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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 in 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 car-motorcycle 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 several hours

The police report indicated the woman registered 13 percent blood-alcohol 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 WRITER

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 G.F. 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 officials emphasize the need for building expansions, a new middle school and a Career Center at the 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 is considered one of the best in the state

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

### WHAT YOU'RE GETTING

Here's what's included in the two bond proposals on Tuesday's ballot, totaling \$123 million

■ First Proposal - \$99.3 million Career/Technical Education Center

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■ Second proposal - \$24 million Theater and pool at Plymouth High School

Auxiliary gym at Salem High School Baseball/soccer fields at Canton High School

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## New senior director up for change of pace

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER



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

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 YMCA 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

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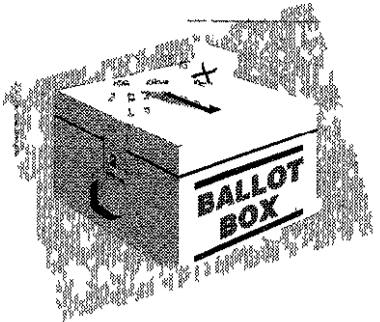
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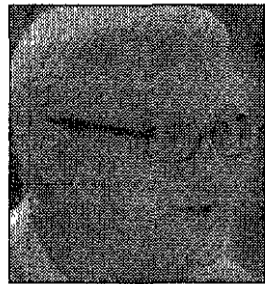
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Here's a brief look at the eight candidates vying for two vacant seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education in the May 2 election. Incumbents Joann Lamar and Carol Saunders elected not to seek re-election.



**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 He's concerned about them

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

■ On school funding,

"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 there"



**Dianne Gonzalez**  
Husband, 3 children  
Plymouth Township

**Profession:**  
Runs own real estate firm

**ISSUES:**  
■ On the \$120 million bond proposal

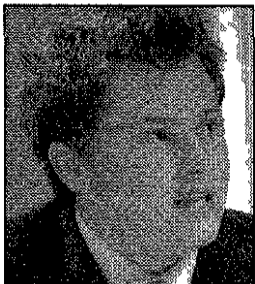
Does not support it "The middle school is in crisis mode, they let it go too long I think (not building) the elementary school is a big mistake"

■ 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 funding,

"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-the-box solutions"



**Brandon Hynes**  
Canton

**Profession:**  
Student, Wayne State University

**ISSUES:**

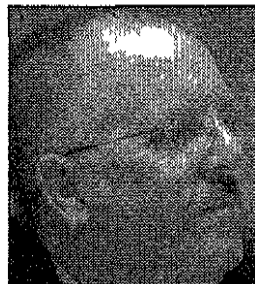
■ On the \$120 million bond proposal He supports it "I think it's terrible we always have to appeal to our residents for more money, and I'm not positive we really looked into all options"

■ 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 kids who don't get it They need support systems"

■ On school funding,

"There are quite a bit of inequities in our state, and I would be an outspoken advocate to our state legislators It's 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 funding,

"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 daughters  
Plymouth Township

**Profession:**  
Engineer at General Motors

**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 funding,

"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:**  
Realtor

**ISSUES:**

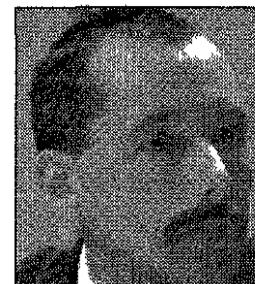
■ On the \$120 million bond proposal She supports it "I'm interested in protecting the quality of education for our community that will continue to attract individuals to our community"

■ 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 funding,

"I'm in 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:**

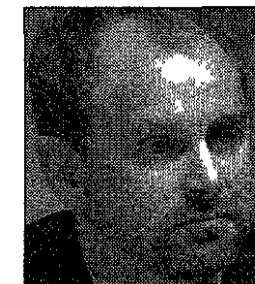
■ On the \$120 million bond proposal He supports it "I think the district is doing the wise thing with the new elementary and middle schools, and adding onto existing classrooms at other schools"

■ On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year

He has mixed feelings "For the college-bound student, it's excellent But not everybody is college material"

■ On school funding,

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



**Steven Sneedman**  
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 funding,

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

NEWS BRIEFS

Spring Clean-Up

City of Plymouth residents get their chance for some spring cleaning as the city prepares for its annual Spring Clean-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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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 second-place award for Best Sports Public Service Announcement.

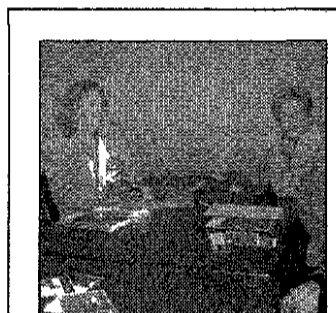
Plymouth junior Ryan Winn earned an honorable mention for Best Sportscast/Play-by-play

"I'm continually amazed by the work our students do," said station manager Bill Kerth "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 goes 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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**NEW TREATMENT FOR CHRONIC PELVIC PAIN SYNDROME**

Non infectious prostatitis is now known as chronic pelvic pain syndrome (CPPS) because it is not caused by prostate problems. Its symptoms include intermittent groin pain, urinary problems, low back pain and erectile dysfunction. There is no known actual cause. However, there is now a new treatment that has proven itself to be effective. It calls for the physical therapist to aggressively massage tender spots called trigger points weekly then bi-weekly for three months. The treatment also involves pelvic relaxation exercises for at least six months. According to a study of men who underwent this treatment nearly three months experienced at least moderate improvement overall. The treatment called the Stanford Protocol is increasingly gaining more widespread use.

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PS: Men afflicted with chronic pelvic pain syndrome (CPPS) may also benefit from aerobic exercise, yoga, meditation and soaking in a tub of warm water.

**Johan Cornuth, PT**  
**Mark Minsbergh, PT**  
**Bob Schoemaker, PT**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dan Sheehan, owner of Mother's Pizza set out a fresh vegetarian pizza at last year's Showcase 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 1 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 opportunity 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 showing 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. Nick's Plymouth Crossing, the Inn at St. Johns, Hilton Garden Inn 1999 Tavern, Zacks of Plymouth, Bennigans, Plymouth Fish and Fiamma Grill.

At press time, The Pizza Taste-off had confirmed participation from the Jet's Pizza on 5 Mile, Mother's Pizza and Compari's. 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, "It's a popular feature 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 p.m. 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 Ryley and his wife, Jennifer Renee Ryley, 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 Ashley's 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 Ryley 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 Ryleys 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 said.

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

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Party help

The 2006 Senior Class All Night Party needs help. The decorating committee is in need of many more volunteers to help create and paint displays for this yearly event.

The committee will also need help setting up the party on June 10. Parents of current seniors and juniors are encouraged to sign up.

For more information, contact 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 church's 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 director, via e-mail at jenkinsma@olcparish.net or by calling (734) 453-0326, Ext. 243.

Legal aid

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a free Senior Citizens Legal Aid session 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 a.m. have been seen. No pre-registration is necessary.

The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S Main. For more information call (734) 453-1234 Ext. 236.

Senior travel show

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a Senior Travel Show 1:30 p.m. Monday May 8 at the

Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. The meeting will feature speakers and flyers on the new senior day trips and extended senior trips for 2006. Refreshments will follow the program.

For more information, call (734) 453-1234 Ext. 236.

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 BrandonForSchoolBoard@yahoo.com or call (734) 740-6605.

Farmer's market

The Plymouth Farmer's 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 pierogies, 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 season 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.

Spirits in clay

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



Bowling for books

The Keast Family of Plymouth (Sue, Eric and Ryan) joined Matthew and Stephen Charnley of Livonia to raise over \$900 for their team at the 19th annual Bowl for Braille Books bowlingathon 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 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday May 20 and noon - 5 p.m. Sunday May 21.

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, Plymouth's only nature preserve.

Walkers will enjoy identifying spring native wildflowers with a member of the Friends of Miller Woods and learn about the ecosystem of a climax forest.

Entrance to the preserve is on Powell just east of Ridge

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

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 second-annual Art Feast.

White's paintings of nightlife, restaurants, women and Hollywood, are fun and captivating but also allude to many of the emotions and social situations that are familiar 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 p.m. 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 holding 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 also be held.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$90 per couple, tables of 10 are available at \$450 per table and advertising book sponsorships are also available in prices ranging from \$45 to \$175.

Life-saving awards

Huron Valley Ambulance seeks nominations for the Life-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.

For more information, contact Joyce Williams at jwilliams@hva.org or call (734) 477-6285.

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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 U.S. 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 packs.

The Postal Service gives these tips on how to avoid being bitten.

- Don't run past a dog. The dog's 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.

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

- When your letter carrier comes to your 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 your dog. Your dog's instinct is to protect the family.

- Spay or neuter your 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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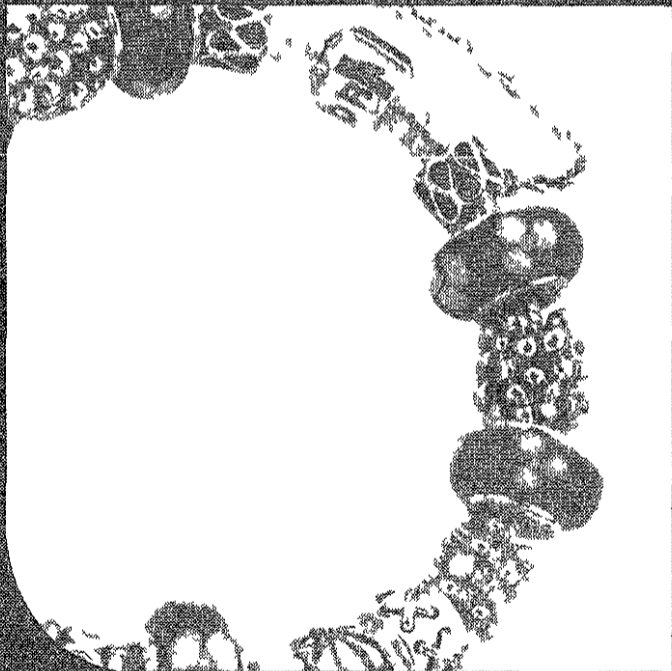
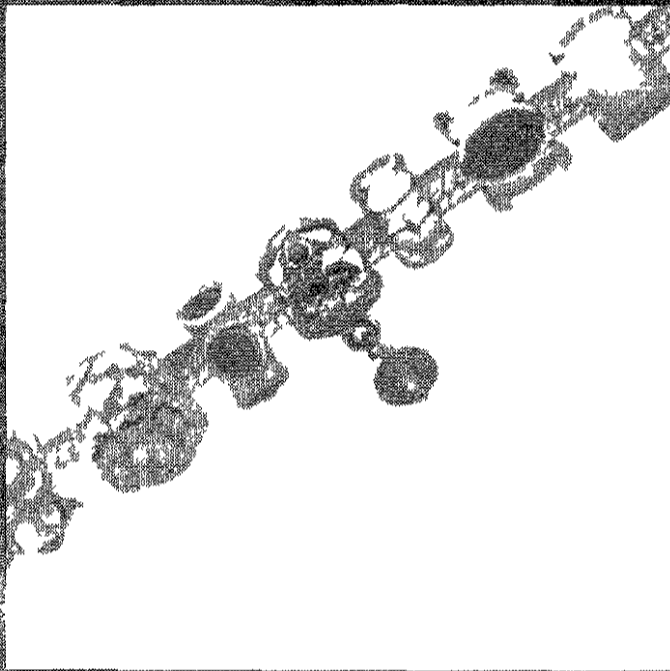
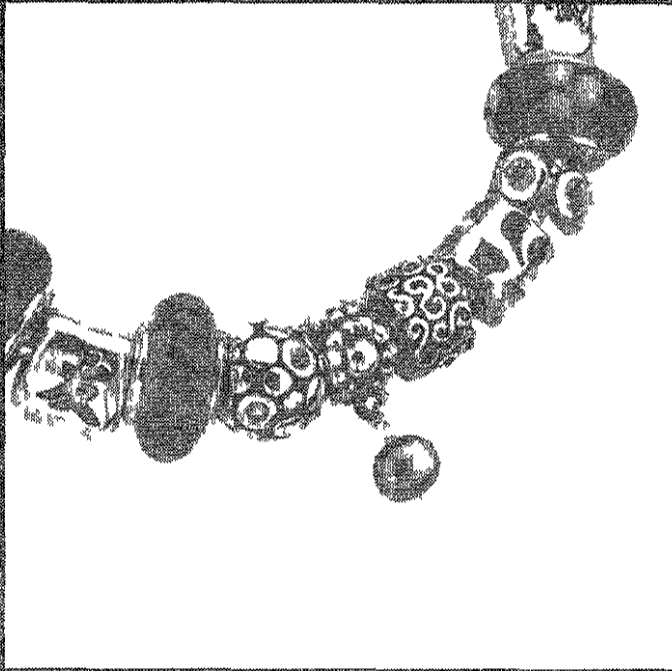
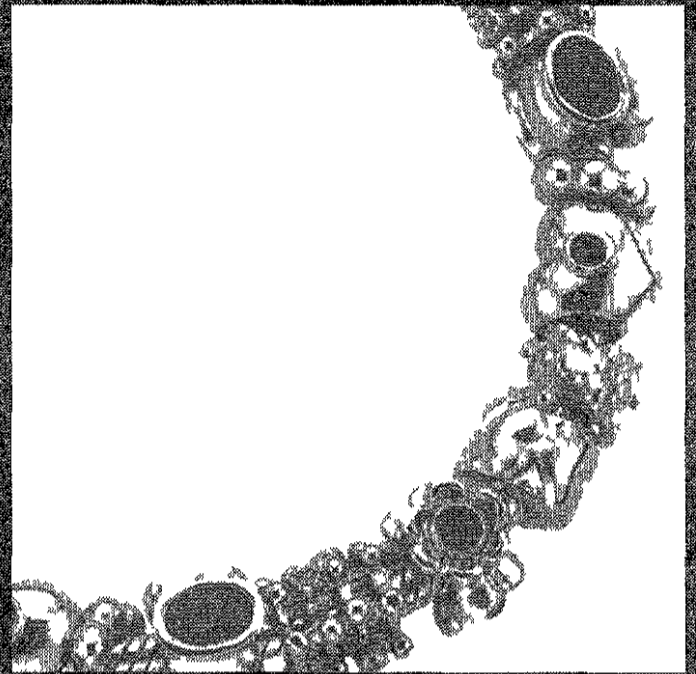
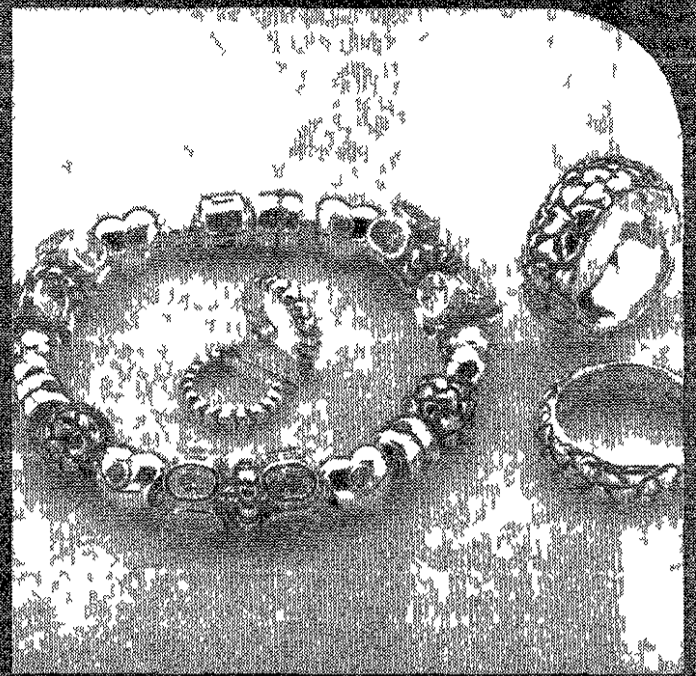
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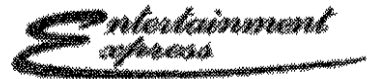
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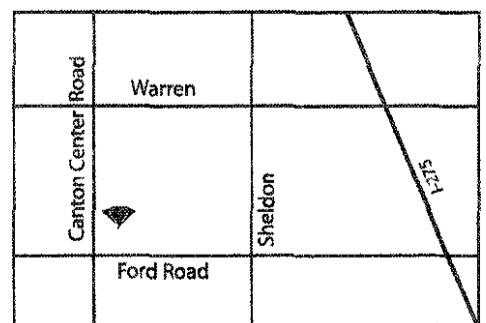
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together The church choir formed the foundation of the POS, which for the first concert in 1987 had about 65 voices

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 90-minute 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

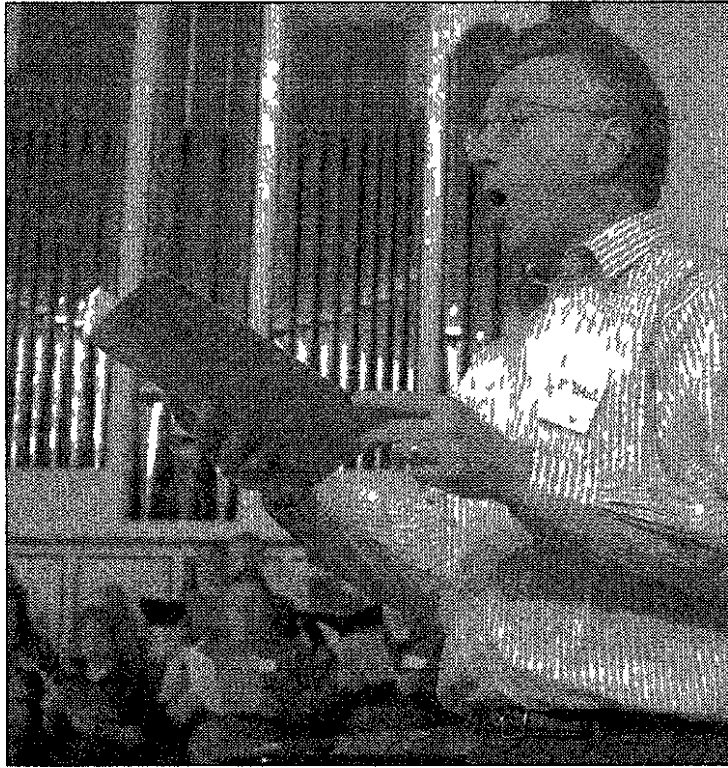
Karen Chapin of Plymouth has missed just three of the POS' 20 concerts She knew Bob Pratt from his days directing Youth for Understanding Mission and Chorale, a foreign-exchange group that traveled abroad to perform

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

"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

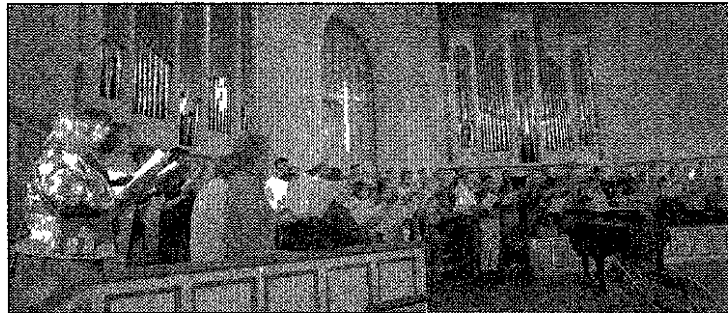
It's not the kind of music you hear very often You can really emote which is something else you don't do a lot of in your day-to-day interface with people"

Sunday's performance of



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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 tour

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

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 visit

"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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## 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 on 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 on 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 township 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 services.

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 programs.

### Trout fishing opener is filled with promise

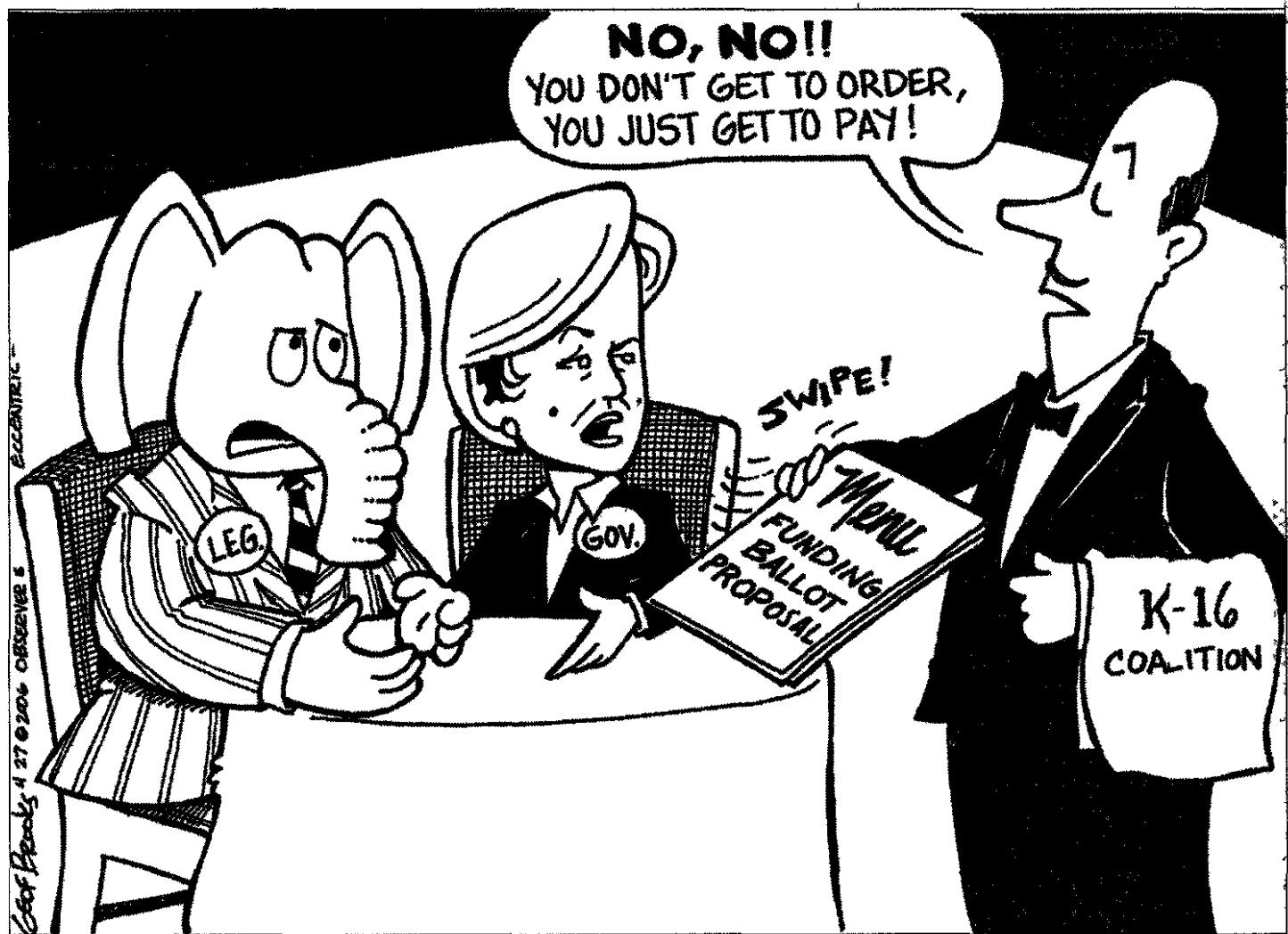
For thousands of Michigan anglers, the last Saturday in April has special significance. It is the traditional opener for trout fishing for most of the streams in the state.

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 idyllic 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.



## LETTERS

### '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 2.

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 continue 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 year's 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 it — 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 vocational 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 facilities 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 career choice. I don't think they'll be outsourcing a car mechanic 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 automotive and medical fields. Let's face it: the demand for nurses far outstrips the ability 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 U.S. and where better to start 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 to waste.

**Scott Lorenz**  
Plymouth

### Bond adds deficit

Our first grandchild will be attending the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in about 4 1/2 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 projections did not have any impact on the 2004 bond proposal for a middle school. The board chose not to put a new middle school on the ballot because of the controversy surrounding the repurposing 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 neighborhoods 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 happen.

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

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

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# School of choice not an option for Plymouth-Canton

As 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 conversations, I never thought he would resort to scare tactics to make a point.



Dr. James Ryan

I was disappointed to see Mr. Horvath state as one of his facts that the school 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 mem-

bers of the present state Legislature made comments that we are a model district as far as meeting our fiscal responsibility.

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 voting "no."

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 district.

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.

## Bond a train wreck

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 1.08 mills and not 0.82 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 district's 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 million 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 teachers.

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 million!

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, janitorial, 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 practices.

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

## Support Jackson, Sneiderman

We would like to encourage you to support John Jackson and Steven Sneiderman 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, open-minded, 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 Sneiderman, 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 Olessey**  
 Plymouth  
**Scott Ragland**  
 Canton

## Support Sneiderman

We represent friends, neighbors and colleagues of Steven Sneiderman. 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 Sneiderman 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 Sneiderman'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 Sneiderman's focus on a curriculum that meets the needs of our diverse student population.

**Derek and Christina Blair**  
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# Bookstock provides a home for books, support for reading

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

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 read.

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, co-chair of the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy in Bloomfield Hills.

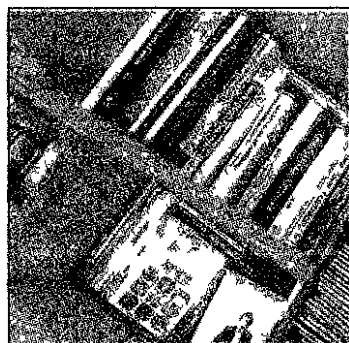
One man last year bought a record, Glaser said, recounting how proud he was to show her the book he purchased was valued much higher by experts. "I told him, 'You got a bargain. Come again,'" said Glaser, a West Bloomfield resident. "This is a wonderful way of raising money and it ties into literacy 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 Brandeis 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 "somebody's 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 second lives.

"We're recycling all these books for educational and enjoyment purposes," she added. "For a buck it's 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 Glaser.

The money provided by

Bookstock is DJCL's major 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 coordinator 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.

"We're 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. "We're always looking for more volunteers,"

## 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 activity that publicizes our organization 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.

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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 educational organizations.

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When: Sunday April 30 through Sunday May 7. Hours: The sale runs from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 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 projects.

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.

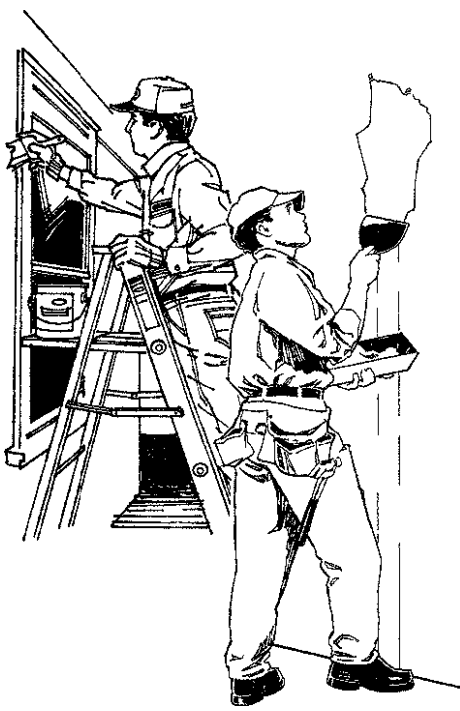
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**Vote yes**

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, Detroit's "Silicon Valley, helps fledgling entrepreneurs transform their ideas into a viable company It is 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 This is the 'brave new world' of work for our kids The future of Michigan's economy in our classrooms, from the finest elementary learning environment 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

successful lifelong learners in a brave, new, global world 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

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**Martha A. Trafford**  
Canton

**Sign of the times**

I have been following the coverage of the candidates for school board in the O&E and have attempted to understand each person's campaign statements/position before I cast my vote One particularly intriguing 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 hire 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

**Mark Blaufuss**  
Plymouth

**Supports bond**

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools continues to be one of the premier districts in this part of the state This is true because this community has been supportive of the schools and has put the interest and needs of the children first In return, the Board of Education and the administration have wisely invested the dollars to the greatest advantage for the students I believe this continues to be the case in the upcoming bond election Both proposals appear well thought out and will address both immediate and future needs of the district In a bond issue of this magnitude, there will always be a project or two that someone may disagree with and that is to be expected, but what is important is that the voters focus on the overall bond and how it will benefit students I believe this is an excellent proposal for students as well as

the long-term viability of the community and urge voters to support both proposals May 2

**Bill Weber**  
Plymouth Township

**Team players**

Over the last decade I have worked to elect a number of school board candidates and have been an interested observer of school board politics in Plymouth-Canton Here is what I have observed 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 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 distinguish 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 Snedeman 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 Nhra**  
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
- Remodeling re equipping re furnishing school buildings preparing developing and improving sites at 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 twenty-five (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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
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| Precinct 2        | Friendship Station            | 42375 Schoolcraft Rd    |
| Precinct 3        | Allen School                  | 11100 Haggerty Rd       |
| Precinct 4        | Township Clerk's Office       | 42350 Ann Arbor Rd      |
| Precinct 5        | Bard School                   | 220 N. Sheldon Rd       |
| Precinct 6        | West Middle School            | 44401 Ann Arbor Tr      |
| Precinct 7        | Living Word Church            | 46500 N Territorial Rd  |
| Precinct 8        | St. Kenneth's Catholic Church | 14951 Haggerty Rd       |
| Precinct 9        | Church of the Nazarene        | 45801 Ann Arbor Rd      |
| Precinct 10       | Fiegel School                 | 39750 Joy Rd            |
| Precinct 11       | First Baptist Church          | 45000 N Territorial Rd  |
| Precinct 12       | Pioneer Middle School         | 46081 Ann Arbor Rd      |
| Precincts 13 & 16 | Rosen Christ Lutheran Church  | 46250 W Ann Arbor Rd    |
| Precinct 14       | Isbister School               | 9300 N Canton Center Rd |
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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 8 00 a m to 2 00 p m , 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

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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 second-row, 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 all-new Saturn Outlook, said Brian Kessler, 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.

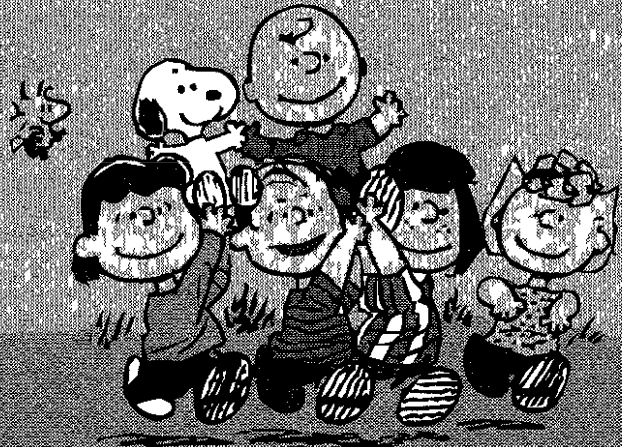
The door panels will be manufactured using Johnson Controls Craftec Partial Mold Behind (PMB) manufacturing process. PMB utilizes a single-step, advanced injection-mold

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

The overhead system contains 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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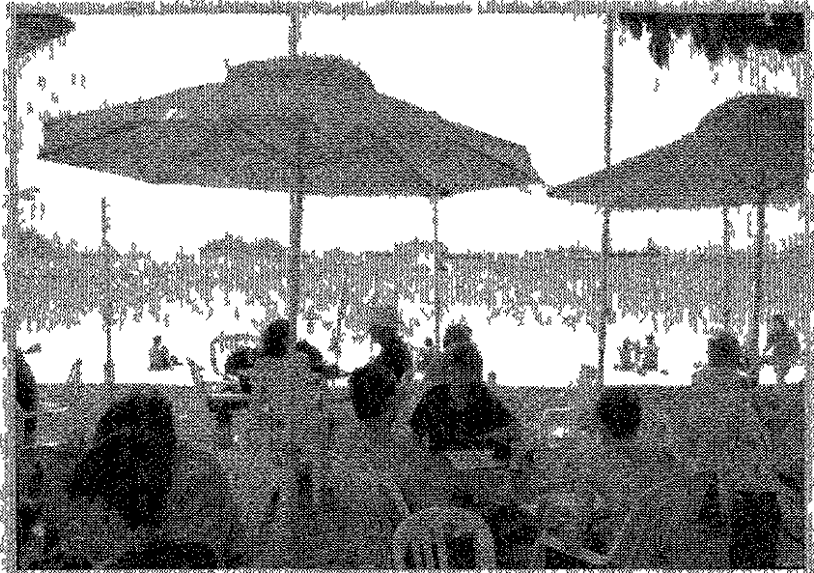
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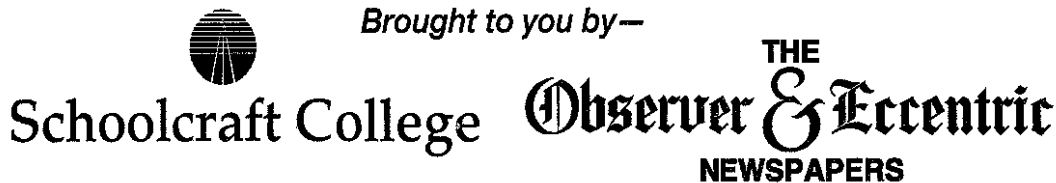
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# Grant lets MHS offer low-cost sterilizations

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 glitter 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 sterilizations and vaccinations for 600 cats in 60 days. The program is targeting low-

income and fixed-income pet owners.

"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

Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.

The goal is to 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 in 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 calicivirus. 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 first-come, 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

Medicaid.

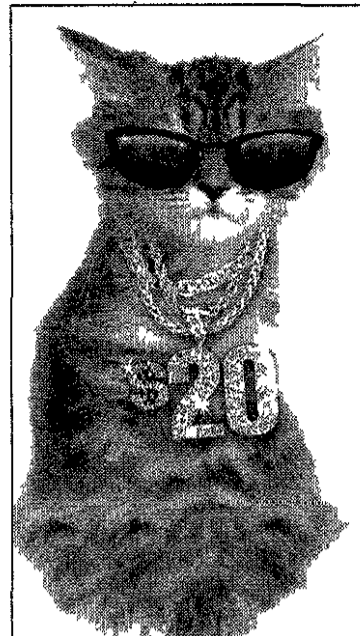
"Millions of unwanted animals are euthanized at shelters each year, so an affordable spay and neuter sterilization program can help make a great difference," said Fisher. "In addition to helping prevent the problem of animal overpopulation, sterilization offers many significant health and behavior benefits,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



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

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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
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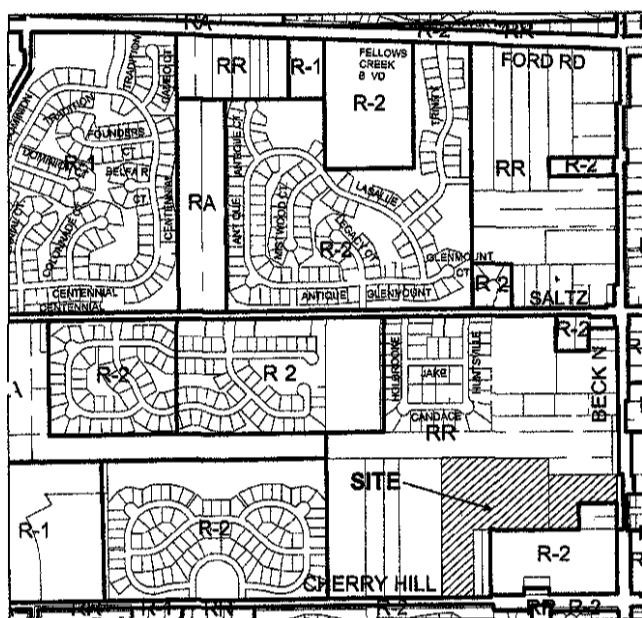
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY 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 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**KAILAS PROPERTY REZONING** CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 068 99 0007 002 068 99 0011 704 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R 2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and west of Beck Road.



SECTION 17

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 included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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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  
6238 Brooks Household Items  
5049 Gildon Household Items  
4034 Sims Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Canton South\* 45229 Michigan Ave\*Canton\* 734 398 5416  
2023 Henderson household  
2015 Hivacek household  
4016 Multi Rac family household  
4039 Murray household  
4162 Trammell household

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

Shurgard Storage of Livonia\*30300 Plymouth Rd\*Livonia\*734 522 7811  
101 Mason Household Goods  
302 Donaldson Household/Camping Goods  
3120 Karpanowski Household Goods  
312 Johnson Household Goods  
413 Flumerfelt Household Goods  
5084 Shelby Household Goods  
9043 Marks Household Goods

Shurgard Storage of Taylor\*9300 Pelham Rd\* Taylor\*313 292 2950  
5049 Bacon Household goods  
4027 Bahu Household goods  
7116 Cook Household goods  
6011 Farraj Household goods  
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  
2036 Dunlap Household Items  
1118 Gibson Household Items  
5060 Gross Household Items  
5132 Hellwig Household Items  
3116 Hendon-Jenkins Household Items  
1292 Pullen Household Items  
3196 Tolbert Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Plymouth \*41889 Joy Rd\*Canton\*734 459 2200  
9118 Pappert household  
5054 King household

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 location:

Shurgard Storage of Ann Arbor \* 2500 S Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor, \*734 973 2212  
1058 Rose Household

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FY2006 CDBG ACTION PLAN AND REPROGRAMMING

On May 9, at 7 p.m. 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 directed to Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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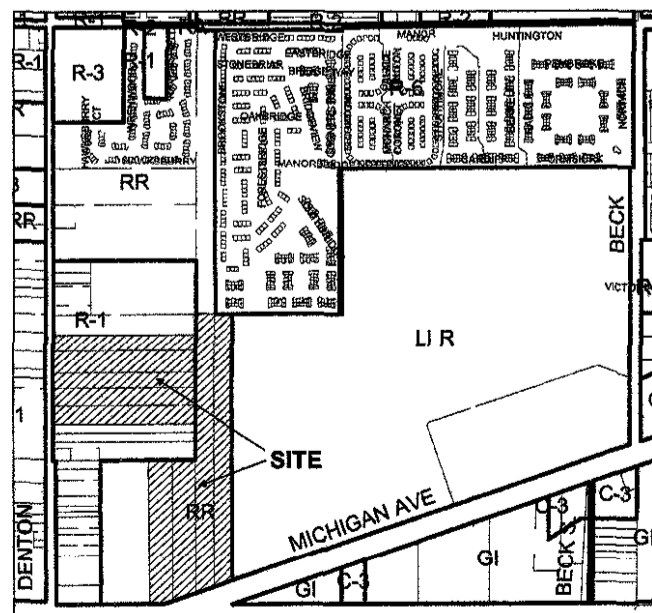
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**INTREPID COMMUNITIES REZONING** CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 127 99 0002 000 (4857 DENTON), 127 99 0003 000 (4913 DENTON), 127 99 0004 000 (4985 DENTON), 127 99 0005 000 (5011 DENTON), 127 99 0006 000 (5111 DENTON) FROM R 1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R 3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND PARCEL NOS 127 99 0017 000, 127 99 0018 002 (48880 MICHIGAN AVE.), 127 99 0019 000 (48708 MICHIGAN AVE.), 127 99 0020 000 (48630 MICHIGAN AVE.) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R 3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and east of Denton Road.



SECTION 32

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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, INKSTER, 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.**

List of polling place locations -

### Township of Canton

| School Precincts | Locations                                    |
|------------------|--|
| 02 C             | Tri City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon Road |
| 05 C             | Walker-Winter School, 39932 Michigan Avenue  |
| 08 C             | Agape Christian Center, 45081 Geddes Road    |

### City of Dearborn Heights

| School Precincts | Locations                                   |
|------------------|---|
| 04001            | Hicks School, 100 Helen Avenue, Inkster, MI |

### City of Romulus

| School Precincts | Locations                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 06 R             | Rudgate Clubhouse, 7040 Shawnee Drive |

### City of Wayne

| School Precincts | Locations                                |
|------------------|--|
| 01 WA            | Senior Activity Center, 3500 Sims Avenue |
| 02 WA            | Senior Activity Center, 3500 Sims Avenue |
| 04 WA            | Taft-Galloway School, 4035 S. Gloria     |
| 05 WA            | Taft Galloway School, 4035 S. Gloria     |
| 06 WA            | Hoover School, 5400 Fourth St.           |
| 07 WA            | Hoover School, 5400 Fourth St.           |
| 08 WA            | Roosevelt McGrath School, 36075 Currier  |

### City of Westland

| School Precincts | Locations   |
|------------------|---|
| 01               | Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson                           |
| 02               | Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard                            |
| 03               | Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette                      |
| 04               | Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh Road                        |
| 05               | Edson School, 34505 Hunter                                |
| 06               | Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer                         |
| 08               | Patchin School  |
| 09               | Jefferson Barns School, 32150 Dorsey                      |
| 10               | Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse                      |
| 11               | Elliott School, 30800 Bennington                          |
| 13               | Schwitzer School, 2601 Treadwell                          |
| 14               | Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview                     |
| 17               | P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix                     |
| 20               | Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood                          |
| 22               | Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born Road          |
| 24               | Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan                |
| 26               | Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman                             |
| 29               | Edson School, 34505 Hunter                                |
| 31               | Hayes School, 30600 Louise Ct.                            |
| 34               | Dyer Social Service Center - Senior Wing, 36745 Marquette |
| 38               | Dyer Social Service Center - Senior Wing, 36745 Marquette |
| 39               | Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview              |

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant.

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

MARY CARNEY, EILEEN DeHART  
Wayne City Clerk, Westland City Clerk

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## An open letter to DFCU Financial

# MEMBERS

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 union 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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# Fun gala raises more than \$90,000

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Fifty thousand dollars and still 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

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 paparazzi taking their photos

One of the students 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 ensemble 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's Cari Mitter, who works in the Food Service Department at Madonna.

Among the 100 silent auction items were photographs of the Detroit Pistons.



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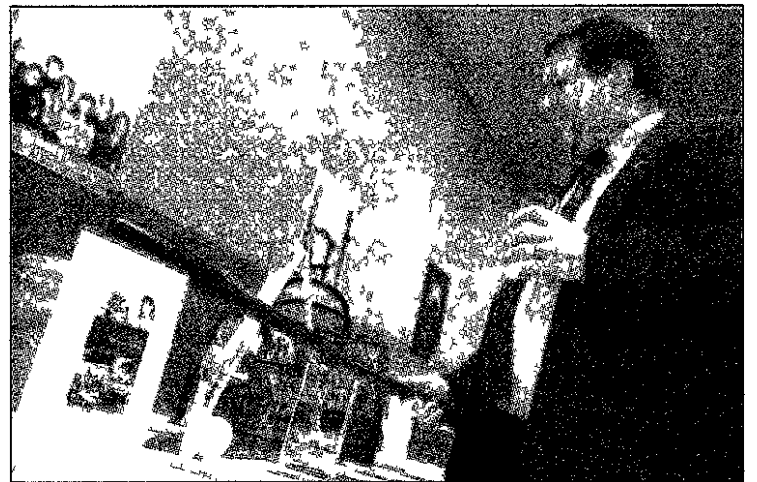


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Participants browse the tables of goodies out for the silent auction before the start of Friday nights Madonna University Benefit Auction.



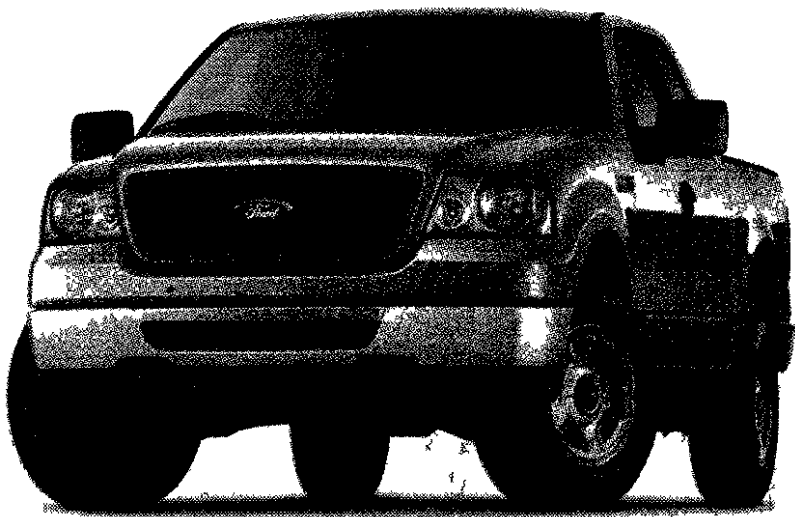
Madonna University professor William McMillan looks over some of the sports items on the table for the silent auction during the Benefit Auction.

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# Cooking fires are still most common

We don't normally think 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 happens in this country far too often. Let's take a look at how we can use some safety sense in the kitchen to reduce our chances of having an unwanted fire.

**Fire Safety**  
Lt. Tom Kiurski

Cooking is the leading cause of fires and civilian fire injuries in the United States. Two out of three reported home cooking fires start with the range or stove and usually when food, grease, rags, bags, cabinets, curtains or other common household items ignite. In 2001 alone, there were over 117,000 home fires involving cooking equipment. These cooking fires resulted in 370 civilian deaths, 4,290 civilian injuries and about \$453 million in property damage. And those statistics reflect just those fires that were reported. Who reading this is guilty of having an unwanted kitchen fire and not reporting it?

The main reason cited for kitchen fires is inattention. Whether leaving the room, or leaving the house with the stove on, this action can cause plenty of damage. Often at

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 handles public information for the Livonia Fire Department.

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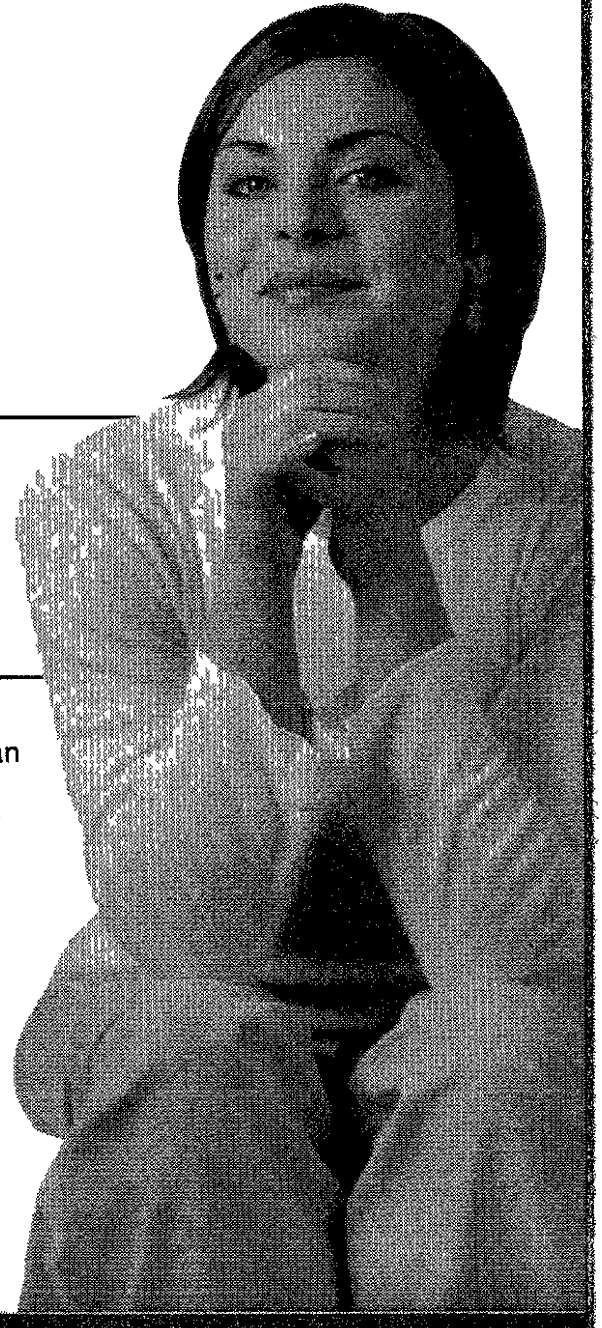
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# IKEA store nearing completion

BY KURT KUBAN  
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.

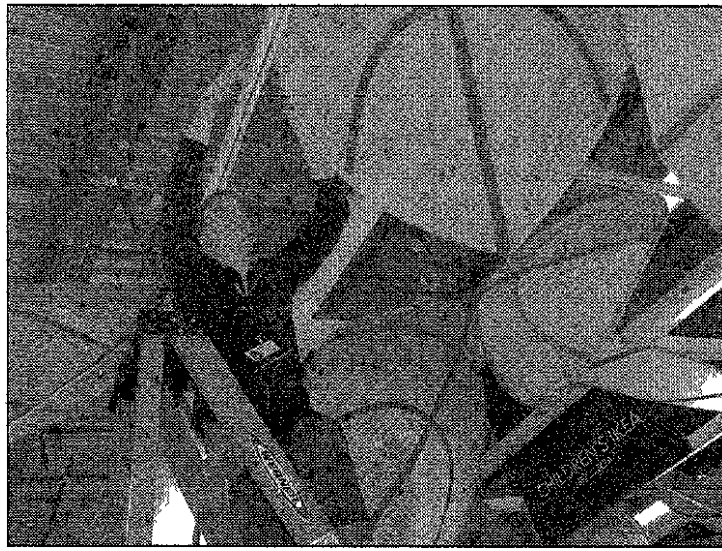
According to IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth, employees have been working at a feverish pace to put the finishing touches on the massive 311,000-square-foot store so it is ready for the throngs of shoppers that have been eagerly anticipating its opening. All the major construction is complete, and employees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

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

For people who have shopped at other IKEA stores (there are 27 others in the U.S.), 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 it," McCaslin said.



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

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 worried about is the one thing IKEA can't control.

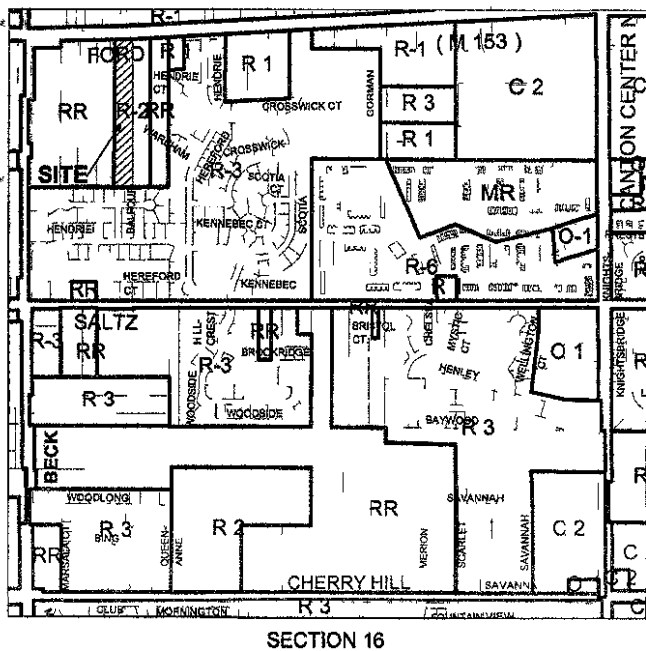
"All we ask is that the weather will be as nice as it has been," he said.

## 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 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**LABANA FAMILY REZONING** CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 062 99 0010 000 FROM TO 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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## 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 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

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 Lavonia 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 basin 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. The proposed 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 16 Canton Township Wayne County Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website [www.deq.state.mi.us/CIWPIS](http://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 record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

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 expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will upon written request provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
WENDY FITZNER  
PERMIT CONSOLIDATION UNIT  
LAND AND WATER  
MANAGEMENT DIVISION  
517 373 9244

Date: April 21 2006

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 visual, hearing, or other assistance.

CE08432870

## 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 allegiance. **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 Hilltop 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 study session with the Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 19 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building First Floor, Board Room 1150 Canton Center S Canton, Michigan 48188. **Adjourn** 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](http://www.canton.mi.org) after Board Approval.

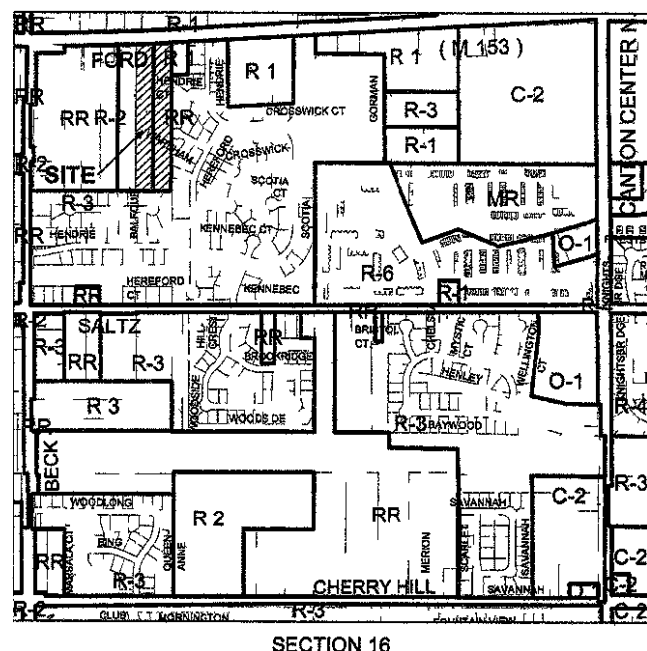
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 7:00 p.m.** 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 NO 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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# Lions ready for White Cane drive

Members of the Plymouth 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

part of the Lions International, the world's largest service organization with 1.2 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 closed-circuit TV readers for the visually impaired, the Plymouth Community Band, college 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, contact Harvey Barkley, c/o Plymouth Lions Club, P.O. 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 PM.

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| Macarl Deruso E171    | 10x20 | Misc Household goods                         |
| Hester Barksdale I316 | 10x15 | Misc Household goods & Collectibles          |

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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 Main 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 Expectations 567 Forest Ave.

The PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held at the regular City Commission meeting on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The Hearings will be held at the Plymouth City Hall at 201 S Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

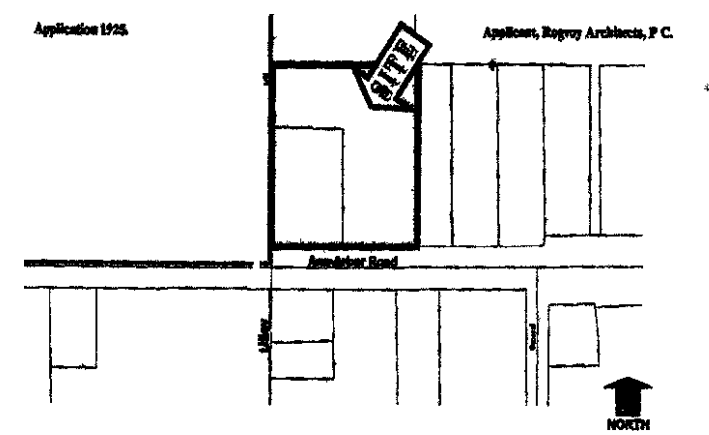
Linda Langmesser, CMC, City Clerk

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Request Approval of a Special Land Use  
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, May 3 2006  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 PM  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann 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 Zoning Ordinance No 99, Section 14 2 3(n).



**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 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-453 8131, ext 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, Phone 734-453-8840 TDD users: 800 849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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# Plymouth senior presents research DFCU bank bid ends, but protest continue

Steven McLain of Plymouth was among several local 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.

## 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 grade-point 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 grade-point average while carrying at least 12 credit hours in a semester.

Plymouth students who made the list included Eric Bacynski, a sophomore in environmental studies, Amy Barta, a junior in communica-

## ON CAMPUS

tions, Shaun Booth, a sophomore in psychology, Shannon Brennan, a sophomore in psychology, Kurtis 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 Gentile, a senior in history and secondary certification, Sean Killeen, a senior in communications, freshmen Megan Murray, Alyson Kropp and Samra Haddad, and junior Stephen Kress, a junior in communications.

Canton students included Derek Calzadillas, a junior in political science and communications, Alisha Ciesiak, 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 Psilhis, 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 Malik, a junior in biochemistry and psychology, Yasemin Ramadanova, a sophomore in international studies, Christina Vega, a senior in behavioral sciences, Matthew Whalen, a sophomore in com-

munications, Gregory Davis, a senior in communications, 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 Science.

The Canton students included Petr Malik, a junior in mechanical engineering, Christopher Bednarz, a sophomore in computer engineering, Vaishaliben Patel, a senior in computer science, Kelert Bizbiq, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, Michael Berryman, a senior in computer science, Daniel Bowden, a freshman in electrical engineering, Ashley Rungler, a junior in mechanical engineering, Bradley Hinks, a junior in mechanical engineering, Rachel Radziszewski, 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 engineering.

The Plymouth students were Stefan Filippek, 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 VanStaeland, a freshman in social studies, and Heather Anlechner, 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

recognized at the college's 57th-annual Honors Banquet March 24.

The students were Ryan Haddad, Wendy Jones, Charles Mattison, Briana Overmars, Alexandra Rizk, 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 Military 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 3.0 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.

## DFCU bank bid ends, but protest continue

BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

Monday's announcement by the DFCU Financial Board of Directors to stop the not-for-profit 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-in 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 long-term 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.

members voiced skepticism about the proposal, primarily because they feared it would lead to a decline in member services. They formed a group, 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. In a statement, Linda Malec, a former DFCU board chairman and spokeswoman for DFCU Owners United, said she was pleased the credit union yanked its application to become a bank.

DFCU has 160,000 members and 11 branches, including locations in Livonia, Garden City and Canton. DFCU also operates an educational, student-run branch at Livonia Franklin High School.

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Individuals interested in challenging the signatures collected during the Citizens for Education petition drive have until 5 p.m. Friday, May 5, to review the signatures sampled from the petition.

Interested parties are asked to contact the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections to make arrangements to purchase or inspect copies of the petition sheets with the sampled signatures. The bureau is on the first floor of the Richard H. Austin Building, 430 W. Allegan, Lansing. For information, call (517) 373-2540.

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 group seeks to amend the State School Aid Act to establish minimum funding levels for school, colleges and universities.

Additional information about the petition challenge is available on the department's Web site at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)

## 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 school.

"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 when they finish high school."

The legislation signed by the governor requires:

- four credits of math and English language arts,
- three credits of science and social studies,
- two credits of foreign language,
- one credit of physical education and health,
- one credit of visual, performing or applied arts,
- one online learning experience.

The requirements will be in place for incoming eighth-graders 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. The State of the State Address. The scholarship, which is a key of 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.

The Senate curriculum bill was sponsored by Sen. Wayne Kupers, R-Holland, and the House bill was sponsored by Rep. Brian Palmer, R-Romeo.

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# SPORTS

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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 dual-meet setback to the Wildcats helped fuel the winners' competitive fires, according to Canton coach Bob Richardson.

"That loss was a big wake-up 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.

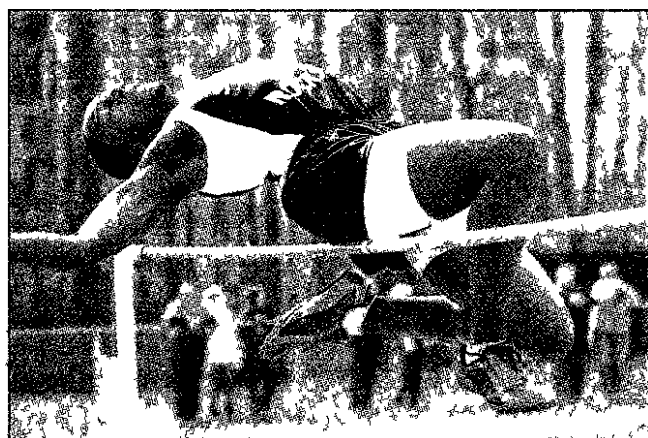
"I'm disappointed we didn't do better," said Britnell. "I'm not surprised that Canton won because they had 40 kids at practice last week and we had 16. Plus, they've really been coming on since we beat them."

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 Canton's Cyrus Azizi and Eric Prowar, two of the Chiefs' most-productive performers. Azizi anchored two first-place relays (800- and 1,600-meter), won the 400-meter 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."

Prowar's personal-best effort of 11:0 tied for first in the 100-meter dash with Plymouth's 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 Efremon, 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.

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

# 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 leadership."

"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.

"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 (4:6.1).

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 Tuesday 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. Salem's other first-place indi-

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

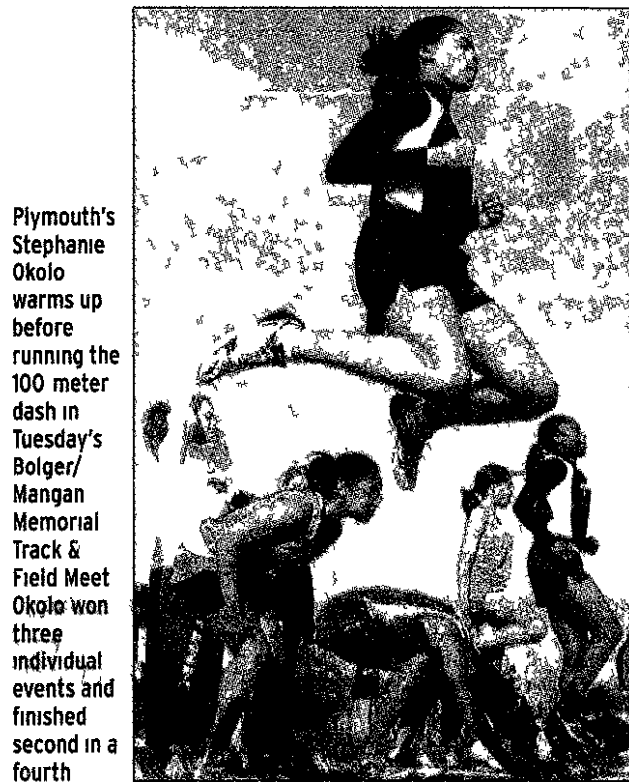
Ashley McClellan was a double-winner for the Chiefs, notching wins in the shot put (27-9.75) and discus (89-8). Canton's Becky McCormack won the 1,600-meter run in 5:35.8.

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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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

# Late comeback sparks Salem

BY ED WRIGHT  
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.

### PREP BASEBALL

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-playing daughter, Rachel, decided to try hitting left-handed on a full-time 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 four-year 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 swing."

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

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April 24 at Whispering Willows  
Churchill scorers Shannon Warner 41 Ashley Bint 50 Sarah Walls 53 Lexi McFarlane 62 Amand Dobos and Danielle Lesniak 64 each  
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**LIVONIA STEVENSON 194**  
PLYMOUTH 219  
April 25 at Fox Creek  
Stevenson scorers Chelsea Bathurst 45 (medalist) Abbey Wolfe 46 Prvyanka 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 Madeleine Salvaggio 67 Melissa Miller 73.  
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Saturday April 29  
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**PREP SOFTBALL**  
Thursday, April 27  
Plymouth at Ann Arbor Huron 4 p m  
PCA at Huron Valley Lutheran 4 30 p m  
Friday, April 28  
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth 4 p m  
Livonia Churchill at Salem 4 p m  
Canton at Northville 4 p m  
Saturday April 29  
Plymouth at Saline Tournament TBA  
Canton at Chelsea Invitational 9 a m  
**BOYS TRACK & FIELD**  
Thursday April 27  
Northville at Plymouth at PCEP JV track 3 45 p m  
W.L. Northern at Salem 5 30 p m  
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Friday, April 28  
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Saturday, April 29  
Salem Canton at Holly 9/10 Relays  
**GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
Thursday, April 27  
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Salem at W.L. Northern 3 30 p m  
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Friday, April 28  
Salem at J.D. Immercraft Invite 3 30 p m  
Saturday, April 29  
Plymouth Canton at Livonia Stevenson Invite 9 a m

**BOYS TENNIS**  
Friday, April 28  
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth 4 p m  
Canton at Westland John Glenn 4 p m  
Saturday, April 29  
Canton at Novi Tournament TBA  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Monday, April 24  
Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth 7 p m  
W.L. Northern at Salem 7 p m  
Canton at Livonia Churchill 7 p m  
Friday, April 28  
Ann Arbor Pioneer at Canton 5 30 p m  
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Thursday, April 27  
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Madonna vs. Huntington College (Ind) at Ladywood HS 3 p m  
Saturday, April 29  
Madonna at Aquinas College 1 p m  
Sunday, April 30  
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Ladywood HS 1 p m

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 4-0-3.

"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 for us."

Churchill scored first on Hannah Otto's goal mid-way

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through the first half. Canton took a 2-1 lead into the half thanks to goals from Ab 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 didn'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 back."

**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. "Alley 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 half-time we had restored our confidence after the Northville game (a 5-2 loss on April 12)."

Shauna O'Connor and Brittany Vella combined on the shutout in goal for the Spartans.

"Plymouth's goalkeeper Brittany Warner is easily one of the best in the conference, but all five of our goals were good goals and well-placed," Pinta said.

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 game."

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 converted 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

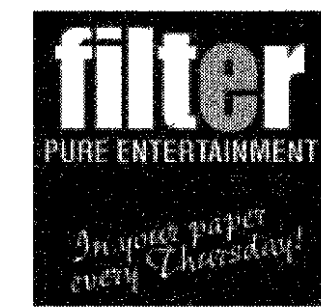
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PCA goalie Sara Ross stopped the only shot that managed to get through the Eagles' air-tight defense.

"Defender Jalese Debasri 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 Roper at Birmingham Groves High School. Roper 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.

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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 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  
**Pole vault:** 1 Ryan Langdon (C) 12 0 2 Ben 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 Oparaake (C) 19 9 50 3 Josh Butler (C) 19 4 75 4 LaBroderick Caldwell (P) 19 2 25  
**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 relay:** 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  
**100 hurdles:** 1 Baze Efremov (S) 15 3 2 Nate Gholston (P) 15 5 3 Nick Plescia (P) 16 7 4 Cameron Scharchburg (P) 17 1  
**100 dash:** 1 (tie) D J Coleman (P) and Eric Piwowar (C) 11 0 3 Dalton Waiser (C) 11 3 4 LaBroderick Caldwell (P) 11 5  
**800 relay:** 1 Canton (Eric Piwowar Dalton Waiser Andy Rossow Cyrus Azizi) 1 33 0 2 Plymouth 1 34 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 4 Matt Lewandowski (P) 5 00  
**400 relay:** 1 Canton (Eric Piwowar Dalton Waiser Jordan Raford Ocie Lewis) 45 9 2 Salem 47 1  
**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) 41 90 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 Phaltiel 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 Dalton Waiser (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  
**1,600 relay:** 1 Canton (Andy Rossow Phaltiel Whitlock Andrew Manuel Cyrus Azizi) 3 36 2 Salem 3 49

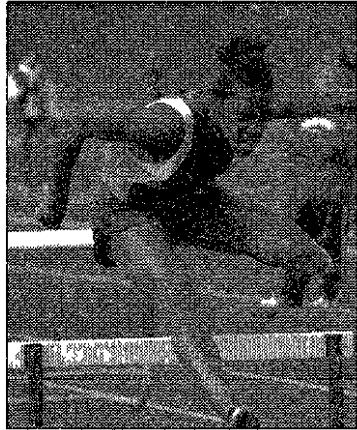
**GIRLS RESULTS**

**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 8  
**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 7 50  
**High 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 10 38 1



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Plymouth's Cam Scharchburg placed fourth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.1



Salem's Brittany Lockhart won the 300 meter hurdles at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field meet with a time of 46.1. She also captured the 100 meter hurdles crown with a clocking of 15.2



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

**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 (C) and Oshia Lewis (C) 13 2  
**800 relay:** 1 Canton 1 53 2 Plymouth 1 56  
**1,600 run:** 1 Becky McCormack (C) 5 35 8 2 Pam Bhullar (P) 5 44 3 Mar sa Carp nelli (S)

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) 1 02 1 2 Janet Hanchett (P) 1 04 2 3 Kim Heaney (S) 1 04 7 4 Jennifer Thomas (C) 1 04 8  
**300 hurdles:** 1 Brittany Lockhart (S) 46 1 2 Dana Eldred (S) 51 7 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 30 1 3 Jackie Beeler (P) 2 38 3 4 Jennifer Thomas (C) 2 41 1  
**200 dash:** 1 Stephanie Okolo (P) 27 4 2 Toria Davis (C) 28 1 3 Linda Ling (S) 29 0 4 Byers (C) 29 1  
**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 Saldidi (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  
**HIGH JUMP**  
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 7 50  
Okemdi Oparaake (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 Saldidi (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  
Nate Sherwood (Plymouth) 12 0  
Rob Lindman (Canton) 11 3  
Jason Hyde (Salem) 11 0  
J P Truesdell (Salem) 10 6  
Brian Rakovits (Canton) 10 0  
Chris McGinnis (Canton) 10 0  
Adam Kibner (Redford Union) 8 6  
**110 HURDLES**  
Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 15 43  
Steven Brown (Redford Union) 15 5  
Baze Efremov (Salem) 15 6  
Tim Belcher (Canton) 16 6  
Nick Plescia (Plymouth) 16 9  
**100-METER DASH**  
Jared Owens (Redford Union) 10 77  
Eric Piwowar (Canton) 11 0  
D J Coleman (Plymouth) 11 0  
Dalton Waiser (Canton) 11 3  
Dequan Williams (Redford Union) 11 6  
Ocile Lewis (Canton) 11 9  
Adam Kashoro (Salem) 12 0  
Mo Saldidi (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 Moliner (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 3  
Bill Turner (Canton) 46 6  
**800-METER RUN**  
Cyrus Azizi (Canton) 2 00 2  
Phaltiel Whitlock (Canton) 2 02 5  
Sean Dillon (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  
Dalton 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**  
Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 10 29 0  
Jimmy Walsh (Salem) 10 30 0  
Dan Kapadia (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 45 0  
Redford Union 45 2  
Salem 47 5  
**800-METER RELAY**  
Canton 1 32 8  
Plymouth 1 34 0  
Redford Union 1 39 5  
Salem 1 39 8  
**1,600-METER RELAY**  
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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## 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.

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 one-third of an inning. John Glenn starting pitcher Shawn Dunford sparked 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 groundout.

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.

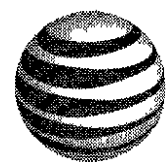
Weingrot finished 2-for-4 with four RBI. Kelly was 2-for-3 with a pair of singles.

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 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 3.0 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 afternoon — 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 Association’s 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.”

Canton’s offensive attack was paced by senior shortstop Justin Latin (2-for-5, two RBI), senior catcher Tark Khasawneh (2-for-3, two RBI) and junior third baseman Jon Puskar (2-for-4, 2 runs scored).

## PREP BASEBALL

D.J. 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 Horning worked the first 4 2/3 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 sacrifice bunts, so we handled the bat well.”

**PLYMOUTH 3, WAYNE MEMORIAL 2** Plymouth’s Bryan Stotz out dueling 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 Reban’s one out two strike triple up the right center field gap. T.J. Downey singled Reban home with the eventual game-winner.

The host Zebras (1-7) 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 pitcher 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 Milan Invitational, the Tigers’ Jeff Price rocked a walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning to seal the victory. Alex Harvey suffered the pitching loss for the Wildcats after throwing six strong innings. Nate McManus yielded Price’s 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 outthrew 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 3-0 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 seventh.

**GRANDVILLE 12, PLYMOUTH 1** Grandville’s 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 5-6.

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 defensive 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, CANTON 4-5:** The Chiefs dropped the opener despite solid pitching from junior righthander Caleb Lerner (5 1/3 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, Tark Khasawneh, Justin Latin, Shawn Little and Jon Puskar accounted for the Chiefs’ five hits. In the nightcap, the Warriors 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 WRITER

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 visiting 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. She’s 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 Kim Klonowski (double) also swung the bat well for the winners.

“Kim 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 4-for-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.

Kim Topulewska suffered the mound setback for the Patriots.

## PREP SOFTBALL

**SALEM 8, JOHN GLENN 1**

Melissa Leach hurled a complete-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 confident 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 Paritz. 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 advantage.

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

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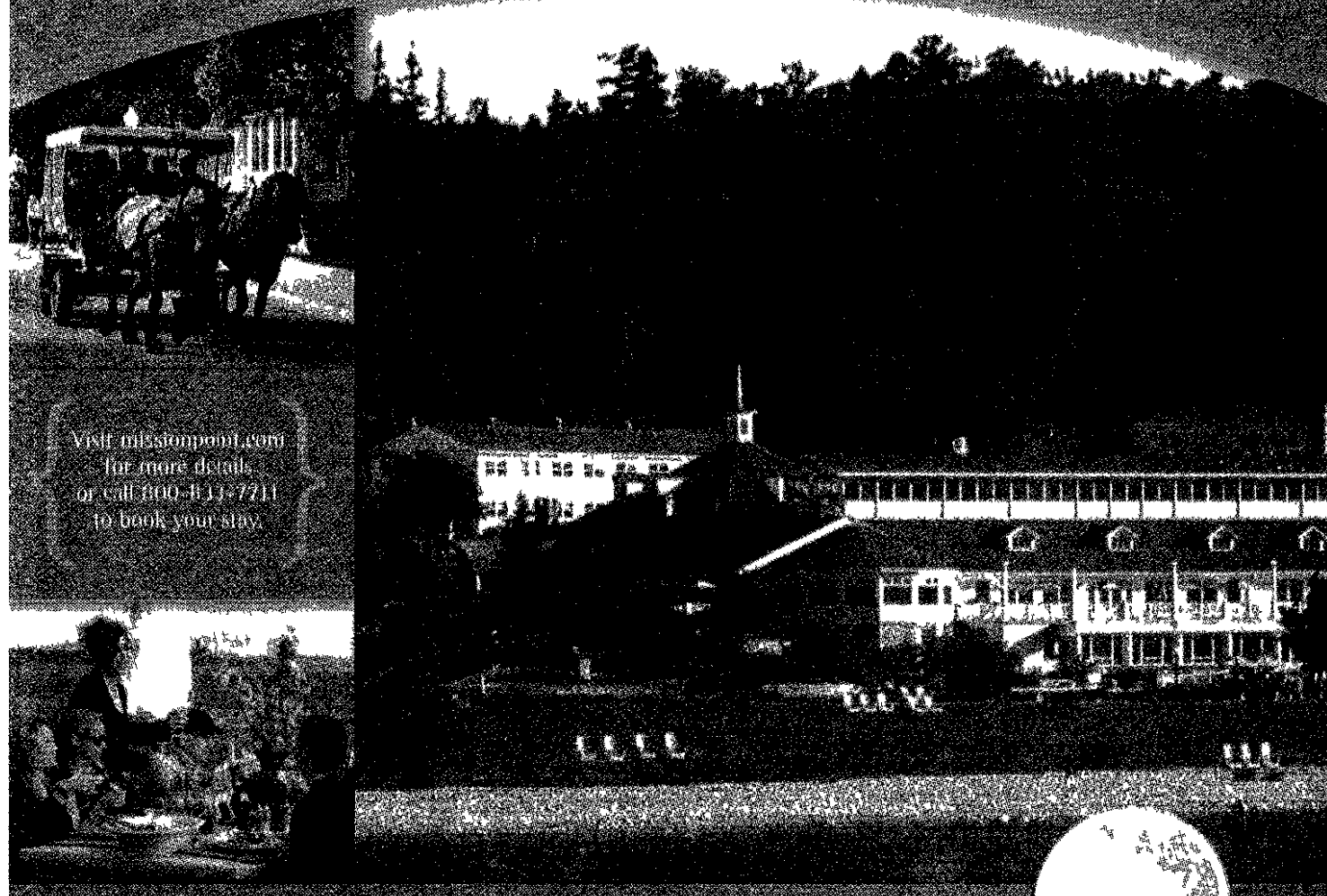
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Plymouth Canton-Salem attacker Johnny Groat, pictured above in a game earlier this season, had a big game in the Warriors' victory over Walled Lake Unified Monday afternoon.

## 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.

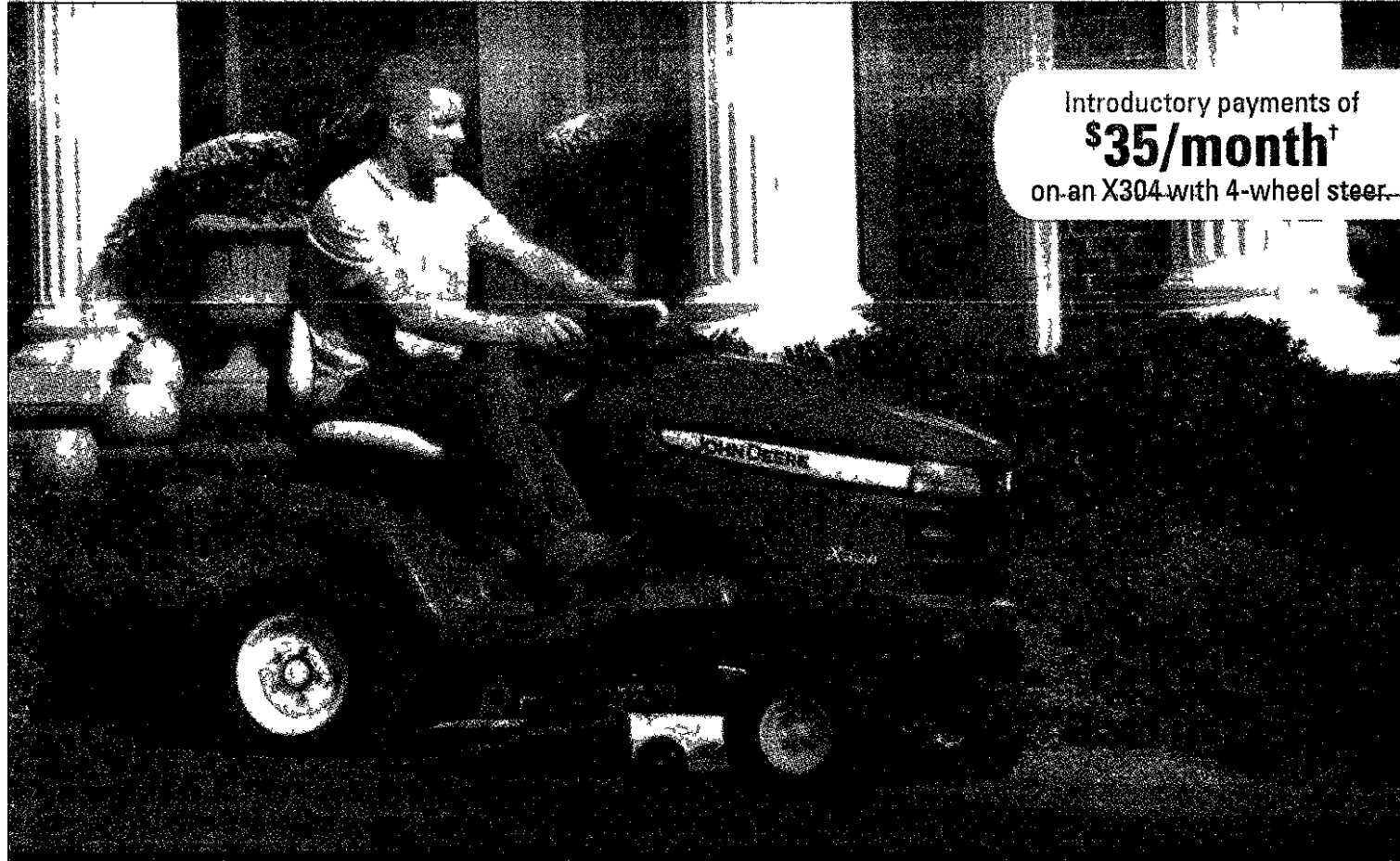
Other goal-scorers for PCS were Johnny Groat (three), Ray Gilmore (two), John Savino

(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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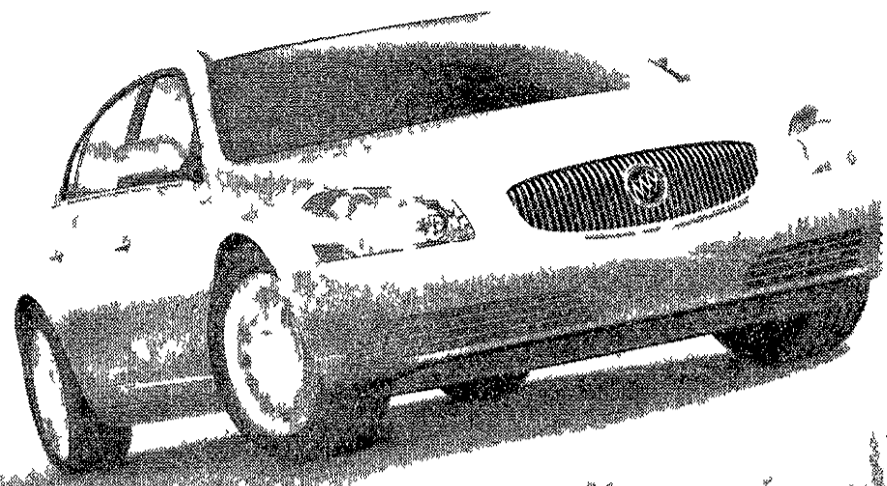
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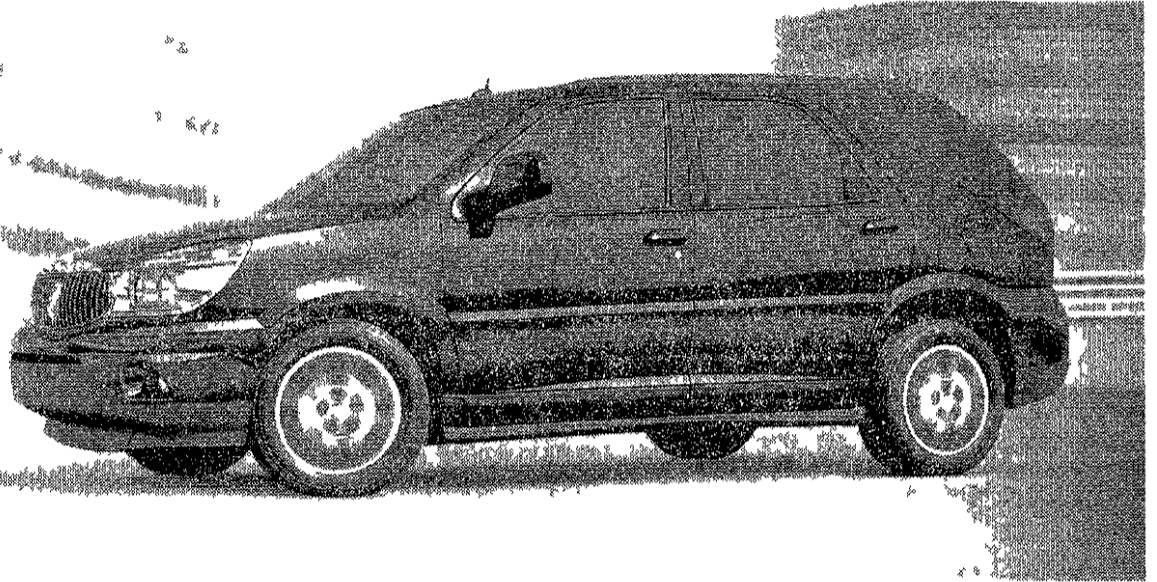
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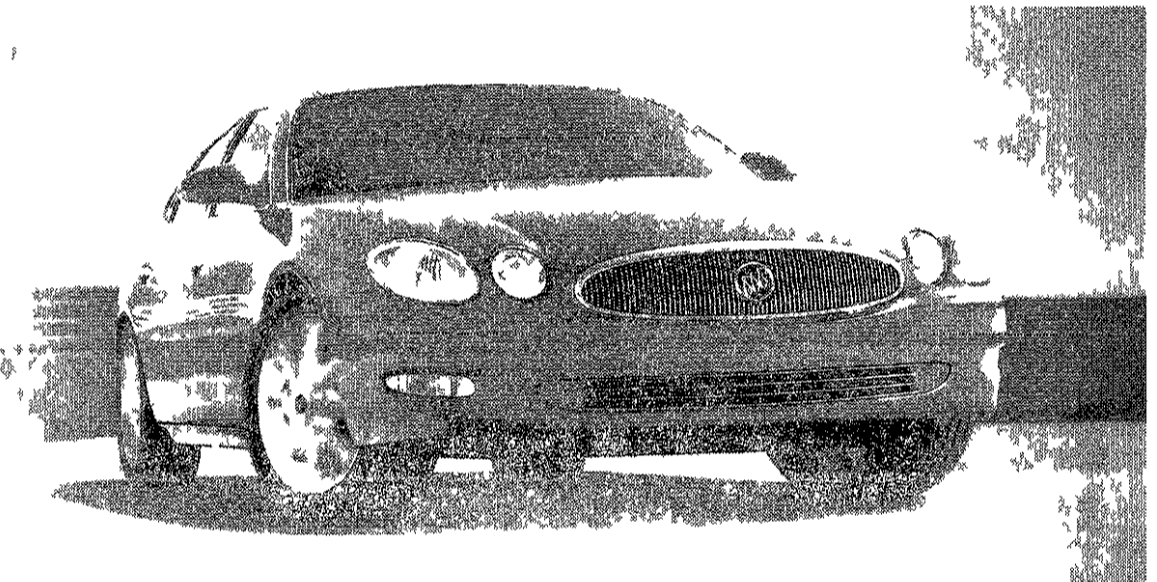
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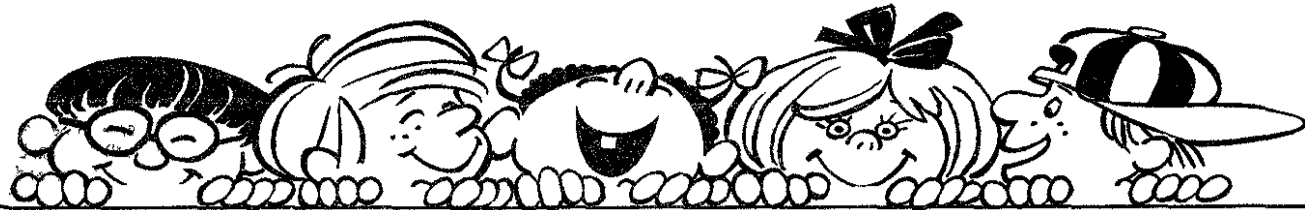


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## MU hitters split two doubleheaders

Madonna University's baseball team split a pair of week-end 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-from-behind 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

Spitzley.

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, and Kevin Entsminger went 2-for-3 with two RBI and Todd Kalmbach 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 Church Hill) and Kyle Fedorka.

Meanwhile, a scheduling conflict with visiting Ohio Dominican forced the cancellation 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 MU's magic number for their second straight outright conference title at two games.

## MU softball team drops four straight

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

The weather Saturday mirrored what is going on with the Madonna University softball team.

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 than 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.

Senior Stacey Sexsmith then singled, sending Smith to third, but Gruppen retired the next two batters to clinch her eight-hit 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 second.

"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 right-center by Day in the second. She was stranded there when Smith 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 senior Emily Knudson went 2-for-2.

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 1-0 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 Melame 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.

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## SIEDLACZEK LAUDED

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 excellence.

Siedlaczek earned a gold medallion for having a cumulative grade-point average between 3.75 and 4.00.

The award is named in memory of Brother David Delahanty, Lewis University president from 1982-87 and an enthusiastic supporter of the school's athletics programs.

## CHIEFS CAMP

The Canton Chiefs summer baseball camp still has a few openings. The camp will be held June 19-23 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Canton varsity baseball field. The cost of the camp is \$100.

Registration forms for the camp can be obtained at the Web site [www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com](http://www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com) or by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144.

## PHS BENEFIT NIGHT

The Plymouth High School athletic department will be holding its "Benefit Night" Friday, May 19, at 9 p.m. at Boulders Restaurant & Lounge, which is located on Ann Arbor Rd. between Sheldon and Main streets. The cover charge will be \$6, with all proceeds being donated to PHS athletics.

The 70s classic country rock band "Whitewater" will be performing.

## VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The Plymouth High School Volleyball Camp will be held July 24-26 in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. The camp will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

All female volleyball athletes in sixth through 10th grades are invited to attend.

The cost of the three-day camp is \$65.

For more information, contact Kelly McCausland at (734) 223-1737 or [kmcausland019@yahoo.com](mailto:kmcausland019@yahoo.com).

## ST. JOHN NEUMANN

## GOLF OUTING

The public is invited to participate in the 2006 St. John Neumann Athletic Department Golf Outing, which will be held Saturday, May 20, at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Canton. The shotgun start will commence at 8 a.m., registration opens at 7:30 p.m.

The cost of the four-person scramble, which is \$100 per player, includes the use of a cart, prizes and a buffet lunch. Proceeds from the event will go toward youth sports at St. John Neumann.

For more information, contact St. John Neumann athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910 ext. 31.

## CANTON GOLF OUTING

The 4th Annual Canton Chiefs Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, June 10, beginning with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start at Fox Hills Classic course in Plymouth Township.

For more information on the event, call (734) 467-8148 or (734) 981-9385.

## FOOTBALL COMBINE

The All-American Football Combine for high school players in grades 9-12 will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 14, at All-American Sportsplex in Auburn Hills.

Players will be tested in the 40-yard dash, vertical jump, bench press, 20-yard shuttle, 3-cone 'L' drill and various position drills. Participants will receive a full report of their scores and have the option to have them forwarded to college football programs.

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## WILDCAT BOOSTERS

The next Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club meeting will be held Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in room 401 of Plymouth High School.

All parents of current players and parents of incoming freshmen players are encouraged to attend the meeting.

## YOUTH GOLF

Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center will serve as one of 105 national qualifying sites for the 2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt competition. The event, a free golf skills competition for kids between the ages of 7 and 14, will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at Fox Hills.

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For more information, including a complete schedule and registration form, visit [www.TheGolfChannel.com](http://www.TheGolfChannel.com).

## ANN ARBOR RUN

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## TENNIS RESULTS

## SALEM 7

## W.L. CENTRAL 1

Tuesday at W.L. Central

No. 1 singles Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Clay Bartlett 6 1 6 2. No. 2 singles Pete Bartlett (S) def. Eric Hammon 6 3 6 3. No. 3 Blake Foster (S) def. Brad Yanalunas 6 3 6 2. No. 4 Neil Bakshi (S) def. Jovan Acutt 6 0 6 1.  
No. 1 doubles Dave Geick/Pawel Kargol (S) def. Casey Johnson/Mike Rivamonte 6 4 6 0. No. 2 Alex Poe/Jake Burnstein (S) def. Brian Hurd/Benji Dell 6 4 7 5. No. 3 Yoshi Hirabayashi/Brian Indianer (WLC) def. Cam Loftus/Kevin Steinman 6 1 6 7 (7) 5 7. No. 4 Steve Van Dusen/Matt Benson (S) def. Dan Friedman/Ilya Klavman 7 5 6 4.

## SALEM 7

## W.L. NORTHERN 1

Monday at Salem

No. 1 singles Lawrence Washington (S) defeated San Hau 6 0 6 0. No. 2 Pete Bartlett (S) def. Will Farwell 6 2 6 3. No. 3 Blake Foster (S) def. Greg Watson 6 1 6 0. No. 4 Neil Bakshi (S) def. Brad Thomas 6 1 6 0.


No. 1 doubles Pawel Kargol/Dave Geick (S) def. Andy Sanders/Matt Rolhoff 6 1 6 1. No. 2 Bob Bell/Tim Esper (WLN) def. Cam Loftus/Alex Poe 6 2 6 1. No. 3 Jake Burstein/Kevin Steinman (S) def. Kenny Harthun/Nick Sethi 6 1 6 3. No. 4 Steve Van Dusen/Matt Benson (S) def. Jeff Brody/Nick Muraca 6 2 7 6 (4).

## LIVONIA STEVENSON 8

## PLYMOUTH 0

Monday at Plymouth

No. 1 singles Chris McConnelly (LS) defeated Don Zhang 6 4 7 5. No. 2 Gino McConnelly (LS) def. Luc Lucay 6 0 6 1. No. 3 Ricky Roman (LS) def. Dan Jeong 6 4 6 1. No. 4 Ian Petty (LS) def. Clint Korpalski 6 2 4 6 0.  
No. 1 doubles Jay McConnelly/Mike Horgan (LS) def. Dave Snyder/Brett Kavulich 6 1 6 4. No. 2 Chris Stojanov/Manesi Potluri (LS) def. Doug Eggleston/Kevin Welch 7 5 7 5. No. 3 Mike Carpenter/Yash Chauhan (LS) def. Anoop Gopal/Nick Mazzocco 6 2 6 1. No. 4 Wes Dwight/Dan Greco (LS) def. Erik Korpalski/Brad Yergenson 6 4 1 6 6 3.  
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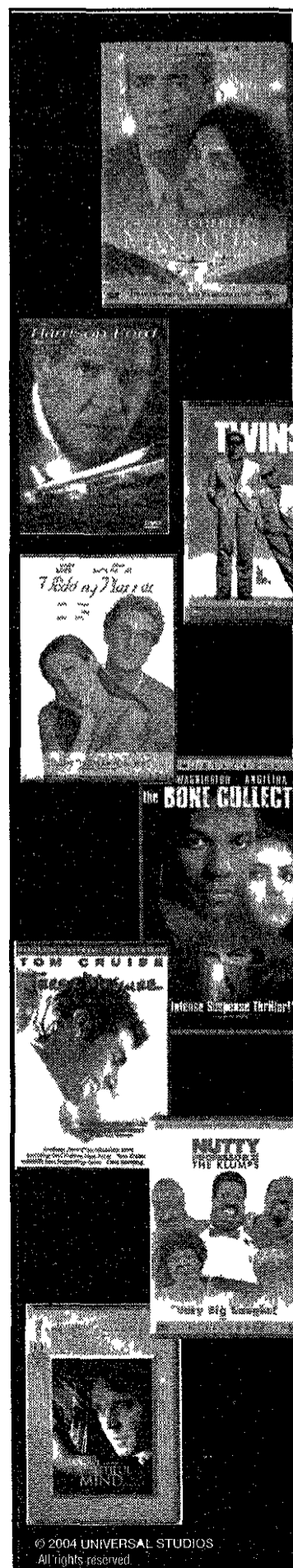
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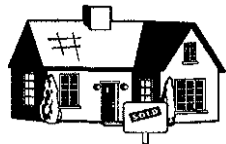
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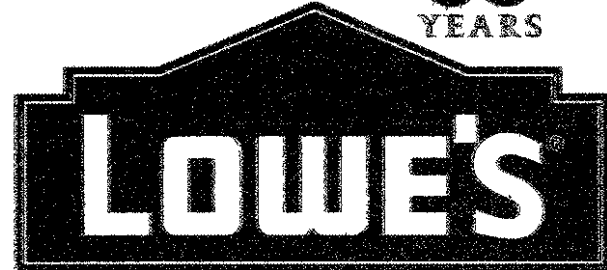
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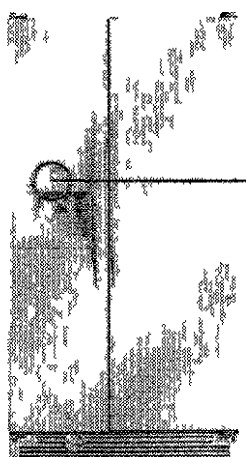
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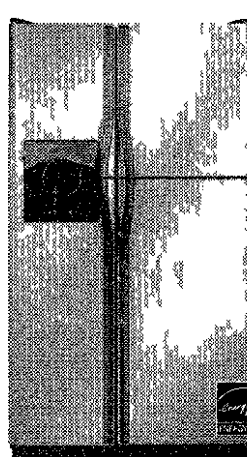
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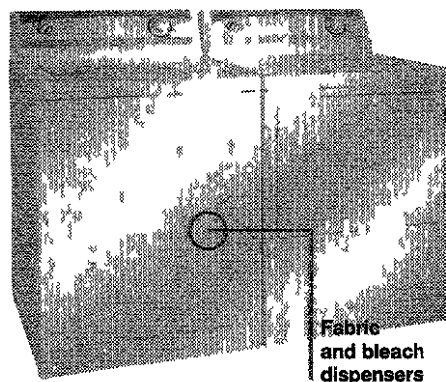
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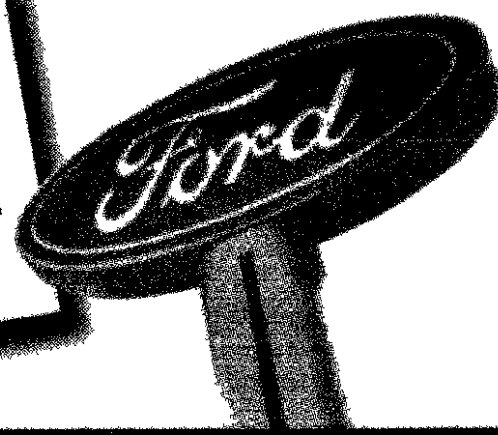
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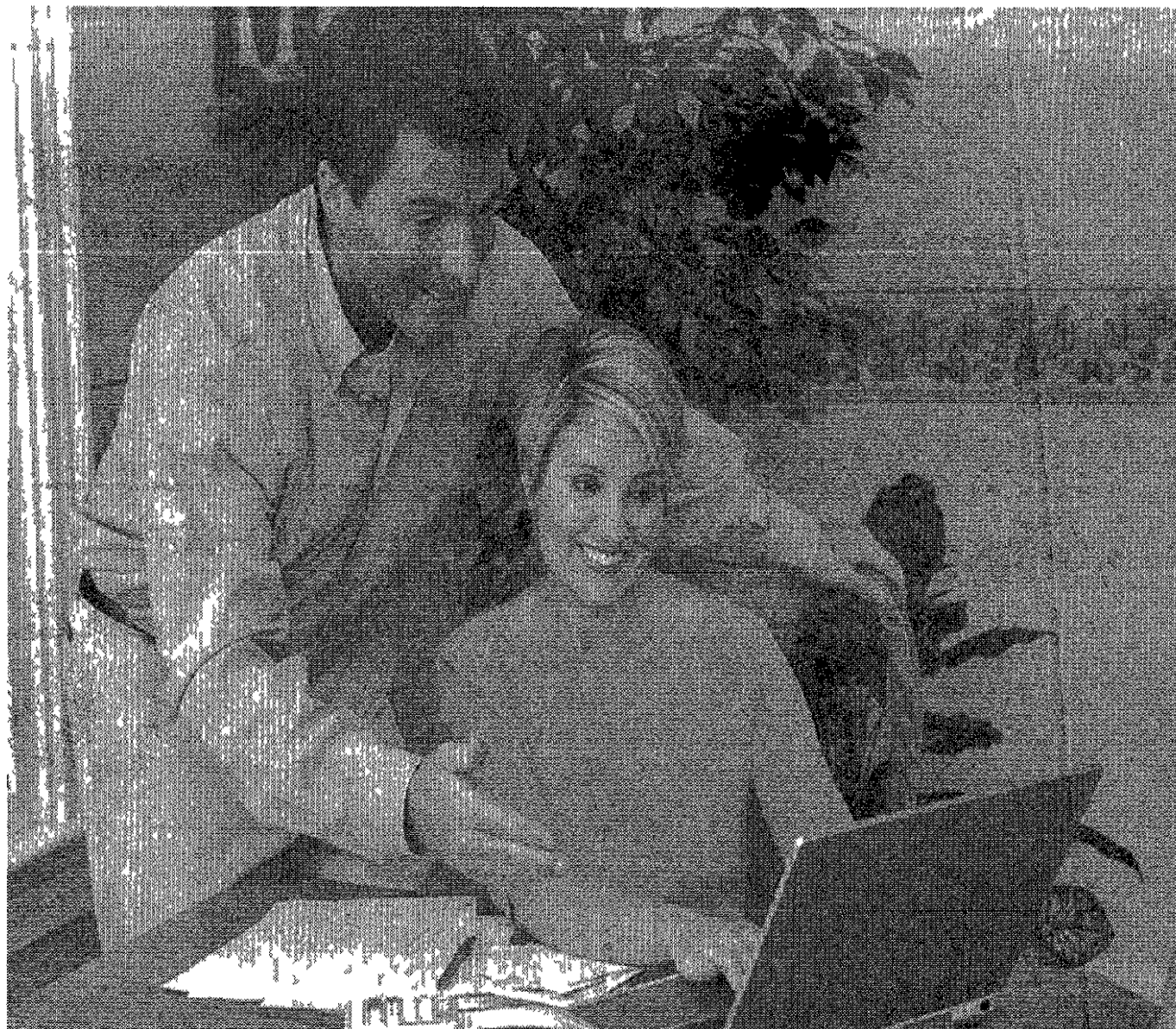
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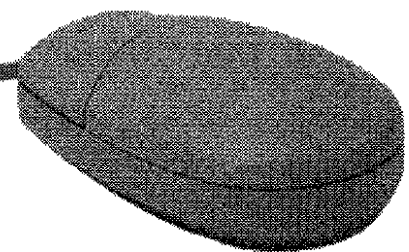
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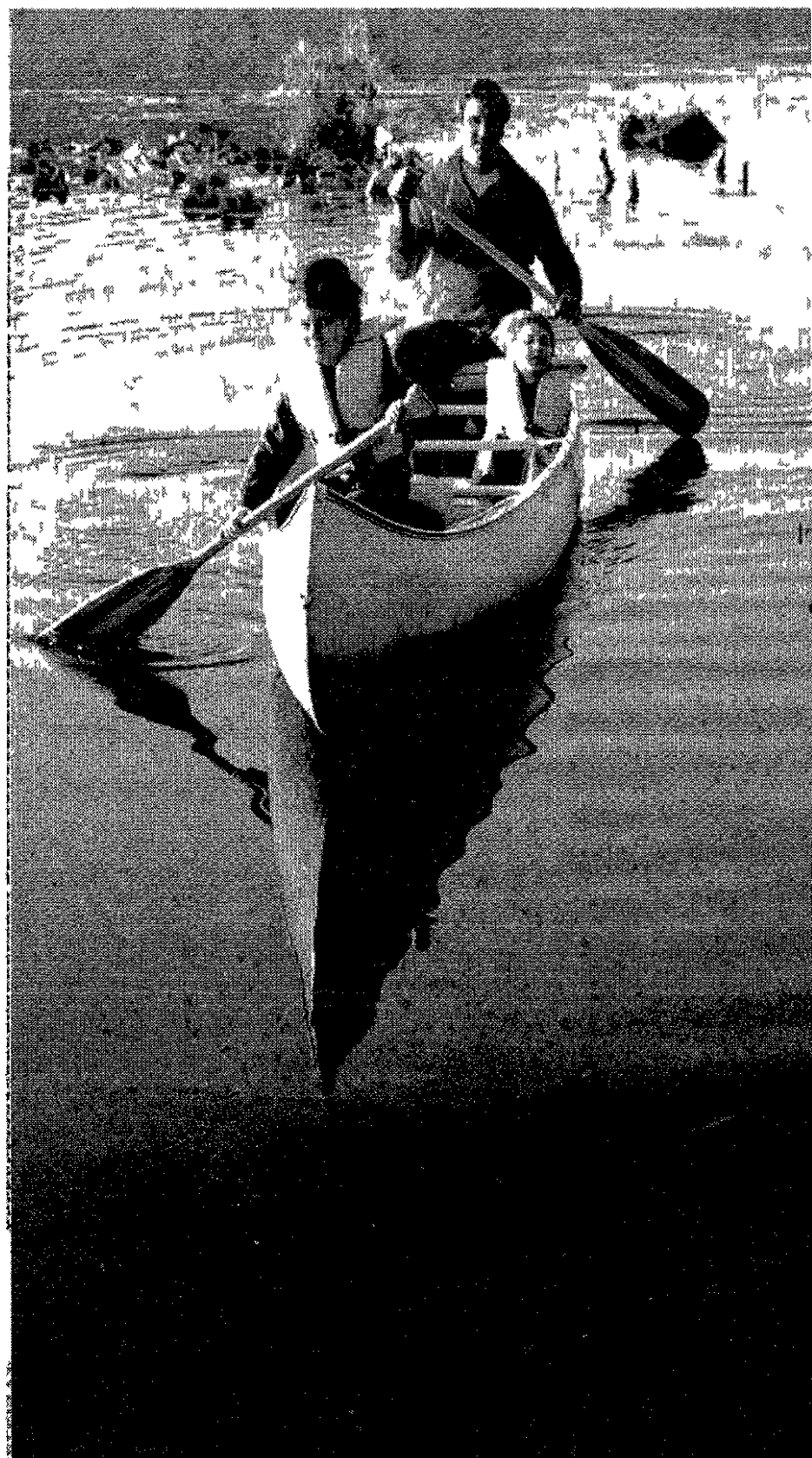






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## Accessorize spring salad

You 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.



**Kitchen Kapers**

**Ken Abramczyk**

OK, we'll try it again. *Soon spring arrives.* And now it's 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-cucumber-tomato mix in the salad, and it will be sufficient. But why not take it a step further?

We love fresh strawberries 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 than some fatter 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 there's the nuts. Pine nuts are great, but expensive, 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

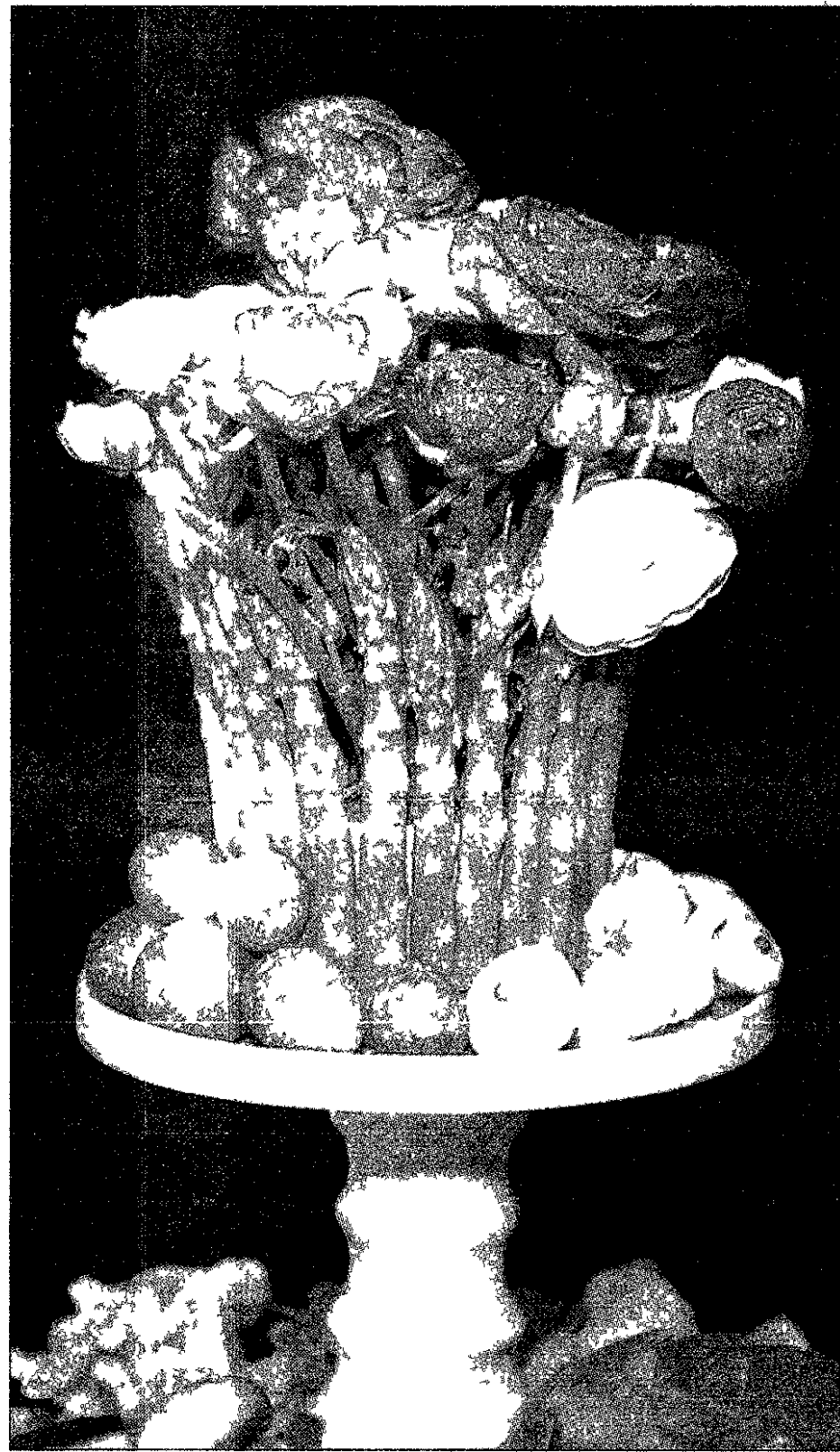
- Boston or bibb lettuce
- Romaine lettuce
- Green leaf or red leaf lettuce
- OR
- Spring mix (buy in package at store)
- 1/4 each, green and red peppers
- 1/4 cucumber
- 2 tomatoes wedged or 12 cherry or grape tomatoes halved
- 1/4 carrot skin peeled then carrot peeled into salad
- 4-8 strawberries sliced
- 1 mandarin orange peeled and divided into segments
- 1/4 cup dried cherries
- 8-12 snap peas sliced
- Walnuts toasted
- Bleu cheese or feta cheese
- Balsamic vinaigrette (mix balsamic vinegar with oil and water and Italian dressing salt and pepper)

Toss together the greens, then add remaining ingredients except for last two items. Toss, then serve with nuts, cheese and dressing on side.

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Designer Tablescapes 2006 will showcase approximately 20 table designs



Alternative designs for entertainment and casual living will be featured

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### Designers style table settings in Bloomfield Hills

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There'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, 10,000-square-foot French manor on Vaughan Road in Bloomfield Hills.

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

PLEASE SEE TABLES, D3

### 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 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 11, 10 a.m. 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



**Tech Savvy**

**Rick Broida**

Last 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.

It's difficult to transfer DVD video to your PC for editing, and because the images are compressed, some quality is lost in the process.

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



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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# Look at statistics of scary subjects

The 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 don't.

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 sensationalized, undue fear.



**About Animals**

Dr. Brad Davis

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 bird flu.

(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 to another.

Avian influenza is *not* a pandemic. It is, however, zoonotic ("It's zoonotic! What will we do?!" This is awful— 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 to 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 to the WHO Web site.)

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 Greenie.

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, it's 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 affected, statistics don't matter.

One of them was a miniature dachshund 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 pandemic.

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](http://www.AnimalTalkRadio.com). E-mail questions or comments to [brad@animaltalkradio.com](mailto: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'll 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](http://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 ecological 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 information call (734) 449-4237. Conifers for Michigan Gardens by Saguaro Plants owner Ben Woloskie will be the topic April 30. Spring flowering ephemerals by Saguaro Plants owner Anna Ornelas will be the topic May 7.

### Bonsai club

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 Mugo pine workshop with bonsai master Vance Wood of Detroit. Cost is \$50 to participate. 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 Struher at (586) 795-0065 or visit [www.fourseasonsbonsai.org](http://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 1-29 or 7:30-9:30 p.m. 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 different 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 pencils, erasers, standard plastic slot guides for drawing circles and triangles, 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 Matthaai Evening Herb Study Group Monday May 1. The program will take place at 7 p.m. in Room 139 at the University of Michigan Matthaai 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/mbgm>.

A French author of *Herbal Possibilities* and co author of *The Soapier's Cook Book* will show how to make soap using a crockpot. She'll 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](mailto:coleenfrench@power.net).

### Eco-gardening

Learn how to establish an environmentally beneficial landscape in Eco Gardening, 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 visit [www.communitied.net](http://www.communitied.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) 280-9500) stores.

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# Appliance Doctor will test front loader

I 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 those things in this column because that's not my style. If you 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.



**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

What it won't tell you is the position I've taken starting about eight years ago on the front load washers.

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 much for them.

The real twist to the story comes now. I'm having one delivered to my house. I'll tell you about this turn of events later in this column.

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 find out.

I agreed that huge savings would be realized in water and energy use, but my old-fashioned 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 hold up.

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 back.

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 question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to [mklemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com) and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

## HOME CALENDAR

### Facility tour

The Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority is celebrating Earth Day by offering free tours of the Material Recovery Facility on Coolidge between 14 and 15 Mile. See what happens to recyclables after they leave your home. The tours will take place 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday April 27. They will last about 30 minutes.

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](http://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 room. To register and for more information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.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](mailto>ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com) or visit [www.HabermanFabrics.com](http://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 Middlebelt in Livonia will offer a free Pet First Aid Class Wednesday May 3 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The class will feature simple first aid for dogs and cats including tips on creating a pet first aid kit and on how items you have around the house can be used in medical situations. 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](http://www.schoolcraft.edu). The schedule includes Interior Design I eight 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 (SOCRRA) has scheduled two Recycling 101 workshops for residents of its member 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 p.m. Wednesday May 10 at the Huntington Woods Library and 6-9 p.m. 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](mailto:socrra@socrra.org) or call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150. Participants will have the opportunity 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.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com). The class will be taught by professional 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](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com), fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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are any indication of the novel and trend-setting ideas that will be on view, visitors are sure to feel charged up about their spring and summer entertainment plans.

"We're trying to do something a little edgy, something a little more fashion-forward," said Amato, a resident of Huntington Woods and designer with Rariden Schumacher Mio in Birmingham.

Amato and his design partner from the firm plan to create a cocktails tablescapes a la New York City's famous Hudson Hotel. The Ian Schrager hotel, designed by Philippe Starck, blends the old with the new and is wild popular with young trend-

setters. The hotel even made an appearance on the HBO television show *Sex in the City*.

"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 VanCleaf 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 Postuf, 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-

er, said Amato.

"The whole idea is that this is fun," he said. "We want to show people that they can do it, too."

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# BROIDA

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resolution of the CCD play a major role in video quality Bigger is better

Low-end camcorders, those priced under \$500, generally have 1/6 -inch CCDs Spending extra will net you a 1/8- 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, it's 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, here's 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 i 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 crum-

my 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

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

# 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

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

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

Wooden popsicle sticks or plastic strips cut from gallon water jugs can be used for labels

Have plants divided into individual portions or sections before the swap

Plastic bags, plastic containers 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

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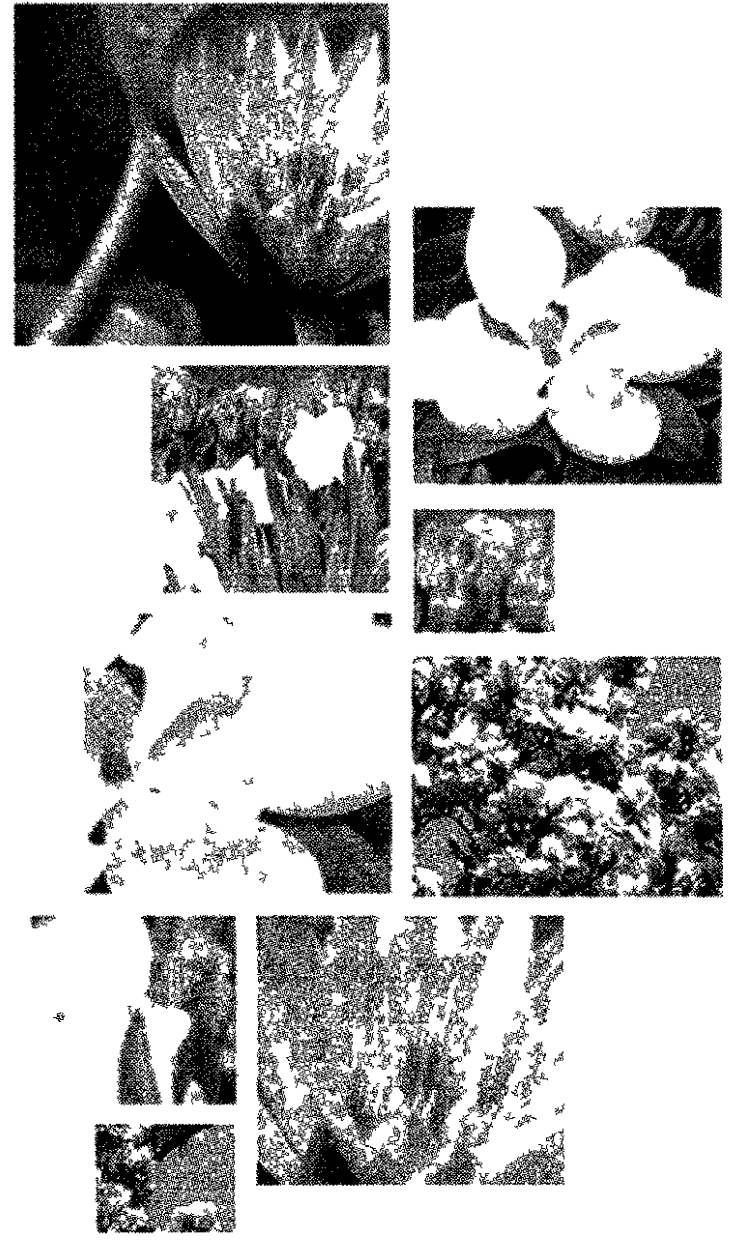
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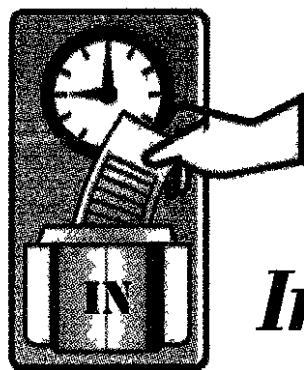
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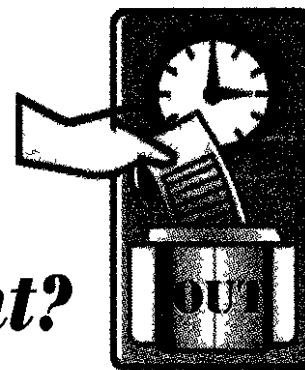
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# Spring brings sweet Vidalia onions

BY DANA JACOBI  
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Thanks to today's system of shipping, almost every kind of fresh produce is now available year round, from strawberries to asparagus. Still, a sure culinary sign of spring is the arrival of the year's new crop of sweet Vidalia onions from Georgia.

These days, different varieties 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 just-picked 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 yellow varieties known as storage onions. A high natural sugar level (6-15 percent) is what make them a stand-out compared 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 digest.

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 onions are perfect for making onion confit, also called onion jam or marmalade. Usually, this condiment of

caramelized, meltingly tender onions requires long cooking, lots of oil and frequent stirring.

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
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 4 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup fat free reduced sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar

Preheat the oven to

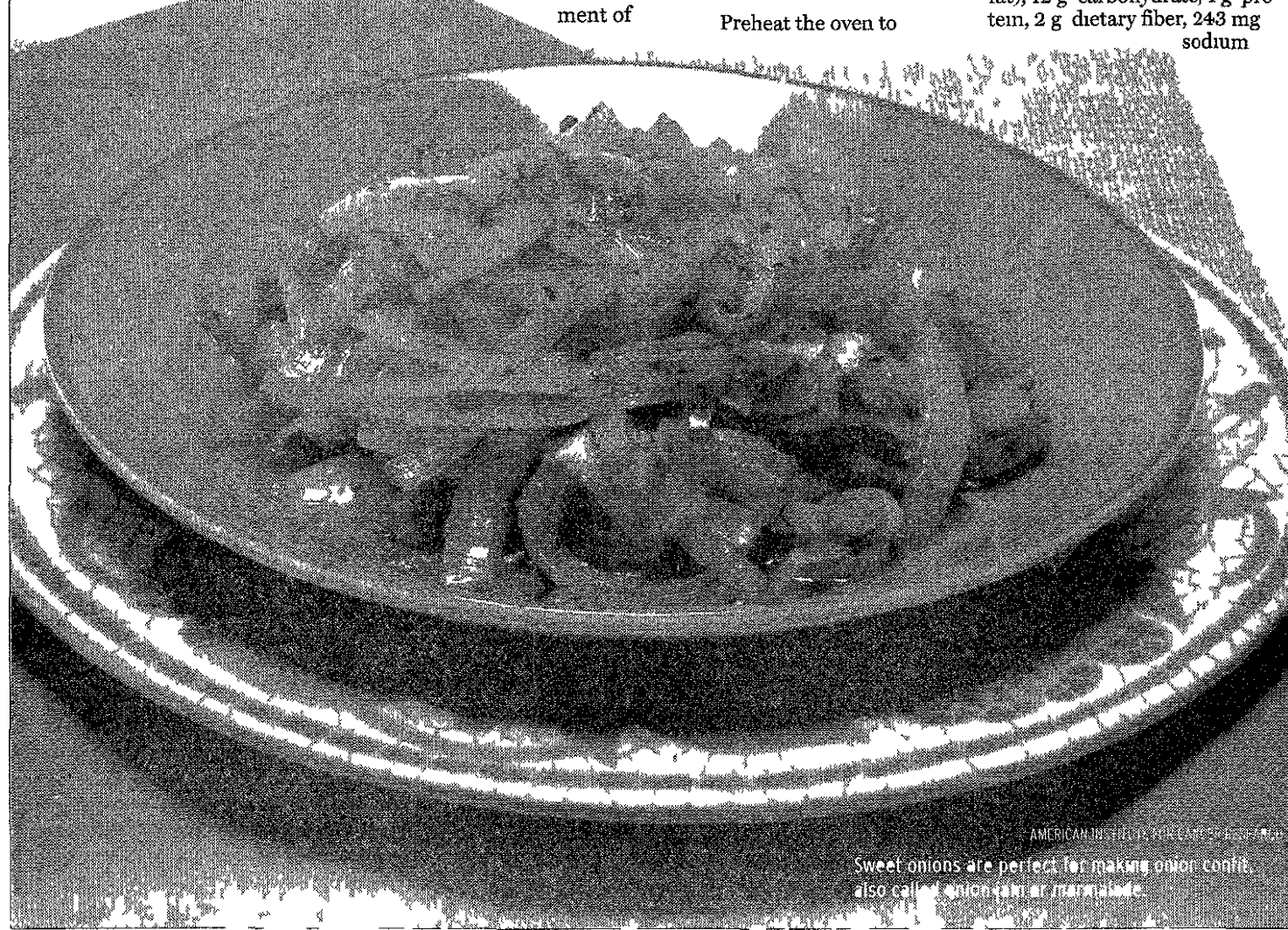
350°F. Coat an 8-inch x 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray and set aside.

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 liquid has evaporated. Cool completely.

Serve with roasted or grilled 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 protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 243 mg sodium.



Sweet onions are perfect for making onion confit. Also call onion jam or marmalade.

## FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar 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 p.m. June 20. Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, \$32. Register on line for any of these events at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information call (248) 990-4613.

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Incorporate the principles of Ayurveda, an ancient Indian science of health and well-being, at the following classes at 6:30-9:30 p.m. Exquisite Daal Curries, April 27; Heavenly Vegetarian Curries, May 4; Delectable Chicken Curries, May 18; and Vegetables the Indian Way, June 1.

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Sample menu items from 10 different restaurants in Farmington and Farmington Hills. 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, May 9. \$25. Must be 21 or over. (248) 474-3440. www.fhchamber.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. 6-8 p.m. 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. Proceeds used for student scholarships and competition travel funds. Call (248) 522-3700.

## Students can enter area recipe contest

Detroit-area students can receive a \$100,000 prize for college tuition, as part of a 12-city, public service recipe competition, which will be making its way to the Detroit area on May 11.

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Entries can be submitted online at www.freelunchmoney.com and three area students with the best recipes will be invited to present their creations live in front of three judges - Boss Bailey of the Detroit Lions, Chef Don Yamauchi of Tribute in Farmington Hills, along with nutritionist Gail Posner of West Bloomfield.

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 glaceau, the creator of vitaminwater®.

The vitaminschool tour is now on the road through the beginning of June 2006. The sponsoring company, glaceau, was formed in 1996, and is the creator of the enhanced water category and maker of vitaminwater®, fruitwater® and smartwater®.

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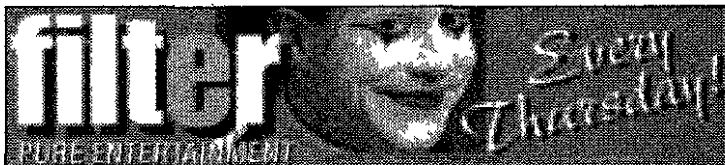
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 2002 Spellbound \$15

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

## 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 Valley.

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 lusciously sweet and delicious dessert-style rieslings.

## ARROWOOD THE WINERY

In 1986, while continuing to make Chateau St Jean wines, Arrowood and his wife and partner, Alis Demers Arrowood, founded Arrowood Vineyards and Winery in the Sonoma Valley, near the town of Glen Ellen. At first, Alis 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



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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 4 1/2-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, in 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.

2001 Arrowood Merlot \$42 is what all merlots should be. Dark cherries and black raspberries blend in a harmonious and generous wine that lasts long on the palate.

2002 Arrowood Cabernet Sauvignon \$42 is a complex, structured cab that is drinkable now, yet ageable. Black currant, cassia, grilled meat characters and mellow tannins round out an outstanding pour.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and *Troy* residents who write about wine, spirits and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at [focuswine@aol.com](mailto:focuswine@aol.com).

## Here's moo shoo pork, simplified

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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 category. 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 stir-fries 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 over- or 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 the end.

## PORK AND MUSHROOM STIR-FRY

- 4 dried black or shitake mushrooms
- 3-6 ribs bok choy
- 1 tablespoon reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon rice wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon grated or minced ginger
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic or more according to taste
- 1/2 (8 ounce) can sliced bamboo shoots, drained
- 10-12 ounce lean pork cut very thin
- 1 cup mung bean sprouts
- 1/4 cup chopped scallions (white and green)
- 3 cups cooked brown jasmine or basmati rice

In a small bowl, cover the mushrooms with hot

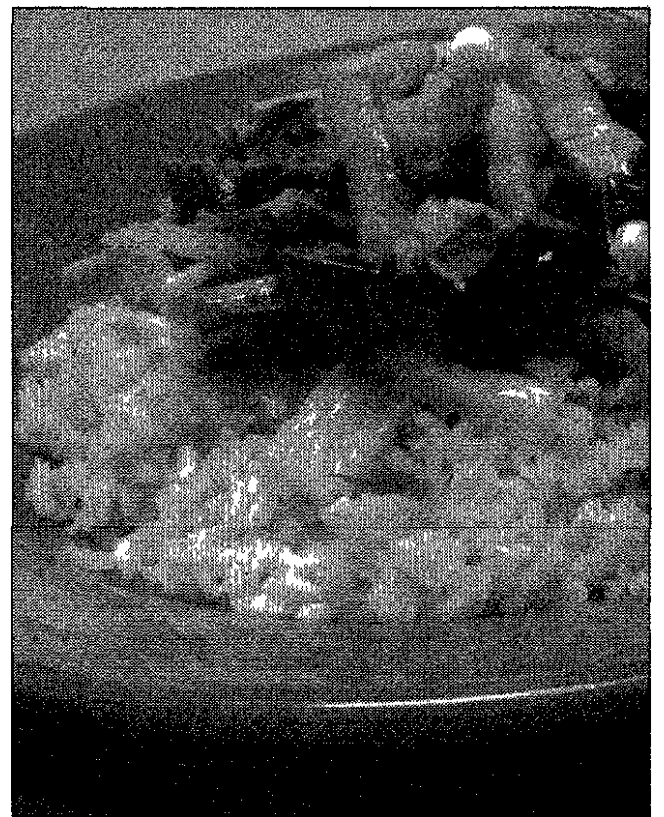
tap water and soak until soft, 20-30 minutes. Squeeze the mushrooms dry. Reserve 2 tablespoons of their soaking water. Remove and discard stems. Cut the mushrooms into very thin strips and set aside.

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 1 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 shoots. Stir-fry 30 seconds. Add the meat and stir fry until the meat looks white.

Add the sauce. When it starts to thicken, add the bean sprouts. Season with 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 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 58 g carbohydrate, 19 g protein, 7 g dietary fiber, 151 mg sodium.



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## Make Over Your Man

Novi firefighters model the latest menswear

By Wendy 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

### International Women's Show

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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 Camp.



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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

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

## What's Hot

By Meredith Baxter



Meredith Baxter

Many remember Meredith Baxter from the '80s sitcom *Family Ties*. The actress has starred in countless plays, films and made-for-TV movies. Recently, she added skin care specialist to her resume. Meredith Baxter Simple Works is a cruelty free line of beauty products that supports the Meredith Baxter Fund for Breast Cancer Research. Baxter will visit the International Women's Show May 4-7 in Novi to demonstrate Simple Works sign autographs, and give away samples and prizes. In the meantime, she shares her favorite picks with PINK

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### List

**You're Wearing That?**  
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 In honor of Mother's Day and Breast Health Month, the Women's Health Boutique of Livonia will host a free Mother Daughter Brunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday May 6. Participants will be treated to a free meal along with advice on personal training and custom fitted breast prostheses. In addition, Gail Perry Mason author of *Girl Make Your Money Grow* will offer financial advice and sign copies of her book. RSVP to the Women's Health Boutique 31209 Plymouth Rd. (734) 762-9324.



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Members of Detroit Dance Collective present *Carnival of Animals* a program of animal inspired dance with special appeal to children

## Detroit Dance Collective brings animals to life

Detroit Dance Collective is preparing to show off its animal moves

So the troupe, in collaboration with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Community Arts Partner Program, is presenting *Carnival of the Animals*

Featuring zany, animal-inspired choreography by Detroit Dance Collective artistic director Barbara Selinger, performances are slated at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. April 30 at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit

*Carnival* fills the stage with stunning props and video projections that magically transform the space into a magnificent fantasy world of breathtaking and surprising images

Set to the music of Camille Saint-Saëns, this wildly imaginative family concert will

### DANCE FOR THE FAMILY

**What:** Detroit Dance Collective presents *Carnival of the Animals*

**When:** 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. April 30

**Where:** Max M. Fisher Music Center (in the Music Box) 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit

**Tickets:** \$10 call (313) 576-5111 or visit [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com) For information about the production call (810) 444-4553 or visit [www.detroitdancecollective.org](http://www.detroitdancecollective.org)

be performed by dance company members, along with young dancers from the Detroit Waldorf School, ages 6 to 8, and teens from Detroit area communities

The production is further enhanced by humorous poetry and exquisite costumes. Following the performance, children will be invited on stage to join dancers in a guided performance experience

Nicole Stafford

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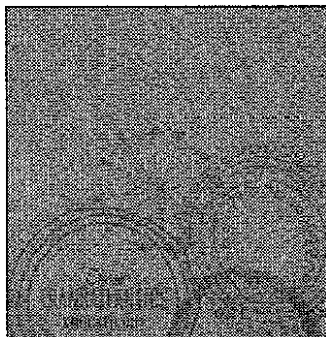
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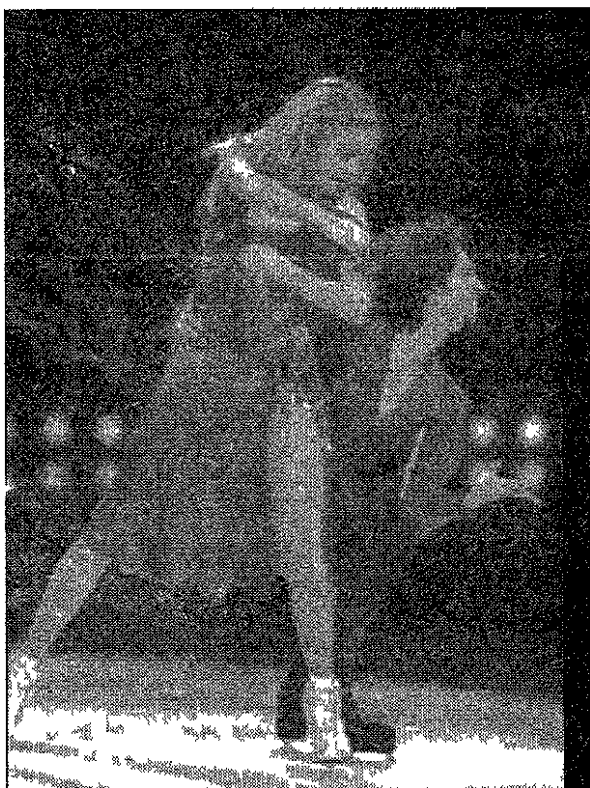
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# Four world medalists perform in Champions on Ice

Michelle Kwan and other Olympic medalists are coming May 7 to perform in John Hancock's Champions on Ice. After the Olympics, the featured skaters won even more events, most recently at the 2006 World Championship events where United States' skaters took home three bronze medals.

■ Sasha Cohen in the ladies event, who also won the 2006 Olympic silver medal

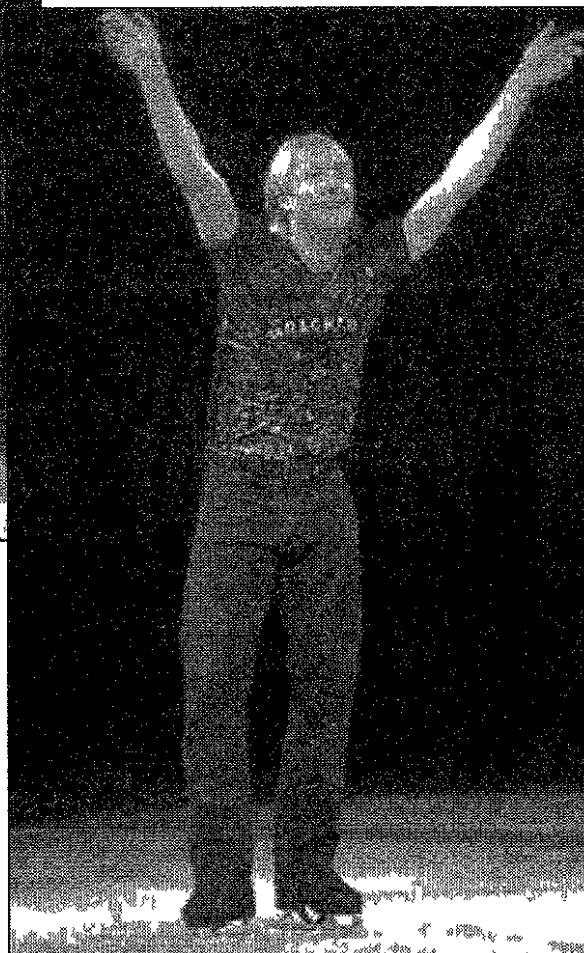
■ Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto in ice dancing, who also won the 2006 Olympic silver medal

■ 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 U.S. 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 Totminina 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



Right: current Olympic champion, three-time World Champion and five-time European Champion Evgeny Plushenko, 22, will perform. Far left, Tanith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto are on the U.S. Olympic Team. Belbin spent time living in Detroit.



Victor Petrenko, Rudy Galindo and Surya Bonaly

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 Oleksiy 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.

**JOHN HANCOCK CHAMPIONS ON ICE TOUR**

**When:** 2 p.m. Sunday May 7

**Where:** Joe Louis Arena

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# Farmington Family Festival Day is free

Performances by a Scottish dance group, live jazz, framed artwork and more — it's 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 and purchase

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

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# Bolcom, Morris return to Birmingham Temple

**Music**

Grammy Award-winning 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 concertos, 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 York, Curtis Institute in 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 poet-lyricist Arnold Weinstein are highlights from the performance.

Bolcom will perform one of his works from *Songs of Innocence and Experience*.

A review in the *Milwaukee Journal* stated "the duo is musical enough to make true poetry of the American tradition. Sometimes blithely romantic, scathingly sassy or brazenly sentimental, the duo traverses Broadway, vaudeville and music hall, from ragtime to mid-century."

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 Chersh at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348.



William Bolcom and Joan Morris will perform May 13 at the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills.

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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:** Aired 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 visit [www.idolonfox.com](http://www.idolonfox.com)

fifth season, airs 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday on FOX, locally

on WJBK-TV (Channel 2)

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 star-hopefuls sing their hearts out each week in a competition to become the next "American Idol."

Tuesday night's show

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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.

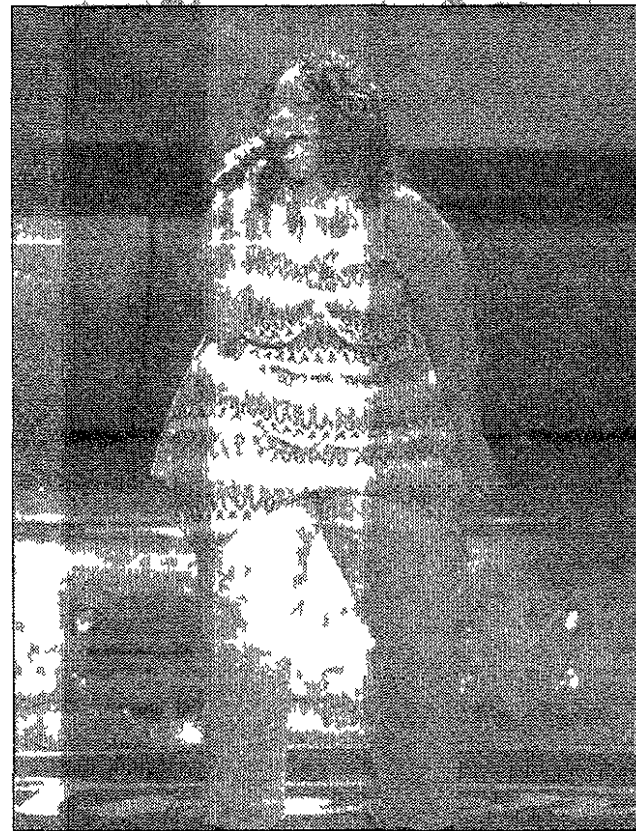
Anna Filimon, 20, of Warren keeps tabs on the show but describes others in her family as die-hard fans. "My parents are all into it," she said.

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 star's 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, who's next to get the boot?



Mandisa - voted off.

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# 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.

Yet, 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 (\$7.45) includes ham, bacon, sausage, onions and cheddar cheese, yahoo! (\$7.25), with caramelized onion, mushrooms, baby spinach, zucchini and tomatoes, topped with cheddar and Swiss cheeses, appeals to vegetarians.

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 lettuce goes into the omelet before it's folded over. The popular vegetarian includes mushrooms, green peppers, green onions, avocado, artichoke hearts and Swiss cheese,

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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.

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cilantro and sour cream, smothered in New Mexican green chile sauce, is dubbed **huevos rancheros** (\$7.95)

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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**Eleanor Heald** is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants food wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* Contact her by e mail at focusonwine@aol.com

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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 S State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested donation \$5 (734) 763 UMMA or visit [www.umma.umich.edu](http://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](http://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) 60 CRANBROOK or visit [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://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](http://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](http://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.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.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](http://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](http://www.detroitmona.com/howardschatz.htm)

### G.R. N'Namdi Gallery

*Touch: The Appetite of Skin* Carol Ann Carter through May 20 66 E. Forest Detroit [www.grnamdi.com](http://www.grnamdi.com) (313) 831 8700

### Washington Street Gallery

120 E. Liberty Ann Arbor call (734) 761 2287 or visit [www.wsg.art.com](http://www.wsg.art.com)

### Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Oakland University 208 Wilson Hall Rochester Hills free call (248) 370 3005 or visit [www.oakland.edu/mbag](http://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 call (248) 333 7849

### Paint Creek Center for the Arts

407 Pine St. Rochester call (248) 651 4110 or visit [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org)

### Tangent Gallery

*Parallel Lies* featuring Mark Heggie show



runs through April 7 15 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 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday 32782 Woodward Royal Oak (248) 647 7709

### Orchard Lake Art Gallery

*A Glassy Occasion* glass exhibit continuing through the end of April 4301 Orchard Lake Road West Bloomfield (248) 538 9021

### The Print Gallery

*Vintage Poster Exhibit* through April 29 with posters used to advertise food, liquor, entertainment, etc. 29173 Northwestern Hwy Southfield (248) 356 5454 [www EverythingArt.com](http://www EverythingArt.com) or [www.MonaLisaMania.com](http://www.MonaLisaMania.com)

### Oakland Community College

Student Art Show: paintings, ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus. At the campus at Woodland Hall Library 7300 Cooley Lake Road Waterford 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

## ART, ETC.

### Farmington Hills Artists Club

Spring 2006 Exhibit juror: Laura Whitesides Host of Birmingham April 27-30 free admission William M. Costick Activities Center 28600 11 Mile Farmington Hills (734) 455 9885

### Cranbrook 2006 graduate student exhibit

Runs through May 12 with student art auction 4-7 p.m. Saturday May 6 Cranbrook Art Museum 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills \$4-\$6 call (877) 60 CRANBROOK or visit [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://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.oakland.edu/mbag](http://www.oakland.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](http://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 Hovhanness and *Coronation Anthem No. 1* by 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 p.m. Sunday April 30 \$25 adults free for students and children 18 and under Temple Beth El 14 Mile and Telegraph Bloomfield Township (248) 645 BBSO [www.bbso.org](http://www.bbso.org)

### U-M Life Sciences Orchestra

Tchaikovsky and Copland works performed at free concert 8 p.m. Friday May 5 University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium visit [www.umich.edu/~lsorch](http://www.umich.edu/~lsorch) e-mail [orchestra@umich.edu](mailto:orchestra@umich.edu) or call (734) 936 ARTS

### Menaheim Pressler

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 Choral and Chamber Orchestra

Mozart's *Great Mass in C minor* and *Exsultate* *Jubilate* 3 p.m. Sunday May 7 Fort Street Presbyterian Church 631 W. Fort Detroit \$15 (313) 961 4533

### Andre Rieu

8 p.m. Monday May 15 \$42.50-\$62.50 available at [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com), The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations (248) 645 6666

## CLUBS

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## 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 p.m. Cover is \$5-\$21 and up.

open 10 p.m. cover \$5  
[www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm](http://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 punk 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.blindpigmusic.com](http://www.blindpigmusic.com)

### Blue Martin

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

### Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. 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](http://www.thebosco.com) (248) 541 8818

### 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 jazz band [www.gobuddha.net](http://www.gobuddha.net) (313) 535 4664

### Club Bart

21 and over only 22726 Woodward Ferndale (248) 548 8746

### Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. 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

Lounges dance and happy hour 3-9 p.m. Tuesdays Fridays nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. (313) 962 2244 625 Shelby Detroit [www.elysiumlounge.com](http://www.elysiumlounge.com)

### Emerald Theatre

Concert house dancing 32 N. Walnut Mount Clemens (586) 913 1920

### Ginopolis on the Grill

**Doh Swindell and Shuffle Play** with Swindell Sheila Brown Mike Lorenz and Jake Rechhart 7 30 11 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 5941

**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

**X/S**  
High energy dance club 1500 Woodward northeast corner at John R Detroit (313) 963 9797

**Seldom 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 Apollo amateur night 8 p.m. Wednesday \$10 \$15 25333 W 12 Mile inside Star Theatre complex Southfield (248) 348 2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

**Second City**  
Bobble Heads of State performances are Wednesday Sunday \$15 \$20 42705 Grand River Ave Novi call (248) 348 4448 For tickets call (248) 645 5555 or www.ticketmaster.com

**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.joeycomedy.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.detroitssymphony.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 Meadow Brook Theatre 207 Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University Rochester Hills, \$20-\$36 call (248) 377 3300 or visit www.mbttheatre.com

**Edsel & Eleanor Ford House**  
Children's programs April 29 1100 Lake Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores visit www.fordhouse.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.detroitssciencecenter.org

## JAZZ

**Windsor Detroit Jazz Club**  
Ongoing gigs in Oakland County Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band 1 4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month Shield's Pizza 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph) Southfield \$8 cover (248) 478 0172

**Jazz and dinner**  
Kind of Blue Tuesdays at Lola's Harmonie Park Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park for dinner reservations or information call (313) 962 0483

**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 dress (313) 342 0006

## MORE MUSIC

**Angel's Place Concert**  
Annual concert 8 p.m. Saturday April 29 St Andrew Church 1400 Inglewood Rochester donations accepted (248) 350 2203

**Coffee Beanery Cafe**  
Larry Arbour 7 30 p.m. Saturday April 29 28557 Woodward Berkley (248) 336 9930

**Monsignor Hunt Knights of Columbus**  
The Stilletoes Spring Fling 50s and 60s Dance featuring the Jimmy Howard Band with Street Heart 6 30 p.m. to 12 30 a.m. 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 p.m. April 29 Our Shepherd Lutheran Church 2225 E 14 Mile Birmingham \$15 \$50 (248) 852 9395 www.oaklandcommunitychorus.org

**Armenian and Middle Eastern Folklore Music**  
Concert 2 p.m. Saturday May 6 free admission Farmington Community Library 32737 W 12 Mile Farmington Hills (248) 553 6880 www.aratopouzian.com

**Birmingham Temple**  
Vivace Music Series Grammy winner William Bolcom and Joan Morris 8 p.m. Saturday May 13 at Birmingham Temple 28611 W 12 Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills \$18 \$21 call (248) 788 9338

**Livonia Civic Chorus**  
Classic Broadway showtunes with Livonia Youth Choir 7 p.m. Friday May 19 and 3 p.m. Saturday May 20 Marquis Theatre 135 E Main Northville \$8 \$10 advance \$10 \$12 at door (734) 525 6414 www.livoniacivicchorus.org

**KerryTown**  
415 N Fourth Ave Ann Arbor reservations recommended (734) 769 2999 www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com

**Station 885**  
Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz every Thursday 7 10 p.m. (bass and piano) 885 Starkweather Plymouth (734) 459 0885

**Trinity House**  
Reservations recommended for 87 seat concert house 38840 W Six Mile (just west of I 275) Livonia shows 8 p.m. No alcohol no smoking (734) 464 6302 www.trinityhouse.org

## MUSEUMS

**Henry Ford Museum**  
20900 Oakwood Blvd west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue Dearborn Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre For more information call (313) 982 6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org

**Cranbrook Science Museum**  
Featured exhibit is it's a Nano World Permanent exhibits include planetarium nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills general admission is \$5 \$7 planetarium \$1 \$3 (248) 645 3200 or www.cranbrook.edu

**Detroit Science Center**  
*Premiere of Magnificent Desolation Walking on the Moon* narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time* \$6 shows run indefinitely 5020 John R Detroit \$6 \$7 (313) 577 8400 www.detroitssciencecenter.org

**Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm**  
1927 Dairy Barn 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history General admission \$5 adults \$3 seniors and students (248) 656 4663 www.rochesterhills.org

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT

**Mini Business Expo and Taste of Plymouth**  
More than 20 restaurants and 75 booths showcasing businesses 5 7 30 p.m. Monday May 1 Inn at St John's Five Mile and Sheldon roads \$10 (734) 453 1540 www.ply



**FILM**  
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

**Katrina Salon and Spa Relief**  
Nine salons raise funds Monday May 1 including Avalon Salon & Spa 34657 Woodward Ave Birmingham (248) 258 4966 and Sandalwood Spa and Salon 4862 N Adams Rochester (248) 364 4500

**Rochester Hills Museum**  
Peter Trumbore Oakland University professor will discuss torture the Geneva Convention and War on Terror 7 p.m. Tuesday May 2 at Van Hoosen Farm 1005 Van Hoosen Road Rochester Hills \$5 pre register at (248) 656 4663

**Celebration Youth Orchestra**  
Spring concert 7 p.m. Wednesday May 3 Village Theater at Cherry Hill 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton \$6 for tickets call (734) 394 5460 for information call Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451 2112

**Nominations sought**  
The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm seeks nominations of outstanding women honorees will be announced at the exhibit premiere in March 2007 at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm in Rochester Hills. For more information visit www.rochesterhills.org or contact Michelle Akers Berg at (248) 656 4663 Ext 24 All applications must be postmarked by May 15

**May Play Day Celebration**  
Music dance workshops evening concert noon to 11 p.m. Saturday May 6 University Presbyterian Church 1385 S Adams Rochester Hills \$25 family \$10 person concert only (7 30 p.m.) \$5 www.paintcreekhillsloresociety.org

**Taste of Two Cities**  
Sample menu items from 10 different restaurants in Farmington and Farmington Hills 6 10 p.m. Tuesday May 9 \$25 must be 21 or over (248) 474 3440 www.ffchamber.com

**Sumo Wrestling**  
Battle of the Giants 7 30 p.m. Friday May 26 \$25 \$50 children 12 and under get 50 percent discount available at Palacenet.com The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations (248) 645 6666

**Detroit Zoo's Exhibit Hall of the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery**  
*Portraits of a MicroWilderness Michigan's Backyard Invertebrates*, an exhibit of color photographic images of insects and other invertebrates by Rick Lieder Free with zoo admission \$7 \$11 For more information call (248) 398 0900 or visit www.detroitzoo.org

**Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station**  
The SJMHES has free Family Fun Days on the fourth Thursday of each month 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. inside the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building at 1600 S Canton Center Road, Canton (734) 398 7518 www.healthexplorationstation.com

**Pinocchio 3000**  
A classic 3-D tale with a futuristic twist. Animated feature is part of the Kidtoon Films G rated weekend matinee program at Emagine Canton on Ford Road just east of I 275 and Emagine Novi located at 44425 W 12 Mile in Novi \$5 Visit www.emagineentertainment.com or call (888) 319 FILM

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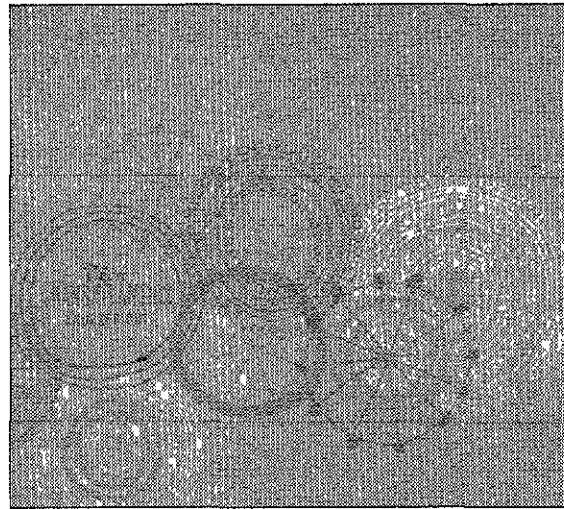
## REVIEW

Think of Michigan-grown Those Transatlantics as the American version of Canada's The New Pornographers. What do they sound like to make such a comparison? Think of some of the poppiest, catchiest tunes you can imagine. That's Those Transatlantics, and that flawless sound can be heard on their first full-length release, *Knocked Out*. Brought to you by Suburban Sprawl

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**REVIEW**



The Hard Lessons are at it again and I couldn'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 hi 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](http://www.blindpigmusic.com) for more details.

*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 doesn'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

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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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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 cooking. 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

Carmones Provencale, a grilled jumbo shrimp dish marinated in white wine and fresh herbs, topped with bread crumbs and Spanish paprika and laced with garlic butter.

The dinner only restaurant contains three full service cocktail bars including a wine bar and martini bar, and is open

Mondays through Thursdays 5 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, president 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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# Local playwright's 'Coming of Age' opens at JET

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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 Dubin's *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.

It's about getting older, but it's really about starting to get older, said Dubin, an award-winning playwright who also teaches her craft at Oakland University in Rochester Hills. There's 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 passage by tracking the relationship between two best girlfriends: Sarah, played by Naz Edwards of Ann Arbor and Holly, portrayed 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, retirement 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 *Ties 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, there's 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.

## TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCE

**What:** Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents the premiere of *Coming of Age* by Birmingham playwright Kitty Dubin.

**When:** Opens 8:30 p.m. Saturday April 29; donor reception with the playwright is slated 7:30-8:30 p.m. Play continues through May 21 with performances at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

**Where:** Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield (donor reception located in Hermelin ORT Resource Center).

**Tickets:** \$28-\$37; discounts for students and seniors; and \$15 rush tickets available one hour before performances. Donor reception tickets are \$50. Call (248) 788-2900 or visit [www.jettheatre.org](http://www.jettheatre.org).

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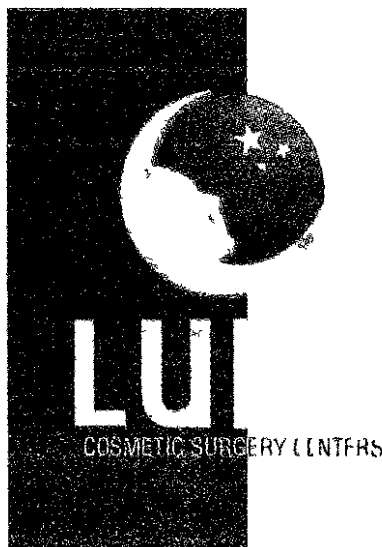
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