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District considers balanced budget

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the first time in five years, the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education won't dip into its fund balance when it approves a balanced 2008-09 budget that includes \$3 million in personnel and program cuts.

However, the tradeoff to do that will include the layoffs of nearly 22 full-time teaching positions at a savings of \$1.58 million, elimination of 24 special education paraprofessionals for \$844,000 and the reduction of district supported transportation to high school athletic events on weekends, except for football, which will save \$50,000.

Interim Supt. Ken Jacobs originally planned to reduce the teaching staff by nearly 26 full-time teaching positions. However, he told trustees Tuesday night the seven retirement notices he's received will allow the district to keep an additional four teachers at the high school level while still maintaining a reduction of nearly \$536,000 in salaries at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The additional teachers will allow the administration to hold the average class size at 31 students, down from a proposed

To eliminate 22 full-time teaching positions, the district will use a combination of fulland part-time teachers. As a result, the Board of Education Tuesday also approved the layoffs of 48 educators, which by contract had to be done by the end of April. Some of those could still be recalled for the next school year.

"You have indicated as a Board of Education ... that you want to keep the reductions in the budget out of the classroom," said Chuck Portelli, Plymouth-Canton Education Association president, who represents 1,100 teachers. "I'm here to tell you this reduction will impact teaching and learning and will be felt across the district in all grades.

"The layoffs of teachers is just the beginning to the end of a quality program in Plymouth-Canton," he added. "Plymouth-Canton is a destination place for families. How long will this continue if we balance the budget laying off teachers in the process?'

The projected budget deficit for the 2008-09 school year is about \$4.1 million. Jacobs believes cost savings during the school year could add another \$1 million to make up most of the remaining deficit.

Trustees also approved \$190,000 in revenue streams, including \$250 for online credit

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Soloist Chris Grapentine rehearses with the Plymouth Oratorio Society, conducted by Rick Ingram.

Taking on a challenge

Musical program highlights society's strengths

BY BRAD KADRICH

When Rick Ingram stepped in to lead the Plymouth Oratorio Society in its annual concert last year, he knew he was filling in for longtime director Len

TAKING THE STAGE

■ What: Plymouth Oratorio Society Concert

■ When: 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4 ■ Where: First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N.

Territorial ■ The Music: "Te Deum," F.J. Haydn; "Lux Aeterna," Morten Lauridsen; "Five Mystical Songs,"

Ralph Vaughan Williams ■ How much: A free-will offering will be accepted (\$15 suggested donation)

Riccinto, who had died just a few months earlier, so that's all he tried to do.

This year Ingram, a Ph.D. in vocal performance from the University of Michigan, feels more at home as the group's director and, as a result, the society's concert should reflect Ingram's

comfort zone. Ingram, who has taught music at **Huron High School**

in Ann Arbor for more than 30 years, chose the music and has led the group through rehearsals as they prepare for their concert, set for Sunday at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

"Last year it was all of us adjusting to each other,"



The Plymouth Oratorio Society rehearses for their Sunday concert at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

said Ingram, who stepped in a year ago after Riccinto had succumbed to his battle with leukemia. "This year it feels more like this is home for me. They're such a gracious group of people and I've really enjoyed getting to know them.

Unlike last year, when he stepped in to direct music chosen by Riccinto from his hospital bed, Ingram chose the music for this year's program with the choir's strengths — and weaknesses — in mind.

The society will perform F.J. Haydn's Te Deum, a

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Six line up for chief judge's seat

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Six local attorneys have filed petitions with the Michigan Secretary of State's office to succeed 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald, 72, who will retire at the end of this year after 24 years on the bench.

While five of the candidates made their intentions known in February, Canton Township attorney Jim Malinowski added his name to the list when he filed his petitions last week. Malinowski ran in 2002 for the third 35th District Court judge seat which was eventually won by

Judge Mike Gerou.

"I've practiced law the past 35 years in at least 50 district courts and I've thoroughly enjoyed it," said Malinowski, 62. "I think becoming a judge would be the highlight of a wonderful legal career."

The other five candidates are Cameron Miller, Joe Barone and Art Butler, all of Plymouth Township, and Martha Snow and Jim Plakas, both of Northville Township.

The 35th District Court serves residents in the Plymouths, Northvilles and Canton.

Candidates had until Tuesday

afternoon to submit petitions with 600-1,000 valid registered voter signatures to be included in the Aug. 5 primary for the six-year term on the 35th District Court bench. The two top candidates in the primary will battle it out in the November general election for the position that pays \$139,272 annually.

The election process is expected to be a pricey one for the candidates. Plakas, who ran in November 2006 against incumbent Judge Ron Lowe - who was re-elected to a third term - spent \$96,000 in a losing effort.

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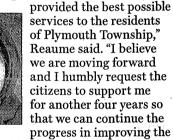
Supervisor field draws a big crowd

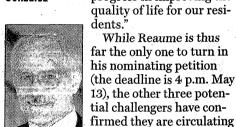
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume announced in an e-mail last week he will seek another term when the Aug. 5 primary rolls around.

To keep his job, though, Reaume will have to fight off bids from three other challengers, including a pair of former township trustees and a current Plymouth-Canton Board of Education member.

"During my first term I focused on actions, not politics, to make sure we





Reaume



Dianne Gonzalez, still in her first term as a Plymouth-Canton school board member, became the latest to say she'll challenge Reaume. A 10-year resident of the township, Gonzalez said in these tough economic times she'd like to see more business being attracted to the township and more con-

While Reaume is thus

solidation of services.

"Economically, I'd like to see some consolidation of services," Gonzalez said, noting the joint service provided by the Plymouth Community Fire Department could be spread to include a joint police department with the City of Plymouth, as well. "I'd like to see some new businesses to broaden the tax

petitions.

Former trustee K.C. Mueller, who last served on the board from 1996 to 2000, said she's getting in the race because she doesn't see a plan for the township's future.

We must have an optimum goal for the future ... there isn't a goal right now that department heads can buy into and work toward accomplishing," said Mueller, who did serve on the township's **Downtown Development Authority** under Reaume's predecessor, Steven Mann. "The township has to be prepared to deal with the same down economic times other communities are dealing with, and to help residents deal with them, as well.'

Former trustee Abe Munfakh acknowledged Wednesday he is circulating petitions for a possible run for supervisor, but declined to divulge his plans any further. Munfakh last served on the board from 2000-04.

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Fibromyalgia event presents physicians treating the disorder

Park cleanup

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox hosts the fourth annual Park Clean-Up Day Saturday, May 3 at the Bennett Arboretum and Northville Recreation area. Parking is located across the street at Cass Benton. Registration is at 8:30 a.m.; work goes from 9 a.m. to noon. Detroit Tigers tickets go to the first 50 volunteers.

For more information, call (313) 224-0946.

Child Seat Safety Clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department is hosting a Free Child Safety Seat clinic, Saturday May 10, beginning at

The event takes place at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd. The inspections will be by "appointment only" and limited space is available.

If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3232.

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For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

Thursday classics

May is "Musical Month" for the Thursday Classics film series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

The series is sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Free passes are available at Sweet Afton Tea Room, Panera Bread, Bohemian Home and Lotus Arts Gallery.

The schedule: May 1, Singin' in the Rain, May 8, Annie Get Your Gun, May 15, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, May 22, Brigadoon, and May 29, My Fair Lady.

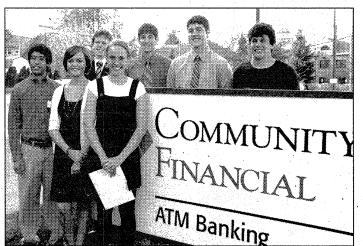
The box office opens at 6:30 p.m.; showtime is 7 p.m. The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. All seats are \$3.

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Scholarship winners

Seven local winners took home scholarships in the 20th anniversary of Community Financial's annual scholarship program, which has provided a total of more than \$100,000 since it was introduced. The winners - (from left) David Catalan, Canton High School; Nina Redzovic, Plymouth High School; Christopher Majsak, Divine Child High School; Tracy Lytle, Salem High School; Matthew Blahunka, Novi High School; Matthew Dybas, Salem High School, and Sam Richards, a Plymouth High School senior and recipient of award presented to children of credit union employees - were selected from eligible students who are Community Financial members and will use the funds to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Community Financial recently collaborated with the Community Foundation of Plymouth (CFP) and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF), to oversee the Community Financial scholarship program. Community Financial awards the scholarships each year to honor Margaret Dunning, a longtime credit union volunteer, and to also honor the memory of George Lawton, the credit union's general manager of 29 years.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.penntheatre.com or call (734) 453-0870.

Antique Appraisal Clinic

The Plymouth Historical Museum will be holding an antique appraisal clinic with Ernie DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries in Detroit on Friday, May 9, from

Items to be appraised and small objects. No jewelry please. Appraisals are by appointment only and time \$10 per item; written evaluations will be provided for \$15 per item. There is a maximum

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

include antique furniture, art, slots are filling up quickly. Oral evaluations will be provided for

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of four items to be appraised per 15 minute time slot.

Call now for an appointment, (734) 455-8940. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main, just north of downtown Plymouth.

Symphony fund-raiser

The Plymouth Symphony League launches its 2009 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale.

For \$20.00, buyers get coupons that save money on a variety of entertainment activities like Plymouth Symphony Orchestra concerts, attractions like the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield. Village, specialty stores, and fine and casual restaurants all over the area.

For a limited time only, with each purchase of a 2009 Entertainment book, customers will receive a 2008 book free (while supplies last). The 2009 edition of the Entertainment Book also includes a Platinum section, featuring special discount certificates for the "best of the best" restaurants in Metro Detroit, including Plymouth's own Ernesto's and the Whitney restaurant in Detroit.

Help the arts thrive in the community and place an order at the Plymouth Symphony Office by calling (734) 451-2112, Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, visit the PSO Web site at www. plymouthsymphony.org

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter meets 6-8:45 p.m. Monday, May 19 at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty, in Plymouth.

The program will be on "Separation of Church and State." For more information, call (734) 453-8194.

Kidney Foundation golf outing

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan hosts the first Team Michigan Golf Outing Monday, May 12 at Fox Hills in Plymouth.

The event is open to individual golfers or teams of four. Sign up to golf and you will receive lunch, 18 holes of scramble-style golf, cart, open bar and hors d'oeuvres reception. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information or to sign up please call (800) 482-1455, Ext. 206.

All proceeds from the event support Team Michigan attending the U.S. Transplant Games—an Olympic-style sporting event held for recipients of organ donations. The Games are meant to increase organ donations for the 100.000 Americans waiting for a life-saving transplant.

Comedy Night

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be sponsoring a Comedy Night at the Cherry Hill Village Theater on Saturday evening, June 7.

Canton Township Trustee Carl Zarbo will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. Comedians will include Andy Beningo, Mike Bobbit, Ben Konstantin, Bob Phillips, and Mike Bobbit.

Tickets are \$20 per person; you must be 19 years or older to attend the event. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., show runs from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets include the show, light snacks, and a cash bar will be available.

To purchase tickets, contact Bill Ballelli at broncobill@ comcast.net. All proceeds will benefit the Plymouth Football Booster Club. The Club gave special thanks to Aspen Talent and to the Cherry Hill Village Theater for making this Comedy Night possible.



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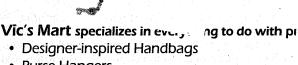
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'Green Box City'

Middle school students to display their ideas for energy efficient society

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Eighth-grade Talented and Gifted students from East Middle School will be creating a green city out of recycled materials Friday in Kellogg Park, incorporating energysaving techniques - such as wind farms and solar energy - into an urban development as part of this weekend's Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth.

The Green Box City project - scaled cardboard buildings representing pre-World War II and more modern structures - is being constructed with the help of Glen LeRoy, the dean of the College and Architecture and Design at Lawrence Technological University and several of his students, who are mentoring the eighth graders.

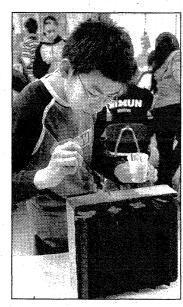
Preethi Kesavan, 13, of Canton Township helped make an old city hall for Green Box

"It's historical, but we renovated it to make it more energy efficient with solar panels," said Kesavan. "We're adding a balcony so people can go upstairs and cool off instead of using energy inside. It's a very challenging job to redo something that has already been

Kara Kitze, 14, of Canton said there's only so much that can be done with an old building to make it energy efficient.

"It gives us an opportunity to look forward and see what we can do in the future to improve our buildings," said Kitze. "By looking back at the flaws of the historic buildings we can learn how to improve new structures."

LeRoy will be on hand Friday as students build their city with 150 miniature structures, learning all the while about how ecology and cities coincide, as well as the problems and solutions associated with urban sprawl, mass



Brett Jia paints an office building for the green town.

transportation and industrial pollution.

"The students have been just terrific in exploring many of these principles," said LeRoy. "They understand the concepts, like ground-source heat pumps and the nature of how the sun moves across the sky, capturing sunlight and energy. They understand and accept theories and philosophies of green buildings and conservation better than adults."

Fourteen-vear-old brothers Peter and Scott Su of Canton took the advice of LeRoy and LTU students in constructing homes with a few "green" adjustments.

"The main one is the windows on the south side that are really big, from floor to ceiling, to let the light in during the winter," said Peter Su. "On the north side we have very, very small windows so when we open them during the summer the air circulates and allows the house to cool down.

"The grass on the roof prevents the sunlight from hitting the generally black roof so it doesn't heat it up so much in the summer," he added. "And it also stops rainwater from rushing off and damaging the



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Jennifer Liu applies foil, which represents tinted windows, to her office building.

landscape."

Scott Su has the plan for not only generating electricity, but making money from it.

"There will be some solar panels on the roof and there might be a wind turbine in the back yard of some of the houses to gain electricity," he said. "So, then the power plant in the city doesn't have to provide electricity for the house and it can be sold back to the grid, making money."

Green Box City will be ready for view during Green Street Fair, which will be held in

downtown Plymouth Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Plymouth escapee found in California 32 years later

For 32 years, Susan Lefevre proved wrong the old adage, You can run, but you can't

Finally, though, the old saying caught up with her.

Lefevre, who walked away from the Robert Scott Correctional in February 1976 after being sentenced to 10-20 years for conspiracy to violate drug laws and violation of drug laws, was arrested in Del Mar, Calif., April 24 after an anonymous tip led police to her.

According to information provided by the U.S. Marshal Service in Grand Rapids, the anonymous tip came back in March to the Michigan Department of Corrections Absconder Unit. The tipster suggested Lefevre was living in California under the assumed name Marie Walsh.

Law enforcement officials said the MDOC and the U.S. Marshals Service conducted a joint fugitive investigation. A copy of Marie Walsh's thumb print was obtained from her California driver's license and was compared to the prints on file for Lefevre by the Michigan State Police



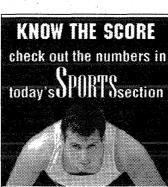
The thumbprints were a perfect match, law enforcement officials said, and Marshals Service depu-

ties arrested Lefevre at her home in Del Mar.

According to the Marshals Service, Lefevre was living "in a nice house in an affluent neighborhood," with her husband and two children, who knew nothing of her previous life. She admitted it when confronted with photographs and fingerprint evidence, marshals said.

Lefevre was sentenced in Saginaw County in February 1975 for the drug crimes, and served about a year before walking away from the prison. She was charged with escape in February 1976.

Lefevre is currently housed at the Las Colinas Women's Detention Center in San Diego, awaiting extradition back to Michigan to serve out the remainder of her state sentence.





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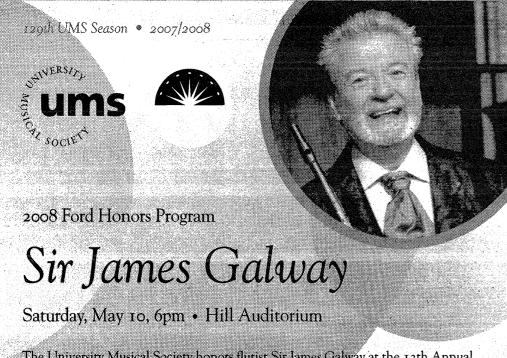
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The program includes:

Sonata for Flute and Piano Poulence Madrigal Gaubert

Nocturne and Allegro Scherzando

La Ronde des Lutins, Op. 25 (Dance of the Goblins) Bazzini Rigoletto Fantasy (with Lady Jeanne Galway) Doppler

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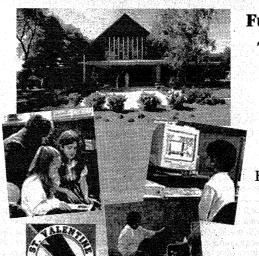
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Legislators have second thoughts about Blue Cross legislation

BY HUGH GALLAGHER OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Area legislators who voted in October to approve a package of bills backed by Blue Cross Blue Shield to reform the individual health insurance market

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are having second thoughts and leaning toward supporting a Senate alternative.

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"The House version was jammed down our throats, not what we thought it was," said state Rep. John Pastor, R-Livonia. "I would not be sup-

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man of the Senate Health Policy Committee, postponed a vote scheduled for Wednesday on alternative proposals offered by George and Sen. Jason Allen. According to a report in the Detroit Free Press, George and Allen have Village Shopkeeper **QUITTING BUSINESS** been in meetings with Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop to work out differences. In addition Attorney General Mike Cox, who

porting the House version."

On Tuesday Sen. Tom

George, R-Kalamazoo, chair-

strongly opposes the bills passed in the House, has opened an investigation into whether Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan did anything illegal by transferring \$125 million last year to its for Accident Fund subsidiary. Cox, the UAW, AARP, the Consumer's Union and others have opposed the legislation.

Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-

Westland, complained the original bills did not receive the usual time and attention given to other legislation.

"It was rushed, incredibly fast," he said. "I relied on information that was less complete than I could have hoped for. There were things I didn't catch or glossed over."

The Blue Cross Blue Shield bills were approved by a large bipartisan majority in October. Now area legislators are concerned about the lack of oversight by the insurance commissioner and the attorney general, a high risk pool that would require participation by all insurers and allowing Blue Cross's for profit Accident Fund to sell other forms of insurance in addition to worker's compensation.

"Blue Cross is supposed to be a nonprofit and it's acting like a for-profit corporation, said Pastor. "They get millions in tax breaks to be a nonprofit. It's harder for others to compete."

LeBlanc said he is concerned about oversight. "The lack of oversight by the attorney general, that's something that has to be fixed," LeBlanc said. "I don't know the details of the proposals but understand that Sen. George's proposal goes a long way to fixing it."

LeBlanc and Pastor are leaning toward supporting George's alternative. Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, is leaning toward Sen. Allen's proposal, which has won support from Blue Cross. "I like some of the chang-

es Sen. Allen has made,' Corriveau said. "As with any legislation, as it gets new hearings, more information comes out, from the public and the attorney general. I'm always in favor of making a better bill."

He said he doesn't support George's package because it doesn't address the problem of an increase in the individual market that originally spurred the House legislation.

Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, said he voted for the House bills but believed they would

be changed in the process as they moved through the

Senate. "I think the (alternative) proposals introduced have a lot of merit. I think there needs to be greater govern-

ment control that Sen. Allen

addresses," he said. Rep. Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights, was critical of the quick process in the House. He said he is "open to Sen. George's proposals."

Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, said the House bills would not get his support because of oversight issues and giving a competitive advantage to Blue Cross.

"I think you will see a melding of the three positions," he said.

He said he wants health insurance that is accessible and affordable.

"The problem in Michigan is that Blue Cross and others have an issue and use, they can issue a rate change without explaining or justifying their rate increases," Anderson said.

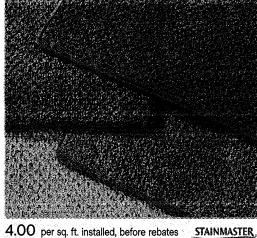
He said this debate could open up a wider discussion of insurance practices and



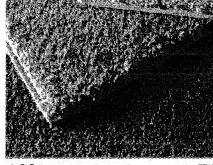


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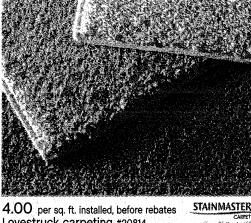
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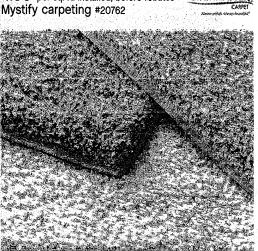


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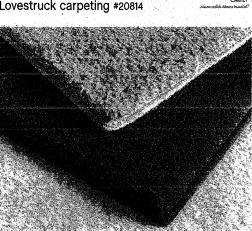


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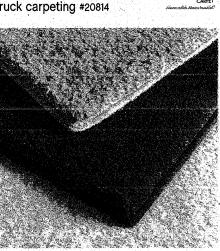




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Best use of rebate checks - pay off your debts, invest

his week, the government started sending the rebate checks we have heard so much about. Approximately \$110 billion will be sent to taxpayers over the next few months. Approximately \$4 billion of that is coming to Michigan.

What should people do when they receive their rebate check?

The politically correct answer and what the government would hope that you do is spend it. After all, the purpose of the rebate is to stimulate the economy. The government hopes people will spend the checks on such things as going to dinner or going to the mall. Although that is what



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

do with the money, I'm not so sure that is the best course of action. I believe

the govern-

like you to

you and I need to be a little more fiscally responsible

with our rebate check. Take a look at your individual situation to determine the right course of action. If you have high-interest rate debt such as charge cards, it's a nobrainer that the money should be used to pay off or pay down charge card debt. If you're

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like most people, you have an outstanding balance on your charge card and the interest rate is 18.5 percent. By paying off your charge card, you're getting an 18.5-percent return on your money. In addition, it feels good to get rid of debt.

If you do not have outstanding debt, invest the check in a Roth IRA. A Roth allows your money to grow tax-free for retirement. The majority of Americans are not saving sufficient amounts for their future. A Roth IRA is a smart place for your rebate check.

Another option is to invest the money for your child's or grandchild's college education. The cost of college continues to outpace inflation

and when you couple that with the importance of a college education, investing for higher eduction should be a top priority. If you're saving for college, whether for a child or a grandchild located in Michigan or not, the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) is a great option to consider. You can

deduct your contribution in the MESP on your Michigan income tax.

Should we all do the patriotic thing and rush out and spend the rebate check? No. The bottom line is we should do what makes sense for our individual situation. After all, if we run into financial difficulties, we can't turn to the

government to bail us out.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at monevmatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon from to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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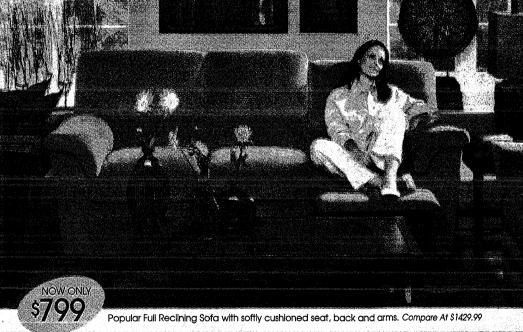
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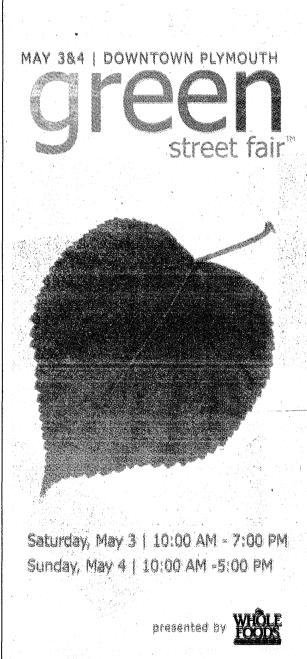
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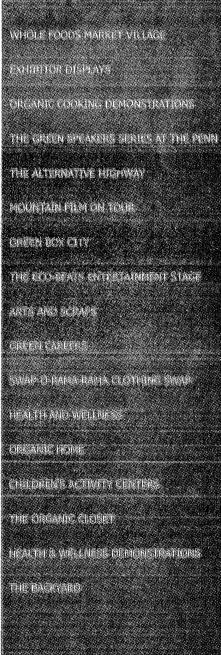
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Administrators had earlier

proposed saving \$37,000 by cutting transportation for Talented and Gifted students to the magnet program at Miller Elementary. Trustees decided to keep the busing, but look for alternative solutions to still save money.

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"I think it's the right thing to do," said Jennifer Lafata of Plymouth, chair of the TAG Advisory Committee. "If we're going to offer this program, we need to make sure that any child that qualifies can get

Classroom sizes in the middle school will be increased by an average .25 students, while elementary principals will have the flexibility to add to capped classroom sizes to avoid busing students to another school. In both cases, Trustee Steven Sneideman wasn't pleased.

"I'm disappointed that it's

come to this," Sneideman said. "While I'll support the concept of flexibility (for elementary class size), that means I'm done with class size increases until we find that our charts show we're in the negative fund equity in the future.

Trustee Nancy Eggenberger said she's disappointed with the state for putting Plymouth-Canton in the position of making cuts.

"I know there are many other school districts also making cuts, but they're also getting \$1,000 or \$2,000 more per kid than we are (in state funding)," Eggenberger said. "How big are we going to get our classes? At what point are we going to say it's enough? We want the same amount of money our neighbors do.

The Board of Education plans to have a public hearing on the budget in early June, with a board vote on the budget scheduled before the end of June.

■ Patricia Brand, the assistant superintendent for business services, has announced she'll be leaving the district May 9 to become director of membership and finance for the Michigan **Education Association in** East Lansing.

"It was just a great opportunity and I'm looking forward to it," said Brand, who has spent the last 18 years in public education, the last eight with Plymouth-Canton. "I've worked out with my new employer to transition so I can spend a couple of days a week helping Plymouth-Canton put together its budget by the end

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Dining: Ruth Spencer is May celebrity

Want to have lunch or dinner with Ruth Spencer of WDIV-TV (Channel 4)? Then enter the Buddy's Pizza/ Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Dining with the Stars May contest.

To enter, tell us in 100 word so less why you want to dine at Buddy's with Spencer. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by midnight Sunday, May 11.

The winner will be treated to a limo ride to Buddy's by All Class Transportation & Limousine Services, a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield, hair styling and makeover by Sebastian of I Design, makeup by Hiba of I Design and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

In addition to anchoring Local 4 News at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., Spencer is an Emmy award-winning consumer investigator. With her "Ruth to the Rescue" reports, she has helped thousands of consumers find solutions to their complaints about a business, product or service.

Before heading up Local 4's consumer unit, Spencer was a general assignment reporter for WDIV. She moved to the Detroit area in 1990 to work at WDIV, and then met native Detroiter and attorney Jerry Aaron. They married in Cranbrook's gardens in 1992. The couple has a daughter, Amy, born in 1995. The family also includes Chase, the family's Bouvier des Flandres dog, and Yoshie, their cat from the Dearborn Animal Shelter.

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1.5"	\$39.65	3" Tap	\$2,250.00	12" Tap	\$6,000.00
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- > Non-Residential Customers are Billed Monthly
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12-minute piece society business manager Don Pratt said contains "a lot of intricate movements;" and Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna (accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra), a piece Ingram said "has a lot of singing without accompaniment ... which makes the choir work harder." The concert's "closer" will be

the five-section *Five Mystical* Songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams, which features three sections with a soloist and the choir and one section where it's just the soloist.

"The (music) are pieces I've done a lot in the past," Ingram said. "I knew they would sound good on us."

To make sure, Ingram brought in an old friend soloist Chris Grapentine — to handle the Vaughan Williams piece. Grapentine, who will be performing with the POS for the fourth time, said he's excited to be singing with them again.

"It's a wonderful piece," Grapentine said of the Vaughan Williams music. "The poetry is a bit dense at first,

as poetry can be. The music is very interesting, very challenging, and a really good effort to put the text to music." Ingram said he chose the

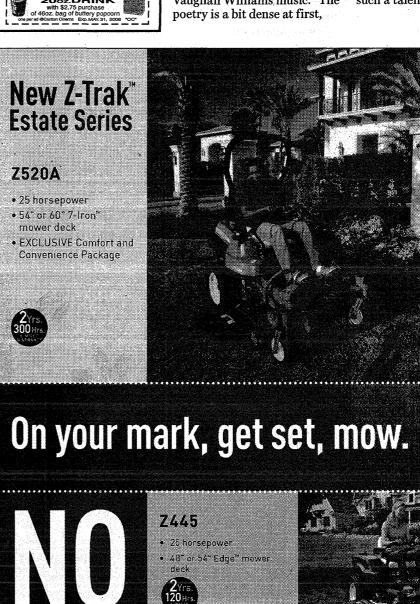
music for Sunday's concert by thinking of pieces that would cause the choir to work harder and get better, as well as finding music they would enjoy performing.

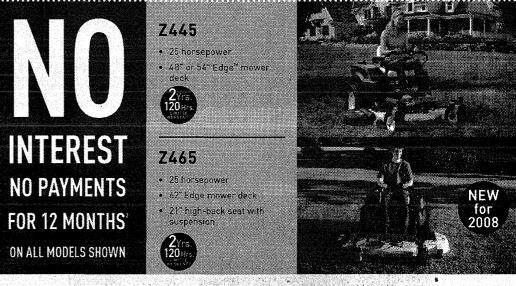
"When you are thinking about a program, you try to get balance between different kinds of music," Ingram said. "You try to think of pieces that would highlight their strengths."

Nancy Ferrario of Ann Arbor has three children, and spent a lot of years working with children's music programs, including serving on the board of the Ann Arbor Youth Chorale.

In her second year singing with the POS, Ferrario said she's "in love" with this year's program, particularly Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna.

'I didn't know the piece (before rehearsals), but it's challenging, haunting, and I'm falling in love with it," she said. "This is an extraordinarily good group, and it's directed by one of the best I've ever met. It's a privilege to sing with such a talented group."







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Powering up

Owners charged up over battery store opening

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Mike and Rob Brunhild were looking for a business they could get started despite "an iffy" economy.

After doing some research, the Brunhilds are charged up about their newest venture: Batteries Plus in Plymouth Township. The store opened last week in the new retail center on Ann Arbor Road west of Haggerty.

It's their second location in Michigan - they opened a store in Farmington Hills in October 2006 - and they also bought a store in Las Vegas in December.

"This is a growing franchise and there were local opportunities available," Mike Brunhild said. "Batteries are a natural, because people always need them. In a down economy, it's a way of saving money.

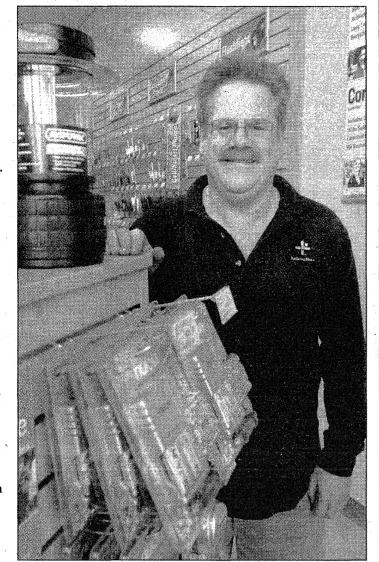
When they were looking for a location, the Brunhilds eyed a vast area from I-94 up to Rochester and Auburn Hills, and from Telegraph to the Wayne County line on the west.

They finally settled on the Plymouth Township location.

"Of all the areas, this one seemed to have the right combination of people, commercial and industrial," Brunhild said. "It's a growing area where we saw things happening in the

next few years. While the store is largely a retail center, Brunhild said they also cater to a good deal of municipal and industrial entities, such as fire and police departments, alarm companies and hospitals.

Products include thousands of batteries for thousands of items, ranging from common items such as watches, cameras and cordless telephones to larynx batteries for electronic voice boxes, solar landscape



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Mike Brunhild opened his second Batteries Plus store in Plymouth Township.

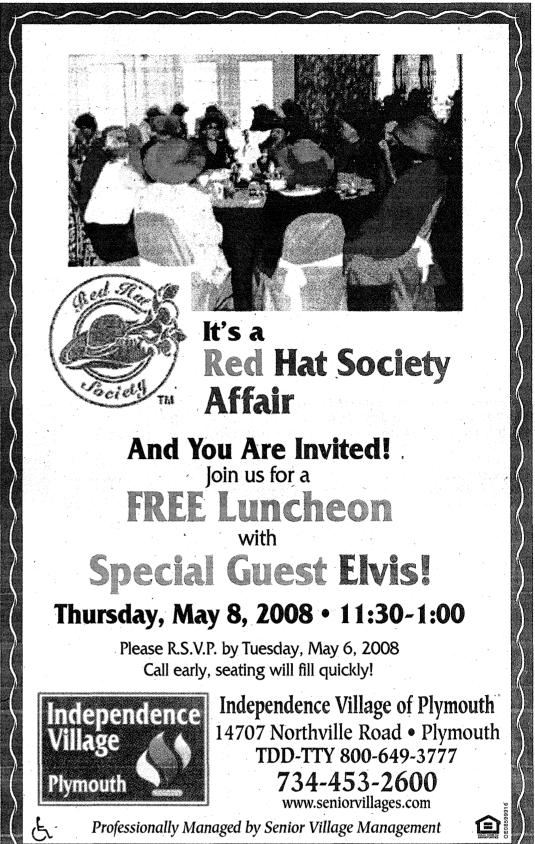
children and keyless entry door locks at major hotels.

The new location provides the equipment and expertise on-site to assemble, test, condition and re-build custom battery packs for rechargeable household and commercial products. They also offer custom in-house battery assembly, rebuild battery packs and recycle lead-based batteries.

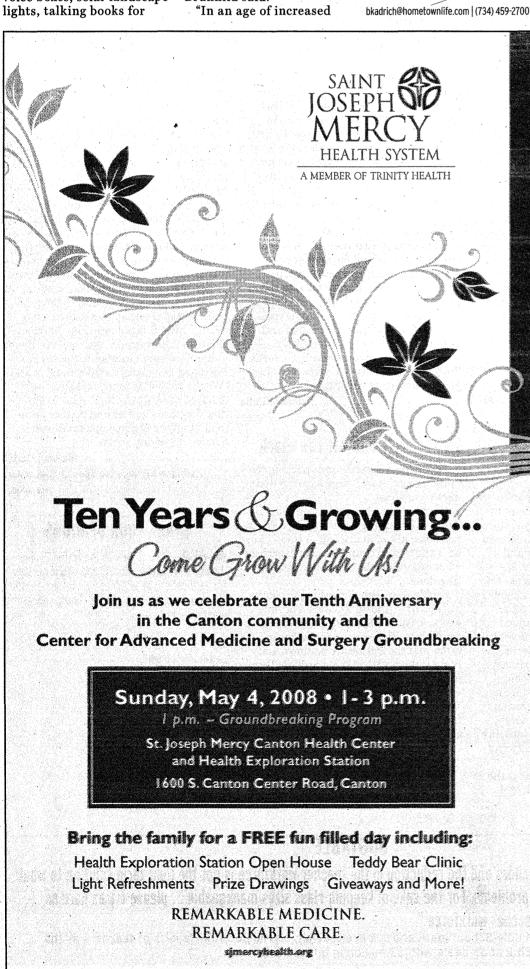
Batteries Plus of Plymouth will also focus on serving the senior citizen community by offering home service calls to install batteries in medical equipment such as wheelchairs, Brunhild said.

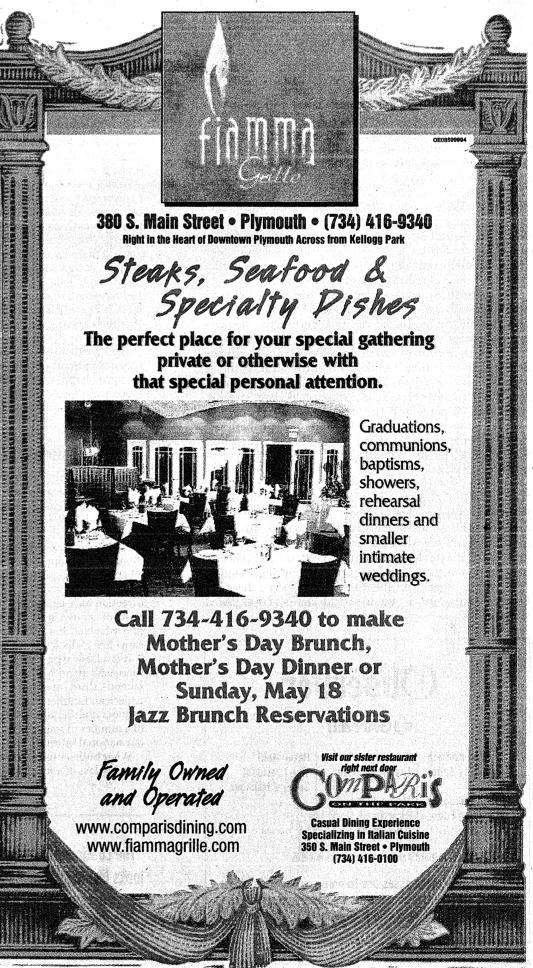
portability, our society is dependent on batteries," said Mike Brunhild, co-owner of the Plymouth Batteries Plus store. "We provide unmatched service and expertise, along with batteries of virtually every shape and size. We look forward to meeting the needs of the Plymouth commu-

Batteries Plus, located at 41600 Ann Arbor Road. is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (734) 254-











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This week - through Saturday - is the week set aside by the nation to recognize people who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference. National Volunteer Week celebrates America's proud legacy of volunteer service and the importance that Americans place on strengthening this country by helping others.

Statistics released by the U.S. Labor Department in advance of National Volunteer Week shows that an estimated 60.8 million Americans gave at least an hour of volunteer service between September 2006 and September 2007 and played a vital role in helping charitable organizations improve lives across this country and around the world.

Charities count on volunteers to help fulfill their mission, like those who ring bells for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign at Christmas, or those who stood in intersections around Plymouth last week to collect donations for the Lions Club, or who help countless other civic organizations and charities around the community.

This is the week set aside to say thank you to those many people who give of their time. It's also a good time to think about getting involved. Local community groups are always looking for volunteers.

If you're one of those people who doesn't think you have the time, consider this: If you have five minutes, you could place a friendly phone call to an elderly shut-in. If you have one hour, you could give blood. If you have five hours, you could clean up a city park. If you have five days, you could build homes for Habitat for Humanity or other housing groups. If you have one month, you could join a clean water project to dig a new well in India.

More than 25 percent of Americans volunteer and to them we offer a heartfelt thank you. To those who are considering it, this is a good week to get involved and become the volunteer we'll be honoring next year.

Long-term protection of our water must begin now

State lawmakers have hit a roadblock on important water use legislation currently being debated in Lansing. Lawmakers are trying to come up with new regulations for future large-scale groundwater withdrawals in Michigan.

Unfortunately, like just about every other issue to come before them, the Democrat-led state House and Republicanled state Senate can't agree on what those regulations should be. That is unfortunate, because if there was ever an issue that should be nonpartisan in this state, it is the protection of our water resources.

The two main differences between the House bill and the Senate bill are who would need a permit to withdraw groundwater and how much water users will be able to legally withdraw from the ground.

Under the Senate bill, users would only need a permit if their water withdrawals are more than two million gallons per day. The House bill would make users of one million gallons per day get a permit.

Under the Senate version, in cold water river systems. like the AuSable or Manistee watersheds, all water users (farmers, municipalities, commercial, industrial, etc.) would be allowed to withdraw up to 25 percent of the river's flow and eliminate 5 percent of the river's fish populations. The House version would only allow a 14-percent reduction in flow and 1-percent reduction in fish populations.

Not surprisingly, environmentalists (and fishing groups) are siding with the House version, while commercial interests, particularly the Michigan Farm Bureau, are supporting the Senate's version.

The main argument environmentalists have with the Senate version is that it makes too much water available with too little oversight. This is especially the case in the sensitive headwater areas of our state's cold water streams. Removing 25 percent of the flow, especially during low water summer months, could devastate these fisheries. It must be remembered that the fishing industry annually adds about \$7 billion to the state's economy and helps support 46,000 jobs.

Both sides are trying to agree on the terms of a so-called "Groundwater Assessment Tool" that would determine when users have an adverse impact on state water levels and other natural resources, especially fish populations. While most observers say what has been agreed upon so far is a great start, it's still an unproven science, and will probably need to be tweaked. The MDEQ is already shorthanded. How will the agency be able to determine when there has been an adverse impact on one of the state's 11,000 inland streams?



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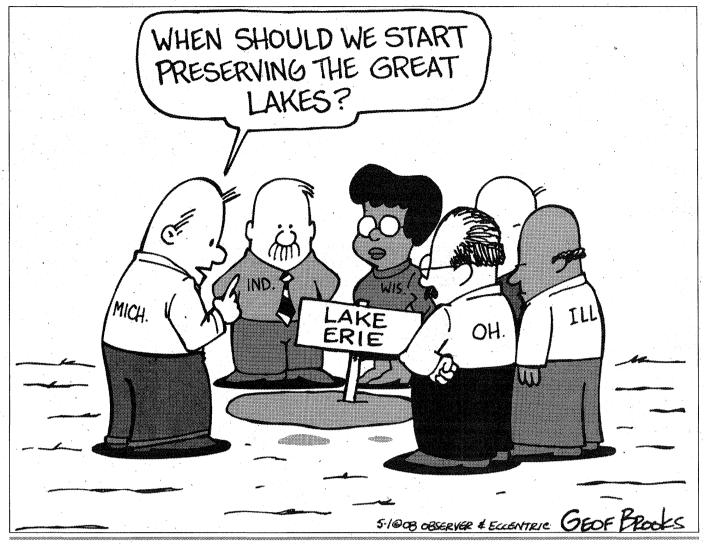
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LETTERS

Is economic stimulus a sham?

On Feb. 13, 2008, President George W. Bush signed into law the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 before Congressional leaders in the White House. This bipartisan-created law is intended to boost a sluggish U.S. economy by providing cash rebates directly to 128 million American households. Rebates range from \$600 for individuals to \$1,200 for couples plus \$300 per child. Much fanfare has been made surrounding this so-called "windfall" for the American consumer who is expected to use it for retail shopping to "pump-up"

As the prime vehicle for distributing the rebates, the Internal Revenue Service has gone to great lengths to differentiate this special stimulus rebate from standard tax refunds. "It's not taxable, and it won't reduce your 2007 or 2008 refund or increase the amount you owe when you file your 2008 return," quotes

However, millions of otherwise eligible households will not receive much known and largely concealed IRS practice. The IRS states, "For this purpose, the stimulus payment is treated like any other tax refund. This means that part or all of your payment can be used to pay past-due federal or state income taxes or non-tax federal debt such as student loans and child support." Tens of millions of taxpayers and families owe, and are making restitution on, such debts.

In other words, the highly touted Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 is not completely about boosting our economy. It is apparently also about boosting federal and state coffers through an automatic transference of federal revenues to agencies that would not ordinarily receive such dollars in a single tax year. To this extent, the U.S. economy, the intended beneficiary of the economic stimulus package, will undoubtedly suf-

The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 may just be another political sham dropped on the American taxpayer and

> **Murray Davis** Southfield

Less talk, more action

In a sidesplitting attempt to pander to Sen. (Barack) Obama's critics about his singular, long-winded "bitterness" statement that holds true in many American small towns, at the corner store and in the coffee shops, Hillary Clinton's Pennsylvania supporters lose sight of what is really important to voters: getting our country moving in the rightdirection once again. Her misguided criticism of Obama is an ill-founded political ploy which attempts to capitalize on the same fears which she scorns Obama for.

It is a false argument to deny that there isn't an antipathy amongst many second-, third- and fourth-generation American families, Republican and Democrat alike, who are upset with any of a number of important issues facing our national interests.

What bothers most Americans is the ongoing loss of good-paying blue-collar jobs because of the Bush-proposed and Bill Clinton-signed NAFTA legislation; government conducting a church raid on a religious institution and taking children against their parents' will; Microsoft's billionaire founder Bill Gates advocating Congress to pass federal legislation for a 77 percent increase in hightech worker visas so that the companies that will benefit can pay the in-sourced workers 50 percent less than the many qualified and unemployed American high-tech workers would earn if hired, a bill in Congress which will subsidize home builders with a \$25 billion bail-out while millions of American families lose their homes to foreclosure; a \$3 trillion Iraq war the U.S. can no longer afford which two of the three contenders fully supported in spirit and by vote; failing public schools, escalating crime rates; fewer cops on the streets; high oil and energy prices; rising inflation; climbing grocery prices, etc.

Sure people are bitter, it's an American

One thing holds true in modern politics: for each 24-hour news cycle, has received what seems like 48 hours of news coverage, much more than is merited. Less attention should be paid to the Pennsylvania primary and horse race politics. The candidates need to understand that Americans want a little less talk and a lot more action. We want a leader that can present solutions that solve matters which will enhance the lives for American families, and not harass religious institutions and take children away from their parents.

Senators Clinton and McCain both need to own up that they are the elite amongst elitists and focus their campaigns on delivering a new tomorrow for all Americans. Barack Obama seems to have risen to this challenge. At least the Obama campaign message is reminiscence of two highly principled and admired modern U.S. presidents, those of Ronald Reagan and John F. Kennedy. Both were visionaries who made us feel good about being Americans.

> Kenneth Hreha Dryden

Letter writer is off the mark

That article "Granholm is missing the mark" might as well have advocated hiring illegal aliens.

He says support right to work, privatize, kill prevailing wage, cut payroll, cut pensions, allow oil drilling — heck, I bet he is the first to complain about services when something he wants done isn't getting done.

People who want something for nothing just drive me up the wall. The only way to ensure his level of government would be to fire everyone from the governor and the legislature on down and replace them with about a million illegal immigrants. We can pay them \$5 a day, with no health insurance, no pensions and if they aren't busy running the state, they can help with the oil spills in our Great Lakes. Give me a break

Mike Smith Clawson

Education in crisis

Parents beware; the "2X Formula" will not create more equitable funding for our school districts and is only a bad Band-Aid on an infected wound that temporarily and artificially lets Gov. Granholm and the Legislature off the responsibility hook.

Watering down the K-12 School Aid budget will only further water down and dehydrate a broken public education system in Michigan.

Providing approximately \$90 more per student in lower-funded districts will not force the Legislature to make necessary, prudent and sweeping changes to our entire public education system — such as taking on the health care benefits and pensions of our aging teachers and their out-of-control unions — or consolidating the outrageous number of school districts in our state as compared to 49 states across America.

There are 13,700 school districts across the United States and Michigan "the distorted" has 858 of them. What a concept: Fewer but larger school districts with smaller schools (yup, high schools cost savings.

Proposal A may go down as the great education de-stabilizer (although the Headlee Amendment is its evil twin). It does not work and was only a popular move in a state with citizens more concerned about the belief they would be saving taxes on their property than caring about their children's education or Michigan's future.

Our biggest problem continues to be governors (including Gov. Granholm) and legislatures (Yup, the Legislature class of 2008) without the strength of character or courage of conviction to fix the most broken department in our state.

Our children are not a Democrat or Republican issue. Our children cross all political aisles and socioeconomic city/ county lines. It is not only Rep. Matthew Gillard's "2X Formula" that will fail them - it is Governor Granholm, the entire Michigan Legislature, policy makers and "We the People" who tell and show our children every day of their school year that they don't matter and neither does their ability to become maximally productive taxpaying adults.

> **Marcie Lipsitt** Michigan Alliance for Special Education Franklin

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QUOTABLE

"The continued layoff of teachers and the reduction in the teacher workforce is not the long-term solution to what looks like long-term budget problems. For the sake of keeping class sizes manageable ... please try as hard as possible to not reduce the teacher workforce."

- Stephanie Fendrick, East Middle School math and science teacher, on the potential layoffs of teachers as the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education deals with \$3 million in budget cuts

Global warming, soaring gas prices demand a new energy policy

uesday was Earth Day.

All across Oakland County, students planted trees, sang songs about Mother Earth and studied the effects of global warming on the environment.

And many of us adults marked the occasion as well by pledging to reduce our "family carbon footprint" and make a conscious effort to be "more



Joe Bauman

These days, it's fashionable to be green. Heck, there is even a "Green Fair" scheduled for next month in Plymouth. We are being bombarded with "green" products whose makers boast they are more ecofriendly; we are hearing more and more about alternative

energy sources like biofuels and wind power; and the first battery-powered vehicle that can go further than 10 miles without a recharge seems right around the corner.

These are all great things, but I fear we are missing the big picture when it comes to caring for our environment and preserving our natural resources. It is great that so many individuals are making personal pledges to do their part to avoid the eco-disaster so many are predicting, but if there is a solution to be found, it must come on a much greater scale.

And that's the problem. It is going to take a government-backed, radical change in how we live our lives, and I just don't think there is the political will to promote such a massive undertaking.

In Michigan, our state political leaders have been wrangling for more than a year over a new energy policy. The sticking points have been what percentage of energy usage must come from alternative sources like wind power, and what year will the new mandates go into effect.

Right now, it looks like a compromise may call for a 10 percent use of alternative energy

by the year 2020. At the federal level, things are even worse. Heck, there is still a sizable force of bureaucrats who still are arguing against the notion that the burning of fossil fuels (read: oil) is a leading cause of global warming.

We simply must shed our dependence on fossil fuels. Not only will it help keep our planet alive for future generations, but it will go a long way toward making our world a safer place. I suspect our nation would be much less interested in dictating policy in the Middle East if we no longer needed its oil.

Even worse, the only solution found so far to effectively blend another fuel source with gasoline is to use corn-based ethanol. Only in America — the land of plenty — would we have the audacity to burn food to fuel our Hummers while more and more of the world's people literally are starving.

Earlier in the week, I was driving in Rochester Hills when I noticed a gas station selling regular unleaded for \$3.69 a gallon, and diesel for nearly a buck-a-gallon more. Ever-increasing gas and diesel prices have also resulted in skyrocketing food prices and surcharges on just about any service related to the transportation industry.

This country has led the world in so many technological advances, it seems almost absurd we have been unable to develop a new, efficient energy source. But have we really

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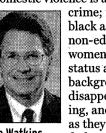
We as individuals cannot solve these issues. But maybe, just maybe, if we complain long and hard enough, and prove to our local, state and federal governments we are willing to make sacrifices to find a solution, the political rhetoric will go beyond tilting at windmills and burning food for fuel.

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Domestic violence is an equal opportunity



Tom Watkins

crime; it impacts rich and poor, black and white, educated and non-educated. This past year, women of all socioeconomic status and racial and ethnic backgrounds have died; some disappeared and are still missing, and children traumatized as they have witnessed their dad or some other man brutalize their mom.

Last year, the domestic violence homicide rate rose a startling 74 percent in Michigan! A women dies at the hands of a present or former partner every five days in this state. How pathetic and sad.

These are more than horrifying statistics. These women are our friends, neighbors, sisters, aunts, grandmas, moms and daughters. Chances are that it has happened or will happen to a woman in your life who you love.

Now - right now - I want you to get out your checkbook and write a check to First Step, a Wayne County agency serving women and children who are victims of domestic violence. If you have the means, write a big check or consider leaving a portion of your estate to First Step so it will be there after a woman has been attacked and needs a safe place to turn.

First Step, an agency serving women and children seeking help from domestic violence, has been that place for 30 years.

Please don't look the other way and believe that someone else will write the check. I want you to imagine a woman you love, battered and bruised physically and emotionally, not having a safe place to turn to for help. You can help and, if so inclined, can mobilize others to do so as well.

First Step is working for violence-free homes and communities. Its current shelter is 65 years old, in deplorable condition and is too small to meet the ever-growing demand.

First Step has embarked on a capital campaign to replace this antiquated facility. Its goal is to build a future without domestic and sexual violence. But until that day arrives, we owe it to these women to give them a place to escape, one checkbook and write a check to First Step. a Wayne County agency serving women and children who are victims of domestic violence. If you have the means, write a big check or consider leaving a portion of your estate to First Step so it will be there after a woman has been attacked and needs a safe place to turn.

that provides them with a sense of dignity and

Survivors of domestic violence must have a "safe harbor" to escape the cycle of physical, psychological and sexual violence so they can begin their lives, often with children, anew. First Step has been stepping up for women for 30 years and needs the community to step up for women and help it raise the \$5.5 million needed to make this dream a reality.

Last year, First Step provided around-theclock crisis intervention, shelter, supportive counseling and legal support to nearly 10,000 survivors of domestic and sexual violence. That equates to more than 10,473 shelter nights for 322 women and 417 children.

The work of First Step is based on the belief that domestic and sexual violence are damaging to those individuals directly involved and to society as a whole. Domestic violence in not just "men being men." It is criminal conduct, which cannot be tolerated. The victims need our help to recover.

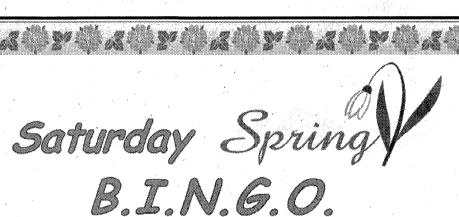
If you are a victim of domestic violence, First Step is there to help you. If you know someone being abused, provide them with the encouragement, support and guidance to seek help. And if you are in a position to financially help First Step help women in need, please do — someone's mom or daughter thanks you.

To send donations or offer assistance, please write to: First Step, Administrative Office, 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. Contact the group at (734) 416-1111 or its 24hour help line (888) 453-5900. Its Web site is www.firststep-mi.org.

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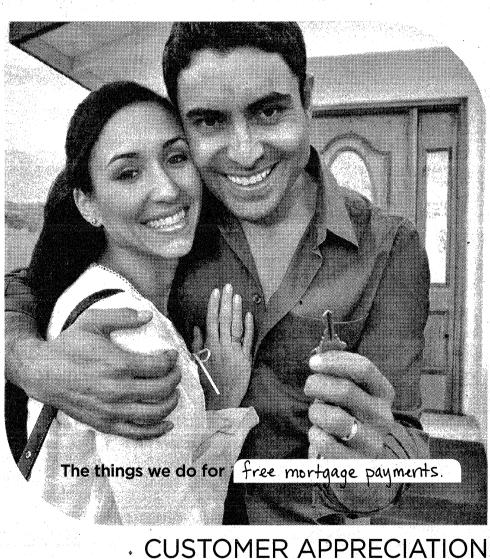


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Thomas drafted

Devin Thomas, a 2004 graduate of Canton High

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by the Washington

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the draft in January.

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Redskins.

Observerland Relays should go down to wire

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even though Livonia Stevenson captured last year's annual Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays, the team's head coach isn't ready to project the Spartans will enjoy back-to-back titles.

According to Scott Shaw, there are 16 other schools ready to compete 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (Salem is hosting this year's event). And any of them could end Stevenson's reign after one year.

"I think the field is pretty wide open," Shaw said. "Churchill, Canton, Northville, John Glenn and Plymouth all have had success this year. I haven't seen any results with (Novi-Detroit

Catholic Central) or any of the Farmington schools, but they also are strong in a number of events.

"... I think it will be very close with nobody really running away with the meet. Whoever can score in multiple events throughout the meet obviously will win."

Shaw does have Myles White back to try and repeat last year's win in the 110-meter high hurdles, along with strength in the long jump, high jump and sprint relays.

Last spring's runner-up, Livonia Churchill, will literally need to step it up to retain such a lofty spot in the standings. Chargers' head coach Rick

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OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

What: 38th annual Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays.

When: Saturday, May 3. Field events begin at 3:30 p.m.; running prelims at 6:30 p.m.; finals at 7 p.m.

Where: Centennial Educational Park (Canton H.S.), 8415 Canton Center Road, just south of Joy Road.

Competing schools: Livonia Stevenson (defending champ), Salem (host), Canton, Plymouth, Livonia Clarenceville, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin,

Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Lutheran High Westland, Northville Novi-Detroit Catholic Central. Open events: 110-meter hurdles, 1,600 run, 100 dash.

Relays: pole vault, high jump, long jump, discus, shot put, 6,400 meters (4 x 1,600), distance medley, 800, 3,200, sprint medley, shuttle hurdles, 400, 1,600.

Admission: \$5 (adults); \$3 (students).

Conrad's 39 leads Canton golfers over rival Salem

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Members of the Salem and Canton boys golf teams may never get to play in the British Open, but they got a chance to play in British Open-like conditions Monday at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth Township.

Despite periodic showers that made it tough to always get a firm grip on their clubs, the Chiefs secured a 163-167 victory over the Rocks in the two teams' annual cross-campus showdown.

The victory improved Canton's record to 3-0 while the Rocks slipped to 2-2.

"It rained steadily for a half-hour or so during the middle of the round and the temperature was in the low 50s," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "The weather conditions made for a challenging match, but both teams were able to adjust to the poor conditions and, fortunately, we were able to complete the match.

The damp conditions failed to put a damper on the round of Salem senior captain Tyler Jeleniewski, who carded an impressive 1-over 37. The nine-hole total earned Jeleniewski medalist honors for the match

Canton was paced by super sophomore Zach Conrad, who continued his torrid play with a 3-over 39.

Other scorers for the winning Chiefs were: Andrew Rickerman (41), Brendan Muir (41), Aaron Blase (42), Clark Albers (43) and Jeremy Lindlbauer (43).

Joining Jeleniewski in the Rocks' efforts were Aaron Thompson (39), Joel Cheesman (45), Alex Murray (46), Adam Powers (47) and Matt Smidebush (50).

The four lowest scores for each team counted toward the final match results.

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BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton Jeremy Lindlbauer putts. Tyler Jeleniewski watches.

Lady Warriors crush HV, 13-4

Chiefs split pair. See Page B3.

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team's two-platoon system proved to be too much for Huron Valley United Monday night.

The Lady Warriors dominated their hosts, 13-4, to improve to 6-2 in the team's first year as a Michigan High School Athletic Association-sanctioned squad.

"I felt going into the game that we had much more team depth and we utilized all of our personnel," said

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PCS coach Dave Medley, referring to the two-platoon strategy his contingent employed. "We doubled our scoring opportunities compared to theirs and the defense limited their ability in the second half, holding them to just one score.

Kate Spangler, the Lady Warriors' leading scorer coming into the game, played to form as she netted a team-high four goals. Captain Morgan Franke added three while Lauryn Ebersole and Chelsea Olson both found the net twice.

Solo goals were registered by co-captain Jessica Murray and Amanda Yang.

Goalie Nicol Rottell turned in a head-turning effort between the pipes thanks in large part to assistance from defenders Kaitlyn Moore, Nicole Sheldon, Stephanie Matusiak, Emily Cox, Lauren Koehler and Amy Coleman.

"Nicole just got stronger as the game went on," said Medley. "She'd be the first to tell you it was a team effort."

Pictured are members of the **Splitz Gymnastics** 2008 state championship Level 7 gymnastics team. Pictured are (seated from left) Katie Radulovic, Allie Archibald, Jeani Hatkow, (standing from left) Sierra Yacoub, coach Tony Angel, Sarah Uhlian, Kate Jung, Nicole Jacobs, coach **Eileen Spicher**



Beaming with pride

Splitz gymnasts capture state title

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A group of Canton-based Splitz Gymnastics athletes were beaming April 12 after they raised the bar and floored the competition at the Level 7 State Meet in Traverse City.

The Splitz girls — three of whom were crowned state champions in individual events - outperformed the top competition from throughout Michigan to bring home the coveted gold trophy.

"It was a close meet and any

number of teams could have walked away with first place," said Splitz owner and coach Eileen Spicher. "It always comes down to who is on that day and it just so happened all my girls were able to put it together when it counted the most.

They all did a fabulous job and I am very proud of them. They definitely earned the title of 'state champs."

Leading the Splitz charge was 12-year-old Canton resident Sarah Uhlian, who earned state

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displays her balance-beam skills during a recent practice.

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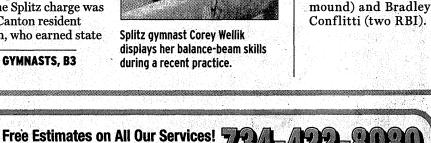
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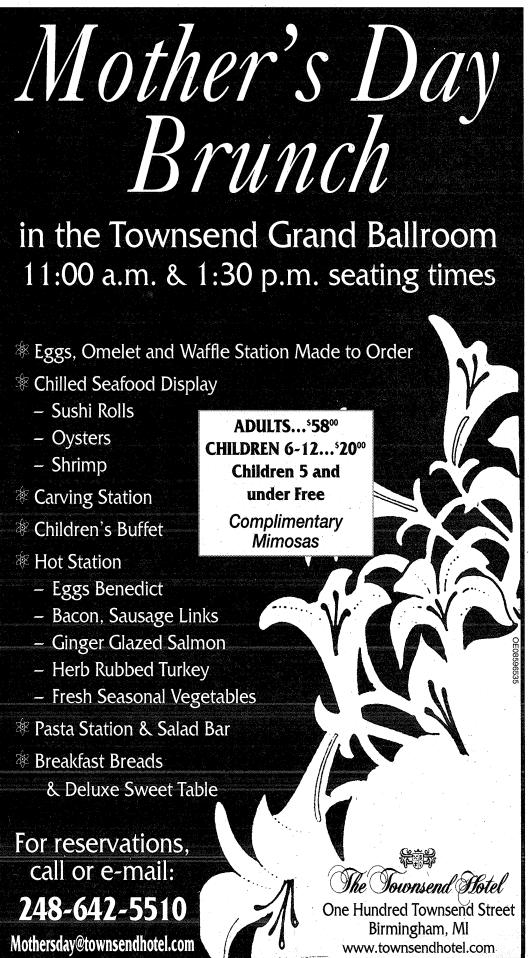
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Salem overcomes Rockets, weather to post 10-8 win

Taking a cue from the United States Postal Service, Salem's baseball team delivered Monday afternoon despite hail, rain and gust-

Playing in less-than-ideal conditions, the Rocks survived with a 10-8 verdict over visiting Westland John Glenn to stay in the thick of the battle for first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division.

Both teams share the top spot in the division with 3-2 records along with Walled Lake Central. Salem's overall mark improved to 8-5.

"The best thing about this win was that the kids never gave up," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger, whose Rocks trailed 7-3 at one point. "It was a sloppy game with the weather. I think we went through 18 baseballs — that's how bad the weather was.'

Senior right-hander Justin Horger earned the victory with 1.2 innings of solid relief. Junior southpaw Sam Ott picked up the save after shutting the door on a potential Rocket rally in the

Salem's big inning offensively was the fifth when it overcame a 4-3 deficit with five runs. Key hits in the frame included a Matt Woster lead-off single a Justin Bashi double and — the biggest of all - a three-run home run off the bat of Joe

Kyle Powell added a solo home run for the win-

The Rocks outhit John Glenn, 7-5. Bashi was. the lone Salem player with two hits. Senior Dana Lorber contributed a clutch suicide squeeze bunt in the sixth for the Rocks.

FRANKLIN 6, CANTON 4: Senior right-hander Jesse Carpenter ran his record to 5-0 Monday with a complete-game, six-hitter as host Livonia Franklin (9-8, 3-2) downed the Chiefs (7-6, 1-4) in a WLAA-Western Division game. Carpenter struck out nine, walked three and

allowed just two earned runs in seven innings. Sophomore catcher Wayne Hawkins went 3-for-3 with a walk and two RBI, while Derek LeBlanc contributed a two-run double in the second inning.

Losing pitcher Ben Vaughn gave up four runs in 3.1 innings.

Ryan Neu, Seth Tschetter and Nick Tomilenko each collected two hits for Canton. PLYMOUTH 5, WAYNE MEMORIAL 3: On Monday

at Wayne, the Wildcats rallied from a 3-1 deficit with three runs in the sixth inning and one in the seventh to outlast the Zebras. Senior right-hander Garrett Rebain earned

the win for Plymouth, tossing a complete-game three-hitter. Rebain walked just two and struck

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Plymouth's David Harvey, pictured above during a game earlier this season, ripped a lead-off home run in Monday's 5-3 victory over Wayne Memorial.

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us this afternoon," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "He kept our team in it while we struggled offensively for most of the game.

When we finally got to their pitcher (Jon Bryant) in the sixth, Garrett simply slammed the door on them the rest of the way. Doing that is sometimes easier said than done.'

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 9-5 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. With Walled Lake Western's 7-5 victory over Northville Monday, the Wildcats are just one game out of first place in the division.

The teams combined for just seven hits as Rebain and Bryant both hurled complete

The most impressive blow of the afternoon came from Plymouth lead-off hitter David Harvey, who blasted a solo home run.

Ronnie Goble added a two-run double for the winners, who also received hits from Rebain and

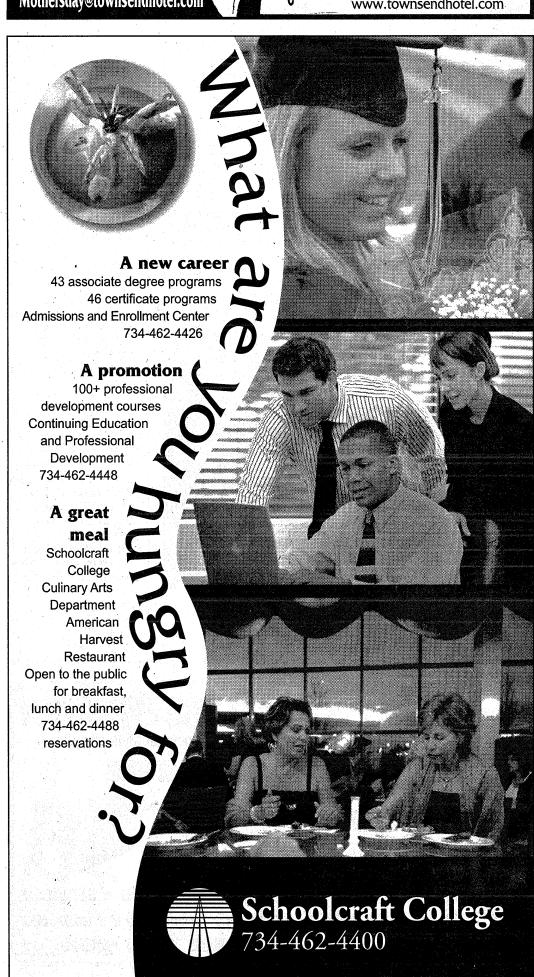
CANTON 12, WAYNE MEMORIAL 2: On Friday, the Chiefs mercied the visiting Zebras in five innings thanks to a six-run fifth inning.

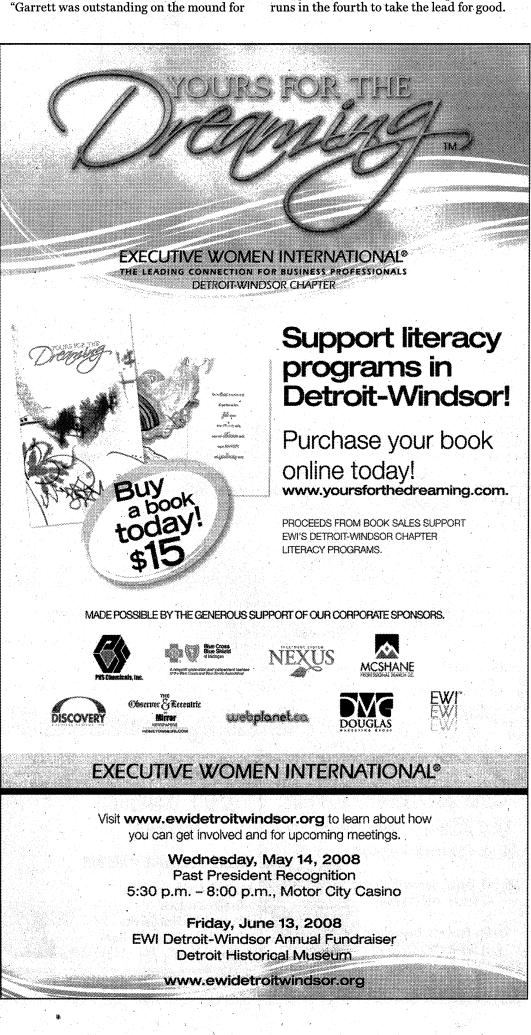
Nick Tomilenko's three-run home run off the scoreboard in left field was the most significant hit for the Chiefs. Also contributing to the winners' offensive

attack were Ryan Neu (2-for-2, two RBI), Ben Vaughn (two hits, two RBI) and Alex Dixon, who ripped two hits, one of which was a double. Sophomore southpaw Kevin Delapaz was

brilliant on the mound for the Chiefs, yielding just three hits while striking out nine in four innings of work.

Wayne led 2-1 until Canton exploded for five runs in the fourth to take the lead for good.





Whalers sign 2007 No. 1 draft pick Schmitz

Plymouth Whalers President and General Manager Mike Vellucci announced the signing of 17-year-old defenseman Beau Schmitz, who was selected by the Whalers in the first round (19th overall) of the 2007 Ontario Hockey League Draft.

Schmitz, a native of Howell, played last season for the National Team Developmental Program in Ann Arbor, scoring six goals with nine assists for 15 points in 59 games for the NTDP's Under-17 Team. Schmitz led both the Under-17 and Under-18 Teams with 108 penalty minutes.

"Beau's an exceptional offensive talent," Vellucci said. "He will be one of the best skaters in our league. He's a very tough defenseman and can play any aspect of the game that we ask. I compare him to (former Whalers captain and current Chicago Blackhawk) James Wisniewski, but a better skater.

"He was the best defenseman in his age group and definitely the best American defenseman of his age group. He's tough, hates to lose and is the complete package.

"He plays a very in-your-face style of hockey, what I call Whaler hockey. I couldn't be happier in signing Beau

"What's best about this for Beau is that he will get the best of both worlds — a great education, while developing for the National Hockey League."

"Coming to Plymouth is a great opportunity," Schmitz said. "It will help me out with the schooling they offer and the NHL Draft. I like to get up into the play offensively, but play a good defensive game, too."

In 2006-07, Schmitz played with current Whalers R.J. Mahalak (Monroe) and Tyler J. Brown (Westland) on the

Belle Tire Under-16 team that won state and national championships.

"They both have been talking to me," Schmitz said. "They encouraged me, told me how much fun it was and what a nice place Plymouth is."

Ironically, the Whalers are preparing for Saturday's OHL Draft, which is known formally as the OHL Priority Selection. It is conducted over the internet and can be followed on line at http:// www.ontariohockeyleague.com/events/ index.php?step=1&sub=2&id=121.

Whaler fans can also visit www.plymouthwhalers.com.



Plymouth Whalers head coach Greg Stefan (left) congratulates Beau Schmitz after the team's No. 1 pick in the 2007 Ontario Hockey League draft signed a contract earlier this week. Schmitz is a native of Howell.

Chiefs split with Ypsi, Brighton

Judging by the way the Canton boys lacrosse team has opened its inaugural season, you'd never know the Chiefs were a first-year

program. Coach Kevin Riley's unit split a pair of recent contests — a 16-0 victory over Ypsilanti on Saturday and a hard-fought 3-2 setback to Brighton on Monday - and holds a more-than-respectable 6-3 record heading into tonight's 6 p.m. game against Walled Lake Central.

The Chiefs jumped to an 11-0 halftime lead and never looked back against the Phoenix.

"It was a satisfying win because the scoring was spread around

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and all the boys got to play," said

Notching goals for the winners were: Jordan Smith, Trevor Moore (two), Matt Rodgers (two), Chris Rocheleau, Jonathan Rocheleau, Joey Underwood, Jake Underwood, Jordan Emery, Kyle Dunleavy, Jason Avedesian (three), Mac Ganzak and Justin

Back-up goalie Sean Walsh preserved the shut-out with two key saves late in the fourth quarter.

On Monday against Brighton, the Bulldogs led 2-0 at the half before Wisniewski scored a pair of goals — one each in the third and fourth quarters — to draw Canton even at 2-all. However, Brighton avoided overtime with a late fourth-quarter goal.

Scott was outstanding in net for the Chiefs, holding the Bulldogs scoreless throughout the third quarter and for most of the

"Unfortunately, the boys were unable to convert on several manup opportunities that would've put the game away for us," said Riley.

titles in the A group in the allaround (37.925), the floor (9.55) and the balance beam (9.55). She was also sixth on the vault and third on the bars.

The team's other state champions were 14-year-old Canton resident Nicole Jacobs, who won the vault with a scintillating 9.60; and 15-year-old Howell resident Kate Jung, who rose above her peers to place first on the bars with a 9.525.

LEVEL 6 STATE CHAMPS

Four Splitz gymnasts won state titles at the Level 6 state tournament held April 12 in Traverse City. The team is coached by Patti Bovee and Jessica Nowak.

The Level 6 titleists were: Garden City resident Kelsey Collins, who won beam with a 9.50 and floor with a 9.475; Northville resident Kim King, who placed first on the bars with a 9.35 and first in the all-around with a 37.20; and Canton's Maddie Toal, who won the floor with a 9.475. Toal also placed second on vault, bars, beam and the all-around.

MICHIGAN LEVEL 7 SPLITZ **GYMNASTICS MEET RESULTS**

APRIL 12 IN TRAVERSE CITY 11-year-old A group: Cory Wellik - 4th on vault; third on bars; 2nd on beam; 3rd on floor; 2nd in all-around;

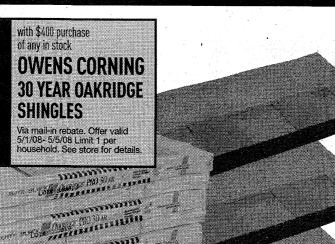
11-year-old B group: Jeani Hatkow - 2nd-on vault, 6th on bars; 3rd on beam, 3rd on

floor and 3rd in all-around; 12-year-old A group: Sarah Uhlian - 6th on vault, 3rd on bars, 1st on beam and first in all-around;

12-year-old B group: Allie Archibald
- 2nd on vault, 3rd on beam, 3rd on floor,
and 3rd on all-around; Katie Radulovic - 4th
on bars, 2nd on floor, and 6th in all-around; Sierra Yacoub - 6th on vault and 5th on floor

14-year-old: Nicole Jacobs - 1st on vault,

5th on beam and second on floor; 15-year-old: Kate Jung - 2nd on vault, 1st on bars, 5th on floor and 2nd in the all-



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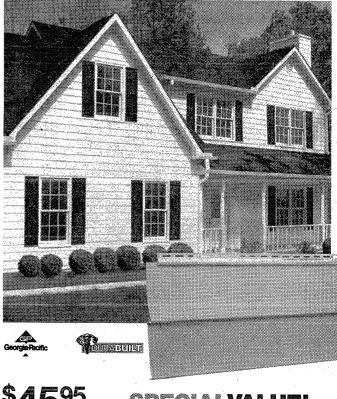
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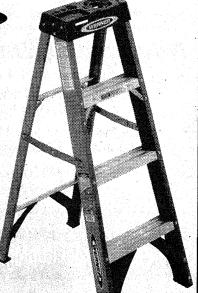
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Crazy 8'S All three PCEP girls soccer teams win by identical 8-0 scores

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

There was a common thread that wove its way through all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park girls soccer teams' games Monday — and the thread was golden as far as the locals were concerned.

All three "Park" teams triumphed by mercy rule-shortened scores of 8-0.

Salem defeated Westland John Glenn as eight different players registered goals.

The victory improved coach Joe Nora's Rocks to 5-4-2 overall and 3-2 in the WLAA's Lakes

We have a big week coming up with games against Churchill (Wednesday) and Canton (Friday), so it was nice to get a win like this tonight," said Nora. "The girls did a nice job of keeping our shape on offense."

Ashley Tucker recorded her first career shutout as she stopped everything the Rockets

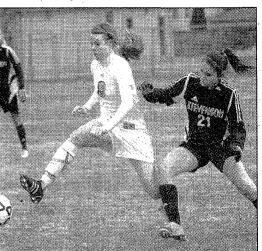
Goal scorers for the winners were Kristina Klusek, Lindsay Newton, Cally Brooks, Tor Kaye, Lindsay Roy, Stephanie Tankersley, Abbi Giaier and Sara O'Leary. Assists were credited to Maggie Huls, Taylor Burgoon, Rachel Gizicki (two), Roy, Amanda Krause, O'Leary and Klusek.

The Rocks led 4-0 at the half and the game ended with 30 minutes left once the eighth goal found the back of the net.

On Monday afternoon at Wayne Memorial, the Wildcats humbled the Zebras 8-0. The win improved Plymouth's record to 2-5-2 overall and 2-2 in the WLAA's Western Division.

"It was nice to see the girls rebound following a stretch of tough games," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "Hopefully, this will get us back on track.

Freshman net-minder Marissa Williams was stellar in net for the winners, who received goals from Alyssa Deykes, Kelly Dobbs, Megan Quinlan, Jennifer Babcock, McKenzie Hengesh, ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108



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Canton's Tracy Rymph (left), pictured above in a match earlier this season, scored a pair of goals in the Chiefs' 8-0 triumph over Livonia Franklin Monday night. The Chiefs are tied with Northville for first place in the WLAA's Western Division.

Jenna Livingston, Katie Moss and Meeghan Hughes.

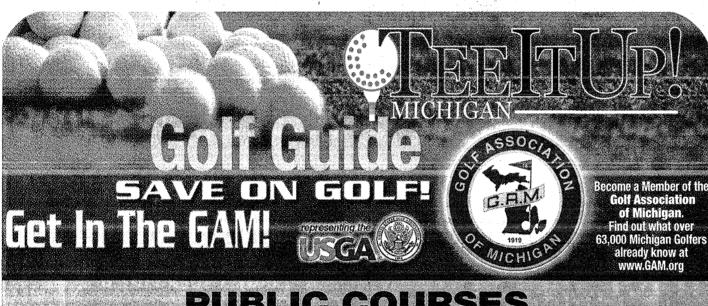
Canton thumped Franklin by the same 8-0 count. Sophomore Jessikah McClendon was the No. 1 star for the Chiefs as she chalked up four goals. Tracy Rymph (two), Alyssa Cottrell and Melanie Pickert also scored for the winners. who improved to 6-3-2 overall and 4-0-1 in the WLAA's Western Division.

The Chiefs are tied with Northville atop the Western.

Bre Bellovary earned the shutout between the pipes for the Chiefs.

On Friday, Canton defeated always-tough Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2-0, thanks to goals from Kayla Carmody (first half) and Jessica Trost (second half).

Bellovary recorded five saves for the shutout.



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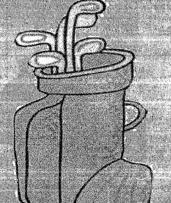
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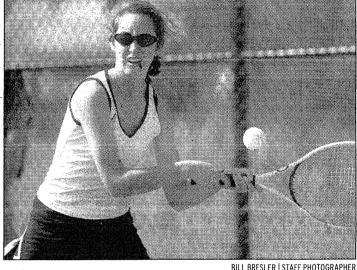
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Plymouth's Lauren Strahm, the Wildcats' No. 1 singles player, helped lift her team to a 5-3 victory over Westland John Glenn April 21 when she upended the Rockets' Samantha Giles, 6-0, 6-0. Strahm is pictured above during a match earlier this season.

TENNIS RESULTS

CANTON 5, **WAYNE MEMORIAL 3**

APRIL 29 AT WAYNE No. 1 singles: 1. Jessica Novack (WM)

defeated Janelle Burdiss, 0-6, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Morgan Greig (WM) def. Janelle Karinemi 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Vicki Chen (C) def. Robbie Tomlin, 6-1, 2-1 (default); No. 4: Megan Levine (C) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-0, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Madelynn Bevill-Kara

Windsor (WM) def. Katie Schwenn-Gunjan Malhotra, 6-1, 3-0 (default); **No. 2:** Jessica Reed-Kathleen Marcinkowski (C) def. Jessica Greggi-Kelsi Thomas, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Rachel Youseff-Katie Noetzel (C) def. Melinda Powers-Alicia Evans, 6-1, 6-0, **No. 4:** Kayla Davis-Paige Babala (C) def. Kiara Patterson-

Wayne's dual match record: 0-10 erall, 0-7 Western Lakes Activities Association.

W.L. NORTHERN 7 PLYMOUTH 1 **APRIL 23 AT PLYMOUTH**

No. 1 singles: Karen Muller (WLN) defeated Lauren Strahm, 7-6, 7-5; **No. 2:** Kylie Mackenzie (P) def. Shirley Plummer, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 3:** Emily Cru (WLN) def. Chelsea Craig, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5; **No. 4:** Audrey Topp (WLN)

f. Jessica Bracey, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Holly Heofort-Danielle Huks (WLN) defeated Ellen Mitchell-Shannon O'Guinn, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Amy Hou-Brigitte Boudoin (WLN) def. Mahela Ashraf-Kreeya Avimukta, 6-1, 6-1, **No. 3:** Tajon Kobetyu-Kelly Misserou (WLN) def. Claire Marchesano-Gina Matar, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 4:** Paige Dcindra-Monica Dallo (WLN) def. Lauren Jeong-Annie

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 1-5

PLYMOUTH 5 **WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 3** APRIL 21 AT JOHN GLENN No. 1 singles: Lauren Strahm (P)

defeated Samantha Giles, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Sara Pruitt (JG) def. Kylie Mackenzie, 6-3, 7-5; No. 3: Whitney Askew (P) def. Jenny Bone, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Chelsea Craig (P) def. Louissa Villaroman, 6-0, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: 1. Ellen Mitchell-Shannon

O'Guinn (P) def. Kashenwa Martin-Katlyn Bothell, 7-6, 7-6; **No. 2:** Halie Baker-Desiree Clenney (JG) def. Radika Patel-Jessica Bracey, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; **No. 3:** Lauren Baker-Desiree Clenney (JG) def. Lauren Jeong-Annie Mackenzie, 1-6, 6-0, 7-5; **No. 4:** Onaissa Bacha-Kayla Griffey (P) def. Dominique Franck-Shannon McFadden, 6-3, 7-5. anck-Shannon McFadden, 6-3, 7-5. **DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Plymouth, 1-4

SALEM 6

W.L. CENTRAL 2 FRIDAY AT SALEM No. 1 singles: Tracy Lytle (S) defeated

Frica Rouleau 7-6, 5-7, 6-2: No. 2: Allie Carpenter (S) def. Stefani Indianer, 7-5 6-4: No. 3: Savuri Yoshida (WLC), def. Liz McKinley, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Linda Ling S() def. Liz Slusher, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Ariel Rojo-Rachel Norman (S) def. Sara Johnson-Madison Bartelt, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; No. 2: Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (S), def. Alicia Sepnit-Nicole Mehta, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6(3); **No. 3:** Melissa Kosky-Rena Molnar (WLC) def. Emma VanHoof-Bethany Haller, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 4:** Amanda Emmons-Alex-Lamb (S) def. Nicole Stawaz-

m Soperstein, 6-2, 6-1.

SALEM'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 3-1

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6 PLYMOUTH 2

APRIL 18 AT PLYMOUTH No. 1 singles: Lucy Klinko (LC) def. Lauren Strahm, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Kylie Mackenzie def. Page Falls, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Catlin Foster (LC) def. Whitney Askew, 6-1, 0; No. 4: Chelsea Craig (P) def. Kelly Hough.

No. 1 doubles: Jera Zuccaroni-Kelly Felner (LC) def. Ellen Mitchell-Shannon O'Guinn, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 2:** Lauren Vela-Nikki Falls (LC) def. Radika Patel-Jessica Bracey, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; No. 3: Courtney Bennet-Danielle Vasha (LC) def. Mahela Ashraf-Kreeya Aviumukta, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Briana C.-Val Brie (LC) def. Claire Marchesano-Gina Matar,

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 0-4

SALEM 6 **CANTON 2**

APRIL 16 AT CANTON No. 1 singles: Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Ashley Madau, 6-4, 6-3; No. 2: Allie Carpenter (S) def. Janelle Burdiss, 7-5, 6-2; No. 3: Liz McKinley (S) def. Joanna Alexander, 6-4, 6-3; No. 4: Linda Ling (S) def.

Megan Leoung, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; **No. 2:** Amy Provost-Emily Misko (C) def. Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; **No. 3:** Kathleen Marcinkowski-Jessica Reed (C) def. Rebecca Michael-Emma VanHoof, 7-6, 6-3; **No. 4:** Amanda Emmons-Alex Lamb (S) def. Vicki Chen-Jacklyn Hollingsworth, 6-4, 6-3. **DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Salem, 2-1;

W.L. CENTRAL 6 PLYMOUTH 2

APRIL 16 AT W.L. CENTRAL No. 1 singles: Erica Rouleau (WLC) def. Lauren Strahm, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Kylie

Mackenzie (P) def. Stephanie Indianer, 6-4 6-2; No. 3: Sayuri Yoshida (WLC) def. Whitney Askew, 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; **No. 4:** Chelsea Craig (P) def. Liz Slusher, 6-4, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Sara Johnson-Madison

Bartlett (WLC) def. Ellen Mitchell-Shannon O'Guinn, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 2:** Angela Stawasz-Rena Molnar (WLC) def. Radika Patel-Jessica Bracey, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 3:** Nicole Mehta-Alicia Segnitz (WLC) def. Mahela Ashraf-Kreeya Avímukta, 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Mélissa Kosky Nicole Stawasz (WLC) def. Claire Marchesano-Gina Matar, 6-4, 6-4. **DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Plymouth, 0-2

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Wildcats reign in rain against Wayne Memorial

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Mother Nature's cold weather and Plymouth's hot bats combined to make Monday afternoon less than memorable for Wayne Memorial's softball team.

The Wildcats used a seven-run second inning to spur them on to a 16-1 victory over the visiting Zebras. The triumph improved Plymouth's record to 10-6 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Zebras dropped to 4-12 overall

and 0-5 in the division. "I thought we really came PREP SOFTBALL

together as a team today," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. 'We played very solid defense and there wasn't a weak spot in our batting order."

Freshman hurler Lauren Smith notched the victory over the Wildcats in relief of starter Ally Ciotti. Smith improved to 2-0 with 3.1 innings of two-hit pitching. Smith struck out four. and walked one.

The most memorable of the Wildcats' nine hits was Erin Rodes' solo home run. The Plymouth catcher also walked three times and scored four

Also contributing to Plymouth's 15-run win were Jill Brennan (1-for-3, triple, two RBI), Amanda Burnard (1-for-2, two RBI), Beth Heldmeyer (1-for-3, three RBI) and Gina Giordano (1-for-3, two RBI).

The Zebras committed four

Plymouth had just one fielding miscue.

SALEM 17, JOHN GLENN 1: On Monday at John Glenn, the Rocks rocked the Rockets with 13 hits in a five-inning, mercy rule-shortened game. A pair

of freshmen hurlers - Briana Lee (three innings) and Heidi Schmidt (two) - who combined on a 1-hitter.

The game was played in a virtual downpour.

"We had three stoppages due to the rain," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, "but we got it in."

included Emily Meade, Mary Johnson, Schmidt, Lee and Emily Cox. On Tuesday, the Rocks swept

Rocks who had multiple hits

Woodhaven in a doubleheader, winning the first game 3-2 when Emily Pitcole, who had reached

on a double and advanced to third on a wild pitch, scored on a second wild pitch.

Pitcole had a huge day at the plate, ripping three hits, including a pair of two-baggers. Cox and Johnson both contributed a pair of hits to back the solid pitching of Lee, who surrendered just seven hits.

Schmidt won the nightcap on the mound as she yielded just four hits in a complete-game triumph.

"Heidi pitched very well and was very focused," said

Southerland. Salem notched eight hits, including a double off the bat of

"Again, it wasn't a great showing at the plate for us," said Southerland. "We need to pick up the pace offensively and continue to improve because the teams we face in the next two weeks will tell the story of how we can compete in the end of the season."

The 10-4 Rocks will host the 11th Annual Salem Invitational on Saturday. The eight-team tournament will commence at 9 a.m.

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Austin said his squad is "a bit thin, so we'll have to work hard if we want to contend."

Austin does have a pair of outstanding pole vaulters in Joe Tesner and Derik Peterman, who each cleared the 14-foot mark this season.

"(But) I think that Stevenson may bring in the strongest team as they are so well-balanced between the track and field," Austin noted. "Their depth in the field events and sprints definitely make them a contender. I like our chances provided we have some surprises.'

Canton coach Bob Richardson predicted the meet will be as close and as entertaining as always. His Chiefs are perennial top-of-the-standings finishers.

"Livonia Stevenson is probably the favorite, but I'd put Northville and Catholic Central in there, too," said Richardson. "We can definitely be a top three or four team if all our guys show up and work together. We're capable of scoring a lot of points."

Redford Thurston head coach LaMar Miller, meanwhile, called the Observerland tournament a "great tradition" and is hopeful his Mega Conference Eagles will finally crack the Top 10. If they do, the abilities of senior Marcus Bennett and several others will have something to do with it.

As of Monday, the Thurston coach was leaning toward starting Bennett in the 110 high hurdles instead of junior Vanier $\label{eq:continuous} \textbf{Joseph.} \textbf{ The two athletes have}$ been a formidable 1-2 punch this season.

"It's always a great meet," Miller said. "The competition is fierce every time we've been

there." One reason that is the case. he noted, is the outstanding strength in numbers many of the Observerland contenders enjoy across-the-board. Teams racking up multiple points per event obviously help their cause.

"You've got to have some depth to win that meet," Miller said. "Some (teams) have 50 or 60 guys and all are quality runners.

Looking forward to the tournament is first-year Garden City head coach Chris Griffith, who said the pole vault relay and 1600-meter run will give the Cougars their best chances at medals.

In the former, Garden City senior Brandon Larsen cleared 14 feet to win Saturday's Crestwood Charger Invitational with teammates Phil Snyder and Chris Anderson each hitting the 9-6 mark.

We will be competing with Livonia Churchill's Tesner and Peterman for top honors," Griffith said.

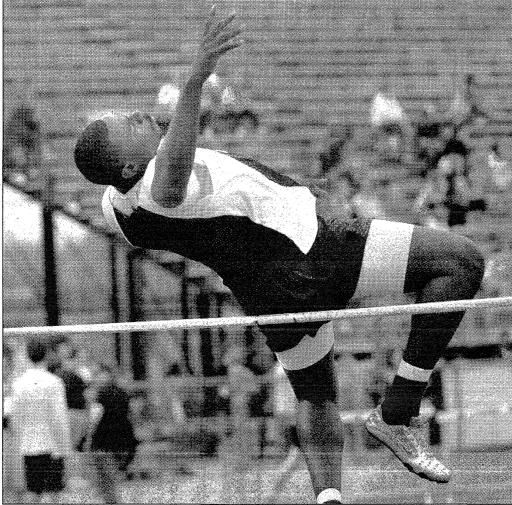
In the 1600 run, senior Brian Chambers (who took sixth in the event in 2007) is looking to improve on that finish.

We should be competitive in some events," Griffith said, citing John Stoddart as someone who could do well in the sprint medley and 800-meter relays.

Westland John Glenn (fifth in 2007 behind Stevenson, Churchill, Northville and Farmington) will be formidable in sprint events thanks to Keyshawn Martin and Larry Dawkins (a state placer in the 200 dash last year).

Redford Union head coach Tom Kessel said he and his team are looking forward to the meet. "We're very, very excited about that (Observerland)," Kessel said. "Hopefully, we can show in a few events. It's always fun, that meet."

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Salem's Cortney Frazier, pictured competing in last week's PCEP City Meet, will try to give the Rocks a lift in Saturday's Observerland Relays, which will be held at the PCEP varsity stadium. Livonia Stevenson is the defending champion of the annual event.

Rock runners are runners-up

Salem's boys track-andfield team put on an impressive display at Friday's North Farmington Raider Relays, tying for second in the 13team field with Ypsilanti.

Holly won the event with 56 points, four more than the Rocks and the Phoenix.

A pair of Rock relay contingents won first-place medals: the 6,400 quartet of Craig Cowing, Jason Smith, Matt Devey and Kevin deBear, who won with a time of 19:03.4; and the distance-medley foursome of Zach Basanese, Zach Gaskell, Mike Charara and deBear, who crossed the line first with a clocking of 11:17.1. Salem's shot put trio of Ed Merhi, Dana Baltazar and

Anthony Davis placed second with a combined distance of 123 feet, 8.75 inches.

Coach Kyle Meteyer's crew earned third-place points from its "Raider Relay" team of Scott O'Connor, Charara, Justin Kane and Stephen Telenko; the pole vault trio of John Krutty, Derek Draplin and Phil Hernandez; and the high jump threesome of Jace Bearden, Gaskell and Cortney Frazier.

The Rocks' shuttle hurdles relay team of O'Connor, Joe Mohan, Kyle Middleditch and Mike Giles placed fourth. while their discus trio of Ethan Walsh, Merhi and Baltazar notched a fifth-place showing.

Chiefs tie for 4th

Canton's freshmen and sophomores turned in a stellar effort at Saturday's Freshmen and Sophomores Holly Relays on Saturday, tying Farmington for fourth place with 32 points.

Host Holly won the event with 64 points, 12 more than Ann Arbor Pioneer. Saline placed third with 51 points.

A pair of Canton relay teams placed second in their respective events: the distance medley foursome of Brandon Tolinski, Jordan Wisniewski, Paul Rakovitis and Zack

BOYS PREP TRACK

Spreitzer was runner-up with a time of 11:29.1 while the 3,200 medley relay squad of Keith Zech, Rakovitis, Tolinski and Ben Spreitzer took the silver with an 8:52.2 clocking.

The Chiefs earned one third-place medal as the 800 relay team of August Garrett, Josh Ogundu, Josh Nolen and Davion Stackhouse compiled a time of 1:38.3.

Keith Zech and Ben Spreitzer combined to high jump 11 feet, 2 inches to earn fourth-place points in that

Rounding out the scoring for the Chiefs were the shuttle hurdles unit of Jordan Norton, Adam Payne, Winston Roberts and Wisniewski; and the 1,600 relay team of Wisniewski, Austin Golles, Tolinski and Stackhouse, both of which placed fifth in their respective events.

RAIDER RELAYS RESULTS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD April 25 at North Farmington

Team standings: 1. Livonia Franklin, 66 Creuse North, 42; 4. Oxford, 38; 5. Rochester Stoney Creek, 37; 6. Ann Arbor Huron, 33; 7. (tie) Farmington Harrison and Westland John Glenn, 31; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 22; 10. Holly 21; 11. Salem, 20; 12. North Farmington, 18; 13.

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 6,400-meter relay: 1. Stoney Creek
 (Rusiewski, Hegelem, LeClair, Píttel), 23:35.8;
 2. Franklin, 23:50.9;
 3. Huron, 23:56.4;
 4. N. Farmington, 24:30.6; 5. Edsel Ford, 24:40.1; 6. Oxford, 24:54.6.

Shuttle hurdles: 1. Harrison (Cassidy, Burns, Hutchinson, Franklin), 1:08; 2. Holly 1:10.4; 3. Stoney Creek, 1:11.3; 4. Ypsilanti, 1:11.7; Huron, 1:13.1: 6. Franklin, 1:13.6.

800 relay: 1. Ypsilanti, 1:47.2; 2. John Glenn, 1:49.2; 3. Franklin, 1:49.3; 4. Oxford, 1:51.2; 5. Harrison, 1:51.8; 6. Stoney Creek, 1:51.9. Raider Relay: 1. L'Anse Creuse North (Perch, Kreger, Baner, Sharpe), 7:11.6; 2. Salem, 7:23.7; 3. Edsel Ford, 7:48.2; 4. Stoney Creek,

7:49.8; 5. Huron, 7:52.9; 6. Ypsilanti, 7:53.0. **Sprint medley:** 1. Ypsilanti (Caldwell, Roberson, Gray, Hamilton), 4:28.2; 2. Oxford, 4:30.4; 3. Stoney Creek, 4:30.5; 4. Huron, 4:38.9; 5. Edsel Ford, 4:39.9; 6. N. Farmington,

Distance medley: 1. Franklin (Scott Butkowski, Church, McPherson), 13:38.7; 2. Salem, 14:06.6; 3. Stoney Creek, 14:13.7; 4. Huron, 14:18.1; 5. N. Farmington, 14:38.2; 6. 400 relay: 1. Harrison (Franklin, Bell,

Shuford, Parker), 50.8; 2. John Glenn, 51.1; 3. Huron, 52.2; 4. Ypsilanti, 52.4; 5. Franklin, 52.7; 6. N. Farmington, 53.4. 1,600 relay: 1. Ypsilanti (Francois, Williams, Caldwell, Hamilton), 4:07.9; 2. L'Anse Creuse North, 4:14.1; 3. N. Farmington, 4:14.4; 4. Pole vault: 1. Oxford (Bosetti, Bonfiglio,

Ives), 24-0; 2. Franklin, 23-0; 3. Holly, 22-0; 4. Edsel Ford, 14-0; 5. N. Farmington, 8-0; 6. John Shot put: 1. L'Anse Creuse North (Koth, Rospierski, Daniel), 91-8.5; 2. Franklin, 90-1.75; 3. Oxford, 85-2.5; 4. John Glenn, 81-1.5; 5.

Huron, 80-0.25; 6. Holly, 79-1.25.
Discus: 1. L'Anse Creuse North (Koth, Daniel, Rospierski), 260-4; 2. Franklin, 257-10; 236-2: 6. Oxford, 225-0.

High jump: 1. Franklin (Hollaway, Quint, Culp), 14-8; 2. Oxford, 14-4; 3. Edsel Ford, 13-10; 4. L'Anse Creuse North, 13-4; 5. Ypsilanti, 13-3; Harrison, 13-2;

Long jump: 1. John Glenn (Payne, Parker, Montgomery), 46-6.5; 2. Harrison, 44-7;3. Huron, 44-2.5; 4. Stoney Creek, 43-11; 5. N. Farmington, 43-6; 6. Franklin, 43-1.5.

RAIDER RELAYS RESULTS BOYS TRACK & FIELD April 25 at North Farmington

Team standings: 1. Holly, 56; 2. (tie) Salem and Ypsilanti, 52; 4. Livonia Franklin, 51; 5. Westland John Glenn, 47; 6. Oxford, 31; 7. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 28; 8. Farmington Harrison, 27; 9. Rochester Stoney Creek, 24; 10. North Farmington, 15; 11. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 11; 12. Wayne Memorial, 7; 13. Macomb L'Anse Creuse North, 2.

6,400-meter relay: 1. Salem (Cowing, Smith, Devey, deBear), 19:03.4; 2. Franklin, 19:48.3; 3. Holly, 19:54.1; 4. Oxford, 19:56; 5. Country Day, 20:00.3; 6. N. Farmington,

Shuttle hurdles: 1. Harrison (Lukwago, Kenton Janzen, Parker, Bryan Janzen), 1:03.8; 2. Edsel Ford, 1:05; 3. Franklin, 1:05.4; 4. Salem, 1:07.6; 5. Oxford, 1:08.7; 6. N. Farmington, 1:09.9. 800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Marks, Martin, Davis, Dawkins), 1:31.2; 2. Oxford, 1:32.4; 3. Ypsilanti, 1:32.6; 4. Franklin, 1:32.6; 5. Holly,

1:33: 6. Harrison, 1:33. Raider Relay: 1. Stoney Creek (McGebee, Skienski, Hoyer, Edwards), 5:55.8; 2. Holly, 5:59.1; 3. Salem, 6:09.2; 4. N. Farmington, 6:11; 5.

Oxford, 6:20.3; 6. Franklin, 6:24.8.

Sprint medley: 1. Ypsilanti (Patterson, Lynch, Long, Backey), 3:46.2; 2. Harrison, 3:55.3; 3. John Glenn, 3:55.3; 4. N. Farmington, 3:56,6; 5. Stoney Creek, 3:57.1; 6. Franklin,

Distance medley: 1. Salem (Basonese, Gaskell, Charara, deBear), 11:17; 2. Franklin, 11:32.5; 3. Wayne, 11:44.2; 4. Edsel Ford, 11:46.6; N. Farmington, 11:46.6; 6. Oxford, 11:48.8.

400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Marks, Martin, Davis, Dawkins), 43.1; 2. Ypsilanti, 43.5; 3. Franklin, 43.9; 4. Country Day, 44.3; 5.

Harrison, 44.5; 6. Holly, 44.7. 1,600 relay: 1. Ypsilanti (Patterson, Moore, Searcy, Backey), 3:28.7; 2. Holly, 3:29.8; 3. Stoney Creek, 3:30.3; 4. Oxford, 3:31; 5. Harrison, 3:33.9; 6. Country Day, 3:35.4.

Pole vault: 1. Oxford (Jickling, Westmoreland, Musselman), 32-6; 2. Franklin, 32-0; 3. Salem, 31-6; 4. Holly, 29-0; 5. N. Farmington, 28-0; 6. Ypsilanti, 26-6. Shot put: 1. Holly (Jensen, Converse,

Gaumer), 131-1; 2. Salem, 123-8.75; 3. Franklin, 12209.5; 4. John Glenn, 121-6.25; 5. Stoney Creek, 119-10.75; 6. Country Day, 115-10.

Discus: 1. John Glenn (Arancibia, Kelly, Bozigian), 396-6; 2. Holly, 370-0; 3. Country Day, 361-5; 4. Stoney Creek, 339-0; 5. Salem,

Jay, 351-3, 4, Stoney Cleek, 359-0, 5, Saleill, 333-0; 6, Wayne, 326-10. **High jump:** 1. Ypsilanti (Gordon, Backey, Atkins), 18-2; 2. Holly, 18-0; 3. Salem, 17-8; 4.

Country Day, 17-6; 5. L'Anse Creuse North, 16-10; 6. Harrison, 16-7.
Long jump: 1. Country Day (Fowler, Ede,

Demmens), 60-11.5; 2. Ypsilanti, 58-7; 3. John Glenn, 57-7.5; 4. Harrison, 57-4; 5. Franklin, 56-

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Youth archery shoot

Detroit Archers, Michigan's oldest archery club, will hold its annual Youth Archery Shoot May 3-4.

It is an outdoor event open to all youths under the age of 18 years old whose archery skills range from novice to experienced.

Archery equipment can be furnished provided this is noted when registering.

The registration fee for the shoot is \$10 and includes a trophy, hot dog and soft drink for each registrant.

Since space is limited, participants must register prior to the shoot by contacting Jack Flaharty at (248) 360-0346 or iflaharty@comcast.net.

Shooting times each day are set for 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. When registering, each participant needs to indicate the date, shooting time they prefer, their name, age, gender and telephone number.

Detroit Archers is located at 5795 Drake Rd. in West Bloomfield. Directions can be accessed at www.detroitarchers.com.

Canton grid camps

The Canton Chiefs football program will be offering the following three summer camps in June:

■ A T/3-4 Football Camp for kids in grades 10-12 will be held June 16 (2-5 p.m.) and June 17-19 (5-8 p.m.) at the PCEP varsity stadium. If participants pre-register by May 26, the fee is \$30; the fee is \$35 thereafter.

For more information, contact varsity head coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691 or

at baechlt@pccs.k12.mi.us. ■ A Skills Football Camp will be held for kids in 7-9 grades at the varsity stadium June 9-12 from 5-7 p.m.

The registration fee is \$50 before May 26 and \$60 after. For more information, contact freshman coach Rich Mui at (248) 229-2738.

■ A Fundamental Football Camp will be held for kids in 3-6 grades at the varsity stadium June 23-26 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost before June 6 is \$100 and \$115 after that date.

For more information, contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173 or elanava@wowway.com.

SPARQ test

Velocity Sports in Canton will be hosting a Nike/SPARQ Championship on Saturday, May 3. Participants who complete a free SPARQ test of athleticism will get an official SPARQ rating. The top 10 boys and girls with the highest SPARQ rating will be flown to the Nike World Headquarters in Oregon to compete in the "My Better Championship Finals" in July.

To register, visit www.sparqtraining.com or call (734) 485-2561.

CAHA open house

The Canton Amateur Hockey Association will be hosting an open house and registration session for hockey players of all age levels and their families on Saturday, May 17, from 1-4 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, which is located at 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton. There are three divisions offered:

■ Learn to play — Kids between the ages of 4 and 9 will receive top-notch instruction on the fundamentals of skating and puck-handling skills that will enable them to advance in competitive hockey. This will be offered on Saturdays at noon from September through March for a one-time fee of \$250.

■ Mini-mite cross and **full ice hockey** — This level is for kids 6 and younger and includes one practice and one game per week and runs from September through March. The cross-ice fee is \$600 while the full-ice cost is \$1,000 per player.

■ Mite hockey — For kids 7 and 8, this level offers fullice play twice a week and runs from September through March. The cost is \$1,000 per skater.

For more information, call (734) 487-7777.

Canton will host Walled Lake Central on Friday while Salem will travel to Whispering Willows to tangle with Livonia Churchill.

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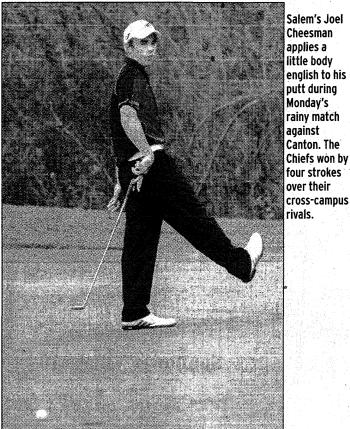
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FRIDAY AT FOX HILLS SALEM'S SCORES: Aaron Thompson, 35 (medalist).

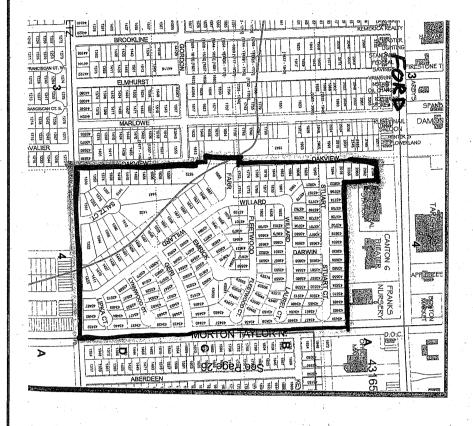
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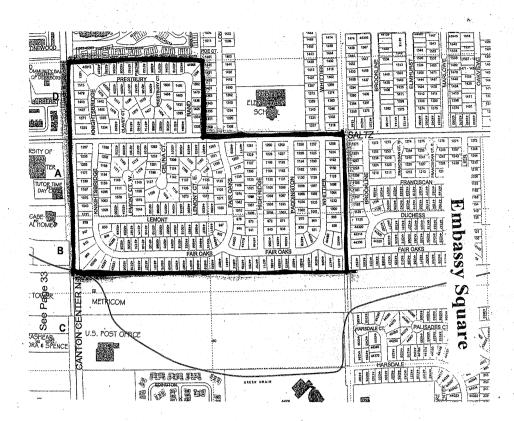
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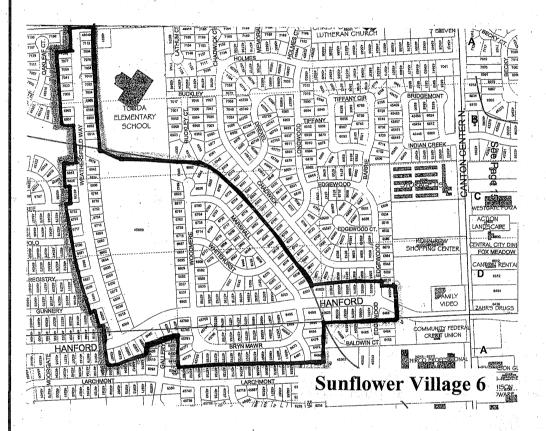
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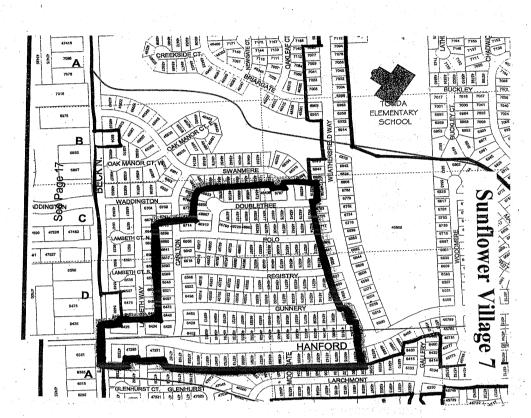
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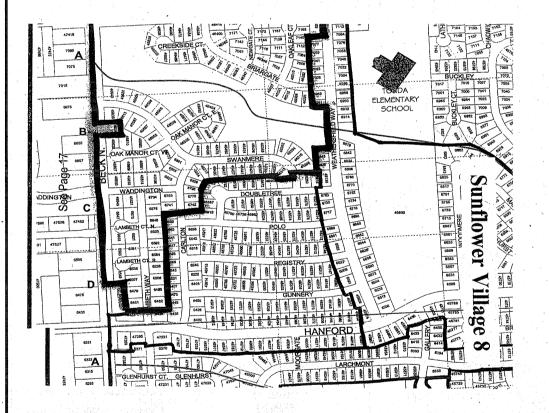


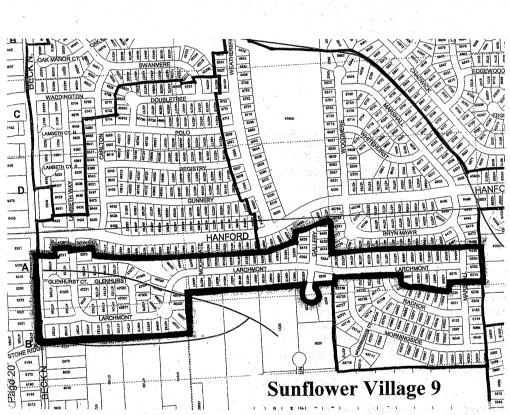
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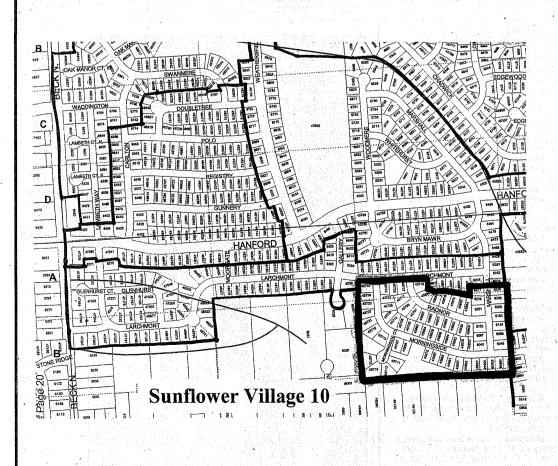














MU baseball team sweeps Concordia on 'Senior Day'

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One of the most-successful senior classes to play baseball at Madonna University went out in style Saturday as the Crusaders routed Concordia University in a "Senior Day" doubleheader at Ilitch Ballpark.

After pummeling the Cardinals 11-2 in the opener, Madonna's 10 seniors — including Livonia Churchill alum Dave Herrick, Westland John Glenn product Will Kennedy and Canton's Carl McDevitt — celebrated with their parents during special ceremonies.

Then, MU mercied the Cards, 12-1 in 4 1/2 innings to improve to 32-12 overall and 19-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

"It felt really good," said Herrick about the Senior Day sweep. "Senior Day only comes around once in a career, so it was really good to go out like this."

Madonna's seniors have plenty to celebrate besides two lopsided victories. The Crusaders Friday clinched the outright championship of the WHAC for the third time in the last four years and are preparing for this week's conference tournament at Madonna.

Herrick and Kennedy have enjoyed all three titles and so have West Bloomfield alum



Canton graduate Carl McDevitt, shown pitching earlier this season for Madonna University, was honored along with the other Crusader seniors on Saturday. MU swept Concordia in Saturday's doubleheader.

Mike Cauzillo, Ryan Baldoni, John McCracken and Eric Wendling.

"It's a real good accomplishment to win three out of four conference championships," noted Herrick, actually a fifthyear player due to major injuries during his college career. "We're all proud of ourselves."

Other MU seniors include Levi Cheshire (Troy), Pat Kenny and Richard Lindquist.

Madonna head coach Greg Haeger tipped the bill of his cap to the seniors and their collective

"These five kids have had three championships in four years, a runner-up in the other year and I think five years ago they were runner-up," Haeger said. "So the past five years we've

been there (WHAC final), or

"They're hard-working kids, they've got a lot of pride and they play the game real hard. They've been coachable, which is very important as well."

But Saturday's nearly perfect home sendoff isn't the end as far as the group playing at Ilitch Ballpark.

Madonna is hosting the WHAC tournament, which begins Thursday and continues through Saturday. For opening day, the Crusaders are slated to play 1 p.m. against the winner of the 10 a.m. game (Indiana Tech-Concordia) as well as 4 p.m. against the loser of the early contest.

This week's tournament will determine which WHAC team will have an elevated seed in the NAIA Region VIII tourney, Haeger said.

"So it's very important to us," he added. "We knocked out one of our five goals we talk about every year... and goal number two is coming up with the conference tournament."

PLENTY OF OFFENSE

There wasn't much on the line on Saturday, because Madonna had clinched the conference the

day before. But the Crusaders swung their bats like they really meant business, tallying at least one run in every at-bat except the first inning of Game 1.

"We got the ball up in the wind today and got a ton of extra-base hits," Haeger said. "And we made a lot of very good plays in the field" for much of the twinbill.

Making several diving or sliding catches was junior outfielder Zack McMillin, who Haeger said "can really go get the ball."

But Madonna's offense was the biggest reason for the double drubbing of Concordia.

In the opener, with Wendling giving up just one earned run in seven frames, MU collected 12 hits — including a double and two singles by junior first-baseman Kevin Zerbo (Farmington) and a 2-for-3 game by junior outfielder Scott Boyer.

The second game featured more of the same, with outfielder Cauzillo (2-for-2, two runs, one RBI) and Canton alum Shawn Little (2-for-2, two runs, two

RBI) doing much of the damage. Little, an impressive freshman outfielder, hammered a triple to

deep center to score Cauzillo in the third.

Another big hit in that inning was delivered two batters later by sophomore infielder Drew Fry. In a pinch-hitting appearance, Fry smacked a towering three-run homer to left-center to plate Fry and freshman pinchrunner Mike Gansser to make it 11-1 and enough of a cushion for the game to end after Bardoni pitched a perfect fifth.

Earning the victory was the starting pitcher, Lindquist. He gave up one run in 3 1/3 innings of work. Junior Sean Maher recorded the final two outs of the fourth.

Concordia first baseman Adam Goodwin went 2-for-2 and scored his team's lone run in the second, on a single by catcher Tim McEvoy. Also getting a hit for the Cards was Livonia Stevenson grad Tony Pounders.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-April 22 2008 A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present; Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Kirchgatter Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Approved Approval of Minutes Study Minutes from April 1, 2008 and Board Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2008 approved. Payment of Bills Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CHERRY HILL ORCHARD SUBDIVISION REQUEST TO CREATE STREET LIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to Approve the 2008 Cherry Hill Orchard Subdivision street lighting Special Assessment, authorize the construction and maintenance of four (4) 100 Wadsworth Watt High Pressure Sodium Underground Streetlights, 14 feet Aluminum Direct Bury Post with Grandville Leaf Housing with Ribs and Bands installed at the following locations: Queens Way and Kings Way off Cherry Hill and at Bishop and Princess off Lilley Road and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the agreement. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR JLM RESTAURANT, INC. REQUESTING TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF AN ESCROWED 2007 CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSED BUSINESS, WITH SUNDAY SALES PERMIT, OUTDOOR SERVICE (1AREA) AND OFFICIAL PERMIT (FOOD), FOR NAN INC. LOCATED AT 6600 N. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON TOWNSHIP, MI 48187, WAYNE COUNTY; REQUESTING A NEW DANCE ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy for the approval for a Class "C" Liquor License for JLM Restaurant. Inc. requesting to transfer ownership of an escrowed 2007 Class C licensed business, with Sunday sales permit, outdoor service (1 area) and official permit (food), from NAN, Inc. located at 6600 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County, requesting a new dance-entertainment permit. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE COPPER CREEK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 5 FOR ROAD REPAIRS, SIDEWALK AND SIGN INSTALLATION SAD NO. 2006-1. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried by all members present Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to close the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution No. 5 approving the Assessment Roll for the Copper Creek SAD No. 2006-1. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION NO. 5 COPPER CREEK CONDOMINIUM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2006-1 Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, A Regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held on the 22 day of April, 2008, at the Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center South, Canton, Michigan in said Township at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, Yack, Zarbo ABSENT: Kirchgatter The following preamble and resolution were offered by Clerk Bennett and supported by Trustee McLaughlin: WHEREAS, the Township Board has had prepared said special assessment roll for the purpose of defraying the cost of certain improvements as described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and WHEREAS, the Township Board deems said special assessment roll to be fair and equitable as reported to it by the Supervisor; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. Said special assessment roll shall be

designated "Special Assessment Roll No. 2006-1," and the district

against which it is spread shall be designated "Special Assessment

District No. 2006-1." 2. Said Special Assessment Roll No. 2006-1, in

the amount of \$332,267.00, as prepared and reported to the

Township Board by the Supervisor, and as shown in Exhibit B

attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and the same hereby is

confirmed. 3. Said special assessment roll shall be divided into ten

(10) equal annual installments, the first installment to be due on

December 1, 2008, at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum,

said interest to be payable annually on each installment due date;

provided, however, that if bonds are to be issued by the Township in

anticipation of the collection of the special assessments, then said

installments of special assessments shall bear interest at a rate

equal to one percent (1%) above the rate of interest borne by said

bonds to be issued by the Township. 4. The assessments made in said

special assessment roll are hereby ordered and directed to be

collected, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said special

assessment roll to the Township Treasurer, with the Township

Clerk's warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect the

assessments therein accordance with the directions of the Township

Board with respect thereto, and the Treasurer is directed to collect

the amounts assessed as the same become due. 5. All resolutions and

parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby

rescinded. AYES: Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo

NAYS: None RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED COPPER

CREEK CONDOMINIUM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

FOR PAVING AND DRAINAG IMPROVEMENTS SPECIAL

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2006-1 EXHIBIT A DESCRIPTION

OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2006-1 The project

involves the removal of 4,900 square yards of existing 7-inch

concrete pavement with integral curb and gutter and replacing with

8-inch concrete pavement, excavation and subsurface drainage

improvements including 2.500 feet of underdrain, drainage structure

adjustments, sidewalk repairs, restoration and related work.

COPPER CREEK CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION SPECIAL

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR PAVING AND DRAINAG

IMPROVEMENTS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2006-

1 EXHIBIT B TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING

DESCRIBED LANDS: Copper Creek Condominium, Charter

Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan SIDWELL

NUMBERS 71-041-07-0001, 71-041-07-0002, 71-041-07-0003,

71-041-07-0004, 71-041-07-0005, 71-041-07-0006, 71-041-07-0007.

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TOTALS I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time and that he said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. ACCEPT LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM DONATION FROM THE CANTON SOCCER CLUB. (CLS) Approved Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CHRISTMAS IN ACTION. (MSD) Approved Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING A FUNDRAISER FOR DIABETES AT GALLIMORE SCHOOL, (MSD) Approved Item 4. APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (SUPERVISOR) Approved GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER HUNTINGTON BANK SITE PLAN. (MSD) Approved Item 2. CONSIDER DEVELOPER INSTIGATED REVISIONS FOR CANTON CORNER EAST OUTLOT - SITE PLAN FOR POTBELLY RESTAURANT. (MSD) Approved Item 3. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST AND SITE PLAN FOR THE HINDU TEMPLE REBUILD. (MSD) Approved Item 4. CONSIDER AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES TO EXECUTIVE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, INC. FOR THE 2008 GRASS CUTTING. (MSD) Approved Item 5. CONSIDER AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR NOXIOUS WEED CUTTING SERVICES TO EXECUTIVE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, INC. FOR THE 2008 WEED CUTTING PROGRAM. (MSD) Approved Item 6. ROUGE RIVER TRAIL TREES - RIVER DAY 2008. (MSD) Approved Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CONFERENCE ROOM TABLE AND CHAIR (HR). (PSD) Approved Item 8. CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF 2008 EXPEDITION FOR FIRE MARSHAL. (PSD) Approved Item. 9. AWARD BID FOR FIRE INVESTIGATIONS TRAILER. (PSD) Approved Item 10. CONSIDER GENERATOR REPLACEMENT FOR TWO FIRE PUMPERS. (PSD) Approved Item 11. FIRST READING OF THE INDOOR PET BOARDING FACILITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. (CLERK) STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CHAPTER 18, INDOOR PET BOARDING FACILITY ORDINANCE. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF INDOOR PET BOARDING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR ZONING ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE AND STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR, INSPECTION, AND BUILDING LOCATION; PROHIBITING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES OR ENCLOSURES; PROVIDING FOR CLEANLINESS, CERTIFICATION AND LICENSE TAGS; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. The following words, terms and phrases when used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings indicated: Pet shall mean dog (canis lupus familiaris) or cat (felis silvestris catus). Pet Boarding Facility (Indoor) shall mean a building or structure located on any lot or parcel which is approved for the use of indoor boarding of dogs and cats pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 14 of the Code. No outdoor runs shall be permitted in conjunction with such facilities. Indoor pet boarding facility shall include pet day care facility. SECTION 2. CLEANLINESS. It shall be the duty of all indoor pet boarding facility licensees to keep the pet boarding facility clean and free from any accumulation of dirt, mud, fecal matter or debris. Further, all indoor pet boarding facility licensees shall clean any and all refuse matter, including fecal matter, at least daily, from inside the facility, including pens and cages, and move it to an appropriate, and where necessary, licensed waste disposal facility. SECTION 3. LICENSE REQUIRED. Any person who keeps or operates an indoor pet boarding facility shall annually apply to the Township Clerk or his or her duly authorized representative for an indoor pet boarding facility license, which, upon issuance shall entitle such person to keep or operate such indoor pet boarding facility. The Township Clerk or his or her duly authorized representative shall not issue any indoor pet boarding facility license under the provisions of this Division unless the applicant fully complies with this Article. This Article does not exempt dogs kept in an indoor pet boarding facility from the individual license requirements in this Division. SECTION 4. STANDARDS FOR ISSUANCE. A. Zoning Requirements. No indoor pet boarding facility license shall be issued unless the site is found to be in full compliance with the Township Zoning Ordinance. B. Michigan Department of Agriculture Regulations. All animals as required by Public Act 339 of 1919, Public Act 287 of 1969, Regulation 151 and any Rules or Regulations promulgated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture in addition to the remainder of the limitations included in this Section 4. C. Number of animals. The number of animals shall be based upon the space available to meet each animals needs, i.e. sanitary, noise, ventilation, feeding, recreation, and temperature. The presumptive formulas per species shall be set by section 10. D. Interior Environment Standards. The Interior Environments Standards such as ventilation, temperature control, and lighting shall be established and maintained according to the Michigan Building Code. E. Stand Alone Building. When the Boarding Facility is located in a stand alone building the noise emitting from the property cannot exceed the noise level as established by The Performance Standards of the Zoning Ordinance. F. Shared Common Interior Walls. When the Facility shares a common interior wall with an adjacent tenant, the area shall have a Sound Transmission Class (STC) of not less than 50 (45 if field tested) for airborne noise when tested in accordance with ASTM E90. G. Exercise Area. An indoor exercise area with a minimum area of 300 sq. ft. shall be available to any dog kept in the facility for longer than 24 hours. SECTION 5. OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES Indoor pet boarding facilities shall have no outdoor pet related activity including animal runs, exercise areas, display areas, sanitation stations, sunning areas, or swimming areas. SECTION 6. BUILDINGS. The indoor pet boarding facility shall be located at least one hundred (100) feet from any dwelling or building on adjacent property. If a Facility is located in a multitenant building it must meet all Building Code separation requirements including sound transmission requirements per section 4F. SECTION 7. OUTDOOR ENCLOSURES. No outdoor enclosures shall be allowed adjacent to or as part of an indoor pet boarding facility. SECTION 8. INSPECTIONS. An annual certification shall be obtained from the Public Safety Department or designee that the applicant's indoor pet boarding facility has been inspected as to adequate construction and comfortable housing for the animals kept therein. SECTION 9. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE. An annual certification shall be obtained from the Public Safety Department or designee that the applicant has not been convicted of any violations of this Chapter during the preceding year. SECTION 10. ANIMAL SPACE. Stall space for each animal shall be not less than three (3) feet by five (5) feet by four (4) feet high. For animals larger than ten (10) pounds, the minimum stall o for each animal shall be not less than five (5) feet by eight (8) feet by six (6) feet high. If two or more animals are stored in the same stall, the size of the stall spaces shall be adjusted to insure each animal the minimum space required for each. SECTION 11. ACCESS FOR INSPECTION Indoor net boarding facilities shall be reasonably open to inspection by the Public Safety Department or designee at all times. SECTION 12. LICENSE. Indoor pet boarding facility licenses shall be issued by the Township Clerk or his or her duly authorized representative on a form prepared and supplied by the Clerk and shall entitle the licensee to keen the number of animals specified in the license. The annual fee to be paid for each indoor animal hoarding facility license shall be set by the Township Board. With each license, the Township Clerk or his or her duly authorized representative shall issue the appropriate number of dog tags for the number of dogs authorized to be kept therein as required by Public Act 339 of 1999 (MCL 287.362, et seq.). Such tag shall be readily distinguishable from the individual license tags issued. SECTION 13. DOGS KEPT AT THE FACILITY. For dogs that are kept at the facility, the requirements of Section 14-194 of the Township Code shall also apply. SECTION 14. REVOCATION OF LICENSE. Upon conviction of a violation of this Chapter, the Township Clerk, upon notification to the licensee, may revoke the license granted under this division. SECTION 15. MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION. A. Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction and shall, upon a finding of responsibility, be punished by paying a fine of \$250.00. For each subsequent violation of this Ordinance, the responsible person or entity shall pay a fine of not less than \$500.00. B.The Township may also seek additional legal and/or equitable relief in the district court or by filing suit in the circuit court. The Township may recover its reasonable attorneys fees, court costs and other expenses related to enforcement activities or litigation against the person or entity found to have violated this Ordinance. SECTION 16. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance. SECTION 17. REPEAL. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 18. SAVINGS CLAUSE. All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance. SECTION 19. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 20. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. Introduced: April 22, 2008 Introduced and tabled. Item 12. APPROVAL OF PRICE QUOTE FOR WINDOWS FOR HISTORIC CLYDE HOUSE. (FBD) Approved Item 13. APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE RECREATION BUDGET - THERAPEUTIC RECREATION. (CLS) Approved Item 14. APPROVE MOWING AND BED MAINTENANCE ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES CONTRACT. (CLS) Approved Item 15. AUTHORIZE BID FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION. (CLS) Approved Item 16. FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB IMPROVEMENTS. (CLS) Approved Item 17. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR THE GOLF PROFESSIONAL AT PHEASANT RUN. (CLS) Approved ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack,

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

Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

Publish: May 1, 2008

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 2008 for the following:

MANAGED INTERNET SERVICES

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at <u>www.canton-mi.org</u>, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

Publish: May 1, 2008

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING FY2008 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On May 13, at 7 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the CDBG Advisory Council recommendations for the FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2008 CDBG program. The project and project funding recommendations are: First Step, \$28,695; Growth Works, \$6,225; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, \$7,360; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$1,940; Revival Outreach Center, \$2,000; Leisure Services arts education project, \$1,225; Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Canton Township Sheldon School site improvements, \$45,000; CDBG program administration, \$70,000; Affordable Housing Contingency, \$170,860; Construction Contingency, \$20,000. The FY 2008 CDBG allocation is \$359,835. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Publish: April 24 and May 01, 2008

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Asbestos Abatement at Canton High School, East Middle School, and Tanger Center. The project will be completed during the summer of 2008 prior to building renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos flooring materials, asbestos thermal system insulation, and windows with asbestos window caulk. Bid documents will be available on or after Thursday, May 1st, 2008 at The healthAIR Group, 23437 Research Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335 and electronically at http://www.health-air.com/news-and-reference/ bid-information.htm. A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at Canton High School located at 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187. All submissions should include 3 bid copies (1 original, 2 duplicates) which are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center, RE: School Abatement Bids, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 16, 2008 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary



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Habitat homes enrich lives of families, volunteers

O&E STAFF WRITER

Janice Mulholland of Inkster is quick to share with others what her family's Habitat for Humanity home

"It's really improved our family," said Mulholland, who moved into the home on Dunning in Inkster last October with her family. "The experience with Habitat has been amazing."

Mulholland heard about Habitat, a Christian housing ministry, from a coworker while working at a temporary job. "It meant so much to us," she said during April 20 services at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. The couple's 5-year-old son likes his yard.

"He's always telling people about his new home and that means a lot to me," Mulholland said.

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County is having a busy 2008. The Plymouth-based affiliate of

The Plymouth-based affiliate of the group promoting housing for all in need had two ground-breaking ceremonies on Sunday, April 27. The first house is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and the other by the Apostles, a church group.

These homes will be the same models as the existing homes on Dunning in Inkster, according to Alice Dent of Canton, affiliate executive director. Habitat volunteers and staff plan to start raising the walls the end of May on these homes. They built four homes on Dunning (south side of the street) and plan to build four on the north side. Two will start in May and the remaining two at the end of the summer on a date to be determined.

The homes generally are about 1,200 square feet, with specifics depending on family size.

The Gucwa family members are the recipients of the Thrivent home and the LaLone/Bowman family are the recipients of the Apostle home. Those who receive homes contribute "sweat equity" by working alongside volunteers on their home construction.

Habitat for Humanity has built more than 225,000 houses, sheltering more than one million people in 3,000 communities in 100 countries around the world. Founded as a Christian organization, Habitat welcomes volunteers from all walks of life. Homeowners contribute sweat equity and a down payment in exchange for a 20-year, 0 percent mortgage.

"I think that they find it being a Christian-based ministry, it brings people together," said Barb Fichtenberg of Canton, church relations chair for the Habitat affiliate. "I think people have a sense of satisfaction when they get involved."



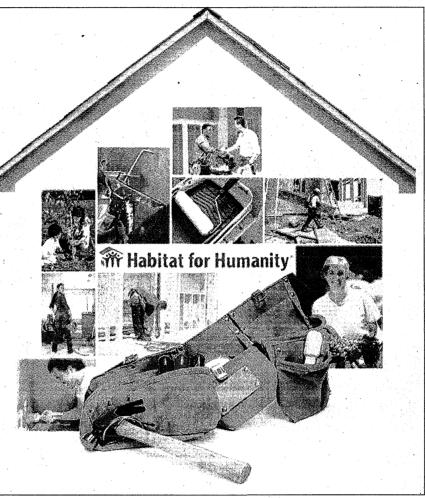
Parents Tammy Bowman and Nathaniel LaLone with children Breann Bowman, 9, Nathan LaLone, 4, Jaden LaLone, 3, Andrew LaLone, 2, and James LaLone, 1. The family is excited about their Habitat home in Inkster, for which ground was Broken April 27

Habitat volunteers like that unity of faith, Fichtenberg said. "That's been a positive experience for all of us. We see this as something that unifies us" in a Christian witness. "This is something we can come together on, showing the love of Christ to our neighbor."

The Apostles II build in Inkster this year involves a number of churches: First Presbyterian of Plymouth, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, Geneva Presbyterian of Canton, Meadowbrook Congregational Church of Novi, Resurrection Catholic Parish of Canton, St. Aidan Catholic of Livonia, St. John Neumann Catholic of Canton, St. Michael the Archangel of Livonia, St. Robert Bellarmine of Redford, and St. Thomas a Becket Catholic of Canton. Northwest Airlines is a partner for the Apostles build.

A number of Lutheran churches are also working on the two builds, including the Thrivent build, said Fichtenberg, a medical technologist at Garden City Hospital and Geneva member. Those churches are: Christ Our Savior Lutheran of Livonia, Grace Lutheran of Canton, Holy Cross Lutheran of Livonia, Hope Lutheran of Dearborn, St. Paul Lutheran of Northville, and Timothy Lutheran of Livonia.

"We're hoping to be done by early fall," said Fichtenberg of the two homes for which ground was broken April 27. Money's being raised and volunteers recruited for the work. Those who aren't handy with the hammer





The Apostles partner family, Alice Dent, executive director of the Habitat affiliate, church representatives, and a Northwest Airlines representative at the April 27 ground-breaking.

or saw can help make lunches for the construction volunteers.

"Each church takes a Saturday" to volunteer, said Fichtenberg, adding there are also a few ecumenical days when churches work side by side. Those who pack lunches can "feel like they're part of the action. There's something for everyone."

You can find out more about donating or volunteering at the Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County Web site, www.habitatwwc.org. The phone number is (734) 459-7744.

HOMES SOLD

On Thursday, May 8, women volunteers will begin making a dream come true for one new partner family by starting the build of a new Habitat for Humanity home in Pontiac. This building day will also be in recognition of National Women Build Week, May 4-10,

sponsored by Lowe's.

Developed through the partnership between Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity, National Women Build Week celebrates the compassion, dedication, talents and abilities of women from all walks of life. The goal is to both showcase the accomplishments of Habitat's women volunteers and invite new women volunteers to join the effort to provide decent, safe, affordable housing

and transform neighborhoods and lives.

The week leading up to Mother's Day was selected for its significance to many volunteers, as families with children make up a staggering number of those in need of adequate housing: more than 12 million children — one in six — live in poverty housing in the United States

alone.

Women eager to work on Pontiac home

According to Sally LePla, executive director of Habitat Oakland County, "This project will be a unique and exhilarating experience for women working together in a this somewhat nontraditional environment. Next year we hope to have an entire house sponsored and built by women."

Lowe's underwrites the Habitat for Humanity Women Build program, bringing women from all walks of life together to learn construction skills and then use those skills to be part of the solution to poverty housing.

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland
County, located at 150 Osmun in
Pontiac, has already built 86 homes,
housing approximately 260 people,
about 170 of them children from newborn to college age. Habitat Oakland
County seeks collaboration with organizations and individuals across Oakland
County to transform neighborhoods and
lives

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 7-11, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

	1250 Aziz Dr	\$73,000
	41415 Copper Creek Dr	\$61,000
	6748 Foxcreek Dr	\$224,000
	6964 Foxthorn Dr	\$88,000
	7327 Hillsboro Ct	\$195,000
	46576 Inverness Rd	\$310,000
	45652 Morningside Dr	\$248,000
	3738 Parklawn Dr	\$178,000
1	41866 Ravenwood St	\$196,000
	43119 Ryegate St	\$192,000
	6432 Trafalger Dr	\$250,000
	Farmington	, ,
	33825 Glenview Dr	\$165,000
	36672 Lansbury Ln	\$168,000
	32264 Valley View Cir	\$185,000
	Farmington Hills	
	29249 Autumn Rdg	\$261,000
	22134 Cass St	\$283,000
	31430 Hunters Circle Dr	\$160,000
	28309 Ridgebrook Rd	\$95,000
	37844 Thames Dr	\$258,000
	28821 W 11 Mile Rd	\$158,000
	Garden City	
	31561 Alvin St	\$135,000
	223 Inkster Rd	\$70,000
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863 Schuman St	Livonia	\$130,000
207E7 Donald Ct	Livonia	\$17E 000
38757 Donald St	,	\$175,000
32955 Fargo St		\$50,000
35780 Five Mile Rd		\$675,000
9271 Gillman St		\$118,000
8950 Hillcrest St		\$125,000
17110 Merriman Rd		\$275,000
29647 Nottingham Cir		\$121,000
32938 Scone St		\$202,000
	Northville	
16088 Cog Hill Dr		\$500,000
48487 Wicker Creel Dr		\$266,000
	Novi	
27508 Belgrave Pl		\$85,000
24057 Broadmoor Park	: Ln	\$445,000
51101 Hallfield St	The second of	\$312,000
24454 Holyoke Ln		\$428,000
24100 Tottenham Ct		\$445,000
	Plymouth	4.0
9839 Hillcrest Dr		\$289,000
49744 Plymouth Way		\$125,000
	Redford	
14312 Brady		\$142,000
24617 Elmira		\$128,000
9035 Riverview		\$83,000
	South Lyon	
105 Aspen Way	•	\$165,000
26523 Daria Cir W		\$331,000
	Westland	
31021 Barrington St		\$84,000
30845 Cherry Hill Rd		\$86,000

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Q. I was just down in south Florida looking for opportunities for investment in condos. Do you have any information regarding the present real estate market?

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Robert Meisner

investments.

it has not depreciated as much as certain other property which does not have an ocean or water view.

However, there are a number of new condo hotels that are of a high end nature, particularly in Fort Lauderdale, which continue to be in great demand, particularly by way of foreign investors. Again, it depends upon the location and you are best advised to research the entire area with a reputable real estate broker before making any

Q. Our condo docs allow for the association to suspend a co-owner who is delinquent in his assessments from using clubhouse facilities. Now the co-owner is claiming damage against the association for the association's failure to allow him to use the pool. What do you think?

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates. com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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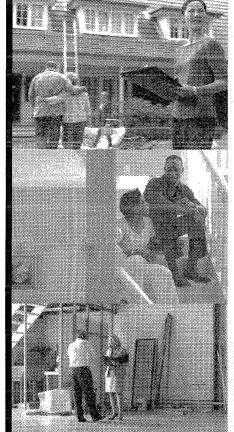
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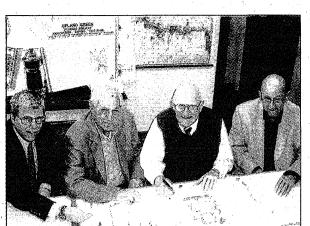
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Upland Green investors include (from left) Jeff Meek, Jim Jabara, Bill Conlin and Harold Bergquist.

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The Upland Green building at 1751 Plymouth Road near Upland Drive, by the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor's North Campus, is slated for June completion. It is a multi-use retail, office and condo building.

Required permits are now in attorney/real estate developer William Conlin of Ann Arbor's name. The Jabara Group of Plymouth and their bank, Monroe Bank & Trust, joined Conlin in having workers resume construction recently. James Jabara of Plymouth, a professional engineer, is the new project manager.

Panera Bread and Qdoba Mexican Grill will anchor the front twothirds of the first floor. The 20 residential and office units are being marketed by Carolyn Lepard of Charles Reinhart Realtors in Ann Arbor. A model unit will

open in June. Investors in the project include Conlin, Jabara, Harold B. Bergquist of Plymouth, a businessman with many interests, and Jeffery D. Meek, an attorney and entrepreneur with law firm offices and residence in Livonia. The

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BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Recovery By Design" on

Wednesday, May 7, from 8:30-11 a.m. at Emagine Theater, 44425 W. 12 Mile, Novi (Fountain Walk, Novi Road & I-96).

The presentation will cover what people can do as an industry to overcome the challenges of Michigan's economy. Topics include how to build a partnership with a design professional to create distinctive neighborhoods; how to give buyers a reason to move and minimize risk for builders; and an overview of National Green **Building Standard and** how they will impact Michigan.

Speakers are Dominick Tringali, AIA, NCARB, of Dominick Tringali Architects Inc. and Arn McIntyre of McIntyre Builders Inc.

Registration fees are \$15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "The ABCs of Collection' on Tuesday, May 13, from 8:30-10:30

a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will be presented by Ron Rich of Ronald B. Rich & Associates. Topics include: proper format for creating credit applications; collections process; making the phone call; when to initiate liens and when to go to arbitration or court.

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Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green BuiltTh Training on Wednesday, May 14, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Chris Pratt of **Wake-Pratt Construction** will instruct on the subject of Water Efficiency using materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248)

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the ninth annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards on Wednesday, May 14, from 6-9:30 p.m. at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates St. in Birmingham.

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The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$55 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, nonmembers and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033. **■** Apartment

Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar on Friday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington

Hills. Kathleen Mabie of **Ann Arbor-based Success** on Site will provide fair housing information specifically geared for maintenance and service personnel, housekeeping, grounds, vendors and part time staff. Situations encountered everyday will be the basis for the presentation. Registration fees are \$45 for PMC members, \$55 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call

(248) 862-1033. **■** Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Condominium Flexibility: Cleaning Up After The Flood' on Tuesday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

The inherent flexibility of the Michigan Condominium Act makes it possible to reposition and reformat existing residential projects. Participants will gain an understanding of the risks and opportunities related to stepping into an existing project.

Topics include: using expansion, contraction and convertability rights to your advantage; developer retained rights; successor developer liabilities and rights; association administration in the stalled project; and escrow and lien issues peculiar to the Condominium Act.

Speakers for the seminar are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman of Freeman Cotton & Gleeson, PLC, Greg J. Gamalski of Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, and Phil Seaver of Seaver Title.

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 28, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a twoday "Green Building for **Building Professionals**" course on Thursday and Friday, May 29-30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations.

of Builder Professional Services Group will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Registration fees are \$200 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$225 for BIA members and \$300 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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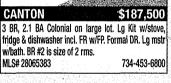


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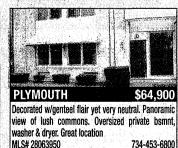
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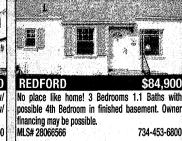
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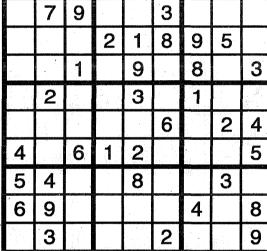
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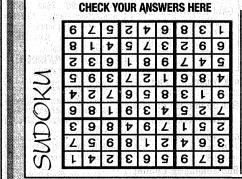
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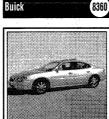
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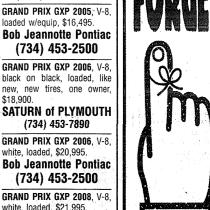
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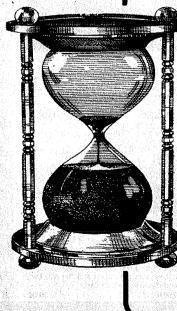
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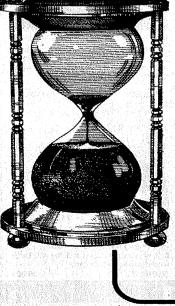
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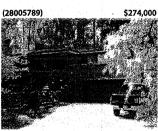


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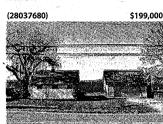
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Novi Good Value On This Very Nice Home Nice circular Dr, 6 panel DRs, spacious rms, priv den, formal LR & DR, nice KIT, FR w/cathedral ceiling, 1st fir laundry, side entry gar. Awaiting



248-348-6430 Lovely, spacious colonial w/great rm, fplc., & vaulted ceiling, large kitchen w/bow window, master bdrm. w/private bath, 1st floor laundry, full basement, tiered deck.



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Today is something of a milestone: By my account, this is my 200th column for this newspaper.

Tech Savvy launched in April 2003, a whopping five years ago. (Can anyone tell me what happened to those years?)

It's been a labor of love, and I want to thank all the readers who've sent kind words of appreciation during my tenure. I also want to acknowledge those who've called me on blunders and oversights: Thanks for keeping me on my toes!



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

To celebrate this, the longest steady job I've ever held (scary but true), I'm holding a contest! To enter, all you

have to do is send me an e-mail with some feedback about this column. Not the one you're reading, but Tech Savvy in general. I want to know what you like or don't like. What

topics you wish I'd cover more often. What topics you wish I'd stop covering. In other words, tell me how I can

make this corner of the newspaper a little better. Or if you think it's fine the way it is. I'm all ears.

Just put 'Tech Savvy Contest' in the subject line and you're automatically entered, regardless of what you have to say. I'll pick one entry at random to be the winner. Don't put it off: Entries must be received by Wednesday, May 7, 2008.

Want to know what you're playing for? A big box o' prizes, including (but not necessarily limited to) Norton Internet Security 2008 (3-PC edition), a Logitech QuickCam Pro for Notebooks, and a MagicJack (which lets you make unlimited local and long-distance phone calls from your PC).

Verizon Wireless has also generously donated one of their coolest phones: the LG Voyager. It's the one with the iPhonelike touchscreen, a full QWERTY keyboard underneath, and oodles of sweet

It'll be up to you to pay for monthly service, but Verizon is footing the \$350 bill for the phone. Thanks, guys! (I should note that this contest is entirely my doing; it's not an official Observer & Eccentric promotion.)

A NEW NOTEBOOK REVIEWED

I can't let this column get away without some kind of product coverage. Luckily, I just got done reviewing Gateway's new T-1628 notebook, a budget-priced but superbly equipped model for students, home users, and even road

Priced at \$749.99 and available exclusively at Best Buy, the T-1628 weighs about 5.5 pounds. It's fairly compact thanks to its 14.1-inch screen, which I found to be an ideal size.

Actually, it's the silver version of the notebook that sells at Best Buy. You can get a Garnet Red version (under the name T-6828) from Costco and the Pacific Blue T-1623 from Frv's and

All the models come with a dual-core processor, 3GB of RAM (more than enough to keep Windows Vista running smoothly), and a 250GB hard drive (very spacious for a budget notebook).

Also included: a DVD burner that can burn labels right onto special discs, a built-in Webcam, and an HDMI port for connecting the system to an HDTV or

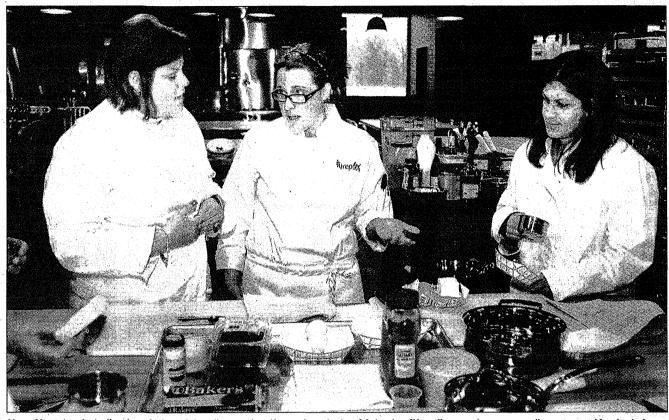
an HDMI-equipped monitor. The T-1628 isn't perfect: I found the screen a bit dim and battery life just average, and the built-in speakers

sounded pretty crummy. But those gripes aside, I think Gateway has engineered a featurepacked and affordable winner. Give it a look if you're shopping for a new PC.

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Enter the Tech Savvy 200th **Anniversary** Contest and you could win Verizon's waycool LG Voyager phone.





Stacy Sloan (center), director of Mirepoix's culinary education and graduate of Schoolcraft's culinary arts program, discusses cooking techniques with Hollie Sedlak (left) and Ann Holwey, Mirepoix is the new cooking school at Holiday Market in Royal Oak.



Don Blevins Sr. listens to instruction at one of Mirepoix's cooking classes.

WHAT THEY'VE GOT COOKING

Mirepoix offers hands-on classes upstairs at the Holiday Market, 1203 S. Main, Royal Oak, (248) 541-1414, ext. 640. For more information on classes visit www. mirepoixcookingschool.com.

Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, offers hands-on classes through its Continuing Education program, but many have a pre-requisite of a Skills Development class or the instructor's approval. Visit www. schoolcraft.edu for information.

The Community House is located at 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, Call (248) 644-5832 or visit www. communityhouse.com.

Other markets, kitchen and catering facilities also offer cooking classes, and are excellent sources of recipes and seminars, includ-

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK O&ESTAFF WRITER

he Food Network didn't just turn Emeril Lagasse, Bobby Flay and Giada De Laurentiis into household names and celebrity chefs.

The network turned TV fans into wannabe chefs with the swashbuckling style of an Iron Chef, or the cloying sweetness of Paula Dean, warming up friends with tastes of Southern pecan pie.

It also provided some of the impetus and inspiration for home chefs, too, who have plenty of options these days in learning more about food at local cooking schools, which range from the high tech kitchen at Schoolcraft College in Livonia to simple demonstrations in homes and smaller kitchen facilities.

"People are more interested in cooking," said Stacy Sloan, Mirepoix's director of culinary education at Mirepoix, the new cooking school at Holiday Market in Royal Oak and a graduate of Schoolcraft's culinary arts program. "They know more about it, and they want to do more of it."

SCHOOL'S IN FOR SUMMER

For instance, Schoolcraft offers not only grilling classes with a master chef, Jeff Gabriel, but an advanced class, too. Chef Shaw Loving instructs a class on Soul Food Recipes and another on Family-style Entrees. Chef Marcus Haight has one on Gourmet Burgers.

Mirepoix offers many Schoolcraft graduates instructing classes, along with restaurateurs and chefs from local eateries who offer a glimpse into their favorite dishes.

Tapas with the Chefs of Sangria is a class scheduled on June 10, for example. There's a range of classes covering everything from Asian Noodles to Vegetarian Grilling.

Michele Bialo, program manager for. Continuing Education and Professional Development at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, thinks the popularity of culinary classes stem from the talents of the instruc-

"I think the (continuing ed) classes are popular because we have wonderful, talented chefs who teach here (in the culinary arts program) and others who teach and work outside of Schoolcraft, and they are highly regarded in the field. People in these classes can come in and see the kitchen."

All the classes, the hands-on and lectures, are popular, Bialo said. "The handson classes are smaller, so there can be oneon-one instruction."

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Community House in Birmingham offers continuing education classes all year long. The kitchen there doesn't have the space for hands-on classes, but the classes are inexpensive when compared to other facilities.

"We have instructors who have a passion for what they are doing. The classes are mostly demonstration classes, but we try to involve the students as much as we can, said Judy Dimmer, program director at the Community House in Birmingham.

"Some of the cooks teach classes about foods from their native countries, from southern Italy, Thailand and France,"

Please see CLASSES, D2

Women's show features food, health tips



Carolyn Hack

The Michigan International Women's Show takes center stage at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi May 1 - 4.

"More than 400 exhibitors will display cosmetics, fragrances, lingerie, purses, shoes, gifts, décor items, food, health screenings, fashion and accessories, arts and crafts and more," said Beth Anderson, show manager of Southern Shows.

Food and fashion will also take center stage at the show with makeovers, cooking demonstrations and entertainment.

On Saturday, Jon and Kate Gosselin, from the TLC and Discovery Health reality show Jon and Kate Plus 8 will tell about raising their eight children, threeyear-old sextuplets and seven-year-old twins, and how they carry out regular life

On Sunday, Jason Earles, who plays Miley Cyrus' older brother Jackson Stewart on the Disney Channel Original Series Hannah Montana, will answer questions and sign autographs. Shelley Kincaid, "The Garage Sale Lady" and

Please see WOMEN'S, D3

MEET BAKING INSTRUCTOR AT SHOW

Carolyn Hack began baking as a child on her family's farm in New Jersey and now brings her passion and years of experience to bear as a National Baking Class Instructor for the King Arthur Flour Co. of Norwich, Vermont. Hack has a background in theatrical design, working in theater for about 25 years and teaching high school and college students around the country. While her professional life has been dominated by the arts, Carolyn's home life has always involved lots of cooking and baking.

As a young girl, Carolyn baked a cake for her five siblings every day one summer, learning through trial and error the art of baking. Hack enjoys baking pies, pastries and bread in her masonry oven during most of the year, and recently has been teaching her four children to bake.

Hack worked in theater in Seattle for 10 years before moving back to the East Coast. Carolyn now lives on a small farm in Thetford Center, Vermont. When she's not baking bread, she spends her time making fine art paintings as artist Carolyn Enz.

GREEN FAIR IS THIS WEEKEND

The Michigan **Farmers Market** Association (MIFMA) will promote local food and Michigan farmers at the Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth on May 3 and 4.

"We want to increase our visibility to consumers and friends of Michigan farmers markets," said Dru Montri, MIFMA association manager. "As we get into the market season, we're promoting not just Michigan farmers markets, but Michigan

farmers, too." The Green Street Fair, presented by Whole Foods Market, was created to help educate and inform people of all ages about the benefits of green, organic, and ecofriendly products and services. This free event will showcase local and national businesses and mix companies, nonprofit organizations, artisans, live music, workshops and speakers together in a friendly and family-oriented outdoor environment.

For MIFMA, the emphasis is about being green and more: it's about farmers, public health, supporting Michigan's communities and economy and making "local food" a household term for consumers.

MIFMA's mission and vision are to advance farmers markets to create a thriving marketplace for local food and farm products and to place farmers markets at the forefront of the local food movement. ensuring that residents have access to healthy, locally grown food and that Michigan farmers markets receive policy support.

We really hope to do that at the fair and to spread the word about everything that Michigan farmers markets can do for our state," said Montri.

Visit www.greenstreetfair.com, call (734) 259-2983 or email info@greenstreetfair.

PLYMOUTH CHAMBER HOLDS SHRED DAY

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 4th Annual Community Shred Day 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 3 in the parking lot of New Liberty Bank located at 1333 W. Ann Arbor Road.

Plymouth residents may bring any paper products to the New Liberty Bank parking lot and watch as they are shredded. All residents are asked to limit their items to one or two boxes, and remove all large clips. Staples and paperclips do not need to be removed. Assistance will be available for those who need help.

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Trivento is wine of the winds

noncha y Toro, one of the big name wine producers in Chile, wanted to produce and market Argentine wines to the world. In 1996, they started a new winery near Mendoza, Argentina, to do just that.



Ray & Eleanor

They hired veteran Argentine winemaker, Federico Galdeano to craft wines at Trivento Bodegas y Vinedos. Concha y Toro wanted to produce a new range of wines from Argentina, using its own technology and

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expertise in interna-Heald tional marketing. The choice to establish a winery in Argentina meant planting or pur-

chasing vineyards in the best possible wine growing regions and selecting premium grape varieties for each region. Today Trivento boasts 1,300 acres of vineyards planted in three of the best areas -- Maipu, Tupungato and Rivadavia.

HIGH-TECH

"Deciding when to harvest is crucial," says Galdeano. "Grape maturity determines aroma, alcohol content, tannins, acidity, balance and the very particular personality of Argentine wines."

Today, Trivento has a high tech winery set on a 37-acre site that makes use of the latest winemaking technology, allowing it to produce more than 3 million cases of wine annually. Imagine a bottling line that can fill and label 4,500 bottles an hour. Now imagine two running simultaneously. That's high-tech. Trivento is translated as "three winds" that rush through the vineyards, creating a unique character in the fruit.

"The icy polar wind invades the vinevard in winter and forces the sap deep within the vines," said Silvina Barros, Trivento brand manager. "Pruning begins to encourage renewed growth. The Zonda wind sweeps down off the Andes from the west. Its warmth wakens the dormant sap to supply new, spring growth. The fresh, humid Sudestada wind blows from the east in summer. It refreshes our grapes from the searing sun."

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WHAT TO BUY FROM TRIVENTO

Trivento 2007 Select Torrontes (\$10) is a citrusy white wine with attractive peach flavors and a fresh, crisp finish. Lovely as an aperitif or for warm weather sipping.

Trivento 2005 Select Chardonnay (\$10) boasts apple and peach aromas and flavors with a balanced touch of oak.

Trivento 2006 Golden Reserve Chardonnay (\$20) is barrel fermented to achieve a full mouthfeel and balanced oak impression. Look for a June release.

Trivento 2005 Select Syrah (\$10) is a good example of syrah from a cool region. It shows a big, rich fruit impression with balanced tannins and an attractive, meaty finish.

Trivento 2005 Select Cabernet Sauvignon (\$10) has attractive black fruit and dark cherry flavors with notes of cocoa and tobacco. Excellent value.

Trivento 2005 Select Malbec (\$10) is a great introduction to malbec, the great Argentine red variety. A big, solid black fruit impression leads to great structure with spice and pepper notes.

Trivento 2006 Amado Sur (\$15) is a blend of malbec, syrah and bonardo in a wine that has a full body with great red and black fruit flavors. June release. Trivento 2005 Golden Reserve Malbec (\$20) is produced from 70-

year-old vines and aged 12 months in 50 percent new French oak: It has spice, red fruit, and balanced oak with a smooth palate impres-

Trivento 2005 Eolo (\$75) is a tribute to the God of the Winds. It's a blend of malbec with 10 percent syrah and the best of the best from Trivento with incredible strength, flavor and finish. Outstanding.

FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com.

Healthy Eating Made Easy

Learn how to cook gourmet yet healthy meals with Michigan Health coach Cheryl Heppard and chef Matt Schellig, the first and third Thursdays of every month. Learn about Greek foods May 1 and May 15 is vegan; June, barbecue; July, summer seasoned; located at Aunt Olives, 525 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham, classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$50 per person, for more info and to pre-register call (248) 592-0869 or visit www.MichiganHealthCoach.com.

Green Street Fair

Inaugural fair to promote benefits of green, organic and eco-friendly products and services of companies, artisans, entertainers and speakers, May 3-4, downtown Plymouth, visit www.greenstreetfair.com.

Macro Val's Annual Spring Fling- Pot Luck Mini Health Fair

Fair features potluck, guests are asked to bring vegan, macrobiotic, sugar-free, dairy-free, wheat-free, no white rice or bread, bring enough for 10 people, noon-7 p.m. Sunday, May 4, \$12 without dish; \$6 with dish to share, Val Wilson will bring desserts, so make dish a main course, Val will premiere new show, "Healthy Cooking with Macro Val," also lectures on feng shui, Qi Gong and acupuncture, Hometown Novi Club House, 13 Mile and Novi Road, Novi. www.macroval.com for details.

Dimmer said, rattling off the homelands of some of the instruc-

"So many times you go to one of these restaurants, and you'll get an Americanized version of the food from that country. But it's a real treat to learn about the food and the history of the region."

The Community House also offers daytime (including lunchtime) classes aimed at retirees and baby boomers who want classes at those times. These classes are popular.

Some of the classes offered there this summer include: Italian Minute Meals with Agata Titocci; Eastern Market Tour with Freeman E. Gunnell; Healthy but Yummy; and Salads and Vinaigrettes.

Holiday Market in Royal Oak started instructional classes five years ago. "We had enough success with it to build this facility," said Sloan, referring to Mirepoix, which opened in early February, upstairs on the second floor and part of the market's 8,000square-foot expansion.

THE BEST HANDS DOWN!

Sloan wants Mirepoix's pro-

gram to offer professional culinary education for the person who longs to cook like a professional, but doesn't have the time to invest in pursuing a culinary degree.

"I'm not recipe driven, I'm technique driven," Sloan said. "I'm into proper cooking technique. We want you to know how hot a hot sauté pan should be and when the oil in it reaches just the right temperature for sauteing."

The classes welcome couples or groups of friends who want to spend time together. Another new trend has evolved from those classes, too. Cooking parties represents a new wave of entertainment for co-workers, friends and family members. Sloan said the classes are a good way to get shoppers into the store and provide a source of entertainment and socialization among friends.

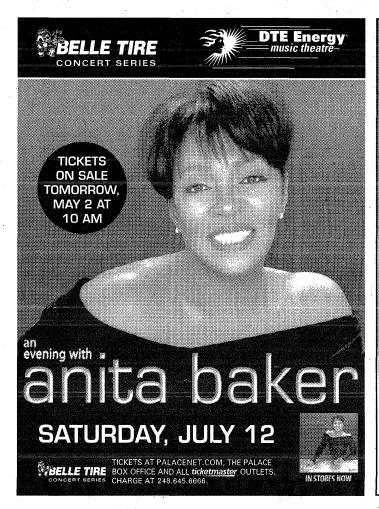
All students do is pay class fees, and the school takes care of the produce and meats, and will even "We want people to understand

proper technique," said Sloan. "If you learn basic techniques, you can do anything."

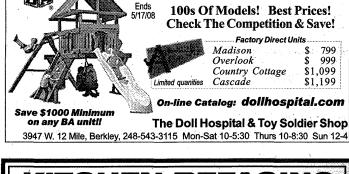
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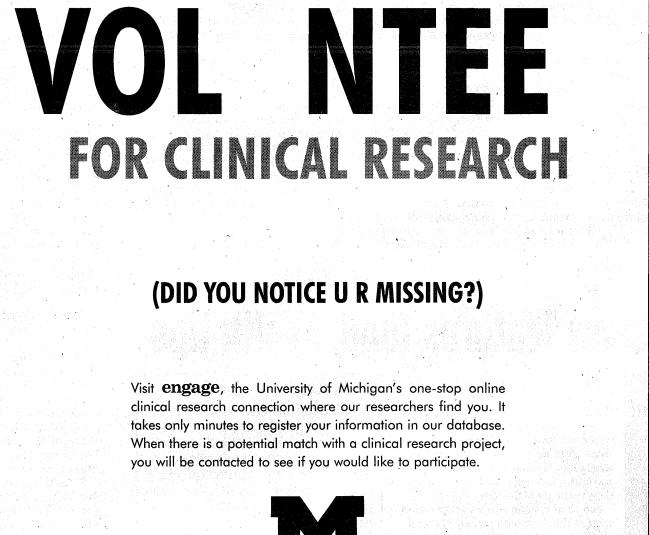








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BASIC BREAD

Makes 2 loaves.

2 cups warm water, 115-120 degrees

1 tablespoon sugar 1 packet Red Star active dry yeast

5½ to 6 cups King Arthur

unbleached all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon salt

Open and empty a 2-pound bag of King Arthur unbleached all-purpose flour into a bowl and set it aside.

Pour warm water into the other large mixing bowl. Add the sugar and stir to dissolve. Add yeast and stir. Stir in two cups of flour (remember to fluff the flour with a spoon, sprinkle it into the measuring cup, and lightly sweep off the top when measuring the flour).

Add one more cup of flour and the salt and stir. Add 2 to 21/2 cups flour and stir well. When the dough starts to pull away from the sides of the bowl, and you can lift the dough completely with the spoon, your dough is ready to knead. Turn the dough out onto a floured

Fold the far edge of the dough over on itself toward you. Gently press into the dough with the heels of your hands and push away. Turn the dough one quarter of the way around. Repeat this motion — fold, push, turn for about 5 minutes, sprin-

kling your hands or the kneading surface with just enough flour to prevent sticking. Let the degrees dough rest while you scrape out the mixing bowl. Pour a little oil into the mixing bowl and smear it around to grease the inside of the bowl

Knead the dough for a few more minutes until it is springy

Put the dough into the oiled bowl and turn the dough over once to grease the top. Cover with plastic wrap and a clean towel, and set the dough in a warm place to rise for 1½ to 2

Punch down the dough and turn it out onto a clean work surface. Cut the dough in half, and shape into two loaves. Oil a baking sheet, and place the two



Basic sweet bread dough can make a variety of baked goods.

loaves on it. Cover the dough with plastic wrap and a clean towel and let rise 25 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 425°F. Carefully remove the plastic wrap and slash the tops of the loaves with a sharp knife. Brush the loaves with cold water. Bake loaves for 24 to 40 minutes until the crust is golden brown and the loaf sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom. Let bread cool on a rack

Note: To add delicious whole grain goodness to your bread, substitute 2 cups King Arthur traditional whole wheat or 100 percent white whole wheat flour for 2 cups King Arthur unbleached all-purpose flour. Recipe from The King Arthur Flour

BASIC SWEET BREAD DOUGH

This soft and pliable dough is suitable for all sorts of shapes, from braids to cinnamon rolls to monkey bread. Soft dough is the secret to soft, tender bread.

³/₄ cup (6 ounces) warm water, 115-120

2 teaspoons sugar

1 tablespoon Red Star active dry

½ cup (2 ounce's) King Arthur unbleached all-purpose flour 3/4 cup (6 ounces) plain low-fat Stonyfield Farm yogurt

½ cup (1 stick, 4 ounces) unsalted butter, softened

2 large eggs, lightly beaten ½ cup (3½ ounces) sugar 2 teaspoons salt

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up to 2 cups all-natural King Arthur white whole wheat flour) 1 egg and 1 tablespoon water (for

In a small bowl, combine the warm water and 2 teaspoons sugar. Stir to dissolve. Stir in the yeast and ½ cup flour. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside

until bubbly and active, about

10 to 15 minutes

In a large bowl, combine the yogurt, butter, eggs, sugar, salt, vanilla, and yeast mixture. Add the flour 1 cup at a time, mixing until the dough comes away cleanly from the sides of the bowl. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and, adding only enough flour to keep the dough from sticking to your hands or the work surface, knead the dough about 5 minutes, until soft and pliable but not sticky. Let the dough rest while you clean and grease the bowl. Finish kneading the dough until it's smooth, supple and springy.

Place the dough in a greased bowl, turn to coat all surfaces, cover with plastic wrap and a clean towel, and let sit in a warm place for about 11/2 hours, or until doubled.

Gently deflate the dough and divide it in half. Cover with plastic wrap and let rest on a lightly floured surface for 15 minutes. Form the dough into desired shapes. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise about 45 minutes. Preheat oven to 375°F. Brush loaves with egg wash and bake until golden brown, about 30 to 40 minutes, to an internal temperature of 190°F. Remove the bread from the oven, and let it cool on a rack.

Adapted from The King Arthur Flour Baker's Companion.

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author of The Garage Sale Decorator's Bible, will make home decorating projects, reveal tips and ideas and teach you how to find and revitalize treasures as seen on her Trash to Treasures TV show and appearances on HGTV, DIY and Discovery Channel.

There's plenty of cooking demonstrations, too.

Cooking Light magazine's executive chef Billy Strynkowski will create his low calorie, full-flavored recipes and share his passion for food and entertaining on Cooking Light Day (Friday). A free magazine will be given to the first 1,000 showgoers that

On Saturday and Sunday, King Arthur Flour Company's National Baking Class instructor Carolyn Hack will demonstrate the basics of working with yeast and yeast dough, shaping techniques for mock braid and cinnamon rolls and have free recipe booklets along with samples to try.

The Michigan Chapter of the National MS Society will sponsor Plates & Palatés chef Bill Pikarski preparing selections that appear in his Cooks ᡦ Cars − Recipes by Design cookbook (Saturday only). Century Grille executive chef George Hamiel will feature menopause cooking during his "Hot Flash" presentation (Sunday only).

Chicken and dumplings, sandwich and snack wraps and healthy meals will be demonstrated on the KSI Kitchen & Bath Cooking Stage. Dumplings N'More author Anne Grimes, Aussie in the Kitchen chef Paul Penney and Taste of Detroit Chef Showcase from Pi, Sea Grille and Il Posto restaurants will present recipes, tips and techniques.

Novi Fire Department's charity fashion show features firefighters modeling the latest in men's clothing from Macy's on Friday and Saturday. Additional spring fashion shows will run during

Attendees of all ages will have the opportunity to make a craft project for free using recycled materials at the Recycling for Learning and Fun Arts & Scraps Pavilion.

Specialists will explain the latest developments in plastic surgery, weight loss, vein therapy and provide answers to other health related questions at the Ask the Doctors and Doctor's In segments sponsored by Detroit Medical Center.

Other features will include Do It Herself Spotlight Stage, Thursday's Nurses Day with special savings and healthy cooking classes sponsored by the Michigan Nurses Association and Sunday's Mother & Daughters Day with a lookalike contest.

Rock Financial Showplace is located on Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Show hours are 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday and Saturday and II a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday.

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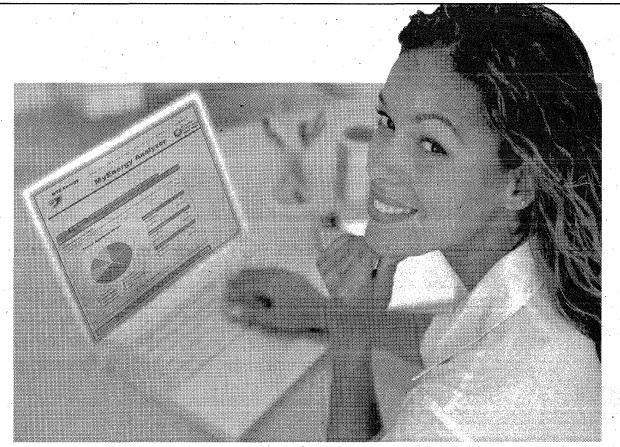
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Pet of the Week

Jewel is a 5-month old adorable, sweet lab mix who loves to play. Her favorite game is fetch though she doesn't always want to give the ball back! She's smart, doing great with house training and will follow you around the house like a best friend. Since she she's still young and likes to jump, she might do best in a home where kids are at least 6-years-old or over. She loves other dogs and is spayed and vaccinated. Due to the economy, the Metro Area Animal Adoptions desperately needs foster homes for animals who have been abandoned by their owners who have lost their jobs. MAAA will supply the food, bowls, collars, toys and leashes to the foster homes. To adopt Jewel or foster a dog or cat, call (313) 571-2985 or by e-mail at metroaaaa@aol.com.

Draperies splash with color, style

Question: "I like to sew as a hobby, and I'm wondering what are the new trends in window treatments and fabric colors? Can a casual sewer, like me, pull a custom drapery look

together without it looking homemade?"



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

changes to window treatment designs. It's a refreshing change. As a designer, I'm enjoying working with clients

who love new, rich fabrics and colors and are willing to try out some of the new design trends in window treatments.

First of all, the color palette has changed a bit. Blue has made a huge splash in the fashion market in the last year and now fabric companies are finally coming out with some new designs that work with the new palette.

This is not the navy blue of years past, but a soft, spa-like blue color that's easy on the eyes, but very revitalizing at the same time.

We also are seeing a resurgence of gray tones. The grays are warm gray, with a hint of beige or taupe in them. They work very nicely with an existing palette without feeling cold.

Not only are the colors new, but the styles have changed as well. I did not design a terribly "fussy" window treatment at all in 2007. The styles are simpler and cleaner. Pinch pleated side panels (either fixed panels or traversing) hung from a beautiful rod are stunning. The fabric can be solid, textural, or with beautiful stripes and paisleys. Since many windows are not requiring fabric valances, your money is better spent on gorgeous drapery hardware, rings, and rods.

Another beautiful and simple look is a treatment that hangs down from metal medallions with softy draped pleats and barely puddles on the floor. This style gives a casual and elegant feel to a room.

Take your time to look through interior design magazines and other publications. Just make sure they are not 5 years old! You will get inspired by what you see.

As someone who likes to sew as a hobby, these simple treatments could definitely be created in your own home. Buy a good pattern, always use lining, and stay within your skill level. Quality, decorative hardware will also show your finished project in its best light.

Take your time when selecting the fabric and try to think outside the box with color trends. You have the perfect opportunity to be a little daring and creative!

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk at kabramcz@hometownlife com.

The Community House

A series of classes dedicated to the greening of America, issues and solutions for improving the environment; Residential Rain Gardens, 7-8:30 p.m. May 1; 380 S. Bates, Birmingham call (248) 644-5832 to register, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.

online at www Pruning Roses

How to Plant Roses, slide lecture and hands-on garden demonstration, 1 p.m. May 4, 11 a.m. May 5, Success with Climbing Roses, 1 p.m. May 11, 11 a.m. May 12; Seven Steps to Success with Roses, 11 a.m. May 19; Dr. Griffith Buck's Roses from lowa, 1 p.m. May 25, 11 a.m. May 26; Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Rd., Belleville, (734) 461-1230, www.GreatLakesRoses.com.

Southern Michigan Daylily Society
Hybridizing Spiders and Unusual Forms
Daylily Flowers with Dan Bachman from
Valley of the Daylilies in Lebanon, Ohio,
7 p.m. May 2, Congregational Church
of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Rd.,
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2-4, University of Michigan Matthaei
Botanial Gardens,1800 N. Dixboro Road,

mbgna.umich.edu, (734) 647-7600.

Garden Center Sale

Oakland Schools Technical Campus (Southwest), 9 a.m.-noon, May 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 1000 Beck Rd., Wixom, (248) 668-

Farmers Market The Downtown Rochester Farmers'

Market opens Saturday, May 3 at the corner of East Third and Water Street, just one block east of Main Street. The market is open 8 a.m.1 p.m. every Saturday, May 3 through Oct. 25 with only Michigan-grown (or made) products. Opening day festivities include free donuts and tote bags, while supplies last, music. hands-on children's activities and a drawing for a gift certificate. For more information about the market, visit www. DowntownRochesterMl.com or contact the Rochester DDA office at (248) 656-0060.

Swap Meet

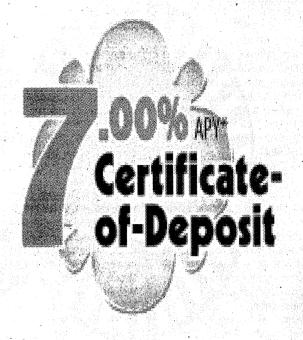
9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 3, Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Rd., Plymouth, if interested in renting a table, contact Anita Laich at (734) 425-1685 for more information.

Farmington Garden Club

Pauline Flynn, accredited judge and the club's artistic crafts chairman, gives a demonstration, of the construction, planting and care of a living wreath, hoon Monday, May 5, at the visitors center in Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 mile road.

Guests and new members are welcome, (248) 626-6322, www.
Farmingtongardenclub.com.









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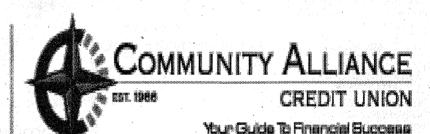
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If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

Pizza and movie night

For adults with developmental disabilities 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, Livonia. To reserve a spot contact Judy Cook at (248) 442-0307 or elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

Bucket fillers

Author Carol McCloud visits 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Elementary age, parents welcome to learn how to carry an invisible bucket to be filled with kindness. Admission \$2 or one canned good. To RSVP, send e-mail to jackie@ lahtinen.org. For more information, visit www.staidanlivonia.org.

Mass of anointing

St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition to attend the special Mass 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. All area Catholics interested in receiving anointing should call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, so the church will be able to prepare for the people attending.

Spring fund-raiser

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. A variety of vendors will be displaying and selling products. No admission fee. Refreshments and Bake Sale available. For information, call (734) 495-0035.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday May 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. Cost \$10. Doors

open 7:30 PM. Call (734) 261-5716. **Holocaust Memorial Convocation**

1 p.m. Sunday, May 4, in the auditorium at the Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. A highlight of the afternoon

RELIGION CALENDAR

will be the kindling of candles by Holocaust survivors and their families in memory of the 6 million who perished, and in memory of Israel's victims of terrorism. No charge. The community is invited. For more information, call (248) 553-2400 or visit www.holocaustcenter.org.

Polish Constitution Day

Include a posthumous presentation of the Fidelitas Medal in recognition of the late Msgr. Zdzislaw Peszkowski, professor emeritus of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary and St. Mary's Preparatory, following the 1 p.m. mass in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. For information, call (248) 682-1885.

Ladies night out

Deadline is Monday, May 5, for tickets to Ladies Night Out with Teresa Tomeo, well-known syndicated talkshow host and author, 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the Italian-American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. The event is sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Tickets \$20, includes dinner and dessert. Cash bar available. All area women are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, ext.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the journey to an emotionally mature church during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in May at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Bethany Suburban West

Cinco de Mayo/Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday May 9, at the St.Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 996-8644. Cost will be either a snack, dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet) or \$5 and we will supply the paper products and the coffee. Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday May 17, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call (734) 513-9479. Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31, Don

Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster Rd., Redford. Admission \$15. For information, call (586) 264-0284.

Rummage sale

1-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. For information about donating, working, or shopping, call the church at (248) 644-2040, visit http://fpcbirmingham. org/RummageSale, or send e-mail to fpc.rummage.sale@gmail.com.

Father Kern award dinner

In honor of the Rev. Clement Kern Thursday, May 8 (6 p.m. reception and silent auction, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. award ceremony). Tickets \$100. For information and reservations, call (248) 666-1194.

Holy Ghost Outpouring

7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 8-9 (no charge), Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m. May 10, at Marriott Southfield, 27033 Northwestern (\$30 with Prophetess Dianne Palmer). Call (313) 438-1177 or www.newwineglory.org.

Evening of evangelization

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office for Evangelization continues its evening series 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Single mom's luncheon

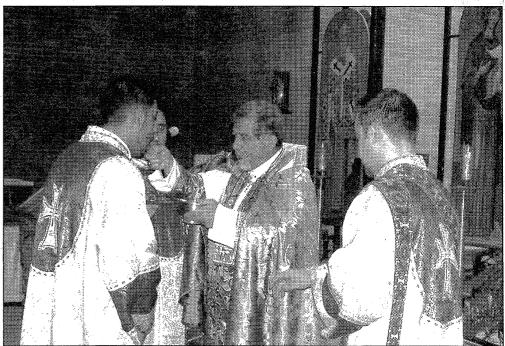
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, north of Five Mile. The lunch is free of charge, but reservations required. Call (734) 427-8743 to leave your name. Free children's 'activities and baby-sitting will be provided along with a special music presentation, a small gift, and a short message of encouragement for single moms.

Choir concert

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir perform 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 11, at Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. No admission. A freewill offering will be received. The concert is open to the public. For details, call (313) 532-8655.

Spring rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, USA, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-8844.



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Commemoration

The Rev. Antoine Adam of St. Vartan's Armenian Catholic congregation (Detroit), celebrated a "Mass for the Martyrs of the Turkish Genocide of the Armenians," Sunday, April 27, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church of Livonia at the request of the Mardin Club, which include survivors of the confict.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of every month at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing. Donation's are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Vacation Bible School

Registration began April 7 for Vacation Bible School to run July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

UPCOMING

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. Cost \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716 for details.

Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday June 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

ONGOING Reformed Protestant services

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill corner of Ridge Canton For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/

detroit.html. Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity. 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection is taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www. renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every -Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. Sunday services

Come to hear about the love of Jesus

Christ for you 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www. livonfaith.org.

Tai chi and strength classes Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting

a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per

class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday wor-

ship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing. stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc. org for updates.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H20 starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www. coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734)

464-4435. ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www. endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

ENDOW Educating on the Nature and

Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulieris Dignitatem - On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session is

7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Day of service

Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin

Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org. New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visi tors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors

welcome. Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and

the I-96 service drive. Worship service

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule Regular church service 10 a.m.

Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www. holycrosslivonia.org.

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

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BIRDIE CASSIDY

Age 85, Farmington Hills, MI, passed April 27, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral

DENNIS L. HASSELL Age 69, Southfield, MI, passed April

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DONALD J. DOERR August 21, 1940-April 27, 2008. born in Detroit Died in Livonia, MI, L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI

MARSHA MILLER

ADAMUSIK

Age 58, went to be with her Lord sud-

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denly on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at her home in Canton, Michigan. Marsha was born and raised in Tuscumbia. She was born to her loving parents, Raymond Chapman Miller and Betty M. Miller on March 15, 1950. She was a 1968 graduate of Deshler High School. Marsha was a cheerleader and was on the Miss Friendliness Court her senior year. She was a homemaker and a member of the Fourth Street Church of Christ in Tuscumbia. She was always loving and friendly and she never met a stranger. She loved her family and had a good relationship with them. She talked with her mom almost every night. All of her life she loved any animal. She was preceded in death by both her maternal and paternal grandparents, and her father, Ray Miller on April 9, 2007. Marsha is survived by her husband, Don Adamusik of Canton, Michigan: mother, Betty Miller of Florence, Alabama; uncle and aunt, Herschel and Pat Miller of Florence, Alabama; brothers, Larry Miller of Grady, Arkansas and Michael R. Miller of Tuscumbia, Alabama; nieces and nephews, Carla and Brad Miller; great niece, Taylor Miller; first cousins, Bobby Dennis and wife, Susan. Pallbearers will be family and friends. The Miller family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to their church families and especially to Glenn and Evelyn Sherrod for their longtime friendship. The grave side service will be Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 11:00 AM at Greenview Memorial Park with Rev. Donnie McDaniel officiating. There is no planned visitation. Elkins Funeral Home is assisting the family. Expressions of sympathy may also be made in loving memory of Marsha Miller Adamusik to Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ, 1207 Sherrod Ave., Florence, Alabama 35630 and Underwood Baptist Church, 5091 Hwy 157, Florence, Alabama 35630.

JANET STINSON-SAGOVAC Age 77, of Key Biscayne, Florida, & formerly of Birmingham, MI, passed away on April 24, 2008. Janet is survived by loving husband John, sister Jean, children Karen, Keith, & Glenn, & three lovely granddaughters. The family requests memorial donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society (michiganhumane.org) or the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org). A memorial service celebrating Janet's life is planned for Monday, May 5, at 10:30 a.m., at First United Methodist

EDWARD A. BUNDOFF

Church of Birmingham.

Of Commerce Twp. passed away on April 27, 2008. Arrangements by Swansons Funeral Home of Flint Memorial service to be held in June at Ford UAW, Local 182 in Livonia, and the Veteran's Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

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PHYLLIS M. GRAMLICH

Age 90 of Redford, died April 29, 2008 at Medilodge of Monroe. Funeral services were at 10am from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Maybee with Fr. Robert Bauer officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery Born April 26, 1918 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Phyllis was the daughter of Harry & Reva (Wysel) Kingin. She married Donald H. Gramlich on August 10, 1955. He preceded her in death January 5, 2005. Phyllis was the Switchboard Operator and Secretary for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals in Redford Township for 25 years, retiring August of 1980. A member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Redford, Phyllis enjoyed animals, especially dogs. She also enjoyed reading and traveling. Phyllis is survived by a sister Sybil Reaside of Redford as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her parents. Memorials may be made to The Humane Society of Michigan, St. Jude's Children's Research or The American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at:

JOHN E. SCHWOCHOW Age 57, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away April 22, 2008. Thayer-Rock

Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, MI LOUIS A. MORTON Age 83, April 26, 2008 in Raleigh, North Carolina, Beloved husband of

the late Janet E. Morton. Loving father of Kenneth (Elke) & Craig (Karen) Morton. Dear grandfather of Lydia, Micah, Moriah & Jeremiah. Visitation Thursday 4-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, with funeral service to follow on Friday at Ham. Share your special thoughts and memories at: schrader-howell.com



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Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third

Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200

MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.

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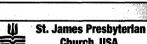
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Handmade Detroit's Stephanie Tardy of Pleasant Ridge, Carey Gustafson of Ferndale, Amy Cronkite of Oak Park (left to right, back row), Bethany Nixon of Pontiac and Lish Dorset of Plymouth, will offer demonstrations at The Green Street Fair in Plymouth May 3-5.

Handmade Detroit hosts Swap-0-Rama during Green Fair

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK **O&E STAFF WRITER**

As the 'green' movement blooms this spring, Handmade Detroit is helping others get in style for the season.

The organization, made up of young local indie crafters, has long been reusing, recycling and renewing everyday items into fabulous new finds.

This weekend, they'll share the art of Do-It-Yourself as they host a Swap-O-Rama-Rama and recycled craft market during the Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth May 3-4.

According to Alicia "Lish" Dorset, co-founder of Handmade Detroit, they'll teach festivalgoers how to refashion clothing into unique new pieces at their Green Street Fair booth.

Swap-O-Rama-Rama was launched in 2005 by Wendy Tremayne, a musician and creative crafter in Manhattan. The concept brings people together to swap and remake clothing with the help of facilitators, workshops and sewing stations stocked with supplies.

Handmade Detroit hosts the Detroit Urban Craft Fair each year, as well as Sunday Crafternoons at Woodward Avenue Brewery in Ferndale.

Mandi Buckland, organizer of the Green Street Fair, brought Handmade Detroit and Swap-O-Rama-Rama together for the first time. Dorset, 27, said the marriage is a perfect fit.

"It goes right back to our whole idea, the DIY spirit," said Dorset, who graduated from Seaholm High School in Birmingham and now resides in Plymouth. "So

many of our vendors use recycled components in their finished products so that is really important to us."

Handmade Detroit has spent months collecting clothing and accessories, and they encourage would-be swappers to bring more. Whether festival goers bring items or not, they'll be able to choose any used clothing they want from the swap pile for free, then get to work.

Janome has donated four sewing machines for use during the swap, and Handmade Detroit volunteers will man the sewing stations, demonstrating projects such as altering T-shirts or making tote bags out of scraps.

"We'll have some accessory ideas, headbands, cuffs and belts," Dorset said. "We'll definitely have a project for parents and kids to do together — a no-sew pillow they can take home and put on their

Handmade Detroit also will teach basic mending techniques to give old clothing new purpose.

Visitors can sit down and complete a project right there, or pick out something to work on at home. Dorset is hoping the swap will inspire people to look at discards in a fresh way.

"Maybe they'll turn a pair of jeans into a skirt and they'll realize how much they enjoy it and it will become a second business or a new hobby," she said. "I think everybody is trying to be a little bit greener this year, and giving things a second life, turning clothing into something else, is an easy way to do it."

For more information, visit www.handmadedetroit.com or www.greenstreetfair.com.

Recycle records into retro bowls

Do you have a collection of scratched records in your attic? Dust off a few of those LPs and in just minutes you can repurpose them into record bowls.

Record bowls aren't just fun, they're functional. Use one as a change dish or to hold odds and ends, or use a few together at your next party as a great conversation starter and to hold chips, popcorn and cookies.



Turn old records into kitschy bowls with help from Handmade Detroit.

RECIPE FOR RECORD BOWLS

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An oven Oven mitts

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After you've made your first bowl, you will undoubtedly want more. Try making smaller bowls from 45s to use as candy dishes or use colored vinyl for extra fun.

Source: Handmade Detroit, www.handmadedetroit.com

green picks

These eco-chic picks are inspired by the Green Street Fair, taking over downtown Plymouth May 3-4.



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Male bridesmaids are all the rage in new film

BY STEPHANIE A. CASOLA OSE STAFF WRITER

When Jennifer McGowan married her husband Robert — aFarmington Hills native — the two carefully chose a small, but significant wedding party. It just happened to include a "Best Woman" on the groom's side and a male participant on the bride's side.

The couple, now residing in Houston, Texas, wed in 2001 and despite pleas from confused family members they never strayed from their intentions. And so when the big day came Jennifer's former college roommate Kyle Reynolds took his rightful place right on the bride's side.

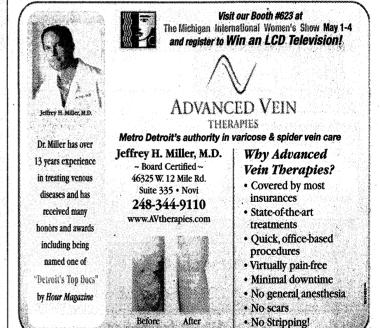
A new romantic comedy written by Birmingham native Adam Sztykiel, Sony Pictures' Made of Honor, pits Patrick Dempsey's character Iom in a similar position, supporting his best friend Hannah (Michelle Monaghan) on her big day. But on screen, Tom realizes too late he's fallen in love with his longtime pal and the plot gets a little sticky.

For McGowan, fielding questions from curious wedding attendants came with the territory. She realized it was an unusual move, and still is. "I don't know of anyone else whose done it," she said. Though family members suggested that the McGowans take a more traditional stand in choosing the wedding party, the couple didn't budge. "We've asked our dearest friends to stand up for us," McGowan said.

Reynolds was recognized in the ceremony program as "male bridesmaid." He did accompany the bride on a Bachelorette night on the town. And he was invited to a Bridesmaids breakfast on the morning of the wedding. But he didn't attend the wedding shower and, on the big day, he wore a tuxedo that matched the groomsmen. "The hardest part was convincing family members it was O.K.," said McGowan.

The couple recently had their first child, Fynn, in February. So, she said, they'll likely have to wait to see Made of Honor on DVD. But the film's premise has definitely made them laugh. Made of Honor opens May 2 in metro Detroit area theaters. It is rated

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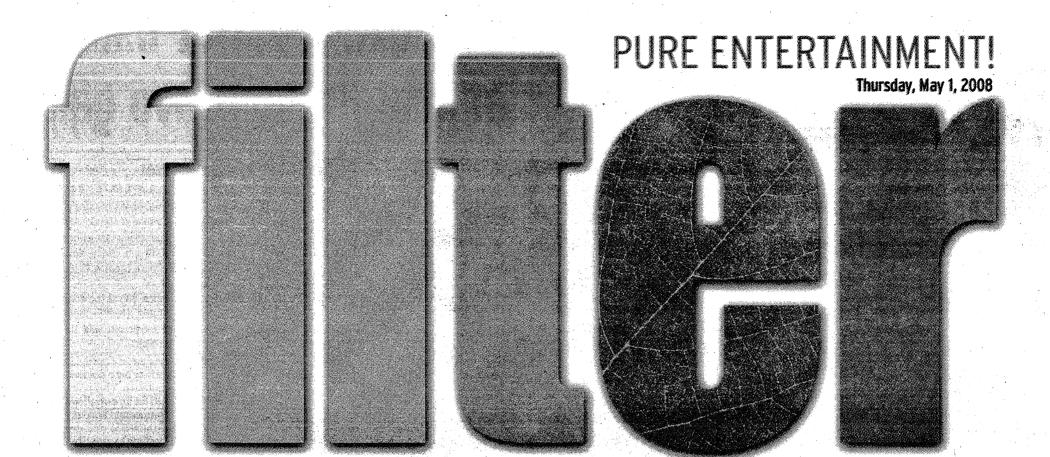
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MOT gears up for ninth annual Bravo Bravo gala

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Now in its ninth year, the Michigan Opera Theater's second-largest fund-raiser is going green. Bravo Bravo, a night celebrating the tastes, sights and sounds of Detroit, returns May 2 with a renewed dedication to the environment.

"With the event getting as big as it has, we're making an attempt at it," said Nikki Ruddy of the young professionals group of the MOT's Volunteer Association. From potatobased paper products to glass and plastic recycling, organizers consider this a start in reducing the event's environmental impact.

The more we talked about it, the more the committee learned about it, the more excited we got about doing this," said Ruddy. "It's been a learning experience. We're excited to give this a try. We are taking steps in the right direction.

For that reason past patrons of the event

BRAVO BRAVO 2008

What: The ninth annual fund-raiser supporting the Michigan Opera Theatre and presented by the young professionals group of MOT's Volunteer Association.

When: 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 2. Where: Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

Tickets: \$65 advance, \$85 at the door or \$1,500 for a V.I.P. table, which includes bottle service and private wait staff, call (313) 961-3500.

may notice they have not received a printed invitation. This year organizers opted for an e-mail invitation to save resources and keep ticket prices at the same \$65 rate, even as the crowds continue to grow. In 2007 Bravo Bravo drew 2,000 patrons and raised \$170,000 for the MOT. This year organizers expect to exceed those numbers. "We're already seeing that sponsorship is up," said

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Industrial metal giants Ministry will C U LaTour



STAFF WRITER

 ${\it Ministry, arguably one}$ of the three most influential bands in industrial music history, is coming to metro-Detroit for one last concert on Wednesday, May 7. And when frontman Al Jourgensen says it's over, trust him, there won't be a reunion five years from

If you're in your teens

and just getting into industrial music, go to this show.

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When: Wednesday, May 7

What: The C U LaTour, their

Special Guests: Meshuggah

Where: The Emerald Theatre,

We were covered in sweat, patent leather, and fishnet tights. Myself and hundreds of others, 19 fast years ago - in 1989, dancing a frenzy that cleansed our aggression at the underground after-hours bar City Club in Detroit.

The crescendo hit when the DJ played the song Stigmata by Ministry. Energy exploded.

The following year more intensity grew on the dance floor at the same club, but this time the song was Thieves — again

For years I thought Ministry's music defined the generation of early industrial music fans. Nope. Ministry's music is more relevant — and timeless — than to encapsulate just

Last year, St. Andrew's Hall: Waiting for an unknown local band, whose name is not worth mentioning, the crowd was bored and uninspired.

The house DJ wised up and changed the music. Suddenly chatter stopped, bodies grooved and heads nodded at a familiar machine-gun like repetitive rhythm. Then a simultaneous emotional group outburst as Ministry's frontman

AaaaaaaaaAAAAAAAAAAAAaaaaaaaaa!

It was Al Jourgensen's infamous 16-second growl on the

Hear it: 1 minute/35 seconds into the song at http://www. youtube.com/watch?v=2Chgc6vwmuo

That was the only moment of excitement that night - a song spun by a DJ. One song turned on a crowd ranging from ages 18 to mid 40s. Ministry (plus earlier bands Einstürzende Neubauten and Skinny Puppy) is high on the list of industrial music's important musicians.

BEFORE THE C U LATOUR

Ministry started in 1981 and wasn't always an aggressive, dark band. Its first album With Sympathy had a melodic New Wave sound that singer Jourgensen said he always loathed, but couldn't control due to record executive demands. Two albums later when he joined forces with bass guitarist Paul Barker for the album The Land of Rape & Honey, the band's definitive sound was carved.

They received MTV attention in 1991 with the song Jesus Built My Hot Rod from the album Psalm 69. Ministry earned more attention in 1992 when they played on the second Lollapalooza tour. When the crowd at Pine Knob (now DTE Energy Theatre) decided to rip the sod from the lawn seating, and hurl it onto the stage and fellow audience members, the destruction didn't stop until Jourgensen threatened to walk off stage.

As of the last three albums Jourgensen's politics have become part of Ministry's legacy.

The band's final album The Last Sucker, released last month, wraps up the band's very anti-George-Bush senti-

Jourgensen makes no bones about his hatred for the current administration and the war, but he can walk it like he talks it: he's one of probably just a few musicians who actually knows the voting records of every senator and congress-

SAYING GOODBYE

Now after more than 25 years, 12 albums (with the most noted being The Land of Rape and Honey and A Mind is A Terrible Thing to Taste), gold and platinum awards, Grammy recognition and even an appearance in Steven Spielberg's film A.I., Ministry has decided to call it quits.

But Jourgensen isn't disappearing.

From his El Paso, Texas compound he plans to produce records, grow food in his garden, record with his other band Revco and help new young bands hone their sound.

Jourgensen is the only original member and the band now includes musicians who have been involved with Marilyn

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Manson, Prong, Fear Factory, Killing Joke and Revco. Paul Raven (formerly of Killing Joke and Prong) died in his sleep in 2007, but had already contributed to The Last Sucker as well as Ministry's previous album Rio Grande Blood.

Paul Barker left Ministry years ago and with his departure the sound changed. Whether for better or worse depends on the listener — but ... a Ministry album will never be bad. A second CD released last month, in conjunction with Sucker, is Cover-Up and is an interesting collection of

surprising cover songs.

My favorites are The Doors' Roadhouse Blues and The Stones' Under My Thumb. Jourgensen points out that Thumb is one of the most misogynistic songs ever recorded (think of the lyrics: It's down to me, yes it is, the way she does just what she's told ...) and the track isn't sung prettily like Jagger

"Always judge a band by its covers," Jourgensen said with usual wit. "We don't just bitch about Bush and global oligarchies. We're still a rock band and Cover-Up is the Ministry party album.'

SELLING OUT

Get tickets to the show at the Emerald Theatre soon, because Ministry's concerts are selling out as word of the last tour spreads. The band is playing songs from their early days — like *Stigmata* and *So* What, and the concert includes video screen backdrops showing abstract imagery and early band footage.

Guitarist Sin Quirin has been with Ministry for just one album. Although he's an established musician, he said playing next to Jourgensen is an intense feeling for

"Twenty years ago I was that kid in the audience at Ministry concerts saying to my friends 'Could you imagine being in that band?' ... and now here I am in that band. To perform songs like So What ... it's sur-

Knowing Sucker would be the last recording, Quirin wanted to revisit Ministry's roots. He contributed some of the slower, repetitive grooves to the CD.

Guitarist Burton Bell said he feels a strong responsibility to fans when performing songs live such as Thieves — knowing it's one of Ministry's definitive songs.

Bell, an important voice in metal from his band Fear Factory, said he knows the people are loving C U LaTour because the crowd doesn't leave even after the encore.

"Everyone wants to talk to Al. The older fans want to thank him for the years of great music, the younger fans are just freaking out saying they wish they would've discovered the band sooner," Bell said.

The song lineup changes a little for each show and the band always rehearses a few extra songs.

"We never know who's gonna walk through the dressing room door at sound check (in each city)," Jourgensen said. "We rehearse a bunch of 'extra' songs just in case so-and-so shows up..."

Now Hear 'This American Life,' see it too

National Public Radio hits the silver screen this month as one of its most beloved radio shows, This American Life, aims to make history.

This American Life will be filmed live at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 1 from New York City, and beamed in high definition with cinema surround sound for the first time via satellite to movie theaters all across the country.

Rather than being glued to the radio, fans can flock into a movie theater and see Glass perform a live radio story. He'll present a brand new show and follow up by answering audience questions. The two-hour event is set for one night only and will be shown in a dozen Michigan theaters.



By Stephanie A. Casola "This American Life" host Ira Glass can be seen on the silver screen — when area theaters show a live taping of the popular radio show.

THIS AMERICAN LIFE

What: See a live taping of the popular NPR show onscreen at an area movie theater. When: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 1 Where: Of the 12 Michigan theaters participating the following five lie within the metro Detroit area.

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Eco-friendly festival comes to Plymouth

BY LINDA CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

It's time to paint the town green. The area's first fair designed to educate the public about keeping the planet healthy will be staged in downtown Plymouth May 3-4.

The Green Street Fair includes two days of entertainment, speakers, clothing swaps, recycling facilities and hundreds of exhibitors dedicated to helping the public go green.

"The (green movement) is not a fad. This is for real," said Dianne Quinn, one of four organizers of the event

Green Street Fair will feature companies selling eco-friendly sneakers made from recycled tire treads and plastic bottles, independents offering organic hemp and cotton bags to make Home Grown Sprouts, an Alternative Highway where visitors can learn about hybrid vehicles, and experts who will tackle topics such as how our choices and what we eat affect the Earth and all its inhabitants.

Drop off your old Crocs and cell phones to be recycled, or stop by the booth on Ann Arbor Trail where members of Handmade Detroit will help people sew new items like tote bags from used clothing. Presenting Sponsor Whole Foods

Presenting Sponsor Whole Foods has invited many of its vendors to the Market Village on Penniman. Throughout the streets, organic pet products will be available. Plymouth Coffee Bean is introducing five kinds of organic fair trade coffee. Stop by the Green Box City in Kellogg Park to view the future as seen through the eyes of students with the help of Lawrence Technological University.

According to co-organizer Mandi Buckland, it's all about taking baby steps that can add up to big change.

"We're going to appeal to every-body from children to older people who want to learn about going green — not to stand up on a soapbox and preach, but what are the small things that you can do right now that can have an impact for children and grandchildren," said Buckland of Plymouth. "We want this to be a family friendly event, so people can walk away with just one piece of information to make a softer imprint on the planet."

For a complete list of activities at the Green Street Fair, visit www.greenstreetfair.com







Green Street offers sounds of the world

RY I ANA MINI **O&E STAFF WRITER**

The Green Street Fair is about offering information to heal our planet. The music providing a backdrop for that environment features styles from across the globe.

From Reggae-blended songs of Jamaica to Afrobeat fused with jazz, the artists performing at the Green Street Fair on Saturday in downtown Plymouth are eclectic.

I worked with the program director from Ann Arbor's 107.1 FM in the band selection," said Mandi Buckland, co-Founder of Green Street Fair. "We selected a line up that would

to appeal to everyone."

The concept of thinking globally and acting locally can also apply to music. With hordes of high talent in Michigan, it would take months to listen to it all. Many of the musicians performing at the fair are from Michigan and Ohio. The headlining band, however, is from South Carolina. Needtobreathe is making headlines with its latest alternative rock CD co-produced by Collective Soul mastermind Ed Roland.

Locally, Jill Jack, a singer who performs Americana/folk rock, said she wants to perform at the fair because she's concerned about future generations.

I want my daughter to have a beautiful Earth to live on ... and for her daughter and her daughter," Jack said.

Jack is trying to do her part to reduce her



carbon footprint by drinking water from the faucet rather than buying plastic bottles. She's also car-pooling and closing the curtains in her home to maintain heat and cool

"And I'm planning on planting more trees

this year and buying more local organic foods," Jack said.

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music

The Eco-Beats Stage will be located on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Union in downtown Plymouth during the fair.

Saturday, May 3

Mutual Kumquat, 10 a.m. Lake Effect, 11 a.m. My Dear Disco, 12:30 p.m. Jill Jack, 2 p.m. The Wrenfields, 3:15 p.m. Needtobreathe, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 4

Jason Laporte, 10 a.m. Misty Lyn & The Big Beautiful, 11:30 a.m. Jeff Stewart, 1 p.m. Great Lakes Myth Society, 2 p.m. The Ragbirds, 3:30 p.m.

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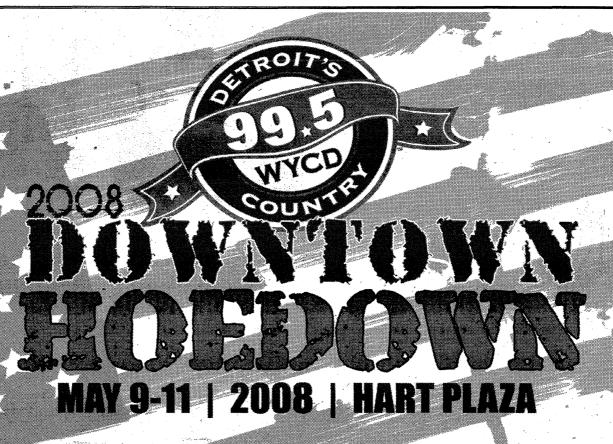
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Mountainfilm comes to Plymouth's fair

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK O&E STAFF WRITER

Inspiration from the great outdoors will blow through Penn Theatre as Mountainfilm on Tour comes to Plymouth's Green Street Fair.

The free film festival, set for 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, will feature eight short movies about topics such as farming, fly fishing, mountain biking, and even the great American lawn.

Mountainfilm on Tour is "dedicated to educating and inspiring audiences about issues that matter, cultures worth exploring, environments worth preserving and conversations worth sustaining."

It travels to Plymouth from Colorado, an abbreviated version of Moutainfilm in Telluride, a festival that's been staged for the last 30 years.

According to Justin Clifton, director of Mountainfilm on Tour, about 450 films are submitted each year to Mountainfilm in Telluride, and 80 are selected for the festival.

From those, the best 40 become part of Mountainfilm on Tour, which travels to 120 screenings at roughly 65 stops on five continents each year.

Each screening consists of a unique combination of films.

For the Green Street Fair, Clifton selected films with a conservation theme.

"Each show is custom tailored so not one show is exactly like another," Clifton said. "For the Green Street Fair we were able to fine tune the selection

to provide adventure and sport, at the same time diving into the environment and ecology, but doing it in an entertaining and exciting way."

Plymouth's Green Street Fair marks the first time Mountainfilm will come to metro Detroit, and Clifton is excited by the prospect of reaching a new audience.

"Detroit is one area I've had my eyes on," Clifton said. "I think the themes will resonate"

Clifton will travel from Telluride and host a Q&A after the screening.

Here's a look at the films:

■ Fridays at the Farm: A filmmaker

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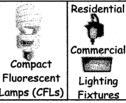


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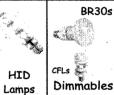
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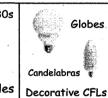
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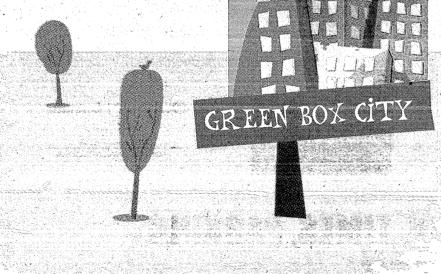
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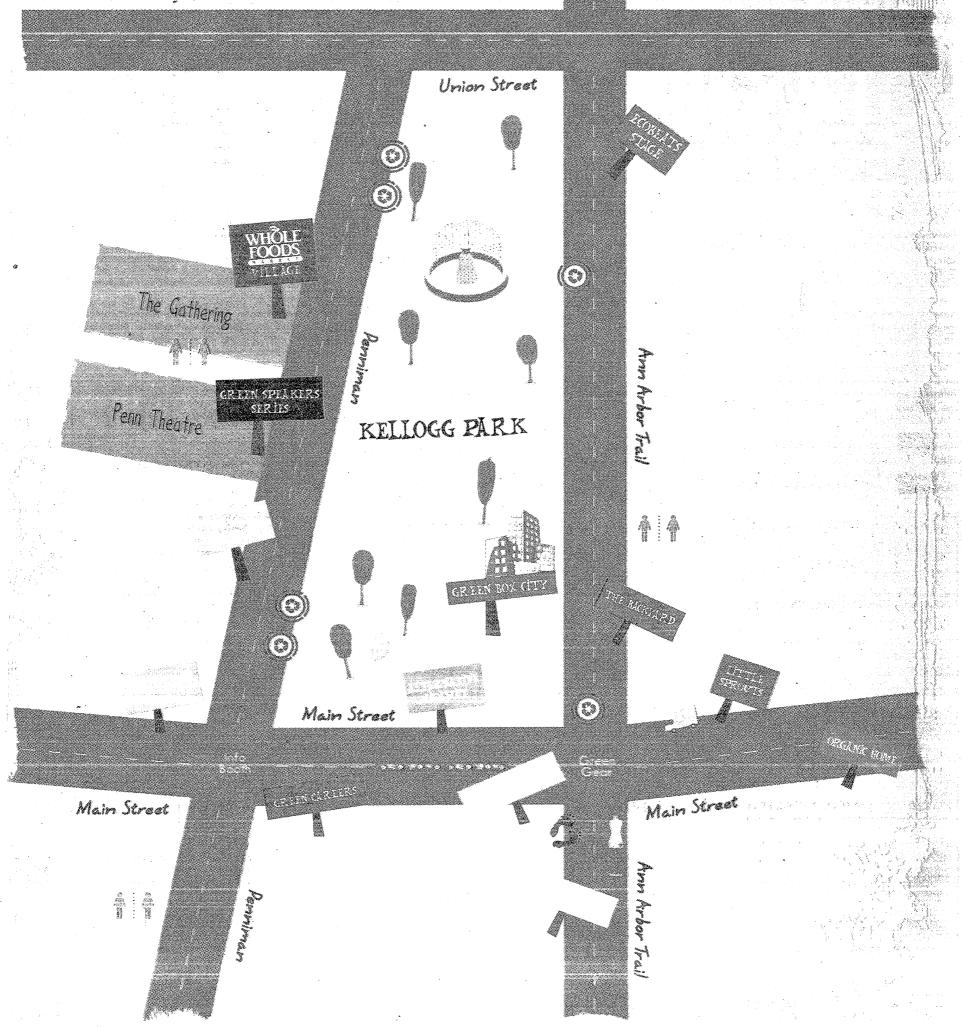
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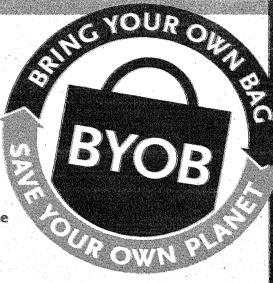
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Ernesto's Italian Country Inn, 41661 Plymouth (734) 453-2002 Fast Eddy's (lower level pub located in Ernesto's)

Compiled by Ken Abramczyk

Coffee shop brews up 'Green Beans'

Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. is launching a new line of organic, fair trade coffees called "The Green Bean."

According to manager Donna DeMeyer, the shop currently serves at least one organic fair trade coffee every day, but soon will increase the line to six varieties, including Colombian, Mexican, Sumatran, Ethiopian and flavored blends. Customers can enjoy brewed coffee on site, or purchase beans to take home.

"I'm convinced it's the product of the future. It's the only reasonable choice," DeMeyer said.

With open mic music and poetry nights every Monday, and musical acts Thursday-Saturday nights, Plymouth Coffee Bean is a hang-

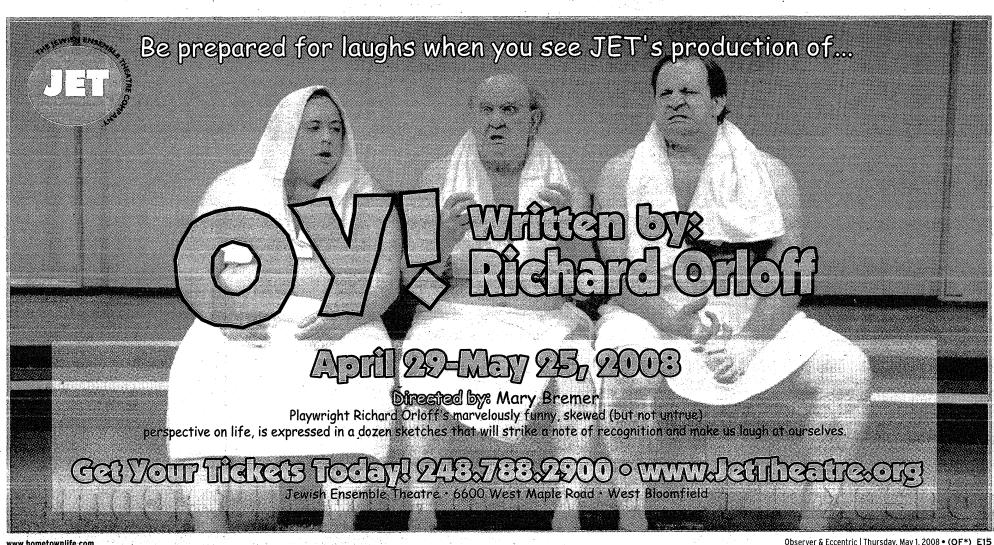
out for local artists, musicians and writers, DeMeyer said. 'Creative types' are often concerned about ecology and responsibility, she said, but all customers can benefit by being educated about the quality and availability of fair trade coffee, a designation that ensures farmers are meeting organic standards and are paid a living wage for their products. As a sponsor of the Green Street Fair,

Plymouth Coffee Bean will provide complimentary Green Bean coffee in the VIP Green Loft all weekend.

Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. is located at 884 Penniman Ave., Plymouth. Call (734) 454-0178.

Compiled by Wensdy Von Buskirk





Send items for consideration in Get Out! at least two weeks in advance to Wensdy Von Buskirk, Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48167, or e-mail wvonb@

ART

Art Leaders Gallery: The sculpture of Frank Hart, "An American Legacy: Beauty, Truth and Goodness," through May 31, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, www.artleaders.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: "James Parker: Photographs documenting a disappearing agrarian landscape," May 2-June 21, reception 6-9 p.m. May 2, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110. www.pccart.org.

Paul Kotula Projects: Melissa Mytty "Urban Couture" and Amy Vogel "At Two With Nature" through May 10. 23255 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.com.

Plymouth Community Arts Council: DIA Brown Bag Lecture Series, "Games Played at the DIA," noon May 13, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, nlymoutharts.com.

Visual Arts Association of Livonia: Spring Art Exhibit, May 2-29, reception 7-8:30 p.m. May 8, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr., (248) 348-4550.

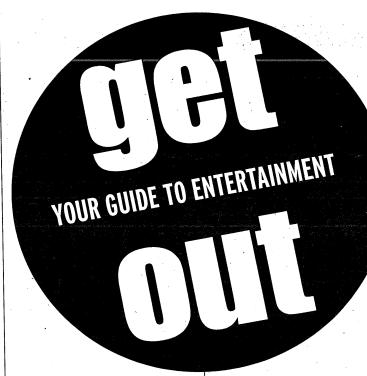
Borders Farmington Hills: Julie Halpert & Deborah Carr sign "Making Up With Mom," 2 p.m. May 3, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 737.0110. Barnes & Noble Royal Oak: Royal Oak's Judy Davids will sign, "Rock Star Mommy: My Life as a Rocker Mom" 3 p.m. May 4, and perform with the Mydols, 500 S. Main, Royal Oak.

CHORAL

Plymouth Oratorio Society: 22nd Season Concert, 4 p.m. May 4, free, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-8353.

CLASSICAL

Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Opus 9 Series with Jupiter String Quarter, May 17; Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, \$43-\$75, students \$25, (248) 855-6070 www.ComeHearCMSD.org.



CLUBS

Crofoot Ballroom: Loftfest with Sponge, Taproot, Bob Guiney, Peter Searcy, more, 8 p.m. May 10, \$15,1 South Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 858-9333. Edison's: John D. Lam Band, May 1; Good Gravy, May 2; Robert Penn, May 3, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

Magic Bag: Bruce in the City (Bruce Springsteen Tribute), May 2, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: Jim David, May 7-10, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www. kickerscomplex.com.

MamapaZOOza gets wild!

Join the hippest pre-Mother's Day party around as the Detroit Zoo hosts Mamapazooza 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 3 in its picnic area. The all-mom festival includes blues rocker Maggie McCabe (shown here), The Mydols, The Aprons, Robin Moore and the NorthStars, Cindy Anderson and Sara Covatta. Free with zoo admission (\$11/adults, \$9/seniors 62+, \$7/children 2-12, free/2 and under). Visit www. detroitzoo arg for more information.

CONCERTS

Clutch Cargo: Badfish, a tribute to Sublime, May 30; Rancid, Aug. 1, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666.

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Gigantour, May 3, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. (248) 645-6666. The Fillmore-Detroit: MIA. May 8, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, Call (248) 645-6666.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: The Swell Season, May 10, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak.

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: Company auditions, noon-3 p.m. May 4, EDE Center for Dance, 103 S. Street, Rochester, www.ede-dance.org. MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company: "Tributes to Michigan Choreographers" 7:30 p.m. May 2, Groves High School's Little Theatre, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, \$15/Adults, \$12/ Students & Seniors, (586) 899-2629.

FAMILY

Borders Birmingham: Barenaked Ladies perform songs from "Snacktime," 3:30 p.m. May 9, followed by meet and greet and CD signing, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 203-0005, www.bordersgroupinc.com.

Go Diego Go! The Great Jaguar Rescue: May 10-11, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$18.50-\$40.50, call (248) 433-1515.

Matrix Theatre: "Marsh Magic" puppet play featuring wildlife that flourished in metro Detroit 200 years ago, free, 9, 10 & 11 a.m. and noon, May 5-6, 2730 Bagley, Detroit, (313) 967-0999.

FESTIVALS

Birmingham Fine Art Festival: Featuring 220 fine artists, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 11, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, (248) 644-0866, www.BBArtCenter.org.

Irish Music Festival and Competition: "Fleadh Cheoil," May 9-10, \$15, Battle of the Bands, 7 p.m. May 10. \$8. Doubletree Hotel, 5801 Southfield Fwy., Dearborn, (248) 837-8022, www.detroitima.org/.

FILM

PAH Fest: Christopher Coppola's film festival May 8-13, awards on May 18, all at Madonna University, Livonia. Visit www.pahnation.com. Penn Theatre: Thursday Classics in May, "Singin' In the Rain," May 1, 760 Penniman, Plymouth 734-453-0870, www.penntheatre.com. The Green Screen: Youth Environmental Film Festival (9 p.m. June 2, Royal Oak Main Arts Theatre) seeking environmental documentaries by youth 13-18, submit by 5 p.m. May 15 to 3901

Margaret St., Detroit, MI 48221, www.emeac.org.

Party with Friends of the Penin: "Friday Night Fever" benefit to fund historic Penn Theatre, May



the summer season May 3. Visit the entertainment section of www.hometownlife.com or pick up next week's FILTER for a complete listing of concerts coming to town this summer. 9, \$85, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734)

453-0870.

Arturo's Jazz Theatre and Restaurant: Jazz guitarist Stanley Jordan, May 9-11, 25333 West 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, (248) 357-6009, arturosjazz.com. Concert Eclectique: Benefit concert, 8 p.m. May 17, 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills, (248)

Oakland University: A Day of Percussion, jazz drummer Jeff Hamilton, 9 a.m. May 10, Varner Hall, \$10 admission, (248) 370-2033.

MUSEUMS

Charles H. Wright Museum: The Sun Messengers perform May 4 for Target Free Sundays; Ford Freedom Awards May 6, 915 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

Cranbrook Art Museum: "William Massie: An American House," May 3 through Oct. 31, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) GO-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Institute of Arts: Perla Batalla performs 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. May 2; "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan School's Brush with Leisure, 1895-1925," through May 25; 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.

The Henry Ford: "Celebrate 100 Years of the Model T," now through September; Submit your best chocolate cake recipe for The Henry Ford's Chocolate Cafe during Chocolate: The Exhibition, May 31-Sept. 7, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 982-6001, www.hfmgv.org. **Plymouth Historical Museum:** "Batter Up! Generations

of Baseball" through June 1, at 155 S. Main, Plymouth, \$2-\$10, (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm: Balthazar Korab's "Images of Michigan," through June, open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester, (248) 565-4663, www. rochesterhills.org.

OPERA

Detroit Opera House: "La Traviata," May 10-11, 14, 16-18, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit www.michiganopera.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Antiques Roadshow in Michigan: See the popular PBS show as it tours the states and stops Saturday, Aug. 9 at DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Avenue NW. Grand Rapids.

Hill Auditorium: A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor, 5:45 p.m. Saturday, June 14, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, \$25-\$65, call (734)

Poetry, Pages & Scribes: Open mic readings 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, featuring William Burkholder May 1; Keanndra "Key Squared" Blake June 5, Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen Road, (248) 796-4224, www.southfieldlibrary.org, www.poetrypag-

StarBright Dinner Theatre: "Love Letters" through May 18, Uptown Eatery, 19701 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, \$39.95 Friday-Saturday shows, (248) 423-1452

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Arab Theatrical Arts Guild and Water Works Theatre Company: Heather Raffos' "9 Parts of Desire" May 9-24, Marlene Boll Theater, Boll Family YMCA, Detroit, www.waterworkstheatre.com. Avon Players: "Little Shop of Horrors," May 2-4,

9-10, at 1185 Washington Blvd. (one mile west of intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills, reserve tickets by calling (248) 608-9077.

The Farmington Players: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," May 1-17, ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild: "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," May 30-June 14, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www.stdunstanstheatre.com.

Spotlight Players: "Company," May 2-4, 9-10, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton (734) 394-5460, www.spotlightplayers

SRO Productions: "Dinner With Friends," May 2-18, Historic Burgh, 26060 Berg Road, Southfield, (248) 796-4645.

Stagecrafters Contemporary Theatre: "String of Pearls," 2nd Stage, May 1-4, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. (248) 541-6430, www.stagecrafters.

Water Works Theatre: "9 Parts of Desire," May 9-24, Marlene Boll Theatre, 1401 Broadway, Detroit, www.waterworkstheatre.com.

THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

Broadway Onstage Live Theatre: "Escanaba in Da Moonlight," through May 17; \$16, 21517 Kelly Rd. in Eastpointe, (586) 771-6333.

Meadow Brook Theatre: "Man of La Mancha." through May 18; "Nunsense" starring Cindy Williams, through May 18, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more informa tion, visit www.mbtheatre.com.

Trinity Theatre: A.R Gurney's "Love Letters," May 9-18, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

www.hometownlife.com

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The Eco-Beats stage will be home to live music from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Union.

Performing acts include:

NEEDTOBREATHE: The Atlantic Records recording group headlines the festival Saturday performing alternative rock music from their second CD, *The Heat*.

THE WRENFIELDS: This hardworking, alt-country band has been playing nationwide for the past eight years with members who create a brand of genre-crossing music.

JILL JACK: A favorite at the Detroit Music Awards, Jack has been well-known locally for the past 10 years. Her show will include music from her latest CD Moon and the Morning After. The music is raw yet comfortable, with some oldstyle sounds similar to Patsy Cline. She intertwines gospel and a Memphisy kind of vibe.

MY DEAR DISCO: Based in Ann Arbor, My Dear Disco has gained a strong following for their innovative sound. They call their style "DanceThink Music." Their shows include electronic Irish Bagpipes and multiple instruments that were invented, designed, and handmade by their guitarist.

LAKE EFFECT: This band blends rock, funk and reggae. Their live performances have helped the band build a loyal following in Michigan as the band proclaims a "road warrior" mentality to win the hearts of the audience.

MUTUAL KUMQUAT: Call it 'good times revolution music' — positive and progressive lyrics, strong rhythms, rich harmonies and a unique blend of upbeat pop influenced by bluegrass, funk, reggae, jazz, folk, and afrobeat.

THE RAGBIRDS: The Ragbirds began in 2005 with songwriter and vocalist Erin Zindle and percussionist Randall Moore. In their search for original songs plus a desire to weave these world sounds into more familiar genres, the band was born.

GREAT LAKES MYTH SOCIETY: Michigan-based "Northern Rock" collective the Great Lakes Myth Society is a brooding blend of muscular English folkrock, pine-kissed Northern Americana and Midwest Carny grit. Audiences love

this band.

JEFF STEWART: Playing 240 shows a year, Stewart confidently strides into folkrock territory. His vibrato-tinged voice and aggressive guitar playing is a crowdpleaser.

MISTY LYN & THE BIG

BEAUTIFUL: Misty Lyn pens haunting melodies over simple arrangements that touch the literary fringes of American roots music.

JASON LAPORTE: This acoustic guitarist and vocalist from Toledo performs heartfelt songs.



The Ragbirds blend world music with American roots.



GREG SHAMUS

The Wrenfields are an alt/country band with a strong local following.

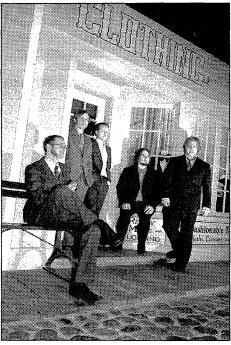


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The Great Lakes Myth Society sings stories about Michigan folklore.



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GREEN SPEAKER SERIES

Here's the line-up of the Green Speakers appearing May 3-4 at Penn Theatre during the Plymouth Green Street Fair.

Saturday, May 3

■ 10-10:30 a.m.

Sustainable Morphology:

How Nature Shapes Architecture, Tonin Vicari, Tectonic Design

10:40-11:10 a.m.

Your Diet - How What You Eat Can Change the World: Karen Patterson,

Institute of Humane Education

■ 11:20-11:50 a.m.

Green Building: Jacob Corvidae, W.A.R.M. Training Center

■ 11:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Butterfly Gardening: Brenda Dziedzic, Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association

■ 12:30-2:30 p.m.

MountainFilm on Tour

2:40-3 p.m.

Eco Impact: How Our Choices Affect the Earth & Its Inhabitants,

Lisa Forzley, Detroit Zoological Society

3-3:30 p.m.

Solar & Wind Working in Michigan:

Mark Bauer, Bauer Power

■ 3:40-4:10 p.m.

BE Green, SAVE Green: Donna Napolitano,

Mechanical Energy Systems

■ 4:10-4:30 p.m.

LEAR SoyFoam — You Can Have Your Car & Eat It Too: Ash Galreath, LEAR Corporation

Sunday, May 4

■ 10-10:40 a.m.

The State's Perspective

on "Greening" Michigan: Mark Corriveau,

State of Michigan Representative

10:50-11:10 a.m.

Air Pollution in Your Home:

Randall Patterson, Pillar to Post

■ 11:20-11:40 a.m.

Organic Cooking: Chef Steven Simpson,

International Culinary School at the Art Institute of Michigan

■ 11:40 a.m.-noon

Corn Based Products: Amy Garrison,

Corn Marketing Program of Michigan

■ 12:10-12:30 p.m.

How the Grid Can Power a Sustainable Energy

Future: Elizabeth Howell, ITC Holdings

■ 12:40-1:10 p.m.

The Context of Sustainability: Glen LeRoy,

Lawrence Tech University

■ 1:20-1:30 p.m.

Ethanol – Past, Present & Future:

Lisa Scramlin, Corn Marketing Program of Michigan

■ 1:40-2:10 p.m.

Is Organic Lawn Care Possible?:

Jeff Ball, Detroit News

■ 2:10-2:40 p.m.

$\label{eq:Going Green in the Garden:} \textbf{Going Green in the Garden:}$

Nancy Szerlag, Detroit News

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Check out Curare Fest



Those seeking sonic adventure should check out Curare Festival, featuring a host of local bands from Beekeepers to PINKEYE, May 3, at the Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit, 5141 Rosa Parks in Detroit. "The Curare Festival has always been about showcasing the quality and diversity of the local Detroit music landscape, with a few out-of-town notables as well," said Mike Ross, festival founder.

Now hear this, the lineup: 6 p.m. 1964 6:45 p.m. Lenny Stoofy 7:30 p.m. Beekeepers 8:15 p.m. Jehovah's Witness **Protection Program**

9 p.m. The Directions 9:45 p.m. The Frustrations 10:30 p.m. The Netherfriends 11:15 p.m. Oscillating Fan Club 12 a.m. PINKEYE

1 a.m. Carjack

Doors open at 5 p.m. for the third installment of the indoor-outdoor festival. Ross named the festival after hearing curare — considered something of a medicine or poison - referenced in a Scott Walker song and on an rerun of M*A*S*H. "And I kind of like that sort of paradox of comfort/danger as it applies to the effect music can have on a person, especially live music," he said, "when it hits just right and sort of seeps into your bloodstream and leaves you maybe a little stunned."

The Curare Festival includes a backyard BBQ and visuals courtesy of Lightshow Bob. Tickets \$8 at the door, visit www.myspace.com/curarecaid.



Ruddy. "We're seeing a pretty steady increase in ticket sales.'

Bravo Bravo was created to draw a new audience into the Detroit Opera House, fostering future fans of opera and dance. This year the young professional MOT volunteers will also introduce Access Opera for the same reason. Beginning with the Wednesday, May 14 performance of *La Traviata*, the program offers discounted tickets prices for young professionals and a drink ticket is included with each purchase. A meet-and-greet with performers will follow the production. Ruddy

said she hopes area bars and restaurants who partner with the MOT for Bravo Bravo will return for Access Opera to sponsor after-parties or refreshments.

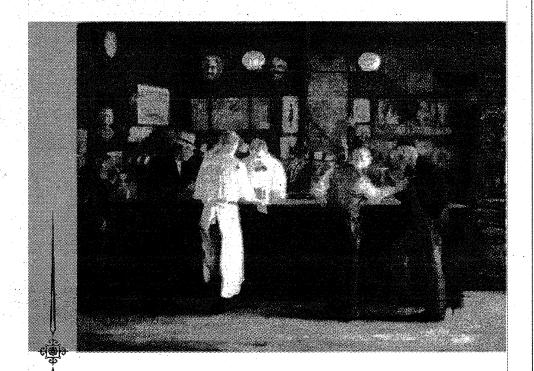
The notoriously upscale shindig on May 2 includes a red carpet welcome, a lavish nightclub atmosphere, and the chance to taste some of the best dishes from the metro area's most popular restaurants. Last year 30 restaurants were represented at Bravo Bravo. This year's list includes 41, with newcomers like Wolfgang Puck Grill at the MGM Grand Detroit and returning favorites like Slow's Barbecue, Mosaic and Vicente's Cuban Cuisine.

Bravo Bravo will be co-hosted by WDIV Anchor Carmen Harlan and the NFL's Braylon Edwards.



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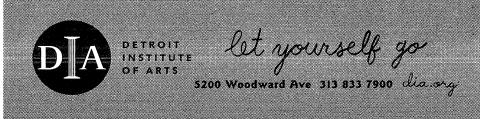
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