

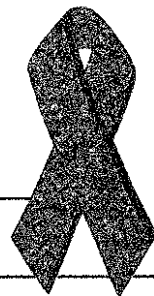
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Towns ask for water use shift

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Last summer, the big day was June 27. That's when the busiest hour of the busiest day occurred at the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the department was pumping water to customers faster than at any other time of the year.

That period of time — the peak hour and the peak day — has a significant effect on the rate communities pay for their water, it's given 20 percent weight in the total formula for figuring out suburban water rates, according to Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas.

In an effort to reduce usage peaks, and ultimately water rates, some communities are asking for voluntary water use restrictions. Canton and Northville townships, Plymouth and Northville implemented the restrictions last year, and will again this year.

The city of Plymouth will participate, even though there hasn't been a direct benefit to doing so, according to City Manager Paul Sincock.

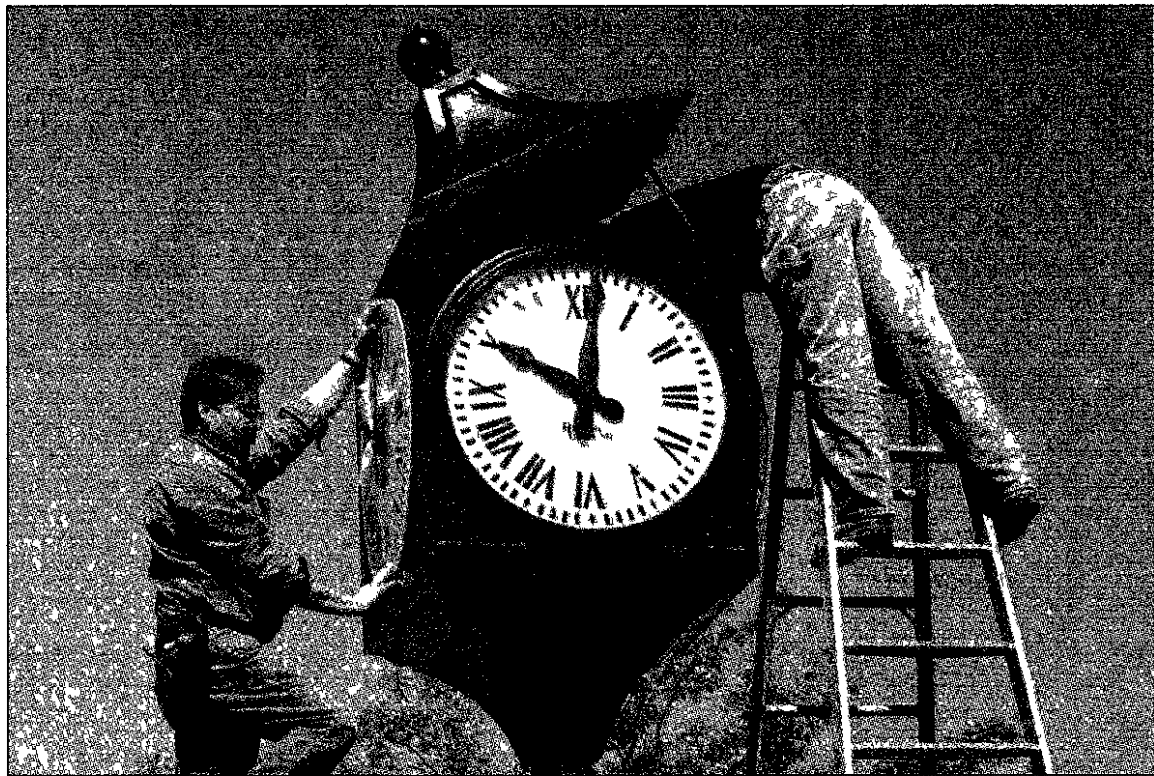
"We just don't have the population Canton does, so we're not really impacted during peak hours, not to the level they are. But if it means being a good neighbor and participating in a program that could help everyone, we're all for it," Sincock said. "We're all tied to the same distribution lines, so if we can reduce pressure concerns during peak demands, then clearly we would want to do that. Any little bit helps."

In Canton, it's more a matter of timing than consumption, according to Faas.

"At this point we're not asking for conservation as much as we're asking for a change in habits so that we're not all watering our lawns at the same time, and we're not doing that at the same time that people are typically doing things like showering and taking laundry," Faas said.

The plan works like this: Residents and businesses with odd-numbered street addresses should water lawns, fill swimming pools and wash cars on odd-numbered days. Residents with even-numbered addresses should do so on even-numbered days. Residents are also asked to limit use between 5-9 a.m., when most people are showering and getting ready for work, Faas said.

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Steve Sarate and Joe Stumpo, both of Tillman Electric, set up the repaired clock on Main Street in downtown Plymouth

Back in time

Downtown corner gets clock back after year absence

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Victorian-style clock that's been missing from the downtown landscape since May 2005 when a motorist crashed into it is once again perched in its familiar spot.

Crews from Herwig Lighting in Russellville, Ark., Tillman Electric in Plymouth and the city's Municipal Services Department spent much of Monday in the Main Street median, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail, erecting the time piece that's been missing for nearly a year. Herwig is the same company that built and delivered the clock to Plymouth in October 1986.

Seems to be running on time, City Manager Paul Sincock said. "We're glad to have it back."

Sincock said another downtown icon, the Kellogg Park fountain, is expected to be in place some time next month. All About Ponds in New Boston has indicated the new fountain should be delivered by Memorial Day, and Sincock said it could be operational some time in June.

"We've discovered three leaks in the drain line, and there's an additional leak we've yet to find," Sincock said about repairs to the current base. "If we can fix the leaks, we'll have the temporary fountain up and running soon."

All About Ponds, the low bidder at \$27,800, is constructing a

fountain based on a design by the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission, which has taken on the "Fountain of Youth" project to replace the one that toppled over and smashed into several pieces in May 2004.

The new fountain will include a spray ring on the outer limits of the fountain bowl that will shoot and cascade water in a six-foot arch toward the center. The center will feature a single bowl that will have water bubbling up and cascading over the edges.

The Wilcox Foundation has given the city a \$27,000 grant toward the total project cost of \$36,000.

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Crash victim remembered as 'beautiful' girl

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

To those who knew her, Jessica Mitsch of Plymouth Township was a fun-loving, carefree, 24-year-old woman who loved spending her free time with family and friends.

As her best friend since second grade at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, and through high school at Ladywood in Livonia, Stephame Florence said despite some long work hours, Mitsch liked "to pack in a lot" with those she loved.

"Important to her were friends, her parents and two brothers," said Florence, 24, who grew up in Canton. "She loved to go out, meet people and be with her friends and go shopping with the girls. She was the most loyal friend anybody could ever have."

The thoughts of the good times are sustaining those who loved Mitsch, killed shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday, May 4, while



Jessica Mitsch

on her way home from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township, where she worked while studying to become a nurse.

According to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Mitsch was taking her usual route home from the hospital — eastbound on Plymouth Road — when the Honda Accord she was driving was struck by a 41-year-old Ann Arbor man, who

deputies report ran a stop sign while traveling southbound on Gottfredson.

Mitsch was transported in critical condition to St. Joe's and later died from her injuries. Sheriff's Department Commander Dave Egeler said the report to the county prosecutor "will probably include a charge of negligent homicide."

Mitsch graduated from Hillsdale College with a bachelor's degree in sociology, and was working on a second degree in nursing at Madonna University. Her mother, Mary Mitsch of Plymouth Township, said Jessica was working in the Progressive Care unit at St. Joe's while studying to become a nurse, following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother.

"She absolutely loved it," Mary Mitsch said. "The nurses in the unit inspired and encouraged her. They were wonderful role models for her."

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Bye-bye to Bird

Elementary again focus of redistricting moves

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

More than 900 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students will get notices in the mail the next few days indicating they will be attending different schools next year after the Board of Education Tuesday night accepted all but one of the preferred options for redistricting presented by the Housing Committee.

For the second year in a row, Bird Elementary was the main focus as parents from the Ridgewood Hills subdivision persuaded four board members to keep 66 subdivision students from being redistricted to Isbister Elementary.

After a 4-3 vote to keep Ridgewood at Bird, Trustee Carol Saunders initiated a motion — passed 4-3 by Joanne Lamar, Saunders, Barry Simescu and Tom Wysocki — to instead move 97 students from Country Club Village to Isbister next year.

Saunders attempted to defuse any concerns by other board members and parents that accepting the housing committee's second option at Bird would negatively affect class sizes at Isbister.

"I have two grandsons that attend Isbister, and if you think I would do anything that would put them in jeopardy, I wouldn't," said Saunders. "I think with the new numbers that we have been provided, we can do this without adversely affecting Isbister."

Vice president Judy Mardigan — who with Mark Slavens and Tom Wysocki voted in favor of moving Ridgewood Hills — isn't sure the right move was made by the board.

"I don't want to trade one overcrowded situation at one school to an overcrowded situation at another school," Mardigan said. "I'm not in favor of lifting class-

PLEASE SEE BIRD, A4



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All-Stars shine

Look inside today's edition for a special section featuring the 2006 Observer All-Star Team. Read about their high school accomplishments and their career goals. Members of the 2006 team include (back, from left) Silvia McCandlish, Tyler Temby, Emily Wang, Ameya Walimbe, Yiyang Lu, Kaitlyn Reed, Jessica Erlingis, Kathleen Kneiser, Nivedhita Subramanian and Adam Davis, (front, from left) Erica Brown, Jeff Holycross and Tina Wang. Not pictured are Paul Moncznik, Anna Maleck and Trevor Sponseller.

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Coming Sunday

Losing a job can be a traumatic experience. Help is available for those who feel depressed after being laid off. See Sunday's Health section.

Mother's Day cards

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is providing a chance for youngsters to make Mother's Day cards at an event in downtown Plymouth.

The PCYAC will be on hand at the Book Cellar and Cafe on Ann Arbor Trail from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13. PCYAC members will have supplies — construction paper, glitter, glue, markers, tape, stickers, etc. — on hand.

There will be no charge for the cards, although the PCYAC is accepting donations.

Food drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army, the United Way and local U.S. Postal Service letter carriers team up for their annual Letter Carriers Food Drive Saturday, May 13.

Anyone who wishes to donate should place non-perishable food items in a bag near their mailbox. The letter carriers will then deliver the food to a local food bank or pantry. The Salvation Army's food pantry "wish list" includes things such as macaroni & cheese, stove-top stuffing, cake mixes, soup mixes, Jell-O, powdered drinks, peanut butter and jelly, popcorn, oatmeal, etc.

Meet Livonia author

Dana Kent of Livonia will be signing her first book, "The Life of An American Holocaust Survivor" from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at The Book Cellar & Cafe in Plymouth.

Kent, a retired teacher, tells the story of her father's survival after three years in concentration camps through his strong belief in God. "He truly believed he must have had a guardian angel watching over him to help him survive until the soldiers came to liberate him," Kent said. "Having this book published has been a long dream of mine as well as his."

Kent notes that the book, published in January, is also available on Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

Open house

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts its 2006 Civic Recognition Open House 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 17.

Visitors can get a sense of the Salvation Army and how assistance from the community has helped it accomplish its mission.

Refreshments will be served, and the event is open to the public. The Plymouth

Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Summer day camp

The Plymouth Family YMCA is excited to announce that its state-licensed summer day camp will be held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth this summer. The day camp program will offer swimming, field trips, character development, outdoor education and more. There are 11 weeks of camp starting June 19. Each week has a unique theme, such as Extreme Heroes, Y-Rox, and Time Warp. There is a camp for everyone between the ages of 5-16. It is a great chance for your kids to have some fun, learn a few things and have the best summer ever. For more information, please contact the YMCA office 734-453-2904 or go to www.ymcadetroit.org.

DaVinci Code events

"The Da Vinci Code," the best-selling book by Dan Brown, has grown from popular fiction to cultural phenomenon, inciting controversy and raising questions on all sides, and local church officials think people are looking for answers. Living Word Church, located

at 46500 N. Territorial in Plymouth, will start a new sermon series at the 10:45 a.m. service Sunday, May 21, that will provide "The Da Vinci Code - The Truth behind the Fiction." Church officials said the series "will further equip you to make a logical and rational decision based upon historic and archaeological evidence that transcends the controversy and hype surrounding the best-selling book and upcoming movie."

Living Word Church also invites the public to join in the discussion for a special "Unlocking The Da Vinci Code" event 7-8:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21. This nationwide event will be broadcast live via satellite.

The "Unlocking The Da Vinci Code" event is designed for anyone who has read the book, seen the movie, or is curious about the tremendous response to this popular work of fiction. The evening will be hosted by Lee Strobel and Mark Mittelberg, with historical analysis by Dr. Erwin Lutzer.

For more information, go to www.livingwordcommunity.net or call (734) 207-9673.

Teen yoga program

Yoga Instructor Caren Pascal will teach a yoga class at the Plymouth District Library 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13.

This program is intended for teens in grades 6-12. Registration is required, call the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Poppy days

Volunteers from the

American Legion, the Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary will be at several locations throughout Plymouth for the annual Poppy Days event from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 18-20.

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

As in past years, volunteers will be stationed at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road, the Farmer Jack on Morton Taylor and Leo's Coney Island and Busch's grocery store, both located at 5 Mile and Sheldon.

Civil War round-table

On Thursday, May 18, the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table will feature Roger Rosentreter, who will give a talk and slide presentation on the famed Civil War prison, Andersonville.

Rosentreter is the editor of Michigan History magazine. He has a doctorate in history and is an adjunct professor teaching Civil War and Michigan history at Michigan State University. He has authored hundreds of articles on these subjects.

Rosentreter is a native Michigander and has co-authored a book on antebellum wars, given many other Civil War talks as well as interesting tours of places such as the Gettysburg National Battlefield.

The meeting, beginning at 8 p.m., will be held at the

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

Crafters wanted

Crafters needed for Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 21 at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The show will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., West Middle School is located at 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI.

Call Clara, (734) 254-0849 or e-mail to sweisz59@comcast.net for more information.

Framed art sale

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will be holding a spring framed art sale noon-5 p.m. Friday, May 19, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 20.

Many of the sale pieces are from the Art Rental Gallery at 774 Sheldon in Plymouth. Anyone who has rented art from the gallery may now be able to buy a favorite piece at the sale.

For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Fashion show

First Baptist Church of Plymouth presents "New Spring Reflections" luncheon and fashion show 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 21.

A devotional will be presented by Ann Dorries, and the fashion show by Fashion Bug. The \$8 ticket includes lunch with dessert, an inspirational devotion and the fashion show.

For tickets or more information, contact First Baptist Church of Plymouth by e-mail at office45@fbcplymouth.org or call (734) 455-2300. The church is located at 45000 N. Territorial, between Sheldon and Beck, in Plymouth Township.

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Eatery crosses soups, sandwiches

Caboose banks on homemade menu to carve restaurant niche

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Cliff Engerer was trying to decide what to do with the building he owned next to his Advanced Electronics shop on Mill Street in Old Village, he initially thought about turning it into a salon.

When friends and neighbors convinced him there were enough salons in the community — “They all told me I was crazy,” Engerer recalled — Engerer settled on a restaurant. And, while the community also has its fair share of eateries, he thinks his new sandwich and soup shop, The Caboose, might just hit the right niche.

“We specialize in Dearborn ham, turkey and corned beef sandwiches,” said Engerer, who opened the diner in January during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. “The main thing is it’s all fresh. I think that sets us apart. We hear from our customers all the time, ‘It’s not lunchmeat.’”

With CSX railroad employees among the regulars, and the building’s proximity to the railroad tracks just a couple of hundred yards away, a railroad motif and name seemed appropriate, and The Caboose was born.

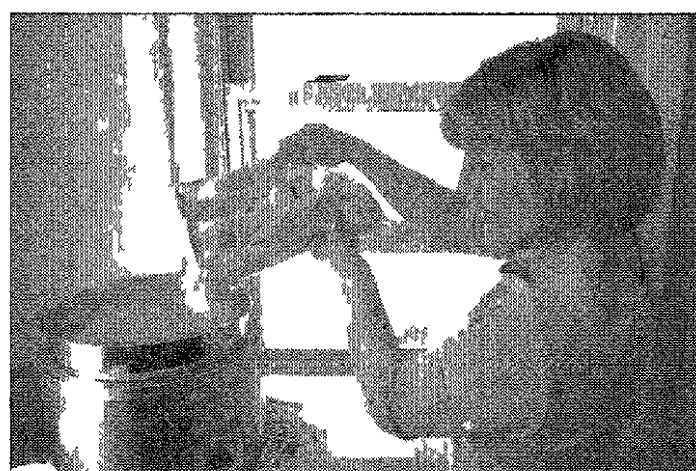
A lot of CSX guys come in, and they tell great stories, Engerer said. “When there’s a train crossing, traffic backs up and they’re all looking in the window. We thought, ‘It’s almost like we’re the caboose.’”

The Caboose specializes in homemade soups and sandwiches. The menu isn’t vast — “It’s a pretty plain menu,” admits restaurant manager Linda Sedlmeyer — but it’s hand-crafted. And staffers aren’t the only ones who come up with menu items, Engerer said they get feedback from customers all the time.

“We get a lot of opinions you should put this in, you should put that in,” he said.



Nicer weather is starting to bring out the crowds at The Caboose, the Old Village restaurant Cliff Engerer owns and Linda Sedlmeyer manages on Mill Street near the railroad crossing.



Restaurant manager Linda Sedlmeyer adds noodles to her chicken noodle soup, one of the homemade soups served daily at The Caboose on Mill Street in Old Village.

That’s what’s neat. The sandwiches are all train-themed — the Train Wreck is piled high ham, the Box Car is a corned beef sandwich, the Caboose features turkey. And there’s The Big Chief — corned beef, Swiss cheese and cole slaw. Sedlmeyer has been training with a soup chef, who’s teaching her various soups to add to the menu. She’s been

experimenting, for instance adding carrots to the chili. That’s how I grew up with chili, she said, smiling. People looked at us weird (at first), but now they come in and ask for it. The homemade soups are done daily and include chicken noodle, lobster bisque, white chili, split pea, French onion, beef barley and a yummy chicken tortilla. The

THE CABOOSE

- What: The Caboose restaurant
- Where: 710 N. Mill in Old Village
- Call: (734) 207-0787
- Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Specialties: Homemade sandwiches and soups, salads, catering is available

menu also includes salads and chips, and diners can get coffee and a danish for breakfast.

With the weather getting nice, Sedlmeyer said she’d like to add some salads and fresh vegetables to the plate.

People like those in the summer, said Sedlmeyer, who worked for several years at the Pennman Deli.

The warmer weather had already brought out bigger crowds, Sedlmeyer, who loves people, said that’s the reason she loves the place.

“I have so many friends,” she said. “We’ve had so many compliments. People say it’s like eating at home.”

Salvation Army, YMCA partner for preschool

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

In the ideal partnership, both sides bring their respective strengths to the table to benefit each other.

That’s exactly what’s happening between the Plymouth Salvation Army and the Plymouth YMCA, who will join forces to offer the joint Tiny Tots preschool program.

The organizations, who heretofore had run individual preschool programs, found themselves on the opposite spectrums as this school year wound down. The Salvation Army had their nice, large headquarters facility on Main Street south of Ann Arbor Road, but had few kids registering. The YMCA, meanwhile, had several children interested, but the lease on their downtown Plymouth facility was ending.

“What we’re getting is we’re combining two great organizations and being able to serve the community better by working together than working separately,” said Josh Landefeld, branch operations director for the Plymouth YMCA. “We can provide for a larger audience.”

The Salvation Army’s church-based curriculum includes activities of physical, social, emotional and intellectual development. It incorporates concepts such as colors, language, seasons, holidays, health and small- and large-motor development skills.

The YMCA curriculum included most of the same skills.

Their program was very similar to ours in terms of size, cost and hours of operation, said Kelly Boelter, the Salvation Army’s public relations director. “It was a match made in heaven.”

The religious orientation of the Salvation Army’s program presented no real problem for YMCA officials.

Both the Salvation Army and the YMCA are religious-based organizations taking their roots from Christianity, Landefeld said. “Ours focuses

FOR THE CHILDREN

- What: Tiny Tots preschool
- Who: Sponsored by Plymouth Salvation Army and Plymouth YMCA
- Where: Plymouth Salvation Army 9451 S. Main
- When: Classes start Sept. 11 for 4-year-olds, Sept. 12 for 3-year-olds
- How much: \$35 one-time registration fee, \$110/month for 4-year-olds, \$90/month for 3-year-olds
- Open house: 10-11 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17; 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24

on positive character programs, so it’s not a problem at all.”

Classes will be available for 3-year-olds who start kindergarten in 2008 and for 4-year-olds who start kindergarten in 2007. At the Salvation Army’s facility, each class can accommodate up to 22 children.

The 4-year-old class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting Sept. 11, the 3-year-old class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Sept. 12. There’s a one-time registration fee of \$35. The fee for the 4-year-olds class is \$110 per month, it’s \$90 per month for the 3-year-olds.

The Salvation Army will host Tiny Tots open houses 10-11 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, and 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, for parents who’d like to meet the teachers or see the facility.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464.

“I feel fortunate we’re able to provide the space to so many kids who are losing their space,” Boelter said. “It’s going to be a benefit to the community in that more people will see what an outstanding program this is.”

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Cindy Borgman Mika
 Mika 52 formerly of Farmington died May 6

R
Betty Ann Ryan (nee Walker)
 Ryan 82 formerly of Birmingham died May 3

S
Marcie Shedd
 Shedd 87 of Plymouth died May 5

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BIRD

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room (size) caps I'm concerned about Isbister

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Barbara Rodenberg said with the transfer of 63 Isbister students in the Fox Run subdivision to the newly constructed Workman Elementary, the net increase at Isbister will be a dozen students

Bird parents, who last year succeeded in keeping students 50 students in two subdivisions from being redistricted to Farrand Elementary, were mixed on the results of Tuesday's board vote Beth

Chuba, who successfully lobbied to keep Ridgewood Hills from being redistricted, said the figures speak for themselves, and should keep Bird from being redistricted again next year

"I feel that this is truly a long-term solution to the overcrowding problem that Bird has experienced for years," said Chuba "I commend the Board of Education's flexibility, and its ability to recognize that the fact that registration numbers changed and the bond did not pass were important factors in any final decision "

However, Country Club Village resident Dianne Gonzalez, who earlier this month was elected to the board and will take her seat in

July, wasn't at all pleased with the decision

The housing committee worked for seven months, analyzed all the data, and I cannot believe the board was so egocentric it thought it had a better idea," said Gonzalez, who has two children who will be moved to Isbister "I'm shocked and dismayed they would not accept the housing committee's recommendation due to an 11th-hour magical numbers game"

Housing committee member Nancy Conzelman, who also lives in Country Club Village, took issue with the board's decision However, on a personal level, she believes the move will be a good one for her soon-to-be second-grader who

will be transferred to Isbister

"It's a surprise because they did exactly what they said they wouldn't do, transfer one overcrowding problem from one school to another," said Conzelman "If I was a current Isbister parent, I would be absolutely furious

"However, from a personal point of view, I'm ecstatic about going to Isbister," she said "I've been at Bird for nine years, and find the last five years the MEAP scores steadily declining I think there's a problem at the school"

Isbister Principal Lee Harrison said the redistricting will mean both his school and Bird will have nearly identical populations, in buildings that are identical, and the net addition of a dozen students for a total of 571 students won't be a problem

"For the 12 years I've been here, we've averaged about 575 students," said Harrison "We were in a declining enrollment situation, and without the Bird students we were looking at losing two staff members"

Harrison said he's already set May 22 as a welcome night for the new neighborhood, and has talked with Gonzalez about establishing a movie night at

Isbister, similar to one she helped organize at Bird

"We're hoping to make the transition smooth, and make them feel comfortable," said Harrison

Some parents who will make the switch from Eriksson Elementary to Field in Canton also expressed disappointment in the board's vote

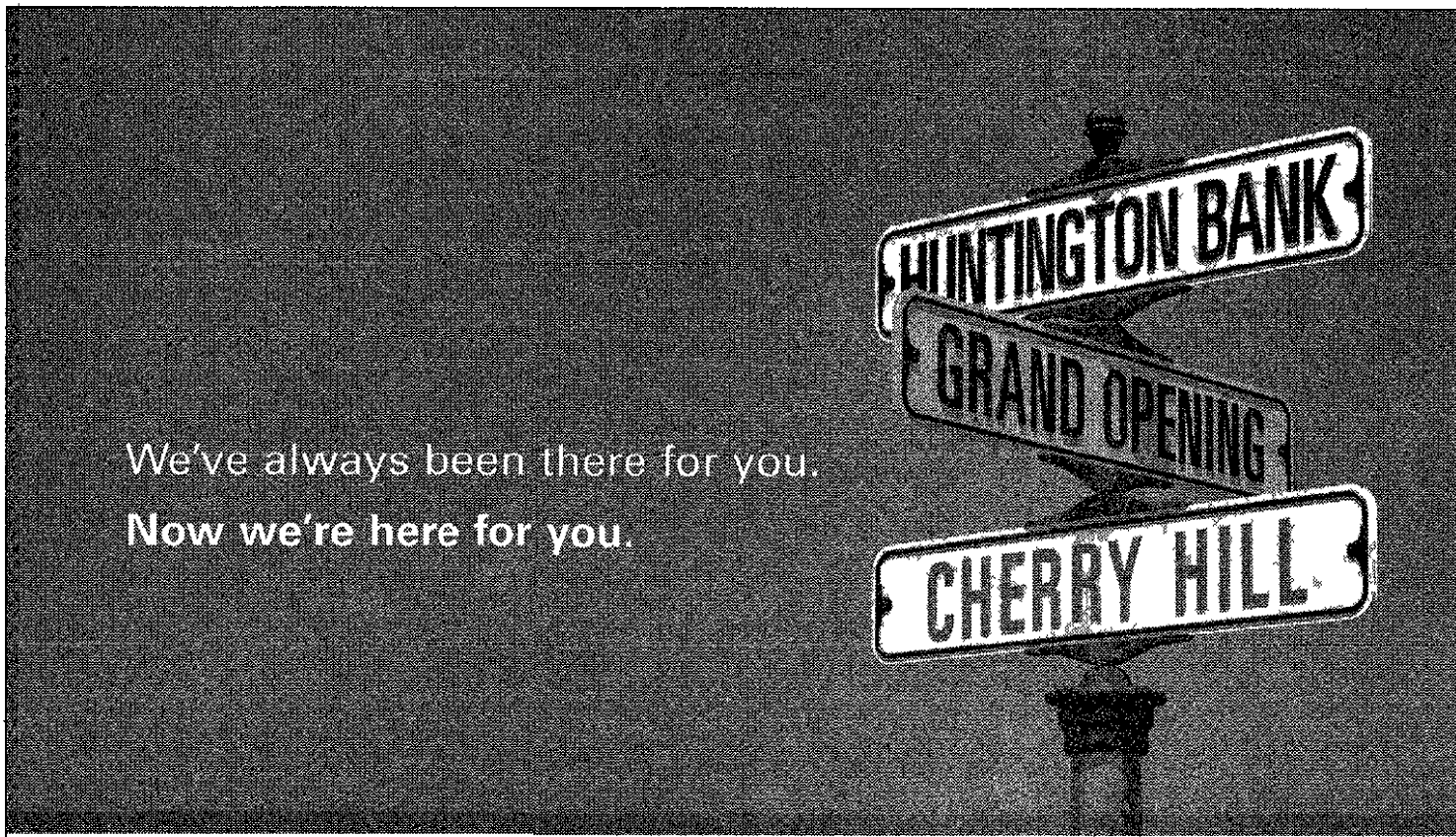
"I think it was a horrible decision, and wasn't thought out well," said William Elias, whose two children will be transferred to Field "I think it's a temporary fix, and we'll be moving again in a couple of years

"I'm very much against it, and very disappointed, and I won't be voting to return some of these people back," he said

Board president Mark Slavens said the reality is the gain of more than 1,000 students over the past two years, with redistricting unavoidable

"The bottom line is no board member likes to move anybody, no housing committee member likes to move anybody," said Slavens, "but we have real growth going on here and we have to do something to address that issue "

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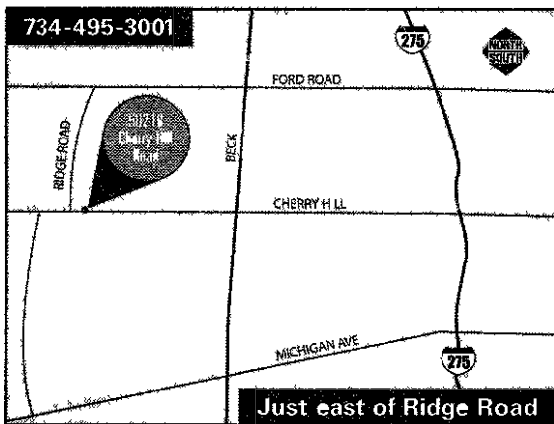


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MITSCH

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Mary Mitsch said Jessica loved being in downtown Plymouth, patronizing the restaurants and ice cream shops with her friends

She was the typical really bright, really beautiful girl," Mary Mitsch said "She had a good sense of humor, a great wit and lived every minute of her life to the fullest

"We are incredibly fortunate to have her for any amount of

time we could," Mitsch added "One of the biggest losses, for me, is for all the people she would have taken care of"

Jessica Mitsch is survived by her parents, John and Mary, her brothers, John and James, and grandparents, John and Dorothy Mitsch and Eleanor Streiff

Memorials may be made to the Jessica Mitsch Scholarship Fund, c/o Teresa Thompson, Dean of Nursing, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

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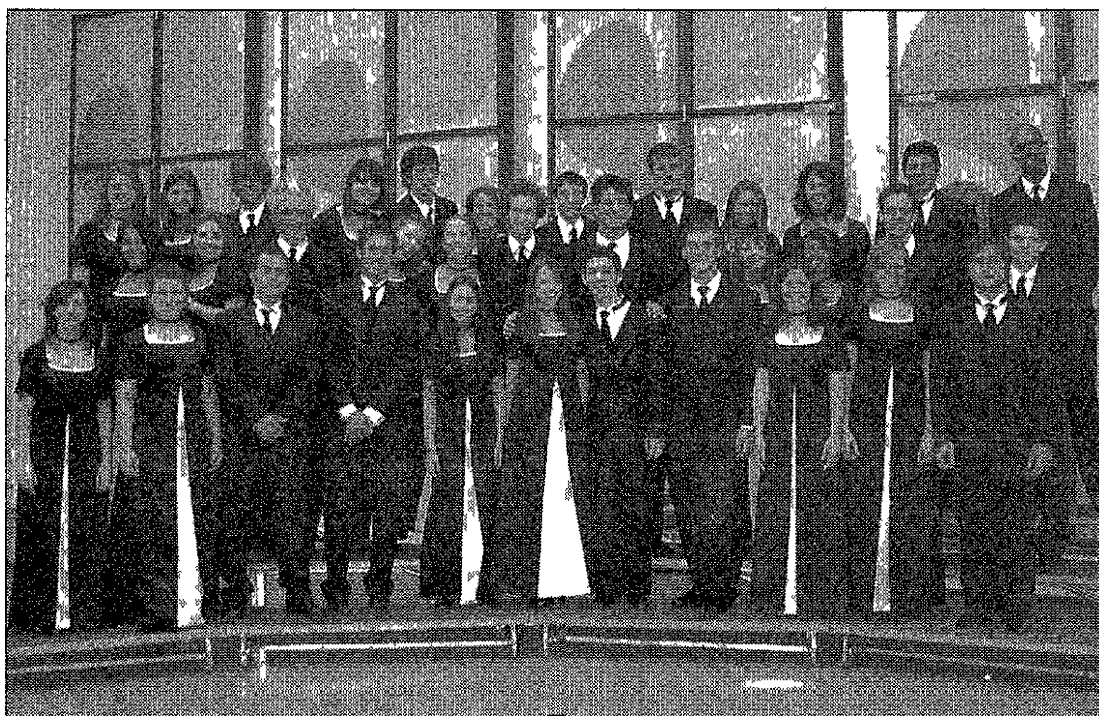
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People in the community have one final chance the PCEP choir perform this year with the Singsation Concert featuring "Music of the 1960s" takes place 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at the Canton Amphitheatre in Heritage Park in Canton

Choir set for final performance

Year after year the Plymouth Canton High School Choirs bring home many top honors and accolades from various competitions and performances that they participate in throughout the school year. Even with very little funding, they manage to achieve top ratings among Michigan high schools.

The 2005-06 school year was no different, with PCEP Choirs earning First Division ratings at the MSVMA District Solo and Ensemble Competition, at the District Choral Festival and at the State Choral Festival.

PCEP students spend hours outside the classroom practicing and preparing for competitions and their performances. The choirs have been invited to perform for various groups and functions including the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Evening of Excellence at Cherry Hill Village Theatre, Plymouth Symphony League luncheon, Nutcracker Performance with the

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, Canton Senior Citizens, Plymouth Oratorio Society, Plymouth Rotary Club, Ann Arbor Rotary Club, Plymouth Kiwanis, Measure for Measure, Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, and others.

The choirs have traveled to New York to perform at the Prestigious Carnegie Hall, Chicago's Heritage Music Festival and The Music in the Parks Competition at Cedar Point.

This year's top honor of a First Division rating at the State Choral Festival was awarded to the Festival Choir, a blended group of 18 ladies (the Madrigal choir) and 16 gentlemen (the Chamber choir) who have been performing together throughout the school year.

The choir program will face a funding problem next year, when the school district stops paying for transportation. Beginning next year, buses to

and from competitions and performances will need to be funded by the choir program itself. According to choir officials, the choir fund-raises each year to pay for other basic needs, and the students are in desperate need of choir robes and chair risers for the classroom.

Choir officials are looking for help from the community. Tax-deductible donations are accepted and appreciated year-round. A donation of \$125 will pay for one choir robe. For more information, or to book the choirs for a performance, please call (734) 416-7765.

People in the community have one final chance to see this group of students perform this year. The Singsation Concert featuring "Music of the 1960s" will take place 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at the Canton Amphitheatre in Heritage Park in Canton.

The performance is free, however, contributions to support the choir program will be accepted.

WATER

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These steps will not only distribute usage and limit the number of peak hours, but will also improve water pressure, he added. So far, Faas said, the idea has worked.

Canton's peak is estimated by the DWSD to reduce by 3.2 percent for the peak hour and 4.2 percent for the peak day in 2006, compared to 2005, when Canton used 2.4 times as much water on the peak day as it does on an average day, and 3.1 times as much water in the

peak hour as it does during an average hour, according to DWSD records. Plymouth's peak hour usage is expected to be twice that of the average, representing a 5.3 percent increase over last year.

Not everyone is impressed with the results of last year's voluntary usage reduction program. Plymouth Township participated last year, but will not this year, unless asked by the DWSD, according to Tom Hollis, public works manager for Plymouth Township.

"We don't want to limit water use. We want to be able to provide our customers with all the water they can use,"

Hollis said. "We support any water conservation efforts to provide better service to the public, but we're not promoting limited water usage at this time."

What Plymouth Township hopes will level out its usage peaks is a \$1.8 million water tower, which should be completed by autumn 2007. Plymouth Township currently has a tower with a 400,000-gallon capacity, and that has not so far made any difference in peak usage, Hollis said. But the new million-gallon tower will, he said.

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■ **ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP**, Monday, May 15, 7 p.m. — Join Plymouth resident Mike Best in this lively discussion group each month. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact starmikebest@aol.com or call (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@aol.com.

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, May 16, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience is necessary.

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, con-

tact Sue Patterson at spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org or call (734) 453-0750.

■ **GREAT BOOKS**, Monday, May 15, 7:15 p.m. — This is the last meeting until the group reconvenes in September. The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet website: <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

■ **LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. — Join local gardeners in this informal monthly gathering. No registration is required.

■ **SEIZURES AFTER SIXTY**, Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m. — Join Plymouth resident Cynthia Handford, RN, as she shares her knowledge of seizure recognition, appropriate seizure response, care and seizure management. Sponsored by the Plymouth Council on Aging, registration for this free program is required and may be made by calling the Council office at

(734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

■ **AN EVENING OF FLIGHT HISTORY**, Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m. — The Friends of the Plymouth District Library invite all to explore the rich flight history of our region with representatives of the Yankee Air Museum and the Michigan Aerospace Foundation. Speakers Dennis Norton and Randy Hotten will cover the B-24 Bomber Plant, the Southeastern Michigan Arsenal of Democracy, the Yankee Air Museum and the Willow Run Airport. No registration required for this free program. Refreshments.

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, May 22, 7-9 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project.

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, May 24, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a

lunch, beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org.

■ **MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOK AUTHOR VISIT: CHARLES BARKER**, Wednesday, May 31, 7 p.m. — Plymouth resident Charles Barker has been named one of Michigan's Notable Books Authors 2006 and will share his newest book, *Under Michigan: The Story of Michigan's Rocks & Fossils* in a book talk and signing. Wayne State University Press calls this work, "An exciting trip below the surface of Michigan's rocks and fossils, a wonderful resource for young explorers to use at home, in school, or on a trip across Michigan." Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. All ages will enjoy this program.

■ **HOMEBOUND BOOK DELIVERY** — Joining the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the Plymouth District Library will deliver library books and audio books

to homebound residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 240 to enroll or go to plymouthlibrary.org and complete the homebound delivery service registration.

Youth Programs

■ **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Saturday, May 13, 10 & 11 a.m. — Lap Sit Storytime is a 15-minute song and rhyme time for babies ages 6 to 24 months and their caregivers. Only the registered caregiver and baby may attend. No siblings please. Registration is limited to the first 16 children, call the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242.

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, May 22, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. — This program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Due to the Memorial Day Weekend, the follow-up session on Saturday will not take place. Registration is not required.

■ **PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES**,

Session one: Tuesdays, May 2-23, 7 p.m.; Session two: Wednesdays, May 3-24, 7 p.m. — This evening storytime can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES** - Thursdays, May 4-25, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. — Parents must remain in the library during these storytime sessions for children ages 3-5 years. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES**, Tuesdays, May 2-23, 10 a.m. — The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2-3 years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. The 11 a.m. session welcomes siblings and other family members as well. Registration is required and can be made by telephone at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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Teen Program

■ **LOSE STRESS - TRY YOGA**, Saturday, May 13, 12:00-2:30 p.m. — Yoga instructor Caren Pascal will teach this stress-relieving class for teens. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. Register at Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **TEEN KNIT/CROCHET CLUB**, Wednesday, May 17 & 31, 7 p.m. — All learners and experienced needlecrafters are welcome. Adult volunteers will teach newcomers. Supplies provided for community service projects— or bring your own project to work on.

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Schoolcraft has also reached new articulation agreements with Northwood University and Madonna University.

Honors Fast Track begins at Schoolcraft College, where students complete an associate in applied science degree in general business or marketing and applied management.

They then take approximately another year's worth of coursework at Schoolcraft College before completing remaining bachelor's and master's degree requirements through Walsh College.

They can complete those requirements at the Walsh College Troy or Novi campuses or at Schoolcraft College.

"Our Honors Fast Track partnership with Schoolcraft provides a quality, affordable path to an advanced college degree," Walsh College President Keith A. Pretty said.

"It increases access to business knowledge for future business leaders, giving them the opportunity to remain in this exciting growth market and power the continued success of the region."

Students expected to benefit from Honors Fast Track are "clearly focused on the goal of earning an MBA quickly, while obtaining a significant cost savings by taking additional courses at the community col-

lege tuition rate," Schoolcraft College President Conway A. Jeffress said.

Students can enter the Honors Fast Track program directly after high school graduation or as transfer students any time after an initial semester at Schoolcraft College. Each must meet specific admissions requirements.

Students entering the Honors Fast Track program from high school should have a minimum 3.3 grade point average and an ACT score of 22 or higher.

Schoolcraft College students who have earned an associate in applied science degree with a minimum of a 3.3 GPA are eligible to transfer to Walsh to complete their bachelor's and master's degrees.

The Northwood University agreement allows Schoolcraft students in business administration to transfer up to 91 credits earned at Schoolcraft toward a bachelor of business administration degree at Northwood. Students must earn a minimum of 44 credits at Northwood.

Schoolcraft students who have earned an associate degree in child care and development can transfer up to 74 credits toward a bachelor of science degree in child development at Madonna University. They must complete a minimum of 46 credits at Madonna.

The Schoolcraft and Walsh College agreement allows Schoolcraft students with a grade-point average of 3.3 or higher to transfer a maximum

of 87 credits toward the Walsh College honors fast track for a bachelor of business administration degree in management and a master's degree in business administration at Walsh. Students must earn a minimum of 63 credits at Walsh.

Articulation agreements allow community college students seeking a bachelor's degree to complete more courses on a two-year campus than is normally allowed, thus

saving money with the lower tuition rates. Without such agreements, students generally can transfer only half of the credits in a bachelor's program.

Signing the agreement are, seated left to right, Walsh President Keith Pretty and Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress, Walsh Chief Academic Officer Rod Hewlett and Schoolcraft Chief Academic Officer Camille Colatosti.



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Local company provides a solution for poo-lution

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

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Owners Pat and Debbie Lawless, who have lived in Canton for 19 years of their 20 years of marriage, started the company about a year ago but really got things off the ground last fall. Since that time, they've heard all the jokes. Debbie can't even recall how many times friends and neighbors have told her they could never do such a job. "My parents thought we



Patrick and Deborah Lawless can give many reasons why it makes sense to use their service Premier Pet Care Services in Canton.

were crazy. My mother said, 'What are you doing,' she said. But Pat, who works as a baggage handler for Northwest Airlines, said any job is a good job if people are willing to pay for it. Besides, there is a perfectly

good reason for people to employ their services especially pet owners who often don't get to picking up after their dogs on a timely basis. According to Debbie, dog feces is more than just a nuisance; it can pose a serious health hazard. Most dog owners don't consider the impact dog waste can have on their family's health, their dogs' health or the environment.

According to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), unattended pet waste is a major contributor of pollution in local rivers, streams and



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Patrick Lawless is on patrol in a client's backyard for his company Premier Pet Care Services in Canton, which provides pet waste clean up services.


lakes, because it is absorbed into the ground during rain events and then gets into the ground water, which discharges into local waterways. SEMCOG estimates there are 700,000 dogs in the seven counties of southeast Michigan.

According to Pat, the idea sprang out of the fact that they wanted to create a company in which they could involve their 16-year-old son, Cristian, who is autistic.

"We're hoping this is something he can do in the future

and take over with a little help so he doesn't have to go off and get a job," he said. "We also offer dog walking services, and he has always loved dogs."

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Melanie Smith receives a Bachelor of Science degree from Madonna President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa and Board of Trustees Chair Richard Walawender

Madonna University graduates 832 students at 59th commencement

Madonna University held its 59th commencement Saturday May 6, at Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Approximately 832 graduates joined the Madonna University alumni ranks, with 610 students receiving a bachelor's degree, associate's degree or certificate and the remainder earning a master's degree.

Honorary doctorate degrees were bestowed upon 67 alumni: Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz, The Kresge Foundation President and CEO John E. Marshall, III, and Ford Motor Company President and COO James J. Padilla.

Distinguished alumna awards will be given to the following members of the first class of lay women 1951 graduates: Gertrude D. Bonk, Lorraine R. Ciak and Mary Joan Kaminski Nardi, M.Ed.

Presiding over the commencement ceremonies was Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation was given by Bishop John M. Quinn, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Madonna University trustee. The mace bearer will be Osvaldo Rivera, director of the office of multicultural affairs.

The Salvation Army launches 'Doing the Most Good' campaign

The Salvation Army in Eastern Michigan today announced a new fund-raising campaign in an effort to bring in \$750,000 during the month of May. The "Doing the Most Good" campaign, the first spring drive of its kind for the human service organization, was developed in response to a 23 percent increase in services over this time last year and a \$500,000 budget cut in state funding.

"We're seeing so many families looking to us for help for the first time," said Major Norman Marshall, divisional commander of The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan. Gas prices are rising, layoffs are

putting a serious crunch on the middle class and everyone is expected to do more with less.

Funds raised during the campaign will support food and shelter services in addition to tutoring, after-school programs and summer day camps for kids and utility assistance and parenting classes for adults.

"We are literally on the front lines fighting the war on poverty every day," said Major Marshall. "It's important for our community to understand that we offer hope, compassion, strength and faith to those who feel there's no where else to turn. They can rely on us."

The campaign coincides with National Salvation Army Week, May 14-20.

The Salvation Army uses \$88 of every dollar donated to provide an average of 12,800 direct services to people in need each day in metro Detroit.

Last year, The Salvation Army touched 917,000 lives in the Southeastern Michigan community by providing 2.1 million hot meals (7,000 each day), 620,000 nights of shelter (1,700 each night), 10,000 coats, hats and sets of mittens, 100,000 Christmas gifts to kids and seniors, and after-school programs to more than 10,000 children.

The Salvation Army also offers emergency homeless shel-

ter and transitional housing, substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation, foster-care for abused children, runaways and wards of the court, residential programs for teen mothers and pregnant teens, athletic and academic programs, and dozens of other services and programs.

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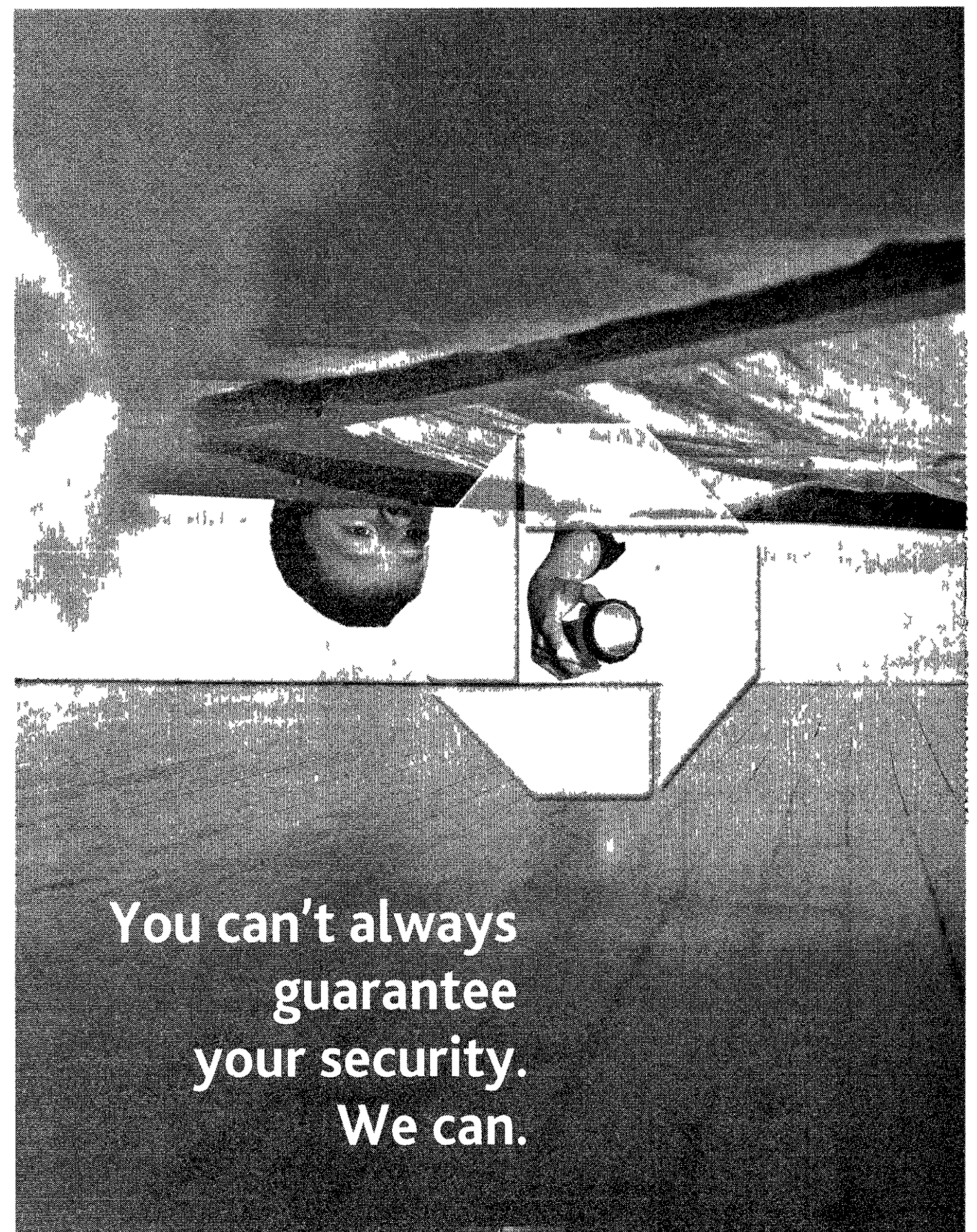
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OUR VIEWS

Losing barn is a blow to history

An old barn sits near the corner of McClumpha and Joy roads, just as it has for the last century. It has seen many seasons come and go. In fact, several generations have passed since farmer Aruna Cady built the barn on the site in the early 1900s. The barn has long outlived Cady, who died in 1911, and his farm is now part of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Sadly, the barn is scheduled to be torn down, like so many others in recent years. When the wrecking ball falls the old structure, it will be another blow to the area's farming heritage. This particular barn has a proud history. When Cady built it, he used some timbers from another barn that was built prior to the Civil War. Several barn experts have inspected the barn and determined it is a "raised basement barn with a gambrel roof, which has four sides, and is quite rare. They also say the barn is in excellent condition.

The barn was also used as part of the Rotary School Farm. Thousands of Plymouth-Canton students took field trips to the farm until it closed in 1981 because of economic cutbacks. There they learned about the area's agricultural heritage and what life was like before the automobile and fast food changed everything.

In recent years, the school district has used the barn for storage, but officials say it is no longer sufficient for their needs. Plus, the district wants to build tennis courts where the barn now sits. With no use for it, they decided to tear it down.

Local historians were devastated by the news, because they know how important this barn is. There just aren't that many barns left to save. Certainly the Canton Historic District Commission and Canton Historical Society did all they could to save the barn. Since December, they have tried to raise funds to move the barn to Cherry Hill Village. The group was trying to raise \$120,000 to move the barn, but received commitments for only \$25,000. They should be commended for their efforts in trying to preserve this area's heritage.

Canton, which seems to be turning all its attention to the Ford Road corridor and the opening of IKEA, will have the most to lose if and when the barn is torn down — probably sometime this year. Up until 1970, Canton was still the sweet corn capital of Michigan, though you certainly wouldn't know it these days.

Academic All-Stars deserve applause

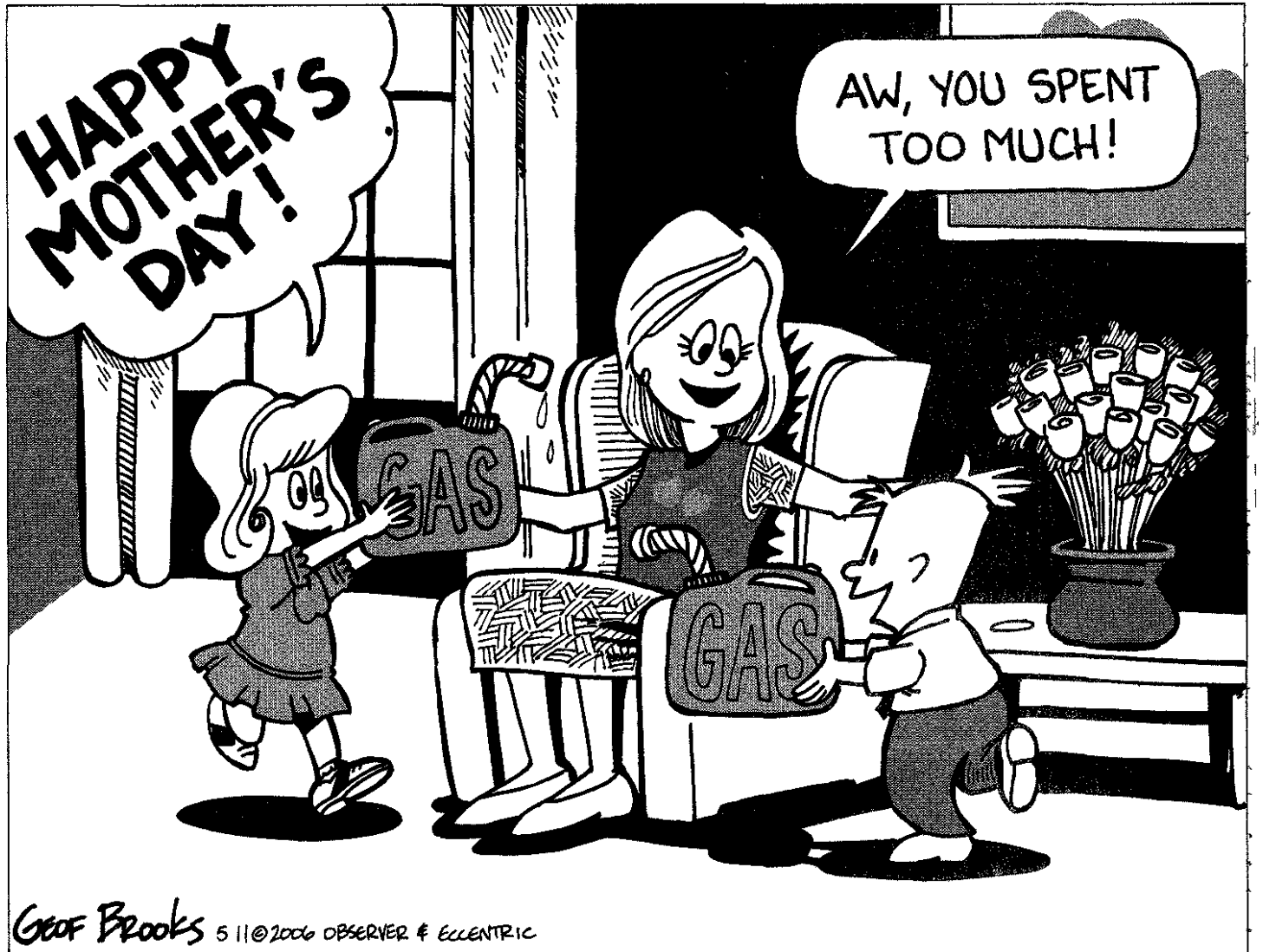
Intelligent, hardworking, active, optimistic and thankful. These are just a few of the traits that describe this year's *Observer* Academic All-Star Team.

For 21 years, the *Observer Newspapers* has honored outstanding young scholars as members of the Academic All-Star Team. As a local newspaper, we devote a good amount of news space to local schools and education, so it makes sense to honor those who excel. This year's All-Star Team does excel, indeed! Members are Presidential Scholars, captain of the track team, won awards for playing piano, flute and violin. They act, sing and volunteer at local hospitals and as tutors — in their spare time. They strive for careers as researchers, physicians, lawyers, film directors and chemists so they can save the world. They applaud, honor and thank the teachers who have made an impact on their lives. They are the the 2006 *Observer* All-Star Team and runners-up.

We have high expectations for all of these students. Today, in a special section inside this newspaper, we salute the more than 40 students who have achieved outstanding academic success throughout their high school careers. They are indeed some of the best and brightest high school students from public and private schools throughout the *Observer* coverage area.

Congratulations to the 2006 Academic All-Star Team of **Kiwen Wang**, Plymouth High School, **Paul Moncznik**, North Farmington High School, **Jeff Holycross**, Stevenson High School, **Yiyang Lu**, Salem High School, **Adam Davis**, Plymouth High School, **Kaitlyn Reed**, Canton High School, **Trevor Sponseller**, Salem High School, **Nivedhitha Subramanian**, Canton High School, **Erica Brown**, Stevenson High School, **Anna Malecke**, Mercy High School, **Silvia McCandlish**, North Farmington High School, **Kathleen Kneiser**, Mercy High School, **Zhuje Wang**, Churchill High School, **Ameya Walimbe**, Farmington High School, **Tyler Temby**, Thurston High School, and **Jessica Erlingis**, Ladywood High School.

The *Observer Newspapers* salutes these outstanding young men and women as they close the door on a successful high school career and move on to what promises to be an outstanding future.



Geoff Brooks 5/11/2006 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

LETTERS

Help for Penn

The time has come for the rest of our community to step up and do our part! The Friends of the Penn' committee members and their families have made huge commitments of their time and energy to save the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. They have thoroughly researched the concept, devised a business plan and raised the money need to purchase the building.

We're so close. As residents of this community, we need to pull together to do our part in taking it the rest of the way — to restore the theater and reopen the doors so our families can once again enjoy the benefits of this family friendly entertainment center. Would you be willing to explore ideas for bringing your neighborhood together to help raise the funds needed to put the Penn Theatre back into operation?

If so, visit www.friendsofthepenn.org for more information or to get in touch with us.

Kari Rhea
Jane Libbing
Plymouth

Big questions

Now that the election is over, I would like to wish our two new board members luck.

Part one of the bond failed by a small margin. I have to ask the new school board some tough questions. I know that one of the new members was very much against the bond.

How do we solve the overcrowding in the elementary and middle schools? Why have some portables been at some schools in excess of 10 years? What is going to be done with the land that was purchased for the new middle school? How are we going to replace the 10 buses on which the frames are rusting out?

To the people that voted against the bond, please do not complain about overcrowding of the schools, art and music teachers not having enough space to teach, limited vocational training, rusted out buses, a very old and outdated middle school.

To the Plymouth Township voters that caused this bond to be voted down, you can forget about a new school in Miller Woods. I wish the board will sell this parcel of land and help out our deficit.

I would like to thank Dr. Ryan for his hard work pushing this bond. I am sorry that it did not work out for our children.

John Nichols
Canton

Community effort

Thanks to a group of community-minded citizens, we have the opportunity to save a piece of Plymouth history and at the same time establish a vibrant cinema and mixed-use community arts center in the heart of Plymouth.

The Friends of the Penn, a 501(c)3 organization, has been working for over a year on the project and has developed a comprehensive business plan with the assistance of industry experts and a

group of graduate students from the University of Michigan.

Their supporters have already purchased the building raising over \$1 million through the use of a specially designed LLC that allowed large contributors to take maximum tax advantage of their donations. Joseph Philips, a Plymouth architect, is helping with the renovations of the Penn and Executive Director Ellen Elliott is working to create an exciting and community-oriented mix of cinema and community art programming.

We appreciate the work that has been done to date and wish the Friends the best of luck in raising the funds to renovate the theater. Our success as a community in making this work will give Plymouth the experience of community cinema and theater at its best. The potential uses of the building for movies, Plymouth Symphony, Community Band, local theater and other community events are exciting to consider!

We invite everyone to join us in this community effort. Consider how the Penn can enhance your life and your community and do what feels right. Send your tax-deductible donation to Friends of the Penn, P.O. Box 6462, Plymouth, MI 48170 or make a donation online at www.friendsofthepenn.org.

the Lawton family
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Better way?

Many challenges lie ahead for the PCCS board, particularly in light of the failure of the bond issues. While I heard some legitimate questions raised about the bonds, the fact remains that this district has significant needs. I strongly believe there is a need for a new middle school.

The primary argument I heard against the millage was that building new classrooms would lead to larger class sizes, due to funding issues. I'm neither an accountant nor an expert in education administration, but I do not understand how having fewer classrooms at schools already bursting at their seams will not also lead to larger class sizes. Where are these kids going to go, other than be squeezed into the existing classrooms?

I saw a number of signs saying, "Vote NO. There's a better way." But I never heard anything about what that "better way" was. I hope the people behind these signs will now step up and help the district find that better way.

Kathryn Sweet
Canton

Candidate thanks

Thank you to the people of the Plymouth-Canton school district for electing me to the position of school board trustee May 2.

As I stood in the rain on election day, many of you stopped to talk to me and I appreciate it. It is gratifying to see that more than 14,000 citizens took time from their daily activities to cast their ballot for our schools. I want to recognize Joanne Lamar and Carol Saunders for the service they have provided to our dis-

trict over the years. I'm honored to be a part of the same board on which you both have served with dedication.

In addition, I want to thank the district employees, administration and school board members for the work that they do every day. I feel confident when I put my daughters on that bus each morning that they are in great hands and receiving a first class education.

The people who supported me in my campaign are second to none. You guided me through this process, helped with the difficult tasks and kept me focused on the ultimate goal. I only hope that someday I can return the favor.

All the candidates in this campaign are to be commended. Putting yourself in the uncomfortable position of having to defend your views right after night requires bravery and I think we all showed it during the three-month long process. I value our new friendship.

To the students of Plymouth-Canton, I have you in the forefront of my mind. I look forward to working with you, understanding your needs and delivering on those requirements.

Finally, thank you to my family. You have been very understanding and helpful during this process. You are most important to me and I know you were with me the whole time, win or lose. I look forward to serving.

Steven Sneiderman
Canton

Congrats and thanks

Congratulations to the top two vote getters in the May 2 election, Dianne Gonzalez and Steven Sneiderman.

This was my first experience running for an elected office and I must admit it exceeded my expectations in at least two areas. The first was the number of people in the community who were willing to help my campaign in so many ways. The second was the professional attitude all the candidates maintained throughout the forums, meetings and discussions.

The Plymouth and Canton communities are fortunate to have involved people who care about the future of our schools.

To all of the people I encountered and who helped during the campaign, I extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you.

John Jackson
Canton

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District must adjust attitude in the wake of bond failure

Now that the majority of residents have defeated the \$125 million Plymouth-Canton Community Schools bond, I am sure that there will be a flurry of activity by the board and administration to try and figure out "what went wrong?"

I also expect a discussion of who is to blame. Instead of going on a witch hunt, I recommend that the PCCS Board of Education internalize the old adage "When you have a problem, it's best to look inside yourself first."

In my view, last week's vote against the bond was a referendum on the current board and the way district leadership conducts itself. This board is out of touch with what the majority of us are thinking and, instead of gearing up for another bond drive in August, ought to make significant changes before asking for another tax increase.

Here are my thoughts on what needs to change right away:

■ Start actively listening to the community. This board has become isolated from the people it was elected to serve. Stop attacking people with differing opinions long enough to answer their questions.

Board meetings have become infrequent, and consist of little substance. Our board and administrators must be willing to take major issues head on, and debate all the alternatives thoroughly. Planning needs to become second nature, and contingency planning for worst-case scenarios needs to be undertaken in public.

I disagree with board members and administrators who say that "This sort of planning just makes people uneasy." They assume that the public isn't smart enough to understand the truth. The recent bond vote indicates the public understands the truth all too well.

Our community will be more supportive once they have proof that all alternatives have been considered. "Trust me" isn't going to work anymore. The district also needs to immediately begin fully complying with FOIA laws. As a strategy, the district rarely meets the timing called for by state law.

■ Stop treating those with a different point of view as an enemy of the schools. This goes hand-in-hand with active listening. Anyone who has attended a board meeting lately can see the way citizens with new ideas or difficult questions are treated. Citizen comments are not valued, and the board rarely engages. Citizens' questions go unanswered. Board responses are rude.

The board needs to recognize that democracy means listening to everyone, and although it isn't always the most efficient, it is still the best form of governance. This board needs to engage with citizens at board meetings, especially those with differing opinions. Stop the personal attacks. Quit using words like "scare tactics" and talk of "going to war." Focus intensity and frustration on problems, not on people in your own district.



Michael J. Maloney

■ Every child is precious. Parents who come to the board with questions don't come there because it's a fun experience. Parents wind up at board meetings because administrative processes aren't working. They are many times nervous and frustrated because the district bureaucracy hasn't treated them fairly.

The board owes it to them to have a fair hearing, and react when administrators make mistakes. This doesn't mean always giving people what they want. However, we deserve to see proof that the board is listening, and that when the district makes a mistake, it apologizes and moves quickly to correct it.

■ Parents of private school children finance the district, too. PCCS needs to recognize that every resident and property owner in the district pays taxes to support school buildings. District treatment of private school and community groups these days is indefensible. The district should immediately stop thinking that community use of school buildings as just a revenue opportunity. Athletic facilities that are not being used need to be open to the public. Period.

Parents of private school kids, seniors and families without school-age children deserve to be able to use these facilities after hours and at rock-bottom rates. Find revenue from other sources. Don't rent it back to the people who bought and paid for it in the first place.

■ Develop a serious financial plan. The community deserves a full accounting of district finances, including plans on how the district will be operated in a worst-case scenario. We simply do not have financial transparency anymore. Serious questions shouldn't be answered with "trust me."

It's OK to hope for economic relief, but under current economic conditions, it's just not realistic to believe that big increases in funding from the state are on the way. The board needs to engage the community, employee groups and civic leaders to make sure that everyone understands what is at stake.

In addition, the board needs to be open and honest with the community in describing its offers to employee groups. Upcoming contracts with employee groups can no longer represent a business-as-usual approach, and must take into account the serious financial situation we find ourselves in.

There is no doubt in my mind that this bond election was a referendum on our current board. Our teaching employees do a good job of educating, in spite of the board and some administrators that don't feel it is necessary to serve all of us.

Despite the rhetoric coming out of the district the next couple of weeks, I now know that I am in the majority who think that the board ought to look inside itself, and start serving all its citizens, instead of only themselves.

Michael J. Maloney of Canton is a former PCCS board president and a lifelong resident of the Plymouth-Canton community.

Faith keeps local mourners strong in wake of tragedy

Graham Martin and wife Mary are grieving the Taylor University students and staffer who died recently in an interstate crash in Indiana. The Martins knew two students, one of whom died, through their Upper Peninsula Bible Camp.

A van carrying Taylor students and staff was struck by a semi-truck on Interstate 69. Four students — Whitney Cerak (a Gaylord resident), Laurel Erb, Bradley Larson and Elizabeth Smith — and one staffer — Monica Felver — were killed. Student Laura VanRyn remains in a comatose state in Fort Wayne's Parkview Hospital.

Graham Martin of Plymouth Township knew two of the students, Larson and VanRyn. "We just stopped in yesterday to see her on our way back from central Illinois," where they'd gone to see his father, who died last week, Martin said Friday.

Laura's making improvement, he said, and there's no indication of brain damage. Last Thursday, she squeezed her sister's hand and was earlier able to make a thumbs-up sign.

There are little indications she's partially aware of what's going on, Martin said. People from Taylor University and others flew in from out of town, and many are bringing them food. The VanRyns live in Grand Rapids.

Brad, 22, was a senior due to graduate this month from Taylor. Both he and Laura worked at Upper Peninsula Bible Camp, which the Martins run.

"He was the kind of individual that was very caring for other people. He often was able to pick out the kids that needed the most attention," Martin said. As a counselor, Brad welcomed children to camp.

His parents indicated Brad planned to attend law school, Martin said. Brad's older brother is finishing his residency to be a physician.

"You always wonder why." In God's economy, Christians aren't kept from experiencing bad things, Martin has found.

"Often God uses those things to bring about good." The Taylor students had a good reputation on campus for service to others, motivating other students to serve as well.

"I think a lot of good can come out of this. It strengthens my faith rather than diminishes it."



Julie Brown

I think it's more of a positive thing, not that you want to go through that very often."

He and Mary went to Milwaukee for Brad's service, which was well-attended. Three of the couple's four children attended Taylor in Indiana at some point, with sons Scott and Dan earning Taylor degrees.

His dad, Robert Martin, died at 93 last week. "He was the same kind of person as the kids. Everybody loved him, friends, family, neighbors, especially his grandchildren."

The senior Martin also had 13 great-grandchildren he loved. The Martins don't hold negative feelings toward the Canton truck driver who hit the Taylor van on I-69.

"We're just feeling bad for what he has to go through," Martin doesn't know if the driver was abusing his time schedule. Laura's dad tried to get in touch with him in the hospital, Martin said, and wanted to let him know people were praying for him.

"I think I would have that same viewpoint. We don't have any animosity to him."

In the bigger picture of God's economy, Martin realizes that God uses things for good. He cited the 50th anniversary of five missionaries being killed in Ecuador, which seemed so tragic at the time when the young men were killed.

One of the missionaries has a brother who comes to Bible camp in the UP with the Martins. Many of those people have come to accept Christ and changed their way of living, he said of the locals.

"The testimony of their lives has affected many other lives." Some of the killers now speak at Christian conferences in the U.S., and the incident motivated many people to go into mission work.

"That's how we would view the current situation, the driver and everybody involved," said Martin, a Plymouth Salem High School art teacher. "Situations like this are reminders to us of how we need to live day by day."

The Taylor students set a good example of that. Those who have surrounded them with love in the days since the tragedy also set a good example, in my book.

Julie Brown of Plymouth Township is presentation editor for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2111 or via e-mail at jcbrown@hometownlife.com. Brown is a former staffer for the Marion (Ind.) Chronicle Tribune, the local daily newspaper where Taylor University is located.

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Former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer was the commencement speaker Saturday at Schoolcraft College's 41st commencement ceremony at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

More than 1,400 students were eligible to receive diplomas with approximately 500 graduates in attendance. Dennis Archer, chairman of the law firm of Dickinson Wright and former two-time mayor of Detroit, delivered the commencement address.

On Friday, 130 Police Academy, Police Reserve Officer Training and Fire Technology graduates convened for their graduation. Judge Timothy Kenny, from the Wayne County Third Judicial Circuit Court, Criminal Division, was the keynote speaker.

Archer was the mayor of Detroit from 1994 to 2001 and gained national attention for working to repair the city's relations with its suburbs and the local business community. His administration was a catalyst behind the construction of Ford Field and Comerica Park in downtown Detroit. He is currently chairman of the law firm of Dickinson Wright.

Archer, a former president of the American Bar Association, is the first person of color to hold both that post and the presidency of the State Bar of Michigan. He is also a former Michigan Supreme Court justice.

Kenny has served on the circuit court bench for nine years, before which he was an assistant Wayne County prosecutor for 20 years. During his tenure with the prosecutor's office, he served as chief trial attorney, director of the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit, and

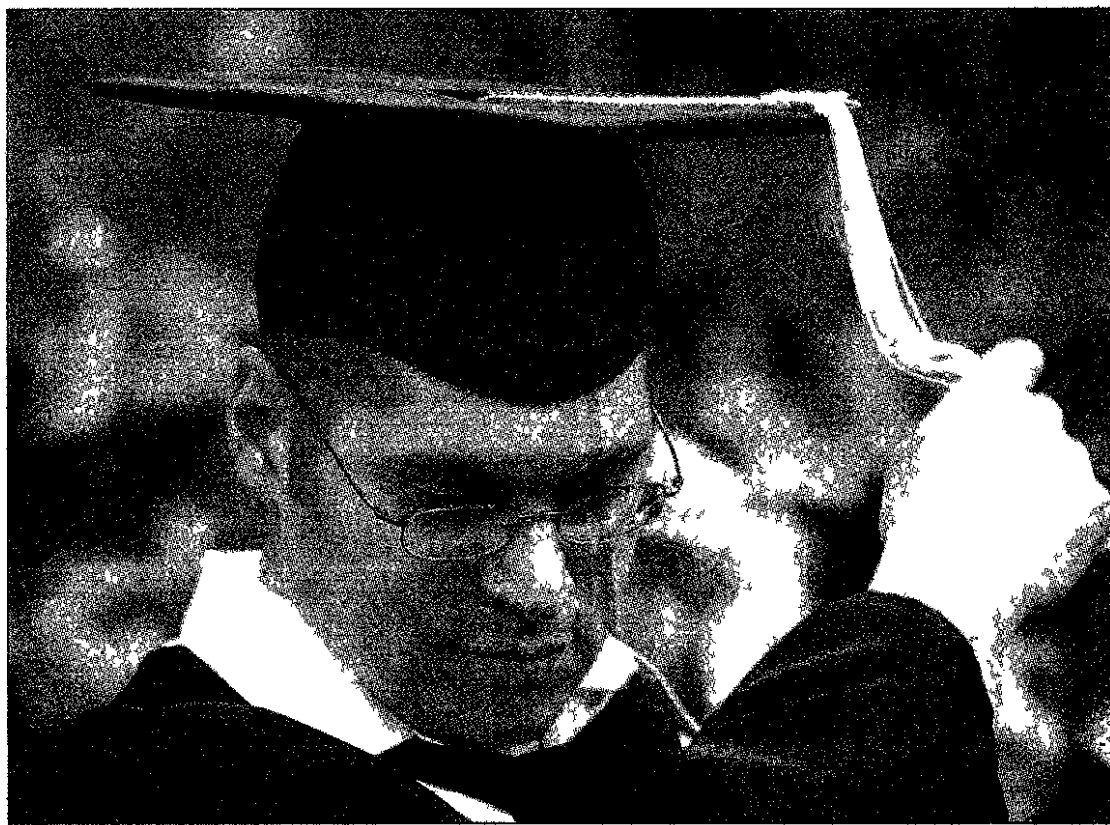


Dennis Archer presents his diploma to Schoolcraft President Dr. Conway Jeffress.

special assistant United States attorney. He also spent several years in private law practice.

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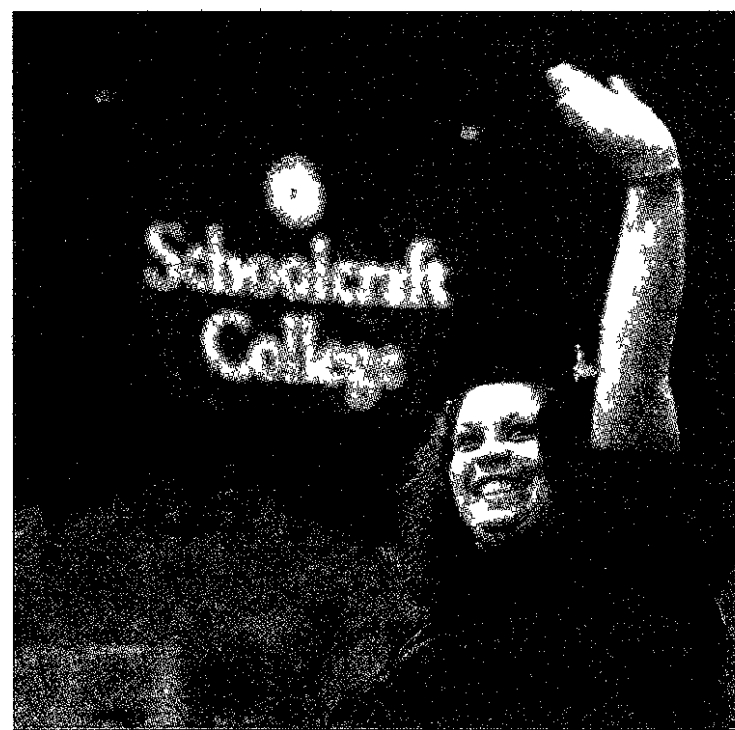
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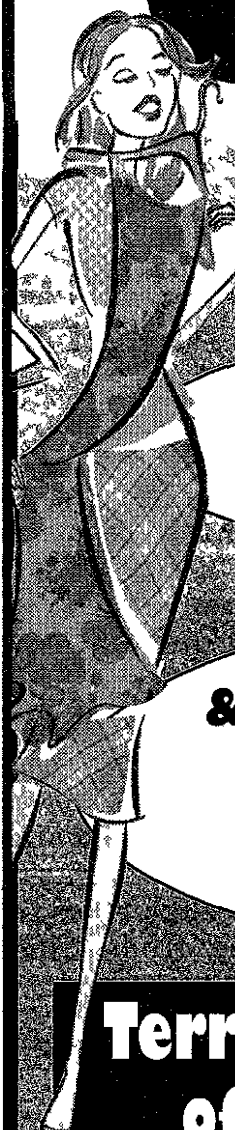
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Genealogical society
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. June 1 with guest speaker Tom Zielke Jr. talking about Preserving the Cemeteries in Marion Township. There's a help session at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. The public is invited. For details call Margaret Bowland (810) 227-7745.

Fashion show
The Women of North Farmington present its Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon Extraordinaire at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 19 at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce Township. Cash bar. Door prizes, raffle tickets are \$40. Proceeds go to charity. Call (248) 788-9672 for tickets. Fashions presented by Cold Water Creek of Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

St. Mary's classes
St. Mary's Mercy Hospital in Livonia is sponsoring a presentation titled Menopause and Sleep Apnea Detection and Treatment, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 7. Speaker will be registered sleep technologist Scott G. Wolk, RPSGT, EMT-P, Sleep Center Coordinator, St. Mary's Mercy Hospital. There is no charge, but registration is requested. For more information or to register visit www.stmarysmerc.org on the Web or call (734) 655-1100.

St. Mary's Mercy hosts a community open house called Kaleidoscope of Care, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 4. All events are free and will take place on the hospital grounds at 5 Mile and

Levan. On the same day St. Mary's Mercy hosts its annual Cancer Survivors Celebration as well as the ground breaking for the hospital's new cancer center with a reception and speaker noon 1 p.m. in the hospital's South Lobby.

Book fair
The 28th annual Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair takes place 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, May 14 in the ball room of the Michigan Student Union, 530 S. State St. There is a \$5 admission charge which benefits the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan. More than 40 book dealers from Michigan and throughout the Midwest offer fine used, rare and out of print books, maps, photographs and prints for sale. For more information contact Jay Platt in care of the West Side Book Shop, 113 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, by e-mail at jplatt@providenet.net or by phone at (734) 995-1891.

Creative writing workshop
The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop, Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet? 3-4:45 p.m. Saturday, June 24 in the community room of the Madison Heights Fire Department headquarters, 31313 Brush, Madison Heights. Author Diane Burton offers tips for developing memorable characters which the reader will either root for or hiss at. Admission is \$25 for Michigan Horror Writers members, \$30 for pre-registered attendees, \$35 for registration after June 3 and \$40 for walk-ins. Attendees should submit a sample of their writing with their registration. For more information or to register e-mail Shelby at president@michiganhorror.com.

Soup/salad luncheon
The St. Joseph Women's Guild hosts its annual Soup and Salad Luncheon 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday, May 12 in the Parish Activity Center on Third Street in Trenton. The \$7 cost includes choice of soups, salads, desserts and a beverage. The event features two 50/50 drawings and door prizes. Carry out orders are available. For advance tickets or more information call Helen at (734) 671-1020.

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

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

Ann Arbor Women
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Youth orchestra auditions
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event takes place at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw (between Devonshire and Hill) 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 4. Tickets go on sale in mid-May at the Club and at some designated places around town. Tickets will be available the day of the event at the Club. For more information call Linda Atkins (734) 741-8032.

Home tour
The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 54th annual Home Tour beginning at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. May 19. Ozone House has been designated the recipient of a portion of the event's revenue. Tickets go on sale in April at the City Club and in designated places around town. Tickets will also be available the day of the event. For more information and updates call Sylvia Stetz (734) 878-9044.

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Literacy Council tutors
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan, including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

MOPS meet
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May for moms and their children, newborn kindergarten at

Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information call Crystal Johnson (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com.

Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Martina at (734) 464-0481.

DAR
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion
Beasley Zalesny Post #12 meets at the 100 F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club - Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

Mothers & More
The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth, Call (866) 841-9140 Ext. 4329 or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. May 26, 2006. The bid opening will take place at 10:00 a.m., May 26, 2006 at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 for the following:

Bid for Fleet Street Common Dumpsters

City of Plymouth
Downtown Development Authority
c/o City Clerk
Plymouth City Hall
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documents from the City's web site at <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>. Questions regarding this bid should be directed to the Downtown Development Authority at dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us or (734) 455-1453.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CULINARY VENTURES INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 6, Section 6.32 of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at the Canton Township Administration Building, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear and take testimony to consider and recommend an action to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request of Culinary Ventures Inc. for issuance of a Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales Permit and Official Permit for Difference in Hours of Operation to be open on Sundays between 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to operate the restaurant for the sale of food to be located at 44314 Cherry Hill Road, Parcel ID # 71-060-99-0003-708, Canton, Michigan 48188.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purposes of paying part of the cost of acquiring and, constructing capital improvements in the City consisting of improvements to the City Hall and the Cultural Center and the acquisition and installation of computer operating systems for various city departments.

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable statutory and constitutional limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Linda Langmesser
Clerk, City of Plymouth

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NOTICE:

This is to notify all Michigan health care providers that Blue Care Network of Michigan accepts applications for affiliation at all times from qualified providers. Applications are reviewed on the basis of access needs and provider qualifications. Providers wishing to apply for affiliation may obtain application materials and instructions by calling Provider Registration at 1-800-822-2761.

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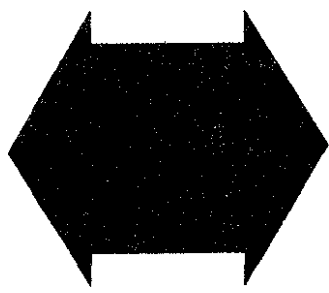
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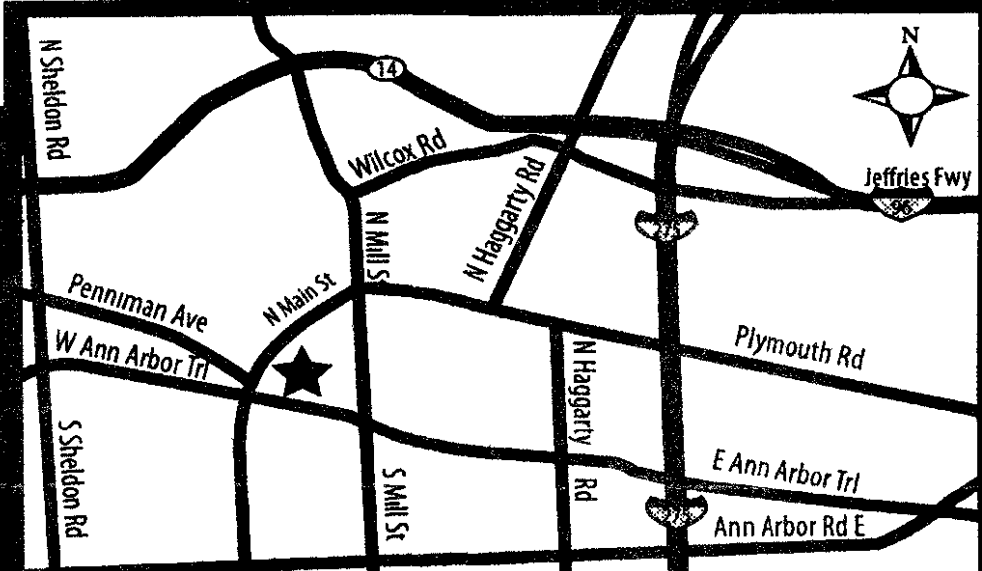
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Local company wins Platinum award

To honor their exemplary success, dedication and collaboration, a team of Plymouth-based Freudenberg-NOK associates recently received the Platinum Award from the Marketing & Sales Executives of Detroit at the 14th-annual Detroit Gala.

The team, led by Tim Guzman, director of sales and marketing, included Anthony Joquico, application engineer, Rich Hamed, account manager, and Dave Sakata, vice president of technology.

"This is an extraordinary recognition for our company and a testament to our innovative sales and marketing department," said Richard Allen, senior vice president, commercial processes and

president of automotive for Freudenberg-NOK. "The team demonstrated excellent teamwork by developing new concepts and approaches to address customer wants and needs at all levels of design, quality, manufacturing, timing to launch and delivery."

According to MSED, the Platinum Award winners were evaluated on their track records in sales, utilizing new ideas or approaches, meeting challenges imaginatively, exhibiting exemplary teamwork, exceeding business goals and impacting a business or industry.

The Freudenberg-NOK sales team, as well as the Northfield, N.H. axle-focused factory engineering and support team,

combined their experience and expertise to utilize a "clean sheet approach" to develop, design and create a "Best in Class" piston seal design. The new design increased sales and market share, while greatly reducing warranty exposure with Freudenberg-NOK seals.

The Platinum Awards are co-sponsored by Cran's Detroit Business magazine. Founded in 1989, Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership is a joint venture between Freudenberg & Co. of Germany and NOK Corp. of Japan.



Farley

pleased she has joined Telemus," said Gary Ran, chairman and CEO of Telemus Capital Partners, LLC. Farley previously worked at OLDE Discount Corporation, and then at H&R Block Financial Advisors after it acquired OLDE, for 11 years. She served as its chief financial officer and vice president of finance, and was responsible for the financial operations and reporting. During her tenure at H&R Block, she also held other accounting positions, including controller.

Farley earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is a certified public accountant. Farley currently resides in Canton.

New controller

Telemus Capital Partners, LLC, announced Catherine Farley has joined the firm as controller. Farley, a native of Plymouth, will be responsible for financial operations and financial reporting.

"Catherine has excellent financial experience and impressive credentials. We are

Police say gambling led man to steal mail

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It could have been unemployment — or it could have been the desperation of an Internet gambling addiction — that led to the arrest of a 35-year-old Canton man who police said was stealing mail from as many as 50 mailboxes, then using bank account information to steal as much as \$30,000.

The man was arrested this week after Canton Police received complaints from people who said someone had been stealing from their bank accounts.

Police subpoenaed records from several banks and found there had been transfers into one account, which they now say was set up by the suspect. Once they found the bogus bank account, they were able to find his address.

"Then we just sat for a while waiting for him, and when he got home we arrested him," Sgt. Rick

Pomorski said. The suspect, who police said is married with children, and is currently living with his parents, has not been charged or arraigned yet. He has been cooperative in the investigation, according to Pomorski.

U.S. Postal Service authorities are also reviewing the case.

Of the dozens of local bank accounts police said the man may have stolen from, 10 to 15 were in Canton, Pomorski said. Mail fraud is becoming more common, he added, as Internet technology has enabled people to access accounts from home.

Besides using secure mailboxes, police said it's crucial to examine bank and credit card statements every month.

"The days of getting your bank statements and putting them in a box somewhere are long gone," Pomorski said. "You have to be vigilant and really check them, and report irregularities to your banking institution immediately."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday May 25th 2006 for the following:

ASPHALT PAVING REPLACEMENT - FLODIN PARK

A 5% bid bond will be required with this project. Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department from our website at www.cantonmi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394 5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid title, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk. Sealed bids enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Canton Maintenance Facilities Additions/Renovation" along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerks Office 1st Floor 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188 until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 1, 2006 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

CANTON MAINTENANCE FACILITIES ADDITIONS/RENOVATIONS

Please note that a Pre Bid Meeting will take place on 5/18/06 at 10:00 a.m. at the Canton Township Administration Building located at 1150 Canton Center S Canton MI 48188.

Bid documents are available for pick up at **TMP Associates, 1191 West Square Lake Rd, Box 289, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303**. A nonrefundable fee of \$ 25.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

You may contact Brad Sharp at (734) 394 5363 with questions.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

**Terry Bennett
Clerk**

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2006 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISIONS:

**Forest Trails
Sunflower Village Subdivision 1, 2, 3 & 4
Miscellaneous Locations**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the findings of necessity assessment against owners of property hearing exceptions notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday May 23 2006 at the Township Administration Building 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

Forest Trails

Sunflower Village 1

Sunflower Village 2

Sunflower Village 3

Sunflower Village 4

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 15 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:

CHOPRA REZONING: CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 124 99 0003 003 (5701 BARR ROAD) FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located at the northeast corner of Barr and Mott Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday May 11 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SECTION 31

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AUCTION

Sat., May 13TH • 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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Bob Bilke	Baseball & Photo signed by Peter Rose	?	Maggie Kelly s		
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Carvel Ice Cream	Gift Certificate	\$25	Resource Center	ACT/SAT Prep Class	\$198
C J s Hair Etc	Haircut	\$35	McCully s Educational		
Chili s	Gift Certificate	\$20	Resource Center	ACT/SAT Prep Class	\$198
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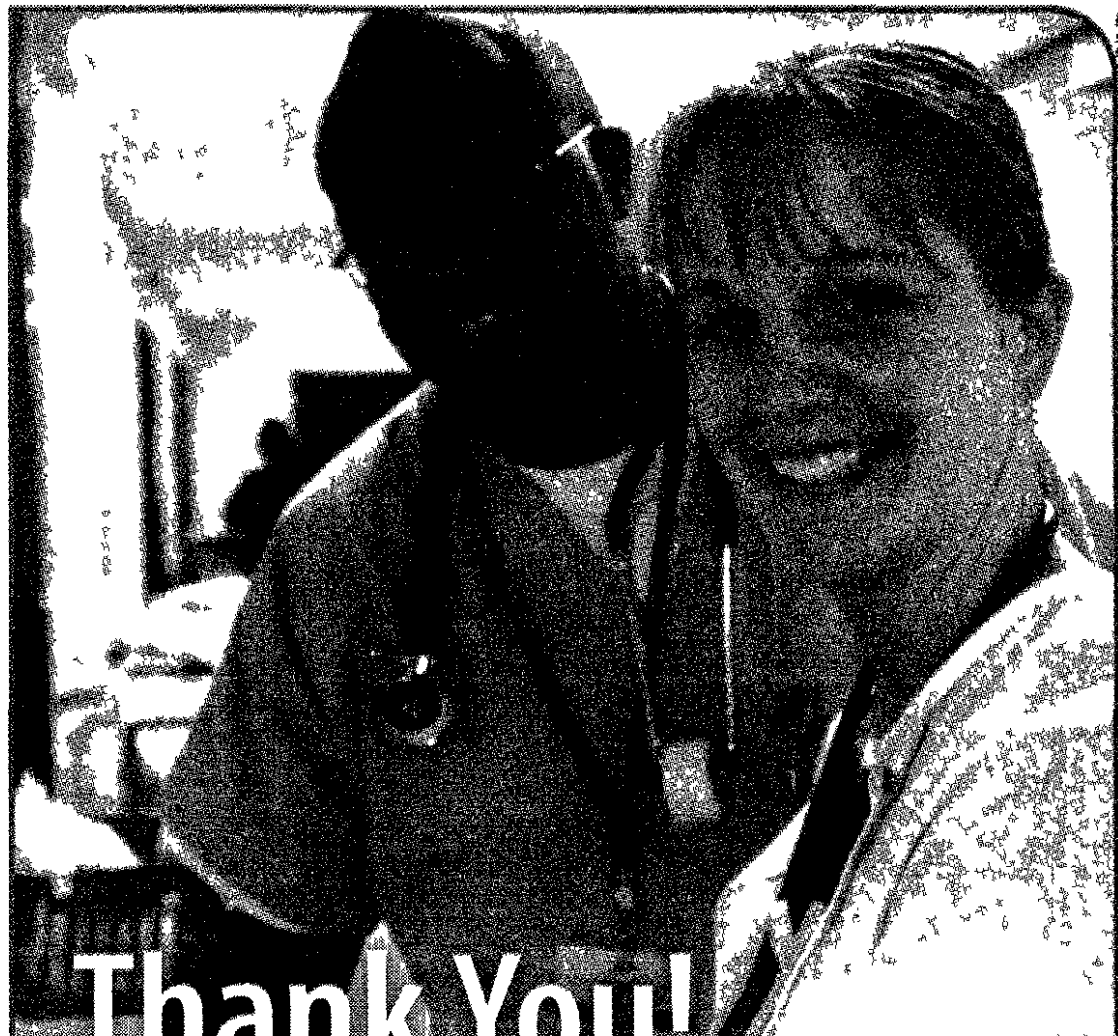
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Youth theater brings Hastings Street back to life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Joshua Williams is glad he wasn't a teenager in 1945. The Redford student's role in *Hastings Street* opened his eyes to the turmoil and racism back then. The Mosaic Youth Theatre uses jazz, swing and blues from that era to tell the story of African Americans living in Detroit's Black Bottom neighborhood and Paradise Valley entertainment district where legendary musicians such as Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Ella Fitzgerald performed. *Hastings Street* was the main commercial thoroughfare in the area before it was demolished in the 1950s.

The historical drama opens Friday, May 12, and continues to Sunday, May 21, in the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts. It is based on oral histories and follows students in the Y-Gees youth guidance club at Miller High School as they create a play about their lives after a visit from Langston Hughes, an African American writer during the Harlem Renaissance in 1920s New York.

Williams plays Clarence, a member of the Y-Gees. Just like his character, Williams loves to dance. He studied ballet, modern, jazz, and tap from fourth to seventh grade at Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts in Inkster before turning to acting at Thurston High School. Most recently he danced in the Redford high school production of *Seussical*. He joined the Mosaic intermediate training program in August. The youth theater draws members from Southfield to Detroit.

"In 1945 a lot of teens were patriotic, but had to go through racism and most things teenagers don't have to go through today," said Williams, a junior. "My school is very diverse. I have a lot of white and black friends. I don't know how I could deal with it if I couldn't talk with my white friends like in the 40s."

Seon Britton agrees with Williams that he wouldn't want to live back then even though today's teens face problems such as violence, drugs

and peer pressure. The Southfield teen is happy to have been able to join the Mosaic Youth Theatre three years ago. He compares the Y-Gees to Mosaic, calling it an extracurricular activity that allows him to meet new friends and act. Britton, a senior at Southfield-Lathrup High School, was in kindergarten the first time he stepped on a stage.

Britton plays Alfred, a jock on the basketball team. Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit originally performed *Hastings Street* five years ago during Detroit's tricentennial celebrations.

"In Mosaic you do something that you love to do," said Britton, who recently received his acceptance letter to New York University where he plans to study theater and communications. "You do school productions but those are not as professional. Mosaic is good if you want to do something serious."

"*Hastings Street* is a five-year process. We brought it back but interviewed people again to find a connection to the play. The play is the same, the approach is different. There are two things I'm ecstatic about. First this is an ensemble production, no leads, no minor roles. Second, this is the most intense show we've ever done."

Frank Slomzenski remembers *Hastings Street* well. When his parents lost their home during the Depression, the family ended up moving on the fringe of Black Bottom near Eastern Market. Slomzenski, a Livonia resident, worked with the young members of Mosaic to bring the era back to life.

"We lived on Willis near Grand Trunk Railway and I would actually cross Hastings which was an all-black street," said Slomzenski, 74. "The areas were kind of poor."

It was a mixed neighborhood, Polish and blacks throughout. I played with the kids and we got along fine. Naturally there was prejudice but I didn't see it. There was a race riot in 1943. I remember it even though I was only age 11. Nothing happened in my neighborhood. Those were the

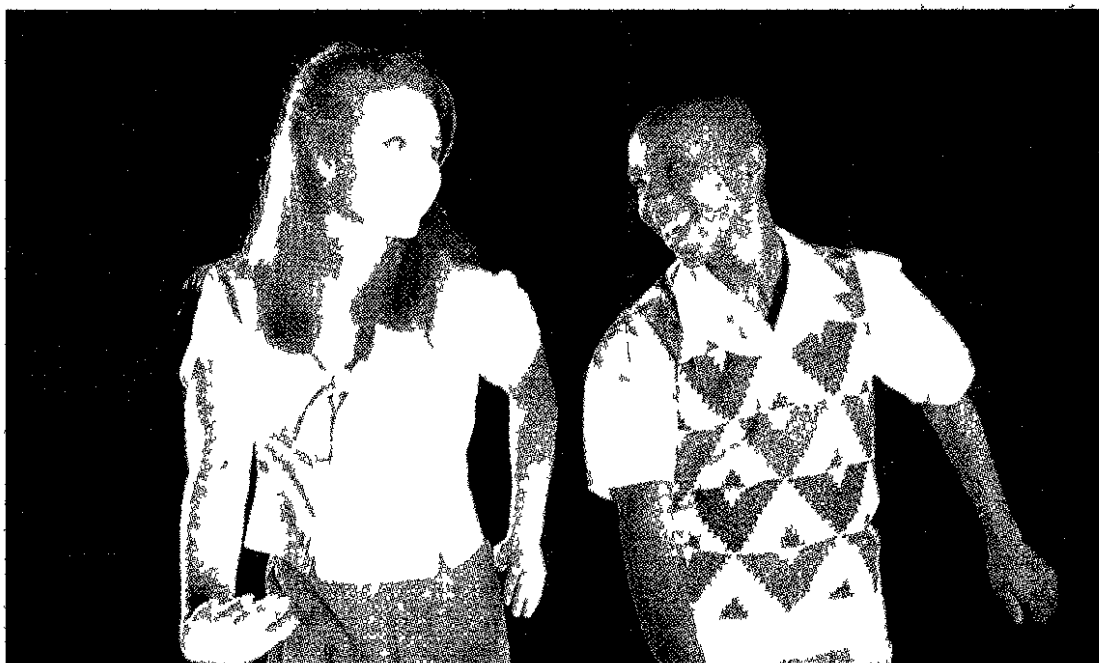
days when boxing was the sport and Joe Louis was well known by everyone. Black and white spoke about him equally."

Hastings Street runs Friday-Sunday, May 12-14 and 19-21, in the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 4 p.m. Sunday.

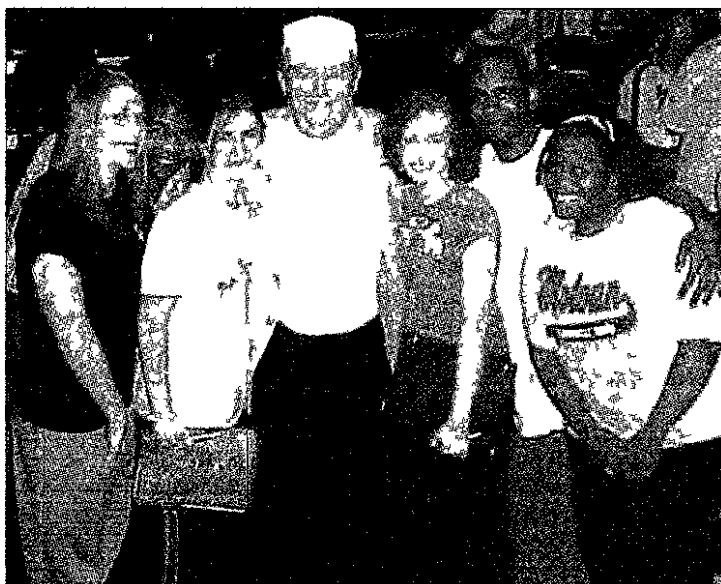
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Joshua Williams of Redford swing dances with Kelsey Hubbell, a student at Regina High School in Harper Woods



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Frank Slomzenski (center), a Livonia resident, with members of Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit

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Symposium spotlights need for collaboration

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Cultural, religious diversity challenged at symposium

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Just as the ethnic makeup of the nation is changing, so is its religious composition. If changes in the way people think about religion, diversity and tolerance aren't made, the country could be on a track that brings grave consequences.



Metzger

Such was the message last Thursday when the National Conference for Community and Justice hosted its 20th Annual Interfaith Symposium to discuss the changing nature of the faith community in America and highlight some of the pitfalls of allowing an 'us and them' mentality to run wild.

Padma Kuppa, one of the founders of the Troy Interfaith Group, was the master of ceremonies for the event. Born in India and raised in New York before moving to Michigan, she said there's an "unspoken racism" in Michigan that wasn't apparent in New York where immigrants are more common.

"I wanted to get involved with the National Day of Prayer and found out organizers wanted it to be Christian-only," Kupa said. "I never imagined in my America there would be someone who didn't want me at the table."

United Way research director Kurt Metzger walked symposium attendees through the results of the 2001 American Religious Identification Survey, a sampling of 50,000 households that asked the question, "What is your religion, if any?"

percent, and the percentage of people who declined to answer rose from 2 percent to 5.4 percent.

University of Michigan professor Ralph Williams said the United States is a complex social experiment that, from its outset, acknowledges the experiment is ongoing.

"America is a project, not defined by any point in history," he said. "Even the founders didn't conceive that they had achieved perfection."

He said the founders created a system that "took a pause, not a position" capable of turning, shifting and accommodating as the condition of the project changed.

"The project is to be managed, not solved," Williams said. "When something is solved once and for all, things are excluded that are not part of the solution."

Williams said the country is caught up in a culture war where the prize is deciding whose memories will be allowed to matter and whose memories are what constitute identity. Too often, he said, the national discourse is centered around extremes where few can agree and the final arbiter is the court.

"We too often use the language of law to solve disputes," he said. "That creates spectacular winners and sore losers. Can't we get together and talk about things and form a civil consensus?"

The outcome of creating an "us and them" atmosphere of extremes is that it leads to very dangerous places. There's a slippery slope, he said, that leads from separation to holocaust. "When the social premise is 'blank is the other, then blank' becomes the enemy," Williams said. "Therefore, the enemy must be destroyed. We can never allow social laws to identify the others' as the enemy because that means, eventually, the death camps for someone."

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WILBUR G. SIMPSON

Age 84 May 7, 2006 Beloved husband of Ruth Loving father of Donna (Brian) Zelner Dear Grandfather of Dana (Mark) & Erin Great Grandfather of Robert & Autumn Visitation Thursday 3:30pm and Funeral home 18425 Beech Daly Rd (Between 67 mile rds) Memorial contributions to the Macular Degeneration Foundation or The Yankee Air Museum

MARCILE SHEDD

Age 87 of Plymouth passed away May 5 2006 She was raised in Kalamazoo Michigan where she graduated from Western Michigan University earning a Bachelor's Degree in education She was a school teacher in Vicksburg Michigan and later moved onto the Redford Union Schools She is survived by her loving children Ernest (Charlene) and Allen (Lori) and her grandchildren Russell (Monica) Philip Alexander Brandon and Elizabeth A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Schrader Howell Funeral Home Plymouth

SHIRLEY M. CLAYTON

Age 78 of Plymouth died May 8 2006 She was born July 9 1927 in Detroit She came to the Plymouth community in 1964 from Pinckney She was a devoted homemaker She is survived by her daughter Kimberly (Jeff) Weibel her sons James (Karen) Robert (Pamela), and Michael (Lisa) Clayton, 9 grandchildren 4 great grandchildren her sisters Lorraine Christenson Margaret Buchan and Jean Stevens and her brother Miles Allen Funeral from Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main, Plymouth Friday 1:30pm Visitation Thursday 5:30pm Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association

BETTY ANN RYAN

(nee Walker) Age 82 May 3 2006 of Grand Leade (formerly of Birmingham) Preceded in death (in 1981) by her husband Jay Robert Ryan Beloved mother of Sandy (Peter) Jason Victoria Gessey Kassens and Patrice Ryan Grandmother of Andrew Jason Molly Jason (Richard) Moye, Nicholas (Sharon Hines) Jason, John Gessey Larry Gessey and Todd (Robin) Gessey Great grandmother of Michaela and John Gessey Josh & Leah Gessey and Gabrielle Gessey Funeral from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 404 East Liberty Milford on Monday 11am Burial Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Southfield Friends may visit Sunday 4:30pm Memorials may be made to a charity of choice For further information phone 248 684 6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



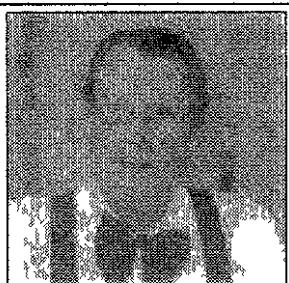
CINDY BORGMAN MIKA

Cindy brightened the world for 52 years and died of cancer in Redondo Beach CA May 6 She was the wife of Pat Mika mother of Katie Mika daughter of Betty and Hank Borgman and sister of Pete Brad and Christine Borgman Born in Detroit she graduated from Farmington High School and Michigan State University She managed school lunch programs for Westland and Redford before moving to California and working for Mattel Services will be in California Saturday followed by a private memorial in Michigan at a later date Donations Cabrillo Marine Aquarium 3720 Steven White Drive San Pedro CA 90731



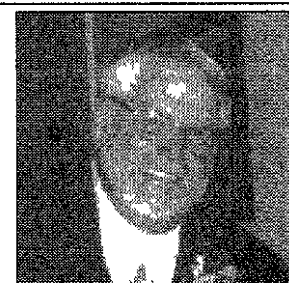
ELEANOR J. NEYNABER

Age 84, of Livonia Beloved wife of the late Stewart Loving mother of Charles (Barb) Dear sister of the late Edward Buzenberg Loving aunt of Martin (Sharon) David, and Eric (Kim) Buzenberg Dear grandmother of Justin Dear great aunt of Nicole Rebecca Daniel Philip Rachel and Ryan Lifelong partner of Walker Buzenberg Furniture Store in Plymouth Funeral service was held Tuesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home Plymouth Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or the American Heart Association To leave a message of condolence please log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



FRANK H. BOOS, III

May 9 2006 Age 70 Owner of the Frank H Boos Gallery and well known as the Bowtie Guy from The Antiques Road Show on PBS Television Beloved husband of Nancy for 41 years Dear father of Christopher (Geraldine) Jonathan (Sheri) Alexandra Stephenson and Kristina Loving grandfather of Shelby Marcus Jonathan Jr Lauren and Christian Funeral service Saturday 10:00am at A J Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward (between 13 14 Mile) Family will receive friends Friday 1:00 8:00pm Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice 3601 W Thirteen Mile Rd Royal Oak MI 48073 View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



ROBERT "BOB" WHITE

Age 59 of Pecos NM May 2 2006 after a sudden illness Mr White was born in Ypsilanti MI Survived by his son Robert White of Las Vegas NV daughters Melissa White of Albuquerque NM Melanie White Gibson (Peter) of Seattle WA his father Byron White of Livonia sisters Ann (Earl) Gilson of Livonia Mary Lamb of Kissimmee FL the mother of his children Dolly Vigil of Pecos NM and many other family members and friends He is preceded in death by his mother Edna White and his in laws Jose S and Valentina Vigil He received his BBA from Eastern Michigan University and served his country in Vietnam He received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star He was a member of the VFW and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Robert was an avid outdoorsman had a great sense of humor and was a loving father and friend



EUGENE W. PRESTON

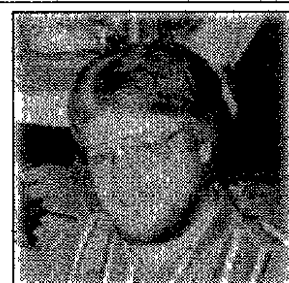
Age 76 of Bloomfield Hills died May 3 2006 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit Gene was born to James and Pearl Preston on March 25 1930 in Wyandotte Michigan and graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High at the early age of 16 Six years later Gene graduated from University of Detroit Law School becoming the youngest person in Michigan to pass the bar Gene established a successful private practice but was quickly approached by Ford Motor Company and accepted a position in Industrial Relations For the next 35 years Gene would remain with Ford becoming a key member of the national and international labor relations team Gene was introduced to his future bride Mary Lou Sull van by Roseanne and Bill Calahan - and he knew he had found the love of his life They were married at St Charles Church Detroit in 1955 During their first five years of marriage Gene and Mary Lou had five children The next 45 years of Gene's life were spent loving his children and grandchildren and celebrating life with his wife and family Always ready for a good story and to share a laugh Gene loved life and all things Irish He had a passion for music (his own peculiar mix of rhythm & blues Willie Nelson and Irish folk songs) Notre Dame Football (after all they are The Fighting Irish) and his poduck group of 45 years But more than anything Gene loved his wife children and grandchildren To celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Gene and Lou took the entire family to Ireland For their 50th everyone gathered in Maine where Gene and Lou once again exchanged wedding vows Mr Preston is survived by children Michael (wife Amy) Kathleen Boatway (husband Tim) Margaret MacEachern (husband Duncan) Mary Joanne Smith (husband Larry) Gene is also survived by his grandchildren Kelsey Chase Timmy Blake Austin Michael Meagan Oliver and Preston Gene is preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years Mary Lou his son Daniel Dunbar Preston and grandson James Funeral was held at Church of St Owen 6869 Franklin Road Bloomfield Hills Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors 1368 N Crooks Road (between 14 15 Mile Rds.) Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Southfield

MARY (MAE) E. DIERKES

Age 84 of Lincoln passed away Thursday May 4th at her home On June 5 1921 she was born to Neil and Mary (Hanlon) Daugherty in Derry Ireland where she lived until the age of four when she moved to Pittsburgh Pennsylvania where she was raised She married Donald T Dierkes in Detroit on January 14 1942 They resided in Birmingham for 30 years then moved to Lost Lake Woods in 1985 Mae was a homemaker and a District Manager for Vitality Health Foods She was a member of St Owens Catholic Church in Franklin St Gabriel's Catholic Church in Black River and St Anne's Catholic Church in Harrisville Preceding her in death was her husband and her son Donald T Dierkes Jr She is survived by 5 daughters, Celia (Patrice) Fox Mary Ann (Kevin) Argue Kathleen Adcock Lighty Elizabeth Jean (Paul) Anstead, Linda Lause (Michael) White ten grandchildren Christopher Montgomery and Shaleah Fox Dawn Garrett, Siobhan and Meghan Argue Stephanie and Mikael White and Chloe Adcock and a brother Patrick Daugherty Funeral Mass was Tuesday at 11:00AM at St Gabriel's in Black River with Rev Stan Bereda officiating Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre in Southfield 11:00 AM on Friday Funeral arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home Lincoln

RICHARD C. McMAHON

Passed away on May 7 2006 He was a resident of Royal Oak for the past 44 years and a former resident of Berkley for 13 years Richard was born on September 19 1921 in Highland Park MI He is preceded in death by his wife Rose sister Dorothy brother Harold He is survived by daughters Sally Ann Dobkin Gloria Jean (William) Geden son Richard Francis (Marilyn) McMahon brother Ralph (Maxine) McMahon Raymond (Lorraine) McMahon George (Mary) McMahon James (Ruth) McMahon and sister Betty (William) Lively nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren Richard was the Vice President of Wallich Lumber Co and retired after 40 years of service Member of the Detroit Lumbermen's Association and the Hoo Hoo's Club Member and Usher of St Columban Catholic Church Past member of the Elks Club of Royal Oak Mr McMahon served our Country during WWII in the Navy and attained the grade of Chief Petty Officer He was an avid golfer and loved his family deeply especially his grandchildren Visitation was Tuesday at the funeral home Mass was held at 10 AM on Wednesday May 10 2006 at St Columban Catholic Church with Father George Berendt officiating Burial at Roseland Park Cemetery The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association Online condolences www.sawyerfuller.com



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Spring salad luncheon
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Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays (May 17) and 7 9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays (May 18) at St Michael's Catholic Church on Plymouth at Hubbard Livonia The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St Paul from prison Based on Little Rock Scripture Series Call (734) 261 1455

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Flea market
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ONGOING

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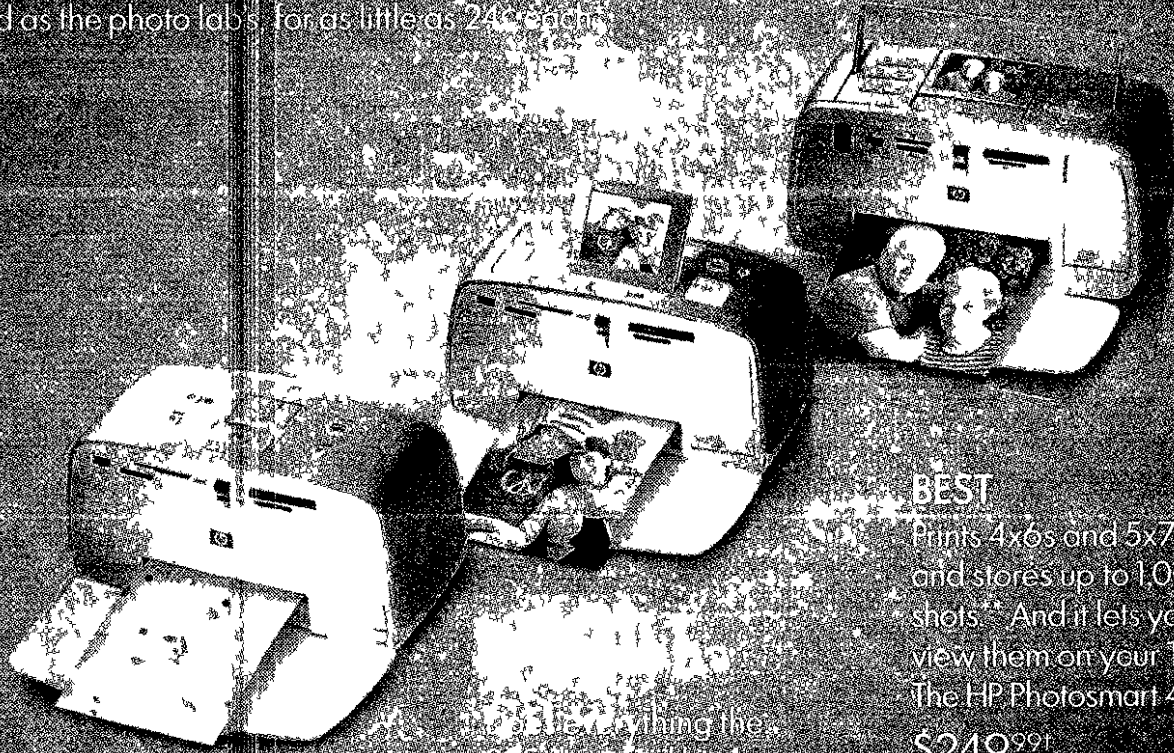
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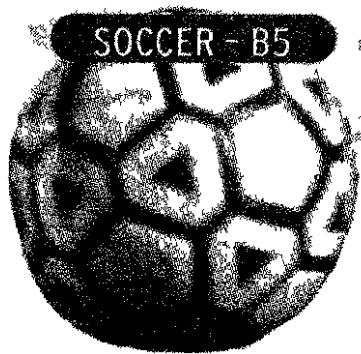
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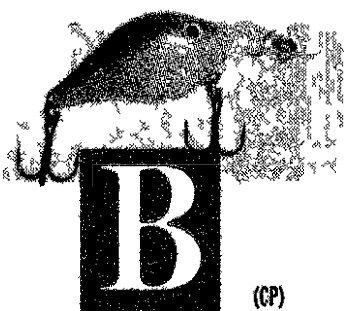
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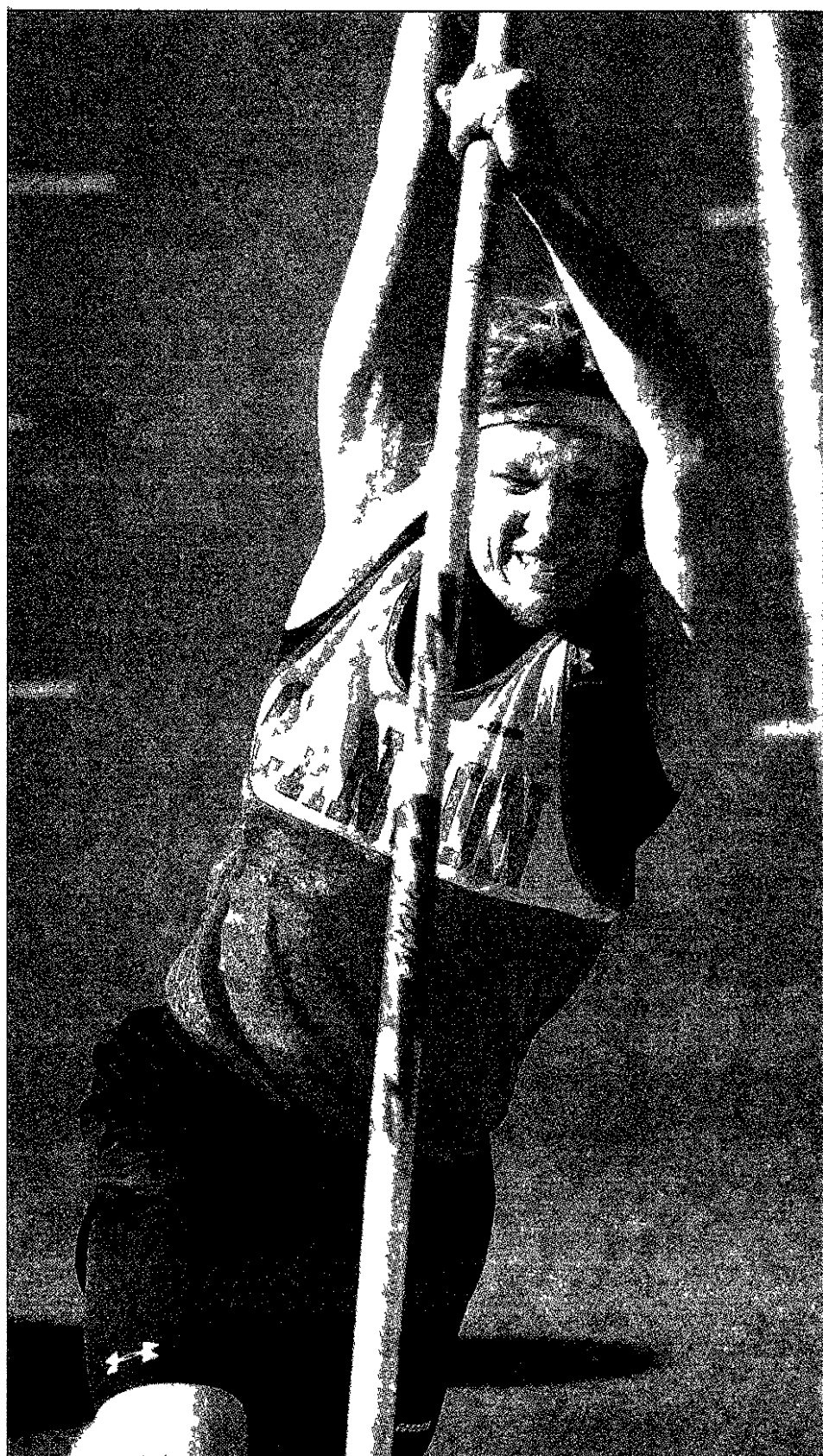
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2006 Observerland Relays



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Canton pole-vaulter Rob Lindman played an instrumental role in the Chiefs' strong showing in the field events at Saturday's Observerland Relays at Livonia Churchill. Canton won the event by one point over Livonia Stevenson.

Down to the wire Canton vaults to exciting track-and-field crown

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

As if to make the finish to the 36th Observerland Relays even more exciting, Canton runners dropped the baton early in the final event Saturday night.

"And we don't practice that!" coach Bob Richardson said tongue-in-cheek after guiding the Chiefs to their fifth championship in the last seven years.

Canton made up lost ground on the final three legs of the 1,600-meter relay to capture second place and edge Livonia Stevenson by a point for the overall title, 64-63.

Host Livonia Churchill won the race and shared third place in the team standings with Northville, each scoring 58 points.

Canton just needed to be in front of Stevenson, which had a 57-56 lead with one event remaining, at the end of the 1,600 relay.

In one of the most dramatic finishes in meet history, Canton anchorman Cyrus Azizi overtook his Stevenson counterpart on the final leg. The 10-8-6 scoring gave the Chiefs just enough to turn a one-point deficit into a one-point victory.

"We had three seniors on that team," Richardson said of the unit that included Andy Rossow, Phaltiel Whitlock and junior Andrew Manuel. "They're kids who've been with us, they've grown up and seen past teammates and how much heart they had."

They showed what kind of heart they have, too. Nothing was going to stop them from doing what they had to do to win the meet.

It's hard to teach someone to have heart. It's just there. A lot of freshmen and sophomores saw that, and it planted a seed that will stay in their minds.

Winning breeds success, according to Churchill coach Rick Austin, who said he had to tip his hat to the Chiefs.

"They really know what it takes to win," he said. "They've won so much in the last 10 years they understand what it takes."

Ironically, defending champion Churchill scored in more events (12 of 16) and won more (four) than any other team. Canton and Northville scored in 10 and won three apiece.

Stevenson earned points in 11 and had one first-place, but its lone victory was a big one. It came in the next-to-last event, the 400 relay, and vaulted the Spartans into first place.

Throughout the meet, it had been Churchill, Canton and Northville jockeying for position at the top, and Stevenson was in the lead for the first time.

After a poor showing in the field events, the Spartans had been steadily piling up points until they, surprisingly, moved into first place.

"I thought they came out of nowhere," Austin said. "Several other teams) were only a few points back, which made the final event so exciting. No one team dominated, so you end up with a roller-coaster ride throughout the meet."

Like a close horse race in the home stretch, it was Stevenson (57), Canton (56), Northville (54), Plymouth (52) and Churchill (48) heading into the final relay.

"You can't ask for more drama," Richardson said. "To me that's why this is the showcase track and field meet in southeast Michigan."

We knew it would be close, we knew it would come down to the final event," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "We didn't come out of the field events in good shape. That was part of the problem."

"We were catching up most of the meet, so it's a little deceptive. We kept climbing and climbing and climbing. After the 400 relay, we went from

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Sidelines

Sox call up Haeger

Plymouth Township off-season resident Charlie Haeger, a 22-year-old knuckleballer, made his Major League debut Wednesday night at

Comiskey Park for the World Champion Chicago White Sox against the Los Angeles Angels.

Haeger got the call when Sox starter Jose Contreras went on the disabled list.

The Redford Catholic Central High graduate posted a 3-0 record with an earned run average of 0.68, including 31 strikeouts in 40 innings, for Class AAA Charlotte Knights.

Haeger, who as a sophomore helped the Shamrocks to the 1999 Division I state title, is the younger brother of MU baseball coach Greg Haeger.

MU softball rolls

Madonna University's softball team knocked off two opponents Tuesday at the first day of the NAIA Region VIII tournament in Marion, Ind.

The Crusaders defeated Bethel College (Ind.), 12-4, sparked by a 14-hit attack.

In the second game of the day, a two-run double by Christina Finch enabled Madonna to nip top-seeded Aquinas College, 3-2.

The victories advanced the 34-13 Crusaders into the winner's bracket of the tournament, with a Wednesday encounter with Cornerstone University.

(That game will be detailed both at www.hometownlife.com and in Sunday's Observer.)

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No contest: Chiefs slam Salem, 16-1

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

One minute there was a leak. The next minute there was a flood.

A pair of one-out walks led to a five-run fourth inning for Canton, which went on to submerge Salem, 16-1, Tuesday night in the

two teams' annual under-the-lights showdown at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

The game was called after the sixth due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 10-run mercy rule.

The Chiefs, who were clinging

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem catcher Maureen Bohr tags out Canton's Chelsea Quirroz in a bang-bang play at the plate during the first inning of Tuesday night's game at Massey Field. The Chiefs won, 16-1.

Clutch hits lead Chiefs past Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton second baseman Chris "Woody" Woudstra may be getting a new nickname soon if he continues to deliver late-game heroics like he did twice this week.

"Mr. Clutch" may be more appropriate for the junior, whose one-out double down the left-field line in the bottom of the seventh scored Justin Latin and knotted the game against P-CEP rival Salem at 2-2.

The Chiefs won the contest in the eighth when sophomore Ben Vaughn led off with a laser-like triple up the right-center field gap and scored on Latin's suicide squeeze, which followed a pair of intentional walks.

On Monday, Woudstra stroked the go-ahead RBI hit in the Chiefs' 6-5 victory over Wayne

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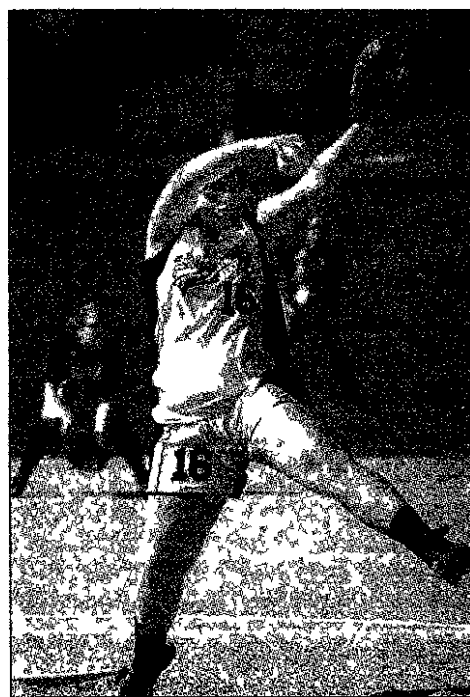
Memorial. The triumph left the Chiefs with a 13-9 overall mark and 8-3 record in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Salem dropped to 5-17 and 2-9, respectively.

"That's two days in a row Chris has gotten a big hit for us," said Canton coach Scott Dickey, whose team played in four straight extra-inning games dating back to Saturday's opening game of the "Big 11" tournament at Livonia's Ford Field. "Ben Vaughn had a great day, too, against Salem, going 4-for-4."

"It was a well-played game all-around and the ending couldn't have been any more exciting than it was. We got good pitching from Caleb Lerner, Brad Barath and Justin Latin, and Josh Ritter did a nice job for Salem."

Salem led 2-1 heading into the seventh thanks to run-scoring hits from Brad Way and Sam Ott. The Chiefs' first run came in the third when Woudstra reached on an error, stole second and scored on Tarrk Khasawneh's single.

Ritter pitched seven innings, scattering eight hits and two walks while striking out a pair. Barath was the Chiefs' most effective pitcher, shutting out the Rocks for five innings after taking over for starter Caleb Lerner in the third.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior pitcher Claire Ostrowski has helped the Plymouth softball team earn two consecutive Division I district titles. Ostrowski, who is 12-4 this season, has started every game for the Wildcats over the past two-plus seasons.

Plymouth's Ostrowski windmills 'Cats to wins

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With the bases around her loaded with Walled Lake Western Warriors Monday afternoon, Plymouth pitcher Claire Ostrowski did what she always does when faced with adversity on the mound (which, by the way, isn't often).

In rapid-fire fashion, Ostrowski firmly flipped the softball from her mitt, generating a POP! POP! POP! POP! sound that echoed from one dugout to the other.

"I do that whenever I'm in a tough situation," explained Ostrowski. "It helps me get my wrist snap down. And while I'm

doing it, I always say a prayer."

The ball-snapping ritual worked for Ostrowski — just like almost everything else the junior has done on the mound over the past 2½ years.

The next batter hit a weak ground ball that Plymouth shortstop Kim Klonowski easily scooped up and turned into a threat-ending third out.

Ostrowski has been the catalyst of the Wildcats' surging softball program, which has captured two consecutive district titles in its three-plus years of existence. She's started every varsity game in the school's history and has already thrown five no-hitters, including

PLEASE SEE OSTROWSKI, B4



Prep Profile

Rocks crowned champs at softball invitational

In the end, the host had the most at the 9th Annual Salem Softball Invitational Saturday. Salem earned the championship trophy by cruising through pool play with a 3-0 record before dispatching Farmington, 4-1, in the title game of the eight-team tournament.

"The girls played well all weekend and were swinging the bats hard," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We finally busted out and made good decisions. The girls kept fighting and didn't give up. It had been a couple of years since we had won this, so the girls really wanted it. They were more than ready."

The Rocks opened with a 4-3 victory over Redford Union. Trailing 3-0, the Rocks tied the game in the fourth before winning it in the fifth on Emily Pitcole's RBI double. Melissa Leach earned the victory after relieving starting pitcher Courtney Davis in the second inning.

Danielle DiPietro (triple and single), Amanda Emmons (triple and double) and Liz Thomas (double) paced the Rocks' offense.

In the second game, Salem out-slugged South Lyon, 13-12, behind the two-hit efforts of Maureen Bohr, Pitcole, Kelly Behr, Laura Kordick and Kait McKinley, who ripped two doubles and a triple. Abby Paritz registered the mound win with a complete-game performance.

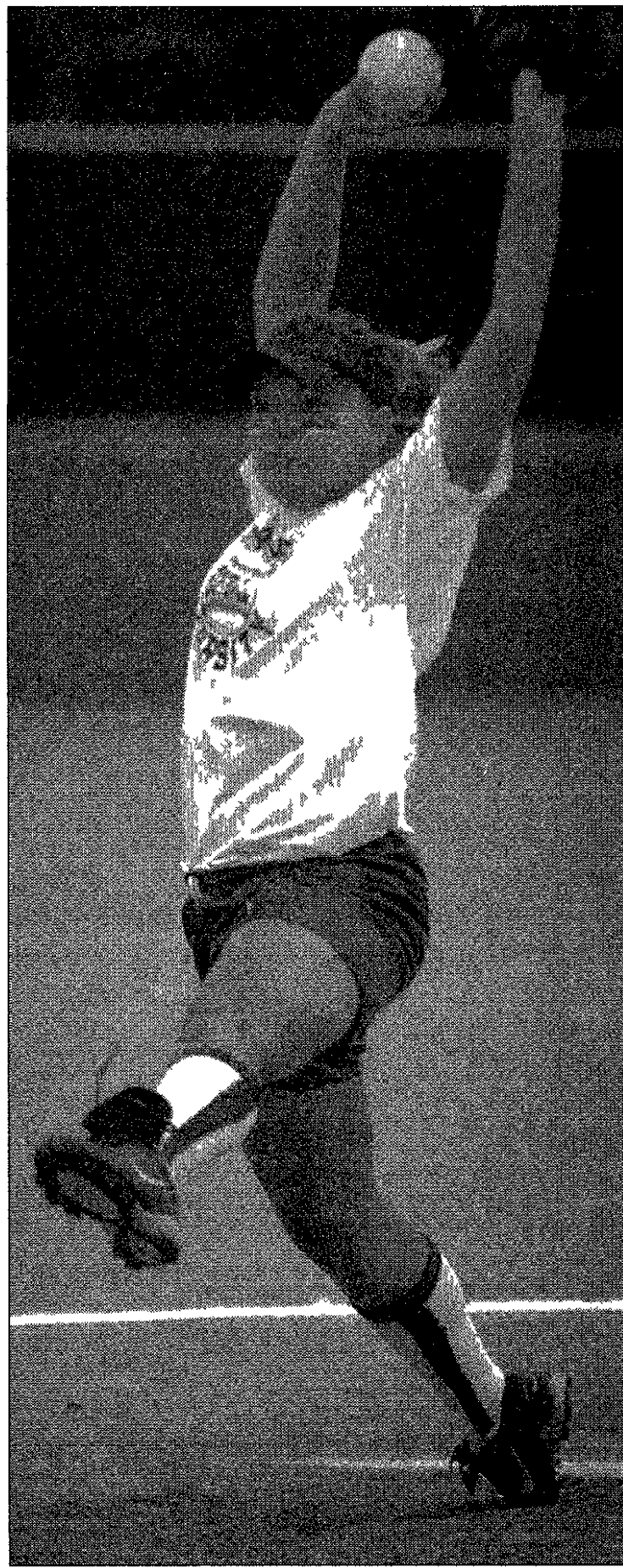
The Rocks earned a berth in the final game thanks to a 6-3 decision over Flat Rock. Leach notched the win after yielding nine hits and three walks while striking out four. DiPietro, Behr, Emmons and Pitcole all contributed key hits to the winners' offensive attack.

Leach pitched a four-hitter in the championship game victory over Farmington. Salem mounted its game-winning rally in the fourth when, with the game knotted at 1-1, Pitcole singled, McKinley walked and Paritz rocketed a two-run double. Christina Parsons followed with an RBI single, scoring Paritz.

"It was nice to see and play more teams that we don't always get a chance to see," said Southerland, referring to the field that included Holt, Livonia, Franklin and Lincoln Park.



Canton's Krista Holcomb takes a rip at a pitch during Tuesday night's 16-1 victory over Salem.



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Salem starting pitcher Courtney Davis held Canton's bats in check through three innings Tuesday night, but the Chiefs exploded for five runs in the fourth and went on to win, 16-1.

CHIEFS

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to a slim 2-1 lead heading into the pivotal fourth, improved to 15-1 overall while the Rocks slipped to 9-9.

Sophomore Hilary Payne worked the first four innings on the mound for the Chiefs, striking out six while allowing just two base-runners — Maureen Bohr, who tripled and scored in the first inning, and Deonna Szawara, who reached on a bunt single in the third.

Abby Paritz registered the only other hit for the Rocks, a lead-off single in the fifth. Junior Sarah Anthony yielded just one hit and one walk over the final two innings.

The brightest offensive star for Canton was senior second baseman Rachel Wade, who went 5-for-5 with four RBI.

Courtney Davis took the loss for Salem after giving up six runs and five hits over 3 2 innings.

"We just had too many errors tonight to beat a good team like Canton," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, referring to her team's six defensive miscues. "Going in, we knew it wasn't going to be easy because Canton had just one loss. On the positive side, the girls stayed up throughout the game and didn't get down." Canton coach Jim Arnold said the game is always highly

anticipated by all of his players, but especially his upperclassmen.

"Several years ago, I started a tradition of starting all my seniors in the Salem game," said Arnold. "It's kind of a nice 'last hurrah' for them."

"Tonight was nice because both of my pitchers — Hilary and Sarah — pitched well and everybody got to play."

Canton struck first with two runs in the first when Rachel Wade tripled in Brittany Scero. One batter later, Wade scored on an error.

Salem made it 2-1 in the bottom of the first when Bohr tripled with one out and came home on Emily Pitcole's sacrifice fly.

The game's most electrifying defensive play unfolded in the top of the first when Salem shortstop Kait McKinley gunned down Chelsea Quiroz at the plate. Quiroz was trying to score from first on a long double by Wade.

With one out in the fourth, Rachel Beaudou and Ashley Trent walked, setting the table for Tiffany Quiroz, who ripped a two-run single. The Chiefs later scored on Allysia Johnson's sacrifice fly and Wade's RBI single.

Canton slammed the door shut on the Rocks with a nine-run sixth, which was highlighted by eight hits and a walk. Trent and Johnson both laced two-run doubles.

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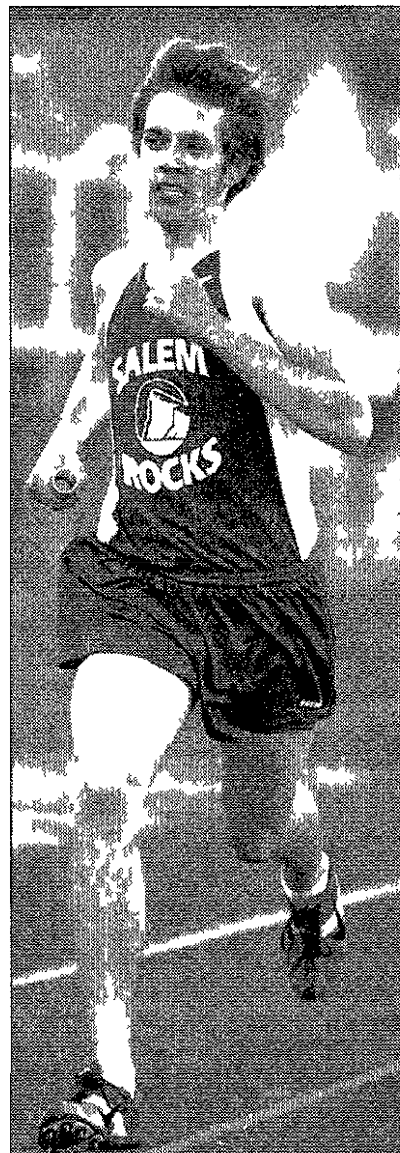
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Members of the Canton boys track and field team pose with their first place Observerland Relays trophy Saturday night



Salem distance runner Jimmy Walsh placed third in the 1 600 meter run at Saturday's Observerland Relays with a time of 4 41 2

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sixth to the top because it was so tight in there."

Stevenson's Nana Adomako Kevin Murawski, Pat Clasgens and Brian Chandler ran a season best time of 4:38 in the 400 relay.

That team has been together for three years now. Shaw said the seniors have been doing that since their freshman year.

That was our best time this year in the 1 600 relay so we can't complain. We dropped two seconds so it wasn't that the kids didn't try.

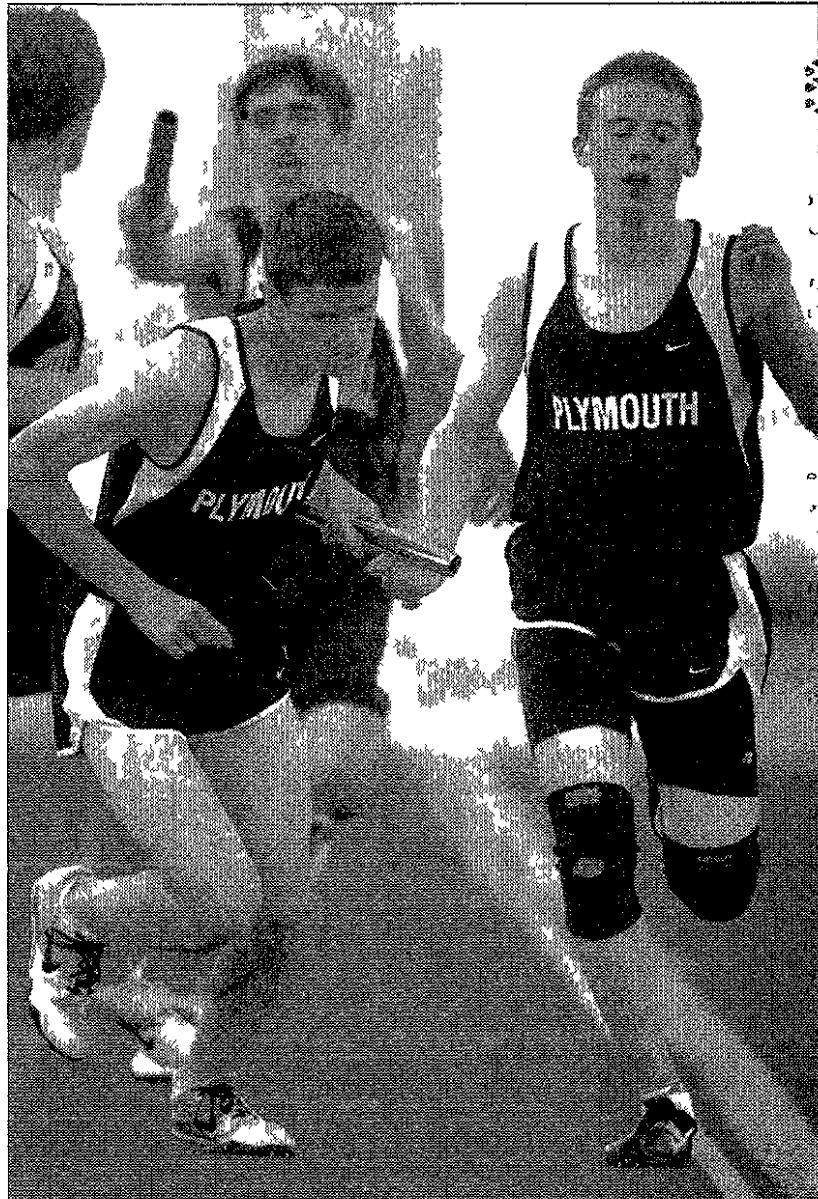
Canton had victories in the high jump 800 and sprint medley relays but the Chiefs also fared well enough in non-winning events to build up their point total.

We preach to the kids. You have to score in a lot of events. Richardson said adding the Chiefs shuffled their lineup a few times due to injuries and still scored.

Our kids are just amazing, he said. We have so many versatile athletes. The coaching staff did a fabulous job to prepare them.

It's fun to be a part of such a great tradition and a great group. I feel privileged to be in charge of it because we have great kids and fabulous coaches.

Churchill also won the pole vault 6 400 and shuttle hurdle relays. Brandon Grysko and Brad Evans had outstanding efforts according to Austin. He added



Plymouth's Derek Lax takes the handoff from Matt Lewandowski in the 4x6400-meter relay during Saturday's Observerland Relays at Livonia Churchill

In one of the most dramatic finishes in meet history, Canton anchorman Cyrus Azizi overtook his Stevenson counterpart on the final leg. The 10-8-6 scoring gave the Chiefs just enough to turn a one-point deficit into a one-point victory.

The 1 600 team of David St Amant Andy LaBerge Jake McDonald and Billy Gutowski also performed well in other races.

We're a very young team, most

of our guys are juniors and sophomores. Austin said I was pleased to see they were actually disappointed they didn't finish higher. That bodes well for us in the future.

They understand what it takes to win it now. Our young guys will be back to try again next year and they'll be hungry to win it.

Redford Union's Jared Owens edged Adomako to win the 100 dash. Northville's Cavan Corcoran and Jasen Turnbull won the high hurdles and 1,600 run, respectively.

Plymouth won the long jump and distance medley relays, Livonia Franklin the discus and Novi Catholic Central the shot put.

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OSTROWSKI

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**three this season
NO SURPRISE**

Ostrowski's pitching numbers are staggering — but not surprising, according to Plymouth coach Val Canfield

"The very first time I saw Claire pitch, I knew we were going to have a successful future here," said Canfield. "The first time I saw her, she had a lot of zip on the ball. Since then, she's developed movement on her pitches and she's increased her placement."

"Claire is not only a great pitcher, she's a wonderful leader, too. She has a lot of charisma and a great sense of humor."

Ostrowski's pitching career was born five years ago in the backyard of her Canton home. With her dad serving as the catcher, she'd try to duplicate the windmilling action she saw other more-established pitchers practice.

"At first, I tried to figure out how to pitch on my own," she said. "But once I got my first pitching lesson, they told me that just about everything I was doing was wrong."

"Once I started working with (pitching instructor) Doug Gillis when I was 14 or 15, he told me that my back leg was dragging the opposite way than it should be. Once I fixed that, my velocity and my control improved."

"So did the Wildcats' softball fortunes."

Ostrowski's mound repertoire currently includes eight different pitches that range from a sizzling, straight-forward fastball to a knee-buckling curve.

"My change-up needs work," said Ostrowski, who has racked up a 12-4 record this season. "A lot of my power comes from my wrist snap, and I can't snap my wrist when I throw a change-up."

BRING ON THE PRESSURE

Ostrowski admitted she enjoys the heat that comes with standing in the middle of the diamond with a softball in her right hand and the game on the line.

"I like being involved in every pitch," she said. "I don't know how well I'd like playing another position. Last year when we played Canton, I wondered what it must have been like to be an outfielder while Molly Conlon was pitching. They hardly ever got the ball hit to them. I don't think I would have liked that."

Ostrowski is not only capable — she's also durable. She hasn't missed a start at Plymouth. In one tournament last year, she pitched all seven games.

"Once in a while, my elbow will get sore, but not much," Ostrowski said. "My legs are the first things to get sore when I pitch a lot because I rely on them for a lot of my power."

"Claire never tires," said Canfield. "In fact, she seems to get stronger with every pitch, with every inning."

Despite all the victories Ostrowski has registered on the mound, her most vivid high school softball memory is of a game the Wildcats lost last season.

"I can still remember the songs the Chelsea girls were singing when they ran onto the field (during a Division 1 Regional game) last year," Ostrowski said. "They thought they were going to beat us easily and they were really relaxed. But we were actually winning 1-0 until the seventh inning when they scored two runs and beat us. It was tough losing that game, but I think we proved to people that we were a good team."

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Plymouth bats smoking in triumph

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

They didn't connect with the cardboard "HIT ME" sign that a pair of students held beyond the left-field fence Monday afternoon, but members of the Plymouth softball team hit the ball just about everywhere else against Walled Lake Western.

Led by Lauren Stemberger's 3-for-3 effort, Plymouth banged out 13 hits — including doubles by Madison Dresser and Kim Klonowski that one-hopped the fence — during their 9-1 rout of the visiting Warriors.

Stemberger nearly hit for the cycle, registering a single, double and triple before getting walked in her final plate appearance. The senior third baseman also knocked in three runs.

With the win, Plymouth improved to 12-4 overall, 9-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 4-2 in the WLAAs Western Division. The Warriors dropped to 5-11 overall and 3-7 in the WLAAs.

"I thought the girls played spectacular today," said Plymouth assistant coach Kim McKenzie, who filled in for head coach Val Canfield, who was serving a one-game suspension after getting ejected from the second game of Friday's double-header against Northville. "The girls are playing very relaxed and they're playing as a team."

"Our hitting is so much better than it was at the beginning of the season. It's really becoming the focal point of our team."

The Wildcats received another stellar effort from junior right hander Claire Ostrowski, who tossed a complete-game five-hitter. Ostrowski, who struck out two, worked out of two bases-loaded jams in the second and fourth innings.

"I thought Claire did a tremendous job today," said McKenzie. "They loaded the bases a couple of times, but Claire seems to get stronger in those kinds of situations."

The Warriors grabbed a short lived lead in the top of the second when Trish Hackman reached on an error, stole second and eventually scored on Emily Carlson's two out single.

PREP SOFTBALL

The Wildcats responded with a pair of runs in the bottom of the second thanks to RBI hits from Stemberger and Erin Rodes. Western shortstop Kartlyn Seaman prevented further damage when she made an over-the-shoulder catch of Amy Bondy's flare to left field, ending the inning with two runners on board.

After Ostrowski set down the Warriors 1-2-3 in the top of the third, the Wildcats took command with three in the bottom of the frame. With one out, Danielle Bondy single, Dresser doubled and Klonowski brought them both home with a two-bagger that missed hitting the bull's-eye sign by 10 feet. Stemberger brought home the third run with a sharp single to left.

The most bizarre play of the game unfolded in the fourth when Plymouth's Rachel Juco dropped down a perfect bunt along the third-base line. Warrior third baseman Heather Becker fielded the ball cleanly but threw high to first base. By the time the Warriors were able to retrieve the ball, Juco scored to pad the Wildcats' lead to 6-1.

Plymouth tallied its final two runs in the sixth on an RBI double from Stemberger and Rodes' groundout, which scored Stemberger.

Dresser matched Stemberger's effort by going 3-for-4 with two doubles and two runs. Freshman second baseman Beth Heldmeyer also sparkled at the plate, reaching base on all four of her plate appearances and scoring two runs. She also stole two bases.

CANTON 10, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0: On Monday, Stephanie Sadek improved to 3-0 by holding the Zebras to two hits in the six-inning, mercy rule-shortened contest. Sadek struck out four and did not walk a batter.

"Stephanie Sadek's change-up was working really well today," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "She did a good job of keeping their hitters off-balance."

The Chiefs broke open a 4-0 game with a five run fifth inning. They sealed the victory with a single run in the sixth.

Offensively, the winners were led by

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Alyssia Johnson (2-for-2), Sadek (1-for-3, three RBI), Chelsea Quiroz (2-for-4), Mary Kate McWhirter (2-for-2, four RBI) and Abby Skrzytek (2-for-4).

CANTON 9-10, W.L. WESTERN 0-5: On Friday, the Chiefs swept a twinbill from the Warriors thanks to outstanding pitching from Hillary Payne (first game) and Sarah Anthony.

Payne threw a complete-game four-hitter in Game 1, striking out six. Offensively, the Chiefs were paced by Lauren Delapaz (3-for-3, three RBI), Payne (3-for-4), Alyssia Johnson (3-for-4) and Anthony (2-for-3).

Anthony yielded nine hits while striking out six in the nightcap. Canton's hitting stars were Anthony (3-for-3), Rachel Wade (3-for-4), Delapaz (2-for-3, two doubles, two RBI), Johnson (3-for-3) and Ashley Trent (2-for-3).

SALEM 1-17, W.L. NORTHERN, 2-4: On Friday, the Rocks scored first in the opener of the twinbill when Danielle Dipietro singled and scored on a fielder's choice. The Knights won the game with a pair of unearned runs in the sixth inning.

Melissa Leach took the loss for Salem, giving up seven hits while striking out four.

Dipietro, Mo Bohr and Kat McKinley all enjoyed strong offensive games for the Rocks.

In the nightcap, the Rocks exploded for 14 hits led by Abby Paritz's four safeties. Deonna Szawara, Dipietro and Amanda Emmons also had strong games at the plate. McKinley added two doubles and three RBI.

Salem scored three in the first inning and 11 in the second.

Abby Paritz earned the mound victory, allowing seven hits while striking out three.

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- PREP BASEBALL**
Thursday, May 11
Livonia Franklin at Canton 4 p.m.
B Ham Roeper at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 12
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Salem at Westland John Glenn 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Plymouth at Gibraltar Carlson Invitational 10 a.m.
PCA at Lutheran Westland noon
- PREP SOFTBALL**
Thursday, May 11
Livonia Franklin at Canton 4 p.m.
PCA at Bethesda Christian 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 12
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Salem 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Canton Classic Invitational 9 a.m.
- BOYS TRACK & FIELD**
Thursday, May 11
Canton at Northville 5:30 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 3:45 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Salem 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Canton at Troy Athens Invitational 9:30 a.m.
Salem at Jackson NW Invite 9 a.m.
- GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**
Thursday, May 11
Northville at Canton 3:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 3:45 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Stevenson 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Canton at Troy Athens Invitational 9:30 a.m.
Plymouth at Mercy Invitational 9:30 a.m.
Salem at Jackson NW Invite 9 a.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**
Saturday, May 13
WLAAs Conference Meet at Livonia Stevenson 7 a.m.
- GIRLS SOCCER**
Thursday, May 11
Southfield Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.
- GIRLS GOLF**
Thursday, May 11
Salem at Plymouth 3 p.m.
Friday, May 12
Livonia Stevenson at Canton 3 p.m.
- UNITED SOCCER LEAGUE**
W-LEAGUE
Friday, May 13
Mich Hawks vs. Hamilton Avalanche at Stevenson High School 7:30 p.m.
TBA = time to be announced

GOLF RESULTS

- LIVONIA STEVENSON 184 SALEM 193**
May 4 at St. John's GC
Stevenson scorers: Chelsea Bathurst and Chrissy McHenry 42 each, Laura Sims 49, Elizabeth Grace 51.
Salem scorers: Ashley Smith 40 (medalist).
Dual meet records: Stevenson 6-0 overall, 6-0 WLAAs.
- PLYMOUTH 202 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 211**
May 3 at Idyl Wyld
Franklin scorers: Alison Sanborn 48, Jessi Stchur 51, Keely Mog and Tess Allen 56 each.
Plymouth scorers: Amanda Kerr 43 (medalist), Trisha Burns 51, Liz Anderson 52, Elaine Lafayette 56.
Franklin's dual meet record: 2-3 WLAAs.

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Rocks' Slabey blanks Zebras

Katie Shull and Kelly Adsit both scored goals to lead Salem to a 2-0 victory over Wayne Memorial Monday night. Shull was assisted by Amanda Evers while Adsit's net-finder was assisted by Tara Duncan.

Jill Slabey was flawless in front of the net for the Rocks, recording three saves to record the shutout.

"We played really well between the 18s," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We just need to do a better job of putting the ball into the back of the net. We had 11 shots, so the opportunities were there."

Nora praised the play of his defense, particularly the efforts of Amanda Krause and Kristin March.

PCA 10, ZOE CHRISTIAN 0 The Eagles improved their record to 9-0-1 overall and 9-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Sara Ross and Mimi Monroe shared net-minding duties and combined for the shutout.

Nine different players scored for the winners. Jalese DeBiasi (two goals, two assists), Peggy Abraham (goal, two assists), Karen Cleary, Abby Lorion (goal, two assists), Katie McDougall, Jenna Misch, Leanne Molnar, Meghan Polera, Sarah Roth, Josie Santos and Brooke Williams. **NORTHVILLE 4, PLYMOUTH 0** Wildcat net-minder Brittany

Warner was brilliant in the loss, turning away 15 Mustang shots.

"The talent Northville has is unbelievable," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, whose team dropped to 6-7. Courtney Pickard did a great job for us. She marked their top player, Danielle Toney, and did a nice job with that."

PCA 2, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 0 The Eagles knocked off the Lancers for the second time this season thanks to a pair of goals from Abby Lorion and stellar goal-tending by Sara Ross.

PCAs first goal came on a set play when Brooke Williams delivered a perfect corner kick to Lorion, who headed the ball in from directly in front of the net.

Lorion's second goal, which was assisted by Lauren Beckett, came from approximately 25 yards out.

The girls are playing as a team and they're really moving the ball around well, said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "This is a very unselfish team. The only thing they're worried about is winning — not about who gets the goals."

ROCHESTER 4, SALEM 0 On Saturday, the Rocks were blanked by one of the state's most powerful teams.

Considering the result, it's not what we were shooting for, but we didn't play poorly," said Nora. "It was scoreless



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Salem's Caryn Kosteva (left) and her Rock teammates upended Wayne Memorial, 2-0, Monday night. Kosteva is pictured above in a game earlier this season.

20 minutes in, but then there was an eight to nine minute stretch when they scored three goals.

We kept them in check throughout most of the second half. They scored one with about 10 minutes left.

Chiefs work overtime to knock off Zebras

Playing in their third consecutive extra-inning game on Monday, the Canton rallied from a 5-3 seventh-inning deficit to post a 6-5 win over Wayne Memorial.

The victory lifted Canton to 12-9 overall and 5-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The host Zebras slipped to 5-11 and 2-5, respectively.

Shawn Little (5-2) notched the win for Canton after shutting out the Zebras over the final 2 1/2 innings. Little, who relieved starter Kyle Gring with two outs in the sixth, struck out five and walked one. In 5 2/3 innings of work, Gring yielded three earned runs, five hits and a pair of walks.

The seventh-inning, game-tying rally unfolded when Little singled and scored on senior catcher Tarik Khasawneh's double. Corey Lewis then delivered a clutch RBI single that scored pinch-runner Keith Campbell.

The game-winning run came in the eighth when sophomore Ben Vaughn singled, stole second and scored on Chris Woudstra's two-out single.

Offensive stars for Canton were Khasawneh (3-for-4, RBI), Little (2-for-3), Woudstra (2-for-5, RBI) and Brad Barath (1-for-4, RBI).

Canton outthrew Wayne, 11-8.

PREP BASEBALL

CANTON 7, FARMINGTON 3 (8 innings) On Saturday in the opening game of the Big 11 Tournament at Livonia's Ford Field, sophomore pitcher Erik Wright tossed a complete-game three-hitter, striking out 14 Falcons.

The big offensive blow for the Chiefs was Shawn Little's bases-loaded triple in the top of the eighth. The three-bagger was Little's second of the contest.

Brad Barath contributed two hits for the winners.

Canton sent the game into the extra frame with a run in the top of the seventh. Barath sparked the rally with a one-out single. He later scored the tying run.

SOUTH LYON 6, CANTON 5 (8 innings) In a second-round Big 11 tournament game, the Lions overcame a 5-0 first-inning deficit to nip the Chiefs.

W. L. WESTERN 11, PLYMOUTH 5: On Monday, the host Warriors rode the pitching of Dan Wingblad and an 18-hit offensive attack to the six-run win. Plymouth, which dropped to 8-12 overall and 4-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, got a home run from Nate McManus.

Alex Harvey (1-2) took the loss for the Wildcats.

Salem's boys tennis team remains unbeaten in WLAA

Salem's boys tennis team continued its successful run through the Western Lakes Activities Association with a pair of victories over cross-campus rivals Plymouth and Canton earlier this week.

On Tuesday, the Rocks downed the Chiefs 6-2. One day earlier they knocked off the Wildcats, 7-1. No. 1 singles player Lawrence Washington spearheaded both victories with deci-

sive two set decisions over Canton's Eric Szydlowski (6-2, 6-1) and Plymouth's Don Zhang (6-3, 6-2).

Salem will take it 10-0 mark into today's conference finale against Westland John Glenn.

On Saturday Salem finished second in the eight-team Woodhaven Warrior Classic. Salem took the top honors with 18 points, followed by Salem (16), Trenton (14), Warren

DeLaSalle (13), Woodhaven (11), Kalamazoo Loy Norrix (eight), and Riverview and Carlton-Airport, both of whom finished with seven points.

No. 3 singles player Blake Foster and No. 4 singles player Neil Bakshi both went 3-0 for the Rocks.

SALEM 6, CANTON 2
Tuesday at Canton
No. 1 singles Lawrence Washington (S)

defeated Eric Szydlowski 6-2, 6-1. No. 2 Mike Keesey (C) def. Pete Bartlett 6-1, 6-4. No. 3 Blake Foster (S) def. Nathan Larmore 6-2, 6-0. No. 4 Neil Bakshi (S) def. Ryan Hollingsworth 6-0, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles Pawel Kargol (S) def. Alex Marinica (S) 7-5, 6-7, 6-2. No. 2 Alex Fabiszewski (S) def. Alex Poe (C) 6-2, 6-2. No. 3 Jake Burnstein (S) def. Greg Warnecke (S) 6-1, 6-2. No. 4 Steve Van Dusen (S) def. Nirusan Loganathan (S) 6-4, 6-7(4), 6-4.

SALEM 7, PLYMOUTH 1
Monday at Salem

No. 1 singles Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Don Zhang (P) 6-3, 6-2. No. 2 Pete Bartlett (S) def. Luc Lucay 7-6, 6-2. No. 3 Blake Foster (S) def. Dan Jeong 6-2, 6-4. No. 4 Neil Bakshi (S) def. Max Korpai 6-0, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles Dave Geick (S) def. Dave Snyder (S) 6-2, 7-6(5). No. 2 Kevin Welch (S) def. Alex Poe (C) 6-4, 6-4. No. 3 Jake Burnstein (S) def. Anoop Gopal (S) 6-3, 6-2. No. 4 Steve Van Dusen (S) def. Eric Korpalski (S) 6-7, 6-4, 6-1.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 4, CANTON 4
May 4 at Canton

No. 1 singles Mike Keesey (C) defeated Kyle Fox 6-1, 6-1. No. 2 Brandon Filipiak (LF) def. Nathan Larmore 6-2, 6-2. No. 3 Tony Semonick (LF) def. Ryan Hollingsworth 6-3, 6-1. No. 4 Dan Camilleri (LF) def. Cory Hurst 6-1, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles Alex Fabiszewski (S) def. Alex Poe (C) 6-2, 6-2. No. 2 Greg Warnecke (S) def. Joe Fenner (S) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. No. 3 Koosh Patel (S) def. Derrick Martinez (S) 6-0, 6-1. No. 4 Steve Trapp (S) def. J.P. Lafontaine (S) 6-1, 6-3.
Franklin's dual meet record 18-1 overall, 17-4 WLAA.

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Warriors are back on the winning track

On Friday, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team upended Walled Lake Unified, 13-1, to improve its record to 8-3. Walled Lake slipped to 0-9.

PCS, which outshot Walled Lake 45-18, received multiple-goal efforts from Mitch French (three), Devin Murphy (three), Ryan Gubert (two) and Ray Gilmore (two). Alex Caryl, Pat Goulet and Nick Cote scored single goals for the winners.

Cote (three), Joey Underwood (three), French and John Savino all notched assists.

"We overcame a slow start and really picked up our offense," said PCS coach Mike Costello. "The groundball and face-off play was outstanding. Devin Murphy had a great game. He has a way of getting open and tonight he finished well."

Our midfield defense was solid. Mike Cooley and John Sidor played well and I thought Pat Goulet did the little things to help us win. We gave Chris Sorensen the night off and Justin Scott played great in his place. He stopped the ball well and cleared effectively."

Scott finished with nine saves. Johnny Groat led the Warriors with nine groundballs.

PCS led 2-1 after one quarter, 6-1 at the half and 12-1 with 12 minutes to play.

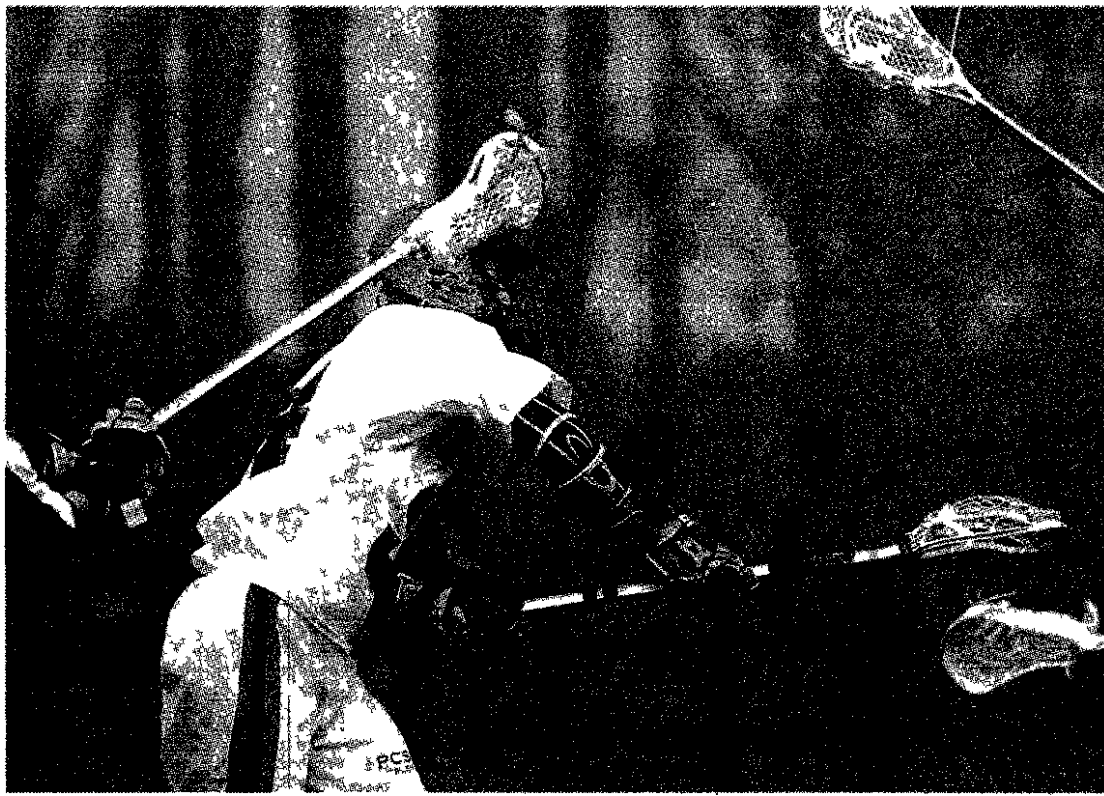
On May 3, the Warriors knocked off Saline, 7-4. It was the first setback of the season for the Hornets (9-1).

"It felt good to get back on track," said Costello. "This was a game we needed to win. They came in undefeated and we had to prove a point."

"The entire roster contributed. Ray Gilmore continued his strong play and Mike Cooley really helped out on defense and face-offs."

"Ryan Gubert is quietly becoming an offensive weapon. We will need that in the second half."

Goal-scorers for PCS were Groat (two), Cote (two), Gubert (two) and French. Gilmore, Groat, Savino, Goulet and Gubert were all credited with assists. Saline outshot PCS, 23-22. PCS led 3-1 after one quarter, 4-1 at the half and 5-3 after three quarters.



Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse player Mitch French helped his team to a pair of victories last week. The Warriors are 9-3 overall.

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PREP STATE RANKINGS

Boys Tennis

(By the coaches association)
 Division 1 - 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer 2 West Bloomfield 3 Grosse Pointe South 4 Troy 5 Ann Arbor Huron 6 Novi 7 Utica Eisenhower 8 Nov Detroit Catholic Central 9 Holland West Ottawa 10 (tie) Birmingham Brother Rice Saline
 Division 2 - 1 Okemos 2 Birmingham Seaholm 3 Birmingham Groves 4 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central Battle Creek Lakeview 6 Portage Central 7 East Lansing 8 Grosse Pointe South 9 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 10 Bloomfield Hills Lahser
 Division 3 - 1 Birmingham Detroit Country Day 2 Bloomfield Hills Andover 3 Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 4 East Grand Rapids 5 St Joseph 6 Sturgis 7 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern 8 (tie) Grand Rapids Catholic Central Allegan Holland Christian Spring Lake
 Division 4 - 1 Ann Arbor Greenhills 2 Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 3 Lansing Catholic Central 4 Almont 5 Flint Powers Catholic 6 Buchanan 7 Parchment 8 Grosse Ile 9 Essexville Garber 10 Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett

Girls Soccer

(By the coaches association)
 Division 1 - 1 Novi 2 Portage Central 3 Rochester 4 Northville 5 Livonia Stevenson 6 East Kentwood 7 Lake Orion 8 Brighton 9 Midland Dow 10 Ann Arbor Huron
 Honorable Mention - Plymouth Canton, Rochester Adams Grosse Pointe South Walled Lake Central
 Division 2 - Bloomfield Hills Lahser 2 Birmingham Seaholm 3 Birmingham Marian 4 Dexter 5 Portage Northern 6 Okemos 7 Auburn Hills Avondale 8 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 9 Royal Oak Kimball 10 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern
 Honorable Mention - Birmingham Groves Petoskey
 Division 3 - 1 Hudsonville Unity Christian 21 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 3 Flint Powers Catholic 4 Williamston 5 Jackson Lumen Christi 6 Madison Heights Bishop Foley 7 Grosse Ile 8 Frankenmuth 9 Birmingham Detroit Country Day 10 Royal Oak Dondoro
 Honorable Mention - Brooklyn Columbia Central Lansing/Bath Unified Stockbridge South Haven
 Division 4 - 1 Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic 2 Kalamazoo Christian 3 Ann Arbor Greenhills 4 Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 5 Clawson 6 North Muskegon 7 Lansing Christian 8 Grandville Calvin Christian 9 Charlevoix 10 Three Oaks River Valley
 Honorable Mention - Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian Plymouth Christian Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard

Softball

(By the coaches association)
 Division 1 - 1 Harper Woods Regina 2 White Lake Lakeland 3 Jenison 4 Milford 5 Portage Northern 6 Fenton 7 Grand Blanc 8 Bay City Central 9 Plymouth Canton; 10 Howell
 Honorable Mention - Flushing Clinton Township Chippewa Valley Portage Central Alpena Troy Detroit Cass Tech Belleville, Romeo
 Division 2 - 1 Wyoming Rogers 2 Comstock 3 Ortonville Brandon 4 Escanaba 5 Wayland 6 Trenton 7 Dearborn Divine Child 8 Richmond 9 Dowagiac 10 Pinconning
 Honorable Mention - Flint Powers Catholic Goodrich Livonia Ladywood Stevensville Lakeshore Clio St Clair
 Division 3 - 1 Freeland 2 Riverview Gabriel Richard 3 Scottville Mason County Central 4 Ravenna 5 Saginaw Swan Valley 6 Unionville Sebawang 7 Hemlock 8 Niles Brandywine 9 Reese 10 Ida
 Honorable Mention - Portland Gladstone Monroe St Mary Catholic Central Kalamazoo Christian Watervliet Buchanan Gobles Lansing Catholic Central Lake Fenton
 Division 4 - 1 Coleman 2 Custer Mason County Eastern 3 Muskegon Catholic Central 4 Bay City All Saints 5 Frankfort 6 Allen Park Cabrim 7 Ellsworth 8 Petersburg Summerfield 9 Maple City Glen Lake 10 Hillman
 Honorable Mention - Adrian Lenawee Christian Allen Park Inter City Baptist Lake Leelanau St Mary's Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian Beal City Blanchard Montabella Posen Wyoming Rogers

Baseball

(By the Coaches Association)
 Division 1 - 1 Grosse Pointe North 2 Grandville 3 Jenison 4 Grosse Pointe South 5 Utica Eisenhower 6 Allen Park 7 Lake Orion 8 Walled Lake Central 9 Oxford 10 Muskegon Mona Shores
 Division 2 - 1 Grand Rapids Catholic Central 2 Battle Creek Lakeview 3 Flint Powers Catholic 4 Holland Christian 5 Hamilton 6 Ludington 7 Mt Morris 8 Birmingham Detroit Country Day 9 Midland Bullock Creek 10 Paw Paw
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Girls Golf

(By the coaches association)
 Division 1 - 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer 2 Grand Blanc 3 Traverse City Central 4 Farmington Hills Mercy 5 Traverse City West 6 Temperance Bedford 7 Grosse Pointe North 8 Mt Pleasant 9 Rochester 10 Northville 11 Brighton 12 Holt
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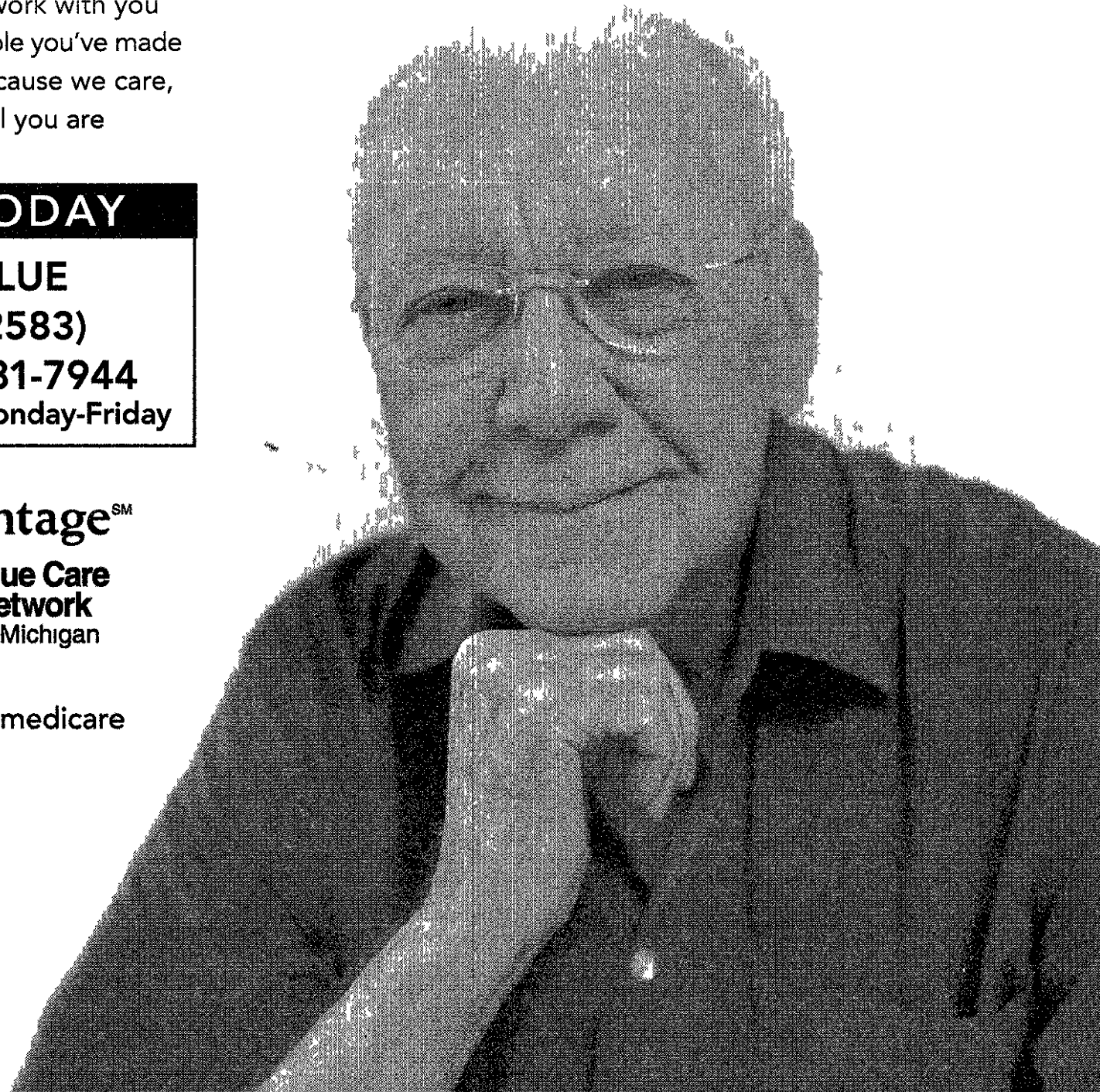
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Fishing seasons have arrived in Michigan

The last Saturday in April got a special nod from avid trout anglers in the state. After a nearly seven-month closure of trout fishing on most streams, opening day is met with as much anticipation from avid trout chasers as opening day of the firearms season is by deer hunters.

The spring air runs thick at this time of year, dripping with anticipation of the first hatch, the first bite, and the first fish in the landing net.



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

feisty wild trout

For others, however, opening week will bring disappointment and despair because family or work obligations or other reasons have kept you home.

Here's a not-so-secret, secret: There's some fun and productive trout fishing awaiting anglers right here in Oakland County.

The Fisheries Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources annually stocks over 13,000 brown trout in three streams in southeastern Michigan. Early this month — to allow time for the fish to acclimate themselves to the water before the fishing began — the state dumped 5,700 brown trout into the Clinton River, 6,500 browns into Paint Creek, and another 1,200 into the Huron River.

The fish used for the Clinton and Paint Creek stocks averaged about 7.4 inches in length while the fish released in the Huron averaged 9.4.

In addition, over 600 browns ranging in length from 15 to 25 inches were released into the Huron just below Proud Lake. The Huron plants were part of an early catch-and-release, flies-only season that runs on a stretch of the river just below Proud Lake from April 1 up to opening day. Those fish are now legal to keep.

OK, I'll be fair and admit that the fishing on any of these streams will not come close to matching the opportunity nor the ambience encountered on one of Michigan's Blue Ribbon trout streams. But they do provide opportunities to get out of the house and satisfy the desire to catch a trout — at least until the time is right for a trip north.

There are a lot of rough fish like suckers and chubs in these streams so don't get discouraged when the catch doesn't start out to be what you expect. Be persistent and experiment until you find the recipe for success.

The nice thing about these close-to-home getaways is that they attract all types of anglers, from bait dunkers and spinner nuts to devout fly fishers. Remember to give the fly guys room. There are lots of little nooks and holes they can't get in to so if you're fishing with hardware or live bait be courteous and give the fly fishers some space. There are plenty of holes and plenty of fish.

Remember, too, that this is a planted, limited resource. Take home a couple fish for a meal but try to resist the temptation to always fish for a limit. Leave a few for the next time and the good fishing will last well into the summer months.

NEW BASS RULES

Speaking of catch-and-release fishing, bass anglers are reminded that Michigan now has an early catch-and-immediate-release bass fishing season.

On inland lakes in the Lower Peninsula, the new season runs from the last Saturday in April to the regular bass season opener on the Saturday before

Memorial Day. On Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers, the season runs from the last Saturday in April through the Friday before the third Saturday in June.

In the Upper Peninsula, the catch-and-immediate-release season runs May 15 to the regular season opener on the Saturday before Memorial Day.

The word 'immediate' was included into the phrase 'catch-and-release' to hammer home the point that anglers MUST IMMEDIATELY return bass to the water after catching them. It is illegal to put fish into a livewell for later release — a common tournament practice — during this early season.

Bass are spawning in the spring and prolonged absence from the nesting area could be detrimental to reproduction.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Bill Parker c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

YMCA SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Plymouth Family YMCA is currently accepting registrations for its spring soccer program. Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers, referees and anyone else needing more information should call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

Other upcoming YMCA programs include:

Summer baseball — Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, which costs \$15.

Summer softball — Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 8 and 11 years old. All leagues are machine pitch. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting on Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one game per week.

The cost is \$68 and all participants must purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

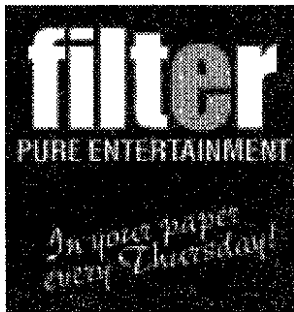
Summer flag football — Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 6 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting on Saturday, July 8. There is one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants must purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

For more information, call (734) 453-2904.

SAND VOLLEYBALL

For the second-consecutive year, a pair of sand volleyball tournaments featuring area high school players will be held this summer in Northville. This year's Summer Challenge varsity events will be held Sunday, June 25, and Sunday, July 23. There will also be a Freshman/Sophomore Challenge on Saturday, July 22.

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Local kickers ready to help Hawks soar to title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

When the Michigan Hawks kick off their W-League season Saturday night at Livonia Stevenson High School, their roster will read like a "Who's Who" of area women's soccer.

Fifteen of the team's pool of 24 players honed their skills with the Michigan Hawks, a Livonia-based premier youth soccer club that has won numerous state cup and national titles.

The Hawks, formerly the Midwest Division champion Detroit Jaguars, feature several familiar names including Stevenson High grad Melissa Dobbyn, an All-Big Ten player from the University of Michigan and 2005 W-League MVP.

Dobbyn is joined by Salem High products Marissa Sarkisian and Jordan Falcusan, currently teammates at Texas A&M. The Hawks, coached by former Detroit Rocker and Salem High girls varsity coach Doug Landefeld.

They will take on the expansion Hamilton (Ontario) Avalanche of the Eastern Conference Northern Division in their opener Game time is 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Stevenson with those 18- and under admit-

ted free. Adult tickets are \$5 at the gate. Dobbyn finished fourth in the W-League, North America's premier league for women, in goals (13) as the Jaguars finished 11-3.

She's going to draw a lot more attention than last year," Landefeld said of his standout striker. Melissa had a special season last year, but we've added more around her this year. She just loves playing at this level and she defines this team because of the way she approaches the game."

Due to college commitments, not all of the Hawks have been able to practice the past 10 days. But Landefeld said most of the players will be in town by Friday.

"We started with six last week, we were still waiting for some players but everybody will be there on Saturday - all 19," the Hawks coach said. Since this is a crossover game and it doesn't count in the (Midwest Division) standings, it's perfect for us because we're hoping to get all 18 or 19 the opportunity to play in front of their own home crowd. The addition of Michigan States Maureen Pawlak and Erin Doan should make the Hawks even more formidable in 2006.

I think we'll be pretty good

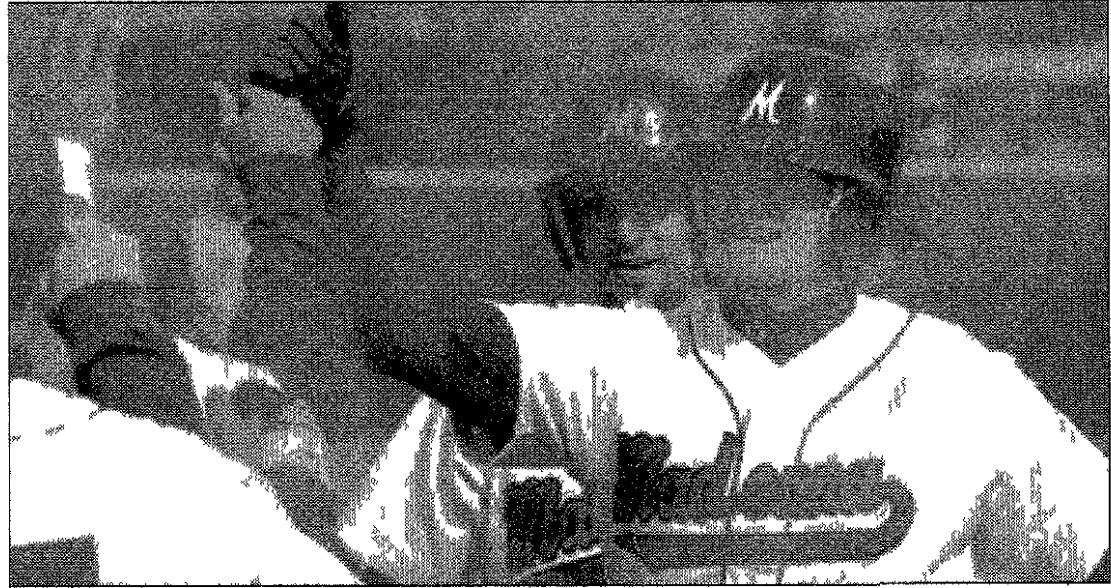
again," Landefeld said. "We've added those MSU girls who are local in Doan and Pawlak. Both are very good players."

Other newcomers for the Hawks include Jessica Okoroafo (Purdue), a member of the U.S. Under 20 National Team Development Pool, Erin Kohem, MSU, Nicole Lecznar, Wake Forest, and Stephame Wurth, Dayton.

Among the returnees off the Jaguars' roster include goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming, Pepperdine University, Northville High's Nicole Cauzillo (University of Kansas), Trisha Roberts (Eastern Michigan University), Cat Panabaker (Oakland University) and Lea Hill (DePaul).

Other members of the Midwest Division include the Chicago (Ill.) Gaels, Cincinnati (Ohio) Ladyhawks, Cleveland (Ohio) Internationals, Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever, London (Ont.) Gryphons, Minnesota Lightning and the West Michigan Firewomen.

The Hawks will play 16 Midwest Division games, including a 7:30 p.m. May 19 matchup at Stevenson against the Fever. Call (734) 542-4936, or visit www.michiganwolveshawks.com.



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Ben Ramsey (right), shown being congratulated earlier this season after hitting a home run for Madonna University, made an award-winning impact for the Crusaders this season.

MU's Ramsey honored

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The way Madonna University started the 2006 baseball season wasn't what Ben Ramsey envisioned when he transferred over from Indiana Tech.

Ramsey, a hard-hitting senior third baseman, struggled at the plate in March, when the Crusaders made junkets to California and Tennessee. By the time he and the rest of his teammates played a game at Ilitch Ballpark in Livonia, his batting average was about .200 and the team was 3-11-1.

"We went out to California and played a lot of good competition," noted Ramsey. They had 30 games under their belt by the time we got out of the gym. And, a lot of guys struggled early. I was stuck at the three hole just because coach had confidence in me after a month of batting .200.

But one pep talk with his teammates and a month of home-cooking later, and nothing could be sweeter for Ramsey and the Crusaders. Ramsey wound up batting .365 with 11 homers and 47 RBI and was named Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

And Madonna toughened up from those March battles against Top 25 opponents went on a team tear. The Crusaders (30-19-1) wound up winning both the WHAC regular season and postseason tournament. They are this week participating at the NAIA Region VIII tournament at Marian College in Indianapolis.

"We've got a good ballclub, a bunch of good hitters, Ramsey continued. "It's great to hit in a lineup where the guy behind me got nine homers and the guy ahead of me got six homers."

"We're just beating the ball around the ballpark and it takes a lot of the pressure off."

The turnaround started immediately after the Crusaders returned from their tough road trip, a junket head coach Greg Haeger wanted in order to get his team "battle-tested" for the postseason wars. Ramsey knew he had much more to give, and had a chat with teammates Greg Spanel and Clint LaFountaine - friends who transferred with him from Indiana Tech.

I told them coming out of California (that) I was struggling, but it's a new season when you get to the conference, Ramsey said. "I wanted to be conference player of the year. I accomplished that and it's great."

All three transferred after Indiana Tech head coach Steve Devine, a good friend of Haeger's, was let go following the 2005 season.

When Devine's successor called Ramsey and didn't even know what position he played, the infielder knew it might be time to go to the fourth college of his career.

And after being let loose, Devine made sure to put a bug in the players' ears about playing for Haeger.

Steve Devine is a great friend of mine, Haeger said. Steve got these kids to want to play here. When he was asked to leave, he felt he was putting them in the best possible place."

Also aware that Madonna would be a good fit for him was Ramsey, a 6'1", 200-pounder who Haeger said is now being scouted by professional teams.

Coming from Indiana Tech to here I wanted to win and I knew these guys (Crusaders) had a lot of good players coming back, Ramsey said. So for Ramsey, Spanel and

LaFountaine to defeat Indiana Tech for the WHAC tourney title, which they did on May 5, it was almost like adding insult to injury for their former school.

I know all but six guys on that team, he said. The fact they played as hard as they did you have to tip your cap to them. But it was nice to beat them, this was why we transferred."

Meanwhile, Haeger said the WHAC honor couldn't have gone to a more deserving player.

To Ben's credit, after a slow start he kept plugging away, Haeger said. He's such a great competitor with so many skills. "He can hit, he made maybe two errors as a third baseman all year. There's a kid who's going to play a few more years of baseball and I'm proud of him."

Other WHAC honorees

Haeger for the second consecutive year, was named WHAC Coach of the Year.

It is a credit to the kids and to my assistant coaches (Stu Rose, Chris Czarnik) for putting the work in. Coaches awards are team awards in my opinion."

Madonna players named to the WHAC All-Conference team included Ramsey, senior first baseman Todd Kalmbach, senior second baseman Jason Barbeau, junior outfielder Tony Luttmann (Farmington), sophomore designated hitter Dave Herrick (Westland/Livonia Churchhill), sophomore pitcher Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn) and senior pitcher Derek Dufrane (Belleville).

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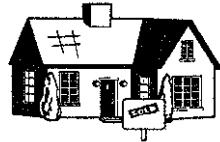
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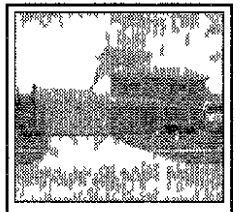
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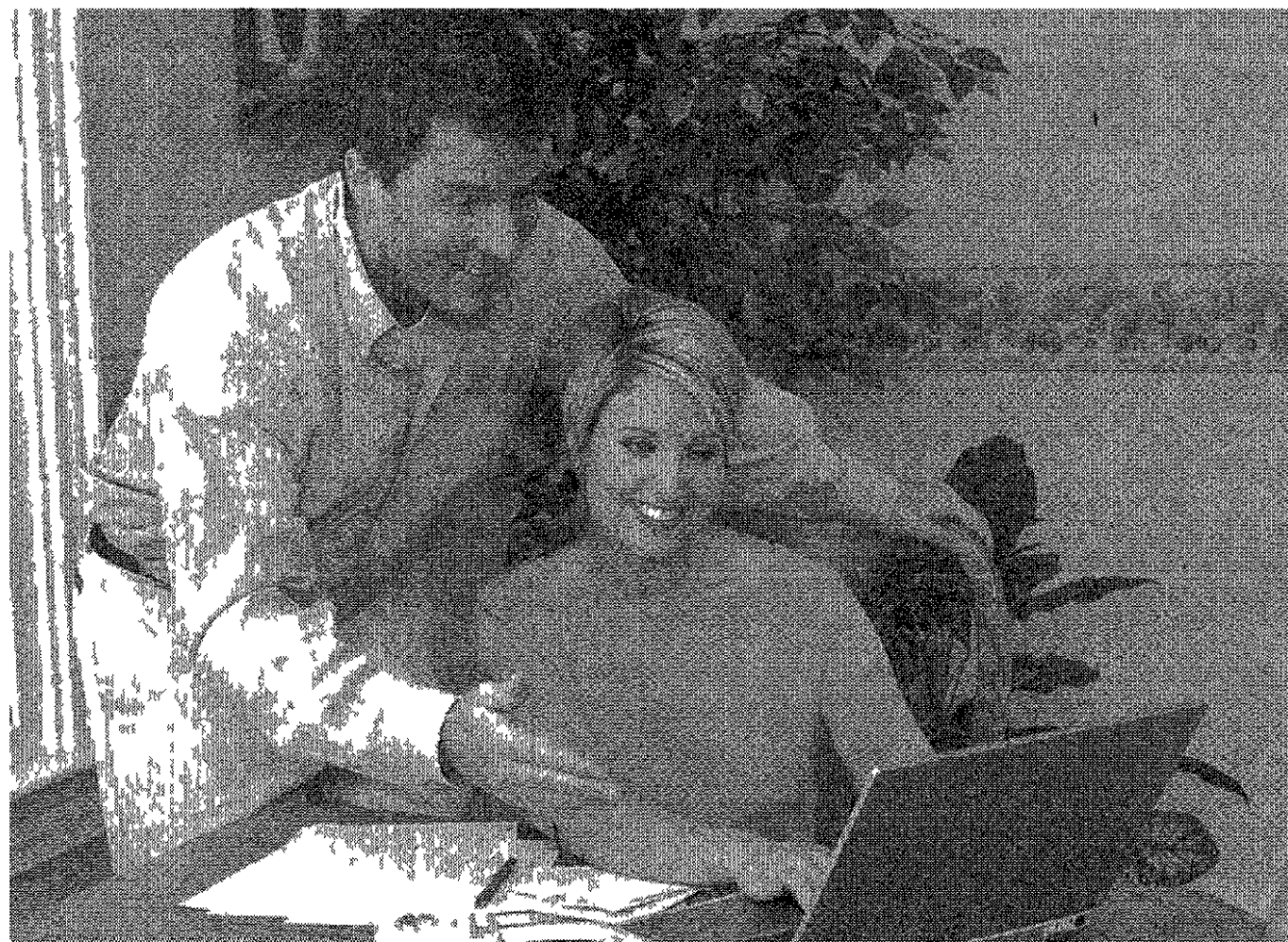
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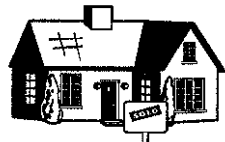
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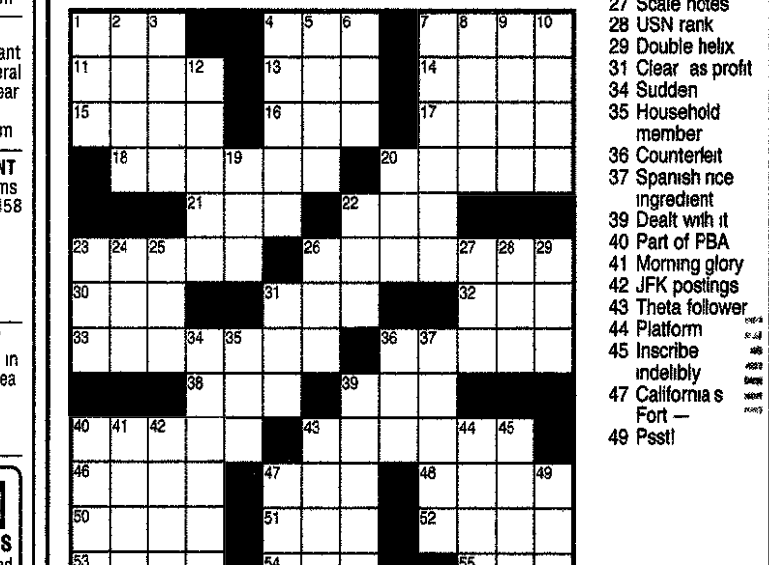
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OHL Whalers thrilled with 'dynamic' top draft choice Cooper

As promised, the Plymouth Whalers selected for talent instead of need in the first round of Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Draft.

If Central Scouting's assessment of Vern Cooper is accurate, the Whalers took a 'dynamic offensive player with their first pick (13th overall). Cooper scored 45 goals with 47 assists in 41 games last season for the Sudbury Nickel Capitals. Central Scouting had this assessment of Cooper: "It seems like the 'new' game was implemented just for Vern. A speedy player that is entertaining to watch. He has great anticipation and combined with one-step quickness, intercepts many passes, flies down the wing, the defense gets back peddling, the ice opens up from his speed and then his playing or scoring abilities become threats very quickly."

"He's the most entertaining and exciting player in the draft," Central Scouting's Doug Bonhomme told the Sudbury Star. "His explosive acceleration will get everyone's attention - players and fans - real quick."

Cooper, who has Native American status that grants him dual citizenship between the United States and Canada, is mulling over the choice that all players of his talent deal with - do they play in the Ontario Hockey League or go the United States college route?

"Vern is probably the most dynamic player in the draft," said Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci. "I don't think there's anyone in the draft as fast as he is. His offensive skills are tremendous. We had him rated number one overall. We just talked to him and he's excited to come here. I have a pretty good relationship with his agency and they've assured me he is coming to Plymouth."

Plymouth took right-handed defenseman Tom Kane with the second pick in the draft in the third round (73rd overall). Kane scored six goals with 17 assists and 159 penalty minutes in 49 games last season.

Our scouts really like his toughness," Vellucci said. "He makes a great first pass. Every one of our scouts wanted to take him. They felt we needed a tough, stay-at-home defenseman who can pound some people."

Plymouth had two selections in the fourth round. The Whalers took defenseman Jordan O'Neill from the London Jr. Knights with the 73rd pick. The 6-foot-1, 170-pound O'Neill tallied 18 goals and 23 assists in 70 games last season.

Plymouth then took right wing Steve McDonald from the Toronto Red Wings with the 76th pick. McDonald scored 10 goals with 15 assists in 52 games last season.

"He can play forward or defense and we took him as a defenseman," Vellucci said of O'Neill. "Guys like O'Neill - who can play two positions - are valuable with all the injuries you can have over a season. He's another big kid,

too. We got a lot of calls around the league after we selected McDonald. A lot of teams expected him to go earlier than the fourth round. He's a tough winger, goes up-and-down his wing, has some hands and can score. Overall, he's a solid player."

Plymouth went local in the fifth round, taking Harrison Township native Chad Rutkowski from the Detroit

Honeybaked 90's. Rutkowski - a 6-2, 178-pound centerman - scored 33 goals with 16 assists for 49 points and 78 penalty in 49 games last season for Honeybaked.

"We had Rutkowski rated higher than the fifth," Vellucci explained. "Maybe some teams were afraid to draft him because he's an American and might go the college route, but he definitely wants to play in

the OHL. He's another big body, a scorer and a local kid." The Whalers continued with their local connection when they took center A.J. Jenks from the Detroit Honeybaked midgets with the 132nd selection. Jenks scored 17 goals with 22 assists in 62 games last season. Plymouth has a history of selecting players out of upstate New York and went back to the

area when they selected left wing Kevin McCarey, who scored 12 goals with 17 assists in 42 games for the Syracuse Stars.

Although many of these players should report to Plymouth's rookie camp May 20, they'll be hard-pressed to make the team for 2006-07. The Whalers have thirteen or more players returning from a team that won the West

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In addition, Vellucci anticipates signing several players from last year's draft.

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With a sixth seed in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, this week in Illinois, WSU meets meet Southern Indiana (37-16) in Thursday's opener.

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WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Have you ever worked on a project where a multitasker seemed to be in another orbit, oblivious to your need for project completion? Whether the person was your co-worker, consulting client, supervisee or boss, you may have been climbing the walls

Is this unusual? "When you hear about good managers, you hear that they're very good at focusing," observes Pam Lenehan, who serves on the board of two large corporations and is president of Ridge Hill Consulting LLC, in Boston "Technology has created a generation of poor managers, because people aren't giving their attention to the problem at hand"

Rick Brenner, principal of Chaco Canyon Consulting in Cambridge, Mass., specializes in fine-tuning teams and their leaders, and resolving conflict. He maintains that a distracted multitasker may be a micromanager, an employee on overload or a person with unreplaceable skills

Does that mean that if organizations are responsible for developing a work style that is less than civil, then individuals can blame it on their

companies? Regina Barr, founder and president of Red Ladder Inc., in St. Paul, Minn., consults on multi-departmental projects. She often finds herself leading meetings where attendees chronically check in on their PDA's and voice mail "They're never fully present in meetings, because they're managing multiple projects and initiatives," she states. She acknowledges that downsizing has contributed greatly to increased work loads, and the problem isn't necessarily generational "As level of responsibility increases to director, VP or senior executive," she explains, "there's a feeling that it's almost a need to stay on top of things at all times. After meetings, people know there will be numerous e-mails and voice mails." In other words, they're heading that workload off at the pass

Laura Browne, program manager of the Phoenix-based WOMEN Unlimited Inc., which provides mentoring and development programs for high-potential women, contends that multitasking "isn't necessarily about getting it done the best way, but getting it done quickly and not necessarily making people feel good about it." She also points out that many people are proud to be effective multitaskers "They feel that they can cram a lot more things in a day than others"

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When you're certain that your project takes precedence, that you're not being selfish,

you might do what Barr does, which is to state prior to meetings that multitasking disrupts the team and the workflow. Suggest that the person send an alternate rather than "half-attend." She advocates "addressing it upfront so it doesn't become an issue"

Such behavior can become predictable, particularly when you're working where a person doesn't complete projects, according to Barr. Lenehan advises that you "use this as a leadership opportunity." Outline the tasks and schedule, with a little breathing space for you. Browne agrees with the extra time, because it accommodates the multitasker's tendency to become distracted "Give them brief reminders to get them back on track," she recommends "Stop by their desk or send quick emails to remind them of what you need and when you need it." She points out that orbiting multitaskers will tackle parts of projects more quickly than entire projects, but that you won't change them

"Get the person excited about the task so he or she will want to focus on it," Browne states "Show how it will benefit them to get it done as quickly as



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possible." Lenehan says that you need to be direct, not too polite. You might mention, for example, "Look, I need this material or this project isn't going to get done. Do you want to be responsible for this? I need all of your attention for five minutes."

If shaming the multitasker doesn't work, rather the person with attention. A stroke in time can save your project

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BY DALE BUSS

We're all doing so much hand-wringing over gasoline prices these days — and how to afford them — that it's easy to lose track of the fact that cars are meant for pleasure as well as business. Now, driving some vehicles may constitute a guilty pleasure more than anything else. But that shouldn't entirely disqualify them from your considering owning or leasing them.

Three-dollars-a-gallon gasoline or not, it's a great pleasure to drive the Infiniti G35X sedan and Audi A6 Avant crossover. Among the many cars I've driven recently, these two take the cake in terms of responsiveness and pure driving enjoyment. And while that isn't much solace when it costs \$40 to fill their tanks, at least you're getting a thrill in driving either of these two vehicles that you're not going to get from your fuel-sipping econobox or your family-sized SUV.

The A6 Avant is the latest manifestation of Audi's rework of the entire A6 line, which included a makeover of the A6 sedan for the 2005 model year. And while it does offer the practicality of its wagon formation, don't allow yourself to be fooled. A6 Avant is all about driving excitement.

First of all, even though it is sheathed in a wagon body, A6 Avant leaves nothing on the table design-wise. It has the distinctive bull nose that Audi is using so successfully as a design cue throughout its lineup, and from there, A6 Avant recedes pleasantly in a highly streamlined formation that is about as sharp as you can get a rear cargo box to look.

But it's once you get inside the A6 Avant that you really start to appreciate what Audi has accomplished with the car. Start it up, and you're quick to realize how much performance and responsiveness that Audi has squeezed from the car's 3.2-liter, six-cylinder engine, which delivers 255 horsepower. Shifting with the car's automatic, six-speed Tiptronic box is fantastically smooth. All of this adds up to a spirited zero to-60mph time, Audi, says, of just seven seconds.



The 2006 Audi A6 Avant offer the practicality of its wagon design while still being fun to drive.

A6 Avant also comes equipped with a nifty suspension innovation. Its Adaptive Air Suspension system enables Avant to be raised or lowered depending on terrain and driving needs, by a full two inches from the lowest to the highest ride height. I confess that I did little but tinker with this feature, but it's yet another aspect of A6 Avant that makes this car so practical as well as enjoyable.

A6 Avant's interior is a nice place to spend a nice ride. Both road and wind noise are remarkably faint. The 10-speaker audio system is a revelation. Visibility is outstanding, thanks to the huge array of glass surrounding the cabin.

All in all, this car is my favorite Audi. It's pricey, but it's worth it.

G35X all-wheel-drive isn't so pricey. The sticker on the 2006 model I drove was \$37,000-plus. The G35X delivers everything you could want in a smallish performance vehicle that also provides enough room for passengers and plenty of amenities besides. This car is, first of all, a lot of fun to look at, just

like most Infiniti models these days. There's nothing particularly spectacular about its streamlined design, except that it is very crisp and well executed.

And my favorite perspective on the car's design is the most important perspective from the driver's seat. From there, I loved looking out in front of me at the small flares atop the front fenders of the car, which created a visual representation of what it felt like I was doing when I was driving the G35X absolutely slicing through the air.

I loved the power and pose of the 3.5-liter, DOHC, 24-valve V6 engine that was stroking at the heart of this car, generating 280 horsepower and giving me utter confidence in every driving situation. Better than that, the G35X delivers 24mpg on the highway and 17 mpg in the city, meaning that it doesn't sock you with a significant fuel-efficiency penalty for such great performance.

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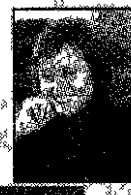
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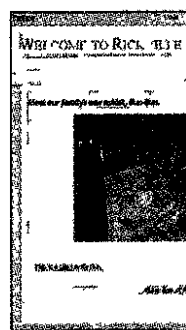
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HANDS-FREE HELP

As you've no doubt heard, Detroit just passed a ban on cell phones. You can still take calls in your car, but you'll need hands-free hardware to make it legal

You can connect a wired headset to just about any phone, but the best solutions are wireless (though you'll need a Bluetooth-equipped phone to take advantage of them)

If you're looking for hands-free hardware to comply with Detroit's new ban on cell phones, the Web store Be Hands Free offers a phone-specific selection

check out the selection at Be Hands Free (behandsfree.com), which lists compatible

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D4

Entertaining idea



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The Farmington Hills home of Yale and Anna Levin was designed for entertaining. Its great room can seat 34 people without furniture being moved. The entertainment unit, built on site, contains a TV, DVD/VCR and fireplace. The residence will be featured on House Tour 2006 presented by Temple Israel Sisterhood.

Home designed with parties, gatherings in mind

BY MARY KLEMIC, STAFF WRITER

Yale and Anna Levin wanted to live near their two married children and their grandchildren

So they do. The couple moved from Southfield to Farmington Hills and now live in the same subdivision as the children and grandchildren, within walking distance

And Yale and Anna wanted a house that would be good for entertaining, a welcoming setting for the parties and family gatherings the couple love to present

So they have one - and do they ever! The 5,300-square-foot, Georgian Colonial style residence is

PLEASE SEE ENTERTAINING, D6



Anna Levin has a home made for entertaining. And the design includes such esthetic elements as wall molding built to fit around these framed works Salvador Dali's Alice in Wonderland series

HOUSE TOUR 2006

What: A tour of six spectacular homes in Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield. The event is presented by the Temple Israel Sisterhood and benefits projects of the sisterhood

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 31

Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 tour day. To order tickets by mail, send a reservation form and a check (payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood) by Thursday, May 18 to Barbara Ben, 4234 Barn Meadow West Bloomfield 48323. Tickets are available until tour day at the Temple Israel office. Call (248) 661-5700

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Make her berry pancakes on Mother's Day

BY DANA JACOBI, THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Years ago Mother's Day traditions often included giving Mom a bouquet or corsage of carnations and taking her out to dinner

Going out was important, because it meant she would not have to cook for the family, or be tempted to help out her incompetent tribe as they struggled to prepare, serve and clean up after the meal

One tradition that continues is serving Mom breakfast in bed. It is still a classic moment in many households, complete with a tray holding a vase with a fresh rose, orange juice in a fancy goblet and a special breakfast treat. Berry Surprise Pancakes are the perfect centerpiece for this breakfast

Pancakes in general are a good choice for

inexperienced cooks and families where a wide span of ages is represented in a team effort. Making the batter is easy, requires no special equipment, and multiple hands can do the pouring and cooking. Pancakes are good for single parent households, too. Mom can make the batter the night before and refrigerate it, allowing children to simply pour, fry, flip and serve a breakfast made with pride

The "surprise" in these pancakes comes from the berries inside them. A topping made with two more varieties adds to the surprise. The use of three different fruits for this breakfast also creates a larger "bang for the buck" in the synergistic interplay that boosts the power of the health-protective phytochemicals unique to each type of

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Pureed raspberries and strawberries top these blueberry pancakes. Make them for Mom on Sunday

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Focus on Wine

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feet from the Sonoma Valley

In Sonoma Valley near Kenwood Calif., there's a 2,000-acre ranch on the east side of Highway 12. The volcanic red ash soil and terraced hillside vineyards extend for two miles and reach more than 1,000 vertical

floor into the Mayacamas Mountains. This winery, the Kunde Estate Winery & Vineyards, has been owned by the Kunde family since 1904. Now, over 100 years later, the red soil, the vineyards and the value wines produced continue to be a source of Kunde family pride. The vineyards were first planted beginning in 1879, using zinfandel and cuttings of cabernet sauvignon brought from Chateaux Margaux and Chateau Lafite Rothschild. The Century Vines Zinfandel vine-

yard contains 28 acres of 120-year-old vines. It is maintained by replacing old vines with new, using cuttings from the original vineyard, said Keith Kunde, vineyard manager. But to preserve the authenticity of the wine from this century-old vineyard, the fruit from the old vines is harvested separately to make the wine known as Kunde Estate Century Vines Zinfandel.

STEP BACK IN TIME

Because the Kunde family is trying to maintain the Century Vineyard the way it was grown in the 19th century, they still dry farm it. In fact, there is no provision for irrigation. Since dry farming is so stressful for newly-planted vines, it may take seven to eight years of struggle before young vines can compete among the older, established ones. "My grandfather, nicknamed Big Boy, had a great palate but did not have a head for business," Kunde recalled. So when his sons returned from World War II, the bank had foreclosed on the ranch. The boys got a loan to save the ranch plus open a butcher shop. They butchered during the day and planted vineyards on evenings and weekends.

In the early 1980s, Keith Kunde, his brother, Jeff, and cousin Bill were running the ranch. "We wanted to open a winery," Keith said. "It took us another 10 years but it finally

WINE PICKS

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 2002 Kunde Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma Valley (\$21) showcasing a big, concentrated fruit profile with spicy notes over black fruits, is generous, layered, and complex. A very sexy cab at a great price.
 2002 Kunde Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma Valley (\$60) was crafted exclusively from the winery's hillside vineyards. Its big, yet mellow tannins complement rich fruit in a wine that's luscious now yet ageable.
 If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it directly from the winery.

Kunde wines. Since the winemaker is part of the terroir, keeping the same winemaker allows him to get to know the available fruit and develop the best interpretation.

"I respond to winemaking as a creative pursuit combined with the craft of using technology to achieve a desired result," said Noyes. "The great thing about making wine for the Kunde family is they have given me the power to make the strict fruit selection necessary to craft the best wine possible."

"We have seven different microclimates on the ranch," Noyes said. "In trying to become more focused, we have reduced the number of varietals we grow from 27 to 17 and we produce only about 13 or 14 different wines each year. Because we do not use all of the fruit we grow, we sell the excess to other wineries - fruit good enough to become the reserve program somewhere else."

"We've had offers to purchase Kunde Estates," Keith admitted, "but I feel that it is not mine to sell. If I purchased this land, then I could sell it, but it was my great-grandfather that bought it. It is mine to enjoy and my responsibility to make it better."

"We are fortunate that our parents gave us a gift of this land. We realize, that it is the volcanic red soil on this property that binds us as Kundes."

opened in 1990. It was a slow year for wine sales that seemed to get worse. Fortunately, we were small and beginning to grow, so that by the time the boom of 1994 was upon us, we were prepared.

WINEMAKING

Winemaker David Noyes, with 10 years experience at Ridge Vineyards and several Bordeaux chateaux, is the first and only winemaker at Kunde Estates. This is an important part of the consistent style of

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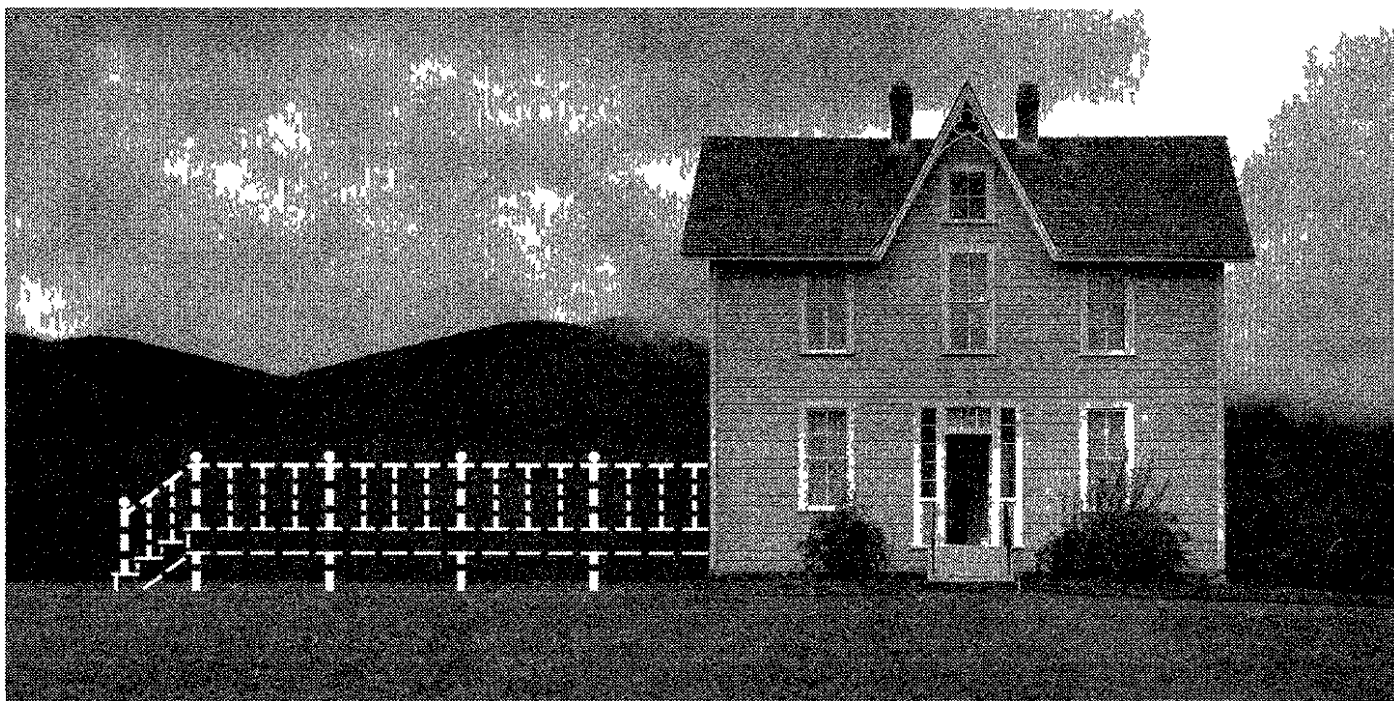
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Consider more than price, style when buying quality furniture

Candy of Redford asks: "I am getting ready to purchase furniture for my home, and am overwhelmed by all of the choices and the price ranges. What makes one brand of furniture better than another?"

Many people are only price-motivated when buying furniture. There are many things to consider when making these large purchases.

The style of the furniture, the available fabric selections, fabric fiber content, price, warranty, quality, and the reputation of the furniture dealer along with the reputation of the furniture manufacturer are all relevant factors to consider before placing your furniture order.

Obviously, you will know instinctively if you like the style, color and price, so for the purpose of this article, I will focus on what makes for quality furniture.

UPHOLSTERED PIECES

When you are buying upholstered pieces, you will want to make sure the wood used for the frame is kiln-dried hardwood. The joints should be glued, and screws or dowels added for stability.

Before ordering a piece of furniture, ask your

salesperson to show you an item on the show-room floor made by the same manufacturer that you are interested in.

You will want to see a floor sample that is upholstered in a patterned material so you can check for pattern matching.

This means that the pattern should run continuously from the cushions on the back, to the seat cushions, down the front of the piece of furniture and onto the skirt, if it has one. The pattern on the fabric should look continuous, even though it is on different parts of the furniture.

While looking at this floor sample, check the welt on the cushions. The welt, or cording, that runs along the edge of the cushions should always be cut on the bias. This allows for the fabric to give a little when it is sat on.

The two things that disappoint furniture buyers the most are poor fabric performance and cushions that lose their shape prematurely.

Look closely at the fiber content. Many fabrics are rated for their wearability with a low, moderate or high rating. The fabric is put through tests that count how many 'double rubs' it takes to show wear.

Ask the furniture salesperson for information on the wearability rating for the fabric you are interested in.

Make smart fabric color choices, too. Darker colors with patterns will be more forgiving to an active family than pale colors or solids.

When you are looking at seat cushions for a sofa or chair, find out if the manufacturer offers you upgrades.

If you can order a seat cushion with springs, wrapped with down feathers and then a layer of fiberfill, you will have a comfortable piece of furniture that will retain its shape for years to come. This is an upgrade worth every penny.

Look for eight-way, hand-tied springs in the frame of your upholstered piece of furniture. This method of fabrication allows for even distribution of weight, great resiliency and shape retention.

Many of the items mentioned aren't readily visible to the furniture shopper.

An informed salesperson is a must while making these costly purchases. And ask to see any literature that the furniture manufacturer may have provided that gives detailed information on its product line.

NON-UPHOLSTERED ITEMS

When buying case goods (non-upholstered items) such as dressers, desks and end tables, look for quality hardwoods used throughout the piece.

All drawers should be glued and dovetailed. Avoid plastic drawer tracks and stapled drawer bottoms. These will surely fall apart.

The back sides of these case goods should also have a finished look. Real wood should be used

to finish the back sides, and no staples here either.

Dressers should have dust covers between the drawers, and the drawers should glide effortlessly in place.

BUDGET

To achieve all of the goals of quality furniture, you may be out of your allotted budget. Choose some of the more important elements of quality furniture and analyze how you will be using the piece.

For example, a bedroom dresser will get more daily use than a hall chest would in a foyer. It's perfectly fine to buy for looks and a good price in the foyer, and save up for something with more quality in the bedroom where it will get continuous use.

I encourage you to shop at furniture stores that sell quality furniture. Take the time to compare different quality features and pricing. Check out the manufacturer warranties as well as the warranties offered by the furniture store.

This is an area of shopping where doing your homework and taking your time will be worth all of the effort.

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They have gone through their own little hell with the Neptune washer, and swear to me that the problems of the past are all corrected and it is now a terrific product.

I trust my friends like family, but I just can't say Maytag Neptunes are good, I must test them.

The telephone calls and e-mails received from consumers who want to tell me about their past problems total around 20,

and I must say I've heard them all before.

I can't do anything for you when the manufacturer doesn't meet your expected obligations. I've complained for years how poorly they perform on the aspect of customer satisfaction.

How do they correct this problem? Just read my column of a few weeks ago, when I announced that all manufacturers of major appliances have cut off the warranties on all components of a product at the one-year mark.

No more warranty, folks, on items such as the compressor of your refrigerator, the transmission on the washer — everything ends at the one-year mark.

Let me put it to you in understandable English: "We are losing a lot of money repairing our products which are simply not built with the quality of yesterday. We no longer care about what you think of us, and your brand loyalty is a thing of the past. We will now be selling service contracts at an ever increasing rate and make a lot of money doing so."

Sorry, I have to stop here and go back to testing my new washer and dryer. Please keep in mind that these products are replacing a 30-year-old washer and dryer, and we expect changes in performance.

Noticeable after installation is the appearance, which has brought our laundry room up to the 21st century. Gosh, they look good with all

sorts of little lights that come on across the panel, curves built into the cabinets — excuse me, it's just a washer and dryer. The younger generation would say, "The appearance rocks!"

Valorie had several towels ready to go for the first test wash, and the No. 1 lesson was using the proper amount of detergent.

In the washer we received a free sample of Tide, the soap that consumers are told they need to use from now on. I don't believe this yet. I'm going to use our regular soap and make sure to use a very small amount, or I'm told I'll have suds up to the ceiling. Is it possible that the Tide soap package already in the washer, supplied by Tide, is an advertising gimmick? Do you think that Tide pays Maytag or Maytag pays Tide? Something going on here.

OK, the soap's in a dispenser and I like the system, it's very easy. The washer begins to fill and is set for medium wash and cold rinse. It is so quiet during the fill cycle and then the wash cycle is just as quiet. (Talk about quiet, this is it!) My rating on sound level is A-plus.

I hope you'll tune in my next column for my viewpoints on this washer. Stay tuned.

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Testing of front loaders

A few weeks ago, I informed you that I would be buying a new front load Maytag Neptune washer and dryer and reporting back to you what we thought of their performance.

I say "we" because my darling Valorie will be playing a big role in what I report to you.

All of this comes about because I have been bad-mouthing

Maytag and all front loaders for the past six years, and please don't for a minute think that a manufacturer

approached me to test their products. They aren't that smart!

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Vintage on view

Show offers collectible apparel, jewelry

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Collectible baubles are one thing. Antiques you can wear and use are another.

And there will be plenty of wearable items from the past on hand at the Bloomfield Hills Antique Jewelry & Vintage Apparel Show.

In its fourth year, the annual event draws antique jewelry and clothing dealers from the tri-state area and New York.

This year's show, which is scheduled Saturday at the Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills, showcases items, most of which are wearable, from 38 dealers.

We cover the gamut from the 1900s on, said Eric Olbrich, owner

of W & D Promotions, which organizes the event. "And we cater to the novices, the collectors and people who attend just for curiosity."

Vintage men's clothing and accessories will be available, in addition to women's apparel and jewelry.

Attendees may bring collectibles for appraisal, sale and trade, as well.

Local participating dealers include Paris Antiques of Royal Oak and Mother Fletcher's of Ferndale.

As with all collectibles and fashion, the trends are ever changing. Vintage eye wear, furs and items from the '50s and '60s are the hottest selling antiques right now, said Olbrich.

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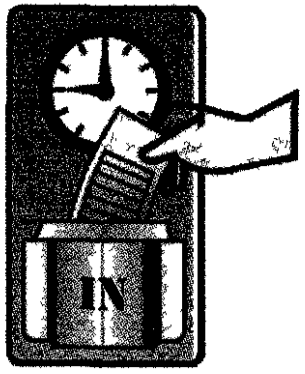
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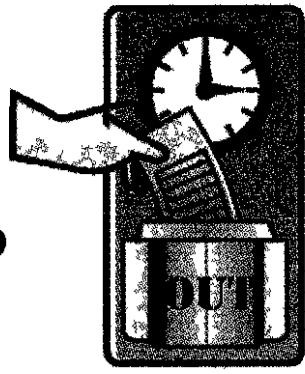
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JOTSPOT FAMILY

There are many Web sites designed to keep families connected, but I've never seen one quite as simple, appealing and well-rounded as JotSpot Family (familysite.jot.com)

After signing up (it's free), you simply invite other family members to join. Everyone gets to create a profile, complete with a photo and contact information.

(Finally, a place to keep track of your family's constantly changing e-mail addresses and phone numbers!)

JotSpot Family includes a family directory, calendar (great for scheduling birthday parties and other events), recipe list and birthday list. It also lets family members post photos, compile a family tree, and even contribute to a blog. I especially like the option to send an e-mail to all family members at once. My only complaint with JotSpot is its limited mapping feature, but otherwise it's a great way to congregate in cyberspace.

SPORTSVITE

I've been trying to find a softball league for, oh, about five years. I'd just about given up hope when I discovered Sportsvite (sportsvite.com), a new matchmaking service that connects players with other players, teams with other teams.

Just sign up (it's free), create a profile, and indicate the kinds of sports you like - archery, bowling, lacrosse, yoga - even chess and poker are among the choices.

From there you can search for nearby teams and players, invite others to pickup games, create a team of your own, and so on.

Alas, because Sportsvite is relatively new, few players have registered in my area, and I've yet to find a local softball team I can join.

My hope is that every able-bodied, sports-minded individual who reads this will sign up. I've got my gloves (boxing and first-baseman's) at the ready. How about you?

ZILLOW

Want to know the value of homes in your neighborhood? How about a house you're thinking about buying? Whatever

domicile data you're after, you can probably find it at Zillow (zillow.com)

This is a site that's equal parts fascinating and scary. Fascinating because it puts a wealth of information at your fingertips - home values, comparisons, trends and sale amounts. Scary because the information is so personal - and easily accessible.

Just plug in an address and Zillow serves up all the details, complete with maps (both satellite and street), lot size, square footage and more.

It costs nothing to use the site, you don't even have to register.

For anyone even remotely interested in real estate, Zillow is a gem. But I can't help thinking it takes away another chunk of our privacy, and that's mildly troubling.

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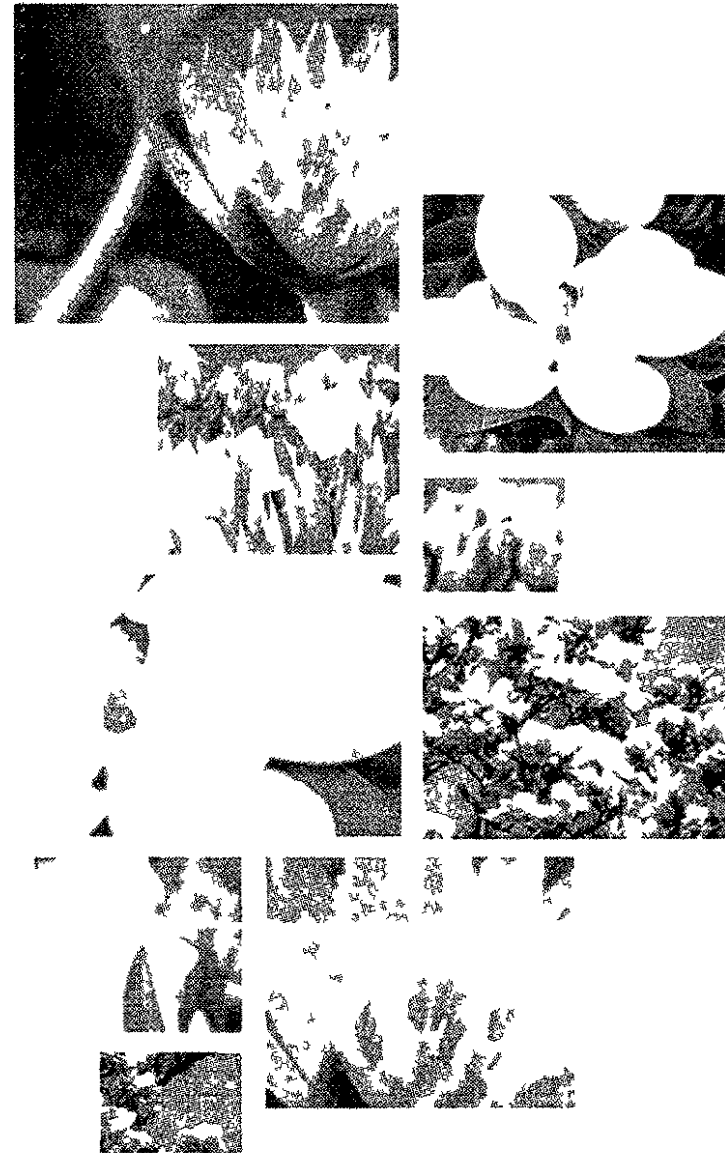
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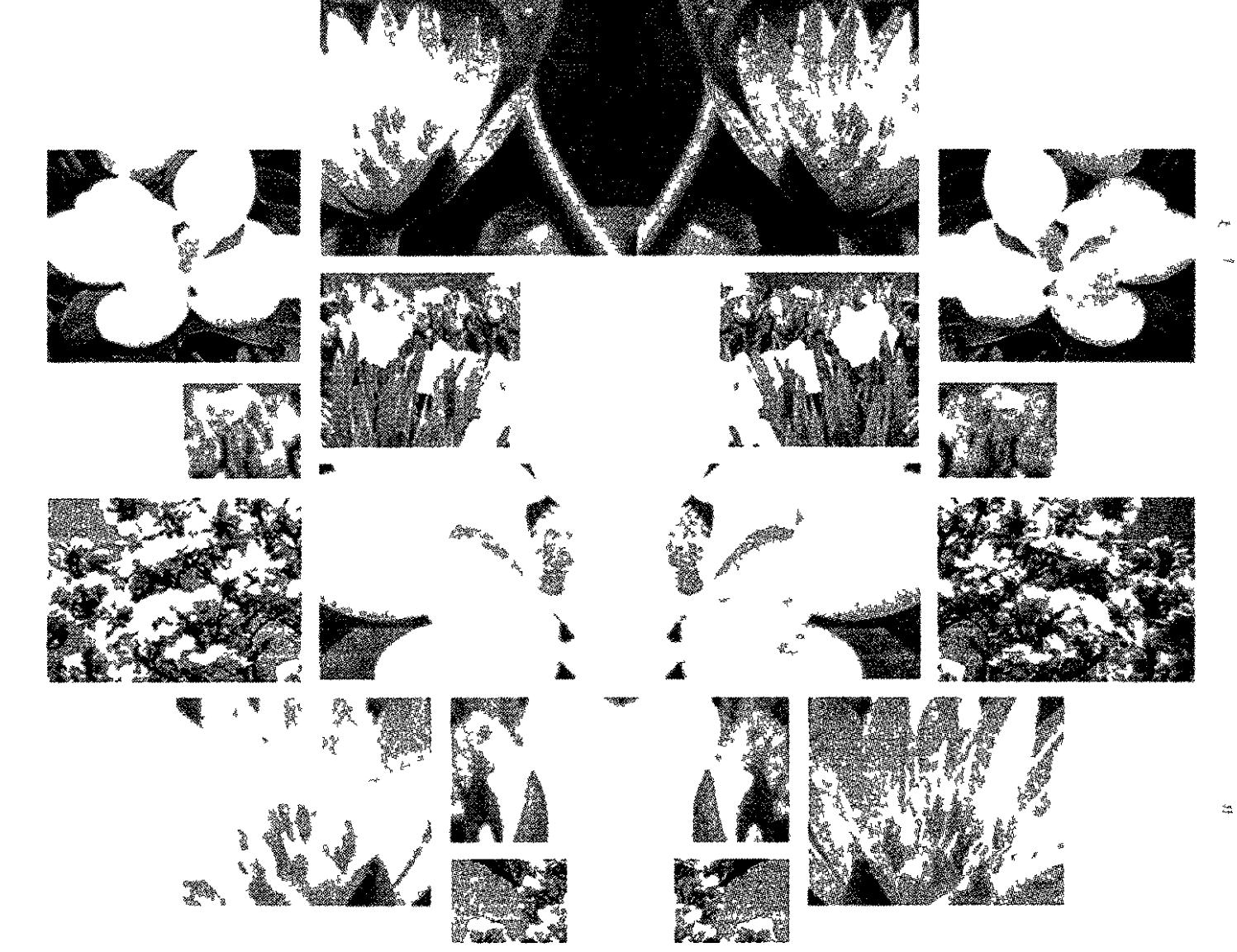
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PANCAKES

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Replacing some of the less nutritious white flour with whole-grain wheat flour is another health bonus

Whole-wheat pastry flour, found in many supermarkets, gives a better result than regular whole-wheat flour. Its milder flavor tastes better than the whole-wheat flour most commonly found, which is mainly for bread-making. Whole-wheat pastry flour also produces a more tender result. For the same reason, look for buttermilk made without additives, just from milk and enzymes. Fat-free, light, or regular will be equally good.

BERRY SURPRISE PANCAKES

1 cup unbleached all purpose flour
 2/3 cup whole wheat pastry flour

1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 2 cups buttermilk
 1 large egg
 1 large egg white
 8 ounces fresh blueberries
 1 small container fresh raspberries (about 1 cup)
 1 pound strawberries hulled and cut up
 Sugar (preferably superfine) to taste
 Canola oil spray

In a mixing bowl, whisk together the all-purpose and whole-wheat flours, baking soda and salt. In a small bowl, whisk together the buttermilk, egg and egg white until blended. Pour liquid ingredients into dry ones, whisking just until blended. (Do not overmix, some small lumps are fine.) Stir in the blueberries. Set batter aside.

In a blender or food processor, purée raspberries and strawberries until smooth. Taste and, if too tart, gradually add sugar, 1/2

teaspoon at a time, until lightly sweetened. Transfer to a serving bowl and set aside.

Spray a large griddle or frying pan with canola oil spray. Heat until hot over medium-high heat. Using a 1/4 measuring cup, pour batter into pan, making 4-inch pancakes.

Cook until tiny bubbles appear on top of pancakes and bottoms are lightly browned, 3 to 4 minutes.

Turn and cook until pancake resists when pressed lightly in the center and bottoms are lightly browned.

Serve immediately with the puréed berries for a topping.

Makes 6 servings or 24 pancakes. Per serving: 245 calories, 4 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 44 g carbohydrate, 10 g protein, 6 g dietary fiber, 404 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi is author of *The Joy of Soy* and recipe creator for American Institute for Cancer Research's *Stopping Cancer Before It Starts*.

ENTERTAINING

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ideal for entertaining, as functional and comfortable as it is spectacular and spacious. It incorporates practical and esthetic details.

The house was built by taking down a pre-existing house to two walls. The Levins improved upon elements they liked from their Southfield home, with family gatherings and other types of entertaining in mind. "Everything we did here was based on the other home and our needs with what we do," Anna Levin said.

"We have a very large family and we are the nucleus."

The public has a special invitation to see the residence, as it is featured on House Tour 2006, presented by Temple Israel Sisterhood.

"We look for homes that would be interesting for people to see, whether because of collections, the architecture. Sometimes it's because of the decorating," said Beverley Wolgin, who is co-chairing the event with Jamie Roth.

Reasons this residence is interesting include that it is the first "bigfoot" house in the subdivision, and is so wheelchair accessible, she said.

PLANNING

Planning the Levin home took one year, and building took another 15 months.

The project was another family affair. The builder was David Plautz of Crest Building Company of Clarkston.

Toby and Amanda Fraifogl of Studio Fraifogl of Clarkston were responsible for the interior design (cabinetry, moldings and lighting), decorating and furniture.

Carol Plautz of Frames N Art of Clarkston reframed all the art works to match the new interiors.

Carol is David Plautz's wife. Amanda is David's daughter, and Toby - who is also an architect - is Amanda's husband.

For the Levins, an entertainment-friendly home includes wheelchair accessible features, plenty of handy storage space, and lots of room for cooking for large groups.

Among the beauty of the house are the many family heirlooms, collections and art works on display, and such elements as the hand-scraped, random-planked Brazilian cherry wood floors.

The residence also contains a library with detailed cherry wood cabinets and molding, antique brass hardware and sconces, and a large partners desk with a granite top, and a wood-paneled, mirrored elevator that has a ceramic floor.

A bedroom on the upper level was removed to make a two-story foyer with window landings. The deep yellow of the walls is picked up in the pattern of the rug at the door and on the stairs.

GREAT ROOM

Groupings of chairs, sofas and tables in the great room designate the dining area, two conversational areas and game area. Indirect fluorescent lighting is around the perimeter of the room. A large circular window crowns the row of windows at one end.

Toby Fraifogl designed the large white entertainment unit - built on site - that houses a TV, DVD/VCR and fireplace.

Sixteen people can sit at the dining table. The molding on the nearby long wall was designed to fit around the framed works on display, Salvador Dali's *Alice in Wonderland* series.

Recently, 55 Passover guests were served in the great room. The room can seat 34 people without furniture being moved, and more than 60 after slight rearrangements are made.

Extra tables and other supplies are stored behind one wall, accessed by a hidden door.

"I don't really change the room that much, I just shift it a little," Levin said.

COOKING

Features in the kitchen - which itself is large enough for entertaining - include a farm sink, a walk-in pantry, a coffered ceiling, two skylights, cherry cabinets with pewter hardware, and a wine rack under a marble-topped island.

The doorway, 4 feet wide

allows two people carrying trays to go through at the same time without having to turn sideways.

The microwave and many of the cabinets were placed lower for Anna's benefit. (The same consideration went into designing the his and her vanities in the master bathroom, Anna's is lower than Yale's.)

"I'm a short person so for me this is fine," she said.

When extra cooking room is needed, as it was for the recent holiday, the Levins use the kitchen in the garage, which contains a six-burner gas stove, a commercial exhaust fan, and a double stainless steel commercial sink with an overhead spray and drain boards. Utility tables are added for more work space.

"Passover has so many different dishes it's better to keep it all here," Levin said.

The step at the doorway can be removed, exposing a motorized lift for wheelchairs.

OTHER FEATURES

Such wheelchair accessible elements as 3-foot-wide doors and space for a 5-foot turning radius are found throughout the home. An example is the downstairs powder room, where a wheelchair can easily fit under the sink. The powder room is also an example of the stylish elements in the house, including a wood-stained railing, white plantation shades at the large window, and a custom-made mirror by Frames N Art. Walls are terra-cotta with a hint of rouge, and the ceiling and molding are white.

The porch is paneled in cedar and has a ceiling fan. It also has screens that can be raised and lowered electrically.

A larger basement was added to the original basement area. The addition has a higher ceiling, and houses five video arcade games for the grandchildren.


The Levins have been living in the home since July. It has been the setting for a variety of different events since then, including a reception with 110 people. Nine events took place there in a period of three months.

"We built it to have fun," Anna Levin said.

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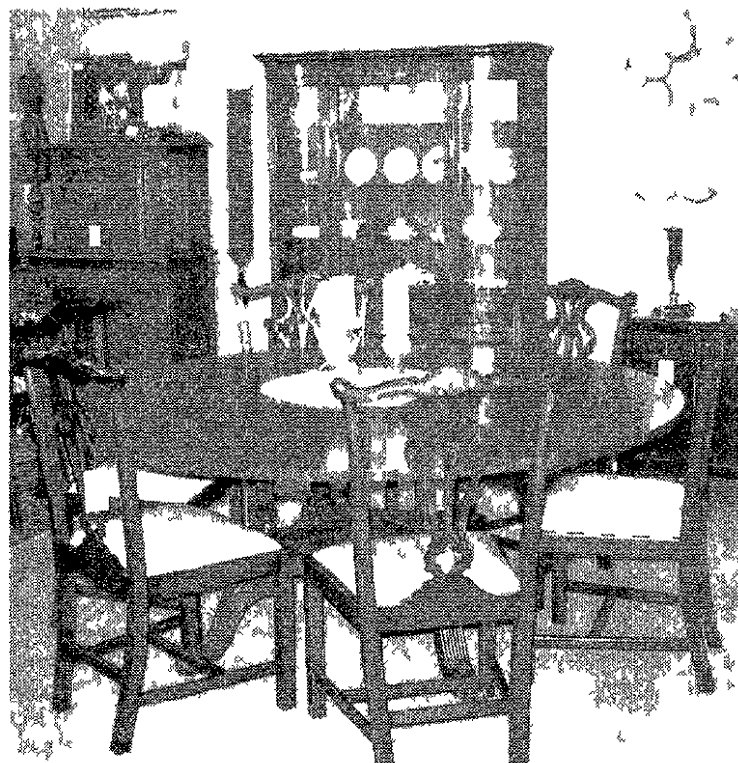
A Special Gift for the Home

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Whether you're searching for a vintage



The beautiful 72" round table features the striking ribbon grain of Sepele mahogany on a Duncan Phyfe pedestal. The chairs are mahogany. In the background is a vintage mahogany breakfront with curved glass.

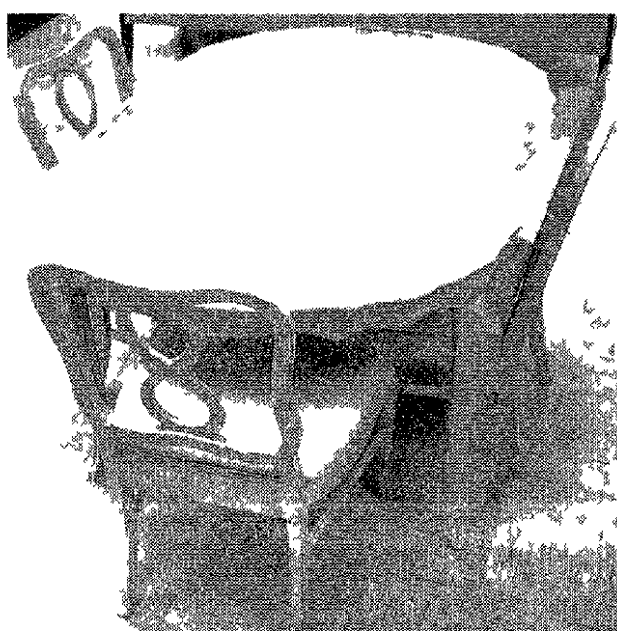
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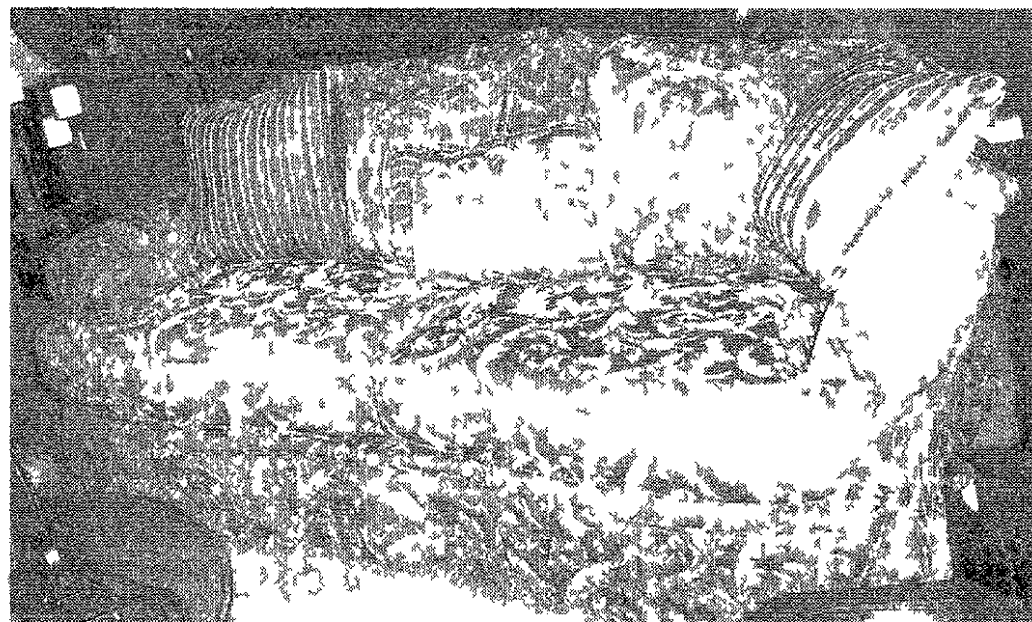
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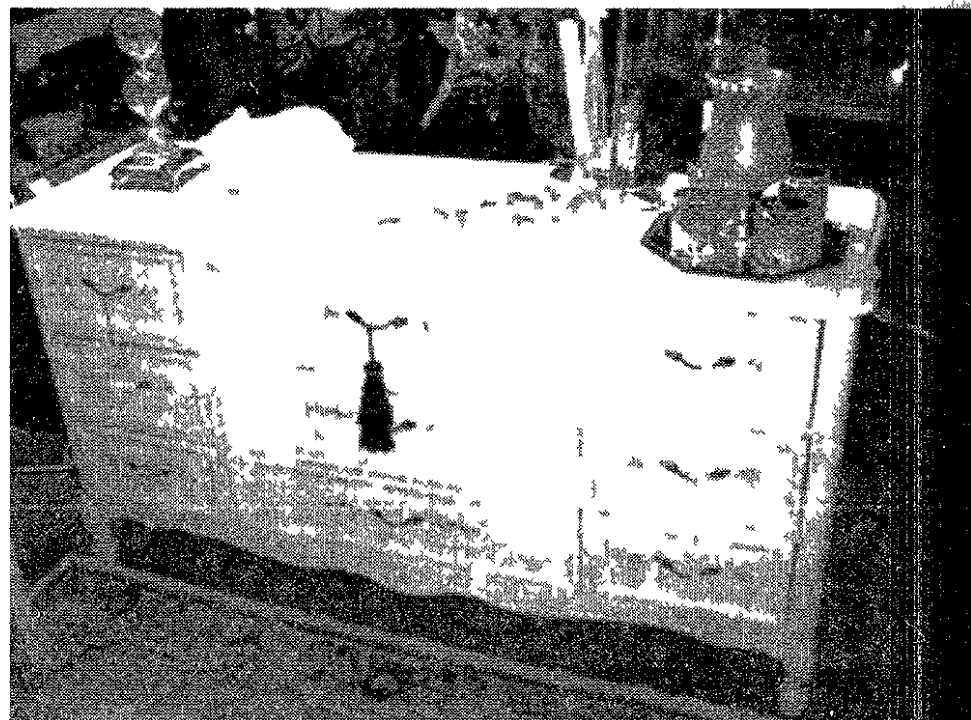
These original oil paintings provide a breathtaking backdrop for this antique walnut chair. Also featured is an antique mahogany server - part of a beautiful Jacobean dining set with table, china cabinet & 6 chairs (not pictured).



When you purchase hand painted furniture such as this Habersham style dining set, you're investing in a true work of art. Each piece is meticulously finished, reflecting the imaginative spirit and skill of the artisan who created it. This set includes table, leaves, chairs, and china cabinet.



This beautiful sofa offers a traditional look with current colors & patterns. The mixed patterns of the pillows provide the perfect finish.



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You're Wearing That?

How mothers and daughters relate

By Wendy White
Mother's Day doesn't always mean tulips, tea and Hallmark cards. Many moms and their adult daughters don't get along, and interacting — even on the holiest of patriarchal holidays — leaves them feeling drained, strained and criticized. According to best-selling author and linguist Deborah Tannen, much of the conflict is rooted in misunderstanding. Tannen explores language and perception in her most recent book, *You're Wearing That? Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation*. A Brooklyn native, Tannen graduated from Wayne State University in 1970 with a master's degree in English. She is returning to Metro Detroit to speak at a program hosted by *Metro Parent Magazine* and sponsored by Providence Hospital. PINK caught up with Tannen to find out more.

What can people expect at your talk tonight?
I always talk about what some of the main sources of conflict are and what you can do about it. I love it when mothers and daughters come to my talks together. What's surprising to people is that the talk is funny. Even though the topic is serious, people recognize themselves in the anecdotes and it's a very reassuring feeling.

Will you have a special message for Mother's Day?
Mother's Day is a time when you want to look back and appreciate things your mother did, as well as come to terms

An Evening with Deborah Tannen
What: Deborah Tannen, author of *You're Wearing That? Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation*, will speak at a special Mother's Day event.
When: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11
Where: Troy Hilton
Cost: \$20-\$40
Call: (248) 398-3400 or visit www.metroparent.com.



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Deborah Tannen

with things you may not be thrilled with. Many women tell me they adore their mother, but she drives them crazy. One woman said, "My conversations with my daughter are the best and worst of all conversations."
It's an interesting thing, we want our mother or daughter to see us for who we are, or who we think we are, but we often see them falling short of who we think they should be. It's two sides of the same coin.

How do "the big three" — hair, clothes and weight — factor into mother-daughter conflicts?

Women are judged by appearance. A mother wants everything to go the best possible for her daughter, so she wants her to look her best. A little might be selfish — if she doesn't look good, the mother will be blamed. We never tell other women we don't like their hairstyle or their clothing, but the mother feels she has an obligation.

Can you talk about another source of conflict?

One woman told me she really wished her daughter would call more, but she and her daughter were in the caring/criticism conundrum, which is covered in the book. It's the idea that caring and

criticizing can be expressed in the same words. Mothers tell me they are just trying to be helpful, but daughters take everything the wrong way. A solution would be for the mother to hold back more, offer praise, tell your daughter you admire her, are proud of her and know she's making a good decision. Then, she'll be more likely to call.

What about mothers and daughters who don't talk enough?

We often expect from our mothers and our daughters a kind of best friend, and best friends have conversations, or rapport talk, where you talk about your problems. If you don't get it from your mother or daughter you can feel like something's missing.

You say e-mail can help?

Yes, one of the challenges many mothers of adult daughters feel is they want to be in contact, but they don't want to call too much or be intrusive. Their daughter's busy and they don't want to call at the wrong time so they wait.

The mother can feel like a wallflower, nobody's calling. The daughter can feel a constant obligation. E-mail is a good solution for keeping in touch. You can write it when you are in the mood and have

time, and the person opening it can read it when they are in the mood and have time.

How come fathers and sons don't face the same problems?
Women tend to talk more, while sons and fathers often try to create connections more by doing things. Also appearance issues come up a lot more with daughters than sons.

Do these issues often emerge when the daughter becomes a teenager?

Yes, this is the one time it all really explodes. The teenager starts pushing her mother away, and it can be really, really hurtful knowing there's things going on in her life that she's not sharing.

And what about when the daughter leaves the nest?

Marriage could make things better or worse. Better because the mother's not worried about her, she's settled down — or worse if she doesn't approve of the relationship.

How do things change when women have children of their own?

It can get both better or worse, better because now you have something in common to focus on that's outside of both of you, a reason to be in touch frequently.

If mothers want to be helpful, this is a way they can really be helpful and enjoy it very much. But sometimes it can actually bring back some negative impressions because if being critical or too fussy is an issue for example it can come up again with grandchildren.

Are you looking forward to coming back to Detroit?

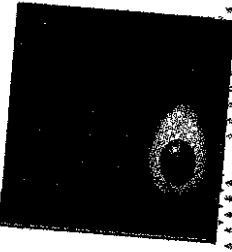
Yes I was glad to get the invitation. I love everything connected with Detroit. Your accent is making me nostalgic! ☺

pink picks



In honor of Mother's Day, PINK Editor Wendy White's mom shares her Picks with PINK.

Hear It!
Pearl Jam's new album



DVD It!
The Burdage

Wear It!
Crochet cardigans, tops and shrugs from Chadwicks



Read It!
The 'Prey' series of books by John Sandford

DON'T Wear It!
Capri pants
Men hate them!

Drink It!
White Chocolate Mocha from Caribou Coffee

Eat It!
Dannon Activia yogurt every morning



Tote It!
The bigger the better, so you can carry your life with you

Kick It!
High wedge sandals — if they have straps you can actually walk in them!

Indulge It!
Hot fudge sundaes from Big Boy

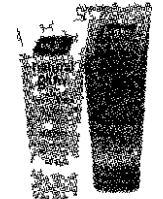
Accessorize It!
Rings, rings, rings



Use It!
Mr Clean Magic Eraser

Face It!
Cover Girl Liquid Makeup and Pressed Powder, the old standbys

Nail It!
Revlon ColorStay Nail Enamel



Experience It!
Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, June 23-25 in Howell, or for the adventurous, the Easy Riders Motorcycle Festival, Aug. 18-20 in Fowlerville — not for the faint of heart!

Tan It!
Jergens' Natural Glow

Do It!
The best thing for me is playing with my two new grandchildren!

Smell It!
Cashmere Mist by Donna Karan

Wendy Osborne, mom of three, lives and works in Howell. We love you mom!

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Victorian Rose Tea
Toast to motherhood during a Mother's Day Victorian Tea at the Victorian Rose in Rochester on Saturday May 13. Four-course tea times at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. feature a Tea and Etiquette talk by Barbara Gullely of Barb's TEA Shop. Cost is \$25. Call (248) 652-8595.

Victorian Tea at the Whitney
Don a hat for Victorian Tea at the Whitney to benefit Autoimmune Disease Research 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday May 13. Includes lunch, sweets, silent auction, raffle and a chance to meet the Civil War First Family of Michigan. Wear hats or Victorian apparel to compete for prizes. Tickets \$30/\$55 are available at (586) 776-3900 or www.aarda.org.

Born on Mother's Day?
If your birthday is May 14, visit Maggie's at the Vineyards in Farmington Hills 2-4 p.m. Saturday May 13, for a chance to win an indulgent prize. The first 10 birthday girls will get a chocolate strawberry rose bouquet and gift certificate for a chocolate infused facial from Dr. Ellen. Call (248) 227-8702.

Midwives and Mothers
Honor midwives and moms during a free event 7:10 p.m. Friday May 12 at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham. Enjoy a Bella Bell fashion show, pregnancy photos by Lesley Mason, food, mini massages, giveaways and the film *Totally Birthing Barbie*. Call (248) 872-6735 or visit www.birthnetwork.org.



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- 1. Early to Bed.** Maintain a schedule that includes enough beauty sleep.
- 2. Move It or Lose It!** Regular exercise will keep your heart, muscles and bones strong. Quality exercise can be as simple as taking a walk and playing outside with your kids. Whatever your exercise of choice may be — biking, tennis, dancing, skiing — try to make it fun!
- 3. Eat a well-balanced diet.** According to the World Health Organization, two-thirds of Americans are overweight. Obesity can lead to serious health problems such as heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, and joint disorders. Like your mother said, eat your veggies and stay away from the cookies!
- 4. Replenish biochemicals.** The body's ability to produce natural antioxidant defenses lowers as you age. Take a multivitamin, or try a daily dose of Acetyl L-Carnitine and Alpha Lipoic Acid (found in supplements like Juvenon Cellular Health Supplement) to enhance antioxidant protection of cells.
- 5. Never stop learning.** Your brain is like a muscle — the more you use it the stronger it will be. Challenge your brain daily with a crossword puzzle, a foreign language, chess or problem-solving at work.



- 6. Keep tabs on your time.** Maintain a busy schedule, but be organized. Have the day and week planned out as this will help you avoid anxiety-producing circumstances.
- 7. Prioritize.** Everyone has problems, but don't get overwhelmed with finances or personal conflict. Solve one problem at a time, tackling the most difficult one first. Don't ignore health problems.
- 8. Spice it Up.** Routines are fine, but it's important to challenge yourself too. Plan something to look forward to, like climbing a mountain, building an addition on your home, traveling to an exotic place, changing jobs or helping the underprivileged. Change makes us interesting

- and fun to talk to, and that makes us happy.
- 9. Become a Social Butterfly.** Be sociable, but don't get obsessed with what others think of you. Remember, everyone is not going to love you or approve of you. Don't spend your life worrying about what others think. Be comfortable with yourself and all will fall into place.
- 10. Think Positive.** Mental health has a tremendous effect on physical health. The optimist always does better than the pessimist in combating disease.

Source: Dr. Benjamin Treadwell's "Feel Younger Formula."

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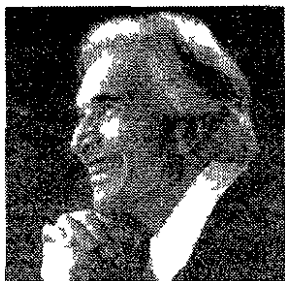
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Cinderella is a story that's been told many times and in many ways. Now, the operatic version by Rossini comes to the Detroit Opera House.

Easygoing opera

'Cinderella' is a production just about anybody can appreciate

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Libretto, bel canto, aria - even the language of opera has a way of intimidating us.

But audiences just can't help but open up to the opera *Cinderella*.

The production, which goes up Saturday and continues through May 20 at the Detroit Opera House, features larger-than-life characters, plenty of slapstick and, of course, a beloved story.

"It's a fun opera for people to come and see, whether they have seen an opera or not and a great opera for children to see," said Vivica Genaux, the international mezzo soprano performing the lead role in the production. "It's a little bit easier with *Cinderella* because it's a story that everybody knows. Almost every culture has a *Cinderella* story."

In other words, the story's familiarity makes the language barrier - Rossini's operatic version of the fairy tale is sung in Italian - and the need to follow English language subtitles less of an obstacle to enjoying the show.

But audiences will notice differences between the opera and the fairy tale.

This is not exactly the Disney *Cinderella*, said Genaux, a native of Alaska who has primarily performed what are called in the world of opera "trouser parts," or male roles.

FAIRYTALE OPERA

What: Rossini's opera *Cinderella*
When: 8 p.m. May 13, 2 p.m. May 14, 7:30 p.m. May 17 and 8 p.m. May 19, 20
Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit
Tickets: \$28-\$113. Call (313) 237-SING or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666. For more information, visit www.MichiganOpera.org.

Rossini's *Cinderella*, which premiered in 1817 in Rome, is based on Charles-Guillaume Etienne's French libretto to *Cendrillon*, rather than the classic fairy tale by Perrault.

Instead of an evil stepmother, Cinderella labors for a foolish stepfather, and it's a bracelet, not a glass slipper, that ultimately enables the Prince to find his true love.

Genaux, who originally attended college to study genetics, has released several recordings. Her latest disc of arias by Handel and the lesser-known Johann Adolf Hasse, is due for release by Virgin Classics in June or July. Genaux is also the only non-Italian singer to receive the "Premio Citta di Mondovi," an award given in Italy to honor young singers.

Genaux is known for creating three-dimensional characters on the operatic stage, but said portraying Cinderella came naturally, adding "Every girl has that experience of believing I'm really a princess."

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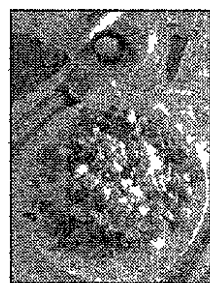


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PISTONS MANIA!

When Pistons are away, enjoy them on PalaceVision

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Want to jump in on Pistons fever? Can't get playoff tickets? Die-hard fans get together during "away games (when the team is on the road) to watch the Pistons on the big screen at PalaceVision at The Palace



The next PalaceVision games are scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, and 7 p.m. Monday, May 15 when the Pistons play the Cavaliers in Cleveland in games 3 and 4 of the second round of the NBA playoffs

Minus the actual games everything else goes on at PalaceVision like a regular home game Hooper the Pistons mascot and the Automotion dance team take to the court Face-painting and sign-making are available And fans donning the Ben Wallace wigs can be seen throughout the stands going wild

Pistons fever is in such high gear that a Pistons Playoff Store recently opened at The Village of Rochester Hills

The 3,000-square-foot store sells limited numbers of Pistons golf and ladies apparel plus the standard gear jerseys, hats, T-shirts, shorts and Big Ben wigs

Reports for the 2005-06 regular season indicate that merchandise sales in the Pistons Locker Room Store and concourse satellite stores at The Palace of Auburn Hills were up 36 percent from last season

"These numbers are so rewarding because they give us an indication of how popular this team has become in the metro Detroit area," said Tom Wilson, CEO for the Detroit Pistons "We are very pleased with how well our fans responded to the new merchandise offerings, including alternate jerseys, All-Star jerseys and women's apparel choices"

Earlier in the year, the NBA named

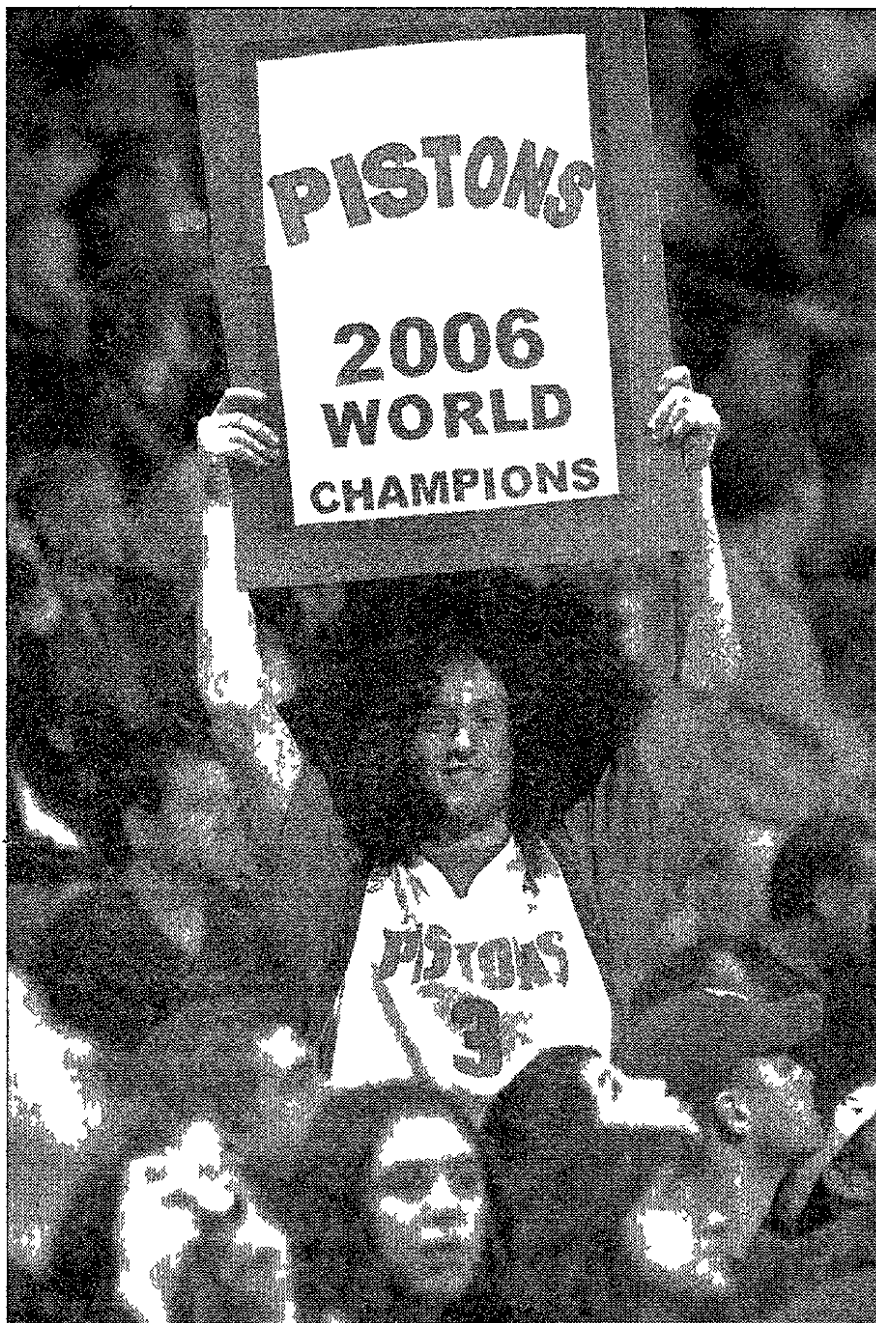


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A Pistons fan wearing a Big Ben wig holds up a sign during the game against the Atlanta Hawks at the Palace of Auburn Hills in February Wigs can be purchased at the Pistons Playoff Store at the Village of Rochester Hills

the Detroit Pistons the '2005 Team Retailers of the Year' The annual award recognizes the NBA's most successful merchandising operations in the categories of arena and Internet sales, merchandise presentation and licensee support

Fans love their teams in Detroit During last year's playoff run at PalaceVision, the Pistons raised more than \$150,000 for charity throughout the Eastern Conference Finals and NBA Finals

Parking at The Palace is free, admission is \$5 Proceeds from the

general admission tickets will go to the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, part of the Detroit Medical Center

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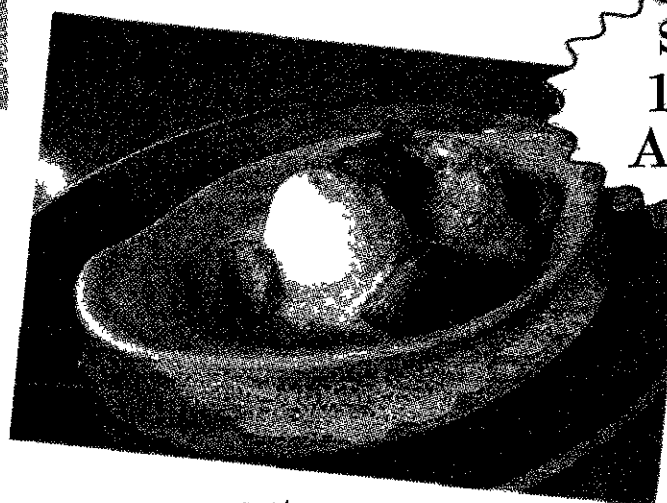
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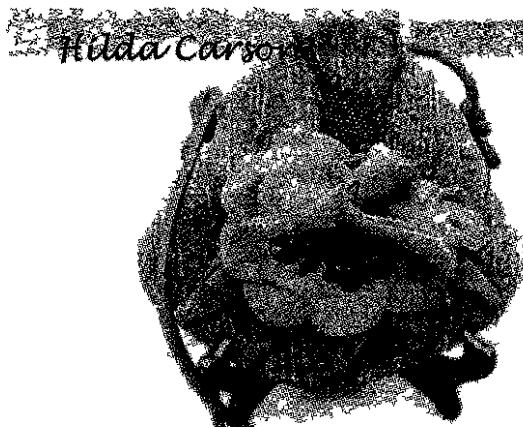
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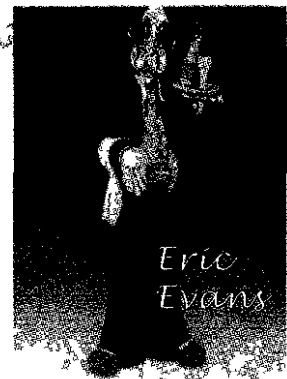
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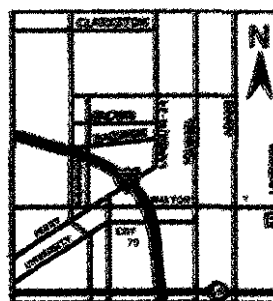
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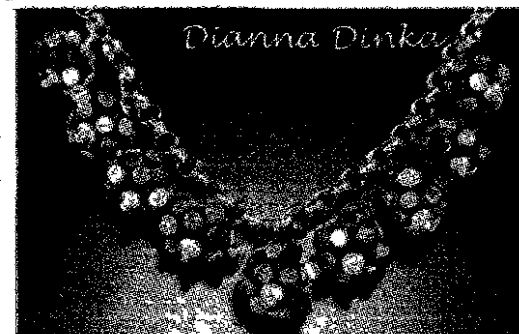
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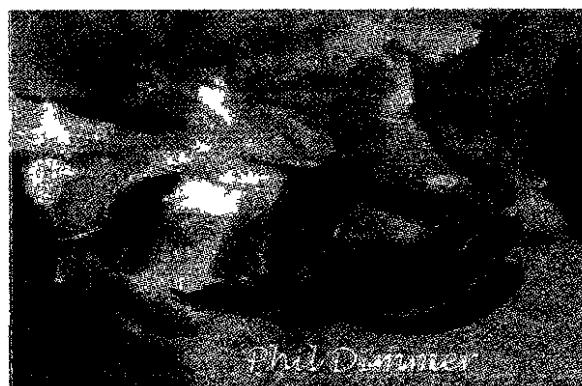


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**Fine Arts at the Village will also return
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Barbara Reinight



Birmingham resident Carol Lee and daughter Jacquelin attended the Birmingham Fine Art Festival in 2005

ART START

Birmingham fair helps kick off summer festival season

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

More than 80,000 people are expected to flock to Shain Park in Birmingham this weekend for the 25th anniversary of the Birmingham Fine Art Festival – one of the top-rated fine art juried festivals in the country

Bring Mom along, because here you can buy a gift of art.

Over the years, the festival has built a reputation for reasonable pricing and high quality at the event. “The festival will offer a wide variety of special artistic gifts to pamper wonderful moms, or for moms to choose items like jewelry, a trendy spring wearable, paintings, and decorative pieces for the home,” said Peggy Kerr, festival director. “No matter what the budget or interest is, there is something that will entice”

BIRMINGHAM FINE ART FESTIVAL

What: Presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and The Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce

What's there: Live music, art and food

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday May 13 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday May 14

Where: Shain Park (Merrill and Bates south of Maple between Southfield Road and Woodward Avenue) Birmingham

Admission: Free

Details: Call the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center at (248) 644-0866 or visit www.bbartcenter.org

This year's featured artist is Ed Risak of Marquette, who is known for his Raku artworks.

Risak is recognized as a major artist in his field and several of his

pieces are in the permanent collections of the White House, Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution, ABC Studios in Livonia, Blue Cross Blue Shield in Detroit and the Dow Chemical Company in Midland.

Festivals, Kerr said, are popular because it gives Michiganders a chance to enjoy the outdoors plus actually speak with the artists.

“People come to the festival to have a good time, to enjoy seeing and being around a variety of art, to see what's new, different and exciting, to appreciate the artists' talents, and to see new trends in art before they get to galleries,” she said. “(It's) a great opportunity for parents to discuss art with their children.”

The festival is sponsored by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. At the event BBAC instructors will demonstrate their artistic skills in

many media and are available for questions.

Risak is among more than 250 of North America's artists featuring 17 different mediums such as ceramics, fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, painting, photography, wood and digital.

Like most of metro-Detroit's art festivals, there's a lot more than art. New this year are

- The HAP Children's Art and Science Activities Area

- New musical acts

- Cadillac vehicles on display

The festival attracts international artists, and of course it celebrates the growing arts scene in Michigan. Local artists are

- Charlotte Quin, of Auburn Hills, jewelry (precious metals)

- Linda Buck, of Berkley, ceramics (non-functional)

PLEASE SEE FAIR, E7

FAIR

FROM PAGE E6

- Alice Ham, of Berkley, ceramics
- Stuart Gray, of Beverly Hills, mixed media 3-D lamps
- Julie Langensiepen, of Beverly Hills, fibers, dolls
- Ginger Delater, of Birmingham, photography
- Carole Berhorst, of Bloomfield Hills, ceramics (functional)
- AJ Ripley, of Clarkston, digital art work
- Douglas Roberts, of Farmington Hills, ceramics, stoneware
- Kaiser Suidan, of Ferndale ceramics (non-functional)
- Frank Yanke, of Franklin, jewelry (precious metal)
- Rita Leeds, of Keego Harbor, fibers (wearable)
- Michelle Hinz, of Rochester, painting
- Doug Remien, of West Bloomfield, photography (traditional)

Also at the festival are a team of select jurors who visit every artist there to select the prestigious "Best of Show" festival award. Look for the award ribbons.

There's also a young musicians stage where Metropolitan Detroit Musician's League students perform on Sunday - on the terrace of The Community House. Vendors will provide food.

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MUSIC AT THE FESTIVAL

Located at the front of Birmingham City Hall on Martin Street just east of Shain Park

SATURDAY, MAY 13

- 11 a.m. Michigan Chinese Choir - Chinese choral music accompanied by traditional instruments
- Noon Pontiac Academy for Excellence Jazz Band - Middle and high schoolers on trombone, trumpet, bass, guitar, keyboard and drums. Quincey Stewart III, band director.
- 1 p.m. Chris McCa - Talented singer-songwriter offers insightful and unique lyrics regarding glimpses into ordinary life.
- 2 p.m. Sheila Landis Trio - Seven-time winner of the Outstanding Jazz Vocalist Award in the Detroit Music Awards.
- 3 p.m. Elise McCoy - Singer-songwriter with her band presents her personal music.
- 4 p.m. Michael King Band - Memorable music, emotionally charged lyrics.
- 5 p.m. The Hope Orchestra - High energy band.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

- 11 a.m. Timothy Clark - Singer-songwriter with pizzazz.
- Noon Amber Williams - Singer-songwriter in the neo-soul style.
- 1 p.m. WIP - Family-friendly band.
- 2 p.m. Blackberry Creek Dancers - Line dancers in foot-stomping performances.
- 3 p.m. Euphorians - A blues edge band.
- 4 p.m. Quixotic - Semi-reggae band.

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Art lab

Detroit exhibit features phenomena

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER



Sure, there's a science behind art, and an art to science. But we don't often think of the two disciplines as going hand in hand. That's strange, considering that science encompasses the visually stunning world of Mother Nature.

People are fascinated by the natural world, said Helen Bevan, one of three artists whose science-inspired work is showcased in the exhibit Phenomena, continuing through May 20 at the Johanson Charles Gallery. It is often simultaneously freakish and yet, well, natural.

The exhibit is being hosted by Mosaic Productions at the Detroit gallery, which is located in Eastern Market. The show includes about 20 works and is roughly organized by artist.

I was really interested that (Helen) had a science background, and it is very much reflected in her art," said Phenomena co-curator Jeanne Moore. "It's the artists themselves that really inspired this."

Bevan, an adjunct faculty member of Wayne State University's art department, earned a bachelor of science degree in environmental science before returning to school

SCIENCE ON VIEW

What: Phenomena - an exhibit of three artists who draw inspiration from science and the natural world.

When: Continues through May 20. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Johanson Charles Gallery, 1345 Division Eastern Market, Detroit.

Admission: Free for information, visit www.mosaicproductionsgallery.com

for her master's in fine art in painting. "My first hobby was playing with frog eggs in the pond when I was growing up," Bevan said.

Today, science helps sustain her art in more ways than one. "I currently work part-time in an environmental lab," she said. "It pays my bills." While Bevan depicts nature and environment, the exhibit's other two artists, Adrian Hatfield and Jayson Lowery, take entirely different approaches. All three are members of Wayne State University's art department faculty.

Hatfield mixes sublime landscape painting with scientific texts and dia-



PHOTO COURTESY OF HELEN BEVAN

'Phenomena' showcases work by artists inspired by science and nature

grams to create monumental mixed media works weighing up to 800 pounds.

Lowery fabricates sculpture from stone, steel, cast iron and bronze in a range of sizes, but is inspired by the natural environment as impacted by industry and man.

"I think we've all been interested in the natural world since we were children," said Bevan of the artists. "Only now, instead of poking things with sticks or watching low-budget sci-fi movies, we're making artwork about it."

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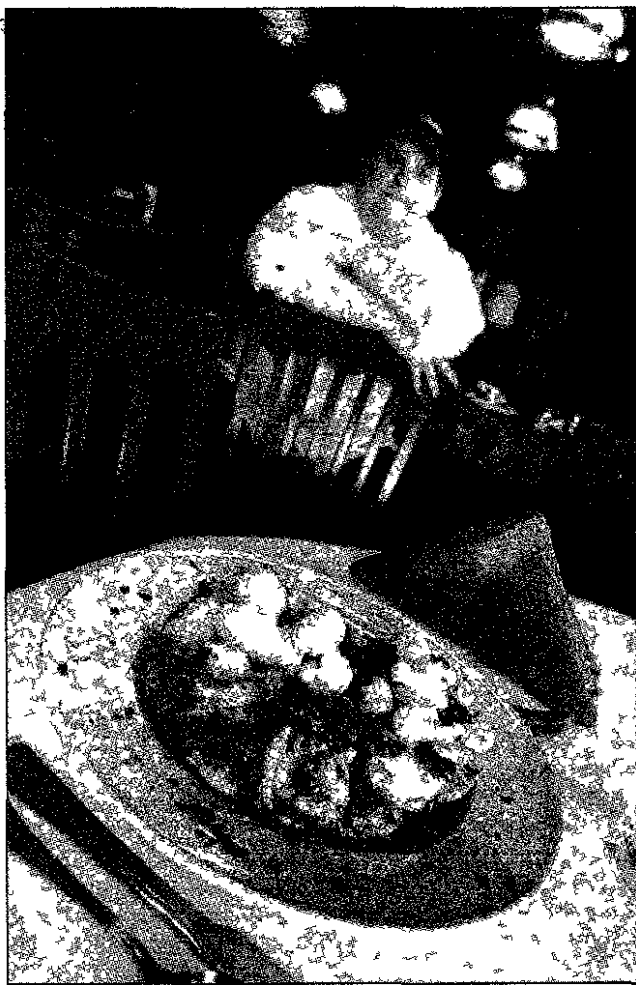
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Chef Mark Hincker offers a Station 885 favorite - Veal Scallopini with jumbo shrimp with an olive-veal demiglace served with vegetables and potatoes du jour

Station 885

Salads, beef and seafood round out this menu

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Old Village is a piece of that community's history with its mix of buildings and homes dating back to the 1830s, located north of Main Street

While Station 885 hasn't been around that long - the structure was built in the 1960s and the Costanza family opened Station 885 in 1985 - it fits right into the comfort level of Old Village. The station number indicates the restaurant's address on Starkweather

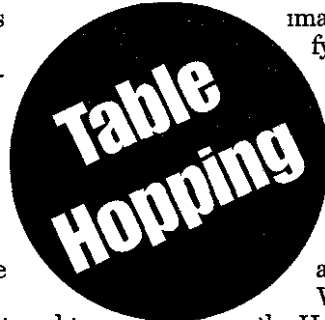
Located on the southwest corner of Starkweather and the railroad tracks, the site is the location of the original Chesapeake freight house. If you're lucky, you'll catch a glimpse of a train as it rumbles by (Besides, it's better for you - and far less stressful - to sit here with a cold beverage and food watching the train rather than

on Plymouth's Main Street in a traffic jam.)

Station 885 offers a varied menu with enough tweaks and imagination on it to satisfy just about every taste. Restaurant owner Bob Costanza and his staff added more salads, seafood, chicken and veal selections earlier this year to add more variety. Want a salad? There's

the Heartland, Spinach, Chicken Milanese, Cobb and Caesar salads. You have the choice of adding salmon, chicken or flank steak to most of these salads if you want something a little different.

Sandwiches include the Club 885 Express, a sliced rib eye served French dip style with caramelized onions and mozzarella cheese and au jus (\$8.75), and the Freight Train, blackened breast of chicken with pesto, mozzarella and tomato on grilled ciabatta for \$8.25. Of course,



STATION 885

Where: 885 Starkweather (in Old Village) Plymouth

Hours: Monday Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. buffet dinner 2-10 p.m.

Food style: American Beef chicken seafood pasta salads and pizza

Cost: Salads \$8.25 \$10.25 burgers and lighter fare \$7.25 \$9.25 beef seafood chicken veal and pasta \$12.25 \$22

Reservations: Accepted

the restaurant also serves a Gourmet Burger with angus beef, sauteed mushrooms, sharp cheddar cheese, tomato and sliced red onion on a Kaiser roll (\$8.25)

The Portabella Burger is marinated and grilled, then placed on a grilled ciabatta, with roasted red pepper, fresh tomato and havarti cheese

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STATION

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At \$7.25, it's a fresh, zippy sandwich

There's plenty of dinner fare with beef, chicken, seafood, veal and pasta

Filet Mignon, New York Steak, Station Broil (marinated then grilled flank steak) and local favorites Prime Rib and house smoked Baby Back Ribs are all on the dinner menu, ranging from \$13-\$22

Seafood and fish selections include Sea Bass with a tequila citrus compound butter, Wahoo, charbroiled and served with a pineapple-sun dried Michigan cherry chutney, Crab Cakes with chipotle aioli, 885 favorite Lake Perch, and Atlantic Salmon glazed with a maple barbecue sauce. These items range in price from \$17-\$19.25

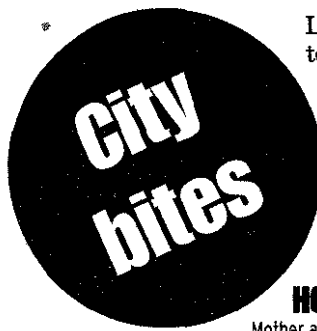
Another favorite is Chicken Picatta, a breast of chicken sauteed in lemon butter and white wine with mushrooms and artichoke hearts served over rice or linguini for \$16.25. Veal Medallions and Veal Parmesan, Asian Chicken and Chicken Saltimbocca are also on the menu

Pasta ranges in price from \$12 to \$18 and include Fried Cheese Ravioli, Wild Mushroom Pasta, Shrimp Scampi and Beef Tip Pappardelle

Pizza and salad for two costs \$14.25, with a meat lover's (ham, bacon, pepperoni and Italian sausage), white pizza (spinach, artichokes and sun-dried tomatoes baked on rosemary foccacia bread with Station 885's white sauce) or Jerry's Pizza (artichokes, pesto tomato sauce, mozzarella, imported feta cheese, black olives, mushroom, spinach and pepperoni)

Lunch specials are served. The day we visited, prices ranged from \$5.99 to \$7.99 for sandwiches including a tuna salad, ham and swiss and a Maurice Salad

The menu ranges in price from \$7-\$22. The restaurant also serves Sunday brunch



Looking for a special place to take Mom, your wife or significant other on Mother's Day this Sunday? Here are a few ideas

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Mother and Daughter Tea 11:30 a.m. Saturday

May 13 tea sandwiches, cookies and sweets, tea and punch, daughters 8 and under encouraged to bring their favorite doll, recognition of best look alike and dress alike daughter and doll, best look alike mother and daughter, oldest and youngest grandmothers and most members of the same family. Tea is \$12 for children and \$16 for adults.

On Sunday Mother's Day brunch features breakfast and lunch stations, also omelet, carving and seafood stations, tortes, cookies, brownies and parfaits, strolling music by La Corda Ensemble, seatings between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. brunch \$28.95 for adults, \$16.95 for children ages 4-12, children 4 and under free. The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832

THE STAGE DELI

Brunch items are \$7-\$12, \$4.20 for kids, items 9 a.m.-9 p.m., 6873 Orchard Lake Road (between Maple and 14 Mile Road), West Bloomfield, (248) 855-6622

MOOSE PRESERVE BAR & GRILL

Brunch 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., full menu available all day, children's menu \$7-\$21, 43034 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, reservations call (248) 858-7688

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Brunch 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., dinner menu 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., children's menu \$10-\$35, 5725 Rochester Road, Troy, reservations call (248) 828-2825

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THE LARK

In response to requests, The Lark, 6430 Farmington Road in West Bloomfield, will be open for the first time in its history on Mother's Day. Doors will be open for the first seating at 4 p.m. and the second seating at 7 p.m. The full menu will be offered, as well as appropriate special dishes from Chef Kyle Ketchum. Mothers will also receive a favor from Mary Lark and a rose from Jim Lark. Call (248) 661-4466 for information.

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CENTURY GRILLE

The Gem & Century Theatres and Century Grille are offering brunch and show packages to *Menopause: The Musical* and the Jeff Daniels comedy *Norma & Wanda* on Sunday, May 14. Brunch packages include a ticket to the show. The Century Grille's expanded Mother's Day brunch buffet, a mimosa or bloody Mary for those 21 and older, non-alcoholic beverages, tax and gratuity. Packages available are brunch only \$35, brunch and *Norma & Wanda* at 2 p.m. \$72, brunch and *Menopause: The Musical* at 1 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. \$77. Seats available for *Norma & Wanda* (\$34.50) and *Menopause: The Musical* (\$39.50) on Mother's Day. To buy tickets or make Mother's Day brunch reservations at the Century Grille, call (313) 963-9800. For more information, call (313) 963-9800, visit www.gemtheatre.com or stop in at 333 Madison Ave. in Detroit.

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Pink Floyd Tribute

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Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Guy Louis vs Mr Blue a heavyweight musical showdown audience will vote for favorite at end of show 8 p.m. Thursday May 11 \$12 doors open at 7 p.m. 50400 Cherry Hill Canton (734) 394 5460 www.cantonmi.org/CPAEC/about.asp

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

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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

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Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is *It's a Nano World*



Vintage Base Ball returns to the Rochester area - The Rochester Grangers Vintage Base Ball Club will open its season at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at Halbach Field in Rochester as part of the Rochester Heritage Festival. The club will play against City Council members from Rochester and Rochester Hills. Vintage baseball is played for exercise and social contact by gentleman according to the rules of base ball in 1863, which means no spitting, arguing, sliding, betting or gloves. For details, visit the Web site www.rochestergrangers.com or call (248) 656-4663

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

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SOMETHING DIFFERENT

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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 muse

um 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

Documentary

Unlocking the Mystery of Life PBS documentary on theory of intelligent design free event sponsored by Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist Church Headed Home Ministries 7 p.m. Tuesday May 23 Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel 2111 Haggerty Novi limited seating www.origmbydesign.com (734) 420 3131

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Southfield Library Events

■ Harmonica Shaw & his Blues Band Seward Harmonica Shaw plays original raw real deal back alley Detroit Blues at 6 30 p.m. Wednesday May 17

■ Opera in the Afternoon Dr Wallace O Peace opera connoisseur and lecturer presents an informative and entertaining discussion of Salome an Opera in one act composed by Richard Strauss a German translation of Oscar Wilde's play Lecture on Salome 1 p.m. Thursday May 18 film of Salome 1 p.m. Thursday May 25 Library location 26300 Evergreen Southfield (248) 796 4200

Preservation Wayne

Walking tours offered of five historic areas of Detroit (downtown Eastern Market Midtown Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center) Saturdays at 10 a.m. or Tuesdays after work through September \$10 per person visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577 7614

St. Mary's Polish Country Fair

Rides attractions music and entertainment home and garden expo fitness and kids activities Friday Monday May 25 May 29 at Orchard Lake St. Mary's campus at Commerce and Orchard Lake roads visit www.StMarysPolishCountryFair.com

Movies at the Redford Theatre

8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays organ overture at 7 30 p.m. Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. and organ overture at 1 30 p.m. May 12 and 13 *The Day the Earth Stood Still* May 26 and 27 *Citizen Kane* June 9 and 10 *Singin' in the Rain* June 23 and 24 *Thing From Another World* Located at 17360 Lahser Detroit Visit www.redfordtheatre.com or call (313) 537 2560

Movie Theatre Party

Zonta Club of Southfield Area's annual movie theater party 1 p.m. Saturday June 3 at the Uptown Palladium Theatre in Birmingham includes buffet luncheon prizes, popcorn and soda and mystery movie proceeds benefit young women scholarship programs and service projects (248) 557 3675 or e mail zontasouthfield@comcast.net

THEATER - COLLEGE

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Hilberry Theatre through May 13 Wayne State University campus Detroit \$15 \$28 call (313) 577 2972 or www.theatre.wayne.edu

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Heart of the Hills Players

Guys and Dolls 2 p.m. May 17 and 18 and 7 p.m. May 19 Warren Community Center Theater 5460 Arden (west of Mound Road between Chicago Road and 14 Mile in Warren \$10 advance \$12 day of show (586) 268 8400 for tickets

Rosedale Community Theatre/The Upstage

The Best of Me original play by Lance Alan 8 p.m. May 18 and 19 \$10 The Upstage 21728 Grand River Detroit (Old Redford) (313) 532 4010

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BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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There's an 8-foot high couch on the Meadow Brook Theatre stage. It's part of a larger-than-life size set that makes adult actors look like little kids for stage play *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Slated to continue through May 14 at Oakland University in Rochester Hills,

the production brings Charles Schulz's *Peanuts* comic strips to life.

Kids understand the visual and the adults go for the Charles Schulz humor said the production's director and Meadow Brook Theatre artistic director David Regal. "It's a nice family show."

Typically *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* is performed with a pared-down set, often with large children's building blocks making up the entire stage landscape.



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'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' continues through May 14 at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester Hills

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The two-act play, which closes the Meadow Brook Theatre season, is a day in the life of Charlie Brown.

He wakes up late, as usual, and realizes he's missed the school bus, eats lunch alone and strikes out with the cute red head on the playground," said Regal. "It's all the indignities of being a human being, but the irony is that (Schulz) uses children

PEANUTS!

What: Meadow Brook Theatre presents "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"
When: Through May 14. Most performances are slated at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday
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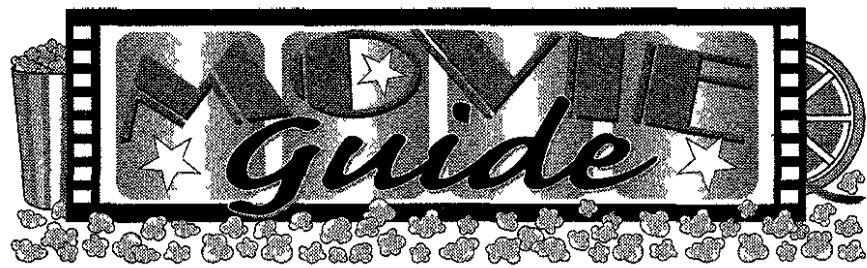
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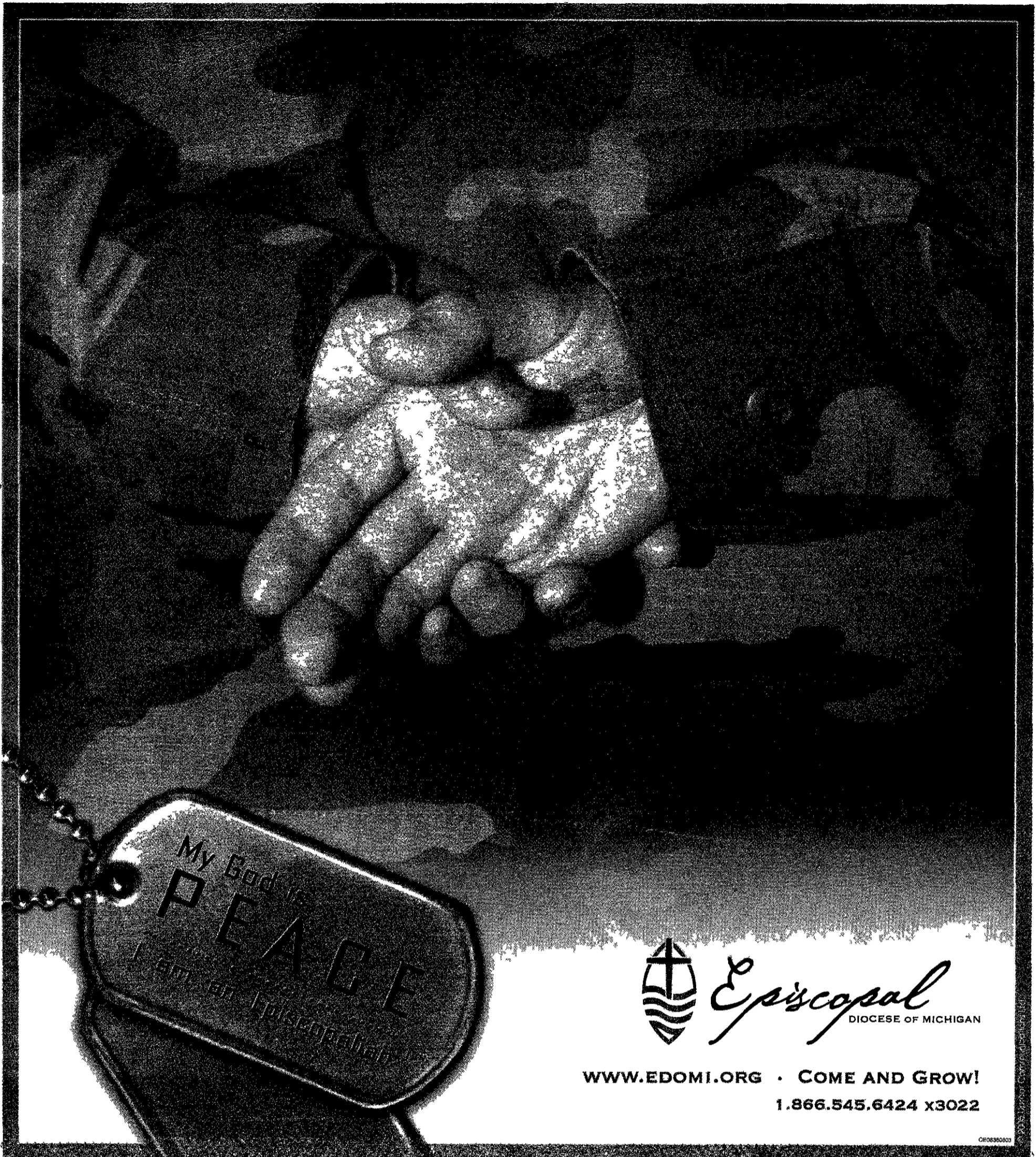
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