township Call (734) 453-0750, Ext 240, to enroll or go to plymouthlibrary.org and complete the homebound delivery service registration

Youth Programs

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, April 24, 10 a m and 11 a m and Saturday, April 29, 10 a m — This program is for babies ages 6-24 months Baby Play is a less formal companion to the library's Lapsit program Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children The Baby Play program takes place on the fourth Monday of each month and then repeated on the following Saturday Registration is not required

■ **SPRING BREAK MOVIE**, Thursday, April 20, 2 p m — Patrons can enjoy Walt Disney's animated comedy,

Chicken Little No registration is required

Teen Programs

■ **TEEN KNIT/CROCHET CLUB**, Wednesday, April 19, 7 p m — All learners and experienced needlecrafters are welcome Adult volunteers will teach newcomers Supplies provided for community service projects— or bring your own project to work on

■ **BOOKS & BAGELS for MIDDLE SCHOOL** Grades 6-8, Monday, April 24, 3 30 p m — This month the group will read and discuss *Skellig* by David Almond Sign up at Reader's Advisory Desk and pick up the book

■ **DIY CRAFTS**, Saturday, April 29, 1 p m — Explore rubber stamp techniques and make your mother a Mother's Day card All supplies provided Register at (734) 453-0750, Ext 4

■ **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**, Saturday, April 15, 3 p m — Do you like to volunteer in your community? If so, you should join the Teen Advisory Board Bring your ideas and opinions about the Teen Zone collection TAB members help decide what kind of books, music and movies are purchased, help plan and carry out programs and share ideas on library services Enjoy snacks while sharing their ideas for improving the Library's teen programs and services Get community service hours while making new friends and helping to make the Plymouth District Library a better place for teens

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■ The Friends of the Library provide free snacks and juice for every Teen Zone program

■ All Teen Zone info can be found through the library Web site, plymouthlibrary.org

■ All Teen Zone programs are designed for students in grades six through 12 For programs requiring advance registration, register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext 4

For more information about any of the Teen Zone programs contact Cathy Lichtman (734) 453 0750 Ext 230 or clichtman@plymouthlibrary.org

Computer training

Plymouth residency is required for all attendees of

the Library's computer training classes All classes require registration except the Walk-in Computer Tutoring every other Saturday Register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext 4

■ **WALK-IN COMPUTER TRAINING**, Saturday, April 15 and 29, 10 a m-1 p m — High school students will teach Plymouth residents to use a mouse, Windows 95/98, the library catalog, the Internet and how to set up a free e-mail account using Hotmail or Yahoo! Training is offered in MS Word, however, training is not offered in other Microsoft Office products (such as PowerPoint or Excel), Windows ME or XP or other software programs

■ **ADVANCED E-MAIL**, Monday, April 17, 1-2 30 p m — Plymouth patrons who have Yahoo or Hotmail accounts, will learn how to create an address book and signature file

■ **MAKE A BUDGET WITH MS EXCEL**, Wednesday, April 19, 11 30 a m to 1 p m — Find out how to make a household or personal budget while learning Microsoft Excel You must be comfortable with keyboarding and Microsoft Windows basics before signing up for this class Call (734) 453-0750, Ext 4 to register for this class

■ **GOOGLE TIPS**, Wednesday, April 26, 7 p m — Join us to learn how to do so much more with this popular search tool You'll learn how to access word definitions, measurement conversions, instant maps, stock quotes and more Call (734) 453 0750, Ext 4 to register for this class

For more information on any library programs, contact Susan Stoney via e-mail at stoney@plymouthlibrary.org or call her at (734) 453-0750, Ext 242



Mary Bagnasco (from left), Betsy Mazurkiewicz, Marion Kehrl, Linda Rose, Beth Walch, Bunny Maurer, Jeanette Hopkins, Holly Hodgson, Linda Daily, Audrey Sauber, Bonnie Myhrum and Tina Powell helped the PEO Sisterhood chapter celebrate its 70th anniversary

Event celebrates PEO chapter's 70th

Chapter AI of the PEO Sisterhood of Plymouth celebrated its 70th birthday earlier this month with an event hosted by Tina Powell

The event drew not only Chapter AI members, but also visitors and other members from the Northville, Plymouth and Beulah chapters

Highlighting the evening was a presentation by former Plymouth resident and PEO member Pam Lorenz, who spoke to the chapter about Michigan's own Gwen Frostic, a PEO who died in April 2001 Frostic's artwork and poetry live on through Presscraft

Papers, which she left to Lorenz, who was her friend Lorenz shared memories of the relationship she had with Frostic

The PEO Sisterhood is a Philanthropic Educational Organization that helps advance women's education by awarding scholarships, grants, and loans, and by stewardship of Coty College, a two-year women's college in Missouri

Chapter AI President Karen Jallo said she encourages anyone interested in hearing more about PEO to contact Marianne Garber at (734) 420-0339



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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 4:53 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.

Golden anniversary
The Livonia Historical Society celebrates its 50 year anniversary with a gala banquet at the Alexander Blue House in Greenmead on 8 Mile and Newburgh 6 p.m. Thursday May 8. Dinner tickets are \$20. Call Joe Soltesz (734) 422-4061 or President Gene Kramer (248) 349-5999.

Genealogical societies
The Irish Genealogical Society presents a program titled Irish Settlements in Five Southwestern Counties of Ontario 1:30 p.m. Saturday April 22 at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club in Detroit located at 2068 Michigan Avenue four blocks west of Tiger Stadium. The presentation includes when the Irish arrived in Ontario what churches

were there where some of them came from in Ireland and their religion. Guest speaker is Joan Griffin who has been doing Ontario research for more than 30 years. She was on the planning committee for Ontario Genealogical Society's Seminar 2005 in Windsor and is chair of the Kent County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. The public is invited and there is no charge. For more information call (313) 884-0039.
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets 7:30 p.m. Monday April 17 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. Dr. Philip Mason will speak on The Detroit River and its Impact on Detroit and Its History. The meeting starts with a 6:30 p.m. discussion of topics of genealogical interest. The meeting and classes are open to the public free of charge. For information call Pat at (734) 425-3079.
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets May 4 with dinner at 6 p.m. and its meeting at 7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1401 Grand River in Howell. The topic is a re-enactment of the life and times of Mary Bingham the wife of governor Kingsley Bingham from Green Oak Township with speaker Diane Wynings of the South Lyon Historical Society. For more information call Margaret at (810) 227-7745.

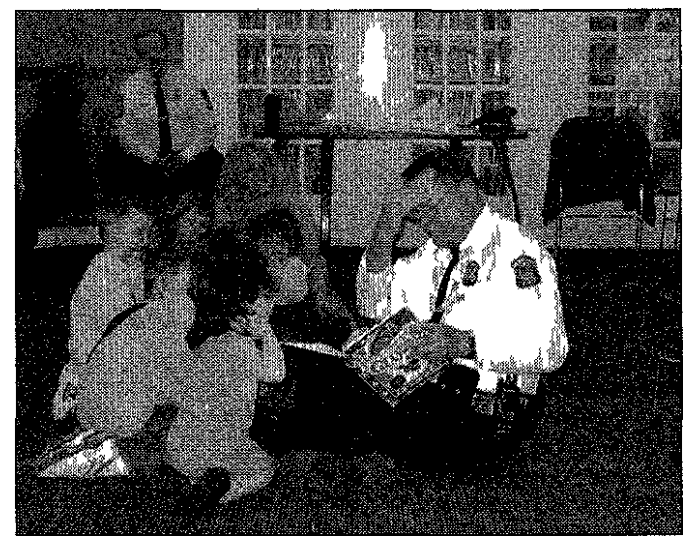
Lupus meeting
The Lupus Alliance of America Michigan Indiana Affiliate hosts a Get Connected Meeting for Lupus 12:30 p.m. Wednesday April 19 at the Panera Bread at 3205 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. At this meeting titled 'Who Cares?' participants will examine their support network and learn skills on strengthening their relationships with caregivers and the health care community. For more information or to pre-register email info@milupus.org or visit the Web site at www.milupus.org or call (800) 705-6677.

Walk America
March of Dimes WalkAmerica takes place Saturday April 29 at Hines Park in Livonia to help the March of Dimes fight prematurity - a growing crisis that now affects half a million babies born in the US 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.

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.
Arbor Hospice & Home Care offers training dates for volunteers interested in delivering patient and family support in the home, nursing home or an assisted living setting. Volunteer Training Courses will be offered in the morning beginning May 2. Classes will be held 9 a.m. noon for five consecutive Tuesdays at Arbor Hospice and Home Care's Northville office 331 Center. This training course is designed to educate volunteers in providing comfort and support to families facing end of life issues. Attendees will gain valuable knowledge and expertise on many topics including a basic understanding of hospice and palliative care, improved communication skills, active listening, identifying and respecting cultural differences, spirituality and understanding the grief and healing process. To volunteer or for further information please contact Michelle Gysko Volunteer Coordinator at (248) 348-4980 or via email at mgysko@arborhospice.org.

Safe driving program
St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Association of Retired Persons offers a two day program AARP Safe Driving 12:30-4:30 p.m. May 23-24. Attendance at both sessions is required. It's an eight hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists age 50 and older. There's a \$10 fee payable to AARP and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register call (734) 655-8950.



Reading is fundamental

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll reads to a group of attentive children with Youth Librarian Carol Champagne at Plymouth District Library during 'March is Reading Month,' while Fire Chief Randy Maycock listens in the background after reading, as well. More than 1,000 children were treated to storytelling sessions, sponsored by Community Financial, at libraries and schools in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi in observance of 'March is Reading Month.' Community Financial's three education partnership coordinators conducted 41 reading sessions at area schools, from kindergarten through 5th grade. The credit union also sponsored three public library reading programs in Northville, Novi and Plymouth that included guest readers from their respective communities.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
REQUEST FOR AN
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION
FOR RMT ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday April 25 2006, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from RMT Acquisition Company, LLC for a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemptions for an addition to an existing facility, including the cost of new machinery equipment, furniture and fixtures to be purchased and installed within the leased facility located at 45755 Five Mile Road Lots 6, 7 & 8 Metro West Industrial Park, Subdivision No 1 Plymouth Township, Wayne County Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on Tuesday, April 25 2006 during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734 354 3224.

Marilyn Massengill Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
EXEMPTION FOR
PLASTIPAK PACKAGING, INC.
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday April 25 2006, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Plastipak Packaging Inc for a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemptions for new machinery and equipment to be purchased and installed in their facility located at 8835 General Drive Gould Industrial Park Plymouth Township Wayne County Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

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Congressional candidates stake out positions on war in Iraq

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

With poll numbers showing eroding support for the war in Iraq and for President George W. Bush, despite a healthy national economy, the war is looming as a major issue in this year's congressional election.

Democrats are hoping that concern about the war and anxiety about the local economy may help them regain control of one or both houses of Congress.

In the 11th Congressional District incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and Democratic challenger Tony Trupiano are both critical of Bush's handling of the war, but offer different perspectives on what needs to be done.

In separate interviews, McCotter and Trupiano shared their views on Iraq and other international issues.

In November, McCotter joined five other Republican congressmen in calling on the president to appoint an inde-



Trupiano



McCotter

pendent panel to review U.S. efforts in Iraq. In March, an Iraq Study Group was formed, co-chaired by former Secretary of State James Baker, a Republican, and former Democratic Congressman Lee Hamilton, now director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The bipartisan group includes Robert M. Gates, Rudolph W. Giuliani, Vernon Jordan, Leon Panetta, William Perry, Charles Robb and Alan Simpson.

'It can't hurt, whatever it does,' McCotter said. 'It's a panel of people who have been distinguished throughout their careers, Republicans and Democrats, who are not invested in some of the mistakes that have been made.'

McCotter has been a supporter of the war in Iraq and argues that despite the deprivations of the war, life is better in Iraq than it was under Saddam Hussein. But he has been critical of the Bush administration for its prosecution of the war and for not building solid grass-roots support from the various factions within the country.

Trupiano said he opposed the war from the beginning.

'We haven't been smart, we haven't been tough,' he said. 'There is no level where we can see measurable results.'

Recently, prominent Shiite leaders have requested that Prime Minister Ibrahim Jafar, also a Shiite, withdraw from seeking a second term because of an inability to form a government with support from the Sunni and Kurdish minorities.

The split between different Shiite factions comes at a time of escalating violence between the dominant Shiite Muslims and the minority Sunni, who once controlled the country's government under Hussein.

Some have called the violence between the two groups the beginnings of a civil war. 'If this were a full-fledged civil war, this debate wouldn't be happening,' McCotter said.

He said the government, police and army would be collapsing if this were a civil war. He said insurgents are taking advantage of the long-held animosity between the two Muslim sects and the instability of the Iraq government.

'What you have is a struggle among the Shiite, especially those concerned about the Iranian influence,' he said.

McCotter said the violence between Sunni and Shiite is being exacerbated by the insurgents.

Trupiano sees other motives in the conflicts between the various factions in the country.

'I still think the factions are trying to decide, at the end of the day, how they're going to split up the oil money in this kind of fashion, and I didn't say equitable because there is no equitable way,' Trupiano said. 'Where does that leave the infrastructure of Iraq? What

about commerce? Insurgency thrives because there is no way to make a living, there is no way to take care of families.'

McCotter and Trupiano agree that this is not the time to talk about pulling out of the country.

'It makes no sense to just pull out and I would never advocate that on Monday morning, we're out of here folks,' Trupiano said. 'I do think the Democrats have a tougher and smarter agenda to do that. At some point you have to tell the government of Iraq that this is not going to work. You have to put together a definitive calendar and have a leader of your government that you can agree on.'

McCotter has been to Iraq on several congressional visits and said progress has been made despite Bush administration mistakes. However, he said he disagrees with those who are calling for the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

'I think the time for that has passed,' he said. 'I have a different view from others because as someone from a manufacturing state, I disagree with his idea about a lighter military

He said Rumsfeld has made mistakes, but that a change wouldn't improve things.

On the situation between Israel and Palestine, McCotter and Trupiano differed on how to deal with Hamas, which recently won the majority in the Palestinian parliament. McCotter said that Israel couldn't deal with an organization dedicated to its own destruction. He said he favors some kind of sanctions against the Hamas government.

Trupiano said Israel should negotiate with Hamas because 'they have to. We can't ignore what happened in the election.' But he added that he didn't have any answers for the continuing problems between Israel and Palestine.

Both men agreed that Bush did the right thing in acting quickly to denounce the threatened execution of an Afghan man who converted to Christianity from Islam. The man was later freed and given asylum in Italy.

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Raczkowski withdraws from 11th District race

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Small business consultant Ray Raczkowski of Novi has withdrawn from the race for the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District.

Tony Trupiano, a media consultant and former radio talk show host, is the only remaining declared candidate for the Democratic nomination. Nominating petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. May 16.

The Democratic nominee is expected to face incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

While Trupiano has been waging a daily e-mail campaign knocking on doors and speaking throughout the district, Raczkowski's campaign has been low key and hasn't attracted the support of labor and other groups that have committed to Trupiano's campaign.



Raczkowski

On Tuesday, Raczkowski said it was a number of factors that prevented him from having the time to campaign.

'I didn't have the time to devote to the volunteers and people who wanted me to run and I apologize to them for that,' he said. 'Maybe in two years I will have the time to try again.'

Raczkowski, 51, has been a consultant on improving small businesses. Raczkowski said he will continue 'to push the Democratic Party' on energy issues. He said the problems of global warming and energy shortages were important to him.

Raczkowski said he hasn't decided to throw his support to anyone in the congressional election.

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OUR VIEWS

Voters should OK both bonds

Plymouth-Canton school officials are asking for some \$120 million in a pair of bond questions set to be on the ballot when voters go to the polls May 2

Voters should give it to them

When you've got teachers teaching off of carts (as is the case with the art program) and more kids in the schools than the buildings were meant to hold, there's a definite problem. The primary proposal, for \$95.4 million, is designed to ease those conditions.

But it will do much more than that. It will allow the district to build a second middle school in Canton, which produces the majority of middle schoolers. It will allow for the renovation and repurposing of Central Middle School, which most observers agree is past its prime as a primary education center. That, in turn, would allow the alternative education students, who currently use the dilapidated Starkweather facility, to move to Central.

If the first question passes, the money raised would improve and add classrooms at the elementary levels, leave the elementaries with their own art and music classrooms, remodel the Tanager Center, and give the district 10 new buses. It will only raise taxes 0.6 mills.

Perhaps the best part of the plan is the new Career and Technical Education Center, which would house existing career curriculums such as electronics/robotics, health occupations, culinary arts, engineering, graphics and informational technology plus new courses in construction technology and public safety.

The second part of the bond, for \$24.8 million (0.22 mills), will provide for a theater and a pool at Plymouth High School, an auxiliary gym at Salem and upgrades at various baseball, softball and soccer fields.

Many observers have described these as "wants" rather than needs, but consider this: There are serious demands made on the district's two pools and two theaters (DuBois at Canton and Logan at Salem).

District officials were able to put the entire proposal together for less than 1 mill. With median home values in the district at \$275,000, passing both questions would cost the average homeowner some \$117 a year.

The district was wise in saying the second ballot proposal couldn't pass without the first one. It's like the first question is dinner, the second is dessert, and district officials don't want voters to spoil their dinner.

Considering the district's reputation for doing much more with less, and the fact it can get all this work done for less than 1 mill, we think voters should spring for dinner and dessert, and approve both questions.

Rich traditions mark Easter and Passover

Family dinners, special rituals, special symbols and remembering and retelling the stories of the past. This week marks a special time for Christians and Jews with the celebrations of Easter and Passover.

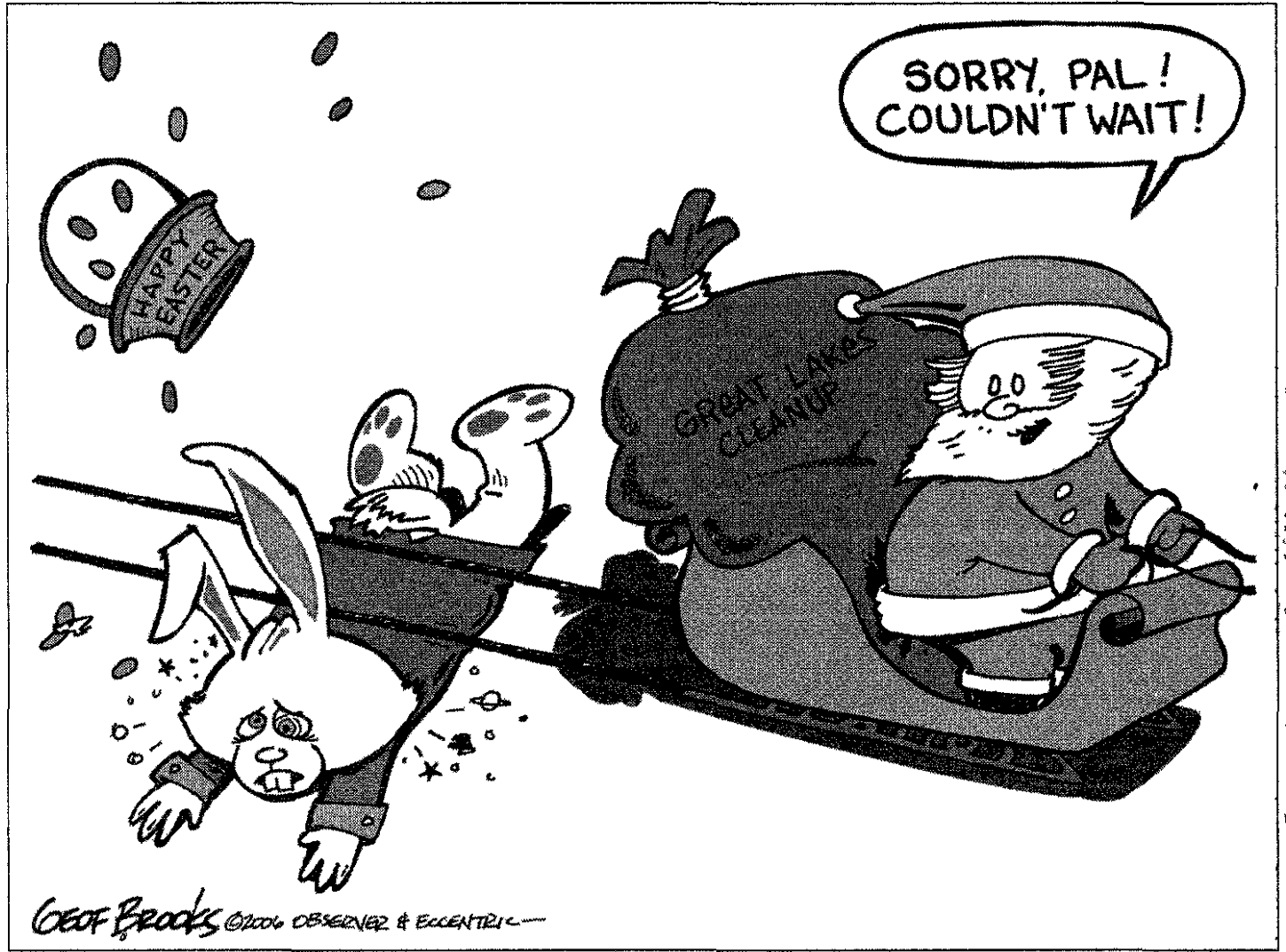
For Jews, Passover is the commemoration of the Jewish exodus from slavery. For Christians, this week marks Holy Week leading up to the celebration of Easter, the holiest of Christian holidays and not just another reason for jelly beans and chocolate bunnies.

In the gospels, Christ's last days take place during Passover and the early Christians linked Easter to the Passover celebration.

The eight days of Passover, which began at sundown Wednesday, are celebrated the first two nights with a feast called a seder, a ceremonial dinner marked by the retelling of the story of the exodus from Egypt through the use of prayers, songs and foods. Passover includes many symbolic foods and rituals. Matzoh, an unleavened bread, is eaten to remember the Israelites had no time to prepare bread with yeast when they fled the Pharaoh. Horseradish is eaten to reflect the bitter affliction of slavery. Four cups of wine in the course of the dinner commemorates the four phases of Exodus — freedom, deliverance, redemption and release.

In addition to home-based rituals, there are also prayer services at synagogues with special prayers of thanksgiving.

For Christians, Holy Week retells and commemorates Christ's last days on Earth and his resurrection from the dead more than 2,000 years ago. The Christian Bible says Jesus was God's son, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin and who took on everyone else's sins by dying on the cross. Easter is at the end of the 46-day long Lenten season, which began Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter Today is Maundy or Holy Thursday, which is a commemoration of the Last Supper, where the disciples gathered with Jesus to mark the Passover meal the evening before his crucifixion. Freedom, renewal, redemption, resurrection. The rich traditions of faith and family come together this week with special significance.



LETTERS

Surprised at pick

I was surprised to read Diane Gonzalez is one of the paper's "picks" for the Plymouth-Canton school board election. I was surprised because of her lack of support for the two school bonds. I would like more information concerning her alternate ideas.

I believe there is a group of Plymouth parents who support building a new grade school in northwest Plymouth Township and feel if the current bonds do not pass, the next proposed bond could contain this grade school construction.

It is my understanding the state, based on SEMCOG projections, will not approve another elementary school in Plymouth. One needs only to look at a map of the district and understand why I am certainly not suggesting this is Ms. Gonzalez's agenda, but I would like more information before casting a vote in the direction the paper suggests.

Laura McReynolds
Plymouth

Supports bond

In my 40-year history with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the expertise of the present Board of Education, coupled with the vision of Superintendent Jim Ryan, has brought a logical and positive program for our youth K-12.

On our present Board of Education, there is legal expertise, business acumen, hands-on educational experience/knowledge and dedication to the youth of this community. Together they have put on the table a conservative bond proposal for your vote of acceptance May 2.

Please do not miss this opportunity to advance in the best possible way the educational opportunities for the beautiful youth of this community.

George Dodson
retired principal
Plymouth

Bond is important

As a Realtor, I can tell you that most home sales hinge on the perceived value of the school district serving the community where a home is located. As a Realtor who sells homes in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Salem Township, Superior Township and Northville Township, I will tell you that Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is a district of choice for most buyers. That's why the May 2 bond election is so important.

I strongly encourage every voter within the Plymouth-Canton district boundary to vote "yes" on both bond issues on the May 2 ballot. This nominal investment in our schools will give our educators the expanded facilities they need to serve our ever-growing student population.

As a parent of a PCCS graduate, I know first hand that the quality of education provided by the district is second to none. That's why people continue to move into our community, even in this tough economy.

The average homeowner in this area will pay less than \$120 a year if both issues pass. This small amount of money will protect home values and reinforce the message that the Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools are among the best in Michigan.

I've lived in this community for more than 25 years and I have seen many changes. The one constant over that time period has been the outstanding education provided by our Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Voting yes on both issues May 2 is the best thing we can do for our kids, our community and our home values.

Nancy Baldwin
Plymouth

Fund-raiser thanks

It is with great pleasure that we extend a "thank you" to all those who helped in our successful weekend fund-raiser. Hosted at the always fantastic Cherry Hill Village Theater, with proceeds benefiting Arbor Hospice, the production of *Grace and Glorie* was a delight.

The team of Duo Damas (Joanne Hulce and Gloria Logan) thought of every thing. An excellent choice in the play *Grace and Glorie*, a worthy cause in Arbor Hospice (who offer dignity, comfort and peace for the terminally ill and their families in a seven county area), the best theater venue of its kind, with a staff (headed by Jennifer Tobin) of the highest quality, an opportunity for high school students and senior citizens to attend a preview matinee, a follow-up question-and-answer session with the actors and representatives of Arbor Hospice, and great food/drink donated by local businesses too many to mention here by name.

Not only did Canton residents support this effort, but our friends in Plymouth, Northville, Ann Arbor and surrounding communities attended, some for the first time. Needless to say, they will be back.

For more information on Arbor Hospice, including the services they provide, log onto their Web site at www.arborhospice.org (a list of this event's sponsors will also appear).

Duo Damas was specifically formed to offer theater productions to benefit non-profits. If you missed this event, look for future worthy causes to support.

Janis Kijun
Grace and Glorie Steering Committee
Canton

One Plymouth

I need help, I'm confused. I love living in Plymouth, however, I have a question. Why can't we simply have a "Plymouth community," with one governing body, one police department, one fire department, one of each various public service departments?

Why must we have the city AND the township? Honestly, I don't understand.

Marie Long
Plymouth

Not the right decision

I write in response to your April 6 editorial titled "Governor's vetoes are risky, but right." The only politics being played here are between our governor and Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

The governor's veto of my legislation to bring regional oversight to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is unpopular with voters for a reason. People's water bills keep rising and ques-

tions about how contracts are awarded at the department are more abundant than answers. My legislation was not conceived as some election-year stunt. I have been working on this issue since the day I entered office back in 2003.

The bill just vetoed by the governor corrected the concerns she raised in vetoing similar legislation three years ago. Her veto now is not an attempt to help foster regional cooperation, but one to protect a political ally with questionable business practices from any type of accountability whatsoever. The governor didn't make a risky decision, she took the easy way out.

Laura M. Toy
state senator 6th District

The enemy

On top of the growing mound of evidence that the Bush administration lied to Congress and the American people to make the case for war in Iraq, a war that cost thousands their lives and billions of dollars, is the fact that, in revealing the identity of Valerie Plame, an undercover agent for the CIA working in weapons of mass destruction and destroying her overseas operations, they gravely endangered our national security. Gone at last is the myth of a president who is strong on national security, who will protect us from the enemy. A president who abides by no law has become the enemy.

Katie Jacob
Birmingham

No worries

Re-runs of global warming arguments are nicer than the acrimonious, "He lied about WMD" and illegal phone listening.

I don't understand this Hollywood generation that lives in sunny California and proclaims colder is better. Their documentary, *March of the Penguins* illustrated life at minus 50 degrees. Several degrees warmer would not result in penguins shedding their tuxedos but improve their chances of survival.

The sun appears and warms my environment. I can enjoy a lovely day without seeing warning labels. "Gas guzzlers melt ice caps, and may cause earth flooding." In a hundred years, perhaps, but future generations will have time to safely move to higher ground. The sky may be falling too, but I try not to worry.

Hank Borgman
Farmington

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"What a great achievement ... It's absolutely incredible to see the youth of our community step up and lead the charge in a community project."

- Dan Dwyer, Plymouth mayor, on the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission's efforts to get a new fountain in Kellogg Park.

We raised education standards - now raise the dropout age

Congratulations to the state Board of Education, the governor and Legislature for coming together and passing tough, rigorous high school curriculum standards. This bodes well for Michigan's future.

This is one of many continuous improvements required to prepare Michigan to lead in the ultra-competitive, 21st century knowledge economy.

Now we must change an archaic law that makes it legal for kids to quit school at age 16. Why does Michigan have a law on the books dating back to the "good ol' days," making it "legal" for children to drop out of school at the tender age of 16?



Tom Watkins

Times have clearly changed. There was a time in Michigan and America where one could drop out of school and get a good-paying, middle-class factory job, join the military or work on the family farm.

Those days are long gone and are not coming back.

Most factories today are laying off workers and those that are hiring require more than a high school diploma.

The armed services do not accept dropouts and I doubt that teens from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are leaving school to go work on the family farm.

We have moved from a society where you could "lift for a living" to a society where everyone needs to be able to "think for a living."

Given today's fast-paced global economy, to allow children to leave school without the education they need and deserve is state-sponsored stupidity at best and institutionalized racism at its very worst.

If we had the horrific dropout statistics in our white, middle-class suburbs as we do in Native American, African-American or Hispanic American communities, Michigan citizens would be marching on Lansing demanding that our elected officials do something. If the dropout rates in some school districts were classified as a public health issue, it would be considered an epidemic.

We need to raise the drop out age and do it now! However, it is more than just simply changing the legal age one can drop out. As responsible adults and educators, there is a moral, societal and economic imperative to develop appropriate alternative programs to educate children so they may, one day, support themselves and their families and fully participate in our democratic society.

We need to move beyond the old Henry Ford slogan, "You can have any color car you like — as long as it's black" and develop a wide array of

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educational opportunities for our kids. A one-size-fits-all educational system will quickly find itself on the scrap heap of history.

I propose that in the 2008-09 school year, the dropout age to be raised permanently from 16 to 18. This would give our schools, parents and students the time to modify their attitudes, beliefs and programs and time to develop alternative school models that comply with the high standards set by the state Board of Education. There are countless examples where creative educators have developed innovative programs to meet the needs of kids at risk of dropping out.

Our students in our schools and on our streets today will confront a rapidly changing, disruptive, information- and technologically-driven world that will defy predictability. It is our collective responsibility to make sure they are ready.

I ask, is it OK for your son or daughter to leave school without, at a minimum, a high school diploma? If it is not good enough for our children, it should not be good enough for anyone's child!

Also, let's not forget that this is one social problem with a built-in funding solution. Under Proposal A, the state funds schools by the number of students attending, so for every child who drops out, the local school loses several thousands of dollars. In most urban school districts with federal and state funds, the schools stand to lose in excess of \$10,000 for each child who drops out.

We will never have strong or cool cities, a vibrant region and a productive state unless we do more to educate all of our children to world-class standards.

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Election field could help board take baby steps toward diversity

There are dozens of different cultures and nationalities represented in the Plymouth-Canton Community School district.

Yet the school board — charged with making decisions that directly affect the lives of this vastly diverse student body of some 18,000 kids — is currently made up of four middle-aged white men and three white women.

Don't get us wrong. We believe the school board, in its current makeup, does an excellent job of stewarding the education of the district's students.

But there's also the idea a school board — any governing body, really — should mirror the community it governs. Since there are about a gazillion nationalities in the district, and only seven seats on the school board, obviously total representation isn't possible. Still, perhaps the board could benefit from a little diversity.

Some of the choices in the May 2 election could provide some, and a couple are even fairly intriguing. For instance, Cheryl McKoy could become the first African-American woman elected to the school board if her bid for one of the two four-year spots is successful.

She's got a big heart, and serving youth seems to be her passion, as evidenced particularly by her involvement with the young people in her church.

But she doesn't have well-developed opinions on school issues yet. She hasn't been involved in much, other than at her children's school. She had a chance to get her name — and her message — in front of voters, but was instead a no-show last week for a candidates' forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County. Given that, McKoy would be better served by getting on one of the district's committees to gain some experience.

Diane Gonzalez used to be a teacher, runs her own business and isn't enamored with the idea of a \$120 million bond proposal being floated by the district on the same ballot.

Gonzalez makes some people a little nervous. School officials are understandably bothered by her lack of support for the bond questions. There are some bothered by the idea she wants to put an elementary school in Plymouth Township's Miller Woods, a nervousness apparently untempered by the fact the board has built its last three buildings in Canton, and will make it five in a row



Brandon Hynes

if the bond passes next month with a new middle school and the new career technical center.

The most intriguing candidate in the field of eight is an 18-year-old ball of energy named Brandon Hynes. He's a private school graduate (Dearborn Divine Child), but with sisters in the public school system, he's got a pretty good idea of what needs to be done.

He's taken the initiative to drive Downriver to attend a seminar on education hosted by state Sen. Bruce Patterson, he's talked to students about what they need and he seems to have a grasp on issues ranging from the bond issue to the new graduation requirements.

If this kid shows up at your door, listen to him. He's got some of the same issues other candidates have, he's inexperienced, he's never served before. But he's got an energy level the Energizer Bunny would envy, and he actually seems to grasp the challenges facing the district.

His biggest problem, should he get elected, might be getting the "grownups" on the board to listen to him. The tendency might be to pat him on the head, say "That's a good idea, sonny," and then dismiss him entirely.

Is this youngster fazed by that prospect? Not a bit.

"I won't let anyone patronize me," he said, simply.

The youngster's got a lot on his plate. He's a first-year sophomore at Wayne State based on advanced-placement courses he took in high school. He might not yet have the life experiences that would make him a better board member.

But this kid getting elected wouldn't be the biggest shock in the world. Nor would it be the worst thing to happen.

If this newspaper's endorsements turn out to be fact, the school board will have Gonzalez, Judy Mardigan and five middle-aged white men — Barry Simescu, Mark Slavens, Rich Ham-Kucharski, Tom Wysocki and Steve Sneiderman. That's not a change in the board makeup.

Where the change came this year was in the pool of candidates. Admittedly, it's a pretty small step, but it is a baby step in the right direction. And isn't that how most progress happens?

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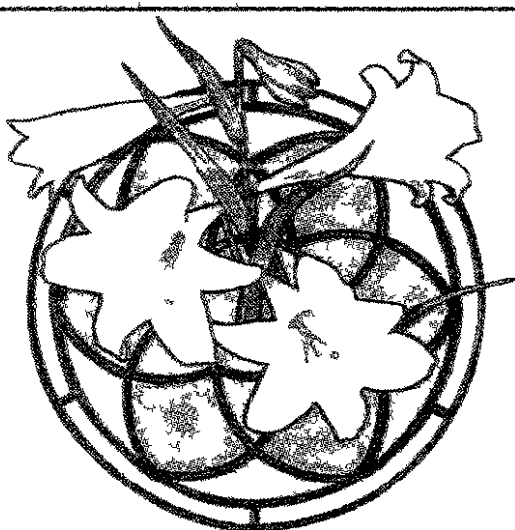
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New cable TV station caters to Muslim audience

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Mo Hassan thought he was being optimistic

But just two weeks after he launched Bridges TV, it turns out he had been underestimating the demand for the new television network

Hassan is the CEO of Bridges TV, the only all-American Muslim television station in the world. Programming is in English, and is entertainment-heavy, rather than news-centered (even though the station airs news during prime time daily).

Bridges TV made its debut just two weeks ago in the Detroit area on WOW! Cable, Comcast, Globestar Satellite and Dish Network, and it's pending on Direct TV.

"We had planned to have one million viewers by the end of this year, but at the end of this week, we have that many," Hassan said last week. "I need to write a new business plan."

The plan was originally hatched at the end of 2001. He and his wife, Aasiya Zubair, spent November and December of that year in Southfield because she was attending training to open a franchise in their hometown of

Buffalo, N.Y.

"It was after Sept. 11, and we were listening to the radio, and there was a lot of talk — talk that was very disparaging toward Muslims," he said. "My wife was pregnant at the time, and she said that this is not a good environment for raising children, and wouldn't it be nice if there was a media outlet that could reach people and show them what Muslims are really like?"

Zubair turned to her husband and said, "You should do it. You should start a television station."

Hassan said he couldn't. He was a banker and knew nothing about the television industry. But he put together a business plan and by the time he left his job, he left with his employer's blessing and a \$1 million line of credit.

Not that he's needed to tap into the credit.

Right away, he reached out to the Muslim community, and his initial seed money was sent to him by 10,000 families from around the United States. Each sent \$100.

"That was our first \$1 million," he said. "It truly is a grass-roots thing. It was very grass-roots, very door to door, very mosque to mosque."

There is some corporate sponsorship — from Ford Motor Co., for example — and the station collects licensing fees from cable and satellite companies who buy it. And, of course, there are the memberships bought by the people who send money to support the station, Hassan said.

There has been absolutely no foreign financing of the station, and no "giant media conglomerate," Hassan said. "It's 100 percent made in America. It's homemade apple pie."

Bridges TV has rolled out in the Detroit market, Chicago, Toledo, Columbus, Boston and Dallas. And Hassan has found that meeting with cable companies in new markets doesn't require weeks or months of waiting, contrary to what he'd heard about the industry. "They call me," he said.

The station's programming lineup includes game shows, children's programming, music videos, history programs, biographies, news, current affairs and religious programming. About half is produced at the company's headquarters in Buffalo, where some 30 people work for Hassan. He employs 20 news correspondents in the field around the country.

"I think what appeals to peo-



Aasiya Zubair (left), wife of Bridges TV CEO Muzzammil Hassan (right), played an instrumental role in the creation of Bridges TV since she came up with the idea of an American Muslim lifestyle network and encouraged her husband to write a business plan.

ple is that when there's something going on like the struggle in Iraq, the Danish cartoon issue, or the Dubai ports, people can turn on Bridges TV and get another perspective," Hassan said. "We are definitely building bridges, just like the name says."

On May 15 at 8 p.m., Bridges TV will air a town hall meeting with Paul Moskal, the chief legal counsel for the FBI in New York. Moskal will take

direct questions from Muslim and Arab Americans on national television. On May 14, the station will air the cable television premier of PBS' *Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet*.

"It really fills a void," said Adnan Mirza, a director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). "There's a clear disconnect between popular American media and Muslim audience. The nice

thing is, this is not just for the Muslim audience. Bridges TV gives a clear understanding of the issues to viewers and an opportunity for us to speak for ourselves. Americans are increasingly interested in better understanding Middle Eastern cultures, and Muslim Americans want to be better understood. Bridges TV creates a public platform for this dialogue."

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REI gives \$10,000 to Rouge, Maybury Land says license ATMs a success

Two area parks will receive \$10,000 donations from Recreational Equipment Inc. Last week REI announced plans to dedicate \$1 million to community parks across the country. These parks grants are in addition to the more than \$3 million in grants REI previously earmarked this year for outdoor recreation and conservation causes.

A total of 100 parks grants, each in the amount of \$10,000, will be given to non-profit organizations dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of community parks throughout the U.S. Seven community organizations in Colorado will receive a grant that will benefit a specific park. The benefiting parks and partner organizations include:

■ Rouge River Park, Partner Organization - Friends of the

Rouge River, grant presentation 9 a.m. Earth Day Saturday, April 22, at Rouge River Park.

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Grant recipients were selected after REI employees identified community parks that were of particular interest to their customers, offered outdoor recreation opportunities, and were in close proximity to an REI store.

Once specific parks were selected, REI worked with park officials to identify a non-profit group that provides volunteer care for each park. In collaboration with the local parks, these non-profit groups will dedicate funds to projects

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"REI had an amazing 2005," said REI President and CEO Sally Jewell. "As a co-op we share our success with our members, employees and the communities in which we do business. I can't think of a better way to celebrate our success than by dedicating an additional \$1 million to support our community parks. The importance of these parks is immeasurable in getting people outdoors — as recreation areas, as community gathering spaces and often as our children's first introduction to the natural world."



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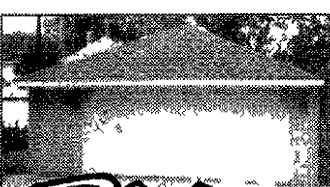
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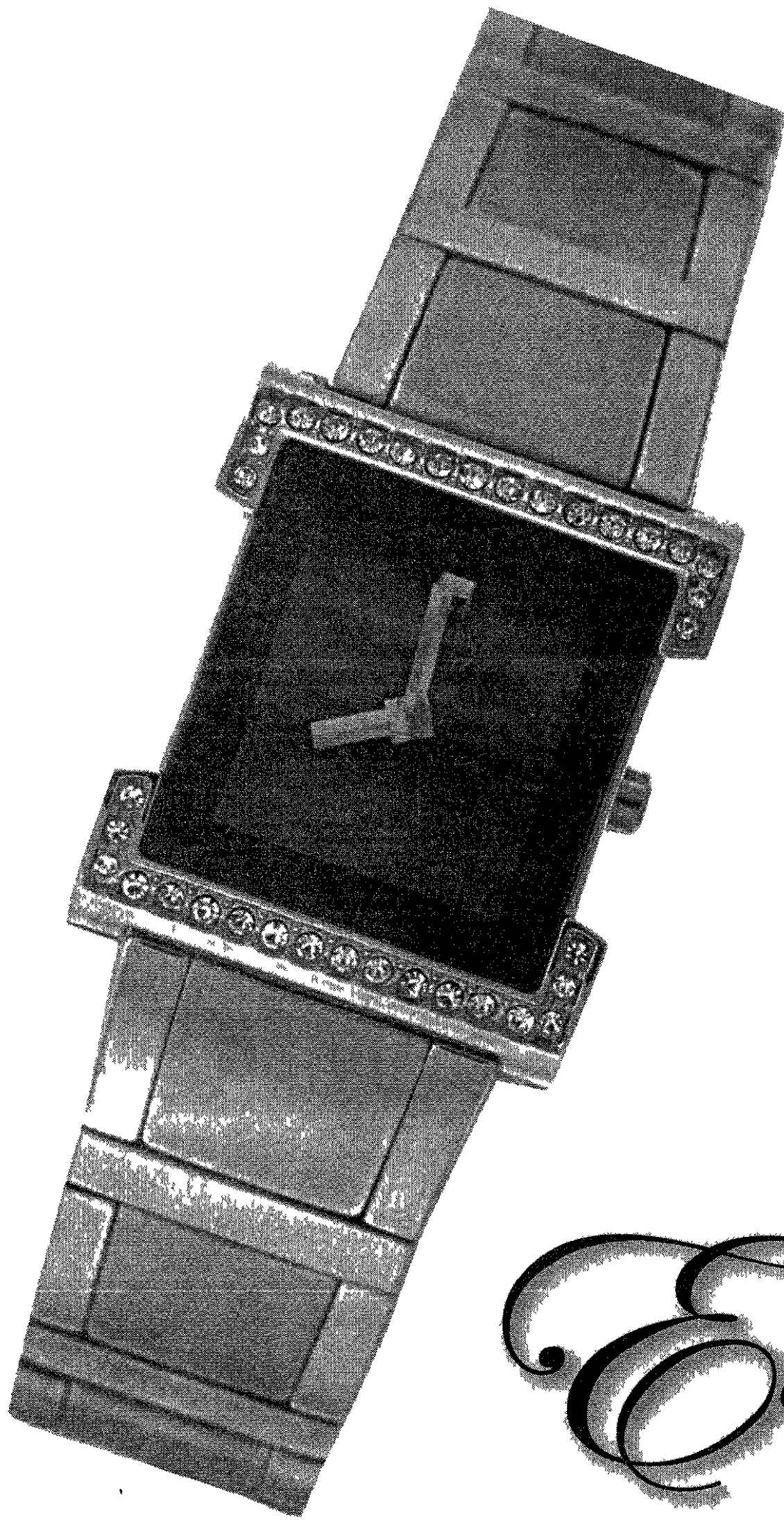
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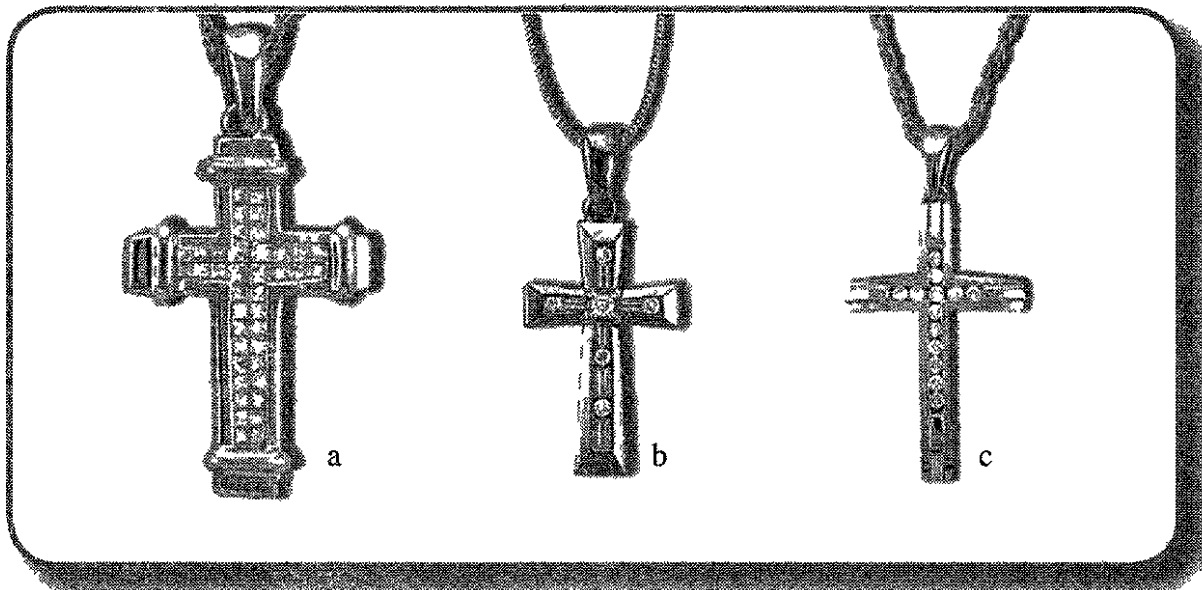


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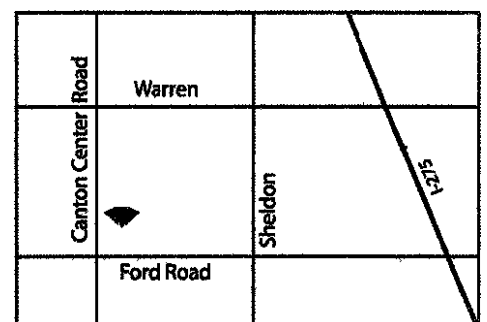
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Sea Cadets introduce youth to military life

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Cousins Zachary Polak of Wyandotte and Erick Jackson of Romulus dreamed of joining the elite ranks of the Navy SEALs

"I started researching stuff and I found a military Web site with a link to the Sea Cadets and they had SEAL training," said Polak, a senior at Wyandotte High School and petty officer second class in the Sea Cadets

According to Ensign Edward C. Brennan of Milford, that hands-on military experience is what makes the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps a great opportunity for young men and women ages 11-17.

The beauty of the Sea Cadets is that they get initiated into military opportunities to see if this is what he or she wants to do," Brennan said.

It's a great way to find out what it's like to be in the military.

INTERVIEWS

The James M. Hannan Division of the Sea Cadets has openings for a limited number of new recruits. Interviews will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at Redford Presbyterian Church, 22122 W. McNichols, Detroit.

Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling (248) 685-9568.

On April 15, the Sea Cadets will have a display at the Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Applications and



Rifle training is part of the Sea Cadets SEAL training.

interviews will take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Hannan Division meets 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the first and third Saturday each month at Redford Presbyterian. The 35 Cadets come from throughout the metro Detroit area.

Brennan dates the beginning of the Sea Cadets to Teddy Roosevelt who urged the Navy to develop an organization for civilian support. That led to the founding of the Navy League. About 45 years ago the Navy asked the Navy League to form a youth group. The Hannan Division has been in operation for 42 years.

From April through November, the Sea Cadets operate a ship, the SCS Gray Fox out of Port Huron. Three two-week cruises and several one-week and weekend cruises are available. About 900 cadets from the Midwest will

sail this coming season.

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We have a close relationship with the Coast Guard Kids. They are on ship steering plot courses, do everything Brennan said. We have a dummy Oscar that they throw over the side to practice rescues."

The 120-foot Gray Fox is a decommissioned Navy torpedo recovery ship. Hannan Division cadets will bring the ship down to Hart Plaza in Detroit April 28 and 29 where it will be open for public tours.

In addition, Sea Cadets introduces young cadets to a variety of military options.

We have 65 different activities including Navy band, JAG school, medical training, Brennan said.

Activities also include submarine school, seamanship, sailing, photojournalism and



Lifting a heavy rubber boat teaches teamwork but Sea Cadet Zachary Polak said the bottom of the boat feels like sandpaper.

Several former Cadets are serving in the military in Iraq.

SEAL training. The Sea Cadets also have an exchange program with other countries which allow some cadets to work on British, Russian, Canadian and other foreign vessels.

All that comes after basic training.

"It was a lot of yelling, Polak said of basic training. It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. At first I thought it was bad and then I did SEAL training. I complained about boot camp and now I don't know why."

Polak described SEAL training as hell for three weeks. Trainees learn to dive, but they

also learn to carry heavy logs and water heavy rubber boats as a team.

You cannot get through SEAL training as an individual. If you do it alone, you won't make it," Polak said.

Brennan, a Navy veteran of the Korean War who became involved as a Sea Cadets volunteer officer five years ago, said about 15 to 20 percent of the cadets get into the military.

Ten percent of the cadets at Annapolis are former Sea Cadets, Brennan said.

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Polak and Jackson say they've gotten a lot out of their Sea Cadet experience, though they aren't sure that the Navy is for them.

We got a lot of military knowledge, that's for sure," said Jackson, a junior at Romulus High School with a seaman rank. I got a look at what branch of military I wanted to go into.

Polak said his experience led to a full-ride ROTC scholarship at Central Michigan University. But the ROTC will lead to the Army, not the Navy.

The only reason to go into the Navy was SEAL training and if I didn't make it, there isn't anything else I would want to do in the Navy, he said.

But if I went into the Army and didn't make Special Forces, I could still be a Ranger or Airborne. I'm the kind of person who wants to be in the field and hands on.

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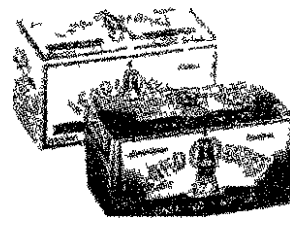
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Designated for scholarships and core operating support, the award will offer more options and a better future to hundreds of young men and women in the city of Detroit.

Announcement of the award was made during a recent visit to Focus HOPE's campus in Detroit by Ford Foundation executives Susan V Berresford, president, Pablo Farias, vice president, Asset Building and Community Development Program, and John Colborn, deputy director, Economic Development, Asset Building and Community Development Program.

"This grant will advance our efforts to ensure our training programs are providing the outcomes expected by our partners," said Keith W Cooley who recently was appointed CEO of the 38-year-old civil rights organization. It will enable us to meet the rapidly changing demands of the marketplace, build our scholarship fund, provide experiential learning opportunities for our manufacturing engineering students and adjust curriculum to address current skills shortages.

The Ford Foundation and other national foundations provide support for Focus HOPE's education and training programs. Existing programs open career opportunities in the manufacturing, engineering and information technology industries.

"Our first grant to Focus HOPE was in 1977. Since then, we have provided grants and loans totaling over \$5.5 million and watched as thousands of Detroit residents have benefited from its educational programs and community outreach," said Berresford. "We are pleased to help this talented and dedicated group of people as they work to address the economic challenges facing Detroit and its residents."

Ford Foundation funding will also support a new scholarship initiative which gives talented students the financial

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resources they need to complete their studies. Beginning in 2006, enrolled students who demonstrate financial need can compete for scholarships to complete their programs. Three students enrolled in the information technology program, which trains students for the computer industry certifications, recently were awarded the first scholarships.

"We are grateful for the trust in us shown by the Ford Foundation," said Eleanor M Josaitis, co-founder of Focus HOPE. "Their partnership with us means that more men and women will be able to develop the skills they need to make a success of their lives."

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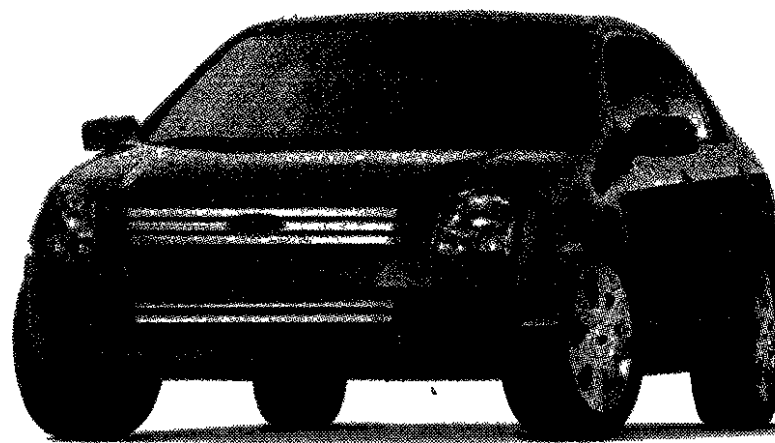
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Together, they opened the second Discount Pool & Spas location on Monday, April 3, at 37613 Five Mile Road in the Village Shopping Center. A grand opening celebration is set for Saturday-Sunday, May 13-14 in Livonia.

John Forrester Jr. worked for a related business, Pooltown, for 10 years before he decided to open his own store. When Pooltown was sold, the Forresters saw an opportunity. Their first family-owned venture began with their retail and service department at 10860 Belleville Road in Belleville.

I was in the automotive engineering field for 15 years, said Forrester.

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WHAT'S IN STORE

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Dance company performs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Diane Mancinelli pauses to catch her breath. She's between rehearsals for Full Circle Dance Company performances of *The Wiz* and an annual spring concert at Henry Ford Community College. The college's musical comes to the stage April 21-23 and 28-30. Curtain times are 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 for students with ID, \$6 for ages 12 or under. Special rates also available for high school students. For more information, call *Wiz* director Gerry Dzublinski at (313) 845-9892.

According to Dzublinski, the production is a collaboration between the music and dance departments and includes a 17-piece live orchestra under the direction of Kevin Dewey, as well as actors from the theater department and 13 munchkins from the community.

It's a full production this year in terms of cast and integrates the entire dance company, said Mancinelli. "The *Wiz* is a spectacle. We're taking a different approach to movement and interpretation and have three choreographers with 21 dancers in all."

To close out the year, the company returns to the colleges Adray Auditorium for its 18th annual Spring Dance Concert, 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13. Reservations are still available for all of the performances including the 10 a.m. to which Mancinelli is inviting high school students.

Tickets are \$10, \$5 students. For more information, contact Mancinelli at (313) 845-6314.

It's going to feature all the dances from *The Wiz*," said Mancinelli, and choreography by guest artists and students that include Hawaiian, tap, even liturgical.

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Concert to feature leading musician

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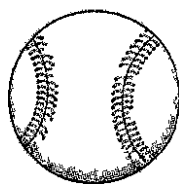
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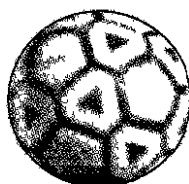
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Parker Salowich is pictured giving instructions to a North Farmington football player during a game last season. On March 31, Salowich was named the new head football coach at Salem. The 35-year old graduate of Eastern Michigan University will succeed Bob Cummings, who stepped down in November.

DREAM JOB

Salowich named Salem head football coach

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

On the morning of March 31, Parker Salowich realized a life-long dream when he was officially offered the head football coaching job at Salem.

Three hours later, it turned out to be the second best thing that happened to the 35-year-old teacher/coach that day.

At about 9:30, (Salem athletic director) Tom Willette called me and said the job was mine," remembered Salowich, describing one of the most memorable days of his life. "At 12:30 that same day, my second son was born. Things were definitely going my way that day. I probably should have went out and bought some lottery tickets."

Salowich immediately accepted Willette's offer and became just the third head football coach in Salem's history. He succeeds Bob Cummings, who resigned in November after five years on the job. Cummings followed in the footsteps of hall-of-famer Tom Moshimer, who retired following the 2000 season.

"I've been dreaming about becoming a head coach since I was 12 years old, when I started reading books about Woody Hayes," said Salowich, who served as an assistant head coach and the offensive coordinator at North Farmington for the past three years. "Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr once said that if a program doesn't have tradition, it's up to the coach to start one. He said if the program does have tradition, the coach needs to nurture it. The first thing I want to do at Salem is rekindle the rich tradition that coaches like Tom Moshimer have built here."

PERFECT FIT

North Farmington head football coach Todd Schultz said Salowich is the ideal person to

turn around the Rocks' success-starved program.

"Parker brings a lot to the table," said Schultz, whose Raiders finished 7-3 and qualified for the Division 2 playoffs last season. "He has a wealth of knowledge about the game. Parker works extremely hard and his players respond to his coaching techniques."

"Last year, two of our quarter backs who Parker had coached came back after they graduated and helped out our coaching staff on a part-time basis. Part of the reason they came back was the pride they had for our school. But probably the biggest thing that brought them back was the rapport Parker had developed with them."

Six applicants were interviewed for the position, said Willette.

"Once we narrowed it down to two, we brought both of them in to get interviewed by a committee that consisted of football people," said Willette. "Following the interviews, Parker was the committee's No. 1 choice."

"Then we brought some teachers and other coaches in to interview the two candidates and Parker was their No. 1 choice as well. He's very enthusiastic and I think he's going to breathe some new life into the program. He has an aura about him, plus he knows his X's and O's."

IMPRESSIVE CREDENTIALS

In addition to his coaching experience at North Farmington, Salowich has served as either an assistant varsity or head junior varsity or freshmen coach at Southgate Aquinas (his alma mater), South Lyon, Taylor Center and Southgate Anderson. "I've learned a lot about the game from some very, very good coaches," said Salowich, a gradu-

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Sidelines

Rock netters start strong

The Salem boys tennis team opened its 2006 season with a first-place showing in the Essexville Invitational, recording 20 points. Essexville-Garber finished second with 16 points followed by Troy Athens (15), Rochester (14), Saginaw Nouvelle and Caro (10 each), Yale (nine) and Garber's junior-varsity squad (two).

Turning in championship performances for the Rocks were Blake Foster (No. 3 singles), Neil Bakshi (No. 4 singles), Pawel Kargol-Dave Geick (No. 1 doubles) and Steve VanDusen-Dave Benson (No. 3 doubles). Consolation victories were posted by Lawrence Washington (No. 1 singles), Pete Bartlett (No. 2 singles), Jake-Bernstein-Cam Loftus (No. 2 doubles) and Pridvi Kandagatia Tyler Jeleniewski (No. 4 doubles).

Fousts shine

Kari Foust, a former standout swimmer at Salem, and her father Brian, a former swimmer at the old Plymouth High School and Oakland University, both swam well at the Michigan Masters Swimming State Championships held March 24-26 at Eastern Michigan University.

Kari Foust earned a first-place medal in the four events she entered in the 18- to 24-year-old age group: the 50-yard freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 backstroke and 200 individual medley.

All of Foust's times qualified her for the United States Masters National Swimming Championships that are set for Coral Springs, Fla., in mid-May.

Brian Foust, swimming in the 55-59 division, finished third in the 50 freestyle and fourth in the 100 backstroke.

The father-and-daughter duo combined for a second-place finish in the 200 mixed freestyle relay.

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.

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Guelph pushes Whalers to brink

The Guelph Storm broke open a scoreless game after one period with four goals in the second period and four more in the third en route to an 8-0 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League playoff game played Monday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Guelph leads the best-of-seven OHL Western Conference semifinal series 3-0.

Although Guelph scored eight goals, the difference in the game was Storm goaltender Ryan MacDonald, who stopped all 38 Plymouth shots. MacDonald lowered his league-leading goals-against average in the playoffs to 1.40 and raised his league-leading playoff save percentage to .958.

Guelph captain Ryan Callahan led the Storm attack with two goals and three assists. Matt D'Agostini added four assists for the winners. Ryan Pottruff, Mark O'Leary (two), Andy Hyvarinen, Jamie Arniel, Mike McLean and Kelsey Wilson added goals for the Storm.

Plymouth outshot Guelph, 18-8, in the first period and had plenty of chances to score, but MacDonald had an answer for everything the Whalers could throw at him.

On Saturday in Guelph, Matt D'Agostini's goal at 10:16 of the first overtime gave the Storm a 3-2 victory over the Whalers in a game played before 3,716 at the Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre.

Kelsey Wilson and Mike McLean also scored for Guelph.

2006 OHL PLAYOFFS

Wes Cunningham and Tom Sestito replied for Plymouth. Both goaltenders played well, with MacDonald named the game's first star with 37 saves and Plymouth's Justin Peters earning the game's second star with 35 stops.

Guelph took a 1-0 lead at 3:50 of the first period on a power play when Wilson tapped home a rebound over the shoulder of Peters. Plymouth started to turn the momentum of the game around later in the period and outshot Guelph, 16-10, in the first period.

The Whalers took their first lead in the series in the second period on two power-play goals while outshooting the Storm, 11-6, in the period. Cunningham finished a good fundamental play to tie the game at 1-1 at 4:52 of the second period when John Armstrong won a faceoff in the Guelph zone and Andrew Fournier passed to Chris Terry, stationed at the right point. Terry flicked a pass at the left point to Cunningham, who threaded a low shot through traffic to tie the game.

Sestito gave Plymouth a 2-1 lead later in the second period at 19:32 when he took a sharp lead pass from John Vigilante at the Plymouth blue line. Sestito had a clear cut breakaway from the Guelph blueline in and shoveled a shot in tight on MacDonald, who made the save.

Valle rally

Pinch-hitter caps Plymouth's last-out comeback

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The tension was so thick during the bottom of the seventh inning of Plymouth's baseball game with Walled Lake Western Monday afternoon that you could have cut it with a knife.

Plymouth pinch-hitter

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Ryan Valle chose to use his bat instead.

Valle laced a dramatic two-out, two-strike double up the left-center field gap, bringing home the tying and go-ahead runs in the Wildcats' 10-9 triumph.

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Smith-led Rocks aim for return to state meet

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem girls golf coach Rick Wilson wouldn't be surprised if Ashley Smith, his talented senior, needs to clear out some space on her trophy shelf for a large piece of hardware come June.

"Ashley has finished in the top 10 in the state the past two years, so this year her goal is to win an individual state championship," said Wilson. "And she's talented enough to do it. In my opinion, she's one of the best high school golfers in the state. She's always working on her game. She played in several tournaments last summer and she hit balls all winter."

"She's breaking in some new irons that are more suitable to her game. They're allowing her to hit her ball higher on her

approach shots."

Smith teamed with graduate Jamie Siedlaczek to lead the Rocks to a ninth-place finish in the Division state meet. Siedlaczek is currently attending Lewis University (Ill.) on a golf scholarship.

The Rocks could make another strong bid to return to the state meet as a team thanks to a roster stocked with five seniors. Joining Smith in the starting lineup will be Anna Ross, Karlin Rzetelny, Alyssa Mastic and Christine Garland.

Anna's overall game has really improved," said Wilson. "She hits the ball long off the tee."

Karlin's overall length has

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Salem senior Anna Ross surveys the line on a putt during Monday's match against Canton.

Little makes big contributions to Chiefs' 7-6 win over Zebras

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's baseball team ran its season-opening winning streak to four Monday afternoon after doing a lot of "Little" things right against Wayne Memorial.

Senior right-hander Shawn Little improved his record to 2-0 with a complete-game, nine-hit performance over the defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion Zebras. Little also excelled at the plate, going 2-for-3 with an RBI triple and a run scored.

The Chiefs took a 4-0 record (2-0 in the WLAA, 1-0 in the Western Division) into

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Wednesday's showdown with cross-campus rival Salem.

I like the way we're swinging the bats so far," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "We had a couple of mental and physical errors that let Wayne get back into the game today, so we need some work defensively."

Wayne slipped to 1-5 overall and 0-2 in the WLAA.

Canton led 5-2 after four innings, but the Zebras bounced back with four runs in the top of the fifth to grab a short-lived 6-5 lead. The Chiefs responded by pushing a pair of runs across in the bot-

tom of the fifth and Little shut the door on the visitors over the final two frames.

Wayne starting pitcher Andrew Kaleto experienced an up-and-down afternoon. He suffered the mound loss, but he contributed a pair of doubles and an RBI at the plate. Justin Collop also hit well for the Zebras, going 2-for-3.

Tank Khasawneh (2-for-3, two RBI, run), Blaine Paden (3-for-3, two doubles, two runs), Keith Campbell (2-for-3, two runs), Kyle Gring (RBI triple), Brad Barath (1-for-3) and Chris Woudstra (1-for-3, run) also had solid offensive games for the Chiefs.

W.L. CENTRAL 12, SALEM 0:

Details of the game were not available at presstime.

BAPTIST PARK 11, PCA 10: The Eagles (1-1) nearly rallied from an 11-2 deficit by scoring four runs in both the sixth and seventh innings.

"We played terrible the first four or five innings, but we woke up after that and started playing well," said Plymouth Christian coach Kurt Johnston. "We have a very young team — we lost eight of our starters from last year to graduation — so we need to build up the experience."

"Our kids played hard and never gave up. I told them after the game that once we start making the routine plays,

we're going to win a lot of games."

The Eagles were hampered by a combination of errors (eight) and walks (six). PCA actually out-hit the Wildcats (1-1), 13-9.

Keith Boruta swung a hot bat for the Eagles, going 4-for-4 with a walk. One of the senior captain's hits was a triple.

Other multiple-hit efforts were turned in by Charles Kam (2-for-4, two runs) and Trevor Zann (2-for-4, RBI triple, stolen base). Starting pitcher Ryan Barber went 1-for-2 at the plate, but he reached base three times.

The Eagles return to action this afternoon when they host

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. The opening pitch is set for 4:30 p.m. at Stafford Field.

CANTON AGAPE 10, HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN 6: The Wolverines rallied for five runs in the seventh inning to post a dramatic come-from-behind victory.

Sophomore hurler Jared Miller excelled on the mound and at the plate for the winners, throwing a complete-game nine-hitter while collecting two hits. Miller struck out six and walked four.

Matt Molnar (3-for-4) and Tyler Majeski (2-for-4) also had solid offensive games for the Wolverines, who improved to 3-2.

Ostrowski fires no-hitter at Western

Plymouth junior pitcher Claire Ostrowski spun her third career no-hitter Monday afternoon as the Wildcats blanked Walled Lake Western, 4-0, in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division contest played in Walled Lake.

Ostrowski struck out nine Warriors and walked just two. The Plymouth ace was also backed by error-free defense.

"Claire was on the top of her game," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "She was really snapping her wrist today (Plymouth catcher) Madison Dresser called a good game behind the plate. She did a good job of reading

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the batters."

Plymouth, which improved to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA, scored three times in the third and once in the sixth.

The Wildcats' seven-hit attack was paced by Danielle Bondy (2-for-3), Dresser (2-for-3, two runs), Kim Klonowski (two-run double), Ostrowski (double) and Melissa Butzow (RBI single).

"Kim Klonowski knocked the cover off the ball today," said Canfield. "She pushed their outfielders back even on her outs.

Freshman Jill Brennan and senior Rachel Juco also ripped hits for the winners.

The Warriors slipped to 1-3 with the setback.

CANTON 12, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0: On Monday, Stephanie Sadek and Sarah Anthony limited the host Zebras to two harmless hits, and a pair of Rachels — Wade and Beaudoin — each ripped two hits and combined for three RBI to lead the Chiefs (2-0 overall, 1-0 WLAA).

The loss dropped Wayne to 2-5 and 0-1, respectively.

Canton broke open a 1-0 game by pushing across six runs in the third. The Chiefs finished off the mercy rule-

shortened contest by plating four fifth-inning runs.

Emily Robertson suffered the mound loss for the Zebras, who committed six costly errors behind her.

Alyssa Henning and Taylor Krohn accounted for the Zebras' only safeties.

I thought we played extremely well," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "It was the second straight game where we didn't have any strikeouts and we only committed one error. We have two errors in two games, which is pretty good."

"Everybody who played today played well," Arnold concluded.

COMEBACK

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the game," said the left-handed swinging Valle. "During the fifth inning, I went and took some soft toss behind the dugout just so I'd be ready."

Valle said he guessed right on the final pitch from Western's Mark Carnacchi.

"I noticed that he had been throwing a lot of breaking balls that were really loopy," Valle said, describing his last at-bat. "But I was looking for a fastball on the last one, and that's what he threw me. It's the biggest hit I've ever had."

It may have been the biggest hit in the one-year existence of Plymouth's

varsity program, which has already doubled its 2005 victory total.

"The thing I've been preaching to these guys since the first day was to never give up until the final out, and that's the way they played today," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "Western was throwing a lefty today (Dennis Rosbury) who has pretty good stuff, so I sat down two of my good left-handed-hitting players, Ryan and Ronnie Goble. But I told them that once Rosbury was out of there, they'd probably get a chance. Ryan came through for us."

The setback dropped Western to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the WLAA.

Plymouth relief pitcher Nate McManus earned the victory after retiring all four batters he faced.

The most significant out McManus registered was forcing Western lead-off batter Nick Coram to fly out to center field with the bases loaded and two outs in the sixth. McManus also had a nice day at the plate, going 2-for-4, including a big two-run single in the seventh that preceded Valle's clutch hit.

Carnacchi, who relieved Rosbury to start the sixth, was victimized by a pair of seventh-inning errors that put Wildcats on first and second with nobody out.

After Ben Kosmalski popped out to second baseman Brandon Pellegrini, Tyler Locklear walked and McManus bounced a hard grounder between third and shortstop, bringing home Brandon Winowiecki and Alex Harvey.

After Garrett Reban was hit by a pitch to re-load the bases, Matt Barrera brought home Plymouth's eighth run when he bounced out to second.

With runners on second and third, Valle worked the count to 2-and-2 before ripping a line shot that barely eluded the glove of a diving Coram in left-center.

Led by Dan Wingblad's 3-for-5 effort, the Warriors out-hit Plymouth, 11-6. Senior Nick Kenney had the big blast for Western when he sent a T.J. Downey fastball over the left-field fence in the third inning.

Tyler Locklear proved to be a catalyst for the Wildcats, reaching base three times (single, two walks), scoring twice and knocking in a run with a fifth-inning sacrifice fly.

Reban, Harvey and Ben Kosmalski also reached based twice for the winners.

The Wildcats won despite committing five errors.

"That's something we have to improve on," Adams said.

Plymouth 8-10, West Bloomfield 12-0. On Saturday, the Wildcats split a double-header with West Bloomfield, winning the nightcap on Bryan Stotz's three-hit shutout. The victory was the first five-inning mercy victory in Plymouth's short history.

Led by the two-hit efforts of Alex Harvey and Ronnie Goble, the Wildcats scored one run in the first, three in the second and six in the fifth.

Damen Weekes suffered the mound setback for West Bloomfield.

In the first game, Harvey and Stotz both recorded a pair of hits for the Wildcats, who led 8-6 until the Lakers exploded for five runs in the sixth.

Matt Paul notched the win. Tyler Locklear took the loss.



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Second-half surge lifts Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With his team trailing 1-0 following an uninspiring first half against Howell April 6, Salem girls soccer coach Joe Nora laid it on the line during his half-time message.

"In the first half, we kind of sat back and let them take it to us, said Nora. 'At halftime, I challenged them to play more aggressively, and they responded."

Did they ever? The Rocks rebounded to score three unanswered second-half goals to earn an impressive 3-1 non-conference road victory over the Highlanders. The victory evened their record at 1-1 following Wednesday night's 3-1 loss to Walled Lake Central.

"In the second half, it was like a light bulb went on and the girls figured out that they can play as intensely as they want to. During the first half, we did play well for five or six minutes and then give them the momentum right back. We played hard the entire second half."

Kelly Adsit proved to be the catalyst for the Rocks comeback when her goal knotted the game at 1-1 six minutes into the second half. Adsit was assisted by Miranda Evers.

The game-winner came at the 23-minute mark when Rachel Gizicki scored off an assist from Kim Killion. With 15 min-

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utes left, Katie Shull added an insurance goal that was also assisted by Killion.

Sophomore goalies Jill Slabey (first half) and Kristen Dondzalla (second) split time in front of the net for Salem, which will host Livonia Churchill Monday at 7 p.m.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 1 CANTON 0 Sam Echols scored off an assist from sister Alex Echols, as the Vikings continued their best start in school history with the WLAA win over the state powerhouse Chiefs. Tylor Cominsky had the shutout for WL Central (6 0 0 3 0 0).

PCA 10 ZOE 0 On Thursday the Eagles (2 0) jumped to a 7-0 halftime lead and never looked back. Abby Lorion both scored twice for the winners who received single goals from Peggy Abraham, Meghan Polera, Sarah Roth, Brooke Williams, Amanda Yu and Lauren Beckett.

Lorion also added two assists. Roth Beckett, Ross Jalese DeBiasi, Jenna Misch and Katie McDougal all recorded single assists. Sara Ross notched the shutout in goal, stopping three shots.

PLYMOUTH 3, JOHN GLENN 0 Val Klemmer had one goal and one assist Monday to lead the host Wildcats past Westland John Glenn (1 5 1) in a WLAA crossover.

Kasey Webb and Stacey Dillon also scored for Plymouth, which unloaded 40 shots on Glenn goalkeeper Melissa Frederick. Other assists went to Brittany Hengesh and Katie Hughes.

"Even though we lost the game, I feel we improved our play," Glenn coach Jerry Poniatowski said. "Going up

against a well trained team is a great learning experience. And by that criteria, we're a very experienced team."

"Plymouth moves the ball well and has many good players who work well together." **SALEM 2, CHURCHILL 2** On Monday the Rocks (1 1 1) jumped to a 2-0 lead before setting for the draw.

Tara Duncan opened the scoring for Salem when she converted a penalty kick six minutes into the contest. Katie Shull's goal at the 20 minute mark gave the Rocks a 2-0 cushion.

The Chargers (4 0 1) cut their deficit in half with six minutes left in the half when Bailey Brandon scored. The tying goal came in the game's waning moments when Rachel Yarbrough knocked a deflection past Salem goalie Kristen Dondzalla.

Miranda Evers and Kim Killion added assists for Salem.

"I was proud of the girls' effort," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "In the first half, we played very solid soccer. The second half kind of turned into a run-and-gun game and we tried to force things a little too much."

"I'm usually not real happy with ties, but I was very pleased with the way we played tonight."

CHURCHILL 3, PLYMOUTH 1 Three different players scored Wednesday as host Livonia Churchill (3 0) downed the Wildcats (0 4) in a WLAA crossover matchup.

Freshman Kayla Johnson scored Churchill's first goal from freshman Alyssa Mira followed by Alisha Lussier from Jessica Stroud.

The Chargers also got a penalty kick goal from Bailey Brandon.

Stacey Dillon scored for the Wildcats with 22 minutes left to spoil the shutout bid.

WL CENTRAL 3 SALEM 1 On Wednesday the Rocks dropped

their season opener to the host Vikings who built a 2-0 half-time lead before holding on for the win.

Kelly Adsit's goal early in the second half cut Salem's deficit in half, however the Vikings scored a short time later to cement the victory. Kristin March assisted on Adsit's goal.

For the opener, it wasn't too bad," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We saw some things that we definitely need to work on. Overall, we played OK, but there were times when we looked disorganized."

PCA 11 MACOMB 1 On Tuesday the Eagles opened their season with a convincing victory over host Macomb Christian.

Junior Abby Lorion led the way with four goals and two assists. Sophomores Meghan Polera and Jalese DeBiasi also played well, netting two goals a piece.

Finding the net once were Brooke Williams, Amanda Yu and Karen Cleary.

Sara Ross played well in goal for the Eagles, who led 6-1 at the half.

The loss dropped Macomb to 0-3.

PCA 7, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 0 The Eagles ran their record to 3-0 with a convincing victory over SC.

Abby Lorion paced the Eagles with three goals and one assist. Also making major contributions offensively were Brooke Williams (two goals) and Lauren Beckett (two goals). Karen Cleary, Jalese DeBiasi and Meghan Polera all recorded an assist.

Southfield failed to register one shot on goal against PCA net-minder Sara Ross.

"The girls totally dominated every aspect of the game today," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "The Southfield Christian goalie made several great saves or the score would have been a lot worse."

Well-balanced Canton kickers optimistic

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Normally, 5-1 losses aren't considered good omens for high school athletic teams.

But in the case of the Canton girls soccer team, a four-goal loss to Novi last week may be an exception.

Last season, the Wildcats handed the Chiefs a lop-sided, early-season setback. Canton then quickly regrouped and advanced all the way to the Division 1 Regional final game before falling to Novi, 1-0.

"We should be very competitive again this year," said coach George Tomasso. "We're battling through a couple of injuries right now, but once we get healthy, we should be fine."

"Our best attribute this season is probably our offense with forwards Lisa Ealy and Becci Houdek leading the way, but we should be a well-balanced team."

Missing from the 15-5-2 2005 squad are standout goalie Brittany Cervi and do-everything player Andrea Johnson, both of whom are currently playing collegiate soccer. Key players Katie Raker and Molly Priebe also left voids to fill in the Chiefs' attack.

Taking over for Cervi is senior net-minder Kelsey Bailey, who served as a back-up last season.

"Kelsey is a very athletic goal-keeper who makes all the saves she's supposed to make and a lot that you wouldn't expect a goalie to make," said Tomasso.

The Chiefs' defense will be anchored by seniors Ah Lindow and Laura Gibson, both of whom saw plenty of action last season as juniors.

Senior Kelsey Zemanski, who was hampered by injuries last spring, is healthy and ready to pace the Chiefs' solid corps of mid-fielders. She'll be joined by seniors Jen Krojovic, Jenna Dreher and Ah Perry.

Ealy, who scored the lone goal in the season-opening loss to Novi, and Houdek gave the Chiefs one of the area's best one-

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two forward combinations.

Those two work really well up front together," Tomasso said. "They played extremely well last year, right up through the playoffs."

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN

The Eagles return most of their key players from last season's highly successful 10-4 campaign, that saw them finish 9-3 (third place) in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

PCA's most productive returner is junior forward Abby Lorion, who tallied a team-high 19 goals from her mid-field position. "From what I've seen so far, I think we're improved from last season," said PCA coach Bob Lorion, the father of Abby. "We picked up some key defensive players and I think we'll be a much better all-around team."

Anchoring the Eagles' defense will be sophomore goalie Sara Ross, who started in that role as a freshman. Playing in front of Ross will be defenders Sarah Roth, Kim Cleary, Jalese DeBiasi and stopper Josie Santos.

Lorion has been particularly impressed with his squad's mid-field unit, which consists of Jenna Misch, Brooke Williams, Karen Cleary (Kim's sister) and Peggy Abraham.

"Our mid-fielders are very, very good," Lorion said. "We should be exceptionally strong at that position. The nice thing about those four players is that I can interchange any of them with the forwards and not lose anything. They're very versatile."

Joining Abby Lorion up front are Meghan Polera, Katie McDougal and Lauren Beckett.

Reserves who will be instrumental in the Eagles' success this season will be Ashley James, Melissa Rich, Amanda Yu, Alyson Dekruyter, Natalie Matson, Leann Molnar, Mim Monroe, Laz Somercik and Bethany Welton.

COACH

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ate of Eastern Michigan University. "One of the coaches I learned the most from is Bob Scheloske, who I coached for at South Lyon."

One of my favorite moments was when I went out to lunch with Bob a few years ago and I was able to tell him what a positive influence he had on me. I was only 19 or 20 years old when I coached with him, and I thought I knew it all. Back then, I didn't appreciate all the work he put into his job. I do now and I thought it was important that I let him know that.

NEW 'O'

Fans of the Rocks will recognize their royal blue-and white uniforms this coming season, but they may not recognize Salem's revamped offense, which promises to be more wide open than the veer attack that Cummings favored.

"I like to run multiple sets with a west coast-style passing game, said Salowich. "I like the short passing game. I refer to the short passes we'll use as long hand-offs."

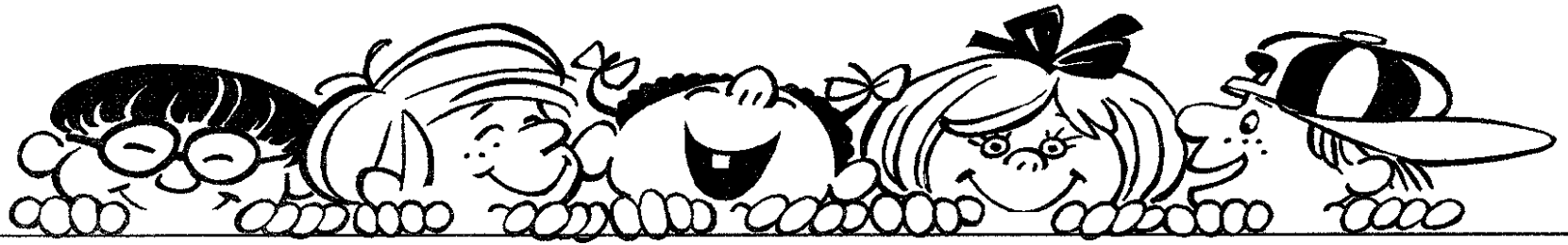
"When I went over to Salem last week and talked to a group of returning players, they were excited about the offense. They were asking me, 'So are we going to go five wide with a shotgun formation?' What I'll do is take a hard look at the kids we have and then decide exactly what we're going to do."

As of Tuesday, Salowich was still building his coaching staff. One commitment he does have is from Brian Rochon, who served as an assistant coach at North Farmington for the past five years. Rochon, a teacher at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth, will be Salem's new offensive coordinator.

"I'm looking for coaches who are willing to work at this 12 months a year like I am," said Salowich. "I'm looking for guys who are as passionate about football as I am."

Salowich, who teaches English at North Farmington, has already applied for a teaching job in the Plymouth-Canton School District. "If you look at the successful high school football programs in Michigan, most of the head coaches are teachers in that school, or at least in the same district," he said. "If I don't get something in the district, that doesn't mean I won't be successful."

Salowich lives in Ypsilanti with his wife, Lisa, and their two sons Parker III, 2, and newborn Charlie.



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 No 1 doubles. Pawel Kargol Dave Geick (Salem) def Taylor Franque Danny Martin 6 2 4 6 6 3 No 2 Kyle Pecynski Steve Mazur (LC) def Alex Poe Cam Loftus 6 4 6

No 3 Jake Burnstein Kevin Steinman (Salem) def Robert Fortney Ryan Whittum 6 2 6 1 No 4 Steven VanDusen Matt Benson (Salem) def Alex Close-Paul Yandric 6-4 3 6 6 4
 Dual meet records Salem 1 0 overall 1 0 WLAA Churchill 0 2 overall 0 2 WLAA
PLYMOUTH 8
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
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Joeng (P) def Brandon Nikula 6 0 6 0 No 4. Clint Korpalski (P) def Justin Dorosh 6 0 6 0
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 Dual meet records Plymouth 1 1 overall 1 1 WLAA John Glenn 0 3 overall 0 2 WLAA

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 really improved, too. I told all of the seniors to expect to play a lot of golf this spring." Other players Wilson is counting on to contribute are sophomore Emily Patton and junior Crystal English, a transfer student.

PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats will be paced by senior Elaine Lafayette, who just missed winning a medal at the 2005 Western Lakes Activities Association tournament, and freshman Amanda Kerr, who gained valuable experience playing on junior tours during the summer months.

"This is obviously our fourth year and every year we have moved up in the conference," said Plymouth coach Chris Moore. "Our goals this year are to finish in the top four teams in the conference."

Lafayette and Kerr will be joined in the starting line-up by junior Liz Anderson, who worked diligently on improving her game last summer, junior Melissa Miller, who is hitting the ball longer and straighter than last season, and sophomore Patricia Burns, who has increased her distance off the tee.

"Seniors Katy Ingraham and Madehne Salvaggio should also play a vital role on our team this year," said Moore.



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Salem's Ashley Smith has visions of returning to the Division 1 state meet in 2006. The senior finished in the top 10 at last year's top meet.

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SBF 39 55 N/S looking for SBM 38-47 N/S who is spiritual and has an extreme fondness for having fun ☎718260

LOOKING FOR LOVE

SBF, 45 vivacious N/S loves dancing fitness theater dining out quiet romantic evenings Seeking a loving, good-hearted man who appreciates the same ☎934797

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS
DWF 54 142lbs 56 enjoys blues animals gardening, homeowner, no kids Seeking SM, 5'10+ N/S social drinker for LTR ☎548938

PRETTY AND FRIENDLY

Separated WF 34 59 180lbs romantic, short blonde/blue likes to work out laughter movies, dining out Seeking tall man 32-43, race unimportant great SOH outgoing, motivated for friendship maybe more ☎779775

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Pretty, blue-eyed blonde 55 plus sized warm and bright seeks intelligent handsome man for dating Troy area ☎827007

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BBW, SWF attractive compassionate down-to-earth Enjoys movies, comedies long walks romantic evenings and more Seeking employed SM, 38-55 to do and share things together Must like pets ☎947175

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS
Attractive DBF early 60s feels much younger N/S loves music and dancing stays physically active would like to hear from friendly honest man 56-68 N/S ☎672174

SEEKING COMPANION

SWF, 42 queen sized outgoing enjoys walks music life open to new ideas Looking for SM who wants to do things together. Must be employed and like pets ☎909140

PETITE & SEXY

SBF sensitive affectionate, loving 51, looks 35 5'1 105lbs NS Seeking healthy SBM 5'10' 6'1 to work out with ☎912553

I'M A

sexy SBF 40 5'4, 187lbs, Sagittarius, smoker works out Seeking honest hard-working tall BM 30 50 smoker for friendship possibly more ☎938706

CALLING ALL CYCLISTS
SF, a young 44 nice-looking, in great shape, seeks athletic man 25-55, for cycling hiking outdoor activities ☎945242

SPRING IS HERE
Spring is here summer near So much to see so much to do Would like to do them together with you Just 80 ☎962340

FRIENDS FIRST
SBF 37 56 black/brown easygoing Aries N/S enjoys bike riding long walks travel and cooking Seeking WM 30 50 N/S for fun ☎933970

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Possible relationship? Read on SWF 47 N/S enjoys cooking dining out art museums plays reading and traveling Seeking honest WM 42-57 N/S ☎857253

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Attractive 42-year-old, looking for soulmate sincere great SOH Seeking gentleman 35-50 no game players ☎930545

MARRIAGE MINDED
Nice-looking, warm-hearted sincere, 37 employed Looking for the same qualities in a single male 35-43 ☎940077

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Share with this DBCF, 65 N/S honest fun, enjoy outings breakfast, lunch dinners? conversation good, old-school down to earth friendship sincerely ☎905535

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
SWF 57 N/S seeks intelligent kind-hearted young-at-heart WM 57 68 N/S who enjoys traveling camping boating (Great Lakes or ocean) music book stores and laughter ☎759907

LOOKING FOR FUN
SBF 47 desires to meet independent man 50-60, for lots of fun You must know how to treat a lady All calls answered ☎807166

REALISTIC
SBF 26 4'11" average build Virgo smoker seeks drama-free, fun BM 22-29, smoker for friendship possible romance ☎939308

SEXY
SBF 18 Taurus N/S seeks a reserved HM 18-20, N/S, who loves hiking fishing movies dining out ☎945821

LOOKING FOR ME?
SWF 56', 130lbs 64 great SOH N/S enjoys life dining dancing, holding hands music boating quiet times etc Seeking a SW/HM N/S sincere and humorous ☎901378

BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE
SF 47 years young 5'5 very outgoing loves family fun life Would like to spend time with someone 40-60 who loves jazz, concerts movies, dinners weekend get aways ☎208051

COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT?
Are you a big, tall handsome man? DWF, 47 very attractive loving fun seeks SWM to share life together ☎443339

GOOD LOOKER
Positive caring easygoing SBPF 53 (looks younger) N/S not into bars enjoys jazz old school music and fun times Seeking special secure man 48-60 N/S for laughter good times and LTR ☎725001

SOULMATE SEARCH
Slim attractive 57 yr-old JF looking for her soulmate any sincere successful JM between the ages of 54 64 please respond ☎589875

ARE YOU ROMANTIC?
SWF 61 N/S is looking for chemistry and compatibility with secure emotionally available WM 48 60 N/S who can dance (or will learn how to) ☎898106

FORMER MODEL
SWF 50 56 slender intelligence creativity passion for music and dancing Seeks partner 38 50 who is attractive and fit to share this interests and more ☎600106

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Fun loving attractive SWF 70 5 5 135lbs blonde retired N/S seeks well-groomed WM 65 72 N/S to share life romance and possible relationship ☎891247

HAPPY & SECURE
DCF 68 52' long dark brown/brown N/S N/D with positive attitude enjoys leisurely drives movies and dining out Seeking man 58-75 for LTR ☎669606

KIND HEART
Full-figured SF 55 enjoys dancing and all types of music likes working with animals seeks good natured single man 44 60 ☎742466

LOVING LEO
Widowed WPF 53 59 brown/brown N/S nursing home activities coordinator enjoys boating swimming and Michigan State football games Seeking WM 50-62 with similar interests ☎759316

GREAT COMPANION
SF 65 looks 55 5'2" unique bright w/many talents and interests I m well-traveled very attractive health-conscious How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart 62 70 ☎633527

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER
SWF 49 55 full-figured brown/brown romantic lovable humorous likes entertaining traveling family time Seeking SM 40 56 N/S social drinker ok who puts God first in his life for possible LTR ☎861408

SHALL WE DANCE?
I am a SBF 58 53 170lbs attractive intelligent creative articulate seeks SWM 57 73 who is kind hearted articulate who enjoys dancing walking traveling movies dining out ☎812098

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
Loving attractive SWCF 74 trim fun N/D N/S homebody type seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s Lets talk! ☎794040

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

JERSEY TRANSPLANT
SWF 50 slender blonde Virgo N/S enjoys foreign travel wine tasting and working out Seeking WM 40 53 N/S for LTR ☎885454

LOVES BOATING
SWF 65 56 Aries N/S loves dancing and dining out Seeking WM 60-71 N/S with sense of humor for friendship possible romance ☎890004

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE
Very attractive blonde, fit energetic and happy professionally employed very youthful 60s 53 trim and shapely enjoys dining travel dancing theater family and friends Seeking honest handsome fit 55+ college grad N/S with youth full passion for life Serious replies only ☎652360

A GOOD FRIEND
SWF 57 full-figured 54 likes movies dancing good company Seeking a nice guy to enjoy a friends first relationship ☎916193

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF 24 mother brown/brown 54 likes skating skiing dancing dining out good talks life's simple pleasures Seeking compatible caring SM to enjoy the good times friendship and possible LTR ☎920771

NATURAL BBW
SBF 32 55 240lbs N/S N/D, N/kids employed Seeking a SM 18 60 who is open minded N/S N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman ☎924352

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
Attractive SWF 50s 57 125lbs loves all life animals arts family nature spirituality Masters helping professional Seeking big-hearted financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM 48-68 for fun friendship depth etc ☎892242

ISO MR RIGHT
SBF 25 53 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

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

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

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

SENSE OF HUMOR
SWM 42 6 blue eyes smoker with daughter (14) loves bike riding reading rock and symphony music Seeking WF 30-42 smoker to share quiet evenings for LTR ☎947720

KIND, HONEST, SINCERE
DWM 37 63 brown/brown telemarketer with son (13) N/S loves traveling hiking camping swimming Seeking woman 30-40 to join me ☎948259

HELLO
SBM 41 Cancer N/S works 2 jobs, loves movies picnics jogging Seeking BF 25-40 N/S with big legs, who won't break my heart ☎949316

MUSCULAR GUY
SWM 46 62 209lbs brown/blue, college grad enjoys working reading travel dancing sports Seeking outgoing SF with similar interests, for friendship and more ☎431926

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

A BIT ABOUT ME
SWM 42 510 185lbs brown/brown enjoys boating dining out dancing pool bowling darts Seeking a SW/HF 25-52 who is interested in a LTR ☎914372

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

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 64 511 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

A BIT ABOUT ME ..
SBM 34, 510 170lbs employed, sexy nice person with a good heart Seeking a SBF 25-27 who enjoys shooting pool travel and much more ☎946734

ISO NEW FRIENDS
SBM 28 58 160lbs independent self-sufficient Libra, smoker seeks honest mature woman 18-31 if you like what you hear give me a shout ☎948971

GREAT LISTNER
SBM 19 6 soul searching eyes pretty smile dimples clear skin full lips Taurus smoker enjoys rainy days beaches shopping and playing football Seeking sexy woman 18-23 ☎947819

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

GOT HIT?
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

SEEKING LITTLE LADY
SBPM 57 great SOH enjoys movies and cooking Seeking a short female 4-56 for romance possibly long term relationship age/race open ☎947184

ANY INTEREST?
SBM 43 510 185lbs D/Dfree drama free in great shape Seeking a single female 40-60 age/race open for laughter fun time and maybe more ☎947366

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

NICE GUY
SWM 66 56 150lbs manufacturer representative Libra N/S works out enjoys movies restaurants and summer festivals Seeking SWF 50 65, N/S Shirley please call back ☎708126

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

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

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

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 62 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 63 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, 64, 195lbs, enjoys scuba diving travel family, more Looking for an honest WF 25-38 who is mature confident, affectionate out going and easy to talk to ☎942547

NOT ALL THE GOOD ONES .
are taken SBM 34 6 185lbs, athletic build very attractive Leo N/S D/D free, no kids no drama seeks older sophisticated attractive WF 40-55, game-free ☎945644

ALL-AMERICAN GUY
SWM 24 58 brown/green Leo N/S hard-working enjoys clubbing, playing pool Seeking a cool WF, 20-26 N/S to hang out with ☎945680

SPRING & SUMMER .
are just around the corner SBM 26 61 185lbs clean cut down to earth Leo smoker seeks woman 18-43 to share quality time with ☎944431

LET'S DANCE
SBM 50 57 180lbs N/S fun loving personality likes ballroom dancing quiet times traveling Seeking active SF, 28-45 slim-to-medium build race unimportant kids ok for friendship or more No games ☎946417

LOOKING FOR YOU
SBM 23 59 240lbs solid build, outgoing open-minded Looking I love Looking to meet a SF 21-40, who is independent likes to try different things and is open-minded ☎946749

COULD IT BE YOU?
SWM 40s, 6 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker easygoing, honest and secure enjoys hunting, Harley's 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 62' 209lbs brown/blue degreed outgoing personality enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open ☎531308

TRUE GENTLEMAN
SBM 52 58 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

GOOD SPORT ISO SAME
SWM 30 61 225lbs, brown/blue Virgo N/S likes dancing sports and playing softball Seeking WF 23-32 who likes sports ☎943734

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 64 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 63 bald goatee, safe sane D/D-free N/S seeks sexy good-looking woman 35-70 ☎940135

LET'S GO OUT
SWM 24 55 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

VERY CUTE
SWM 22, 59 135lbs, clean-cut smoker works in construction loves rock and rap music, comedy and scary movies Seeking WF 18 27 smoker for LTR ☎943868

POSITIVE PERSONALITY
Attractive romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion 54, 58 148lbs fit financially secure caring, fun-loving, seeks W/H/A/F 40-55 for friendship maybe more ☎514300

KIND, HANDSOME TEACHER
SWPM 53, 6 220lbs light smoker social drinker, looking for one good woman Please call Troy area ☎864792

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

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

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

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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, 58 170lbs, dark/blue looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with Age open ☎833911

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

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

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

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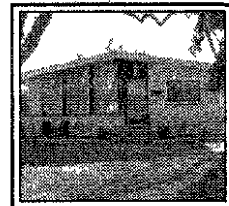
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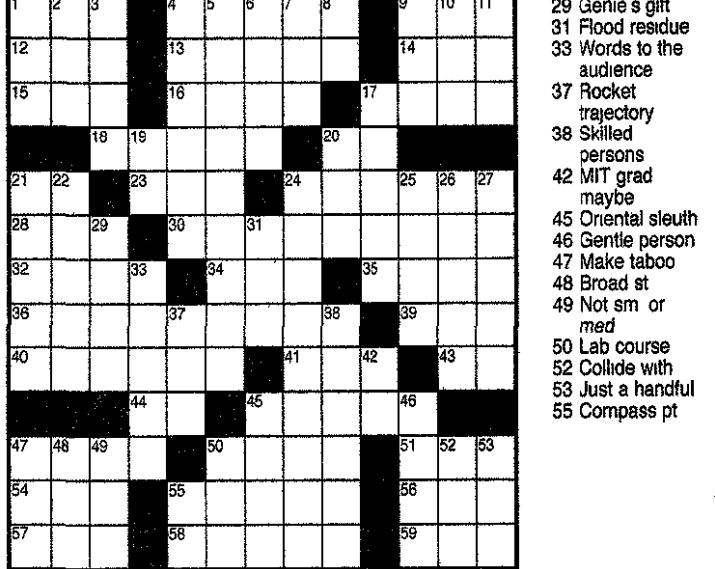
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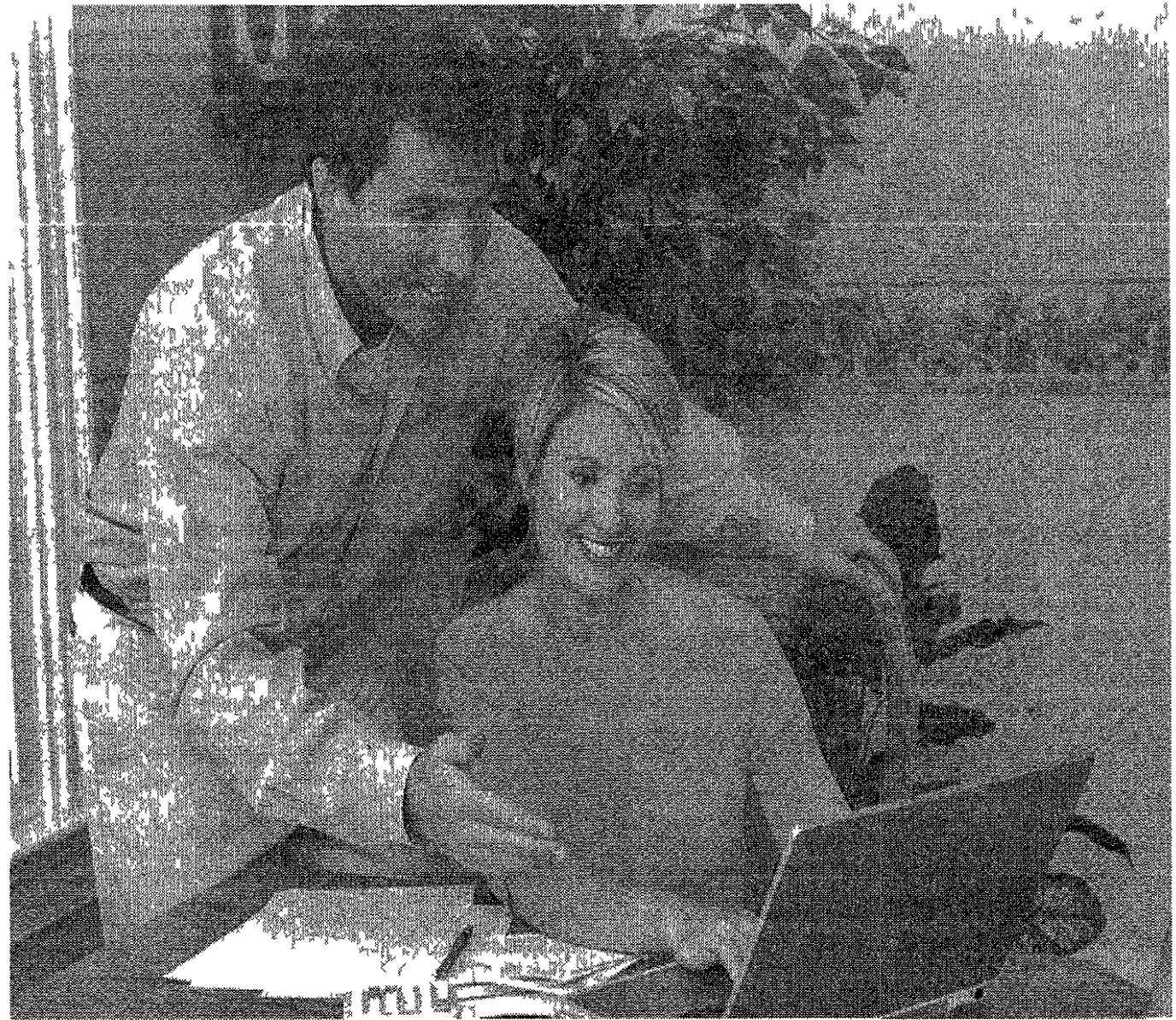


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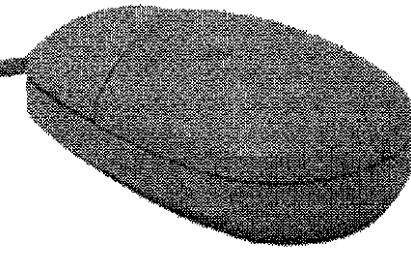
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THE SECRET TO MANAGING UP



WORKWISE
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The need to manage up effectively occurs throughout a career and in organizational life in the

community. Managing up consists of managing when a boss may or may not be ineffective. It's particularly important when your boss is underqualified, overqualified or otherwise at sea in his work. This process focuses upon work that is or isn't being done. It may be completely unrelated to your boss's character.

Should you postpone, if you're new on the job, until you've settled in so you can begin to manage up? No, it's never too late to begin. If you're about to be hired, is having a first conversation with your boss essential before you sign on to assess whether he's amenable to managing up? Jonathan Leirich, associate director at the MIT Sloan School of Management's Leadership Center, states, "You don't need to have met your boss before you start work to have a very rewarding relationship." He equates managing up with self-management.

Compelling reasons for managing up include

- facilitating your boss's work so that he shines so brightly that the his glow

transmits to you,
-- making it easier for your boss to work with you, and
-- throwing the door wide open to his helping you.

Notice the focus upon work behavior, not personality.

Leirich points out that the real work in this process is managing yourself. Doing these things promotes productivity, whether you're working for a good or bad boss.

BAD BOSSES/GOOD BOSSES

Your success at managing up may be diminished by a bad boss, even if he's unaware of his failings. How can you predict greatest need? Leirich advises watching out for these interpersonal behavioral traits: belittling publicly, lying, condescending and demeaning, humiliating or embarrassing and micromanaging.

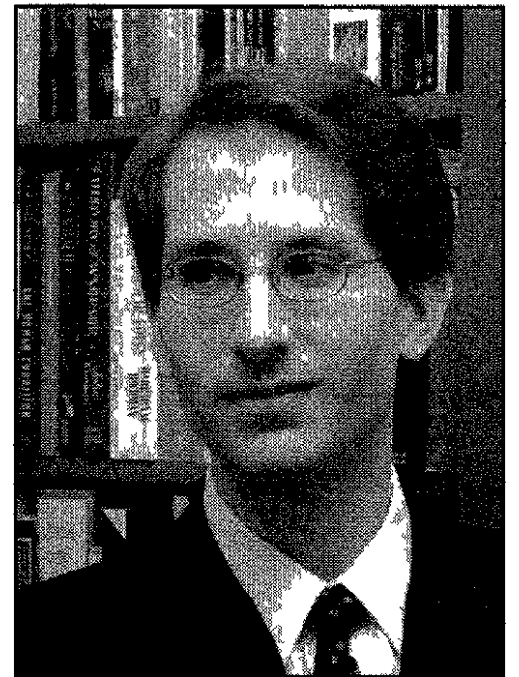
A good boss isn't just the reverse. A good boss allows you to have a positive impact in your workplace. When he doesn't, for whatever reason, you may have difficulty managing up. Getting stonewalled in this process is very much more his problem than yours, because over the long term, he's digging his own grave of incompetence. In either case, "focus upon what he does," Leirich advises, "not what he says." Skip the personality, keep managing up.

BEING 'NIMBLE'

How can you become the best subordinate possible when managing up? "An outstanding employee is nimble, working the project and understanding of changes that may occur," remarks Tom Dailey, president of Chicago's Valtegrics L C, and a public speaker on organizational and individual conflict. He explains that this means taking the initiative, suggesting improvements for projects and processes, not just executing them, and managing projects so that there are no surprises at deadline.

Leadership and diversity trainer Paul Vann of Laurel Wreath Communications Inc., in Fort Washington, Md., would agree about being nimble. "The excellent person makes things happen," he states, "managing up and down. The job of subordinates is to take a 24/7 approach to study their boss's work style so they can help their leaders do their job better."

Leirich would agree. "A good employee," he comments, "has a perfectly reasonable relationship, gets along, keeps tasks moving and has little conflict. An outstanding employee takes the relationship as (he would with) his own client. He hears what the boss wants and responds with what the boss needs. He manages risk by advising his client of risk." This includes being honest with the boss when you disagree and over-communicating to make ideas stick.



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Wherever you are on the organizational chart, take heed. "Managing people is your job," Leirich says. "Your job is to achieve results through other people, and that means coaching, guiding, sympathizing, and directing." Apply that to yourself, too.

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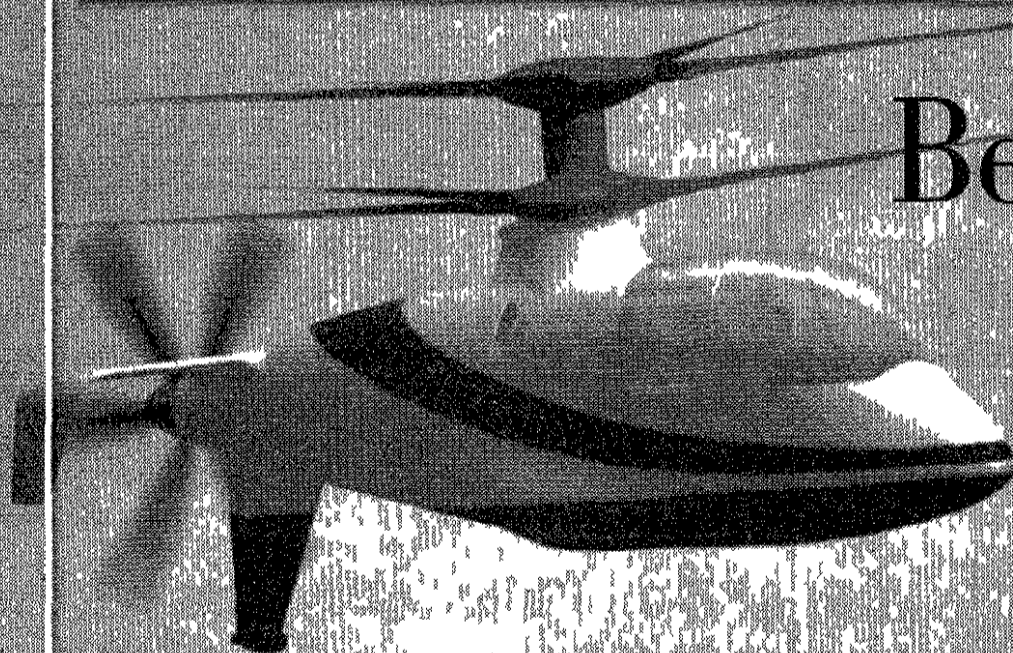
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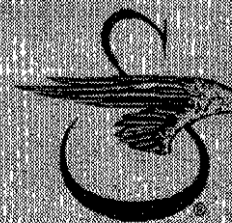
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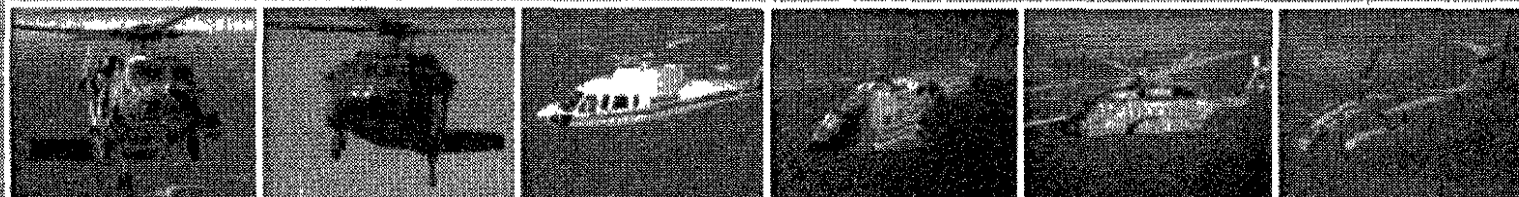
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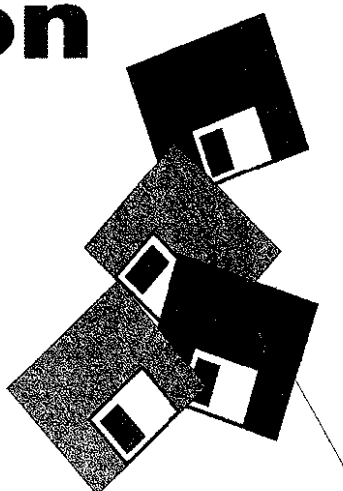
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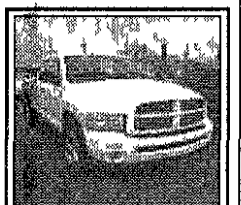
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Any day now, DaimlerChrysler AG may give the green light to what would be one of the niftiest new automobiles in the U.S. market in many years: Smart Car.

Dieter Zetsche - the former head of Chrysler Group, based in Auburn Hills, and now the new CEO of the parent company in Germany - is expected finally to OK the importation of the eight-foot-long vehicles from Europe with a new model. At the same time, Zetsche has grown tired of throwing extra corporate resources into the Smart brand, which launched its first model in 1998 and has consistently failed to turn a profit.

If Zetsche gives the go-ahead, the appearance of the 60-miles-an-hour, two-door coupes on American roads would be a fascinating development given the backdrop in the U.S. marketplace. First, of course, there is the trail blazed by the remarkable success in America of the Mini Cooper, a BMW-owned little thing that has really caught the fancy of many U.S. consumers.

Continuously rising fuel prices finally have prompted American consumers to show some genuine interest in extremely fuel-efficient automobiles as well, even if they don't have the European cachet and haven't starred in movies as Mini Cooper has. General Motors' Chevrolet Aveo, for instance, introduced in early 2004, has been a surprise hit and ranks as one of the best-selling economy cars in the United States. Another nascent development is the fact that cars with hybrid powertrains are beginning to disappoint some consumers. While makers ask an extra \$2,000 to \$5,000 for the privilege of owning a car with a "green" propulsion system, some hybrid versions of vehicles actually don't even do as well in fuel economy as their conventionally powered siblings - the Honda Civic, for example.

Anyway, back to the Smart. The two biggest questions that the car prompts among people who see it for the first time seem to be: Can you actually drive these things? And, are they really safe? According to Canadian and European reviewers, once you actually get inside a Smart, the "smallness" sensation large disappears. Apparently, there is head-



The Smart Car from Daimler Chrysler has more headroom and leg room than you think

room and legroom aplenty. Width is the only dimension that seems to be in short supply. The seats are positioned high above the floor, meaning that the driver and passenger actually sit higher than in a conventional car - and certainly higher than in some of the sporty two-seaters that already are tooling around on American roads. Only about 40 horsepower are available, meaning that it takes about 20 seconds for the car to get to 60 mph. But of course, blazing speed isn't the reason you'd be driving Smart! And as for safety, there are many worse vehicles. Smart gets a rating of three stars in Europe's five-star crash-rating system. DaimlerChrysler has spent a lot of resources on this issue, touting a frame design that it likens to a walnut, with high-strength steel beams reinforcing key areas. Smart also likes to demonstrate a 30-mph crash test between a Smart coupe and a Mercedes sedan twice as big, in which the passengers survived the collision almost unscathed. These cars are already widely available across the border in Canada and have been for a couple of years now. But DaimlerChrysler has hesitated for a long

time in deciding whether to outfit Smarts specifically for U.S. safety and fuel-economy standards. In the meantime, at least one entrepreneurial outfit isn't waiting to see what decision Chrysler makes. Zap, a West Palm Beach, Fla., company, is purchasing Smart cars and then Americanizing them to comply with regulatory requirements in all states except California and four other states. Just a few days ago, in fact, Zap announced its first Florida customer for a Smart car: Robert Sharon, a school teacher from Wellington, who had been a Smart car fan since he toured Europe as a concert pianist in 2000. But clearly, if DaimlerChrysler decides to import Smart cars directly to the United States through some of its own and other willing dealers, it will set the pace in terms of Smart sales. "If we're going to the entire United States, we're going to provide a comprehensive sales and service network," says Bettina Singhartinger, a spokeswoman for the Smart operation in Germany. "We're part of DaimlerChrysler, and if we do business, we do it right."

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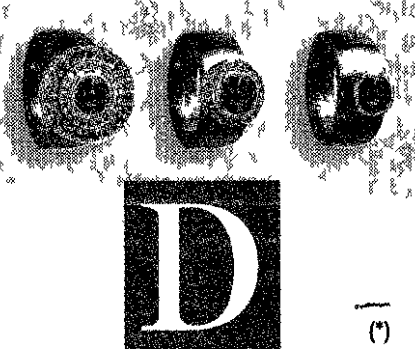
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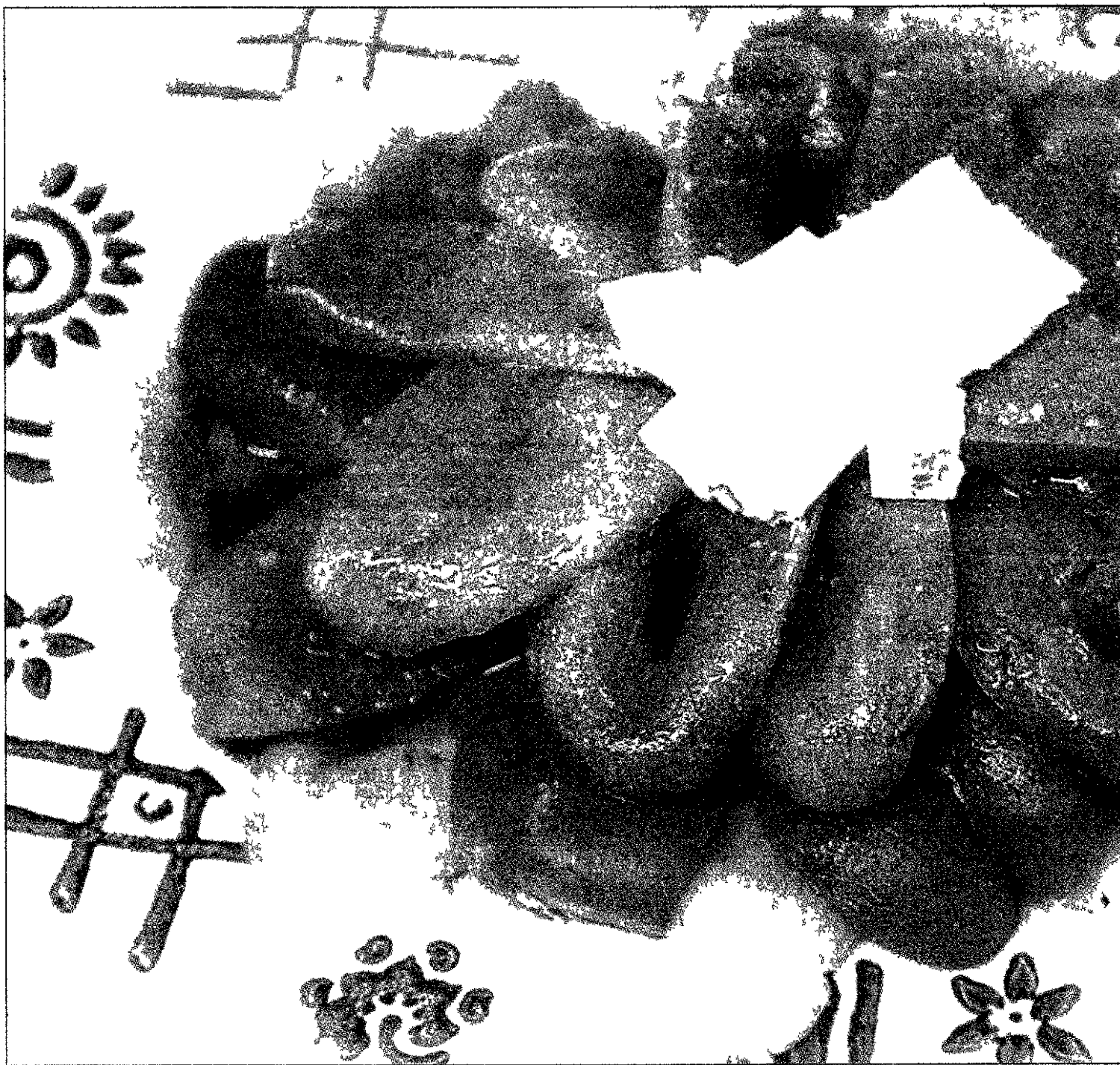
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On the side



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Roasted peppers take on a sweet rich flavor with parmesan curls and balsamic dressing

Take a bite of these dishes for Easter

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Whether you're cooking a traditional ham or lamb for Easter, or creating a springtime menu, it's good to take stock of your side dishes

Almost all the focus is on the main entree for the spring holiday, but how often do you really pay attention to the sides?

Keith Matherly, executive chef at Joe's Produce in Livonia, enjoys a small gathering with about a dozen or so family members and friends at his home in Livonia on Easter or other special occasions. He creates plenty of side dishes for the market, too, at this time of year, and expects he'll do the same with

Keith Matherly has shared some of his favorite side dishes with the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* that you can find inside today's section D5

the upcoming spring produce

Matherly prepares some of his favorites for Easter - spring green beans with shivered carrots, melange of roasted peppers, pasta with sapprossata with vegetables and Boulangere potatoes. "If you're doing an Easter dinner, like a leg of lamb, Boulangere potatoes, green beans and tomatoes with spinach are good dishes to have. And if you're serving brunch, anything goes - bacon, hash browns, Belgian waffles and fresh fruit"

Matherly has some cooking

tips for those Easter dinner side dishes "When steaming the green beans, put a little water in, but do not cover the beans," Matherly said "Steam them until tender crisp, then shock them in cold water, then reheat them with carrots and butter, salt and pepper

"All are great for springtime, Easter brunch and dinner. These are great with lamb, ham and roast beef."

Boulangere potatoes are good with lamb, whether a leg, saddle or rack "Cut them into a wedge like a steak fry, leave the skin on, then mix with olive oil, fresh garlic, salt, black pepper and rosemary"

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Keith Matherly, executive chef at Joe's Produce in Livonia, roasts Boulangere Potatoes

ACCENTS

Correction

An article on April 6 on Passover indicated that Shirlee Bloom, catering specialist at Bloom's Jewish Cuisine in Farmington Hills, receives orders for pork during Passover

Actually Bloom does not receive orders for pork - and nor does she serve it - as Jews do not eat pork

During Passover Bloom receives orders for roast chicken, stuffed chicken, beef brisket and gefilte fish. Bloom serves kosher foods

Anyone who wishes to order Passover or kosher foods from Bloom can contact her at (248) 855-9463

Tree tip

The 2006 National Register of Big Trees calendar, a program of American Forests sponsored by the Davey Tree Expert Company, features tips for each month. This month's item:

"New trees should be planted at the same depth in which they were growing in the nursery. Celebrate Earth Day (April 22) and Arbor Day (April 28) with a tree planting. Visit www.americanforests.org for more information."

For more information about American Forests, call (800) 545-TREE; write American Forests, PO Box 2000, Washington, D.C. 20013, or visit www.americanforests.org

Not for children

Giving a child a ride on a riding mower, even with the blades off, sends the wrong message. The mower is a fun ride and not a machine with rotating blades that may cause serious injuries

After being given a ride, a youngster may run out for another one when you are mowing and you may not hear or see the child approach

He or she may slip and fall into the path of a mower, dart out from behind an object or be playing behind the mower, unseen by you. These situations can lead to serious accidents

Protect children. Tell youngsters that riding mowers are potentially dangerous machines, not toys. Tell them that when they hear the mower running, they must stay inside the home. Make sure they are inside, under adult supervision. Stop mowing and turn off the engine if anyone is near. Look down and behind you before and while backing up

Always store and lock the riding mower and keys away from children, and never allow a youngster to play on or around a riding mower

For more information, visit the Web site of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute's Education and Research Foundation: opei.org/foundation

Free service matches homeowner, contractor

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

As a real estate agent, Beth Steele was often asked by people new to an area for the names of contractors and other professionals for work around the home

As a builder, her husband was often asked the same questions

Seeing a need for a way for homeowners to find licensed and skilled professionals, she started Home Solutions of Oakland, a free contractor referral service, last October

"It's peace of mind," said Steele, a

Lake Orion resident

Home Solutions of Oakland brings homeowners together with pre-screened professionals

The service screens the businesses - reviewing their references, checking to see that they are licensed and insured, and investigating their Better Business Bureau and Consumer Affairs records

Home Solutions stays in touch with the homeowner after a referral is made, monitoring to see that the job is done to his or her satisfaction.

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Affordable GPS simplifies navigation, spins MP3 tunes



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

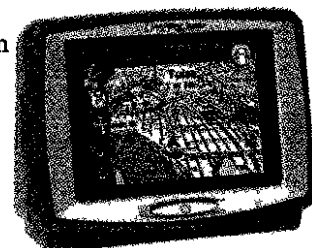
Lowrance Electronics may not be a household name, but it's getting pretty popular in cars

Until recently, the company was best known for its marine and aviation GPS navigation systems

But with the new iWAY 350c, Lowrance earns a place alongside heavyweight automotive-GPS makers Garmin and Magellan

In fact, the 350c is better than many of the more expensive products from those companies

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The Lowrance iWAY 350c is an inexpensive GPS that doesn't compromise on features

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SERVICE

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"I follow up after the appointments have been made," Steele said

The service also helps reputable contractors promote their businesses Steele has about 80 contractors in the service They can be matched to a wide range of jobs, from handyman repairs to home additions

Most of the contractors are from Oakland County, others are from parts of Lapeer and Macomb counties

Among the professionals are carpenters, closet organizers, electricians, painters and plumbers Almost a complete alphabet of home repair and improvement fields are represented

Customers can call Home Solutions or fill out an online request form

Questions they are asked include details of the job, their price range and their time frame

Steele requires the professional or company to have been in business for at least five years She also wants four or five references, including from the two most recent jobs, and asks the business such questions as how it resolves problems

Steele conducts ongoing evaluations of the professionals

The service is free to homeowners because the professionals pay Home Solutions a pre-negotiated referral fee, Steele said

Call Home Solutions of Oakland at (248) 842-1526, e-mail info@homesolutionsofoakland.com Visit www.homesolutionsofoakland

HOME CALENDAR

Quilt celebration

More than 150 beautiful quilts will be on display when the Oakland County Quilt Guild presents Quilt Celebration 2006 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday April 21 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday April 22 The event will take place at First Baptist Church of Lake Orion 255 E. Scripps (Exit 81 on I-75 to Lapeer Road four miles north of The Palace of Auburn Hills) Admission is \$6 For more information visit http://ocqg.tripod.com

Downsize clutter

Discover which organizing tools are most helpful and learn man ageable steps to bring order to your personal environment in a class offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning (CL2) The class Downsize Your Clutter for Seniors & Beginners will take place Thursday April 20 in the Mackinac Room at Henry Ford

Village 15101 Ford near Greenfield in Dearborn Cost is \$20 for Dearborn School District residents \$22 for non residents

To register or for a complete list of CL2 courses call (877) 855 5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2

Gala preview

The Gala Preview Party for the Michigan Modernism Exposition will take place 7-10 p.m. Friday April 21 at the Southfield Civic Center Evergreen at Civic Center Drive Tickets are \$50 in advance \$65 at the door Visit www.daads.org or call (248) 582 3326 Proceeds from the preview benefit the Detroit Area Art Deco Society's scholarship preservation and restoration programs The exposition will take place Saturday Sunday April 22-23 at the Southfield Municipal Complex Admission is \$8 Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 22, noon to 5 p.m. April 23

Appliances have changed

I am writing this column on the day of a story appearing in another newspaper describing my flight from CBS Radio to another station in Ann Arbor, where I received my broadcasting start more than 20 years ago

What concerns me most about this move is the sudden change in how you readers can find me There has always been a telephone line at the bottom of my column that piped you directly into my direct line at a radio station



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

A new number is being set up as we speak, so keep your eyes peeled for it at the bottom of this column A new direct e-mail address is in the works as well I suggest you continue to use this newspaper's address to get your computer message to me The editors are very good at getting your questions to me The station is WAAM 1600, and the Appliance Doctor will be heard 8-10 a.m. Saturdays This will expand from there, just give it a little time Thank you for your patience during this transition period

Some 25 years ago my little brother Larry came to work with me as an appliance repairman and became a specialist working on Whirlpool

washing machines Oh, he could fix everything else, but he was best on these washers

He spent five years crawling around in the basements of America before he decided to become an executive, and I missed him terribly after he left

Well now that he's retired, he's working part time for my son fixing washing machines again and he loves it

The other night after hockey, we sat down for a ginger ale and hamburger and he told me of his first service call he performed in 20 years

I laughed my head off as he told me, I walk into the house full of confidence and I look at the washer and believe it or not, I can't figure out how to get to the belt

I call the tech line and a technician tells me how to get the cabinet off I'm amazed at how easy it is and yet was so hard to figure out how to do it

I get to the guts of the machine and I find that it doesn't even have a belt on it I find it very surprising at how much the Whirlpool washer has changed in its design

Larry went on to fix the problem with the washer and has learned a lot more since his return to the appliance repair industry just a few months ago

We talked more about the industry I said that every time he talks to a customer on the telephone and explains how the customer can do repairs, he's helping somebody

He agreed that it's a great

feeling to do so, and that too few repair outlets do that today in all sorts of businesses You could say that he is from the old school and will help many homeowners before he retires permanently

The point of his story was to exclaim how many ways appliances have changed in the past 25 years

So many of these columns in the past 10 years have pointed that out to consumers, and yet we know that they all function pretty much the same

Manufacturers have created advertising to show off all the new features on each product, and in so doing have caused a desire for these things in the consumer's mind

The far end of the spectrum is an increase in price of certain products, which keeps the manufacturers all smiling

I'm a big believer that a washer is still a washer It's a square cabinet with a tub filled with water that swishes water and clothes around up and down, sideways or whatever

When they design them to sort out the clothes, carry them into the basement and then remove and fold them, I will certainly be forced to call it something else Stay tuned

Joe Gagnon is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals 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

Pet first aid class set

Sheehy Animal Hospital, 18790 Middlebelt in Livonia, will offer a free Pet First Aid Class Wednesday, May 3, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The class will feature simple first aid for dogs and cats, including tips on creating a pet first aid kit

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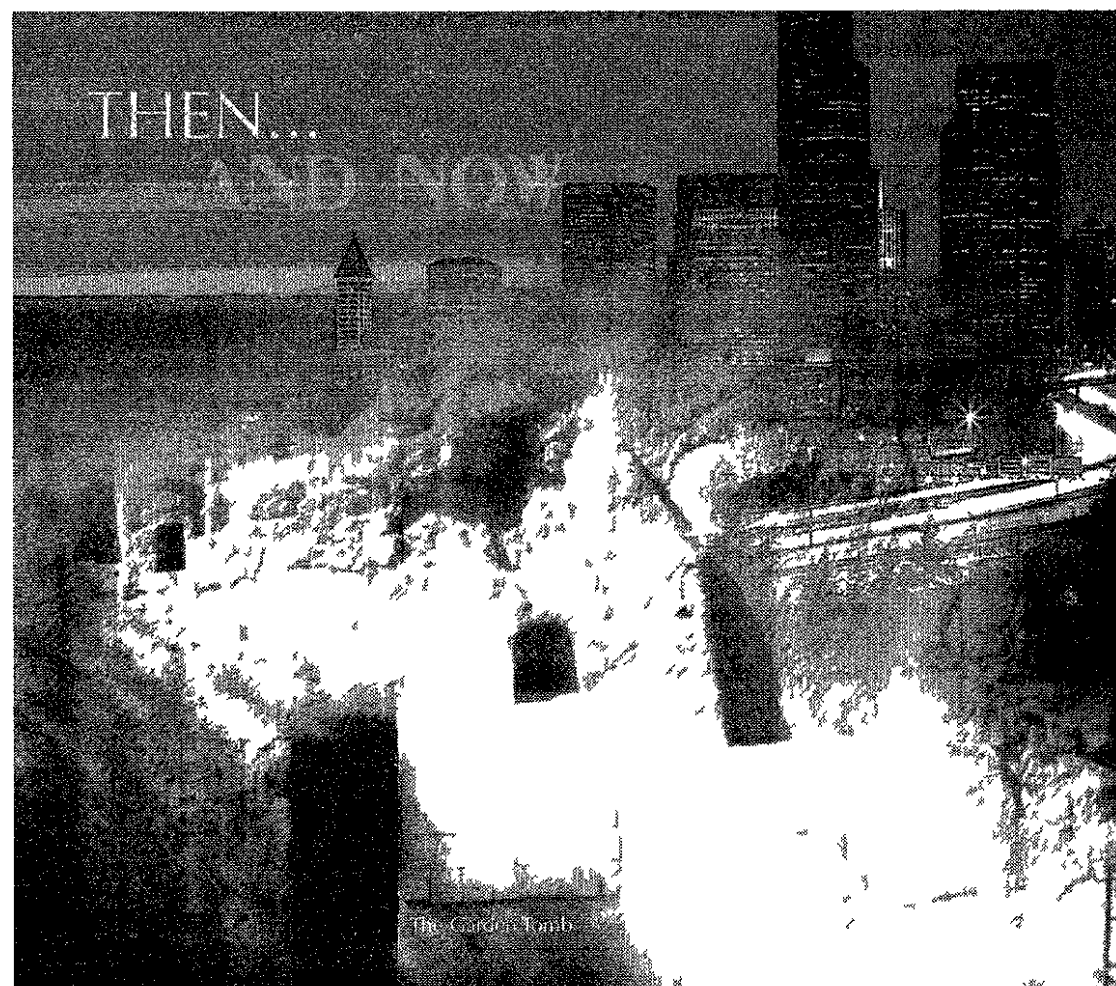
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windshield using an included bendable extension arm. The mount causes the iWAY to wobble quite a bit when you're driving on bumpy roads. Lowrance offers a more stable dashboard mount for around \$35.

The 350c is a "ready-to-navigate" GPS, meaning it comes with maps of the continental US and Canada preloaded on its built-in hard drive. That's a huge advantage over GPS devices that require you to load maps from your PC.

Another big plus is the 350c's touch-screen interface, which makes for much easier operation than a button- or wheel-based interface. In fact, Lowrance may have taken this a bit too far — the iWAY has only one physical control: the power button.

Although most functions are readily accessible via onscreen icons, I'd prefer hard buttons for things like volume control and display mode.

Still, I love how much control Lowrance gives you over the onscreen display. You can customize just about everything, from what kind of information appears alongside the moving map to the size of the font used to display the information.

FROM HERE TO THERE

Like other GPS devices, the iWAY navigates you from point A to point B (with a stopover at point C if you want), complete with spoken directions and automatic rerouting if you miss a turn or encounter a closed on-ramp (all too common in metro Detroit these days).

Unlike most other GPS devices I've tried, the iWAY actually pronounces street names. Thus, instead of hearing, "Turn right in 200 feet," you hear, "Turn right on Orchard Lake Road." That reduces the chance of your making a wrong turn.

I particularly admire the unit's safety mode, which disables most aspects of the interface until your car stops moving.

Operating a GPS while driving is extremely dangerous. If you choose to disable this mode, please let a passenger interact with the iWAY.

JUKEBOX GPS

The 350c doesn't just get you

where you need to go — it keeps your toes tapping along the way. Just fill a secure digital (SD) memory card with your favorite MP3 tunes and slide it into the iWAY's card slot.

You can even listen while using the navigation system, the two aren't mutually exclusive as on some GPS devices.

Even better, the iWAY can broadcast MP3s to an unused FM frequency on your stereo, so you get to hear your music (and driving directions) through your car speakers. Neat!

Another nifty perk: You can pull the memory card from your digital camera and view photos on the iWAY's 3.5-inch screen.

A LITTLE LOST

Not everything about the iWAY is perfect. For one thing, the aforementioned screen is definitely on the small side. As a result, the interface icons are crowded together, and I sometimes hit the wrong one by mistake. I also encountered a couple of operational problems. The iWAY took a long time to lock in a GPS signal and, when it finally did, it seemed to have a hard time pinpointing my position.

Very often it showed me alongside the road instead of on it — and navigation suffered accordingly. Also, there were times when the iWAY did a poor job choosing routes, though this may have been the result of the previous problem. I suspect I may have received a bad unit, but at press time I was unable to verify this.

Finally, running the MP3 player makes the navigation system annoyingly sluggish, to the point where I really had to choose one or the other.

Problems notwithstanding, the iWAY 350c is one outstanding automotive GPS — especially considering its price: \$499.99.

Shop online and you'll find it for even less. A recent Pricegrabber.com search revealed a number of vendors selling it for \$400 — and one e-tailer even had it for \$365.

You won't find a better GPS at that price.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld*, 5th Edition and *101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Check out '06 color forecasts

Joanie of Westland writes: "My husband and I are getting ready to repaint our kitchen, living room and dining room. I'm seeing so many different and interesting colors in the decorating magazines. What are the trends for this year, and which colors are just a fad that I should avoid?"



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

Your question couldn't be timelier. Spring brings with it remodeling and redecorating projects galore. Everyone is ready for some sunshine and a fresh look for their homes.

The major paint companies have already released their color forecasts for 2006.

Keep in mind that this forecast isn't just based on what the paint companies, alone, see as current trends. You will also be seeing these colors in clothing, automobiles, kitchen appliances, fabrics and home accessories, as well as paint colors.

For the warm shades, you will notice a yellowing of the tones from years past.

The red that so many people have put in their homes has become more of a terra-cotta. For a bolder look, try orange or coral. You will be seeing a lot of orange this spring season.

The green tones have also seen a yellowing trend. There is a continuation of the lime green and kiwi shades that were so popular last year. Gold is also remaining strong and serves as a neutral for some of the more saturated colors.

For the cooler shades, the trend is toward turquoise. This color falls somewhere between aqua and teal and is young, fresh and bright. It pairs up very nicely with brown, white or black.

The eggplant of recent years has been slightly modified to a grayed-down version. It has become lighter and gives off a softer, or cloudier, look than eggplant did and blends nicely with other colors.

The color forecasters are also seeing a pink trend.

This is such a completely feminine color, I believe this will be a temporary fad. If you love pink, use it in removable accent pieces and accessories.

For your own paint selections, you will need to first consider all of the other items staying in your home. Your sofa, carpet colors, cabinet wood tones, counter tops, draperies, etc., are part of the overall color scheme.

Remember to keep your public spaces down to approximately three dominant colors throughout your home. Larger homes may be able to handle a fourth color.

If your decor lends itself to one of the new colors, give it a try. Decide if your color scheme is predominantly

warm or cool tones, and then stay in that category of colors. It should be easy to find accessories in these new color tones to add the finishing touches to your rooms.

Also keep in consideration the style of your home and decor.

For example, gold lends itself very nicely to traditional furnishings, as do terra-cotta and some of the warm greens.

Orange and turquoise are more transitional and contemporary.

Some of the very intense colors are better used as accent colors instead of painting an entire room in one of them.

For instance, if you love turquoise but don't want a turquoise living room, consider turquoise pillows, a patterned turquoise valance or a drapery tassel. You may be able to pull off a turquoise accent wall in the right room.

Remember to use an appropriate neutral tone with these strong colors. Brown looks dynamite with turquoise.

Check out the Web site of Sherwin Williams, Pittsburgh Paints or any other major paint company.

They should all have a color forecast and current trends list available.

I encourage you to venture out and try some of the new colors. It is only paint!

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

African violet sale
The Michigan State African Violet Society will have its annual Spring Display and Plant Sale Saturday, Sunday, April 15-16 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. A great variety of African violets will be on display and for sale. Many geraniums and supplies will also be available. The first day has the best selection.

Hill & Dale Garden Club
The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20 at the Heritage Park Visitors Center on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Lillian Dean will present the topic: Rain Gardens. The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Scavly at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

Gardening
Gardening classes offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning (CL2) include Redesign Your Garden. Mondays, April 17-24 and Color Your Garden with Annuals. Tuesdays, April 25, both at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center. Cost for the redesign class is \$24 for Dearborn School District residents; \$27 for non-residents. Cost for the annuals class is \$17 for Dearborn School District residents; \$19 for non-residents. To register or for a complete list of CL2 courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

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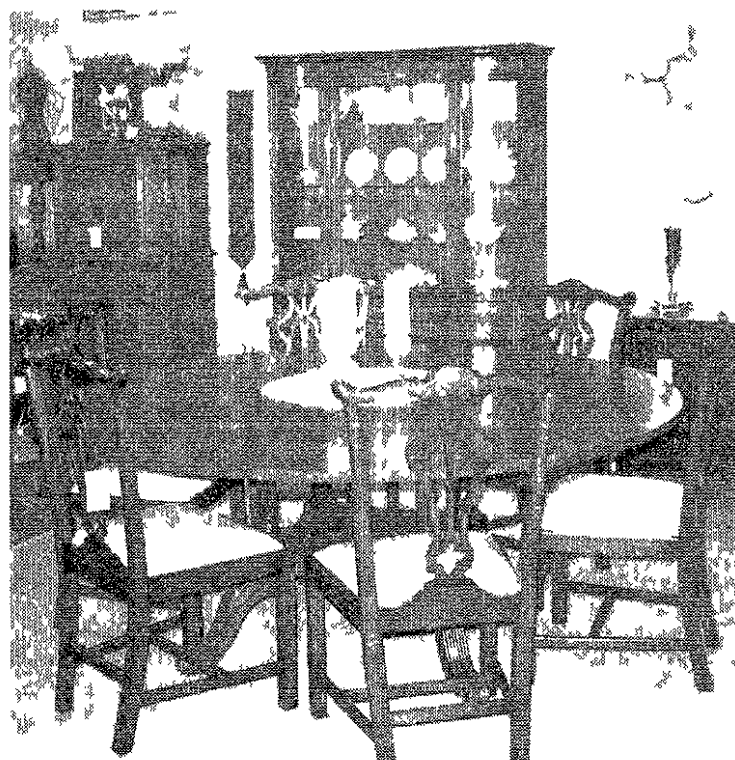
The Best Kept Secret of Professional Home Decorators

Downtown Farmington store is no longer a secret...

Every town has its 'best kept secrets' - it happens. Sometimes it's because we're all too busy to be in the know. Sometimes we think we are in the know when we're not. For example, if you have purchased furniture or accessories for your home, but you didn't first check out *Recherché*, then you're not in on one of the area's best secrets.

Whether your budget is large or small, this store is a must see. Why shouldn't you be in on what Interior Decorators know? *Recherché* is the place you start! Whether you're looking for a new dining set, a mantel clock, or an original oil on canvas, *Recherché* will likely have something for you to consider. Lamps, candles, unique art glass, and clocks galore are just a sample of the items that you will find.

Watched any home decorating shows lately? This has become a popular past time for home decorating enthusiasts everywhere. One thing that the popular programs have in common - the designers find many of their selections at consignment stores. Of course, time doesn't allow for us to see all of the stops they make. Besides this is TV - who has the time?

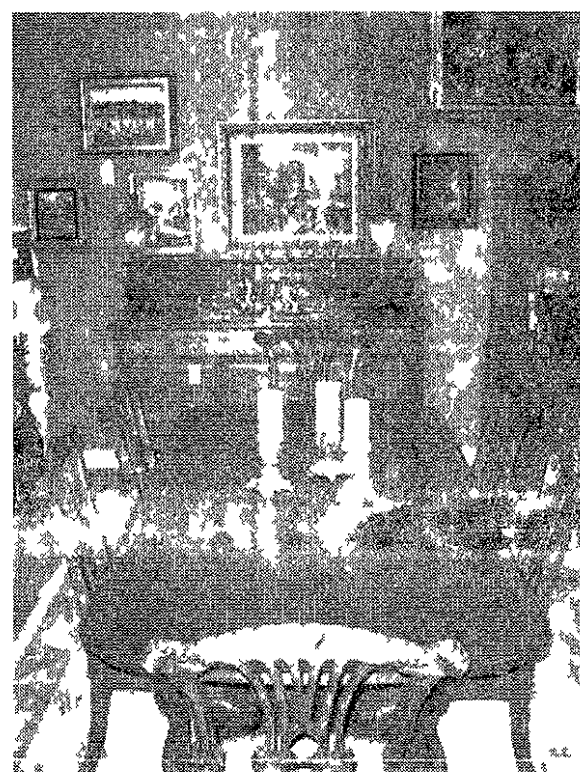


The beautiful 72" round table features the striking ribbon grain of Sepele mahogany on a Duncan Phyfe pedestal. The chairs are mahogany. In the background is a vintage mahogany breakfront with curved glass.

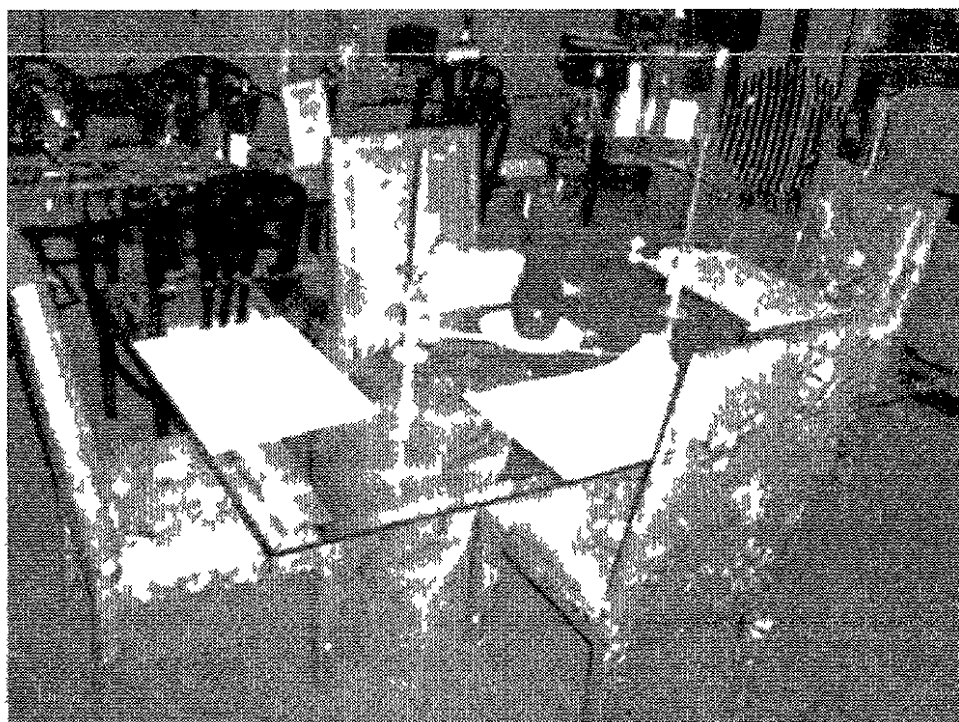
But, *Recherché* is no ordinary consignment store. Although *Recherché* has thousands of items from individuals on consignment, they are meticulous about the condition, uniqueness and quality. They are very selective so that you don't have to spend your time rummaging through multiple thrift stores, looking for a 'diamond in the rough'. Even better, *Recherché* carries both new and used items, and most home projects need both.

Now you're in the know. If you have furniture that no longer suits your need and you want to find out if it meets *Recherché* standards to be sold in their store, email pictures to Farmington@rechercheffurniture.com. But in any case, stop by and visit Tom & Linda at *Recherché* in the Downtown Farmington Center, next door to the Post Office. Also, be sure to take advantage of their special offer in today's ad.

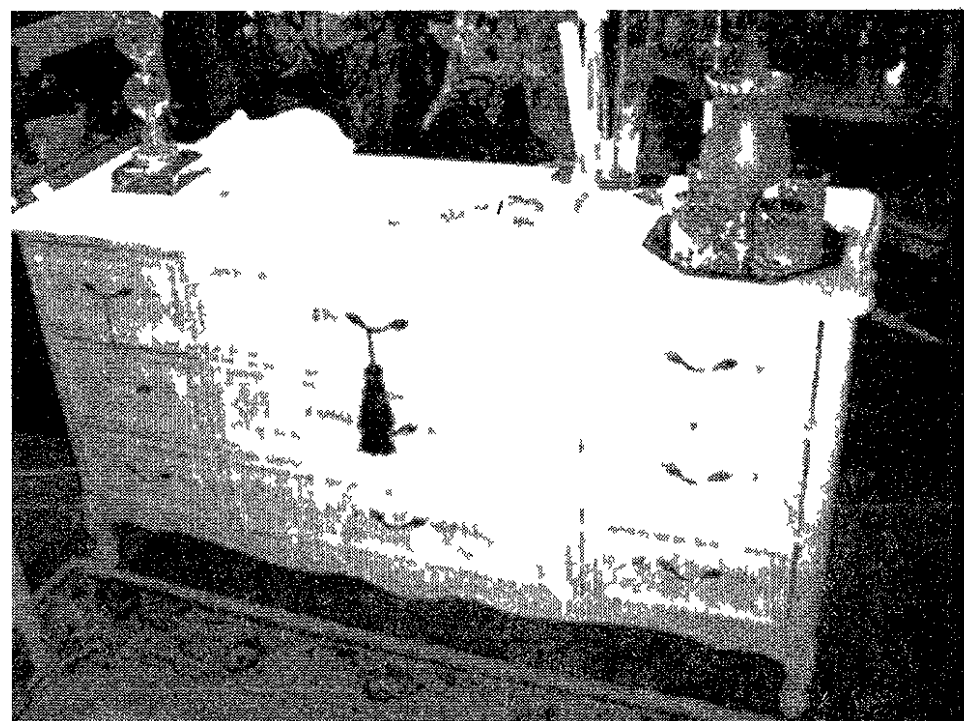
These original oil paintings provide a breathtaking backdrop for this antique walnut chair. Also featured is an antique mahogany server - part of a beautiful Jacobean dining set with table, china cabinet & 6 chairs (not pictured).



This beautifully carved ball & claw mahogany extension table is perfect for entertaining family and guests. It has satin wood banding & a garoon edge for a perfect finish. In the background is a Berkey & Gay Server, Circa 1909. Of course, no scene is complete without original oil paintings in the perfect frame.



This glass on glass dining table by Fox Fire is perfect for the contemporary home. Parsons chairs compliment this one of a kind table beautifully. The top is finely beveled and is adorned with a cobalt blue vase.



This lovely triple dresser was hand painted by Michigan artist, Anne McDonald. The artist started with a French Wash Faux finish, but it is the fine detail of the Hydrangeas that make this item one of a kind. This dresser can be complimented with matching pieces.

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1 cup slivered carrots
3 tablespoons butter
Salt to taste
Black pepper to taste

Steam green beans until tender-crisp. Rinse with cold water. Drain.

In large skillet over medium-low heat, melt the butter and add the green beans and carrots, tossing them gently until hot. Add salt and pepper. Serves six to eight.

bag and let steam until cool enough to handle. Keeping whole, peel them starting at the blossom end. Cut off the top and discard the seeds.

Quarter peppers and arrange on a platter or large plate. In a small bowl, combine the olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Pour over peppers.

Take a piece of Parmesan cheese and a vegetable peeler and shave pieces of Parmesan to decorate over the top of the peppers. Serves six to eight.

BOULANGERIE POTATOES

3 pounds potatoes wedged (like large French fries)
1 pound OSO (or other) sweet onions sliced thin
1/2 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons garlic minced
2 tablespoons rosemary fresh rough chopped
Salt to taste
Black pepper to taste

Heat a roasting pan to 450° F. Toss potatoes, oil, garlic, rosemary, salt and pepper together in a bowl, then place in hot roasting pan and cook for 15 minutes. Turn potatoes with a spatula

and add sliced onions and cook for another 20-25 minutes or until tender. Serves six to eight.

PASTA AND SOPPRESSATA WITH VEGETABLES

1/2 cup shallots minced
2 tablespoons garlic minced
8 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup dry white wine
1/2 cup white vinegar
2 tablespoons fresh thyme minced
1/2 tablespoons fresh oregano minced
1/2 cups chicken stock
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 cup diced carrots
1 cup corn kernels fresh
1 cup snow peas trimmed and cut in 1 inch pieces
1 pound gemellini pasta (or any small pasta)
1/2 pound sopressata cut into 1/2-inch strips
1 cup thinly sliced radicchio

Saute shallots and garlic in 4 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat for two minutes. Add the wine, vinegar, herbs and 4 tablespoons olive oil.

Cook two to three minutes over

medium heat. Add the stock and heavy cream and reduce to about 2 cups.

In boiling water cook carrots for one minute, then add corn and pea pods, cook for another 30 seconds and cool in cold water, then drain.

Boil pasta and drain. Toss all ingredients in a bowl and arrange on a platter.

CHILLED ASPARAGUS ORIENTAL

1/2 pounds asparagus trimmed
1/2 tablespoons sesame oil
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 cup chopped walnuts
Radicchio leaves for garnish (optional)
Black pepper to taste

Steam asparagus until tender-crisp. Rinse under cold water. Drain and chill.

In a small bowl combine the sesame oil, vinegar, soy, sugar and mix well.

Pour dressing over asparagus and sprinkle walnuts and black pepper. Garnish with radicchio.

Recipes courtesy of Keith Matherly executive chef at Joe's Produce in Livonia.

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Giada De Laurentiis, host of *Everyday Italian* on the Food Network and author of a cookbook by the same name, will be signing copies of her latest book, *Giada's Family Dinners*, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at Borders Books & Music, 34300 Woodward Ave. in Birmingham.

In her *New York Times* bestseller *Everyday Italian*, De Laurentiis introduced readers to the simple, fresh flavors of her native Italian cuisine. Now she is back with a new batch of simple, delicious recipes geared toward family meals-Italian style.

She presents doable dishes with an emphasis on feeding a crowd. There are twists on Thanksgiving classics, including Turkey with Herbes de Provence and Citrus, Ciabatta Stuffing with Chestnuts and Pancetta, and Butternut Squash Lasagna as well as recipes for traditional Italian holiday foods like Easter Pie, Pizza Rustica, and Panettone Bread Pudding with Amaretto Sauce.

Borders is on the east side of Woodward, south of Maple, (248) 203-0005

Wine journalist highlights top 40 wines

Make a top list of anything and critics come out of the woodwork. Paul Lukacs, a veteran wine journalist who also chairs the English department at Loyola



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

College in Maryland, knew that before he hit the keyboard to write *The Great Wines of America. The Top Forty Vintners, Vineyards, and Vintages* (WW Norton, 2005, \$29.95).

Indeed, some critics questioned his "top 40," which by the way, includes L. Mawby Tahsmon Brut from Michigan. A California newspaper wine editor wrote "I have not tasted the L. Mawby Tahsmon Brut sparkling wine from the Leelanau Peninsula in

Michigan, so I can't say whether it deserves Lukacs' praise, but is it one of the top 40 wines in America?"

Untasted yet questioned? How ridiculous is that?

No quibbles from us about Lukacs' choices. Over the years, we have written about each of the 40 wineries and wines he includes in his most worthwhile read. Additionally, we met up with Lukacs at Morels restaurant in Bingham Farms and here are a few more things he had to say.

SPEAKING OUT

"John Alban at Alban Vineyards in Edna Valley, California, is making world-class Syrah. It's a lot more than upfront fruit," he began. Alban Vineyards Reva Syrah (about \$60) is noted in Lukacs' book.

From the North Fork of Long Island, N.Y., Lucas praises Bedell Cellars Reserve Merlot (about \$30), calling it "a style to be emulated as a wine some-

where between California and Pomerol." You probably won't find this wine in metro Detroit but you can order it and have it shipped directly to your home. It is available online at www.bedellcellars.com

"Of vinifera-based dessert wines, Dolce (\$75) is a no-brainer, Lukacs said. "The goal of the producer is to rival Sauternes in quality but in a New World style."

He believes that "of all the classic varietal wines, the US does sauvignon blanc least well but Gañey (about \$20) gets it right (for his palate).

"As for L. Mawby Tahsmon Brut (\$27), it shows that the real future for US sparklers may not be in California."

Since the sale of Robert Mondavi Winery to Constellation Brands, Lukacs admits debating about the inclusion of Mondavi Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (about \$125). "Yet 2002 is superb," he said. "The winery sold, but it has historical

significance and continues to make some very good wine."

Although in his book, Lukacs tries to remove himself as the ultimate deciding factor in the chosen wines, about Mount Eden Vineyards Chardonnay (about \$35) from the Santa Cruz Mountains in California, he said, "I love this wine."

About Washington state's Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon (about \$90) Lukacs said, "Of the wines I knew least, this really impressed me. It knocked my socks off."

He believes that Sautsbury (\$30) is the pinot noir leader in the Carneros region of California. He also admitted that since winemaker Robert Brittan left Stag's Leap winery recently, "touting the Petite Syrah is a tough call. Yet, all the wines through 2004 are essentially Brittan's and the 2002 Petite Syrah (about \$35) is powerful, spicy and delicious with a rich fruit perception."

Talbot Sleepy Hollow

Vineyard Chardonnay (about \$42) is "the other style of chardonnay" in Lukacs' opinion. Lots of oak, yet he believes it has sufficient fruit to support the style. *The Great Wines of America* by Paul Lukacs is an easy read and will appeal to wine aficionados who want to know more about a wine than just how it tastes.

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

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Mood rings ...

Charlotte jewelry changes with the times

By Wendy White

ois and Joachim Wekenmann, owners of the Charlotte jewelry boutique in Royal Oak, recently hosted clients to an evening of fine wine and jewels with Caroline Schwarz Schwarz, who represents the fifth generation of the Ehinger Schwarz Charlotte family, stopped at the Royal Oak store as part of a worldwide trunk show designed to promote the company's spring line and new catalogue, GLANZ. With her, Caroline brought a dazzling array of colliers — priceless ornate necklaces designed by her father, Wolf-Peter Schwarz.

About 40 customers sampled wine and tried on the dramatic jeweled collars.

"The guests were allowed to try on every thing then have their photo taken. They had a great time," said Lois Wekenmann. "It isn't every day you get to try on a necklace worth \$50,000. It makes you feel like a princess."

The Charlotte System

Charlotte specializes in unique, interchangeable fine jewelry. Rings, brooches, pendants and earrings can be adorned with all kinds of centerpieces in the Charlotte system. Collectors can choose from discs studded with gemstones, single jewels or colorful flowers, and layer them in countless combinations to suit their outfit or mood, day or evening.

Prices begin at about \$95 for a polished stainless steel ring band, an ebony scroll and tool to change the centerpieces. At the other end of the price range, platinum bands can be topped with diamonds of the highest quality.

In addition to the interchangeable lines, the Ehinger-Schwarz family creates unique non-interchangeable jewelry. The Wekenmanns wear Charlotte wedding bands, for example, engraved with each other's signatures, the Js and Is studded with diamonds.

History of Ehinger-Schwarz

The house of Ehinger-Schwarz was founded in 1876 by Wolf Peter Schwarz's great grandfather, Otto Ehinger, in Neu-Ulm, Germany.

Fourth generation master goldsmith Wolf Peter took over the business in 1969,

and soon after invented the interchangeable jewelry system for a contest sponsored by the prestigious DeBeers Carat Club, of which he is a member. Although his design didn't win, the jewelry was a hit.

"We sold 40,000 rings in five years," Wolf Peter told PINK when he visited the Royal Oak Charlotte last year to meet with customers and sketch custom designs. "They were young generation pieces. Since then, Charlotte has become a little more precious."

The Future of Charlotte

Now, there are 140 Charlotte stores worldwide, named for Wolf-Peter's Swedish wife Ann-Charlotte, including galleries in Spain, Singapore and Dubai.

When the Wekenmanns opened the Royal Oak shop in 2003, it became the third of five locations in the United States.

These days, Charlotte is moving toward more ornate pieces like the colliers Schwarz previewed at the trunk show.

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Soledad Brothers will present their latest material this Friday, April 14 at the Magic Stick in Detroit

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Our top entertainment picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you

REVIEW

I'm a bit surprised I've been listening to Soledad Brothers' latest release, *The Hardest Walk*, the past few weeks and it's so not like them. At all. However, it's not a totally terrible thing. It seems like everyone is changing their sound ever-so-slightly these days, and Soledad Brothers are no exception.

Back in the late '90s in Detroit when The White Stripes were about to lead the trademarked garage blues sound now pinned to the city, Soledad Brothers were put into that group. I can see why. The trio is known for soul-grinding riffs and swankering sounds that act as the perfect soundtrack to any night of drinking at your favorite watering hole. Stripped down and focused on the music, Soledad Brothers fit perfectly with what Detroit's sound was all about. That was a few years ago, and things change. Obviously.

The March 6 release on Alive Records of *The Hardest Walk* is noticeably more mellow, softer, a hint posher and almost alt-country on multiple tracks. You can hear rumblings of earlier SB albums every now and then but, by and large, it sounds completely different

from their last release, *Voice of Treason*. Gone are the riot-inducing instrumentals of pounding guitars and drums. Here to stay are banjo-infused ballads. The tracks sound professionally finished, not like they'd been recorded live at the now-defunct Gold Dollar downtown.

The opening track is definitely my favorite, *Truth or Consequences*. It's fast, the guitars are reminiscent of Chuck Berry and the horn section is actually a welcomed addition. *Downtown Paranoria Blues* is the current buzz track and opens with such twangy guitars you're tapping your toes while waiting for the harmonica solo to start. *Crooked Crown* is a generic song I know I've heard somewhere else, think of your favorite alt-country superstar and I'm sure they've recorded a song that sounds just like this one.

The album has this air of melancholy with many of the tracks, as the song titles represent.

So why did I write about this as a "pure pick" if I'm not 100-percent sold on it? Because I'm interested to see where Soledad Brothers will take their sound next.

Most of the groups they started out with have undergone some sort

of sound transformation or development (think Jack White's still-confusing *The Nurse* for a good example). And if anything else, I never miss a Soledad live show, which they'll have for us this Friday, April 14, at the Magic Stick (4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com). Check it out for yourself.

To learn more about Soledad Brothers, visit www.soledadbrothers.com

SHOWS

Speaking of concerts, do you have your ticket to tonight's really big show? The Strokes are coming! The Strokes are coming! I have no shame admitting my love for New York's pretty boys, and it will be very evident when they hit the stage at the State Theatre (2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets were still available earlier in the week at \$29.50 each.

Everyone seems to be talking about The Editors. At least that's what I've been told. They'll play the Magic Stick with Stellastarr* and Mobius Band Thursday, April 13. Doors are 7 p.m. and tickets are \$15. Visit www.majesticdetroit.com for more information.

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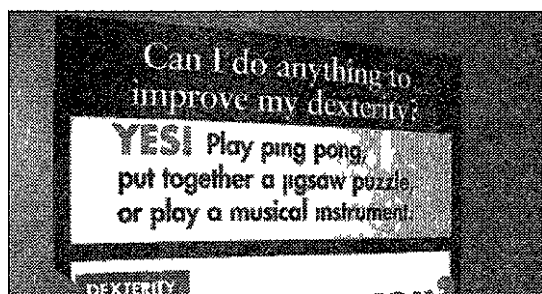
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Tracing a legacy

DIA presents historical survey of African American art

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Institute of Arts set its sights on becoming a major exhibitor of African American art in 2000

Hot Ticket

Building on its commitment to the presentation of such work, the museum last week opened *African American Art from the Walter O Evans Collection*

A historical survey of works by African American artists spanning 1848 to 1997, the exhibit continues through July 2

"Art is successful when it makes you see the world in a different way," said Graham W J Beal, DIA director "This exhibit does"

The collection is organized thematically with an eye towards the historical development of African American art and features more than 80 works, including painting, sculpture and photography Well known artists represented in the show include Henry Ossawa Tanner, Romare Bearden and Elizabeth Catlett

"But there are also a number of surprises – artists that we don't know so much about," said Valerie J Mercer, curator of African American art at the DIA and the exhibit's organizer

The exhibit tracks African American art during the Harlem Renaissance when African American artists drew heavily on heritage and tradition, as well as, the civil rights era during which time many artists turned to issues of racism and political exclusion in their work

Romare Bearden's 1960s mixed media work *The Black Man in the Building of America*, for example, pays tribute to the black working class

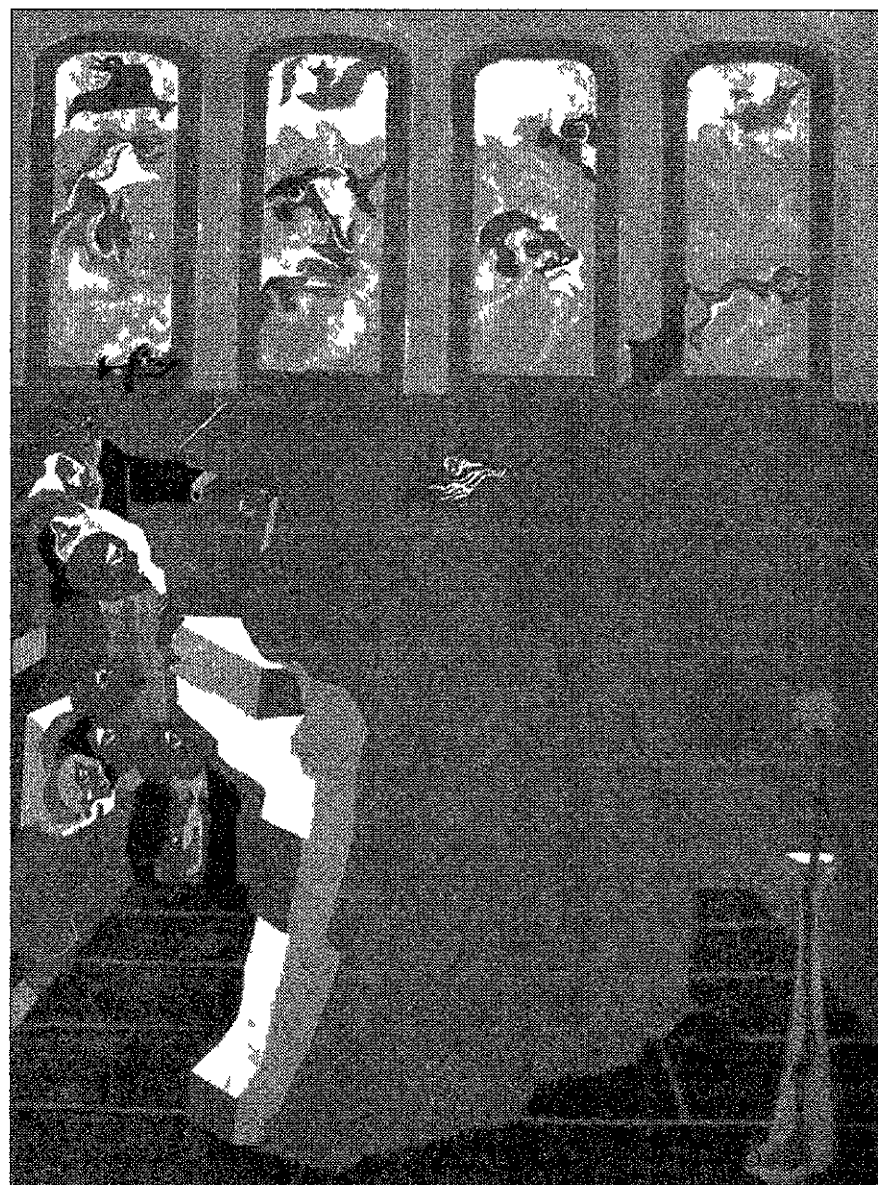


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Among the works by artist Jacob Lawrence in the collection is *Genesis Creation Sermon V. And God Created All the Fowls of the Air and Fishes of the Seas*

EVANS COLLECTION

What: African American Art from the Walter O Evans Collection with lecture by Dr Walter O Evans

When: Exhibit continues through July 2 Regular museum hours are 10 a m to 4 p m Wednesday and Thursday 10 a m to 9 p m Friday and 10 a m to 5 p m Saturday and Sunday

Where: Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Avenue Detroit

Tickets: Adults \$10 children age 6-17 \$5 kids age 5 and younger free call (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

One section of the exhibit is devoted to art inspired by spirituality and rituals, while *Music as Muse*, showcases art celebrating African American music, including contemporary artists Beauford Delaney and Fred Jones, who found inspiration in jazz legends Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong

Evans, who currently lives in Savannah, is a major collector of African American art But he began purchasing works when he lived in Detroit After completing his

medical degree at the University of Michigan and residency at Wayne State University, Evans started a practice and began the collection journey

"It's been a wonderful experience," Evans said "I could not have done it in any other city than Detroit It supported it culturally," he said, adding, "I think this is where (the collection) belongs"

Ultimately, the DIA plans to devote four galleries to African American art in what will become the General Motors Center for African American Art

General Motors donated \$5 million to the establishment of the center in 2000 And, Mercer, formerly senior curator at the Studio Museum in Harlem, was hired in 2001 to develop exhibitions on African American art for the DIA

"We are determined, really, to have something quite special," Beal said of the program "We will be showing our collection, and also, of course, adding to it"

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Michigan campus. Rooted in a deeply held commitment to create music out of the rich textures of African American legacy and traditions, Sweet Honey possesses a vocal prowess that captures the complex sounds of blues, spiritu-

als, traditional gospel hymns, rap, reggae, African chants, hip-hop, ancient lullabies, and jazz improvisation.

Sweet Honey's collective voice, accompanied occasionally by hand percussion instruments and gracefully expressed in American Sign Language by Shirley Childress Saxton, produces a sound filled with soulful harmonies and intricate rhythms.

The group's long history of using music as a tool for social justice was showcased in 2003, when the women of Sweet Honey in the Rock performed on the steps of the nation's Supreme Court in support of the University of Michigan during the landmark affirmative action case Grutter v. Bollinger.

In 2004, the University Musical Society honored Sweet Honey in the Rock for its musical accomplishments and history of commitment to UMS and the University of Michigan with its Distinguished Artist Award.

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'Benchwarmers' strikes out

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Benchwarmers

In January the fine folks at Happy Madison Productions inflicted *Grandma's Boy* upon the innocent moviegoing public the first of about a dozen films this year that have opened without being shown to critics ahead of time. The same tactic is at work with the release of *The Benchwarmers*, a poor man's *Bad News Bears* in which grown-up nerds get retroactive revenge by beating up on bully Little Leaguers on the ball field. Yeah, it's as stupid as

you would expect. It has more than its fair share of booger jokes and flowing bodily fluids. *Bull Durham*, it ain't. But for a movie whose cast consists of *Saturday Night Live* alumni, ESPN *SportsCenter* personalities and the dude from *Napoleon Dynamite*, it's surprisingly funny every once in a while in an unabashedly goofy way. Rob Schneider, David Spade and Jon Heder co-star with Jon Lovitz playing the billionaire geek with a *Star Wars* fixation who finances their makeshift team. PG-13 for crude and suggestive humor and for language. 80 min. One and a half stars out of four.

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Rockin' and Rummagin'

Browse and mingle at these hip places

Visitors shop and socialize at the Magic Stick in Detroit on Wednesdays. Sitting on the left, Bethany Nixon sells her gear along with Rock & Rummage founder Casey Schwochow



BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Shop for interesting goods, listen to the Ramones or live blues, socialize with the hip crowd and have a beer

That's what has been happening almost every night of the

week in metro Detroit at events like Rock 'N' Rummage

The name describes exactly what it is. Vendors can show up at bars like the Garden Bowl in Detroit, The Belmont in Hamtramck or the alcohol-free Xhedo's Cafe in Ferndale, and sell their goods

No reservations are needed and

there's no fee for the tables

Buyers can browse, mingle and barter for goods like records, vintage cassettes, books, art, band merchandise, retro clothing and jewelry — and sometimes a masseuse offers services. Handmade

crafters who design cool Detroit-inspired gear sometimes vend also

Every week at each location is different

"It's absolutely free to participate," said Bethany Nixon of Reware Vintage (www.rewarevintage.com), who works with Rock 'N' Rummage founder Casey Schwochow of Lincoln Park

The brew/music/shopping events started last year when the

Garden Bowl held its first Baar Bazaar, an event that welcomed vendors and shoppers into its nightclub atmosphere

"People really liked it, we have some good crowds there," Nixon said

From there Schwochow, a vendor who sells music collectibles and other items, decided to try to expand the event at other locations, naming it Rock 'N' Rummage

"Xhedo's Cafe is another popular spot," Nixon said

Every Saturday afternoon, Xhedo's regulars come to mingle and shop

"I've made a lot of friends from this, it's a community atmosphere," Nixon said

Rock 'N' Rummage, as the MySpace Web site reads, "Isn't your mom's typical yard sale. We bring the yard/garage/and fleas into a bar setting. We love music and drinking. We also love good merchandise."

For Nixon, a former buyer for several Oakland County vintage stores, the events

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have helped launch her online Reware Vintage business. Some nights she makes enough money just to buy a few drinks for friends. Other nights, "A lot more," she said

Since reservations are not needed at Rock 'N' Rummage or Baar Bazaar, vendors need only to show up. At Xhedo's you need to bring your own table. At other events, tables are often provided. Visit www.myspace.com/rockandrummage.com for details

ROCK 'N' RUMMAGE

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When and where: 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays at the Belmont Bar 10215 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck (313) 871-1966 www.thebelmontbar.com 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays is Baar Bazaar at the Garden Bowl 4120 4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit, (313) 833-9700 www.majesticdetroit.com 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday at Corktown Tavern 1716 Michigan Ave. (313) 964-5103 www.corktowntavern.com

Alcohol-free: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at Xhedo's Cafe in Ferndale, 240 W. Nine Mile Road (248) 399-3946 www.xhedoscafe.com

Details: www.myspace.com/rockandrummage.com

Some items you'll find at the events: www.rewarevintage.com

Contact: rocknrummage@aol.com

'As Time Goes By' launches new gallery at Detroit Science Center

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Organizers and curators at the Detroit Science Center have started to lay the groundwork for a brand new gallery within the museum.

The center's newest exhibit, *As Time Goes By*, is expected to become part of a 9,000-square-foot medical sciences wing comprised of more than 100 individual exhibits.

As Time Goes By explores the science of aging and is a permanent exhibit.

"Although you're not sick, it's kind of a personal exhibition," said Elizabeth Chilton, curator of special projects at the museum.

So the science behind illness and aging doesn't sound particularly engaging? Think again. Chilton and other curators have found ways to simulate what it feels like to be old.

For example, visitors can experience osteoarthritis courtesy of arm rests chilled with refrigerant or view objects through a lens that approximates sight with cataracts.

Curators also plan to transform the new medical sciences gallery into an interactive hospital experience even requiring that visitors check in and obtain an admissions wristband

before entering. Each wristband will bear a unique bar code and a designated disease. Computer scanners inside the gallery will reveal information about the disease and its treatment.

In fact, the gallery will be called the Detroit Science Center's "General Hospital." It is expected to open in 2007.

"We really looked at what we were doing in life sciences. And we looked at the best way to make this area pertinent to our visitors," said Chilton. "What we came up with is how is your body affected?"

Of course, information about disease prevention and healthy living will play a role in each of the medical sciences exhibits.

"There's this big positive emphasis on exercise, and nutrition," said Chilton. "We really try to balance the information."

As Time Goes By ultimately will become part of "General

Hospital's" anatomy section. But for now, it's a stand-alone exhibit with emphasis on how the aging process affects sight, hearing, memory and movement.

"These are the areas that are most affected by aging," said Chilton. "But they're also the areas that you can do something about."

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Family Fun

TIME TELLS

What: *As Time Goes By* a new permanent exhibit that unveils the aging

process

When: Ongoing. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Where: New Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R., Detroit.

Admission: Adults \$7, seniors and children age 12 \$6, members and kids under age 2 free. Call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

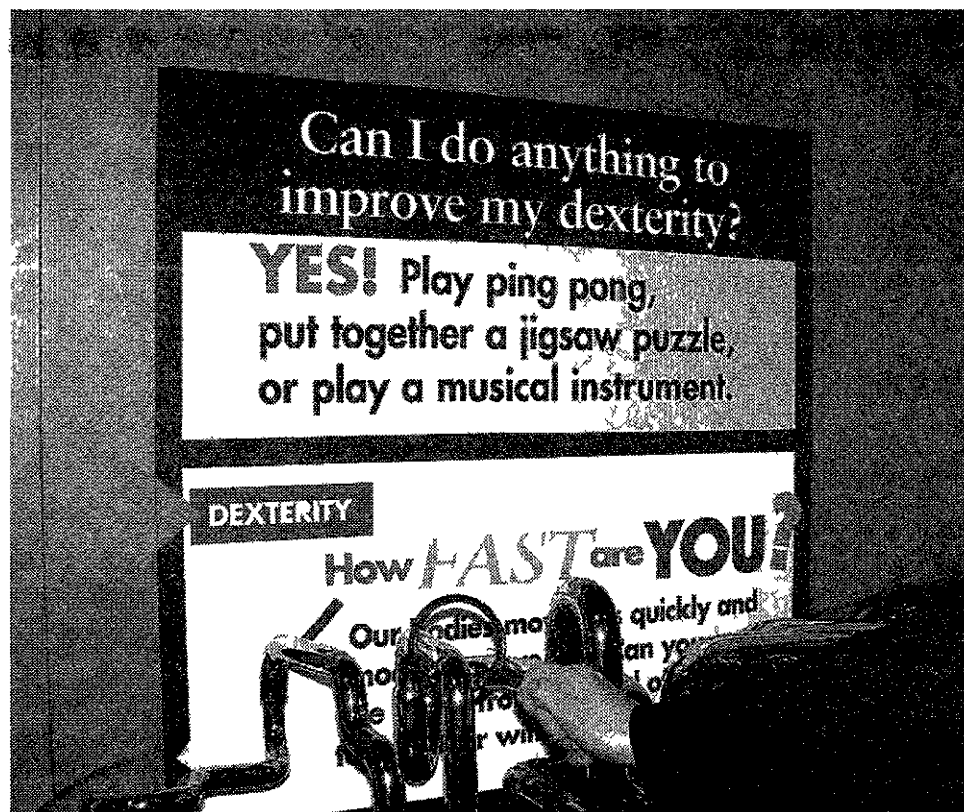


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Giulio's Cucina Italiana menu is comfortably classic

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Independent of location, classic metro Detroit Italian restaurants attract diners from their neighborhood and from surrounding communities

Giulio's Cucina Italiana in Livonia is no exception. It's downright pleasant to dine at Giulio's, which like the best Italian restaurants, makes you feel comfortable (dare I say like family?), even if it's your first table reservation.

After the fire that destroyed DePalma's, brothers Giulio and Mario Ledda partnered with Ray Borden (whose uncle Vito once owned DePalma's which Ray managed) to buy the property, rebuild

and open it as Giulio's Cucina Italiana in mid-2004.

"I have a long history with this Livonia neighborhood," Borden said. "I know all the people."

LET'S DO LUNCH

Gamberi alla Romanza, shrimp sauteed with asparagus, artichoke hearts, white wine, lemon and roasted peppers may be an antipasto, but an order makes a perfect lighter lunch. Or order **Salsicce Rustiche**, housemade Italian sausage with sauteed peppers and onions (also an antipasto), and team it with the 10-inch **Alla Puttanesca** brick-oven-baked thin-crust pizza, cut into eight pieces — easily shared.

Or pair up the Puttanesca pizza

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Borden's wife, a lifelong pasta eater, has
 been diagnosed with Celiac disease, which
 means that she requires gluten-free foods
 While only one person in 133 has this disease,
 Borden is out to help them and his wife He
 created gluten-free pastas and gluten-free
 sauces with which to top them "Last week I
 had six requests for gluten-free pasta,"
 Borden said

He also crafted a recipe for gluten-free pasta
 dough, so any of Giulio's pizzas can be made that
 way

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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

Arab 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

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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) 852-9395 www.oaklandcommunitychorus.org

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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

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SOMETHING DIFFERENT

A. R. Rahman

Concert to benefit better understanding of Indian culture and the arts 7:30 p.m. Saturday April 15 Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center \$50 \$205 (734) 487 2282 or www.emich.edu/convocation or www.tickets.com

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

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Rochester Hills Museum

Peter Trumbore Oakland University professor will discuss torture the Geneva Convention and War on Terror 7 p.m. Tuesday May 2 at Van Hoosen Farm 1005 Van Hoosen Road Rochester Hills \$5 pre register at (248) 656 4663

Katrina Salon and Spa Relief

Nine salons raise funds Monday May 1 including Avalon Salon & Spa 34657 Woodward Ave Birmingham (248) 258 4966 and Sandalwood Spa and Salon 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 4862 N Adams Rd Rochester (248) 364 4500

Nominations sought

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm seeks nominations of outstanding women born in or who received prominence in Oakland Their contributions must be of an enduring nature and all nominees must be deceased Honorees will be announced at the exhibit premier in March 2007 at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm in Rochester Hills For more information visit www.rochesterhills.org or contact Michelle Akers Berg at (248) 656 4663 ext 24 All applications must



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The Detroit Zoo has resumed its warm weather hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. Upcoming special events include Bunnyville on April 15 and Earth Day on April 22. The zoo is located at 10 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak. Ticket prices are \$7 \$11 call (248) 398 0900 or visit www.detroitzoo.org for more information

be postmarked by May 15

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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

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Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House* through April 23 \$20 \$34 120 East Huron Ann Arbor (734) 663 0681 or www.performancenetwork.org

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Oakland University campus Rochester Hills call (248) 377 3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com

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Movie reviews

Friends With Money

The rich aren't that different in the latest film from writer-director Nicole Holofcener. They bicker with their spouses, they make bad choices, they wonder what they're doing with their lives as they hit the r.m.d. 40s, all of which Holofcener depicts with her typically observant dialogue and wry humor. Jennifer Aniston, Frances McDormand, Catherine Keener and Joan Cusack get the pleasure of breathing life into Holofcener's well-drawn characters; they talk like real people, talk when no one else is around. Aniston plays an unmarried pothead who quit her job as a teacher at an exclusive Los Angeles school and now works as a maid; the other actresses play her married friends, who feel sorry for her until their own seemingly perfect

persons lives begin to crumble. Whatever happens, though, these women stay loyal to each other. A bond Holofcener depicts in a graceful, effortless manner. R for language, some sexual content and brief drug use. 90 min. Three stars out of four.

Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Lucky Number Slevin

Bad title, decent enough crime romp, even though it aims so hard at wily misdirection you fear the actors may pull some muscles as they bob and weave. Reteaming with Josh Hartnett, the star of his dreary misfire *Wicker Park*, director Paul McGuigan manages a brisk tale of bad guys pulling fast ones on each other. The film's convolutions will keep audiences guessing without taxing their brains too much or stretching credibility. Hartnett stars as Slevin, who through mistaken identity is caught up in a war involving two crime bosses (Morgan Freeman and Ben

Kingsley), a hit man (Bruce Willis) and a cop (Stanley Tucci), with Lucy Liu tagging along as romantic interest. After moving along at a breathless clip, the movie unfortunately grows long-winded in the end as the filmmakers explain every little detail so no questions remain. R for strong violence, sexuality and language. 110 min. Two and a half stars out of four.

David Germain, AP Movie Writer

On a Clear Day

A laid-off Scottish shipyard worker (Peter Mullan) sets out to swim the English Channel to restore his self-respect and recharge his sense of purpose. One of the supreme sad sacks of contemporary film, who oozes melancholy from his ageless eyes, Mullan brings real gravity to what has become a somewhat formulaic British sub-genre that includes such tales as *The Full Monty*, *Calendar Girls* and the upcoming *Kinky Boots*. A sense of predictability permeates the

style, the downtrodden or disheartened finding empowerment through actions others would consider outlandish. Yet Mullan and an able supporting cast led by Brenda Blethyn, Billy Boyd, Sean McGinley and Benedict Wong bring such depth and warmth to actress Gaby Dellal's directing debut, the film has genuine freshness, even though it follows the familiar wake of its predecessors. PG-13 for some language. 98 min. Three stars out of four.

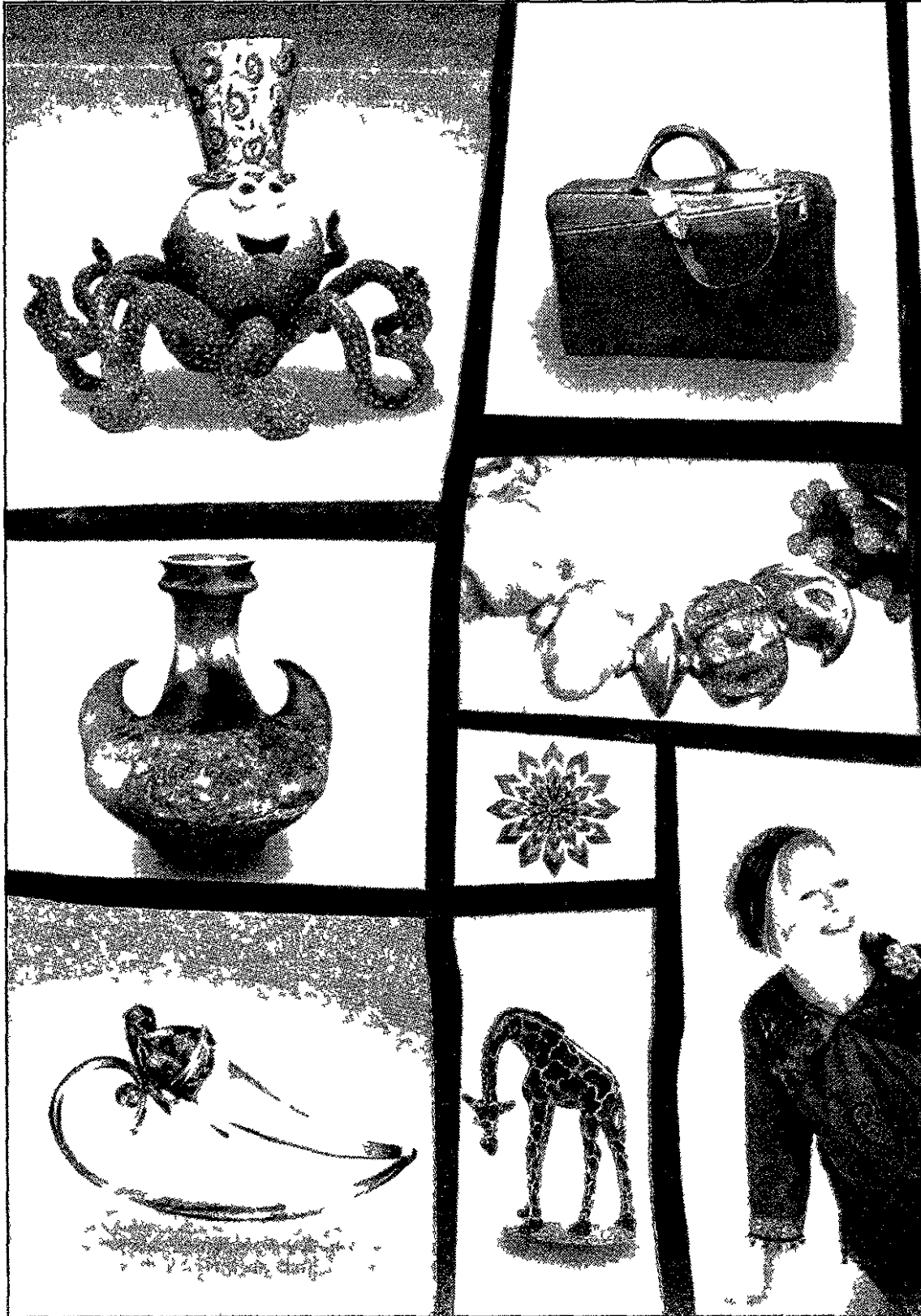
David Germain, AP Movie Writer

Phat Girlz

Remember when Friday was a day you looked forward to—the day you thanked God it was? These days all Friday means is there's another astonishingly amateur film arriving in theaters without reviewers having the benefit of seeing it first. *Phat Girlz* is the worst yet this year of a dozen or so films to be released with that dubious distinction. Certainly this underdog story

means well, with comedian Mo'Nique starring as an aspiring designer of plus-sized fashions. She's miserable waddling around in her full frame as she sadly realizes she's doing, and ultimately finds she can only love someone else once she's learned to love herself. As Jazmin Biltmore, Mo'Nique wins a trip to Palm Springs where she and her girlfriends meet a group of wealthy Niger doctors who just happen to prefer their women on the thick side. The feature film debut from writer-director Nnegest L. L. like veers wildly from madcap to poignant and back again, including a scene in which Jazmin has a breakdown and you're not sure whether it's intended as drama or comedy—and it often has the slapped-together look of a home movie. PG-13 for crude sexual content and language, including some crude sexual references. 99 min. One star out of four.

Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic



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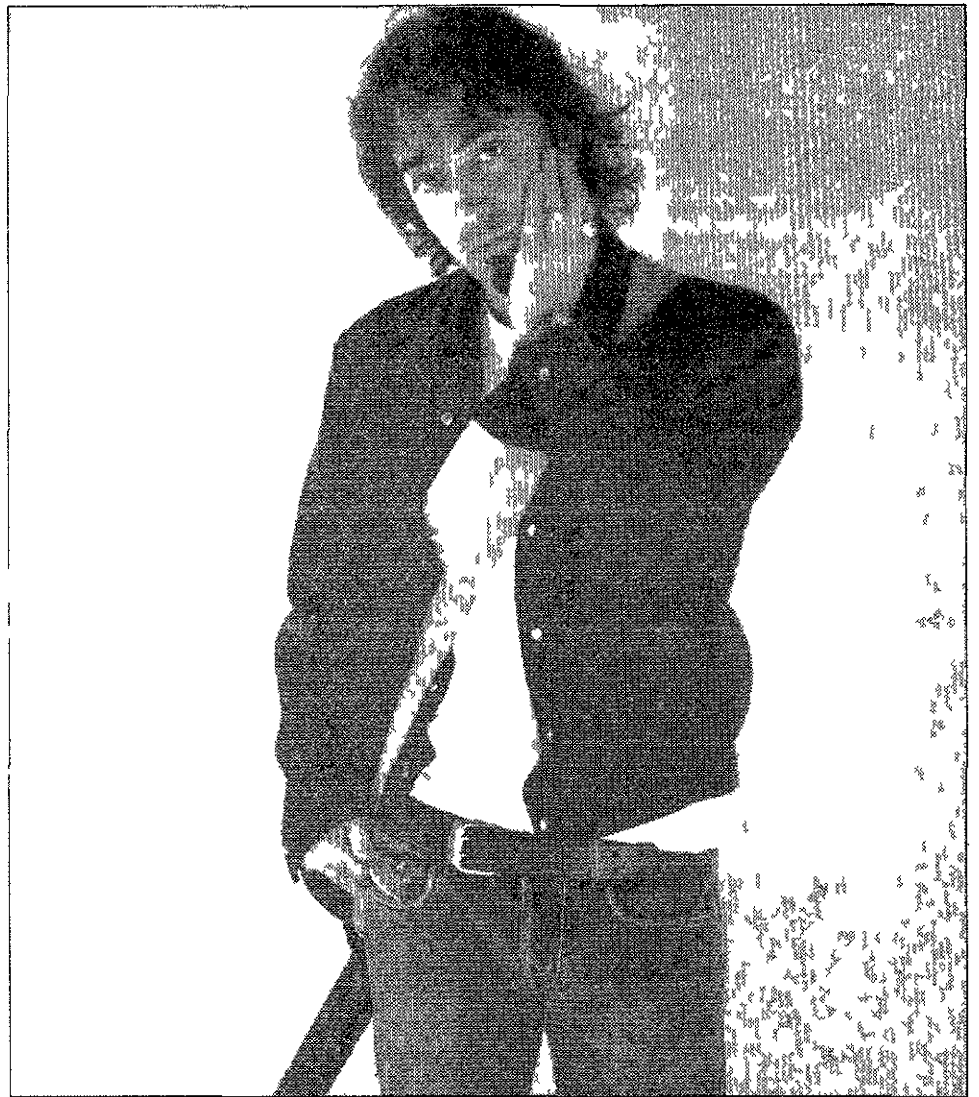
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Livonia playwright's work opens at The Purple Rose

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

David MacGregor of Livonia has been putting pen to paper for about 15 years. He's written plenty of plays and scripts, and succeeded in earning a living from his craft.

So although MacGregor has already had the experience of watching a professional theater organization bring his work to life on stage, he's excited to see one of his plays in production at The Purple Rose Theatre.

On Stage

The Late Great Henry Boyle opens Friday and continues through May 28 at the Chelsea theater.

On the one hand, there's something attractive about local artists," said MacGregor. "But there's that

'how-good-can-it-really-be-if-it's-a-local-guy-thing' on the other.

"In some instances, it's easier for me to get things published outside of Michigan. In the past, I've pretty much scatter shot my work around the world.

But MacGregor's talent didn't go unnoticed by the folks at The Purple Rose, which was founded by movie actor and playwright Jeff Daniels.

After hearing about *Henry Boyle* – the play was written in 1999, presented in workshop form at the Performance Network in Ann Arbor and subsequently produced in 2002 in Sacramento, Calif. – MacGregor received a phone call from The Purple Rose asking to read the play.

Jeff Daniels read it and liked it, said MacGregor.

And sure enough, the play was slated for the 2005-06 season.

The two-act follows the journey of a medieval studies professor who stumbles on pop icon status after writing a best-selling book.

"It's kind of a fable in a way," said MacGregor, who also teaches classes in writing and film at Wayne State University in Detroit. "It's basically a story about a guy whose a professor. He's lived his life on the rails. He's always known what he wanted to do.

But when the play begins, Boyle's wife has left him. In sorry shape, the professor has succumbed to rereading medieval texts and living in his office. And he's altogether lost interest in his scholarly research and career.

A colleague takes pity on him and suggests that he write a novel as a way to pull out of the slump. The colleague brings him a television set and a bottle of absinthe and explains that the circumstances – a literate man who's depressed out of his mind – are ideal for writing a novel.

So at the encouragement of his friends, he writes a novel, said MacGregor.

Boyle quickly turns out the book, which becomes a best seller, and the professor becomes an overnight celebrity.

The only problem is "he's kind of disintegrating in public," MacGregor said. The

question is will he pull out of it or not?"

In addition to exploring the themes of celebrity, success and media, the play unfolds a love story.

And, who knows, maybe love saves him?

All he really wants is his old life back. And he wants to pull out of it, so the

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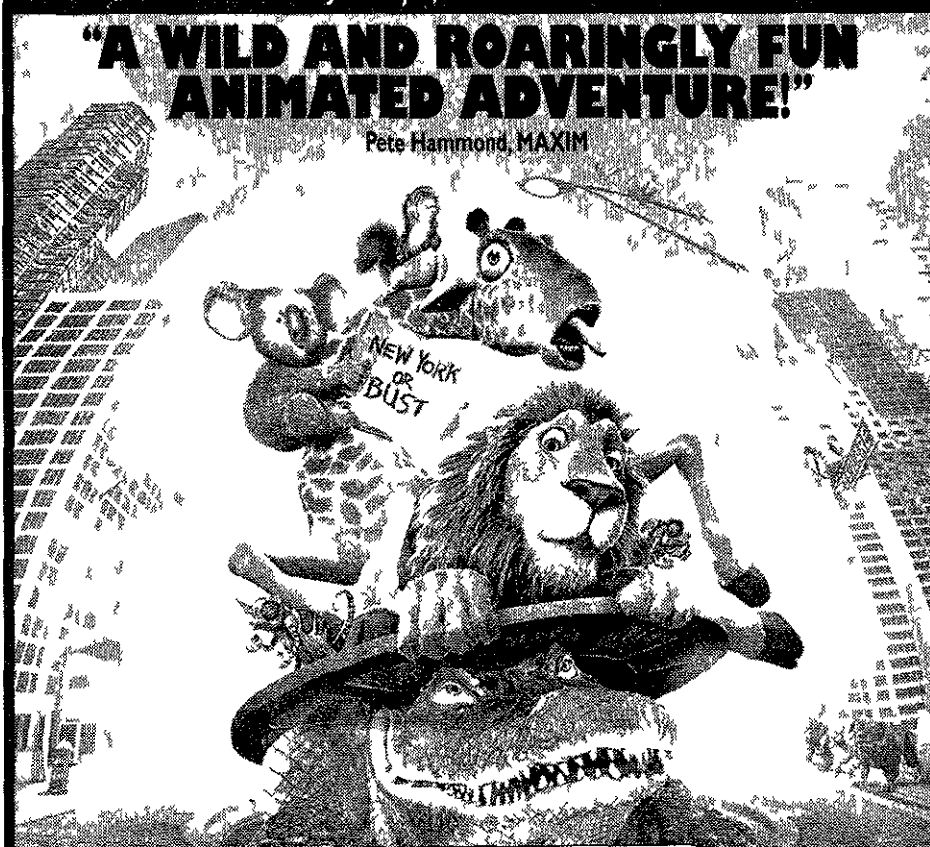
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Paul Hopper and John Lepard star in *The Late Great Henry Boyle* at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea.

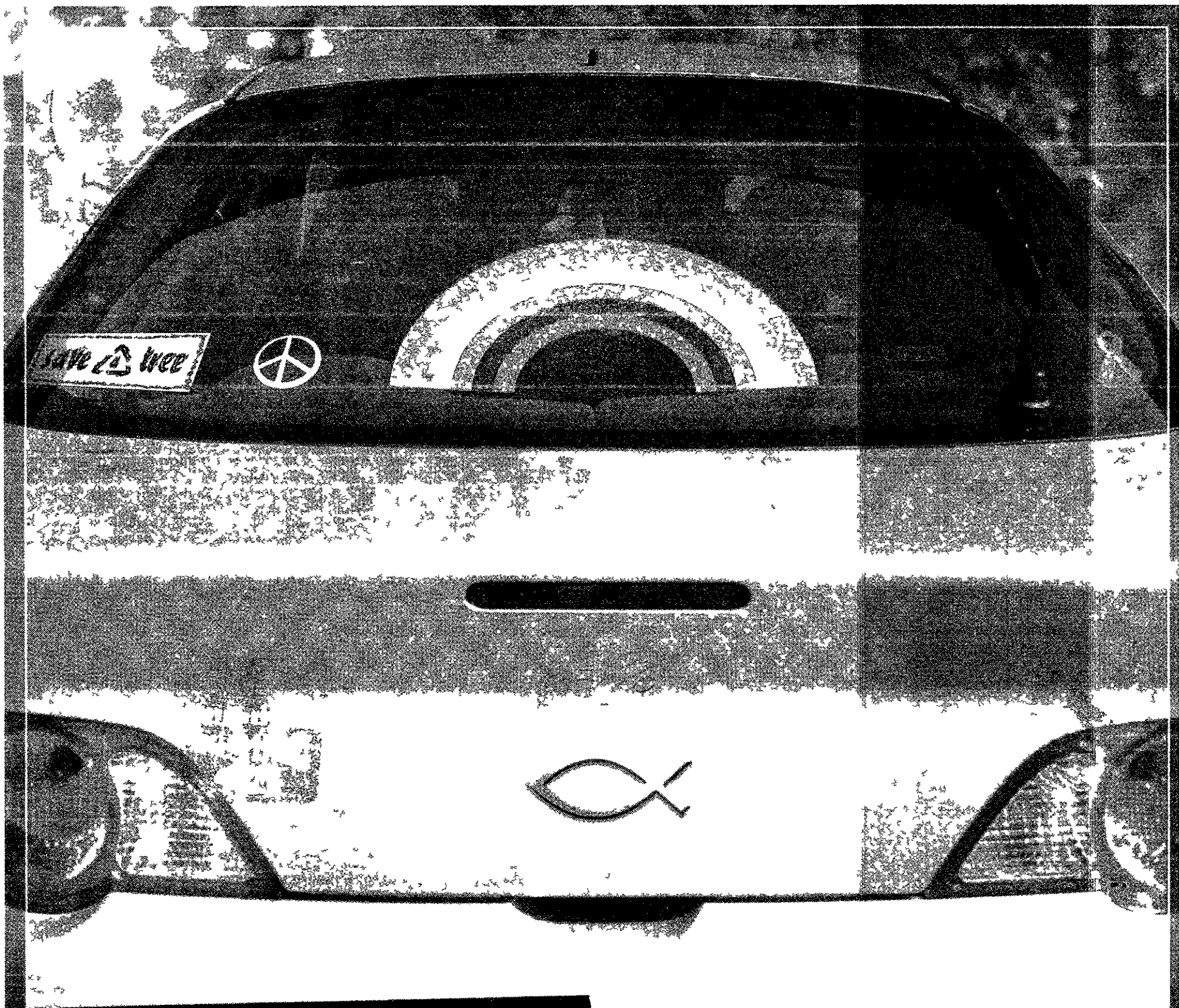
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