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MDOT puts stop to traffic glut caused by four-way red light

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

What was good for Kim Del Col had motorists driving through Plymouth enraged last week. Del Col has wanted a traffic light at the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Ridge for a long time and, late last week, the Michigan Department of Transportation accommodated her and other residents who have clamored for some

traffic control out there for years. After monitoring traffic out there for about a week, MDOT turned the blinking light for east- and west-bound traffic from blinking yellow to blinking red. That allowed the traffic coming off of Ridge safer passage to make a left turn onto Ann Arbor Road. However, with scores of drivers avoiding construction on M-14 by using Ann Arbor Road, it also created an even bigger monster in the

form of traffic jams so bad traffic backed up as far as Pioneer Middle School for westbound traffic. For Del Col and others like her, it was sort of a "good news, bad news" situation. "I was glad to see they put it up, and I went that route (Monday) morning to experience my first left-hand turn without being afraid for my life," Del Col said. "But the traffic

PLEASE SEE STOP, A6



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Michigan Department of Transportation's decision to put a four-way stop at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge Friday afternoon caused an almost-immediate traffic jam in both directions



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Skaters are hard at work practicing for the show at the Plymouth Cultural Center ice arena

A hot time in the ol' town

Weekend events should have Plymouth streets jumpin'



Lauren Shomsky, Julia Betdoun and Amanda Rahie perform a lift with Natalie Puckett

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

As Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock puts it, this weekend is "the kickoff to the event season." More than 130 events — including festivals, concerts and parades — dot Sincock's calendar the next few months, just as it does every spring, summer and fall in Plymouth. "It's pretty standard for us," said Sincock, who admits to picking up ideas on how to handle large events from Disney World, which he visits several times a year. "It's a pleasure working with the community groups, people who are in it for the right things. It's a great show of volunteerism." Among the offerings in Plymouth this weekend are PENNdemonium, the premier fund-raising gala for Friends of the Penn, ArtFeast, which will be held at nearly three dozen venues in and around downtown, the Plymouth Symphony League Home Tour, the Plymouth Dog Jog in Kellogg Park, Celebration on Ice 2006

by the Skating Academy of Plymouth at the Cultural Center, the downtown Farmers Market at The Gathering, and even a wedding in Kellogg Park. ■ PENNdemonium at 6 p.m. Saturday night is an optional black-tie and red-carpet event — complete with paparazzi — which the Friends of the Penn is hoping will raise nearly \$40,000 to go toward the nearly \$1.5 million in renovations at the moviehouse, which opened in 1941. "We're extremely pleased with the ticket sales," said Ellen Elliott, executive director of the preservationist group. "It's the first time the public has been invited to step inside the Penn for an event with such glitz and glamour since well before the theater closed its doors. It will provide a sneak peak at the exciting types of programming that could become a reality at the theater. The money we will raise is great, but we also need the support of people getting excited about the Penn."

PLEASE SEE WEEKEND, A6

Road to Lansing

Open 20th House seat draws a crowd for August primary

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Slavens enters Senate race A3

There will be August primaries to determine who will succeed term-limited state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) in Lansing the next two years. The crowded list — five Republicans and a trio of Democrats — is intriguing, both for the names and faces it includes, and at least one it doesn't. The candidates will face off in partisan primaries to see which two candidates will meet in the Nov. 7 general election to represent residents in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, a portion of Canton Township, Northville Township, Wayne and part of Northville Township. Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo jumped in after Plymouth Mayor Pro Tem Phil Pursell decided to drop out. Abbo lists among his supporters state Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township), who was championing Pursell. "As a certified public accountant with more than 30 years of business experience, 14 years of experience in local government as the Northville Township supervisor and as a trustee, I believe I'm uniquely qualified to address Michigan's ongoing fiscal challenges," Abbo said. "Strengthening education and our economy will be my top priorities."

Pursell, who announced earlier this year he was seeking the position, said there were a number of factors that forced him to drop out.

I just don't have the time to dedicate to it that I thought I would," Pursell said. "My family and my business come first. I don't have any regrets about pulling out."

Among the challengers on the Republican ticket is Stewart's wife, Plymouth Historical Museum Director Beth Stewart.

Among the surprise names on the Republican side is Vorva. Not former state Rep. Jerry Vorva of Plymouth — also a former Plymouth city commissioner — but his 31-year-old son, Jason.

"I remember doorbelling with my dad when I was 13 when he was running for the city commission," Vorva said. "I've always been interested in politics. I don't think those people who have a huge interest in the status quo or special interest groups will make the necessary changes. I'm not taking any contributions from individuals or PACs (political action committees). I'm not going to have anyone tell me I can't say something."

Also seeking the nomination on the Republican ticket are Don Schnettler of Plymouth Township and T. Cortez Spann Jr. of Wayne.

Included in the Democratic primary are Joanne Lamar and Joe Hawver, both of Plymouth Township, and Marc Corriveau of Northville, who ran unsuccessfully against Stewart two years ago.

Bill Ballenger, editor of the newsletter *Inside Michigan Politics*, said he's not too surprised so many candidates came out of the woodwork to seek an open seat.

"I don't think it's that surprising the number of candidates on the Republican side," Ballenger said. "Beth Stewart is probably considered the favorite, at this point."

"Democrats, generally speaking, think this is going to be a good year for them, and you see them running where otherwise you would think there wouldn't be that much interest," he added. "The only thing I can figure is they evidently believe lightning could strike and a tsunami could come and have a Democratic landslide, sweeping one of them to victory."

In a total contrast, there will not be a primary in the 21st House race to represent most of Canton Township. Incumbent Phil LaJoy (R-Canton Township) will be seeking his second, two-year term. He will face Democrat Al Sims of Canton in the November general election.

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Coming Sunday

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CORRECTIONS

■ The list of Turnaround Achievement Award winners was inadvertently left out of our coverage of those awards in the Sunday, May 14, *Observer*. The following students were honored:

Jalen Pruzak, Hoben Elementary School, Cameron Smyth, Bird Elementary School, John Kelly and Christopher Maorons, Central Middle School, Dominique Williams, Discover Middle School, Kleopatra Kristo and Cody Schoenborn, East Middle School, Damon Ahgren, Pioneer Middle School, Sarah Hayes, Michael Price and Matthew Stewart, Canton High School, Lindsey Juras, Nicole Svec and Andy Wang, Plymouth High School, Britni Glover, Matthew Goms, Adam Hammel, Fatima Saad and Robert Smith, Salem High School

■ A story in the Sunday, May 14, *Plymouth Observer* should have said the Michigan Department of Transportation planned on closing Napier Road from North Territorial to Powell

Made for TV moment

Weatherman marks Plymouth man's 100th

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

There's only one reason Willard Scott mentions your name on The Today Show. And his 100th birthday last week is what had Scott, the former weatherman who now gets time on the show to celebrate those who've hit the century mark, saying Erwin Ottensman's name on the air.

Ottensman, the last of nine siblings who celebrated his birthday May 9, said the milestone didn't leave him feeling any differently.

"I flipped it," Ottensman said of his 100th birthday. "Everyone asks me how it feels, but I can't see any difference from yesterday to today. I'm in pretty good health."

Born May 9, 1906, Ottensman moved to the Detroit area in 1941, working jobs mostly in the manufacturing field. Struggling to find work, he was ready to return to Escanaba when he landed a job at Kelsey-Hayes, a job he

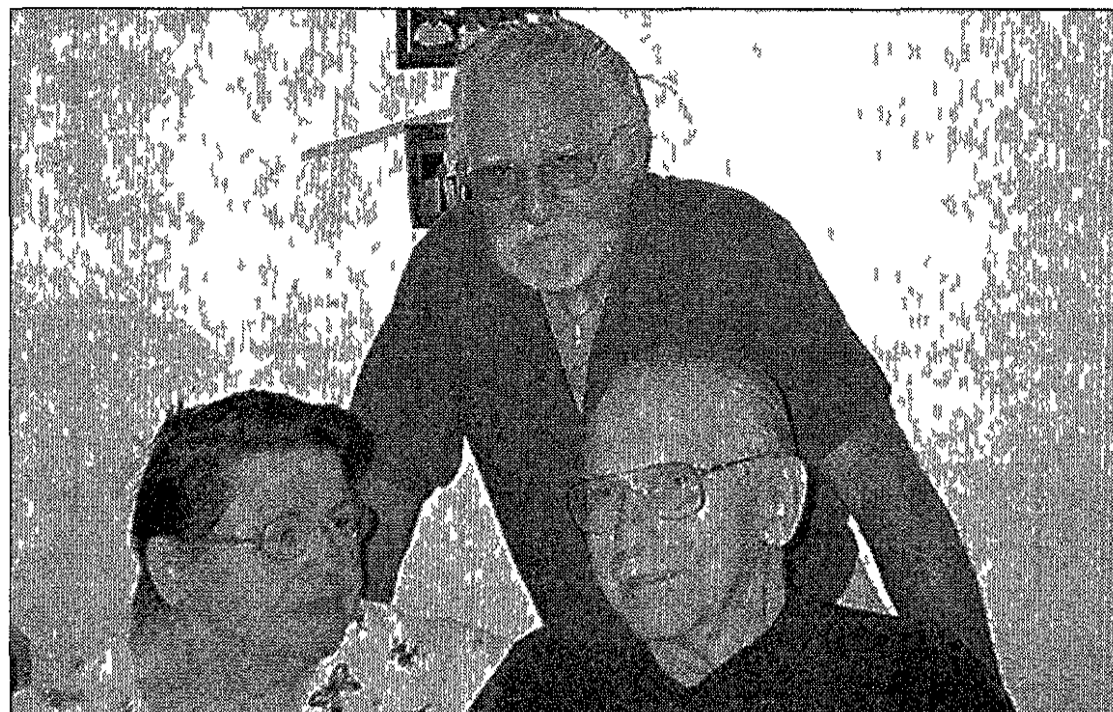
kept until the end of the war. He also spent several years working at the Burroughs Corp., in Plymouth.

The biggest change he's seen is in technology, a transition he said would continue to force young people to seek higher education because "there will be little common labor work."

"Business has changed greatly from when I was young," Ottensman said. "Everything right now is on computer. It will compel children to go for higher education in order to get someplace."

Ottensman married his first wife, Rose, and the couple had two children — daughter Rita Mae Notestine, who now lives in Toledo, and son Arlan, who now lives in Ozark, Ala. Rose passed away in 1937 and Ottensman met and married his second wife, Gertrude.

Erwin and Gertrude also had two children — son Richard, who lives in Perrysburg, Ohio, and daughter Luann Garchow, with whom Erwin lives in Plymouth. Gertrude passed away in 1997.



Erwin Ottensman (right) celebrated his 100th birthday last week. With him are daughter Rita Mae and son Arlan.

Ottensman has seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He marked the occasion with an immediate-family party and also had an

open house for about 100 family and friends.

Until 2003, when Ottensman broke a hip, he maintained an active lifestyle. He used to play golf, and even scored a hole-in-one at Green Oaks in Ypsilanti in 1993.

Until three years ago, when he broke his hip, he was in two bowling leagues, Garchow said.

When Gertrude died in 1997, Ottensman also took over grooming the landscaping at his Plymouth home. The hip now has him in a wheelchair, but it hasn't dimmed his spirit.

He still thinks he can get up and do it," daughter Rita Mae said, laughing.

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Bugs' life

Students monitor Tonda's natural habitat

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When 10-year-olds Robyn Lowes and Grant McKinney wander around the field behind Tonda Elementary in Canton, it's not unusual to find a lot of mosquitos and even a snake, or two

But, that's actually a good thing. Fifth-graders at Tonda last week also found frogs, fish and various species of birds at the natural habitat behind the school as part of a monitoring project along the Rouge River watershed sponsored by the Friends of the Rouge.

"In the spring, there are a number of schools and organizations that monitor the streams that go into the Rouge watershed," said fifth-grade teacher Becky Letting. "We look at the pH level, the water velocity, the air and water temperature and what kinds of animals it attracts."

"We don't have a lot of time in our curriculum to talk about the environment, so it's really good to spend a couple of days where we go out and really talk about it, and make the kids understand how important it is to take care of what we have," said Letting. "It's not going to be here if we don't take care of it."

McKinney, who lives in the Tonda neighborhood, frequents the habitat.

"I saw a red-winged black bird, a regular blackbird and definitely lots of mosquitoes. They are a pest, but the fish and birds eat them," said McKinney. "Sometimes when I go with my friend we see frogs jumping into the river. One time we found a snake."

The wildlife can keep on living there undisturbed so they can evolve naturally, without any interference from us," he said.

While most homeowners abhor weeds, Lowes said in the habitat they're beneficial.

Lots of weeds in the water is really good. It's shelter for the animals," she said. "It (the habitat) helps us learn about the wildlife and how we can help



Katie Adams and Connor Cauvet check the pH level of the river water. The results were close to normal.



Eric Huang, Jackie Jones, Victoria Kinsler, Naomy Horobet, and Alex Hastings look for wildlife in the stream behind Tonda Elementary. Eric Huang found a frog.



Charlie Streslick checks the clarity of water sampled from the stream.



Adding a few drops of phenolphthalein solution to river water gives you a color that can be compared to a pH level chart.

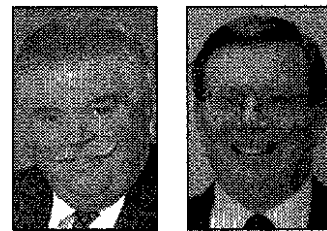
because most of them live in the community. It gives them a sense of ownership.

habitat is an asset in more ways than one. It ties in nicely with the third grade curriculum about habitats, fourth grade about water and fifth grade about the environment around them," said Robertson. "And it's not only in Tonda's back yard, but the back yard of the kids."

them and how we can help other places we find that are like that. Scott Robertson, who teaches fifth grade at Tonda, said the

Slavens challenges Patterson

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER



Patterson Slavens

In a move most political pundits predicted would occur in due time, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education President Mark Slavens of Canton entered the 7th Senate District race.

Slavens, who lost to current state Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton Township) two years ago, is hoping to win the Aug. 8 Democratic primary against Neil Mitchell of Belleville. The winner then takes on incumbent Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township), who faces no primary challenge, in the Nov. 7 general election.

"We need a change in the Senate to get this state going again," Slavens said. "I'm a can-do person, and I can provide the leadership that can get this state moving again. I'm going to Lansing to fight for working families, single people, seniors and our children."

Slavens, who has been hammering the state Legislature for years to increase the foundation grant for Plymouth-Canton Schools, said education will be a priority, but not his single issue, if elected.

"My top priority for the state and the 7th District will be jobs," said Slavens, who is an attorney. "I've run my own business for over 20 years, and I know you need a stable government. The incumbent has not served the people in the 7th District well, and that's reflected in how poorly the job market is in the 7th District."

"We need to be investing in education, and that's not taking place," he added. "We need to invest in the life sciences and high-tech jobs,

alternative energy and the 21st Century Jobs Fund to strengthen Michigan."

Patterson, who served in the state House before being elected to the redistricted and open 7th District Senate seat by beating former state Rep. George Mans four years ago, is considered the favorite by political analyst Bill Ballenger, editor of *Inside Michigan Politics*.

"Unless Patterson has made some enemies, it's going to be a medium-range longshot," Ballenger said of Slavens. "Slavens is known for being on the school board, but that isn't far-reaching. It's hard to imagine Patterson is weaker than when he won an open seat."

Slavens knows the odds, but said his experience against LaJoy will be a benefit to him.

"I was a first-timer and I learned a lot of things about running a campaign," Slavens said. "I wouldn't be running if I thought I was going to lose. I have every intent on winning."

Patterson did not return a phone call seeking comment.

The battle for 35th District Court judge will be a three-way race. Incumbent Judge Ron Lowe will meet James Plakas of Northville and Brian Stacey of Plymouth in the Aug. 8 primary. The two candidates with the highest vote total will meet in the November general election for the right to serve the next six years on the bench.

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There will be lots of fun activities as well as a chance to meet the staff. For more information, please contact the YMCA office (734) 453-2904 or go to www.ymcaofp.org.

Elderwise series

Elderwise, an affiliate of the Elderhostel Institute and the Lifelong Institute of Learning, hosts a Spring Program Series of classes.

Elderwise was initiated by representatives of Eastern Michigan University, in collaboration with a group of adults aged 50 or older, to develop a continuing education program designed to offer opportunities for in-depth learning experiences, camaraderie and a sense of community.

Elderwise is located in the Senior Health Building of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System, 5361 McAuley in Ann Arbor.

For more information or a spring brochure, call Elderwise at (734) 572-2035.

Garden walk

The 11th-annual "Flowers are Forever" garden walk takes place noon-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, rain or shine.

The walk, sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, features gardens with a variety of water features as well as many ideas that can be adapted to individual gardens. The event includes complimentary refreshments, a raffle and perennial sale.

Trailwood Garden Club's projects include plantings in downtown Plymouth and at the new Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park, plantings and bird feeder at the Medlodge of Plymouth nursing facility, Plymouth Fall Festival Perennial Exchange, Christmas decorations at the Plymouth Historical Museum, Michigan 4-H, Detroit Agricultural Network and other related activities.

Tickets cost \$7 pre-sale, \$8 the day of the walk. Tickets are available after June 1 from

Garden Club members as well as Backyard Birds and Saxton's Garden Center, both in Plymouth.

For more information, call Jeanne Hutko, (734) 459-5285.

Preschool open house

Arbor Montessori, a non-profit preschool and kindergarten program, is having a community open house from 4-7 p.m. on May 22. In addition to the school's academic programs, it also offers a bilingual Spanish program. There will be free books and pencils for the children, and refreshments for all. Arbor is located on the corner of Ford and Napier roads in Canton.

For more information, call the school at (734) 662-8016.

Movie screening

Headed Home Ministries of the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church in Northville Township hosts the showing of a movie concerning Evolution vs. Intelligent Design at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty in Novi, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23.

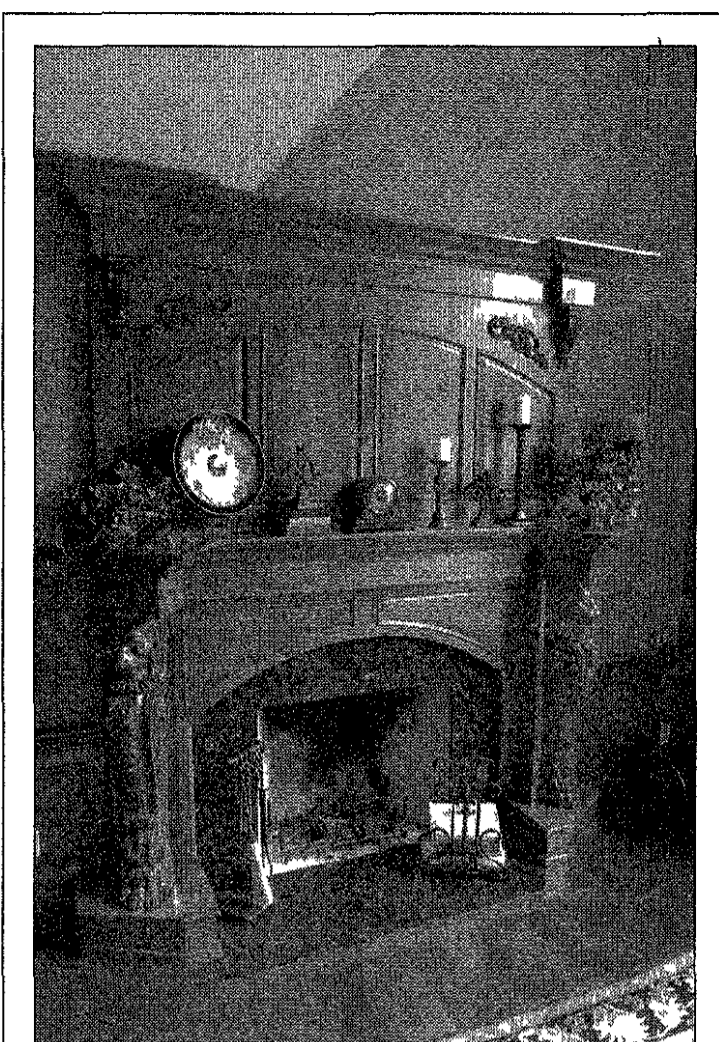
Ministry officials said in recent months, a number of state public school boards have battled over whether to add the creationist theory known as intelligent design to their curriculums.

Previously featured on PBS stations throughout the U.S., "Unlocking the Mystery of Life" explores these timeless questions and presents compelling evidence to support an idea that could revolutionize scientific thought - the theory of intelligent design. The public is invited to come view this film to develop its own intelligent opinion.

Admission is free. The event is being sponsored by Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Headed Home Ministries. For more information and to register visit the Web site at www.orginbydesign.com/ or call (734) 420-3131.

Brunch bunch

Residents in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district have an opportunity to have lunch with board treasurer Rich Ham-Kucharski noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 28, at the Panera Bread in downtown



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Home cookin'

The library at 47097 Golfview Lane features a large, ornate fireplace. The house is one of five on this year's Plymouth Symphony League Spring Home Tour, set for noon-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The tour celebrates the symphony's 60th season.

Plymouth

Ham-Kucharski will be available to discuss current district issues, the budget and any other school-related topic.

Panera Bread is located in the Mayflower Centre at the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

Fall fest meeting

The next meeting for the 2006 Plymouth Fall Festival will be held at City Hall 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 30.

Community groups interested in operating a food booth must be in attendance at all four of the meetings that will be held before the festival. Booth applications will be available at this meeting or on line at www.plymouthfallfestival.com. Applications are due May 30.

For more information call

Colleen Brown, (734) 455-1614.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept 9-10. This year the craft show will be moving to the lawn of the historic Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street. Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$150 for the weekend.

Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more info call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

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.ymcaofp.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.

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.

Car wash benefits vets

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 Plymouth/Canton host their car wash 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 21 at the Main Street Car Wash on Main in Plymouth.

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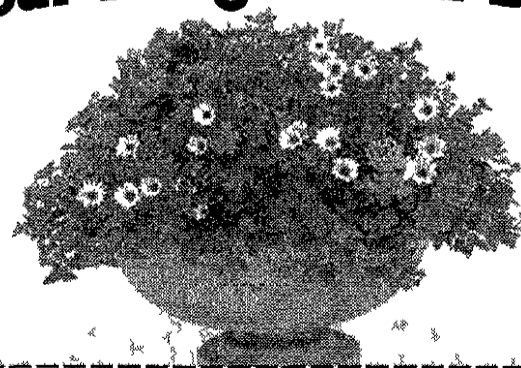
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Marketing Manager David Craig and Plant Manager Patricia Glover walk through Shiloh Industries in Canton

Supplier of the year

Recognized by GM, Shiloh thrives in tough times

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Earning an award like the General Motors Supplier of the Year distinction is certainly an honor any time a company can earn it. But in these times, with the challenges that the automotive industry is facing, James Keyes is even more proud that his employer, Shiloh Industries, earned it in 2005.

"It recognizes exceptional quality, delivery and technology, as well as meeting cost targets," said Keyes, senior vice president of advanced technologies at Shiloh.

At the top of his list is quality. Shiloh shipped millions of steel parts last year and none were returned as defective, he added. General Motors recognized 85 companies with the prestigious award, out of a total of 3,500 suppliers worldwide. General Motors accounts for about 40 percent of the company's revenues. The remaining 60 percent comes from Daimler Chrysler, Ford,

Nissan and Toyota, Keyes said. Even though Shiloh has locations in Ohio, Georgia and Tennessee, as well as Mexico - areas which have been deemed by other Michigan manufacturers as being more attractive due to lower wages, fewer labor unions, and a different state tax structure - the company has not considered closing the Michigan offices and production center, located in Canton near Haggerty and Koppermick roads.

"As long as they're building cars here, we'll be here," Keyes said. "We have to be here to be competitive." Part of the economics of proximity is purely shipping costs. But also the ability to respond quickly to nearby customers makes the southeast Michigan facility more profitable than it would be if it were relocated outside Michigan.

"You're losing logistics by not being where your customers are," said Marketing Manager David Craig. Everything would have to go on a truck or train to get here,

and these are big, heavy items." But the cost of living in southeast Michigan requires the company pay higher wages to its Canton workers than it does to their southern counterparts. And the state's single business tax significantly - and negatively - impacts the company's bottom line. Compensating for either of those economic factors isn't easy, but in this economic climate, when the automotive industry is struggling, it's required a tremendous effort to keep the bottom line solid, Keyes said.

That's why the award really meant something to us, Keyes said. "We're doing OK, and to be able to meet the expectations of our biggest customer, that's very important."

Shiloh Industries started out as a little tool and die manufacturer in Shiloh, Ohio, where it is still headquartered today. Through the years it grew, and in 1997 opened its Canton sales and engineering facility on Haggerty Road in the township's industrial corridor.

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was backed up all the way to Beck They're going to have to bite the bullet and put in a full light"

MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said the agency was responding to "a lot of concerns" from area residents regarding increased traffic and "near-miss" accidents they'd witnessed Morosi said MDOT officials monitored traffic for about a week, then changed it based on their concerns and our field investigation

"We realized with the additional traffic we'd see increased congestion, Morosi said "There's a major difference between increased congestion and safety Safety will always come over convenience We decided to go with the safer route, which is the four-way stop"

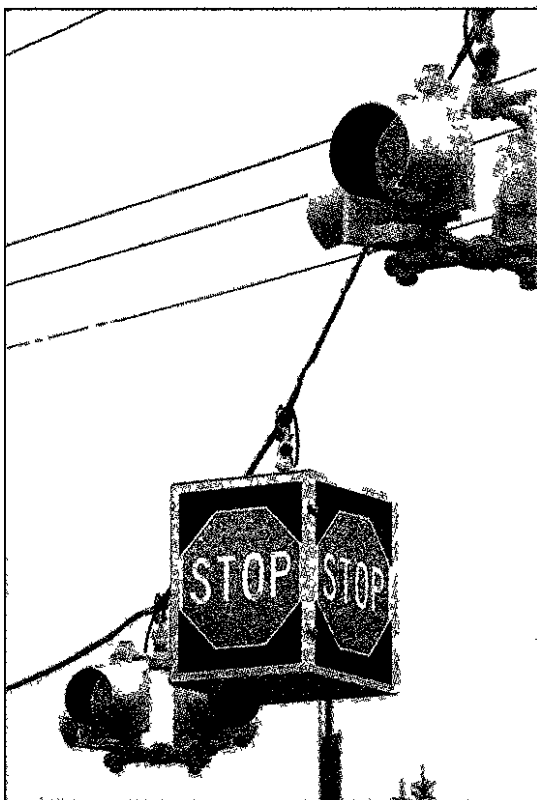
However, that decision resulted in nearly immediate objections, from residents, from drivers and from Plymouth Township officials By Tuesday afternoon, MDOT had changed it back to the yellow light for east-west traffic

For township officials, the changes brought back to the forefront the township's desire to make that a fully signalized intersection

"With construction on M-14, with Ann Arbor Road being the main detour for a lot of people, this is the wrong time now (for a four-way stop)," township Treasurer Ron Edwards said "If this was normal traffic, the thing would work But this isn't normal traffic What it needs is a full, working light Putting a four-way stop there isn't solving anything"

Morosi said the intersection isn't ripe for a full traffic signal because Ann Arbor Road is a one-lane road in each direction there

"With single-lane approaches to the signal, the signal wouldn't really help the congestion to the point most people think it would without a significant widening to allow traffic to move through that area as opposed to traffic making



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By Tuesday afternoon, this four-way stop had been replaced by the original yellow flashing signal for east- and west-bound traffic on Ann Arbor Road

left turns," Morosi pointed out "With the four-way stop you're going to have people making left turns quicker than with a signalized intersection Based on conversations with our traffic and safety engineers, we don't believe it would significantly reduce congestion"

Reaume said township officials would meet with MDOT representatives today (Thursday) to discuss that issue, as well as other issues related to the \$38 million M-14 construction program

WEEKEND

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PENNdemium tickets are \$85, and can be purchased by calling (734) 453-0870, or by e-mail at tickets@FriendsofthePenn.org The event will feature dancing, drinks and a silent auction

ArtFeast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday was so successful, according to organizer Annette Horn, that participants are up to 34 venues — mostly businesses — throughout Plymouth

"We will offer participants a passport, and if they visit 12 stores and get it stamped, they will be eligible to win an art prize," Horn said "The spirit of those who attended last year, in the rain, was terrific and we had a great response to it"

Horn said a limousine will take participants to the Plymouth Community Arts Council and businesses in Old Village throughout the event

"At least one of the 12 stamps has to be from the outer areas of the ArtFeast," she said "We want the outer areas to get as much traffic as possible"

ArtFeast will have a gala opening at 6 p.m. Friday, with food and beverages being served by many of the businesses, as well as musicians and artists in front of many of the stores Sandy Marulis, owner of Michigan Made on Ann Arbor Trail, will feature children's book illustrator Darrin Brege

He was featured in the *Canton Observer* in 1981, at the age of 13, as an artist of the future," Marulis said "I'll also be serving homemade Michigan-shaped sugar cookies — the Upper Peninsula and



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Skaters are hard at work practicing for the show at the Plymouth Cultural Center ice arena

the Lower Peninsula — as well as flavored Michigan coffee"

Internationally known artist, Todd White — a member of the lead animation team for *SpongeBob SquarePants* — will be Lotus Arts Gallery for ArtFeast White's limited appearance will be Friday evening, May 19, during the kickoff party, and from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday

The Skating Academy of Plymouth's Celebration on Ice 2006 features skaters as young as 3 years old

"There are solo and group numbers in the show," said Barb Miller, director of the skating program at the Cultural Center "They've been practicing for six weeks, and it's going to be a great show"

Tickets can be purchased at the Cultural Center for the 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, as well as 3 p.m. Sunday, performances Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children under 10

The Plymouth Symphony League, in honor of the 60th season anniversary of the Plymouth Symphony, presents its Spring Home Tour featuring three spectacular homes in the city of Plymouth and two estates in Plymouth Township It's the major fundraiser to support the Plymouth Symphony League

Tickets for the event are \$18 when purchased in advance and \$20 on the day of the tour Tickets can be purchased by contacting K C Mueller at (734) 455-0075 or

cell (734) 368 4959, or Jo Swerc at (734) 451-5596

The Dog Jog begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Kellogg Park Registration begins at noon for pet lovers who want to walk any pet through town to help raise money for the Michigan Humane Society Race day registration is \$30 For information call (734) 560-7802

The Farmers Market is each Saturday morning at the Gathering, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The wedding is a private affair

Saturday at Maybury Farm in Northville, the first Rustic Chef competition will include students from Chef Frank Agostini's (E.G. Nicks in Plymouth) cooking classes

At 11 a.m., contestants will learn their mystery ingredients, which will dictate the menu created by the student chefs," said Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation "They will get one hour to shop for the ingredients, return to Maybury Farm and prep for one hour, and then cook from 1-2 p.m. When the bell sounds, a panel of judges will taste the delights and decide the winner"

Among the judges, Chef Tom MacKinnon of Five Restaurant at the Inn of St Johns in Plymouth Admission for the noon event is \$4, with proceeds toward upkeep at Maybury Farm

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GM, Meijer team up to promote flex fuels

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

With gasoline prices reaching into the stratosphere of \$3 a gallon, the state, a major retailer and one of the Big Three automakers are pooling resources to promote the use of alternative fuels around Michigan.

A partnership between the state, General Motors and Meijer is putting their collective clout behind the construction of 20 new E-85 ethanol blend gas stations at existing Meijer stores around the state.

The state has around 1,800 E-85 flex-fuel and hybrid vehicles in its fleet.

"We welcome the introduction of ethanol to Michigan," Director of the Michigan Department of Management and Budget Lisa Webb Sharpe said. "We believe that as more stations come online, the price of fuel will be reduced through competition."

GM spokesman Dave Barthmuss said there's a demand for the new fuel beyond the cry at the pumps.

"There are 1.5 million E-85 GM vehicles on the road now, 200,000 in the country," he said. "We're going to put another 400,000 on the road in 2006."

E-85 vehicles can run on either normal unleaded

gas or the ethanol mixture, which is only 15 percent normal gasoline. Right now, there are nine GM product lines that offer the option in pickup, SUV and sedan configurations.

"Combined with the other industry options there are five million (E-85) cars on the road in the U.S.," Barthmuss said. "We have to make sure they have access to that fuel."

As for the ethanol itself, he said the state's agriculture business can only stand to benefit. While the most common understanding of ethanol is that it is a corn-based product, it can be made from a wide variety of crops.

The South American nation of Brazil, which has been working on energy independence for more than a decade, has switched over to E-100 gasoline (100 percent ethanol) that's generated from its cash crop, sugar.

GM's part of the partnership with the state and Meijer is promotion. Starting with Super Bowl XL and the Olympics and on through the rest of this summer, the automaker has run promotional spots on television and radio and in print touting the benefits of ethanol-mixture gasoline vehicles.

Meijer store gas stations will install E-85 pumps at locations deemed to be closest to the largest concentrations of flex-fuel vehicles, the determination of where those will be has yet to be made.

County welcomes family business, military appreciation and new shipping options

A FAMILY AFFAIR

When Three Generations opened its doors in Livonia last month, the consignment furniture and accents shop signified the fulfillment of a longtime ambition for Gail Murdock of Livonia and her mother Carolyn Givens, of Plymouth.

"My mom and I always wanted to open a resale shop," said Murdock. "Every time we'd go on vacation, we loved going to resale shops."

After years of talking about it, they made that dream a reality—with help from Murdock's daughters Kimberly and Krysty rounding out the third generation of owners.

Murdock describes the store's varied selection as upscale and unusual. Much of the store is stocked with furniture, to suit all tastes and styles. "We're trying to please everyone," she said.

She and Givens embarked on their business venture in November. After obtaining the proper permits from the city, Murdock said "we decided to go for it."

Choosing Livonia was an easy decision, she said. "I wanted it to be close to home."

The store sells items on consignment. Items are often priced at half of the value for which they were sold as new items. Though the price also reflects the condition of the item, and the seller's expectations.

With so much furniture com-



ing in, Murdock said, she's always thinking of new ways to redo rooms in her own home. She often looks at new items coming in and thinks "I want that."

"We get a lot of nice stuff," said Murdock. "And we meet a lot of nice people. It's a fun job."

Three Generations is located at 33849 Five Mile in Livonia's Civic Center Plaza. The store is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the store at (734) 524-3384.

FOR THE TROOPS

Rally's restaurant in Redford is serving up more than burgers this spring. Part of Checkers Drive-In Restaurants Inc., Rally's serves as a drop-off site for care packages meant for service men and women who will remain overseas during the Fourth of July holiday.

During May—Military Appreciation Month—and beyond, Rally's has joined with Operation Gratitude and America Supports You for the Patriotic Drive. The donation drive was created to show appreciation to U.S. Troops

deployed overseas. Collections will continue through June 14. Drop off care packages to Rally's of Redford, located at 11610 Inkster Road.

SHIPPING SHAPE

Nankin Hardware & Hobby of Westland has added a new in-store UPS shipping service which will allow customers to "ship where they shop."

By partnering with Package Express Centers, a Tennessee-based company, the local store will offer package processing and shipping services for the first time.

Customers can choose from UPS ground and air to international services, all at a reduced rate. New automated software will make the process easy and quick—under 3 minutes for shipments. The store also offers free package tracking and a 50 cent discount on the first package customers choose to ship from the store.

Nankin Hardware & Hobby is located at 35101 Ford Road in Westland. Store hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 722-5700 for more information.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@hometownlife.com or call (734) 953-2054.

'Click it or ticket' in safety belt program

Local police agencies, sheriff offices and Michigan State Police will soon increase enforcement efforts focused on driving safety belt use to 95 percent in Michigan, in conjunction with the start of the summer travel season.

A statewide Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click It or Ticket safety enforcement mobilization begins May 22 and runs through Memorial Day holiday weekend, ending June 4.

Safety belt enforcement is expanding because the state's goal is to reach 95 percent safety belt use, a 2 percent increase from last year's record high of 93 percent.

The combination of strict

safety belt enforcement and targeted advertising has consistently proven effective in increasing safety belt use, both nationally and at the state level. After adding five counties to the mobilization last year, safety belt use in Michigan

increased from 90.5 percent in 2004 to 92.9 percent in 2005. This rise in belt use is linked to a decline in fatalities. The number of traffic deaths in Michigan fell from 1,159 in 2004 to 1,129 in 2005, a 2.6 percent drop.

Safety belt enforcement zones are conducted on roadways where crash problems are prevalent or belt use is low. Special, portable "safety belt

enforcement zone" signs will alert motorists they are entering an enforcement area. One officer will serve as a spotter who will radio unbelted motorist information to nearby marked patrol cars or motorcycles that will pull over offending motorists.

Michigan law requires all drivers and front seat passengers to be buckled up and children under age 4 be in an approved child safety seat. It also requires passengers 15 and younger to be buckled up in all seating positions.

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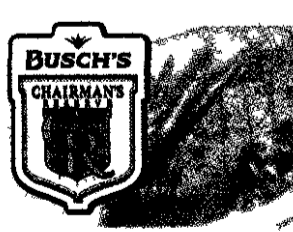
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Seminary bestows honorary degree

Michigan Theological Seminary will bestow an honorary doctor of divinity degree upon Paul H. Johnson during its annual commencement service May 20, 2006. Johnson will also deliver the keynote address to the seminary's ninth graduating class.

Johnson is a Detroit area builder and real estate developer who supports many local, national, and international Christian organizations. He presently serves as chairman of the board of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois, and chairman of the board of Walk Thru the Bible Ministries in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a former board member of the Maranatha Bible Conference headquartered in Muskegon, Michigan.

Johnson has been actively involved in the Christian Businessmen's Committee (CBMC) since 1956. He has held many positions of leadership in CBMC including chairman of the board of CBMC - USA, and CBMC International. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States and to over 40 countries to

advance the cause of Christ and encourage workers in various fields of ministry.

"Paul Johnson has lived his life selflessly for others," said Dr. Bruce Fong, president of Michigan Theological Seminary. "He has had a worldwide impact for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is a man of great integrity and his life exemplifies the choicest of God's servants."

Johnson and his wife Marilyn have three children and fourteen grandchildren. They attend Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield.

Michigan Theological Seminary is an institution of higher learning seeking to train students to be theologically prepared and spiritually mature leaders who will serve the church community in Michigan and worldwide. Its campus is located in Plymouth.

The Michigan Theological Seminary commencement service takes place Saturday at Korean Presbyterian Church, 27075 W Nine Mile in Southfield. Commencement activities begin at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call (734) 207-9581.

Comau Pico gets business tax credit

State Rep. John Stewart Thursday applauded the Michigan Economic Growth Authority board's approval of a Single Business Tax credit for Comau Pico Inc., in the amount of more than \$7 million to create 197 jobs.

The project will create new jobs, including 120 directly by the company, and retain approximately 1,360 Comau Pico, Inc. plans to consolidate 13 of its locations across Metro Detroit to operate its headquarters and manufacturing campus in Plymouth Township.

"Michigan's economy remains our number one priority and this is further evidence that our hard work at attracting innovative businesses to Michigan is a reality and can build jobs for residents in the state," said Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township). "These credits are important for the continued growth in our business communities and will make Michigan a competitive state in a global market."

Comau Pico will construct

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four new buildings to accommodate additional manpower and will enter into a long-term lease for the buildings. These construction improvements will provide a capable work environment for its emphasis on aerospace and defense. The company will focus on employing Michigan residents who are trained and educated in both fields.

"These incentives will encourage more job providers to come to Michigan and use our resources to become a more profitable organization," Stewart said. "We have many bright individuals who can make a difference in the work force and can expand business and industry in the state if we hand them more employment opportunities."

Global recognition

A small Metro Detroit business services company is drawing wider attention as a pioneer in its expanding industry.

CompuPacific International, Inc., of Plymouth, is featured prominently in an Outsourcing to China special report by *The Economist* magazine, an international news and business weekly.

"CompuPacific International [is] one of China's few indigenous business process outsourcing firms," the London-based publication said in its May 6 issue. CPI's main production center is pictured and described at the start of the two-page article, which quotes founder Michael Lu of Ann Arbor as saying, "This is the future of the global back office."

The high-profile coverage is the latest recognition for CPI, which earned ISO 9001 quality certification this year and which has been profiled in a report by China Observer, based in Singapore.

"We are proud to be featured as an example of U.S.-China business relationships," says Lu. "It inspires CPI's team members in the United States, Australia and China to contin-

ue earning clients' confidence and industry recognition."

Liu and another information technology specialist from China started the company in Michigan in 1998 as a technology bridge to their homeland. The founders, who held corporate IT positions after earning advanced degrees in the United States, recognized the advantages of combining China's broad technological skills and vast labor pool with Internet communication tools to provide fast-turnaround business support.

With roots in two countries and two business cultures, the privately owned company helps businesses benefit from China's trained workforce and cost savings. CPI, with more than \$3 million in projected 2006 revenue, has about 50 U.S. corporate and government clients.

The *Economist's* reporter toured the company's 24-hour production center in Xi'an, a government-supported technology development hub in western China.

EEF awards \$12,000 in spring grants

The Educational Excellence Foundation serving Plymouth-Canton Schools has handed out its third set of grants for the school year, dishing out more than \$12,000 to 20 Plymouth-Canton schools.

Of particular interest, according to EEF officials, is a grant awarded to the elementary music teachers, which

combines science education with musical education through the use of sound and vibrations. The grant was submitted by music teachers in conjunction with the PCCS Curriculum Department and will fund a sound-and-vibration kit that will be used by each music teacher in the district.

Another grant of interest, officials said, was one submitted by Canton High School math teacher Ed Weber, for TI-Smartview Simulator software. The software allows students to view the teacher's keystrokes on the TI graphing calculator, used throughout high school math and when students take the ACT.

EEF officials said the grant

was awarded "recognizing the need for all math teachers to have this learning tool."

EEF reviews grant applications three times during the school year. The spring grants bring the total for this school year to more than \$30,000.

For more information about the EEF, call (734) 416-2718.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. C-06-02
AMENDMENT TO WATER AND SEWER
SYSTEM ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PARAGRAPH A OF SECTION 73.040 AND PARAGRAPH A OF SECTION 73.050 OF CHAPTER 73 OF PART 7 OF THE CODE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ENTITLED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE, TO AMEND THE WATER CONSUMPTION RATES AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATES FOR THE TOWNSHIP; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OTHER INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS CLAUSE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS

SECTION 1.

Paragraph A of Section 73.040 of the Water and Sewer System Ordinance entitled Consumption Rates is hereby amended to read as follows:

WATER RATES

A. Consumption Rates The Consumption rate shall be \$2.36 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION 2.

Paragraph A of Section 73.050 of the Water and Sewer System Ordinance entitled Sewer Disposal Use Rates is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEWER SYSTEM RATES

A. Sewer Disposal Use Rates

- Such rates shall be levied on each lot or parcel of land, building, premises now or hereafter having any connection with the sewers of the system. Such rates shall be billed along with the water bill and shall be based on the quantity of water used therein (if there is such a meter).
- The sewage disposal rate shall be \$3.06 per 1,000 gallons of metered water. The sewage disposal rate during the billing months of September, October and November shall be reduced by twenty five (25%) percent.

SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Unless otherwise provided any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days or both at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 9th day of May 2006 and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASSENGILL Clerk

Introduced April 11, 2006
Adopted May 9, 2006
Effective July 1, 2006

Published May 18, 2006

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SHURGARD STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 06/02/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

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6013	Markarian	Household Items
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4213	Clements	Household
5329	Lyczak	Household
4025	Osborne	Household
Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313 277 2000		
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Shurgard Storage of Livonia*30300 Plymouth Rd*Livonia*734 522 7811		
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Shurgard Storage of Ann Arbor * 2500 S Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor, *734 973 2212		
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4050	Kosarin	Household
1014	Meridian	Household

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Auditions scheduled for local youth orchestra

The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO) will be holding auditions for the 2006-2007 school year on June 9-10 at Evola Music, which is located at 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction, and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction. Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan.

Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. In fall 2006 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. Under the tutelage of conductor Anel Toews, the CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

Auditions must be scheduled in advance. To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at jane@plymouthsymphony.org

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The following programs are being offered at the Plymouth District Library during May. The library will be closed Sunday and Monday, May 28-29, for the Memorial Day weekend.

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

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 through May 23, 7 p.m.; Session two Wednesdays through May 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 through May 25, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. — Parents must remain in the library during these storytime sessions for children ages 3-1/2-5 years. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750 Ext. 4.

TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES, Tuesdays through May 23, 10 a.m. — The 10 a.m. session is for chil-

dren ages 2-3-1/2 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

TEEN KNIT/CROCHET CLUB, Wednesday, May 31, 7 p.m. — All learners and experienced needlecrafters are wel-

come. Adult volunteers will teach newcomers. Supplies provided for community service projects — or bring your own project to work on.

BOOKS & BAGELS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL, Grades 6-8, Monday, May 22, 3-3:30 p.m. — This month the group will read and discuss *Struck in Neutral* by Terry Trueman. Sign up at Reader's Advisory Desk and pick up the book.

DID YOU KNOW? — All Teen Zone programs are FREE — that means it costs you nothing to participate!

The Friends of the Library provide FREE snacks and juice for every Teen Zone program.

All Teen Zone info can be found through the library website, plymouthlibrary.org.

All Teen Zone programs are designed for students in grades six through 12. For programs requiring advance registration, register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. For more information about any of the Teen Zone programs, contact Cathy Lichtman, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 230 or clichtman@plymouthlibrary.org.

Computer training

Plymouth residency is required for all attendees of the Library's computer training classes. All classes require registration except the Walk-in Computer Tutoring every other Saturday. Please register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

WALK-IN COMPUTER TRAINING, Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — High school students will teach Plymouth residents to use a mouse, Windows 95/98, the Library catalog, the Internet and how to set up a free e-mail account using Hotmail or Yahoo! We do offer training in MS Word — see details below. However, we do not offer training in other Microsoft Office products (such as PowerPoint or Excel), Windows ME or XP or other software programs.

BASIC INTERNET SEARCHING, Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. — This class for Plymouth residents will help computer users learn the basics of using the Internet. This will include an explanation of terms, use of a browser and utilizing search engines on the World Wide Web. Participants should be comfortable with the Microsoft

Windows basics and using a mouse. Training is based on the hardware and software available in the Library.

ADVANCED E-MAIL, Tuesday, May 23, 11 a.m. — For Plymouth patrons who have Yahoo or Hotmail accounts, you will learn how to create an address book and signature file. Tell electronic junk mail good-bye — you will learn how to use an e-mail filter to get rid of it once and for all.

INTRO TO MS WORD, Tuesday, May 30, 10 a.m. — Students will learn how to open, close, modify, save and print a basic Word document. The class covers basic features of this software program only. Students must be comfortable keyboarding and using a mouse prior to taking this class. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

MAKE A BUDGET WITH MS EXCEL, Wednesday, May 31, 11 a.m. — Find out how to make a household or personal budget while learning Microsoft Excel. You must be comfortable with keyboarding and Microsoft Windows basics before signing up for this class. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 to register for this class.

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OUR VIEWS

Intersection needs full light

God bless the Michigan Department of Transportation for trying, but their cure for what ails traffic along Ann Arbor Road at Ridge actually ended up making matters worse

If you drive Ann Arbor Road regularly, you know the intersection at Ridge is a potentially dangerous one. Residents can tell near-daily stories of near-misses they've witnessed, in addition to the number of actual accidents that occur there.

After listening to complaints from residents and township officials, MDOT finally spent a week out there monitoring the situation and made a decision late last week. Turn the four-way signal, which since it went up a couple of years ago was flashing yellow for east west traffic and flashing red for north south drivers into a four-way flashing red light.

The initial thought for residents coming out of that intersection must have been pure joy, because it gave them a chance to make a turn without having to worry about risking their lives. But any joy surely was immediately tempered by delays caused largely by the increase in traffic from drivers trying to escape the maze — and mess — of construction on M-14.

As a result of the four-way light, traffic was backed up in both directions, reportedly as far back as Pioneer Middle School for westbound traffic. Eastbound traffic on Ann Arbor Road was just as bad. That's why Plymouth Township officials were knocking on MDOT's door Monday, asking them to return the east-west yellow light, which they have done.

MDOT officials acknowledged the extra traffic brought about by the M-14 construction was a factor in the decision, but said safety trumps convenience when it comes to drivers. We couldn't agree more, which is why we believe a full, working red-yellow-green traffic signal needs to be installed at that intersection.

MDOT says the intersection won't support it right now, because it's one lane in each direction and would require significant widening to warrant being fully signalized. But Plymouth Township officials say a center left-turn lane is scheduled to go in next year anyway, so why not beat the rush and put the signal in?

The four-way stop might not be a safe alternative — witness the accident that claimed the life of Jessica Mitsch, the 24-year old Plymouth Township woman killed just up the road at Gotfredson when police say a driver ran a stop sign and slammed into her car. Residents around Ann Arbor Road and Ridge say they see near misses that could have the same tragic end every day.

We believe fully signalizing the intersection would be a big step toward keeping the near misses from becoming didn't-misses.

Race offers pathway to breast cancer cure

Seize the opportunity now to step up the pace in finding a cure for breast cancer during the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday, June 10.

Supporters of the cause in the metro area — Oakland County residents send more to the walk/run than any other county — have traveled a long road since its inception. But the journey isn't over. Consider that in 2003, according to the National Cancer Institute, 213,000 women discovered they had breast cancer.

It's an equal opportunity disease, with 1,300 men receiving the same news that year.

Yes, the figures are daunting but the Komen Foundation is right. One person can make a difference.

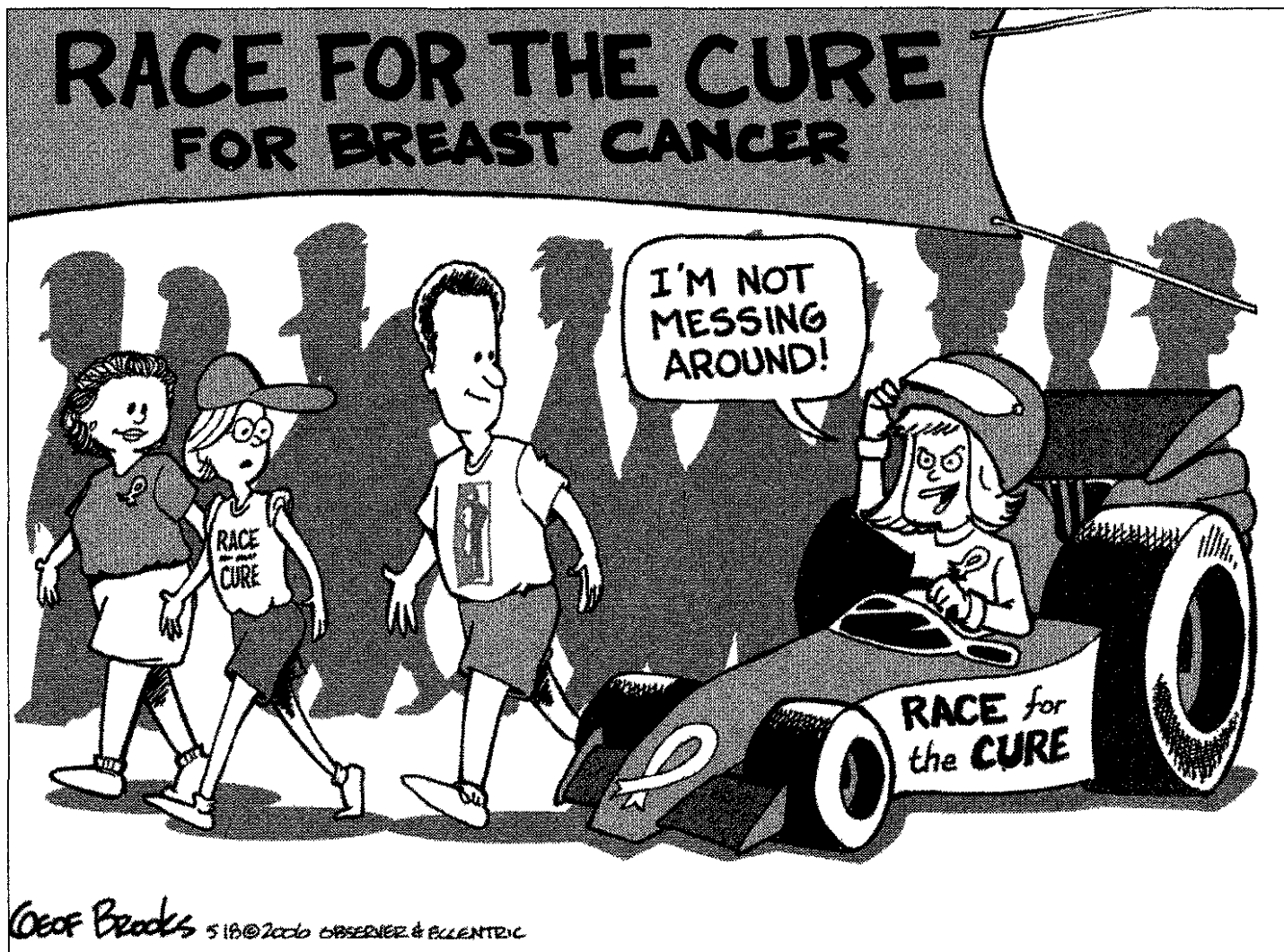
If in no other way, funds from the benefit race go in part to educate women about the need for early detection. It makes a difference, the five-year survival rate is 95 percent with early detection.

Last year, \$926,500 of the funds raised stayed in the community, while \$295,400 went to the Komen Foundation.

This is Michigan's largest benefit race. The site of this year's run/walk is Comerica Park, with the route for the competitive 5K run winding on Woodward Avenue from the Fisher Freeway to Warren. There also is a one-mile walk. Registration and sponsorships, both individual and group, are now being accepted by going to Web site www.karmanos.org, or by phone at (800) Karmanos.

The day will include a survivors and memorial celebration at 8 a.m., the competitive run kicks off at 9 a.m. Runners and walkers will find 20 bands and other musical performers scattered along the route. A children's area will offer games and surprise visitors.

Organizers are suggesting that participants "make a day of it" by attending the Detroit Festival of the Arts following the race.



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LETTERS

Sincere appreciation

The family of Mary Hayes would like to express our most sincere appreciation to all family and friends for all the encouragement and support during the months of her courageous battle and loss of life to cancer. We are sincerely touched by the outpouring of love and support during this extremely difficult time, from your encouraging words to your timely visits, warm hugs, delicious food and beautiful flowers.

Mary was all about taking time and appreciating the simple things. As we continue to celebrate her life, may we live in eternal peace, everlasting love and unending hope.

On the Wings of a Dove

The Jim Hayes family
Plymouth

Schools are one of the most important aspects of a community. They reflect what the people of that community value, and what they see as priorities.

It's difficult for me to accept the notion the defeat was due to the tough economic times. Indeed these are tough times, and we have all had to learn to cut back. However, education, if it is as important as so many claim it is, should not be an area where we get skumpy and, dare I say it, greedy.

Sonia Mayer
Plymouth Township

Committee thanks

We would like to thank the members of the Citizens Election Committee for all their hard work during the recent bond election. Many days, evenings and week ends were spent away from work and families sharing information with the public about the bond.

Although we are disappointed with the results of the vote, we are proud of our committee's efforts and integrity. Our committee membership consists of dedicated volunteers with various ties, past and present, to the PCCS district including parents of current students and graduates, former teachers, district alumni and members past and present of the Housing Committee, Community Council, Bond Steering Committee and school board.

In addition, we are represented by current building principals, MEA administrators and district administrators. This group collectively has tens, if not hundreds, of years of leadership experience and the proven ability to work honestly and diligently for the children of our community. We would also like to wholeheartedly thank the members of the Plymouth-Canton community who supported our efforts with their actions and votes in favor of the bond.

It may be our job again someday to promote another bond and we will do everything we can to make an even more compelling case for your vote with continued honesty and forthrightness. After all the events of the past several months, one important issue remains: How do we as a district address our growth and the educational needs of all of our students? As we go forward, we as a committee vow to keep our focus on what is most important.

Kary Amin and Nancy Eggenberger
co chairs Citizens Election Committee

Devastating blow

It was a devastating blow to learn the bond issues were defeated in the school election. We have a community that is growing, and there is no doubt that it is a place where people want to live and raise their children. This is valuable property, but for how long?

I know the defeat will have consequences for our students that will be felt by all members of this community. Drive by several of our schools, and note the portables that house the students we cannot fit into the school buildings. Yet, even in the winter, they have to don coats and boots to come into the main building for art and music, both of which are taught on carts in the middle of busy commons areas.

A community with overcrowded schools, old and deteriorating infrastructures and amenities will not likely maintain its value.

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To defeat the bonds because one of them didn't provide a school where you thought it should go is beyond greedy. It's putting the needs of a whole community of children behind your personal wants. Miller Woods may be the last of its kind. I am continually disheartened to see old trees being cut down to build new expensive homes, particularly in Plymouth Township. Unfortunately, due to the defeat of the bond, it is likely that this treasure will have to be sold to raise much needed funds. We can't blame the school board for this decision.

The cost of the bond was a reasonable price to pay. The yearly cost to homeowners was much less than the monthly cost of paying for, or even filling the gas tank of, one of the many large SUVs that seem to dominate our community roads and driveways.

When you think about the larger picture, passing this bond was the right thing to do for kids and for our community. I applaud all those who worked so hard to inform and educate this community regarding the bond.

The Board of Education, one of the most cohesive and productive boards that this district has had in place for some time, worked hard and put in long hours planning and educating the community about the issues we face.

Dr. Ryan, an outstanding leader and someone I cannot say enough positive things about, put in hours and then some, to get the word out, and make himself available to answer questions, and he did so honestly and openly, regardless of what the Vote No campaign members might have you believe. His agenda is open to the public, and is about what is best for the school district he works so hard to maintain and promote.

Susan Gamble
Plymouth

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"With construction on M-14, and Ann Arbor Road being the main detour, it's the wrong time now. If this was normal traffic, the thing would work. But this isn't normal traffic. What it needs is a full, working light ..."

— Ron Edwards, Plymouth Township treasurer, on putting a four way stop light at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge

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All-Stars show future just may be in pretty good hands

Long ago, in a land far, far away (OK, it was only northern Oakland County), when I was a sports writer, I used to hear all the time how we spent too many column inches elevating athletes to deity status and precious little ink writing about students' academic achievements



Brad Kadrich

I never believed that to be true, and I still don't. The sports section gets its own section front, and therefore a seemingly more prominent place in the paper, so I understood the perception

That comparison came back to me when our general manager mentioned it at the breakfast ceremony we had last week honoring our 2006 Academic All-Stars at the

Livonia Marriott, while more than two dozen of the 40 or so students read through the special section detailing their accomplishments

It's hard to sit in a group like that and not feel better about the future. These kids are going to be our future - our doctors, our engineers, our journalists, our captains of industry and our humanity

It's easy to look at this generation, the me generation, and wonder if they get it, wonder about their commitment to the future, their interest in carrying on. I think most older generations think that about younger generations. I can hear my grandmother's voice in my head. These kids today.

Then you sit with Anna Malecke, a senior at Mercy High School who chairs that school's Human Relations Council. That's important because the school got embroiled in controversy when the administration decided to cancel a concert by R&B artist Ne-Yo over some questionable lyrics in some of his songs.

Mercy students had won the concert as part of a seat belt promotional campaign and most, including Malecke, were looking forward to the concert. When the questionable lyrics issue came up, Malecke threw herself into the middle of the controversy, recommending along with the Council that the administration cancel the event.

A young woman who stands firm in her beliefs, Malecke knew she was subject to - and actually got - some flak from her fellow students, but she felt strongly her convictions. "I was excited, too, about a concert at our school, a chance to dance," said Malecke, who also serves as assistant editor in chief of the school's newspaper, *Newsprint*. But we're a Catholic school and (the lyrics) just didn't match our values.

Xiwen Wang of Canton, a senior in Plymouth High School's first graduating class

decided it wasn't enough to try to get into just one of the country's most prestigious universities. She's thinking about half a dozen of them, including Michigan, Harvard and Yale.

She's planning on studying economics and business, not to make herself rich, but to "improve people's lives," she said. She wants to study the inner workings of the world economy, knowledge of which probably eliminates her as a potential political candidate but probably ups the chances of the world becoming a better place.

Wang, a National Merit finalist, an AP Scholar with Distinction and a Presidential Scholar candidate, recognizes society, for better or worse, pays a lot of attention to athletes as heroes. She thinks the hero worship should be maybe a little closer to home.

"I think in pop culture there's a proliferation of attention for athletics and physical feats," said Wang, who is National Honor Society secretary and volunteers teaching computer skills to senior citizens. "On the local level, we should strive to recognize goodness. We should foster an atmosphere where kids can look up to (good students) as role models."

There were plenty of those in the room. The lowest grade among them was an A-minus. They're headed to some pretty good schools, many going to U-M. Others are going farther away. Jessica Erlingis of Westland, a senior at Ladywood, wants to study meteorology at the University of Oklahoma. Erica Brown of Livonia, a senior at Stevenson, is headed to medical school either in Pittsburgh or Arizona. Yiyang Lu of Canton considered, among other schools, Northwestern University's Honors Program in Medical Education or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

I can remember my grandmother telling me 30 or 40 years ago the world was 'going to hell in a handbasket.'

Since I was probably 10 at the time, I never could quite figure out how the entire world would fit in a handbasket, even if I knew what a handbasket was. Thirty-something years later, I know what a handbasket is and I wonder - with our country locked in a war of choice in Iraq and gas at \$3 a gallon - what Grandma, who died in 1985, would think now.

If she could have been with me at the Academic All-Stars ceremony, and could have spent some time with these bright young people, the same thought may have occurred to her that came to me.

Maybe the future isn't in such bad hands after all.

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LETTERS

Thank you

The House of Bread at Five Mile and Sheldon has closed its doors due to the poor economic climate.

I would like to thank our loyal customers as well as the Chamber and community leaders for their support. I wish we had the finances to make it through this time, but we unfortunately do not. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Mark Denis
owner House of Bread

Outside the box

The bond defeat was barely hours old when board members, et al, were planning how to reward and revise to get it passed.

It is time for the school board, teachers and administrators to look 'outside the box' and explore opportunities to live within the budget they have, not continue to push the bond issue. I am supportive of providing our children with a quality education with as many options as possible, however, we do need to recognize that the Michigan economy is not going to suddenly get better, it is going to get worse as the effect of the auto industry decline trickles downward.

The worse is probably yet to come. Now is the time for every aspect of the school's budget to be reviewed and examined.

Consider the need for additional space. How many classrooms are not fully utilized during the day? Could there be a more efficient use of class space? Although my children have been out of the school system for several years, I am hesitant in believing we need more schools or space.

When my children were in high school, I often had difficulty attending parent-teacher conferences because of my variable work hours. I usually set up teacher conferences on a school day during the teacher's free time, going from one empty classroom to another. One teacher even apologized for meeting me in a classroom that wasn't hers - obviously frustrated that she didn't have her own classroom yet, but had to share the room alternately during the day. So two teachers shared one classroom and it was still available for a parent-teacher meeting.

Should the school day be extended to allow for better use of class space? Should teachers have planning time before or after school hours to allow more utilization of class space?

How about administrators? Since all high schools sit on one campus, do we need separate principals for each high school? How many assistant principals? Has anyone considered the increasing cost of health care for the school employees? What options exist to control these costs without more taxes, bonds, millages? How many nonprofessional positions exist? How many do we need? Are part-time staff paid proportionately? I don't claim to have the answers, but when voters said no to the bond issue, it's a message to look at other options.

Gloria Kulpa
Plymouth

A better way

Reading your paper's editorials, articles and the letters to the editor about the votes on the two PCCS bond proposals was indeed enlightening.

People voted yes and no for a variety of reasons. Meetings with people will give the superintendent a flavor of why both were turned down, but it will never explain why. For each of us it was a complex issue and decision.

As the board and administration begin to discuss 'where do we go from here,' a very simple decision tool is already available to them.

The 2003-04 Facility Committee did some very good work in clearly defining a facility need and a facility want and then applied specific criteria for prioritizing those needs and wants.

The board and administration need to use this tool to develop their next bond proposal. This committee clearly said that a facility "need" is, among other things, one that is a "must have," required to meet federal and state law and court-ordered changes and federal, state and Board of Education mandates, required to protect the facility infrastructure and required to support projected student enrollment (new buildings, additions to existing buildings, facility upgrades to maximize space utilization in older buildings or buildings, presently used for non-K-12 education).

A facility want, among other things, directly supports educational goals and objectives but considered nonmandates (e.g., adequate buses to support field trips), does not directly support educational goals and objectives, makes every-day educational experience easier, more comfortable, upgrades, or considers physical needs of students (e.g., covered walkways between the high schools).

Why? Using an evaluation process would simply allow the board/administration to put some meaningful structure around their decision-making process and force them to explain why an item is a need or a want.

Most of the work on needs and wants has been done by the 2003-04 Facility Committee. Use the information they provided to make your decisions in an open dialogue so the public has a clear understanding of board/administration thinking, and rationale.

Our electorate is smart. Mixing an 'up' in new millage rates with a 'down' in millage rates for old bond issues is not part of the decision process. The taxpayers will get the down in the millage rates for the old bond issues whether the new one passes or not.

Old millage rates and new bond issue millage rates are independent variables. They are not linked to a vote of yes or no. Don't mislead the public as you have in the last two millage elections. There is a better way!

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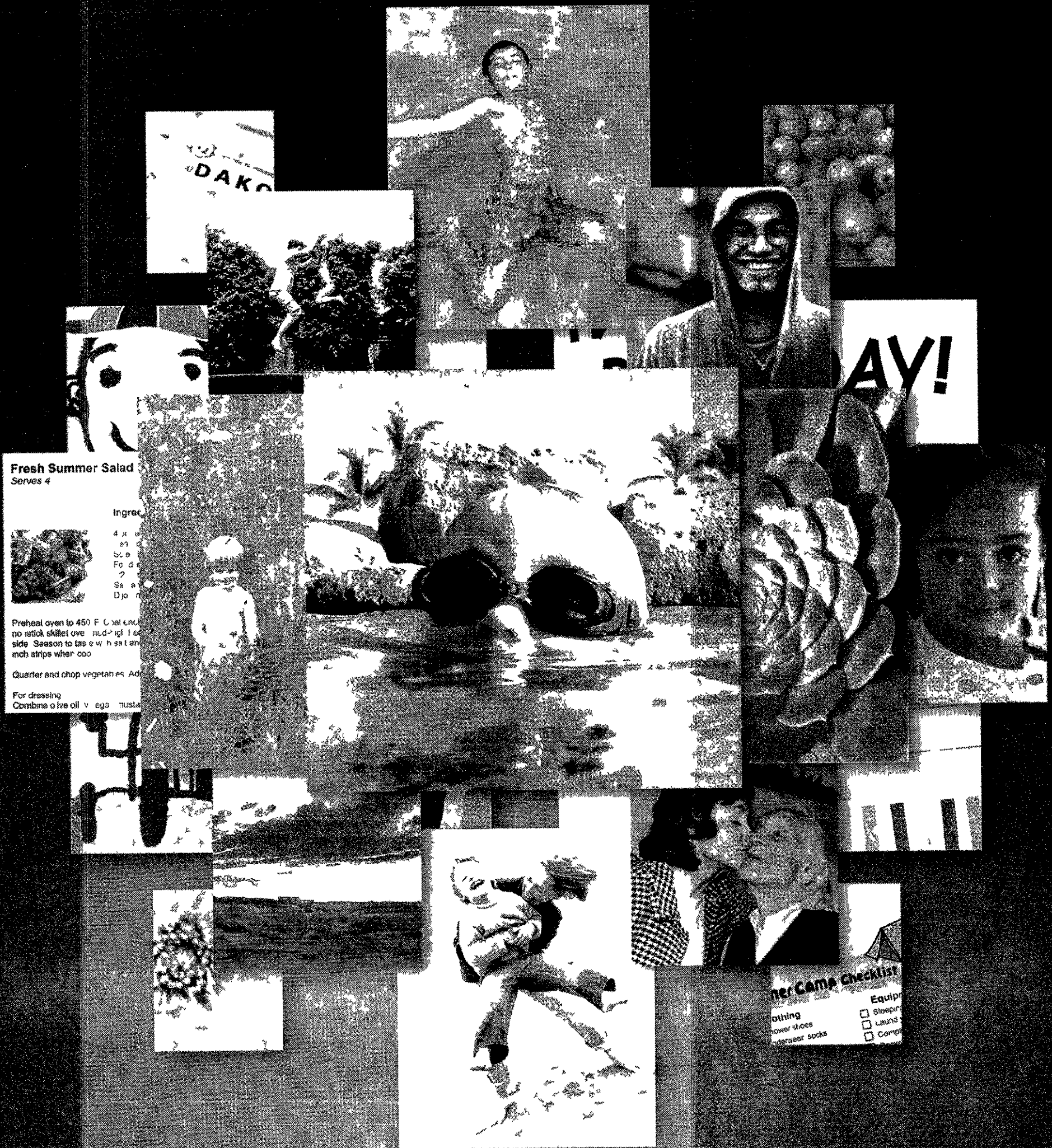
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China trip part homecoming for local trio

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Joe Tseng's April trip to China was an eye-opener. "The last time I was there was 1982," said Tseng, a Westland dentist who lives in Farmington Hills. He noticed the modern buildings in the cities he visited while traveling with his sisters, Irene Tseng of Livonia and Nancy Chapman of Plymouth Township.

Joe Tseng was born in China and moved to Taiwan as a baby. He moved to Michigan at age 10, while his sisters were born in the U.S.

The three wanted to visit their aunt in China, who's in her 80s. "She lives in the city of Tianjin, which is a port city of Beijing," he said. They went to Beijing and then to Tianjin, roughly a two-hour car ride. "Then we flew to Shanghai."

The three found China a lot different, although the two sisters had visited more recently. It changed a great deal from the last time I was there," he said. "Everything's market driven."

The country is communist in name only, he said. Tseng saw American fast-food restaurants and even Century 21 real estate. "I was surprised to see that," he said.

He didn't have language problems among the Mandarin speakers, with relatives as translators. In hotels and airports in China, local people spoke English.

Tseng did some shopping, finding knockoffs of Rolexes and other designer items. "You had to ask for them," he said, noting the government is cracking down on that.

Cars, some manufactured in China, were the biggest change since the early 1980s. There

were packed expressways. "It's like driving in L.A. during rush hour," he said. They rode in small taxis manufactured in China by a company represented at this year's auto show in Detroit.

He found Shanghai extremely modern. There were upscale shops and an impressive skyline. Tseng didn't visit the Chinese countryside, noting there's still much poverty there.

They took a high-speed train to the airport, traveling 200 mph for the seven-minute trip. The three enjoyed visiting their aunt.

"It was nice," Joe Tseng said. "She's still doing well. It was nice seeing her." Her husband is 90 and still getting around.

The aunt has two married daughters who live on their own within walking distance of their mother. "I consider them condos," he said of their accommodations, which were comfortable, but not large by U.S. standards. The travelers stayed in modern hotels, which were impressive.

He liked the breakfasts, both Eastern and Western, at the hotels.

Everyone had a cell phone, everyone," he said. Tseng carried a cell phone and never had a dropped signal. He was even able to text message wife Terri and daughter Lauren, 16, back home from the top of the Great Wall in Beijing.

The three traveled from Good Friday to the Sunday after Easter, and would like to return to China when they have more time. Joe Tseng agreed. Americans often have limited understanding of China and its people.

They need to go over for themselves, see what kind of country it's turning into," he said.



Joe Tseng of Farmington Hills and cousin Zeng Lingli in Shanghai. Lingli is working in Shanghai. Her hometown is Chongqing (Chungking) in Sichuan Province where Tseng's father was from.

Nancy Chapman agrees. The homemaker and her husband went to the country in 2001 to pick up their adopted daughter, now 8.

It was enjoyable just to see the cities, Chapman, whose sister Irene is a dentist, said of the 2006 trip. "The city is very, very crowded."

Their late mother had written some memoirs, and Chapman didn't find much that was current on China at the library other than a recent children's history series.

China has changed a lot even in the last five years. She remembers seeing wood scaffolding on buildings five years ago.

Chapman noted the lack of religious freedom and would like to know more about that. Her grandfather and uncle were clergy.

Its changing obviously from the capitalistic point of view," she said, echoing her brother's views. The Chinese are building a lot of apartments for the middle class.

They want to create a suburbia, she said.



Irene Tseng of Livonia, a local dentist, and her aunt's husband Shen Zhi-hong. This was taken in Tianjin during a visit by Irene Tseng and two siblings.



Nancy Chapman of Plymouth Township (right) visits with her aunt and aunt's husband in Tianjin. Chapman and her husband were in China in 2001 and she returned last month with her brother and sister.

Crafters sought for Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College

The 2006 Schoolcraft College Fall Craft Show is seeking a variety of crafters for the Nov. 11 and 12 event. All handmade crafts are eligible, including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather, graphics and woodcarving.

Crafters interested in applying should contact Marjorie Lynch at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008, or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation for an application. With a wide variety of crafts represented among 150 crafters, this is one of the premier venues in the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000.

The show is juried, and crafters are asked to submit photographs of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show. Crafters are encouraged to apply by June 2 to qualify for prime space.

The fee for a 12-foot by 12-foot space is \$100, a 10-foot by 10-foot space costs \$70, an 8-foot by 9-foot space is \$55, and there is a \$55 fee for an 8-foot by 4-foot hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electricity.

Schoolcraft Foundation holds golf tournament

Golfers will meet at Walnut Creek Country Club Monday June 5 for the Schoolcraft College Foundation Golf Classic. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. In addition to 18 holes of challenging golf, golfers will help raise funds for student scholarships and for instructional initiatives.

Individual golfers can register for \$250. The price includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, access to the driving range and putting green, use of the locker room facilities and services, lunch, complimentary on-course beverages, a banquet dinner, awards, prizes and a silent auction in the clubroom. Golfers also can enjoy a two-minute chair massage, provided by message therapy students at Schoolcraft.

Individuals or organizations can become a sponsor, with packages ranging from \$350 for hole sponsors to \$1,200 for a president's club sponsorship. Several of this year's auction items exhibit Schoolcraft

themes. The cop for a day package features a day at the Police Academy with a spin or two on the precision driving course, practice shooting in the fire arms training simulator, learning defensive tactics in a redman ultra padded suit and a visit to the Michigan State Police crime lab.

The winner of the motorcycle package receives a series of motorcycle basic rider classes, and the culinary package winner will welcome Bruce Konowalow, director of the culinary arts department, into their home for a three-hour cooking lesson.

Other auction items include a framed and autographed Steve Yzerman Red Wing Jersey and a Plymouth Whaler game pack. Lastly, a Chelsea package includes tickets to the Purple Rose Theatre, a gift certificate to the Common Grill and a one-night stay at the Chelsea Center Tourist Home.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - May 9, 2006

Motion by McLaughlin supported by Zarbo to appoint Clerk Bennett as chair in the absence of Supervisor Yack Motion carried by all members present A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday May 9 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S Clerk Bennett called the meeting to order at 7 00 p m and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Roll Call

Members Present Bennett LaJoy McLaughlin Zarbo Members Absent Caccamo Kirchgatter Yack Staff Present Director Minghine Director Durack Director Conklin Director Faas Adoption of Agenda McLaughlin Zarbo supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented Motion carried by all members present Approval of Minutes Motion by McLaughlin supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of April 12 2006 Motion carried by all members present

Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes of April 18 2006 Motion carried by all members present Payment of Bills Motion by McLaughlin supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented Motion carried by all members present Expenditure Recap for May 9 2006 General Fund 101 \$ 455 445 34 Fire Fund 206 47 781 98 Police Fund 207 196 731 10 Summit Operating 208 42 716 91 Street Lighting 219 18 511 39 Cable TV Fund 230 723 98 E 911 Utility 261 1 700 30 Auto Forfeiture(wwa) 267 2 358 76 Federal Grants Fund 274 0 575 71 Auto Theft Grant 289 94 55 Downtown Dev Auth 294 17 983 01 Cap Proj Road Paving 403 3 382 00 Golf Fund 584 51 863 08 Water & Sewer Fund 592 914 827 85 Trust & Agency Fund 701 5 619 00 Construction Escrows 702 18 490 00 Post Employ Benefits 736 729 75 Total - All Funds 1 789 534 22 PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF FY2006 CDBG PROGRAM Motion by McLaughlin supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7 04 p m for approval of FY2006 CDBG Program Motion carried by all members present There was no public discussion in favor or opposition of the approval of FY2006 CDBG Program Motion by McLaughlin supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7 09 p m for approval of FY2006 CDBG Program Motion carried by all members present Motion by McLaughlin supported by Zarbo to accept the recommendations of the Canton CDBG Advisory Council for the FY 2006 Community Development Block Grant program and to forward said recommendations to the Department of HUD as the Canton FY 2006 Final Statement

Table with 3 columns: Activity, Funding, Account. Lists various activities like First Step, Growth Works, Neighborhood Legal Services, etc. with their respective funding and account numbers.

I further move to approve reprogramming of remaining funds (\$8 600) from FY 2003 vacant lots purchase (274 666 971 2003) to FY 2005 Affordable Housing Contingency (274 666 972 2005) Motion carried by all members present CONSENT CALENDAR Item 1 SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY WAY FINDING GROUND SIGNS DIRECTING MOTORIST TO AND FROM IKEA (PSD) Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to grant Special Event Status for the IKEA Grand Opening starting June 7 for a period up to 3 weeks and to approve installation of way finding signs Motion carried by all members present Item 2 SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR NASCAR FAN DAYS (MSD) Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve special event status for Wal Mart's Nascar Fan Days to be held on June 15 16 or 17 2006 at Wal Mart 39500 Ford Road 1 00 p m to 7 00 p m Motion carried by all members present Item 3 AUTHORIZE SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH HUNTINGTON BANK (LSD) Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the sponsorship in the amount of \$10 000 for Huntington Bank 801 West Big Beaver Rd Troy MI 48064 and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the agreement Motion carried by all members present Item 4 SECOND READING - AMENDMENTS TO CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED UTILITIES ARTICLE II DIVISION 2 SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED RATES AND CHARGES SECTIONS 74 81 74 82 74 83 AND 74 84 (1BD) Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to remove from table for a second reading adoption and publication on the attached ordinance amending the Charter Township of Canton Code of Ordinances Part I Chapter 74 entitled "Utilities Article II Division 2 Subdivision II entitled Rates and Charges Sections 74 81 74 82 74 83 and 74 84 to implement the water and wastewater rate study The amended ordinance will be published on May 18 2006 and be effective upon publication Motion carried by all members present CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT TO UTILITIES ORDINANCE CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I CHAPTER 74 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED UTILITIES ARTICLE II DIVISION 2 SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED RATES AND CHARGES SECTIONS 74 81 74 82 74 83 AND 74 84 PROVIDING FOR A NEW WATER CONNECTION CHARGE BASED UPON METER SIZE TO PROVIDE FOR WATER CONNECTION TOWNSHIP TAPS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE FOR WATER CONNECTION TOWNSHIP TAPS FOR DEFINED DUPLEXES TO REMOVE RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNITS (REUS) AS A BASIS TO COMPUTE WATER CAPITAL CHARGE TO BE REPLACED BY A WATER CONNECTION CHARGE BASED UPON METER SIZE TO PROVIDE FOR CLASSES OF WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS TO PROVIDE FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT RATES WITH A SEWER CAP FOR RESIDENTIAL CLASS CUSTOMERS FOR SPRINKLING SYSTEM AND IRRIGATION USAGE DURING DEFINED SUMMER MONTHS TO PROVIDE FOR NEW SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE BASED UPON METER SIZE TO REMOVE RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNITS (REUS) AS A BASIS TO COMPUTE SEWER CAPITAL CHARGE TO BE REPLACED BY A SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE BASED UPON METER SIZE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER TO PROVIDE FOR A WATER COST OF SERVICE CHARGE TO DELETE THE WATER CAPITAL CHARGE TO REVISE THE MINIMUM WATER CONSTRUCTION CHARGE TO REVISE WATER FRONT FOOTAGE CHARGE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR THE WATER CONNECTION CHARGE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR SEWER TO PROVIDE FOR A WASTEWATER COST OF SERVICE CHARGE TO PROVIDE FOR REVISIONS TO MINIMUM SEWAGE BILL TO DELETE THE SEWER CAPITAL CHARGE TO REVISE THE SEWER FRONT FOOTAGE CHARGE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR THE SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE TO REVISE BILLING PRACTICES FOR WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL TO PROVIDE FEES FOR THE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION METERS TO REVISE REGULATIONS AS TO ACCESS TO METERS PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION II RATES AND CHARGES Ordinance Chapter 74 is hereby adopted to amend Part I Chapter 74 Article II Division 2 Subdivision II entitled Rates and Charges to read as follows Subdivision II Rates and Charges Sec 74-81 Water charges generally The rates and charges for water service shall be as follows (1) Consumption rates The consumption rate shall be as set forth in section 74 83 The minimum water bill per reading cycle or any part thereof shall be for a minimum of 5 000 gallons (2) Debt service charge In addition to the consumption charge a debt service charge will be assessed which consists of a connection charge and a front footage charge as follows a Connection Charge The connection charge shall be set forth in section 74 83 Connection charge for unusual or other conditions shall be determined by the Township Board b Front footage charge In addition to the capital charge there shall be a front footage charge as set forth in section 74 83 However, the front footage charge shall be waived in those instances where the township incurred no cost in the design easement acquisitions or installation of the water line along the frontage of the property and in those instances where the water line is installed as part of a special assessment district All water charges shall be paid in full prior to the actual installation Corner lots will be exempt from front footage charges on the lesser frontage road only (3) Water connection township

taps The minimum size for all water services is one inch Irrigation systems shall be connected to the meter via a one inch line Irrigation systems shall be connected to the domestic service in all cases except for developments or projects with a general or common area owned or controlled by a subdivision, condominium or other legally constituted landowner association or its equivalent which has no building on such general or common area In those instances a separate irrigation tap shall be permitted (4) Water connections, applicant taps An applicant wishing to make his own water tap shall first obtain the necessary township permit and pay the appropriate charges as set forth in section 74 83 The payment includes the township furnishing a water meter and inspecting the meter installation Additional inspection charges where applicable for the installation of the water service will be based on an hourly rate after review of construction plans by the township engineer The applicant will furnish and install materials specified by the township (5) Fire lines Fire lines will have a meter for detecting water usage other than fire suppression Fire lines will have backflow preventer devices and shall be approved by county for cross connection prior to installation Fire lines serving fire suppression systems shall connect directly to the public main Domestic services shall not connect to fire lines The charges for such fire lines shall be as set forth in section 74-83 The township will supply the meter detection unit and inspection after installation of the meter by a contractor Construction plans shall be submitted to the township engineer for approval prior to installation (6) Duplexes A duplex is considered a two unit dwelling regardless of where located A one inch service shall be provided for each unit unless the duplex is part of a larger multi unit dwelling complex where the landowner association or its equivalent is responsible for payment for water usage when a two inch service is required (7) Water charges during building construction periods Water charges during building construction for all uses shall be as set forth in section 74-83 (8) Classes of water and sewer accounts There shall be the following classes for water and sewer accounts a Residential Class Dwellings used primarily as a domicile such as single family homes detached condominiums, duplexes, and the like where each dwelling unit is serviced by one meter including irrigation systems that service their common areas b Multiple Class Multiple dwellings such as apartments, condominiums, townhouses and the like where one meter services more than one dwelling unit c Commercial Class Establishment involved in a commercial enterprise business or service including social, charitable governmental religious or educational functions including irrigation systems that services their common areas Sec 74-82 Sewer charges generally. The rates and charges shall be as follows (1) Sewage treatment rates. The charge for sewage disposal shall be computed and paid on the basis of 100 percent of the water consumption used except residential class customers will be granted a sewer cap set forth in Section 74-83 for sprinkling system and irrigation usage during summer usage months Summer usage month period is defined as May 1 through September 30th An industrial waste charge (IWC) will be added to commercial and industrial users based on meter size and where applicable industrial surcharges will be applied as such charges are billed to the township by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department The rates shall be as set forth in section 74 83 (2) Minimum sewer bills The minimum sewage disposal bill per reading cycle shall be as set forth in section 74 83 plus other applicable charges In the case of a bimonthly bill the minimum sewage disposal charge shall be as set forth in section 74 83 per unit plus other applicable charges (3) Sewer debt service rates The debt service charge shall consist of the following a Connection charge A connection charge, which shall be as follows The connection charge shall be set forth in section 74 83 The connection charge shall be based on water meter size Connections charges for unusual or other conditions shall be determined by the Township Board b Front footage charges In addition to the connection charge there shall be a front footage charge as set forth in section 74-83 per front foot of property serviced by the sewer line However the front footage charge shall be waived in those instances where the township incurred no cost in the design easement acquisitions or installation of the sewer line along the frontage of the property and in those instances where the sewer line is installed as part of a SAD All sewer charges shall be paid in full prior to the actual installation unless otherwise provided by the township board Corner lots will be exempt on the lesser frontage road only (4) Sewer connection charge A connection charge as set forth in section 74 83 shall be assessed for properties provided a connection at the property line b Where the township incurred no cost for design easement acquisition or installation of the sanitary sewer lines the connection charge shall be waived However an inspection fee for each connection as set forth in section 74 83 shall be collected for all connections of six inches or less c A minimum inspection fee as set forth in section 74 83 shall be collected Inspection fees on larger connections shall be determined after review of construction plans and based on actual inspection time d The minimum connection size for commercial buildings shall be six inches, with a clean out provided every 100 feet and a four foot diameter manhole provided every 400 feet (5) Special storm sewer projects In all storm sewer projects initially financed by the township the cost assessed to and paid back by each property owner shall be determined pursuant to the following equations a Cost = (26 + (0.5 * Flow)) * (Distance) (1/2) * Percentage of Cost (%) = (26 + (0.5 * Flow)) * Distance / (26 + (0.5 * Flow)) (Distance) / Assessed Cost = Percentage of Cost (%) * Total Project Cost b In the equation in subsection (5a) the terms are defined as follows 1 "Flow is the amount of runoff generated by a specific parcel of property expressed in cubic feet per second 2 "Distance is how far a specific parcel of property is from the location of discharge to a county drain natural watercourse expressed in feet 3 The symbol "Σ" denotes the summation of equation (1) for all properties in the drainage district Township not obligated to finance sewers Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the township to finance any portion of a storm or sanitary sewer unless in its sole discretion such project would be deemed necessary and in the best interest of the township Sec. 74-83 Schedule of rates and charges. (a) Water rates and charges Water rates and charges shall be as follows (1) Consumption rate \$2.26 per 1,000 gallons a In addition to the consumption charge there shall be a water Cost of Service charge per reading cycle or portion thereof, based on meter size

Table with 3 columns: Meter Size, Bi Monthly Customers, Quarterly Customers. Lists rates for meter sizes from 1" meter or less to 10".

(2) Water construction charges Minimum water construction charge \$150 00 times meter ratio factor (3) Water front footage charge \$17 51 per foot of property serviced by the water line (4) Water connection The water connection charge for township taps and applicant taps shall be based on meter size

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* Ratio factor is the ratio of the flow area of the water meter to the flow area of a 1" meter (5) There shall be installed on all fire line systems a detector check and a three fourths inch by pass meter The three fourths inch by pass meter shall be purchased from and inspected by the township and installed by the owner The charge for the three fourths inch by pass meter and township inspection shall be \$300 00 (b) Sewer rates and charges Sewer rates and charges shall be as follows (1) Sewage treatment rate \$3 30 per 1 000 gallons of the water used or per 1 000 gallons of metered sewage flow Sewage disposal charges for residential class customers with a 1" or less meter shall be capped at 60,000 gallons per reading cycle or any part thereof during summer months as defined in Section 74 82 1 For residential class customers with water meters larger than 1" this cap shall be computed by multiplying the 60 000 gallons times the ratio factor listed in Section 74 83 (a) 4, 1 e for a 2" meter the cap shall be 60,000 times ratio factor of 4 = 240 000 gallons a In addition to the consumption charge for customers connected to the sanitary sewer system there shall be a wastewater Cost of Service charge per reading cycle or portion thereof based on meter size

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b In addition to the consumption charge and wastewater Cost of Service charge there shall be an additional fixed charge for customers with tile drains connected to the sanitary sewer system per reading cycle or portion thereof set forth as follows

Table with 3 columns: Meter Size, Bi Monthly Customers, Quarterly Customers. Lists rates for meter sizes from 1" meter or less to 10".

(2) Minimum sewage bill a Minimum sewage disposal bill if connected to the Township water system per reading cycle \$16 50 plus the fixed charge for customers with tile drains connected to the sanitary sewer system b Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to the Township water system, per quarterly reading cycle \$123 75 plus applicable fixed charges c Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to the Township water system per bi monthly reading cycle \$82 60 plus applicable fixed charges (3) Sewer front footage charge \$22 06 per front foot of property serviced by the sewer line (4) Sewer Connection The sanitary sewer connection charge shall be based on meter size

Table with 3 columns: Meter Size, Ratio Factor, Connection Charges. Lists rates for meter sizes from 1" meter or less to 10".

*Ratio factor is the ratio of the flow area of the water meter to the flow area of a 1 meter For new wastewater customers not connected to a public water system, the connection charge shall be based on an equivalent water meter size for comparable users (5) Inspection fee \$50 00 (6) Industrial waste charge (IWC) rates

TABLE INSET

Table with 2 columns: Meter Size (inches), Rates (\$/month). Lists rates for meter sizes from 5/8 to 48.

(7) Industrial surcharge rates The following industrial surcharges will be charged when billed to the township by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department a Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) in excess of 275 mg/l 0 219 b Total suspended solids (TSS) in excess of 350 mg/l 0 351 c Phosphorus (P) in excess of 12 mg/l 4 546 d Fats oils and grease (FOG) in excess of 100 mg/l 0 194

Sec. 74-84 Water billings; water meters. (a) Billing generally, payment of bills collection of delinquent charges Bills for water and sewage disposal shall be billed as directed by the township board All bills shall be payable on or before the due date A penalty equal to ten percent of any unpaid current charges shall be added to any bill not paid on or before the due date Customers whose bills are unpaid on the due date may be forwarded a shut off notice, and if the bills are not paid within 15 days after the date of the shut off notice the customer's service shall be turned off without further notice An additional charge of \$100 00 will be charged to the customer for involuntary disconnection and \$100 00 for reconnection Both charges must be paid prior to the resumption of service Charges for water supply and sewage disposal services as set forth in this article shall constitute a lien on the property served On or before October 1 of each year the township clerk shall deliver to the supervisor a certified statement of water and sewer disposal charges six months due and unpaid, including a \$100 00 service charge The supervisor shall place such delinquencies including the \$100 00 service charge, on the next general tax roll and the same shall be collected as part of the general township taxes (b) Annual removal and reinstallation of irrigation meters There shall be a charge of fifty dollars (\$50 00) for shutoff and removal of irrigation meters and a charge of fifty dollars (\$50 00) for testing and reinstallation of irrigation meters (c) Shutoff and turn on service charge If the township receives a request from a customer to discontinue service, there shall be a \$15 00 shutoff service charge At such point when a request is made to reinstatement the service there shall be a \$15 00 service charge for turn on (d) Meter reading Residential water accounts will be read quarterly Commercial accounts will be read bimonthly unless designated otherwise by the township board (e) Service charge for resealing meter A service charge of \$100 00 will be charged to reseal an open bypass on those meters that have bypasses Water usage that did not register on the meter during the open bypass period will be estimated based on previous usage and/or the usage of similar users (f) Estimation of use when meter fails to register The official water meter for billing purposes is the meter located inside the residence, building or meter pit If a water meter fails to register as a result of a mechanical failure the township shall have the authority to estimate the quantity of water on which the billing is made until such time as the meter is repaired or replaced The estimated water use shall be based on previous usage and/or the usage of similar users (g) Access to meter The owner or lessee of the real property which is a water service customer shall provide access inside the owner or lessee's building to an authorized representative of the township for the purpose of examining, repairing updating or replacing the water meter or other remote reading equipment so that such equipment is operating properly Failure to provide access inside the building to the township within seven days after the township has made a written demand to the owner or lessee for such access shall constitute a misdemeanor (h) Tampering with or removing meter Tampering, damaging changing, rerouting removing or by passing the water meter by persons other than township personnel is strictly prohibited and would constitute a misdemeanor SECTION 2. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE. The balance of Code of Ordinances Part I Chapter 74, except as herein amended shall remain in full force and effect All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Any person corporation partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than \$500 00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section subsection, clause phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof SECTION 5. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE. This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto SECTION 6. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS. Portions of the Code of Ordinances, Part I Chapter 74 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Ordinance becomes effective on the 18th day of May, 2006 after publication of the second reading This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the 9th day of May 2006 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, TERRY BENNETT, Clerk Introduced April 25 2006 Published May 4 2006 Adopted May 9, 2006 Effective Upon Publication May 18 2006

Hipple headlines benefit golf tourney

Eric Hipple, popular former Detroit Lion's quarterback, remembers the tremendous support he received from others following the death of his son, Jeff, in 2000

Returning the favor by helping bereaved families from the area and throughout the country, Hipple will be Honorary Chairperson of The Compassionate Friends Charity Golf Outing Saturday, June 10 at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth

The charity event, a special tribute to all children who died too soon, includes a shotgun start at 1 30 p.m., with Hipple present, and a charity dinner at 7 p.m. at which he will speak.

"This is one of the ways in which I'm trying to help others like myself who have had a child die," said Hipple "The Compassionate Friends is an inspiring organization dedicated to helping those across the United States who have been devastated by the death of a child within their families"

All proceeds from the golf outing, the eighth-annual Steve Herrick/Brian McLean Golf Classic, will be used to offset expenses of the upcoming 29th National Conference of The Compassionate Friends July 14-16 in Dearborn

The conference, which is expected to draw up to 1,500 people, will feature 114 workshops, a complete sibling program, sharing sessions, butterfly release,

and Sunday morning's seventh-annual "Walk to Remember" Among the keynote speakers will be Chet Szuber of Harrisville, who received the extraordinary gift of his daughter's heart, even as he grieved her death

A pre-conference professionals day will be held Thursday, July 13 for those who work with families before, during, and after the death of a child More than 1,000 are expected for the two-mile Walk to Remember Sunday, July 16, where the names of as many as 10,000 children will be carried

The Compassionate Friends is a national self-help support organization for families that have experienced the death of a child There are nearly 600 chapters serving all 50 states, including 19 in Michigan

Call (734) 765-8401 (evenings) or (313) 496-7548 (daytime) to receive a registration brochure for the golf classic, created to honor the memories of good friends Steve Herrick of Livonia and Brian McLean of Westland, both of whom died of pancreatic cancer in 1999 There are a limited number of foursomes and early registration is suggested

For more information on The Compassionate Friends or the upcoming national conference, call toll-free 877-969-0010 or visit www.compassionate-friends.org

Snafu could hamper IKEA opening

Canton officials blindsided by timing of I-275 project

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

For months, Canton Township has been planning for traffic management surrounding the June 7 IKEA opening Everyone has known there will be far more cars than usual in and around Canton And everyone has known that the traffic situation, for at least part of the summer, will require patience But they didn't know that a state road project would be starting this week, possibly turning inconvenient delays into miserable traffic jams

The project is an eight-mile, \$3 million resurfacing of I-275, from M-14 at the north to Ecorse Road at the south Both the northbound and southbound lanes will be impacted The timing of the project completely caught Canton officials off guard "We didn't even know this was coming," said Municipal Services Director Tim Faas It was after the board meeting last week, and I was surfing the Web, and saw it on the Michigan Department of Transportation Web site I was

shocked" In addition to being shocked, Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he's also confused about why this project would start at the same time that Canton is expecting additional traffic to and from the IKEA store at Ford and Haggerty "We've been working with MDOT since it was announced that IKEA was coming here," Yack said

In fact, some of the MDOT road improvement projects, such as the widening of ramps at Ford Road, were done so that the community would be better prepared for the nearly 2 million annual visitors the new furniture store will attract "Generally speaking, MDOT has been very good to work with as we prepare for IKEA," Yack said "But how this happened without us being prepared? I don't know"

Yack added that it's possible MDOT is such a large agency, the department in charge of the maintenance project did not know that this is one of the worst times the project could have been planned

Often, municipalities are notified when major projects are being scheduled, but not always, Yack said

MDOT is aware of the potential problems with the timing of the project, said MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi Further, he said that MDOT had been in contact with the township's department of public works, but in the future MDOT will contact Yack's office "even for the smallest maintenance projects so that hopefully this won't happen again," Morosi said

In the meantime, MDOT is trying to make the project, which will begin this week, weather permitting, easier for Canton to deal with

"We've decided to alter the schedule a little bit, and will

only do work and have lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. including weekends," Morosi said Additionally, there will be no lane closures during the weeks surrounding the IKEA opening

"We're very keenly aware of IKEA and the projects around that section of Canton," Morosi said The original plan was for the project to be completed during daytime hours

The project is intended to extend the life of the pavement Although the road is in decent shape now, the resurfacing should keep it in drivable shape for another 5-7 years, Morosi said

Faas said the project is scheduled to last until September, but Morosi said he anticipates an earlier completion

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- May 4, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Thursday May 4 2006 at 46000 Summit Parkway Canton Michigan Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7 05 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance **Roll Call** Members Present Bennett Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Members Absent Caccamo Staff Present Director Conklin Debbie Bilbreys Honowitz **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda Motion carried unanimously **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Public Art Discussion PRESENTER: Ann Conklin, Leisure Services Director ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS: Debbie Bilbreys Honowitz Recreation and Facilities Manager Ken Thompson Artist Other groups invited to attend include Planning Commission, DDA, Leisure Services Advisory Committee Cultural Commission and the Public Art Committee The focus of the meeting was an educational presentation about Public Art by artist Ken Thompson from the Midwest Sculpture Initiative Mr Thompson has been commissioned to create the permanent work of art to be placed at the TCF Bank site in the DDA District Midwest Sculpture Initiative is also facilitating the eight piece temporary outdoor sculpture exhibit for the DDA which will be in place for one year beginning in May 2006 Mr Thompson's presentation was followed by the unveiling of the maquette for the bank site - Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.cantonmi.org after Board Approval Publish May 15 2006 C060438628**

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of **District-Wide Maintenance Uniforms** for the 2006-07 school year Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416 2746 Technical questions can be directed to Tom Seales in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416 2960 Sealed bids are due to the E J McClendon Building 454 South Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 2 30 p.m. Monday June 5 2006 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **District Wide Waste Disposal and Recycling Services** Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416 2746 Technical questions should be directed to Tom Seales in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416 2960 Sealed bids are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S Harvey Plymouth MI on or before 2 00 p.m. Monday June 5 2006 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

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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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Item 5 REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION OF LOCAL BODY OF GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE "ROBERT SNYDER MEMORIAL" AS A NONPROFIT IN THE COMMUNITY FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING APPLICATION FOR A "CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE" TO THE BUREAU OF STATE LOTTERY (CLERK) Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy approve the request from the "Robert Snyder Memorial" 45576 Baldwin Court Canton Township Wayne County Michigan 48187 asking that the organization be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license is considered approved Motion carried by all members present **Item 6 SECOND READING, AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCE REGULATION OF OPERATION PARKING, AND SPEED OF VEHICLES ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY CHAPTER 70, SECTION 1, SECTION 70-4. (CLERK)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to remove from the table for the second reading of the amendment to the Code of Ordinances Canton Charter Township, Michigan, to extend enforcement by the Charter Township of Canton of the Uniform Traffic Code Michigan Vehicle Code, and Motor Carrier Safety Act upon Locations that are part of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Chapter 70 Section 1. Section 70 4 Regulation of Operation Parking, and Speed of Vehicles on School District Property with publication and effective date of May 18, 2006 Motion carried by all members present **STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REGULATION OF OPERATION, PARKING, AND SPEED OF VEHICLES ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CANTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP MICHIGAN TO EXTEND ENFORCEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, AND MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT UPON LOCATIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS "THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS SECTION 1 Section 70 4 is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Canton Section 70-4 Regulation of Operation, Parking, and Speed of Vehicles on School District Property (a) Purpose and intent Public Act 175 of 1958 MCL 257 961, as amended authorized municipalities to adopt ordinances governing the operation parking without fees and the speed of motor vehicle vehicles upon properties of any board of education school district or community college district situated within the municipality upon receiving a resolution from the board of education school district or board of trustees of the community college district over whose property the ordinance shall apply requesting the adoption of such ordinance The Plymouth Canton Community Schools enforce traffic parking and misdemeanor ordinances by municipal authorities (b) Enforcement of Uniform Traffic Code Michigan Vehicle Code and Motor Carrier Safety Act upon School District property The provisions of the Uniform Traffic Code and the Michigan Vehicle Code adopted as provided in Section 70 1 and the Motor Carrier Safety Act adopted as provided in Section 70 2 are hereby made applicable to the property of the Plymouth Canton Community School District (c) Speed limits on School District Property The Township Board may by resolution establish the speed limit for motor vehicles on school district property A decrease in the prima facie speed limit of 15 miles per hour on school district property shall be binding when adequate signs are duly posted giving notice of the reduced speeds (d) Revocation The Charter Township of Canton will revoke this Ordinance upon receipt of a resolution of the Plymouth Canton Community School District requesting such revocation **SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY** Unless otherwise provided any person corporation partnership or any other legal entity who**

violates any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500 00) and/or imprisonment for up to ninety (90) days Every violation shall be considered a separate offense **SECTION 3 REPEAL** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance except as herein provided are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect **SECTION 4 SEVERABILITY** If any section subsection clause phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof **SECTION 5 SAVINGS CLAUSE** The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance as amended **SECTION 6 PUBLICATION** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 9th day of May 2006 and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law **TERRY BENNETT** Clerk Introduced 04 25 2006 Adopted 05 09 2006 Published 05 18 2006 Effective 05 18 2006 **GENERAL CALENDAR:** **Item 1 CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN FOR CANTON AUTO SALES PARKING LOT EXPANSION (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for special use and site plan for Canton Auto Parking Lot Expansion Motion carried by all members present **Item 2 CONSIDER GULICK PROPERTY SPLIT (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the property split for parcel 086 01 0002 000 Gulick property as shown on the attached survey dated 02/08/06 Motion carried by all members present **Item 3 CONSIDER ADDITIONAL HOME ELEVATIONS FOR WESTCHESTER VILLAGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve Amendment #1 to the Westchester Village Planned Development Agreement to add 8 new home models to Exhibit 'C' of the document Motion carried by all members present **Item 4 CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR L. GEORGE'S CONEY ISLAND (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for the site plan for L. George's Coney Island Motion carried by all members present **Item 5 CONSIDER PANKO FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to accept the Planning Commission's decision to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan, changing the land use designation on parcel no 033 99 0002 000 from Medium Density Residential to Local Shopping (Office Use Recommended) Motion carried by all members present **Item 6 CONSIDER THE PAYMENT OF YEARLY MAINTENANCE FEES FOR EXISTING ESRI (ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.) SOFTWARE (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by Zarbo to authorize the payment to ESRI for Maintenance and Support from March 2006 to March 2007 for a total cost not to exceed of \$11 502 74 Funds are available in the 2006 Budget for Planning Services capital account #101 853 977 0000 Engineering Services account #101 447 740 0000 Leisure Services account # Account #101 270 956 0000 Cost center L00065 0000 0307 and Public Safety account #207 301 818 0000 Motion carried by all members present **Item 7 PROCUREMENT CARD PROGRAM (FBD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for the procurement card program Motion carried by all members present **Item 8 BUDGET AMENDMENT - WATER & SEWER FUND - WATER BILLING**

DIVISION - LOCKBOX FEES (FBD) Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Water & Sewer Fund Water Billing Division for 2005 lockbox services Increase Revenues
Appropriation from Fund Balance #592 000 699 0000 \$6 300
Increase Appropriations
Contracted Services Water Billing #592 560 818 0000 \$6 300
This budget amendment will increase the Water Billing Division budget from \$395 312 to \$401 612 and the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$30 751 940 to \$30 758 240 Motion carried by all members present **Item 9. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE COTS AND CHAIRS. (PSD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by Zarbo to approve the bid from FrontLine Medical, PO Box 712 Brighton MI 48116 in the amount of \$23 022 for the purchase of ambulance cots and chairs FY2006 Fire Capital Outlay 206 336 977 0000 (Cost Center P00055 0000 0000) Motion carried by all members present **Item 10. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY RESCUE WATERCRAFT (PSD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of an AVON Emergency Rescue Boat and accessories from West Shore Fire Inc 6620 Lake Michigan, Dr, Allendale, MI 49401 in the amount of \$5501 FY2006 Fire Capital Outlay 206 336 977 0000 (Cost Center P00055 0000 0000) Motion carried by all members present **Item 11. AWARD RENTAL OF TENTS, TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR 2006 LEISURE SERVICES SPECIAL EVENTS (LSD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by Zarbo to award the bid for the tents, tables and chairs for the 2006 Liberty Fest to American Rentals Inc 4901 W Grand River Ave Lansing MI 48906 in an amount not to exceed \$24 058 50 from Recreation Division Equipment Rental account #101 691 940 0000 and award the bid for tents, tables and chairs for 2006 Special Events to Ace Canvas & Tent, Inc 5644 West Fort Street Detroit MI 48209 in an amount not to exceed \$12 000 00 from Recreation Division Equipment Rental account #101 691 940 0000 Motion carried by all members present **Item 12. AMEND CONTINENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT (LSD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to authorize the amendment to the Continental Services contract for the operation of Pheasant Run Golf Club for one year Motion carried by all members present **Item 13 APPROVE STUMP REMOVAL FOR FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB (LSD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by Zarbo to approve the transfer of \$25 000 from Account #101 285 970 0000 Tree Fund Planting to Account #101 285 930 0000 Maintenance and Repair Tree Fund I further move to award the proposal of stump removal at Fellows Creek Golf Club to Fellows Creek Golf Club of Canton 2938 Lotz Road, Canton MI 48188 in the amount of \$25,000 to be taken from Tree Fund Maintenance and Repair Account #101 285 930 0000 Motion carried by all members present **Item 14. APPROVAL OF MCACA GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION (ACSD)** Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to authorize the application to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for a grant for \$15 000 towards the expense of the FY 2006 2007 "Reaching UP - Reaching OUT" performance series at the Village Theater and in the DDA and Township parks and further authorize a cash match of \$21 000, to be paid from ticket receipts, \$9 550 from the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities \$10 000 from Leisure Services and \$45,000 from the Downtown Development Authority, for a total project cost including an in kind contribution of \$55 968 of \$166 518 Motion carried by all members present **OTHER** There will be no study session on May 16 2006 **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8 30 p.m. - Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.cantonmi.org after Board Approval

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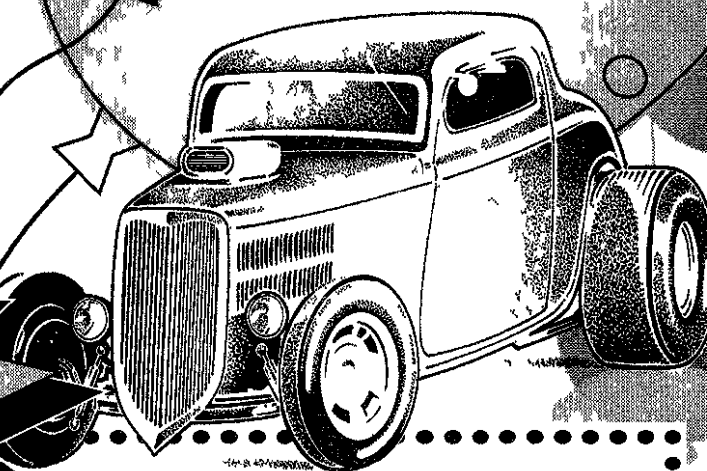


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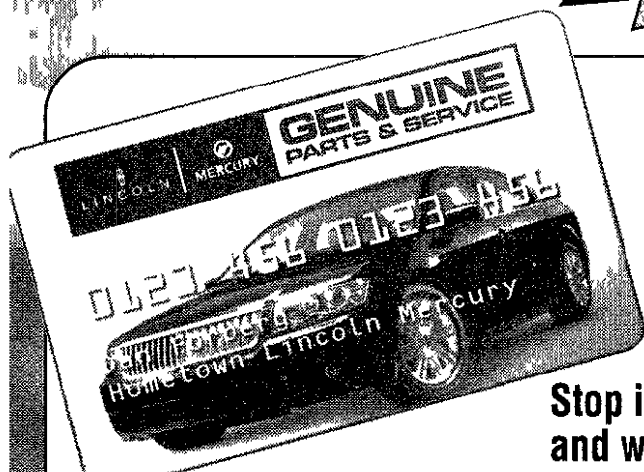
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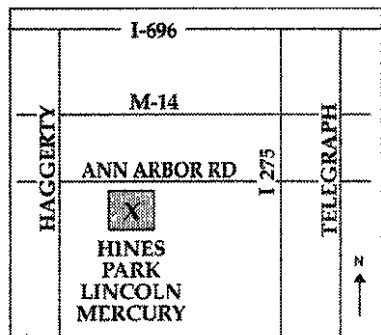
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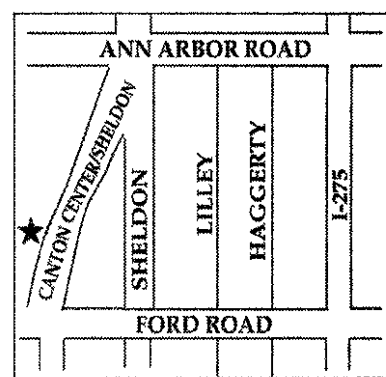
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AROUND TOWN

MHS program

The Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland is offering spay or neutering of cats and vaccinations for \$20 for families with financial difficulties through May 31. The center is at 900 Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road. People must provide proof of financial need, such as documentation from government-funded programs at the time of their appointment. The proof can include the Family Independence Program, state disability assistance, food assistance, WIC program, and Medicaid. To make an appointment, call (734) 722-1415.

Charity golf

A summer day's worth of fun never helped so many which is just what golfers at the fourth annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m. with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org or call 734-662-5999, extension 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities website www.mtcogolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Diabetes support

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation, Diabetes and Neuropathy Pain Management, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, in the hospital's auditorium. Guest speaker is Timothy Wright, M.D., Pain Management, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge for the meeting and pre-registration is not required. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 5 Mile and Levan in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961.

Republican women meet

The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club takes place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Pic A Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile in Livonia. Speakers will be state Sen. Laura Toy, state Rep. John Pastor and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox. There is a \$15 charge for the dinner which includes lasagna, salad, dessert and beverage. Visitors and guests are welcome. For reservations, call (248) 320-5473.

Food choices

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a presentation on how to make colorful food choices to improve your health while increasing your energy and improving your mood, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, at the Northville Senior Center. Speaker is Registered Dietitian Katie Dooley of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The presentation is free, but registration is required. To register, call the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main, at (248) 349-4140.

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 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. Woik, RPSGT, EMT-P, Sleep Center Coordinator, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge, but registration is requested. For more information or to register, visit www.stmarymercy.org on the Web or call (734) 655-1100.

St. Mary 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 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.

Creative writing workshop

The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop, Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet?, 3-4:15 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, email Shelby at president@michiganhorror.com.

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 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

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 16th annual Tables and Tea event, displaying elegant and whimsical table settings designed by club members and local retailers. The 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.

Summer internships

Want to gain valuable knowledge through internship experience while being immersed in a vibrant creative setting? If so, the Ann Arbor Art Center is the place for you. Applications are now being accepted for internships during summer 2006 at the Ann Arbor Art Center. Internships include positions in Education, Exhibitions, the Gallery, Shop, marketing, graphic design, special events, development and operations. All internships at the Ann Arbor Art Center are unpaid. Additional detailed descriptions of all internships available can be found at www.annarborartcenter.org. To apply for an internship, forward all resumes to info@annarborartcenter.org with "Internship" in the subject heading. Alternatively, mail a resume and cover letter to Marsha Chamberlin at the Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor 48104 or fax it to 734-994-3610.

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-

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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

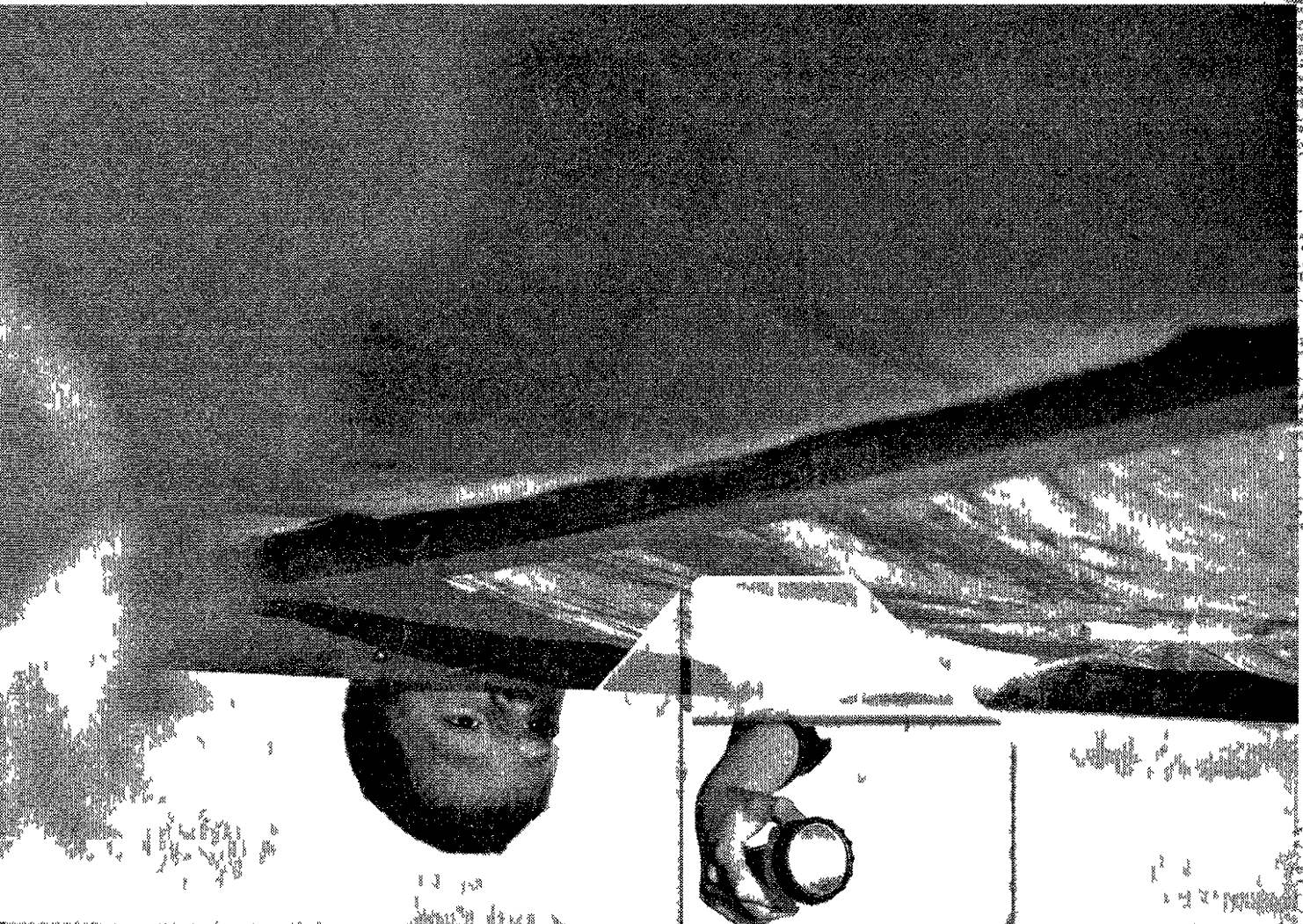
Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Martina at (734) 464-0481.

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.



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Alcohol a key factor in boating accidents, fatalities in state

According to the most recent statistics released by the U.S. Coast Guard drinking and driving is a safety concern that is not limited to Michigan roads. In fact, says the Coast Guard, alcohol was involved in more than half (51 percent) of all boating fatalities in Michigan during 2004, well above the national average of 33 percent.

By comparison, alcohol was a factor in 37 percent of Michigan highway fatalities during the same year, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

Part of the problem, say law enforcement officials, is that boating is often strictly viewed as a recreational activity and some of its more serious obligations can be overlooked. This is especially true during summer holiday periods such as Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day, when organized water activities bring large numbers of boaters into close proximity.

"Boating is supposed to be fun," says Sgt. Dan Toth of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Marine Division. "People spend a lot of time and effort to get a boat on the water only to have tragedy strike because they failed to follow some basic safety rules."

According to Toth, more than 80 percent of the drownings and fatal boating accidents that occur each year are due to reckless operation, alcohol use and/or not wearing a Personal Flotation Device. He recommends that all new boat owners - including those using jet skis for the first time - take a boater's safety class. If you were born after Dec. 1, 1978, it's mandatory.

Michigan law prohibits anyone from boating while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It is also illegal for the owner of a vessel to allow anyone else to operate that vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs. A first

SAFE BOATING TIPS

- Take a safe-boating class. Anyone who operates your boat should complete a class. Classes are now offered through many schools, local sheriff's department marine divisions and diverse groups such as the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Red Cross. For a partial list of locations, call your local DNR office or go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.
- Give your boat a safety check at the start of each season and each time you leave the dock. Depending on its size, all boats must have some type of readily accessible PFD aboard for each person. For more information, obtain a copy of the DNR's Michigan Handbook of Boating Laws and Responsibilities online at <http://boat-ed.com/mi/handbook/>.
- Be watchful of old pilings, sandbars and other hazards on the Great Lakes, as this is expected to be another low-water year. Plot your routes using a GPS (Global Positioning System) if possible to keep known obstructions pinpointed. Pay attention to restricted boating areas still in effect for lakes Erie and Michigan. Check with the Coast Guard for specific areas www.uscg.mil/.
- Equip your vessel with a marine radio or cell phone for emergencies and to keep track of the weather. Always head to port immediately if threatening weather approaches. Always have a compass onboard.

Each person, regardless of age, riding on or towed behind a personal watercraft must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II or III personal flotation device. More than half (63 percent) of the 676 persons who died in U.S. boating accidents last summer were not wearing a life jacket.

"Wearing your PFD when having fun on the water should be as much of a habit as buckling your safety belt every time you drive your car," says Gary Bubar, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services traffic safety consultant. "They are your best defense against drowning - the largest single cause of boating deaths - should you become involved in a boating accident."

According to Coast Guard data, collisions with other boats or fixed objects, and falling and out of the vessel accounted for 66 percent of the 143 incidents recorded during 2004. Careless and reckless operation, as well as operator inattention or inexperience, were cited as major pre-crash factors.

Fishermen and other small boat operators should be especially vigilant in wearing PFDs - open motorboats, kayaks, canoes, rowboats and jet skis were involved in 82 percent of the marine fatalities registered nationwide in 2004. More than half (57 percent) of the fatal accidents involved capsizing or falling overboard, which often happens when someone stands up or moves quickly in a small boat.

PFDs not only keep you afloat after a mishap, but can't help protect you against deadly hypothermia or lowering of the body's core temperature, and also provide some protection against internal injury in boating collisions and falls. They are required for all children under age 6 while on an open deck area, and for all operators of PWCs, as well as water skiers.

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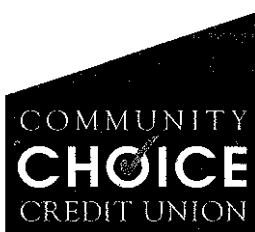
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Equipment makes voting easier for disabled

New voting equipment, designed to make casting a ballot easier for voters with disabilities was introduced last week in Lansing by Secretary of State Terril Lynn Land.

The equipment is expected to be put into use for the August primary election.

The equipment allows voters who have a physical disability or are blind, visually impaired or otherwise unable to mark a ballot in the usual way to do so on a special voting system. Called an AutoMARK, it resembles a fax machine with a large flip-up screen and attachments including headphones.

At least one of the voting systems will be available for use in each of the state's polling locations for the Aug. 8 primary election as the result of a contract that is expected to be approved today by the State Administrative Board. The devices complement Michigan's optical scan voting system.

"We are at the beginning of a new era in voting for people with disabilities," said Land. "This technology is intended to remove obstacles to voting for members of Michigan's disability community and to ensure they are given the same opportunity for access and participation as other voters on Election Day."

Once approved by the State Administrative Board, the state will execute a \$34 million contract with Election Systems & Software to receive approximately 4,300 of the AutoMARK voting systems and associated ballot programming. Costs are covered

under the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002. HAVA mandates that states must have a compliant accessible voting system in place for individuals with disabilities for federal elections in 2006.

The state invited bids on the accessible equipment contract in November and received responses from four companies. The AutoMARK system was selected after an extensive evaluation process involving more than 80 representatives from the disability community and local election officials. AutoMARK was the favorite of both groups and was cited for its accessibility and ease of use.

Depending on their needs, voters may cast their votes without assistance using the screen, Braille keypad of foot pedal. They may also use magnification and contrast features on the screen, headphones with an audio function, a wand or personal sip/puff tube to assist in marking the ballot. When the ballot is completed, it is scanned and is stored with all other ballots. Voters maintain the privacy of their ballot throughout the process.

The plan to provide technology that has been designed specifically for members of the disability community in the voting booth is the first such endeavor in state history. According to the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns, 1.9 million of the state's approximately 10 million residents have disabilities.

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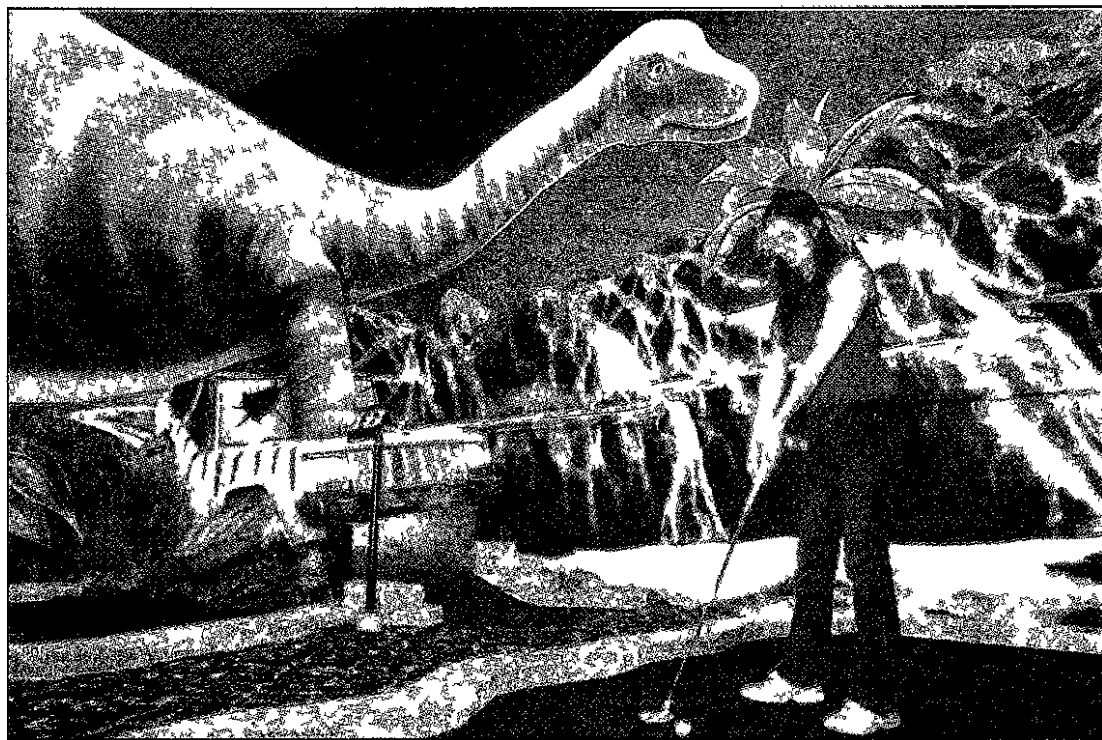
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will be closed from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive.

Parking is available at Hines Park-Warendale Picnic Area (west of Outer Drive) and Hines Park-Nankin Mills Picnic Area (Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail).

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A 40-foot brontosaurus keeps watch over Glo Golf general manager Kimberly Elliston as she prepares a putt. The new indoor miniature golf course features bright sculptures and artwork by artists from across Canada and the United States.

Glo Golf: Not your average miniature golf experience

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

On the outside, the building is nondescript — a plain box of a small strip mall. But inside the building that houses Glo Golf is a magical world of three-dimensional wall designs and elaborate fluorescent-colored sculptures surrounded by a steady pounding of techno music.

"We start here in ancient Egypt," said Glo Golf owner Gaz Ismail, who is also a partner in the adjacent business, Zap Zone laser tag. Ismail took a careful swing at the fluorescent green golf ball, which landed to rest just inches from the first hole.

From the ancient Egypt theme, visitors putt their way to the ocean, past a life-size (or larger) molded statue of Poseidon and into the jungle, where a bright orange and black tiger sculpture stands guard over the tee. At the end of the course is a *Jurassic Park* theme with flying pterodactyls and a 40-foot (yes, 40 foot)

brontosaurus

It's the sculptures and meticulously painted walls that help set Glo Golf apart from the small handful of other similar businesses, Ismail said.

We have sculptures at every hole, and we took our time figuring out how to decorate and design everything better and better, he said.

General Manager Kimberly Elliston nodded and added, "We took longer than we thought to open because we kept finding changes to make that would be even better than what we had."

Ismail brought in artists from across Canada and the United States to create the sculptures and artwork for the 18-hole indoor custom designed miniature golf course which opened earlier this year, and will have a grand opening this summer.

Our customers have been going on about how their experience here is blowing them away, Elliston said.

It's not just the art and course design that customers

appreciate, Ismail said. It's the family-friendly nature of the game. While the east side of the building houses Zap Zone (and Ismail admits that most parents and almost all grandparents are just not all that interested in playing laser tag), Glo Golf is an activity nearly anyone can play.

"We have very young kids come to play, and older kids and teenagers, and people in their 30s, and senior citizens," Elliston said. Some keep score, and some play for fun. Most can finish the course in 30-40 minutes, but some poker customers have taken more than an hour, she said.

Glo Golf offers drop-in play and parties. Hours are 1-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 1 p.m. to midnight Friday 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday. Glo Golf is located at 41969 Ford. For more information call (734) 844-2244 or visit www.GloGolf.com.

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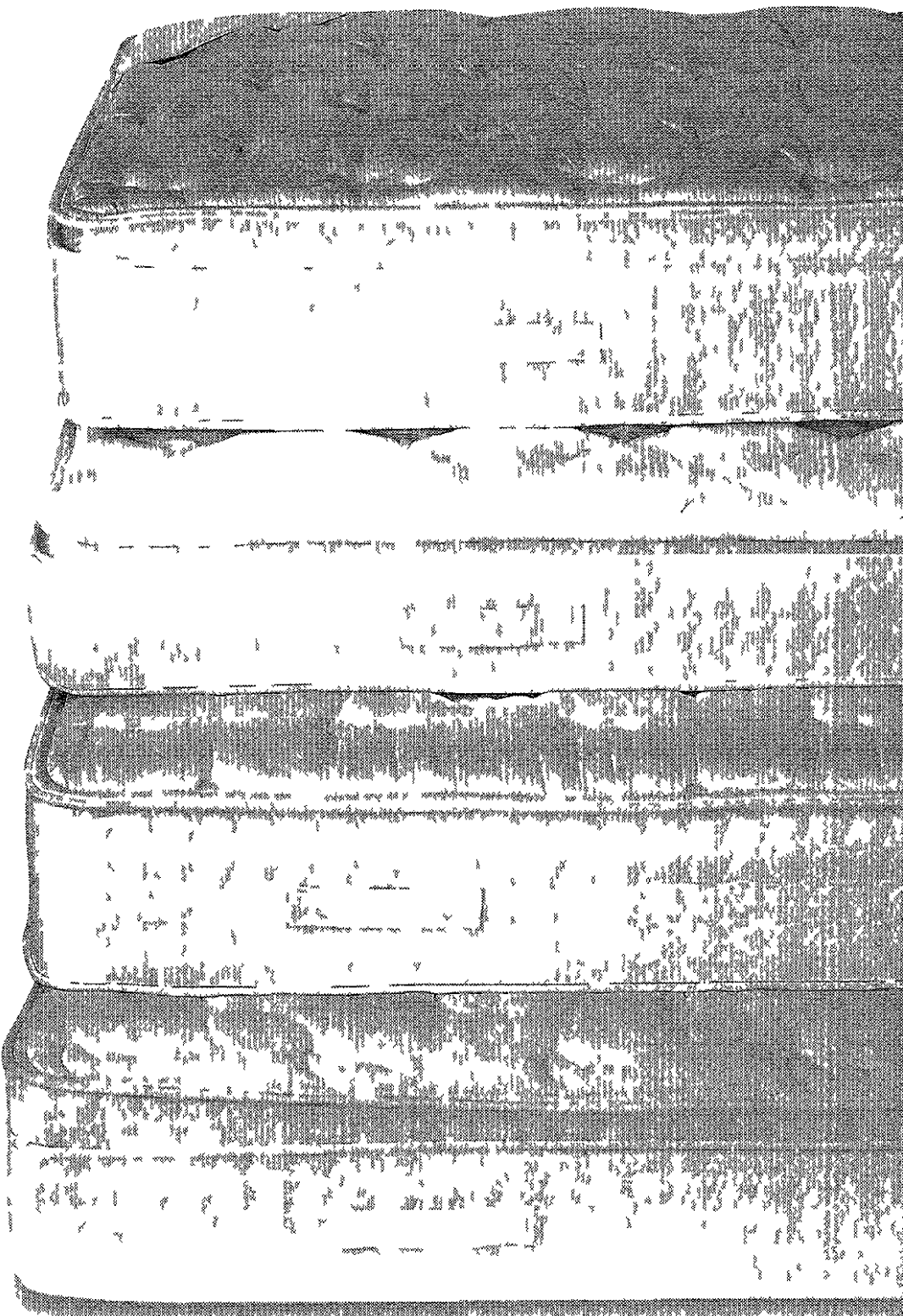
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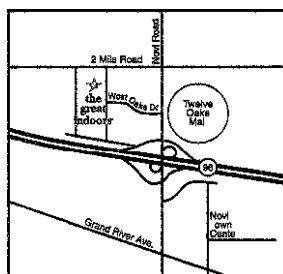
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Fictional 'Da Vinci Code' collides with official church teachings

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

David Conrad fears that even though *The Da Vinci Code* is billed as fiction, there will be those who take it for fact when the movie arrives in theaters on Friday, May 19. He had the same feeling after reading Dan Brown's novel by the same title when it came out in 2003, so he put together a series of four presentations in September 2004 to set the record straight. On Wednesday, May 17, Conrad was scheduled to revisit the subject at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia where he directs the faith education programs.

Discrepancies in Brown's book leave little doubt the work is fiction. Brown himself says he wrote the story that begins with a murder in the Louvre Museum in Paris to explore "certain aspects of Christian history." While the characters are fictional, the artwork, architecture, documents and rituals all exist. There was a second century sect known as the Gnostics who claimed to possess secrets that went beyond the faith proclaimed by the Christian church. Gnosticism comes from Gnosis, a Greek word meaning knowledge.

"The book created curiosity, questions about history and theology," said Conrad of Livonia.

"By looking at history it can help us appreciate who Jesus is and come to the realization that early church history is not

a murky mess. We can know something about Jesus, Mary Magdalene and Christianity in its early years by looking at records available to us.

"There is archeological evidence. Gospel texts can help provide evidence. Four gospel texts were composed between 35 to 60 years after Jesus' time on earth."

Conrad timed the May 17 presentation to enlighten moviegoers before they entered the theater to see the Sony Pictures movie starring Tom Hanks. Conrad plans to see the movie himself.

"At some level people do take the novel seriously," said Conrad. "Characters in the book are being presented as legitimate scholars so people who don't know better or about the historical and theological evidence, they might be taken in. People are very curious about matters of faith. They're searching for truth. The topics presented in the novel resonate with people because they're searching, looking for answers."

Karen Buddenborg is going to see the movie just because "there's so much talk about it." She planned to attend Conrad's presentation at St. Aidan Catholic Church where she is a member.

"The Da Vinci Code appeals to people's sense of reason," said Buddenborg. "It has a feel almost like a true story so it can be misconstrued."

Conrad says Christians must realize the relationship that exists between faith and reason

if they are to believe. "So often today we're faced with only two options, either decide from a perspective of faith or purely from perspective of reason," said Conrad. "People need to realize the two are not in conflict with each other. They're just approaching an explanation of the truth using different disciplines. The two work hand in hand."

"Ultimately as Christians we realize historical data is not enough for faith. Claims of Christianity are intelligible, but it comes down to a personal choice. No one can force one into faith."

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Bicyclists invited to leisurely trip along Rouge

The Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn will host 'Pedaling with the Current,' a family-friendly bicycle tour along the Rouge River 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 3.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, contact Rick Simek, EIC program supervisor, at (313) 583-6371.

Participants should bring their bicycles for a leisurely tour along the new Rouge River Gateway Greenways Trail, which runs

through the campuses of Henry Ford Community College and UM-Dearborn, and includes parts of Wayne County and City of Dearborn parks.

Participants may choose to stop at a number of activity stations that will be set up along the path at various locations to explore river-related issues like water-quality testing, aquatic-creature sampling, organic gardens, and the Rouge River Bird Observatory.

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Nominees sought for history teacher of the year

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is seeking nominations for the annual Michigan History Teacher of the Year Award. The Institute, in partnership with Preserve America, inaugurated the award in 2004.

The History Teacher of the Year Award is designed to promote and celebrate the teaching of American history in classrooms across the United States. It honors one exceptional K-12 teacher of American history from each state and U.S. territory. The selection of the state winner is based upon several criteria, including experience in teaching American history, evidence of creativity and imagination in the classroom, and close attention to documents, artifacts, historic sites and the other primary materials of history.

The state winner will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and will be in the running for the National History Teacher of the Year award to be selected this fall. His or her school library will receive a core archive of history books and materials.

The deadline is May 31. For more information, contact Gordon Andrews, Michigan coordinator, at (269) 674-4709 or gandrews@portageps.org.

The 2005 Michigan History Teacher of the Year was Tom Sleeter of Southfield-Lathrup High School.

Founded in 1994, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History promotes the study and love of American history.

Schoolcraft sponsors poetry reading today

Poet Laurence Lieberman will read from his works on 7 p.m. today in the Forum Auditorium at Schoolcraft College, with a reception following outside the auditorium.

Lieberman is an English professor at the University of Illinois and poetry editor for the University of Illinois Press. He has published 14 collections of poetry, and three volumes of

literary criticism. His most recent book is *Carib's Leap* selected and new poems of the Caribbean from Peepal Tree Press of Leeds, England. His works have been widely anthologized.

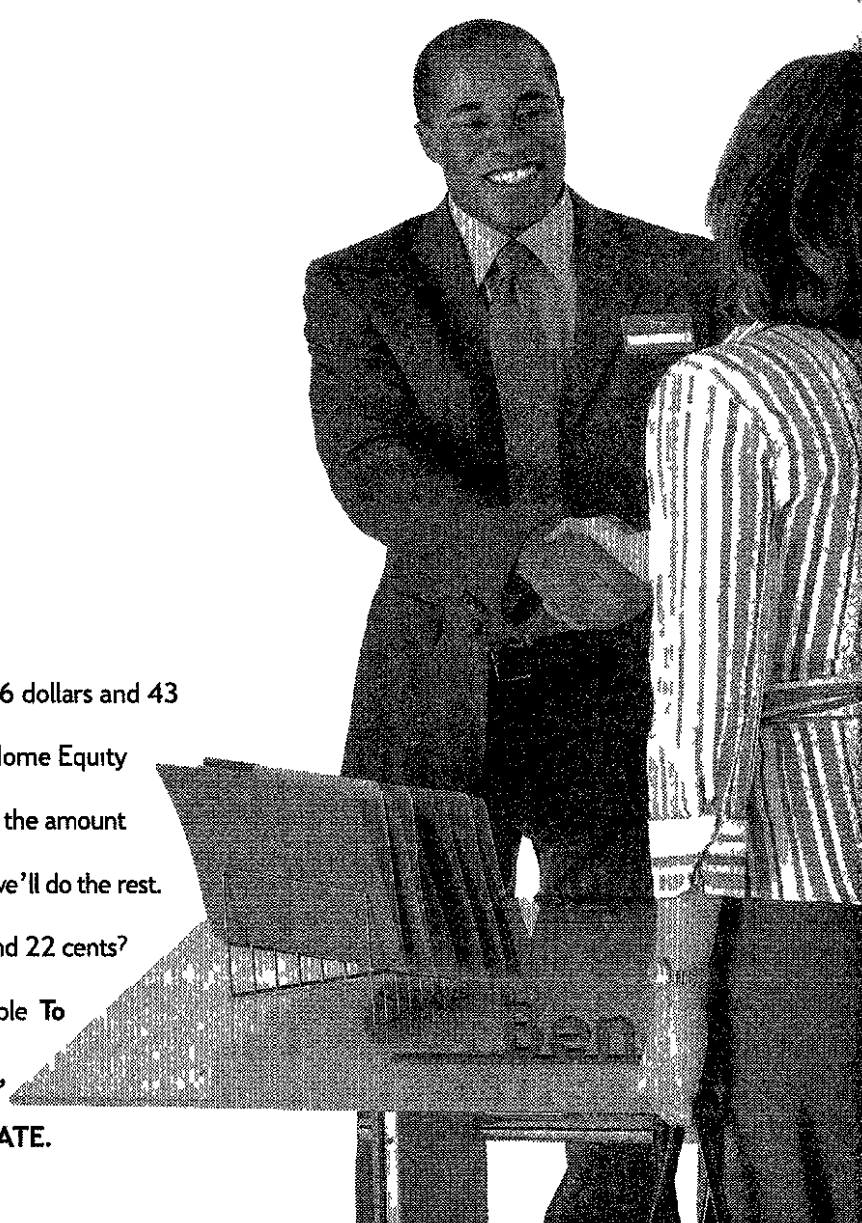
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The Salem boys tennis team stroked its way to a school record 11-0 dual-meet record this season. Pictured (front row from left) are Lawrence Washington, Blake Foster, Cam Loftus, (back row from left) Steve VanDusen, Alex Poe, Dave Geick, Pawel Kargol, Pete Bartlett and Neil Bakshi.

STRING MUSIC

Hard work leads to Salem netters' record-setting season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's only fitting that the Salem boys tennis team's courts are just a long lob shot from Joy Rd.

After all, the Rocks' recent journey to the top of the Western Lakes Activities Association standings has been a non-stop joyride for the past six weeks.

While the journey has been fun for the deep and talented squad, it hasn't been a leisurely stroll down Easy Street. Salem had to knock off peren-

nial powerhouses Livonia Stevenson (5-3 on April 26) and Northville (5-3 on May 5) to earn its championship title and 11-0 dual-meet record.

"This team is a lot like the Pistons — everybody works hard every practice and every match," said Salem coach Bill Nelson, who has served as either an assistant or head coach at Salem for the past 23 years. "When they fall behind, they know what it takes to dig it out."

"I've had some very good teams at

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REFUSE TO LOSE

Salem's boys tennis team has chalked up several significant accomplishments this season. Among the most noteworthy are:

- 11-0 dual-meet record, which put it atop the competitive Western Lakes Activities Association
- 5-3 victories over Livonia Stevenson and Northville, both of which have owned the WLAA's top spot over the past several years;
- Two Rocks — No. 3 singles player Blake Foster and No. 4 singles player Neil Bakshi — have compiled perfect 20-0 records, and
- Salem placed first in the Essexville-Garber Invitational and second at the Woodhaven invitational tournaments.

Baptist's 2 goals pace 'Cats' win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When it came time to pick out an early graduation present for her senior teammates Monday night, Plymouth's Clare Baptist decided to chip in on something money can't buy.

The junior forward tallied two goals to help lead the Wildcats to a 5-2 victory over Salem in a game played in drizzly conditions on the P-CEP varsity stadium turf.

The high-scoring triumph lifted Plymouth's record to 7-8 overall. More significantly, it was the first varsity girls soccer victory for the Wildcats over a fellow P-CEP team.

It was nice to be able to help the

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seniors get a win over Salem before they graduated," said Baptist, who netted the Wildcats' first and fourth goals. "They beat us pretty bad last year, so it felt good to finally beat them."

"On my first goal, I got behind their defense and ripped the ball at the net. I didn't even think on the second one — I just spun around and kicked it."

Plymouth was also bolstered by the strong offensive showing of senior mid-fielder Stacy Dillon, who rang up two goals and an assist. Dillon is playing her first season for Plymouth after transferring from South Carolina last summer.

Stacy has been a great addition to our team, added Baptist. She's a great player and she helps us keep possession of the ball."

For the youthful Rocks (3-6-2), the loss was another in a season that has been filled with growing pains.

"I thought we played well early and put a lot of pressure on Plymouth," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We generated four corner kicks in the first five minutes, but we couldn't finish." "At the other end, I think Plymouth

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Sidelines

McKee signs

Canton senior soccer player Erik McKee recently signed a letter of intent to play collegiate soccer for Georgetown (Ky) College, an NAIA school that plays in the Mid-South Conference.

McKee was a two-year All-Western Lakes Activities Association performer. The talented defender also earned All-Observer honors following his junior and senior seasons.

Albion awardees

A trio of Canton graduates was honored recently by the Albion College women's track-and-field team.

■ Erica Stoney, the daughter of Matthew and Susan Stoney of Plymouth, earned a fleece jacket as her second varsity award;

■ Carrie Oleszkowicz, the daughter of Mark and Cynthia Oleszkowicz of Plymouth, received a certificate for her first varsity award, and

■ Jacquelyn Williams, the daughter of Julie Willoughby of Albion, earned a fleece jacket for her second varsity award. Williams ran a leg on the school's record-setting 400-meter relay team during the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships.

The Britons posted a 4-2 dual-meet record and placed third in the two-day MIAA league championship meet with 122 points.

Badminton tourney

The Northville Parks & Recreation Department will be sponsoring its Fifth Annual Midwest Badminton Tournament June 2-4 at the Hillside Recreation Center in Northville.

The event's "World Class Badminton Experience," which is set for Saturday at 1:30 p.m., will feature some of the United States' top badminton players, including Halim Haryanto of Orange County, Calif.; Kevin Han of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Raju Rai of Orange County, Calif.; Eric Go of Orange County, Calif.; and Erin Hois of Downer's Grove, Ill. Singles matches for the event begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Contact Northville Parks & Recreation Athletic Supervisor Joe Barberio at (248) 449-9947.

Baseball camp

The Canton Chiefs summer baseball camp still has openings. The camp, which is for kids aged 7 and up, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 19-23 at the Canton varsity baseball field.

The cost of the camp is \$100. Registration forms for the camp can be obtained at www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com or by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144.

Okolo jumps on fast track to success

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Okolo is the friendliest, most-personable 16-year-old you'd ever want to meet — unless you happen to line up next to her seconds before a 100-meter dash.

At that point, it's all business for the Plymouth High School track-and-field standout, who collects school records like most of her fellow students collect CD's.

"Right before a race, I get very focused and try not to look around at the other runners," said Okolo, a sophomore. "The start of a race is so important. I just focus on the finish line and tell myself it'll be all over in just a couple of seconds."

"I try to stay low and keep my head down for the first three to five seconds of the race. If I stand straight up early in a race, it slows me down."

TOP OF THE LIST

Judging by the frequency that her name appears in the current Observerland Best Track Times listing, Okolo has been doing a very good job of staying low. As of Tuesday, the 10th-grader was fourth in the 100 (12.8 seconds), ninth in the 200 (27.4) and second in the long jump (16 feet, nine inches), an event she didn't even attempt until early this year.

"Stephanie is a classic sprinter," said Plymouth coach John Dunn. "She not only runs the 100 and 200, but she anchors our four-by-100 and four-by-200 relay teams."

"As an athlete, she has really matured since her freshman season. She's willing to work harder this year compared to last and she's grown into the sport more. Stephanie seems very determined to do well and to get better, and I expect a lot more from her during her junior and senior years."

Okolo currently owns school records in the 100, 200 and long jump — and the impressive list may grow by one event next year.

"I'm considering moving her up to the 400 next year," said

PLEASE SEE OKOLO, B2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth sophomore Stephanie Okolo has been a standout sprinter and long-jumper for the Wildcats' track-and-field team this spring. In the fall and winter, Okolo was a member of the school's junior varsity cheerleading squad.

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scored goals on their first five shots. That's not all (Salem net-minder) Jill Slabey's fault. It's a team thing.
"Probably the thing we need to improve on the most is to shoot the ball more. We need to go to the goal and take more shots. A lot of times we get opportunities, but we hesitate, and then the opportunity is gone. Gave credit to Plymouth, though. They played very well tonight."
Baptist scored off an assist from Dillon 10 minutes into the contest. The Wildcats doubled their cushion 52 seconds before halftime when Dillon took advantage of a 1-on-1 opportunity to knock the ball past Slabey to make it 2-0.
Two minutes into the second half, Dillon displayed the ball-dribbling skills that earned her a soccer scholarship to Coastal Carolina University, a Division 1 school located in South Carolina. She secured possession of the ball 40 yards out, wove through the heart of the Salem defense then launched a left-footed laser from the left hash mark that curved over Slabey's outstretched hands and into the upper-right-hand corner of the net.

"Stacy was playing mid tonight, so we were asking her to do more defensively," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "But she's also capable of doing some amazing things offensively, too."
Tara Duncan converted a penalty kick with 34:01 left to bring the Rocks to within 3-1. They nearly dented the lead even more less than a minute later, but Wildcat goalie Brittany Warner went high in the air to suffocate a twisting corner kick.
The right-footed Baptist left-footed in a rebound shot from 15 yards away to put Plymouth ahead, 4-1, at the 27:29 mark.
Even the ultra-talented Warner was no match for Salem forward Kelly Adsit's high, hard header from 20 yards out, which made it 4-2 with 4:37 to play.
Plymouth ended the match like it started when Chelsea Quinlan hammered home a goal from in front of the net after controlling a pass from Val Klemmer.
"Hopefully this win will give us momentum heading into the final part of our schedule," said Neschich.
Nora praised the play of Duncan, Sara Stanslawski and Jill Behrman.
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Plymouth's Clare Baptist (left) and Salem's Miranda Evers battle for possession of the ball during Monday night's cross-campus showdown.

OKOLO

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Dunn "She has a lot of potential in that event and that's an area we've been weak in. Stephame ran a 1:06 quarter-mile for us last week and she jogged the first 200. I think if she worked at it, her time would be down around a minute-flat in no time."
Dunn said his star sprinter's outgoing personality traits match her athletic abilities.
"She's such a good kid," Dunn said. "She's very enthusiastic and boisterous. I've never heard anybody say a negative thing about her. Her teammates love Stephame because she's so easy to get along with."

GIVE ME AN 'O'

Okolo generates cheers on a year-round basis at Plymouth High School. In the spring, she's cheered for her track accomplishments. In the fall and winter, she cheers for the Wildcats' football and basketball teams.
"Being a cheerleader helps me for track because I'm always stretching and it helps with my flexibility," she said. "I'll run on the weekends with my sister (Karen) during the summer and I ride my bike a lot, but I don't run competitively during the off-season."

Okolo said graduating from middle-school track-and-field (she ran for West Middle School) to the high school version was a major step.

"It's so much more serious at the high school level," she said. "In middle school, I think I ran every event at least once. Now, it's more specific and we're taught more technique. In middle school, I ran for the fun of it. This is still fun, but it's more serious at the same time."

WELL-ROUNDED PERSON

Okolo is a stellar student, having studied her way to a 3.3 grade-point average through the first half of her high school career.

"It would be nice to get a scholarship for track some day," she said, "but I'm only a sophomore, so I haven't thought about it too much yet. If I could pick a college right now, I'd choose Michigan State."

Okolo was born in the United States, but her family tree is rooted in Nigeria, the country where her parents were born.

"My family has gone back to Nigeria three times to visit my relatives," she said. "It's fun because I get to see my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins."

There are at least two meets remaining in Okolo's sophomore season — Friday's Division 1 Regional meet at the P-CEP varsity stadium and the Western Lakes Activities Association meet the following week.

Dunn said there's a good chance his talented 10th-grader's schedule will grow by one meet depending on what happens Friday.

Stephame has a good chance of qualifying for the state meet in the long jump," said Dunn.

Chiefs 6th in primer for D1 Regional meet

In a primer for Friday's Division 1 Regional meet, the Canton boys track team placed sixth at the Jackson Northwest Last Chance Invitational held May 13 in Jackson.

Grand Ledge ran away with the invite's top honors, racking up 85 points. Finishing just ahead of Canton (45.5 points) were runner-up Adrian (53), Chelsea (51), Jackson (50) and Jackson Lumen Christi (48).

This was the first time we've run in this meet and I was very impressed with the level of competition," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "For the past dozen or so years we've competed in the Troy Athens Relays on this weekend, but they were canceled a couple of weeks ago. The people at Jackson Northwest were kind enough to let us in their meet at the last minute, and I'm glad they did. It was a very well-run event."

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The Chiefs received a pair of first place efforts. Cyrus Azizi won the 400-meter dash in 50.6 and their 1,600 meter relay foursome of Andy Rossow, Phaltiel Whitlock, Tim Belcher and Azizi broke the tape first with a 3:29.0 clocking.

Also earning points for Canton were Steve Paye (fourth in the discus, 136 feet), Eric Thornton (fourth in the high jump, 5-11), Andy Rossow (tie for sixth in the high jump, 5-9), Ryan Langdon (third pole vault, 11-11), Rossow (fifth in 400, 52.0), Tim Belcher (fourth in 300 hurdles, 42.9), Whitlock (sixth in 800, 2:04.9), and Azizi (fourth in 200, 23.1).

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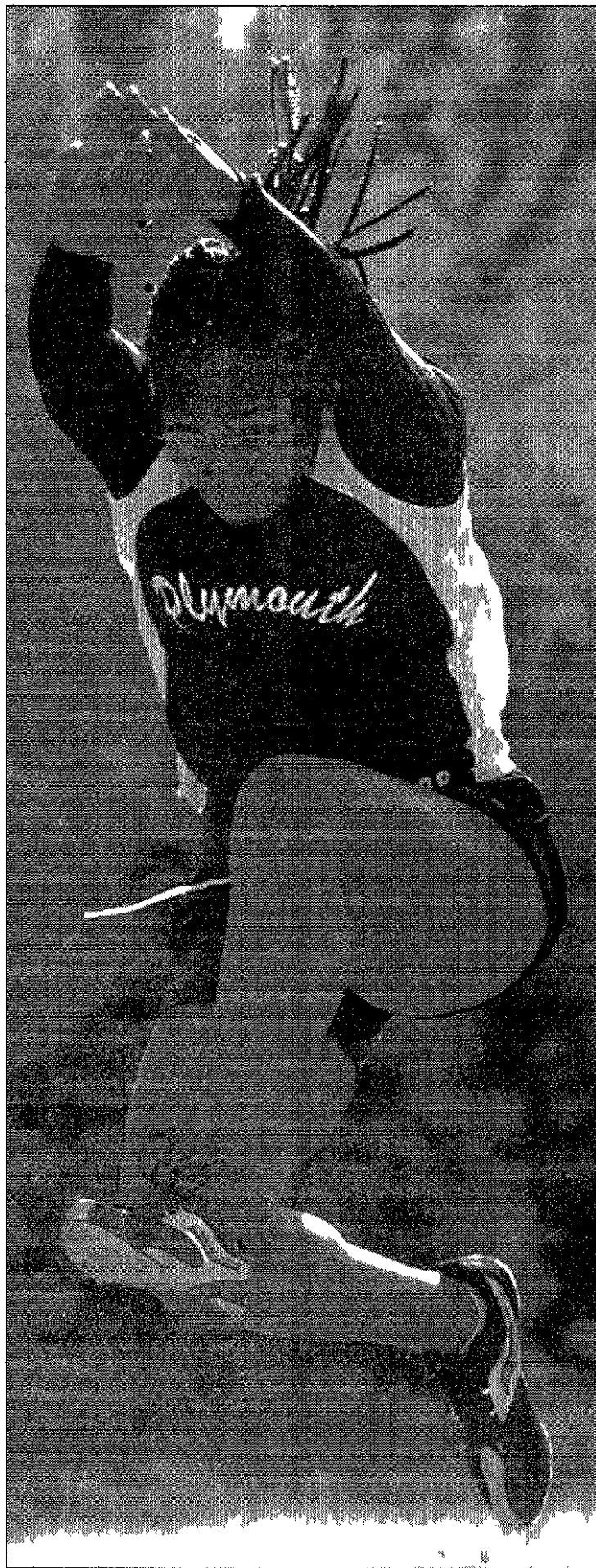
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SHOWCASE OF SPEED

- **What:** Division 1 Regional boys and girls track-and-field meet
- **When:** Friday — field events begin at 1 p.m., preliminaries for running events set for 3:30 p.m., finals scheduled to start at approximately 6:30 p.m.
- **Where:** P-CEP varsity stadium
- **Who:** 16 teams — Canton, Salem Plymouth Livonia Franklin, Livonia Churchill Livonia Stevenson, Detroit Cass Tech, Dearborn Fordson Dearborn Edsel Ford Dearborn High, Detroit Cody, Detroit Western International Garden City Redford Union, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn
- **Defending champ:** Detroit Cass Tech
- **What's at stake:** Top two individual finishers in each event qualify for Division 1 state meet June 3 in East Kentwood. Athletes can also qualify by posting predetermined qualifying standards.

GIRLS TRACK TIMES

- BEST GIRLS TRACK LISTING
SHOT PUT
Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 38.3
Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 37.10.5
Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 35.3.5
Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 35.1
Paige Evans (Ladywood) 33.7
Kailee Hobbs (Churchill) 32.3.25
Bridget Mailoy (Ladywood) 31.7.5
Lauren Brown (Franklin) 31.6.25
Rebecca Refenes (Luth Westland) 31.5
Olivia Rork (Luth Westland) 31.4
DISCUS
Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 119.10
Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 114.0
Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 112.0
Kailee Hobbs (Churchill) 111.5
Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 108.6
Kathy Hansen (Wayne) 98.10
Colette Fodera (Stevenson) 95.4
Shannon Getchen (Churchill) 94.11
Nicole Bergeski (Churchill) 93.11
Ashley McClellan (Canton) 92.0
HIGH JUMP
Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 5.4
Brittany Petty (Plymouth) 5.2
Meghan Lwenski (Stevenson) 5.0
Kara Piorkowski (Stevenson) 5.0
Izabela Paszkowska (Canton) 4.11
Mya Hall (John Glenn) 4.11
Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 4.10
Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 4.10
Alex Serowkey (Ladywood) 4.10
Mandy McManus (Plymouth) 4.10
LONG JUMP
Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 17.0.5
Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth) 16.9
Megan Wilson (Franklin) 16.7
Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 16.4.25
Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 16.0.50
Dana Eldred (Salem) 15.6.5
Chelsea Pashnick (Stevenson) 15.5.5
Allie Plisko (Stevenson) 15.4.5
Ashley Parker (John Glenn) 15.4
Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 15.2
POLE VAULT
Allie Vraniak (Salem) 10.0
Marla Winkler (Stevenson) 9.6
Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 9.2
Jackie Demers (Churchill) 9.2
Eren Urat (Churchill) 8.8
Meghan Powers (Franklin) 8.8
Michelle Blackstone (Stevenson) 8.6
Jennifer Olmstead (Churchill) 7.8
Katie Hale (Plymouth) 7.8
Heather Daniels (Wayne) 7.8
100-METER HURDLES
Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 15.2
Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 15.2
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BOYS LACROSSE
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Plymouth freshman Jill Morton has played a key role in the Wildcats' success this season both with her long jumping skills and sprinting ability.

BOYS TRACK TIMES

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Geoff Leskie (Stevenson) 49.9
Greg Copeland (John Glenn) 48.11
Matt Shilek (Redford Union) 48.1
Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 47.1
Ryan Jonik (Canton) 46.4
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Jon Robinson (Churchill) 46.1
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Wardell Fuqua (Canton) 44.4
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Steve Paye (Canton) 150.4
Kris Bollerud (Franklin) 145.3
Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 144.5
Joe Zugaj (Canton) 138.5
Geoff Leskie (Stevenson) 138.1
Robert Pennywitt (Redford Union) 136.10
Jon Robinson (Churchill) 135.6
James Refenes (Luth Westland) 133.10
Gerald Lou (Plymouth) 131.9
Justin Polehna (Churchill) 129.1
HIGH JUMP
Eric Thornton (Canton) 6-5
Andy Rossow (Canton) 6-2
Mitchell White (Stevenson) 6-1
Chuck Estone (Churchill) 6-1
Cam Scharchburg (Plymouth) 6-0
Ian Thornton (John Glenn) 6-0
Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 6-0
Marlon McFall (Churchill) 5-10
Dan Chynoweth (Franklin) 5-10
Pat York (Stevenson) 5-10
Alante Whiting (John Glenn) 5-10
Justin Floyd (Redford Union) 5-10
Frederick Watts (Churchill) 5-10
Jace Bearden (Salem) 5-10
John Robertson (Wayne) 5-10
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Myles White (Stevenson) 21.2
Josh Butler (Canton) 21.0.5
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Chuck Estone (Churchill) 20.8
DeQuan Williams (Redford Union) 20.6
Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 20.6
Okemi Oparaeke (Canton) 20.1
Israel Woolfork (Franklin) 20.1
Darius Williams (Franklin) 20.0
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Ryan Santa (Churchill) 14.0
Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 13.0
Ben Ambrose (Plymouth) 12.6
Ryan Langdon (Canton) 12.6
Andrew Cutshall (Stevenson) 12.6
Joe Pond (Stevenson) 12.6
Brandon Larsen (Garden City) 12.0
Ben Ambrose (Plymouth) 12.0
Nate Sherwood (Plymouth) 12.0
Josh Hubenschmidt (Churchill) 11.6
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Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 15.5
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Marcus Bennett (Thurston) 16.2
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Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 41.9
Alan Culbertson (Franklin) 41.9
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Friday May 19
Plymouth at Canton 4 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Stevenson 4 p.m.
Saturday May 20
Plymouth at Miford (DH) 11 a.m.
Lakeland at Salem 11 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Friday May 19
Canton at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Salem 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 20
Canton and Salem at Madonna Invitational TBA
Sunday May 21
Canton and Salem at Madonna Invitational TBA
BOYS TRACK & FIELD
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Division 1 Regional at P CEP Varsity Stadium
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The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team is enjoying a successful inaugural season. Pictured (front row from left) are Caitlin Andrews, Sara Tiderington, Kate Spangler, Lauren Medley, Samantha Weidendorf, (second row from left) Jillian Miller, Kristen Schwan, Laura Burton, Rainey Warner, Katy Russel, Edra Burris, Ashlie Forchione, (third row from left) Megan Early, Sarah Palczynski, Alex Rabe, Nicole Sheldon, Stephanie Matusiak, Jessica Murray, Heather Duncan, Kayla Coleman, Sarah Pursell, Morgan Franke, Angel Lucas, (top row from left) coach Dave Medley, Arielle Pietron, coach Gary Schwan, Amy Coleman, Lauren Not pictured is Kaytlin Moore.

Lady Warriors thump Bedford

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team ousted Bedford, 13-1, Monday night in a game played at Heritage Park in Canton. The game was the Lady Warriors lone home game of the season. Scoring for PCS were Morgan Franke (three goals), Heather Duncan (two), Sara Tiderington (two) and Kate Spangler (Plymouth). Angel Lucas, Amy Coleman, Arielle Pietron and Kaytlin Moore each tallied one goal a piece. The defense was paced by Rainey Warner, Nicole Sheldon and Lauren Patterson.

HOLT TOURNEY

The Lady Warriors went 1-1 at the Holt Round-Robin Tournament on Saturday.



Plymouth-Canton Salem's Heather Duncan (15) scored on this shot against Temperance-Bedford Monday night at Heritage Park. The Lady Warriors won, 13-1.

PCS avenged an earlier loss by defeating the host Rams, 7-4, in the opener. Notching goals for PCS were Spangler (Plymouth), Duncan (Canton), Ashlie Forchione (Canton) and Franke. Kate Russell (Salem), Sarah Palczynski (Plymouth), Patterson (Canton) and Laura Burton (Salem) provided strong defense in the winning cause.

In the second game, the Lady Warriors dropped a 7-3 decision to Brighton. Duncan, Sara Tiderington (Salem) and Stephanie Matusiak (Plymouth) scored for PCS. Strong play by Edra Burris (Salem), Alex Rabe (Salem) and Jillian Miller (Canton) kept the Lady Warriors in the game, according to coach Dave Medley.



Salem head tennis coach Bill Nelson and assistant coach Lin Ware have led the Rocks to an 11-0 dual-meet record this season.

TENNIS

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Salem over the years, particularly the 1996 team. But overall, this one is the most solid from top to bottom. I can't even remember the last time we beat Northville. If we did before this year it was a loooong time ago."

BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

Senior captain Blake Foster said he figured the Rocks would be good this season — but not *this* good.

"I thought we would be improved over last year because we had a lot of seniors coming back and our No. 1 singles player, Lawrence Washington, had improved a lot since last year," said Foster, who was 20-0 at No. 3 singles heading into Tuesday's rain delayed WLAAs conference meet. "I just didn't know how we would match up against Northville and Stevenson. When we beat Stevenson, I knew we were good because Stevenson had already beaten Northville."

Nelson credited several of his players year round dedication to the sport as the primary reason for the Rocks' resurgence.

Eight of the kids played over the winter at the Huron Valley Tennis Club in Ann Arbor, said Nelson. "(Assistant coach) Lin Ware's husband, Mike, is the pro out there and he set something up so that the boys could play on Friday nights during the off-season. I think that helped a lot."

YOUTHFUL TALENT

Only a sophomore, Washington has handled the pressure that goes with the No. 1 singles spot with poise and success, compiling a 17-3 mark against many of the elite players in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Lawrence has lost about 20 pounds since last year, so he's as quick as a cat out there now," said Nelson. "Last year, he would stay back on the baseline and play a power game. He still has the power game this year — but he's a lot quicker, too."

"His dad told me before the season that Lawrence worked extremely hard on his game ever since last season ended. They have some courts across the street from their house and Lawrence's dad said that Lawrence would play from the time he got up until it was dark."

The Rocks' other singles standouts have

Like every successful high school tennis team, the Rocks have benefited from strong play from their doubles players. The No. 1 duo of captain Dave Geick and Pawel Kargol has racked up a 17-3 mark while the No. 3 tandem of Jake Burnstein and Kevin Steinman has meshed to the tune of a 9-1 overall mark (6-0 in the WLAAs) since they were paired together just over three weeks ago.

been senior Pete Bartlett, who is 16-4 at No. 2, and junior Neil Bakshi, who is 20-0 at No. 4.

"It seems like we've grown more confident with every win," said Bakshi. "We're at the point now where we expect to win every time we step on the court."

DOUBLES DEPTH

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"And our No. 4 doubles team (Matt Benson and Steve Van Dusen) has lost just twice," Nelson said.

The Benson-Van Dusen duo's biggest win was a 6-3, 6-4 triumph over Stevenson's Wes Dwight and Dan Grecco.

Despite their perfect league dual-meet record, the Rocks need to win the conference tournament to ensure the overall championship, something they haven't done since 1979.

The conclusion of the conference meet was pushed back to Wednesday due to wet weather.

"It would be nice to win the conference meet, but even if we don't, this has been a special season," said Nelson. "It's been a fun ride."

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Patriots can't solve Plymouth's Ostrowski

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

To help offset Plymouth's robust offense, Livonia Franklins outfielders played a few steps in front of the warning track during Tuesday afternoon's Western Lakes Activities Association divisional showdown at Plymouth.

The defensive strategy worked as the Wildcats managed to score just once.

Unfortunately for the Patriots, they didn't have an answer for Plymouth starting pitcher Claire Ostrowski, who struck out seven and yielded just three hits in the Wildcats' 1-0 victory.

"Claire did a great job, as usual," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "She was throwing exceptionally hard today."

The win improved Plymouth's record to 16-4-1 overall, 11-2 in the WLAA and 8-2 in the Western Division. The Patriots slipped to 11-12, 5-9 and 3-7, respectively.

Defense and pitching set the tone for us today," said Canfield. "Offensively, we hit the ball hard, but most of the time it was right at people."

The game's lone run was scored in the fourth when sophomore catcher Madison Dresser singled and scored on Kim Klonowski's double. Danielle Bondy, Klonowski and Ern Rodes paced the winners' 10-hit attack with two hits a piece.

Heather Jaroh (double), Alyssa Bonsall and Jaleece Lavine recorded the Patriots' hits. Jaroh was the only Franklin base-runner to reach second base.

Kim Topolewski went the distance on the mound for the Patriots. She struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Klonowski sparked in the field as well as the plate, according to Canfield.

"Kim made two great plays in the first inning," she said. "On the first one, she jumped as high as she could to snare a line drive. Then she went deep into the hole on a grounder between short and third and threw the runner out with an off-balance throw."

CANTON CLASSIC

Plymouth finished 2-0 in the eight-team rain-shortened Canton Classic Saturday.

"The girls played phenomenal all

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day," said Canfield. "I've never seen them play at such a high caliber."

In the opener, the Wildcats slammed Belleville, 8-2, behind the offensive exploits of Klonowski (4-for-4, four runs) and Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-4, three RBI).

Ostrowski shut out the Tigers over the first two innings while notching one strikeout. Ally Ciotti earned the victory after working the final five innings, giving up two hits and three walks.

Plymouth, which out-hit Belleville 9-2, scored four runs in the first, one in the third, two in the fifth and one in the seventh.

In the second game, Plymouth edged Summerfield, 4-1, behind Ostrowski's three-hitter. The Wildcats scored a pair of runs in the first before adding a pair of insurance markers in the seventh. Summerfield's lone run came in the fourth.

Ostrowski struck out 10, walked two and yielded just three hits for Plymouth, which managed just five hits of its own off freshman hurler Rachel Ratiff.

Ostrowski (2-for-3, two RBI), Rachel Juco (double), Ern Rodes (double) and Klonowski (1-for-2, walk) supplied the Wildcats with all the firepower they needed at the plate.

"Both pitchers did a nice job," said Canfield.

In the finale, the Wildcats tied Northville, 4-4. Plymouth led 4-1 in the seventh when the Mustangs took advantage of the wet conditions to push across three runs.

It started pouring in the seventh inning and Claire had a hard time gripping the ball," said Canfield.

Two Wildcats ripped fence-clearing home runs. Klonowski, who delivered a two-run shot in the fourth, and Ern Ondusky, who drilled a two-run homer in the sixth. Lauren Stemberger also had a big day at the dish, going 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles.

Ostrowski struck out four while yielding five hits and four walks.

Based on the tie-breaker rule, Northville and Canton qualified for the championship games since they gave up the fewest runs in their respective divisions. The final game was postponed however due to poor weather.



Victorious Indians

The Michigan Indians won the 2006 USSSA Michigan Bulls Pre-Season Tournament in Dearborn May 6-7. The title earned the Indians a berth in the USSA National Tournament which is set for this summer in Oklahoma City, Okla. The Indians downed the Mississauga (Ont.) North Tigers, 6-5 in the championship game. Pictured (front row from left) are Kevin Delapaz (Plymouth), John Jakubik (Plymouth), Tyler Rusin (Canton), Joel Seddon (St. Clair), Matt Wilner (White Lake), Zack Cisek (Canton), Kevin Bechard (Trenton) (back row from left) Greg Lenhoff (manager), Adam Forster (Belleville), Nathan Gendron (Plymouth), Matt Schaeffer (Plymouth), Kyle Sampson (Belleville), Jeremy Shay (Garden City), Marty Mitchell (Dearborn) and Jeff Dundas (coach). Not pictured is Lance Fortney (Wolverine Lake).

Warriors' late rally short

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team tallied three late goals Saturday against Rockford, but they weren't enough as the Rams escaped with a 10-6 victory.

The loss dropped PCS to 9-4 while Rockford improved its mark to 9-6.

"We played hard throughout the game," said PCS coach Mike Costello. "If we could have thrown out the second quarter (when the Warriors were outscored 3-0) we would have been all right. It was our best game against a Top 10-caliber team."

Johnny Groat paced the Warriors' offense with three goals. Josh Shifferd, Nick Saia and Mitch French also found the back of the net for PCS.

Nick Cote chipped in with two assists while John Savino was credited with one helper.

It was nice to see Josh Shifferd and Nick Saia score goals — they

really helped our midfield," said Costello. Johnny Groat, John Savino, Pat Goulet and Mike Cooley all played well at midfield.

Nick Cote filled in at midfield and was just outstanding. He played hurt, too, and still gave us a gutsy effort."

Chris Sorensen recorded 14 saves for PCS in the rain-soaked contest.

Rockford, the 12th-ranked team in the state, led 4-2 after one quarter and 7-2 at the intermission. The Rams took a 9-3 advantage into the final 12 minutes.

The Rams outshot PCS, 27-18, and won the groundball battle, 35-33.

The Warriors return to action tonight when they host Ypsilanti Lincoln at 8 p.m. at the junior varsity stadium located just south of Plymouth High School. PCS will host Mattawan on Saturday in a contest set to commence at 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS SHORT

CHEER TRYOUTS

The Wolverine All-Stars will be holding tryouts for the 2006-07 cheerleading season on Saturday beginning at noon. A non-refundable \$25 tryout fee is due at the time of the tryouts and will be applied toward each cheerleader's team fees or the annual registration fee.

Private tryouts throughout the month of May can also be arranged.

This will be the first year that the Wolverine All-Stars will compete in the field of highly competitive cheerleading. The team will be coached by Pam St. John, who has coached at the University of Michigan for the past 23 years.

The Wolverine All-Star Cheer Gym is located at 3460 Ellsworth Road (between Carpenter and Platt roads) in Ann Arbor. To arrange a private tryout, or for more information, contact St. John at (734) 395-8496 or e-mail St. John at pstjohn@umich.edu.

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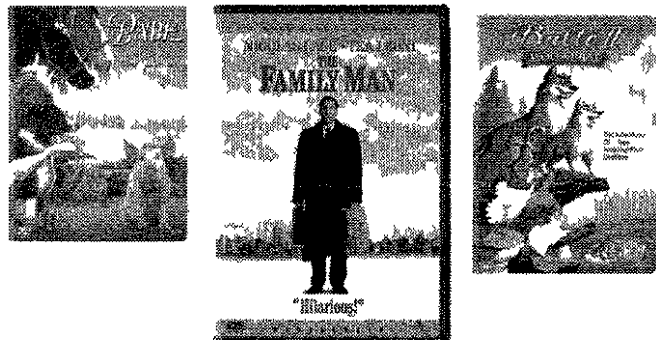
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Crusaders advance to NAIA Super Regional with 8-1 win over Tech

The Madonna University baseball team made history Friday night in Indianapolis, becoming the first men's team in any sport to capture a NAIA regional title, defeating Indiana Tech 8-1 in the championship game at Marian College (Ind.)

The Crusaders (34-19-1), who were a perfect 4-0 in regional games this week, used a combination of solid starting pitching and a slugging offense to advance to this week's NAIA Super Regional in Chicago.

With the win, the Crusaders move on to face St. Xavier in a best of three series. The winner will earn a trip to the NAIA World Series.

In the Region VIII championship clincher, Madonna got on the board early with a lead-off home run from Canton native Kevin Entsminger (Redford Catholic Central) to take a 1-0 lead.

The Warriors came back to score in the top of the second after a walk and error allowed Shawn Place to reach third and later score on a wild pitch by MU starter Ryan Bardon.

Madonna regained the lead in the third when Entsminger walked to lead off the inning and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Tony Luttmann.

While the Crusader bats warmed up, Bardon kept the Warriors at bay, going the final seven

innings without allowing another run and striking out seven.

The Crusaders added a run each in the fourth and fifth innings, including a solo home run by designated hitter Dave Herrick (Westland/Livonia Churchill) to give MU a 4-1 advantage through five.

In the sixth, former Warrior Ben Ramsey (later named regional player of the year) dealt a decisive blow, launching his second home run of the tournament over the left field fence, a three-run shot, expanding the Madonna lead to 7-1.

MU began celebration of their regional title after Bardon got Todd McKilip to ground to

Jason Barbeau for the games final out.

SEMI-FINAL RECAP

The Crusaders advanced to the NAIA Region VIII championship game after a 7-5, 10-inning victory over Bethel College at Kaufman Field in Indianapolis Friday afternoon.

MU got on the board first scoring twice in the second innings on a two-run single by Todd Kalmbach.

Madonna padded the lead in the third when Gary VanAllen scored on a sacrifice fly by Barbeau and Entsminger scored on a wild pitch for a 4-0 lead.

MU's Haeger upbeat about team's chances

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Two extremely hot college baseball teams are headed for a collision at this week's National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Super Regional in Chicago.

But when the dust settles from the best of three series, Madonna University head coach Greg Haeger likes the chances of his guys getting past the other guys from St. Xavier and moving on to next week's NAIA World Series. The opener is set for 4 p.m. (ET) on Thursday.

"We had St. Xavier twice at our place early in April and we took two out of three," Haeger said. "They're a very good baseball team, they're traditionally a top team in the NAIA and we haven't seen two of their pitchers."

"But I like our offense better than theirs and I like what our pitching staff is doing."

He really likes his team's chances at the NAIA Super Regional because of huge contributions made by Observerland products at the NAIA Region VIII playoffs.

Pitching a shutout in the regional opener was senior pitcher Derek Dufrane (Belleville).

Earning a win over Bethel with five-plus innings of one-run relief was senior Scott Miller (Farmington Hills).

Coming through with a lead off homer to set the tone for the Crusaders in Friday's 8-1 clincher against Indiana Tech was Canton native and Redford Catholic Central alum Kevin Entsminger.

Clubbing three homers throughout the rain-soaked but successful week was junior outfielder Tony Luttmann (Farmington).

"He (Luttmann) is another driving force," said Haeger, still enjoying MU's 4-0 run last week to emphatically claim the Region VIII championship played at Marian College in Indiana.

Madonna (34-19-1) rolled over Indiana Tech in the regional title contest with the same kind of formula that has helped turn the Crusaders into a force since early April.

From Entsminger's home run right on down the lineup, the Crusaders - as has often been the case this season - featured a top-to-bottom offensive barrage.

For example, there were round-trippers by Westland's Dave Herrick (Livonia Churchill) and former Warrior Ben Ramsey (WHAC and Region VIII Player of the Year).

Augmenting that was stellar pitching, this time from Ryan Bardon, and defense.

If those components of Madonna's game keep working, the Crusaders should prove very tough for the Cougars (31-24). Meanwhile, Haeger knows his team is sharp and on-task. He noted how the Crusaders weren't bothered by numerous rain delays at the regional and took care of business when they finally saw the field.

"This is a very focused group of kids," Haeger said. "To the ballplayers' credit, they did have to sit around a little bit. But once they were able to play, they did what they had to do."

That being said, Haeger plans on coaching at the Super Regional with the kind of urgency such a matchup deserves. If that means making quick pitching changes, or any other move, so be it.

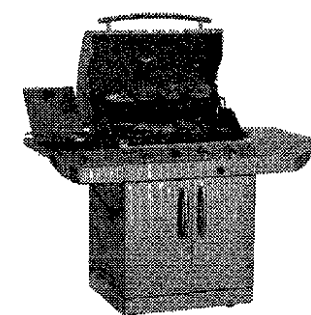
"You're playing for the opportunity to go to the (NAIA) World Series," Haeger emphasized. "Maybe I'll go out earlier and pull a guy if he's getting wild because I have a large number of quality arms."

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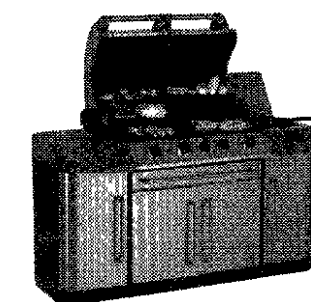
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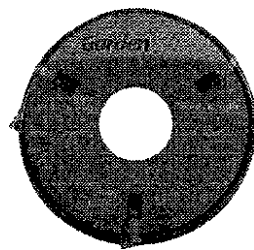
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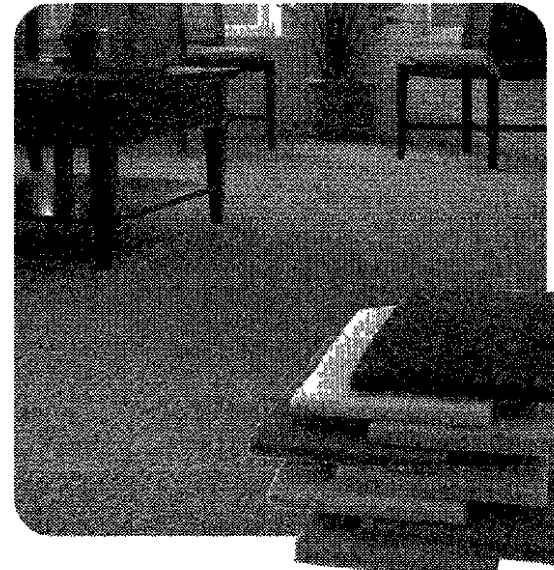
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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The Gems on Ice synchronized skating teams are currently holding private auditions for the 2006-07 season. The Gems, who skate out of the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth, will be fielding USFS juvenile, novice, junior and masters teams.

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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.

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■ 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 must purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.
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For more information on the summer youth sports leagues, call (734) 453-2904.
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The Plymouth Wildcats are looking for a varsity cheer coach and a varsity wrestling coach. For more information, contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

DNR's plans to sell land alarms some

Access — or lack thereof — is an issue that never disappears, especially here in southeastern Michigan. Whether it's access to a hiking area, access to a spot to pick mushrooms, access to a birding area, access to hunting land, or access to fishing waters there never seems to be enough to pacify the needs of outdoor-minded people.

Outdoor Insights

That's why it's alarming to many residents in southeastern Michigan to learn that plans are in the works by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to sell off close to 600 acres of parkland in Commerce Township — part of the Proud Lake State Recreation Area.

The sale is part of the state's "Land Consolidation Strategy," in which the DNR is looking at state-owned lands that lie outside the boundaries of state parks, state recreation areas and state game areas for potential sale. Lands to be offered for sale are supposed to be lands with marginal or limited recreational and environmental value.

The money garnered from these sales of such lands is to be used to purchase additional state land parcels adjacent to the boundaries of existing state lands. The goal, the state says, is "no net loss" of state-owned land.

That sounds like a pretty good plan, especially for areas in northern Michigan where large tracts of open forestland remain. But here in southeastern Michigan, where farms and forests have been paved and developed, there isn't much open land left. What remains of forestland, grassland, and wetlands in southeastern Michigan should be protected at all costs.

The 600 acres in Commerce Township doesn't appear to fall into the category of disposal. According to Randy Ston of the Group Save Our State Land, access is readily available to the parcel along Wise Road between Union Lake Road and Carroll Lake Road. It is also, "the headwaters of the Huron River," Ston said.

Save Our State Lands is holding a public meeting to discuss the potential sale of the land beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at the Multi-Lakes Conservation Club, 3860 Newton Road, between Commerce Road and Oakley Park Road in Commerce Township.

Ston says state Rep. David Law will be in attendance along with township officials. Call Ston at (248) 363-6811 or Ellen Smith at (248) 363-2592 for more information about the meeting or visit www.landchoices.org/SaveProudLake.htm.

The DNR states that it is "committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural resources for current and future generations." If that's true, the DNR should take a serious look at the parameters it is using in this land consolidation strategy.

It should make a concerted effort to maintain and increase state land available to people living in the most populated section of the state and do everything it can to provide access to the limited natural resources that remain here.

A 600-acre parcel of wildland isn't a big chunk of land in northern Michigan where there are millions of acres of state and federal land. But in southeastern Michigan, where public land is at a premium, 600 acres is huge.

The tract in Commerce Township is not the only piece of state land that will be put up for sale here in southeastern Michigan.

To learn more about the state's land consolidation strategy, visit the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Check on the Land Consolidation link on the right side of the home page. (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.)

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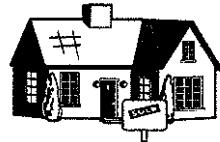
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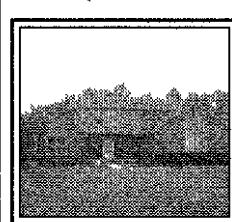
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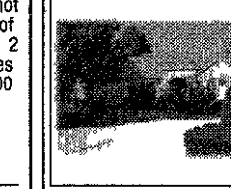
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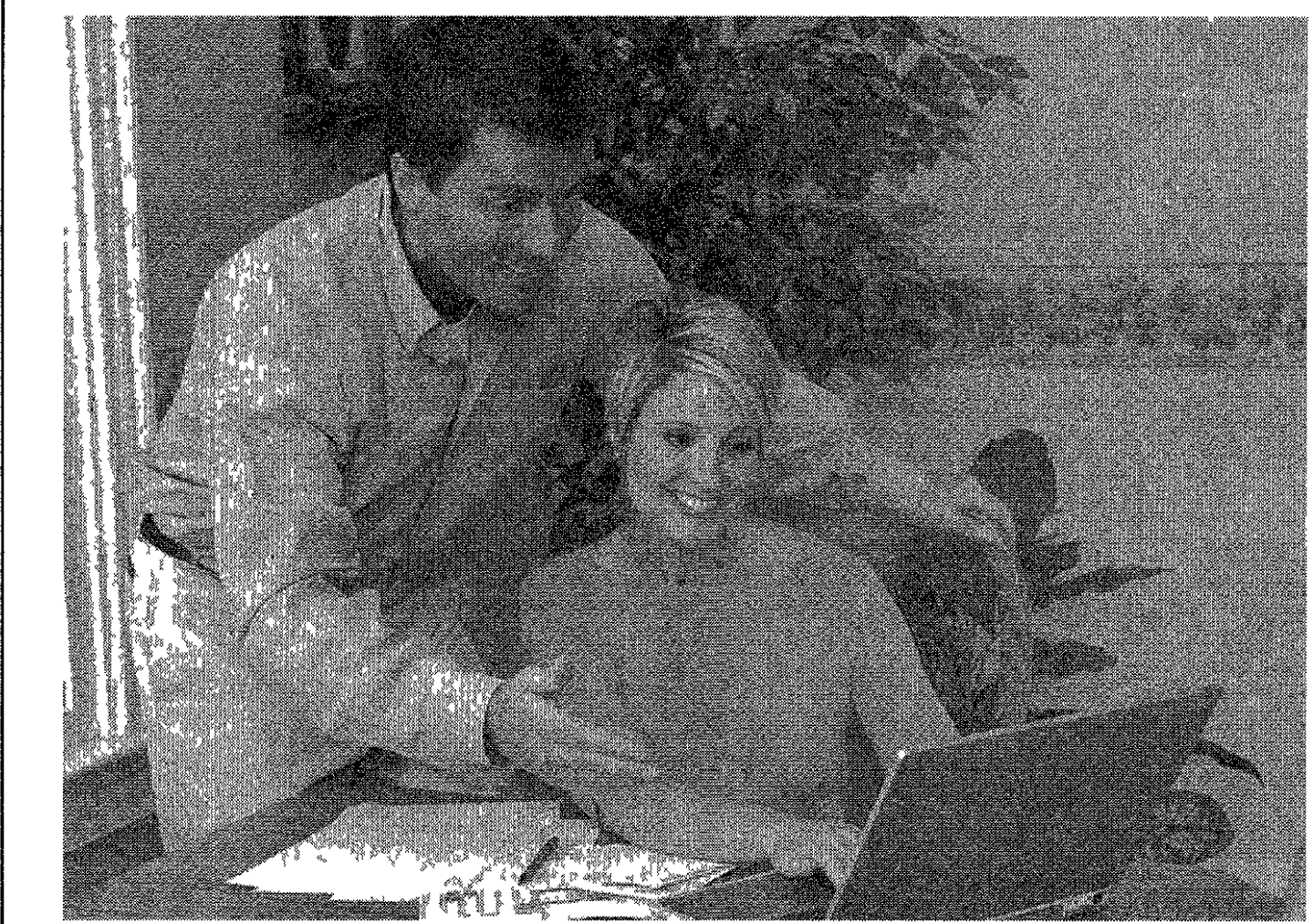
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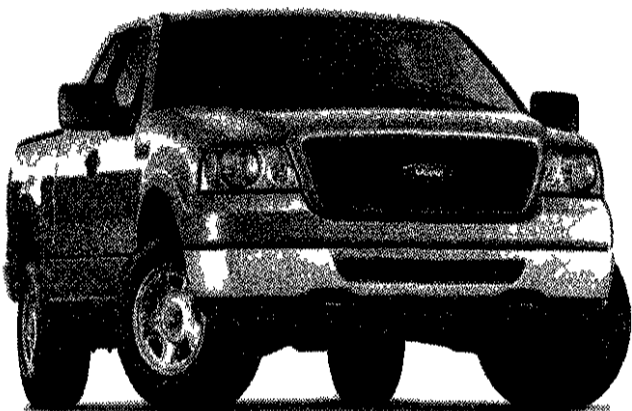
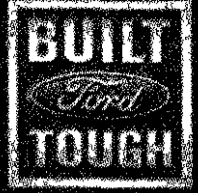
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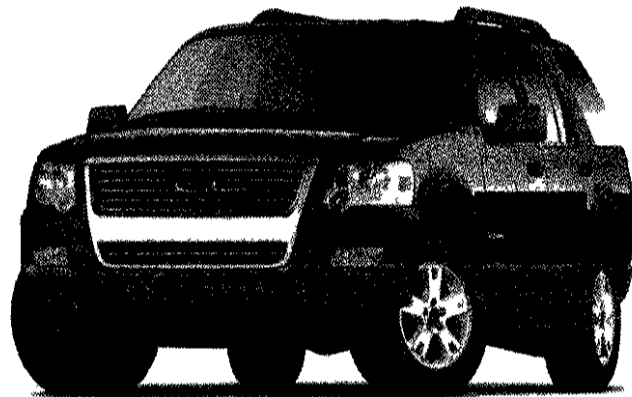


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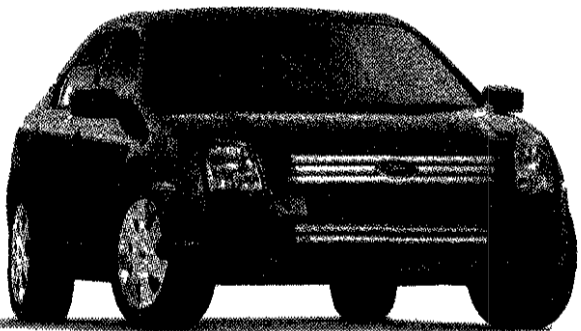


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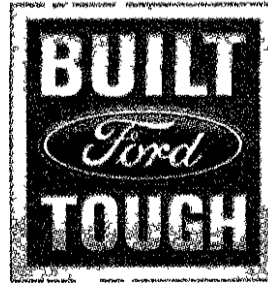
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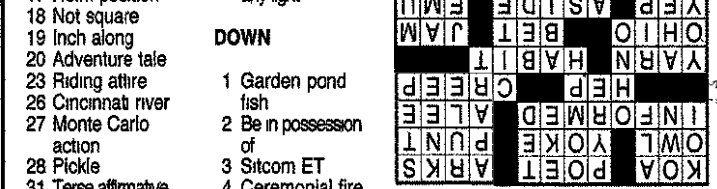
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Is this man an anomaly? The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that in 1967, the first year categorized by age 70 and older, 1 228 million people in the cohort were working This figure almost doubled in 38 years, to 2 347 million, in 2005 In 1935, Social

Security was instituted, with no regular retirement age Since that time, older people have been enjoying both improved health and life expectancy The Web site of the National Academy of Social Insurance, a nonprofit, non-partisan organization, states that "life expectancy at age 65 (in 1935) was 12 5 years Today, it is 17 5 years, and by 2030, it is projected to be 19 years" Companies and individuals, meanwhile, have been colliding over age discrimination, enforced retirement and an economy that exacts higher and higher prices for the same lifestyle or less Some people keep working

Octogenarian Earl Swanson of St Paul, Minn , was working 42 to 45 hours on a five-day week at Quality Metals, a steel warehouse "My wife asked me to cut it down to three days per week," he says Now he works ten and one-half hour-days every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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job each week He's owned for 41 years, and, eight years prior, sheared in another shop Spirited background talk comes through the telephone

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"I feel better when I'm working," Swanson, the purchaser, states "In the (Minnesota) winter, you can't get outside that much Working is good for your mind and it's good for your health" Croudy has been trying to sell his business, but the right buyer hasn't come along

But for these three, work isn't just about money It's an integral part of life Human nature amuses Croudy He hears guy-talk, the equivalent of conversation among women in the beauty shop of "Steel Magnolias" Croudy does get away from it all, though He loves to fish

In a glorious juxtaposition, Brown continues to fly, but he's selling his airplane "The insurance company is nervous about me flying," he remarks, "so they've raised the rates from \$6,000 to \$18,000, among other things The FAA doesn't discriminate, as long as you can pass a biannual flight review and physical I ride a bike 35 minutes per day, five days per week For the money I'm saving on a plane, I can rent"

"Some of my friends think I'm crazy,



Roger Croudy, 71, works 60 hours a week in his shop, New Era Barbers.

that I should be retired and relaxing," Swanson states "I think I'm afraid to retire, because I think you lose a lot of your mobility and your thinking power If I keep working, I don't sit in the chair and doze off I enjoy work My wife says that I can't wait to get up and leave the house The crew comes at 7 00 I start at 5 30"

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Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

General Motors workers, managers and executives are tired of taking it—the criticism of their products and of their business acumen, the speculation about the future of the company and about the jobs of thousands of its individual workers

So, increasingly, they're fighting back—with words, yes. But also, much more important, with products. And the new, 2007 GMC Yukon is a case in point. This vehicle is going to help GM tremendously in holding onto its market share in the large-SUV sweepstakes where, despite higher gas prices, the company still makes its bread and butter.

First, though, about the fighting-back words that we're hearing increasingly from GM. Just last month, in a speech to the Swiss American Chamber of Commerce, for example, GM Vice Chairman Bob Lutz had one of those 'I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore!' moments. Or at least he spoke as if he'd had one.

Now all of our regions will be operating as one company going forward, Lutz said, after explaining how GM has streamlined its product-development process and aligned its planning and manufacturing capabilities under global auspices. And that will show in our improved product lineup. In fact, the process has already begun. The products we've recently introduced, and the ones to come in the short term, are the best we've ever introduced.

This might have been where Lutz began bragging, as he had many times before, about the Yukon and other new and improved vehicles that are pouring out of GM's pipeline these days. But instead, Lutz took a bit of a detour and noted that it's hard to get people to realize that, indeed, the products GM is fielding now are the best that it ever has manufactured and marketed.

Lutz went on to recount, by name, some of the criticism that GM has been fielding lately, ranging



The 2007 Yukon gets an impressive 21 mpg on the highway and 15 mpg in the city.

from President Bush's comment that GM is going to have to learn to compete to comments from auto-industry securities analysts, journalists and others that amounted to one thing: GM just isn't making the vehicles it needs to make if it's going to get American consumers excited again.

Then, Lutz went on to list some of our awful, boring products, as he put it tongue-in-cheek, and see just how unpopular they are. He cited the new Chevrolet HHR, for which the company has raised sales forecasts twice, now up to about 132,000 a year. He cited the Chevrolet Impala, which just overtook the Nissan Altima as the third-best-selling car in the country.

And there was more. Lutz also mentioned three hot GM models, including two brand-new vehicles, that are completely sold out: Chevrolet Corvette, and the new Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky two-seaters.

Then, Lutz said, what GM is most proud of are its big new, full-size sport utilities like the Yukon. After reciting some criticism that GM has taken about staying married to such large vehicles, Lutz said, 'We went ahead and launched our new SUVs anyway. Let's see, how they're doing.'

Among the data that Lutz shared was that GM's year-to-date share of the large-utility segment, including Yukon, was 67.5%, up 8.6 points from a year ago. And that the average transaction price versus last year's models was Yukon, up \$6,700, and Escalade, up \$10,000.

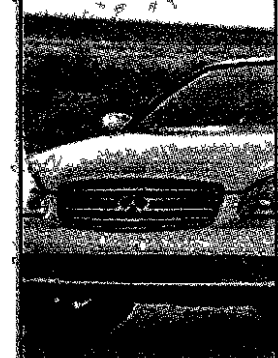
So we're selling more of them, for more money, Lutz said. The pundits will say that's just because they're brand new, but we'll see, because we think these are the best SUVs that have ever lived.

I don't know if I, personally, would go that far, but having spent several days driving around the 2007 Yukon, I'm not at all surprised how enthusiastically American consumers are embracing them.

For one thing, there's the ride, which is more like a car and less like a truck than the old models. Yukon now rides on a new frame whose sections include some that are hydroformed steel—formed with highly pressurized water—for improved stiffness with less weight. A power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering system provides crisp response. The vehicle is actually wider by more than three inches in front and one inch in the rear, enhancing stability and lowering the center of gravity. Even the standard wheels are bigger—18 inches versus 17 inches. All of that adds up to a better-riding vehicle than the Yukon it replaced.

So do improvements in the powertrain. The version I drove had the 5.3-liter Vortec V8 which features GM's new displacement-on-demand system, which shuts off half the cylinders under light load for improved fuel economy. Though that's the mode I was driving in practically the entire time I had the vehicle, there was always plenty of power. And the mileage on the 2007 Yukon was an impressive 21mpg on the highway and 15mpg in the city.

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Great food,
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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Keith Doorenbos has not spent, in his words, much time tasting Michigan wines

That's why the Farmington Hills resident tried different varieties of wines from 80 wineries from the Midwest and Ontario Thursday at the Great Lakes Great Wines Walk Around Tasting at Oakland Community Colleges Culinary Studies Institute in Farmington Hills

It's a fabulous event, Doorenbos said. There's a great selection and variety here. I haven't spent a lot of time with Michigan wines, but I'm getting a chance to taste a lot of the local wines.

The event drew more than 200 guests to try the wineries' wines and taste foods from country clubs, restaurants and OCC's Culinary Studies Institute. Darlene Levinson, the event's organizer and OCC instructor, estimated the event would raise about \$10,000 for scholarships and help finance trips for culinary competitions.

All of the chefs give their best for this event, Levinson said. "Every one of them. We're really proud of the (OCC) graduates, and the food they create for this event is awesome."

Doorenbos enjoyed all the food and liked the fresh shrimp spring rolls with nuoc cham sauce, created by executive chef Doug Ganhs of OCC's Culinary Studies Institute. That sauce was fabulous, he said.

Artie Doorenbos, Keith's wife, enjoys the Culinary Studies Institute and has lunch there with friends. The couple likes in the Orchard Ridge campus with everything from walking their dog to enjoying a classical harpist there and supporting the event was a way of giving back to the community, they said.

Deborah Hoover and her husband Craig Seiferd, both of Canton, sampled the foods and wines, reviewing a list of the winners decided by 21 judges earlier that day. "I'm trying to become better educated about wines," Hoover said. "We want to learn about and buy better wines, and learn more about the Michigan wines."

"We're tasting and trying different ones and my husband is taking notes. But more than anything, we're having a good time."

I don't see a lot of local wines, but to see all of these wines in one place is a unique experience," Seiferd said. "We're looking for the wine that is the pearl in the oyster."

Seiferd concluded that the event was really all about the food.

All of the restaurants featured OCC culinary graduates, including Steve Allen, chef and owner of Steve & Rocky's in Novi, Eric Voight, pastry chef at Tribute in Farmington Hills, David Howell, executive sous chef at Detroit Athletic Club, Denise Caurdy, executive chef of the Travis Point Country Club in Ann Arbor, and Andrew Sayes, chef de cuisine of the Ritz Carlton Dearborn.

Others were Ted Teeter, executive chef at PF Changs in Troy; Mark Dixon, executive chef of the Dearborn Country Club; Tariq Hanna, pastry chef of the Motor City Casino; and Denise Whipple, chairwoman of Traveling Tea Time. OCC's booths had foods from Ganhs, executive chef Kevin Enright and executive pastry chef Roger Holden.

Chefs use the event to socialize with their culinary colleagues.

"We see a lot of friends," said Randall Smith, executive chef at the Walnut Creek Country Club and part-time instructor at OCC. Smith, who worked with Master Chef Milos Cihelka at the former Golden Mushroom, competed on the same team with Ganhs at the 1996 World Culinary Olympics. "It's kind of a social event for us. When we hear about the event, we look at the calendar, and if there's no parties (to cater), we'll be there."



Garden buffs will take in the natural beauty of this spring and summer's blooms at the upcoming walks and tours.

Go take a walk
...in
the
garden

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The month of May is probably the most critical one for gardeners.

The last frost hits - in theory anyway - on or about May 15. It is also the time when weeds are pulled, debris is raked and soil prepared. Novice and master gardeners alike pack the greenhouses, which stand to make hay while the sun shines.

But it is also time to mark the calendars for when your favorite local garden walks are scheduled. It is a chance to meet neighbors and get ideas for your own yard or pick up a little advice.

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The reinvented
Napster puts free
music on the Web

Napster was all over the news a couple of weeks ago, and with good reason. It's giving away music. Well, sort of. You probably remember Napster as the "service" that launched a thousand lawsuits by enabling people to swap MP3 songs over the Internet.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

After nearly being litigated out of existence, Napster was reborn as a legitimate online music store. A pretty good one, too.

In 2005, Napster made another Madonna-like move at reinventing itself, becoming the Internet's first music-subscription service.

For a flat monthly fee you could download all the songs you wanted. In the months that followed, AOL, Rhapsody, Virgin Digital and Yahoo all followed suit.

Now Napster is back to giving it away. Well, sort of.

Visitors to the company's newly overhauled Web site (napster.com) will find a music lollapalooza, a mammoth library of songs, artists, playlists and more - all free for the listening.

There are catches, of course. For starters, you can't download the songs unless you're a paid subscriber, you can only stream them to your PC.

Plus, each song can be played only five times, after that, you have to buy it outright (songs cost 99 cents each, which is typical of online stores) or become a subscriber.

In my book, those are reasonable limitations. Not much different from the free crab samples you get at Costco. You get a good taste, but if you want more, pay up.

No, the real hitch is that the free songs sound about as good as AM radio. Napster does this on purpose so listeners won't make bootleg digital records.

PLEASE SEE NAPSTER, D5



The new Napster Web site is home to more than 2 million songs, all of which you can listen to free of charge. There are catches, of course.

Chef produces documentary on Taiwan

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Tofu. Either you love it or you don't. Many food lovers don't enjoy tofu's soft texture, but if you try stir-frying the extra firm tofu, it takes on a different texture and flavor.

Keith Farnie, chef turned *Survivor* turned documentary maker, sautes the tofu in olive oil, adding dried oregano and basil to one side of it, then flips it, adding soy sauce and deglazing the pan.

Farnie adds that flavor with stir-fried vegetables in a wok for a Taiwanese-style dish.

I was never a big tofu fan until I cooked it like this," he said.

Farnie discusses Taiwanese cooking in a new documentary *A Taste of Taiwan*, scheduled to be broadcast at noon Sunday, May 21, on WDIV-TV. Farnie traveled to Taiwan last year to create that documentary.

Farnie of Novi once owned Les Auteurs and worked at Chez Raphael and Forte.

Farnie is a local chef who shot to national prominence five years ago on the CBS television show *Survivor II: The Australian Outback*. Since *Survivor*, he has written cookbooks and produced food documentaries for the Food Network and WDIV.

Farnie was approached to do the show by the Taiwanese government. Taiwanese try to distance themselves from mainland China,

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Keith Farnie created this Taiwanese-inspired vegetable stir fry with herb-crusted tofu.

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Deck seminar
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Remodeling, design
Remodeling and design seminars are scheduled Saturday, Sunday, May 20-21 at The Great Indoors at Fountain Walk Mall, 44075 W. 12 Mile in Novi. Call (248) 679-1000. Saturday the topics will be kitchen design 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and counter tops 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday meet the kitchen and bath designers anytime between 1 and 3 p.m.

House Tour 2006
Temple Israel Sisterhood will present House Tour 2006 featuring six spectacular homes in Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 tour day. Tickets are available until tour

day at the Temple Israel office. Call (248) 661-5700. For information call Janie Roth at (248) 865-3008, Beverley Wolgin at (248) 626-2657 or Barbara Ben at (248) 855-9792. The event benefits projects of the sisterhood.

Indian Village tour
The 33rd annual Indian Village Home and Garden Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 3 in the turn of the century neighborhood on Seminole, Iroquois and Burns from Jefferson to Mack avenues in Detroit. Advance tickets (\$13 per person) may be bought by mail until Sunday, May 28 by sending a check or money order payable to Indian Village Home and Garden Tour (along with a stamped self-addressed envelope) to Advance Ticket Sales, Historic Indian Village Home and Garden Tour, P.O. Box 14616, Detroit, MI 48214.

They are also available online at www.historicindianvillage.org. Tickets will be \$18 per person on tour day and will be on sale at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church at Jefferson and Burns, Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church at Vernor and Iroquois and Waldorf School, 2555 Burns at Charlevoix. For recorded information or a tour brochure call (313) 922-1736 or visit www.historicindianvillage.org.

Bed skirt
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If your gasoline power tool doesn't start easily, one of the most likely problems is a faulty spark plug. It is a good idea to replace the spark plug on small engines, especially two-cycle engines, annually.

These are rather inexpensive, usually around two or three dollars, and fairly simple to change. In most cases, an adjustable wrench is all that is needed.

The owner's manual will have the specific size and type of spark plug needed.

If you don't have a copy of the owner's manual, manuals can often be found on the Internet. You can also simply take the

spark plug along and match it to the new one.

Be certain that when you reinsert the spark plug that you don't overtighten it.

Another often overlooked item is the air filter. A dirty air filter keeps the air, needed to proper burn gasoline, from your engine. This results in poor engine performance and poor fuel economy, and can cause premature wear on your engine.

Again, consult the owner's manual on how to change or clean (it depends on the type of filter on your engine) the air filter. Most small engines have no sort of oil filter. It is imperative that the oil be kept clean for long engine life.

It's a good idea to change the oil at least once a season, preferably in the fall. If you didn't change the oil in the fall, do it now.

Run the engine for a few minutes before changing the oil. This warms the oil and makes it drain from the engine easier than when it is cool.

On most engines there is a drain plug (a small, square-headed bolt) near the base of the engine. Remove this plug over a drain pan of some sort, and let the oil flow out.

When the engine is drained, replace the plug and add new oil. It is usually added at an oil fill tube near the top of the engine.

The tube will usually have a cap with a picture of an oilcan on it.

Again, the owner's manual will give you much-needed information on changing the oil.

Please dispose of the old oil properly. Many service stations, in particular Meijer gas stations, have courtesy oil drops. Never pour waste oil into storm sewers.

For safety's sake, look over the lawn equipment for any parts that appear loose or broken. Tighten or replace them as necessary.

If you aren't comfortable doing repairs yourself, have the tool repaired by a person qualified to do the work. Don't forget to check blades for wear and damage.

As a final note, avoid wearing sandals or open-toed shoes, wear eye protection and wear hearing protection when working with power tools.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident.

Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Symphony League tour features 5 homes

The Plymouth Symphony League, in honor of the 60th season anniversary of the Plymouth Symphony, will present its spring home tour, Estates and Unique Homes of Plymouth, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21.

Three spectacular homes in the city of Plymouth and two estates in the township will be featured.

The event is the major fund-raiser to support the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 when bought on the day of the tour.

For tickets, or more information, call K.C. Mueller at (734) 455-0075 or (734) 368-4959 (cell), or Jo Swerc at (734) 451-5596. Visit PlymouthSymphony.org for information about the symphony.

Residences on the tour are: ■ A house, in the Hough Park area, that was the first home of the daughter of the man for whom the park was named, the founder of Plymouth's Daisy Manufacturing (air rifle).

The home is open to the public for the first time to honor the 60th anniversary of the orchestra and to support the rebirth of the Penn Theatre.

■ A house that is more than 9,000 square feet and overlooks the fairways of the Plymouth Township Hill Top Golf Course.

The home uses a geo-thermal heating system, and a tankless water heater with recirculating lines.

■ A home featuring a 24-foot high grand foyer limestone and granite entrance that looks straight to the two-story portico, through arches and barrel ceilings. It also has two first-floor master suites.

■ A custom three-story Victorian home designed and built in the heart of Plymouth that features four bedroom suites, front and rear multi-

level staircases, a billiards loft, tiered decks overlooking Tonquish Creek, a gourmet kitchen, spacious rooms, and three fireplaces.

■ A newly expanded stately brick home with more than 7,500 square feet of living space and a five- to six-car garage.

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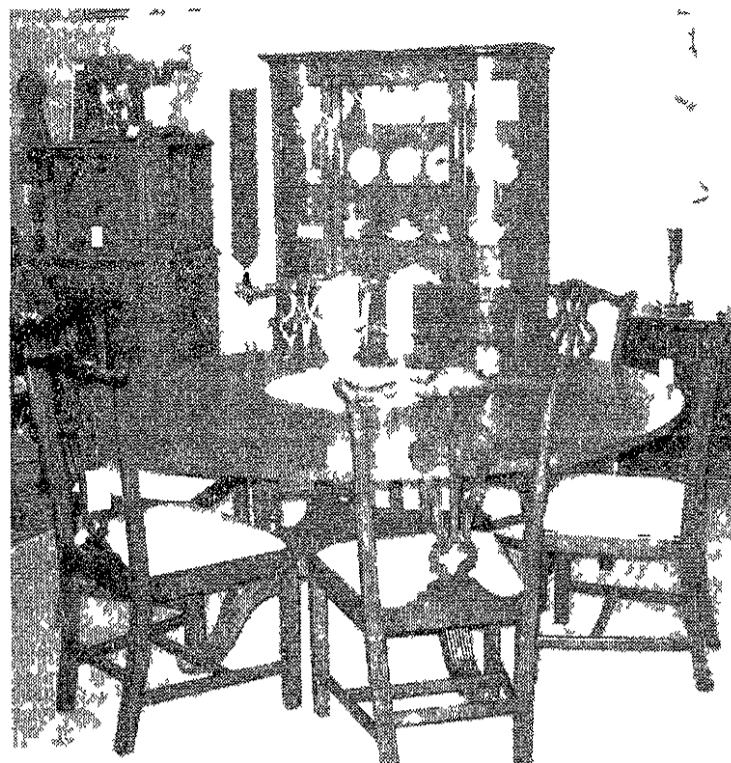
Designers always seem to know where to find the best selection of items for the home. This is what you pay them for - to help you make your home uniquely yours. So where do designers begin their search? One place that is a "must stop" is Recherche. With locations in Farmington's downtown and on Highland Road in Waterford, Recherche is on the list of professional secrets of designers.

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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.

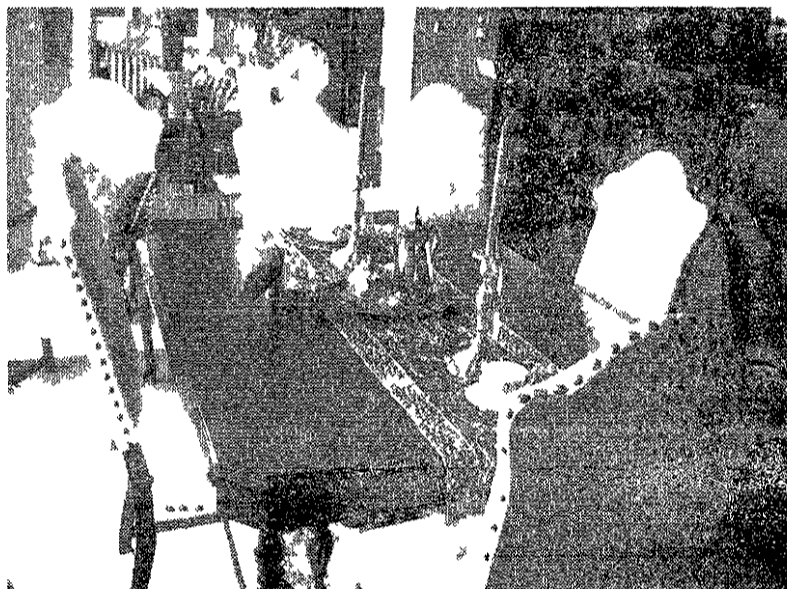
dining table or you prefer new Recherche is no ordinary store. When it comes to previously owned furniture, Recherche is meticulous about the condition, uniqueness, and quality. They are very selective so that you don't have to spend your time rummaging through estate sales, thrift stores, or the internet looking for a diamond in the rough. Even better, Recherche carries both new and used items, and most home projects need both.

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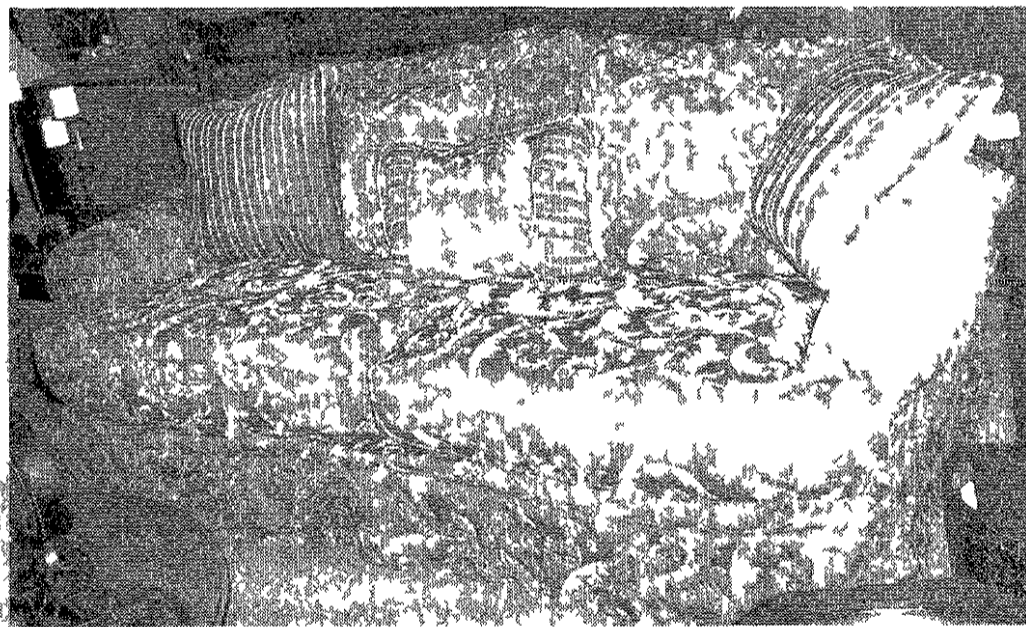
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GARDEN CALENDAR

Michigan Orchid Society
Glenn Decker of Piping Rocks Orchids will be the featured speaker at the Michigan Orchid Society meeting 2:30 p.m. Sunday May 21 at First Baptist Church of Birmingham 300 Willits in Birmingham. The public may attend. Decker will talk about the orchids of Peru and phragmipedium kovachii. He is a renowned speaker who has traveled extensively in the wild to see papilioe dilum and phragmipedium orchids.

Naturescaping
The Stories Told by Native Wildflowers Naturescaping for Woodland and Meadow Environments a presentation by Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority volunteers will take place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday May 20 at the Franklin Historical Museum Kirk at 13 Mile just east of Franklin Road. For a flier or to register call (248) 288-5150 or e-mail L.FDean@aol.com. Topics will be selecting and planting wildflowers and their historic uses and ecological values. A walking tour of the site will follow.

Sale, auction
The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will sponsor a Plant Sale and Silent Auction 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday May 26 in the tent behind Meadow Brook Hall. Meadow Brook Hall is on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Use the Adams Road entrance. Plants will be donated by garden club members and will feature a large variety of perennials, roses, shrubs, herbs, and other garden related items including antique chairs used as decorative planters. The public may attend. For more information call (248) 887-1983 or (248) 608-0485.

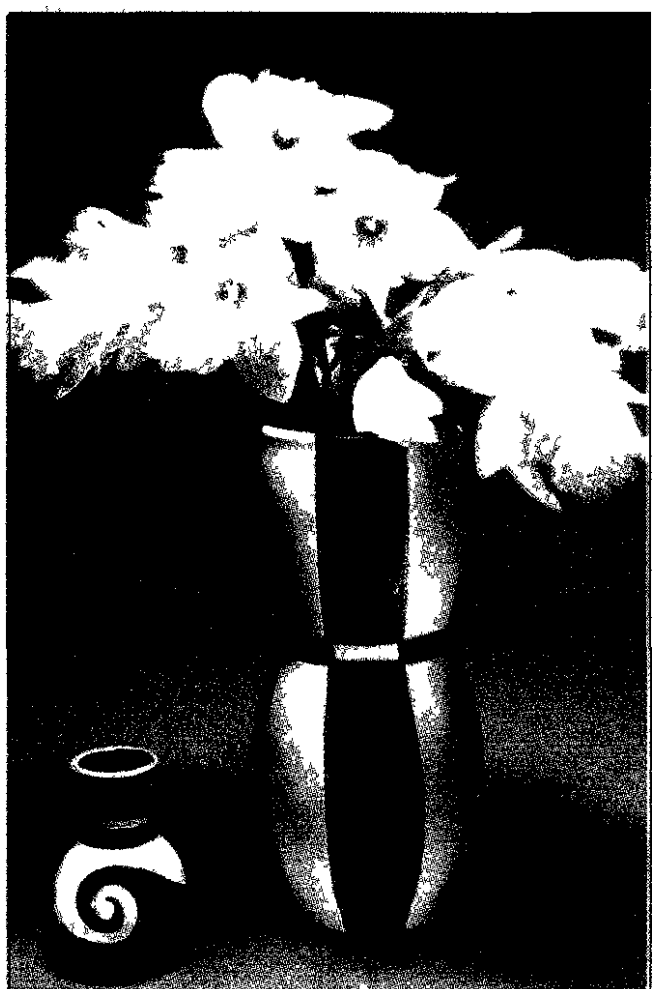
MBH Garden Club
Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday May 26 in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus off Adams in Rochester. The topic will be Gifts From the Garden: What Should I Plant This Summer? Guest speaker will be certified master gardener Jenny Depa Karl, owner of Sleepy Hollow Herbs, a business she operates from her small farm in Armada.

Non member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. For more information call (248) 608-0485 or (248) 310-8793 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org

Free lectures
Saguaro Plants 470 W. Five Mile in Whitmore Lake presents free lectures 1 p.m. Sundays at the nursery. Each lecture lasts about one hour. Dress for the weather. For more information call (734) 449-4237.

Choice Trees for Ash Replacement by Saguaro Plants owner Ben Woloskie will be the topic May 21. Bonsai Basics also by Woloskie will be the topic May 28.

Seed packet giveaway
Flower seed packets and a spring activity sheet will be given away (while supplies last) to children visiting Kids Castles Sunday May 21 in Art Van Furniture stores in Southfield (call (248) 569-3770), Westland (call (734) 425-9600), Novi (call (248) 348-8922) and Shelby Township (call (248) 566-1490) and on 14 Mile in Warren (call (586) 939-2100). Kids Castles are supervised play areas in select Art Van locations.



Art for the home

Visitors to Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills this weekend will see such creative items as this ceramic piece by JoAnn Aquinto of Eastpointe. More than 100 artists from across the country and Canada are expected to show their works at the event, Saturday-Sunday May 20-21, at the shopping center, on the northeast corner of Adams and Walton. Art works in a wide variety of media will be presented. Entertainment for all ages will also be featured. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free. Extra parking will be available at Rochester High School at Walton and Livernois, with round-trip shuttle bus service for \$1. Now in its third year, the festival is sponsored by Creative Arts Council, a nonprofit art group. For more information call (248) 689-8734 or visit FineArtFestival@aol.com.

NAPSTER

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ings, but I still wish the audio quality was better. You get what you pay for, I guess. Buyers and subscribers are treated to CD-caliber playback.

The free-play tunes don't sound that bad, especially when you consider that most other services - including iTunes and Yahoo - limit you to 30-second snippets.

There are other compelling reasons to visit Napster.com including the way-cool Narchive - an online forum where music fans can share thoughts, experiences, and even photos of their favorite (or not-so-favorite) artists.

I particularly like how easy Napster makes it to share tunes. For any song you hear, there's a Web link you can copy and paste into an e-mail, Web page, blog or whatever.

For instance, suppose I just heard a really killer track off Brendan Benson's *Alternative*

to Love. I could e-mail you a link to that track, all you'd have to do is click it to hear the song in its entirety.

Dude, that rocks. For the record, Napster wasn't the first service to offer free plays. Rhapsody recently started letting nonsubscribers stream 25 songs per month, and at CD quality.

My advice: Use them both liberally.

And consider becoming a subscriber, especially if you own a compatible portable player. I've been stuffing my Creative Zen Vision M with songs from AOL's Music Now service, and I just couldn't be happier.

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

Book helps family, junior carpenters build projects

Looking for the perfect gift for Father's Day? *Kid's Carpenter's Workbook* delivers five fun, family-friendly projects that walk you through the simple steps to building them.

Author Mark Clement is a carpenter and home improvement expert who has designed projects that require common do-it-yourself tools.

For those who want to take the simple projects to another level, he also includes Parent Carpentry Corners with information on enhancing some of the projects' details for the more advanced DIYers.

"I've been building these kinds of projects for years," Clement said. "I always dreamed of building projects with and for my family."

"Now that I am the proud dad of my daughter, Alexis, that dream is coming true. We build projects together that I hope you and your family will enjoy as much as we have."

Kid's Carpenter's Workbook is designed to introduce youngsters to the basics of using tools and building simple how-to construction projects.

Each project includes Skill Builders to help children advance their skills through simple car-

penry exercises, and keep even the youngest kid carpenters engaged in the job site.

The book also features suggestions for related activities for children to tackle during the process, drawings of each project for even younger carpenters to color, and pages that extend every project into a learning activity for the family.

Projects in *Kid's Carpenter's Workbook* are Kid's Toolbox, Lemonade Stand, See-Saw, Step-up Stool, and Sandbox.

Kid's Carpenter's Workbook is available wherever books are sold, or from publisher CenterLane Media for \$12.95 at www.KidsCarpentersWorkbook.com.

Kid's Carpenter's Workbook is the children's companion to Clement's *The Carpenter's Notebook*, a novel about a man who discovers the life lessons his father learned through simple projects on his job sites.

Clement is a regular contributor to *Good Day Philadelphia*, and the former executive editor of *Tools of the Trade* magazine, a recognized leader in tool and how-to information for building pros. He spends most of his free time renovating his 100-year-old home in Ambler, Pa.

WALK

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Here is a summary of some of the garden walks or tours:

■ Indian Village, six homes, three gardens, one carriage house, five churches and two schools open for tours, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, June 3, \$13 advance, \$18 day of tour, (313) 922-1736, www.historicindianvillage.org

■ Open Days, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, featuring private gardens in Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Pleasant Ridge, Troy, and public gardens at Congregational Church of Birmingham in Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook House & Gardens in Bloomfield Hills and Meadow Brook Hall Gardens in Rochester, \$5 per garden visit, six for \$25, www.gardenconservancy.org, 1-888-842-2442

■ Summer Garden Walk, 1-4 p.m., Sunday June 11, Huntington Woods, \$8 advance, \$10 day of tour, (248) 224-3351

■ Franklin Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, the 21st annual event features six private gardens, artists at work in the gardens during the tour, a salad luncheon and garden vendors on the green. \$10 advance, \$12 day of tour, franklingardenclub.org, (248) 626-8293

■ Sylvan Lake, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 17, third annual walk features the Owl House, a 1900s kit home, house with country art, and three lakefront homes, tickets \$10 for groups of 10 or more, \$12 prior to the day of the walk, \$15 the day of the walk, Sylvan Lake City Hall, Blossoms of Birmingham and Detroit Garden Works,

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■ Greenmead (Livonia), Friends for the Development of Greenmead present its 17th Annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 24, featuring seven gardens and yards of homes throughout Livonia. Proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village. Tickets \$9 advance, \$10 day of the walk. Purchase at any of the Livonia libraries, Civic Center Library Gift Shop (library is located on Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road, immediately east of the Civic Center), Greenmead office, just west of Newburgh and south of Eight Mile) and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. For information, call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855.

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Stir up some creamy tomato soup

BY J M HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Making soup and baking bread shouldn't result in multiple physical injuries. But then, cooking is the least of tasks having a child has complicated.

It was supposed to be a simple lunch, bread and soup with a friend, all timed just right for my 1 1/2-year-old's nap. Of course, that timing relied on my ability to get the bread in the oven and the soup on the stove before rocking Parker to sleep.

The timing worked, but I was a bit surprised by the bloodshed and bruises involved in it.

8:30 a.m. — Breakfast eaten and dishes cleaned. Parker insists I read Dr. Seuss' *The Foot Book* three times end-to-end. Left foot, right foot, foot, foot, foot. Oh how many feet we meet. Please make it stop.

Falling behind already, I plop Parker on the island counter and gather my bread ingredients: whole-wheat flour, oat bran, ground flax seeds, rolled oats, sesame seeds, salt, sugar, water, yeast and olive oil in a big, heavy glass bottle.

Parker helps by grabbing fistfuls of flour and tossing them in the air. They gently sprinkle down onto our increasingly perturbed (and formerly orange) cat. Not wanting to discourage any interest in cooking, I try to direct his hands over the bowl. Bad idea.

With a squeal, Parker flails his arms. More flour everywhere, the cat runs off and the big, heavy bottle of olive oil gets knocked over. Miraculously, it doesn't break — or break any bones. It lands on top of my bare foot. Parker wasn't the only one squealing.

10:30 a.m. — The cat has been dusted off and the bread is rising. We made a quick run to the grocer for ingredients. Plop Parker back on the counter (this time in a corner so he's hemmed in) and gather the soup fixings.

Keeping one eye on him and another on my chopping doesn't make for good knife work. A nice clean cut removes the tip of my left index finger, nail and all. Thankfully, the soup is red anyway.

No sooner am I bandaged and back at the cutting board — albeit cutting a bit more slowly — than Parker discovers the spice cabinet just above the counter where he is sitting.

These, too, are stored in heavy glass bottles.

Foolishly, I indulge him, letting him pick them up, clumsily remove the corks and sniff. It's just so cute.

Suddenly, spices in heavy glass jars are flying. I'm yelling, grasping for him, the jars, anything to make it stop. Dried basil and onion powder are everywhere and Parker thinks it's hilarious.

One of the jars whacks me on the forehead and I feel that warm sting of swelling. Swell!

11:15 a.m. — The spices have been cleaned up, the bread is baking and the soup is on the stove. The house is quiet except for the creak of the rocking chair my great-grandmother, my grandmother and my mother used to lull their children.

Parker is curled in my arms, eyes drooping. The cat is asleep in a patch of sun next to his crib.

And the fingers and toes and the forehead and mess and the noise and manne rhymes all seem to have made for a pretty good day.

Note: This recipe works equally well with regular and fat-free half-and-half (the latter produces a lower-fat version).

CREAMY TOMATO SOUP

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion diced
- 4 cloves garlic minced
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
- 28 ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 6 oil packed sun dried tomatoes roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup regular or fat free half and half
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan over a medium-high heat. Add the onion and saute, stirring often, until just tender, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and thyme and saute another 2 minutes.

Add the crushed tomatoes, sun dried tomatoes and balsamic vinegar. Bring to a simmer, stirring frequently. Reduce heat to low and stir in the baking soda. Add the half-and-half, stir well and bring to a simmer. Do not boil.

Use an immersion blender to puree the soup in the saucepan. Alternatively, use a ladle to carefully transfer the soup, in batches if necessary, to a blender and puree until smooth. Return to pan. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Makes 4 servings

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48150. e-mail: kabramcz@hometownlife.com or fax: (734) 591-7279.

Indian Cooking

Incorporate the principles of Ayurveda, an ancient Indian science of health and well being, at the following classes at 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays Delectable Chicken Curries, May 18 and Vegetables the Indian Way, June 1 (248) 203-3800 or online at www.communitynet.net

Rustic chef

First rustic chef competition, noon Saturday, May 20 at Maybury Farm (Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck) in Northville. Students compete using mystery ingredients. 2 p.m. plating for judges. \$4 admission to farm. (248) 374-0200.

Weight Watchers

Tim Cikra, Weight Watchers's chef, offers tips on how to prepare unique spring entrees at Weight Watchers centers in the Detroit area at the following seminars: 8:45 and 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20, 1906 S. Rochester Road, Rochester 10 and 11 a.m. and noon, Friday, May 26, 28157 Schoolcraft Livonia 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and Tuesday, May 30, 815 E. Big Beaver, Troy. To learn more about Weight Watchers, visit www.8883florine.com or call 1-888-3

TASTE CALENDAR

FLORINE

Beginning series

Valerie Wilson teaches vegetarian whole foods cooking classes. Learn about tofu, tempeh, seaweed, vegetables and miso. 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27. \$120 for series, \$30 per class. Class is held in Garden City. Visit www.macroval.com or call (734) 261-2856.

Middle Eastern cooking

Summer 2006 series of healthy cooking classes by Valerie Wilson. 6-9 p.m. June 14 and 21. \$60 (\$30 each class) and Middle Eastern cooking, 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 23. \$30 class is held in Garden City. Visit www.macroval.com for details or call (734) 261-2856.

Thai cooking

Learn to make pad Thai, Chiang Rai eggplant and hot and sour soup. 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 19, instructed by Lawan Chandruang and her husband Adirek, who own Bangkok Bistro in Troy and Sterling Heights. \$30. The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832. www.communityhouse.com

Summer salads

Take herbs and vegetables and turn them into salads and learn how to use leftover barbecue in salad sandwich ideas. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, instructed by Julie Djurich. The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832. www.communityhouse.com

Wine classes

Summer tasting of wine regions in series of four sessions at 7:30 p.m. instructed by Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna with the following classes scheduled: sauvignon blancs, Thursday, June 8, ABC (anything by Chardonnay), June 15, Mediterranean Region Wines, June 22, All American wines, June 29. \$28 each session, \$98 for all four. The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832. www.communityhouse.com

Grapevine

The schedule of classes from the Grapevine School of Wine includes Summer Barbecue Wines, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Station 885-885, Starkweather, Plymouth. \$32. Register online at www.grapevine.schoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613.



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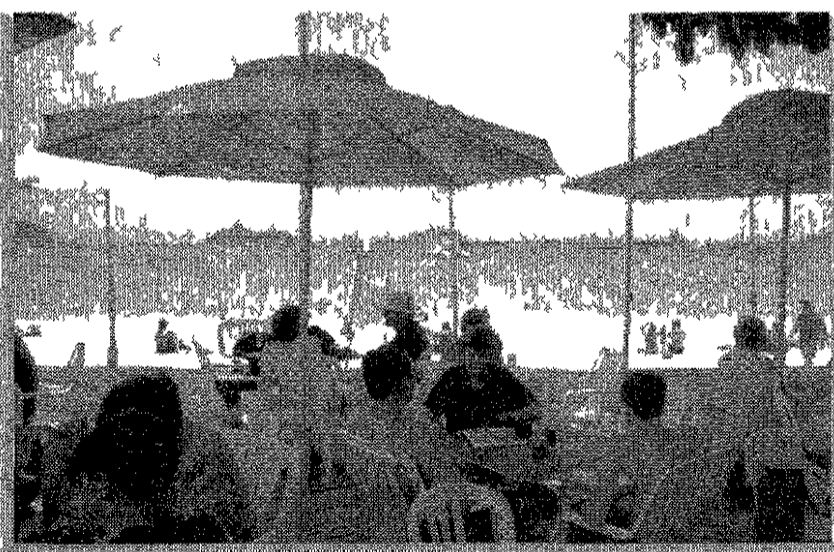
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FAMIE

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but still there is an 'enormous' Chinese influence in the cooking, Famie said. "Taiwan is a melting pot, but it is influenced by the Chinese and the Dutch," he said. "You go to different (Chinese) provinces and you'll see different styles. Taiwan is a world of its own."

In the documentary Famie raves about a pan-smoked cod, cooked over lavender leaves, flour, sugar and salt. That mix is browned, and the cod placed on cooking tongs above it.

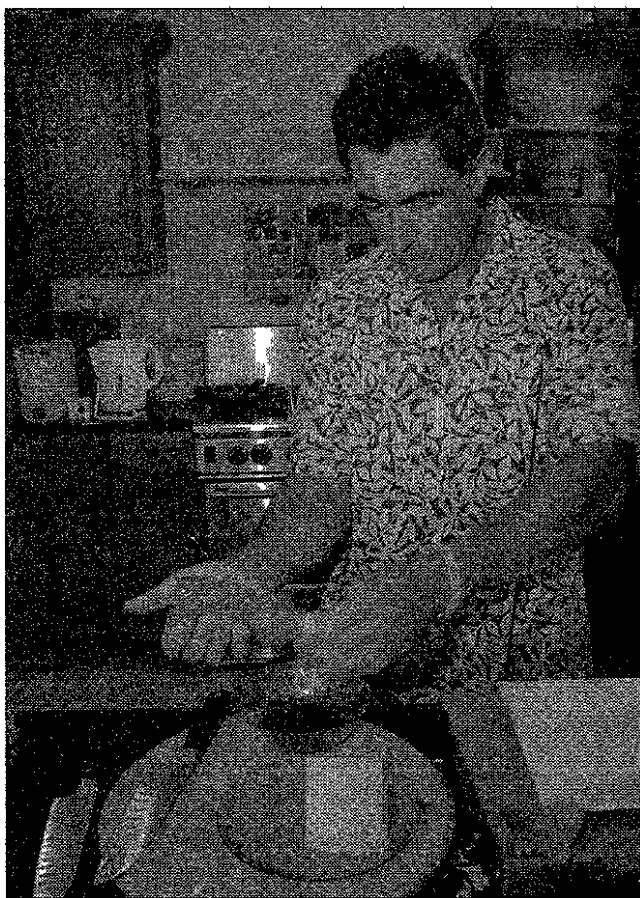
Famie remembers seeing dumpling stations in which Taiwanese cooks created more than 20 different types of dumpling.

"My philosophy on stir fry is use ingredients that you can put in a small bowl at one time," Famie said. Cutting them the same size also ensures they will be cooked uniformly.

He adds Shanxi vinegar, created from sorghum, barley and peas with a rich hearty flavor.

Famie will never forget the visit to a monastery and prayer session by 500 Buddhist monks that began at 4:30 a.m., just before the sunrise. They chanted for an hour, Famie said.

"It doesn't matter what God you worship, it will touch your soul," Famie said.



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Famie will deglaze the tofu with fresh orange juice, shanxi vinegar and other ingredients.

Garlic pork tasty with tomato, basil

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chinese takeout is a favorite way to eat. Tasty and easier than cooking at home, we think. Not necessarily so, say Leeann and Katie Chin, a mother and daughter team, who run a catering company based in Los Angeles. They present a convincing case for doing it yourself, in your own kitchen.

In a feature in the April issue of *Cooking Light* magazine, they offer a series of recipes for creating simple, authentic-tasting dishes easily — even without a wok. Here's one to try that's full of flavor and low in fat. Serve it with fiery chili sauce on the side.

GARLIC PORK WITH TOMATO AND BASIL

- 12 ounces pork tenderloin, thinly sliced
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
- 3 tablespoons cold water
- 2 tablespoons oyster sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon Sriracha (hot chili sauce)

LOW-FAT

- 2 teaspoons peanut oil
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic
- 2 cups chopped seeded plum tomatoes (about 3 tomatoes)
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions (about 2 onions)
- 2 cups hot cooked brown rice

Combine pork, 1 teaspoon cornstarch, salt and pepper in a small bowl, tossing to coat.

Combine water, oyster sauce, sugar, Sriracha and remaining 1 teaspoon cornstarch in a small bowl.

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add minced garlic and pork mixture, saute 3 minutes or until the pork is done. Add chopped tomatoes, saute 1 minute. Add cornstarch mixture, cook 1 minute or until thickened. Add basil, stir to combine. Remove from heat, and sprinkle with onions. Serve with brown rice.

Makes 4 servings (serving size 1 cup pork mixture and 1/2 cup rice)

Nutrition information per serving: 257 cal, 6.2 g total fat (1.6 g saturated), 21.2 g protein, 28.5 g carbohydrate, 2.9 g fiber, 55 mg cholesterol, 294 mg sodium

TAIWANESE-INSPIRED VEGETABLE STIR FRY WITH HERB-CRUSTED TOFU

- 1 pack Chinese egg noodles (about 2 cups of cooked noodles)

Stir fry mixture

- 10 pea pods, cut in large pieces
- 2 large stalks broccoli flowerets
- 1/4 head Napa cabbage chiffonade (thin slices)
- 1 red bell pepper, julienned (cut into thin pieces)
- 1/2 bunch cilantro, washed then chopped
- 10 shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and julienned
- 10 fresh oyster mushrooms, quartered
- 1 leek, julienned and washed
- 1 cup bean sprouts
- 1/2 stalk lemongrass, center part, chopped fine
- 1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 inch piece medium sized julienned daikon radish
- 1 cup sea beans (optional)
- 1 cup fiddle heads (optional)
- 1/2 cup toasted hemp seeds (optional, can be obtained at

adventurechef.com)
Peanut oil for wok cooking

For the tofu

- 8 1/2 inch thick slices extra firm tofu
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1/4 cup olive oil

Stir fry sauce

- 1/4 cup Shanxi vinegar (look for it at specialty stores or Asian markets)
- 1 orange, juiced
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon honey

Mix these entire ingredients together well.

Cook 1 pack Chinese egg noodles (about 2 cups of cooked noodles). Set aside.

In a large saute pan on high heat, add olive oil and when hot, brown tofu on one side. Once browned, turn over and sprinkle with dried herbs. When both sides are brown, add 1/4 cup soy sauce and gently turn back and forth while the soy deglazes. Once this is done, take out of pan

and toss noodles in very quickly and put pan aside.

In hot wok (you could be heating the wok the whole time you are preparing the above step), add peanut oil. (Make sure you don't add vegetables until the oil smokes. Because of the quantity, Famie suggests doing the wok cooking procedure twice or use two woks.)

While the vegetables are cooking, you should be working the wok with a wooden spoon to ensure the vegetables are cooking quickly and thoroughly. When this is done, add half of the liquid to the wok and toss. (When adding the liquid, pour it around the sides so it comes in contact with the hot surface first.)

To assemble, on a plate place equal amounts of tofu, some noodles and spoon the stir fry vegetables over tofu and vegetables, then drizzle some of the cooking liquid and top with toasted hemp seeds. Makes four servings.

Recipe courtesy of Keith Famie. This is a very simple recipe to make quickly. Famie said, "Ideally you must use a wok."

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By Wendy White

It happens to all of us, perhaps on a daily basis. We open our closet to jam-packed racks of clothing, but find absolutely nothing to wear. How, after spending so much money on clothes and accessories, can this possibly happen? Ask Jesse Garza and Joe Lupo. Dubbed the "style SWAT team," Garza and Lupo have helped people hone their wardrobes for more than a decade through their company Visual Therapy Luxury Lifestyle Consulting. Now, they've condensed their expertise into the book *Nothing to Wear? A 5-step Cure for the Common Closet*. When Garza and Lupo recently visited Marshall Field's Somerset for a style seminar, PINK caught up with them for some much-needed advice.

What inspired your book?

Joe: We have long realized there are certain patterns and formulas that help people pinpoint their style, edit their wardrobe and

define their look. We thought, why not share it with everyone?

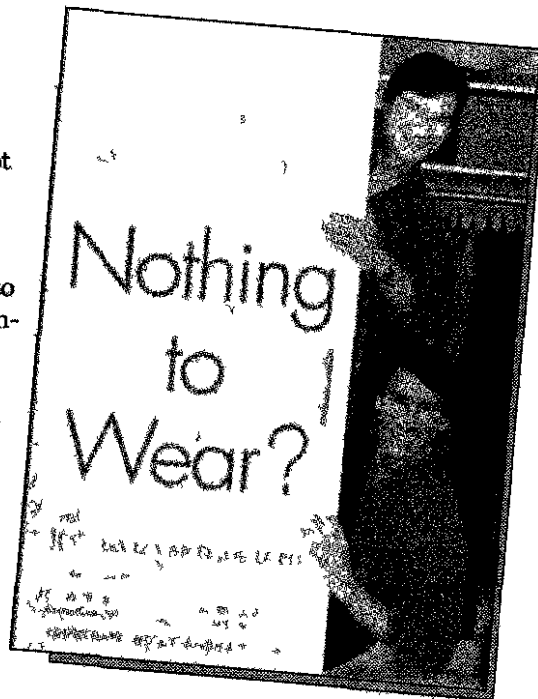
Why is this problem so common?
 Jesse: We don't have a lot of time to focus on pulling our wardrobe together. We become reactive instead of proactive. We look in the closet and it's a mess, so we rush out and spend money buying new things.

Is it a matter of organization?
 Joe: The whole process is organizing. No matter what size your closet is, by the time you're finished with this process it's going to be easy to get dressed in the morning.

Should we start by getting rid of things?
 Joe: We tell people to ask three questions about every piece of clothing in their closet: *Do I love it? Is it flattering? Is it the image that I want to put out there?* If the answer is 'no' on any of those things you need to get rid of it.

I recently had a baby and don't fit into any of my old clothes. Do I keep them?
 Jesse: Review your wardrobe and keep

your greatest hits, but get rid of the things you know even if you do lose the weight, you're over. Also as a mother, look at the book and zero in on what your style is, because sometimes women like to reinvent a little bit.
 Joe: It's important to invest in a few things that will make you feel good right now. It will inspire you to lose the weight and work harder at it.



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Performing will be rockers The Hard Lessons, a local band gaining popularity. Also performing are the Motown-Philly Soul Project and the

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incredibly popular alternative band Natives of the New Dawn. Motown-Philly is a coalition of Detroit and Philadelphia soul artists creating an album titled *A Soulful Tale of Two Cities* featuring Bobby Taylor of the Vancouvers, Bunny Sigler members of the Funk Brothers and MFSB and other guests.

Alternative-country band the Volebeats, positive rapper Keem the Franchise and also the All Star Boogie-Woogie Piano Jam featuring Joe Weaver and Mr. B. It's an all-star tribute to the music of late hip-hop greats J Dilla and Proof.

Distinguished Achievement Awards will be given to Motown backup



The Hard Lessons perform tonight at the Detroit Music Awards at the State Theatre

female vocalists the Andantes, retiring WDET-FM host Gene Elzy, Detroit R&B great Joe Weaver and also to the American Music Research Foundation - a Farmington Hills-based historical association that presents the annual Motor City Blues & Boogie Woogie Festival.

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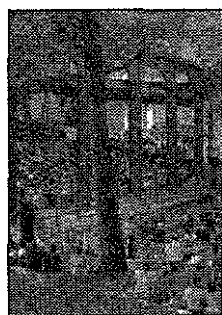


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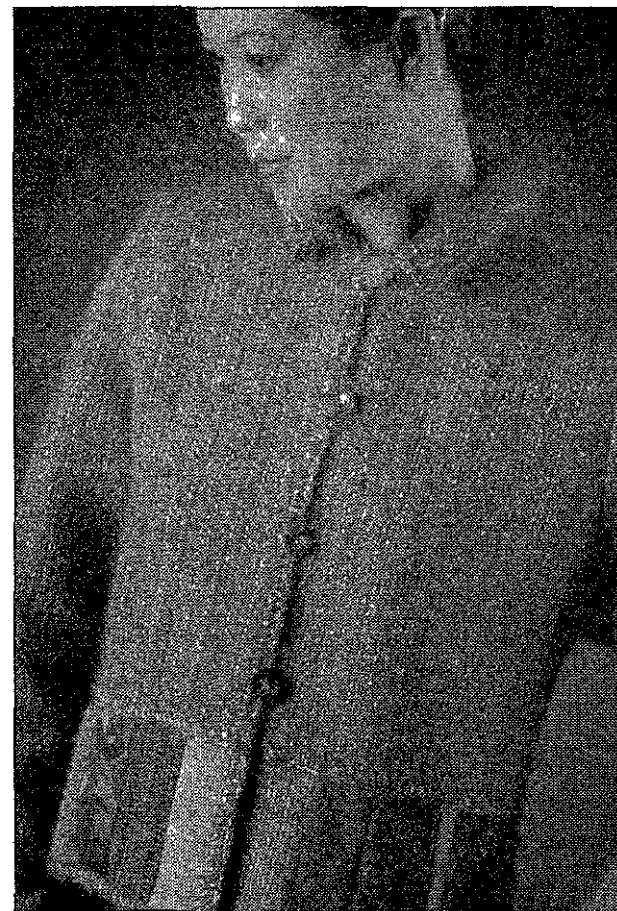


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Painter Rick Burger of Rochester Hills, will also display his works



Fiber art by Barbara Rubright of Shelby Township, will be on display

Fine art and more parking

Artists visit The Village of Rochester Hills

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The event is so popular that finding a parking place was seemingly impossible at last year's event, as drivers circled the parking lots at the Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills, waiting for someone to leave. At least 17,000 people are again expected to attend the show now in its third year, set for Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21.

Hot Ticket

To solve the parking snafu, fair organizers rented the parking lot at Rochester High School located at the corner of Walton on Livernois. From there a shuttle will take guests to the festival located at the shopping area on corner of Adams and Walton.

The sheer number of festivals in Michigan means competition for organizers. Donna Beaubien, art fair director, said that what makes the Rochester event unique is its location.

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"The Village of Rochester Hills is already a destination point on its own," Beaubien said. "People love to shop there, they love the restaurants. Now they love that there's an art fair, too."

It's so successful that "round two" of the event is scheduled for later this summer. On Saturday and Sunday,

Aug. 5 and 6, a new group of artists will come to the same location for a second festival.

More than 100 artists from the United States and Canada will attend this weekend's juried event. Mediums include ceramics, glass, painting, drawing, multi-media, sculpture, photography, fiber art, wood and jewelry.

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We typically learn about history through dates, events, newspaper articles and scholarly re-tellings. But history can be experienced, too.

And if any organization knows how to unfold American history in a dynamic manner, it's the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

A new exhibit created by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, *381 Days: The Montgomery Bus Boycott Story*, recounts the historical events that led to the Civil Rights Movement, including Rosa Parks' crucial role. The exhibit recently made its third stop at the Detroit Historical Museum where it will remain on view through July 16.

It's the first exhibition outside of Alabama. And it makes sense to me that

LEGACY

What: 381 Days: The Montgomery Bus Boycott Story, a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit exploring the events that ignited the Civil Rights Movement.

When: Through July 16. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Where: Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, Detroit.

Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 senior and youth age 5-18, and free for children age 4 and under. For information, call (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

its third stop would be Detroit because Rosa Parks leaves Alabama to live in Detroit," said Marquette Folley, project director at the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services.

The exhibit, which was created in Alabama in collaboration with the Troy University Rosa Parks Library and Museum, is dedicated to the memory and

spirit of Rosa Parks.

Though Parks' arrest on Dec. 1, 1955, caused Montgomery citizens to take action, her refusal to leave her seat on the public bus is only one of many stories of activism recounted in *381 Days*.

Rosa Parks is quoted as saying, "I was 101 years old and I had been a source of the movement," said Folley. "The Montgomery bus boycott is an important story and it represents a tradition of American activism."

Namely, there is the fact that four days after Parks' arrest, 50,000 people united for a one-day boycott of the city bus system. Following the boycott, organizers formed the Montgomery Improvement Association and elected Martin Luther King Jr. as president. Attorneys led by Fred Gray attacked the practice of public transit segregation in court and ultimately obtained a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that declared the practice unconstitutional.

Although *381 Days* is organized chronologically, it is not event-driven. The exhibit mingles historical and new



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Two months after her initial arrest, Rosa Parks was arrested on new charges in February 1956.

photographs, illustrations by Montgomery artists, contemporary art, historical documents, including Parks' arrest fingerprints, and displays of quotations from public figures and everyday Montgomery citizens printed in oversized type.

Materials showcased in the exhibit came from the Library of Congress, the National Archives, the Troy University Rosa Parks Library and Museum and

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RELATED EVENTS AT DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

- Lecture: Today's Civil Rights Movement, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, Detroit Historical Museum's Louise C. Booth Auditorium. \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door.
- Lecture: The Future of the Civil Rights Movement, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, Detroit Historical Museum's Louise C. Booth Auditorium. \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door.
- Children's program: An Elementary Look at The Movement, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, free.
- Family program: The Movement for Middle Schoolers/Grandparents Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3, free.
- High school student program: The Word on The Movement, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, free.
- Film series: HBO Films feature *Boycott*, 12:45 p.m. and Spike Lee's 1997 Civil Rights Movement documentary *Four Little Girls*, 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday, Louise C. Booth Auditorium, free.
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Annie Capps Audra Kubat Grievous Angel Jan Krist Jill Jack Luke Sayers

Outstanding Acoustic/Folk Vocalist

Audra Kubat Billy Brandt (Grievous Angel) Dan Minard Jan Krist Jill Jack Stacia Petrie

Outstanding Folk Artist/Group

Blair Dan Hazlett Dave Hufftrust Ethan Daniel Davidson Jeremy Kittel Maggie in the Woods Terry Gonda

Al Hill & The Love Butlers Alberta Adams Doug Deming & The Jewel Tones Howling Diablos Paul Miles Thornetta Davis

Outstanding Blues/R&B Instrumentalist

Al Carmichael electric guitar Dennis Burr electric guitar Johnnie Bassett electric guitar Larry Lee bass Paul Miles acoustic guitar Rick Zeldes bass Susie Woodman keyboards

Outstanding Blues/R&B Vocalist

Bugs Beddow Jezter Kate Hart Paul Miles Rhonda Bantsimba Thornetta Davis

Outstanding R&B Artist/Group

Bugs Beddow Band Detroit Women with Motor City Express Jocelyn B and the Detroit Street Players Lady Sunshine & The X Band Larry Lee and Back in the Day Steve Somers Band with Valerie Barrymore

Outstanding Classical Composer

Bob Mervak Dana Newhouse Michael Daugherty William Bolcom

Outstanding Classical Instrumentalist

Abha Dearing flute Erv Montroe flute Jeff Zook flute Patricia Masri Fletcher harp Stephen Molina bass Steven Darling classical guitar Velda Kelly violin

Outstanding Community Orchestra

Allen Park Symphony Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Dearborn Symphony Warren Symphony

Outstanding Country Artist/Group

Bianche The Forbes Brothers The Hummingbirds Jen Cass Orbitsuns Redhill Terrie Lea & The Mustands The Wrenfields

Outstanding Country Vocalist

Crystal Lynn Dan Miller Devin Scillian Jen Cass Rachel Williams Terrie Lea

Outstanding Electronic/Dance, Group/Artist

Amp Fiddler Derrick May DJ Godfather Jay Dee Kevin Saunderson Matthew Dear The Twilight Babies

Outstanding Electronic/Dance DJ

DJ Marquis DJ Shortround Kevin Saunderson Stacey Pullen T Linder

Outstanding Live Performance

Detroit Women with Motor City Express The Hard Lessons Hot Sauce Jill Jack MindCandy Natives of the New Dawn

Outstanding National Single

Eminem Mockingbird Kem I Can't Stop Loving Your Stevie Wonder From the Bottom of my Heart Stevie Wonder So What the Fuss White Stripes Blue Orchid White Stripes My Doorbell

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Barbara Ware Jesse Palter Kate Patterson Paul King Shahida Nurullah Susan Chastain Tracy Kash

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Carolyn Striho Jill Jack Stewart Francke Tally Hall The Silent Years Tim Diaz

Outstanding Rock Artist/Group

Brain Schram Band The Hard Lessons Liz Larin The Muggs Natives of the New Dawn Sista Otis and the Wholly Rollers

Outstanding Rock/Pop Songwriter

Adam Hall Brian Schram Joe Fikany Liz Larin Stewart Francke Tim Diaz

Outstanding Rock/Pop Vocalist

Brian Schram (Brian Schram Band) Chris Gillen (Overloaded) Jezter (Joe and Jezter) Kevin Dyehouse (Last Days) Liz Larin Tony Nouhan (Natives of the New Dawn)

Outstanding Hip-Hop Artist/Group

Athletic Mic League Buddha Fulla RhymeZ Dobbie G B Kelz Paradime White Boy Ric And The Sinister 6

Outstanding Hip-Hop DJ

DJ Assault DJ Butter DJ Houseshoes DJ Mario Don Q Gary DJ Goo Hoenicke Lenn Swan Mr Wax

Outstanding Hip-Hop MC

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Outstanding Urban/Funk Artist/Group

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Outstanding Reggae/Ska Artist

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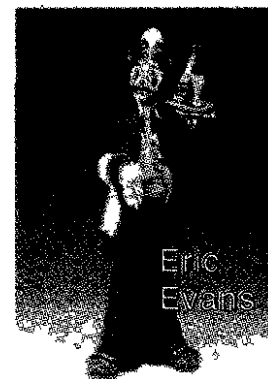
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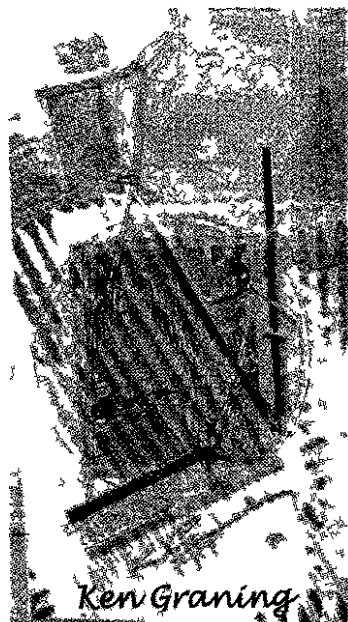


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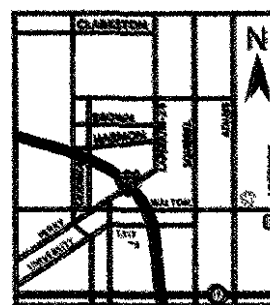
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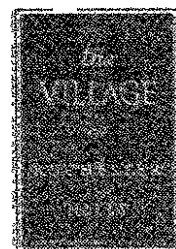
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ANNUAL HOEDOWN SHOULD BE PACKED

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The annual Downtown Hoedown is touted as the largest country music festival of its kind

While that may or may not be true depending on how you define big, you can't ignore the fact that 800,000 people dusted off their Dingos and attended

Cover story

GET DOWN

What: 24th Annual WYCD Downtown

Hoedown

When: May 19-21. Hours are 2-11:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11:40 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9:40 p.m. Sunday

Where: Hart Plaza, downtown Detroit

Admission: Free entertainment. \$25 for WYCD Roadhouse and additional charges for food and other activities. For information, visit www.wycdhoedown.com

Downtown Hoedown 2005

This year's Motor City square dance, sponsored by 99.5 WYCD radio, runs Friday through Sunday at Hart Plaza in downtown

Detroit. Among the headlining performers is Westland native Josh Gracin, the country music singer who gained national celebrity as a contestant on the television show *American Idol*.

While the entertainment is free, the event's country bar — it's called the WYCD Roadhouse — offers up VIP main stage seating, specialty food, private bar and bathrooms at a cost of \$25 per person.

Detroit is the No. 1 market in the country, said Jill Jack, a Ferndale musician set to perform Sunday at this year's Downtown Hoedown. And that's according to the folks in Nashville where Jack recently visited to perform and promote her songwriting.

Although Jack views herself as an Americana-based artist — some label her rock, others folk, yet others country —

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Miranda Lambert performs Friday at Downtown Hoedown

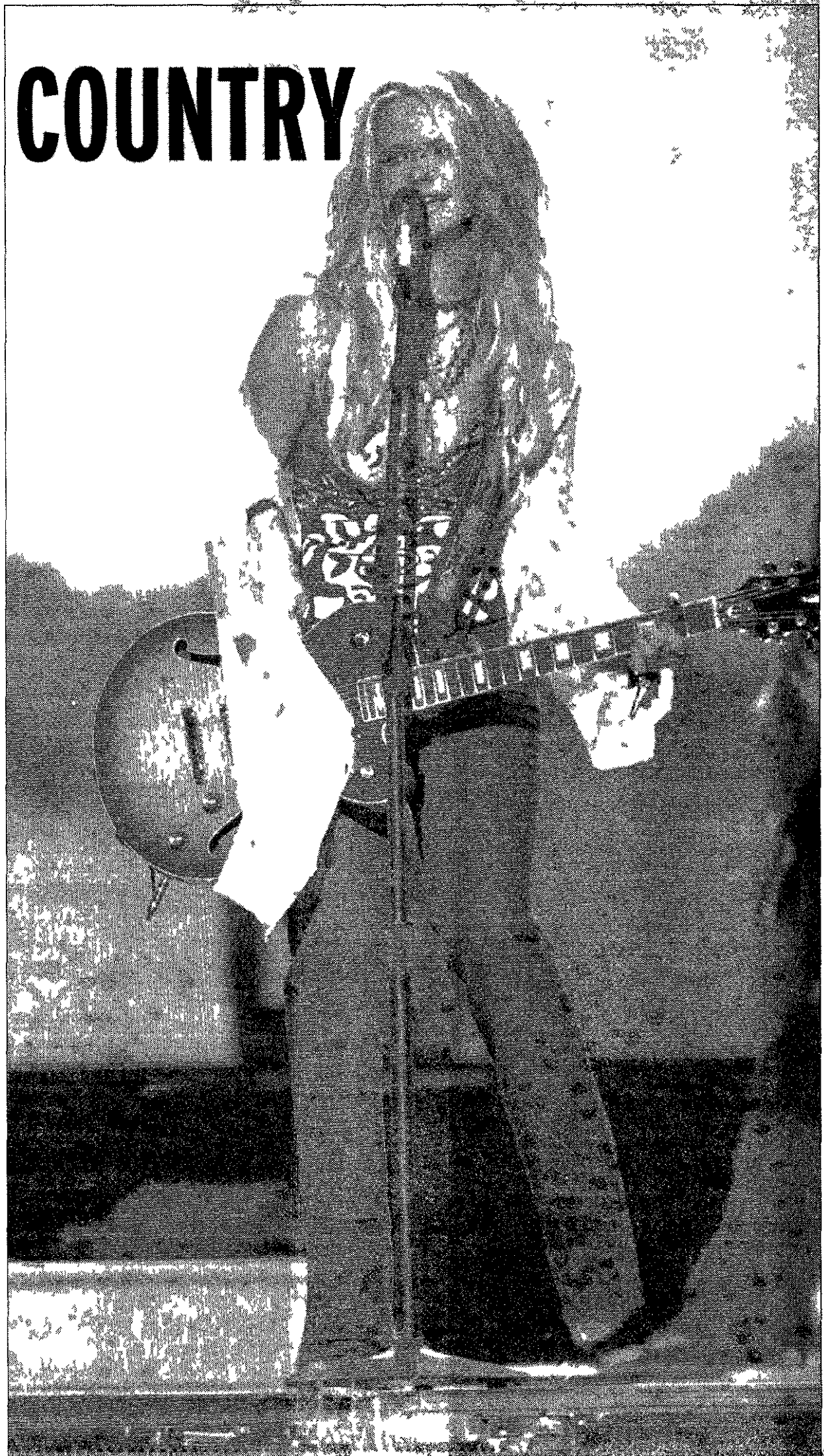




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About 800,000 people attended last year's Downtown Hoedown

COUNTRY

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even she was surprised by the country music's level of popularity in Motown.

There's so much of the Eminem and the Kid Rock that people don't think that country is popular in Detroit, but it is. There are fans here that are just dying to eat it up.

Of course, the genre's mainstream popularity has grown in recent years with the emergence of crossover country from artists like Shania Twain and the Dixie Chicks.

And Downtown Hoedown 2006 will showcase the full spectrum of country music with such headliners as Clay Walker, Tracy Byrd and Terri Clark.

Up-and-coming performers scheduled to take the stage include Miranda Lambert, Josh Turner, Jack Ingram and Jamey Johnson.

"You're gonna get a good mix of it," said Jack, adding that she hopes country music fans won't abandon the musical genre's roots. "Contemporary country is where we are today, but if we lose sight of the old country, we're in trouble. That's where all the heart-wrenching ballads are."

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HOEDOWN LINEUP

Friday

- The Wrenfields, 2 p m
- Redhill, 2 45 p m
- Rodney Atkins, 3 45 p m
- Trent Tomlinson, 4 45 p m
- Miranda Lambert, 5 45 p m
- Terri Clark, 7 30 p m
- Josh Gracin, 9 15 p m

Saturday

- Derringer, 11 a m
- Rockie Lynne, 12 15 p m
- Shurman, 1 15 p m
- The Forbes Brothers, 2 p m
- Danielle Peck, 3 p m
- Eric Church, 4 30 p m
- The Kentucky Headhunters,

6 p m

- Tracy Byrd, 7 30 p m
- Clay Walker, 9 p m

Sunday

- Jill Jack, 11 30 a m
- Jamey Johnson, 12 15 p m
- Rhett Akins, 1 p m
- Keith Anderson, 2 p m
- The Roadhammers, 3 p m
- Jack Ingram, 4 15 p m
- Josh Turner, 5 45 p m
- Sammy Kershaw, 7 30 p m

EXHIBIT

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photographers both journalistic and amateur.

"It's really a collage of many things," Folley said. "The mind and the eye both can take it in. History can be told in an artistic way, and that's really what we are doing."

Ultimately, viewers leave with a sense of having experienced the mood and atmosphere in Montgomery during the bus boycott, in addition to learning the chronological history.

"It's an exciting historical story," said Folley. But *381 Days* aims to help visitors truly understand why it occurred.

"It allows people to access the truth of what you are telling and they are learning," said Folley. "We think it's important for history to be told as honestly as possible. But it's not a depiction because it doesn't have to be."

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Kruse & Muer travels south



Tangerine Shrimp, one of the dishes at Kruse & Muer in Troy, features tangerine butter, slivered almonds and Asian Pasta

Opens first location in Troy

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

"Going south" may have a negative connotation, but not in the mind of Bill Kruse, owner of Kruse & Muer, Kabin Krusers and the Rochester Chop House. Troy is the fifth Kruse & Muer location in this restaurant family and the first one south of the greater Rochester area.

"A real estate agent who's a regular at Kabin Krusers (in Rochester) thought I should look at the property vacated by TGI Friday's at the corner of Crooks Road and Big Beaver," Kruse said.

Intrigued at opening a "southern" Kruse & Muer, Kruse checked out potential competition by eating at each restaurant along the Big Beaver corridor. "I believe I can compete," he said.

Next, he assessed his regular customer base. "They came north to Rochester from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Troy, Royal Oak, Berkley and Clawson," he said.

Critical population mass to sustain lunch business was a third consideration. Kruse found that to be positive.

"Lastly though," he said, "another Kruse & Muer offered a chance for the young people now working for me to move up the company ladder. Adam Stonesberry is an example. He's now the general manager in Troy and he started at Kruse & Muer in 1992 as a dishwasher."

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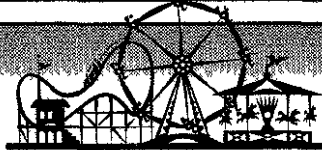
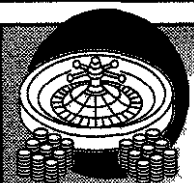
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The farm vegetable strudel with a small green salad is vegetarian friendly. Four Wilshire small plate pasta pairings team a pasta with vegetables and a small green salad. For burger fanatics, there's 1/3-pound Ramp Room Burger and fries. California fish tacos are the same as those at Kabn Krusers, but served in a cilantro-lime tortilla.

DINNER SIGNATURES

Starters at dinner swell to 11 in number, while fish and seafood main dishes total 13. Occasionally, Jimmy's pile of perch popped up as a special at other Kruse & Muer locations. It's now a staple in Troy and quite delicious. Then there's tangerine shrimp, seven of them with tangerine butter, slivered almonds and Asian pasta.

Pine Lake seafood stew, akin to a French bouillabaisse, is another must try, as are Tommy Bahama crabcakes, coconut-encrusted and served with banana-pineapple beurre blanc and Asian slaw.

Mesa grill sirloin, complimenting a Chef Bobby Flay preparation, is kona-encrusted and served with maple-bourbon butter, chef's potato,

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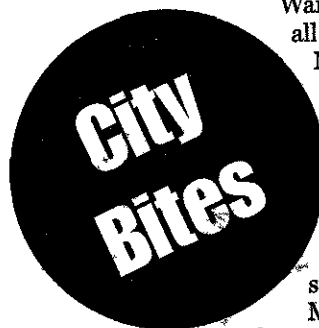
roasted asparagus and parmesan tomato

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The wine list features by-the-glass pours at \$6-\$9.50 and bottles from \$20-\$80, including some highly rated and restaurant-allocated selections. All desserts are \$6 and highlighted by caramelized banana split with coffee ice cream and mocha sauce. To end on the light side, try strawberry granita with fresh strawberries and mint.

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

It's time for a wine festival



Warmer weather brings outdoor wine festivals all across Michigan. From Blossom Days in May, to Sunrise Side in July, to Paw Paw Wine and Harvest Festival in September, there are festivals in every region, and for every taste.

Michigan's wine festivals include food from local restaurants and often include music and activities for children.

Listed here are a variety of spring and summer wine festivals.

May 20-21 - Old Mission Peninsula

Blossom Days

May 28 - Interlochen Wine, Food and Fine Arts Festival

June 3 - Ella Sharp Art and Wine Festival (Jackson)

June 10 - Leland Wine and Food Festival

June 17 - Taste of Charlevoix

June 24 - Lake Michigan Shore Wine Festival (Bridgman)

July 15 - Sunrise Side Wine and Food Festival (Harrisville)

July 29 - Suttons Bay Jazz and Wine Festival

Aug 12 - Red, White and The Blues Wine Festival (Northport)

Aug 26-27 - Wine Days of Summer (Southeast Michigan)

Sept 8-9 - Hopps of Fun Beer and Wine Festival (Mackinaw City)

Sept 8-10 - Paw Paw Wine and Harvest Festival

Sept 15-17 - Harvest Stompede (Leelanau Peninsula)

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African American Art from the Walter O Evans Collection through July 2 Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$5 \$10 call (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

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Landscapes Real & Imagined new paintings by Victoria Adams William Glen Crooks and Brad Durham through June 17 163 Townsend Birmingham (248) 433 3700 dkgallery.com

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The Spirit of Trees, artist Jay Maggio's exhibit through June 9 102 E Main Midland www.northwood.edu (989) 837 4310

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22620 Woodward Ferndale (248) 544 0394 or www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

Jewish Community Center 660 W Maple West Bloomfield (248) 432 5579

C-POP Gallery

4160 Woodward Detroit call (313) 833 9901 or visit www.cpop.com

G.R. N'Namdi Gallery

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

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Oakland University 208 Wilson Hall Rochester Hills free call (248) 370 3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag

Plymouth Community Arts Council

774 N Sheldon Plymouth (734) 416 4278

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47 Williams St Pontiac call (248) 333 7849

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407 Pine St Rochester call (248) 651 4110 or



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Tangent Gallery

715 E Milwaukee Detroit (313) 873 2955

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4620 Cass Detroit (313) 831 1400

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Orchard Lake Art Gallery

4301 Orchard Lake Road West Bloomfield (248) 538 9021

The Print Gallery

29173 Northwestern Highway Southfield (248) 356 5454 www.EverythingArt.com or www.MonaLisaMania.com

Oakland Community College

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

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Spring framed art sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday May 19 and 20 Many of the sale pieces are from the Art Rental Gallery at 774 N Sheldon Plymouth

CLASSICAL

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Special ceremony where bust of Neeme Jarvi will be unveiled at 4 p.m. Thursday May 25 Jarvi also will lead Detroit Symphony Orchestra at concerts at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday May 25 and 26 and at 8:30 p.m. Saturday May 27 in Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center tickets \$19 \$114 (313) 576 5111 for information

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DSO

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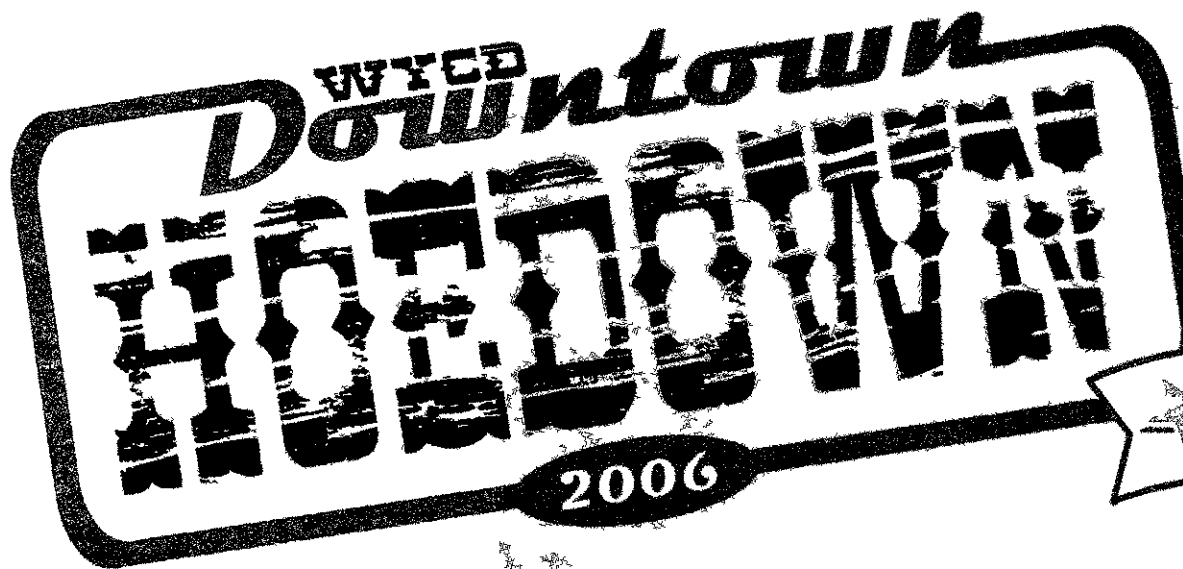
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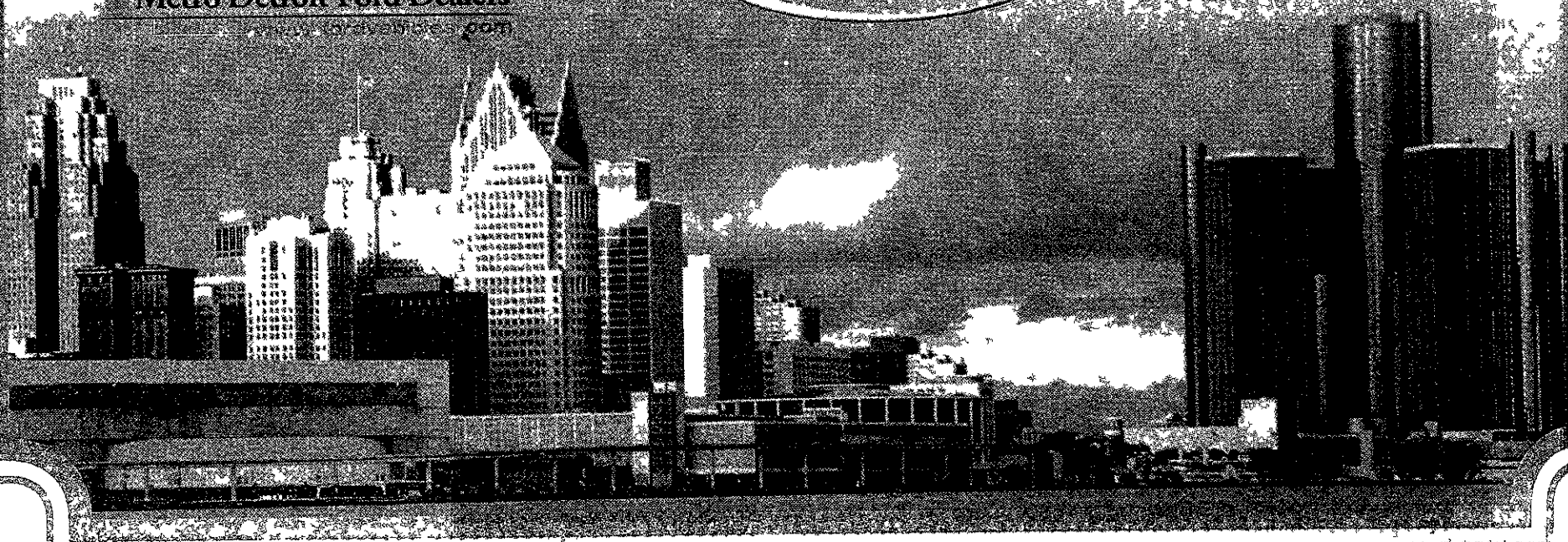
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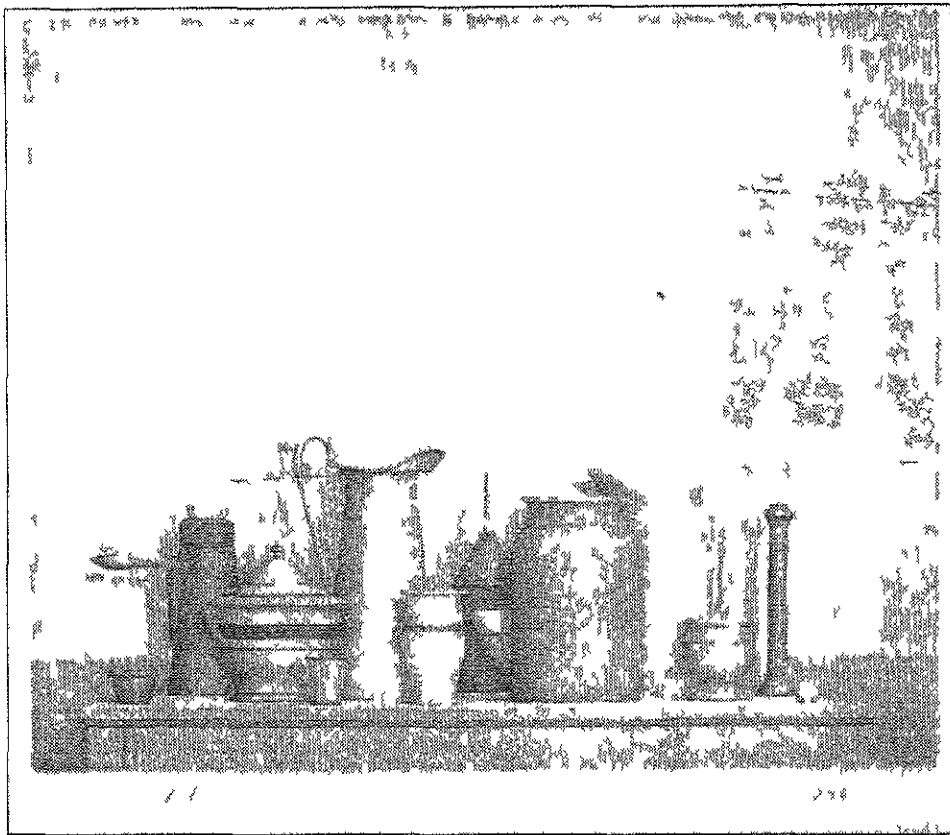


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Still life images like *Untitled* by William Bailey are part of the sale at the Detroit Institute of Arts

DIA pieces for sale

Detroit Institute of Arts auxiliaries have commissioned works of art in the past, and offered them for sale exclusively to auxiliary members

Now three works by the auxiliaries are available to the public, including multiple miniatures of Yoko Ono's *Freight Train*. Proceeds from the sales go to special funds established for future art purchases

The original *Freight Train* by Yoko Ono was on view in front of the DIA from 2003 to 2005

It was described as a work of atonement for an act of inhumanity—a locked freight train carrying Mexican workers to the United States that was abandoned in the desert and all but one person perished

The multiples sell for \$2,500 each with proceeds going to the Friends of Modern Art Acquisition fund



Other pieces are *Treille* by Janet Fish (1996), a screenprint printed in color on white wove paper. The art is a still life that depicts a bright green bunch of grapes in a fiery red glass bowl,

and is printed in 11 colors by Stewart & Stewart in Bloomfield Hills;

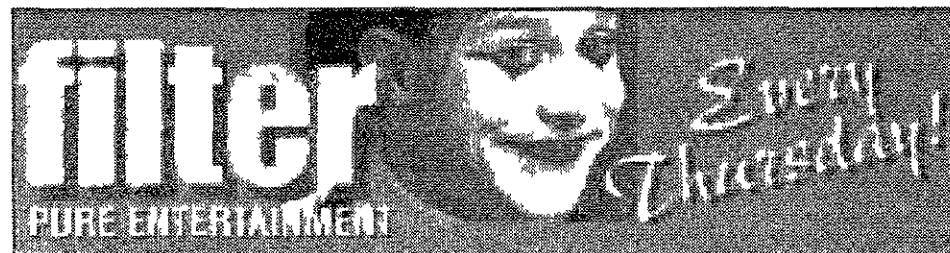
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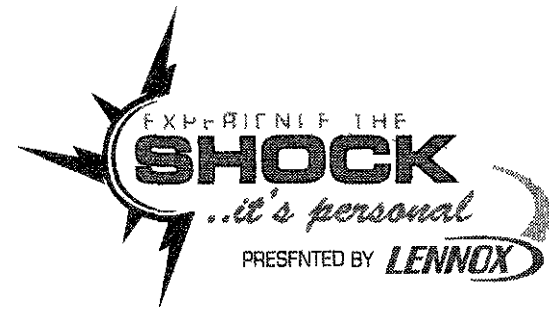
Untitled (still life) by William Bailey (2003) is an etching and aquatint printed in color on white wove paper.

The cups, bowls, jugs, plates and other containers in the still life are all objects owned by Bailey and they appear repeatedly in his work.

Lana Mini

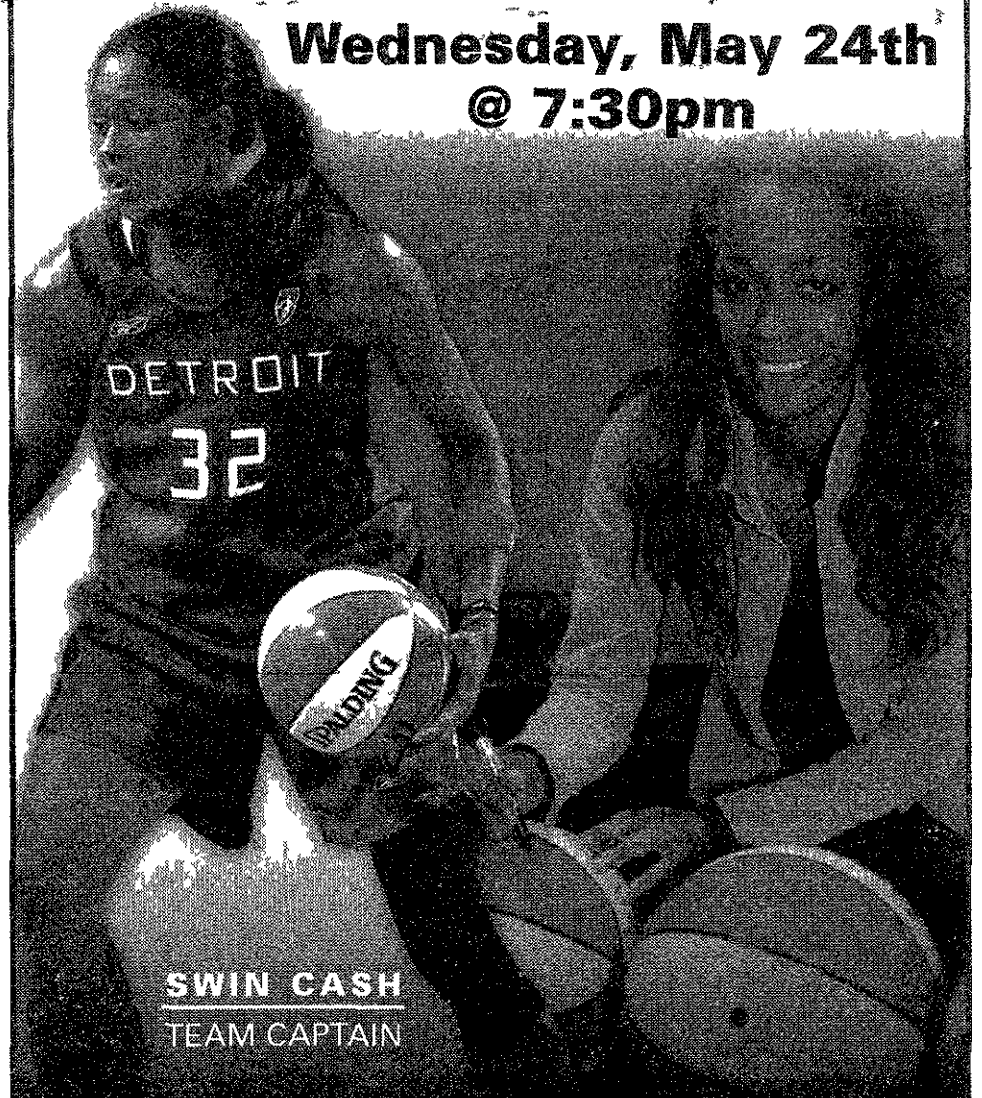


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DSO takes to the road to share music this summer

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is going the extra mile this summer to bring classical music to metropolitan Detroit and Michigan audiences

Music

There's even an expanded schedule of eight concerts at its favorite summertime home, Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester Hills

The DSO also returns to Greenfield Village in Dearborn to perform its annual *Salute to America* concerts, in celebration of the Fourth of July. In addition to a handful of programs at its regular home, the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit, the DSO will perform at local metroparks and the Interlochen Center for the Arts.

The DSO's Meadow Brook Music Festival schedule opens with a "passionate lovers" program featuring Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture* and romantic songs sung by Sinatra-style crooner Adam James.

Other summer highlights include a concert of video game music with the Stoney Creek High School Chorus, July 12, and a Congregation Shaarey Zedek-sponsored performance of a cantata composed by Shaarey Zedek Cantor Meir Finkelstein, June 29, both at the Max

Nicole Stafford

DSO SUMMER SCHEDULE

- Free concert at the Detroit Festival of the Arts Detroit 3 p.m. Sunday June 11
- Liberation Cantata Max M. Fisher Music Center Detroit 8 p.m. Thursday June 29
- Salute to America concerts with fireworks Greenfield Village Dearborn 8:30 p.m. Friday June 30 through Monday July 3
- Free Target Harmony in the Metroparks concert Kensington Metropark Milford 8 p.m. Friday July 7
- Free Target Harmony in the Metroparks concert Metro Beach Metropark Mount Clemens 8 p.m. Sunday July 9
- Free Target Harmony in the Metroparks concert Stony Creek Metropark Shelby Township 8 p.m. Sunday July 9
- Play! A Video Game Symphony Max M. Fisher Music Center Detroit 8 p.m. Wednesday July 12
- All Amadeus Interlochen Center for the Arts Interlochen 8 p.m. Saturday July 15
- Opening Night Meadow Brook Music Festival Rochester Hills 8 p.m. Friday July 21
- DSO Under the Stars featuring The Planets Meadow Brook Music Festival Rochester Hills 8 p.m. Saturday July 22
- A Big Band Tribute to Benny Goodman Meadow Brook Music Festival Rochester Hills 7:30 p.m. Sunday July 23
- Mozart 250th Birthday Bash Meadow Brook Music Festival Rochester Hills 8 p.m. Saturday July 29
- Chris Botti with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Meadow Brook Music Festival Rochester Hills 7:30 p.m. Sunday July 30
- Classical Superstars Meadow Brook Music Festival Rochester Hills 8 p.m. Friday Aug. 4
- Tchaikovsky Spectacular Meadow Brook Music Festival Rochester Hills 8 p.m. Saturday Aug. 5
- Caliente featuring Bolero Meadow Brook Music Festival Rochester Hills 8 p.m. Sunday Aug. 6

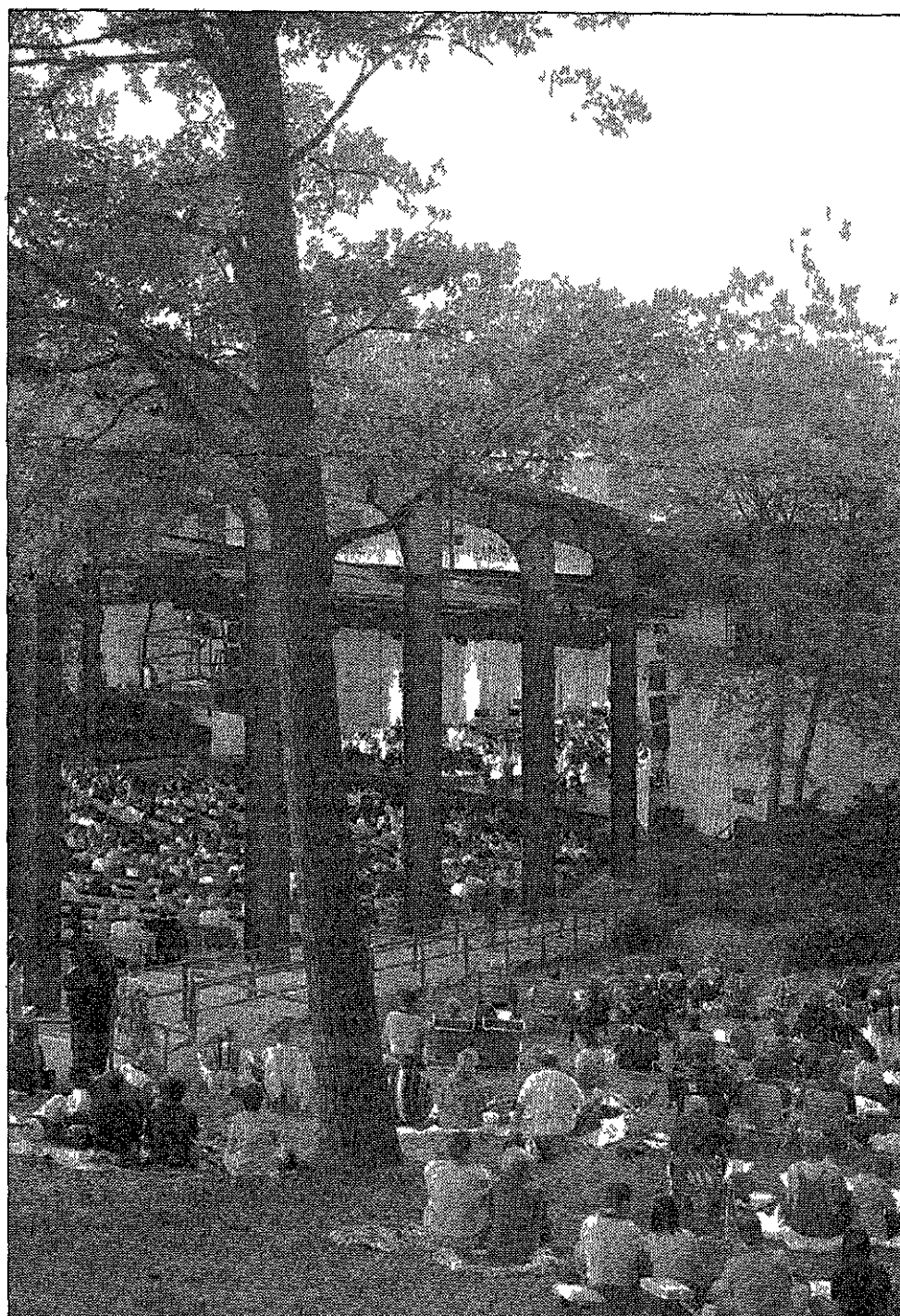


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The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's summer program at Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester Hills has been expanded to eight concerts

Indoor Meadow Brook Theatre continues without major funding

Shakespeare Dickens Rocky Horror The Andrews Sisters

Those shows will go on when the Meadow Brook Theatre season kicks off in September — despite a major reduction of corporate funding.

"Our upcoming season is one of our strongest yet, and I know theatergoers will be thrilled by the productions we're offering," said MBT Artistic Director David Regal. "From toe-tapping musicals to classic drama to

On stage

romantic comedy, this season offers something for everyone.

The season begins with *The Rocky Horror Show*, followed by an adaptation of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, MBT holiday favorite *A Christmas Carol*, Broadway hits *Same Time, Next Year* and *On Golden Pond*, and Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. The season concludes in the spring with *The Sisters of Swing*, a musical tribute to The Andrews Sisters.

The announcement of the new season came amid news that cuts in corporate arts funding will cost the theater 15 percent of its budget. Managing director John Manfredi said the theater would continue to produce the high-quality productions for which MBT is renowned even as it faces the heavy hit to its budget.

"In this struggling economy, corporate funding for the arts is drying up," Manfredi said. "For MBT, the best antidote to a drop in donations is to get people in our seats. As we seek new and

creative ways to fund our programs and to maintain the high level of artistic quality that has made us Michigan's flagship theater, we're confident that this season's line-up will bring people through our doors."

MBT is Michigan's only regional theater company. A nonprofit, independent professional theater, MBT is located on Oakland University's campus. In 2003, facing closure after 37 years of operating under the university's auspices, a group of MBT employees and other

Michigan artists formed The Theatre Ensemble and took over the theater's management. Since 2003, TTE has cut more than \$2 million dollars from MBT's operating budget while preserving 90 percent of its production budget.

Tickets for MBT productions range from \$22-\$38 and can be bought by calling the box office at (248) 377-3300. For group sales, call (248) 370-3316. For more information, visit www.mbttheatre.com.

Lana Mini

Akron duo finds the blues

REVIEW

It's been too long since there's been something released by The Black Keys, my favorite blues-filled rock duo. It's been almost two years since *Rubber Factory* hit the record shops to critical acclaim. And it's been almost two years that I've been eagerly awaiting something more.

Released on May 2 by Fat Possum Records, *Chulahoma* is just what the doctor ordered. The six-song EP is a tribute to the late Junior Kimbrough, a blues legend in his own right and a fitting hero for



Akron, Ohio's Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney. As Auerbach writes in the liner notes, "I'll be forever grateful, forever in awe, and forever indebted to Junior

Kimbrough.

Born in Hudsonville, Miss., Kimbrough learned to play guitar when just a child and became an instant master of it. He eventually owned his own club and created his own songs, but wouldn't release an album until 1992. Unable to tour at that point in his life, bands of all genres came to Mississippi to see the blues legend-in-the-making play live down south. He died at the age of 67 in 1998 and his albums are a fitting record of the innovative music he created.

The Black Keys' take on the six songs by Kimbrough aren't merely covers, they're given new life, thanks to the raw grittiness Auerbach and Carney put in each song. The sultry swag-gery, the heartache and the gut-wrenching lyrics are all there, making for a quintessential Black Keys album and tribute to their hero. The album even ends with a bonus track, Kimbrough's wife provides an answering machine message expressing how much she liked the album and the band's ability to capture her late husband's sound.

Chulahoma is available at local record stores or at www.fatpossum.com.

In other Black Keys news, Auerbach and Carney will actually join Radiohead for U.S. appearances during the British anti-rockers' upcoming tour this summer. Talk about a weird match, yet it is a big accomplishment for the two skinny guys from Ohio.

To learn more about the Black Keys, visit www.theblackkeys.com.

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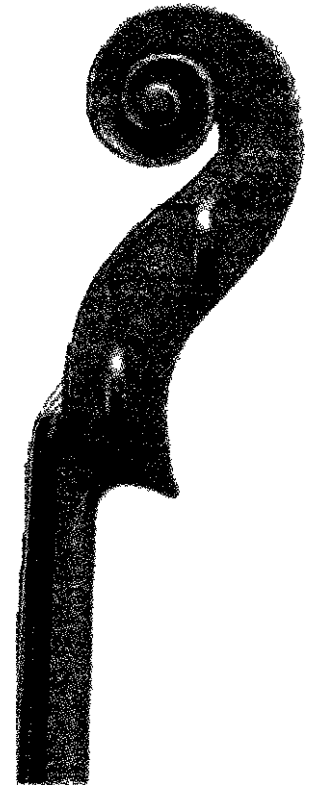
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'Goal! The Dream Begins' full of clichés

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films that opened last week

Goal! The Dream Begins

The latest in a never-ending parade of unlikely sports underdogs is a Mexican American soccer prodigy elevated by pure chance from weekend amateur games to a tryout for Britain's Newcastle United squad. The movie piles on cliché after cliché but manages a few dramatic variations that set it apart somewhat. Mexican TV star Kuno Becker is earnest and likable, if rather tame and bland, as the young man with all the right moves. At just under two hours, the movie is ponderously long for essentially the same story we've seen over and over about improbable athletic dreams. Alessandro Nivola co-stars as a party boy Newcastle star. Anna Friel plays a nurse who becomes Becker's romantic interest, and Stephen Dillane dominates the cast as a British scout who discovers the young talent. PG for language, sexual situations, and some thematic material including partying. 117 min. Two stars out of four.

David Germain AP Movie Writer

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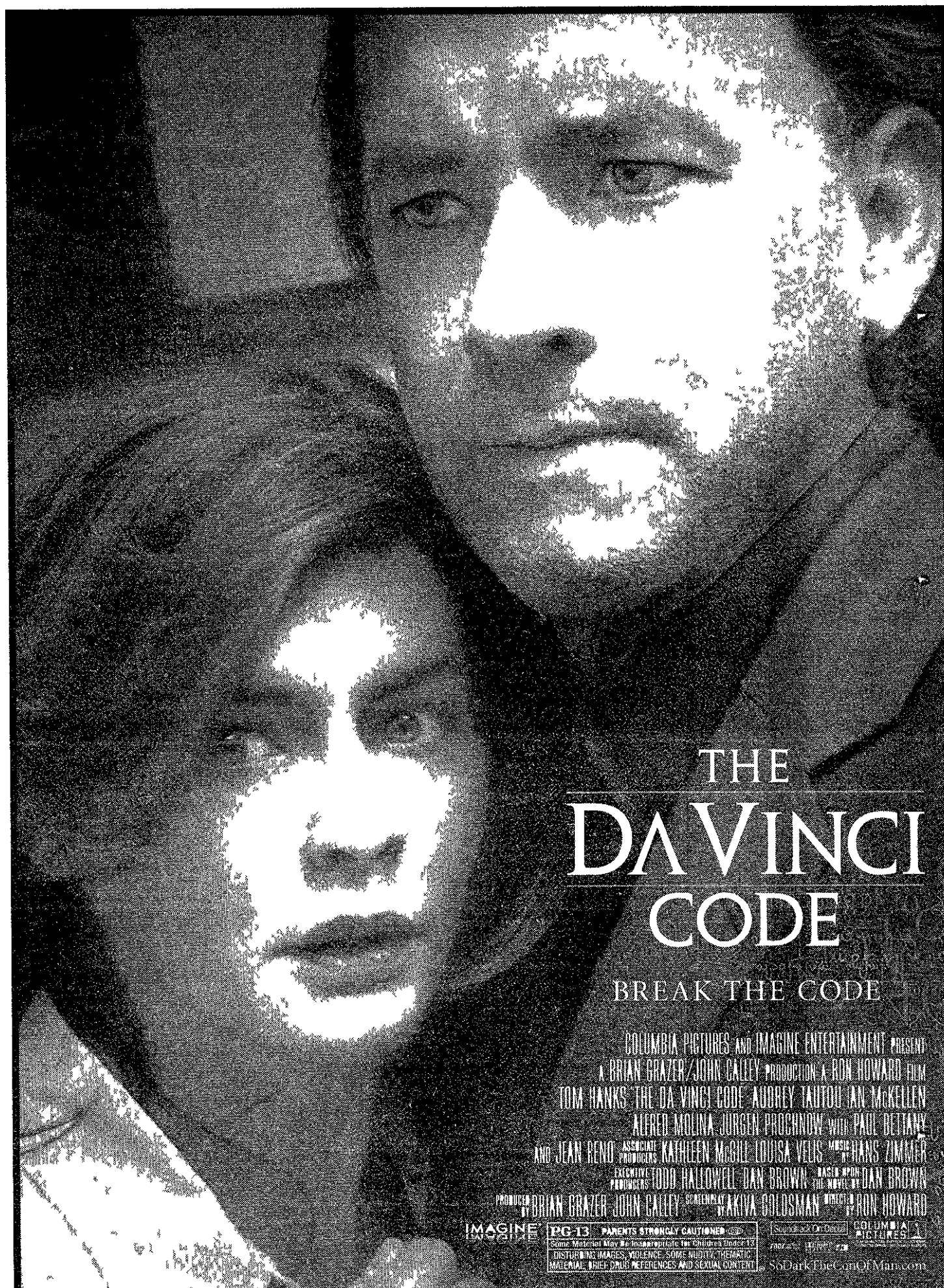
Poor Lindsay Lohan. It's bad enough that her new romantic comedy was barely screened in time for critics to review it before opening day, but now that we've seen the movie, it turns out she's not even the star. That would be the generic British pop band McFly (oddly named for Michael J. Fox's character in *Back to the Future*) for whom *Just My Luck* plays like an infomercial. They're in this thing constantly singing the same two songs at a bowling alley, at a recording studio, at a sold-out Times Square concert. In between the many performances, Lohan squeezes in opportunities to show off her gifts for timing and physical comedy. Despite what we know about her off-screen antics, and by now we know too much on screen, she's an undeniable irresistible talent. That's why it's such a disappointment that her first grown-up role is essentially a remake of *Freaky Friday*, the remake of which made her a star in 2003. Lohan plays a confident young Manhattanite with increased by good luck who magically swaps fortunes with a guy (Chris Pine) plagued with perennially bad luck after kissing him at a masquerade ball. Loud, overblown mishaps ensue. PG-13 for some brief sexual references. 100 min. One and a half stars out of four.

Christy Lemire AP Movie Critic

Keeping Up With the Steins

With its sitcommy dialogue, wacky family antics, and good-natured ribbing of religious traditions, this plays like *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. And yet, like the 2002 surprise smash *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, the movie is so warmhearted and well-intentioned it's hard not to be charmed. Jewish or not, anyone can relate to the adolescent angst of 13-year-old Benjamin Fedie (Daryl Sabara from the *Spy Kids* movies) who's a few weeks away from his bar mitzvah. While his father (Jeremy Piven) is preoccupied with throwing an elaborate party to compete with a rival Hollywood agent, Benjamin is more concerned with using the occasion to reunite his father and grandfather (Garry Marshall, whose son Scott makes his feature film directing debut here). The movie's TV comedy origins are solid and unmissable. Besides Piven and Marshall, there's Doris Roberts (*Everybody Loves Raymond*), Jami Gertz (*St. Elmo's Fire*), and Cheryl Hines (*Curb Your Enthusiasm*). PG-13 for some crude language, nudity, and brief drug references. 85 min. Two and a half stars out of four.

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