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Plymouth driver may be charged in crash

BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

A 55-year-old Livonia man was clinging to life ın an Ann Arbor hospital Tuesday while police said they plan to charge a 62-year-old Plymouth woman with a felony in connection with a carmotorcycle crash Saturday on Five Mile

Investigators said alcohol was a factor in the crash

William Gall was in an intensive care unit Tuesday at the University of Michigan Hospital Police said his injuries included broken ribs, a broken wrist and a collapsed lung, they said he needed a ventilator to aid his breathing

"The doctors have said if he doesn t develop pneumonia, he has a chance to survive this, but it would be a long long recovery, said Livonia police Officer Brian Dewan

The crash occurred shortly before 4 30 p m Saturday in front of the Farmer Jack grocery store on Five Mile, just west of Newburgh According to a police report, Gall was riding his 2005 Yamaha motorcycle east on Five Mile A Pontiac Sunfire, driven by the Plymouth woman, tried to turn left from the store parking lot onto Five Mile when it struck the motorcycle

A medical helicopter transported Gall to the Ann Arbor hospital The woman did not need hospital treatment The emergency response and investigation tied up traffic on Five Mile for sever-

The police report indicated the woman registered 13 percent bloodalcohol level in a preliminary breath test The legal limit is 08 percent She was held in the Livonia police jail for two nights and released Monday, pending arraignment for her role in the crash

Dewan said they are waiting to see if Gall recovers before determining which felony drunken driving charge to file against the woman Dewan added the woman has two previous drunken driving convictions on her record

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Leonard Riccinto is in his 11th year directing the Plymouth Oratorio Society, which hits the stage for its 20th-anniversary concert Sunday

Great oration

'Enthusiastic' society celebrates 20th season

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WR TER

The Plymouth Oratorio Society is turning to its past to help celebrate a milestone as it looks to the future Sunday night

Founding director Bob Pratt will once again take up the baton as a guest conductor for part of the POS 20th anniversary concert at First United Methodist Church The 75-voice choir will perform works from GF Handel, Alan Hovhaness and Wolfgang Mozart during the concert

Pratt, who founded the POS in 1987 and retired after nine years at the helm, will conduct the Handel piece Coronation Anthem #1

"I was the founding conductor and worked with the group for nine or 10 years, and I guess they'd like to see me back," said Pratt, who still keeps busy with occasional gigs "I consider it an honor They're a very well-prepared group, a very enthusiastic group and they're willing to work hard"

The concert marks a major milestone for the society, which started in the mid-1980s as an idea kicked around by a few people in Plymouth, according to POS business manager Don Pratt, the first conductor's son and one of only three singers his wife Kathy and Canton resident Bob Nelson are the others - to make all 20 concerts

The elder Pratt was directing the church choir at First United Methodist Church, and thought it would be a great idea to put the oratorio society

PLEASE SEE ORATORIO, A9



Sue Pellerito sings her part from Mozart's Coronation Mass during a Plymouth Oratorio Society rehearsal

Critics, supporters debate bond need

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

As Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials ask voters to decide two separate bond proposals Tuesday, the main focus by the bond steering committee has been meeting with parents, teachers and community members to garner enough 'yes" votes to pass the \$120 million total bond

However, as district WHAT YOU'RE GETTING officials emphasize the need for building two bond proposals on expansions, a new Tuesday's ballot, fotaling \$123 middle school and a million Career Center at the First Proposal - \$993 million high school park they ve also had to combat opposition by some members of the "family," current and former school board members who say the district can't afford

the improvements Not astoundingly, other former board members are coming to the district's aid, saying passage of the bond issues is essential for a district that 18 considered one of the best in the state

Middle-school growth Tanger Center remodeling Bus replacement Second proposal - 524 million

Here's what's included in the

Career/Technical Education

Land cost reimbursement

New middle school

Elementary growth

Theater and pool at Plymouth High School Auxiliary gym at Salem High School

Baseball/soccer fields at Canton High School

Voters will decide Tuesday which convictions hold true

The differing opinions come as no surprise, as Plymouth-Canton searches to find ways to accommodate a burgeoning student population that has made the district the fifth-largest in the state, while at the same time struggling to avoid increased classroom sizes and program cuts because of perceived inequities in state funding

Beside the remodeling planned for Tanger Center for special-needs children and the Career Center, current

PLEASE SEE BOND, A4

Roberta (Bobbie) Pummili is the new program director of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New senior director up for change of pace

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Roberta "Bobbie" Pummill of Westland has been quick to learn a lesson Slow down

Pummill, who for eight years was the program director at the Plymouth YMCA administering programs for children, admits she'll have to slow the pace a bit to keep up with seniors in her new position as program director for the Plymouth Community Council on Aging

"At the 'Y' I dealt mainly with young parents who would be in a hurry to drop off their kids before heading to work," Pummill said "Here, people have more time to participate and enjoy the programs They're not on such a rigid time schedule"

Pummill takes over the position held for five years by Marsha Koet of Plymouth, who left to become the coordinator of senior programs for the city of Dearborn

"I wanted to do something

to stay in Plymouth," said Pummill, a former program coordinator for the Wayne-Westland YMCA "I'm familiar with the people and businesses, and it felt comfortable for me to stay It's the same type of work, just a different group of people

"Î'll be active, getting exercise in my work day with the walking club," she added "I'll be able to get out and do activities That's the best way to get to know people, and I intend to do that

Phyllis Hess, Council on Aging board member and a former director of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, said the board was very impressed with Pummill during the search for a new program director

We felt she was such a good person, and had the maturity we were looking for, which is important in working with seniors," Hess said

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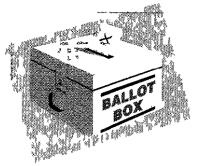
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Coming Sunday in Health



New studies find drug might help prevent breast cancer





Here's a brief look at the eight candidates vying for two vacant seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education in the May 2 election. Incumbents Joann Lamar and Carol Saunders elected not to seek re-election.



Mark Christensen Married, one son Plymouth Township

Profession: Works at Detroit Diesel

ISSUES:

■ On the \$120 million bond proposal He supports it

"People can actually see their tax dollars being spent in a positive way I think the technical center will be a good addition"

On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year Hes concerned about them

'I think it will put a stram on school districts and teachers I m not sure if all kids can handle geometry and algebra

On school fund-

ing, "I'm just not a fan of deficit spending You've got to keep a clothespin on the wallet then when you need something, you take the clothespin off and the money is $_{\mathtt{there}}$



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Dianne Gonzalez Husband, 3 children Plymouth Township

Profession: Runs own real estate firm

ISSUES:

■ On the \$120 million bond proposal

Does not support it "The middle school is in crisis mode, they let it go too long I think (not building) the elementary school is a big mıstake

On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year Supports them

'I m concerned that if, as a school board, we don't have high expectations for students, it will trickle down

■ On school fund-

Maybe we're relying too much on the administration to present cuts I would like to take a look at the budget and go line-by-line We need to look for out-of-thebox solutions



Brandon Hynes Canton

Profession: Student, Wayne State University

ISSUES:

On the \$120 milhon bond proposal

He supports it "I think its terrible we always have to appeal to our residents for more money, and I'm not positive we really looked into all options

On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year He supports them

"I think if you raise the bar, the students will follow suit But you can't just shun the kıds who dont get it They need support systems'

On school fund-

ıng There are quite a bit of inequities in our state, and I would be an outspoken advocate to our state legislators Its time we start keeping our promises to public schools



John Jackson Married, 2 children Canton resident

Profession: Head of corporate

training for GMAC Insurance

ISSUES:

On the \$120 million bond proposal He supports it "It's

essential because of the number of students we have and to continue to make the school district attractive to come to'

On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year He's concerned about them

"We're going to take away some paths some of the options for electives in fine arts and social sciences Some kids may struggle'

On school fund-

"You can reduce expenses for only so long, and at some point you have to look at ways to increase revenue We can tweak Proposal A and the dollars we get for the school district



Larry Martin Married, 4 daugh-

Plymouth Township

Profession: Engineer at General

ISSUES:

■ On the \$120 million bond proposal He has questions about it

'We really need the rooms but I don't know how we're going to be able to afford the overhead'

■ On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year

He favors them "We're in a global competition here We need to think globally, and that comes all the way down to students in this district

On school fund-

"I think the writing was on the wall last year, they needed to make more cuts I think it's much better to make cuts each year, rather than wait for it all to build and then make massive cuts'



Cheryl McKoy 4 children Canton

Profession:

ISSUES:

Realtor

■ On the \$120 million bond proposal She supports it

'I'm interested in protecting the quality of education for our community that will continue to attract individuals to our community'

On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year

She favors them 'I'm for how we can assist children who are struggling We want everybody to have the opportunity to graduate with as much as possible"

On school fund-

"I'm ın favor of looking at other means of financing, namely from favorable corporations that would put a nice face on a school, and continue to pour finances toward our youth"



John Nichols Married, 2 children Canton resident

Profession: Electrician at

University of Michigan

ISSUES: ■ On the \$120 mil-

lion bond proposal He supports it

"I think the district is doing the wise thing with the new elementary and middle schools, and adding onto existing classrooms at other schools"

On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year

He has mixed feel-

"For the collegebound student, it's excellent But not everybody is college material"

On school fund-

"The district has done everything it possibly can We need help from the state, and we need it now



Steven Sneideman Married, twin daughters Canton

Profession: IBM IT consultant

ISSUES:

On the \$120 million bond proposal

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

On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year

He's concerned "I want to make sure it doesn't cause us to increase the drop-out rate We don't want to lose kids who were never destined to go to college"

On school fund-

'We are already barebones in terms of administrative costs, and the primary place that could be cut is teachers I'm not willing to take those teachers out of the classroom?

NEWS BRIEFS

Spring Clean-Up

City of Plymouth residents get their chance for some spring cleaning as the city pre pares for its annual Spring

Clèan-Up program The program is open to city residents who use either the trash cart or the bag program No carts or city trash bags are

needed for the event The city will be divided into two different areas for collection for this year's campaign Residents who live north of Ann

Arbor Trail will have spring clean-up this Saturday, April 29 Residents south of Ann Arbor Trail have it Saturday May 6

Each household is allowed eight trash cans or the equivalent, plus two 'large" items such as washers, dryers, desks or couches Residents should separate wood and metal products into one pile and place

regular trash in another pile Appliances using freon (refrigerators, freezers, water coolers, etc) must have a valid freon removal certificate attached to the

appliance All small refuse must be placed in containers strong enough to hold the weight.

Items can t be placed at the curb before the Friday before the pickup All trash must be at the curb by 6 a m on the Saturday collection day

Prohibited items include tires, concrete or major construction debris, auto parts, piles of dirt and/or sod, extremely large items including but not limited to boats, cars, engines, motorcycles and snowmobiles, and hazardous material

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the city at (734) 453-1234

Broadcast awards

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation and the Michigan Association of **Educational Broadcasters** recently honored students at WSDP, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Seven students were honored at the Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference, including Plymouth High School senior Samantha Esper, who won a first-place award for Best Radio Aircheck.

Esper was also honored with a second-place award in Best Daily Newscast/News Feature while Canton senior Catherine Furman earned second-place honors for **Best Promotional**

> Announcement, Esper and Salem seniors Bryan Kelly and Emily Hulscher also earned a secondplace award for Befst Sports Public Service Announcement.

Plymouth junior Ryan Winn earned an honorable mention for Best Sportscast/Play-by-play

'I'm continually amazed by the work our students do," said station manager Bill Keith 'They're definitely deserving of this honor"

WSDP staffers also earned honors at the Michigan Association of Educational **Broadcasters Honors Night**

Furman earned a silver honor in disc jockey, while Bryan Kelly earned silver and bronze awards in production Esper and Winn also earned bronze honors in production

Other staffers earning bronze in production included Plymouth sophomore Maggie Kelly, Salem junior Mark Maletic and Canton sophomore Sarah Mendonca. Staffers are now busy

preparing for the annual 88 1 FM Radio Auction Saturday,

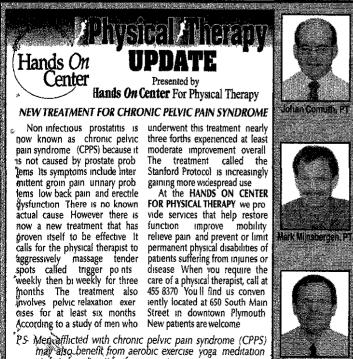


Book signing

Local author Jane Saylor signs her new book, "The Road You've Traveled. How to Journal Your Life", for Plymouth Library goers Saylor's book provides how-to information to assist in the recording of life history She will share this information at a book signing at the Book Cellar noon-3 p m Saturday, April 29 The Book Cellar is located at 840 West Ann Arbor Trail

May 13 The auction is sponsored by New Liberty Bank of Plymouth Listeners can bid on items donated by businesses throughout Plymouth and Canton All proceeds benefit WSDP and the student radio program at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park





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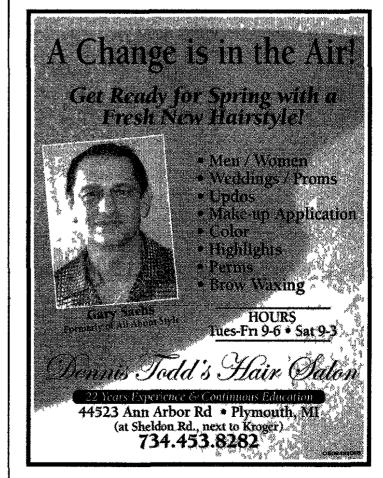
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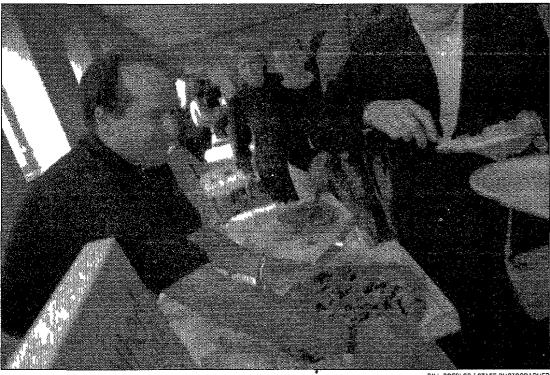
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Dan Sheehan, owner of Mother's Pizza set out a fresh vegetarian pizza at last year's Showcae Plymouth Mother's will again be one of the restaurants at this year s event

Chamber set for annual 'Showcase'

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Businesses from around the Plymouth community, along with more than a dozen of the community's restaurants, get their annual chance to shine when the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 14th annual Showcase Plymouth May I at the Inn at St Johns

The event, sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln Mercury features the Taste of Plymouth showcase for some 15 restaurants, and the popular Pizza Taste-off pitting the community's pizzerias

This is a fantastic opportu nity to network with other businesses, and get some great food in the process' said Fran Toney, the chamber's executive director The Inn at St Johns is a beautiful venue, and you couldn't ask for a better chance to make business contacts"

The business expo portion features booths representing more than 70 businesses show ing off Plymouth products and services

The Taste of Plymouth event allows participants to sample the cuisine of restaurants such as Compari's, Panera Bread Station 885 E G Nicks Plymouth Crossing the Inn at St Johns Hilton Garden Inn 1999 Tavern Zacks of Plymouth Bennigans, Plymouth Fish and Fiamma

At press time The Pizza Taste off had confirmed partic ipation from the Jets Pizza on 5 Mile Mother's Pizza and Comparis Potential entrants

also include the Jet's Pizza at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon and possibly Papa Romano's

The Pizza Taste-off is always a heated competition because all of the pizza is so great Toney said "Its a popular fea ture of Showcase Plymouth

The showcase event also serves as a chance for the chamber to recognize the Volunteers of the Year from some 20 service clubs around Plymouth and the chamber also hands out some \$4 500 in scholarships to high school students

The event takes place 5-7 30 pm The Inn at St Johns is located at 5 Mile and Sheldon Admission is \$10 at the door For more information call the chamber (734) 453 1540

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Fourth ATM suspect awaits hearing

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

A fourth suspect in a Canton ATM robbery is awaiting preliminary examination at the 35th District Court

Eric Michael Ashley 24, of River Rouge was charged April 15 with accessory after the fact and receiving and concealing stolen property both five year felonies He pleaded not guilty and was released after paying 10-percent of a \$20,000 bond

Police said Ashley held some of the \$170,000 stolen March 30 from a LaSalle Bank ATM machine on Michigan Ave Eric James Rigley and his wife, Jennifer Renee Rigley, and Lee James Madera appeared in court for their April 21 preliminary examinations after being charged with embezzlement and larceny

All three exams, along with Ashleys exam, were adjourned at the request of their attorneys and are rescheduled for May 5 at 35th District Court in Plymouth

Immediately following the robbery, Jennifer Rigley had reported to police she had been assaulted and locked inside the ATM machine After chasing down several leads, Canton Police and the FBI began to suspect she may have been involved in the robbery

'Ashley knew what had happened, and that the money was stolen, and accepted it anyway, said

Canton Police Sgt Rick Pomorski "There's no indication that he was promised

anything in return More than half the money was recovered when Madera and the Rigleys were arrested, but some \$80,000 was

missing What they spent it on depends on who you ask We have statements that say they spent the money on drugs, women and booze." Pomorski

Medera and Jennifer and James Rigley face up to 20 years in prison if convicted Jennifer Rigley was also charged with filing a false police report

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Denvers 82 of West Bloomfield died April 21

George W Engelhardt Engelhardt 85 died April 25

Dolores Greyerbiehl Greyerbiehl 79 of Rochester Hillsm died April 22

Norma Jean Qualmann

Qualmann 85 of Rochester Hills died April 23

Phyllis Reid Reid died March 1

Robert A. Schuele Schuele 41 of Birmingham died April

Charles P Werthman

Werthman 56 of Plymouth died April

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BOND

FROM PAGE A1

board member Richard Ham-Kucharski - who has a specialneeds child - all along has been against the bond proposals, the lone "no" vote when the board voted last year to ask residents to approve the two bonds

CHANGING MINDS

Ham-Kucharski, who has been absent from any public presentations concerning the bond, admits he'll be voting against the measures Tuesday

"I haven't seen anything to change my mind," Ham-Kucharski said 'Besides bringing the Career Center programs into the 21st century, the rest of

the components (of the bond) are from a wants list formed beforehand, not the needs list

"The operational expense is certainly a concern of mine," he added We are operating in a deficit and adding additional space, which will increase costs And there's nothing coming from Lansing (funding) to offset those costs'

Ham-Kucharski said the state's economy is another factor which keeps him from supporting the bond

"Housing starts and the resale market in the community are starting to slow, and what's happening with the Big Three (automakers) is having an impact on the local community," he said "I don't see things turning around quickly"

FUTURE IN MIND

Supt Jim Ryan, who has delivered the bulk of the approximately 70 bond presentations, isn't denying budget is always a concern, but said the bond has been put together with future expenses in mind

"We know we're going to get increased enrollment, which will be increased revenue for us," Ryan said "We got a raise from the state of \$150 per student last year, and they're predicting another \$225

'One of the benefits of passing the first bond is the \$2.3 million reimbursement (to the general fund budget) for the land purchased on Cherry Hill Road for the new middle school," he added "And we'll be bringing a recommendation to the board to sell property at Joy and Beck - which will never be used for a school — which should produce \$17 million'

Ryan also points to district savings of \$6.5 million the past four years, to go along with \$7 million in budget cuts, in explaining how the district has been responsible in its finances

"It's easy to make the paper budget look good," Ryan said "It's much harder work to keep the education for kids equal"

SPEAKING OUT

Former school board President Mark Horvath (1996-98) knows he's labeled as anti-schools for speaking out against the bond proposals

"The school district has continued to spend money without any knowledge of where it's going to get future funding," said Horvath, who resides in Canton "Going to Lansing is unrealistic The state is headed toward worse economic times

"The amount of tax money is very småll, but it's not about taxes," he added "It's about how we're going to fund the buildings we're going to build"

Former board President Mike Maloney (1998-99) of Plymouth Township said he's concerned teacher layoffs could be the result if the bonds are passed

"We're building some facilities that certainly will be nice to have, but if it means laying off teachers in order to heat, in the long run it's not a very good deal for students," Maloney said Creating classrooms and space is going to put a squeeze on the budget, to a point where we have less staff occupying more space. It doesn't make any sense

Elizabeth Givens of Canton Township served two years (2001-02, 2002-03) as president of the board, and gives

overwhelming support to the first bond question, which includes the new middle school ın Canton Township and building expansions at several elementary and middle schools, calling it "absolutely essential"

GROWTH PATTERNS

"The growth pattern of the district demands another middle school in Canton Township," Givens said "I've felt for a long time we need to correct the situation of Central as a middle school

"There is great inequity among our elementary schools," she added "It gets to be a difficult programming issue'

Givens admits the second proposal - for a new pool, theater and sports facilities - is in the eye of the beholder when it comes to wants and needs

"I think the board is more realistically looking at operating costs today than 10 years ago," Givens said "But because you don't know exactly what operating costs will be, there would be hesitation on taking on another pool, auditorium and sports fields That's where I struggle with that"

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack remembers dealing with overcrowding during his tenure on the Plymouth-Canton school board from 1974-85, with four years as president He said the community continues to grow and needs the facilities

"Some thought the overcrowding then was a blip, and it really was a bubble," said Yack, who remembers year-round school as one solution to relieve crowded classrooms "I'm not proud of that time What we did to kids then since we couldn't get bond issues through

"They're placing facilities where the kids are, and that's good business sense," he added The board understands there's an equity issue, not all kids are treated the same, and by adding on to schools they keep their operating costs where they are today, by and large'

Yack, who said he cast an absentee ballot in favor of the two bonds, admits the second issue is less compelling, but worthwhile

"If the three high schools were spread around the greater community, each one would have the necessary facilities to support all the activities,' Yack said

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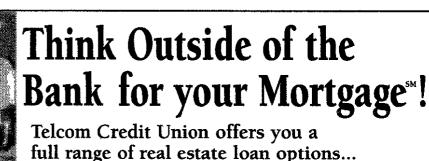
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For more information, con tact chairperson Joanne Kokoszka at (734) 453-5233

Baccalaureate Mass

All area high school and college graduates are invited to the Baccalaureate Mass and Reception at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on N Territorial at Beck in Plymouth Township

The Mass is scheduled for 5 p m Sunday, June 4, with reception following Students attending should arrive in the churchs social hall at 4 30 p m in cap and gown

Register for the event by May 5 by calling Mary Ann Jenkins youth ministry direc tor, via e-mail at jenkinsma@olgcparish net or by calling (734) 453 0326, Ext

Legal aid

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a free Senior Citizens Legal Aid ses sion Thursday, May 4 at the Plymouth District Library

Senior Citizens Legal Aid is for Wayne County residents 60 years of age or older Appointments are handled on a first come, first-served basis limited to the first 25 people The attorney will be on site at 9 30 a m and will stay until all persons signed up by 10 30 am have been seen No preregistration is necessary

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Coffee talks

Brandon Hynes, candidate for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education, hosts a series of "coffee talks this week

Hynes will be at the Canton Panera Bread on Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty, 6-8 p m Thursday, April 27 at the Coffee Bean in Plymouth corner of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, 5-7 p m April 28, and the Plymouth Panera Bread in the Mayflower Centre, 10 a m noon April 29

Those who can t make any of those talks can send comments or questions to Hynes at Brandon For School Board@yahoo com or call (734) 740-6605

Farmer's market

The Plymouth Farmers Market is set to open May 6 and according to Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce officials booth space is still available

The market which now uses both sides of Penniman and includes handmade crafts packaged pererogres pasties, American Girl doll clothes and other items runs 7 30 a m 12 30 p m Saturdays through Oct 29 The market is closed during Art in the Park (July 8) and Fall Festival (Sept 9)

Space is available in front of The Gathering for the full sea son or on a weekly basis Cost is \$250 for the season \$25 per week Produce, flowers, shrubs, etc are welcome

For more information, or to rent booth space call the chamber (734) 453-1540

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Native West presents Spirits in Clay during the second annual Plymouth ARTFeast Opening reception takes

Farmer in Plymouth



Bowling for books

The Keast Family of Plymouth (Sue Eric and Ryan) joined Matthew and Stephen Charnley of Livonia to raise over \$800 for their team at the 19th annual Bowl for Braille Books bowl a thon held recently at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton Seedlings Braille Books for Children a non profit organization in Livonia dedicated to increasing the opportunity for braille literacy for blind children locally and around the world netted over \$28 000 at the event. All funds raised at this event will be used to provide blind children access to popular children s books in braille helping them to read and succeed

place 6-9 p m Friday May 19 and the exhibit also runs 10 am 6 pm Saturday May 20 and noon 5 p m Sunday May

The event features a guest appearance by Norman Red Star who will demonstrate the art of Santa Clara pottery making

Native West is one of 34 stops during the weekend art walk taking place in and around downtown Plymouth The event also features chances to win pieces of art

For more information call (734) 455 8838

Wildflower walk

A wildflower walk takes place 4 p m Sunday April 30 at Miller Woods Plymouths

only nature preserve Walkers will enjoy identify ing spring native wildflowers with a member of the Friends of Miller Woods and learn about the ecosystem of a cli max forest

Entrance to the preserve is on Powell just east of Ridge

and south of N Territorial Parking is along the side of the

For more information call (734) 459 7666

Hollywood glitz

Plymouth will be consumed by the glitz and glamour of Hollywood nightlife when Todd White a member of the lead animation team for the internationally renowned Spongebob Squarepants comes to Lotus Arts Gallery to help kick off Plymouth's sec ond-annual Art Feast

Whites paintings of nightlife, restaurants women and Hollywood, are fun and captivating but also allude to many of the emotions and social situations that are famil ıar to many people

White appears at the gallery to talk about his career and his work, in addition to signing and embellishing purchased artwork 5 30 9 pm Friday May 19 and again 1 4 p m Saturday May 20 Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 955 W Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth

For more information call the gallery, (734) 453 5400

DeVos speaks

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee is holds its second-annual Lincoln Dinner 6 p m Thursday April 27 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club 7300 N Merriman Road (between Warren & Ann Arbor Trail) in Westland

The keynote speaker for the dinner will be Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos A silent auction will

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\$175 Life-saving awards

Huron Valley Ambulance seeks nominations for the Life so Saving Award in its annual HVA Emergency Medical Services Recognition Awards Nominees can be any citizen in the HVA service area who has saved, or attempted to save a life under circumstances that indicate heroism and risk to his or her own life 🚎 The deadline is Monday, May 8 2006

The awards program takes place during National EMS Week Wednesday, May 17 It will also include several awards; specific to HVA, such as Professional Achievement Awards for outstanding employees and Certificates of Merit honoring employees for doing well on specific incidents and projects

To nominate someone online visit www hva org and click on the HVA seeks nominations for annual EMS Awards link

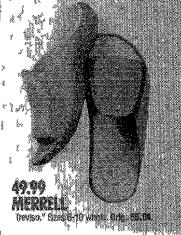
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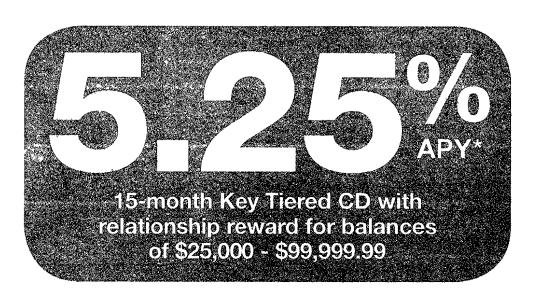
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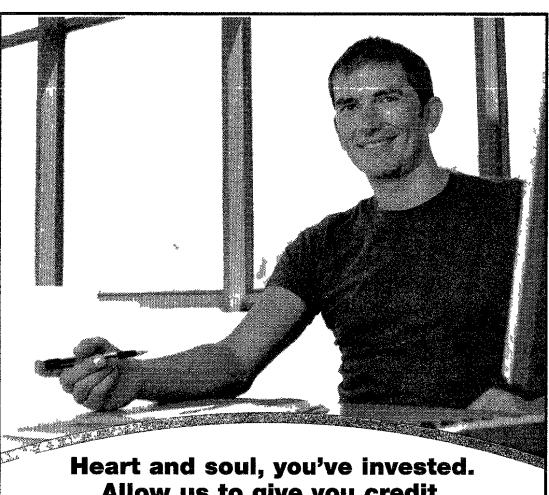
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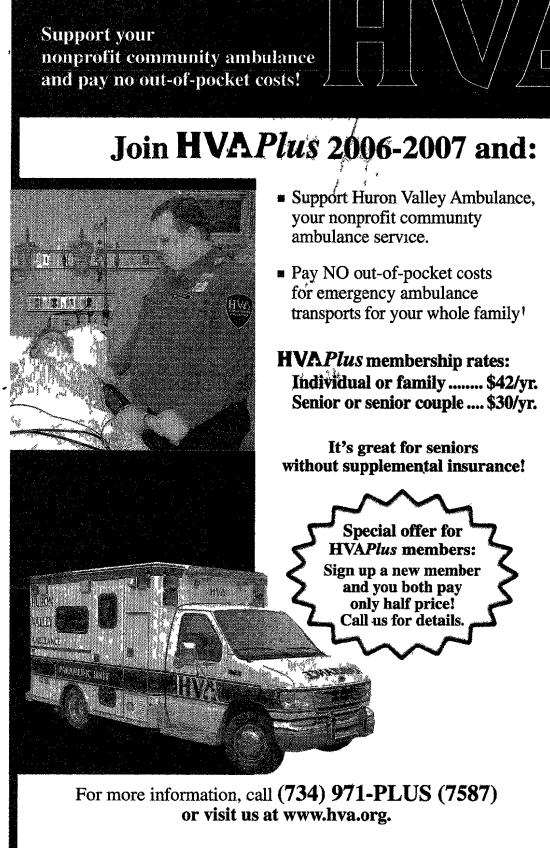
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Postal Service warns about dog attacks

The spring and summer months are the times of year that the public is more at risk for dog attacks. The American Veterinary Medical Association reports small children, the elderly and letter carriers, in that order, are the most frequent victims of attacks.

Last week, three letter carriers have been attacked, one severely bitten by dogs in southwest Detroit

'Dog attacks are clearly a nationwide problem and not just a postal issue, said Lloyd E Wesley Jr, postmaster of Detroit 'As part of helping to clean up Detroit, we want to work closely with the city to identify areas that are overrun with loose dogs"

Nationally, last year dog attacks resulted in 3,300 letter

Nationally, last year dog attacks resulted in 3,300 letter carriers being bitten.

carriers being bitten That's about 10 dog bites every delivery day But as high as that number is, it pales in comparison to the approximately 800,000 people admitted to US emergency rooms annually with dog bite associated injuries, and another 386,000 are seen in other medical settings A study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention identified 310 dog bite-related fatalities that occurred in the United States from 1979 through 1997 Seventy percent of fatal attacks involved a family pet Twelve deaths involved three to 22 dogs running in

The Postal Service gives these tips on how to avoid being bit-

■ Dont run past a dog The dogs natural instinct is to chase and catch prey

■ If a dog threatens you don't scream Avoid eye contact, try to remain motionless until the dog leaves, then back away slowly until the dog is out of sight,

■ Don't approach a strange dog, especially one that's tethered or confined

Always let a dog see and sniff you before you pet the animal

The Postal Service suggests these tips for being responsible dog owners

M Obedience training can teach your dog proper behavior and help you control your dog in any situation

■ When your letter carrier comes to you home, keep your dog inside, away from the door, in another room, or on a leash

■ Don't let your child take mail from the letter carrier in the presence of you dog Your dogs instinct is to protect the family

Spay or neuter you dog,
Humane Society statistics
reflect that dogs that have not
been spayed or neutered are up
to three times more likely to
influence biting behavior

The Postal Service and Humane Society agree that, in most cases, dog bites are caused more often by irresponsible dog owners than by bad dogs Dogs that haven t been properly socialized, that receive little attention or handling or that are left tied up for long periods of time, frequently turn into biters



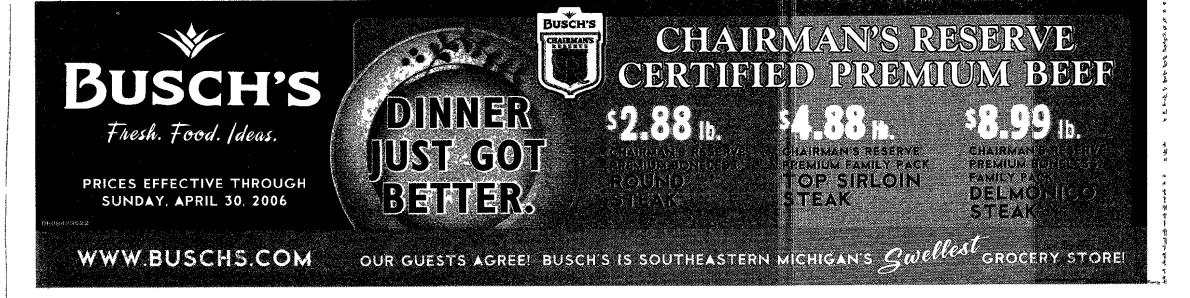


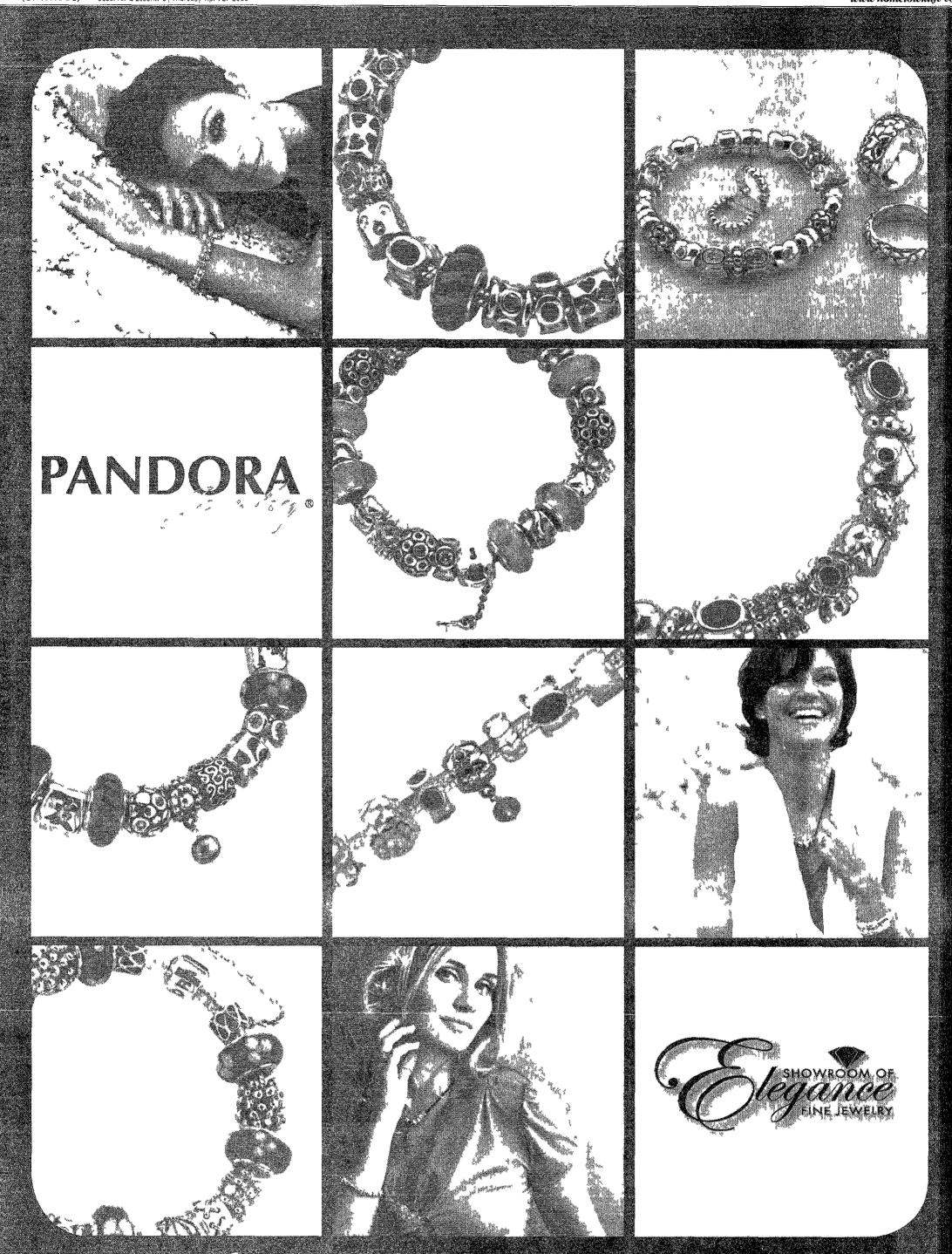
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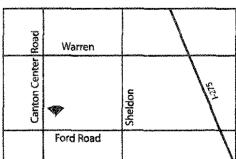
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ORATORIO

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together The church choir formed the foundation of the POS, which for the first concert in 1987 had about 65

Funded in part by grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the group is all-volunteer, except for conductor Leonard Riccinto, in his 11th year after replacing Bob Pratt, and accompanist Mary Ann Balduf The POS is also accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta

The group starts rehearsing in January and works about 90 minutes every Monday for 16 weeks to get ready for a 90minute concert

"These people are just fantastic,' said Riccinto, who is the director of choral activities at Eastern Michigan University "They're very faithful They want to get the best musical experience they can get in 16 rehearsals, and that's what I want to give them"

While the POS generally just does the one concert, it has on occasion collaborated with other groups for a second performance

According to Don Pratt, the POS has collaborated several times with the Plymouth Symphony Society and worked two years in a row with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, the young people's arm of the Detroit Symphony

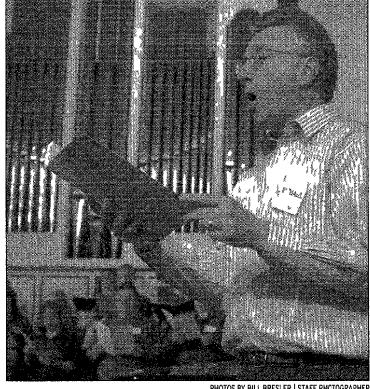
Karen Chapin of Plymouth has missed just three of the POS' 20 concerts She knew Bob Pratt from his days directing Youth for Understanding Mission and Chorale, a foreign-exchange group that traveled abroad to

Chapin said she grew up in Plymouth and "received excellent vocal training at Plymouth-Canton schools" which she wanted to put to

'I have been singing with these folks, and I love this kind of music," said Chapin, who directs the children's choir at Webster United Church of Christ in Dexter

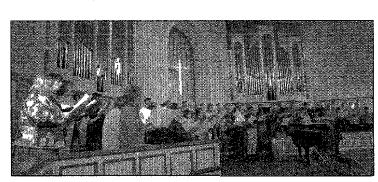
Its not the kind of music you hear very often You can really emote which is something else you don't do a lot of in your day to-day interface with people."

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Richard Guszczak is one of the soloists featured in the Society's performance of Mozart's Coronation Mass



The Plymouth Oratorio Society rehearses for its 20th anniversary concert Sunday at First United Methodist Church

Mozart's *Coronation Mass* is one of the highlight pieces of the concert, but shouldn't come as a surprise, according to Don Pratt, who points out it's the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth

"There's lots of Mozart being sung and played by people," he said with a chuckle

The Hovhaness piece, Missa Brevis, might be lesser known, but it's special to the Pratts, because Bob Pratt debuted it while traveling with Youth for Understanding

"The last several years we had a string ensemble that went with us. It was difficult to find the strings to accompany a choir," the elder Pratt said "So I looked through catalogs and found a short Mass by Alan Hovhaness and took it on

While the choir was in Germany, Pratt got a call from Hovhaness' wife Because it was such an early work, she'd

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never heard it Hovhaness and his wife came to one of the performances

'Our singers were really up for it, and I think we did a really good job," Pratt recalled "After the concert, he and his wife got on a bus and went to a reception He invited my wife and me to breakfast at his hotel We had a very nice

"That's a special experience because I premiered it," Pratt added "It was a young work that hadn't surfaced I'm very happy to have had that connection with the composer It was a wonderful relationship, and I treasured it

Getting the singers "up isn't usually a problem for the society, as they prove by going to 16 rehearsals to only do a 90-minute concert

'These people are not pros, they re volunteers, Riccinto said "Their enthusiasm is really marvelous They work very, very hard I'm very enthusiastic about them'



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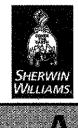
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OUR VIEWS

K-16 initiative would set bad public policy

Many of our public school districts are in crisis They are cutting programs and laying off teachers at a time when the federal and state governments are demanding better schools and more accountability

And while there has been an effort to encourage more students to seek higher education, the state has cut aid to Michigan's community colleges and public universities

It's understandable why the K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future was started Education is the state's top priority and the coalition of educators, teachers unions, parent-teacher associations and school and university administrators has legitimate concerns about whether the state will fulfill its obligation to provide adequate funding at every level of education

We support its efforts to find a reasonable legislative solution to the school funding issue We know that serious negotiations are going forward to reach an acceptable accommodation before the coalition moves ahead on a legislative initiative that we believe is ill-advised

The coalition is proposing that K-12, intermediate school districts, community colleges and state universities receive minimum funding levels tied to the rate of inflation based the previous year's Consumer Price Index It is also asking for more equity between school districts, base funding for districts with declining enrollment and a cap of retirement contributions at 14 87 percent of payroll for K-12 schools

The proposal has drawn strong opposition from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, municipal and town ship associations, Realtors and health care providers They argue that the state has many other obligations beyond education and that setting an annual inflationary increase jeopardizes general funding for other critical

A letter sent to state legislators by the Stop K-16 Spending Mandate group says it best 'This proposal circumvents the state budget appropriations process and sets a very bad precedent for allowing special-interest groups to have guaranteed funding no matter what it means to other critical services or taxpayers' wallets'

If the Legislature rejects or fails to act on the initiative, it would go on the November ballot

We understand the concerns of the education community and we urge them to continue working with the governor and state legislators to find a solution that doesn't tie the hands of the state in deciding how revenues will be allocated and seriously harm other important state pro-

Trout fishing opener is filled with promise

For thousands of Michigan anglers, the last Saturday in April has special significance. It is the traditional opener for trout fishing for most of the streams in the state

In particular, fly fishermen (and a growing number of fisherwomen) will head up North this weekend to return to familiar streams in search of rainbows and browns, as well as the beautiful brook trout, which is the state fish and a living symbol of Michigan's wilderness past

The fishing success isn't always the best on the traditional trout opener, however Late April can mean anything from snow and sleet to summer like temperatures, especially in northern Michigan But the opener is a symbolic occasion a beacon of the coming of summer For anglers, it is a time to say goodbye to winter and welcome a new season of

fishing adventures And many will use the occasion to open up cabins for the summer What will most draw anglers out of their winter slumbers

this weekend, however, are the many rivers and streams that cut across our state like coldwater arteries, providing the lifeblood of the Great Lakes Michigan literally has thousands of miles of top-quality trout streams, some 36,000 miles of which are navigable by canoe or small boat They run cold and clear, and travel through some of the most ıdyllıc wilderness landscapes our state has to offer There is a reason a number of them have been designated National

Wild and Scenic Rivers Many of our state's rivers and streams are among the best trout waters in the Midwest, and some, like the famed Au Sable, Manistee and Pere Marquette rivers, rank right up there nationally Over the years, these rivers and their locales have inspired countless anglers, some of whom (Ernest Hemingway, John Voelker and Jim Harrison) have even written books about their experiences while fishing them Many anglers will attest there are few things more peaceful than stepping into a trout stream on a warm spring day, with a hatch of insects drawing the surface strikes from trout lurking in the river's shadows. Wildlife sightings are common along such rivers, and the sounds of the modern world are seemingly a million miles away So it is understandable why so many anglers are counting down the days, nay the hours, until the clock strikes midnight Friday night



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'No' on bonds

I've been involved in a number of bond campaigns, and have voted yes on the vast majority of them In this election, if you really care about the future academic health and welfare of our children, you should vote NO on both proposals May

Even though the state has increased district funding at a rate greater than that of inflation, operating expenses continue to grow at a rate at least two to three times faster Spending this year exceeds revenue by \$5 million to \$10 million The current board is able to con tinue this practice because past boards made difficult decisions and put aside money for tough economic times

Unfortunately even this money runs out sometime in the next 12 to 24 months The current board has no plan to fix this structural deficit The board won t even discuss next years shortfall until after the May 2 bond election

When the fund balance runs out in school year 2007-08, state law requires a balanced budget Because 85 percent of district spending is for personnel, the only way to accomplish this level of savings will be to cut teachers I estimate that this will translate into a reduction of almost 10 percent of the workforce

There simply are not enough other discretionary items in the budget to offset the deficit any other way For example, eliminating all transportation, food service, athletic programs and after-school activities still won't close the gap A tax increase or an immediate state economic recovery might also fix the problem, but what are the chances of that happening in this election year?

If the May 2 bonds pass, just as the district is reeling from this crisis, the new bond-financed facilities begin to come online The overhead to staff and run them adds up to an additional \$1 million to \$2 million in costs and - you guessed 1t - 20 to 40 more teacher layoffs are required to balance the budget

In this scenario, every child in the district is impacted by larger class sizes and reductions in services If you are a teacher with less than five years of experience, this bond proposal could cost you your job

The new facilities would be great to have, but at what price? Smaller class sizes and increased teacher contact will mean more to kids in the long run than an additional pool or voc ed center will Does it make sense to construct additional classrooms if we can't afford the teachers to staff them?

The last point is that growth in our district has slowed Economic hardship for the auto companies has had an impact on housing starts, area businesses and seniors With the economy stalled, we must make tough choices - southeast Michigan can't have it all right now We can rethink the need for new facili

ties when our economy improves If you care about the academic performance of our district, and if you care about teachers and kids, I urge you to vote no on both bond issues May 2 Voting no keeps more resources closer to kids Please put their interests first

> Michael J. Maloney former PCCS board president

Supports bond

In these turbulent times in Michigan, uncertainty and change are on everyone's mind As a result, you could easily dismiss voting in favor of the Plymouth Canton Schools bond issues

But time marches on Unless we keep up with the demands of world trade, our children will be left behind There are many items in the bond proposal which aim to keep our graduates competitive with the skills they need to succeed I personally like the Career and Technical Education Center One thing is certain a job that cannot be outsourced is a good carcer choice I don't think they'll be out sourcing a car mechanics job or a nurse's job anytime soon, so it makes good sense to train students in these fields

Furthermore some students who take these hands on classes will be inspired to pursue the highest levels in the automo tive and medical fields Lets face it the demand for nurses far outstrips the abili ty of our higher education system to supply them So providing our high school students with a solid medical foundation will help them get into the schools that train nurses so they can ultimately land those high-demand jobs

On a personal level, when it comes to the retirement of my fellow baby boomers and the care of our aging parents, having enough qualified nurses would be nice, too This underscores the need to train more nurses in the US and where better to start that than right in our back yard in Plymouth Canton Schools?

The bottom line, Yvonne and I are voting for the bond issues There's no time

> Scott Lorenz Plymouth

Bond adds deficit

Our first grandchild will be attending the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in about 4/2 years We want her to have the very best educational opportunity our schools can provide!

Education is not about buildings, it is about teachers teaching children with help and support from mom and dad Education is what goes on inside the four walls of the classroom

Are children at Bird and Smith being disadvantaged educationally vs those that are attending Dodson or those that will attend Workman? No The data doesn't statistically support an educational difference between new schools and older schools that are well maintained

Our board has been deficit spending (\$6 5 million budget deficit planned for this school year), using its financial reserves to make up the difference

The reserves are about to run out! Voting for this bond issue will add significantly to the deficit, between \$2 5 and \$4 0 million

It will cause the district to reduce classroom spending significantly when these expansions are completed There is a lot of misinformation being

spread by supporters of the bond issue 1 The state ONLY controls whether you can build a school based on student population and classroom standards the

state defines It does not control where you put that school in the district and never has 2 Student population growth projec- [

tions did not have any impact on the 2004 bond proposal for a middle school The board chose not to put a new i middle school on the ballot because of the controversy surrounding the repur- 1 posing of Central"

3 People have been moving to the Plymouth and Canton communities in large numbers since the early 70s They came because of the education that was available to their children and neighbor hoods that were good for their children to grow up in, not because we had new schools!

4 The national economy is in its third year of sustained growth but is beginning to slow The pipe dream that things are going to get better in 2007 will not

The Michigan economy will not just be better magically in 2007 as our board presently believes It is tied to the national economy and in 2007 or 2008 we will begin to see a significant slowdown in growth nationally and, therefore, in Michigan

My family moved to Plymouth 45 years ago It continues to have a strong educational program

My 17 years of service on the board has led me to study and understand how our schools function

My family and I have a lot invested in this community One of the reasons we chose to live here is because of the education our children got and that our grandchildren will get

It is my professional opinion that this is the wrong time for a grandiose build-

ing program Use the half-used Hulsing Elementary

School for K 5 education High incremental overhead costs, a district in big-time deficit spending, a slowing economy as these new buildings would become available for use and a slow-to-recover state economy despite the good intentions of a lot of people The money just isn't available for growing educational spending Knowledgeable and informed people will realize that it's time to say yes to learning;

and no to buildings! Roland J. Thomas Jr. Plymouth

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QUOTABLE

"The bottom line is we vehemently deny the charges, and our intent is to completely and 100 percent vindicate Mr. Convertino."

- Jeffrey DelFuoco, lawyer for former U.S. Attorney Rick Convertino of Canton, accused of lying to a jury and federal judge

School of choice not an option for Plymouth-Canton

s the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, I was saddened to read Mark Horvath's guest editorial in the April 20 Observer He was a person I admired and reached out to when I became the superintendent of schools in July 2002 In all of our conver-

sations, I never thought he would resort to scare tactics to make a point I was disap-

pointed to see Mr Horvath state as one of his facts that Dr James the school Ryan board could open up our school district to students from

Van Buren, Belleville, Wayne, Westland or elsewhere" In my four years as superintendent, our Board of Education has never discussed using the School of Choice option for our school district

I have nothing against students from other districts but, rest assured, our school district is growing so fast that we cannot house the students we presently have The purpose of the May 2 bond issue is to address the student growth we have now and in the future

This is my 15th year as a school superintendent I have lived through challenging times, never forgetting that my job is not to overreact to individual situations By remaining calm and working the plan, the districts I have led have survived, if not thrived, in each situation

We run a very tight financial ship in Plymouth-Canton and do well with the limited revenues we receive from the state It was no surprise when members of the present state Legislature made comments that we are a model district as far as meeting our fiscal respon-

Mr Horvath's view on how to balance the budget differs from mine I give you my word that the School of Choice option will not be used to balance the budget in Plymouth-Canton It has never been discussed by this board or this administration, and never will be as long as I am the superintendent

That's an option used by school districts with declining enrollment, and that is not the case here To suggest that we would ask our taxpayers to build facilities that other communities' children would use is irresponsible and a comment only made to scare you into vot-

I have been in the education business for 35 years and have worked in four school districts I have chosen to end my career in Plymouth-Canton because it is the best district in which I have worked

I have nothing to gain by lying to people I only want to position this school district so we can continue to serve our students well and add to the quality of life in the communities that make up our school

Don't be fooled by Mr Horvath's confusing remarks and scare tactics I ask you to get informed and understand how these two proposals will address our ever-increasing student growth It is important you get to the polls May 2

I am proud to be the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Dr James Ryan is superintendent of Plymouth Canton Community Schools He can be reached at (734) 416 3045

LETTERS

Bond a train wreck lion

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board and district have sent out thousands upon thousands of communications indicating the upcoming bond proposals together will only cost taxpayers 0 82 mills However, when voters go to cast their ballots on May 2, they will find the ballot language shows the cost to voters is actually 1 08 mills

The School Bond Fund Program office in Lansing has confirmed that the cost to taxpayers of the May 2 bond is in fact 108 mills and not 082 mills This blatant misrepresentation by PCCS officials should be enough in and of itself to disqualify the bond election

But the district knows people usually make up their minds prior to entering the voting booth and are counting on them not reading the actual ballot language This tactic sends a very clear message to students in the district, that it is OK to misrepresent facts in order to get what you want

Financially, this bond is a train wreck waiting to happen Practically every item in this bond involves new space, including 83 ADDITIONAL classrooms and a slew of new facilities (sports fields, restrooms for sports fields, new concession stand for sports fields, third pool, a third theater, etc.), all of which will significantly increase the districts operating expenses

What the district hasn't publicized, however, is that it is already completely underwater in its operating budget (Remember that no money from the bond may be spent to actually operate and maintain these new spaces or to pay the new teachers, bus drivers, staff, etc Rather, this money must be available in the district's operating budget) The district's operating budget for this school year, however, shows a \$5 3 million deficit Next year, the district says its losses will be more than \$6 4 million

PCCS was fortunate to have a \$23 milhon fund balance for emergencies which was set aside by prior boards. After next year, EVEN IF THIS NEW BOND DOESN'T PASS, this fund balance will be completely gone and the district will be forced to borrow money to pay teach-

If you want a real-life example of what will happen, you need look only 10 miles west to Ann Arbor, another growing district, which just announced the elimination of 104 teacher positions It, too, is operating at a \$6 million deficit Unlike PCCS, however, Ann Arbor officials decided enough was enough after they

had spent down their savings to \$21 mil-

PCCS officials blew past that stop sign years ago and will be totally upside down in their operating budget after next year They can't even afford to pay the teachers they have now, let alone hire 83 new ones, and provide heat, electricity, janitorıal, field upkeep, pool maintenance etc, for all of the new space and sports facilities contained in the May 2 bond

If this bond passes, voters will certainly get more than they bargained for significantly higher costs than expected and wrong-headed examples for our children in ethics and money management

For our kids, vote no Tuesday, May 2 **Nancy Conzelman**

Plymouth

Thanks for support

I would like to thank the many leaders and members of the Plymouth and Canton communities who have offered their support and have endorsed my candidacy All their time, effort and commitment are most appreciated

The confidence of all these people and organizations only confirms my commitment to focus on student achievement, financial health of the district and continually improving our educational prac-

Regardless of your choice of candidates, please take the time to vote May 2 John Jackson

school board candidate

Support Jackson, Sneideman

We would like to encourage you to support John Jackson and Steven Sneideman for the open positions on the Plymouth-Canton Community school board

As the current president, vice president and past president of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, we have been fortunate to work closely with John Jackson Our support is not because of what he did for our organization, but how he did it

John has always been energetic, openminded, fair, judicious and committed Most importantly, he always put the students' interest first. It is this dedication that has left an indelible legacy on our organization and with the students that have been a part of it

John has never claimed to know all the answers, but has always been willing to search for them without preconceived solutions His leadership and steadfast commitment to our organization and

students will be felt for a very long time These enduring qualities represent everything that would be desirable in a " school board member

While we have never worked directly with Steven Sneideman, we have had the opportunity to meet and talk with him during this campaign We believe Steven. to possess the qualities we would like to see in a school board member (energetic open-minded, fair and committed to the students)

We urge you to support them both May 2

Mark Stamper and Gerry Olexsey Plymouth **Scott Ragland**

Canton

Support Sneideman

We represent friends, neighbors and colleagues of Steven Sneideman Although we as a collective group have known him for varied lengths of time and under different circumstances, we all agree that he would make an excellent addition to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools (PCCS) board

Steven Sneideman is a well-educated, hard-working person that has already shown a dedication to our school district through his involvement in the PCCS Housing Committee

As a member, he is addressing hard issues such as redistricting of schools, program placement, etc

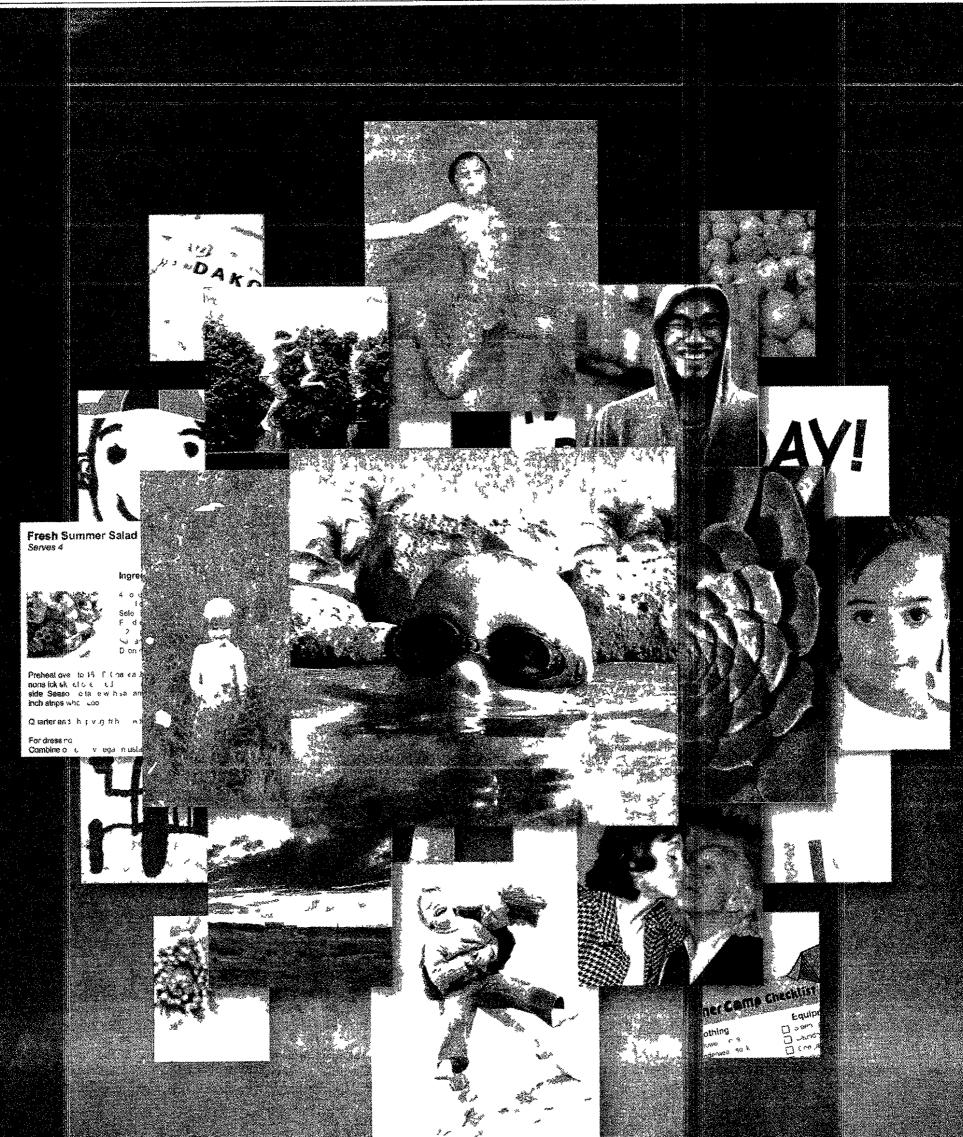
These decisions, although not always popular, are done to meet the needs of the maximum number of our students Steven has also served in the capacity as president of his homeowners association, and president of the Plymouth Canton Cruiser Swim Club board (US Swimming Competition Swim Team) He has consistently demonstrated the critical decision making skills that are essential as a board member

We support Steven Sneideman's vision to maximize our school district's state funding and his ultimate goal of producing bright, well-rounded, academically competitive young adults We also support Steven Sneideman's focus on a curriculum that meets the needs of our diverse student population

Derek and Christina Bair Todd and Lisa Seroka **Brian and Carrie Madison** Julie Nelson **Patrick and Karin Patterson** Plymouth







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Bookstock provides a home for books, support for reading

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The annual Bookstock sale at Laurel Park draws hundreds of shoppers, from bargain scavengers to treasure hunters, and everyone who walks away with a purchase supports literacy programs

Some shoppers want to resell their cheap finds and others are in search of something extra hidden away in the pages of family heirlooms All the profits support the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy and the Oakland Literacy Council helping thousands of children and adults learn to

Volunteers hear countless inspirational stories from patrons who have found obscure books that have sentimental value and other savvy shoppers who know the true worth of used books, DVDs CDs, books on tape, magazines and records selling for pennies, according to Irma Glaser, cochair of the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy in Bloomfield Hılls

One man last year bought a record, Glaser said, recounting how proud he was to show her the book he purchased was val ued much higher by experts

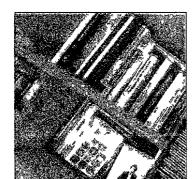
'I told him, You got a bar gain Come again said Glaser a West Bloomfield resident "This is a wonderful way of raising money and it ties into literacy so well

Most books sell for \$1, some items go for \$2-\$5 and the exceptional beautiful books are priced individually

HELPING HAND

Each dollar raised goes to DJCL sponsoring reading programs for students in kindergarten through third grade in Detroit and Oakland County public schools, as well as OLC, which helps adults who read below the eighth-grade level

Bookstock was launched four years ago to replace the annual book sale at Tel-Twelve Mall sponsored by the Branders University National Women's Committee Detroit Chapter for more than 50 years The women of that group were aging and decided it was time to stop



A wide array of material will be available this weekend during the sale

Not wanting the effort to die away, Roz Blanck, a West Bloomfield resident, took the lead role and enlisted volunteers throughout metropolitan Detroit to launch Bookstock

Without their (Brandeis women) good will and mentoring we couldn't have done it, Blanck said

It's all volunteer-driven. said Blanck who co-chairs Bookstock with Jodi Goodman, also of West Bloomfield

Every year the amount of money raised increases and last year the nonprofit group earned more than \$50 000

Each of the donated books came from somebodys house' Blanck said adding that the process of collecting the books sorting them for the sale and setting up the sale is daunting

"It's not worth it as a fund raiser in and of itself, said Blanck calling it a labor of love" to give all these books records, CDs and DVDs sec ond lives

Were recycling all these books for educational and enjoyment purposes she added 'For a buck its worthwhile You can't even get a cup of coffee for that It gives you more enjoyment for so little money'

CIRCLE OF GOOD WILL

And the circle of good will continues when the money is given to help others learn to read Hundreds of volunteers give their time to help others master fundamentals

We have one volunteer who is in her 70s and she attended the elementary school in Detroit that she volunteers at said Glasei

The money provided by

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source of funding, according to Beverly Phillips, public relations coordinator for the Jewish Community Council in Bloomfield Township DJCL is a project of the council

DJCL literacy volunteers go to elementary schools in Farmington, Southfield, West Bloomfield, Ferndale, Oak Park, Walled Lake, Detroit and Royal Oak as well as other the metropolitan Detroit districts

The funds raised from Bookstock allow DJCL to employ a part time coordina tor who oversees the schools needs for more than 400 volunteers, to conduct training sessions for tutors and to hold book drives for the schools and students served

'We serve as an umbrella organization for Jewish synagogues and temples and organizations in recruiting and training their members to serve as literacy volunteers, said Phillips a Farmington Hills resident

Some go to schools two or three times a week because they get such satisfaction knowing what a tremendous difference they re making in the lives of the students they reach Phillips said

Were impacting hundreds and hundreds of students in the schools we serve she said Some are high school students who do this after their school day ends Many are just retired citizens who want to give back to their community Were always looking for more volun-

LEARNING ENGLISH

Of the money raised from Bookstock, \$5,000 goes to the Oakland Literacy Council in Pontiac which recruits and trains volunteers who help adults to read and speak English

We have basic American born reading students who are learning to read and foreign born students who are learning to read and speak English," said Cathryn Weiss executive director of Oakland Literacy Council

It's another outreach activi ty that publicizes our organiza t on and we appreciate the financial contribution as well



Volunteer Phyllis Levy of Oak Park sorts through the children's books as she works with other volunteers preparing for this weekend's Bookstock Used Book & Media Sale at Laurel Park Place

Weiss said

Detroit Free Press columnist Rochelle Riley is honorary chair Bookstock is presented by The Friends of Literacy a group of area literacy and edu cational organizations

Sponsors include Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy, Jewish Community Council Jewish Community Center West Bloomfield, Hadassah, West Bloomfield, Oakland Literacy Council, Detroit Jewish News, Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit, West Bloomfield, The National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, Southfield, CBL & Associates Properties Inc , American ORT, Hillel Day School, Farmington Hills and other Jewish nonprofit organizations For more information, call the Bookstock hotline at (248) 291 1235 or visit www.bookstock.info

BOOKS BY THE THOUSANDS

What Bookstock, the area's largest used book and media sale with thousands of donated used books DVDs CDs, books on tape, magazines and records

When Sunday April 30 through Sunday May 7 Hours The sale runs from noon to 6 p m Sundays and 10 am to 9 pm Monday-Saturday

Where Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall

Who: Hundreds of volunteers from the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy and the Oakland Literacy Council. Why Proceeds benefit Detroit area literacy and education

Specials The pre-sale is from 8 45-11 45 a m. April 30 There is a \$10 admission charge for the pre-sale only On the last day of the sale, May 7, books sell for half-price.

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Vote yes

Having recently toured the high-tech research facilities at University of Michigan Michigan State and Wayne State University's 'Tech Town,' I urge everyone to resoundingly vote "yes" for our kids May 2

At Wayne States Tech Town,' we learned that high school students interested in the biomedical field are given the opportunity to serve as interns Tech Town, Detroits "Sılıcon Valley, helps fledgling entrepreneurs transform their ideas into a viable company. It as home to Asterand, a rapidly growing publicly traded venture on the verge of becoming the world's largest supplier of human tissue for research

At the U-M Engineering Research Center for Reconfigurable Manufacturing Systems, we were impressed by the innovative ways researchers are streamlining manufacturing so businesses can produce lower-cost but higher-quality goods in a rapidly diversified global marketplace Working on his graduate studies in the midst of this cutting-edge center was one of our PCCS kids, Patrick Spicer, a recent graduate of The Park

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our classrooms, from the fiest elementary learning wironment to the research/learning facilities on our college campuses We need to provide every child in the Plymouth-Canton school community with adequate space the appropriate tools, an enriched environment and the technical know-how to become

INNOVATION SHOWCASE

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Yes for our kids means a Career Tech Center for our students to mold their talents as they explore career options It means purchasing land and building a new middle school outfitted for high-tech learning in the 21st century Imagine teachers and students focused on the pursuit of knowledge, utilizing computers and electronic gizmos and not having to make do with the two electrical outlets that are still a part of too many classrooms

Voting 'yes" means reasonable upgrades to older buildings and cost-effective classroom additions to existing elementary schools, allowing most young children to stay in neighborhood schools It includes the modest purchase of 10 new buses to assure the safety of our children on their way to school

Saying "yes' will cost most homeowners like myself about \$2 17 a week, less than one cup of coffee and a doughnut at the local drive-through Most senior citizens and many other families will recoup most of the additional \$2 17 a week through the Circuit-Breaker tax credit on the Michigan Income Tax Talk about getting bang for the buck'

The top-notch well-managed Plymouth-Canton Community School District has attracted families to our communities, making our district the fifth largest in Michigan With the influx of families came businesses, recreational and leisure facilities, music and art venues, etc Our quality of life here is second to none

Saturday, April 29, 2006

Noon -5 p.m.

By spending \$2 17 a week, we are investing in far more than bricks and mortar We are forging bonds of unity in our five distinct communities We are providing bonds of opportunity for every child to be successful By bonding together parents and grandparents, senior citizens without children or grandchildren, civic, community and business leaders, and our young people of voting age - we are conveying to "our children' that we all care

Martha A. Trafford Canton

Sign of the times

I have been following the coverage of the candidates for school board in the $O \mathfrak{S} E$ and have attempted to understand each person's campaign statements/position before I cast my vote One particularly intriguıng candidate is Brandon Hynes, a teenager who seems to be pushing the new ideas/new blood approach in his desire to become a school board member

In my opinion, his experience comes into question, not only from his age, but also his attendance at private school I further question his ability to interpret the rules and regulations by which the school board is governed, as he has clearly ignored the zoning laws in our community

Take a look around town at his campaign signs on public streets, including at the high schools Such flagrant disrespect for our community zoning laws leads me to believe he will struggle following rules and regulations which all governing bodies, even beyond the

school board, are subject to And, by the way, don't hare an automated calling service to ask for my vote This may be a sign of the times, but I for one

want to hear a human voice communicate their message, not a machine

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Mark Blaufuss

Over the last decade I have worked to elect a number of Plymouth school board candidates and Supports bond have been an interested observer of school board politics in Plymouth-Canton Here The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools continues is what I have observed to be one of the premier dis-

1 Every school board.member and candidate shares a common goal of doing what is best for the kids While they often differ on specifics, no one pushes for something they believe violates this goal This assures they are "all the same" and we should be glad they are

the long-term viability of the

community and urge voters to

support both proposals May 2

Team players

Bill Weber

Plymouth Township

2 Every person elected to the school board quickly learns they have little individual authority They are one of seven votes that must take into account parents, teachers, administration and the communities at large Candidates that act like they have simple answers no one else knows or, worse yet, that they have unearthed an unseen conspiracy are simply telling voters they have a lot to learn

3 Citizens who get involved to make the district better are what sustain and invigorate board members through their terms Citizens who bring only

criticism and negativity without viable suggestions for improvement are every board member's bane

4 School board members distiguish themselves less by what they do on the board and more by how they behave after their terms are over Whether they leave voluntarily or because of electoral loss, former school board members define their individual legacy

by their post-board behavior Most move on to other interests understanding they have been part of a process they never controlled Others cannot relinquish their role and hover on the periphery carping and criticizing This latter group becomes citizens who are against everything and for nothing Sadly, this becomes their legacy, overwhelming their good work while on the board

When you boil all this down what remains is one fact. The most effective board members are the ones who are team players before, during and after their terms in office

That is why I am voting for John Jackson and Steve Sneideman Even before being elected they act in a manner that shows they understand a board member's role and will be valued members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board team

Si Nahra Plymouth

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 02, 2006

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, on Tuesday May 02 2006 from 7 00 a m until 8 00 p m at which time the following will be voted on

> Two (2) Members of the Board of Education Terms ending June 30 2010

and

PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION 1

Shall the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Ninety Five Million Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 (\$95,415 000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, in one or more series for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following

Erecting equipping and furnishing a new middle school building and a new career technical education facility and acquiring, preparing, developing and improving the sites for a new middle school building and a new career technical education facility,

Erecting equipping and furnishing additions to school buildings and preparing, developing and improving sites for additions to school buildings

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school buildings and purchasing school buses and

Equipping and re equipping school buildings for technology systems and equipment?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty five (25) years the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.86 mills (which is equal to \$0.86 per \$1.000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty five (25) years is 0.83 mills annually (\$0.83 per \$1.000 of taxable value)

If this Bond Proposition 1 is combined with Bond Proposition 2 it will be outstanding exclusive of refunding for not more than twenty five (25) years the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the combined proposed bonds in the first year is 1 08 mills (which is equal to \$1 08 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twentyfive (25) years is 1 05 mills annually \$1 05 per \$1 000 of taxable value) If approved by the voters the bonds will be guaranteed by the State on guaranteed by the State of Mi

Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, as amended If the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds under the State of Michigan's guarantee the School District may be required to levy debt mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State of Michigan (Pursuant to State law expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used

for teacher, administrator or employee salaries repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses)

YES_ NO

PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION 2

Shall the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty Four Million Seven Hundred Sixty Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$24 765 000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, in one or more series for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following

Erecting equipping and furnishing a performing arts center addition, a multi purpose swimming pool addition and auxiliary gymnasium addition to high school buildings,

Preparing, developing and improving sites for a performing arts center addition, a multi purpose swimming pool addition and an auxiliary gymnasium addition to high school buildings

Equipping additions to high school buildings for technology systems and equipment, and Erecting equipping and furnishing additions to athletic fields and preparing, developing and improving

sites for additions to athletic fields' The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty five (25) years, the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0 22 mills (which is equal to \$0 22 per \$1 000 of taxable value), and the estimated simple average

annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty five (25) years is 0 22 mills annually

(\$0 22 per \$1,000 of taxable value) If this Bond Proposition 2 is combined with Bond Proposition 1 it will be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, for not more than twenty five (25) years the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the combined proposed bonds in the first year is 108 mills (which is equal to \$108 per \$1,000 of taxable

value) and the estimated simple average miliage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty five (25) years is \$1 05 mills annually (\$1 05 per \$1 000 of taxable value) The Bonds authorized under this School Improvement Bond Proposition 2, if approved by the voters, will

not be issued if the voters do not approve School Improvement Bond Proposition 1 If approved by the voters the bonds will be guaranteed by the State of Michigan under Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963 as amended If the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds under the State of Michigan's guarantee the School District may be required to levy debt mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State of Michigan

(Pursuant to State law expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses)

> YES_ NO

All polling locations in Plymouth Township are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped

Polling locations are as follows Precinct 1 Farrand School Friendship Station Precinct 2 Precinct 3 Allen School Township Clerk's Office Precinct 4 Precinct 5 Bird School West Middle School Precinct 6 Precinct 7 Living Word Church St Kenneth's Catholic Church Precinct 8 Precinct 9 Church of the Nazarene Precinct 10 Fregel School First Baptist Church Pioneer Middle School Precinct 11 Precinct 12 Precincts 13 & 16 Risen Christ Lutheran Church Precinct 14 Isbister School First United Methodist Church Precinct 15 NorthRidge Church Precinct 17

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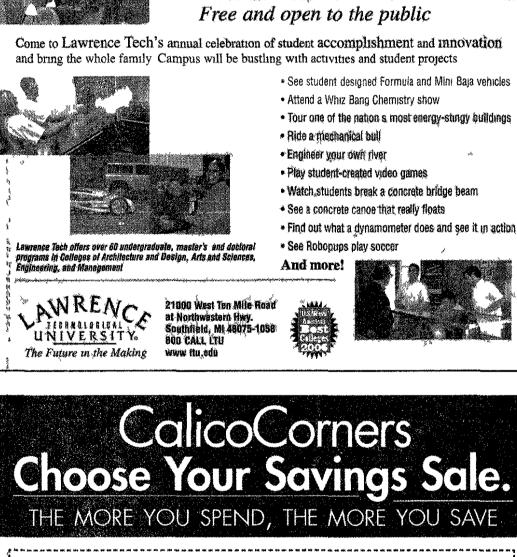
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42375 Schoolcraft Rd

Applications for absentee ballots for Plymouth Township registered voters may be obtained at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Building #3 Plymouth MI 48170 Phone number 354 3224 Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 800 am to 200 pm, on Saturday April 29 On Monday, May 1 qualified voters shall receive their ballots, and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4 00 p m

> Marilyn Massengill CMC Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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GM picks JCI as Saturn parts supplier

Johnson Controls announced it has been selected by General Motors to supply the seating system and other interior components for the 2007 Saturn Outlook This includes the innovative "Smart Slide" second-row seat feature The all-new vehicle was unveiled last week at the New York Auto Show

Johnson Controls collaborated with General Motors to develop the innovative "Smart Slide' seating feature that enables quick, easy movement of the second-row seats to provide access to the third row of the vehicle

According to General Motors, this feature will be standard on all second-row configurations for the Saturn Outlook

Through an array of pivot points, the second-row seat cushion flips up, while the seat back slides forward toward the front seats The Smart Slide" feature works independently on a 60/40 split bench seat, as well as captain's chairs Engineers have refined this system to achieve the lowest possible effort for easy, one handed operation

An additional benefit of Smart Slide is four inches of fore-aft travel for the secondrow, which can help accommodate long-legged passengers seated in either the second or third row, or for increased storage space

'Johnson Controls is pleased to be providing seat systems, other interior components, as well as electronics to the allnew Saturn Outlook, said Brian Kesseler, group vice president and general manager, North America for Johnson



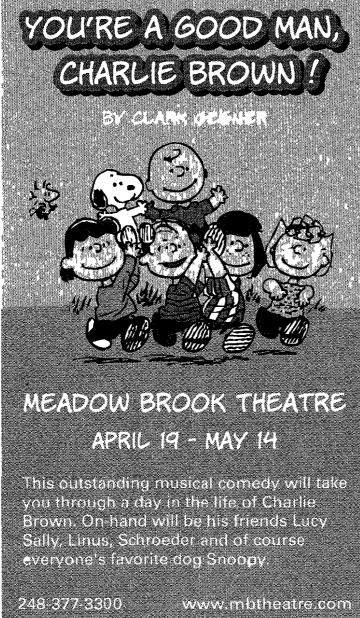
Controls 'The innovative seats will allow passengers to easily get into and out of third-row seating areas

In addition to providing seat systems, Johnson Controls will supply overhead systems, door panels, instrument clusters and cargo-storage systems for this vehicle

The door panels will be man ufactured using Johnson Controls CrafTec Partial Mold Behind (PMB) manufacturing process PMB utilizes a singlestep, advanced injection-mold

ing process that integrates cover materials, reducing the time and cost needed to create interior panels

The overhead system con tains the headliner, sun visors, and overhead console which features Johnson Controls HomeLink® Wireless Control System The patented HomeLink system can be used to remotely operate garage doors, estate gates, rear and front door locks, home security and lighting systems, and other convenience and safety devices



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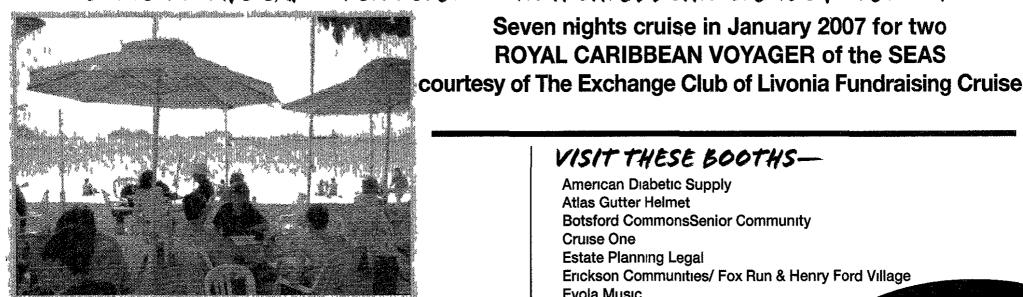
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Grant lets MHS offer low-cost sterilizations

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

It's the photo that catches your eye first A cat's meow of a feline decked out in a pair of sunglasses and a \$20 bit of glifter around her neck

Meet the poster kitty for the Michigan Humane Society's latest spring campaign to "take the bling out of her thing"

Thanks to a \$25,000 grant, the MHS is offering affordable sterdizations and vaccinations fog 600 cats in 60 days. The program is targeting low-

calling the following

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Scover the following

East Middle School

of the school district

income and fixed-income pet owners

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"This time of year we see a tremendous amount of kittens," said Dr Robert Fisher, director of clinics for the Michigan Humane Society 'One of the main reasons we're doing this is because of the overpopulation There's just too many cats out there that are homeless or can't find a home"

It was Fisher who applied for and received the grant from the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation to do the 600 procedures at the Michigan

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Board of Education

Plymouth Canton Community Schools

JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing

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David Medley ADA Coordinator

Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188

(734) 394 5260

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community

Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a

Bid for Topographic Surveying Services These services will

Spring 2006: Eriksson Farrand, Fiegel Field Hoben, and Hulsing

Spring 2007: Bentley Isbister and Tonda Elementary Schools and

Specifications can be obtained by sending a fax on a company

Tetterhead Attn Rich Houdek of Grissim Metz Andriese at (248)

PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416 2953 Sealed bids are due on or before 2 00 pm Tuesday May 9 2006 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE Topographic Surveying Bid, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 South Harvey

Plymouth, MI 48170 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest

Elementary Schools and Proneer Middle School

Center for Animal Care in Westland

Humane Society's Berman

The goal is do complete the 600 sterilizations by May 31, and the MHS is on track to do just that with just 250 slots left to be filled this week.

"There's definitely a pretty good need out there," said Fisher 'With their reproduction, this number of cats in a couple of generations could have tens of thousands of cats"

Estimates are that a single unspayed female cat, her mate and all their offspring can produce a total of 420,000 kittens ın just seven years

For \$20, people can have

their cat spayed or neutered and also brought up to date on vaccinations, including rabies, panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis and calici virus A maximum of three cats per household can qualify for the program

Appointments can be made by calling (734) 722-1415 and will be scheduled on a firstcome, first-served basis

Pet owners need to provide proof of financial need at the time of their appointment, such as documentation from government-funded programs like the Family Independence Program, State Disability Assistance, Food Assistance Program, WIC Program and

"Millions of unwanted animals are euthanized at shelters each year, so an affordable spay and neuter sterilization program can help make a great difference, said Fisher "In addition to helping prevent the problem of animal overpopulation, sterilization offers many significant health and behavior benefits, including a decreased risk for cancer"

So far, more than 300 pet owners who have taken advantage of the reduced priced services Many have come from Detroit area and Westland and as far away as Flint and St Clair Shores

According to the MHS, the benefits of feline sterilization include less territorial spraying, a reduced urge to roam and the elimination of howling, pacing and house soiling associated with a cat in heat which can last up to 21 days and occur three or more times a year

"Sterilizing 600 cats can definitely have a positive influence on overpopulation," said Fisher "We're specifically targeting cats, but in the future, we may expand it"

MHS cares for more than 100,000 animals each year at

directed to

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its three metro Detroit adoption and veterinary medical centers in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland Established in 1877, it's one of

country For more information, call 1-866-MHUMANE or visit the MHS Web site at www michiganhumane org

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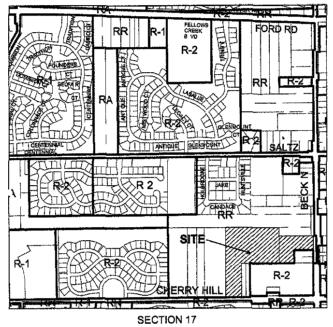
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 1 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7 00 pm. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

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Vic Gustafson Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

FY2006 CDBG ACTION PLAN

AND REPROGRAMMING

On May 9, at 7 pm in the Board Meeting Room first floor Administration Building 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton

Michigan there will be a public hearing on the CDBG Advisory Council recommendations for the FY 2006 Community

Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan The purpose of the

Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2006 CDBG program The project and project funding recommendations are First Step \$31 925 Growth Works \$6 670,

Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, \$7,901 Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency \$1,710 Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator \$6 500 Canton Township Sheldon School site improvements \$122 910 First Step Building Acquisition,

\$20,000 CDBG program administration \$69 741, Affordable Housing Contingency \$100 000 Teen Center outreach program,

\$1,350, Human Services Center building improvements \$5,000 The FY 2006 CDBG allocation is \$373 707 Included in the public

hearing is the request to reprogram FY 2003 Housing Lot Purchase

funds (\$8,600) to FY 2005 Affordable Housing Contingency The

reprogramming neither cancels an old project nor creates a new project Written comments or requests for information should be

Community Services Division 1150 S Canton Center Road

Gerald Martin Community Services Specialist

Terry Bennett Clerk

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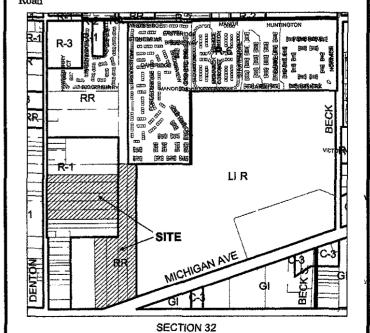
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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AND THE CITIES OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, ENKSTER ROMULUS WAYNE AND WESTLAND County of Wayne NOTICE is hereby given that a General Wayne Westland School Board Election will be held in parts of the Township of Canton and parts of the Cities of Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Romulus Wayne and Westland on Tuesday May 2 2006 from 7 00 a m until 8 00 p m at which time candidates for the following office will be voted upon One (1) Board of Education Member to serve a four (4) year term, term to expire June 30, 2010.

ist of polling place locations –

School Precincts I 92 C 7 55 C V 28 C A <u>Locations</u> Tri City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon Road Walker-Winter School 39932 Michigan Avenue Agape Christian Center, 45081 Geddes Road

City of Dearborn Heights

School Precincts 04001

Locations Hicks School 100 Helen Avenue Inkster MI

City of Romulus School Precincts 06 R

Rudgate Clubhouse, 7040 Shawnee Drive

City of Wayne School Precincts 01 WA

Locations Senior Activity Center 3500 Sims Avenue 92 WA Senior Activity Center 3500 Sims Avenue 04 WA 05 WA 06 WA Taft-Galloway School, 4035 \$ Gloria Taft Galloway School 4035 S Gloria Hoover School, 5400 Fourth St 07 WA 08 WA Hoover School 5400 Fourth St Roosevelt McGrath School, 36075 Currier

City of Westland School Precincts

Locations Madison School 1075 S Carlson Kettering School 1200 Hubbard Stottlemyer School 34801 Marquette Patchin School 6420 Newburgh Road Edison School 34505 Hunter Adams Middle School 33475 Palmer Patchin School Jefferson Barns School 32150 Dorsey Lincoln School 33800 Grand Traverse Elliott School 30800 Bennington Schweitzer School 2601 Treadwell Marshall Middle School 35100 Bayview P D Graham School, 1255 S John Hix Wildwood School, 500 N Wildwood Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born Road Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman Edison School, 34505 Hunter Hayes School 30600 Louise Ct Dyer Social Service Center -Senior Wing 36745 Marquette Dyer Social Service Center -Senior Wing 36745 Marquette Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview

The polls for said election will be open at 7 00 a m and will remain gen until 800 pm on said day of election Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for closing thereof shall the allowed to vote Voting sites are wheelchair accessible and ADA

TERRI BENNETT JUDI DUDZINSKI LINDA CHOATE Canton Twp Clerk Dearborn Hgts Clerk Romukus City Clerk

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SHURGARD STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 05/05/06 at approximately 9 00 a m or there after at the following locations

Shurgard Storage of Canton North *2101 Haggerty Rd*Canton* 734 981 0300 Household Items **Brooks**

5049 Gildon Household Items Household Items 4034 Sims

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Shurgard Storage of Canton South* 45229 Michigan Ave*Canton* 734 398 5416 Henderson household 2023 household 2015 Hlavacek household 4016 Multi Rac family 4039 household Murray

Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313 277 2000 Household Items 1486 Klingensmith Household Items

household

Shurgard Storage of Livonia*30300 Plymouth Rd*Livonia*734 522

Mason Household Goods Household/Camping Goods 302 Donaldson Household Goods 3120 Karpanowski Household Goods 312 Johnson Flumerfelt Household Goods 413 Shelby Household Goods Marks Household Goods

Shurgard Storage of Taylor*9300 Pelham Rd* Taylor*313 292 2950 Household goods Household goods 4027 Bahu 7116 Cook Household goods Household goods Farraj 6011 3071 Fossett Household goods 3082 Height Household goods 3078 Roop Household goods 5057 Siders Household goods 5039 Winer Household goods 7093 Cecil Household goods

Shurgard Storage of Westland*36001 Warren* Westland*734 326 6000 Household Items 2036

Dunlap 1118 Gibson Household Items Household Items 5060 Gross Household Items 5132 Hellwig Hendon-Jenkins Household Items 3116 1292 Pullen Household Items 3196 Tolbert Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Plymouth *41889 Joy Rd*Canton*734 459 9118 household

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9 00 a m or there after at the following location

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Rose Household

An open letter to DFCU Financial

We are extremely disappointed to learn that a small group of members has submitted a petition to recall our Board of Directors, which is a reckless and irresponsible act that is **putting our credit union**, **our money and our jobs at risk**. This small group of people is led by former employees and board members who want to take us back to the days when the credit union had huge financial losses and wasted millions. Many of us have been part of the DFCU Financial team for a long time and can speak firsthand of what it was like to work under the previous board and management team – and we don't want them back.

We, the employees of DFCU Financial, believe in and fully support our Board of Directors and management – and we say this of our own free will.

As employees who work hard each day to earn your trust and meet your financial needs, we hope you will take a moment to read how we feel about this risky and dangerous proposition. Below is just a sampling of what some of us have to say

I am a longtime employee of DFCU and have never been more proud to be a part of this organization as I am today I feel secure as an employee and a member under the leadership of the CEO and the current Board of Directors I know firsthand the integrity, due diligence and effort that is put into each decision and I am confident that every decision made is in the membership's best interest

Barb Agius - 29 years

I drive 150 miles round trip. My husband said I'd never last when I took the job. People are surprised I would drive so far and I tell them I enjoy my job so much and the way the credit ur ion is run, that the drive is worth it when you're happy

Jacquelyn Kusler – 4 years

Thanks to the CEO and the current Board of Directors, DFCU Financial has become a strong, healthy and successful business, both for members and employees. The CEO and the Board are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to this organization.

Susan Paplin – 17 years

With more than 16 years of service here at DFCU, plus 13 years of service at National Steel FCU, I can say that this Board of Directors and management team have done and continue to do a very good job of operating the number 1 credit union in the state

Tim Flaim - 16 years

Several years ago I considered leaving the company I was dissatisfied with certain self-serving individuals, who always put the members' interests **last** Reluctantly, I stuck around and **I'm glad I did.** Under new leadership, things started changing Members were again "Job 1" Employees were treated with respect With the members' needs always in mind, services and branches were expanded I won't be leaving DFCU any time soon

Charlene Soderquist - 14 years

I have to say after working for other credit unions, this is the most efficient company I have ever been a part of Under this leadership we always look for ways to better serve our members or for what services we can improve upon Striving to be our members' one and only financial institution. To meet the financial needs of all our members

Angela Valentine – 6 years

After I hired in on June 1, 1998, I wondered if it was a good move on my part. There was talk of the NCUA taking control of us because of gross financial mismanagement. We were on our way down. I decided to stay on for a few years, get some experience under my belt and go somewhere more secure. I was recently offered a position elsewhere and turned it down. I can't think of a better place to be. I work with the BEST of the best! What a difference eight years can make!

Steven Prinz – 8 years

We aren't only employees of the credit union, we are members as well. We care deeply about the future of our jobs, our money and our credit union

When the time comes to vote to recall our Board of Directors, we implore you to vote NO By doing so, you guarantee that the credit union you have come to depend on will continue to be here – and we'll still be here – to serve you and protect your money

Most sincerely,

DFCU Financial Employees

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Fungala raises more than \$90,000

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Finety thousand dollars and stil counting Karen Sanborn is delighted to report that

Madonna University students can count on at least that much in scholarship money

The gala on April 21 at Laurel Manor in Livonia did more than raise money

Why did I switch my

checking from a bank to

Community Choice Credit Union?

though Guests experienced a little bit of Hollywood that night from the time they stepped onto the red carpet

"It was just such a nice

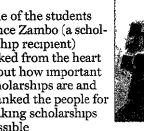
event," said Sanborn, the uni-

versity's new marketing director "There were students involved in every aspect From the moment they walked in there were students posing as paparazzı takıng their photos

Vince Zambo (a scholarship recipient) talked from the heart about how important scholarships are and thanked the people for making scholarships possible

Students in the Lyrical Theatre ensem ble performed West Side Story selections

The 20 live auction items, including a one week stay at an abbey in France, raised more than \$20,000



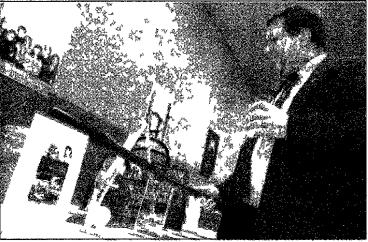
Sister Damascene goes over the grand prize of the Benefit Auction, \$2,000 worth of jewelry with Mrs Hollywood' Cari Mitter, who works in the Food Service Department at Madonna

> Among the 100 silent auction items were photographs of the **Detroit Pistons**



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Participants browse the tables of goodies out for the silent auction before the start of Friday nights Madonna University Benefit Auction



Madonna University professor William McMillan looks over some of the sports items on the table for the silent auction during the Benefit Auction

Back Pain?

Southfield, MI According to a recently released back pain relief report most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain Some use heat, others ice From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back

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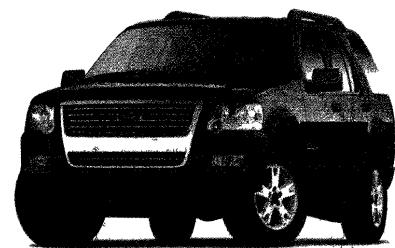
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Cooking fires are still most common

that starting an unwanted fire in the kitchen is a good thing to do Most of us will not throw a kitchen cloth onto a burning stove, intentionally help spread a fire from a pan to the cupboards or add additional oxygen to get the fire going faster, but that hap-

ing an unwant-

Cooking is

the leading

ed fire

cause of fires and civilian fire

home cooking fires start with

the range or stove and usually when food, grease, rags, bags,

injuries in the United States

Two out of three reported

cabinets, curtains or other common household items

ignite In 2001 alone, there

370 civilian deaths, 4,290

civilian injuries and about \$453 million in property dam-

just those fires that were

were over 117,000 home fires

involving cooking equipment These cooking fires resulted in

age And those statistics reflect

reported Who reading this is guilty of having an unwanted

kitchen fire and not reporting

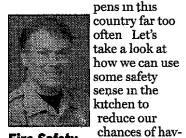
The main reason cited for

stove on, this action can cause

kitchen fires in inattention Whether leaving the room, or

leaving the house with the

plenty of damage Often at



Fire Safet Lt. Tom Kıurskı

home, our attention is diverted for a short period by the doorbell, phone, radio, television, children or a pet Other times after cooking has started, we forget about it Once started, the fire can easily spread beyond the initial pot to other combustibles in the area

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind when cooking

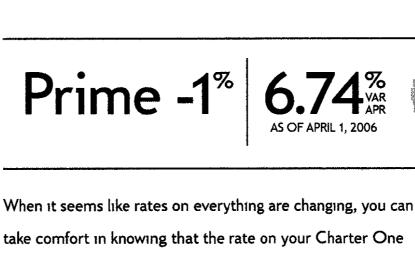
- Never leave cooking unattended, and monitor food in the oven
- Wear short sleeves or tight-fitting clothes, to avoid loose clothing coming into contact with hot objects
- If your clothing catches fire, remember the "Stop, Drop and Roll" behavior to put the fire out
- Keep kids away from the cooking area by setting up a 3-foot area around the stove where kids should avoid Keep them close enough to watch, but away from hot objects
- Use oven mitts when handling hot cooking items
- Don't cook when you are tired, or have taken medicine to help you sleep
- If a pan of food catches fire, do not use water Slide the lid over the top and shut off the heat to the burner
- If there is a fire in the oven, shut off the heat to the unit and keep the door closed

Remember that calling the fire department brings a fast response by professionals who can assist you Don't hesitate to call us for any fire or medical emergency We're happy to help!

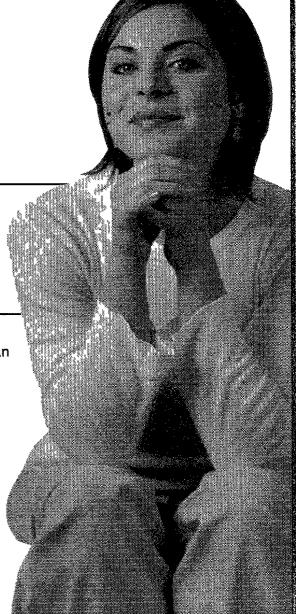
Tom Kiurski is a lieutenant who han dies public information for the Livonia Fire Department

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IKEA store nearing completion Lions ready for

STAFF WRITER

IKEA officials are moving full steam ahead toward a June 7 grand opening for the store at Ford and Haggerty, which will be the Swedish furniture retailers first in Michigan and is expected to draw more than two million customers annually

According to IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth, employees have been working at a feverish pace to put the finishing touches on the massive 311,000-square-foot store so it is ready for the throngs of shoppers that have been eagerlyanticipating its opening All the major construction is complete, and employees are now putting out the actual furnishings and displays that the store is so famous for

"MICHIGAN

'It's been coming in three to four trailers a day for a while now," store manager Mark McCaslın saıd

For people who have shopped at other IKEA stores (there are 27 others in the ÙS), Roth said the Canton store should look familiar He said every store in the IKEA chain, which includes 230 worldwide, is laid out exactly the same

There are 56 different rooms on display, representing bedrooms, kitchens, bathrooms and offices, and several are even modeled after mobile homes Each room is decorated and features items that meet a specific profile

"We start with a concept who is going to live in a room? And we build the room around ıt,' McCaslın saıd

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PLANNING COMMISSION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts

of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 1 2006 in the First Floor Meeting

Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road at 700 pm. on the following proposed

Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

LABANA FAMILY REZONING
CONSIDER REQUEST TO
EEZONE PARCEL NO 062 99 0010 000 FROM TO R-2 SINGLE

FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R 3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

SECTION 16

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be

received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, April 27 2006 in order to be

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PO Box 30204

Lansing, MI 48909

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of

the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Summit on the Park Ash Room 46000

Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan on Thursday May 11

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested

Application for Permit 06 82 0035 P Under Part 301, Inland Lakes

and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental

Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended by Livonia Builders

4952 Dewitt, Canton, Michigan The applicant proposes to

excavate place fill and utilities in wetlands, place storm sewer

below the Green Drain, and construct a retention pond within 500

feet of the drain for developing the site into a condominium development to meet the demand for housing in Canton Township

The project site is east of the intersection of Saltz Road and Beck Road. The proposed wetland excavation of 53 cubic yards for the

construction of the retention basm will impact an area of 0 024

acres The proposed wetland fill for roadway and lot development will use 662 cubic yards of material and impact an area of 0 739

acres Storm sewer and sanitary sewer will be placed beneath the wetland fill A 24 inch diameter storm sewer will be placed 3 feet beneath the Green Drain The proposed retention pond will have

0 37 acres of permanent water level require the excavation of 11,050 cubic yards of upland and outlet to the Green Drain

through a 150 lineal foot ditch constructed in uplands Off site mitigation is proposed The project is located in T2S R8E Section

The application is available for review at the DEQ website

www deq state mi us/CIWPIS or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division DEQ 27700 Donald Court, Warren Michigan 48092 2793, by calling 586 753-3862 The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing fecord must be received at this address on or before the close of

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30105 of the cited

statute The hearing will not be a court type proceeding, witnesses

will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination Public

hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will upon

written request provide a copy of the Department's decision on

NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for

effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone

number listed above one week in advance to request mobility

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

16 Canton Township Wayne County Michigan

the expression of views and presentation of facts

persons concerning the following application for permit

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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ancluded in the materials submitted for review

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2006 at 700 pm

Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Beck Road



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Katie Jackson of Livonia hangs leaf bed canopies in the children's section of the Canton IKEA store

IKEA Canton also features an escalator near the store entrance While the escalator is nothing new for IKEA, it is for Canton Roth said township officials told him it is the first to be built in Canton

As for employees, Roth said they have just about completed hiring for the roughly 400 positions needed at the store, which been, he said

has been a difficult process, because they interviewed at least twice that number

Roth said plans for the grand opening are already set The only thing he's worned about is the one thing IKEA can t control

"All we ask is that the weather will be as nice as it has

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS-APRIL 18, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday April 18, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7 00 pm and led the pledge of allegrance Roll Call Members Present Bennett Caccamo Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Staff Present Director Conklin Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda Motion carried unanimously

STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1 Deed Restriction for Fellows

Creek Golf Course Trustee Caccamo stated the Request for Board Action (RBA) that he submitted for approval for a deed restriction for Fellows Creek has been brought to his attention that it may not be legal or feasible However the RBA states the reasons set forth as to why Fellows Creek should not be sold are as follows To preserve affordable family recreation, Preserve open space Protect the environment Preserve the quality of life, Protect local property values Demonstrate sound fiscal and Township Planning Trustee Caccamo stated Fellows Creek should be deed restricted so any sale of Fellows Creek in the future is limited to keeping it as a golf course Nancy Drake 2118 Fairway Cir stated her concern is to preserve open space Robert McCausland 17258 Hılltop View Dr Northville Township stated he would like to see the Board vote in favor of a deed restriction Robert McCausland would like to keep the golf course a golf course and to provide extra insurance for the residents Jim Aaron 2178 Fairway Court stated the golf course needs a cart path and the entire course needs to be modernized Fran Roe 1815 Pebble Creek stated it is difficult to get issues resolved with the golf course manager She stated an example related to dead pine tree removal Ms Roe stated she might feel more comfortable if the Township operated the golf course Dan McCausland 328 Haggerty Road stated he is in disagreement with not imposing the deed restriction. Anthony Cauchi 7410 Hillsboro stated he believes the Township assets belong to everyone in the Township and is not in favor of the deed restriction Supervisor Yack inquired from the Board if they were in favor of engaging an attorney for research of the deed restriction Bennett No Caccamo Yes Kirchgatter No LaJoy No McLaughlin No Yack No Zarbo No Other Supervisor Yack stated there will be a joint session with the Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 19 2006 at 700 pm at the Administration Building First Floor, Board Room 1150 Canton Center S Canton, Michigan 48188 <u>Adjourn</u> Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin at 8 59 p m to adjourn Motion carried unanimously - Thomas J Yack, Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk -

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

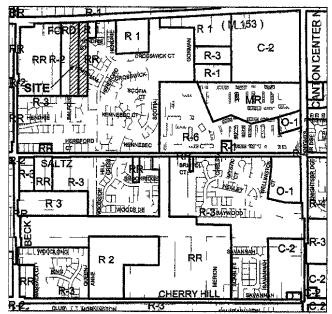
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday May 1 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road at 700 pm. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

DAILEY PEARSON REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 062 99 0008 000 (46705 FORD ROAD) FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R 3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND PARCEL N O 062 99 0009 000 (46885 FORD ROAD) FROM R 2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Beck Road



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Vic Gustafson Chairman

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White Cane drive Members of the Plymouth part of the Lions International, the world's

Lions Club take to the streets this weekend for their annual White Cane Drive

Lions club members will be manning major intersections around the community 8 a m -4 p m Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29, collecting donations from passing motorists Drivers will be able to distinguish Lions club members by their bright yellow jackets and white canes

According to 2006 White Cane chairman Harvey Barkley, this year's drive will be more important than usual, because of the current economic conditions in Michigan and the inability of residents to donate as they ordinarily would

"If a lot of people just give a small amount, we can still meet our objective to help the handicapped residents of our area," Barkley said

The Plymouth Lions Club has been in existence for more than 50 years and is

largest service organization with 12 million members

Local projects supported by the Plymouth Lions Club include free white canes for the visually impaired, access ramps for the handicapped, collection and recycling of used eyeglasses and hearing aids, Quest substance abuse program in the community middle schools, purchase and distribution of closedcircuit TV readers for the visually impaired, the Plymouth Community Band, colelge scholarships for high school seniors in Plymouth-Canton schools, and playground equipment, benches and restroom facilities in Plymouth Lions Park and Kellogg Park

For more information or to help the Lions Club, con tact Harvey Barkley, c/o Plymouth Lions Club, PO Box 701159, Plymouth, MI 48170

STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (May 15th 2006), Tate & Co Auctioneers Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids The sale will be at the following location Storage USA 6729 CANTON CENTER RD, CANTON MI 48187 AT 12 30

Jamce Davenport B33 10x15 Mohammed Nasır D127 5x10 Larry McCullough D134 5x10

Macarl Deruso E171 10x20Hester Barksdale I316 10x15

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Lamps, sofa, plastic totes, end tables, rugs Restaurant Equipment Microwaves, rubber totes, Xmas tree misc

Misc Household goods Misc Household goods & Collectables

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH The City of Plymouth Liquor Management Ordinance

Plymouth City Commission 201 S Mam Street Plymouth MI 48170 Monday May 1 2006 7 00 p m

PUBLIC HEARING- To request transfer of Tavern License into the City of Plymouth for a new business Grape Expections 567 Forest

The PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held at the regular City Commission meeting on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 700 pm The Hearings will be held at the Plymouth City Hall at 201 S Main, Plymouth, MI 48170

> Linda Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

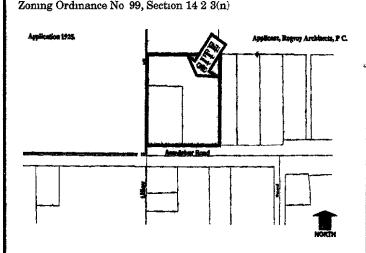
PROPOSED ACTION·

Request Approval of a Special Land DATE OF HEARING:

Wednesday, May 3 2006 TIME OF HEARING. $700\,\mathrm{PM}$

Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann PLACE OF HEARING: Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting Special Land Use Approval for a bank and restaurant with drive through windows in a Proposed Commercial Development in the Ann Arbor Road Corridor District (ARC) on Tax IDs R 78 060 99 0027 002 & R 78 060 99 0025 000, (property addresses are 42350 Ann Arbor Road and 42370 Ann Arbor Road) pursuant to



LEGAL DESCRIPTION. For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos R-78-060-99-0027-002 & R-78-060-99-0025-000

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours from 7 30 AM to 400, 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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide PLEASE TAKE NOTE The Charter Township of riymouth win province 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 FDD users: 800 849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Plymouth senior presents research DFCU bank bid ends, Steven McLain of Plymouth was among several local ON CAMPUS munications, Gregory Davis, a senior in communications, 57th-annual Honors Banquet March 24 DFCU bank bid ends, recognized at the college's 57th-annual Honors Banquet but protest continue

Central Michigan University students who presented their research in the Student Research and Creative Endeavors exhibition at

Central Michigan University McLain, a senior, participated in the "What Makes People Choose Where to Bowl?" project McLain, a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is the son of Cathy and Larry McLain of Plymouth and is majoring in business and recreation, parks and leisure services administration

"SRACE provides an added opportunity to showcase the engagement of students in creative thinking, problem solving and research," said CMU associate professor Al Ellard, chairman of the committee that organizes the event "It provides a level of recognition for their scholarship they may otherwise not have It also demonstrates the university is serious about giving students the skills to be tomorrow s problem

University of Northwestern Ohio

Kyle B Ollar of Plymouth was among the students who made the Dean's List for the February session for the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima Students made the list by earning a gradepoint average of 3 5 or better

U-M Dearborn

■ Fifteen students from Plymouth and another 28 from Canton made the Dean's List in the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters for the Fall 2005 term

Students on the Dean's List earn a minimum 3 5 gradepoint average while carrying at least 12 credit hours in a semester

Plymouth students to make the list included Eric Bacyınskı, a sophomore ın environmental studies, Amy Barta, a junior in communica-

tions, Shaun Booth, a sophomore in psychology, Shannon Brennan, a sophomore in psychology, Kurtıs Edelbrock, a freshman in political science, Lauren Hansz, a sophomore in humanities, Kristen Jennings, a junior in sociology, Jessica Page-Carreras, a junior in communications, Heather Wolf, a senior in psychology, Carmen Gentilcore, a senior in history and secondary certification, Sean Killeen, a semior in communications, freshmen Megan Murray, Alyson Kropp and Samra Haddad, and junior Stephen Kress, a junior in

communications Canton students included Derek Calzadıllas, a junior in political science and communications, Alisha Cieslak, a senior in political science, Shane Cowger, a senior in communications, Erin Leverton, a senior in management information and international studies, Tina Marotta, a junior in communications, Renee Massarello, a sophomore in art history, Erica Rau, a senior in hispanic studies, Lauren Reed, a freshman in psychology, JaeHee Shim, a junior in biochemistry, Liz Thomas, a senior in biological sciences, Emily Wilczak, a senior in biochemistry, Emily Perpich, a junior in psychology, Christina Rovet, a freshman in psychology, Maria Psillis, a junior in political science, Manisha Patel, a junior in political science, Stephanie Konwerski, a freshman in anthropology, Diane Fazio, a senior in biological sciences, Elizabeth Wheatley, a senior in psychology and health policy studies, Michael Grech, a sophomore, Kathryn Rapson, a sophomore in psychology, Michael Baracy, a junior in psychology, Mouazam Malık, a junior in biochemistry and psychology, Yasemin Ramadanova, a sophomore in international studies, Christina Vega, a senior in

Michael Crowley, a sophomore in biochemistry, and freshman Mallory Majeski

■ Twelve Canton students and three from Plymouth made the Dean's List at the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Engineering and Computer

The Canton students included Petr Malık, a junior in mechanical engineering, Christopher Bednarz, a sophomore in computer engineering, Vaishaliben Patel, a senior in computer science, Kelert Bizbiqi, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, Michael Berryman, a senior in computer science, Daniel Bowden, a freshman in electrical engineering, Ashley Ringler, a junior in mechanical engineering, Bradley Hinks, a junior in mechanical engineerıng, Rachel Radzıszewskı, a senior in software engineering, Jason Sabada, a sophomore in software engineering, Scott Lytle, a senior in computer engineering, and Craig Lytle, a junior in electrical engineer-

The Plymouth students were Stefan Filipek, a senior in computer engineering, Nicholas Hitchcock, a senior in electrical engineering, and James Bowles, a senior in computer engineering

■ Four Canton students made the Dean's List at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's College of Education

They were Jacquelyn Rames, a senior in early childhood, Stephanie Pevac, a senior in language arts, Ashley VanSteelandt, a freshman in social studies, and Heather Anleitner, a freshman in science studies

Eastern Michigan University

Eight Plymouth students made the Dean's List at Eastern Michigan University's College of Business They were March 24

The students were Ryan Haddad, Wendy Jones, Charles Mattison, Briana Overmars, Alexandra Rızk, Peter Saucier, Cassandra Suchy-Mabrouk and Nathan Venske

Northwood University

Matthew J Czajkowski will be a freshman at Northwood University in Midland this fall and is the recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year. The scholarship is \$5,000 per year with renewal options yearly if criteria is met

The Free Enterprise Scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years Czajkowski will graduate from Divine Child High School this spring and will work toward a business degree from Northwood He is the son of Joseph and Christie Czajkowski of Plymouth

Howe Military School

Cadet Melvin Sillmon II, a 10th-grader at Howe Mılıtary School, was named to the Headmaster's List for the fourth six-week grading period of the 2005-06 school year

Sillmon, the son of Anna and Melvin Sillmon of Plymouth, received the award by attaining at least a 3 O average in his studies in a college prep curriculum

Canterbury School

Joshua Belfiore of Canton received high honors in making the Honor Roll for the third marking period at Canterbury School in New Milford, Conn

BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

Monday's announcement by the DFCU Financial Board of Directors to stop the not-forprofit credit union's bid to become a for-profit mutual savings bank is not stopping an effort by angry credit union members to remove the board

DFCU, formerly known as Dearborn Federal Credit Union, voluntarily pulled its application based on member feedback and misinformation that circulated through the process Credit union members were to vote on the proposal to convert into a bank by June 21

In a statement, DFCU board chairman Howard Lowman said the management's goal was to educate credit union members about the conversion before they voted, but limitations in the regulatory process made it "impractical" to fully inform members

"Further, the result has been unnecessary confusion and concern among our members." Lowman said "We look forward to returning DFCU to its normal business operations of providing highly personalized service and day-ın and day-out good value"

The DFCU board advocated the change in legal structure to raise capital and expand services in the metro Detroit market in an effort to maintain longterm competitiveness The institution's officials said the conversion would allow DFCU to sell stock, but members would retain voting rights and services would not change

A number of credit union

members voiced skepticism about the proposal, primarily because they feared it would lead to a decline in member services They formed a group, E DFCU Owners United, to inform fellow members about their concerns During recent 🔩 informational pickets, the group collected more than 1,700 signatures from members to call a special DFCU board meeting Only 500 signatures were needed, according to the institution's by-laws

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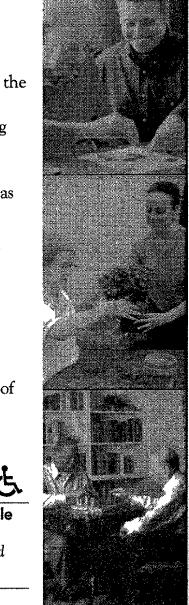


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APRIL

Concert

BUILDING429 and TAIT perform music while showing segments of reality TV series Travel the Road about two young missionaries 7 30 pm Thursday April 27 at Faith Baptist Church 3411 Airport Road Waterford Tickets \$24 reserved \$18 Call (888) 627 5808

Rummage sale

Toys clothes books small appliances shoes boutique (fine clothes) and more 9 a m to 2 p m Friday Saturday April

28 29 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church 10000 Beech Daily Proceeds benefit missionary projects Call (313) 937 3170

Lighthouse cafe

Cards board games ping pong special ty coffees snacks music 710 pm Friday April 28 at Ward Presbyterian Church Northville Cost is \$5 payable at door Free child care provided Call (248) 374 5920

Mom to Mom sale

Gently used or new items at deep dis counted prices includes clothes toys music books shoes games video games and baby items such as car seats cribs and strollers 9 a m to 1 p m Saturday April 29 at St John Bosco 12100 Beech Daly between Plymouth and 196 Redford \$1 admission Call (313) 937 9690

Plant swap

9 11 a m Saturday April 29 at Kenwood

Church of Christ 20200 Merriman Livonia Call (248) 476 8222

Bethany Suburban West a Catholic organization providing peer support to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths presents a dance 8 pm to mid night Saturday April 29 at Divine Providence Church Hall 25335 W Nine Mile between Telegraph and Beech Daly Southfield \$12 admission fee Proper attire For information call (248) 390 7771

Blood drive

830 a m to 230 p m Sunday April 30 at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Livonia Walk inswelcome Call (734) 462 1222 ext 309

Lay caregiver series

Adjusting to changes within the family system a workshop to help families cope with potentially damaging effects of predictable life stressor 230 430

pm Sunday April 30 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29877 W Eleven Mile Farmington Hills Cost is \$10 To register call (248) 474 4701 Health fair

Noon to 4 p m Sunday April 30 a Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church 29066 Eton Westland No charge Blood pressure family practice doctors optometrist and more Join us for an afternoon of healing mind body and spirit Call (734) 721 2557

With Anthony Evans and newcomer Ana Laura with comedian Darren Streblow 7 pm Sunday April 30 at Detroit 1st Church of Nazarene 21260 Haggerty Northville Free to public but pass required Call (248) 348 7600

Leadership and self-deception

David Pheips concert

Lecture series with Rev Dennis Skiles began 7 p m Wednesday April 5 and continues to May 31 at Unity of Livonia

GEORGE W ENGELHARDT

Age 85 April 25 2006 Beloved hus

band of the late Frances Loving father

of Gary (Gail) Lynne (Larry) Haggart

and Januce Bass Dear grandfather of Kathy (Michael) Radtke and Alexander Haggart Great grandfather

of Isabel Radtke Sibling AJ Engelhardt Funeral Service 11 AM

Friday at the RG & GR Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia Visitation Thursday 3

9PM Memorial contributions may be

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WARD JAMES HAIDLE

Age 45 of Carefree Arizona passed

away on April 20 2006 He was born

ın Royal Oak, Mıchıgan and resided

in Arizona the last three years. He is

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Wine, cheese and theology Evenings of conversation asking the question is there a place for the church in the 21st century? 7 p m Wednesdays to May 31 at Church of Our Savior Presbyterian USA 6655 Middlebelt West Bloomfield Rev Jim Faile leads the discussions. The public is invited. The church holds worship and Sunday School 10 a m Sundays For more information call (248) 626 7606

UPCOMING

Free spaghetti dinner

Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church wishes to invite the community for a free spaghetti dinner 6 p m Wednesday May 3 in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 10000 Beech Daly between Plymouth and West Chicago roads. A short drama follows dinner Call (313) 937 3170

Prayer breakfast

715 9 am Thursday May 4 with guest speaker Lem Barney former Detroit Lion at Burton Manor 27777 Schoolcraft between Middlebelt and Inkster Livonia Tickets \$17 before April 7 \$20 beginning April 8 \$10 students call (248) 476 9427 RSVP by Friday April 21

Interfaith symposium

When Strangers Become Neighbors The Emerging Religious Landscape of Metropolitan Detroit Implications for Workplace Civic Arena Educators Media and Faith Community guest speakers include Raiph William profes sor in the English Language and Literature department at University of Michigan Kurt Metger director of research for United Way for Southeastern Michigan 8 a m to noon Thursday May 4 in the McGregor Center & Auditorium at Wayne State University Detroit Program begins with Metzger share the latest data Williams then delivers a keynote on what this change means and how we move from tolerance to appreciation Following an overview of William Bridges Transition Framework work shops offer best practices and discus sion of how this challenge is being dealt with in our faith communities city government schools the work place and the media. An added benefit of the symposium will be the 6th Interfaith National Day of Prayer which takes place immediately following the symposium in Wayne State's Gullen Mall Cost is \$20 \$10 seniors and stu dents For information call (313) 567

6225 or visit www.nccj mi.org Rummage/bake sale

Pre sale 5 8 pm Thursday May 4 (\$2 donation for adults) Big Sale 9 a m to 4 p m Friday May 5 and 9 a m to noon Saturday May 6 (no charge) at **Newburg United Methodist Church** 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia Call (734) 422 0149

Grief recovery seminar

And support group in cooperation with Hospice of Michigan begins 9 a m Sunday April 30 and 630 pm Thursday May 4 continues for 13 weeks at Romulus Wesleyan Church 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive No charge For information call (734) 941 1511 or visit www griefshare org Laugh out loud

Fun with the 321 Improv Comedy team 7 pm Friday May 5 at Ward Presbyterian Church Northville Tickéts 5 Free child care provided Call (248) 374 5920

Metropolitan United Methodist Church

Choral festival

hosts its second annual choral festival from May 5 7 by presenting three evening concerts and a series of work shops for vocalists conductors and ensembles of all levels at the church 8000 Woodward (five blocks north of West Grand Blvd Detroit Opening night performance is 730 pm Friday May 5 at 730 pm with Tapestry Vocal Ensemble Detroit Concert Choir and Metropolitan Festival Soloists and Choir Workshops 13 pm Saturday May 6 focus on performance and vocal techniques Amy Chivington director of the Otterbein Children's Chorus leads a workshop for children's choirs Several youth choirs perform 7 30 pm Saturday May 6 including the Southfield High School Chorus The final concert is 7 p m Sunday May 7 at 7 pm and will feature Mendelssohn's beloved oratorio and testament of faith Elijah Performing this much loved choral masterwork are baritone Daniel Washington soprano Elaine Linstedt along with the combined choruses of Birmingham First Presbyterian Detroit Archdiocesan St James Episcopal and Metropolitan Festival Soloists and Orchestra Tickets for each musical performance are \$15 \$35 for three day pass Students can get a discounted rate of \$12 for individual performances with college identification. Workshops \$5 includes materials. Free lighted and supervised parking available To purchase tickets or register call (313) 875 7407 ext 324 or visit www.metroumc.org

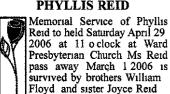


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LORRAINE J. BRICKMAN Age 87, April 17, 2006 Beloved wife of the late Frank Dear mother of Nancy (W Stephen) Lawrence Mark Brickman, Lois (David) Balsillie and Bruce (Lona) Brickman Also sur vived by seven grandchildren two great grandchildren and one sister Cordelia Hayes Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, April 26 2006 at the Northrop Sassaman Funeral Home Northville

GERALDINE THOMAS

Age 74, of Westland April 23 2006 Beloved wife of Paul Thomas Loving mother of Judith (Bruce) Austin Dear grandmother of Kevin (Mary Beth) Naegel Also leaves five great grand children one brother Stephen (Marilyn)Talaga and many nieces and nephews Funeral service was held Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home Westland Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Memorial donations to Hospice would be appreciated by the family To leave a message of condo lence for the family log on to

CHARLES P. WERTHMAN

Charles Paul Werthman 56 of Plymouth, Mi and Englewood FL died Thursday April 20 2006 He was born March 4 1950 in Detroit, MI to Charles R and Lillian J (Hermann) Werthman Charles moved to Florida recently from Michigan where he retired as a plant manager for plastics manufacturing He is survived by his three siblings Sister Linda Werthman RSM of Silver Spring, MD Eugene (Rita) Werthman of Pickney MI and Ms Claire Werthman of Conyers GA one aunt, Claire Mushen of San Juan Capistrano, CA and his two beloved cats Bunee and Rustee Charles is predeceased by his beloved wife Doris Steinhauer in December Englewood Community Funeral Home and Cremation Services have been selected to handle the arrangements

NORMA JEAN QUALMANN

Age 85 of Rochester Hills April 23 2006 Loving wife of the late Ralph Dear mother of Marcia (Bob) Gililand Molly Navarre R Lynn Qualmann Julie Qualmann and the late C Roger Qualmann Sister of The late Roland E Braun Grandmother of Gaige and Eli Qualmann Bob and Andy Gilliland Nick and Jesse Navarre Norma Jean was active in her church was a cub scout den mother, active in girl scouts substitue school teacher and also employed by Gows gift shop in Troy Retired to Asheville North Carolina in 1989 Returned to Michigan in 1991 upon spouses death Memorial service Thursday, April 27 2006, 11 00am at First United Methodist Church of Troy 6363 Livernois, Troy Arrangements in the care of the Potere Modetz Funeral Home Rochester Online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

DOLORES GREYERBIEHL

Age 79, April 22, 2006 of Rochester Hills Born July 11, 1926, in Pigeon MI She was married to Donald on May 16, 1953 until his death in October 2002 Dear mother of Dear mother of Deborah (Mark) Schneider her one and only child Grandmother of Christian, Kati, and Evan After gradu ation, she went to cosmetology school and worked at Cora's Beauty Shop in Bad Axe until her marriage to Donald Mrs Greyerbiehl was a member of St Andrew Čatholic Church in Rochester and a resident of Rochester for 45 vears. She worked as a baker at Adams High School from 1976 until 1988 Dolores moved to Davisburg in the fall of 2003 The family will receive friends at the Potere Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd Rochester Thursday, 2 5pm and 7-9pm (Rosary at 7 30pm) Mrs Greyerbiehl will lie n state at St Daniels Catholic Church in Clarkston, Friday 9am until time of lass⊭at 10am Graveside services at St. Francis Borgia Cemetery in Pigeon. MI, Friday at 3pm. Online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

IRVING L. BURNS

Age 78 of Gladwin MI and previously of Livonia, MI passed away on April 22 2006 Irving was born in Underhill Vermont on May 11 1927 to Clark & Margaret (Roberts) Burns He was a Computer Analyst for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn and retired in 1987 He was a United States Marine and served in WWII He is survived by wife Valois (Frye Wilcox) Burns of Gladwin MI daughter, Leslie Kimble Roanoke son David (Cathy) Burns Livonia MI son Allen Burns Novi MI daughter Victoria (Mark) Tondreau Livonia, MI and their mother Anata McCarthy Novi MI also step children Marlene & Jack Starr Gladwin, MI Darlene Hobbs Gladwin MI Marlone & Judy Wilcox Gladwin MI Pamela & Marty Muma Gladwin MI Loren & Toni Wilcox Gladwin 24 grandchildren & ten great grandchildren and brother Evertt Bruns Vermont He is preceded in death by his parents one brother & two sisters Memorial service was held April 26 2006 at Hall Funeral Home ın Gladwın MI Memorial contribu tions to donor s favorite charity



MAUREEN THERESA O'CONNOR

Age 64 of Plymouth, died April 23 2006 She was born September 29 1941 in Detroit She is survived by her husband Jon C her children, Jon O Connor Colleen
Otto and Kevin M (Suzanne) O Connor her grandchildren Emma and Meghan O Connor and Truth and Freedom Otto her brothers Jack (Fran) Quinn Dick (Penny) Quinn and Jim (Chris) Quinn and her sister ın law, Barbara Quinn She is preced ed in death by her brothers Joseph and Michael Quinn and her sister in law Terry Quinn Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church 47650 N Territorial Plymouth Friday 10 30am Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am Visitation at Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main, Plymouth Thursday 1 9pm Rosary 7pm In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Angela Hospice the Michigan Humane Society or the Humane Society of Huron Valley

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ANN KRYSA SIMS Age 83 died April 15 2006 at St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac from a long illness She was born September 1922 in Morrisville Pennsylvania and was currently a resident of Bloomfield Hills since 1956 Wife of the late HG Sims who was an Executive with General Motors Corp he died in 1999 She was a graduate of Morrisville High School Pennsylvania and a graduate of Comptroller School in New Jersey Ann was an adamant bridge player and belonged to the Neighborhood Bridge Club Ann is survived by two daugh ters Cynthia Ann Sims of Bloomfield Hills and Eileen (Robert) Seale of Huntington Beach California Grandmother of John and Michael Also survived by 7 Brothers and Sisters including the two living in this area Lynne Eichinger of W Bloomfield and Marjone Habel of Chesterton Indiana Memorial Service at The Wm R Hamilton Co 820 E Maple Birmingham on Saturday April 22, 2006 at 11 00 A M Pastor Jim Ackerman of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of Bloomfield Hills officiating

LILLIAN M. DAVIDS

Age 91 of Salem Township Dear wife of the late John Beloved mother of Karen (Michael) Wagner Loving grandmother of Melissa Wagner Dear sister of Harry Ryba Virginia Bostwick Bernice Marquardt, Theresa (Joe) Godlewski Claire Poole and Marie Ryba Visitation was held Tuesday April 25, and services Wednesday April 26 at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Interment United Memorial Gardens To leave a mes sage of condolence log on to www vermeulenfuneralhome com



GEORGE A SHAIEB

April 22 2006 in Naples Owner of Whitlam Label Beloved husband of the Company late Marie Dear father of George Rachel Gill (the late (Kathy) Michael) Edward James (Diane) Richard (Theresa) John (Christine) Robert and Michael (Brent) Loving grandfather of Stacie (deceased) Scot Shannon Matthew & Melissa Lynn & John Mair Elizabeth Marie James Jeanette & Andrew Hollander Lindsey Edward (deceased) Michelle Richard and Emily Great grandfather of Anthony Cameron Brendan Ethan Charlie Lindsey Brother of Harriet the late Olga and Sue Family will receive friends at A Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Thursday 2 9 pm with Scripture Service Thursday 7 30 PM Funeral Mass Friday 11 AM at Annunciation Church 1265 Parkview, Detroit Visitation at church begins Friday 10 AM Memorial Tributes to Hospice of Naples or St Jude Children's Research Hospital View obituary and share memories at

www DesmondFuneralHome com ROBERT A SCHUELE

Age 41 of Birmingham, died sudden-ly on April 20 2006 An active man, Mr Schuele loved golf sailing and travel however Rob derived his greatest pleasure spending time with his wife and three daughters Mr Schuele was the President and owner of Air Systems of Royal Oak Michigan Mr Schuele was born June 13 1964 in Royal Oak, Michigan He attended Lahser High School and later Purdue University where he graduated from the College of Mechanical Technology He remained an enthusiastic boiler maker fan throughout his life Known for his tremendous charis ma and great sense of humor Rob was a larger than life presence in the community Mr Schuele was an entrepre neur self starter and career handyman He enjoyed adventures surrounding himself with his many loval friends and was an involved parishioner at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham He will be deeply missed by all those whose life he touched Mr Schuele is survived by his wife of 16 years Lori and his daughters, Hailee Hannah and Emma He is also survived by his parents, Bob and Nancy Schuele his mother in law and father in law Elaine and Don Spitler sisters Joanne (Joe) King and Susan (Bill) Ridenour and many other loving relatives and friends Funeral at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 1800 W Maple Road Birmingham, Thursday 11am Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am Memorials appreciated to Robert A Schuele Memorial Scholarship Purdue Foundation University Development Office - Alumni Center 403 West Wood Street West Lafayette Indiana 47907 –2007 Arrangements Lynch & Sons Funeral Home

survived by his wife, Diane daughter, Sara son, Joe parents William James and Virginia Haidle of Birmingham Michigan sister Susan (Franz) Schmidt of Germany and Jane Sigers of Birmingham Michigan Memorial services will be held Saturday May 13 2006, 11am at St James Episcopal Church Birmingham Michigan Memorial contributions may be made to MDAnderson Cancer Center, PO Box 4486 Houston, TX 77201 (www mdanderson org/gifts) or Hospice of the Valley 1510 E Flower St, Phoenix AZ 85014 (www hospiceofthevalley org)

WILLIAM J. DENVERS JR. Age 82 of Westacres in West Bloomfield Date of death April 21

2006 Beloved partner beloved friend beloved man Veteran U S Army WWII Bill was a man of many inter ests After earning his law degree from the University of Detroit Bill worked for the Chrysler Corporation During his time at Chrysler he served as President of the Michigan Insurance Adjusters Association He left Chrysler to become a partner in the Royal Oak law frm of Buchanan Martin Bromley and Devers He then moved on to become a member of the Anderson and Green law firm located in Lansing Michigan In 1966 Bill was recruited by James Hill esq to join the Ford Motor Company's Office f General Council While with Ford Bill was the President of the Michigan Bar Association's Sectional He retired from Ford Motor Company 1986 In addition to his professional activities he was active in his community as well He served for many years on the West Bloomfield Library Board as well as the West Bloomfield Planning Commission Additionally he served on the Selective Service Board during the Vietnam War Bill's true love and compassion was for his neighborhood Westacres! Along with his many friends and neighbors Bill donated his time and efforts to help the Westacrecs Association to be a strong and vital force As a member of the board and unooficial legal council he worked to help preserve the associations her itage Predeceased by parents William Sr and Emily and wife Marion Lois Dearest brother of Ruth LaCroix Bradenton, Florida Dearest father of William III (Deborah) Janet Paul, Katie Mark (Margaret and Ruth Ellen (Gary) Proud grandfather of William IV Emily Katey, Kevin Sarah Elizabeth Carolyne, Marcus, Avance, and Jacob William Funeral mass was held at Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church, 3725 Erie Dr., Orchard Lake Tuesday 10 am (Instate 9 30 am) Interment All Saints Cemetery Friends visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 340 N Pontiac Trail Walled Lake (3 blks S of Maple Rd) Sunday 2 pm to 8pm Monday

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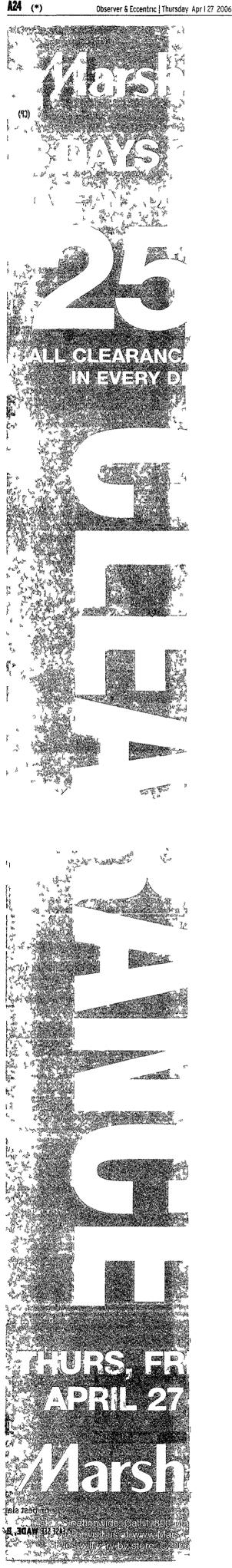
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At its April 11 meeting, the Board of State Canvassers established that the public would have 10 business days to review and

Additional information about the petition challenge is available on the department's Web site at

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challenge the signatures from the time they are made available

The Citizens for Education petition seeks to amend the State School Aid Act to establish minimum funding levels for school, colleges and universities

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Governor signs high school curriculum bill

Gov Jennifer Granholm last week signed legislation establishing a more rigorous high school curriculum

Granholm also renewed her call for a \$4,000 scholarship for all students to receive education or training beyond high

'If Michigan is to compete in a global economy, we must have the best educated workforce in the nation to attract jobs and investments to our state, Granholm said This new challenging curriculum will help ensure that every student in Michigan is prepared for college or technical training

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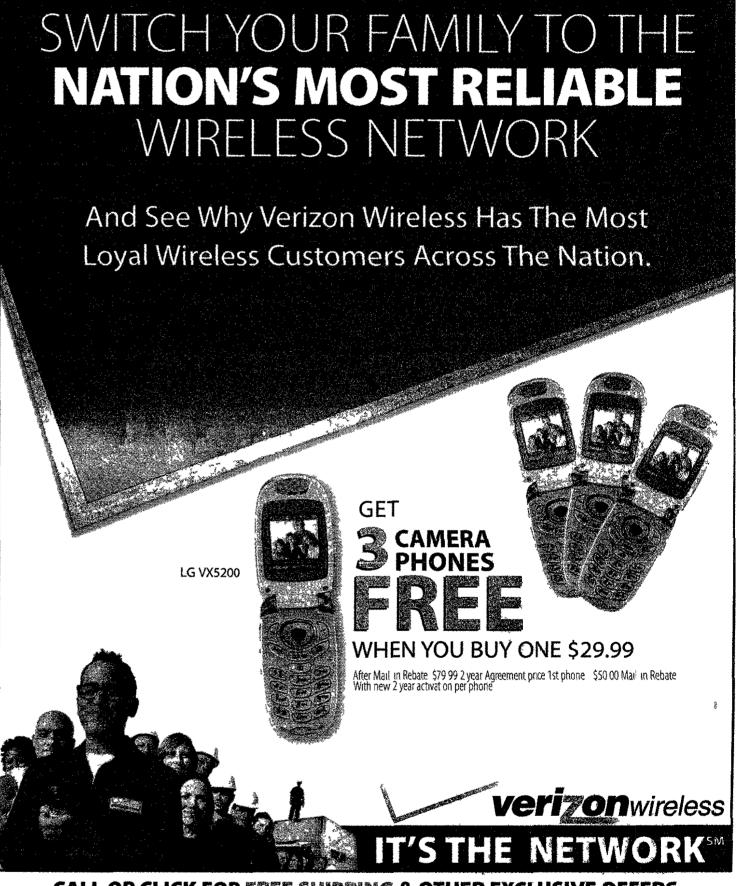
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The requirements will be in place for incoming eighthgraders in the fall of 2006 The foreign language requirement, which can be fulfilled by coursework completed prior to high school, will be in place for students entering third grade in the fall of 2006

Granholm called for a new Merit Scholarship in 2005 State of the State Address The scholarship, which is a key the Cherry Commission on Higher Education and Economic Development, will give \$4,000 to every Michigan student who successfully completes two years of higher education at a university, community college or in technical training

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2006 Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field Meet

Canton boys, Salem girls defend city titles

Balanced effort keys Chiefs' victory

Please see Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field results on Page B3

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Gatorade and ice-cold water quenched the Canton boys track team's thirst Tuesday afternoon at the Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field Meet

But it was redemption for an early-season loss that satisfied the Chiefs hunger

Canton captured its sixth consecutive Bolger/Mangan title at the P-CEP varsity stadium by racking up 80 points to outdistance runner-up Plymouth (65) Salem finished third with 30 points An April 6 dualmeet setback to the Wildcats helped fuel the winners' competitive fires, according to Canton coach Bob Richardson

"That loss was a big wakeup call for our kids," said Richardson "They did not like the feeling they felt that day and they have been extremely focused ever since

"I'm happy for our seniors, who have helped us win this meet since they started high school, but it was a total team effort today Everybody – the throwers, jumpers, sprinters, hurdlers middle-distance guys long-distance guys – all gelled and were on the same page today

Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell said his team's chances of earning its first Bolger/Mangan championship decreased when several members of his squad headed south last week for spring break

I'm disappointed we didn't do better," said Britnell 'I'm not surprised that Canton won because they had 40 kids at practice last week and we had 16 Plus, they've really been coming on since we beat them"

The conditions for the meet were typical for Michigan in late April partly sunny skies, windy and temperatures in the 40s The gusting breezes failed to slow down Cantons Cyrus Azızı and Eric Piwowar, two of the Chiefs' most-productive performers Azızı anchored two first-place relays (800- and 1,600-meter), won the 400meter dash and was nipped at the wire by Plymouth's Sean Dillon in the 800

"Cyrus had a huge day," said Richardson "He's one of several guys who provide this team with great senior leadership"

Piwowar's personal-best effort of 11 0 tied for first in the 100-meter dash with Plymouths D J Coleman The sophomore also won the 200 (22 7) and played a pivotal role on two first place relay teams

Richardson also noted the performance of first-year



Salem's Adam Kashoro clears the high-jump bar during Tuesday afternoon's Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field Meet at the P-CEP varsity stadium

high-jumper Eric Thornton, who placed first with a leap of 6 feet, 5 inches, and took a run at Brad Waidmann's school record of 6-7

"I've been trying to get Eric to come out with us since he was a freshman, said Richardson "This past winter, I told him, 'Just try it for a couple of weeks and if you don't like it, that's fine' Well, he decided to try it and now he's caught the track bug

'At first, he couldn't get past 5-10, but then he did 6-0, 6-2, 6-3 and now 6-5. The exciting part is that Eric has only been high-jumping for about a month, so he still has a lot to learn about technique.

Plymouth was hampered by the disqualifications of its 400-meter relay unit, which dropped the baton in turn three, and miler Anthony Scaparo, whose first-place points were wiped off the board

"We had several kids that ran very hard, especially Sean Dillon, D J Coleman, Rico Tyus and Josh Le Duc," said Britnell "Plus, Josh had his personal-best in the discus"

Salem's brightest performers were Baze Efremov, who won the 110 hurdles in 15 3, and Jimmy Walsh, whose 4 45 7 in the 1,600 provided the Rocks with 10 first-place points

Canton dominated the relays, winning three of four and the field events winning four-of five competitions ewight@hometownlife.com (734) 953 2108



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Canton sophomore sprinter Eric Piwowar tied for first with Plymouth's D.J. Coleman in the 100 meter dash at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field Meet. Piwowar, who also placed first in the 200-meter dash, helped the Chiefs defend their title

Plymouth's Stephanie Okolo warms up before running the 100 meter dash in Tuesday's Bolger/ Mangan Memorial Track & Field Meet Okole won three ındividual events and finished second in a fourth

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Seniors lead Rocks to winner's circle

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The girls version of the Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field Meet traveling trophy won t be traveling anywhere for at least 364 more days – and first-year Salem coach Julie Montgomery couldn't be happier

The Rocks successfully defended their Bolger/Mangan title
Tuesday afternoon by churning
out 72 5 points – 14 5 more than
runner-up Canton Plymouth
placed third with 44 5

While Montgomery emphasized that the victory was a team effort, she directed well-deserved praise in the direction of seniors Brittany Lockhart, Dana Eldred and Allison Janda, who combined to contribute 40 points to the Rocks winning total

"It was a good night for our

entire team," said Montgomery
'A lot of the girls ran very well
and we had a lot of PR's Brittany
Lockhart, Allison Janda and
Dana Eldred had outstanding
meets for us They all showed
great determination and leader-

'I felt pretty good coming into the meet because Salem had won it the last few years But I wasn't sure what to expect from the other teams It was very close between us and Canton through three-quarters of the meet I never felt totally comfortable

First-year Canton coach Chris Imber was satisfied with his team's effort

team's effort

"I thought the girls ran better
than I expected them to," said
Imber "It was a group effort
today – everybody contributed in
their own ways Salem just has a
couple more people than we do

right now, which is really what matters when it's over They put it away after the two-mile"

Lockhart made her presence felt early and often, winning the 100-meter dash (12 5), 100 hurdles (15 2) and 300 hurdles (46 1)

She also earned second-place points behind Plymouth's Brittany Petty in the long jump with a leap of 16-0 50

Eldred finished second behind Lockhart in both hurdles events

The medal stand was Janda's home-away-from-home for much of Iuesday as she raced to first-place showings in the 400- and 800-meter events along with anchoring the Rocks' gold medal 1,600-meter relay foursome

Allison also had an excellent split for our 3,200-meter relay team,' Montgomery said

Salems other first-place indi-

vidual efforts were turned in by Allie Vraniak (9-6 in the pole vault) and Hannah Cavicchio (12 01 in the 3,200-meter run)

Ashley McClellan was a double-winner for the Chiefs, notching wins in the shot put (27-9 75) and discus (89-8) Canton's Becky McCormack won the 1,600-meter run in 5 35 8

Among those shining for Plymouth were Stephanie Okolo, who won the long jump in 16-1 50 and 200-meter dash in 27 4 She also finished second in the 100-meter dash (12 8) The Wildcats' other first-place performer was Brittany Petty, who turned in a golden effort in the high jump (5-0)

The Chiefs broke the tape first in three of the four relays

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Late comeback sparks Salem

STAFF WRITER

Salem senior right fielder Bill Leddy has launched his share of majestic, eye-opening hits over the course of his high school career

But none of Leddy's tape-measure shots were any bigger than the seeing-eye single he punched through a drawn-in infield to give the Rocks a come-from-behind

8-7 victory over visiting Westland John

Glenn Monday afternoon
Salem, which trailed 7-1 in the bottom of the sixth, improved to 4-6 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division The Rockets dropped to 2-6 and 0-2, respectively

Trailing 7-4 in the bottom of the seventh, the Rocks' first four hitters – Josh Ritter, Dan Cassidy,

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, B4



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Rachel Wade has been a steady, four-year contributor to the Canton softball team. Her diamond talent has earned the smooth-fielding, hard-hitting second baseman a scholarship to Ferris State University

College softball is next step for Canton's Wade

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Richard Wade had a unique idea eight years ago when his then-10-year-old softball-play-

ing daughter, Rachel, decided to try hitting left-handed on a fulltime basis Instead of taking

Rachel to the batting cages every day to sharpen her new swing, Richard Wade decided to bring the batting cages to Rachel

My dad put a tarp, a mattress and a batting tee down our basement and I practiced hitting down there, recalled Rachel Wade, Canton's fouryear letter-winning second baseman "I wasn't a very good hitter when I was young, but thanks to taking a lot of swings down my basement, I slowly got better

"Everything is still down there and I still use it at least 20 minutes a day to work on my

Richard Wade's investment in the tarp, mattress and tee has paid huge

dividends for Rachel, whose sweet swing and golden glove have earned her an athletic scholarship to play softball at Ferris State University

beginning next fall
"Rachel is one of our best slap

PLEASE SEE WADE, 84

GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 206 SALEM 213 **April 24 at Whispering Willows**

Churchili scorers Shannon Warner 41 Ashley Bint 50 Sarah Walls 53 Lexi McFarlane 62 Amand Dobos and Danielle Lesniak 64 each

Salem scorers. Ashley Smith 40 (medalist) Alyssa Mastic 51 Kate Rzetelny 56 Emrly Patton 66 Crystal English 74 Amanda Barnett 86

Churchill's dual meet record 21 overall 21

LIVONIA STEVENSON 194 PLYMOUTH 219 April 25 at Fox Creek

Stevenson scorers Chelsea Bathurst 45 (medalist) Abbey Wolfe 46 Priyanka Joshi 53 Chrissy McHenry 54 Lauren Geiger and Julie Francisco 63 each

Plymouth scorers Liz Anderson and Patricia Burns 53 each Amanda Kerr 55 Elaine Lafayette 58 Madeline Salvaggio 67 Melissa Miller 73.

Dual meet records. Stevenson 3 0 overall 2 0 Western Lakes Activities Association Plymouth 2 2 overall



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Friday, April 28

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Late-starting Chiefs tie Chargers

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

By the time the Canton girls soccer team found its groove Monday night against Livonia Churchill, it was too late to pull out a victory

Stymied by the Chargers' physical style of play, the Chiefs had to settle for a 2-2 tie in the Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over match played at Churchill Canton, which is ranked 10th in the latest Division 1 Coaches Association poll, is now 4-2-1 while Churchill stands at 4-0-

"They disrupted us most of the game and we didn't really find our rhythm until the last 20 minutes or so," said Canton coach George Tomasso "We turned up the offensive pressure at the end of the game, but we couldn't finish

"Our goalie, Kelsey Bailey, played outstanding with seven saves Kelsey Zemanski and Emily Baracy also played well

Churchill scored first on Hannah Ottos goal mid-way

PREP SOCCER

through the first half Canton took a 2-1 lead into the half thanks to goals from Alı Lindow and Laura Daniels Both Canton goals were assisted by Becci Houdek

Otto accounted for the game's final score with an unassisted goal four minutes into the second half

Stephanie Turner played well in net for the Chargers

W.L NORTHERN 4, SALEM 0: Highlights were few for the Rocks, who were playing their first post-Spring Break game "We just dıdn't play well —

we were very lethargic for some reason," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Northern won just about all of the 50/50's and it looked like they wanted it more than us

"The only positive was the return of Kristin March and Andrea Gasparotto, who were coming back from injuries I thought they both played well and it was nice to have them

STEVENSON 5. PLYMOUTH 0:

Alana Lavery and Kate Howe tallied two goals apiece Monday, lifting Livonia Stevenson (6-1-2) to a WLAA

crossover victory over the Wildcats Alley King also scored for the Spartans, who led 3-0 at intermission Assists went to

Howe, Kat Griffith, Victoria

Slavin and Amber Sharp "Alana (Lavery) was 'on' tonight, maybe her best game of the season," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said 'Ally King

also played well in the middle "I'm played the way we came out tonight It was a good way to start the second half of the season We came out motivated and on a mission By halftime we had restored our confidence after the Northville game (a 5-2 loss on April 12)"

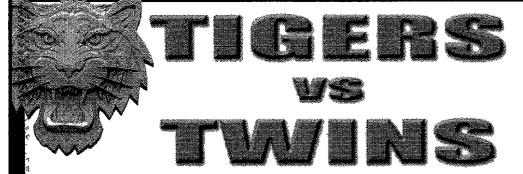
Shaina O'Connor and Brittany Vella combined on the shutout in goal for the

"Plymouths goalkeeper Brittany Warner is easily one of the best in the conference, but all five of our goals were good goals and well-placed," Pınta saıd

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PCA kickers thump Oakland, 3-0

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The balance of power in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference girls soccer standings shifted dramatically Tuesday afternoon following Plymouth Christian Academy's 3-0 victory over Oakland Christian

The win — PCA's first-ever against Oakland - improved the Eagles record to 5-0 overall and 5-0 in the MIAC The Lancers, who received honorable-mention recognition in the most recent Division 4 state rankings, dropped to 2-2 and 2-1, respectively

"After the first couple of minutes, our girls just dominated

the game," said PCA coach Bob Lorion "The play was at our end of the field for most of the

Lauren Beckett scored the game's all-important first goal

when she secured a pass from Abby Lorion and booted the ball into the corner of the net "Scoring first was extremely important, especially because

we had never beaten Oakland before," said Bob Lorion Abby Lorion gave the Eagles a 2-0 cushion with 26 44 left in the game when she convert-

ed a shot from just inside the 18-yard box after taking a pass from Peggy Abraham Meghan Polera added an

insurance goal with 1 54 left

She was assisted by Karen

PCA goalie Sara Ross stopped the only shot that managed to get through the Eagles' air-tight defense

"Defender Jalese Debiasi played a great game for us," said Lorion "Her job was to mark their top scorer and Jalese really shut the girl down"

The Eagles' schedule doesn't get much easier as their next contest is slated for Monday against Birmingham Roeper at Birmingham Groves High School Roeper was ranked 10th in the latest Division 4 coaches poll — a list that may include PCA if it can manage to win one more big game ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953 2108

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BOLGER/MANGAN MEMORIAL TRACK & FIELD MEET Tuesday at P-CEP Varsity Stadium BOYS RESULTS

TEAM STANDINGS 1 Canton 80 2 Plymouth 65 3 Salem 30 Discus: 1 Steve Paye (C) 147 4 2 Joe Zugaj (C) 130 2 3 Gerald Lou (P) 122 10 4 Josh Le

(C) 130 2 3 Gerald Lou (P) 122 10 4 Josh Le Duc (P) 120 10 Shot put 1 Ryan Jonik (C) 45 9 2 Shaun Bailey (P) 44 4 25 3 Wardell Fuqua (C) 42 11 75 4 Steve Paye (C) 42 5

Ambrose (P) 12 0 3 Nate Sherwood (P) 11 6 4 J P Truesdell (S) 10 6 Long jump 1 D J Coleman (P) 20 11 25 2 Okemdi Oparaeke (C) 19 9 50 3 Josh Butler (C) 19 4 75 4 LaBroderick Caldwell (P) 19

Pole vault 1 Ryan Langdon (C) 12 0 2 Ben

High jump 1 Eric Thornton (C) 6 5 2
Cameron Scharchburg (P) 5 10 3 Andy
Rossow (C) 5 8 4 Steve Paye (C) 5 8
3,200-meter refay 1 Plymouth (Kyle Wallath
Justin Huey Anthony Scaparo Sean Dillon)
8 36 7 2 Canton (Ryan Dugan Josh Hurst
Phaltiel Whitlock Eric Zech) 8 45 3
110 hurdles 1 Baze Efermov (S) 15 3 2 Nate
Gholston (P) 15 5 3 Nick Plescia (P) 16 7 4
Cameron Scharchburg (P) 171
1100 dash 1 (tie) D J Coleman (P) and Eric
Piwowar (C) 11 0 3 Dalton Walser (C) 11 3 4
LaBroderick Caldwell (P) 11 5

800 relay 1 Canton (Eric Piwowar Dalton Walser Andy Rossow Cyrus Azizi) 133 0 2 Plymouth 134 5 1,600 run 1 Jimmy Walsh (S) 4 45 7 2 Dan Kapadia (S) 4 48 9 3 Alex Lumley (S) 4 49 4

Kapadia (S) 4 48 9 3 Alex Lumley (S) 4 49 4 4 Matt Lewandowski (P) 5 00 400 relay 1 Canton (Eric Piwowar Daiton Walser Jordan Raiford Ocie Lewis) 45 9 2 Salem 471

400 dash 1 Cyrus Azizi (C) 52 8 2 Andy Rossow (C) 53 6 3 Andrew Manuel (C) 53 7 4 Josh Le Duc (P) 54 20 300 hurdles 1 Nate Gholston (P) 4190 2 Baze Efremov (S) 42 0 3 Nick Plescia (P)

43 8 4 Pete Boucher (C) 44 3 800 run 1 Sean Dillon (P) 2 04 3 2 Cyrus Azizi (C) 2 04 6 3 Phalfiel Whitlock (C) 2 06 1 4 Kyle Wallath (P) 2 08 1 200 dash 1 Eric Piwowar (C) 22 7 2 D J Coleman (P) 22 8 3 Rico Tyus (P) 23 0 4 Balton Walser (C) 23 4

Balton Walser (C) 23 4
3,200 run 1 Anthony Scaparo (P) 10 29 0 2
Jimmy Walsh (S) 10 30 0 3 Dan Kapadia (S) 10 37 0 4 Pat Slavens (P) 10 38 0
1600 relay 1 Canton (Andy Rossow Phaltiel Whitlock Andrew Manuel Cyrus Azizi) 3 36 2
Salem 3 49

GIRLS RESULTS
TEAM STANDINGS 1 Salem 72 5 2 Canton
58 3 Plymouth 44 5
Discus 1 Ashley McClellan (C) 89 8 2 Ashley
White (S) 76 1 3 Schulz (P) 74 8 4 Samantha

Oliver (S) 70 B

Shot put 1 Ashley McClellan (C) 27 9 75 2

Alyssa Scalera (C) 27 1 25 3 Samantha Oliver
(S) 25 8 50 4 Victoria Brotz (S) 24 7

Pole vault 1 Allie Vraniak (S) 9 6 2 Katie

Hale (P) 7 6 3 Alexa Van Vliet (S) 7 0 4 (tie)

Julie Hersey (P) and Ambrose (P) 6 6

Long Jump 1 Stephanie Okolo (P) 16 1 50 2

Brittany Lockhart (S) 16 0 50 3 Dana Eldred
(S) 15 6 4 Alexa Van Vliet (S) 14 750

Kligh Jump 1 Brittany Petty (P) 5 0 2 Izabela

Paszkowska (C) 4 11 3 Shaakira Haywood (P)

4 9 4 Megan Matheny (C) 4 9

3,200 relay 1 Canton 10 25 4 2 Salem



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Plymouth's Cam Scharchburg placed fourth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 171



Salem's Brittany Lockhart won the 300 meter hurdles at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field meet with a time of 461 She also captured the 100 meter hurdles crown with a clocking of 15 2

100 hurdles 1 Brittany Lockhart (S) 15 2 2
Dana Eldred (S) 16 8 3 (tie) Brittany Petty (P)
and Katrina Cope (S) 18 1
100 dash 1 Brittany Lockhart (S) 12 5 2
Stephanie Okolo (P) 12 8 3 (tie) Toria Davis
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Canton's Simone Joyner (left) takes the baton from Oshia Lewis during the 400 meter relay. The Chiefs placed first with a time of 52 8 $\,$

5 44 9 4 Hannah Cavicchio (S) 5 47 2 400 relay 1 Canton 52 8 2 Plymouth 53 4 400 dash 1 Allison Janda (S) 1021 2 Janet Hanchett (P) 104 2 3 Kim Heaney (S) 104 7 4 Jennifer Thomas (C) 104 8 300 hurdies 1 Brittany Lockhart (S) 461 2 Dana Eldred (S) 517 3 Izabela Paszkowska (C) 53 2 4 Meghan Howard (C) 53 5 800 run 1 Allison Janda (S) 2 28 9 2 Kelli Bargowski (C) 2 301 3 Jackie Beeler (P) 2 38 3 4 Jennifer Thomas (C) 2 411 200 dash 1 Stephanie Okolo (P) 27 4 2 Toria Davis (C) 281 3 Linda Ling (S) 29 0 4 Byers (C) 291

3 200 run 1 Hannah Cavicchio (S) 12 01 2 Becky McCormack (C) 12 04 3 Pam Bhullar (P) 12 09 4 Molly Slavens (P) 13 06 1 600 relay 1 Salem 4 23 2 Canton 4 29

OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD LEADERS

OBSERVERLAND TOP 10 BOYS TRACK TIMES (through April 25) DISCUS

Steve Paye (Canton) 147 4
Robert Pennywitt (Redford Union) 135 7
Joe Zugaj (Canton) 133 7
Gerald Lou (Plymouth) 130 0
Matt Shileikis (Redford Union) 128 9
Derek Bradford (Plymouth) 119 11
Ryan Jonik (Canton) 113 5
Jeff Chapman (Canton) 109 11
Jim Crabill (Salem) 105 3
SHOT PUT

Matt Shileikis (Redford Union) 48 1 Joe Zugaj (Canton) 46 2 25 Ryan Jonik (Canton) 46 1 Shaun Bailey (Plymouth) 45 1 50 Mo Saiddi (Salem) 43 6 Wardell Fuqua (Canton) 42 11 75 Steve Paye (Canton) 42 7 75 Gerald Lou (Plymouth) 41 10 Robert Pennywitt (Redford Union) 38 1

Eric Thornton (Canton) 6 5
Andy Rossow (Canton) 6 2
Cam Scharchburg (Plymouth) 6 0
Steve Paye (Canton) 5 9
Ryan Waidmann (Canton) 5 6
Rico Walker (Redford Union) 5 6
Jace Bearden (Salem) 5 6
Adam Kashoro (Salem) 5 6
Justin Floyd (Redford Union) 5 4

LONG JUMP
LaBroderick Caldwell (Plymouth) 20-9
D J Coleman (Plymouth) 20 750
Okemdi Oparaeke (Canton) 19 9 50
Josh Butler (Canton) 19 8 75
Dequan Williams (Redford Union) 19 7
Scott Dreaver (Salem) 19 3
Adam Somers (Canton) 19 2 50
Baze Efremov (Salem) 18 11
Mo Saiddl (Salem) 18 7
Eric Piwowar (Canton) 17 10 25

POLE VAULT
Ryan Langdon (Canton) 12 6
Brandon Larsen (Garden City) 12 0
Ben Ambrose (Plymouth) 12 0
Rob Lindman (Canton) 11 3
Jason Hyde (Salem) 11 0
J P Truesdell (Salem) 10 6
Brian Rakovitis (Canton) 10 0
Chris McGinnis (Canton) 10 0
Adam Kibner (Redford Union) 8 6

Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 15 43
Steven Brown (Redford Union) 15 5
Baze Efremov (Salem) 15 6
Tim Beicher (Canton) 16 6
Nick Plescia (Plymouth) 16 9
100-METER DASH
Jared Owens (Redford Union) 10 77

Jared Owens (Redford Union) 10 77
Eric Piwowar (Canton) 11 0
D J Coleman (Plymouth) 11 0
Daiton Walser (Canton) 11 3
Dequan Williams (Redford Union) 11 6
Ocie Lewis (Canton) 11 9
Adam Kashoro (Salem) 12 0

Mo Saiddi (Salem) 12 0
1,600-METER RUN
Jimmy Walsh (Salem) 4 48 5
Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 4 52 03
Eric Zech (Canton) 4 53 8
Brian Chambers (Garden City) 4 54
Alex Lumley (Salem) 4 55 0
Dan Kapadia (Salem) 4 56 5
Josh Hurst (Canton) 4 58 3
Patrick Slavens (Plymouth) 5 02 03
Ryan Dugan (Canton) 5 07 1
Jeremy Molliner (Canton) 5 09 0
300-METER HURDLES
Steven Brown (Redford Union) 41 5
Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 41 9
Tim Belcher (Canton) 43 0
Cyrus Azizi (Canton) 43 1
Baze Efremov (Salem) 43 1
Nick Plescia (Plymouth) 43 8
Sherif Hassanien (Canton) 44 2
Pete Boucher (Canton) 44 6
800-METER RUN

POO-METER RUN
Cyrus Azizi (Canton) 2 00 2
Phaltiel Whitlock (Canton) 2 02 5
Sean Dilion (Plymouth) 2 04 3
Kyle Wallath (Plymouth) 2 05 5
Alex Lumley (Salem) 2 11 0
Scott Zech (Canton) 2 11 3
Jimmy Walsh (Salem) 2 15 0
200-METER DASH

Jared Owens (Redford Union) 22 6
Eric Piwowar (Canton) 22 7
D.J Coleman (Plymouth) 22 8
Rico Tyus (Plymouth) 23 0
Daiton Waiser (Canton) 23 4
Andrew Manuel (Canton) 23 7
Andy Rossow (Canton) 24 1
Yourye Wilson (Redford Union) 24 6
Dezmond Latham (Redford Union) 24 7
Stephen Telenko (Salem) 25 1
3,200-METER RUN

3,200-METER RUN

Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 10 29 0

Jimmy Walsh (Salem) 10 37 0

Charles Wolfe (Canton) 10 37 50

Pat Slavens (Plymouth) 10 38 0

Duncan Spitz (Canton) 10 48 7

Kyle Clinton (Canton) 11 03.7

400-METER RELAY

Plymouth 44 22

Canton 3 29 2
Redford Union 3 33 2
Plymouth 3 39 0
Salem 3 55 3
3,200-METER RELAY
Plymouth 8 29 6
Canton 8 33 5
Salem 9 15 7

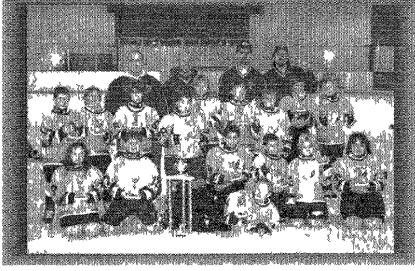


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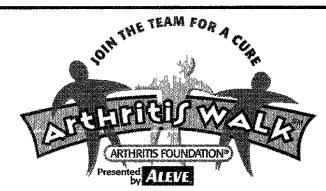


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BASEBALL

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Dana Lorber and Kevin Weingrot – strung together singles to cut the deficit to 7-6 With one out, senior second baseman Kyle Kelly tied the game with a single

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After Joe Maltese was intentionally walked to load the bases, Leddy followed with a soft, shoulder-high line drive that barely eluded the outstretched glove of John Glenn shortstop Nathan Lopez

"I was surprised they intentionally walked somebody to get to Bill," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger "He's a great senior leader and our best hitter He hit over 600 during our trip to Cincinnati over spring break Bill's the one I wanted to hit in that situation

"If we would have played better defensively earlier in the game, we wouldn't have needed the comeback to begin with I thought (Salem starting pitcher) Josh Ritter pitched a good game He just didn't get a lot of help behind him"

Cassidy earned the mound victory for Salem after working a near-perfect seventh in relief of Ritter, who yielded just five hits in six innings Ritter struck out five without walking a batter

Jerry Smith took the loss after giving up four hits and the intentional walk in just onethird of an inning John Glenn starting pitcher Shawn Dunford sparkled over the first five innings, yielding just one hit and an unearned run while striking out five

'Salem is a very tough team that kept fighting the entire game," Glenn coach Matt Howton said 'I give them a lot of credit"

The Rockets struck first when Lopez, who had doubled and advanced to third on a passed ball, scored on Ryan Sharpe's ground-out They extended their lead to 4-0 in the third when Smith laced a two-run triple before scoring on Jeff Girgen's sacrifice fly

Salem made it 4-1 in its half of the third when Mike Marek scored on Brad Way's

John Glenn tallied three runs in the top of the sixth on an error and Sharpe's towering two-run home run to left field

The Rocks' comeback was ignited in the bottom of the sixth when Weingrot unleashed a two-run shot over the left-center field fence Marek then doubled, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on Kelly's sacrifice fly

Weingrot finished 2-for-4 with four RBI Kelly was 2-for-3 with a pair of singles Smith went 2-for-4 with a triple and two runs scored for John Glenn

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WADE

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hitters, and she can hit with power," said Canton coach Jim Arnold, who inserted Wade into the Chiefs' starting line-up at the beginning of her freshman season "She has exceptional speed, too, and she has a great glove Once she learned the footwork that was required to play second, it came instantly for her

"Rachel is an outstanding captain for our team She keeps everybody loose with her sense of humor, but she's very focused as well She's been a valuable asset to the Canton softball program over the past four years"

GLOVE STORY

Wade, who carried a career batting average of close to 400 into this season, said the toughest adjustment she had to make her ninth-grade year was moving from the outfield to second base.

"I had played outfield my

"I had played outfield my whole life before I got to Canton," Wade said "When the ball would get by me in the outfield, I'd chase it all the way to the fence Well, the first game I played second base for Canton, a ball got by me and I chased it all the way to the fence It didn't take me very long to learn that I wasn't supposed to do that any more"

The Chiefs will be counting on Wade's power stroke more than ever this season as Arnold moved her from the second slot in the batting order down to the run-producing No 3 spot

"Rachel is so smart that I let her decide whether or not to bunt, slap or hit away," said Arnold "She's great at looking at the way the defense is aligned and making the right decision"

Wade said the highlight of her high school career was playing on last year's highly ranked squad, which won its first 30 games This year's team is well on its way to a similar start after carving out a 5-0 mark through Monday

"I think we're going to do well again this year," said Wade "We lost some really good players, but we have a lot of good ones back, too"

EASY CHOICE

Along with Ferris State, Wade was recruited by several other colleges, including the University of Wisconsin

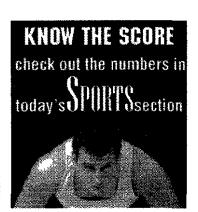
"I even got a letter from Notre Dame," she said, smiling "I'm going to keep that envelope forever

"I visited Wisconsin, but it was too big for me, plus I wanted to stay closer to home I liked everything about Ferris right away It's the perfect size for me"

Wade, who has built a solid 3 O grade-point average at Canton, said she was drawn to Ferris by the potential for instant playing time and by the fact that the school has a strong program in neonatal nursing, a career she would like to pursue after college

"The coach told me that freshmen have an opportunity to play right away just like everybody else on the team," she said "They said if I work hard, I could play a lot my first year"

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Strong pitching leads Canton past Pats

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton senior pitcher Shawn Little was A-OK Monday after noon — with an emphasis on the "K."

The strong-armed right-hander struck out 13 Patriots in the Chiefs' 6-4 road victory Little, now 3-1, yielded eight hits and three earned runs to help improve the Chiefs record to 7-4 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Associations Western Division

'Shawn threw very well again today, said Canton coach Scott Dickey 'His off speed stuff was really working He walked five but they didn't really hurt him because four of them came with two outs

Cantons offensive attack was paced by semor shortstop Justin Latın (2-for 5, two RBI), senior catcher Tank Khasawneh (2for-3, two RBI) and junior third baseman Jon Puskar (2-for 4, 2 runs scored)

PREP BASEBALL

DJ Tracy led Franklin with two hits and a pair of RBI Drew Thompson chipped in with a pair of safeties, including a run scoring double

Joe $\bar{\mbox{H}}\mbox{orning}$ worked the first 4 2 innings and took the mound loss for Franklin

Canton never trailed after scoring a pair of first-inning runs on RBI singles by Khasawneh and Kyle Gring

Offensively, I thought we executed very well today, said Dickey "As in games earlier this season, we didn't take advantage of opportunities to break open the game, but it didn't hurt us We executed a suicide squeeze and we had three or four sacri fice bunts, so we handled the bat

well' **PLYMOUTH 3, WAYNE MEMORIAL** 2 Plymouth's Bryan Stotz out dueled the Zebras Justin Collop in a game that was scoreless until the seventh inning

The Wildcats (6 6) broke the ice with three runs in the top of the inning when Ronnie Goble and Matt Barrera singled and scored on Garrett Rebains one out two strike triple up the right center field gap TJ Downey singled Rebain home with the eventual game-winner

The host Zebras (17) mounted a serious rally in their half of the seventh when they strung together a single and three walks to make it 3-2 However Stotz got out of the jam when Drew Kaleto lined out to center field and the next batter popped out to second base

"This was a fantastic high school pitchers dual from two top pitchers in the WLAA, said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams Bryan Stotz did an outstanding job of matching a very good pitcher in Justin Collop We had a game plan to try and take pitches early in the game to see if we could get Collop tired by the late innings Our assistant coach, Ben Kosmalski, was

instrumental in putting this plan together and — fortunately for us - it worked out today

This was a big win for us after a disappointing weekend at the Milan tournament I feel for Wayne I was talking with coach Garcia before the game and he mentioned that they have lost five one run games already this year I m sure the pendulum will swing the other way soon for their team

BELLEVILLE 9, PLYMOUTH 5 On Saturday in the opening game of the Mılan Invitational the Tigers Jeff Price rocked a walkoff grand slam in the bottom of the seventh mning to seal the victory Alex Harvey suffered the pitching loss for the Wildcats after throwing six strong innings Nate McManus yielded Prices game-winning blast

This was a tough loss, said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams whose team led 5-4 heading into the bottom of the seventh 'We had a chance to slam the door, but just couldn't make

some routine plays and get the ball over the plate in the bottom of the seventh

Josh Sparkman earned the pitching victory for Belleville

Plymouth, which outhit Belleville 8 6, received two hits each from Harvey, Matt Barrera and Ronnie Goble Phil Sullens was the lone Tiger with two hits

Belleville led 3 O until Plymouth knotted the contest with a single run in the fourth and two in the fifth After the Tigers grabbed a 4 3 lead in the bottom of the sixth, Plymouth rallied with two in the top of the

GRANDVILLE 12, PLYMOUTH 1. Grandvilles Ryan Lind tossed a one-hitter at the Wildcats, who hurt their cause by committing seven errors Brandon Winowiecki took the loss for Plymouth, which dropped to 5-

I was not pleased with our defensive effort in this game, said Adams, but you have to take your hat off to Grandville They were one of the best defena G sive high school teams I have seen in a long time. It was a good experience to face an opponent of that caliber It helps us see where we need to go as a team'

Grandville (8-0) was paced offensively by Bobby Poll (three */ hits) and Sam Russell, who drilled a home run

B'HAM BROTHER RICE 7-16, CAN-TON 4-5: The Chiefs dropped the opener despite solid pitching from junior righthander Caleb Larner (5 3 innings pitched, eight hits, five earned runs) and junior southpaw Kyle Gring

Canton led 4-3 before the Warriors jacked a pair of late home runs Chris Woudstra, Tarık Khasawneh, Justin Latin, Shawn Little and Jon Puskar accounted for the Chiefs' five hits In the nightcap, the Warmors scored 12 runs in the first inning and three more in the second Little went 3-for-3 and Corey Lewis contributed an RBI double for the Chiefs

Cats' Ostrowski tosses second no-hitter

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WR TER

Based on her performance Monday afternoon against Wayne Memorial, Plymouth junior pitcher Claire Ostrowski did not lose her edge over Spring Break last week

The junior flame-thrower tossed her second no-hitter of the season Monday in the Wildcats 8-0 trouncing of visıtıng Wayne Memorial Ostrowski, who now has four no-hitters over the past two seasons, struck out 11 Zebras and walked just two

'Claire was definitely on the top of her game again today,' said Plymouth coach Val Canfield 'She seems to be accelerating and getting better every time she goes out there She sets high expectations for herself and challenges herself every game Shes fun to watch

Ostrowski received the only offensive support she would need when the Wildcats scored a single run in the first Plymouth (6-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division) tacked on four insurance runs in the fourth and three more in the fifth

Abby Monit took the loss for the Zebras, surrendering 12 Plymouth hits — four of which came off the bat of freshman second baseman Beth Heldmeyer, who contributed two RBI and three stolen bases Madison Dresser (3-for-4), Ostrowski (2-for-4, triple), Erin Rodes (RBI double) and Kım Klonowskı (double) also swung the bat well for the win

'Kım would have had a lot more hits, but they put their outfielders back on the warning track when she hit,' said Canfield

Canfield said Heldmeyer made a spectacular play in the top of the first to make it possible for the no-hitter

CANTON 12, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 4: The Chiefs (5-0, 2-0) exploded for nine runs in the bottom of the first inning before coasting to an easy victory over the Patriots (5-3, 0-2) Sarah Anthony earned the victory by throwing a complete-game five-hitter Anthony struck out one and

walked two "It was nice to score nine in the first because we were able to get a lot of players an opportunity to get in there," said Canton coach Jim Arnold 'We're hitting the ball very well so far'

Led by Brittany Scero's 4for-4 effort, the Chiefs banged out 16 hits Anthony helped her own cause by going 3 for-4 with a double and two RBI Rachel Wade also swung a hot bat, contributing three hits and two RBI

Kım Topulewskı suffered the mound setback for the Patriots



PREP SOFTBALL

SALEM 8, JOHN GLENN 1

Melissa Leach hurled a com plete-game five hitter for the Rocks, who improved their record to 4 3 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA and 1-1 in the Lakes Division Leach struck out 12 and walked just one

The game was Salem's first since returning from a Spring Break trip to Florida

"We got a lot accomplished on spring training, said Salem

coach Bonnie Southerland We just need to put it all together now I m very confi dent with our pitching Melissa Leach was right on today

The Rocks rebounded from a 1 0 deficit with two runs in the fourth, three in the fifth and three in the sixth Christina got things rolling in the fourth when she walked, advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on a double off the bat of Abby Pairitz Deonna Szawara followed with an RBI double to give Salem a lead it would never relinquish

Kart McKinley led off the fifth with a double and Emily Pitcole reached on an error, setting the table for Maureen Bohr who laid down a perfect bunt that score both baserunners An overthrow allowed Bohr to score on the same play and give Salem a 5-1 advan-

The Salem sixth was high lighted by a two-run double by Pitcole Courtney Davis then singled to bring home the Rocks final run

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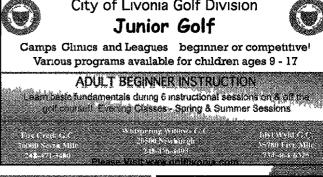
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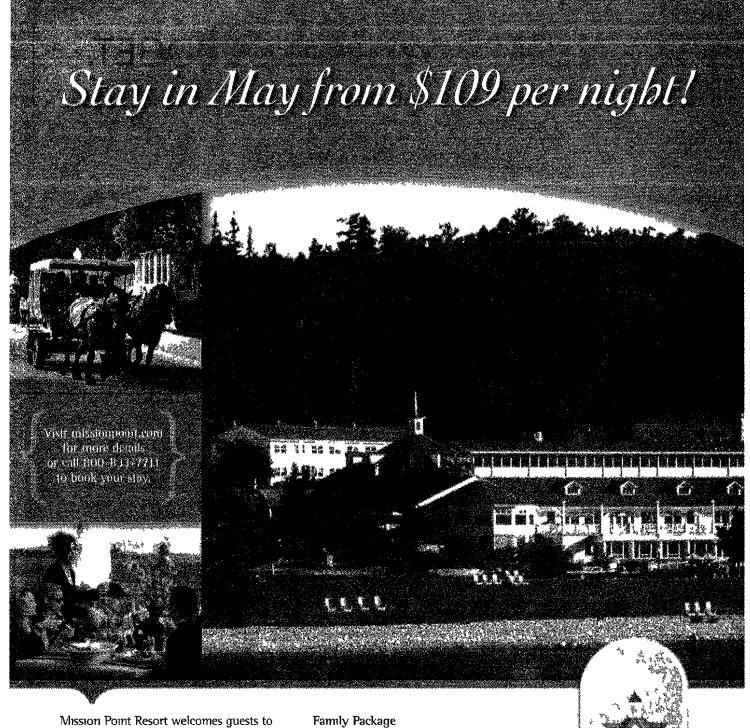
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Plymouth Canton-Salem attacker Johnny Groat, pictured above in a game earlier this season had a big game in the Warriors' victory over Walled Lake Unified Monday afternoon

Warriors still perfect after 20-3 victory

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team continued its season-long roll Monday afternoon with a 20-3 shellacking of Walled Lake Unified The victory improved the Warriors' record to 6-0 Walled Lake dropped to 0-7 with the setback

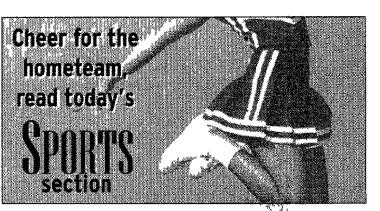
Jeff Ruark and Mitch French both had big games for the winners, netting four goals each French also added two assists while Ruark added a single helper

Other goal-scorers for PCS were Johnny Groat (three), Ray Gilmore (two), John Savino

(two), Josh Shifferd (two), Alex Caryl (two) and Joey Underwood Notching assists were Savino (three), Underwood, Nick Cote, Shifferd, Ryan Gubert, Nick Thompson and Devin Murphy

The Warriors led 5-1 after one quarter, 16-1 at the half and 18-3 with 12 minutes left. PCS outshot Walled Lake, 43-13, and won 20-of-26 face-offs

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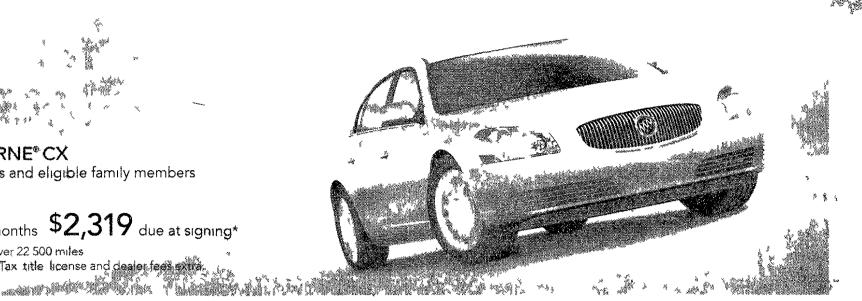
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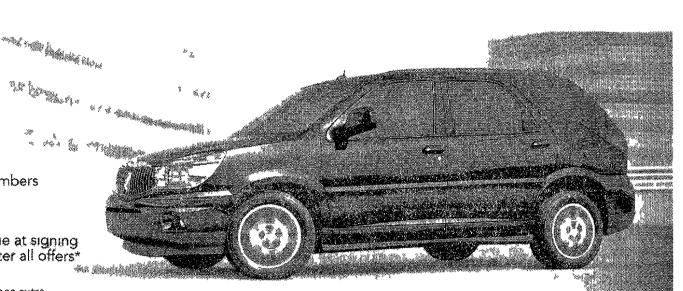
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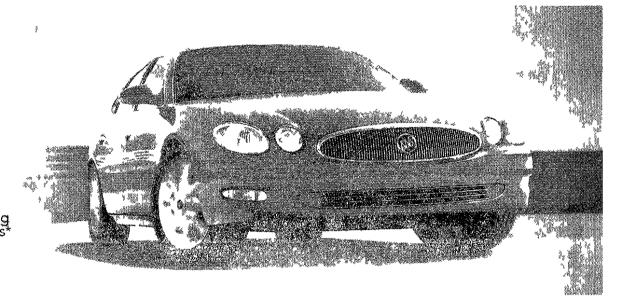
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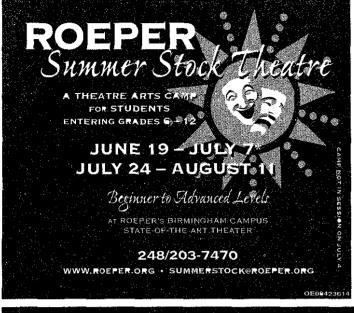


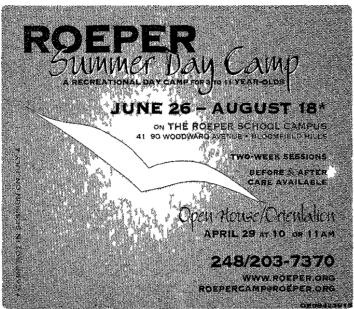
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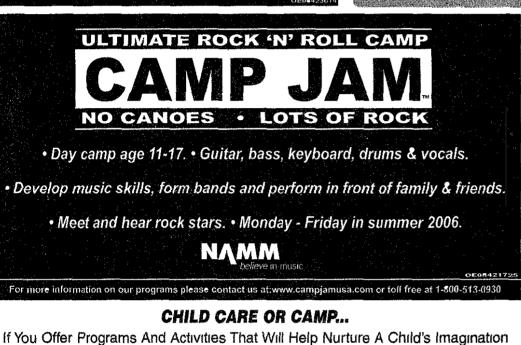
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MU hitters split two doubleheaders

Madonna University's baseball team split a pair of weekend doubleheaders with Aquinas, on Saturday at home and on Sunday in Grand Rapids

After winning 11-4 in Saturday's opener, a victory featuring home runs by Jason Barbeau (2-for-4, three RBI) and Manny Alvarado (1-for-2, two RBI), the Crusaders were nipped 13-11 in a slugfest

Aquinas scored eight runs in the fourth to seemingly break the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tilt open But the Crusaders chipped away at that big lead and made things interesting with four runs in the eighth and two more in the ninth

MU actually came very close to a dramatic come-frombehind victory A pinch-hit grand slam attempt by John McCracken and a potential game tying blast by Todd Kalmbach both fell just short

For the Crusaders, Ben Ramsey led the attack with three hits in four at bats and his 10th and 11th home runs of the season Alvarado collected three hits and two RBI

Aquinas' hitting attack featured a five-for-six day by third baseman Ryan Bertoia and the second homer of the doubleheader for catcher Matt

On Sunday, it was a similar formula Madonna won the five-inning opener 13-3, sparked by a seven run first inning and pitcher Greg Spanel's complete game effort Barbeau homered again. Canton's Kevin Entsminger went 2-for-3 with two RBI and Todd Kalmback went 2 for-3 with three RBI

But the Saints bounced back, just as they did the previous day in Livonia, this time scoring twice in the bottom of the ninth to seize a 6-5 triumph A double by Matt Soergel proved to be the difference as Aquinas improved to 23-16 overall and 6-6 in the WHAC

Three players had two hits each for the Crusaders (24-18-1,10-2), including Tony Luttman (Farmington), Dave Herrick (Livonia Churchill) and Kyle Fedorka

Meanwhile, a scheduling conflict with visiting Ohio Dominican forced the cancella tion of Wednesday's non-conference doubleheader The game will not be made up

The Crusaders will be back in action Saturday when they host Indiana Tech in a pair of pivotal WHAC games with MUs magic number for their second straight outright conference title at two games

MU softball team drops four straight

STAFF WRITER

The weather Saturday mirrored what is going on with the Madonna University softball

Riding a wave of success in recent weeks, the Crusaders entered the doubleheader with Cornerstone at Madonna University Field seemingly doing no wrong - with a 28-5 record and widespread publicity about what is becoming a record-breaking season

On Saturday, a warm, sunny afternoon turned cool and damp by the time it was over and the Crusaders also lost that warm feeling, dropping both games of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference twinbill, 5-2 and 1-0

"Maybe the girls were too pumped up," lamented Madonna head coach Al White about how his team seemed to make more mental mistakes then usual "That's what I told them in the (post-game) huddle We have to focus on every pitch, every inning"

Examples of those mental miscues referred to by White included a baserunner getting tagged out trying to take an extra base after she was sacrificed to second and a batter being overly anxious at the plate in the seventh against Golden Eagles pitcher Leah Gruppen (who pitched back-to-back complete-game victories)

Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the seventh, sophomore Lynzee Smith (Garden City) ripped a line-drive single to left But instead of making Gruppen work in hopes of building on the Smith hit, the next batter (freshman Danielle Richardson) swung at the first offering and hit a lazy fly ball to left field

Semor Stacey Sexsmith then singled, sending Smith to third, but Gruppen retired the next two batters to clinch her eighthit shutout and improve to 20-10 on the season

There was another wasted opportunity in the sixth The Crusaders had runners at first and third after singles from sophomore Heather Richardson (Canton) and senior Erin Brockert But White sent up sophomore Christina Finch to pinch-hit for freshman Mary Kate Setta – who had singled in her previous at bat - and Finch fanned Gruppen then got sophomore Livonia Ladywood alum Stephanie Day to line out to sec-

"I was looking for a fly ball," said White, about his decision to pinch hit for Setta 'Finch is a power hitter, more so than Setta."

The inability to score spoiled an outstanding effort from Madonna junior pitcher

Shannon Noder, who went the distance, giving up just five hits and striking out seven It was her first loss in seven decisions, but White emphasized that she deserved a better fate

She pitched a great game, the girl deserved more than what we gave her," he said "We're struggling to score runs right now We have been for about two weeks

For the Crusaders who dropped to 28 7 overall and 8 5 in the WHAC, the biggest hit of the game was a triple to rightcenter by Day in the second She smashed a one-hopper to Cornerstone third baseman Lauren Jones, who threw across the diamond for the third out of the inning

All of the other MU hits were singles, delivered by seven different batters For Cornerstone (20-16, 10-6), junior Abby Benthem went 2-for-4 and sen-10r Emily Knudson went 2-for-

Cornerstone scored in the second when Gruppen walked and circled the bases on a double to right by senior Barb Korpi

In the first game, the Golden Eagles scored three runs in the seventh against Madonna pitcher Brockert (16-5) to break a 2-2 tie and go on to the 5-2 win

Madonna freshman Heather Godfrey went 3-for-4 in the contest, while freshman Alison Grant and Smith each registered two hits

Swept again

The Crusaders' offensive attack did not perk up Sunday in Indiana as White had hoped The squad dropped its second doubleheader in two days when they lost 4-2 and I-0 on Sunday to host Indiana Tech

In the opener, Madonna managed just three hits, including doubles by Little, Danielle Richardson and a homer by Heather Richardson But the Warriors scored two runs each in the fourth and fifth innings against Brockert (16-6)

Indiana Tech senior designated hitter Candy Couch doubled and tripled in three at bats, driving in two runs to spark the Warriors

A pitching duel between MU's Noder and Indiana Tech senior Ashley Williams came down to the Warriors scoring a single run in the fourth on a base hit by junior Melanie Crandall

Noder (6-2) went the distance, giving up just four hits and striking out seven as she deserved a better fate The Crusaders collected five singles against Crandall, two from Brockert, but they couldn't effectively string them together

The double defeat dropped Madonna's record to 28-9 overall and 8-7 in the WHAC

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Salem graduate Jamie Siedlaczek, currently a freshman golfer for the Lewis University golf team in Romeoville, Ill, recently was presented with the Brother David Delahanty Student Athlete Award in recognition of academic excel-

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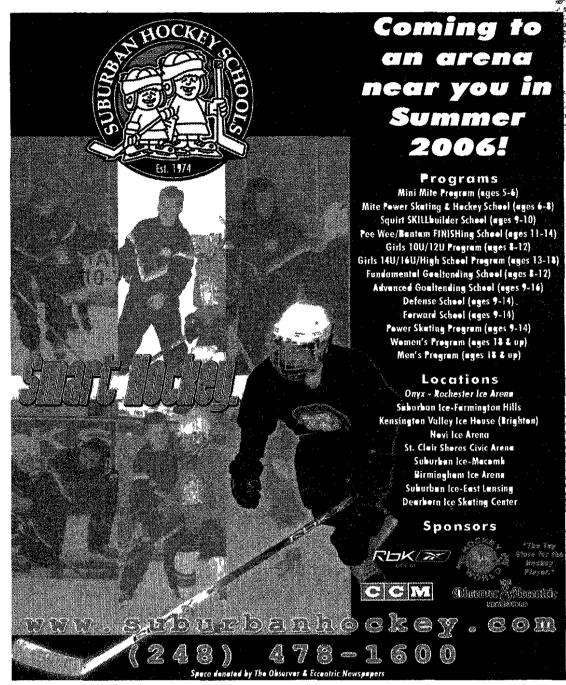
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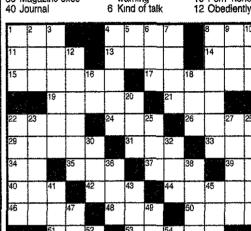
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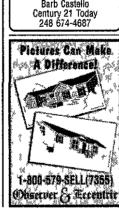
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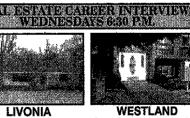




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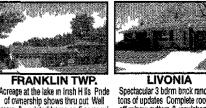
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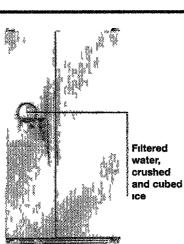
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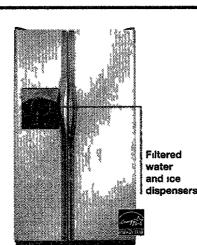
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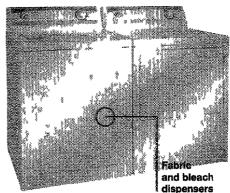
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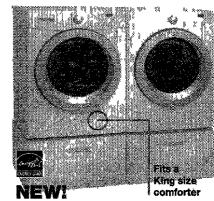
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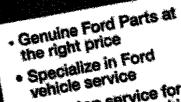
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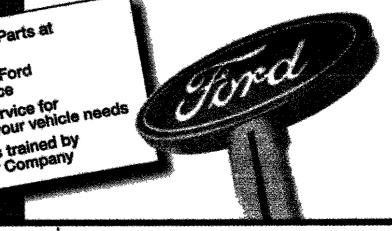
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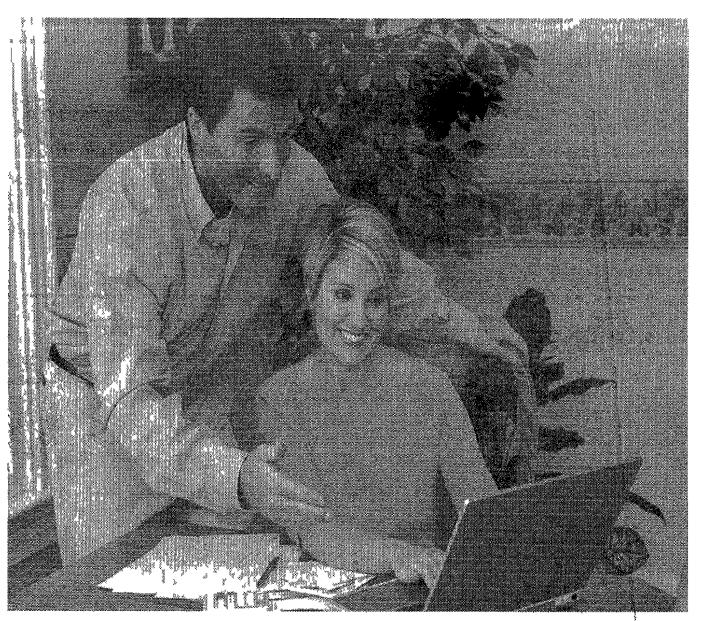
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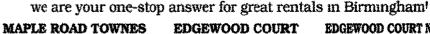
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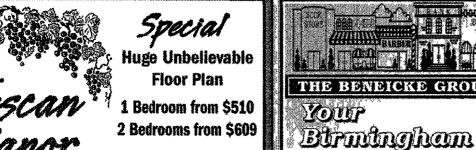
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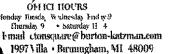


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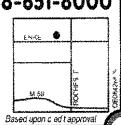
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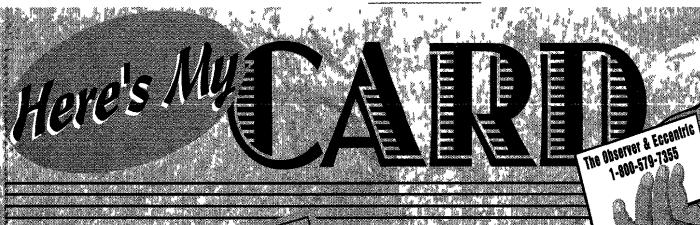
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*CULTURE

Susan Goldenberg, president of the privately-held St. Louis-based Ingenium Partners Inc., conducts general, broad-based retained executive search with four recruiters. She advises beginning by assessing a company's financial situation, strategy and growth strategy But go deeper, obtaining answers to these questions:

What is the company's culture?

- Who will be qualified and successful in such a company?

Goldenberg points out that technical qualifications don't assure

success. You must qualify a company s culture. Find out who the CEO is, she states How are decisions made? Who are the leaders? How do you become one? What are the career paths of people who ve come in and moved from here to here? What is the company's career tracking mechanism? She mentions the importance of asking questions of people other than the HR person, whose potential selling capacity may leave critical information unaddressed Morey adds that you must go beyond a recruiter to determine if the company 1s good for you

Research whether the company is bureaucratic, entrepreneurial, flexible, if it uses flextime and treats employees well, Goldenberg suggests Morey reminds you to watch for attractive benefits; beware of rewards that go out only to favorites or recognition that s spotty. She also advocates determining whether a company listens to its employees and shows that the feedback makes a difference. Does the organization use frequent employee satisfaction surveys? What does it do to measure performance? How often do reviews occur?

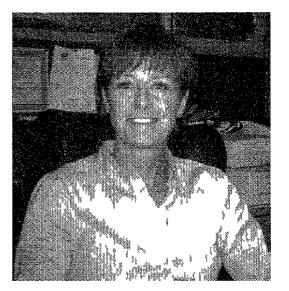
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Morey recommends investigating what good companies will do to retain you during the upcoming employee shortages intensified by the retirement

of the baby boom Expect little in manufacturing, she says, because of the industry's declining numbers Health care and IT are competing much more aggressively We re seeing open communication, meaningful work, the tried and true

The newer trend is the opportunity to balance life, Morey continues Employees stay motivated in companies with a flexible work environment You have to be aware that companies that claim to be flexible may not be, particularly if family first means careers second in the eyes of management, she notes.

Like Goldenberg, Morey maintains that interviewing throughout the company is essential Assess the commitment to balance to determine whether it truly wants people to live full lives Are people who seek balance still treated with dignity and respect? Notice that increased vacation time rewards employees and families Are same-sex domestic partner benefits an option? Does tuition reimbursement extend to personal interests? One of her clients covers flying lessons or scuba diving (but not the insurance) of up to \$2,000 per year. This type of policy makes people feel valued, she explains. It supports not just what they do here but what they want to do with their lives. Are incentives liberal, enabling you to choose time off over



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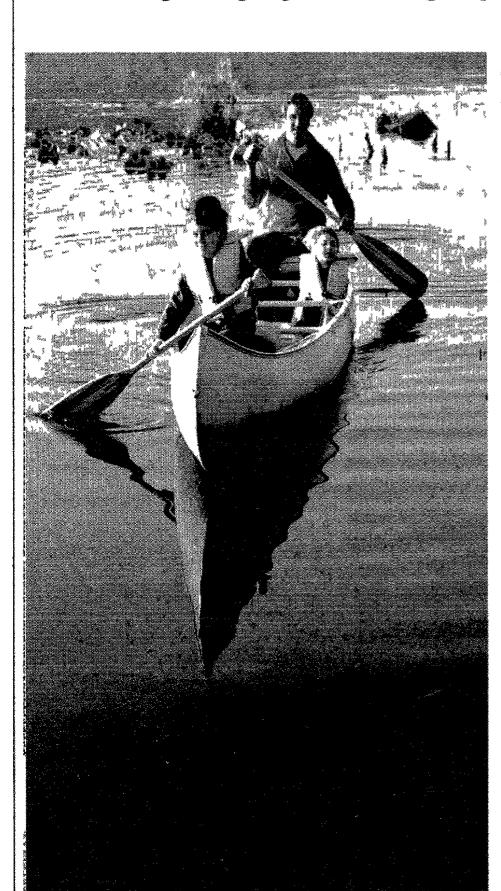
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> **DEARBORN** Estate & Garage sale Tools galore fishing equipment something for everyone 27th 29th 9 6pm Outer Dr & Southfield area

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> FARMINGTON MOVING 122642 Power Rd Everything must go! Sat April 29 9am 5pm Bikes baby supplies clothes lots of treasures!

FARMINGTON HILLS *Mov ing sale* Sat 4/29 10am 5pm Furniture snow thrower skis comp equip & much more 29506 Hemlock Ave West o M belt btwn 10 & 11 mile

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4/29 9am to 2pm

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Sat 8am 6pm 15681 Huff W of Newburgh btwn 5 & 6 Mile Many good

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NORTHVILLE Household items trestle table cherry desk stepper weight bench tools propane heaters 3 pump go kart American Girl stuff bunk beds tons more! Apr 27 29 9 5 850

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PLYMOUTH 2 Family Sale Infant adult clothes toys household items bike cra dle and other infant & tod dler items lots of stuff! Or Tennyson Dr & Ann Arbor between Sheldon 8 Beck Fr: 4 28 9am 5pm & Sat 4 29 9am 3pm

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PLYMOUTH TWP April 27 30 9 5PM 8871 Morrison off Joy Rd Old & new & Retro Many items from an older cou ple moving into assisted living Too many things to mention

PLYMOUTH April 28 & 29 9 4pm Linden 8 McKinley Household dren's sports equip more!

REDFORD Yard Sale April 26 May 2 10 6pm 16620 Garfield 10 yrs of accumula tion Something for everyone too much to mention REDFORD Multi Family

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items tools camping & misc April 28 & 29 10am 4011 Springer N of 13 E off ROYAL OAK

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ROYAL OAK Moving Sale Sat 9 6 Sun 10 3 great stuff 1817 Harwood one block S of Lincoln E of Campbell ROYAL OAK HUGE 2 FAMIL

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Sat 4 29 Sun 4 30 9AM 4PM Baby items galore bouncy seats bath car seat crib bedding sets, sleep posi tioner nursing items small size maternity clothes senior walkers household items & kids toys 61351 Dean Dr W of Pontiac Trail S of 9 Mile

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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 7779775

ALL OF ME

SWF, 50, 5'10", BBW, brown/ blue, easygoing, N/S, light drinker, enjoys nights out or in ISO loving, happy commitment-minded man to share a happy, lasting, loving relationship 57956929

LET'S ENJOY LIFE SWF, 57, N/S, seeks intelligent,

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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 Let's talk!

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I LISTEN WITH MY HEART Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship Let's create sparks and watch them fly \$\pi 639272

WHERE ARE YOU? Very attractive, sexy SBPF, 35,

5'2, medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays ISO SBM 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR 2950732

LOVES BOATING

SWF, 65, 5'6", Aries, N/S, loves dancing and dining out Seeking WM, 60-71 N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance \$890004

TRY ME

Attractive SWF, 49, I enjoy movies, dining, skiing and skating Seeking an attractive SWM, 45-55, who enjoys most activities 2869847

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 25, 57, shoulder-length medium blonde hair bright green eyes, outgoing fun, loves fitness, outdoors boating cycling, camping concerts, auto racing Seeking active, fit caring man who appreciates the same **295369**4

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 2548938

GOOD LOOKER

Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars enjoys jazz, oldschool music, and fun times Seeking special secure man, 48-60 N/S, for laughter, good times and LTR 2725001

LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF, 53 5'9" brown/brown N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games Šeeking WM 50-62 with similar interests 2759316

GREAT COMPANION SF 65 looks 55, 52" unique,

bright, w/many talents and interests Im well-traveled very attractive health-conscious How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70 \$\overline{1}\$633527

ASIAN MAN WANTED Pretty, blue-eyed blonde, 55 plus-sized, warm and bright, seeks intelligent handsome

man for dating Troy area **☎**827007 SOMEONE TO SHARE FUN SBF, 49, looking for a SBM, 53-63, N/S who loves comedy

clubs movies and sports, to share a lot of fun No games please 2949586

ONE GOOD WOMAN 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

CALLING ALL CYCLISTS SF a young 44, nice-looking, in great shape, seeks athletic man, 25-55, for cycling hiking outdoor activities 7945242

ISO GOOD FRIEND?

plays reading, and traveling Seeking honest WM 42-57 N/S 2857253

SEEKING COMPANION

SWF 42, queen-sized outgoing enjoys walks music, life, open to new ideas. Looking for Pretty charming SWF, successand like pets 2909140

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 2933970

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, loves music and dancing, stays hear from friendly, honest man 56-68, N/S 2672174

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Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally SWF 61, N/S is looking for employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3 trim and shapely enjoys dining, travel, dancing theater family and friends Seeking honest handsome fit, 55+, college grad N/S, with youthful passion for life Serious replies only 2652360

PETITE & SEXY...

SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1", 105lbs, NS Seeking healthy SBM, 510"-6'1" to work out with 2912553

SOULMATE SEARCH

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

LOOKING FOR FUN

SBF, 47 desires to meet indefun You must know how to treat a lady All calls answered **2807166**

SEXY

SBF 18, Taurus, N/S, seeks a reserved HM 18-20, N/S, who SWF, 50 5'6' slender, intelliloves hiking, fishing, movies dining out 2945821

MARRIAGE MINDED...

Nice looking warm hearted sincere 37 employed Look ing for the same qualities in a single male 35-43 2940077

CHEER

ON THE HOME TEAM life cruising, walking reading, concerts, football, baseball and basketball Seeking adventur-

COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT? Are you a big, tall handsome

man? DWF, 47, very attractive, loving, fun, seeks SWM to SWM, 48 6', 175lbs, N/S homeshare life together 2443339

A GOOD & TRUE FRIEND Share with this DBCF65, N/S. honest fun, enjoy outgoings, breakfast lunch, dinners? conversation, good, old-school down-to-earth friendship, sincerity 2905535

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 Male 43, looking for a petite and humorous 2901378

HAPPY & SECURE

DCF 68, 5'2' long dark brown/brown N/S, N/D with rely drives, movies and dining SWM, 50, Italian descent, out Seeking man, 58-75, for Scorpio, N/S, no children, seeks WF, 46-55, to connect

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 2891247

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER SWF, 49 5'5", full-figured, brown/brown, romantic, lovable, DWM, 45, 5'9', 140lbs, father, humorous likes entertaining, traveling, family time Seeking

for possible LTR **2861408**

SHALL WE DANCE?

Possible relationship? Read I am a SBF, 58 5'3" 170lbs, on SWF, 47 N/S enjoys cook- attractive intelligent creative ing dining out, art museums, articulate seeks SWM 57-73 who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking traveling, movies, dining out **☎**812098

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

SM who wants to do things ful kind compassionate lots of together Must be employed 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 2885454

SOULMATE SEARCH physically active, would like to Slim, attractive 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64 please respond 2589875

ARE YOU ROMANTIC?

chemistry and compatibility with secure emotionally available WM, 48-60, N/S who can dance (or will learn how to) **☎**898106

A GOOD FRIEND SWF, 57, full-figured, 5'4" likes

movies, dancing good company Seeking a nice guy to enjoys a friends first relationship 23916193

ARE YOU THE ONE? 24, mother, brown/brown

5'4", 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 2920771

NATURAL BBW

32, 5'5, 240lbs, N/S, pendent man, 50-60 for lots of N/D, N/kids, employed Seeking a SM 18-60 who is openminded N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman **2**924352

FORMER MODEL

gence, creativity, passion for music and dancing Seeks partner 38 50 who is attractive and fit to share this interests and more 25600106

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

WORTH A CALL

owner, auto worker, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys hunting, the outdoors Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/D-free **5**956910

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 2715711

I DON'T ASK MUCH WF 19-46, who enjoys the out-

doors and the simple things in life 7952290 LIFE IS TOO SHORT... positive attitude, enjoys leisu- not to share it with someone

with 2935694

A BIT ABOUT ME.. SBM 34, 5'10", 170lbs, employed, sexy, nice person with a good heart Seeking a SBF 25-27, who enjoys shooting pool, travel and much more 2946734

N/S, N/D employed, honest and fun, likes music, movies, bowl-SM 40-56, N/S, social drinker ing, family/friends, more Lookok who puts God first in his life, ing for SWF with similar interests and qualities 2950678

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SM 18, 6'1", 162lbs, would like SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manu-

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC SWM 46 6'2", 209lbs brown/ blue degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open 2531308

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 2431926

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BY DALE BUSS

With General Motors flirting with bankruptcy, Toyota in line potentially to create more net automotive jobs in Michigan than the Big Three during the next few years, gas prices headed back toward \$3 a gallon, and hybrid sales losing some of their steam in part because of dubious fuel-economy claims, this is already proving to be a topsy-turvy year in the US automotive market

So its probably not a big stretch, then, to throw out a prediction that — if realized — would represent yet another remarkable and unanticipated development as 2006 unfolds

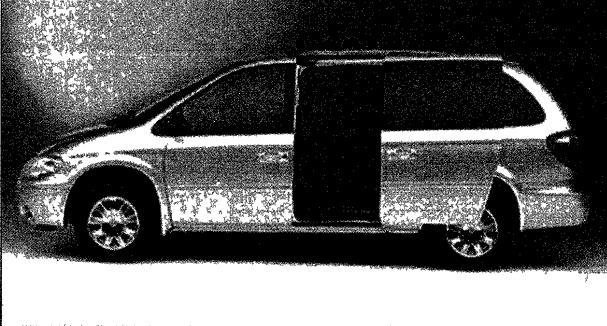
Here it is The minivan will make a comeback There are a few reasons I m pretty sure I ll be proven right First, its become very clear by now that gasoline prices well above \$2 a gallon, maybe even \$3, are going to be a long-term fixture of the US economy At that level, great fuel efficiency becomes more than just an optional consideration for most American car buyers — it becomes a necessity

And that portends a sure and accelerating decline in sales of sport-utility vehicles, which not only deliver, but also have come to represent, poor fuel economy Sure, most big trucks are gas hogs as well, but at least they deliver big-time on the utility promise And with the proliferating number of crossover vehicles and compact SUVs, you get somewhat better fuel economy — but the usefulness of utility vehicles diminishes greatly as they get smaller and lighter Moreover, while the economy is booming, there are some indications that a certain pragmatism and frugality has endured today out of its roots of the last few years. And so maybe more people really will care more about how their primary household vehicle serves them than whether it looks imposing enough sitting in the driveway Leading the way in this mini-renaissance of the

minivan will be my favorite, the Chrysler Town & Country Our family leased a Town & Country Limited a few years ago, and based on that experience, it has always remained among my favorite overall vehicles It was very difficult, then, to beat the Town & Country's total package, which included reasonable power and very good fuel economy for the driver, tremendous convenience features including power doors all around, the best overall space, com-

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The Town & Country gets 25 mpg on the highway and 18 mpg in the city.

fort and convenience for the most passengers, and the potential for the biggest empty space for hauling

And that was three years ago Today's 2006 Town & Country Limited is a far cry better because of a variety of enhancements that reached fruition with the 2005 model-year vehicle Based on those improve ments, I d still give the Town & Country Limited the nod over competing, and improving, van offerings including the Honda Odyssey, Nissan Quest, Toyota Sienna and anything that Ford or GM offer Apparently, more Americans are agreeing with me already Sales of the whole Town & Country line last year increased to more than 190,000 vehicles across the United States last year, up strongly from sales of around 140,000 in 2004. Even more impressive was that the Town & Country's surge came amid an overall slide in US minivan sales in 2005 of about 2%, down to about 1 11 million, part of what many experts have noted has been a steady, slow slide in this country for minivan sales overall

For why I like the Town & Country even more now than a few years ago, start with the styling Its the same! Chrysler knew better than to alter much a styling concept that retains its relevancy over time, a sleek and uncomplicated wedge that will fit in anywhere but also maximized the vehicle's capacity to carry human and non-human cargo Its raked wind-

shield, rising roofline and beltline help it ship through the air, and there are just enough touches just for design's sake — such as pronounced wheel arches — that Town & Country retains a bit of pizzazz The performance of the 3 8-liter, V6 engine that powers the vehicle ha always been more than ade quate by my book It's pretty smooth and provides more than enough punch. Fuel economy is great by the standards of any vehicle that can haul around seven people comfortably 25 miles a gallon on the highway and 18 in the city Most SUVs with the same people-hauling capacity can t touch that And the point is that, in Town & Country, the people are more comfortable Second-row captains chair seating includes highly variable reclining, which suits picky and sleepy teenagers just fine And the third row is roomy enough for three adults. There are

DVD player (finally) in the ceiling
The features that Chrysler added to Town & Country two years ago also come up big in my book. That includes headrests that nicely snap down into the seat back for great rear visibility for the driver as well as Stow N Go, a cargo compartment configuration compartment behind the driver's seat For suggested retail of \$37,650, give me a Town &

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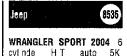
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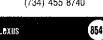
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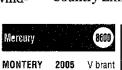
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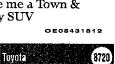
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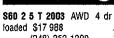
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ou waited, and waited and waited Those long cold winter evenings just dragged and the chill just kept hangin' 'round like a rodent in

the garage It just wouldn't leave But the days rolled by and soon, spring arrived, and you were greeted with frost on the windows in the morning and more snowflakes

OK, we'll try it again Soon spring arrives And now its time to prepare that spring salad

Forget about iceberg lettuce That stuff is bland and nutritionally useless Why not live a little and make that salad a little edgier with romaine, Boston or bibb, or spring mixes with mesclun or frisee?

Greens are the key and a solid foundation to a great salad Sure, you can

use your traditional carrot-green pepper-cucumbertomato mix in the salad, and it will be sufficient. But why not take it a step further?

We love fresh strawbernes or dried cherries on the salad with mandarin oranges to add some wonderful sweetness to the plate

I've found that if I add enough variety in the salad, then I ll eat more of it, and fill up on that rather then some fattier dish that I might prepare for a meal

Sugar snap peas really add a sweet zip to the salad (Be sure to check the snap peas for freshness before buying, because they can become bitter if they are old)

I've got sorrel that sprung up in the garden earlier this month and it adds a bitter lemon flavor to the salad, which might sound strange, but it makes a great contrast and balance to the other flavors

Then theres the nuts Pine nuts are great, but expen sive, so you may want to try walnuts Toast them with some cumin, chili powder and sugar and you've got a crunchy flavor with a little heat

Add a little feta or bleu cheese then top it with balsamic vinegar and oil, mixed with your favorite dried herbs or Italian seasoning and you've got a tremendous salad In a few weeks, you can add some steamed asparagus which will be in season here

This recipe is probably my favorite. But you can make your own with your own variations and put your personal stamp on it

SPRING SALAD

Boston or bibb lettuce

Romaine lettuce Green leaf or red leaf lettuce

Kitchen

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Spring mix (buy in package at store)

/2 each, green and red peppers

/₄ cucumber

2 tomatoes wedged or 12 cherry or grape tomatoes halved /carrot skin peeled then carrot peeled into salad

4 8 strawberries sliced

1 mandarin orange peeled and divided into segments

/4 cup dried cherries 8 12 snap peas sliced

Walnuts toasted

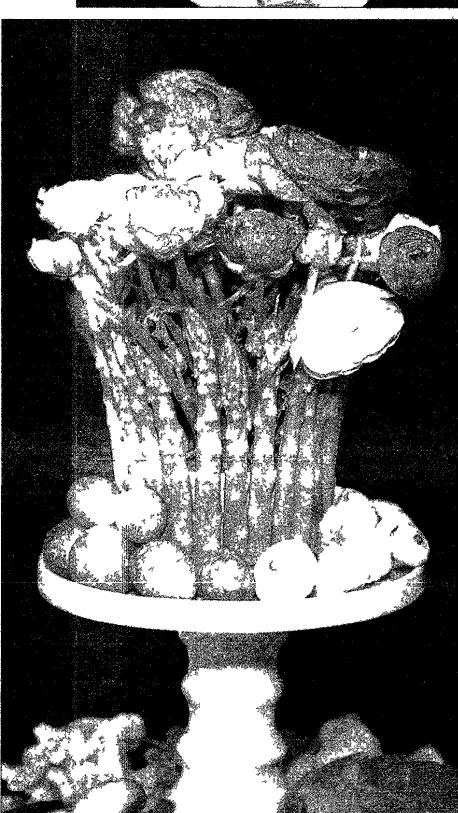
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Balsamic vinaigrette (mix balsamic vinegar with oil and water and Italian dressing salt and pepper Toss together the greens, then add remaining ingredi-

ents except for last two items Toss, then serve with nuts, cheese and dressing on side Ken Abramczyk writes about food and edits the Filter entertainment

section for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He can be reached at (734) 953 2107 or e mailed at kabramczyk@hometownlife.com





Alternative designs for entertainment and casual living will be featured

Designers style table settings in Bloomfield Hills

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

here's nothing like a boost of inspiration from a fabulous interior designer That's why Designer Tablescapes 2006, a new fund-raiser for The Children's Charities Coalition, is sure to be well-attended

Slated May 10-14, the event will showcase table settings created by more than 20 area designers inside a newly constructed, 10,000square-foot French manor on Vaughan Road ın Bloomfield Hılls

A preview gala with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, silent auction and live entertainment by jazz violinist Sonia Lee is set for 6 30 p m Wednesday, May 10

That's the best part – you can take home an idea for your own table," said Gigi Nichols, event volunteer and public relations director for The Community House in Birmingham 'I'm sure with these designers that you'll see a little bit of everything because they are so creative'

If the table stylings of designer John Amato

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TABLE THAT

What: Designer Tablescapes 2006, a showcase of interior designer table settings to benefit The Children's Charities Coalition

When: Preview gala with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and silent auction, 6 30-10 30 p m Wednesday, May 10 Self-guided tours run 10 am to 8 pm May 11, 10 am to 6 p m May 12-13 and 1-5 p.m May 14 Where: New French manor home built by Uznis Construction and located at 630 Vaughan Road, Bloomfield Hills Valet service provided at preview Additional parking with shuttle service available at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W Long Lake, Bloomfield Township Tickets: Preview, \$100-\$150 Guided tours, \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door Call (248) 333-0826

Avoid these mistakes when shopping for a camcorder



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ast week we looked at the dos and don ts of buying a notebook PC I m still in a shopping mood, so let's tackle another product category that's fraught with confusion camcorders

Walk into your friendly neighborhood electronics superstore and you're likely to find a dizzying array of models for sale, most priced between \$300 and \$1,000 That's a mighty big range What features

should you look for in a camcorder, and how much should you expect to pay for them?

For starters, limit your scope to MiniDV models, which record video on inexpensive digital tapes These afford the best possible video quality and allow for easy transfer to

your PC for editing

Surprisingly the same cannot be said of DVD-based camcorders, which record video on small discs you can pop right into your set-top player for quick viewing

That's the only real advantage to this category DVD camcorders tend to be pricier and bulkier than their MiniDV counterparts, and the discs themselves can hold only 30 minutes of DVD-quality video apiece (vs 60 minutes for MiniDV tapes)

Plus, if you want to view a recorded DVD in your player you have to "finalize" it — a time-consuming process that renders any

remaining space unusable

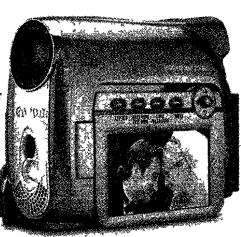
Its difficult to transfer DVD video to your PC for editing, and because the images are compressed, some quality is lost in the

In short, I genuinely dislike DVD camcorders, and for most users I don't recommend them

TECH SPECS

All digital camcorders have an image sensor, known as a CCD, that's used to capture video The size and corresponding

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Camcorders like Canon's new ZR700 offer impressive digital video capabilities, but they can't take the place of your digital camera

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About

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Animals

Look at statistics of scary subjects

he world always seems so scary As a kid, I remember fearing communist nuclear bombs Fear of AIDS entered our consciousness in the 1980s Now we have terrorism

If you think there's nothing to be afraid of, it either means you know something others don t, or they know something you

Media coverage can make fears grow by leaps and bounds There's a fine line between preparing the public that something bad could happen and creating sen-

sationalized, undue fear It seems like many times that line is obscured by the bottom line Fear gets people's

attention We've seen such situations recently in the animal world By now just about

everyone has heard of Avian influenza, or the

(The disease sounds like the answer to the question "How did the bird get south for the winter?" That pun gets

less funny as the disease gets more scary) I believe some of what makes the disease so scary are the alarming terms used to describe it, as when experts say it could become a pandemic

People react like a scene from a situation comedy, with someone shouting in a crazed fervor, 'It's a pandemic' What will we do?! This is awful! (pause) Um, what's a pandemic?

A pandemic is a human disease (such as a flu) that passes quickly globally, because there is little immunity in the worldwide population This is a situation where the disease passes from one person

Avian influenza is not a pandemic It is, however, zoonotic ("It's zoonotic! What will we do?! This is awf— You get the idea)

Zoonotic means a disease that can be passed from animals to people The most famous example of this would be rabies People and domestic birds can catch

bird flu from infected wild birds The flu virus occurs naturally in wild birds, with a variant that is deadly to

domestic fowl It can be deadly to people as well According the World Health Organization, as of April 6, there have been 192 reported cases of bird flu in the

world and 109 fatalities For all the talk about this disease, these numbers aren't especially high Most of

the people affected have been involved directly with birds in some manner

(By the way, if poultry is properly prepared, it is safe for consumption with regards to bird flu, according the WHO

WHO still feels the world is ill-prepared for the possible pandemic To become a pandemic, the virus would have to alter itself to become able to be passed between people without the bird involvement Many experts believe this is very possible

According to the Web site of the U S Department of Agriculture, Avian influenza spreads to people and healthy birds the same way, by either direct contact with an infected bird, or contact with contaminated feces or secretions

Segregating pet birds from wild birds would be very wise, albeit there have been no cases of Avian influenza in the United States

Poultry and egg operations tend to be very controlled situations, with animals heavily protected from outside contamination The USDA is closely monitoring the situation, and, as of now, there is little to fear from this disease

But in the future - who knows?

GREENIES

Some dangers affect only the critters, such as those awful, terrible, evil evil evil treats from hell known as Greenies!

I can't tell you enough about what I read about these online!

Depending on the source, anywhere from 13 to 40 dogs have died, or have had to have surgery, because of those devil Greenies!

Each of them seems to have numerous online forums in which the terrible story of the surgery is recounted, or in which the animal is eulogized by the grieving owners, usually ending with an impassioned plea to never ever give your pet a

My sympathy goes out to all these individuals Their stories break your heart, as few things hurt as deeply as losing a beloved pet

That said, Greenies remain pretty safe when used properly

I once read a fascinating statistic that if you took one commercial flight every day, it would be 20,000 years before you were on a flight that had a significant incident I am unsure if the math is right, but the point is true

Although we think of flying as dangerous and, yes, scary, the people who do it have made it the safest mode of travel When something bad happens, however its a huge splashy story demanding

intensive news coverage

Fear decreases with each time you fly safely, and with each day that goes by without an incident

According to its Web site, since 1998, Greenies has sold 750 million treats That's 750,000,000 Thirteen to 40 animals have had reported severe problems The statistics are low, but to those affect ed, statistics don't matter

One of them was a miniature dachs hund in New York City who choked to death on the treat

The owners are asking for millions in compensation

The company claims the animal was allowed to swallow the treat unsupervised, and the owners should have followed the instructions on the bag The owners claim the instructions failed, and the treats are dangerous

Now a class-action suit of 10 more people from across the country has been filed against S&M NuTec, maker of Greenies, and an attorney whose old English sheepdog died has petitioned the FDA to investigate the treats

The lawsuits are practically a pandem-

With that much legal wrangling in front of them, the company must be in trouble Not so much

On April 13, the Kansas City Star reported that Mars Inc, the company which brings us M&Ms, is about to acquire S&M NuTec It sees pet treats and snacks as the fastest growing segment of its business

It doesn't seem to be afraid of the product at all

That's the point when it comes to Greenies They aren't deadly little killing machines, or a suicide pill a doggy spy might bite into when captured by the enemy

They are treats that are pretty safe most all of the time when the right size is bought, and the animal is observed while chewing it

If your dog chokes a lot on anything, or tries to swallow everything quickly, avoid Greenies

If you decide to try them, ask the seller about getting the right size Of course, our chain of clinics no

longer carries them I guess we just got scared

Dr Brad Davis is medical director for the VCA of Garden City 2085 Inkster Road Garden City 48135 Mail questions and comments there. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk Visit the Web site at www Animaltalkradio com E mail questions or comments to brad@animaltalkradio.com

GARDEN CALENDAR

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a m Friday April 28 in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus off Adams in Rochester Guest speakers Emily Stefanski and Kevin Westrick of Wojo's Greenhouse in Ortonville will present Creating Clever Containers for Sun and Shade With a variety of containers, they II demonstrate unusual combinations of annuals perennials shrubs tropical foliage and summer bulbs for a new look in container gardening Non member donation \$5 Reservations aren t required For more information call (248) 608 0485 or (248) 310 8793 or visit

www.meadowbrookhall.org Native shrubs

Native Trees and Shrubs for the Home Garden a free outdoor workshop is scheduled 9 30 11 30 a m Saturday April 29 at the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority Native Landscape Education Site 3910 W Webster in Royal Oak The event is presented by SOCWA eco

logical gardening volunteers. Space is limited and advance registration is required Call Karen Bever at (248) 288 5150

The program will include walking tours to observe the growth pattern of 20 species of native shrubs and small trees as well as demonstrations of composting and natural mulches Biodiversity for the health of the plants and the Rouge River will be emphasized

Free lectures

Saguaro Plants 470 W Five Mile in Whitmore Lake presents free lectures 1 p m Sundays at the nursery Each lecture lasts about one hour Dress for the weather For more infor mation call (734) 449 4237 Conifers for Michigan Gardens by Saguaro Plants owner Ben Woloskie will be the topic April 30 Spring flow ering Ephemerals by Saguaro Plants owner Anna Ornelas will be the topic May 7

Bonsai club

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The Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan will meet 2 p m Sunday April 30 at Goldner Walsh Nursery 5598 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac The meeting will be a Mugho pine workshop with bonsai master Vance Wood of Detroit Cost is \$50 to partici pate free to watch The number of trees is limited call Anita at (248) 634 7615 for reservations

Visitors are welcome at the club's meetings which usually take place the last Sunday of each month at Goldner Walsh Admission is free

For more information call Bill Struhar at (586) 795 0065 or visit www.fourseasonsbonsai.org

Designing garden

Good Earth Landscape and Interior Design announces Designing Your Garden From the Inside Out a class at the Clarkston Community Education Center 6595 Waldon The class will take place 7 30 9 30 p m

Mondays May 129 or 730 930 pm Thursdays May 4 through June 1 Participants will design a small garden using the view from a favorite window at their home

Cost is \$95 Bring snapshots of differ ent views of the area from inside your house and from the outside area of the garden Materials needed are a sketch pad drafting and colored pen cils erasers standard plastic slot guides for drawing circles and trian gles and a drafting slot guide Register by phone (248) 623 4321 by fax (248) 623 4555 or in person at the center

Herb study group

Coleen French of French Garden Creations will demonstrate making herbal soap for the Matthaei Evening Herb Study Group Monday May 1 The program will take place at 7 p m in Room 139 at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro between Plymouth Road and Geddes in northeast Ann Arbor The public may attend Requested donation \$2 Parking is free and plentiful For detailed directions visit http://www.sitemaker.umich.edu/mbgn a French author of Herbal Possibilities and co author of The Soaper's Cook Book will show how to make soap using a crockpot. She II share tips and small samples from the night's batch French will bring her scented and herb

products in time for graduation birthday wedding and Mother's Day gifts She has soap wrapped in duct tape for a Father's Day gift To subscribe to her free monthly e mail with recipes hints and tips on growing and using herbs e mail her at coleenfrench@power net net

Eco-Yardening

Learn how to establish an environ mentally beneficial landscape in Eco Yardening one of the offerings in Birmingham Community Education spring classes The class will take place Tuesday May

2 at Seaholm High School 2436 W Lincoln in Birmingham Cost is \$11 For more information and to register call Birmingham Community Education at (248) 203 3800 or v sit www.com munityed net

Container gardening

Representatives from Four Star Greenhouses will conduct hands on workshops on container gardening at English Gardens stores Wednesdays May 3 24 and Thursdays May 4 25 The workshops will take place at 10 a m Wednesdays in the Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278 4433) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771 4200) stores 1 p m Wednesdays in the West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851 7506) and Clinton Township (phone (586) 286 6100) stores and 10 a m Thursdays in the Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332 7900) and Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280



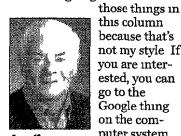




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Appliance Doctor will test front loader

have done a lot of things in Michigan in helping to assure that consumers get a fair shake when dealing with the Major Appliance Industry I'm not going to list all of



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not my style If vou are interested, you can go to the Google thing on the computer system and type in Joe Gagnon The Appliance Doctor It will tell you enough

What it won't tell you is the position I've taken starting about eight years ago on the front load

There is no doubt in the mind of many readers of this column or listeners of the radio shows that I don't care too

The real twist to the story comes now I'm having one you about this turn of events later in this column

are any indication of the novel and trend-setting ideas that

"We're trying to do some-

thing a little edgy, something a

Amato and his design part-

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Schrager hotel, designed by

Philippe Starck, blends the

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little more fashion-forward,

said Amato, a resident of

Huntington Woods and

designer with Randen

Schumacher M10 in

Birmingham

will be on view, visitors are

sure feel charged up about

their spring and summer

entertainment plans

Front loaders have been in use for the past 40 years This is how they came about

The energy department in Washington met with the manufacturers, and they agreed that the only way to save water and energy consumption was to design a new front loader The manufacturers said that all washing machines in the near future would be front load and that top loaders would be

a thing of the past I was very angry at the forced removal of choice to the American consumer and the huge increase in price of a simple washing machine I was right (If there is any doubt, try shopping for a new washer and see how much they cost)

I was screaming about all the service problems encountered by the new owners of the Maytag Neptune front loaders Consumers were calling me right and left and describing mold and odor problems that wouldn't go away and Maytag wasn't working very hard at solving their problems

I was given a line a mile long by Maytag and dealers that there was no problem, only to find out that a class action suit evolved and Maytag finally

admitted to its errors

The result of all this is that Maytag just about destroyed its dependability reputation, which was rock solid for the past 100 years

In their efforts to climb that long hill now, they tell me that the Maytag Neptune front loader today is the best in the business I personally will soon

I agreed that huge savings would be realized in water and energy use, but my old-fash ioned logic disagreed that you could get clothes cleaner in a front loader

The analogy I use is, you can't wash your hands in a cup of water and get them clean I will soon find out if I'm right or wrong

I also read many comments on different Web sites where homeowners complained about wash ability

And now comes an appliance retailer who wants to put into my home a set of a Maytag front load washer and a dryer He wants me to test them for a year and not even charge me any money for the products

I have agreed to do so, but because of my ethics stand, I will be paying \$100 a month to

use his products My 30-year old top loader is going to go to charity

I informed the dealer that I would report on all aspects of this new front loader without hiding any truths such as how much service I need on it

He seems to be full of confidence as to how well it will

By the way, there's another thing about front loaders I don't like I have to bend down every time I load or unload the washer, so I have to change my opinion on that factor I'll use this as an exercise for my bad

As insight for radio listeners, I am very pleased with my move to Ann Arbor's Talk Radio 1600 WAAM The phone lines are jamming

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a m Saturdays He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP) His phone number is (734) 971 1600 Ext 25 Do you have a ques tion about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E mail your question to mklemic@hometown life com and it will be forwarded to

HOME CALENDAR

Facility tour

The Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority is cele brating Earth Day by offering free tours of the Material Recovery Facility on Coolidge between 14 and 15 Mile See what happens to recy clables after they leave your home The tours will take place 4 p m and 5 pm Thursday April 27 They will last about 30 min

Call SOCRRA at (248) 288 5150 in advance so organizers can make sure there are enough guides For more information, call SOCRRA or

visit www socrra org Sensational room

Learn how to create a designer room of your own and make a tired room look sensational in 10 Steps to a Sensational Room a class offered Thursday May 4 at The Community House in Birmingham Cost is \$25 The class will be taught

by Renea M Lewis owner of Design By Choice It will explore how to place furniture lighting fabrics and accessories in creating an exciting

To register and for more information call The Community House at (248) 644 5832 or visit www.community house com

Home decor

Haberman Fabrics 905 S Main in Royal Oak offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels

Call (248) 541 0010 e mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics com or visit www HabermanFabrics com The schedule includes Duvet Cover (Thursdays April 27 to May 18 cost is \$80) and Simple Curtain (Thursdays May 11 25 \$60)

Pet first aid

Sheehy Animal Hospital 18790 Middlebeit 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 and on how items you have around the house can be used in medical situa tions The class is expected

to last about an hour Light refreshments will be provided For more information and to reserve your spot call Sheehy Animal

Hospital at (248) 615 7670 Schoolcraft College

Interior design and decor are among the subjects of Continuing Education & Professional Development classes from Schoolcraft College this spring For information call (734) 462 4448 visit www schoolcraft edu The schedule includes Interior Design Leight weeks beginning Tuesday May 9 (cost is \$125 senior cost is \$100) Floral Design II eight weeks beginning Wednesday May 10 (\$158 senior cost \$126 40 or \$169 senior cost \$135.20) Interior

Design II eight weeks beginning Thursday May 11 (\$137 senior cost \$109 60) Decorative Home

Painting eight weeks beginning Thursday May 11 (\$106 senior cost \$84 80) and Styling Techniques for Your Walls four weeks beginning Thursday May 11 (\$67 senior cost \$53 60)

Recycling 101

The Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCR RA) has scheduled two Recycling 101 workshops for residents of its mem ber communities (Berkley Beverly Hills Birmingham Clawson Ferndale Hazel Park Huntington Woods Lathrup Village Oak Park Pleasant Ridge Royal Oak and Troy) The free workshops are scheduled 6 9 pm Wednesday May 10 at the Huntington Woods Library and 6 9 pm Tuesday Oct 10 at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center Registration is required Class size is limited so sign up early To register or for more information e mail socrra@socrra org or call Karen Bever at (248) 288 5150 Participants will have the opportuni ty to tour SOCRRA's Material Recovery Facility in Troy on the Saturday after the first workshop (May 13)

Get organized

Learn techniques for getting and staying organized in Help! I ve Gotta Get Organized! a class offered Thursday May 11 at The Community House in Birmingham Cost is \$22 plus a \$10 materials fee payable to the instructor in class. To register and for more information call (248) 644 5832 or visit www.com munityhouse com

The class will be taught by profes sional organizer Debi Weinstein owner of the Farmington Hills based business I ve Gotta Get Organized

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic At Home Editor Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805 E Maple Birmingham 48009 e mail mklemic@hometownlife com fax (734) 591 7279 or (248) 644 1314

much for them

TABLES

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delivered to my house I'll tell

setters The hotel even made an appearance on the HBO television show Sex in the

> 'But you'll see a wide variety of tables just because of the variety of designers participating," Amato added

Other slated exhibitors include Jeffrey King Interiors, Jeffrey VanCleef of Kevin McManamon Design Consultants, Beth Glaub of Perlmutter-Friewald, Petrella Designs, Maddalena Design, Stephen Knollenberg, Richard Daniels & Associates, Tom Verwest of TVI Interiors, P J Whiteheads, Kelter Schwartz Design, Linda Golden of Socially Yours Design, Roger Moule Design, Maxwell-Ross Associates, Edward Postif, Joseph A Keenan, Frech, Gerych's Graziela, House on

Main and Tiffany Florist All tables will be located on



John Amato of Rariden Schumacher Mio in Birmingham is among the interior designers participating in Designer Tablescapes 2006

the first floor, and the designers will be on hand at the gala preview to discuss their work and share their expertise

But, all in all, the event's table designs will be well within the reach of the non design

The whole idea is that this is fun, he said "We want to show people that they can do

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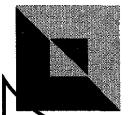
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resolution of the CCD play a major role in video quality Bigger is better

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Low-end camcorders, those priced under \$500, generally have 1/6-inch CCDs. Spending extra will net you a 1/3-or 1/4-inch CCD. What's the advantage? The bigger the CCD, the better the camcorder will perform in low-light environments like indoor birthday parties and school auditoriums.

Without sufficient light, low-end camcorders tend to produce grainy images not what you want when recording those magical family moments. If you plan to shoot a lot of indoor video, its worth investing in a camcorder with a bigger sensor.

I also urge you to look for a model that includes a microphone jack — though these are surprisingly few and far between

As any seasoned videographer will tell you, audio is half the battle in creating good video, and most built-in microphones fall short of perfection. Ideally, you should have the option of plugging in an external microphone. And look for an accessory shoe, which gives the mike a place to rest atop the camcorder.

CAMCORDERS AREN'T CAMERAS

Many buyers mistakenly believe that a camcorder can take the place of a digital

camera — not surprising, given the way manufacturers shamelessly promote this idea

For instance, heres what the Canon Web site says about one of the company's latest models 'The ZR700 lets you leave your digital still camera at home

Sure, if your digital still camera was made in 1996

Most camcorders (including the ZR700, which I recently tested) take dreadful, low-resolution snapshots that are only marginally better than what you get from a cell phone

They'll do in a pinch, or on a blog, but don't leave your real camera behind if you want print worthy photos

Another common misconception, one I touched on briefly last week, is that you can use a camcorder's USB port to transfer video to your PC After all, USB ferries photos from your digital camera, so it stands to reason your camcorder would work similarly

Nope The vast majority of camcorders require a FireWire (also known as 1 Link and IEEE 1394) connection Not all PCs and notebooks have the right port—check with your manufacturer if you're not sure—but you can easily add one if yours doesn't Hit your local computer store to find a suitable expansion card

So why the heck do camcorders even have USB ports? Ironically, they're for transferring those aforementioned crummy digital photos

Camcorder manufacturers even supply a USB cable for that task, but don't bother giving you a FireWire cable for transferring video Crazy!

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

A few final thoughts before you plunk down your credit card

If you're a tripod user, look for a camcorder that loads tapes from the side rather than the bottom Otherwise you'll have to remove the camcorder from the tripod every time you need to swap in a new tape

Always, always, always keep a charged spare battery on hand Most camcorders will give you an hour of shooting, at best, before running out of juice

Finally, if you've never edited video before, start with Microsoft's impressive (and free!) Windows Movie Maker 2 1 (tinyurl com/3fpo4) It's easy to learn and surprisingly capable

But beware If you want to burn your movie masterpiece to a DVD, you'll need third-party software

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Perennial plant swap set for Saturday

A Spring Perennial Plant Swap will take place Saturday, April 29, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman in Livonia

Livonia Coffee, doughnuts and muffins will be served 9 a m

The swap will run 9 45-11 a m
The event is free No money
will trade hands for plants or
refreshments

For more information, call Audrey at Kenwood Church of Christ, (248) 476-8222

Check in at the registration table

Drive around to the back of the church In case of bad weather, the

swap will take place in Fellowship Hall, at the door on the south side of the building

the south side of the building Bring any plant, bulb and seeds you think someone would want

Cuttings aren't recommended, as they often won't survive Label the items with as much information as possible, such as the name (both com-

mon and botanical, if known), day or night bloomer, sun, partial shade, shade

tial shade, shade
Wooden popsicle sticks or
plastic strips cut from gallon
water jugs can be used for

Have plants divided into individual portions or sections before the swap

Plastic bags, plastic containers and other objects can be

ers and other objects can be used instead of flower pots Pre-package seeds – in

labeled envelopes, for example Have bulbs, corms, rhizomes, etc dried and cleaned of most garden soil

Put them in paper bags so they will be easier to handle

Bring zip-lock bags, paper towels, pen, paper, and boxes or grocery bags to carry items home

Come to the swap even if you have nothing to trade

Many gardeners will share their plants and knowledge with new gardeners

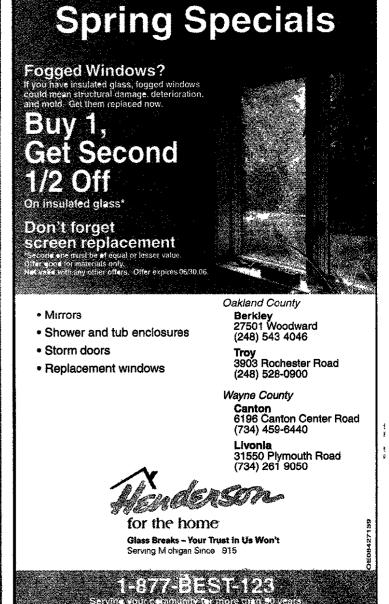


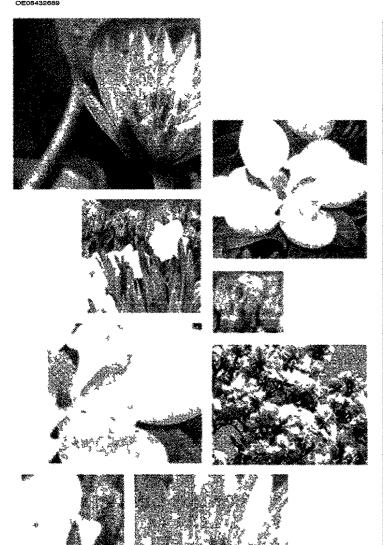


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Glorious glass

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center is celebrating Michigan Glass Month in its Gallery Shop Items include this paperweight by Bruce Boatman of Detroit The piece (\$75) features dichronic forms encased with clear glass and with a gold trail wrapped around its base. The BBAC is at 1516 S Cranbrook Road in Birmingham Gallery Shop admission is free and open to the public Visit

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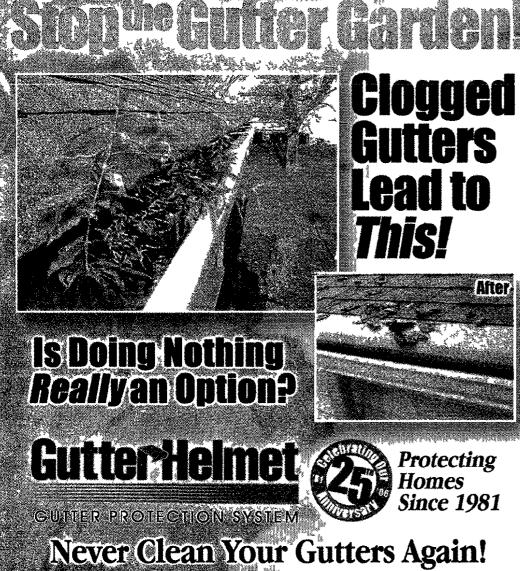
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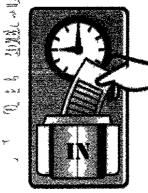
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Spring brings sweet Vidalia onions

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Thanks to todays system of shipping, almost every kind of fresh produce is now available vear round, from strawberries to asparagus Still a sure culi nary sign of spring is the arrival of the years new crop of sweet Vidalia onions from Georgia

These days, different vari eties of onion, harvested at different times of the year, come to our local markets from Georgia California, Oregon, Texas, Oregon, Washington state, Hawaii and even Chile

But because I will never forget my first taste of a justpicked Vidalia onion, literally dripping with dewy juice I swear that eating one fresh and locally harvested is a special experience that is lost once they sit for a few months.

And Vidalias are just reaching stores now

All sweet onions are milder and more succulent than the thicker-skinned, brown or yel low varieties known as storage onions Ahigh natural sugar level (6 15 percent) is what make them a stand-out com pared to the harder storage onions, which contain just three to five percent Also, the higher water content in sweet onions dilutes the pungency of the sulfur compounds that make onions seem to have a "burning" taste And, for some people this reduced pungency makes sweet onions easier to

I once made onion soup using only sweet onions It was sweet to the point of being inedible, as if I had poured sugar into the pot But using this quality to advantage, sweet omons are perfect for making onion confit, also called onion jam or mar-

malade Usually,

this condi-

ment of

caramelized, meltingly tender onions requires long cooking, lots of oil and frequent stir-

Instead, benefiting from the moisture in sweet onions, this version lets the oven do the slow work of gently softening and then browning them

Balsamic vinegar softly balances the sweetness in the onions, and a touch of herbs adds aromatic flavor Serve them with chicken, pork, or with fish especially halibut or sea bass

ROASTED SWEET ONION CONFIT

1/2 pound Vidalia or other sweet onions (3 medium)

- 2 teaspoons dried oregano /4 teaspoon ground alispice ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoon ground pepper 4 teaspoons balsamic vinegar 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive
- /2 cup fat free reduced sodium chicken or vegetable broth /2 teaspoon sugar

Preheat the oven to

350°F Coat an 8-inch x 8 inch square baking dish with cooking spray and set aside

Cut the onions so they are in bite size, manageable lengths for eating with a fork Place them in a mixing bowl Add the oregano, allspice, salt, pepper and vinegar Toss, using a fork or your fingers, until the onions are evenly coated Add the oil and toss again Arrange the onions in the prepared baking dish Pour in the broth Cover the pan with foil

Bake the onions 60 minutes Uncover and sprinkle with the sugar Bake 30 minutes longer, or until the onions are soft and browned, and most of the hquid has evaporated Cool complete-

Serve with roasted or greed meats and poultry, or with fish These onions keep, tightly covered in the refrigerator, for up to 5 days

Makes 3 cups or 6 servings Per serving 72 calories, 2 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 12 g carbohydrate, 1 g pro tein, 2 g dietary fiber, 243 mg sodium

FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste cal endar please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk Taste editor Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150 e mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com or fax (734) 591 7279

Grapevine

Here is a schedule of classes from the Grapevine School of Wine Summer Barbecue Wines 7 pm June 20 Station 885 885 Starkweather Plymouth \$32

Register on line for any of these events at www.grapevi neschoolofwine com For additional information call (248) 990 4613

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Taste of Two Cities

Sample menu items from 10 different restaurants in Farmington and Farmington Hills 6 10 pm Tuesday May 9 \$25 must be 21 or over (248) 474 3440 www.ffhchamber.com Great Lakes Great Wine Walk

More than 500 wines will be offered to sample including ice wines at the 11th Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting 68 pm Thursday May 11 in the J Building at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College 27055 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills Tickets are \$45 pro ceeds used for student scholarships and competition travel funds Call (248) 522 3700

Students can enter area recipe contest

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Entries can be submitted online at

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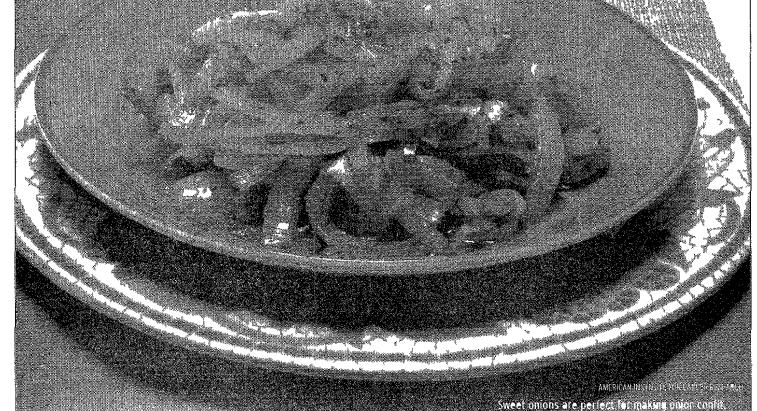
Each semifinalist will win \$5,000 cash for their school to promote healthy eating as well

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as free vitaminwater for a year At the event, the judges will select one winner to become their city's finalist and will automatically be entered into the next round of competition for the chance to go to the grand finale event in New York City and compete for the grand prize a college scholarship (up to the value of \$100,000) from glacéau, the creator of vitaminwater®

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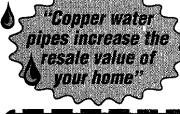
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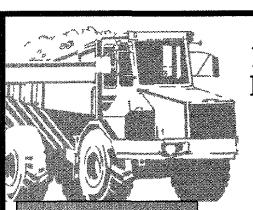
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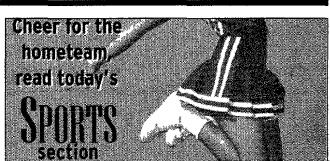
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Meet Arrowood and the man behind the winery -

More than 30 years ago, Richard (Dick) Arrowood was the first winemaker and, as a matter of fact, the first employee at Chateau St Jean Winery in California's Sonoma

He created some of California's first vineyard-designated chardonnays from the Robert Young vineyard, as well as Durell and Belle Terre vineyards As a result, the quality and fame of Robert Young chardonnay became so well known that eventually the vineyard designated its chardonnay as the Robert Young clone

According to Arrowood, it was his late harvest Johannisberg Rieslings that put Chateau St Jean on the map Prior to that, consumers looked to Germany for the luscrously sweet and delicrous dessert-style rieslings

ARROWOOD THE WINERY

In 1986, while continuing to make Chateau St Jean wines, Arrowood and his wife and partner, Alıs Demers Arrowood, founded Arrowood Vineyards and Winery in the Sonoma Valley, near the town of Glen Ellen At first, Alıs ran the new winery until Dick could join her full time

The Arrowoods' approach to winemaking remains the same today as 20 years ago - to



on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

produce varietal wines from the great vineyards of Sonoma County 'Sonoma County's diverse viticultural areas such as Russian River Valley, Alexander and Dry Creek Valleys and Sonoma-Carneros give us the quality fruit we need to produce great wines," Arrowood said

In 2000, Arrowood was beginning to tire of monitoring the bottom line while continuing to make wine When Robert Mondavi offered to purchase Arrowood Winery, relieving him of financial responsibility and retaining him to make the wine, Dick Arrowood jumped at the chance At that time Arrowood said, "I'm getting out of the administrative and bureaucratic baloney and going to get better grapes and make better wines It's exciting There isn't another winery out there that I would want a strategic alliance with"

In a recent phone conversation with Arrowood, he explained that his 41/2 -year association with the Mondavi

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family was great "They treated me very well," he said The problem was that when Constellation Brands purchased the Robert Mondavi Winery, it sold Arrowood Winery to Legacy Estates, which filed Chapter 11 within eight months The good news is that Dick Arrowood remains at Arrowood and continues to make great wines

When we talked, Arrowood told us about plans to build a new winery, Amapola Creek, ın Sonoma Valley, south of Arrowood Winery

There, he will make about 3,000 cases of cabernet sauvignon, syrah and zinfandel from the 20 acres of vineyard already planted on the property He plans to sell the wines to local restaurants and direct to consumers

"I made some cabernet from the 2005 harvest for Amapola Creek," he said, "but it will not be released until 2008" More good news is that for the last four vintages, 2005, '04, '03

and '02, Arrowood wines are of highest quality, so buy with confidence "Red wines from 2005 will be rich and full with good structure, very much like the cabernets from 1994 and 1997," Arrowood said

WHAT TO BUY NOW FROM **ARROWOOD**

2004 Arrowood Chardonnay \$29 You'll find yourself reaching for a second glass of this wine with its peach, apricot and tropical fruit flavors It boasts superb balance with just the right touch of French oak, full and generous

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2002 Arrowood Cabernet Sauvignon \$42 is a complex, structured cab that is drinkable now, yet ageable Black currant, cassis, grilled meat characters and mellow tannins round out an outstanding

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Here's moo shoo pork, simplified

BY DANA JACOB!

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Stir-fries are a great way to put all the elements of a healthy meal into one dish. You do not even need a recipe or a wok, just a colorful combination of vegetables and tofu, or another protein, and a large, heavy frying pan

In Asia, the home of stir-frying, the whole point of these quickly-cooked dishes is to provide intense flavors while cooking quickly, thus saving on expensive cooking fuel And, as rice is the main part of an Asian meal, a stir-fry is a topping-like garnish whose juices can soak into, and flavor, the rice Stir fries are also served with noodles made of wheat, rice, or mung beans

When it comes to the accompanying starch, Moo Shoo Pork is in an entirely different catego ry Traditionally, the stir-fry is wrapped inside thin, delicate pancakes The pancakes, which are difficult and time-consuming for most Westerners to prepare, are made with white rather than whole-grain flour But, since a stir-fry is a stir-fry whether it's wrapped or not, there is no reason why a home-cooked Moo Shoo pork can't be served with noodles or rice. And brown rice is a great option, providing the extra health benefits of a whole grain, but taking no longer to cook than white rice Critically important for stirfries is cutting the ingredients to the right shape

and in even sizes

This takes a little time, but is well worth it. You will appreciate the difference in the harmony of textures and flavors, compared to irregularly-cut ingredients that sometimes turn out either overor under-cooked (The small amount of chopping needed is actually quite therapeutic after a hectic and stressful day) Also important is to first cook the ingredients that take the most cooking time, adding those that become tender quickly toward

PORK AND MUSHROOM STIR-FRY

4 dried black or shitake mushrooms

3 6 ribs bok choy 1tablespoon reduced sodium soy sauce

1 teaspoon rice wine vinegar

2 teaspoons cornstarch

I teaspoon sugar 1 tablespoon grated or minced ginger

2 tablespoons peanut oil Itableshoon finely channed darlic or more according

to taste h (8 ounce) can sliced bamboo shoots drained

10 12 ounce lean pork cut very thin

1 cup mung bean sprouts 4 cup chopped scallions (white and green)

3 cups cooked brown jasmine or basmati rice In a small bowl, cover the mushrooms with hot tap water and soak until soft, 20-30 minutes Squeeze the mushrooms dry Reserve 2 tablespoons of their soaking water Remove and discard stems Cut the mushrooms into very thin strips and set

Cut green tops of bok choy into thin strips Cut the white stalks into 2-inch lengths, then into thin strips There should be about I cup greens and 2 cups of the white part

Combine the reserved mushroom liquid with the soy sauce in a small bowl Stir in the vinegar, cornstarch, sugar and ginger Set the sauce aside

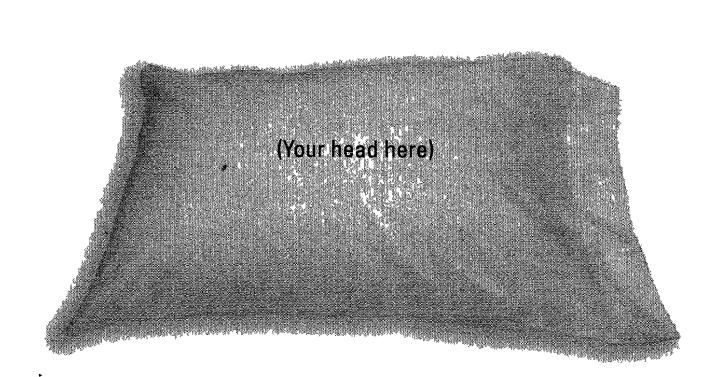
In a wok, heat the oil over high heat until very hot Stir fry the bok choy, then add the garlic mushrooms and bamboo Stir-fry 30 seconds Add the meat and stir fry until the meat looks

Add the sauce When it starts to thicken, add the bean sprouts Se ground pepper, if desired When the meat is cooked through, spoon the stir-fry over the rice on a serving platter Top with the scallions and serve Makes 5 cups or 5 servings Per serving 383 calories, 10 gtotal fat (2 g saturated fat), 58 g carbohydrate, 19 g protein, 7 g dietary fiber, 151 mg sodium



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There is no reason why a home-cooked Moo Shoo pork can't be served with noodles or rice



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Make Over Your Man

Novi firefighters model the latest menswear

■ By Wensdy White

Every year, the International Women's Show is loaded with coupons, cosmetics, clothing and collectibles for gals

This year's show promises to serve up some candy as well — eye candy, that is, as Novi firefighters shed their uniforms to model the latest in men's fashion from Oakland Marshall Field's

Women are invited to gather around the Fashion Stage at 7 p.m on Friday to check out these brave guys, who will be decked out by Select Personal Shoppers from Oakland Marshall Field's

You've got two perfect excuses to stop and stare - number one, you'll be able to help your hubby shop for Spring, and better yet, you'll be helping the U of M Trauma Burn Center's "Kid's Burn Camp," where children who've survived devastating burn injuries enjoy outdoor activities and friendship

According to Kriss McLeod, assistant

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Novi Firefighters Men's Fashion Show

7 p.m Friday, May 5 Fashion & Entertainment Stage Firefighters hang up their hoses to model the latest menswear from Oakland Marshall Field's. The fashion show benefits the UofM Trauma Burn Center's Kids Burn Campo

store manager at the Oakland Marshall Field's, the message for men's fashion this Spring is a clean, sophisticated look based on a neutral color palette of whites, beiges and browns



Novi firefighter Andy Copeland axes winter garb in favor of a Clairborne suit in a neutral shade, with Dockers shoes Fellow Fireman Paul Mullett pairs Lucky jeans with a white Calvin Klein sweater and untucked Calvin Klein shirt, and Johnson & Murphy shoes All clothing from Oakland Marshall Field's



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Deborah Tannen author of the

You're Wearing That?

best selling book YOU RE WEARING THAT? Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation will speak at the Troy Hilton at 7 p m Thursday May 11 at a signature Mother's Day event for mothers and their adult daughters. Why do moms and their daughters critique each other on the big three - hair weight and clothes - all while long ing for one another's approval and understanding? The mother daugh ter relationship is often the most important and difficult relationship in a woman's life. Tannen will share real life stories and practical advice about untangling the knots daughters and mothers so often get tied in An Evening with Deborah Jannen is presented by

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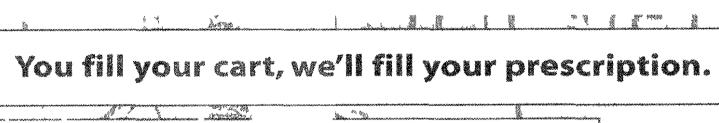
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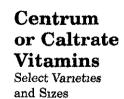
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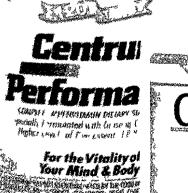




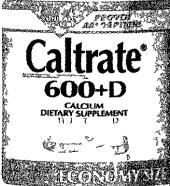
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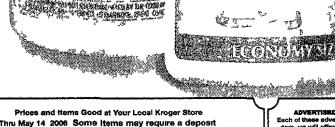
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Nicole Stafford

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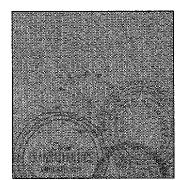
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The tour also showcases some of its well-known and well-loved specialty acts with Irina Gregorian, Dan

Hollander and the acrobatic duo of Vladimir Besedin and Oleksiv Polishchuk

In the show, skaters have creative freedom to choreograph their own routines and select their own music

Some of the highlights include a Vladimir Besedin and Poleksiy Polishchuk, of the Ukraine, who together perform a comedy team They set a new standard in ice acrobatics with strength and agility Both have gymnastic backgrounds and began their careers as floor acrobats before taking their talents to the ice They are honored members of the Acrobatic Skating Center in New York and have developed a loyal fan following wherever they perform

events where United States' skaters took home three

Sasha Cohen in the ladies event, who also won the 2006 Olympic silver medal ■ Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto in ice dancing, who

May 7 to perform in John Hancock's Champions on Ice

Michelle Kwan and other Olympic medalists are coming

After the Olympics, the featured skaters won even more events, most recently at the 2006 World Championship

also won the 2006 Olympic silver medal ■ Evan Lysacek, who just missed the medal podium

with a fourth-place showing in Torino, claimed his second-consecutive World bronze medal

■ Also touring, Stephane Lambiel of Switzerland captured his second straight gold medal in the men's event, following his silver medal at the 2006 Olympics

Joining the World medalists is a star-studded cast including Kwan, a nine-time US Champion, five-time World Champion and two-time Olympic medalist Also skating are U.S. Champion Johnny Weir, 2006 Olympic gold medalist Evgeny Plushenko, two-time World Champion Irina Slutskaya and 2006 Olympic pairs gold medalists Tatiana Totminana and Maxim Marinin

And there's more 2002 Olympic ice dancing gold medalists Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat, of France, as well as other champions from Olympic and World competition, including Olympic gold medalist

JOHN HANCOCK CHAMPIONS ON ICE TOUR

When: 2 p m Sunday May 7 Where: Joe Louis Arena

Tickets: \$30 \$65 and may be purchased at the Joe Louis Arena and Fox Theatre box offices Hockeytown Authentics in Troy and at all Ticketmaster locations including Marshall Field's Call (248) 645 6666 or visit www.olympiaentertainment.com

Farmington Family Festival Day is free

Performances by a Scottish dance group, live jazz, framed artwork and more its part of the Family Festival Day — the final event in the 2006 Festival of the Arts Series in Farmington Hills

The Farmington Community Arts Council and the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department presents the free festival from noon to 5 p m Sunday, April 30 at the Costick Center, located at 28600 W Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills

Kids can get involved with hands-on activities presented by *Noodles and Company* and the Farmington Library The Cultural Arts Division of the City

Artists that include members of the Farmington Artist Club and students from Oakland Community College will



Fiber Artist Andrea Anderson demonstrates weaving at a past Festival of the Arts

demonstrate their work and professional weavers and crafts persons will show their skills

In addition, live performances will take place on the stage, including acts by the energetic teenage group, "Earth Angels", the extremely accomplished Farmington Community Jazz Band, and the Farmington Musicale scholarship winners A Scottish dance group will perform

Food will be available for sale as well And of course—there will be art to see

For more information on the Festival of the Arts, call the Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1857

Music-less at Freedom Hill amphitheater

As of press time it appears the amphitheater at Freedom Hill County Park in Sterling Heights will be silent

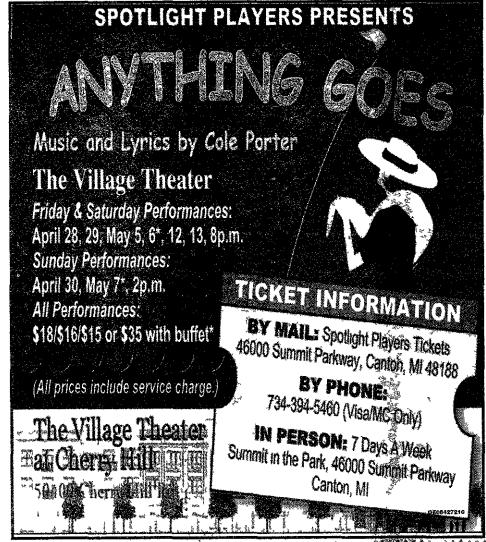
Hillside Productions — operator of the establishment — canceled the summer concert series because of a conflict with Macomb County officials regarding parking fees

The Macomb County Parks and Recreation Commission voted this year to allow the county to keep all parking revenue

The amphitheater has drawn controversy over the years with Sterling Heights residents unhappy with noise and traffic stemming from the venue

Sound barriers, earlier concert hours and other solutions have been put in place over time

The theater hosts a variety of concerts yearly from rocker Tommy Lee to Americana music Chris Isaak, country acts and more







Bolcom, Morris return to Birmingham Temple

Grammy Awardwinning composer
William Bolcom and
mezzo soprano Joan
Morris hit the Vivace
stage 8 p m
Saturday, May 13, at
the Birmingham
Temple, 28611 W 12 Mile

in Farmington Hills
Bolcom, a Pulitzer
Prize winner, musician
and composer of con
certos, opera and
chamber music,
received three Grammy
Awards in February,
including Best Classical
Album for Songs of

Innocence and Experience

Bolcom and Morris, who are from Ann Arbor, have recorded 24 albums together They have performed together for more than 30 years throughout the United States and Canada They've recently performed in return engagements at Alice Tully Hall/Lincoln Center, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New Philadelphia and their eighth appearance at Jordan Hall in Boston

This appearance at the Birmingham Temple will be their fourth

"In addition to their musical qualities, which are extensive, we've had a long standing relationship with them, said Miriam Leventhal, publicity chair for Birmingham Temple—They are good friends to us and our audiences love them

The upcoming show at the Birmingham Temple will consist of a selection of cabaret songs and ragtime, and Bolcom's dynamic compositions. The couples repertoire covers 100 years of popular music Gershwin melodies, sophisticated lyrics of Cole Porter and songs of contemporaries such as Charles Ives or Leiber and Stoller keep the program lively and diverse. Bolcom's cabaret

songs with poetlyricist Arnold Weinstein are highlights from the performance

Bolcom will perform one of his works from Songs of Innocence and Experience

A review in the MrlwaukeeJournal stated ' the duo is musical enough to make true poetry of the American tradition Sometimes blithely romantic, scathingly sassy or brazenly sentimental, the duo trav erses Broadway, vaudeville and music hall, from ragtime to midcentury'

Guests will have a chance to meet

Morris and Bolcom at an afterglow following the concert May 13 Birmingham Temple is located between Inkster and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills Tickets are \$18 for students and seniors and \$21 general admission Group rates are available

For information and to order tickets, call Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348



Museum of Art in New York, Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and their

William Bolcom and Joan Morris will perform May 13 at the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills







PHOTO COURTESY OF AMERICAN IDOL

Only five competitors remain in the showdown to be the next "American Idol" Above, Mandisa sings her farewell song after being eliminated on American Idol

ALMOST FAMOUS

'AMERICAN IDOL' AND WHY WE LOVE IT



Ace Young was voted off this month

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

Is it the possibility that you're witnessing pop stardom in the making?

An experience in vicarious stage performance?

Or, is it the fact that American television viewers have a say in launching an unknown singer's musical career that accounts for the phenomenal popularity of the FOX series American Idol?

The No 1 series, now in its

SUPER SERIES

What: American Idol in its fifth season **When:** Airs 8 9 p m Tuesdays

and 8 9 p m Wednesdays
Where: FOX network locally
at WJBK TV (Channel 2)
Information: For more information about the hit series

fifth season, airs 8-9 p m Tuesday and Wednesday on FOX, locally

visit www idolonfox com

on WJBK-TV (Channel 2) Avid *American Idol* fan

Avid American Idol fan Jimmy Vuong, 17, of Sterling Heights, said it's all about that rock star dream "We all want to be singers ourselves"

For Jessica Stanley, 15, of Bloomfield Hills, it's the star-making process, that intrigues her

"It's cool to see them take everyday people and then turn them into something bigger," she said, adding, "The first season was the best for sure It's kinda going downhill, but I know it's the most popular show on TV"

Whatever the appeal of FOX's hit television series *American Idol*, the appeal is big and continuing, even if teens are turning away

An average of more than 30 million viewers tune in to watch a handful of pop starhopefuls sing their hearts out each week in a competition to become the next "American Idol"

Tuesday night's show

PLEASE SEE IDOL, E7



Kellie Pickler who was still in the running at press time

IDOL

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features the singing competition after which viewers can vote for their favorite singers. On Wednesday, the vote tally is revealed with one unlucky singer getting the boot. If the shine of American Idol has worn off for teens like Stanley, it may be the parents who are turning on the television show each week.

Anna Filimon 20 of Warren keeps tabs on the show but describes others in her family as die hard fans. My paients are all into it she said

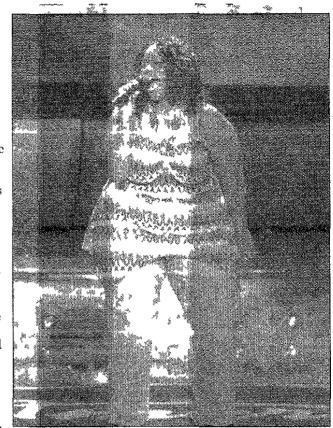
The show has received 14 Emmy nominations And American Idol's host Ryan Seacrest and three judges—the notoriously outspoken Simon Cowell—pop singer Paula Abdul and Grammy Award winning music producer Randy Jackson—have all become household celebrities themselves

This season the series has hosted several big name performers, including Stevie Wonder and Rod Stewart and used the appearances as a way to thematically unite each competition When Stevie Wonder appeared, for example, each American Idol-hopeful performed one of the Motown stars groovy tunes

On Tuesday, they performed classic love songs inspired by a visit from singer Andrea Bocelli On Wednesday, Bocelli performed live on the show Now there are only five competitors left

So whos next to get the boot?

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Mandisa - voted off.

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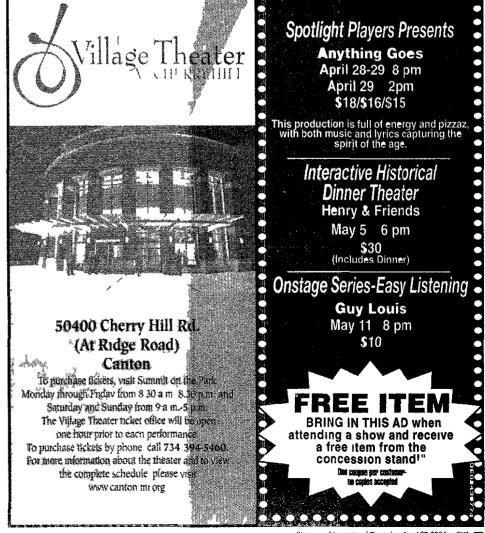
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Lobster Chevre Three Egg Scramble served at Sweet Lorraine's in Livonia features grilled spring asparagus and a parmesan crusted tomato

Rise and shine!

Best-bet breakfast specials abound

BY ELEANOR HEALD CORRESPONDENT

From an early age, we're told to start the day with breakfast We invent all sorts of excuses for not eating breakfast during the work week — mostly saying, too busy

Yct, on weekends, we're open to a really good breakfast So consider this your guide to spots with unique breakfast specials, weekdays and weekends

You can always count on Chef Lorraine Platman to put her stamp of originality on a Sweet Lorraine's breakfast in Livonia For something different, try crunchy toast (\$8 95), wheat toast with a Kellogg's Corn Flakes crust, served with fresh berries, bananas and strawberries or maple syrup Then there's avocado crab cakes Benedict (\$12) Two crab cakes are combined with avocado and served on English muffin halves with braised spinach, topped with roasted red bell peppers, drizzled

with lemon peppercorn sauce and surrounded with roasted cherry tomatoes

A standard omelet at Broken Egg Cafe in Ann Arbor is made with four eggs The meat lovers (\$745) includes ham, bacon, sausage, omions and cheddar cheese, yahoo (\$725), with caramelized omion, mushrooms, baby spinach, zucchini and tomatoes, topped with cheddar and Swiss cheeses, appeals to vegetari-

Rare among breakfast spots, Gest Omelettes in Commerce
Township serves, on request, all of its omelets as one egg with hash browns and toast. Ranging \$5 75-\$7 50, you can get any of the omelets with more eggs Another unique feature of these omelets is that a handful of shredded lettuces goes into the omelet before it's folded over The popular vegetarian includes mushrooms, green peppers, green omons, avocado, artichoke hearts and Swiss cheese,





topped with Bearnaise sauce There's also a full line of pancakes, including chocolate chip (three in a full order at \$4 25) Eggs Aspen (\$6 25) has two poached eggs on English muffin halves with tomato and topped with Hollandaise sauce

Recipes, in Troy, takes your tastebuds to the southwestern United States with its omelets and Skillet Fixins served with grilled spuds and toast. The Spanish (\$8), with cheddarjack mixed with green chilis and chorizo sausage, is topped with salsa, sour cream and chives. Bandito (\$8), with chorizo sausage, onions and green chilis, is laid over spuds and crested with salsa, cheddarjack and two eggs. Ranchero frittata (\$8) is created with whipped eggs filled with chorizo, green chilis, onions and bell pepper, topped with salsa and cheddarjack with a dollop of sour cream and chives.

Even the oatmeal is good at **The Original Pancake House** in both Birmingham and
Southfield, but folks still flock there for pancakes, two especially Apple pancake (\$750) is a single large pancake smothered with sauteed apples and pure Sinkiang cinnamon glaze Puffy oven-baked dutch baby (\$65) is served with lemon, whipped butter and powdered sugar

Oven-baked French toast (\$8 95) is a winning special at the Breakfast Club, with locations in Farmington Hills and Madison Heights Standing five inches tall, it's topped with raspberries, blueberries, strawberries and streusel made from butter, flour and brown sugar In a grilled 12-inch tortilla, breakfast quesadilla (\$8 95) is filled with eggs, cheeses, chonzo sausage, green

WHERE TO GET GREAT BREAKFAST SPECIALS

ANGELO'S 1100 E Catherine at Glen Ann Arbor (734) 761 8996 Monday Saturday 6 a m to 3 p m Sunday 7 a m to 2 p m

BEVERLY HILLS GRILL 31471 Southfield Rd Beverly Hills (248) 642 2355 Monday Friday 7-11 a m and 8 a m to 4 p m Saturday and Sunday

BREAKFAST CLUB 38467 W 10 Mile Rd Farmington Hills (248) 473 0714 and 30600 John R., Madison Heights (248) 307 9090 Daily 7 a m to 2 p m

BROKEN EGG CAFE 223 N Main Street Ann Arbor (734) 665-5340 Daily 7 a m to 3 p m

GEST OMELETTES 39560 W 14 Mile Rd at Haggerty Commerce Township (248) 926 0717 Daily 6 30 a m to 4 p m Credit cards not accepted

RECIPES 2919 Crooks Road south of Big Beaver Troy (248) 614-5390 Weekdays 7 a m to 2 30 pm and until 3 pm Saturday and Sundays

SWEET LORRAINE'S 17100 N Laurel Park Drive, in the lobby of the Livonia Marriott Laurel Park Place Livonia (734) 462 3100 Monday Friday 6 30 11 a m Saturday Sunday 7 11 a m

THE AVENUE FAMILY RESTAURANT 31253 Woodward Avenue Royal Oak (248) 549 4130 Breakfast all day long Sunday Thursday 6 a m to 11 p.m. Saturday until midnight

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE 33703 S Woodward Ave Birmingham (248) 642 5775 and 19355 W 10 Mile Rd Southfield (248) 357 3399 Daily 6 30 a m to 9 p m

TOAST FERNDALE 23144 N Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 398 0444 Monday Friday 7 a m to 3 p m Saturday and Sunday 8 a m to 3 p m

peppers and caramelized onion

Grand Marnier French toast (\$795) made with challah bread, soaked in real vanilla, cinnamon, orange zest and a splash of Grand Marnier, topped with maple syrup, brown sugar and toasted almonds, is a twist on the traditional at **Toast Ferndale**The French omelet (\$825) with artichoke hearts, smoked ham, zucchini, mushrooms, roasted red peppers, basil and provolone, topped with creamy spinach buerre blanc sauce, is served with choice of home fries or fried parmesan cheese grits. Two flour tortillas layered with seasoned pinto beans, two fried eggs, cheddar cheese, tomatoes,

cilantro and sour cream, smothered in New Mexican green chile sauce, is dubbed huevos rancheros (\$795)

Whether it's breakfast, lunch or dinner, diners stand in line at The Beverly Hills Grill because the restaurant does not take reservations. And they don't mind their wait for the top seller, crab cakes Benedict (\$12), two grilled Wolferman's English muffin halves topped with grilled tomatoes, lump crab cakes, poached eggs and Hollandaise sauce. With bananas foster French toast (\$9), you get three slices of cinnamon-nutmeg swirl bread and bananas sauteed with rum, sugar, butter and banana liquor, then



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Sweet Lorraine's features Many-Berry Cheese Crepes, Ricotta and Farmer's Cheese Crepes, sauteed and topped with a warmed berry sauce

garnished with candied pecans Huevos rancheros (\$9) are as good as any served in a top Mexican spot

Serving more traditional omelet breakfasts or eggs, bacon, sausage, American fines and toast and good places for families with younger kids are Angelo's in Ann Arbor and The Avenue Family Restaurant in Royal Oak

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ART EXHIBITS

University of Michigan Museum of Art

Rethinking the Photographic Image The Best of Photography from the George Eastman House Collection through June 25 525 \$ State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested donation \$5 (734) 763 UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

Detroit Institute of Arts

African American Art from the Walter O Evans Collection, through July 2, Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$5 \$10 call (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

Cranbrook Art Museum

An exhibit of Philip Treacy's hats for muse isabella Blow opens June 3 and runs through Aug 27 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills \$4 \$6 call (877) GO CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

Screenprints

The Art of Screenprint at the Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$3 \$6 (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

ART GALLERIES

Northwood Gallery

The Spirit of Trees artist Jay Maggio's exhibit through June 9 102 E Main Midland www.northwood.edu (989) 837 4310

Lawrence Street Gallery

Exposures 10th annual photography exhibit through April 28 22620 Woodward Ferndale (248) 544 0394 or www lawrencestreet gallery com

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

Glass Expressions glass exhibit through May 4 Jewish Community Center 660 W Maple West Bloomfield (248) 432 5579

C-POP Gallery

4160 Woodward Detroit call (313) 833 9901 or visit www cpop com

Actors Acting

Exhibition of photographer Howard Schatz's portraits through April 29 Museum of New Art 7 N Saginaw Pontiac www.detroitmona.com/howardschatz.htm

G R. N'Namdı Gallery Touch The Appetite of Skin Carol Ann Carter through May 20 66 E Forest Detroit www.grnnamdi.com (313) 831 8700

Washington Street Gailery

120 E Liberty Ann Arbor call (743) 761 2287 or visit www.wsg.art.com

Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Oakland University 208 Wilson Half Rochester Hills free call (248) 370 3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag

Plymouth Community Arts Council

774 N Sheldon Plymouth (734) 416 4278

Flatlanders Art Galleries

Three solo exhibitions of sculpture painting and photographs' David Kelly's Classic Silver David Eichenberg's Touch of Tradition and Sandy Zenisek's Sticks and Stones through April 30 (517) 486 4591

Creative Arts Center

47 Williams St. Pontiac cail (248) 333 7849

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

407 Pine St. Rochester call (248) 651 4110 or visit www occart org

Tangent Gallery

Parallel Lies featuring Mark Heggie show



runs through April 715 E Milwaukee Detroit (313) 873 2955

Cass Cafe

Detroit All Stars of Art show runs through May 13 4620 Cass Detroit (313) 831 1400

Arnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration urban views exhibition with Arms Christo Mershimer Murphy and others 11 am to 5 pm Tuesday Saturday 32782 Woodward Royal Oak (248) 647 7709

Orchard Lake Art Gallery

A Glassy Occasion glass exhibit continuing through the end of April 4301 Orchard Lake Road West Bloomfield (248) 538 9021

The Print Gallery

Vintage Poster Exhibit through April 29 with posters used to advertise food Jiquor enter tainment etc 29173 Northwestern Hwy Southfield (248) 356 5454 www.EverythingArt.com.or www.Monal.isaMania.com

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show Paintings ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus At the campus at Woodland Hall Library 7300 Cooley Lake Road Waterford 8 am to 10 pm Monday Friday 8 am to 430 pm Friday 9 am to 3 pm Saturday

ART. ETC.

Farmington Hills Artists Club

Spring 2006 Exhibit juror Laura Whitesides Host of Birmingham April 27 30 free admis sion William M Costick Activities Center 28600 11 Mile Farmington Hills (734) 455

Cranbrook 2006 graduate student exhibit

Runs through May 12 with student art auction 47 pm Saturday May 6 Cranbrook Art Museum 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills \$4 \$6 call (877) GO CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

Senior Thesis Exhibition

Oakland University fine art students through May 21 Meadow Brook Art Gallery 208 Wilson Hall Rochester Hills free call (248) 370 3005 or visit www pakland edu/mbag

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Rochester students works will be exhibited

May 3 6 for elementary students May 11 15 for middle and high school students May 18 22 for elementary students 407 Pine St Rochester www.pccart.org

CLASSICAL

Plymouth Oratorio Society

Concert 4 p.m. Sunday April 30 First United Methodist Church Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra will join POS in Coronation Mass by Mozart Missa Brevis by Hovhaness and Coronation Anthem No 1by Handel Free but offering will be collected (734) 455 8353

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

Popular Favorites from Russia, nine classical works by Russian composers violin solo by winner of BBSO Young Artists competition 7 pm Sunday April 30 \$25 adults free for stu dents and children 18 and under Temple Beth El 14 Mile and Telegraph Bloomfield Township (248) 645 BBSO www.bbso.org

U-M Life Sciences Orchestra

Tchalkovsky and Copland works performed at free concert 8 pm Friday May 5 University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium visit www.umich.edu/~Isorch.e.mail orchestra@umich edu or call (734) 936 ARTS

Menahem Pressier

Mozart concert 8 p m Thursday May 4 at Hammell Music 2700 E Maple (at M 5) Commerce Township \$15 \$25 (248) 624 8111 Ext 325

Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra

Mozart's Great Mass in Ciminor and Exsultate Jubilate 3 pm Sunday May 7 Fort Street Presbyteman Church 631 W Fort Detroit \$15 (313) 961 4533

Andre Rieu

8 p m Monday May 15 \$42 50 \$62 50 avail able at Palacenet com The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations (248) 645 6666

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Located upstairs at Jacoby's 624 Brush in Bricktown (313) 962 7067 21 and over doors

MUSIC After 5 years, Detroit indie pop trio A Thousand Times Yes are calling it quits. They just released the excellent Heart Beats, so it's fair to say they are going out strong and will be missed. You can catch them one last time this Saturday at the Lager House, 1254 Michigan Ave in Detroit Brooklyn's SUSU and Detroit's I, Crime open Starts at 10 pm Cover is \$5 21 and up

open 10 pm cover \$5 www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm

Bachelor's One

1967 Cass Lake Road Keego Harbor (248) 682 2295

Belmont Bar

Mademoiselle Mondays \$10 for martini and manicure therapeutic massage \$1 minute nunk nights Tuesdays live rock Wednesdays DJs and local bands on week ends 10215 Joseph Campau Hamtramck (313) 871 1966

Blind Pig

Longtime hip music spot 208 S First St Ann Arbor (734) 996 8555 www.blindpig music com

Blue Martini

Live music 8 11 p m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and Saturdays and Sundays bugs Beddow Thursday April 27 201 Hamilton between Woodward and Old Woodward one block north of Maple (248) 258 3005

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 pm every Wednesday download music into your MP3 Player take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs no cover 21 and over only 22930 Woodward Ave in Ferndale www.thebosco.com (248) 541

Buddha Lounge

Thursday DJ Shug plays super sonic smooth music and beer pong tournament. Saturdays

DJ Terrence Parker & Mo Reese Sundays Karaoke Tuesdays Deep House Wednesdays Jamtramck razz band www.gobuddha.net (313) 535 4664

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Club Bart

21 and over only 22726 Woodward Ferndale (248) 548 8746

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 pm Tuesdays hip hop 18 and over 299 Woodbridge Detroit (313) 235 2233

Crazy Moe's Cafe

Food dancing music 2 N Saginaw St Pontiac (248) 322 5550

Danny's Irish Pub

Laid back small friendly 22824 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 546 8331

Dino's Lounge

Live bands on weekends football specials on Sundays hip laid back friendly 22740 Woodward Avenue just south of Nine Mile Road in Ferndale (248) 591 DINO

Edison's

220 E Merrill Birmingham (248) 645 2150

Elysium

Lounge dance and happy hour 3 9 p m Tuesdays Fridays nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays 9 pm to 2 am (313) 962 2244 625 Shelby Detroit www.eivsium.lounge.com

Emerald Theatre

Concert house dancing 32 N Walnut Mount Clemens (586) 913 1920

Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play with Swindell Sheila Brown Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart 730 ft 30 p.m. Friday and Saturday 27851 Middlebelt (at 12 Mile) in Farmington Hills no cover (248) 851 8222

John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern

Food drinks and friendly pub atmosphere 33338 Grand River Ave Farmington (248) 474

Leland City Club

Avant garde open until 4 a m access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada Hotel building 400 Bagley Detroit www.lelandcityclub.com

Rainbow Room

Laid back atmosphere dancing 6640 E Eight Mile Detroit (313) 891 1020

High energy dance club 1500 Woodward northeast corner at John R Detroit (313) 963

Seidom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18 piece band 7 11 p.m. playing a mix of jazz favorites

The restaurant also features live jazz every night of the week located in Tower 400 Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott call (313) 567 7301

Sky Club

Tango salsa and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m. located above Sangria's Restaurant 401 S Lafayette Royal Oak (248) 543 1964

COMEDY

JD's House of Comedy

Stand up shows 8 p m Thursday and 8 p m and 10 30 p m Friday Saturday Apolio ama teur night 8 p m Wednesday \$10 \$15 25333 W 12 Mile Inside Star Theatre complex Southfield (248) 348 2420 or www.ticketmas tercom

Second City

Bobble Heads of State performances are Wednesday Sunday \$15 \$20 42705 Grand River Ave Novi call (248) 348 4448 For tick ets call (248) 645 5555 or www.ticketmaster.com

Wise Guys Comedy Club

Al Romero with Diane Guth April 27 29 40380 Grand River Novi (248) 919 3216

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand up 269 E Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

Joey's Comedy Club

Stand up at two locations 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (734) 261 0555 and 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.toevscomedv.com

COUNTRY

Rascal Flatts

With Gary Allan Friday June 9 go to Palacenet com for details

DANCE

Detroit Dance Collective

Carnival of the Animals family show 2 p m and 4 p.m. April 30 Max M. Fisher Music Center (in the Music Box) 3711 Woodward Detroit \$10 call (313) 576 5111 or visit www.detroitsymphony.com

Detroit Opera House

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater May 24 28 1526 Broadway Detroit \$23 \$73 (313) 237 SING or www MichiganOpera org

FAMILY

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Meadow Brook Theatre through May 14 MeadowBrook Theatre 207 Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University Rochester Hills, \$20-\$36 call (248) 377 3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

Children's programs April 29 1100 Lake Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores visit www ford house org or call (313) 884 4222

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include As Time Goes By new exhibit about the aging process and A Journey to Our Future now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit 5020 John R Detroit \$6 \$7 call (313) 577 8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org

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Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band 14 pm first and third Saturday of every month Shield's Pizza 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph) Southfield \$8 cover (248) 478 0172

Jazz and dinner

Kind of Blue Tuesdays at Lola's Harmonie Park Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 pm every Tuesday 1427 Randolph St in Detroit's Harmonie Park for dinner reservations or information call (313) 962

Swingin' 70s Dance Party

Learning institute of Family Education hosts fund raiser Saturday May 20 at the Unique Dance Studio 18846 W Seven Mile Detroit Free ballroom dance lessons everyone encouraged to wear 70s and 80s attire and prizes will be awarded to contestants with the best cress (313) 342 0006

MORE MUSIC

Angel's Place Concert

Annual concert 8 pm Saturday April 29 St Andrew Church 1400 inglewood Rochester

Coffee Beanery Cafe

Larry Arbour 7 30 pm Saturday April 29 28557 Woodward Berkiey (248) 336 9930

Monsignor Hunt Knights of Columbus

The Stillettoes Spring Fling 50s and 60s Dance featuring the Jimmy Howard Band with Street Heart 630 pm to 1230 am Saturday April 29 7080 Garling Dearborn Heights \$30 per person includes dinner and beer (734) 697 7270

Oakland Community Chorus

Mozart's Coronation Mass and Vesperae de Dominica 8 pm April 29 Our Shepherd Lutheran Church 2225 E 14 Mile Birmingham \$15 \$50 (248) 852 9395 www.oaklandcommu nitychorus Ora

Armenian and Middle Eastern Folkiore Music

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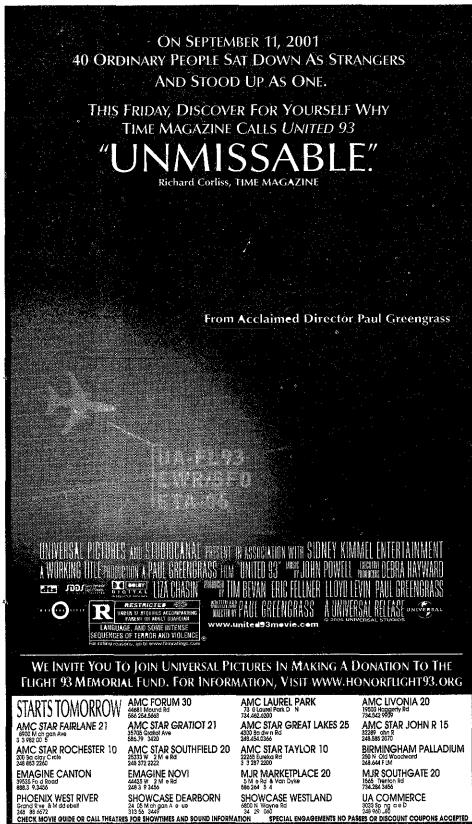
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Joanna Clare Scott (left) and Dana E. Kowalski sisters/producers of the comedy film Kalamazoo? It's playing at 7 p.m. Friday, April 28 in Ann Arbor at the Goodrich Quality Theater 3686 Jackson Road For details visit www kalamazoothemovie com



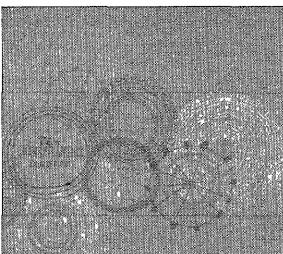
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REVIEW

Think of Michigan-grown Those
Transatlantics as the American version of
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do they sound like to make such a comparison? Think of some of the poppiest,
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Those Transatlantics, and that flawless
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Music, the mighty record label out of Livonia, *Knocked Out* is a stunning debut from the five piece that is soothing, happy and all out just plain good Need an example? Try this

In Your Neighborhood has to be one of my favorite tracks right now. It opens quietly without vocals and leads right into pleasing guitars and keyboards as vocalist Kathleen Bracken's angelic voice fills the speakers, just as does throughout the whole album. And if the song alone does n't get you, try the music video, a finalist in the 2006 Scion Xpress Festival.

Where Have You Gone? has keyboards that sound more like a small piano in this ivory-only song, making you wish it was longer than just a minute or so

I could go on and on with each song, but the proof really is in the pudding with this album. The album is available for purchase at
www subsprawl com and
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REVIEW

The Hard Lessons are at it again and I couldn't be happier Their latest

eouldn't be happier Their latest EP, Wise Up' is hitting the streets and providing us fans with a little treat to hold us over Phew

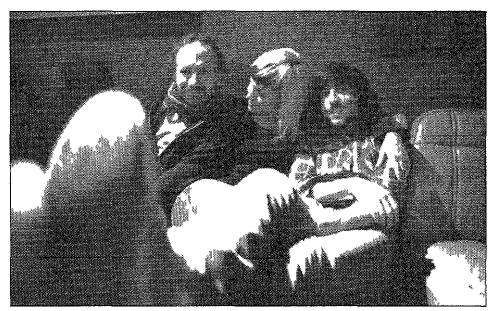
The first track is Bamboo, a song that's becoming a regular in the band's live set Filled with the traditional heart-thumping drums, guitars and keyboards we've all come to love and look forward to, Bamboo is a fierce track featuring vocals from both Gin and Ko Ko Louise and a sound that bounces back and forth between the hl speakers on your iPod headphones

Carey Says (Alright') continues the intensity of the first track with its audience-participation element (Just make sure you can

spell Carey at their next show) It Bleeds slows down considerably and makes for an excellent resting point at the halfway mark in the five-song EP as Move to California continues the slowed-down pace Wicked Man rounds out the tracks and demands the listener begin dancing once again

Like the sound of this? Want to add this EP to your music collection? Well, get excited The Hard Lessons are playing a show this Friday, April 28, with 5th Period Fever and Loretta Lucas and the Larkspurs at the Blind Pig (208 S First St., Ann Arbor) Doors are at 9 30 p m and tickets are just \$7 for those over 21 Visit www blindpigmusic com for more details

Alicia Dorset is having too much fun dancing to The Hard Lessons Leave her a message at adorset@hometownlife.com



Catch The Hard Lessons this Friday April 28, at Ann Arbor's Blind Pig (208 S First St) Make sure to tell them Alicia Dorset sent you

Tu-Can Tango serves tapas

Tu-Can Tango, a tapas restaurant and martini bar, opened in late March in West Bloomfield The restaurant, at 6041 Haggerty Road, north of 15 Mile Road, serves the traditional Spanish fare, tapas

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hst, festive music, dance floor, and terracotta dishes, Tu-Can Tango maintains a Spanish flair, coupled with great food and quality service

Executive Chef Jeff Muncy brings more than 29 years of culinary expertise to the menu

Trained most recently under Chef Roberto Caceres of Vicentes Cuban Cuisine in Detroit, Muncy specializes in both Spanish and Mediterranean cook ing He created the Tu-Can Tango menu combining authentic Spanish flavor, sauces and presentation

The restaurant serves 29 eclectic meat

and meatless dishes, ranging in price from \$4 to \$13 One signature item is

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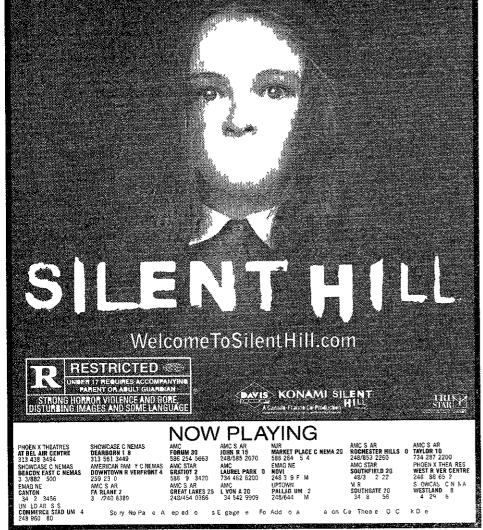
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The dinner only restau rant contains three full service cocktail bars including a wine bar and martini bar, and is open

Mondays through Thursdays 5 11 p m and Fridays and Saturdays 5 mid night. The restaurant is closed Sundays Music each evening includes salsa tango and cha-cha, and dancing led by professional dancers begins at 10 p m.

Tu Can Tango is operated by Ramzi Naber, who also runs the Italian Epicure restaurant in Novi Rich Morgan presi dent of Farmington Hills based American Laser Centers, is also a primary investor in the restaurant Valet and self parking are available for patrons

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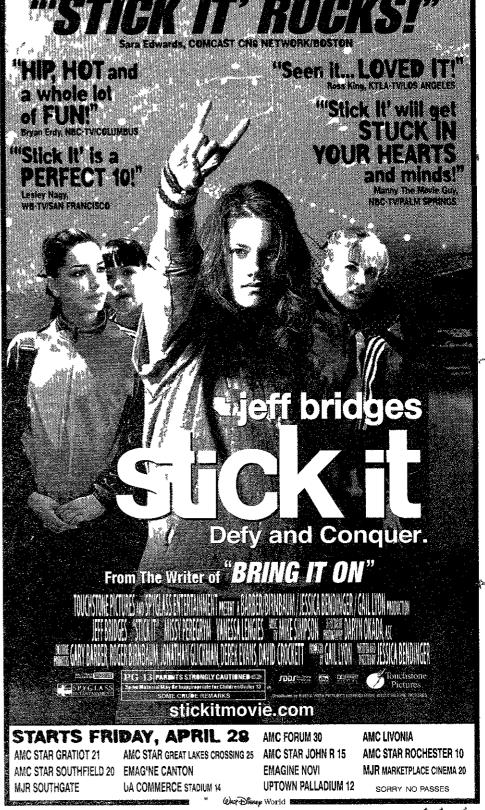
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Local playwright's 'Coming of Age' opens at JET

BY NICOLE STAFFORD

The passing of time is a curious thing As human beings we can t help but try to get a hold of the ticking clock

Birmingham playwright Kitty Dubins Coming of Age, which opens Saturday April 29 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre in West Bloomfield aims to help us all resist the temptation

Presented by the Jewish Ensemble Theatre and directed by Gillian Eaton of Plymouth, the play continues through May 21

Its about getting older, but its really about starting to get older—said Dubin, an award-winning playwright who also teaches her craft at Oakland University in Rochester Hills—Theres a name for most of these transitions—the teenage years, mid-life crisis identity crisis

But the period following middle age, strangely enough manages to exist without a name Dubin said, adding I m calling it the transition to getting older

Her two act play explores this life pas sage by tracking the relationship between two best girlfriends Sarah played by Naz Edwards of Ann Arbor and Holly por trayed by Babs George of Austin Texas Best friends since college, the two women annually spend one week together along with their spouses each summer at a cot tage on Lake Michigan

The play begins when for the first time in 12 years, one of the women arrives alone, her husband having passed away, explained Dubin

Over the course of two more summers, both women continue to confront difficulties associated with getting older

It's beyond middle age when so many things are happening at once Your looks are fading you have an empty nest retire ment is looming and friends are getting older. Any of one of those things could throw you for a loop, said Dubin. And these friends help each other get through the hurdles that they have

Dubin has had close to 20 of her plays professionally produced including *Tres That Bind* at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea and, in New York City, *Tough As Nails* at the American Globe Theatre and *Mimi and Me* at the American Playwrights Theatre In 2002 she received a Jewish Woman in the Arts Award for her lifetime achievement and work in the arts in metro Detroit She has received two playwriting grants from the Michigan Council for the Arts

But *Coming of Age* is no downer, said Dubin "It's funny As people are sort of mucking around in this struggle theres both humor and pathos

More importantly the play's 'starting to get older journey speaks to life transitions of all ages she said, adding. I think people will really be able to see themselves in this play

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Birmingham playwright Kitty Dubin's latest work Coming of Age explores the realities of aging

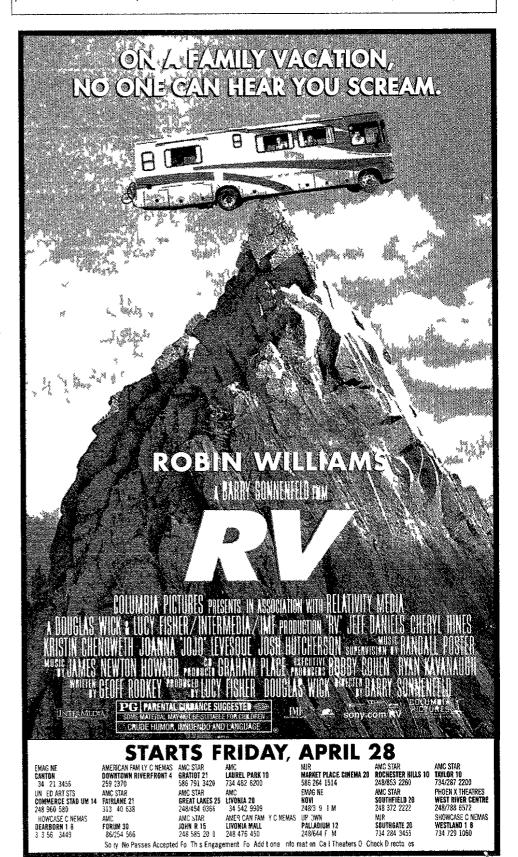
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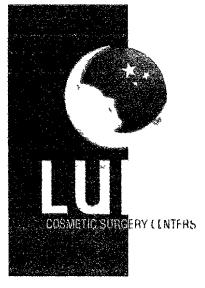
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