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City waits to hike rate

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth residents will notice an increase in water and sewer rates calculated in their quarterly bills, but not until Oct. 1 after city commissioners delayed the rate hike to allow residents to water lawns, sprinkle gardens and wash their cars at the lower rate.

Commissioners also decided to only tack on the combined 2-percent increase from the city of Detroit for water and Wayne County for sewage, and not the total 7.6 percent to cover the expenses of the water fund, including capital expenditures and bond payments. "We're passing along the Detroit increase, which has been the city's policy for years," Commissioner Ron Loiselle said. "However, we decided to give the citizens a break by letting them get their watering in this summer and not have to pay the higher rates."

A homeowner on Harvey Street raking her backyard Tuesday evening said commissioners shouldn't raise water and sewer rates at all. "The rates are high enough as it is right now," said the woman, who said she's on a fixed income. "What do they want, blood? I have a big backyard and water a lot in the summertime. If I don't, then everything dies."

Commissioners have been especially diligent in passing along the city's increased costs to residents, ever since a 44-percent rate hike in 1999. That jump was the consequence of commissioners failing to pass along cost increases the previous 10 years, resulting in a shortfall in the water and sewer fund.

According to Finance Director Mark Christiansen, the water and sewer fund will have a cash reserve of nearly \$2 million by June 30, the end of the 2005-06 fiscal year. Christiansen earlier told commissioners that even without raising rates to cover water and sewer fund expenses, including plans to spend \$600,000 for infrastructure improvements this summer, the fund will experience an additional \$400,000 increase.

Commissioner Gerry Sabatini pushed for no increase, believing there's enough surplus in the water and sewer fund to give residents a break for one year. "I can live with a 2-percent increase that doesn't start until October," Sabatini said. "The fund is still going to grow, though not as much as if we passed a bigger increase in the rate. But I think the city is in pretty good shape right now, at least for a year."



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Fire Marshal Frank Barrett shows the classic 'v' soot pattern from a fire started in a corner of a room

Taking a bite out of crime

New forensics class helps put science to work

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Investigators at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park discovered a gruesome scene this week.

The bodies of research workers in a chemical lab were missing, though there were signs of murder in a blood-splattered room riddled with bullet holes. Whoever committed the crime set fire to try to cover the fact the researchers were killed before a secret formula was stolen.

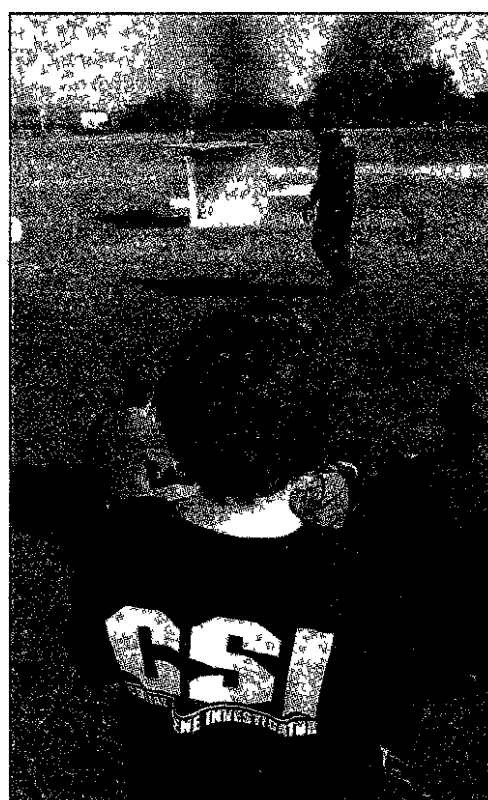
It's a 'who dunnit' that will take the expertise of CSI (crime scene investigation) forensics experts to find fingerprints, study the serology (blood patterns), search for trace evidence (fibers and hairs) as well as profiling the killer or killers.

Authorities have assigned more than 400 experts from Plymouth and Canton to the case — high school students who will use the crime scene as their final exam in the first-year forensics class at the Park.

"I really like learning about all the CSI techniques," said Ilir Xholi, 18, a Salem High School senior from Canton Township. "I find it really interesting on how they solve crimes and get down to who did it."

Science teacher Marcia Lizzio knows television crime shows are a big reason for the success of the program, which already has more than 600 students signed up for next year.

"Without a doubt, that's 100 percent why they're interested," Lizzio said. "But any reason is a great rea-



Forensic Science teacher and CSI buff Marcia Lizzio watches Fire Marshal Frank Barrett burn a simulated room

PLEASE SEE FORENSICS, A9

Teachers, district talk pact

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Negotiations on a new contract for nearly 1,100 teachers in the Plymouth-Canton school district are under way, as the two sides attempt to settle a multi-year labor agreement before the start of school Sept. 5.

The current four-year contract for the Plymouth-Canton Education Association expires Aug. 31, just days after teachers report to work for the 2006-07 school year.

The biggest issues, according to both sides, are wages and the calendar for the upcoming school year. Chuck Portelli, P-CEA president, said teachers have received 3-percent wage hikes in three of the past dozen years, the last time in the 2002-03 school year. The wage increases during the rest of the time period have been less.

While the district's finances are expected to come into play during negotiations, Portelli said it shouldn't affect a negotiated wage hike for his members.

"This is a funding issue, and the state hasn't given the district increases," Portelli said. "Every year, for 32 years, I've heard we're going to be out of business. I don't think giving teachers a raise is going to bankrupt the school district."

Ryan said the district needs to be fair to keep good teachers.

"It's easy to just say take a pay freeze, but we want to attract good people for openings and keep people who are doing a good job for us," Supt. Jim Ryan said. "We have to find a way the Board of Education and the union can live with. The hard part is coming together and making it work with the money we get."

A first-year teacher with a BA degree earns \$39,171 annually, with a master's degree increasing that to \$43,092. The top of the scale ranges from \$65,086 to \$76,387 with a master's degree.

At the high-end salary, Plymouth-Canton teachers rank 18th out of 34 Wayne County school districts. Tops is Grosse Pointe at \$82,125, with Detroit teachers ranked near the bottom at \$66,575.

PLEASE SEE NEGOTIATIONS, A8

Memorial Day parade back to early start

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Memorial Day parade will be among the first in the state to step off as organizers go back to an early-morning start.

Resuming a tradition that was interrupted the past couple of years, participants in the Monday parade will line up at Main and Theodore streets for a 7:30 a.m. commencement.

"It's a change back to solidify the starting time in line with the Fourth of July parade," said Frank Pawelak, co-chairman of this year's parade and a member of the Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post 391, which sponsors the parade. "In the minds of those who live in Plymouth and Canton, our parade is the first on Memorial Day, just like the one on the Fourth of July is

the first to start in the state."

Pawelak said participants will include members from his American Legion post and Post 112 in Plymouth, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695 in Plymouth, and the Vietnam Veterans of America, which also meets in Plymouth.

Among the other groups who will march are the Plymouth Township police honor guard, Plymouth Elks, the Knights of Columbus honor guard, and Scouts from Isbister and Smith elementary schools.

"Our plan is to have the four military groups stop at the World War II memorial in front of Central Middle School and have a 21-gun salute and play *Taps* to honor those veterans," Pawelak said.

Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone of

Canton Township, the adjutant general of veteran's affairs for the state of Michigan, will close out the parade with a speech in Kellogg Park.

"On Memorial Day we really do remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom," said Fausone. "It's not only important where they served, but the circumstances for which they made the sacrifice. It's why around the world people are envious of our rights and freedom."

A wreath will be laid at the nearby Veterans Memorial in front of the Wilcox House, where there will be a second 21-gun salute and *Taps* played by trumpeters from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park marching band.

Pawelak said he's hopeful of a big turnout to remember those who have served in the military, are currently serving and gave their lives for freedom.



FILE PHOTO

The band from Plymouth-Canton schools will be on hand again Monday for the annual Memorial Day parade through downtown Plymouth.

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Coming Sunday



CORRECTION

To correct a recent story on the mental health board in the Observer the Wayne County Mental Health Board has 12 members. The mayor of Detroit appoints six members. He is not required to receive Detroit City Council approval for his selections. The Wayne County executive appoints six members, with the approval of the county commission. Teresa Blossom is quoted as saying legislation introduced two years ago was punitive. On Monday, she said she was referring instead to current legislation which could cost the county as much as \$50 million if an independent authority isn't created by the county commission.

West qualifies for DI global finals

The Destination Imagination team from West Middle School competed this week in the global finals against teams from more than 20 countries around the world after their performance at the recent state tournament.

The West Team chose to compete in a performing arts challenge, for which they wrote an original script, created costumes, props and theatrical sets, composed songs and choreographed dances.

No one can assist them with their work, said Karen Palgut, community arts coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. They learn a lot about teamwork, time management and the art of compromise.

The team also competed in an Instant Challenge where they had to solve a problem within a limited time period. The students are judged on their ability to work as a team, think on their feet and utilize problem-solving strategies.

The West team was excited to be attending the four-day global competition at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Palgut said. The opening ceremony was set to be attended by thousands of people from all over the world.



The West Middle School team performing at the state competition (from left) Rachel Palgut, Cara Delaney, Kelly Filios, Alyssa Garbarino, Stephanie Poe, Adam Harrison and Jayesh Srivastava.

The students are staying in student housing at the University of Tennessee and experiencing dormitory life, including meals in the dining hall. They will be staying in a dorm with teams from several other states, Guatemala and Mexico.

Destination Imagination is the world's largest creativity and problem-solving organization.

Their programs help students develop a unique and critical skill set by emphasizing creativity, problem-solving and teamwork. While kids generally think of it as a lot of fun, adults see other benefits.

Coaches and parents alike notice that the children develop self-confidence, especially when it comes to public speaking, Palgut pointed out. In general,

they demonstrate respect for the opinions of others and a willingness to collaborate.

The members of the West Middle School team are eighth graders Adam Harrison, Alyssa Garbarino, Cara Delaney, Jayesh Srivastava, Kelly Filios, Rachel Palgut and Stephanie Poe.

West Middle School Destination Imagination team members (back row) Adam Harrison, Jayesh Srivastava and Alyssa Garbarino, (middle row) Cara Delaney, Rachel Palgut and Stephanie Poe, and (front row) Kelly Filios are in Tennessee this week competing in the Destination Imagination global finals.



Physical Therapy UPDATE
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EARLY FITNESS LEADS TO LESS CHRONIC PAIN LATER

Teenage's looking avoid the chronic pain that often afflicts the elderly should get into the best possible shape they can now. So say Finnish researchers who found that adolescent boys with good flexibility and adolescent girls with good endurance's engaged were especially to experience chronic pain as adults. Specifically, the men who were most flexible as teenagers were 14% less likely to experience neck pain as adults. As to the women, those with the greatest endurance strength as teenagers were 34% less likely to have neck pain than women who were less fit.

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Coming in handy

Plymouth company helps around the house

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Back in the mid-1990s, Keith and Debra Paul watched as Debra's grandmother suffered through being ripped off by a contractor.

After that experience, the Pauls began a referral service, finding contractors mostly for people who needed things done around the house.

When demand for that grew to be too much, they took the next step. They started their own company and, in 1996, HandyPro Handyman Services was born.

"We had so many calls for handymen, we couldn't find enough," said Keith Paul.

Today, after 10 years in business, the company has 13 handymen working at its Plymouth office, and hopes to add even more.

"We hired a guy, and then we hired a couple more," Keith Paul said. "This year, we're hoping to hire our 14th person."

The company has added four locations in Dallas, Minneapolis, Ann Arbor and,



Debra and Keith Paul are celebrating 10 years in the handyman business. They own HandyPro of Plymouth.

in 2005, Honolulu.

They found us on the Internet, Paul said. They're a property management company, and they wanted to open a franchise.

HandyPro has a network of professionals out doing the work, all anchored by Paul, the president and accounting

manager and self-described janitor. "Not bad for a guy who wasn't all that experienced when he got started."

My experience is really putzing around the house, Paul said. I'm really not the guy you want out in the field. We've hired a great group of people for that.

But his wife said not to pay a lot of attention to that.

He's really the brains of the outfit, said Debra Paul, who serves as HandyPro's vice president. His main concern is making sure the customer is happy.

He's trying to do it on a bigger stage. And with the handyman service market continuing to remain strong as the Baby Boomer generation ages, HandyPro is making an aggressive push to double its franchise locations by year-end.

"We are finding that as the Baby Boomers become empty-nesters, they want to spend more time traveling or with leisure activities, and less time doing home maintenance," Keith Paul said. "That gives business like ours even more opportunities to help people get the small jobs done around their home so they can enjoy their

spare time doing other things.

Paul said the company began offering franchises in 2000, but 9/11 and a slowing economy impacted the sale of additional franchises.

Since then, he said, it's been getting better.

"The last three years have all seen growth, about 5 percent each year," Paul said. "We're happy with that, especially since most businesses are struggling. We'd like to continue to grow."

He indicated the company is currently talking with potential franchisees throughout the country, including Florida, Ohio, New York, Kentucky and Pennsylvania, and there are also more opportunities in Michigan.

For more information about HandyPro Handyman Services and its franchise opportunities, visit the company web site at www.handypro.com or call (734) 254-9160.

Theft has vets watching credit

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

More than 26 million U.S. veterans have cause to be concerned after a disk containing their personal data was stolen from a Veterans Affairs employee after he took the information home with him.

According to Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson, there is no evidence that whoever broke into the employee's home used the personal data, or are even aware they have it.

"I would be concerned," said John Neault of American Legion Passage-Gayde Post 391 in Plymouth, who served in the Army from 1960-62. "I would think the Secret Service would be involved."

Brig Gen Carol Ann Fausone of Canton Township, the adjutant general of veteran's affairs for the state of Michigan, said more than 823,000 veterans in the state have been sent letters to check

their credit histories and watch their bank accounts.

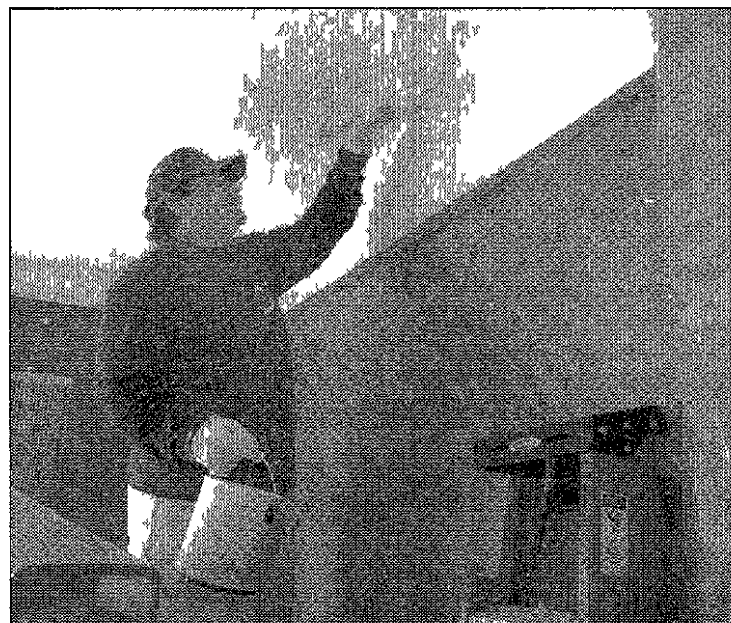
"We were notified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs soon after it was discovered," said Fausone, "and we will keep our veterans updated if anything else happens."

"On our Web site, we give them clues to continually check their monthly financial statements, and notify their banks and credit card companies," she said. "If one of our Michigan veterans recognizes a problem, we're asking them to contact us, so we can be alerted that Michigan veterans may have been affected."

Fausone said veterans with questions can call her office in Lansing at (517) 335-6523.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs can be contacted toll free at (800) 333-4636, which is being answered from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The Veterans Affairs Web site is www.firstgov.gov.



Robert George finishes the painting on a large drywall and painting project for Canton homeowner Nancy O'Donnell.

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Spinal screenings

Mashike Chiropractic Life Center will be holding Free Spinal Screenings during the Canton Cup soccer tournament at Independence Park in Canton

The screenings are set for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 27. The screenings are designed to determine spinal alignment on patients

For more information, call (734) 354-0020

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Symphony is offering a special on entertainment books as part of its annual fund-raiser

Patrons who buy a 2007 Entertainment Book get a 2006 book for free. The books offer 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events

The 2006 book can be picked up now at the Plymouth Symphony office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or call (734) 451-2112 or Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 2007 Entertainment Book will be available in August

The entertainment book offer is \$20, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton

Family fun fest

Station 885 in Old Village hosts a "Family Fun Fest" starting at noon July 2

The event will feature a barbecue, car cruise and classic car show, live bands and more. A portion of the proceeds go to benefit the Lions Foundation

For more information, call (734) 459-0885

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution meet at noon Monday, June 19 at the Hill House at Greenmead in Livonia

The meeting features the annual pot-luck picnic and auction. The program is plant and craft auction, bring white elephants

For more information, call (734) 459-4764

Safety fair

USA Credit Union hosts its second-annual "Safety Town Family Fair" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at the credit union's Plymouth branch, 13000 Haggerty

All are welcome to stop by and enjoy the free fair. The Plymouth Police and Fire Departments will be on site, along with bike safety tips, car seat safety checks, a complete child identification program, tattoos for the kids and balloon hats for all to enjoy

SpongeBob and Strawberry Shortcake will be onsite to entertain the kids and everyone gets an entry for the chance to win \$200 in free gas! There will also be door prizes, and the first 25 families get a \$25 AMC movie package

For more information, call (734) 453-5440

Lawn sale

The Plymouth branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association hosts a lawn sale 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 8 at 1369 Park Place in Plymouth (two blocks south of Ann Arbor Trail and



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Staying healthy

Joan Baker of Plymouth gets an assessment from Dr. Priti Shah of the Gregg Chiropractic Center during the Senior Expo at Schoolcraft College

one block east of Sheldon)

The sale will feature lots of household and garden items, books, toys, crafts, houseplants and perennials. All proceeds will support the Plymouth Garden Club Scholarships awarded to local high school

students

Father's Day run

The Plymouth Family YMCA hosts its 27th-annual Father's Day Run Sunday, June 18, in downtown Plymouth

This popular event has become a family tradition. All proceeds will be used to help support the Y's Strong Kids Scholarship Campaign

Awards go to the top three finishers in all age categories, overall male and female winner in each race and all kid participants. All registered runners get a T-shirt

Age groups and start times include Diaper Dash, 9 a.m. (0-12 months), Wee Walkers, 9 a.m. (12 months-2 years), Kid Trot, 7:30 a.m. (3-4 years), Kid Jog, 7:45 a.m. (5-8 years), 1M walk/run, 8 a.m., 5k walk/run, 8:15 a.m., 10k walk/run, 8:45 a.m. and the unique 12th annual Morse Dental Group MDG Triple (10.3 Miles)

Packet pick-up will be at the YMCA office, 248 Union, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 17 and at 6:30 a.m. on race day

Register online at www.gaultracemangement.com, or call the YMCA office at (734) 453-2904. Pictures by Dr. Andrew Rubenstein will be available at www.plymouthpictures.com

Volunteers are needed for the run. All volunteers receive a free T-shirt and get to watch as over 1,300 people run through the streets of Plymouth. There are several volunteer opportunities available

Anyone interested in volunteering can call the YMCA office at (734) 453-2904 or plymouthymca@ymcametrodetroit.org by June 9

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

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 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 online 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

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Medical examiner expecting a deadly weekend

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Medical Examiner Dr. Carl Schmidt worries that the Memorial Day weekend could be deadly for drug users in Wayne County. From Thursday, May 18, to Sunday, May 21, of the 19 people who died of drug overdoses all had fentanyl in their blood, Schmidt says. Fentanyl is a very powerful opiate which is potentially fatal. Although typically used as a patch to treat pain in terminal cancer patients over a period of hours, the street drug is mixed with heroin or cocaine and the combination can cause users to stop breathing.

"We started seeing fentanyl in significant numbers of people with drug related deaths in September," said Schmidt. From September 2005 to March 2006, the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office confirmed 106 deaths associated with drug use. All had fentanyl in their blood. Schmidt is unsure if the death toll will continue to rise since the number of people dying from drug overdoses started to peak only in late March and early April. So far, individuals from Detroit,

Lincoln Park, Dearborn Heights, Redford, and Westland have died. According to Schmidt drug use tends to be concentrated in certain areas and includes communities ranging from Flat Rock to Northville.

"Drug users dying in twos and threes has never happened before. Up until late February or March that hadn't happened," said Schmidt. "The total drug deaths for 2005 remained the same for 2004. That's changing this year."

Schmidt warns users and addicts that if they do drugs, they could die. The best solution is to quit. He offers this advice to users and their family members and friends. Schmidt says, drug use is a complex as well as a social issue. "If you're addicted it's very hard to stop." The problem with fentanyl is it's taken with other drugs, most often heroin, said Schmidt. "People often shoot drugs and drink alcohol. This is often lethal. Many of the deaths had alcohol in the blood. If you have to do some kind of drug because you're addicted, don't drink."

"Keep in mind the drug you may be buying may not be what it is. All white powders look the same. If you know

someone who uses drugs, especially individuals who have been using drugs for some time, life is focused on where they're going to get their next drugs. You should apprise them of the potential of buying something lethal."

Dr. Cheryl Loewe believes the reason fentanyl is so deadly is because it was designed to be released and absorbed into the skin in 72 hours.

"It's typically administered in a patch form," said Loewe, deputy chief medical examiner for Wayne County. "We feel the gel from the patches is getting into the street drug."

According to Loewe the bodies of individuals dying from drug overdoses are coming into the medical examiner's office without patches. They won't be sure if fentanyl caused the recent deaths until tests that check for the presence of the drug in the blood return in about 4-weeks.

"How the drug is getting into the heroin we don't know," said Loewe. "We have the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency), CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), the narcotics division of the Detroit Police Department, and the Wayne County Sheriff working to pinpoint the geo-

graphic areas and the source, how the drug is getting into the mixture."

Like Schmidt, Loewe's recommendations to drug users is to stop.

"There are drugs they can give people with drug addiction, but if they can't quit to be suspicious of any white powder or street drugs because you don't know what is being mixed with it."

For more information about fentanyl, call the Neighborhood Services Crisis Line for Wayne County at (313) 224-7000 or 1-866-289-2641.

According to LaNeice Jones, unit director for the Neighborhood Service

Organization, since a press conference was held on the fentanyl deaths last Friday in the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office, they have received around 25 calls on the drug. She's unsure as to whether the callers were from drug users or someone close to them seeking help. Neighborhood Service provides referrals for substance abuse in addition to information on fentanyl.

For additional assistance with substance abuse in Wayne County outside of Detroit, call 1-800-686-6543, inside Detroit call 1-800-467-2452.

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- K**
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Robert E. McKnight, M.D.
McKnight 88 died May 22
- S**
Marvin George Schaeffer
Schaeffer 84 of Farmington Hills died May 20
- Richard D. Seibert
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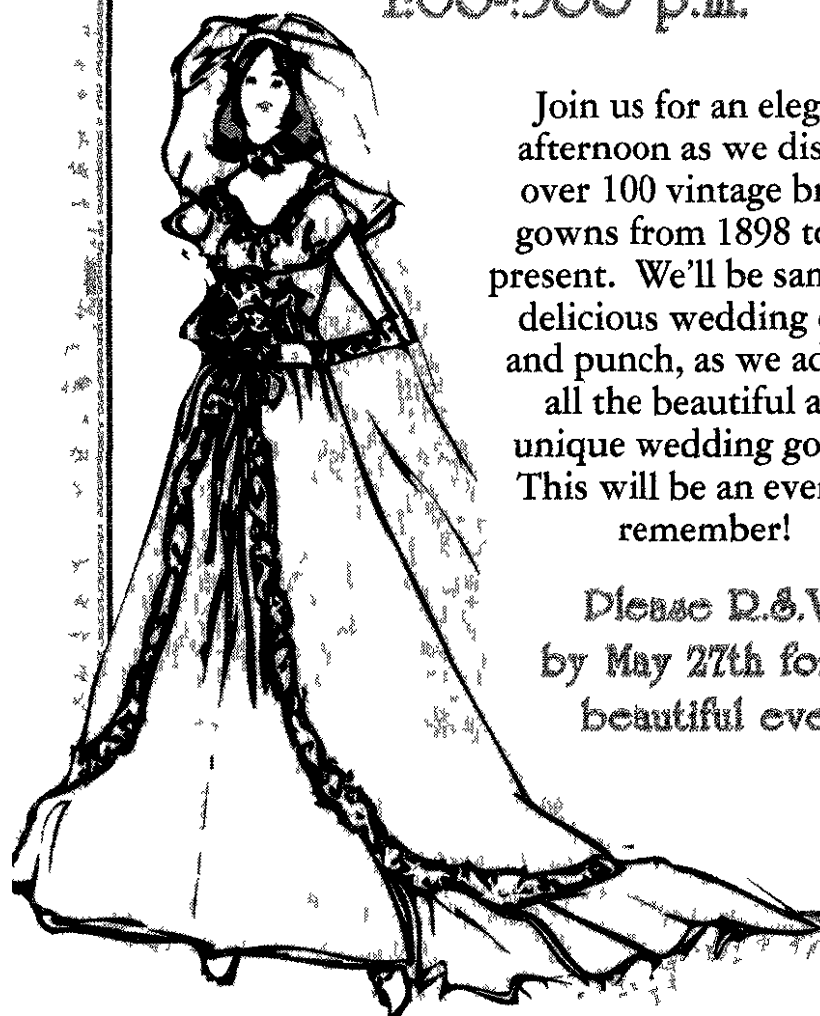
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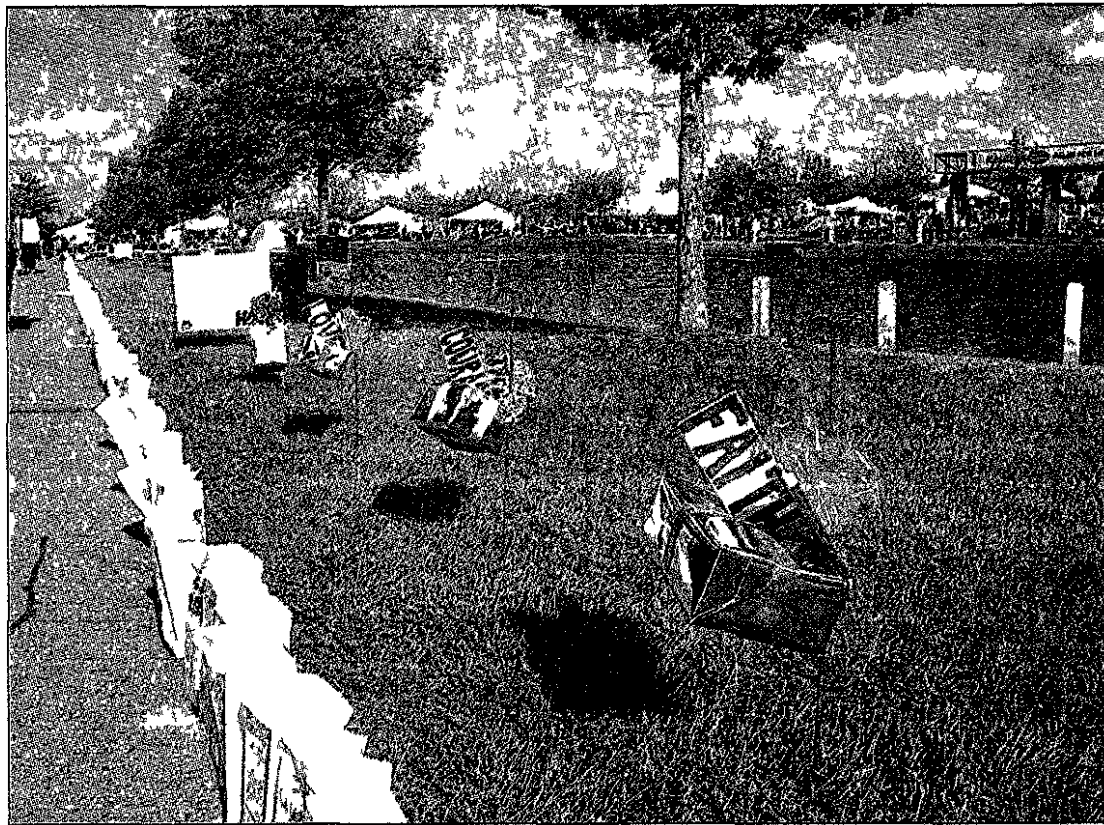
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Candles and symbols of hope lined the track at Heritage Park

Cancer fighters boost Relay for Life success

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Canton's John Schwartz is glad to be a cancer survivor at age 81. He was among more than 200 cancer survivors lauded this past weekend at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Canton. "Oh, it's great," said Schwartz, who helped out at the Canton Public Library tent that was set up at Relay for Life. The library retiree, who earlier operated a greenhouse in Canton, noted it costs a lot to fight cancer and government funds are limited.

He was diagnosed with colon cancer 26 years ago. "I've had cancer three or four times since then," Schwartz said of his prostate and skin cancer diagnoses.

"But he's a tough old bird," said Marcia Barker of Canton program coordinator at the library.

Heritage Park in Canton was full 10 a.m. Saturday through

10 a.m. Sunday with Relay participants, who, as of Monday, raised \$253,224 with more coming in. A total of 61 teams walked the track continuously. There was also a survivors lap to recognize those who had survived cancer.

Breast cancer survivor Kate Rosevear of Plymouth Township has gone 21 years since her diagnosis. "I'm doing rather well," said Rosevear, who owns Carlson Wagonlit Travel of Plymouth and Wayne Her business joined with Plymouth A.M. Rotary and Tanger Center staffers from the Plymouth-Canton Schools in "Cruising for a Cure," the motto on their tent sign.

"It's a sign of hope so many people are getting involved in this," Rosevear said of the annual Relay for Life. She noted breast cancer survival rates are up, and that research funded by the American Cancer Society contributes to that.

More than anything, it's a

celebration of life," said Rosevear, who has lost family members to cancer.

Marcia Barker's husband had leukemia, and she was glad to join forces with the library team. "We sell used books to raise funds for the American Cancer Society," she said. "We get involved because we're a significant part of the community."

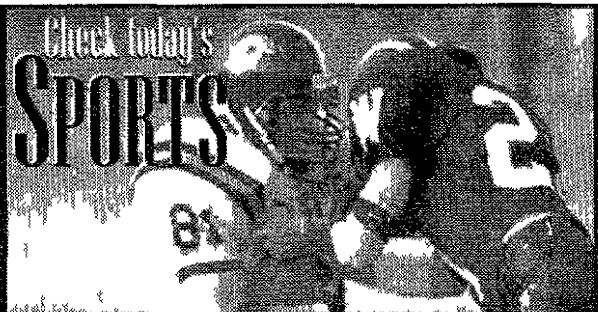
There was some rain overnight, but Saturday was sunny and pleasant, boosting the spirits of the Relay participants. Canton resident Susan Rogers was at the Geneva Presbyterian Church tent. She started with Relay when friend Melissa Arquette, now doing well, was diagnosed with cancer.

"I think it's great," Rogers said of Relay for Life. "What a gorgeous, gorgeous day!"

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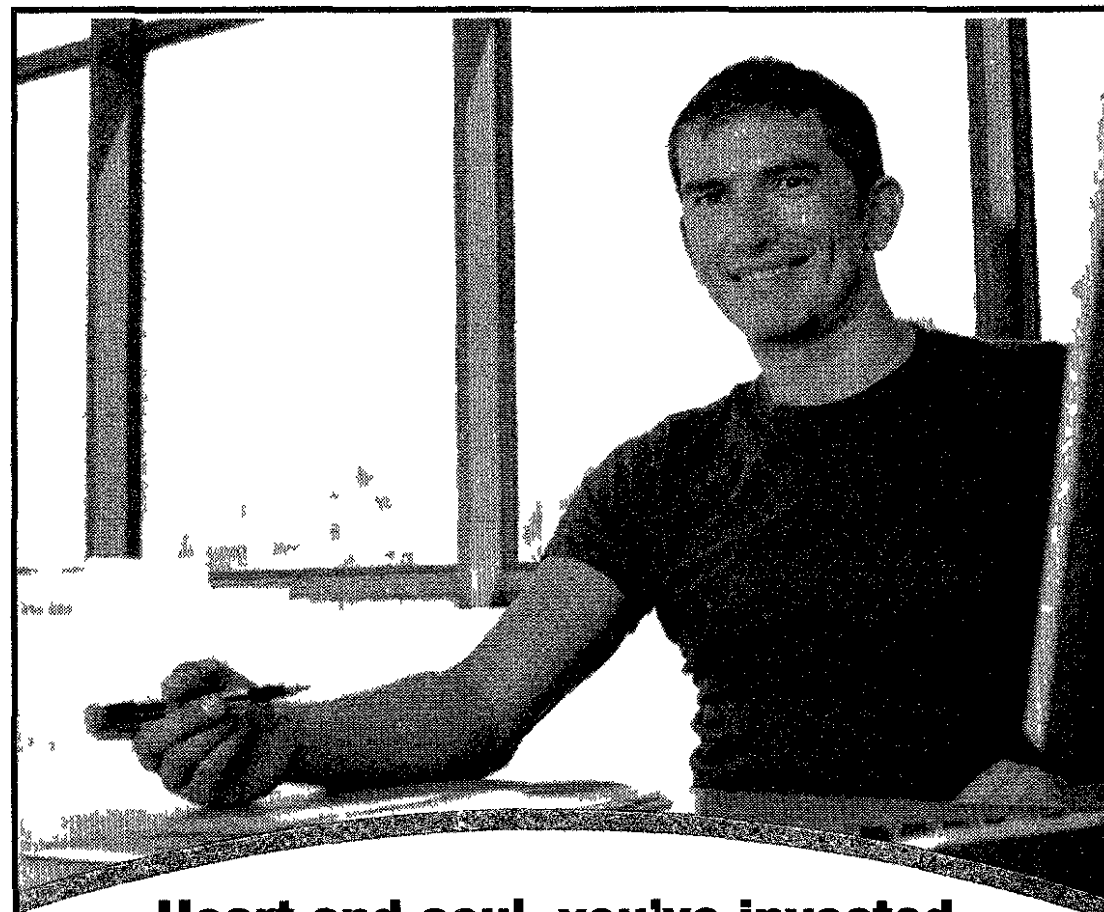
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Wayne County Homeland Security Chief James Buford speaks to attendees at the American Society of Industrial Security's conference at Laurel Manor in Livonia

Planning is key to prevent disasters

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Attendees at the 23rd Annual American Society for Industrial Security Update Training seminar, Detroit Chapter, were counseled that security was their responsibility and that while there's no way to plan for everything, there are ways to be prepared for whatever the worst might be.

ASIS was formed in 1955 to encourage the development of the security profession through education on general and specific security-related topics. There are more than 33,000 members worldwide.

The ASIS seminar, May 17 and 18 in Livonia, was marked by special presentations on all forms of public and private security ranging from large event management (the recent Super Bowl and All Star games) to electronic security inside and outside law enforcement.

The overwhelming message of the two-day event was the importance of planning. Good planning means a better chance of survival in the case of a disaster, man-made or naturally-occurring.

A lot of the flawed thinking about homeland security and disaster planning, said Dan Mendelson, President of Untex Direct of Walled Lake, surrounds the belief that the government can help.

"Government is too big to answer every disaster that comes up because they can't plan for everything," he said. "Businesses have to have specific plans even though there are limits to what they can do."

A good example of the failure of government, he said, was the levees in New Orleans. Tens of millions of dollars would have saved billions in damages there, but that money was tied up in jurisdictional bickering.

The day's keynote speaker, Wayne County Director of Homeland Security James Buford, said cooperation is the name of the game.

"We have to have the ability to draw together all 43 communities in Wayne County, the Airport Authority and Metroparks — it's important to have our emergency operations plans in order," he said. "It's time to think on a regional scale."

Every community has different strengths, he said. The regional approach to security and emergency response has to

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coordinate emergency teams, haz-mat teams and other first responders so that everyone can respond to incidents as one force. The cooperation has to include all six southeast Michigan counties because help from the federal government is starting to wane.

"We have to know we can lean on each other because Homeland Security dollars are shrinking," Buford said. "The federal government approved \$860 million in 2005 and \$760 this year. It's important that we come together and pool our resources."

In that respect, he said private concerns have a lot to offer. Any of the cities in Michigan have great resources but a company like GM is multinational and understands security on a global scale. He said he looked forward to partnering with companies like that in the future.

Vince Tata is a business development manager for Guardsmark, a private security company with a location in Troy. He said the world of private security has opened up since 9/11.

"A lot of people look at security differently," Tata said. "It's more important than it was in the past. The industry has upgraded pay and benefits to attract better quality employees."

Murray LaPointe, ASIS Detroit Chapter Update chair and Wackenhut Security in Livonia said the business has been big since the World Trade Center came down.

"Revenues have been through the roof in private security," he said. "Government funding is going down and you can't count on them for disaster planning. Business has to take care of itself and there's been a greater grasp of the need for private security."

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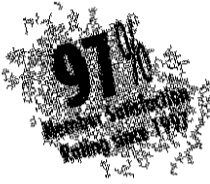
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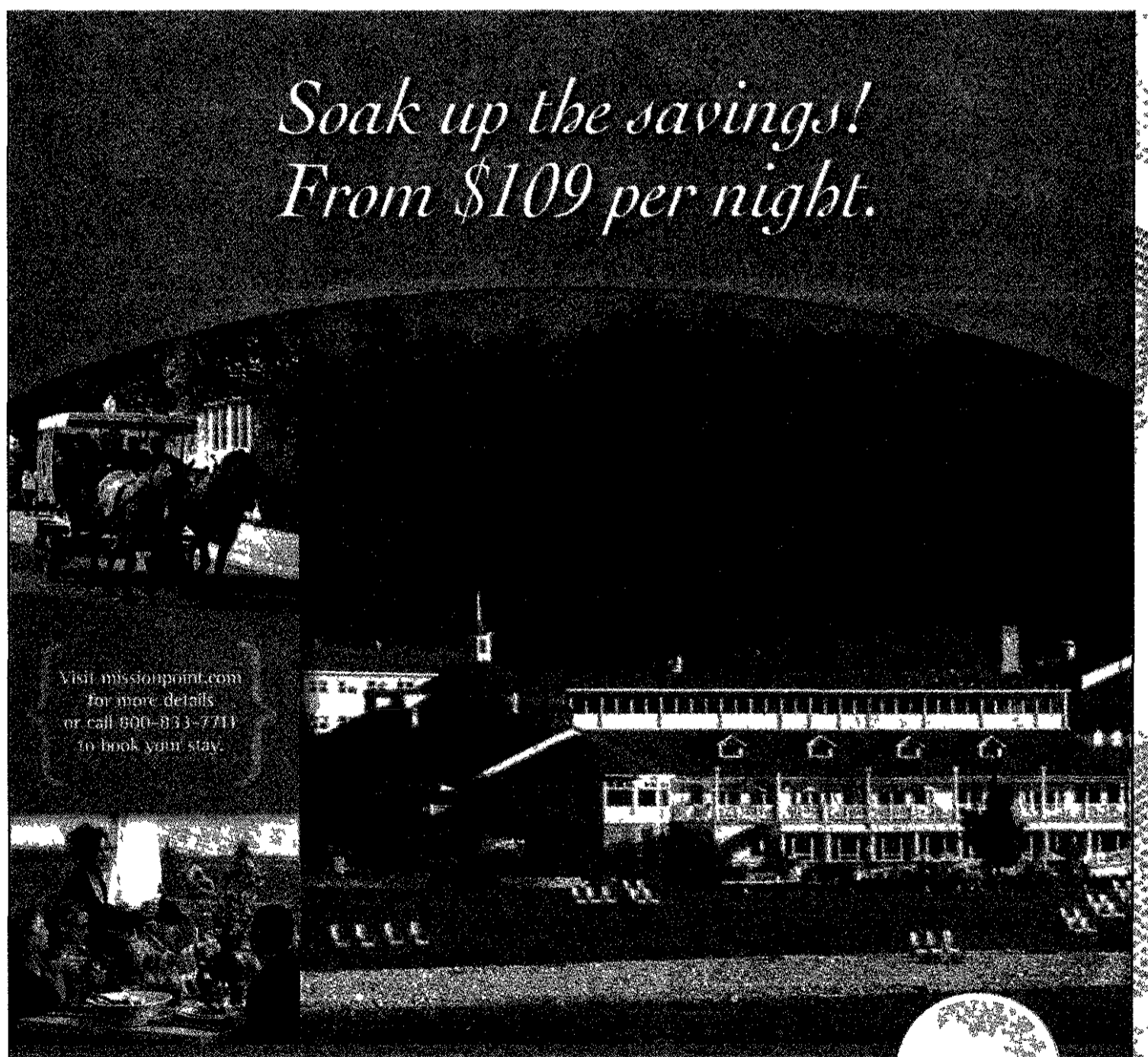
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NEGOTIATIONS

FROM PAGE A1

The district and teachers union utilize interest-based bargaining, in which the two sides discuss their differences and attempt to resolve issues, which is much different than the typical bargaining where each side presents a proposal. "I think negotiations have gotten better (with IBB), we're better skilled at it," Portelli said. "It gives us a better understanding of each other's positions."

"When I go back to my membership and explain why I didn't get something they considered important, I can tell them the rationale on how things were done," he added.

With Plymouth-Canton Schools facing budget cutbacks and a bleak economic future, Ryan said interest-based bargaining allows for discussions on finances.

The good news about the process is that it lets us talk about our financial challenges, as opposed to just saying we aren't going to give a raise," Ryan said. "It allows us to lay the groundwork on how we're going to deal with that."

Bargaining continues this week with two facilitators. Along with Portelli, the union's

KEEPING UP

Here's a look at how teacher salary percentage increases have ranged compared to the Consumer Price Index since 1994.

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| 1996/97 | 2.00 | 3.00 |
| 1997/98 | 2.00 | 2.30 |
| 1998/99 | 2.00 | 1.60 |
| 1999/00 | 2.50 | 2.20 |
| 2000/01 | 2.50 | 3.40 |
| 2001/02 | 2.76 | 3.20 |
| 2002/03 | 3.00 | 3.20 |
| 2003/04 | 3.00 | 1.50 |
| 2004/05 | 2.25 | 2.30 |

bargaining team consists of Dave Wert, P-CEA vice president and Hoben Elementary, Jim Angell of the Michigan Education Association, Mary Abraham, Starkweather Education Center, Nancy Barrows, Miller Elementary, Darn Edick, Salem High School, Mike Gunta, Salem High School, Amy Henne, Smith Elementary, Chris Moore, Pioneer Middle School, Jennifer Coffman, Discovery Middle School, and Bob Williams, Canton High School.

Ryan leads the district's negotiating team that includes assistant superintendents Patricia Brand, Ken Jacobs and Barbara Rodenberg, as well as Ray Bihun, executive director of human resources.

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WHERE THEY RANK

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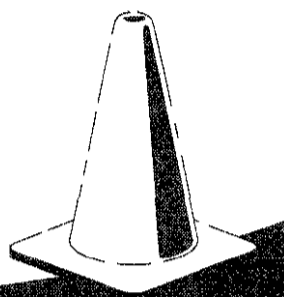
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| Lincoln Park | \$80,054 |
| Riverview | \$79,979 |
| South Redford | \$79,773 |
| Dearborn Heights | \$79,332 |
| Grosse Ile | \$79,323 |
| Westwood | \$79,161 |
| Trenton | \$78,056 |
| Northville | \$77,837 |
| Garden City | \$77,618 |
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| Woodhaven | \$77,181 |
| Plymouth-Canton | \$76,387 |
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| Wayne-Westland | \$75,647 |
| Crestwood | \$74,829 |
| Gibraltar | \$74,276 |
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FORENSICS

FROM PAGE A1

son for a kid to be interested in science, even if it's pure Hollywood"

Lizzio and her partner in crime, Bob Williams, set up a bit of Hollywood of their own for the final exam, taking in all the lessons learned during the forensics class which touches on all aspects of crime fighting. Students studied anthropology to learn about skeletal remains, fingerprinting, firearms, DNA and blood samples, as well as the profiling of serial killers.

"Serial killing became one of the kids favorites, Williams said. They were very interested in the Jeffrey Dahmers of the world. We studied criminal profiling and how the mind works."

Lizzio was one of only nine teachers from the U.S., England and Puerto Rico awarded an opportunity by Pfizer Corp. to study forensics at the Connecticut State Crime Lab, working side by side with crime lab specialists, including Dr. Henry Lee, whose 6,000 investigations include the O.J. Simpson murder case.

"I've been doing forensics in my classroom since 1985, way before CSI, because it's fun," said Lizzio, who received several Pfizer grants to support her projects. "Everybody loves a mystery, and the kids love the 'who dunnit'."

Canton Township Fire Marshal Frank Barrett spent a day behind the varsity football stadium, teaching students about arson investigation.

It's very difficult to get the perfect fire, a complete burn, Barrett told students while pouring gasoline into a bowl

and setting fire to a make-shift wall. "If you try to set a fire that doesn't have all the elements, it will leave signs for us."

"If you've got a trailer, it's a good indicator it's not an accidental fire," Barrett added. Dense black smoke is indicative of petroleum.

Barrett said he's not too concerned he's giving away secrets to train arsonists how to get away with a crime.

"Most arsonists don't think that deeply," Barrett said. "All they want is a fire and then to escape. They do it for revenge or for financial gain, that is, insurance policies."

Salem senior Whitney Miles of Canton said the demonstration taught her lots of things.

"With all the ways they have of finding out how a fire started, I don't think you can get away with it," Miles said. "I like the whole CSI and how they solve crime scenes. I also learned how you can find invisible fingerprints."

Plymouth High School senior Chet Kelly of Plymouth Township said one of his favorite topics was criminal profiling.

"Most times, there are two types of criminals," Kelly said. "One that is organized, who will use bleach and dispose of the body. The other is unorganized, and just usually leaves the body there."

"This class has been interactive, I've never been bored," he added.

Lizzio admits that designing the lesson plan with Williams is almost like a 'who dunnit' in itself.

"When we get together, we don't collaborate, we conspire," she said.

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Basic training grads

■ **Air Force Airman** **Matthew A. Peterson** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission organization, and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and

received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Peterson is the son of Ronald Peterson of Plymouth and Cindy Peterson of Romulus.

■ **Air Force Airman 1st Class Nicholas C. Weber** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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Weber is the son of Christopher and Krystal Weber of Plymouth. He is a 2003 graduate of Canton High School.

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OUR VIEWS

Memorial Day deserves its own day

Over the years, Memorial Day has become an anticipated holiday, particularly here in Michigan where it is the unofficial start of summer. And with weather forecasts predicting summer-like temperatures, this coming weekend should make for a great holiday. Many people will use the three-day weekend to get out of town. Some will head up North, while others will attend family picnics or barbecues. There always seems to be something going on Memorial Day weekend.

Sometimes lost in our festivities, however, is the reason for the holiday in the first place – the hundreds of thousands of American soldiers who lost their lives in defense of America. Somehow, in recent years, the day's meaning has been watered down. As a result, the number of Memorial Day parades and other such activities have dropped. Livonia, for example, canceled its Memorial Day parade a couple years ago because of a tight budget, but mostly because of a lack of interest in the event.

Memorial Day has its genesis in 1868, when Union General John A. Logan designated a day to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Within a couple decades, the day – May 30 – was dedicated to the memory of all America's war dead. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a federal holiday, and is now observed on the last Monday in May.

There has been a movement by some veterans groups, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to once again observe Memorial Day on May 30, regardless of where it falls in the week. They argue that changing the date to create a long weekend has altered its meaning. Since 1999, Hawaii Sen. Daniel Inouye has time and again introduced legislation to set a fixed date, but it hasn't gone very far. It is an issue our lawmakers should consider, particularly now that we are losing American soldiers nearly on a daily basis in Iraq.

Since the current war began in March of 2003, 2,454 American troops have been killed in Iraq. No matter what anybody thinks about this particular war – and polls show a majority of Americans now think it was a mistake – there should be no doubts about the commitment to our troops. They are in a tough situation, fighting against a well-trained, determined enemy, and facing the possibility of death on a daily basis. Many have already given everything, while many others have been wounded or maimed.

The freedoms that all Americans so enjoy would not be possible without the sacrifice of its soldiers. The least we could do is make sure they know we appreciate and honor that sacrifice. Even if it gets in the way of a family vacation.

Spread the word – this is a great state

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But as summer begins, we are drawn to those same lakes for recreation and renewal.

Up North has a special meaning for the state's urban residents. It's the place they go to fish, hunt, hike, bike, canoe, cottage, sail, beach walk, hill climb, browse antique stores, eat fudge and get away.

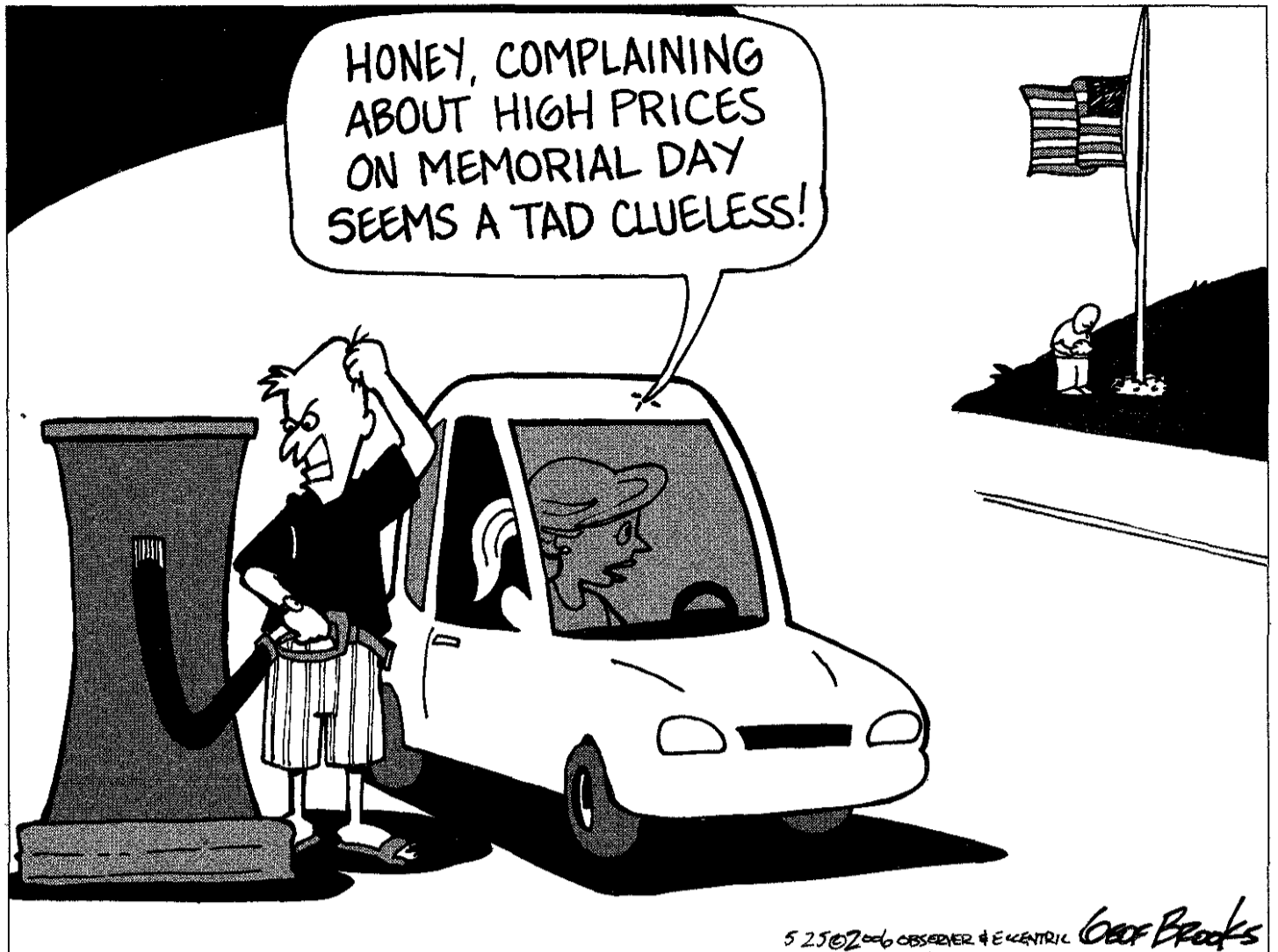
Tourism is a big business in Michigan. We offer deep yellow beaches on which to watch brilliant orange sunsets on Lake Michigan. We have the stark multicolored strations of Pictured Rock on Lake Superior. We have the remote beauty of Isle Royale National Park and the closer-to-home beauty of Lake Huron's rocky shoreline.

We have rippling streams running through deep green forests. We have spectacular golf courses, with scenic views in lush manicured settings. We have miles of bike trails.

And when we've run, swum, golfed, biked, fished, boated and hiked, we have a choice selection of accommodations from the luxuriant Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island to modern, family friendly motels to cozy, comfortable bed and breakfasts.

Michigan residents know all about the special beauty of their state. Now it's time to spread the word to others.

This is a great state to visit and summer beckons.



5/25/06 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC Geoff Bracks

LETTERS

Thanks to bond committee

We would like to send a warm and sincere thank you to the Plymouth-Canton Bond Committee. We've been able to thank many of you in person for the countless hours you put into getting the word out to the community about the need for these funds to maintain a quality school system. However, with so many accusations pertaining to your honesty, your integrity and your actions, we felt it was necessary to go beyond the personal messages and publicly show our gratitude.

The members of the bond committee are parents, former teachers and administrators. They have all consistently been involved in improving the district they are so dedicated to. Their actions consistently demonstrate that their intentions are positive and their motives are clear. They wanted what was best for this district, and they believed, as we do, that passage of the bonds was the best thing for Plymouth-Canton schools.

What would motivate a few of the no voters to throw unfounded and untrue criticism at them is a mystery. Clearly, these critics are tainted with their own negativity and cannot believe that a group of outstanding citizens doesn't have a hidden agenda, or any desire to play dirty. But we would like to stand up for this group of people who have done all they can to keep this a fair, open, honest and respectable campaign.

Now that the bonds have been defeated, we hope that we can look forward to working with the members of the bond committee again soon, as we look for new ways to solve the district's increasing financial difficulties. It is our hope that the slander stops, and that those individuals who continue down the path of negativity and criticism will either fall back into the shadows, or join the group of people who honestly work for positive changes.

Susan Gamble, Brent Archer, Mary Bartek
James Buhro, Laura Riegal, Julie Dillon
Marsha Fistler, Laura Carbone, Bridget Houser

Thanks for support

On behalf of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, I write to thank the many citizens, organizations, and businesses of our school district for their generous support. At the annual Honors Convocations for Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools held last week, over \$6.8 million in scholarships and awards were presented to our hard-working, high achieving students.

These Honor Convocations are a clear demonstration of the great student achievement evident in our school district. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are enriched by your support and financial contributions. You help make this school district a desired place to go to school and we appreciate and value each of you. Again, thank you for all your support.

Jim Ryan
superintendent

Thank you

This incident occurred at approximately 8:15 p.m. April 29, a 72-year-old woman, was returning home from a special occasion on Beck and Ann Arbor Trail. I made a wrong turn and became completely disoriented.

As I drove around trying to spot any familiar street, the situation became worse. I couldn't see much in the dark. I was traveling further away from my destination. I was in a panic and cried out to God for help.

I turned into a subdivision (where I don't know) and saw a house with a light inside. I knocked on the door and a young man answered. I told him that I was lost and would he help me. He was very kind and gracious. He even drew a map to assist me in finding my way home. I finally arrived home at 9:30 p.m. Where I was and how I found my way home, I'll never know.

Thank you and may God bless you.
Delores Mung
Redford

Face the truth

Most of our high school students recently finished studying World War II in U.S. history. In retrospect, I must point out that I was heartened and grateful to see the Oct. 27 story last fall, 'A Survival Story.' However, I am deeply concerned with the repeated references to the U.S. WWII camps for Japanese-Americans as 'internment camps.' When my students and I saw the headline, many of us winced because the story missed one of the greatest lessons of all.

'Internment camp' and 'relocation camp' are euphemisms. A euphemism is a term that sugarcoats and hides the truth, 'the substitution of an agreeable expression for one that may suggest something unpleasant.' 'Internment' and 'relocation' were the government's terms for its wartime solution to the 'Japanese problem.' It wasn't a Japanese problem. It was a hysteria problem and a racist problem. These weren't Japanese-American camps. Japanese-Americans were the ones in them. These camps were America's concentration camps. To call them anything else is inaccurate, deceptive and offensive. It undermines education, unintentionally. We should not quote government euphemisms. We do this often and without thinking.

The plaque at Manzanar marking it a national historic site sits in the rock wall of the sentry hut at the entrance. It reads in bronze, 'America's concentration camps.' Even FDR referred to them as concentration camps.

Some people still defend the American concentration camps as not as bad as the concentration and death camps in Europe. No one said they were. As truly patriotic Americans, we do not justify our mistakes in comparison to our 'enemies' as committing the lesser of two evils.

The Nazis do not own the term 'concentration camp.' They were tragically used long before the Nazis, during the Boer War and Spanish-American War. Concentration camps have also been used many times since the Nazis, as recently as the 1990s in the former Yugoslavia.

While we liberated Europe, we stripped away the freedom and

Constitutional rights of innocent Americans. While we were defending democracy overseas, we were violating democracy and the Fifth and 14th Amendments at home. 'Equal justice under law' is carved in the facade of the Supreme Court building in Washington. Is it carved in our minds, hearts and souls? Not 'calling a spade a spade' allows us to take a distorted view of ourselves as only saviors.

Words DO matter. They matter a great deal. They have profound meaning. They frame our conversations. They determine our knowledge. They reveal our values. They influence our opinions. They foreshadow our future. They mold our children. Doctors intern in hospitals. We don't intern Americans in internment camps. We made up many other dangerous and self-destructive euphemisms. Japanese-American citizens were instead called non-alien assembly centers where people were sent first were often racetracks, which meant Japanese-Americans were living in horse stalls. Prisoners were internees.

We Americans need to start calling things what they are, and we need to do it consistently. Our children are listening to us. What are they hearing? What are they learning? What confusion do they feel as Americans? What hypocrisies disturb them? What difficult questions do they have for us that we avoid and do not answer? We can still love our country after its mistakes, and we can be proud of our country when it faces them head-on, apologizes, seeks forgiveness, offers true redress, and grows stronger from its healing. When we refuse to face our mistakes, take responsibility, and apologize, we are revealing profound insecurity and weakness, not confidence and resolve.

America's concentration camps are a little-known and sorely misunderstood social justice issue. It is grossly overdue that we face the truth. The children in my classes have faced the truth and have learned profound lessons. If you would like to learn more and understand better why these terms are so important, you don't have to ask me, you can ask my students. Every single one of them is now empowered not just with knowledge, but also with the personal responsibility to teach others and defend the rights of others. I honor them.

Ann-Nora Hiram
social studies teacher

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History lesson helps explain the state's east-west divide

The other day, over lunch with friends from Grand Rapids, our talk turned naturally enough to Michigan's great east-west divide.

For there is, whether we want to admit it or not, an enormously deep and intense cultural chasm between the "east" side of the state (running up I-75 from Toledo through Detroit, taking in the entire tri-county area and Flint, Bay City and Saginaw) and the "west" side (roughly everything else).

This divide is so great my friends worry whether we ever will be able to agree on a common agenda for our states most important task - restructuring Michigan's economy.

Indeed, they think, with some justice, that the ingrained culture on the east side of Michigan is mostly to blame. Here's how they see the mentality: confrontational rather than collaborative. Dominated by self-serving interest groups, whether labor unions, automobile companies or racial minorities.

They think east side politics are often incoherent, and based on competing interests. Where they can understand what's going on politically, they see race getting in the way of common sense. They see a labor force that has a poor work ethic and yet insists on being paid too much.

Their critique was so intense, deeply held and distressing, it made me realize we need to try understand how this gap arose.

The answer starts with focusing on how long-standing economic factors shaped the culture of the east side.

First of all, we need to start with the observation that the east side of Michigan has been dominated by the automobile industry for nearly a century. That's hardly new information, of course.

But it is important to understand how the economic structure of the industry helped determine the culture.

At its core, the traditional auto industry for decades was what the economists call an "oligopoly," that is, a basically closed market in which sellers are so few that together they share monopoly profits.

The Big Three auto companies, for example, could for decades pass on a monopolistic price to the American auto market simply because there was no other competitive choice.

As a result, the Big Three prospered. And so, too, did the suppliers, because the industry's uncompetitive economic structure wasn't confined to the manufacturers. It included the entire supply chain. That's because while Ford, Chrysler and General Motors "competed," the market was largely free from international competition, and everyone could set prices unrealistically high. And so for many years, auto suppliers also enjoyed a good living.

In turn, once the plants were organized, this noncompetitive structure extended to the labor movement, which sought to administer monopoly pricing for labor on the industry through industry-wide "pattern contract bargaining."

In an ordinarily competitive industry, this would have

been a recipe for mutual suicide. But in an industry that throughout was based on a three-way monopoly, high labor prices were just another cost factor that could be passed on to consumers.

So for decades, the money rolled in. The success of the industry and the high demand for labor eventually led to the mass migration of African-American families from the South to Detroit, starting with the labor shortages during World War II and continuing.

Originally a nearly all-white town with mixed ethnicity, Detroit soon attracted droves of black families that came to enjoy a full-blown middle-class lifestyle, courtesy of the unions and the noncompetitive structure of the auto industry.

Now here's the point of all this historical musing: Over time, the economic underpinnings of the east side of the state had a profound impact on the culture of its communities. They developed an adversarial culture, because the essence of collective bargaining between management and labor is adversarial.

People have too often found it easy to be self-serving and noncollaborative, because whether you're a manufacturer or a supplier or a labor boss in a closed market system, you're jostling to get the biggest possible piece of the economic pie.

They got used to charging high prices, because if you can stick a noncompetitive price for autos to the market (for the manufacturers) or parts (for the suppliers) or labor (for the United Auto Workers union), you don't have to care about how high.

The work ethic suffered, because if the UAW local controls who gets hired and at what price, who needs to work hard to keep his or her job? The politics of race developed as a consequence of Detroit becoming in essence a segregated city surrounded by largely white suburbs.

Now, don't get me wrong. I think that the west sides critique of the east side is somewhat exaggerated, and sometimes just factually incorrect. The west side isn't perfect by any means, and could learn a few things about cultural and intellectual diversity from the eastern part of the state.

Most of the great technological and manufacturing innovations and advances in Michigan history haven't begun in west Michigan, and maybe those folks need to ask themselves why.

But the biggest problems we face are rooted in southeastern Michigan, and the rest of the state has an attitude about the east side that is deeply held and which we need to understand, if we are ever going to bring our state together to move forward.

Eventually, I'd guess the current unraveling of the decades-old and now outdated model of the closed-economy auto industry is going to result in a changed culture on the east side of the state.

But these changes will take a long time - perhaps decades - to have a real impact. And in the meantime, everyone in this state has a lot of work to do together to overcome the chasm that divides us.

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Phil Power

Ask yourself, is this trip necessary, and save money

Now that the national media have focused on global warming and all of its ramifications, the public is zeroing in on how to cut gasoline consumption. It appears that nearly everyone has a solution for easing the burden of higher gasoline prices.

Members of Congress recently staged a "news" conference in front of a D C gas station showing posted prices at over \$3 a gallon. Some senators want to give drivers a \$100 check, which would only fill tanks of a SUV.

Others want to create a windfall tax on the oil companies. Still other elected officials want to suspend the federal tax on gasoline - which would only create a larger demand for the precious fuel.



Leonard Poger

The major problem isn't so much financial but emotional in that individuals feel powerless to resolve the problem. One person or group, even elected officials in Congress, can't control the price of crude oil.

(That price is in part influenced by Wall Street hedge fund managers, but that's a topic for another column.) Clearly, the daily changes in crude oil prices aren't related to the cost of producing, refining or selling gasoline. This is evident by the frequent changes in retail gasoline prices, sometimes twice in one day by some local stations.

Ironically, there is a temporary decline in prices (at this writing) whenever Congress starts gabbing about federal controls (Congress may not be serious about those proposals but members should continue to go through this form of political theater to keep the prices down).

But individuals can stop relying on others to act and start to do something very simple by themselves without having to get permission from anyone.

It's a simple four mile a day program. My suggestion is based on motorists thinking ahead of their auto trips to save 10 percent of their gasoline consumption.

Let's take a typical motorist who drives 15,000 miles a year. Using my \$4 calculator, I find that comes out to just over 41 miles of driving a day for every day of the year. To reduce gaso-

Drivers only have to think in simple 'multi-tasking' terms and combine several errands into one trip. In addition, they wouldn't have to be rocket scientists to consider other ways to save four miles a day.

liver consumption by 10 percent, a driver would only have to reduce consumption by four miles a day. It's very simple once you think about it.

Drivers only have to think in simple "multi-tasking" terms and combine several errands into one trip. In addition, they wouldn't have to be rocket scientists to consider other ways to save four miles a day.

For example, instead of driving 15 to 25 miles roundtrip to a theater, just rent a recent video/DVD from a rental business within four to five miles roundtrip.

Planning to go to Kensington Metropark for a summer day? Why not shorten your trip and instead go to a municipal or county park?

Have you ever thought of making a phone call or e-mailing a business or organization instead of driving to their location?

When gas rationing was the law during World War II, the federal government distributed posters and signs throughout local businesses asking customers "Is this trip necessary?" Can an item you want or need be bought the next day and on the way home from work or during another errand instead of running out that evening to buy something that may cost less than the cost of the gasoline to make the trip?

There are plenty of other ways to save four miles a day. Just think about them and put your ideas into action.

Individuals must realize that they aren't prisoners of the current gasoline price problem. Once consumption drops, prices will too. Then what will we have to complain about - not being able to buy Detroit Tigers' playoff game tickets?

Leonard Poger of Westland is a former Observer & Eccentric community editor who is happy to average 25 to 30 miles a gallon (in suburban driving) with his four year old Ford Escort.

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Technical school finds home in Redford

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Students who learn by doing and aren't afraid to get their hands dirty are boosting their electronics and mechanical skills at the Michigan Technical Academy in Redford.

The 11-year-old high school, chartered by Central Michigan University, recently moved from Romulus into the former Judson Center on Elmira east of Telegraph. "We were growing by leaps and bounds," said the academy's principal, Roger Sisler.

The refurbished building, plus a new service garage equipped to rival those at car dealerships, more than doubled the school's floor space, to 55,000 square feet.

"With the new facility, we've got a lot more to offer than we did before," said Bryan Monaco of Taylor, director of MTA's automotive technology program, as visitors toured the school recently.

"It's a really awesome school," said freshman Brittany Coleman of Dearborn Heights. "Students get a chance to do some hands-on work."

MTA is for students with technical interests who might not thrive in the typical high school environment, said Sisler, principal since the academy's founding.

"They're not coming here just to be attending high school," but because they are drawn by the curriculum and the opportunity to apply the skills they learn, he said.

Current enrollment at MTA is 265, and officials plan to increase it by 100 for the next school year. The current senior



Computer science teacher Michael Arnold works with ninth-grader Terrance Young at the Michigan Technical Academy in Redford.

class numbers more than 50.

About 10 percent of the students are female. "I've loved working on cars since I was a kid because of my older brothers," said Brittany.

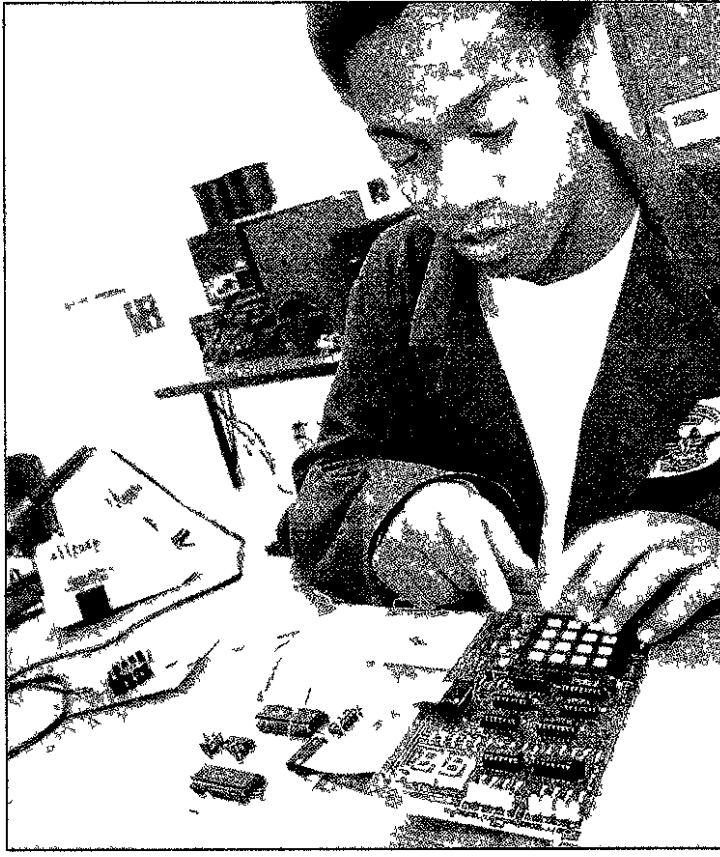
MTA offers core high school requirements such as English, mathematics and science, plus two technical majors: automotive technology and electronics technology.

Sisler plans to offer two more majors - manufacturing technology and building trades - by the start of the 2007-2008 school year. "It completes the circle," he said of the additional majors.

Students say the academy's hands-on approach motivates them.

"It interests me. It keeps my attention," said sophomore Joi Veon Williams of Detroit, taking a break from working on a miniature computer used to program a small robot. Both the computer and the robot were built by students.

Joi said he wants to someday use what he learns at MTA in a medical career.



Joi Veon Williams, a sophomore at the Michigan Technical Academy, works on a small student-built computer used to program a robot.

"It's very good. Very in-depth and technical," said senior Garrett Gilbeau, who is planning to join the U.S. Marines, of the MTA program.

Gilbeau is scheduled for basic training at Parris Island, S.C., then for specialized training in Montana. He'll work on Marine Humvees and tanks.

Sisler said the school prepares students for entry-level technical and mechanical work, but that 30 percent of graduates go on to college. A year after graduating, he said 60 percent are pursuing higher

education in some fashion.

To reach the Michigan Technical Academy, call (313) 537-9311.

PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Baseball event to raise money for fields of dreams

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Bruce Mugerian of Farmington Hills can't think of a better way of giving back to the community than to volunteer his time to ensure the success of a fund-raiser for the Miracle League of Michigan, which gives disabled children the chance to play baseball. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 11 legendary athletes and broadcasters will be on hand to sign autographs and help raise money for the organization. Then at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., children will play on the field especially designed for them at the Southfield Civic Center.

Along with Al Kaline, Mickey Lolich, Jim Northrup, Denny McLain, Frank Tanana, Bill Freehan, Ted Lindsay, Joe Schmidt, Ray Lane, Mickey Redmond, and Mickey Stanley, there will also be several card dealers selling merchandise to collectors.

The city of Southfield is home to Michigan's first baseball field for children with physical and mental disabilities. All of the bases and home plate are painted on the field to

prevent athletes from falling. The Miracle League is hoping to expand and provide more fields throughout the state and country. Currently Michigan fields are in the works in Ann Arbor, Holland and Bay City.

"It's an all rubberized field designed for children to get around on with walkers and wheelchairs," said Mugerian, a Farmington Hills resident whose production company is hosting the event with the city of Southfield. Mugerian's brother is autistic. He is coordinating the event with Steve Peck, president of the Miracle League of Michigan, and Jim Northrup who played on the Detroit Tigers' World Championship team in 1968.

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LaShish owner denies terrorist ties

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

In his first statement since being indicted on tax evasion charges and being accused in government filings of being connected to terrorist funding, La Shish owner Talal Chahine denied the claims and said it was a matter of being one of many "of Middle Eastern descent" who have "been wrongfully accused of associations with unsavory organizations"

Court documents filed

Friday in U.S. District Court in Detroit claim Chahine has ties to Hizbollah, the Lebanon-based organization considered a terrorist organization by the U.S. government

Chahine, of Dearborn Heights, and his wife, 39-year-old Elfat El Aouar of Plymouth Township, were indicted on charges they evaded paying taxes on an estimated \$16 million in alleged undisclosed income

El Aouar was arrested May 18 at her home in Plymouth and arraigned Thursday after-

noon U.S. District Court Magistrate Donald Scheer ordered her released on a \$100,000 unsecured bond which included several restrictions, including 24-hour-a-day house arrest, surrender of her passport and orders not to fly on a plane

The charges Chahine was connected to terrorists were made in the documents the government filed Friday in an attempt to keep El Aouar from being released from jail. The filing claims Chahine and El Aouar attended a fund-raiser

in Lebanon. His attorney, Robert Forrest, did not return phone calls seeking comment. But in a statement released Tuesday through the public relations firm Marx Layne & Company, Chahine said the event in question was actually a speech designed to implore Muslims to "live in peace"

"My company and I have, for many, many years, supported the charitable works of religious groups of all faiths, including the goals and objectives of the American, Jewish and Friends group, which is now part of the Interfaith Roundtable of Metropolitan Detroit," the statement read. "The event reported by the government as being 'suspicious' involved a 2002 fund-raiser at which I spoke on the duty of Muslims everywhere to perform charitable acts and live in peace with their neighbors"

"This Dearborn-based, non-profit charity holds periodic fund-raisers attended by many business and political leaders of the State of Michigan." Authorities say Chahine is

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Authorities say Chahine and

El Aouar, La Shish's financial manager, skimmed money from the restaurants during a four-year period, 2000-03. The indictment alleges the couple maintained a double set of computerized books, records and balance reports, one actual and one altered

According to authorities, the altered records artificially reduced the amount of cash actually received by the restaurants. The indictment charges Chahine and El Aouar "oversaw the maintenance of the double set of books, as well as the skimming and concealment of more than \$16 million in cash"

Authorities believe the cash was converted into cashier's checks, which were taken to Lebanon. They also say cash was skimmed by paying company employees all or partly in cash

Chahine and El Aouar face four counts each of income tax evasion. Each count carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine

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Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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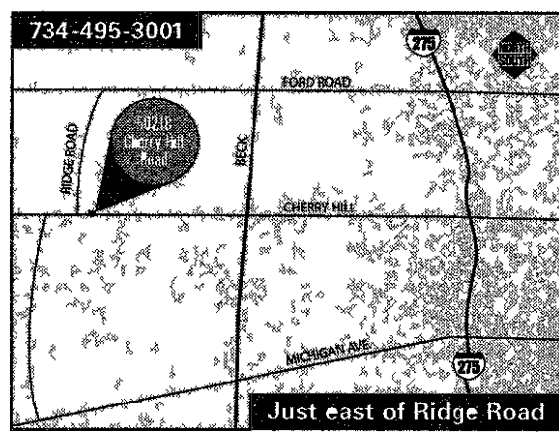
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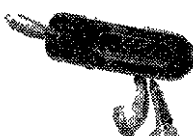
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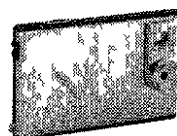
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday June 5, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27-03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

ROSEY'S ROMPER ROOM ADDITION SPECIAL LAND USE
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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, June 1, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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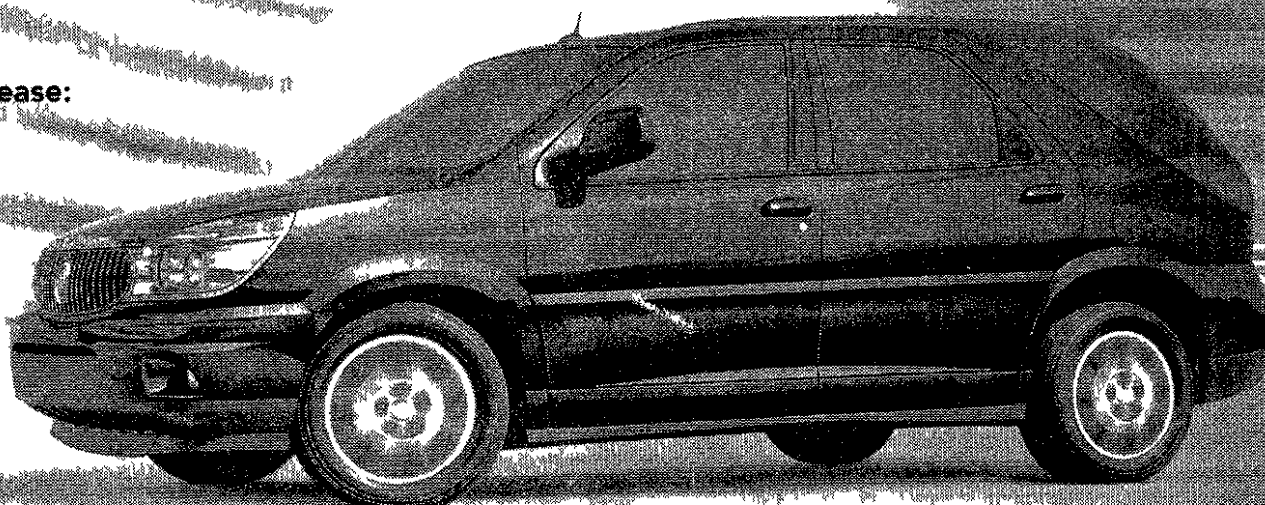
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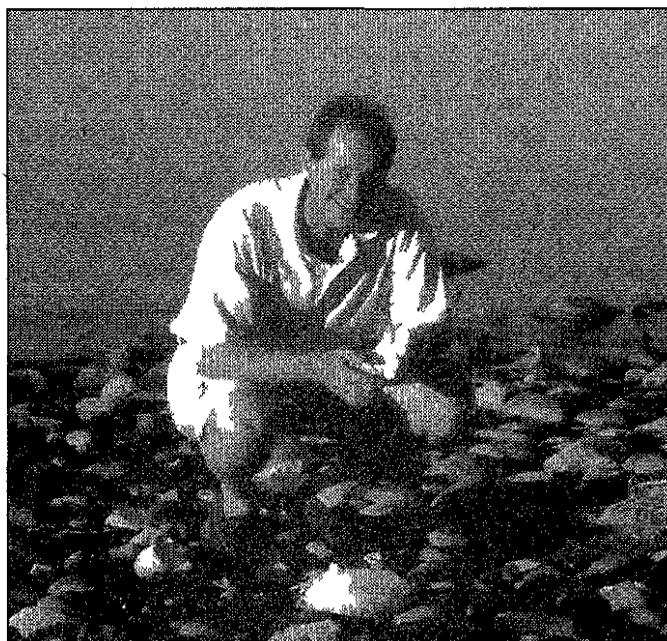
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Franchise specialist Mark Cory, owner and operator of the FranNet Detroit office, speaks at the OLCG Career Networking Group at 7 p.m. Monday June 5 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

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Charles in charge

The Plymouth District Library welcomes Plymouth resident Charles Barker, named one of Michigan's Notable Book Authors 2006 by the Library of Michigan, in a 7 p.m. appearance Wednesday, May 31.

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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.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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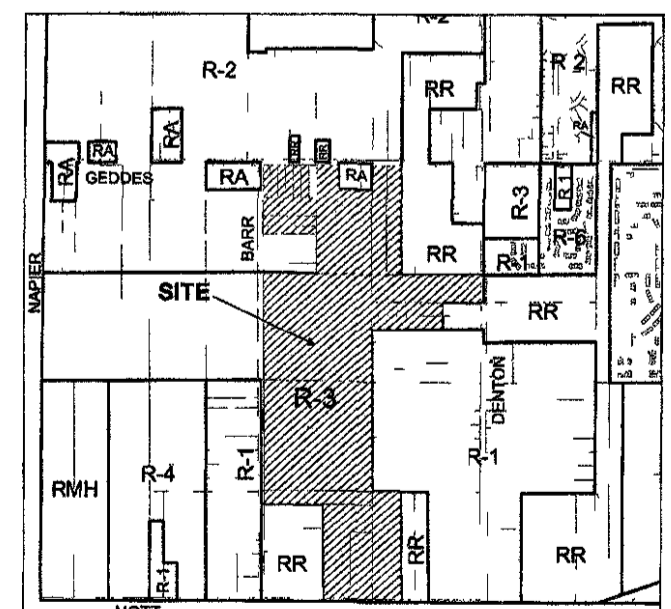
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 19, 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GRANDVIEW ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27 04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 121 99 0012 000 (49875 GEDDES) 121 99 0013 000 121 99 0014 000 (4330 DENTON) 121 99 0015 001 (4400 DENTON), 121 99 0015 002 (4540 DENTON) 121 99 0024 002 121 99 0025 000 121 99 0026 000 121 99 0027 000 121 99 0028 000, 121 99 0029 000, 121 99 0030 000, 121 99 0032 000, 121 99 0033 000 (4005 BARR) 121 99 0034 000, 121 99 0038 000 (4605 BARR) 124 99 0001 000 (5275 BARR), 124 99 0002 000 (5305 BARR) 124 99 0003 005 (50200 MOTT), 124 99 0004 000 (49900 MOTT) 124 99 0010 000 (49850 MOTT) Property is located south of Geddes and west of Denton Roads (Second Public Hearing.)



Grandview Estates 121-PDD-006

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday June 15 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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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 Zieke Jr. talking about Preserving the Cemeteries in Marion Township.

St. Mary's classes
St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is sponsoring a presentation titled Menopause and Sleep Apnea Detection and Treatment 7:30 p.m. Wednesday June 7.

Creative writing workshop
The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet? 3:45-6:15 p.m. Saturday June 24 in the community room of the Madison Heights Fire Department headquarters.

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.

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.

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.

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 Installation of Windows Media and MPEG4 Broadcast Encoders for West Middle School and the new Workman Elementary School.

Board of Education Plymouth Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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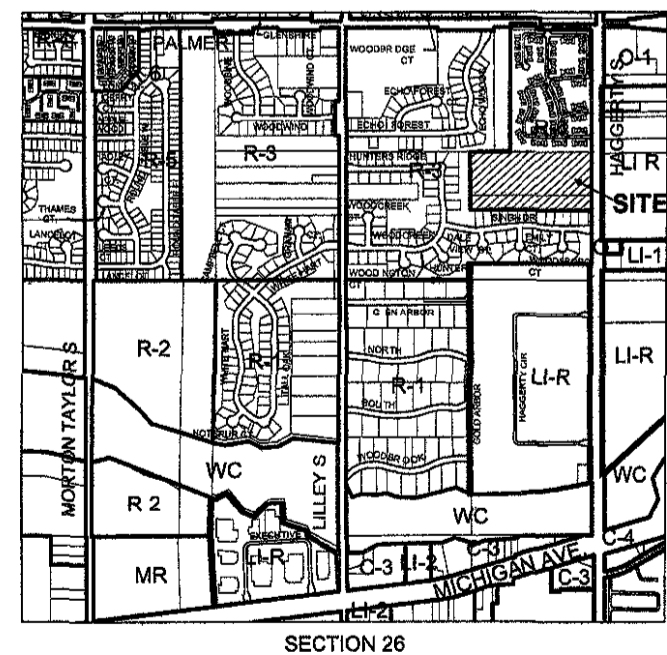
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 5, 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

MONUMENT PRESERVE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27 04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 101 99 0005 000 AND 101 99 0006 000 Property is located south of Palmer and west of Haggerty Road (Second Public Hearing.)



SECTION 26

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Vic Gustafson Chairman

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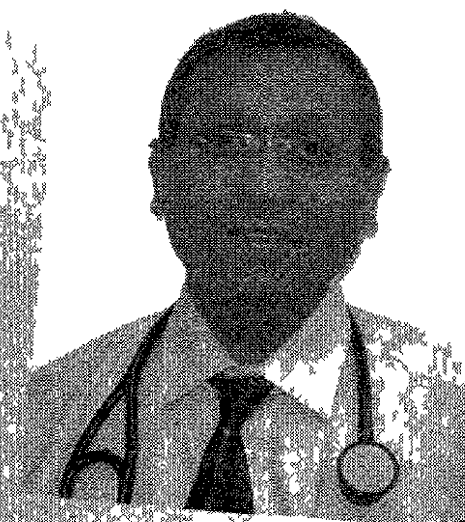
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Jefferson teacher wins \$500 tech award

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

As a fourth-grade teacher, Monica Nick understands how to integrate technology into education.

The Jefferson Elementary teacher was recognized May 13 for her efforts as she received a *Closing the Technology Gap in Education* award worth \$500.

Each year, The Walter P Chrysler Awards Program recognizes Michigan public school teachers who have found innovative ways to teach students about careers in science, math,

engineering and technology. "I was so flabbergasted that I got it," Nick said. "I was totally excited. I was one of the only people who had done technology. The whole atmosphere (at the awards) was pretty much science."

Nick applied for the award earlier this year. She wasn't sure of her chances, as most of her classroom technology projects were centered around social studies.

In 2003, her students completed a claymation project, which required teams to sculpt clay characters, write original scripts, design sets and put

together short movies. She earned a grant from the South Redford Foundation for Educational Excellence to purchase the software and a digital camera which made the project possible.

The following year, her students were invited to the Students Technology Showcase in Lansing, an event centered around the use of technology in the classroom.

Then she embarked on a year-long class project that required students to videotape interviews with war veterans. The Veterans Oral History Project connected Jefferson

fourth-graders with Thurston High School's media studies students. Thurston students assisted with filming and editing the interviews. Last year, Nick presented the finished product during The National Media in Education Conference in San Francisco.

In addition to these efforts, her elementary students have produced videos focused on the school's safety patrol, on staff recognition, and recently a public service announcement on eating a healthy breakfast. All of her students also have access to student e-mail. scasola@hometownlife.com | (734) 953 2054



Sarah Thurmond (right) sits in the kitchen with her family, including (from left) brother Josh, father David and mother Carol.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Simple touch can be painful experience

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Sarah Thurmond's skin is so fragile that her parents can't even give her a big hug.

"If somebody hugs me really tight, I'll blister," Sarah, 16, said.

Unlike most children, she could never play dodge ball, jump off a diving board, climb a tree or be pushed high on a swing set.

Her pain would be excruciating, her scars, possibly permanent.

At times, Sarah has received blood transfusions almost as often as other children have soccer practice. She has undergone 17 skin grafts.

Sarah has suffered since birth with epidermolysis bullosa, or EB — several inherited disorders that leave the skin and mucous membranes so vulnerable that the slightest touch can cause severe irritation, painful blistering and scarring.

A lifelong disease, EB leaves its victims facing a life expectancy of 30 years, although many patients live longer. They are at high risk for infections and skin cancer. Blisters in the mouth, esophagus, throat and stomach can lead to malnutrition.

"It's supposed to get milder as I get older," Sarah said, sitting at the dining room table of her family's Westland home. "But I'll have it for life."

As many as 100,000 Americans, mostly children, suffer from EB.

"I put my faith in God, and my family and friends help me," said Sarah, who hasn't let the disease stop her from attending 11th-grade classes at Westland John Glenn High School.

Sarah's 18-year-old brother Joshua, a Glenn senior, also has EB, but his is slightly milder. He hopes to study accounting and law this fall at Spring Arbor University, in hopes of eventually becoming an attorney.

Their parents, Carol and David Thurmond, had no known family history of the disease, although it is genetic. Josh was born with third-degree burns on his foot and ankle. Sarah had blistering by the time she was a month old.

David Thurmond, 43, drives a route filling vending machines. His insurance covers much — but not all — of the family's enormous medical expenses.

Carol Thurmond, 42, is a registered nurse who can't work outside the home because her children require so much care. Still, she is thankful for the career path she chose.

"EB is an emotional and financial strain," said family friend Robin Holbrook, a Canton resident who helps steer the nonprofit Wayne-Westland Friends of EB.

The group sponsors fundraisers to help families and to provide some funding for medical research. The Thurmond family also has had strong support from Westland Free Methodist Church, their place of worship.

Just two years ago, Sarah couldn't attend school and had to study in homebound classes. She now has a 3.8 grade-point average.

Most days, while other children are out playing, Sarah goes to bed around 6 p.m. because she has to rise as early as 3:45 a.m. to get ready for school. She has to put Vaseline and gauze pads on her neck, back, arms, legs and feet — and sometimes her hands. She uses an electric cart to maneuver around school.

"The cart helps to protect me," Sarah said. "Although some students stare at her, most of them aren't unkind to her."

Some days, she has to leave school early due to pain. She has a team of 15 doctors treating her, and a private nurse visits her at home. She depends on pain medication all the time.

"Otherwise, she would just be crying in pain," her mother said.

Sarah has 16 different prescription medications. Twice a week she receives 11 hours of vitamin C intravenously at home. She has other IV procedures to keep fluids in her body, to protect her against germs and to keep her from becoming malnourished.

"Her biggest risk is infection, because her skin is so raw," Carol Thurmond said.

Currently, Sarah's disease forces her to have life-sustaining blood transfusions every three weeks.

The cost of protective dressing for the Thurmond children, alone, is thousands of dollars each month, making the family's insurance coverage vital.

In what little spare time she has, Sarah's hobbies include making scrapbooks, reading Christian books and romance novels, and practicing her desktop publishing skills.

As Sarah talked about her hobbies while sitting at the dining room table, Carol Thurmond looked proudly at her daughter and smiled.

Smiles seem to come easy for the Thurmond family, despite the difficulties they face every day.

Said the mother, "Sarah even made her brother's high school graduation invitations."

To help the Thurmonds and families like them send checks made payable to the nonprofit Wayne Westland Friends of EB, P.O. Box 851092, Westland, MI 48185. For more information call (734) 844-1899, check out the Web site www.wfweb.org or send an e-mail to Friends@wfweb.org.

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Resolution approves creating 13-member mental health board

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

A resolution creating a 13-member Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Board, all appointed by the Wayne County executive, was approved Thursday by the Wayne County Commission.

The resolution was sent to the Michigan Legislature, which would have to approve a change in the state Mental Health Code, which sets the composition of the mental health board.

The proposal would replace the current board configuration of six members appointed by the mayor of Detroit and six appointed by the county executive, on the approval of the county commission. Under the new proposal the additional member would come from the city of Detroit, giving the county's largest city seven members and the rest of the county's 42 communities six members.

The commission resolution represents the first time the body has come out in support of an additional seat for the Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency board of directors and for all board members to be appointed by the county.

"The board composition has presented a challenge," said County Executive Robert A. Ficano, in a press release. "Many of the longstanding criticisms about the mental health system actually spring from the board composition. Mental health consumers have needed a resolution on this for decades to ensure accountability when it comes to providing and improving services. I applaud the Commission for voicing its support."

Commissioner Phil Cavanagh (D-Redford) said Tuesday he was the only commission member to vote against the resolution. Cavanagh is the chairman of a commission task force on creating a mental health authority (Commissioner Kay Beard (D-Westland) was absent and Commissioner Bernard Parker (D-Detroit), a task force member, abstained from voting). Cavanagh said he would move forward on a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday and commission action the creation of an independent authority, which is being urged by pending state funding legislation. "The enabling resolution will

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not address governance," he said, because the new resolution defines the county's position on that issue. "The primary enabling issue is to create an authority."

He said there were still many issues to resolve including the status of county workers and whether they would be able to "bump back" to county jobs and financial and budgetary issues.

"But as I understand it, our backs are to the wall. There are so many disincentives if we don't do this," he said.

Bills currently being considered in the Michigan State House and Senate would withhold anywhere from \$30 million to \$50 million for mental health services if the county doesn't form an authority. The county is also in negotiations to preserve millions of dollars in federal funding. Cavanagh said those negotiations would move more quickly if the county created an independent authority.

Teresa Blossom, spokesman for the Mental Health Agency, said Tuesday that Ficano wants to find a "local solution" for on the issue of creating an authority and "is happy to work with the mental health community on a local solution."

The county executive argues that the resolution helps establish accountability by calling for all 13 board members to be appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the commission.

The Mental Health Agency is a county agency, said Ficano. The county provides \$177 million dollars in local funding, with no contribution from the city of Detroit.

The commission, as part of Thursday's action, noted Gov. Jennifer's Granholm's earlier support for a change in the board composition and urged the Legislature to add the additional seat promptly by revising the

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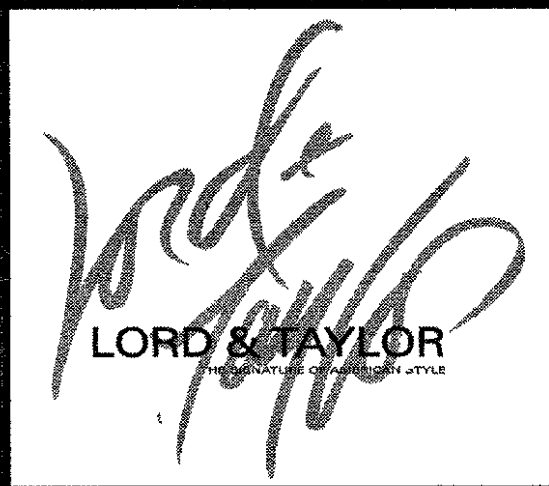
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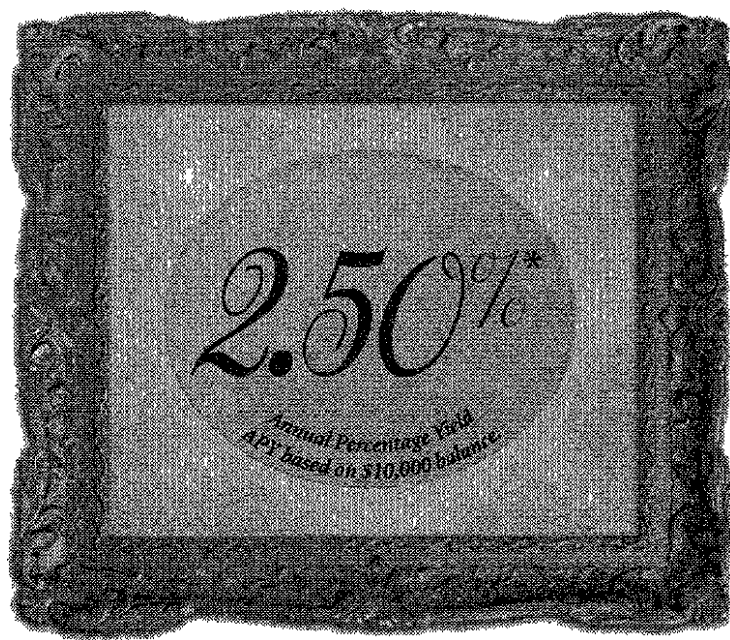
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Bethany more than a Christian social club

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Even though Kathleen McQuillen was divorced in 1982, it was a godsend when she discovered Bethany Suburban West about six years ago. The peer support group changed her life. Today, the Livonia woman is busy planning everything from dances to a Memorial Day picnic for singles. Members meet monthly for breakfast at Leon's Family Dining in Garden City to discuss ideas for activities that will appeal to members.

Bethany Suburban West is one of six chapters which include north and south Oakland County and Rochester. Although under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, it was designed for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. For more information, visit bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org.

"It's open to anyone who has trouble or grief in their life," said

McQuillen of Livonia. "Bethany is a stepping stone to a new lifestyle after divorce, being widowed or separated."

"I go to Schoolcraft College dinner theaters and we made it a Bethany thing. We do cards, dances, a concert in the park in Canton, a pig roast in August, a hay ride in September, an Octoberfest with all the Bethany members. We have people ranging from a freshly divorced with a 2-year-old baby to those in their 70s. We have alumni who have met at Bethany and gotten married. We've had at least three fairly recent marriages."

But Bethany is more than a social club. Volunteers make themselves available to provide support and be there for new members during the transition period to single life.

"We're here to help those in need," said McQuillen. "Going through this you have a sense of isolation, a feeling this has never happened to anyone ever

before but it has. We're all here. We're all ears."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Bethany Suburban West has scheduled several upcoming events including a Memorial Day picnic on Monday, May 29. It is a joint effort by Bethany Suburban West and Single Place Ministry. The cost is \$5 and a dish to pass. For details call (313) 996-8644 or (248) 349-0911.

A monthly dance takes place 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 3 at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Admission is \$10 and includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details call (734) 261-5716.

Another chapter, Bethany South Oakland, holds 7:30 p.m. monthly meetings at St. Columban's Catholic Church, 1775 Melton in Birmingham. The drop-in sessions focus on topics relevant to those going through divorce or separation.

For more information on Bethany South Oakland, call Carol at (248) 541-0007 or Christine at (248) 542-6117.

RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

MAY

Lighthouse cafe

7:10 p.m. Friday, May 26. Cards, board games, Ping Pong, specialty coffees, snacks and music in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. \$5 free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Spring retreat

Speaker presentations by Bobby Michaels (www.bobbymichaels.com or www.musicianaries.org) special music times and small group discussions with free time to go to Saugatuck or enjoy recreational opportunities and bonfires. May 26-28 at Marantha Bible and Conference Center on the shores of Lake Michigan near Grand Rapids. Pre registration required. Cost is \$185 and includes bus transportation, meals/snacks and accommodation at Marantha. Call Ward Presbyterian Church for details and to register. (248) 374-5920.

Frank Turner

Shares his victory and his love for Christ. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 28 in Harvest Bible Church at the Michigan Theological Seminary, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-7795 or visit www.myharvestbible.org.

Sunday message series

Inspired by The Da Vinci Code. 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 28. Is the New Testament credible? June 4. The Questions of Jesus. Identity part one. June 11. Part two. June 18. What about Mary Magdalene? and June 25. Women, Jesus and Christianity at Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Call (248) 477-9144 or visit www.fhchurchofgod.org.

Memorial Day picnic

Noon to 5 p.m. Monday, May 29 at Rotary Park on Six Mile between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia. Cost is \$5 and includes hamburgers and hot dogs (grilled between noon and 2 p.m.) and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass to complement the meal and join us for sun, food, games, fellowship and fun. For information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

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Leadership and self-deception

Lecture series with Rev. Dennis Skiles continues to May 31 at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760.

Wine, cheese and theology

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

Fall registration

Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academies in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private Catholic schools grades K-8 are run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Joy Road, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430 and 4101 East Joy Road, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

Worship service

Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian U.S.A., 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 626-7606.

UPCOMING

Praise and worship concert

Featuring a reunion of the praise and worship band Crossfire. 7 p.m. Friday, June 2 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Ice cream social follows in Knox Hall. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Flea market

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Call (313) 255-6330.

Monthly dance

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization to provide peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 3 at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Cost is \$10, includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details call (734) 261-5716.

Discussions

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Fiesta! Join us 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Friday, June 12 for 5 fun-filled days of high energy, Christ-centered activities at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Fee is \$25 and includes T-shirt. For more information call David Conrad at (734) 425-5950.

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Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization to provide peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 16 at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Cost is \$15, includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details call (734) 261-5716.

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Sacred music by the High School Chancel Choir from Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Illinois. 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16 at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit Birmingham First Music, a community music outreach organization which is sponsoring the event. Call (248) 644-2040 ext. 136.

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The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's. The Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information call (734) 261-1455.

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No previous Bible study required. Began 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. The units include the New Testament (April 11, 18, 25 and May 2) and Gospels (May 16, 23, 30 and June 6). Each session includes video presentation, small and large group discussions. Be one of the first 10 to receive the participant's manual for \$5. After that, the cost is \$10. To register call (734) 425-5950.

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The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information call (734) 261-5331.

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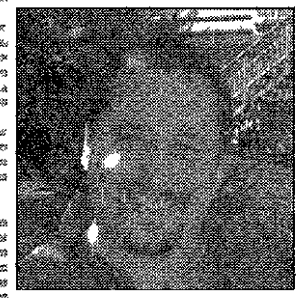


BEVERLY J. STEELE (nee. Koeller)

May 21, 2006, age 80 of Bloomfield Twp. Beloved wife of Ira Joe for 56 years. Dear mother of Richard J. (Patricia) and Thomas I. (Mary). Grandmother of Joanna Daniel Jesse and Chyna. Sister of William Koeller (Muriel) and Marilyn Glenn (Truman). Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral services have been held. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwest Hwy, Ste 175, Southfield, MI 48034. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 248 549 0500. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com.

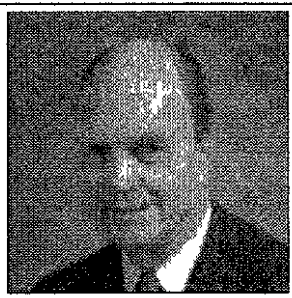
ROBERT E. MCKNIGHT M.D.

Died May 22, 2006, age 88. Beloved husband of Justine. Dear father of Alyn Malleis (James), Connie Sfire (Robert), Diane Vieson and Robin Barry (Kent). Loving grandfather of Patti Brozek (Michael), Robert Malleis, Suzanne Bologna (Jim), Lt. J. G. Leah Malleis, Lara Sfire (Michael), Jeffrey Sfire, Christopher Scott & Matthew Vieson, Justin Kaitlyn and Megan Barry. Great grandfather of Bridget Brozek. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Brother of the late Rev. William McKnight and Jack McKnight. Family will receive friends Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (between 13 & 14 Mile) with Scripture Service Wednesday, 7 p.m. Funeral Mass Thursday, 10 a.m. at St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln at Lahser. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes: Disalced Carmelite Nuns of Providence Health Foundation. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.



LAWRENCE W. FRAZER

Suddenly May 19, 2006. Age 44. Lawrence was a jeweler and an artist and enjoyed painting and photography. He was a nature lover and enjoyed walking in the woods. He was also a world traveler. Beloved husband of Danielle. Dear father of Lawson Cedar Fraser. Son of Donald E. and Shirley J. Fraser. Brother of Donald Raymond (Valerie), James (Sally) and Wendy Routhier (Charles). Sign in law of Helaine and Robert Wolf and Robert Tamopol. Brother in law of Andrea Klerck (Brian) and Susan Dtkoff (Joseph). Funeral services have been held. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Lawson Cedar Fraser Trust Fund. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 248 549 0500. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com.



MARVIN GEORGE SCHAEFFER

Age 84 died Saturday, May 20, 2006 peacefully at his home of fifty five years in Farmington Hills, Michigan. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, the Hon. Margaret G. Schaeffer, retired judge of the 47th District Court, his sons Paul M. Schaeffer of Waterford, Michigan and William E. Schaeffer of Battle Mountain, Nevada, his daughters, Christine Skoglund (Dr. Paul) of Waterford, Michigan and Virginia Schaeffer (Mitch Abrams) of Corvallis, Oregon, his two granddaughters, Madeline and Elise Abrams also of Corvallis and his sisters in law Dr. Christine Gram of Farmington Hills, Michigan and the Hon. Cornelia G. Kennedy, Judge U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit. He was born in Rochester, New York on December 4, 1921. Mr. Schaeffer graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in 1946 and Master of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1948. His education was interrupted from 1942-1946 by his service in the United States Army Signal Corps in the 60th Signal Battalion, first in New Guinea and then with MacArthur's drive to regain the Philippines. Mr. Schaeffer worked for the Fisher Body Division of General Motors for over 35 years where he designed electrical circuits and production equipment for cars. He was responsible for many innovative design features. He is the holder of four individual patents and contributed to several others. After retirement in 1984 he continued his avid interest in cars and in travel, visiting all fifty states and all seven continents. His passport includes stamps from many countries including Russia, Malta, Australia, Tunisia, India, Syria, Chile, Nepal, Galapagos Islands (Ecuador), China, Zimbabwe, Panama, South Africa, and Antarctica. His volunteer service included driving Farmington residents to medical appointments for the FISH program. He was a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington where he sang in the choir for over 20 years and served on the Session. A memorial service was held May 24, 2006 at the church. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, the College of Engineering, University of Michigan or a charity of your choice.



MARGARET MERCEDES (JOHNSON) KARAS

Was born July 19, 1922 and passed away May 20, 2006. She lived on Brookfield Avenue in Livonia from many years. She is preceded in death by her son Daniel and loving husband Burton Parker Johnson. She is survived by her devoted husband Andrew Karas and her sons and daughters: William Burton (Sally) Johnson (Joseph), Laura (Johnson) Mullaney, Mary Alice (Johnson) Simpson, Larry (Joyce) Zimba, Mary Johnson, Matthew (Pam) Johnson and Michael Johnson, also 17 grand children and 19 great children. There were also at least 27 foster children welcomed into our home from Catholic Social Services. Margaret was the founder of JMJ Catering Services in 1953 in Livonia. Gourmet Bakery on Plymouth Rd. in Livonia, Karas House of Westland and the predecessor of the Karas House Banquet Facility of Redford. Burton Manor Banquet Facility of Livonia and Roma Banquets of Garden City. Throughout her busy life of cooking, operating several businesses and raising a family, Margaret still found time to perform a labor of love, making and sending rosaries to missions all over the world from the South Pacific to Africa, Europe and particularly Ireland. She was a member of the following: Business Women's Association of Livonia, Third Order of St. Francis located at Dun Scotus in Southfield, the Michigan Restaurant Association and St. Michael's Roman Catholic Altar Society. Margaret brought excess food from JMJ Catering Services to The Mama Meals soup kitchen operated by Father Tom Lumpkin in Detroit near Tiger Stadium and worked in the kitchen for Father Lumpkin in her spare time. She also taught developmentally challenged girls cooking skills at Our Lady of Providence in Plymouth. Michigan. Her final retirement led her to Palmetto, Florida, cooking for Our Daily Bread soup kitchen for migrant workers in Bradenton, Florida. Margaret's greatest achievement was the great love of family she instilled in her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a tireless donor of her time and energy to the Felician Sisters of Livonia prior to nuns being allowed to drive the founding of St. Mary's Hospital, the Capucian Soup kitchen in Detroit and many more organizations too numerous to mention. She will be missed by many. The motto she taught all of her children was: If you are going to do a job, do it right or don't do it at all. Visitation was held Tuesday, May 23, 9-11 a.m. at GR Harris Funeral Home. Donations would be appreciated to the following non-profit associations: Hospice of Michigan and Right to Life of Michigan. Interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, 34205 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI.

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Minuteman leader defends U.S. border patrol

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Chris Simcox apologized to his dinner audience on a recent Friday evening for speaking without a jacket, but said he was more comfortable that way having just come from a month patrolling the United States border with Mexico

The untanned "blue jeans

and T-shirt kind of guy" then proceeded to galvanize his listeners with videos and tales of his group, the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, and its efforts to stop those who attempt to illegally cross the border into the U.S.

"I'm here to represent the nation's largest Neighborhood Watch group," he said. Simcox spoke to the Bloomfield Republican

Women's Club gathering at the Somerset Inn in Troy

His talk on the problem of "waves of illegal immigrants" and its dangers was well-received despite some harsh comments about the Republican Party

'TURNING POINT'

Simcox described how he founded the citizen political action group often referred to

as 'vigilantes' Members watch the nation's borders and turn over suspected illegal immigrants to the border patrol

He said that after Sept. 11, 2001, "Bush reminded us that we are all part of homeland security. The price of security is to always be vigilant and report illegal activity to proper authorities. I certainly took President Bush up on his offer."

The former kindergarten teacher said the turning point came for him while hiking in a national park. While taking a water break by a tree he heard footsteps and, to his amazement, "Seventy-five people dressed in black, carrying water bottles," marched by. "This is seven days after Sept. 11."

Going back the next day, he saw 300 people, a line almost a mile long, walking through the national park.



HEATHER ROUSSEAU | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chris Simcox of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps talks about the problem of illegal immigration

The third day, he observed a dust cloud with vehicles and men carrying automatic weapons.

That's when he went to a park ranger who told him, "embarrassed, reluctant, that he was very sorry."

"He said he was working on it, but thousands were entering into the U.S., including drug dealers, and there's nothing we can do about it. We have five rangers to cover the whole park. We are outmanned and outgunned."

"I was appalled at what I discovered. It was a turning point in my life. I decided I would do something to help my nation."

Shortly afterward, Simcox took an unexpected opportunity to become assistant editor then owner, of an Arizona newspaper, the *Tombstone Tumbleweed*. It advertised his plan to form a citizen militia with a front page, boldface headline reading "Enough is enough. Citizen border militia now forming."

"Boy, did it get attention," he said of the national media. It was, however, a Billy Bob Redneck shooting from the back of the truck image that was portrayed.

Nevertheless, he said, hundreds of volunteers joined in a 24-hour, seven day-a-week project to report and turn over illegal immigrants. The group became the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps. Today, there are 29 chapters in 24 states, he said.

A focus is enforcing current immigration laws. In four years, the group has peacefully turned over 6,000 illegal entrants to the border patrol without one incident of violence, he said. The Minuteman members are armed only for self-defense purposes.

Simcox emphasized the group is not against immigration — just illegal immigration.

Simcox said, in fact, that "securing the border is paramount." One reason is "it will force the government south of the border to improve the quality of life for its citizens."

It would prevent some of the dangers of illegally immigrating, he added.

Simcox emphasized, "We don't blame the victims. We blame the government."

TERRORISM THREAT

Simcox drew applause when he said, "Securing our borders is the first thing we should have done on Sept. 12 to protect our nation. We should be disgusted that our government is turning it into a partisan issue."

His opinions, he admitted, have been controversial. And they've earned him a tall FBI file.

Simcox said he is no longer a Republican. "I stand before you as a pragmatic independent." He aims to effect "positive change" with grass-roots involvement.

The Minuteman group is privately funded and well-equipped, he said. "Thanks to donations, we have GPS, night vision, four thermal imaging cameras. The border patrol is quite envious because we have better equipment than they do."

In answer to a question, Simcox said he would like to form a Minuteman chapter in Michigan, especially in light of Michigan's shared border with Canada. He said those interested can go to minuteman-hq.com.

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Plymouth's Amanda Kerr watches her putt roll toward the hole during Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course. Kerr shot a 108 on the par 72 layout to help the Wildcats to a sixth place finish.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

On the brink Salem's Smith barely misses WLAA top spot

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson golfer Chelsea Bathurst's score at Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament nearly matched the temperature, which was impressive considering she was playing in Michigan in late-May and not in Phoenix in mid-July.

Playing in near-perfect 72-degree conditions and under clear skies that were just a shade lighter than the Spartans' golf shirts, Bathurst fired a 77 on the challenging par 72 Pheasant Run Golf Course to earn medalist honors. Salem senior Ashley Smith finished one shot back at 78.

Only 15 of the 70 players managed to break 100 on the well-groomed, but hazard-filled Pheasant Run track.

Bathurst's best-ever round paced the Spartans' 359 total, which tied them at the top with Northville. Stevenson earned the tournament title by winning the tie-breaker, which was the lowest score by each team's fifth golfer. The Spartans' fifth, Priyanka Joshi, shot a 104 to best Northville's fifth, Lauren Kerr, by three shots.

Livonia Churchill (380), Salem (396) and Walled Lake Western (398) finished third through fifth, respectively.

Also scoring for the Spartans were sophomore Laura Sims (92), junior Abbey Wolfe (94) and junior Chrissy McHenry (96).

The Mustangs were led by junior Susan Snyder and senior Jessica

Reuter, both of whom carded 87's. "Chelsea had a career day for us and the rest of the girls played solid like they have all year," said first-year Stevenson coach Jason Delo. "Our strength all season has been our depth. We don't have one superstar player. We have a several very good players."

"We were disappointed we weren't able to qualify for the state meet last week, but this helps make up for it a little bit."

A last-minute repair job proved to be beneficial for Bathurst, who nearly entered Tuesday's round without one of her favorite clubs.

"My three wood broke on Saturday when I was trying to qualify for the Power-Built Tour in Lansing," said Bathurst. "The first place I took it to couldn't fix it in time, but the second place I went to, Pro Golf, put a used shaft on it. I use it quite a bit — especially on the par fives — so I'm glad they were able to fix it."

Bathurst's sizzling round was two holes away from being significantly better.

"I was one-under on the front, but then I had a three-putt bogey on the eighth hole," she recalled. "I was one-over with two holes to play, but then I double-bogeyed 17 and 18. It could have been better, but I'm happy with the way I played."

Bathurst said the highlight of her round was a 40-foot par putt she drained on her fifth hole (the 14th at Pheasant Run).

Smith's second-place round of 78

PLEASE SEE GOLF, B3

Sidelines

Schmitt excels

Canton sophomore Allison Schmitt, 15, earned a roster spot on the USA National Junior swim team last weekend at the Eric Namesnik Memorial Grand Prix Swim Meet held at the University of Michigan.

Schmitt will represent the United States at the Junior Pan-Pacific Swimming Championships in Maui, Hawaii, in early 2007. Competing against a field that will include several Olympic and collegiate athletes, Schmitt placed in the top 16 in four individual events, including a fourth-place finish in the 200-meter freestyle.

Soccer camps

Detroit's newest professional soccer team, the Detroit Ignition, is taking over the popular Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps, which were started four years ago by former professional goalkeeper Bryan 'Goose' Finnerty.

Although the camps are being shifted into the Ignition's care, they will still be operated by Finnerty and former teammate and camp director, Droc Callahan. The coaching staff will include former professional and collegiate players who are all licensed trainers with various clubs. The locations of the local camps are as follows:

- June 12-16 - Bicentennial Park in Livonia;
- June 26-30 - Independence Park in Canton;
- July 10-14 - Pioneer Park in Farmington;
- July 17-21 - Independence Park in Canton, and
- Aug. 7-11 - Plymouth Lake Soccer Park in Plymouth.

Each camp will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The \$139 fee includes a free ball and T-shirt. To register, visit www.Goose22.com.

Velocity camps

Velocity Sports Performance, which is located on Michigan Avenue in Canton, will be offering several camps this summer.

The summer schedule includes:

■ **Speed and Agility Camp** - Session 1 will be held June 26-29 and Session 2 will be held July 31 to Aug. 3. Among other things, campers will learn proper running form and mechanics. Each of the four sessions will last two hours.

■ **Football Speed and Agility Camp** - Session 1 will be held July 10-13 and Session 2 will run from July 17-20. The four two-hour sessions, which are for athletes 14 years old and up, will go from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on the camps, visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

March leads with talent, positive attitude

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem soccer player Kristin March isn't sure what hurt more — the torn quad muscle she suffered back in April, or having to watch six of the Rocks' early-season games from the sidelines while the injury healed.

From the second she strapped on her first pair of soccer shin guards at the age of 4, March was always a player — a very good one — and never a watcher.

So observing the Rocks' rocky start without being able to do anything about it was excruciatingly painful for the senior captain, at least from a mental standpoint.

"It was definitely frustrating," said March, who has since experienced a 100-percent recovery and is back to her all-over-the-field, aggressive self.



Prep Profile

"Being a captain, I continued to cheer on my team and offer encouragement to the younger players, but it was tough not being able to play."

"The game we tied Walled Lake Western was especially hard. We had always beat Western and I knew that if I could just get out there, I could help. But at that point, I couldn't even kick, let alone run."

SUCCESSFUL RUN

Sometime over the next three weeks, March will cap a stellar four-year run at Salem. Ever since she defied the odds and made the varsity squad as a freshman, March has provided coach Joe Nora with a potent combination of skills, instincts and determination that every high school coach covets.

"Kristin has been a tremendous

asset to this team the past four years," Nora said. "She's one of the best players I've coached. This year has been tough because we have a young team and we haven't won as much as we would have liked, but Kristin has set a great example for the younger players. She always has a great attitude and her effort is always there."

"Kristin is going to be very hard to replace next year."

Nora said he put March to good use during her recovery stage.

"I told her that she could be like an assistant coach on the sidelines, and she ran with it," said Nora. "She's been a great captain."

March has been playing with and against the elite soccer players her age since she was in third grade when she made her first travel team. The pinnacle of her youth soccer



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior Kristin March has been a key member of the Rocks' soccer team since her freshman season when she made her mark as a hard-working mid-fielder.

PLEASE SEE MARCH, B5

Canton's Phillips earns state title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to Corey Phillips and wrestling, the rules may change, but not the results.

Phillips, 17, a standout performer for the Chiefs' wrestling squad the past three seasons, proved his mat versatility on Saturday when he won the 140-pound Greco-Roman state title at the Michigan Wrestling Federation state meet held at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. Unlike high school rules, Greco-Roman regulations prohibit competitors from using their legs to compile points.

That didn't stop Phillips, who defeated Flint Kearsley's Chris Diehl, 6-3 and 6-3, in the day's decisive match.

"Going into the weekend, we thought Diehl would be at a lower weight class, so we felt pretty good about Corey's chances," said Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Corey Phillips earned a roster spot on the prestigious 2006 "Team Michigan" wrestling squad last weekend by winning a junior state title in the Greco-Roman 140-pound division and finishing second in freestyle.

PLEASE SEE PHILLIPS, B4

Salem surprises Chargers, 1-0

Could the Salem softball team be peaking at the right time?

The answer is a resounding yes — at least based on Monday's impressive 1-0 victory over Livonia Churchill, which clinched first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division last week. The win, which came just eight days before the Division 1 District tournament, improved the Rocks' record to 13-17-1 overall and 4-6 in the Lakes.

Salem right-handed wind-miler Melissa Leach limited the hard-hitting Chargers to just three hits and one walk while striking out six. She was backed by a flawless effort from the Rocks' defense.

"It just goes to show you that any team can be beaten on any given day," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "Churchill had only lost one game in the division until we gave them their second loss. It was a nice win,

PREP SOFTBALL

especially knowing that Churchill will be playing for the league championship against Plymouth (on Wednesday).

"I'm happy that we proved we can compete with the best of them and today we did. The girls know they have the potential to be at the top and they proved that today."

Salem scored the game's lone run in the second when Abby Paintz singled, advanced to second on a passed ball, went to third on Kelly Behr's sacrifice bunt and scored when the Chargers' catcher tried to throw out Christina Parsons on a dropped third strike.

Leach out-dued Churchill's Bridget Long, who yielded just four hits and three walks. Maureen Bohr (double), Emily Pitcoole, Paintz and Deonna Szawara accounted for the Salem hits.

Chiefs squeeze out win over Wildcats

Senior Justin Latin's perfectly executed suicide squeeze bunt with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning scored Jon Puskar from third and gave Canton a dramatic 5-4 victory over Plymouth Tuesday afternoon.

The triumph improved the Chiefs' record to 17-10 overall and 9-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Senior right hander Shawn Little went the distance to earn the victory for Canton. Little gave up six hits and struck out three. Plymouth's Bryan Stotz also turned in a complete-game effort, yielding 12 hits and striking out three.

Latin proved to be the Chiefs' catalyst throughout the game, reaching base four out of five times he batted. Latin finished 3-for-4 with a double, RBI, and two steals.

Senior Tarik Khasawneh and Puskar, a junior, also reached base four times for the Chiefs. Khasawneh walked three times — he received two intentional passes — and knocked in a run with an infield single in the fourth. Puskar went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI.

Junior Blaine Paden was the only other Canton player to record multiple hits, going 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Nate McManus reached base three times for the Wildcats. McManus walked his first two times up and was hit by a Little pitch his third and final time up. McManus scored a run and notched a stolen base.

Tyler Locklear (triple), Ben Kosmalski, Matt Barrera and Ryan Valle ripped RBI hits for



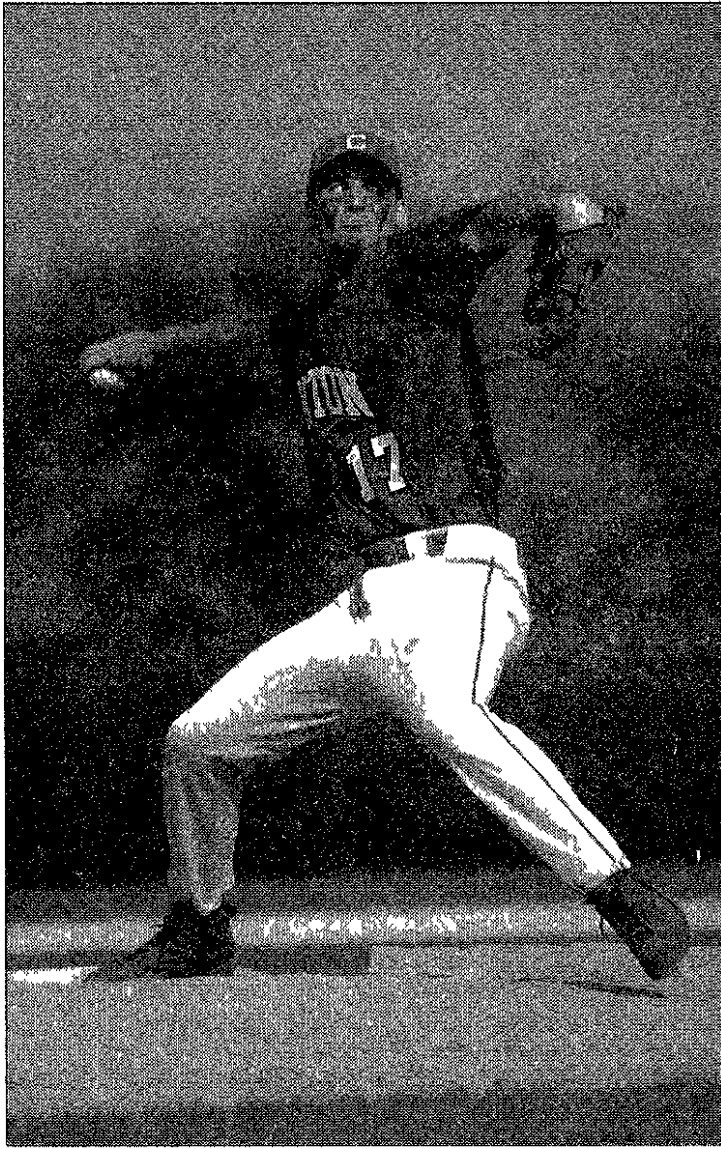
Plymouth's Ryan Valle, pictured above in a game earlier this season, stroked a key RBI single in the top of the seventh inning to pull the Wildcats into a 4-4 tie with Canton. The Chiefs won the game in the bottom of the inning on Justin Latin's suicide squeeze bunt.

Plymouth

Trailing 4-3, the Wildcats knotted the game in the top of the seventh when Stotz laced a one-out double to right center. He then scored on Valle's single down the right-field line.

Canton countered in its half of the seventh when Puskar, Paden and Brad Barath all singled with one out to load the bases. Latin then dropped a bunt towards first base that allowed Puskar to score easily with the winning run.

CANTON 4, NORTHVILLE 3: The bottom of the Canton batting order gave the top team in the Western Lakes Activities



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Canton senior right-hander Shawn Little, pictured above in a game earlier this season, held Plymouth to six hits and struck out three in the Chiefs' 5-4 victory Tuesday afternoon. Little added a triple in four plate appearances.

Association's Western Division fits Monday afternoon.

The Chiefs' No. 9 hitter, junior center fielder Brad Barath, ripped a bases-loaded, bases-clearing double in the fourth inning to put Canton ahead for good in its 4-3 victory over Northville. It was the first division setback for the Mustangs who dropped to 23-7 overall and 9-1 in the Western. The Chiefs improved to 16-10 and 8-2, respectively.

Sophomore pitcher Erik Wright worked the first six innings to improve to 4-1. Junior Kyle Gring shut down the host Mustangs in order in the seventh to pick up a save.

Wright allowed two earned runs, four hits and six walks while striking out three.

Chris Woudstra (double), Shawn Little, Tarik Khasawneh, Gring and Jon Puskar had one hit a piece for the winners.

Posler's arm, red-hot bats lead Rocks to 12-10 victory

Salem improved its record to 7-22 overall and 3-7 in Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division with a 12-10 victory over Livonia Churchill.

The Rocks laced out 18 hits to upend the Chargers, who slipped to 15-13 and 4-6, respectively.

Ryan Rowe and Kyle Kelly each had three hits, an RBI and scored two runs for the winners. Dave Leone went 2-for-2, including a double and two runs.

Matt Dykka went 3-for-5 with three RBI to pace Churchill's 10-hit attack.

Salem used four pitchers with starter Joe Posler working the first five innings to earn the victory. He struck out three, walked three and allowed six hits.

Churchill starter Rob Lachalk allowed nine runs on 11 hits in 3 1/3 innings. He struck out four and walked two before giving way to Matt Luneack, who gave up two runs on five hits over 1 2/3 innings. Steve Merlo allowed one run in the sixth on two hits.

CANTON AGAPE 16-14, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 2-6: On Tuesday, the Wolverines improved to 8-8 with the decisive double-head-

PREP BASEBALL

er sweep.

Kyle Miller earned the mound victory in the opener, giving up just two hits and one earned run in four innings. Offensively, the winners were paced by Matt Molnar (3-for-3), Jared Miller (two hits, four runs), Kyle Miller (two hits, five RBI), Daniel Walker (two hits) and Tyler Majeski (two hits).

Agape scored four runs in the first, three in both the second and third innings, and six in the fourth. Macomb fell to 2-14.

In the nightcap, Jared Miller earned the mound win after working the game's final 3 1/3 innings in relief. Miller, the younger brother of Kyle Miller, yielded three runs, four hits and two walks while striking out four.

Brandon Pierson and Walker both ripped three hits for the winners. Kyle Miller contributed two hits and four RBIs.

Tyler Conlin, Ethan Walker, Scott Molnar and Robbie Knight each had one hit for Agape.

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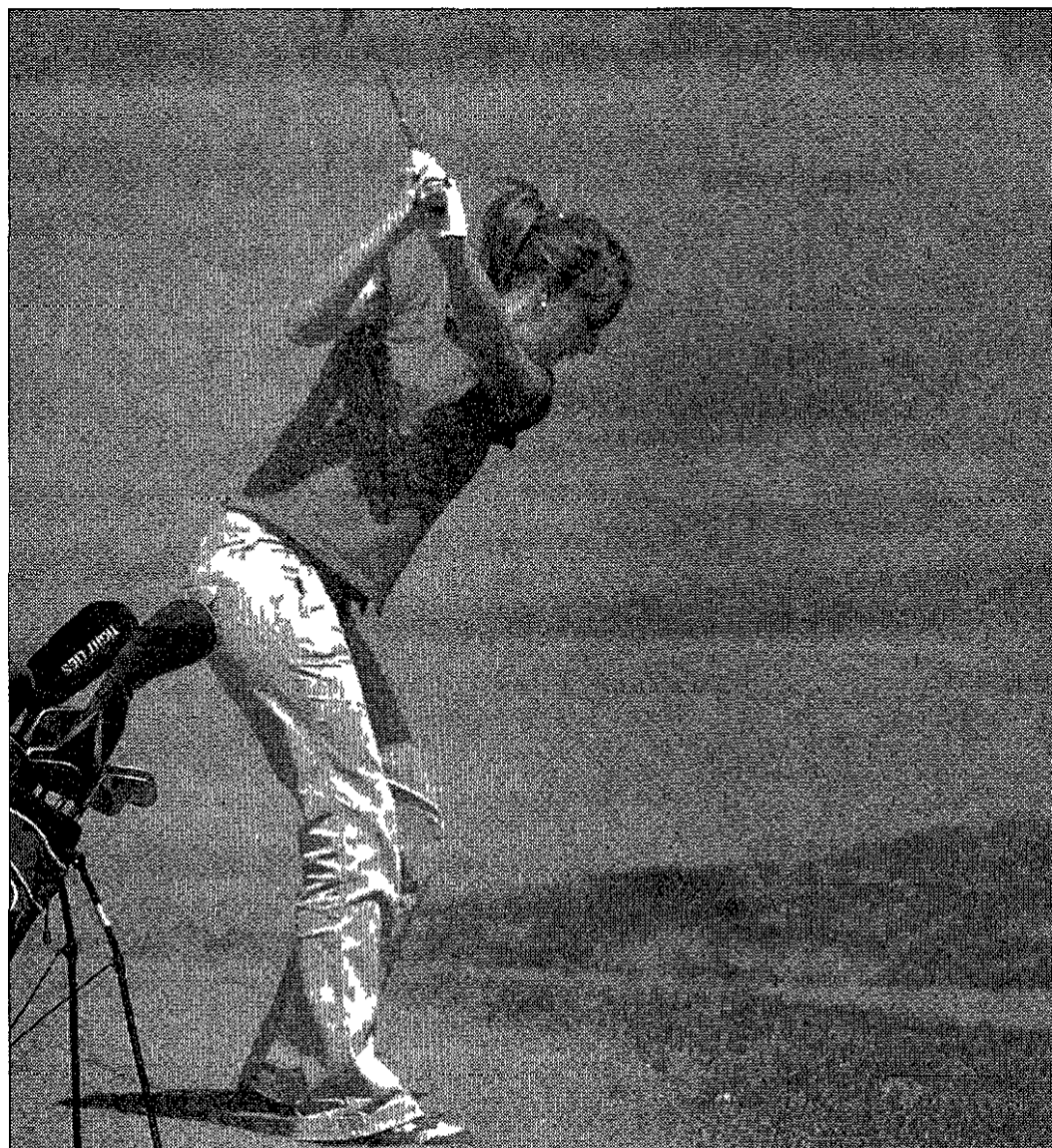
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Canton's Nicole Diss prepares to strike a long iron shot during Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference golf tournament at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course. Diss fired a 122 for the 11th place Chiefs.

GOLF

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came three years after she was the runner-up in the event as a freshman. The All-State performer has placed in the top 10 at the tournament each of the past four years.

"The conditions were great and I hit the ball well," said Smith, who will compete in the Division 1 state meet next week. "I just had some issues on the greens. I couldn't make a putt."

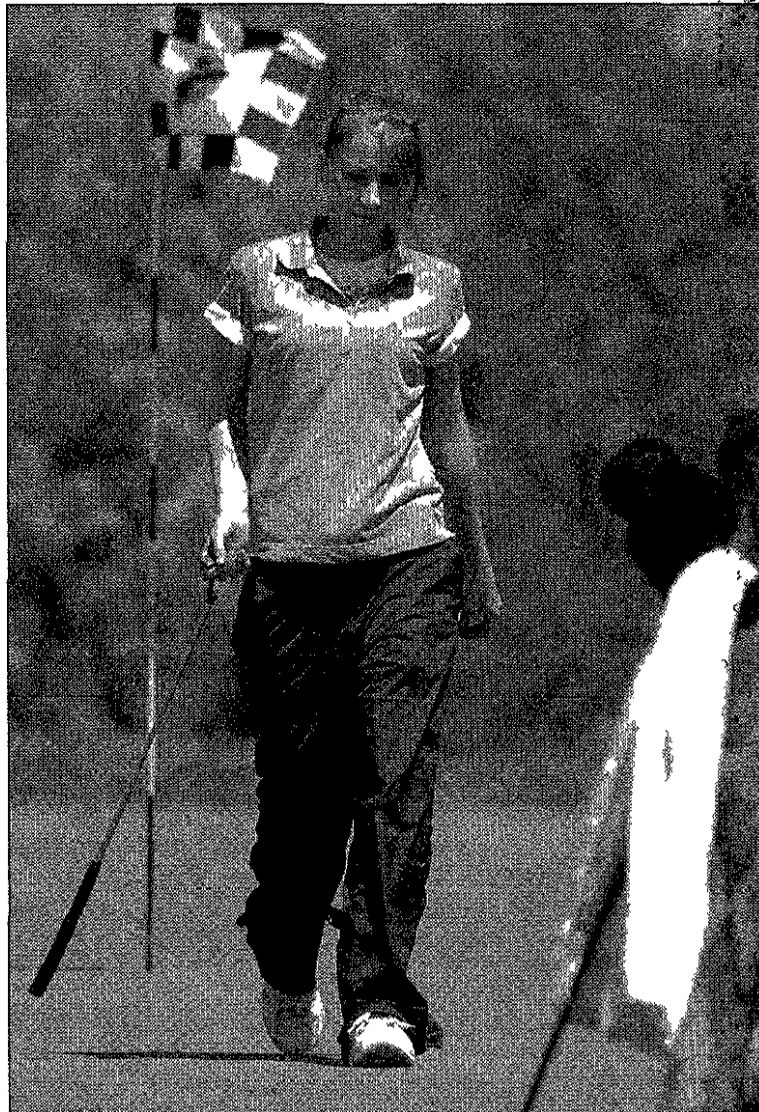
"Overall, I was happy with our scores," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "They matched what we've been shooting all year."

Walled Lake Central's Sarah Johnson, a freshman, finished third overall with an 81. Churchill's Shannon Warner, who came in as one of the pre-tournament favorites, shot 86, three strokes lower than teammate Ashley Birt.

Led by Melissa Miller's 100 and Katy Ingraham's 101, sixth-place Plymouth was consistent, if not spectacular.

"That's the best score we've shot in a tournament this season, so I'm happy about that," said Wildcat coach Chris Moore. "I was especially pleased for senior Katy Ingraham, who had the lowest round of her career."

Canton was paced by Chelsea Osburn's 112.



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Salem's Katie Rzetelny's 104 at Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament was instrumental in the Rocks' fourth-place finish.

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WLAA GOLF RESULTS

WLAA GIRLS GOLF CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT
Tuesday at Pheasant Run G C
Final team standings 1 (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Northville (Stevenson wins the breaker which is lowest score of both teams' fifth golfer) 3 Livonia Churchill 380 4 Salem 396 5 W.L. Western 398 6 (tie) Livonia Franklin and Plymouth 416 8 W.L. Central 429 9 W.L. Northern 439 10 Westland John Glenn 466 11 Canton 478 12 Wayne Memorial 498
Medalist Chelsea Bathurst (Stevenson) 77
Individual scores (top four scores count toward final standings)
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W.L. Central (429) Sarah Johnson 81 Grace Ackerman 100 Kate Massey 116 Ashley Phillips 123 Danielle Walker 129 Kelly Miller 137
W.L. Northern (439) Vikki Zolkewsky 123 Grace Ackerman 100 Kate Massey 111 Sarah Holm 113 Dana Thomas 115 Allissa Jaster 116
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Power stroke

Canton junior shortstop Lauren Delapaz, pictured above in a game earlier this season, ripped a solo home run in the Chiefs' 2-1 loss to Northville Monday afternoon. The setback dropped the Chiefs into a tie with Plymouth for first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Emma Wise homered for the Mustangs and Jenna Dumbleton was the winning pitcher. No further results were available as of Tuesday night's deadline.

Wildcat sluggers net share of Western Division crown

Plymouth's softball team earned a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title Monday with a 20-0 rout of Wayne Memorial.

Sophomore Meghan Patterson ensured the victory for the Wildcats by throwing a four-inning no-hitter. Patterson struck out four and walked just one batter.

The victory improved Plymouth's records to 22-6-1 overall, 14-2 in the WLAA and 8-2 in the division. Canton also finished 8-2 in the Western after falling to Northville on Monday.

The Wildcats earned the right to play in Wednesday's WLAA title game against Lavonia because it has a better league record than the Chiefs. Results of the game will appear in Sunday's Observer.

"We're ecstatic," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield, referring to her team's co-

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championship. "This team plays focused every game no matter who we play. Sometimes teams have a tendency to play at the same level of their competition, but this team is up for every game."

Kim Klonowski was the Wildcats' offensive star against the Zebras, going 4-for-4, including a double, with four runs scored. Other standouts at the plate were Beth Heldmeyer (3-for-4, three runs), Lauren Stemberger (3-for-4, three runs) and Melissa Butzow (2-for-4, two runs).

Plymouth scored early and often, pushing across five runs in the first, three in the second, two in the third and 10 in the fourth.

Wayne was hampered by three fielding errors. The Wildcats were flawless in the field.

Win-or-else scenarios prevail at Districts

Every pitch, every corner kick, every ground ball and every throw-in will take on added significance beginning next week for the area's local high school baseball, softball and soccer teams as District tournaments begin throughout the state.

Below is a list of where and when the local teams will be playing the first round of their post-season action.

SOCCER

Division 1: Canton will be hosting the Division 1, District 6 tournament beginning Tuesday, May 30. The host Chiefs will open Tuesday with a 5 p.m. opener against Westland John Glenn. With a win, the Chiefs will advance to play Ann Arbor Pioneer on Thursday, June 1, at 5 p.m.

The other half of the District 6 bracket includes Wayne Memorial and Ann Arbor Huron, who will square off in a first-round game, and Romulus, which drew a first-round bye.

The District championship game is set for Saturday, June 3, at noon at the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

Division 4: Plymouth Christian Academy, which was ranked eighth in the state in the latest Michigan High School Coaches rankings, will open Tuesday, May 30, at 4:30 p.m. at Southfield Christian.

The winner will take on the winner of Tuesday's Ann Arbor Greenhills-Lutheran Westland showdown in the District final which is set for Thursday, June 1 at Greenhills.

SOFTBALL

Division 1: Canton and Salem will square off in a District 27 first-round game on Tuesday, May 30, at 4 p.m. at Canton. The winner will advance to play Novi, which drew a first-round bye, on Saturday, June 3 at 12:30 p.m. at Novi.

The other half of the bracket will pit Northville against South Lyon in a semifinal game. The final contest is set for Saturday, June 3, at 3 p.m.

Division 4: Plymouth Christian Academy will open the District 119 tournament on Saturday, June 3, at noon against Canton Agape Christian at Ann Arbor Greenhills High.



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Canton forward Ellen Baracy (left) and Plymouth goalie Brittany Warner will play key roles for their respective teams in the Division 1 District tournaments set to begin next week.

School A victory would propel either PCA or Agape into the 1:30 p.m. final against the winner of the Lutheran Westland-Greenhills semi-final game.

BASEBALL

Division 1: Canton drew a first-round bye for the District 27 tournament, which will open with a pair of games on Tuesday, May 30. Salem opens Tuesday, May 30, at 4 p.m. against host Novi. A win would earn the Rocks an opportunity to play a semi-final game against Novi Catholic Central Saturday, June 3, at 12:30 p.m.

In the other half of the brackets, Canton will play the winner of Tuesday's Northville-South Lyon game on Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m. at Novi.

The championship game is set for June 3 at 3 p.m. **Division 4:** Plymouth Christian and Canton Agape both drew first-round byes for the District 119 tournament that is being hosted by Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The Eagles will play the winner of Tuesday's Greenhills-Ypsilanti Calvary Christian game on Saturday, June 3, at 10:30 a.m. Agape will play Lutheran Westland in a semi-final game slated for June 3 at 12:30 p.m. The championship contest is set for June 3 at 2:30 p.m.

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"When we found out Diehl was in his weight class, we knew it would be more challenging because he's a two-time All-American."

"When Corey and Diehl wrestled, just about everybody in the arena stopped and watched the match. It was pretty cool."

Phillips' performance earned him a spot on "Team Michigan," a state-wide all-star squad that will travel to Fargo, N.D. in July to compete in the USA Wrestling's most highly touted tournament.

For an encore, Phillips placed second in the state in the freestyle competition. His only

loss came to — you guessed it — Diehl, who triumphed, 1-0 and 6-1.

"It was a great match," Randolph said. "After he lost the first period, Corey had to be more desperate in the second period. He lost, but he wrestled well."

Phillips will need to finish in the top eight in the national meet in July to earn All-American status. He will be bolstered by the presence of Randolph, who was recently named to serve as an assistant coach for "Team Michigan."

"I think he has a good shot at wrestling well at the national meet," Randolph said. "He has to work hard leading up to it this summer, but knowing Corey like I do, I know he will."

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Salem kickers pummel Walled Lake Western, 7-1

Salem's 7-1 victory over Walled Lake Western Monday night was more than a much-needed, late-season win for the Rocks

It was also a measuring stick to show how much the young and talented team improved throughout the month of May

"We tied Western 3-3 earlier this year, so winning tonight shows us how far we've come," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We did a lot of the little things that we weren't doing earlier in the year. We were more aggressive offensively and we took smart shots."

The Rocks, who raised their record to 4-8-2, not only took smart shots — they converted them. Salem jumped to a 4-0 halftime lead and never looked back. Senior Tara Duncan scored the first two goals, the first of which came on a penalty kick. Duncan's second goal was assisted by Ashley D'Angelo.

Kim Killion got into the scoring act a short time later when she found the back of the net after securing a pass from Katie Shull.

Shull netted the next three Salem goals — one just before halftime and the next two in the second half. Caryn Kosteva knocked in the winners' final goal of the night.

Kristen Dondzila (first half) and Jill Slabey (second half) both played well in front of the net for Salem.

"Kristen made a huge save when we were up 2-0 that kind

of set the tone for the rest of the game," Nora said. "Western had a break-away, but she went out and stuffed it right at the top of the 18."

Salem will open the Division 1 District tournament on Tuesday when it travels to Livonia Stevenson to take on the state-ranked Spartans. The game is set to commence at 7 p.m.

CANTON 1, W.L. CENTRAL 0: On Monday, the Chiefs' Jenn Krajovic converted a penalty kick for the game's lone goal. The victory improved Canton to 10-5-2 overall and 8-3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

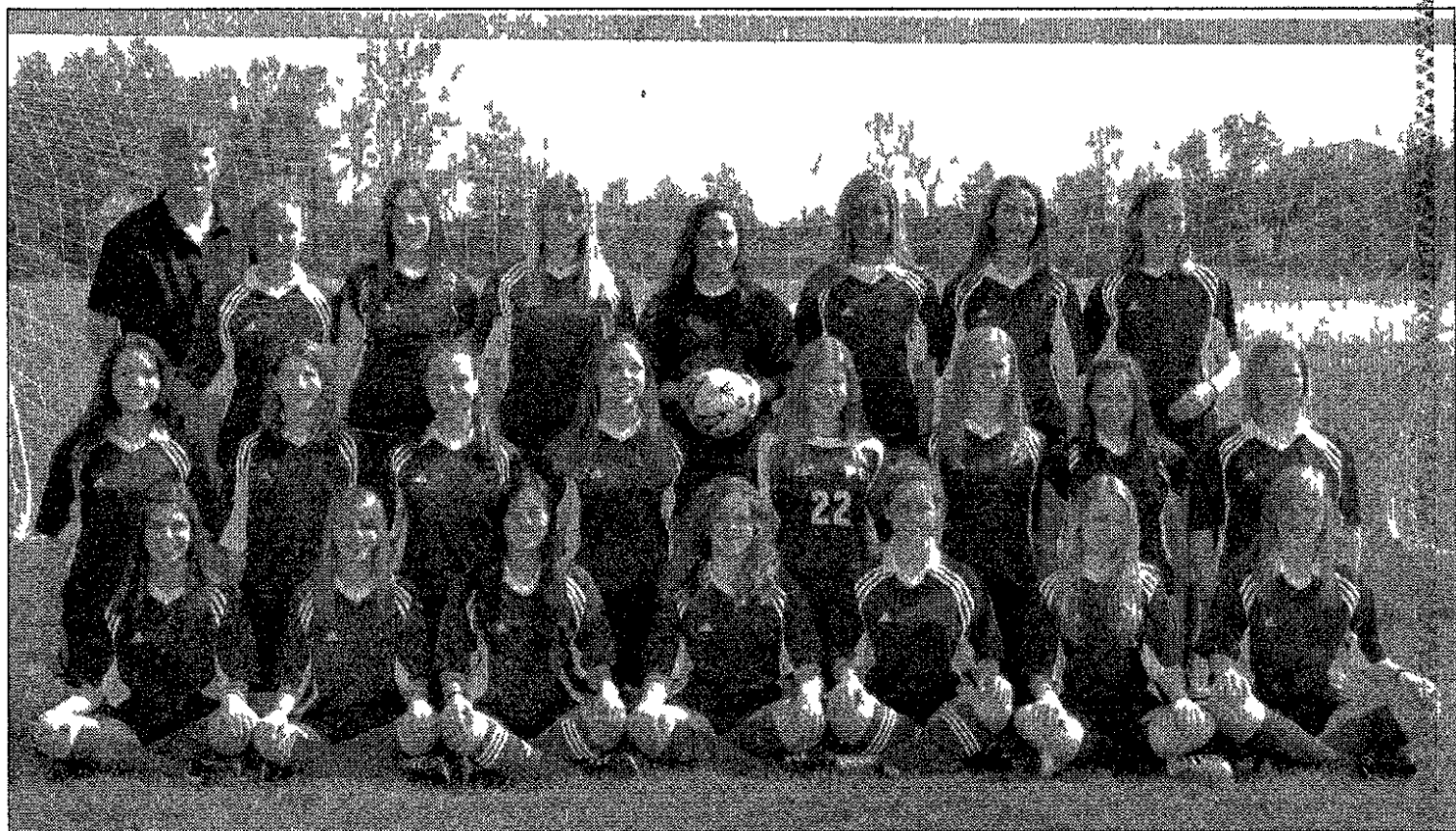
CHURCHILL 2, PLYMOUTH 0: Livonia Churchill (11-3-4) regrouped in the second half Monday to beat the visiting Wildcats in a WLAA crossover game between second-place divisional teams.

Alisha Lussiez scored the game-winner from Hannah Otto in the 49th minute followed by Bailey Brandon's pinpoint shot just outside the box in the 73rd minute from Kayla Johnston.

Churchill goalkeeper Stephanie Turner made a total of six saves en route to the shutout.

Defensively, we got off to a shaky start, Churchill interim coach Brian Zawislak said.

"But we were able to communicate better in the back, thanks to players like Lindsay Marlow, and were able to reorganize and regain our composure."



The Plymouth Christian Academy girls soccer team recently clinched its first Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title in school history. The unbeaten Eagles will open the Division 4 District tournament Tuesday against Southfield Christian. Pictured (front row from left) are Meghan Polera, Melissa Rich, Amanda Yu, Bethany Welton, Ashley James, Natalie Matson, Jenna Misch. (second row from left) Josie Santos, Liz Somerick, Sarah Roth, Allyson DeKruyter, Mim Monroe, Abby Lorion, Jalese DeBiasi, Karen Cleary, (top row from left) Coach Bob Lorion, LeeAnne Molnar, Brooke Williams, Lauren Beckett, Sara Ross, Katie McDougall, Peggy Abraham and Kimberly Cleary.

PCA 10, CALVARY CHRISTIAN 0: On Tuesday, Abby Lorion tallied three goals and an assist to pace the state-ranked Eagles, who improved to 12-0-1 overall and 11-0-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

PCA was ranked eighth in Division 4 in the latest coaches' poll.

Mim Monroe recorded three saves for the winners, who received strong offensive efforts from Amanda Yu (two goals), Meghan Polera (two goals), Karen Cleary (one goal,

two assists), Brooke Williams (one goal, one assist) and Liz Somerick, who scored her first goal of the season.

Ashley James notched a pair of assists and Katie McDougall recorded one helper.

PCA 1, B'HAM ROEPER 0: Abby Lorion scored on a header

18-26 into the game to give the Eagles the victory.

Brooke Williams was credited with the assist off a corner kick.

Defensively, the Eagles were led by Sarah Roth, Jalese DeBiasi, Kimmy Cleary and Josie Santos.

French leads Warriors to win

Mitch French netted five goals Saturday night to lead the Plymouth Canton-Salem lacrosse team to a 11-7 victory over Mattawan in a game played at the Plymouth High School junior varsity stadium.

French also contributed two assists to help the Warriors improve their record to 12-4. Mattawan slipped to 10-5.

It was nice to finally win a game against Mattawan, said PCS coach Mike Costello.

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They have been around for five years, just like us, so in some ways it's like looking in a mirror. They have a good program with some talented kids.

PCS led 2-1 after one quarter. 5-2 at the half and 6-5 with 12 minutes to play.

We took their best shot early in the third quarter and

responded, said Costello. This may have been our best game all year. Mitch French stepped up and Johnny Groat played well. John Savino played hurt and gave us great minutes. Jared Ruark is playing well coming back from injury. Joey Underwood played great on both ends of the field.

"Chris Sorensen played very well making key stops. It was just a great performance on Senior Night."

Groat scored two goals for the winners. Single goal-scorers were Alex Caryl, Ryan Gubert, Ruark and Underwood. Ruark, Savino, Gubert and Nick Cote (two) were credited with assists. Groat also won 10-of-11 face-offs.

Both teams got off 35 shots. Mattawan scooped up more groundballs, 41-38. Sorensen had 13 saves.

MARCH

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career came at the age of 12 when she earned one of the few roster spots on an Olympic Development Program team.

"We traveled all over the country and played against the best players in the country," said March. "It was exciting because we got to travel to California, North Carolina, Georgia, all over. I found that the players' styles were different throughout the country. For instance, in Chicago, they played more aggressively than other places. That was a lot of fun."

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The ODP experience paid off when March was promoted to the Rocks varsity squad as a ninth-grader. And it didn't take her long — just three games — to break into the starting lineup.

"I wasn't really intimidated because I had played during the summer with a few of the other girls on the team," March said. "I'll never forget that year because we won the conference championship."

March said she expected this year to be challenging for the Rocks, who suffered several losses to graduation from the 2005 team.

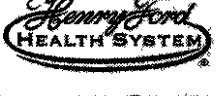
"We lost 11 seniors last year, so I knew it would be different this year," she said. "We have a very young team, with only six seniors, 10 sophomores and a couple of freshmen. The good thing is we've gotten better as the year has gone on."

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March's immense soccer skills have earned her a collegiate scholarship at Ferris State University, where she will begin attending classes in the fall.

"Kristin has the potential to be a great college soccer player," said Nora. "With her skills, the transition from high school to college soccer should be a comfortable one."

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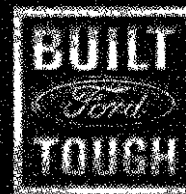
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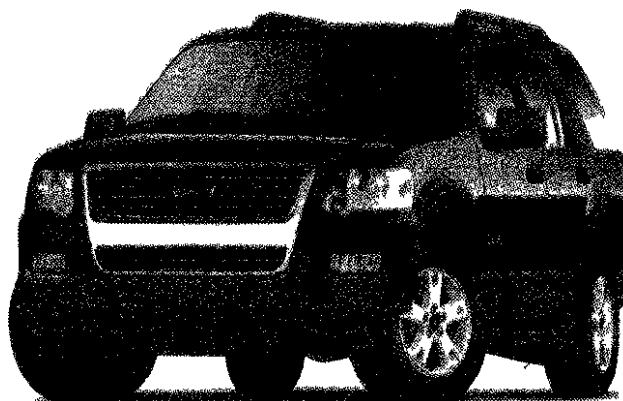


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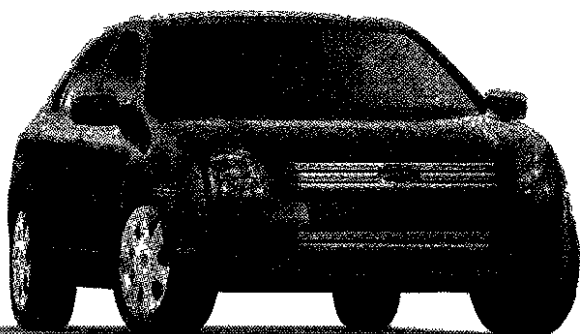


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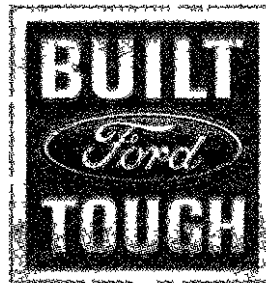
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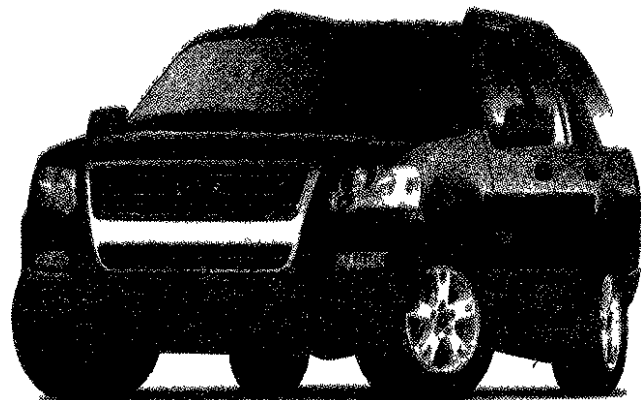


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For as low as **\$169** A month(1) with a 24 month low mileage Red Carpet Lease *

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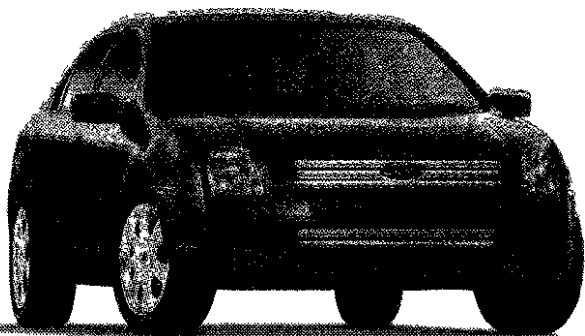


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For as low as **\$199** A month(1) with a 24 month low mileage Red Carpet Lease *

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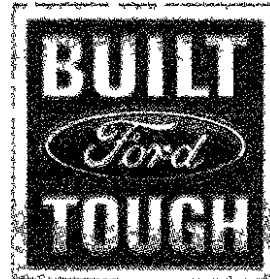
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COUNTRY IN THE CITY! 2 bdrm ranch on 1.82 acres private setting w/stream new roof 05 vinyl windows out building 50x12 2 car garage \$199,900

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE NEWLY LISTED! Open Sun 12:50pm 7486 Embassy Dr 4 bdrm 2.5 bath beautiful kitchen community pools \$274,900

Country Ridge Sub Home has everything 4 3 1/2 Gourmet custom kitchen w/granite island huge master suite LL walk out w/ull 2nd kitchen full bath bedroom FRM office w/built ins Deck paver patio Whole home audio custom cabinetry through out Beautiful private wooded lot www.evergreenet.com

DESIGNER'S SHOWPIECE 2400 square feet 3 bed room 2.5 bath with finished basement Gourmet kitchen with granite Updated baths Family room w/natural fireplace \$329,900

JUST LISTED! GORGEOUS 4 BEDROOM 2.5 bath brick colonial Hardwood floors in foyer & library/office family room w/gas fireplace Open kitchen w/hook granite & Corian counters built in double oven & other appliances 1st floor laundry finished bsmt deck 2 car garage \$435,000

By Owner KENDALLWOOD SUB 4 bdrm 2 bath tri level with 2 1/2 car garage lg bdrms updated kitchen bath Master bdrm with dressing area Lg lot 2200 sq ft Farmington schools 2873 Kirkside Lane \$262,500

By Owner SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH in popular Kendallwood sub private treed cul de sac lot Award winning Farmington Schools recent updates include roof some Anderson windows HWH furnace C/A & more 1st floor laundry kitchen with all appliances 239,900

CANTON EXTREMELY CLEAN 3 bdrm 2.5 bath backing to wooded creek Maple cabinets & hardwood floor in kitchen deck & paver patio Plymouth Canton Schools 45705 Herley Dr \$327,900

CANTON OPEN SUN 12 3 3519 Riverside Dr E/Beck off Geddes \$244,900 3 bdrm 2.5 bath w/master suite deck loft overlooking 2 story family room Fireplace Great family home close to Common area ERIC GHEEN 313 995 7885 Prudential Select 313 278 8000

CANTON OPEN SUNDAY 1 4 44887 Weymouth N Palmer W of Sheldon 2591 sq ft 4 bd 2.5 bath Baybrook model Family rm formal living/dining oak kitchen & 2nd floor laundry \$349,800

FHA/VA TERMS! 3 bedroom ranch with lg kitchen newer carpet vinyl windows Finished bsmt w/bar One year home warranty \$132,500 CENTURY 21 PREMIER (734) 453-4300 www.premiersoldit.com

By Owner BEAUTIFUL 1348 SQ FT 3 bdrm ranch on private wooded acre w/ finished bsmt Built 1999 Move in cond Seller must relocate Close by July 1 2006 & get all appliances & seller will pay \$2500 in closing costs \$226,900

LAKE ORION NEW CONSTRUCTION 3 bdrm 2 bath w/walk out lower level w/lake access Beautifully treed country setting in area of high end homes \$229,000

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BELLEVILLE NEW HOME MOVE IN NOW! 2 story foyer/living room Granite ceramic hardwood many custom upgrades 4 bdrm 3 bath Colonial Attached 2 car garage bsmt 7020 Fay Belle Point Estates E of Belleville Rd N of Ecorse Rd \$267,000

BLOOMFIELD NORTH WABECK RANCH CONDO 3645 Quail Hollow N/Long Lake E/Middlebelt Open Sunday 2 5 2 bedrooms plus den on 1st flr Great room w/firestone fireplace & huge windows overlooking deck & yard Lower level w/bedroom bath & family room \$425,000

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LIVONIA 2500 sq ft 4 bdrm 2 5 bath multi level home on large corner lot with multi level deck lead ng to kid nuy shaped pool Numerous updates Livonia Schools same owners since 1974 Will consider short term interest only land contract for buyer with excellent credit \$259,500

LIVONIA 3 bdrm a r price reduced \$0 down 734 812 0089 NEAR LIBRARY Nice 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath Ranch w/ finished bsmt 2 car garage appliances incl \$174,900

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OVER 2500 SQ FT Gorgeous ranch home that fronts on Kensington Metro Park Fenced for horses One of a kind 301 Martindale Rd Asking \$565,900 ALTERNATIVE REALTY 248 348 5977 313 820 2299

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By Owner EXQUISITE NEW HOMES FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY Inverness Exquisitely finished 3 bedroom home with first floor master suite and copper bay front window kitchen and baths feature solid surface countertops! Window treatments included \$395,000

By Owner GREENBRIAR Elegant home with great room and hearth room also features main floor master suite 3 bedrooms upstairs with jack and j l bath 4 1/2 upper kitchen cabinets Extra deep basement Your choice of granite counters \$404,900

By Owner TURNBERRY A beautiful 3 bedroom home featuring a main floor master suite with whirlpool Open kitchen floorplan w/ stone accents steel appliances and granite kitchen island Window treatments included \$367,000

By Owner FARMINGTON HILLS OPEN HOUSE SUN 1 4pm 23510 Stonehouse Ct Chatham Hills Sub Spec tacu cul colonial on 2/3 acre wooded hill top lot on cul de sac 4 lg bdrms formal living & dining rooms kitchen breakfast nook fam ly room w/fireplace office first floor laundry Finished walk out w/ lower level patio New roof w/dows (w/ bay) siding all doors Remodeled bathrooms & new master suite bath w/ walk in closet New paint & carpets \$359,000 (734) 216 0224

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By Owner IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY 19499 Ponceciana btwn 7 & 8 Mile E of Inkster 3 bdrm 1 bath bungalow corner lot New roof garage kitchen large fenced yard \$118,500 248 477 0419

LIVONIA OPEN SUN 1 4 31810 Norfolk 3 bdrm 2 bath ranch 1620 sq ft Appliances included New paint in/out Built 1999 Overized deck \$265,000 (248) 910 4873

By Owner LIVONIA OPEN SUN 2 7pm 35554 Elmira (Livonia Schools) 3 bdrm 1 5 bath brick ranch Attached garage sprinklers New carpet 1st floor laundry Full bsmt storage \$185,000 313 505 4444

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By Owner WESTLAND ZERO DOWN Open Sun 3pm 30931 Fernwood Must see IMMEDIATELY! Lovely home w/ new kitchen bath tile carpet roof paint etc Great neighborhood great price! \$129,000/best Recorded message w/ more details 734 546 0001

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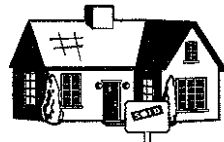
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Grid of Open Houses listings including CANTON, LIVONIA, FARMINGTON, BLOOMFIELD, and WESTLAND properties.



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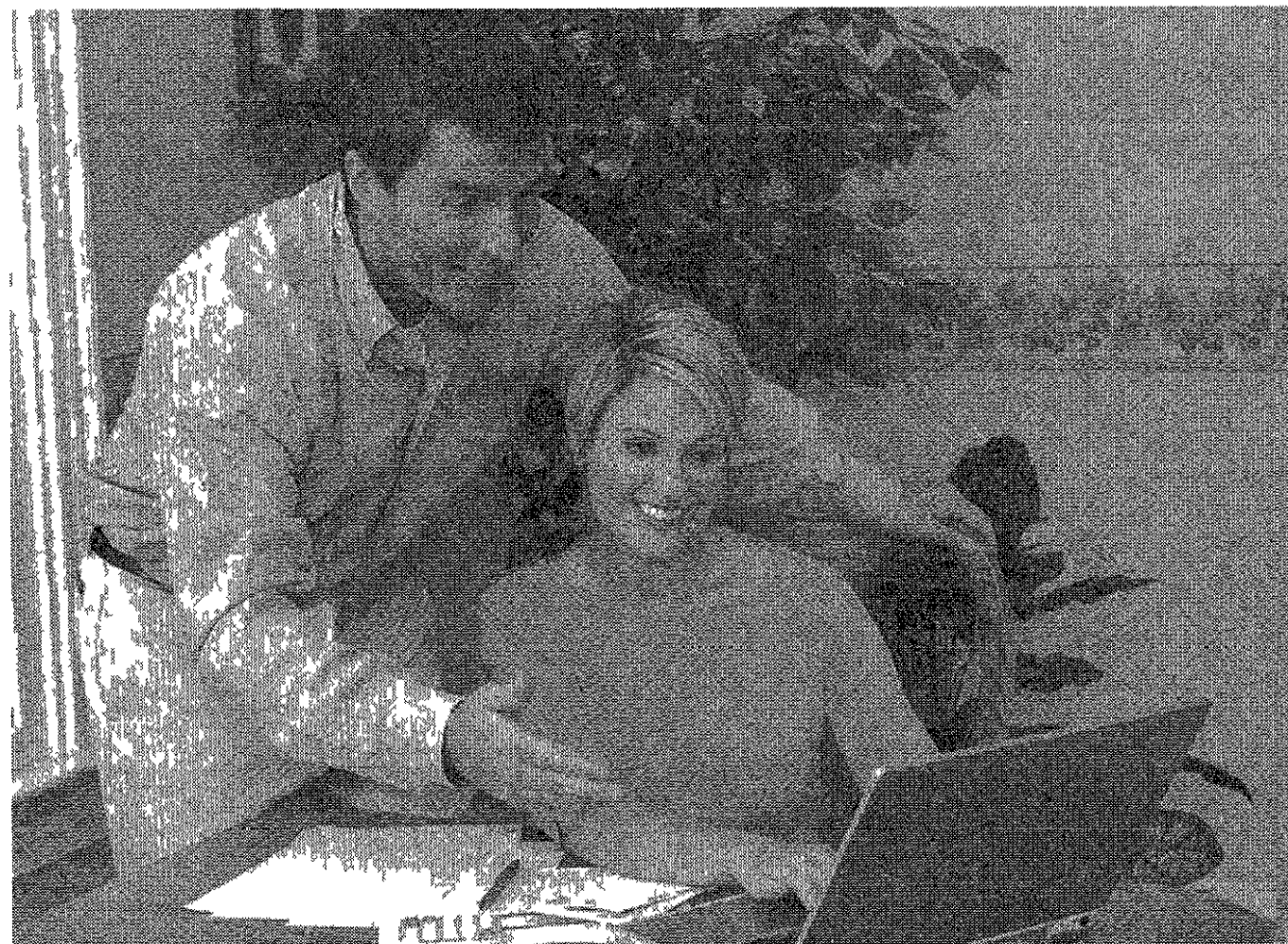
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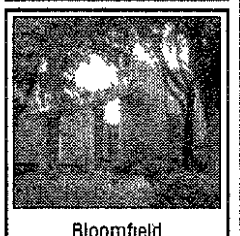
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Richard Hodge and Lou Schachter, authors of *The Mind of The Customer* (McGraw Hill, \$29.95), write that the landscape has changed radically from two generations ago, (when) success in sales depended (upon) the strength of personal relationships, or rapport-based selling. Product knowledge then overtook the stage until, in the last decade, salespeople were offering solutions to all (of) the potential business problems related to those purchases. Fast-forward to today's economy and discover that rapport, product knowledge and solutions combined won't secure a sale.

Executives are counting on salespeople to bring them ideas, advice, perspective, information and wisdom, the authors state.

TALL ORDER

This development requires today's salesperson to be busier than ever, especially if you own a business or

professional firm that requires you to sell on top of other duties. You can't just rely upon good selling skills, product knowledge or knowledge of an industry. You must find a way to enter the head of each executive on your list and tell that person something new about the marketplace and how your insight will impact his operation. This initiative requires a significant amount of work.

Ask yourself what your customer wants to accomplish. How can your offering accelerate the process, as Schachter describes it? It's not about selling. It's about helping your customer buy, the books says, by understand(ing) why and how. This tactic moves you into a customer's business and outside of price competition.

ACCESS

Donna Flagg, principal of New York City's The Krysalis Group L.L.C., a business and management consulting firm, says that many salespeople resist seeking help from people because of the work it requires. Relationship management requires developing a system that enables you to gain and retain knowledge about the customer by managing the information. More than that, she explains, you must know that you're the one driving the process.

You have to pull the customer in close to you by asking when you should follow up and then doing so. Are you holding

back? You may be afraid of controlling the communication, either because you don't know how or think you might be seen as annoying. There could be a hybrid, she states, a fear of being annoying.

People just drop the ball, Flagg comments. Don't relinquish control, adopt a partnering mentality to remove insecurity and the likely belief that you're asking for something.

It's about having access to people who know others who can open the door for you, she continues. All of them continue to open because you've proven yourself beforehand. How do you know when it's time to stop?

EGRESS

You may be asking when to follow up and suggesting a number of weeks or months. You may be asking whether to use e-mail or a telephone call. When the time comes, you may receive no reaction. Flagg says to take note when people stop responding. This is the point at which the customer is not helping you. It's a sign that the partnership you wanted to develop isn't evolving and that you must respond appropriately to the changed situation. If the chain breaks and the person stops responding after three to five times, I take them off the list, she adds.

Stop e-mailing or calling, Flagg



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stresses, and don't let it debilitate you for the future. If you do, it can be devastating by almost reinforcing the belief that you're bothering people. In other words, make your hard work lead to something, such as a new and better prospect.

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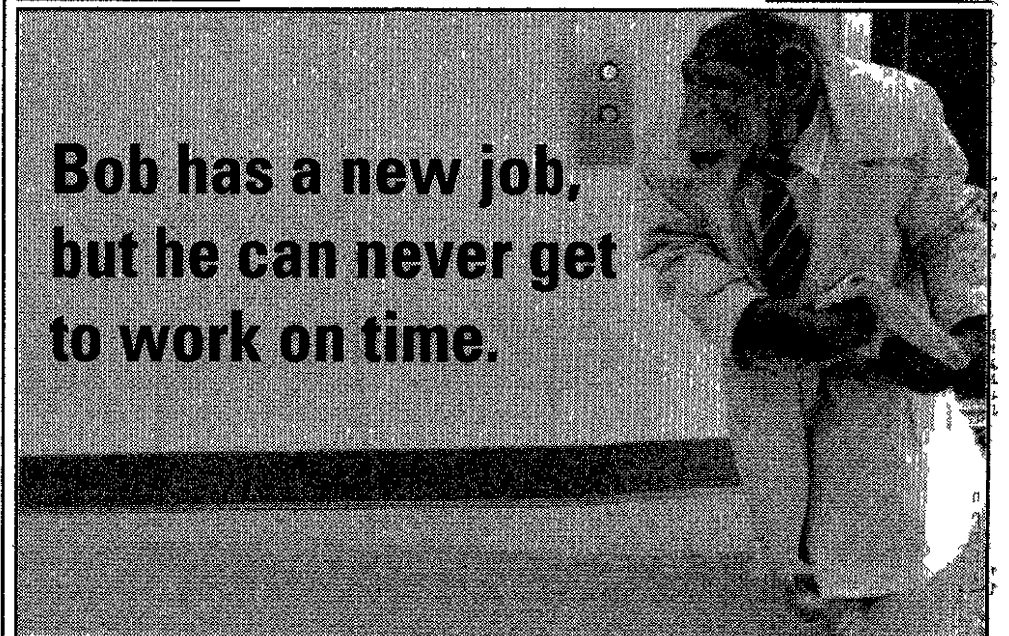
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SWF 61 N/S is looking for chemistry and compatibility with secure, emotionally available WM, 48-60, N/S who can dance (or will learn how to) ☎898106

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ALL OF ME
SWF 50 5'10 BBW brown/blue easygoing N/S light drinker enjoys nights out or in ISO loving happy commitment-minded man to share a happy lasting loving relationship ☎956929

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IS IT YOU?
SBF 32 mother of 3 caramel complexion brown eyes 146lbs 54 enjoys seafood simple fun Looking to meet smart goal-oriented honest, child-friendly man who knows what he wants in life ☎954273

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Attractive DWF late 40s, Cancer, N/S seeks special, no games WM 45+ N/S for caring, quality committed relationship Lets create sparks and watch them fly ☎639272

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Widowed WPF 53 59" brown/ brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator enjoys boating swim ring and Michigan State football games Seeking WM 50 62 with similar interests ☎759316

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SWF 49 5'5", full-figured brown/ brown, romantic lovable humorous likes entertaining traveling, family time Seeking SM 40 56 N/S social drinker ok who puts God first in his life for possible LTR ☎861408

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SWM 66 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S works out, enjoys movies, restaurants and summer festivals Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S Shirley please call back ☎708126

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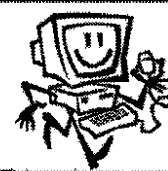
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8 30 4 3 Family Sale 887 Wimbledon Dr Clothes mens womens & baby Peg Perego High Chair 4 old ladder back chairs Large tin mirror dog stuff crystal and signed R Williams Vietnam movie poster

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4 family Sat Sun 9 6pm (Rain Sun Mon) 7420 Plainfield N of Warren E of Inkster

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W of Merriman, S of Warren No clothes Tools collectibles household & much more! Fri & Sat 9am 2pm

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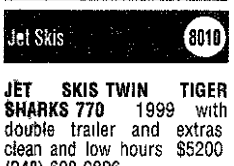
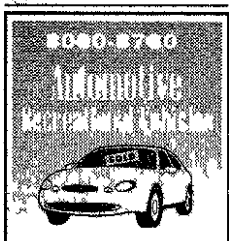
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Personas Help The Chrysler Group Target Buyers

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BY DALE BUSS

Roberto Moore's pad looks pretty typical for a 28-year-old single guy. An Xbox console and an ESPN Magazine hog the coffee table. There's a hockey stick mounted on a wall. An open can of Axe deodorant sits atop an electronics cabinet. Junk food abounds, including a half-empty bag of Funyuns. And Mr. Moore, like many Hispanics, is big on his family, evidenced by several photographs on the wall above the TV.

Next door, 30-year-old Jenny Sieverson's living room bespeaks her comfortable income as a pharmaceutical-sales rep, as well as her multiple leisure pursuits. A yoga mat stands rolled up in the corner. A picture she took of a mountain vista hangs on one wall. She's away so much that the only pet she can keep is in the fish bowl on an end table. And Ms. Sieverson tries to eat healthy snacks. A SoBe Lean drink and a Luna bar are among the culinary artifacts spread about.

But these rooms aren't in a GenX apartment complex somewhere -- they're on the second floor of the Organic advertising agency's building on Telegraph Road near Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. And Mr. Moore and Ms. Sieverson aren't even real people. They are personas that Organic and its client, the Chrysler Group, have come up with to represent primary market segments for their new Dodge Caliber and Jeep Compass vehicles.

By creating these fictional but very dimensionalized characters, and even rooms where they live, Chrysler and Organic have given their marketing teams a much better grasp on their target customers than reams of sterile data ever could. Personas allow them to journey into a relational territory where they can understand on an emotional level the most important determinants of real consumers' brand preferences and purchase decisions. And personas give marketers a



The 2007 Dodge Caliber starts at a suggested retail price of \$14,000.

meaningful shorthand for communicating with one another.

We are finding persona rooms to be very useful in developing marketing campaigns for our new product launches, says Christine MacKenzie, Chrysler's executive director of multi-brand events and agency relations. They help Chrysler's brands create more targeted, lifestyle-appropriate communications and to identify the right media opportunities to reach potential buyers.

Personas eased into software design after Alan Cooper -- who had invented Visual Basic and then sold it to Microsoft -- introduced them in 1999 in his groundbreaking book, *The Inmates Are Running the Asylum: Why High Tech Products Drive Us Crazy and How to Restore Sanity*. Soon, product designers at Microsoft were using personas to help design the first version of the MSN Explorer web browser and new Windows products.

In the last few years, major brands and their agencies have introduced personas into the marketing realm. Delta Airlines, for example, created a video of Ted, a persona that represented its primary business customers, and then showed it to their thousands of flight attendants and airport personnel.

Best Buy created personas to represent its five most important segments, including Lisa, a soccer mom, and then used them to create more customer-centric stores. And Universal Studios Orlando has seen online

ticket purchases climb 80% this year after it created personas -- the most important being a mom with two older kids -- toward them.

Personas are starting to go mainstream, says Harley Manning, vice president of Forrester Research, an online-marketing research firm in Cambridge, Mass. They help marketers get inside a customer's head and then convey your insights to a broad base of people in a company in a way that they're going to get it and remember it.

Manning says that personas, and refinements of the technique such as Chrysler's persona rooms, are one great way to attack what might be the biggest issue in marketing these days: Wasted advertising spending. Mass-media advertising is proving less and less effective for big brands like Chrysler in reaching their true target audiences.

When Compass is introduced this summer, for example, Jeep marketers want to be able to reach young women to tell them about this new vehicle, which is sleeker than its Liberty compact SUV and also a little bigger. And Dodge marketers have been trying from the start to reach young men like Roberto to let them know that the small Caliber, which starts at a suggested retail price of \$14,000, is anything but cute.

The whole idea of personas is to get people like these to buy into your vehicles at the gut level, Manning explains. Chrysler is banking on it.

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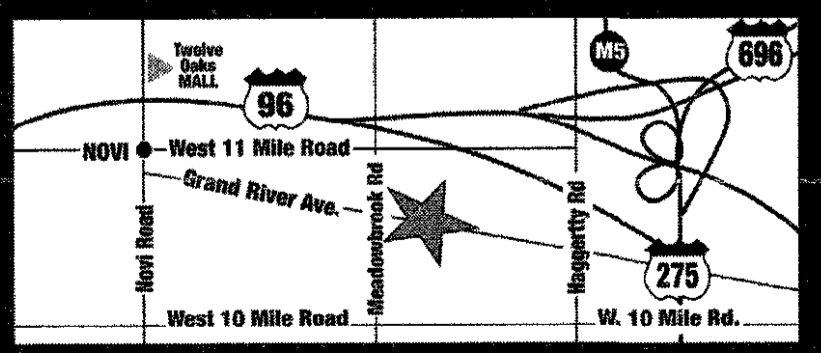
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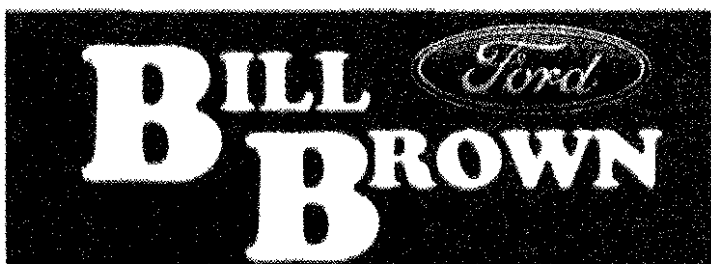
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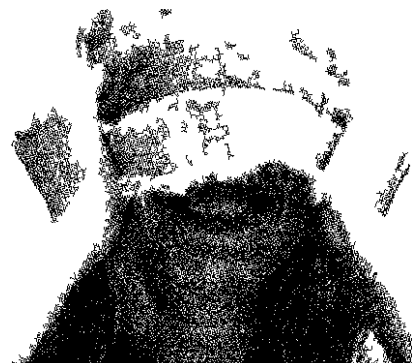
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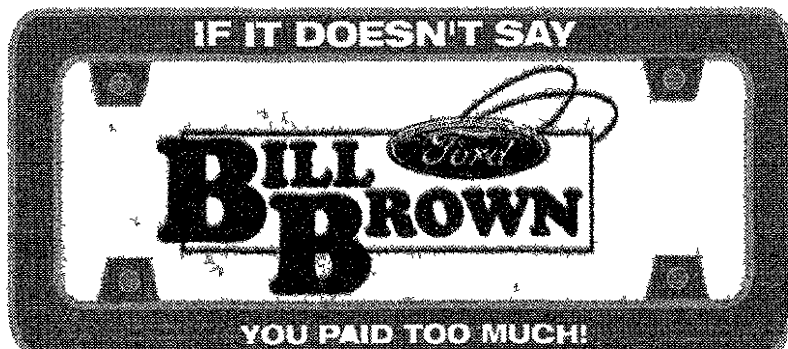
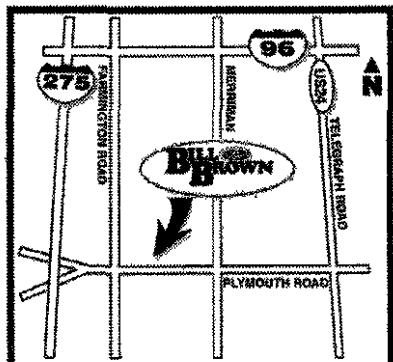
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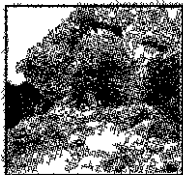
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All fired up

What you should look for in a gas grill

See barbecue recipes inside on Page D7

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So you want to buy a gas grill but you don't have a clue. But before you head to one of the big box stores or smaller, family-owned grill stores, you need to answer some questions.

Some of them are basic, while others will require some thought and research.

"You should have an idea of how many people you will be grilling for," said Rob Cackowski, manager of Michigan Fireplace and Barbecue in Troy. "If you're grilling all the time, you should look at (British thermal units), thickness of casting and cooking grids."

THICK CASTING

People should look at the quality of the cast aluminum and quality of stainless steel burners, according to Duane Hartmann, owner of Heat N Sweep in Canton.

Thick cast aluminum allows the unit to keep the temperatures up during the colder months," Hartmann said. "It allows it to heat up fast and retain the heat."

According to a survey by Weber-Stephen, a majority of Americans (70 percent) fire up their grills at least once a week, and those with gas grills are more likely to grill at least a few times a week. Two-thirds of barbecue owners hosted at least one barbecue last summer.

The seriousness of the barbecue usually reflects the seriousness of the grill.

PLEASE SEE GRILL, D7

Consider these tips when buying a grill

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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It might be the \$1 million question at your household, but maybe it's just a \$500 one. What kind of grill and how large of a grill do you need?

If you cook for just yourself or two or four of you, you don't need a large grill that burns propane on what may become an unused cooking surface.

If you enjoy entertaining or have a large family, you should consider a grill with a larger cooking surface.

How much money do you want to spend - \$500 or under, \$1,000 or even \$3,000 and up?

You don't have to spend \$1,000 to get one that functions well, though the expensive unit may add to the aesthetics of your patio or back yard.

The less expensive ones won't have a thick casting, but with steady maintenance (that is cleaning the interior at least twice a year) they can still last and function well for a few years.

Cooking technique may not be important to those grillers who just cook hot dogs and hamburgers once in a great while.

But for the more serious griller, surface temperatures are important in obtaining enough heat to sear a steak or a salmon fillet yet create a consistent enough heat without "cold spots" on the surface to grill chicken slowly. Dual burners allow for indirect cooking. That is, you can turn one on high, then turn the other low and barbecue chicken or pork ribs on the low side. Add water-soaked mesquite or hickory wood chips in a metal box and you've got flavor.

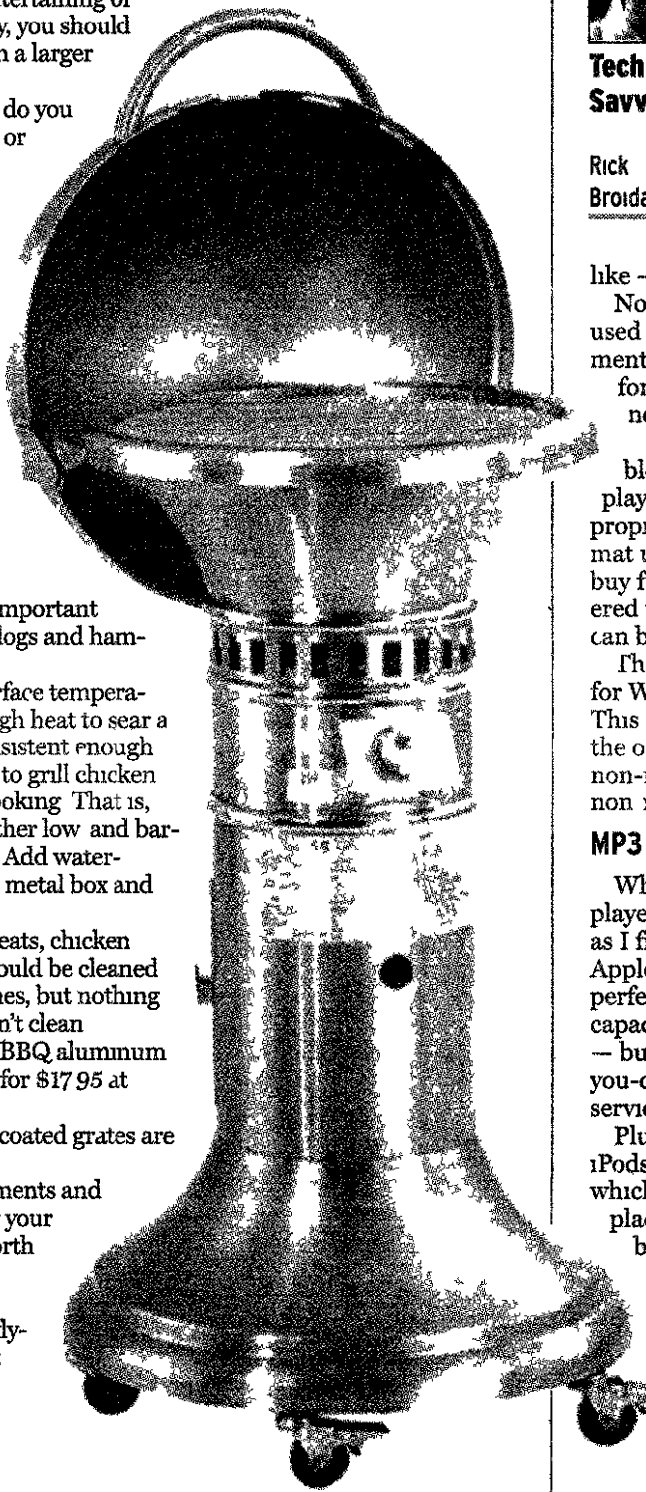
Cast-iron grates allow for a great sear on meats, chicken and fish, but they require maintenance and should be cleaned after each use. They tend to wear out grill brushes, but nothing that a cloth with a good dose of olive oil on it won't clean.

If you don't like cleaning, you can try the CleanBBQ aluminum disposable grill liner. (A package of 20 is available for \$17.95 at Home Depot, Wal-Mart or www.cleanbbq.com.)

Stainless steel grates are a good choice. Porcelain-coated grates are easy to clean, but they can chip.

Side shelves are a wonderful convenience for condiments and sauces, and allow for you to keep a clean plate there for your finished foods. And if you don't like running back and forth between the kitchen and the grill, side burners are a nice option for side dishes.

It's a good idea to get a grill cover. That prevents all that flying dirt and dust from the garage from settling onto the unit.



Answers to your MP3 questions

Last week, I gushed about the new Napster online music service. Then it occurred to me that not everyone has a solid understanding of how this brave new music world works.

For instance, can't tell an MP3 from an AAC? Not sure which player to buy for the gym? Don't know what streaming audio is? You've come to the right column.

Let's start with streaming audio. Think of your computer as a radio and the Internet as the airwaves.

Listening to streaming audio is the same as tuning into a radio station, except that the music is delivered via your Internet connection.

Want a stellar example? Head to Pandora (pandora.com), click Create New Station, and enter the name of a song or artist.

Then prepare to be blown away while this slick, simple, free service streams exactly the kind of music you like — with no annoying commercials or DJs.

Now, let's talk MP3, AAC and WMA — file formats used to store digital music. Although they're fundamentally similar — basically just different containers for the same contents — they're not interchangeable.

MP3s are universally compatible. They play on just about every player, including iPods. AAC is a proprietary, copy-protected format used by Apple, songs you buy from iTunes are delivered in the AAC format, and can be played only on iPods.

Then there's WMA, short for Windows Media Audio. This is Microsoft's format, the one used by nearly every non-iTunes music store and non-iPod portable player.

MP3 FOR THE G-Y-M

What's the best MP3 player for the gym? As soon as I find it, I'll let you know. Apple's iPod Nano is almost perfect — tiny size, decent capacity, great battery life — but it doesn't support all-you-can-eat subscription services.

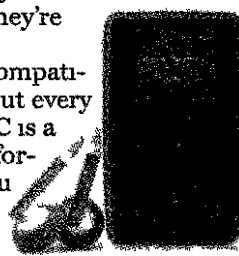
Plus, the Nano (like all iPods) lacks an FM tuner, which comes in handy at places like Lifetime Fitness, where TV audio is broadcast on FM frequencies.

Therefore, consider something like the Creative Zen MicroPhoto, which gives you 8GB of storage for \$199 (the similarly priced Nano tops out at 4GB) and includes an FM tuner/recorder, a choice of colors and compatibility with most subscription services.

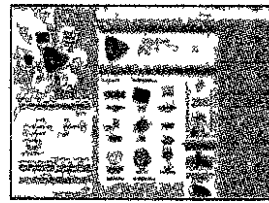


Tech Savvy

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The \$199 Creative Zen MicroPhoto offers 8GB of storage and an FM tuner making it a great choice for the gym.



Visit the PlaysForSure Web site to see which portable players are compatible with which online music stores.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D3

Designer driven by automotive style

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER



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An automobile can represent much more than transportation — power, comfort, excitement.

For Sacha Lakic, automotive style has meant inspiration for his furniture designs. Aerodynamics and the expression of movement are parts of his new Speed Up collection, exclusively for Roche Bobois.

The award-winning designer was in the area last week from Paris, on a U.S. tour. His visit last Monday included stops at Roche Bobois showrooms at the Michigan Design Center (MDC) in Troy and in Novi.

That morning he was at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren to meet with GM's Advanced Design Team.

"I design from my soul," Lakic said at MDC.

Lakic was born in Belgrade. His father was a fashion designer.

Lakic realized he wanted a design career one day when he was 8 years old and saw a Ford Mustang on his way to school. The lines of the metallic green car fascinated him, and he wanted to reproduce the contours in drawing.

The Speed Up line conveys his passion for automobiles. Its dynamic fur-

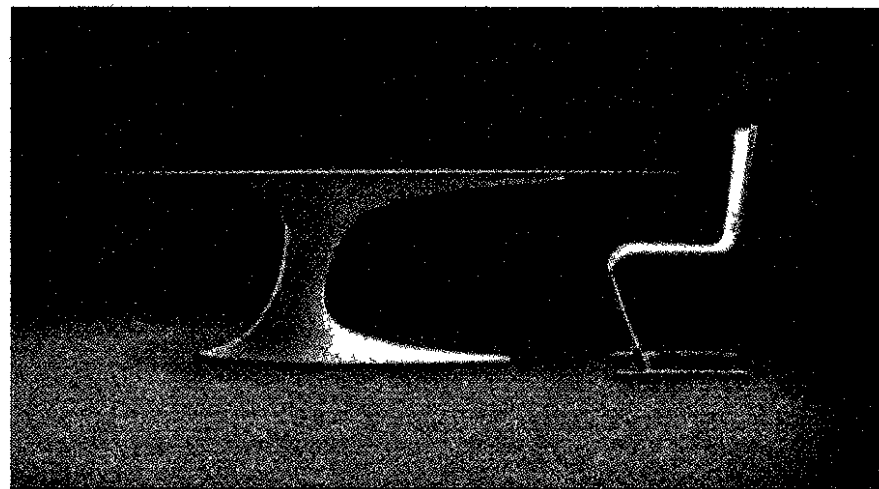


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The Speed Up line by Sacha Lakic includes this elliptical dining table and this chair. Roche Bobois showrooms are in Novi and at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

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HOME CALENDAR

Interior design

Interior design and decor are among the subjects of Continuing Education & Professional Development classes from Schoolcraft College this spring. For more information call Continuing Education & Professional Development at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

The schedule includes Learn Interior Redesign in Just 3 Days! and Detailing Your Walls.

The interior redesign class will take place on two Thursdays and a Saturday beginning June 1 (cost is \$175 senior cost is \$140 bring a sack lunch to the Saturday session). This class is limited to eight students. Detailing Your Walls will take place for four weeks beginning Thursday June 8 (cost is \$67 senior cost is \$53.60).

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 Beverly Wolgin at (248) 626-2657 or Barbara Ben at (248) 855-9792. The event benefits projects of the sisterhood.

Bed skirt

Haberman Fabrics 905 S. Main in Royal Oak offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010 e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Bed Skirt Seminar (Wednesday May 31 cost is \$20).

Pewabic Pottery

Pewabic Pottery's 16th annual benefit show and sale. For the House and Garden will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Sunday June 3-4 at Pewabic Pottery 10125 E. Jefferson in Detroit. Admission is free. Showcasing the creativity of more than 70 ceramic artists the event will feature vessels for plants and flowers table accessories for indoor and outdoor entertaining sculptural ceramic pieces and tile and tile related items. Tours of the Pottery demonstrations museum and gallery exhibitions and design studio access will be available. A special benefit preview party is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Friday June 2 including hors d'oeuvres and cocktails music by the Sheila Landis Trio and complimentary valet parking. Preview tickets are benefactor \$250 each or four for \$900 patron \$150 each or four for \$500 and sponsor \$75 each or four for \$250. RSVP required.

For information and reservations call (313) 822-0954 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Interior design

College for Creative Studies Continuing Education summer classes include Elements of Interior Design eight Saturdays beginning June 3. To register and for more information call (313) 664-7691 or visit www.ccs.edu/ce. Taught by Teri Main this class will include the basic principles of space planning drafting color theory and materials and finishes. Students will work toward creating a finished residential room during the course. Cost is \$295 plus \$10 material fee.

Home giveaway

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is raising money by selling raffle tickets for a winner to receive a \$300,000 house in Oxford. Prizes include a \$10,000 shopping spree at Art Van Furniture. The drawing will take place Sunday June 11 at Bay Village of Waterstone Oxford. Guests can tour the home during open house days 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays now through June 10 and register to win prizes. Art Van Furniture has furnished the home for the tours. For more information or tickets call St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at (800) 318-5448 or go to www.stjudehome.org.

Help keep your dog from biting

A Detroit child is in the hospital following a vicious pit bull attack. The story tonight at 11.

It's a common tease used by news teams, making you scared, wondering what that monster did to that child.

Headlines involving pit bull attacks splash spectacularly in print and on screen, so they've become part of the meat and potatoes of local news coverage, along with accidents, fires and double homicides.

It makes you believe the pit bulls are the only ones that can do startling damage. Not true. Any dog of any breed can inflict a serious bite, no matter how cute or how tiny they are, or even if they have a ribbon in their hair.

The American Veterinary Medical Association reported that 500,000 to one MILLION dog bites require medical attention in the United States annually. That's a major US city worth of bites every year.

What's worse, the people who get bitten the most are children. The AVMA estimates that 60 percent of animal bites involve children.

The cute cartoon of a mailman delivering his rounds with a dog hanging off his rear end stops being funny when you realize just how dangerous dogs can be for home service people like postal workers or meter readers.

There's a man I know who is oblivious to the dangers of controlling his pet. He thinks if the dog gets hit by a car or bites someone he'll deal with it then, basically saying if there's a problem it was supposed to happen.

It reminds me of the colonial days, when if your house was struck by lightning they wouldn't put it out. It was God's will that your house was hit and caught on fire. Lightning hasn't hit this man yet, but I try not to stand too close to him.

Along with the damage caused to the victim by the bite, the damage can hit the dog's owners pretty significantly. Lawsuits are common in a dog bite situation.

I searched "Dog Bite Lawyer" on Yahoo, and came back with 1.13 MILLION results. I'm fairly certain they can't all be lawyers, as there would be more lawyers than the AVMA reports there are medical dog bites.

Still, the point is obvious. There's a huge opportunity for lawsuits when a dog inflicts injury. And if you get sued, your homeowner's insurance will at least be threatened, and

may be lost. Insurance sites I visited agreed that annual losses for claims involving dogs bites are about \$1 BILLION dollars a year, with normal homeowner's and renter's insurance normally covering about \$100,000 per year. One-third of homeowner's insurance claims involve dog bites.

Great. So now one of the great joys in life, owning a dog, turns out to be a precursor for physical, emotional and financial ruin. Even more reason to sit alone in an empty room, where no one can get at us, so we can avoid all the problems.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No, you don't have to become a hermit. The AVMA has several recommendations to help keep your dog from biting, and about what to do if an incident occurs.

The starting point for avoiding dog bites would be to pick the right breed for you. Make sure the dog you select will have a personality that matches your lifestyle.

A big, energetic dog would be a great idea for a family, but could be trouble for an elderly couple who can't deal with the hyperactivity.

Get your pet out among people. We tend to fear what is foreign much more than what we see every day. A dog left in the yard all day every day without attention might become dominant and territorial (meaning the dog might be more aggressive). Ask your vet for ideas before you actually get your pup.

A great place to socialize would be a dog class, as training can help give the dog confidence, and can give you better control in case a situation arises.

Few things help make your animal safer than neutering, as neutered animals tend to be less aggressive. They also tend to be healthier. No, they don't miss being intact.

Health care also makes the AVMA list. Keep your pet healthy, which makes life more pleasant and thus makes the animal more patient.

Keep up to date with vaccines, especially rabies. A dog not current on rabies that bites someone creates a whole new bundle of problems for you legally, and could end up costing your pet his or her life.

The best way to avoid getting bitten would be to use common sense.

Don't run from a dog. It will chase you. If the dog comes up to you, let it sniff while you stay still and calm.

NEVER leave a child alone with a dog, especially a dog you don't know. Children always want to pet any dog they see.

If the dog is with someone, ask first, but still be extremely cautious. Any postal carrier or

veterinarian can tell you the last thing they usually hear before being bitten is "Go ahead and pet him - he doesn't bite."

Laws vary in different communities regarding how dog bites get handled legally, but when a dog bites someone, try to confine the animal immediately. Be careful, as you don't want to get bitten yourself.

Make sure the injured individual gets proper medical care, and supply any information you can regarding vaccination history.

You will want to alert your insurance company if the bite involves your dog, so they can begin to get ready for any possible future action against you (remember, everyone is just one phone book or Web search away from a lawyer).

A dog unvaccinated for rabies will need to be quarantined for 10 days, or might even need to be euthanized, with the head sent to the state for rabies evaluation.

For more information on dealing with this situation, and ways to avoid it, check out www.AVMA.org.

The reason I bring all this up is that I got nailed by a dog this week.

A very sick Rottweiler was presented, and as I examined it, it suddenly moved faster than I've ever seen a dog move, biting a huge chunk off my right thumb. The dog wasn't current on its rabies and was euthanized to have its head evaluated by the state.

Results aren't back yet, so if you notice that subsequent columns have poor spelling and punctuation, forgive me, it's the rabies talking.

I am very lucky, in that there was no nerve damage, just a totally severed digital artery, which made me look like a teenager in a Friday the 13th movie.

If the vaccine had been up to date, we might have had a chance to treat the dog, and I wouldn't be waiting for test results now.

The condition the dog presented made me think his living 10 more days would be unlikely, and certainly uncomfortable.

So make sure to keep your dog up to date on vaccines, and take no chances. Things can happen in a split second that can affect everything for a very long time.

Do things right, and having a dog can truly be one of the great joys of life.

I give it an enthusiastic half a thumb up.

Dr. Brad Davis is medical director for the VCA of Garden City 2085 Inkster Road Garden City 48135. Mail questions or comments there. He also hosts the nationally syndicated radio show *Animal Talk*. Visit www.AnimalTalkRadio.com and write to Brad@animaltalkradio.com.

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Indian Village

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. Six homes, three gardens, one carriage house, five churches and two schools will be open for tours. Advance tickets (\$13 per person) may be bought by mail until Sunday 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 48214.

They are also available online at www.historicindianvillage.org. Tickets will be \$18 per person on tour day and 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.

Open Days

The Open Days tour is scheduled 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday June 11. It will feature private gardens in Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Pleasant Ridge and Troy and public gardens at Congregational Church of Birmingham in Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook House & Gardens in Bloomfield Hills and Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. Tickets are \$5 per garden visit, six for \$25. Visit www.gardenconservancy.org or call (888) 842-2442.

Franklin

The 21st annual Franklin Garden Walk is scheduled 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday June 14. The event will feature six private gardens, artists at work in the gardens, a salad luncheon and garden vendors on the green. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 tour day. Visit franklingardencub.org or call (248) 626-8293.

Sylvan Lake

The third annual Sylvan Lake walk will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

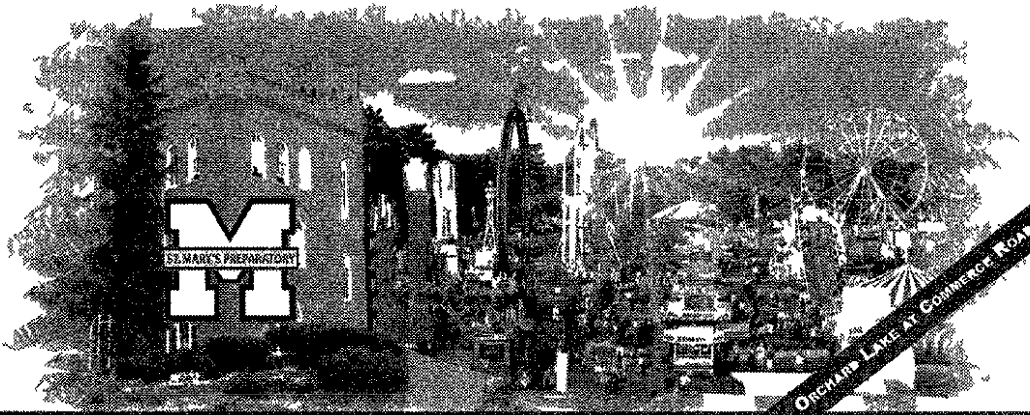
June 17. It will feature the Owl House a 1900s kit home, a house with country art and three lakefront homes. Tickets are \$10 for groups of 10 or more, \$12 prior to the day of the event, \$15 tour day. They are available at Sylvan Lake City Hall, Blossoms of Birmingham and Detroit Garden Works. Call (248) 681-8624 or (248) 681-2750 or visit www.sylvantour.com.

Livonia

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

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SPORTS

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We'll learn together from experience

As most of you know, we have a new Maytag Neptune washer and dryer installed in our laundry room in the basement right next door to Valorie's Martha Stewart room.

I obligated myself to give you a weekly report, because I've said so many things negative about front loaders, I believe I owe you readers the facts as we see them in our house.

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Each week, I'll pass on some of our feelings and some that come from readers who call or e-mail me. We know these machines are extremely quiet compared to our old top loaders. We know the washer uses so little soap, it makes me wonder how clothes can be classified as clean, but they are. It will get a better test after I come back from northern Canada with my smelly fishing clothes. I've been getting letters from consumers who love their Neptune washers and never had a speck of trouble with them. As the appliance dealer who

sold us these machines told us, "The problems have all been resolved, there are no more." WE WILL SEE. Recent moves by the Whirlpool Company are directed at its new affiliate, the Maytag Company, which means the loss of thousands of employees in the appliance industry.

I've said it before. There will come a day in this country when an overseas manufacturer will come in and gobble up what's left of the industry. I don't think it's too far off in happening.

WARRANTY CHANGE

Going back to what I announced a few weeks ago, the warranty on your new major home appliance isn't what it used to be. I bet that those of you who bought a new product within the past few months may not even know about the change in warranties. From what I understand, the sales people don't even want to bring up the subject to buyers.

In simple words, if you have a problem with the product after the first year, too bad, there isn't any sort of coverage. Wait until next year at this time - I'll be getting a ton of mail from consumers who are going to be pretty ticked off because they had to spend

money on repairs that used to be covered. NOW, more than ever, you have to be thinking about buying an extended service contract. In the next few years just about everyone concerned about appliance repair bills will have an extended service contract of some kind. Now is the time to be doing your homework on the subject, including what or how much of the product is covered and at what cost and for how long.

I swore for a long time that service contracts were for the wealthy only, and then the price dropped to what I call expensive but reasonable. I've told you of appliance manufacturers and retailers who made more money on contracts than they did on the sale of products. Be very careful of the pressure that is exerted at the point of sale or a few days later in the mail or on the telephone.

It's no secret that I choose to go the route of enrolling with one of our major utility companies. I once needed service on our refrigerator that had a defrost problem. I knew what was wrong but I decided to let someone fix it instead of doing it myself. I wanted to test the efficiency of this service contract, so I signed up using Valorie's maiden name. After the service man was done fixing the refrigerator (and I must say he did a darn good job), I told him who I was. He immediately started looking around the kitchen and I asked what he was looking for. He replied, "A hidden camera." He thought I was doing one of those scam stories with a television station.

In the end, I gave my extended warranty plan a high passing grade. It is always the intent of this column to help educate you by virtue of not only my opinions but also those of many readers and radio listeners. If testing a washing machine or testing a service plan is what I have to do, then I'll do it. You'll learn with me and we will be smarter consumers. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Safe, 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.

Bonsai
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.

Bonsai Basics by Saguaro Plants owner Ben Woloskie will be the topic May 28.

Climbing roses
Roger and Nancy Lindley owners of Great Lakes Roses present a series of educational programs for the public. The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. Each presentation lasts about 1 1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For information visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230. The schedule includes Climbing Roses Selection, Growing and Training (1 p.m. Sunday May 28, repeated 11 a.m. Monday May 29). Admission is free. Reservations aren't required. The program will include a colorful slide lecture and garden tour. Special emphasis on pruning and training techniques.

Belle Isle
The Belle Isle Botanical Society will have its annual Plant Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday May 27 at the Belle Isle Greenhouses on Detroit's Belle Isle Park. Proceeds benefit the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory. Perennials, annuals, herbs, miniature roses, geraniums, hostas, houseplants and heirloom tomatoes will be among the offerings. For more information call (313) 822-2548. For a list of available perennials and heirloom tomatoes visit www.bis.society.org.

Open house
Specialty Growers 4330 Golf Club Road in Howell will host its Memorial Weekend Open House 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Sunday May 27-28. Owner Karen Bovio will speak about New Plants for 2006 at 1 p.m. Refreshments and door prizes will be featured and staff members will be on hand to answer gardening questions. For more information call (517) 546-7742 or visit www.specialtygrowers.net.

Leaf show
The Metro Detroit Hosta Society Leaf

Show and Silent Auction will take place 1-4 p.m. Saturday June 3 at the Senior Center 3500 Marais in Royal Oak. The public may attend.

Rose Companions
Stephen Scannello will present a slide lecture based on his newest book *Rose Companions* at Great Lakes Roses 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. The lecture will take place 1 p.m. Sunday June 4 (repeated 3 p.m. Sunday and 11 a.m. Monday June 5). Tickets are \$8 to benefit Michigan State University's Horticultural Demonstration Gardens. Reservations requested. Call (734) 461-1230. Scannello will sign copies of his books before and after his talk. *Rose Companions* and his other rose books (*A Year of Roses Climbing Roses* and *Roses of America*) will be available for sale and signing.

Hosta hybridizers
Hosta Hybridizers will meet 10 a.m. Sunday June 4 in Room 125 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N. Dixboro south of Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor (phone (734) 647-7600).

Gardening
Gardening classes at The Community House in Birmingham include Practical Gardening Tips (Thursday May 25, cost is \$22), Highlighting Evening Gardens (Wednesday May 31, \$22) and Keeping Your Garden Fresh (Wednesday June 7, \$22). To register and for more information call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Growing roses
English Gardens will host free gardening seminars for the public 7 p.m. Wednesdays in June at its six stores including locations in West Bloomfield (248) 851-7506, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-4433, Royal Oak/Troy (248) 280-9500 and Ann Arbor (734) 332-7900. Growing Beautiful Roses will be the topic June 7. Various types of roses, proper planting procedures, insect and disease control, pruning, fertilizing and winter care will be discussed.

Volunteers sought
Do you live in a condo or apartment and miss gardening? The Royal Oak Garden Club is seeking volunteers (club members only) to tend these Royal Oak community gardens now to October. Gilda's Garden, Community Center Garden, Community Center Iris Garden, Cemetery Garden and the Zoo Garden. Club membership is \$10 per year. Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

School of Gardening
The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels at The Community House in Birmingham 380 S. Bates. Michigan School of Gardening 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt. Troy Continuing Education 201 W. Square Lake Road. Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor and Goldner Walsh Nursery 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. 600 of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. Special class sessions can be arranged for groups of 15 or more. For more information call (248) 4 GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes Container Gardening Thursday May 25 in Livonia (fee is \$42), Garden Design five Thursdays beginning May 25 in Livonia (\$168), Practical Gardening So Many Ways to Grow five sessions beginning Wednesday May 31 in Livonia (\$168), Attracting Hummingbirds and Butterflies Thursday June 1 in Pontiac (\$42) and Garden Conifers Thursday June 1 in Livonia (\$42).

AUTOMOTIVE

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ishings feature curved elements, lacquered facades and steel components, and give the feeling of motion. They combine function and fantasy.

An elliptical dining table has a black lacquer glass top. A chair made of very thin plywood ("like a sheet of paper") stands on satin finish steel legs, and features a triangular hole in the lower back to make it easier to carry.

Storage units - including a buffet or sideboard - feature a neon light divider that symbolizes an axle, and have steel legs. A wave design on the front appears flat or concave, depending on the light in the room.

The units come in 25 different colors. One piece with four interior drawers could serve as a china cabinet, bar or computer desk. The buffet has two sliding doors and one interior drawer. A vertical, column-like style has an adjustable shelf and two doors.

Lakic described the three-seat meridienne sofa as having a back "like a big arm that holds you," and a shape that "for me is like a small spaceship."

"You cannot sit (on the sofa) in a formal way," he said. "You sit in a very glamorous way."

MINIMALISM

Lakic keeps his designs simple and minimal, he said.

"I don't try to make something beautiful by adding details. I like to make something beautiful by removing as much as possible."

Lakic used the above chair as an example. It has minimum elements, and the plywood has just enough softness and elasticity.

"It's crazy but it works." The shape of each furnishing is so pure and simplistic it could fit in either a classical or modern interior, he said.

"I think these pieces are like functional sculptures."

Roche Bobois honors a new designer every year, said Greg Ertelman, American Society of Interior Designers, owner (with

'I don't try to make something beautiful by adding details. I like to make something beautiful by removing as much as possible.'

Sacha Lakic

Edgar Hagopian) of Roche Bobois in Novi. "He's brought the esthetics of industrial design to furniture design," Ertelman said of Lakic.

"That's why we brought him to the GM Tech Center." Car designers get ideas from his furniture for their cars, Ertelman said. "He has come full circle."

Lakic's designs involve the latest technology. He acknowledged engineers and others in the "team effort" behind their production.

Lakic has been with Roche Bobois since 1996. His first piece for the company was the Onda bed, which won a prize in Rome. He had just returned from Japan and wanted a design similar to a futon.

The design, with its wavy frame, also suggests a flying carpet. When Lakic was a child, he thought his bed took him to different places during the night.

Besides furniture, Lakic designs bicycles, motorcycles, yachts, knives and watches.

Lakic is working on a three-level, 35-meter-long yacht in Monte Carlo that he called "the SUV of yachts, something you can run around the world. Like a tugboat but with a very high luxury level interior."

Another of his projects is the Ventur Fetish, a roadster with a high-performance electric engine. Sales of the Fetish will begin in 2007, he said.

At MDC, Lakic indicated his attraction to automobiles is yet another way. He was interested when Susan Zinger, MDC executive vice president/general manager, told him about the Woodward Dream Cruise Roche Bobois (www.rochebobois.com).

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BROIDA

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Whatever player you buy, make sure there's a lanyard or armband case available. Pockets, assuming your workout clothes even have them, just don't work.

DRACONIAN RIGHTS MANAGEMENT

So you bought some songs from an online store, but they won't play on your MP3 player. Why? Most likely because your player doesn't support the digital rights management (or DRM) protection embedded in the song files.

Ultimately, you want a player that supports DRM WMA files or promises PlaysForSure compatibility (visit playsforsure.com for more information).

Barring that, you can still take advantage of the songs you bought. Just burn them to a CD using the appropriate software, then "rip" that CD to turn the songs into MP3 files that'll work on your player.

There's another, equally important DRM question to consider: What happens if your hard drive dies and takes all your digital downloads along with it?

If you're an iTunes user, you're seriously out of luck. Although you may be able to sweet-talk a customer service rep into helping you out, Apple doesn't allow you to re-download anything you've bought (you've been warned before - make backups!).

The same unfortunate truth applies to Yahoo Music Unlimited, Napster, on the other hand, lets you retrieve purchased tracks - another point in that service's favor.

The moral of the story: Before you buy songs from any online service, check its replacement policy. And when you do buy tracks, burn them to CDs anyway so you always have physical backups.

Any more questions? You know where to send them.

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.

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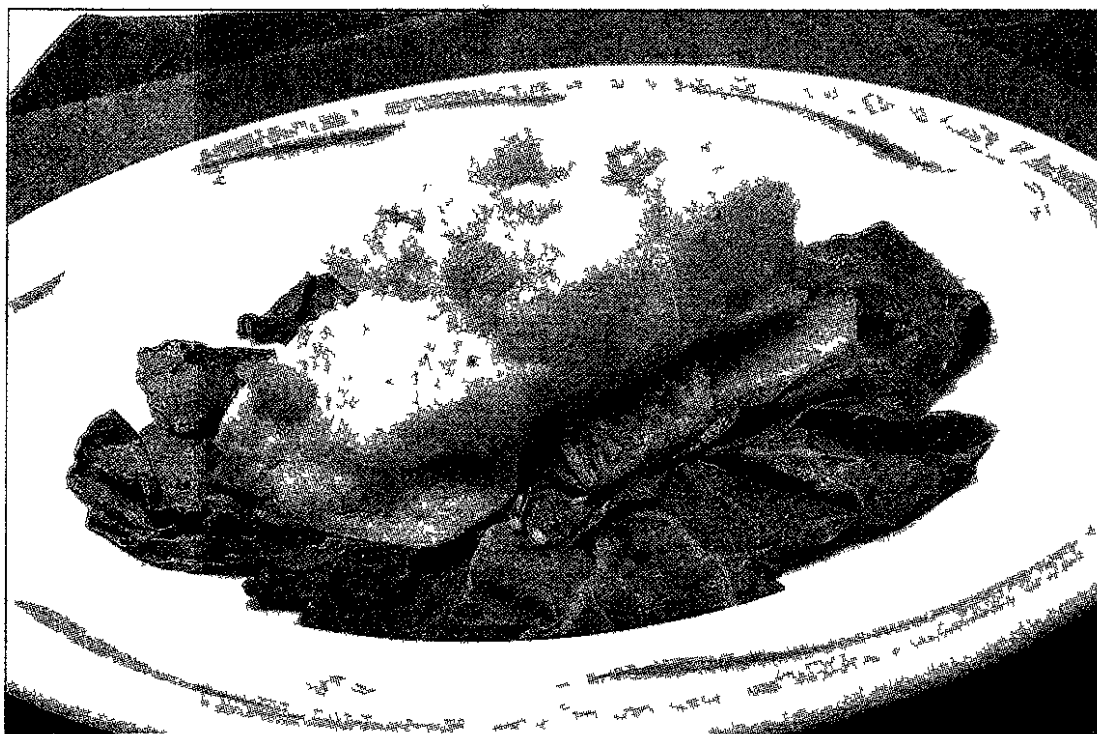
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Steamed sake halibut characterizes Southeast Asian cooking by combining the flavors of that region

This Southeast Asian dish replaces the fat with flavor

Southeast Asian cooking offers food with deep, rich flavor, but without a lot of fat and sweeteners

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, a celebration of Asian and Pacific Islanders in the United States. It's a good opportunity to take a look at this healthy, flavorful cuisine.

Southeast Asian cooks use a variety of herbs and other ingredients to maximize the flavor of a dish instead of relying on salt, sugar and fat as so much Western cooking does.

Southeast Asian cooks aim for a balance among the five basic tastes: sour, bitter, sweet, salty and hot.

Outside the West, a sixth taste element has been recognized for thousands of years. Called by its Japanese name, umami, this component adds mouth feel and depth of flavor to a dish, especially soups and sauces.

Instead of relying simply on salt for saltiness, many Asian cooks use a sauce made of fermented fish or soybean products like miso, that add a level of richness and some pungency to a dish.

Radish, ginger, garlic, mustard and chilies create some heat and a little "bite."

Herbs like cilantro and dark,

leafy green vegetables like spinach and mustard greens offer the bitter element.

Vinegar and citrus provide the sour component, and a touch of sugar gives balance with a hint of sweetness.

STEAMED SAKE HALIBUT WITH BOK CHOY

- 1/4 cup mirin or sake*
- 1/4 bottled clam juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, peeled and minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 4-ounce halibut fillets
- White pepper
- Chili paste (optional)
- 3 scallions, very finely sliced
- 4 teaspoons reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/2 pound baby bok choy, separated into leaves
- 2 teaspoons sesame seeds

In a skillet large enough to hold steamer, combine the mirin, clam juice, ginger and garlic. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and gently simmer 5 minutes. Meanwhile, sprinkle the fish with pepper to taste. If you like a little spice, rub the fillets with chili paste.

Place a rack or steaming device in the skillet. (If you don't have a rack to fit in a skillet, crumple pieces of aluminum foil, twist them and lay across the

skillet like the bars of a rack to hold the fish above the liquid.)

Place the fish on the steamer rack. Sprinkle onions over fish and spoon soy sauce and sesame oil over that. Cover the skillet and steam until the fish is opaque in the center, about 5 minutes. About halfway through the cooking, place the bok choy leaves on top of the fish.

Meanwhile, heat a small skillet over medium-high heat. Add sesame seeds and heat them until they turn a golden brown, gently shaking the skillet to keep the seeds moving and avoid burning. Immediately transfer seeds to a small bowl to stop the browning process.

Remove steamer from skillet. Arrange bok choy on each of four plates and top with fillets of fish. Pour pan juices over fish and sprinkle with sesame seeds.

*Mirin is a Japanese rice cooking wine, sake is rice wine and depending on the brand, is typically drier than mirin. Either can be used, based on either convenience or preference. If neither is available, use a mild chicken or vegetable broth.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 261 calories, 5 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 17 g carbohydrate, 26 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 399 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research

Free pruning guide from Arbor Day Foundation offers advice on trees

Those who care about trees will find advice on pruning and related topics in the National Arbor Day Foundation's free booklet, *How to Prune Young Shade Trees*.

From pruning in the early years of a tree's life, to learning how to strengthen trees by removing branches, this illustrated, easy-to-follow guide offers timely and practical tips.

For your copy, send your name and address to: How to Prune, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, or go online at www.arborday.org.

"How a tree is pruned in its first few years of life will affect its shape, strength and even lifespan," said Arbor Day Foundation president John Rosenow.

"People who value their trees will learn how to make them safer, more beautiful, healthier and easier to maintain with this guide and its step-by-step illustrations."

Other tips in *How to Prune Young Shade Trees* cover the best ways to make a pruning cut, how to prune for form, and how to maintain a tree's health by removing trouble spots.

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GRILL

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the price tag

You can spend from \$99 on a Char-Broil at Lowe's up to \$15,000 for a remodeling project in the back yard that includes a barbecue island.

Do you want one that will last just a few years or 10 or 20? You have to decide whether you want side burners or rotisserie burners.

Some people buy grills to last for just a couple of years, others for 30 years. Some want to build a grill island, and others want the latest technology: infrared burners. Infrared uses less gas, but has higher temperatures up to 1600 degrees Fahrenheit. A rare steak can be finished in 4 minutes.

"Infrared eliminates all the cold spots," Cackowski said.

Michigan Fireplace and Barbecue sells infrared units by Texas Sizzler, Viking and TEC. Prices range from \$500 to \$13,000. Gas grill models from Weber, TEC, Texas Sizzler, Vermont Casting, Viking, Broilmaster and Ducane also are sold there.

Thicker casting can help retain that heat in the winter, too.

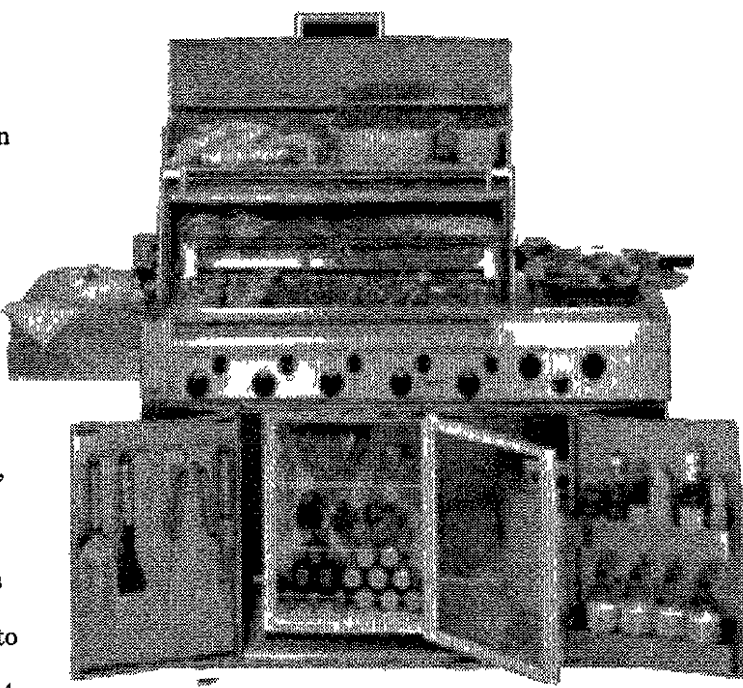
"If you can bend it, it's not that thick," Cackowski said. BTUs are important especially if you are grilling in the winter.

Stainless steel is popular today. Heat N Sweep in Canton sells Vermont Castings, MHP (Modern Home Products) and Broilmaster, all of which Hartmann said are high quality. Units range from \$349 to \$1,600.

Size of the grill depends on how many people they are cooking for.

"Many of them are going to the natural gas, so they don't have to mess with propane," Hartmann said.

Some install a 12-foot



'direct disconnect' gas line so that they can move the grill.

BURN, BABY, BURN

What should a grill do?

"You want to see what type of burn pattern it has and if it gives you enough coverage," said Cackowski.

"You want enough heat to sear the food." "Briquettes have flare-ups, but give the foods more of a charred flavor (Weber's) Flavorizer metal bars reduce flare-ups, but some people are very traditional in barbecuing and they want that charred taste."

Some grills offer nice touches. Broilmaster's heavy duty cooking grids can be flipped and moved to three different levels. The thick aluminum casting and stainless steel burners also are appealing. Weber and other grill makers offer a rotisserie burner, which helps prevent flare-ups, Cackowski said.

More cooks are using wood chips, and many grills now feature accessories like deep fryers, vegetable steamers, griddles and vegetable baskets.

Side burners allow the user to cook everything outside,

but that option isn't for everyone. Some might like to keep a sauce warm or boil vegetables while the meat is barbecuing, others might want to cook the sides inside the kitchen.

Cooking grates also run the gamut - the low end is chrome, followed by porcelain-coated steel, which rusts easily. Cast iron and porcelain-coated cast iron are better, cleaning up easily with a brass brush.

The big stores - The Home Depot, Lowe's, Wal-Mart, Sears and Meijer - all sell grills as does Ace Hardware.

Recent rainy weather hasn't had people in the mood for buying grills, but warmer temperatures will probably bring them out. Does the rain affect sales?

"Absolutely," Hartmann said. "The weather needs to cooperate. It is a weather-related business."

But people aren't hesitant to go all out with barbecues.

"It's crazy now," Cackowski said. "It turned out to be quite an industry. People want to spend their time outside during the summer."

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Fire up the barbecue this weekend

PORTERHOUSE STEAK WITH BLEU CHEESE SAUCE

1 porterhouse steak (2½ inches thick or 2 to 2½ pounds)
¼ cup olive oil
Coarse salt
Freshly cracked black pepper

Bleu Cheese Sauce

¼ cup minced green onion or shallot
2 tablespoons butter
1 large garlic clove, minced well
1 cup white wine
1 tablespoon flour
¾ cup milk
1 cup crumbled Bleu Cheese or Roquefort Cheese (about ¼ pound)
1½ tablespoons minced fresh parsley leaves
Salt and pepper

In a saucepan over low heat, stir the onions and garlic in the butter. After the butter melts, add the wine, and boil until the liquid is reduced to about one tablespoon. With a whisk, mix in flour and cook the mixture while whisking for two to three minutes. Slowly add the milk while whisking and simmer for another 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low, and whisk in Roquefort or Bleu cheese, whisking until it is melted (do not boil). Strain the sauce through a fine sieve into a small serving bowl, stir in parsley, add salt and pepper to taste, then keep warm.

To cook steak, set grids at highest level and preheat grill to medium-high setting. Pat the steak dry with a paper towel, rub with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Place steak on hot grill. Cook six to eight minutes on one side, and grill the second side, again for six to eight minutes. Add sear marks. Cook to desired degree of doneness. Remove steak from grill. Serve with Bleu Cheese or Roquefort sauce. Makes four servings.

Recipe courtesy of Broilmaster

SOUTHWEST RANCHO CHICKEN

1 large chicken (3 pounds or more)
2 tablespoons oregano
1 tablespoon cumin
¾ cup lime juice
12 garlic cloves, chopped
1 ¼ cup Worcestershire sauce
½ cup red cooking wine
1 ¼ cups olive oil
1 onion, finely diced
¼ cup orange juice
¼ cup chopped parsley
Salt and pepper to taste

In a blender combine 6 garlic cloves, oregano, cumin, ½ cup lime juice, Worcestershire sauce, cooking wine and 1 cup olive oil. Puree until smooth. Cut chicken into quarters or parts. Place chicken pieces in a large sealable plastic bag with marinade. Marinate in refrigerator overnight.

Set grids to medium or high. Preheat grill to medium heat. Grill the chicken for approximately 7 minutes per side or until internal temperature reaches 180° F. Prior to serving, in a small saucepan, heat the remaining ¼ cup of olive oil, add the remaining six cloves of chopped garlic and onions, and cook until hot. Let cool, and add the remaining lime juice, orange juice and parsley. Drizzle over hot chicken and serve. Makes four servings.

Recipe courtesy of Broilmaster

Here are two marinade recipes you can use before grilling your favorite foods. Recipes courtesy of *Marinades, Rubs, Brines, Cures & Glazes* by Jim Tarantino, Ten Speed Press, Berkeley, Calif., 2006.

BASIC MARINADE FOR SEAFOOD

3 cloves garlic, pressed
3 to 4 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, mint, cilantro leaves or basil
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
½ teaspoon capers (optional)
1 teaspoon coarse grain salt

1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
½ cups dry white wine or 1 cup dry vermouth
Grated zest and juice of 2 lemons (about ½ cup)
¼ to ½ teaspoon Tabasco sauce
½ cup extra virgin olive oil

Combine the garlic, parsley, oregano, rosemary, capers, salt, pepper, wine, lemon zest and juice, and Tabasco sauce in a blender or food processor. Cover and process for about 20 to 30 seconds, until all ingredients are blended. While the motor is running, drizzle in the oil a little at a time. Use marinade within 24 hours.

Lime-cilantro marinade. Replace the lemons with 4 or 5 limes, and replace the herbs with cilantro leaves only.

Use on salmon, tuna, swordfish, red snapper, catfish, sea bass, halibut, scallops or shrimp. Marinate for 2 to 4 hours.

BASIC MARINADE FOR POULTRY

Grated zest and juice of 2 oranges (about ½ cup)
Grated zest and juice of 2 lemons (about ½ cup)
2 or 3 cloves garlic, chopped
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon coarse grain or sea salt
1 tablespoon cracked black pepper
1 teaspoon dried oregano
¼ cup canola oil

Combine the orange zest and juice, lemon zest and juice, garlic, parsley, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper, and oregano in a blender or food processor. Process until all ingredients are blended. While the motor is running, drizzle oil into mixture a little at a time. The marinade freezes well with food up to 3 months. Marinate chicken or turkey breasts 3 to 4 hours, chicken wings or thighs, 4 to 6 hours.

Wine dinner helps raise funds for Schoolcraft program

The chefs in Schoolcraft College's Brigade program will produce a memorable meal to help fund a learning trip to Paris.

On Friday, June 2, you can indulge in a six-course meal featuring the wines of the Erbaluce grape from the Italian Piemonte. The student chefs of the post-degree program work under the tutelage of Certified Executive Chef Marcus Haight.

Paired with the Italian wines will be the following dishes: Hors d'oeuvres of petite crab and crawfish cakes, beef brochette, smoked salmon and calamari, celery root soup with truffle essence, lasagna of butternut squash with crisp leeks, sweet onion, pepper and tomato compote tart, roasted filet mignon en croute with onion

and pancetta, and hot raspberry souffle.

Each course will be accompanied by an appropriate wine, furnished by Skandis Fine Wines, which focuses its imports on rare, indigenous grape varieties. Wines to be served at the dinner are produced in the Piemonte area, the extreme northwest edge of Italy.

The dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the American Harvest Restaurant and costs \$100 per person, plus tax and gratuity. For reservations, call Jill Snyder at (734) 462-4488.

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British fashion invades U.S. with 'AngloMania'

By Samantha Critchell • AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK — The common thread throughout "AngloMania," the new fashion exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, isn't tartan plaid, Savile Row suits or even punk-style slashed T-shirts, though they're all adequately represented. The star of this exhibit is British wit.

There's just enough humor woven through the Annie Laurie Aitken Galleries to capture the spirit of John Galiano, Alexander McQueen, Vivienne Westwood and other stars of the London fashion scene, whose work jazzes up the English period rooms.

Yes, believe it or not, London — which usually follows Paris, Milan, Italy, and New York in the hierarchy of fashion cities — did and still does have many influential designers.

"London has always had the most creative, most entertaining and most humor in its fashion," said Vogue editor in chief Anna Wintour as she surveyed a vignette called "The Hunt." It featured male mannequins in classic red wool twill, black velvet and white cotton hunting ensembles surrounded by other models in Burberry fox-trimmed trench coats. There's also one model in Galiano's famous 2004 newspaper-print union suit with a fox fur headpiece.

Aside from the occasional 19th-century frock, "AngloMania's" focus is from 1976 — when punk style moved from King's

Road into the mainstream — through the present. Johnny Rotten of the Sex Pistols, whose wool tartan blazer made by Westwood in 1976 is on display, even recorded a podcast for the museum and attended the preview.

The show runs through Sept. 4.

British fashion has a consistent habit of juxtaposing tradition and transgression, said Andrew Bolton, the museum's Costume Institute associate curator.

Exhibits include "The English Garden," a room decorated with the intent of bringing beloved flower gardens indoors. Most of the mannequins are in brocade gowns from the 18th century, but at the center of the room is one in a pink pouf of tulle rosettes — a Hussein Chalayan dress from 2000.

To top off the look: a silk organza, straw and jersey hat with clipped ostrich plumes by Philip Treacy.

In the "Upstairs/Downstairs" scene, one mannequin wears a Charles Frederick Worth gown from 1888 with an 11-foot train. She heads up the

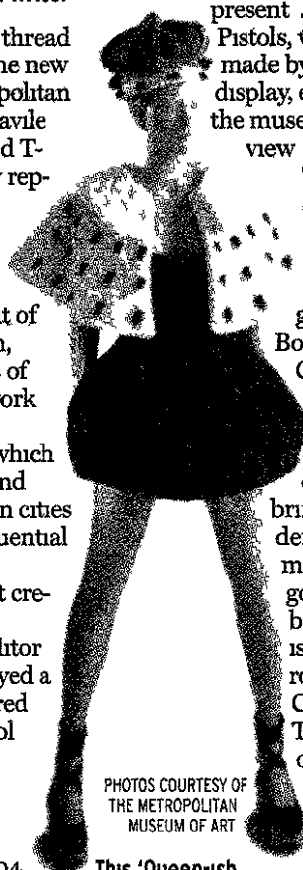
stairs to meet a man dressed in a classic suit, complete with britches, waistcoat and top coat, that would have been worn to the court of Queen Victoria. At the base of the steps are women in Chalayan's deconstructed "hand-me-down" gowns from 2001 that look like they came from Cinderella's closet.

Queen Victoria had a very long-lasting influence on fashion, according to Bolton. She mourned the death of her husband for 40 years, making black the staple of her wardrobe and, therefore, a fashionable color.

Designer Westwood finds much inspiration in the elaborate pageantry that Victoria insisted upon and in the royals themselves. On view in "Empire and Monarchy" is a burgundy mink bubble dress with a fake ermine cape and a tweed crown.

Westwood, wearing the tiny horns atop her head that have become her signature, said she was impressed with the artistry of the exhibit. "Styling historical fashion and modern fashion is a big idea. It's beautiful."

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is located at 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York. Visit www.metmuseum.org for more information.



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This 'Queen-ish Ensemble' is from Vivienne Westwood's Harris Tweed collection winter 1987-88.



Britain's punk era is captured in Malcolm McLaren's 'Anarchy in the UK' shirt and Vivienne Westwood's bondage pants, circa 1977.

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Designers Sought for NY Fashion Week
UPS and IMG Fashion is accepting applications for 10 emerging designers to show Spring 2007 collections at Olympus Fashion Week in NYC, Sept. 8-15. Selected designers will show in the UPS Hub, in the Bryant Park tents. To enter, designers must have been in business for at least two years and have sold a minimum of two collections to boutiques and department stores. Send materials, including look books, videos and sketches, by June 1 to IMG Fashion, Attention: UPS.

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Jill Jack, Liz Larin are big winners

Jill Jack and Liz Larin were among the big winners May 18 at the Detroit Music Awards

Jack won five awards in the acoustic/folk category for outstanding artist, recording for *Moon and the Morning After*, songwriter and pop artist. Larin took four awards in the rock/pop category for outstanding group, outstanding songwriter, vocalist and recording for *Wake Up, Start Dreaming*.

Here are the highlights in the major categories. The complete list is available at www.detroitmusicawards.com



Outstanding Acoustic Artist/Group

Jill Jack

Outstanding Acoustic/Folk Vocalist

Billy Brandt (Guitar (Acoustic)) – Grievous

Angel/Jill Jack

Outstanding Folk Artist/Group

Jeremy Kittel

Outstanding Blues Artist/Group

Thornetta Davis

Outstanding Blues/R&B Instrumentalist

Johnnie Bassett

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Outstanding Classical Composer

William Bolcom

Outstanding Classical Instrumentalist

Patricia Masri Fletcher harp

Outstanding Community Orchestra

Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony

Outstanding Country Artist/Group

Orbitsuns

Outstanding Country Vocalist

Terrie Lea

Outstanding Electronic/Dance, Group/Artist

Amp Fiddler

Outstanding Electronic/Dance DJ

Kevin Saunderson

Outstanding Live Performance

Detroit Women with Motor City Express

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White Stripes *Blue Orchid*

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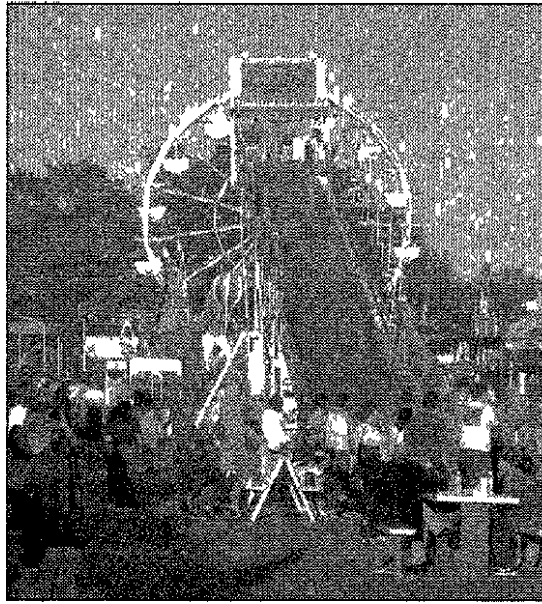
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Electronic music fills Hart Plaza

The latest incarnation of the Motor City's mega electronic music fest is about to reveal itself

Movement Detroit's Electronic Musical Festival starts at noon

SOUND ON SOUND

What: Movement Detroit's Electronic Music Festival
When: Noon to midnight Saturday May 27 Sunday May 28 and Monday May 29
Where: Hart Plaza downtown Detroit
Admission: One day pass \$15 weekend pass \$40 on sale now at www.wanttickets.com
For more information visit www.demf.com

Saturday and continues through Memorial Day in Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. The event has been held in Detroit each Memorial Day weekend since 2000, becoming just *Movement* in 2003 and 2004 and

then *Fuse-In* last year

As always, each day's performance schedule of DJs and electronic music artists



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOVEMENT DETROIT'S ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

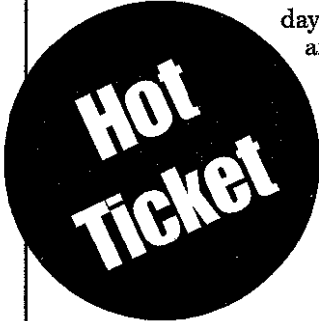
This year's Electronic Music Festival has five performance stages

is literally packed. This year's event has five stages.

Performers run the gamut from old school electronic music founders like Derrick May to emerging talents to 2005 Grammy Award-winner Louie Vega.

The festival also marks the first time since 1996 that the original members of Nitzer Ebb will play together live.

Nicole Stafford



Doubling the Money

Rocker opens concert seasons at DTE, Meadow Brook

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

"If the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame were in Detroit, I'd be in it," rocker Eddie Money said.

Money discussed his upcoming visit to Detroit during a telephone interview while playing a round of golf in Florida earlier this month.

"For some reason, I'm lucky enough to be like an honorary Detroiter," Money said. "There's Grand Funk Railroad, Kid Rock, Bob Seger and for some reason me. I think it's because I sing songs for the working man."

Once again Money is opening the summer music season at DTE Music Energy Theatre with a concert on Friday, May 26. And new this year is that he's also opening the season at Meadow Brook Music Festival - the following night on Saturday, May 27. Money, who has 26 songs on

EDDIE MONEY

What: Two concerts
Where & When: 7:30 p.m. Friday May 26 at DTE Music Energy Theatre and 8 p.m. Saturday May 27 at Meadow Brook Music Festival
Tickets: \$10 lawn and \$28 pavilion at both locations. Visit www.palacenet.com or call Ticketmaster at (248) 645 6666 or visit any Ticketmaster location.

Billboard's Top 100 chart, sells a substantial amount of seats in Detroit while singing hits like *Two Tickets to Paradise*, *Baby Hold Onto Me*, *Shakin'* and *Take Me Home Tonight*.

He does hits and a few covers. This year's tour features his daughter, Jessica, 17, on tour with him.

"She had some trouble running with a rough crowd, but now she's with me and man, she can sing," he said.



Eddie Money will sing his hits, plus some new material.

He'll perform a duet with her of the song *Mockingbird* plus a few surprises.

"I'm a good role model, I hope," Money said. "I'm back with my wife, I'm clean and sober now." Money, 56,

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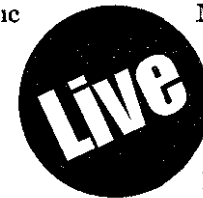
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■ DTE Eddie Money, May 26, The Knack/The Fixx/Tommy Tutone, June 3, Dave Matthews Band, June 6, The Guess Who/Blood, Sweat & Tears, June 9, Rob Thomas/Jewel, June 15, Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band, June 16, Bruce Springsteen with The Seeger Sessions Band, June 17, Gin Blossoms, June 21, Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo, June 22, John Michael Montgomery, June 24, Nine Inch Nails, June 25, Blue Oyster Cult/Foghat, June 28, Legends of Motown, June 29, and The New Cars/Blondie, June 30

■ Meadow Brook Music Festival, Eddie Money, May 27, Loretta Lynn, June 9, Zappa Plays Zappa, June 15, Taking Back Sunday/Angels & Airwaves, June 29, and Lonestar, June 30

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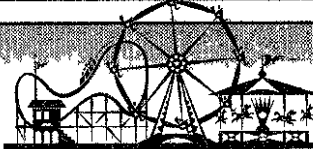
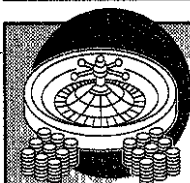
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POLISH COUNTRY FAIR COMBINES CULTURE WITH CARNIVAL

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

A good old fashioned, country fair is a thing of the past

But the St. Mary's Polish Country Fair, starting Friday and continuing through Memorial Day, has managed to preserve tradition and maintain a kind of country fair authenticity

Yes, true, there's a midway jam packed with neon-lit carnival rides — about 45

But the rest of the event, held on the picturesque grounds of Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, truly embraces and celebrates Polish culture

That's because the school system has a long history with the local Polish community, and the fair serves as the primary fund-raiser for Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory high school for boys

"Detroit has a very large Polonia," said Denise Stearns, the school's director of community relations, adding that "Polonia" means Polish community outside Poland. And they have always been very strongly tied to the Orchard Lake Schools

OLD STYLE FAIR

What: 34th Annual St. Mary's Polish Country Fair

When: 5-11 p.m. Friday, May 26; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 27; and Sunday, May 28 and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, May 29

Vegas Tent remains open until 1 a.m. Friday, Sunday and until 9 p.m. Monday

Where: Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake Road, Orchard Lake

Tickets: Free admission; all-day ride pass, \$20 at the fair; \$15 in advance at local Meijer stores. For more information, call (248) 684-2613 or visit www.StMarysPolishCountryFair.com

The school was established in 1885 by the Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, a priest from Poland, under the direction of the Pope

"The event opens the summer season, and it's a very family-oriented event, but it's also very much about Polish culture," said the event's marketing director, Patty Narozny. "Half the people working are Polish. There is Polish pottery being sold. There is a

vendor selling all Polish books. There's even a gallery with all Polish art."

The fair's most popular tradition is the "Polish Combo," a meal of pierogi, kapusta, kielbasa, stuffed cabbage (golabki), rye bread and dill pickle, for a mere \$10

Don't worry, if you don't get your fill of pierogis at lunch or dinner, there will be plenty more available. This year, patrons can even purchase "pierogis to go," a dozen for \$5

In addition to polka dancing for fair patrons, several performers will take up Polish culture

The Polish Muslims, set to perform 3:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, is a polka rock band that mocks Polish culture by performing top 40 songs with altered lyrics

"They're funny. They mock the Polish heritage in a funny, light way," said Narozny. Listen for songs like *Bowling USA*, *Love Polka No. 9*, and *That's Why God Invented the Polka*

Prior to the Polish Muslims, there's traditional Polish folk dance, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday

Also, a Sunday mass spoken in

POLISH COUNTRY FAIR FACTS

- The event is considered to be America's Largest High School Fair
- About 200,000 people attended last year's fair
- Fair patrons consumed more than 25,000 pierogis at last year's fair
- The fair's midway is second in size in the state, only to the Michigan State Fair
- It's the only fair with an official pierogi sponsor (Bozek's Market)

Polish is set for 9 a.m. inside the Shrine Chapel

Other activities include a Vegas tent, bingo, a home and garden exposition, an activity center for kids featuring a storyteller who unfolds the history of Poland, arts and crafts vendors and children's art activities

"We have a lot of new exhibits this year," said Narozny. "But, we always keep the Polish history going — always"

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Toil and trouble

'Wicked' set to sweep up Detroit

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Forget about Dorothy and her magic red shoes, it's time get witchy

The hit Broadway musical *Wicked* has at last made its way to the Motor City

The national touring production opens May 31 and runs through June 18 at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit

Wicked, which has won 15 major honors including a Grammy and three Tony awards, tells the story of the witches from *The Wizard of Oz*, but long before sweet Dorothy gets swept up by a tornado in

Kansas and lands there

"It's really the story of a relationship," said Laura Dysarczyk, a cast member of the touring production who grew up in Canton and attended Plymouth Canton High School. "A relationship that carries us

through thick and thin"

So who makes up this tough-as-nails relationship around which *Wicked* revolves?

Well, there's Glinda, the beautiful and popular witch, and there's the green-skinned and misunderstood witch named Elphaba

Starting to sound familiar?

As young girls, the two meet and become friends. What follows is the story of *Wicked*, a two-act show lasting close to three hours. By the end of the *Wicked* journey, we understand where and how there came to be "Glinda the Good Witch" and the "Wicked Witch of the West"

"It's an evolution of this friendship, and how that changes you, how the



PHOTO COURTESY OF WICKED THE MUSICAL TOUR

The Tony- and Grammy-Award winning musical *Wicked* makes its Detroit debut May 31 at the Masonic Temple Theatre

people that we meet change us," added Dysarczyk, who switches between 10 different roles in the production and also serves as understudy for the character Nessarose, a witch born with tangled legs

Nessarose is the *Oz's* Wicked Witch of the East, that is the Wicked Witch of the West's sister

And, fans of the story will remember that she meets her death under a fallen house with only her tangled legs left untouched

"She is a very vulnerable character," Dysarczyk said, explaining that the reason for her deformity is her own sister's unsightly skin color. "When Elphaba was born green, the mother was forced to eat milk flowers so the next baby was born white, but this caused her legs to be tangled"

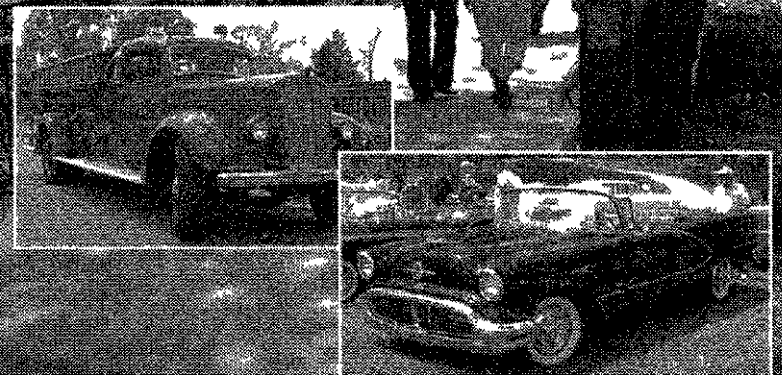
Dysarczyk is slated to perform as Nessarose on several nights during the tour's stop in Detroit

Nonetheless, the 25-year-old performer enjoys her secondary roles, especially being a flying monkey

"It's really cool. We get to climb a huge cage, and we actually get to fly," she said. "I tell the guys that fly us to go really fast"

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1999 Tavern

Cajun food hits the Plymouth restaurant scene



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

1999 Tavern serves this Mahi-Mahi Reuben with house cole slaw on foccacia

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Mike and Laura Allen wanted a restaurant. But they wanted something different from what they've seen in Plymouth.

The couple and chef Frank Blevins decided on New Orleans-style food style with unique twists on traditional American bar fare in a newly remodeled restaurant, 1999 Tavern. "We wanted to do something different than Italian," Laura said. "That's why we've got crawfish (ravioli) and jambalaya on the menu. It was different."

LOOKING GOOD

While the food style may be different, the building itself is sleek and hip. The friendly staff serves a busy lunch crowd.

The couple began remodeling the building in November 2005. The

building once housed the Dartmoor restaurant and what was once the Cloverleaf Dairy, just a short walk from Main Street in Plymouth.

1999 Tavern opened April 3. "We named the bar for the year our son, J.D., was born," Laura said.

SETTING IT APART

The menu includes traditional bar fare (chili, 1/2-pounder, clam chowder and black bean soup), but has enough uniqueness that sets it apart from traditional bar-and-grill food.

Appetizers include Cajun crab cakes, shrimp artichoke dip, coconut shrimp, oysters Rockefeller, steak bites and scallops wrapped in bacon. Sandwiches feature the mahi-mahi reuben, tavern sliders and BBQ pulled pork, among others.

Entrees cost \$11-\$18 and include hickory smoked St. Louis ribs, the Tavern's "Dirty Bird," a sauteed



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chicken breast with chipotle peppers and cajun spices. Other selections are NY strip, blackened salmon, jambalaya and crawfish ravioli in a red pepper pesto cream sauce. At \$14, Tavern's pasta includes chicken, shrimp, scallops, onions, peppers, tomatoes, carrots and cream over linguine.

When you walk in and are seated, the waitress instructs you that the menu and food are New Orleans-style, and "a little on the spicy side."

Great. I already know what I'm having. Bring me some jambalaya, please. Why not enjoy a trademark New Orleans dish, if that's what they promote?

What I enjoy about jambalaya is its wonderful blend of cayenne in that tomato-based stew. Tossed with chunks of chicken breast, andouille sausage and popcorn shrimp, the Cajun blend of spices brings a slight tear to my eye (from the heat, not because I'm upset or moved). It's just the way I like it — not too hot to override the meats and green pepper, but not too mild that isn't considered Cajun. It's good.

1999 TAVERN

Where: 447 Forest Plymouth (734) 414 1999

Open: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday noon to 10 p.m. Sunday

Food style: Spicy New Orleans style dishes, unique appetizers and seafood dishes, salads and sandwiches

Cost: Soups, salads and sandwiches \$4-\$13, entrees \$11-\$18

Reservations: Call ahead seating

1999 Tavern also is open for breakfast on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m., serving eggs, choice of home-smoked ham or bacon with hash browns, toast and bloody Mary for \$8.

The menu with the mahi-mahi reuben and crawfish ravioli has been welcomed by Plymouth, Laura said. "We've had a great response. It's been awesome. Plymouth is a great town, and we always thought it would be the perfect spot."

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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 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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ON STAGE

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

Memorial Day Ceremony

Color ceremony 11 a m Monday May 29 including T 6 flyover missing man distinguished military pancake breakfast 8 11 a m Yankee hot dogs noon to 4 p m Ypsilanti Community Band performs air show at Yankee Air Museum northeast corner of Willow Run Airport Belleville visit yankeearmuseum.org for information

Great Lakes Bat Festival

Saturday Aug 5 Cranbrook Institute of Science 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills \$5 \$7 www.batconservation.org

Art on the Avenue

Celebration A Touch of Glass a champagne preview party 5 8 p m Wednesday May 31 at Furnace-Hot Glass Works, 25331 Trowbridge Dearborn \$30 in advance \$35 at door at Ford Community & Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Dearborn

Garden Art Show

Creativity in Bloom Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery's garden art show through June 30 (248) 681 7447

St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station

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

Southfield Library Events

■ Opera in the Afternoon Presents a film of Salome an opera in one act composed by Richard Strauss 1 p m Thursday May 25 Library location 26300 Evergreen Southfield (248) 796 4200
■ A Black Eden in Michigan discussions and documentary on Idlewild Mich once the largest African American resort in the United States panel discussion free www.sfldlib.org (248) 796 4224

Preservation Wayne

Walking tours offered of five historic areas of Detroit (downtown Eastern Market Midtown Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center) Saturdays at 10 a m or Tuesdays after work through September \$10 per person visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577 7674

St. Mary's Polish Country Fair

Rides attractions music and entertainment home and garden expo fitness and kids activities Friday through Monday May 25 29 at Orchard Lake St. Mary's campus at Commerce and Orchard Lake roads visit www.StMarysPolishCountryFair.com

Movies at the Redford Theatre

8 p m Fridays and Saturdays organ overture at 7 30 p m Saturday matinee at 2 p m and organ overture at 1 30 p m May 26 and 27 *Citizen Kane* June 9 and 10 *Singin' in the Rain* June 23 and 24 *Thing*

From Another World Located at 17360 Lahser Detroit Visit www.redfordtheatre.com or call (313) 537 2560

Movie Theatre Party

Zonta Club of Southfield Area's annual movie theater party 1 p m Saturday June 3 at the Uptown Palladium Theatre in Birmingham includes buffet luncheon prizes popcorn and soda and mystery movie proceeds benefit young women scholarship programs and service projects (248) 557 3675 or e mail zontasouthfield@comcast.net

Harleyfest 2006

Begins with Ride for Hope Motor City Harley Davidson 34900 Grand River Farmington Hills at 11 a m to Freedom Hill County Park in Sterling Heights Saturday June 17 festival at Freedom Hill features 50 Cent Headrush Radiocraft Government Honey for info on Harley Fest visit www.WRIF.com for ride info call (248) 473 7433

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Stagecrafters

Ragtime opens Friday May 26 and runs through June 18 Baldwin Theatre 415 S Lafayette downtown Royal Oak \$16 18 call (248) 541 8027 or visit www.stagecrafters.org

Trinity House Theater

Birds of a Feather Fridays Saturdays and Sundays through June 4 \$15 38840 W Six Mile Livonia (313) 538 5739 www.trinityhouse.org

Oakland Theatre Guild

Grease May 25 28 \$15 \$18 Starlight Theater inside Summit Place Mall in Waterford (248) 335 1788

Village Players of Birmingham

1776 Tony award winning musical May 26-28, Village Players Playhouse 34660 Woodward Birmingham \$15 (248) 644 2075 www.birminghampvillageplayers.com

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

Detroit Repertory Theatre

John John the Miller's Son opens June 1 then Thursday Sunday through June 25 13103 Woodrow Wilson Detroit \$17 20 (313) 868 1347 or www.detroitreptheatre.com

Detroit City Theatre

The Male Intellect, through May 30 \$24 50 \$29 50 2301 Woodward Detroit (248) 645 6666 or www.OlympiaEntertainment.com

Plowshares Theatre Company

Gem of the Ocean 7 p m Thursday May 25, Joe Turner's *Come and Gone* 7 p m Friday May 26, Ma Rainey's *Black Bottom* 3 p m Saturday May 27, *The Piano Lesson* 7 p m Saturday May 27 and *Seven Guitars* 3 p m Sunday May 28 2870 E Grand Blvd Detroit (313) 872 0279 www.plowshares.org

Fisher Theatre

3011 W Grand Blvd Detroit \$28 \$69 call (248) 645 6666 or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com

Purple Rose Theatre

The Late Great Henry Boyle through May 28 The Purple Rose Theatre 137 Park Chelsea \$25 \$35 call (734) 433 7673 or visit www.purplerosetheatre.org

Breathe Art Theatre

Call (519) 980 0607 in Windsor or (313) 965 1515 in Detroit

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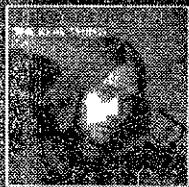


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JUNE

- 3 **THE KNACK/THE FIXX/TOMMY TUTONE**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 6 **DAVE MATTHEWS BAND**
wsg G LOVE & SPECIAL SAUCE
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 9 **THE GUESS WHO/ BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 9 **LORETTA LYNN**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 9 **RASCAL FLATTS**
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 15 **ROB THOMAS/JEWEL** wsg TOBY LIGHTMAN
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 15 **ZAPPA PLAYS ZAPPA** starring DWEEZIL ZAPPA
wsg STEVE VAL, TERRY BOZZIO, NAPOLEON
MURPHY BROCK & OTHERS
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 16 **RINGO STARR & HIS ALL STARR BAND**
featuring RICHARD MARK, BRUCE SWIER, EDGAR WINTER,
SHEILA E, ROD ARGENT and HAMISH STUART
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 17 **BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN**
wsg THE SEEGER SESSIONS BAND
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 21 **GIN BLOSSOMS**
wsg PAT McDERMOTT, SEVEN MART, THREE and SPONGE
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- 22 **PAT BENATAR & NEIL GIRALDO**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 23 **AL GREEN**
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- 24 **JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

- 25 **NINE INCH NAILS** wsg BAUHAUS and PEACHES
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- 28 **BLUE OYSTER CULT/FOGHAT**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 29 **THE TEMPTATIONS REVUE**
featuring DENNIS EDWARDS, THE MARVELETTES
and THE CONTOURS, THE LEGENDS OF MOTOWN
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 29 **TAKING BACK SUNDAY / ANGELS & AIRWAVES**
wsg HEAD AUTOMATICA and THE SUBWAYS
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 30 **THE NEW CARS/BLONDIE**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 30 **LONESTAR**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

JULY

- 1 **BOWFIRE!**
"THE TOTAL VIOLIN EXPERIENCE"
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 2 **CHICAGO/HUEY LEWIS & THE NEWS**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 5 **ABBA THE MUSIC**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 6 **1964 THE TRIBUTE**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 8 **SAMMY HAGAR & THE WABOS**
wsg THE OTHER HALF
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 8 **BO BICE** ON SALE 5/26
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 9 **THE MUSIC OF LED ZEPPELIN**
A ROCK SYMPHONY
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 2 **CELTIC WOMAN** ON SALE 6/5
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 12 **BONNIE BAITT** wsg KEB MO
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 14 **O.A.R. (OF A REVOLUTION)**
wsg JACK'S MANDOLIN
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 15 **BRAD PAISLEY** wsg ERIC CLAPTON
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 15 **RHONDA VINCENT AND THE RAGE**
wsg PINKEROS
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 17 **HEART** ON SALE 6/3
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 18 **RED SPEEDWAGON** ON SALE SOON!
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 19 **DZZFEST** wsg AVERROD SEVENFOLD
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 20 **YES!** wsg SR. DIDDY and SLAUGHTER
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- 21 **COUNTING CROWS/THE GOO GOO DOLLS**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 21 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
A SUMMER LOVE featuring ADAM JAMES
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 22 **ANITA BAKER** ON SALE SOON!
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 22 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
UNDER THE STARS featuring "THE PLANETS"
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 23 **RANDY TRAVIS**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 23 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
A BIG BAND TRIBUTE TO BENNY GOODMAN
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 24 **DEF LEPPARD/JOURNEY**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 26 **THE BLACK CROWES**
wsg ROBERT RANDOLPH & THE FAMILY BAND
and DRIVE BY TRUCKERS
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 26 **GUSTER** wsg RAY LAMONTAGNE ON SALE SOON!
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 27 **GORDON LIGHTFOOT**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 28 **POISON** wsg CINDERELLA
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 28 **IAN ANDERSON**
PLAYS ORCHESTRAL JETHRO TULL WITH
THE MEADOW BROOK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 29 **ASHLEE SIMPSON** ON SALE 5/26
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 29 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
MOZART 280TH BIRTHDAY BASH
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 30 **BEACH BOYS 2 SHOWS!!!** 2 PM & 7:30 PM
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 30 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
WITH SMOOTH JAZZ SUPERSTAR THOMPETER CHRIS BOTTI
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

AUGUST

- 1 & 2 **DOOBIE BROTHERS**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 3 **SOUNDS OF THE UNDERGROUND**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 3 **TRISHA YEARWOOD**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 4 **EARTH, WIND & FIRE** ON SALE SOON!
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 4 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
CLASSICAL SUPERSTARS
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 5 **BOYZ II MEN** wsg EN VOICE ON SALE SOON!
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

- 5 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
TCHAIKOVSKY SPECTACULAR
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 6 **THE TEMPTATIONS/THE FOUR TOPS**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 6 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
CALIENTE featuring BOLERO!
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 8 **TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS**
wsg TREY ANASTASIO
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE ON SALE 6/2
- 10 **311** wsg THE WALLERS and PEPPER
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 11 **THE WIGGLES** ON SALE SOON!
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 11 **MICHAEL W SMITH** ON SALE SOON!
wsg THIRD DAY and JARS OF CLAY
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 11 **CHRIS ISAAK** ON SALE SOON!
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 12 **GET BACK! CAST OF BEATLEMANIA**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 13 **BROOKS & DUNN**
wsg SUGARLAND and JACK INGRAM
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 15 **THE JAMES GANG**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 17 **TED NUGENT** ON SALE SOON!
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 17 **BILLY RAY CYRUS**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 18 **JOHN FOGERTY / WILLIE NELSON & FAMILY**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 18 **TED NUGENT** ON SALE SOON!
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 19 **RICHARD JENI**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 20 **MARY J BLIGE** ON SALE SOON!
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 22 **REGGAE SUNSPASH** ON SALE SOON!
UB40 wsg TOOTS & THE MAYTALS,
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'The King' isn't very noble

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here are capsule reviews of films that opened last week

The King

More a product of trailer trash than noble blood, this story of a prodigal son returning to wreak havoc devolves into pointless and preposterous nastiness. Director James Marsh and co-writer Milo Addica (*Monster's Ball*) let their story run far astray into and well beyond the realm of unsavory voyeurism dished out on Jerry Springer's TV show. Early on, Marsh and Addica's screenplay sets up an intriguing drama about a father and the bastard offspring he denies to protect the sanctity of his current cozy family life; the roles grandly embodied by William Hurt and Gael Garcia Bernal. Then the film turns terribly tabloid, wallowing in black-hearted vulgar action carried out for inconceivable reasons. Laura Harring, Pell James and Paul Dano co-star as the pious family of Hurt, who plays a sanctimonious pastor. R for strong sexual activity involving a teen, some violence and language. 104 min. Two stars out of four.

David Germain, AP movie writer

MONEY

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has always been open about his struggles with substance abuse that he experienced earlier in his career.

Although Money has toured the world, Detroit is still one of his favorite places.

Detroit is the rock and roll city, every musician says it, he said. "You take the music seriously and you support the music that you love. I feel so welcome when I come into town. That's why I've been doing it year after year."

Money's career began in the 1970s. He sang in San Francisco area clubs for several years before meeting legendary impresario Bill Graham who agreed to be his manager. The results were his 3 million-selling self-titled debut in 1977, which featured the hits *Baby Hold On* and *Two Tickets to Paradise*. He toured with the Stones and had hit after hit video on MTV in the '80s.

He produced hits for more than 14 years, including *Think I'm In Love* and *I Wanna Go Back*.

His 1991 CD *Right Here* included the Top 10 hit, *I'll Get By*, a dedication to Graham, who died that year. Money speaks of Graham still with love.

"I can't find someone to replace him," Money said. "That's just impossible. He knew everyone in the industry, he was responsible for my success."

Money's newest release, available through www.cdbaby.com, is *Wanna Go Back*. Although he doesn't have a major label backing it, he said sales are solid. The CD includes tracks he wrote when he was 15 years old and songs from his original band, The Grapes of Wrath. Daughter Jessica is also featured on the album singing duets with Eddie and as a soloist on *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*.

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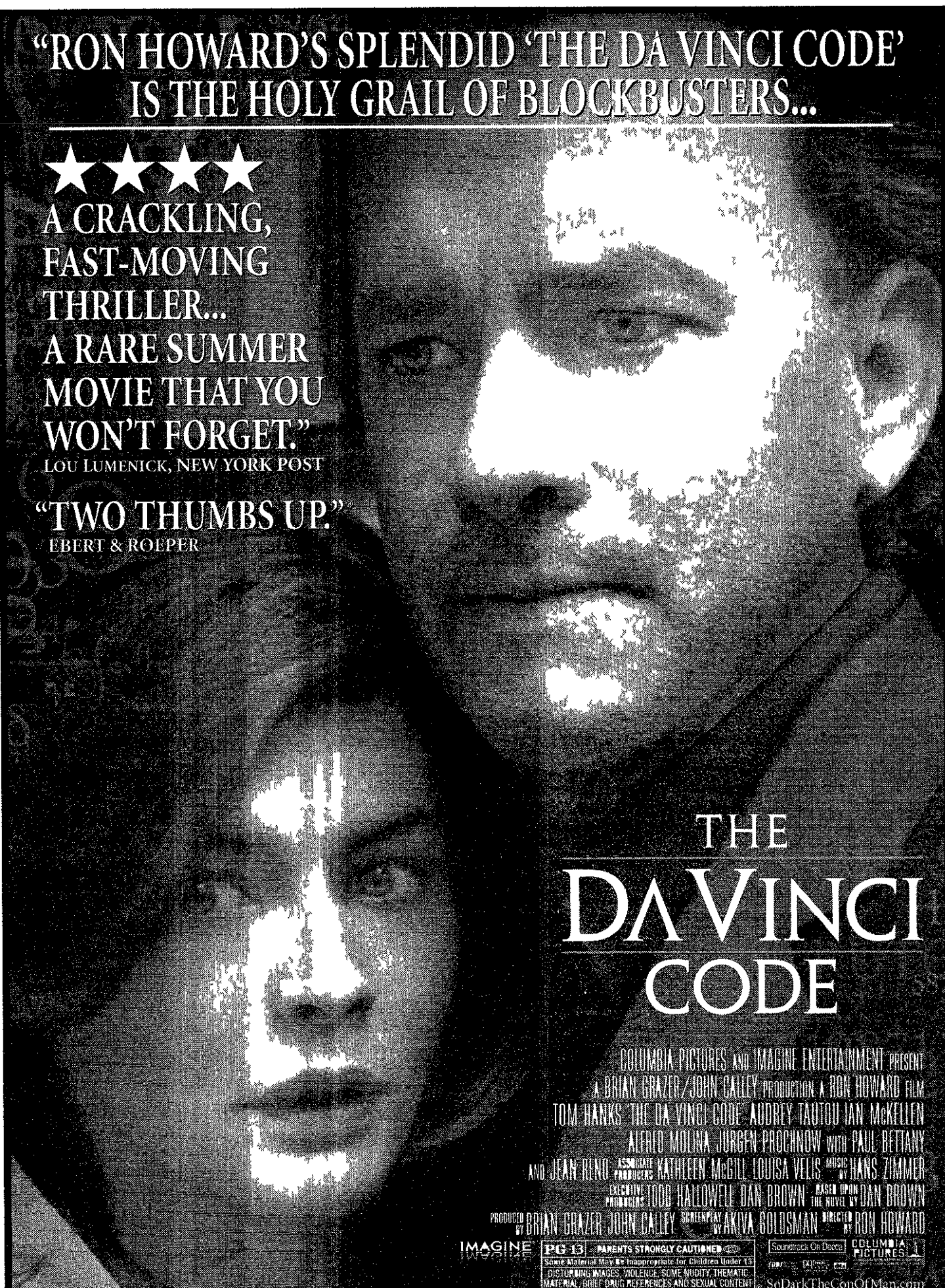


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