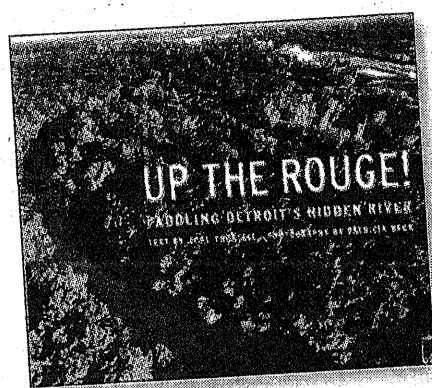


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PIPELINE

Diversity meeting

All Plymouth-Canton community residents are invited to take part in a communitywide meeting to explore diversity in the area and how to create an inclusive future at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Canton Township Administrative building.

Join fellow residents in working groups to secure an inclusive future for Plymouth and Canton.

Families, high school youth, neighbors and people of all cultures and religions are encouraged to attend.

This is an effort supported by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion and the Ford Foundation.

To RSVP, contact Nikhol Atkins at natkins@miroundtable.org or Stacey Stevens at (248) 331-7036, sstevens@miroundtable.org.

Health hero

In January, Jim Hiller pulled all cigarettes from his seven grocery stores

— including his Plymouth location — and announced that he would no longer enable this dangerous habit.

This month, Michigan Gov.

Jennifer Granholm and Janet Olszewski, director of the state of Michigan's Department of Community Health, named Hiller a 2009 Hometown Health Hero for his decisive actions.

"This was not a business decision," said Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets. "My personal beliefs are intertwined in my business ethos and to continue to sell cigarettes runs contrary to my personal commitment to this community and its future."

In making this groundbreaking decision, Hiller voluntarily let go of approximately \$250,000 in annual cigarette sales and took a loss by tossing the remaining inventory.

The Michigan Public Health Hero award recognizes individuals and organizations across the state who work toward improving the health of their local communities. Award winners are celebrated during Michigan Public Health Week.



Hiller

Missing teen returns 'happy, well'

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

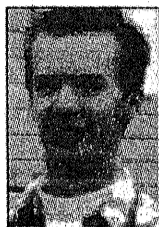
A missing Plymouth Township teenager returned home Thursday, in good health and good spirits, three days after leaving home unexpectedly with an older co-worker.

"I'm thrilled to have him back," said a woman who answered the phone Friday at the home of 15-year-old Justin Wainwright. She identified herself as Justin's mother. "He's doing well," she said.

The woman would not give her name. She said she was not supposed to say where Justin and friend Joshua



Wainwright



Zohr

Zohr, 18, had been or what they had been doing.

"Both boys are home, happy and well. We're not planning to press charges against Josh," she said. She said the Wainwright and Zohr families are on friendly terms.

Police did not return phone calls on Friday, but on Thursday said their investigation was continuing and thanked the public for the many tips they had received in the case.

Justin and Zohr, of Northville, had been the subjects of an Amber Alert, requested by township police, that had reached into several states. Police said they had information that caused them to fear for Justin's safety.

Justin works with Zohr at Paradise Park, an entertainment center in Novi owned by Justin's family. The two have reportedly been friends for several years.

Justin's disappearance was discov-

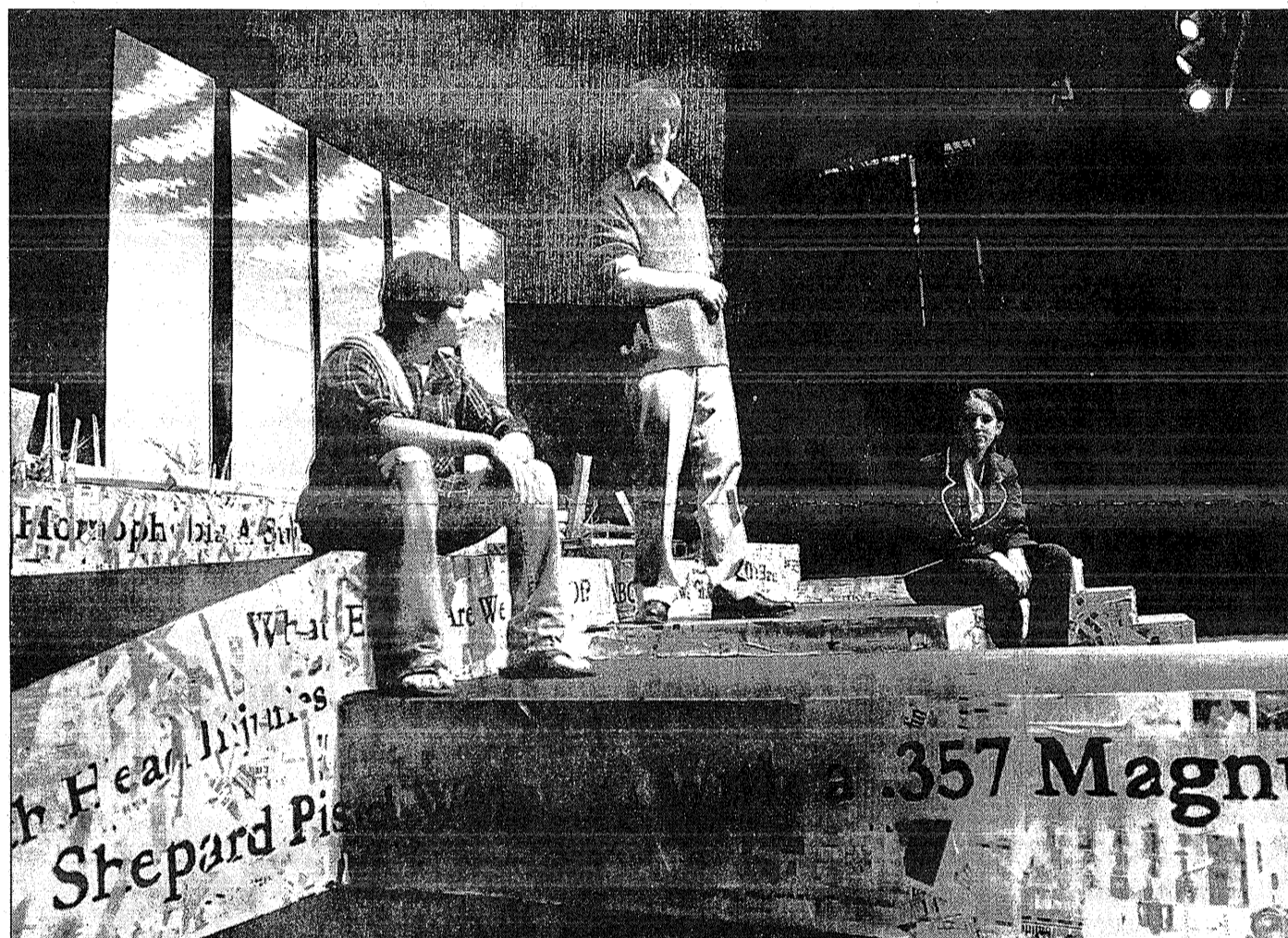
ered Monday morning. According to a published report, Justin left a note saying he and Zohr had left together and would be gone "a week or so."

Police said records indicated a member of the Ohio Highway Patrol checked the license plate on Zohr's car, a Pontiac Grand Prix, shortly before 6 a.m. Monday at a rest stop. The Amber Alert had not been issued at the time, and no action was taken.

The woman at the Wainwright home asked that no more stories be published on the incident, saying the family needs closure.

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Cause and effect



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SPRING PRODUCTION

- What: Second Stage Players present "The Laramie Project"
- When: March 26-28; April 2-4; all shows 8 p.m.
- Where: DuBois Little Theatre, Canton High School
- What's It About: The 1998 beating and murder of a young gay college student and the resulting media frenzy
- Cost: All tickets \$10
- More info: www.secondstageplayers.org or (734) 416-7514

"Laramie Project" cast members Matt Galloway, played by Ryan Bardusch, Doc O'Connor, played by Timothy Thompson, and Rebecca Hilliker, played by Kyla Westmoreland.

Second Stage Players director Shannon McNutt talks about the cast's work on "The Laramie Project."



Second Stage looks at frenzy over hate crime

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shannon McNutt knows the staging of *The Laramie Project* at other schools and different venues has been controversial because it deals with the murder of a young gay man in 1998 Wyoming.

But that didn't stop McNutt, who will direct the Second Stage Players in their production of Laramie starting next weekend, from taking on the challenge. The controversy, she maintains, arises from the message individual direc-

tors try to deliver; hers, she asserts, will be one that focuses less on our differences than on our similarities.

"There were some people who said, 'Oh, that play is so controversial,'" McNutt said. "But that's not my vision for it. In my vision, it doesn't have an agenda. This play raises so many questions and it doesn't even try to answer them."

The play is about the brutal 1998 beating and murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard, and the national media firestorm the killing created as the nation staged a

sort of death watch until Shepard died five days later.

The aftermath of the beating sparked stories about hate crimes and "hate crime" legislation. The play examines all of that, and takes a critical look at the changes in Laramie.

But according to McNutt, the homosexual aspect of the play could be replaced by any other bone of contention — religion, ethnicity or cultural differences — and still do the same play.

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Pie event hopes to take a slice out of cancer

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Geri and Ken Trefleik opened their Grand Traverse Pie Co. franchise in Plymouth a year ago, they were only able to get in on the tail-end of the company's "Pie for the Cure" breast cancer fund-raiser for Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

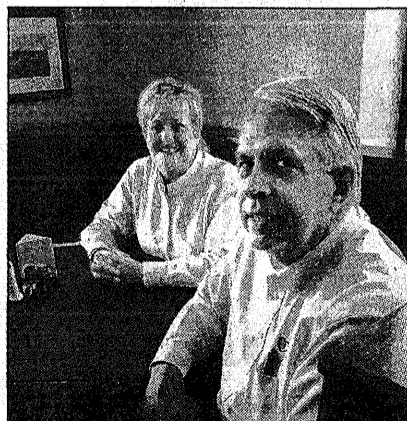
Still, the store raised about \$2,000 for the charity. And, having lost Ken's mother — a breast cancer survivor — to uterine cancer in August, the couple is looking forward to a full run in this year's fund-raiser.

"We definitely have an

affinity for the cause," said Ken Trefleik, who opened the store on Ann Arbor Road in April 2008. "There are so many deserving charities. There are so many places to turn and not enough resources to turn to all of them. This is a special charity for us."

The Trefleiks helped GTPC kick off its 2009 campaign — motto, "Save Lives, Eat Pie" — with an event Friday afternoon. The fund-raiser donates 50 cents for each nine-inch dessert pie sold through Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. A new addition this year to

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The owners of the Plymouth location of the Grand Traverse Pie Company, Geri and Ken Trefleik, are taking part in their second Pie for the Cure event.

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkdrich@hometownlife.com

Passport Day

The Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Plymouth hosts a Passport Fair in Plymouth Township 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications.

The Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Plymouth is joining the Department of State in celebrating "Passport Day in the USA", a national passport acceptance and outreach event.

Beginning June 1, U.S. citizens must present a passport book, passport card or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government to enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a passport book and/or a passport card is available at plymouthtwp.org and at travel.state.gov. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

The Plymouth Township Clerk's Office is located at 9955 Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 354-3229.

Palette & Brush club

During the month of April, Lotus Arts Gallery will be hosting the "Palette & Brush Club Spring Exhibit 2009," a juried exhibition of a variety of art mediums sponsored by the Palette & Brush Club.

The Palette and Brush Club's membership is made up of artists from throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. The Palette & Brush Club regularly has monthly guest artist speakers on various art subjects, several juried shows a year and has ongoing projects to raise monies for a Scholarship Fund that has provided funds for worthy art students in pursuit of higher education in their chosen field of art.

The public is invited to view the exhibition and meet the artists at the opening reception 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey) in downtown Plymouth.

The exhibition will be on display from April 1 through April 24, 2009. The public is welcome to view the exhibit during gallery hours between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact the gallery toll free at (888) 889-4ART or at (734) 453-5400.

Miller Woods meeting

The annual meeting for Friends of Miller Woods takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the Plymouth District

Library.

A review of the past year and planning for upcoming events will be the agenda. The public is welcome to attend the meeting as an opportunity to learn about this pristine remnant of early Michigan that is a part of Plymouth Township.

Flute duo

Husband-and-wife organ and flute duo Scott and Melissa Elsholz will be joined by renowned guest flutist Lauren Erickson in a varied concert of musical gems 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at St. John's Episcopal Church.

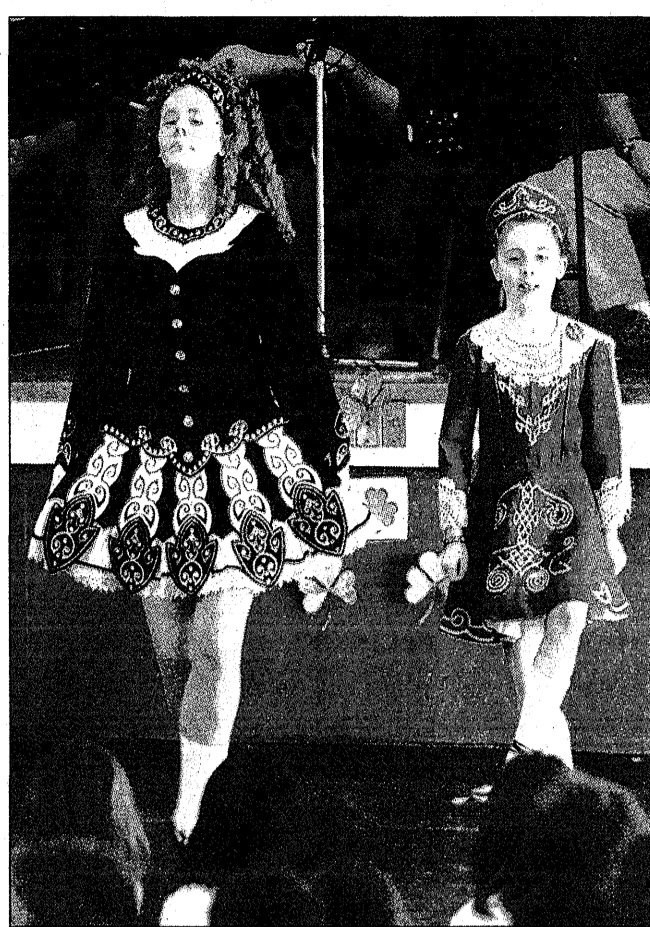
The program includes the famous G minor Flute Sonata by J.S. Bach, liturgical meditations by the renowned Taizé composer Jacques Berthier, two dances by living American composer Gary Schocker, and an exquisite suite of character pieces by the beloved English composer John Rutter.

Admission is free. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call Scott Elsholz, (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16, or e-mail him at selsholz@stjohnsplymouth.org

Penn auction

The fourth annual "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn will take place Friday, May 8, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

This exciting evening includes hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner with your choice of



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Irish steppin'

Canton's Mercy Young, 13, (left) and Bridget Dolowy, 11, of Livonia demonstrated a few Irish dance steps last Friday for the students at Henry Ruff Elementary in Garden City during the school's St. Patrick's Day program. The girls are members of the O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Plymouth.

entrée, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing. Tickets are \$85 and must be purchased in advance. Early Bird special - \$75 if purchased before April 15. For reservations, email tickets@friendsofthepenn.org; stop by the Penn Box Office during movie hours or call (734) 453-0870.

Home-buying seminar

Community Financial Mortgage Services and Remerica Hometown invite potential home buyers to attend a free seminar for First Time Home Buyers. The seminar will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at Community Financial located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Potential home buyers will learn about buying in today's real estate market, mortgage products, including FHA financ-

ing and other programs especially designed to help first-time borrowers, free pre-approvals and much more.

For more information or to RSVP to attend this free seminar, call (734) 582-8500.

Financial seminar

Does the stock market seem scary? After the economic news of late, who can blame you? That's why the Plymouth Seventh Day Adventist Church is offering a free, information-only seminar designed to provide some answers 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

Eric T. Nichols, CLU Chartered Financial Consultant, will present a seminar entitled "Retirement Crisis- Will this economy recover?" William Garrow, CISR, will present a seminar entitled "Saving

Money in this Economy- How to reduce your risk management costs of Home, Auto and Liability coverages."

The Plymouth SDA Church is located at 4295 Napier in Plymouth. No sales or solicitation is involved, seminar is offered as a service to community by the Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Career seminar

Anyone who has thought about a career in Real Estate has a chance to get plenty more information when Keller Williams hosts a 59-minute career seminar 6:30 p.m. April 16.

The seminar takes place at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth. The seminar is designed to answer questions about commission, costs, what it takes to succeed and your potential for success.

Call (734) 459-4700.

Volunteer search

The Plymouth Council on Aging is looking for a few volunteers for the "Service With Love" program.

The volunteers will make telephone calls to lonely and isolated, older adults to check on their well being and provide them with a feeling of confidence that difficulties will not go undetected and to also bring emergencies, needs and concerns to the attention of appropriate professionals. Anyone interested in volunteering or in receiving these calls should call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Friendly Fridays

Plymouth Christian Academy is a Christian school serving students in preschool through 12th grade. PCA offers a strong college preparatory program, athletics and fine arts in a nurturing and challenging environment. PCA is now accepting applications for the 2009/2010 school year. Visit Plymouth Christian Academy on "Friendly Friday" March 27 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Contact Dr. David Butler, Head of School, or Caryn Huntsman, Elementary Principal at Plymouth Christian Academy, (734) 459-3505. PCA is located at 43065 Joy Road (between Lilley and Morton Taylor) in Canton, or visit the school's Web site at www.plymouthchristian.org.

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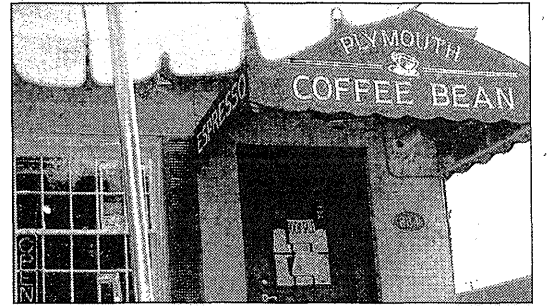
Changes brewing as Coffee Bean ready to mark 16th anniversary

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ongoing changes at the Plymouth Coffee Bean should make the 16th even sweeter. The coffee house, which is located in a real house on Penniman south of Main Street, will mark its 16th anniversary in June, and owner Steve Prokes returned earlier this month to run the business. Prokes had leased out the coffee house for the last two years. "We're doing a lot to improve the Bean," said manager Donna De Meyer. "There're a lot of things to be done." De Meyer said Prokes and his crew are clean-

ing and sprucing the place up and renewing a commitment to the community. That means buying local baked goods, using Coffee Express as the sole coffee supplier, and getting involved in organizations such as the Downtown Development Authority and events like the Green Street Fair, she said. "He's very interested in the community," she said of Prokes. The Coffee Bean, which has a casual atmosphere, including outdoor seating, plus shelves of books for customers to peruse and the works of local artists displayed on the walls, has long been active in the area's cultural scene.

The coffee house hosts live music every Friday evening and well-attended poetry readings on the third Thursday of each month. The poetry sessions have a featured reader as well as open-mic time. "It's a place where people come for more than coffee," De Meyer said. People come for culture and conversation and the opportunity to interact with people from a variety of age groups and walks of life, she added. "I think that's very rare in this society, and hugely important," De Meyer said.



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Changes are coming as the Plymouth Coffee Bean prepares to celebrate its 16th anniversary.

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Signs of spring: Yard waste pickup to start

Planning to clean up the yard for spring — or to finish up the snow-delayed fall leaf-raking? Plymouth Township's curbside yard waste pickup service resumes on Monday, March 30. Yard waste — grass clippings, leaves, prunings, garden waste, branches and brush — should be set at the curb by 7 a.m. on the regular trash-collection day, and no earlier than 6 p.m. on the day before collection day. Leaves and grass clippings should be put into brown paper yard waste bags available at local stores, or into garbage cans (maximum capacity of 35 gallons each) marked with a compost sticker or the letter "X" or "C" drawn twice on the sides. Compost stickers are available at the township hall; make sure the labels face the roadway when setting out containers. Filled yard waste containers, and brush and branch bundles, should not exceed 50 pounds each. For more information, call the township's solid waste department at (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4.

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EDUCATION

Middle school student Sydney Bartell creates her own custom "pet rock" as part of New Morning School's 33rd annual auction centerpiece.



Disco dalliance

Fever rages for New Morning auction

Disco fever will reign when New Morning School hosts its 33rd annual auction Saturday, March 28 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Dancers can put on some platform shoes and strut their stuff under the disco ball, enjoy an elegant meal with open bar, and peruse the hundreds of offerings up for bid in the school's silent auction.

After that, bidders should get ready to bid on the packages in the school's renowned live auction. The live auction will include unique items such as getaways to Malta, Florida, Mexico and California; luxury ski and golf trips; local spa packages; and fine jewelry.

The huge silent auction features something for everyone, from sports memorabilia to children's items, electronics, original artwork, home improvement packages, and more. The "Disco Lounge" to enjoy a specialty martini bar,



Miles Muirhead, Cosmo Trikes, Benjamin Linares and Nolan McCarthy proudly show off their completed pet rocks.

raffle items, and disco dancing. Dancers should be sure to dress the part for a chance to win the auction's costume contest.

The local community is welcome to attend. Tickets can be purchased by calling (734) 420-3331 or at the school's Web site - www.newmorningschool.com. Tickets are \$75 per person and include seated dinner, dessert, open bar, and the silent and live auction portions of the evening.

The auction allows New Morning School to keep tuition affordable and make the school's program available to many different children. New Morning School focuses on individualized learning, small class size, and parental involvement. Children learn valuable life skills such as self-initiative, critical thinking, problem-solving, and responsibility for their own learning and behavior.

Deadline looms for Damaris scholarship

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue an education in this field.

Applications will be accepted March 24 through April 3, and the artwork will be juried April 6-24. The \$1,000 Damaris Fine Arts Award will be announced April 27.

Students artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally juried by architect, artist and sculptor Dennis Jones.

The Damaris Fine Arts Award was established in memory of Damaris (Dee) Schulte by her family: husband, Dick, sons, Philip and Mike. Schulte, an artist in her own right, had a Bachelor's Degree in Art and a Master's Degree in Art Education.

The award honors Schulte as an artist and recognizes the dedication and many contributions she made to the, including the creation of The Damaris Booklets, teaching art classes for the PCAC, writing the PCAC history and keeping its scrapbook and serving as a board member for seven years.

Dennis Jones, originally from Detroit, now resides in Plymouth. He is a licensed practicing architect, an educator and artist. He completed his formal education as an architect from the University of Detroit in 1983. He completed his Master of Fine Arts, in Painting, from Wayne State University in 1990. Since, he has exhibited his work extensively in the Detroit area and beyond.

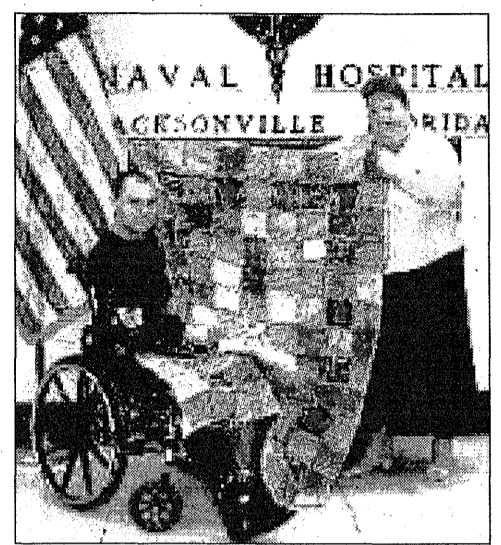
Interested students should contact Debra Madonna of the Damaris Fine Arts Award Committee to set up an appointment to submit an application and portfolio. Applications are available at high school counseling offices or they can be downloaded at <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/damarisaward.pdf>

Madonna can be reached via e-mail at clarion@storytellerdesign.com or by calling (734) 453-2781.

Sagear scholarship

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District senior who has overcome adversity with the Sandra Sagear - Rotary Scholarship. The group is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community.

The recipient of this award will receive a \$500 scholarship. The award is named after Sandra Sagear a 1969 graduate of the original



Quilt karma

The Canton High School Chieftettes Pom Pon team recently received an e-mail thanking them for their participation in a community service project where they helped make quilts for military members overseas. Each Chieftette was given a 5x5 piece of denim and were allowed to design whatever they wanted. The denim pieces were then sent to the organizing group that creates quilts out these squares. The e-mail contained photos of the completed project. Chieftettes officials said they were "thankful that we can help our troops and hopefully provide some comfort to them while they serve our country."

Plymouth High School, who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio.

The application deadline is April 1, and the award will be announced April 24. For more information, contact Debra Madonna at clarion@storytellerdesign.com or visit www.storytellerdesign.com/sandrasagear.html.

Art featured in exhibit

The work of Lynn Gregg of Canton is part of the 45th annual Michigan Education Association/Michigan Art Education Association Art Acquisitions Purchase Exhibition. The artwork, "Vintage Car," is a mixed media piece. The exhibition is designed to highlight the high caliber of art produced by artist-educator members in Michigan. There were 79 pieces selected from the 165 entries.

The exhibit is on display at MEA headquarters weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through May 4 (excluding April 10). The MEA headquarters is located at 1216 Kendale Blvd. in East Lansing.

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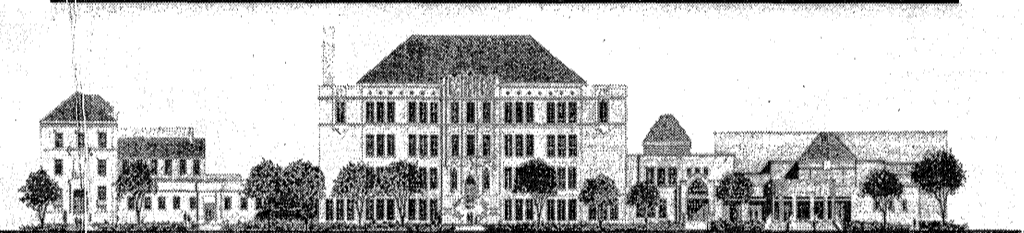
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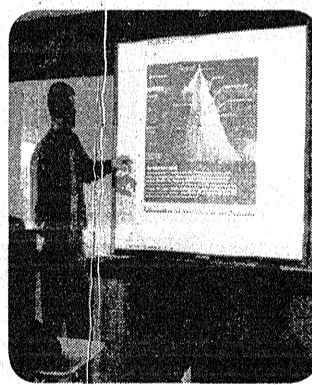
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"The play would be the same, it would still be about tolerance," McNutt said. "It's so powerful because it raises a lot of questions that make us look in the mirror and then doesn't answer them."

The job of posing the questions goes to the ensemble of actors assigned to play the characters. A dozen actors will play some 60 roles (ironically, the audience never meets Shepard, whose story is told more in the effect it has on Laramie).

Some 100 actors auditioned, but not before obtaining signed permission from their parents, a precaution McNutt used because of the material — and the language — used in the show. She sent warnings home with the students, and all the publicity for the production has included a parental warning.

McNutt edited most of the rough language out, though some was left in because it was key to particular characters.

All of that was attractive to the actors, who seem to like the idea of bringing so many characters of differing opinions to life.

"It's told really interestingly because you get every single viewpoint," said Salem High School junior Kyla Westmoreland, a 17-year-old Canton resident appearing in her first show. "You get the bigots, the people who are directly affected ... there's no rock left unturned."

Salem senior Timothy Thompson, 18 of Canton, said the challenge of playing eight different roles is making them all relevant — and memorable — to the audience. Thompson, who has been in every production of both the Second Stage Players and the Park Players during his career, even gets to play the Rev. Fred Phelps, who is portrayed in the play picketing Shepard's funeral and whose followers have actually picketed productions of the play around the country.

While Thompson said he doesn't agree with Phelps' anti-gay philosophy — "I would not be a subscriber to Fred Phelps," he said. — he knows he can't let that come through in his portrayal.

"He can be venomous, he yells, and he picks his moments to passionately profess his views," said Thompson, who said he did a lot of research on Phelps. "I have to portray him as someone who deeply believes what he believes. The audience has to make the decision (what kind of person Phelps is)."

It's that kind of decision-making that has been such a tremendous challenge to the actors, a group of youngsters McNutt says has been "tremendous" to work with.

"It has been remarkable the revelations they've had working on this show," McNutt said. "This was a huge stretch, a real growing experience for the actors. In fact, we've all kind of grown together on this show."

The result, she hopes, will be a play that has viewers leaving



Timothy Thompson as Father Roger Schmidt.

the theater talking more about similarities than differences.

"This play has no gay agenda ... it's about tolerance," the director said. "You're taking the chance to say, 'Where can we stand on common ground so that we don't have to be fearful?'"

"We're a multi-cultural community that is growing (and) there are young people who aren't comfortable here," McNutt added. "We talk-talk about diversity. We need to find where we're alike."

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Women get help finding work

JVS, based in Southfield, will again sponsor its Women To Work program. The program, sponsored by Charter One Bank and offered free of charge, helps women who've been out of the workplace due to family responsibilities to re-enter the workforce. Men are also eligible for services.

Participants receive help with job-hunting strategies, resume writing and interviewing skills.

The information meeting will talk place on Thursday, April 23, from 9-11 a.m. and the program begins the following Tuesday, April 28, and meets twice weekly, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon for five weeks, ending May 28. Employment Specialist Judy Richmond of

JVS, 29699 Southfield Road, Southfield, MI 48076, has additional information at (248) 233-4232.

"As usual we meet for the five weeks twice a week," she said. Richmond appreciates Charter One Bank's help: "We're grateful for that, obviously."

You need to have your schedule clear to participate in the five-week program. One week, participants will meet on a Monday due to a fund-raiser, she said, so schedules will be adjusted.

Richmond sees great need for help in finding work.

"That's continuing due to the current economic situation. We're finding that twice as many people are applying in fact."

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Plymouth's Grand Traverse Pie Company owner Gerri Trefelik is ready to serve apple Pie for the Cure.

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The "Pie for the Cure" fundraiser are Apple Pie Fridays, sponsored by the Michigan Apple Committee, which will double donation efforts (\$1) on all nine-inch apple and apple crumb pies that are sold each Friday of the fundraiser. Another addition, \$2 of each whole pie order placed online at www.gtpie.com, will be donated to the cause and pies can be shipped anywhere in the U.S.

Last year's campaign allowed Grand Traverse to write a check to Susan G. Komen for some \$25,000.

"What we're thrilled about is how much Susan G. Komen and their volunteers are into it now," said Denise Busley, who founded Grand Traverse Pie Co. in 1996 with her husband, Mike. "There are not too many people who have not been affected by this disease. It's really exciting to be partnered (with Susan G. Komen) for it."

Plymouth native Gail Demski is also excited to be taking part in the fundraiser. Demski, a 1977 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, now owns a Grand Traverse franchise in Brighton. An eight-year cancer survivor, it was the disease that actually led to her owning a franchise.

"Right after I was cured, my hair had even grown back, I went in to the (Brighton) store buy a pie," said Demski, who

bought the Brighton store in 2005. "The next day, I was working there."

Demski was diagnosed in 2001 at the age of 42. Nine days after the diagnosis, she had already had surgery. Despite the surgical removal of the lump, Demski decided to undergo chemo and radiation therapy.

Her store took part in last year's fund-raiser, and she's excited to be doing it again.

"This means the world to me, because of what I've been through," said Demski, whose husband, Lou, was a member of the first graduating class from Canton High School in 1975. "I had to live the fear, and learn to channel the fear. It could have been a whole lot worse. So we're about that positive feed."

The Plymouth store drew a pretty good crowd for the kickoff Friday, including Nan Flood of Farmington Hills, a seven-year cancer survivor who traveled to Plymouth with a friend.

She said fund-raisers like this one, designed to raise awareness, contribute mightily to the recovery of women who win the fight.

"It used to be when you found out (you had cancer), you thought, 'This is pretty much it,'" said Flood, who had no previous family history of breast cancer when she was diagnosed in 2001. "Now, there's so much hope, and it's because of these kinds of events."

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OPINION

Here is a prescription for health care reform

Michigan lawmakers have a full agenda and one of the key issues is health care reform. These efforts could not come at a better time. As the economy falters, more and more families are losing coverage and, unfortunately, are left on their own to search for solutions.



Mike Cox

Last year, I opposed rate hikes from Blue Cross and legislative bills that stripped the Governor and Attorney General's Office of their traditional oversight roles, and would continue to do so in the future. Already this year, the Blues proposed a rate hike for more than 400,000 consumers who purchase individual health care coverage. For many, the increases would be more than 50 percent. As legislators begin the task of reforming the way people buy insurance, they need to find ways to preserve protections for consumers. This can be accomplished while ensuring that Blue Cross remains stable and continues to stay true to its mission as the state's insurer of last resort.

Make no mistake, Michigan's health care system is in need of reform now. Now is also the time that legislators should explore new and creative ways in which to lower costs and expand access to care.

The Attorney General's Office has long been involved in representing ratepayers and the public regarding health care costs. As lawmakers grapple with these issues, here is a list of principles to consider:

- Maintain the traditional oversight role of the Governor and Attorney General. In 2007, the Blues sought a rate hike of more than 50 percent on one line of insurance. My office intervened, saving 220,000 seniors \$97 million initially, and another \$69 million each year thereafter. Consumers need a watchdog to keep rates in check.

- Shorten the time in which pre-existing conditions are excluded from coverage to six months for all insurers. Currently, if you are a diabetic, or a cancer patient, it takes one year for what is called your pre-existing condition to be covered by a commercial insurer, if you can obtain coverage. That exclusion of health insurance coverage needs to be cut in half, to six months, which is the rule that applies to Blue Cross. This change alone will benefit thousands of Michigan citizens, enabling them to get coverage more quickly.

- Create a catastrophic health fund to provide coverage to those most in need. Here's how: Blue Cross has indicated it wants to purchase businesses that have nothing to do with insurance. Therefore, any legislation giving Blue Cross the ability to purchase more businesses should first include an initial licensing fee from the Blues of \$100 million. This fee would create a catastrophic health care fund to care for those who need it most. Each additional purchase of another company by Blue Cross should require that 20 percent of the price be deposited in such a fund. If this had been done four years ago, there would already be a \$200 million cata-

strophic health care fund.

"Take a page from Consumer Reports' playbook. The legislature should mandate that the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation present an annual report that compares Michigan's health insurance costs with those of the rest of the nation. Let's find out how we stack up. By doing so, this report would shine a spotlight on what Michigan needs to do to make health care more affordable in the years to come.

Like nearly 70 percent of Michigan residents, I am a Blue Cross subscriber and depend on its viability for access to care. I believe a healthy Blue Cross is an important part of Michigan's economy.

However, my job, and that of the legislature, is to ensure that Blue Cross stays true to its mission. The Blues were founded during the Great Depression as a benevolent and charitable non-profit to increase assure accessibility to health care. No matter what changes are contemplated, that mission must not be diminished.

With unemployment at 11.6 percent, and more than one in four Michigan residents either uninsured or on Medicaid, the urgency for the legislature to act and increase the accessibility of affordable health care insurance for consumers has never been greater.

For a link to the letter from the Attorney General to state legislators, containing all ten points: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Letter_to_Legislators_from_Attorney_General_Mike_Cox_January_29_2009_265005_7.pdf

Mike Cox is the Michigan Attorney General. He lives in Livonia.

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It's no secret that Wayne County led the nation in home foreclosures in 2007 and saw more than 38,000 home foreclosures in 2008. We know that many Wayne County residents are struggling to keep their homes, probably even in your neighborhood.

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Jamele Hage

Last October, we launched the Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program. Already, we have helped hundreds of families overcome mortgage foreclosure, but we have the ability to help so many more people.

Perhaps you have not heard of the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program, or maybe you thought it was a Detroit-specific service. This program truly is meant for anyone living in Wayne County: from Flat Rock to Canton to Highland Park to River Rouge.

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Jamele Hage is acting director of Wayne County's Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program.


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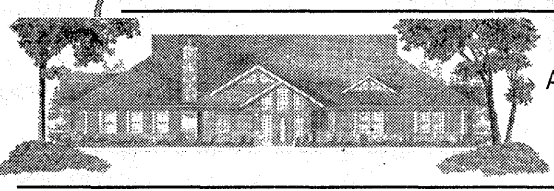
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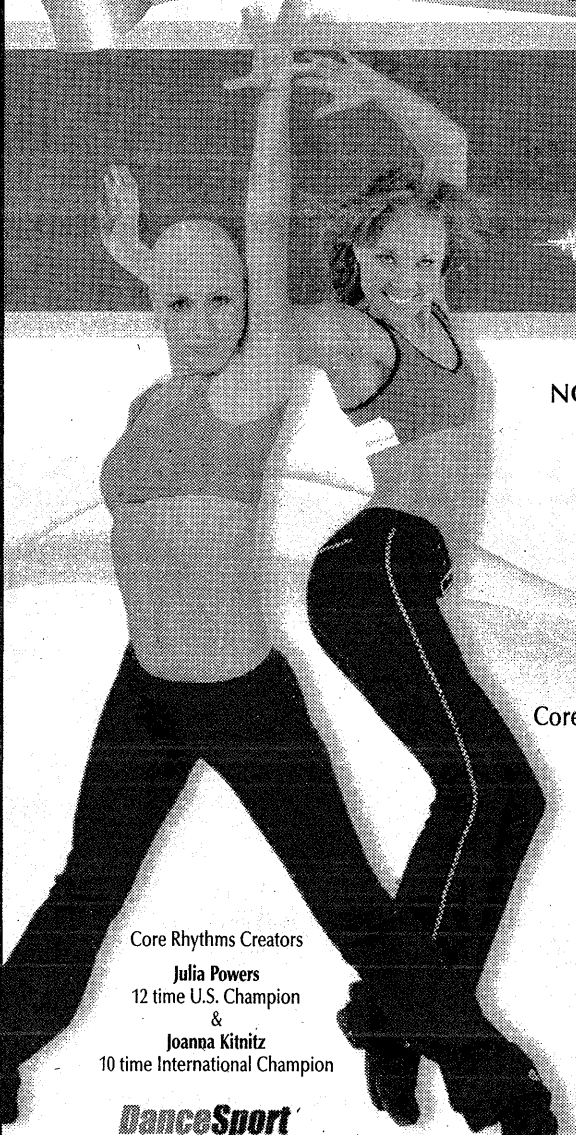


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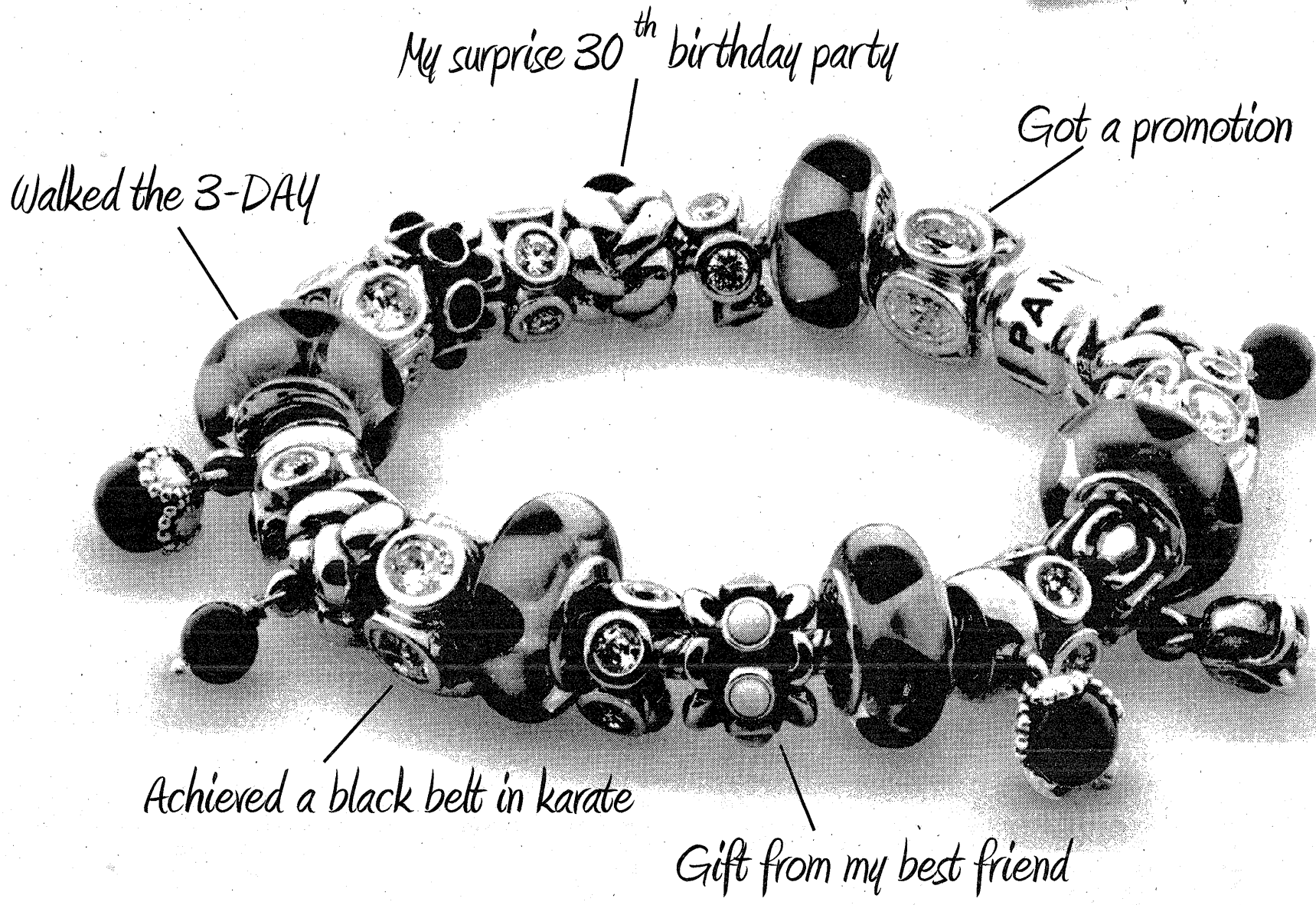


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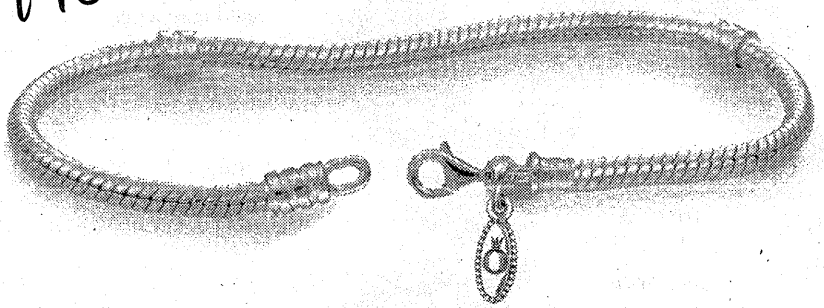
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Lawmakers push legislation to attract battery companies

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Canton lawmakers are in the forefront in passing state legislation that would make Michigan a leader in the production, development and commercialization of advanced battery technologies.

Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton Township) introduced a bill in the state House — which passed overwhelmingly — that will provide an additional \$200 million in tax credits to companies that develop and build batteries in Michigan.

"I was talking to different auto dealers and they mentioned how they were able to quickly sell hybrid cars. They can't make them as fast as they're selling them," Slavens said. "I know there are many companies interested in working with the auto industry."

The plan gives an additional \$200 million in tax credits for companies involved in all aspects of advanced battery development. These tax credits would be spaced out over the next four years, which will provide a continued benefit for these new technologies and their development. The plan also will reward companies that support Michigan businesses by giving them priority in the awarding of the tax credits if they commit to using



Slavens



Patterson

Michigan suppliers.

Meanwhile, state Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) is the co-sponsor of a similar bill passing through the Senate.

"To survive, we need to compete in this global economy," Patterson said. "Japan, South Korea, India and China all produce batteries needed for electric vehicles. This legislation will level the playing field so we can be competitive while bringing jobs to Michigan." Slavens and Patterson believe the final bill, which will be developed through compromise legislation, will create at least 40,000 jobs by 2020.

In January, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the first \$335 million in high-tech battery tax credits, which were the first of their kind in the United States.

Expanding the number of credits would allow Michigan to qualify for \$2 billion in federal stimulus money.

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Circumstances determine Social Security

Dear Rick: I am 63 and I just retired. My wife is 60 and she retired a couple of years ago. We both have pensions that more than cover our living expenses.



Money Matters

My original plan of action was to wait to collect Social Security to receive full benefits. I am thinking about changing my strategy but I want your advice. Friends say

that with all the problems we are going through right now Social Security will be cut in the near future. Do you agree?

I believe there will be some adjustment to Social Security. I don't know what it will be or who it will affect. Whatever changes are made — whether you are collecting Social Security or currently eligible — will make a difference.

I believe you should stick with your original game plan and delay collecting Social Security until you receive full benefits. There has been a lot of

discussion about the future of Social Security over the last few years. There have been articles written suggesting it should be a need-based program and should change the way they calculate inflation as well as raising the age for full benefits.

Despite all the discussion, there have been very few changes. Although eventually we will have some Social Security reform, I don't believe that it will significantly impact anyone who is eligible or currently eligible.

In discussing changes to Social Security, it is important to recognize the political hot potato it is. Politicians know when it comes to Social Security they have to tread lightly. They recognize the political realities. That is why I believe when reforms are made they will only impact people who are years away from eligibility.

One of the decisions senior citizens are forced to make is when they should collect Social Security. Every situation is different so it depends on one's circumstances.

I believe you collect Social Security when you need the income. If you receive a pension

that covers your living expenses, I recommend delaying Social Security. If you need additional income to cover living expenses, don't delay.

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The more you learn, the more successful you will be as an investor. A series of books

on investing known as *For Dummies* are straightforward and helpful with the basics. A number of Web sites with educational articles can also help. My Web site, www.bloomassetmanagement.com, along with www.mfea.com and www.vanguard.com also offer excellent materials.

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

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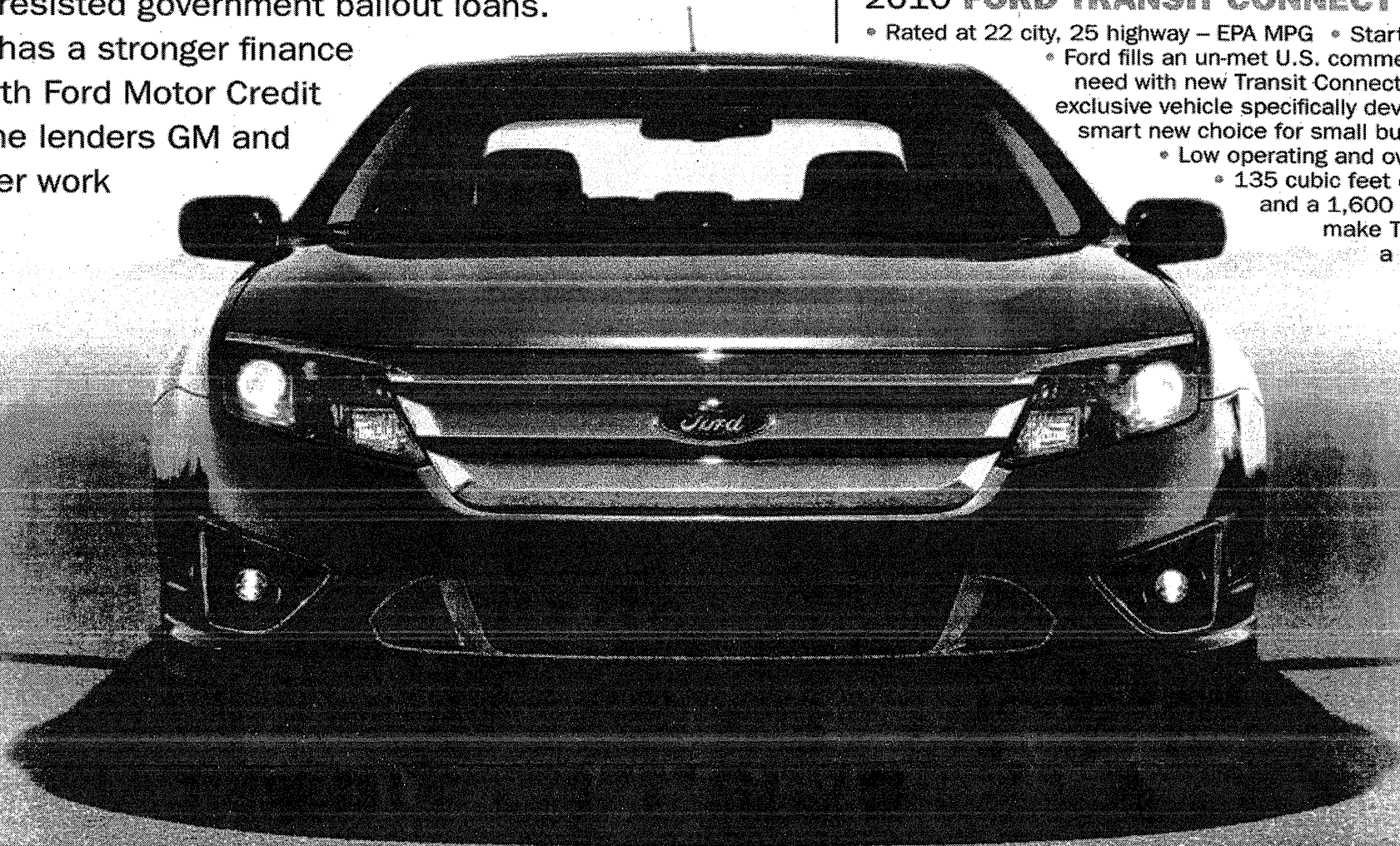
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Participants in Madonna spring break, left to right, Julie Pulgini of Farmington, Jenna Whaley of Livonia, Kevin West of Redford, Lauren Hochstein of Westland, Nicole Benoit of Inkster, Dr. Rex Gandy, Gina Robinson (wheelchair) of Oak Park, Neal Card of Midland, Ryan Vannatter of Farmington Hills, John Lovelady of South Lyon, Caroline Foster (kneeling) of Plymouth, Dean Herron of Livonia, Elizabeth Kuzawinski of Howell, Thomas Coyne of Dearborn, Cari DeLamielleure (kneeling) of Brighton, Amber Lee of St. Clair Shores, Kendall Hubbard of Novi, Louise Taylor of Walled Lake, and Stephanie Mercieca of New Hudson

Madonna students devote spring break to Katrina cleanup

Sixteen Madonna University students spent their spring break clearing brush, bramble, dead trees and debris left from Hurricane Katrina at the University of Southern Mississippi. The students, who traveled to Mississippi as part of Madonna's Alternative Spring Break program, created a half-mile nature trail for USM's Golf Coast Research Lab.

"I never imagined that creating nature trails would have such an impact," said Cari DeLamielleure, a Madonna journalism/PR and sociology major from Brighton. "Not only are they a nice addition to the Lab, they also provide a way to engage the community in environmental education and recreation." The research facility, which borders marshland, develops culture and stocking programs for recreational fish species including bass.

Madonna University's Office of Service-Learning offers an Alternative Spring Break trip annually to provide assistance to an outside community in need.

"We've gone to the Gulf Coast for the last three years to help hurricane victims," said Kevin West, director of service learning at Madonna. "Each year students report having been 'transformed' by the experience. They come back motivated to help people and communities in distress."

In previous years volunteering in the Gulf Coast, Madonna students have rebuilt homes, worked with grade school children whose schools had been consolidated after Katrina, and sorted case files for the Office

of Long Term Recovery in Biloxi, Miss.

"When I think about our Alternative Spring Break trip, I remember the impact we made, the individuals we befriended, and how we changed a community for a lifetime," said DeLamielleure.

Hertel shares message of mass transit viability

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In 1956, John Hertel's parents took him and his two brothers to Seven Mile and Gratiot. "We're going to go because today's the last day streetcars are running in Detroit," was the explanation.

At that time, Hertel's grandmother told him of how as a young woman from a Thumb-area farm she took a seamstress job in Grosse Pointe. She could travel home weekends on an interurban train that took her to Port Huron or Flint as well as other cities like Ann Arbor.

All that mass transit changed after World War II, said Hertel, now CEO of the Regional Transportation Coordinating Commission. "Everybody was buying a car and nobody really cared about that."

In more recent years, offers came to Detroit to replace such conveyances as the streetcars sold to Mexico City. In the 1970s, President Gerald Ford offered \$600 million for area mass transit.

"The regional leaders did not agree on how the money should be spent," said Hertel, speaking Thursday, March 19, to the Westland Rotary. A similar later offer from President Jimmy Carter also failed, as did other efforts.

When Hertel was approached a few years ago about the mass transit job, he was skeptical. The



Hertel

former state senator, who has also chaired the Wayne and Macomb county commissions, had doubts.

"I wasn't completely convinced. I actually told them no, I wouldn't do it." Hertel's also been general manager for the Michigan State Fair.

He was convinced of the seriousness by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, then-Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Macomb County's Nancy White.

Hertel noted the reality of \$4 a gallon gas as well as extensive use of SMART and D-DOT buses during the Super Bowl hosted by Detroit. "I was given a staff of two people."

Their efforts are overseen by the federal transit authority and the state; Hertel's proud a firm won the bid at some \$400,000 less than anticipated for consulting. The (Big) Four have voted unanimously yes and that's absolutely a wonderful thing." He noted mass transit has regional cooperation that the Cobo situation has sorely lacked.

He described the 406-mile, 25-year plan which includes more frequent buses and computers showing the next bus

scheduled with information on connections.

Hertel described "rolling rapid transit" bus lines with a dedicated lane leading to larger stations with restrooms. Detroit's the only metro area of 30 nationwide without mass transit to speak of, he said.

He's pleased with the Dec. 8 approval of the regional mass transit plan. Hertel has visited Denver, Colo., and praised that city's mass transit, including a five-mile rail line downtown.

Roger Penske is heading a group of Detroit business leaders, also including Chris Ilitch, Quicken Loans' Dan Gilbert and Peter Karmanos, to run a line from the Detroit River to the city's New Center area. That "would mean you'd have a lot of riders right away," he said.

That would link downtown Detroit to city museums, Wayne State University and Henry Ford Hospital. Of the \$102 million needed, \$70 million has been obtained, and right of way secured on each side of Woodward Avenue.

Leaders hope to break ground next year and have the system up and running by 2012. It would qualify the Detroit-Ann Arbor rail line for funds at the same time, he said. Hertel noted such bus lines move quickly and have a lot of the benefits of light rail with lower cost.

Hertel, speaking at the Wayne-Westland Salvation

Army, cited a need for a regional transit authority and a local tax for mass transit as hurdles. Other cities pay four times what metro Detroiters do for mass transit, he said.

"In Denver, they went to a regional sales tax" of 1 percent.

He noted in other cities a dollar spent on mass transit tax translates to \$8 from the private sector in economic development and jobs.

"Show me anything else that you can come up with that will have that kind of development. We need something here very badly in terms of our economic development."

He appreciates \$35 million from the Kresge Foundation in Detroit to the mass transit plan and the business leaders' private donations.

"Unlike Cobo, the regional leaders have been very cooperative." He's eager to hear word from Washington, D.C., this week on stimulus money.

Answering questions, Hertel noted mass transit has worked better because of funding in Macomb County. "Opting out of a bus system is like opting out of a freeway," he said, citing Livonia as a community that opted out of the SMART system.

Washtenaw County isn't currently in the mass transit plan, although he's talking to leaders there. The only con of mass transit is cost, he said. "But it also creates a lot of money."

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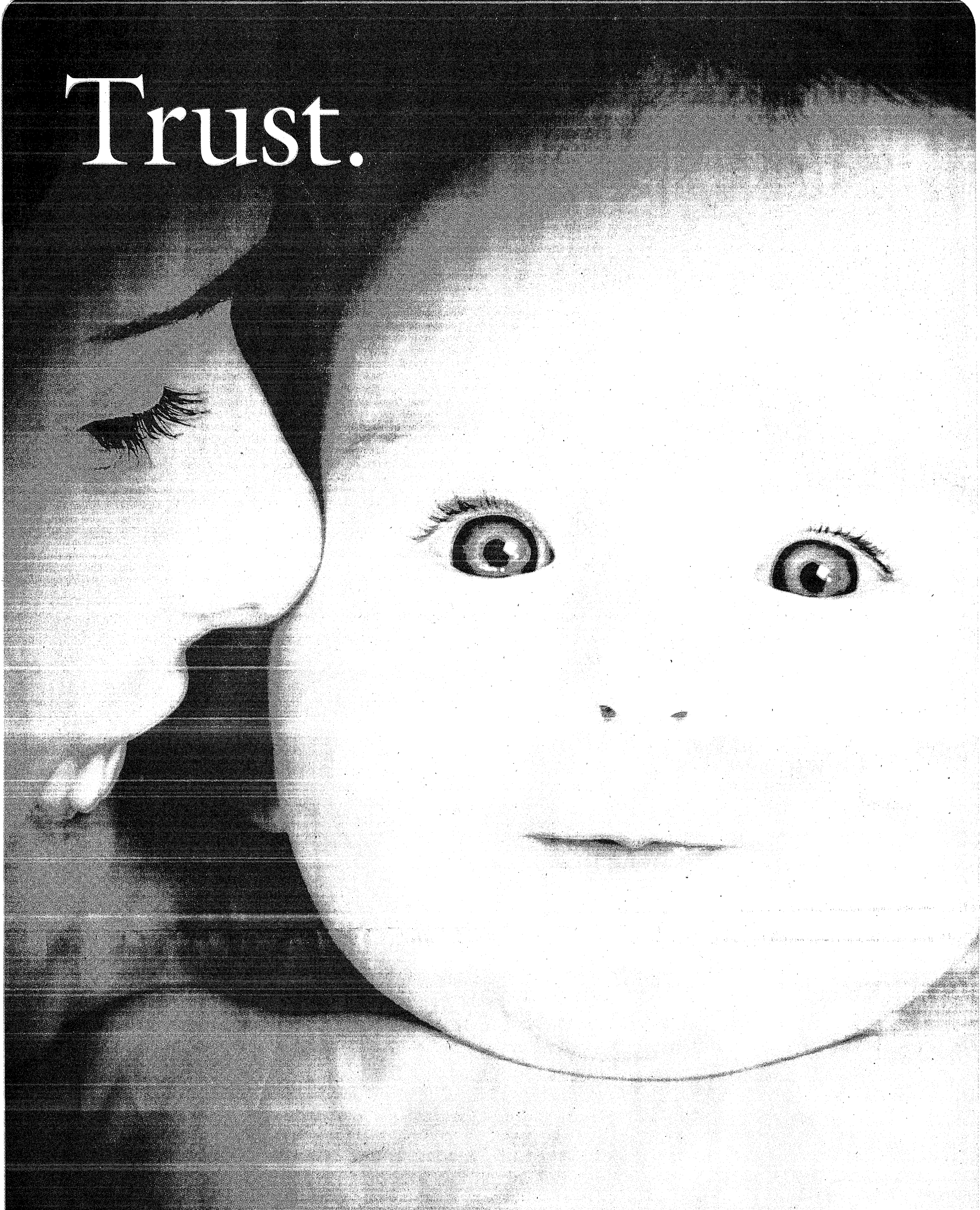
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Former Canton High School standout Katie Cezat broke 31 school, conference and NCAA Division II records the past two seasons at Hillsdale College. She registered 28 double-doubles this season.

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Cezat's accomplishments at Hillsdale won't soon be surpassed

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like bees to honey, defenders would buzz around Hillsdale College senior forward Katie Cezat in force during the Chargers' recently completed season.

Opposing players would shadow the 6-foot scoring dynamo, well, tighter than her own shadow.

But on most nights, it was Cezat who would do the stinging as she left defenders shaking their heads in frustration when the final buzzer sounded, victimized by a player whose combination of skill, instinct and smarts produced almost as many records as Motown in its hey-day.

When Cezat, a 2005 graduate of Canton High School, walked off a college court for the final time following the Chargers' 73-72 loss to Indianapolis in an NCAA Division II game earlier this month, she owned 31 school, conference or NCAA records.

Triple the pleasure

In a Dec. 13 victory over Ferris State University, the humble ex-Chief's stat line would have made Kobe Bryant envious: 36 points, 20 rebounds and 13 blocked shots.

"I'm not sure if we'll see

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RECORD-SETTING CHARGER



Cezat

Former Canton High School basketball standout shattered 31 school, conference and NCAA Division II records the past two seasons at Hillsdale.

Following are a few of her impressive marks:

- Set the NCAA DII single-season record for the most double-doubles (at least 10 points and 10 rebounds in a game) with 28, including 18 in a row;
- Led the Chargers to a 27-4 record and a No. 3 DII national ranking;
- Has been voted a two-time NCAA DII All-American; only 10 players nation-wide earn All-American status;
- Averaged 29.6 points and 16.8 rebounds this season;
- Against Ferris State on Dec. 13, she registered a triple-double with 36 points, 20 rebounds and 13 blocked shots;
- Record over 100 assists and 100 blocked shots this past season;
- Shot 81.7 percent from the free throw line her senior season and 55 percent from the field despite drawing consistent double-teams.

GAME WRAPS

Softball sweep

Sophomore pitcher Jess Irwin threw her third career no-hitter to high-light Madonna University's softball sweep Thursday of host Indiana University-Southeast in New Albany.

The Crusaders won the opener, 13-0, in five innings as Irwin (7-3) struck out 13 and walked only two.

Danielle Richardson and Tedi Johnston each had two hits and an RBI to pace the offense. Tara LaMilza also drove in two runs.

In the nightcap, freshman Hallie Minch (Garden City) improved to 7-1 on a four-hitter as the Crusaders (14-4) rolled to an 8-1 victory.

Minch struck out eight and walked only two in going all seven innings.

Johnston led the offensive attack going 3-for-4 with three RBI, while LaMilza went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Rachael Kethe also knocked in two runs while lead-off hitter Brittney Scero (Canton) also chipped in with two hits.

The loss leaves IU-Southeast at 7-13 overall.

22 in a row

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team had a few anxious moments during Thursday's NJCAA Division II National Tournament opener.

But April Goins scored 19 of her game-high 22 points in the second half as the Lady Ocelots won their 22nd in a row by downing Louisburg (N.C.), 66-46, at a game played at Illinois Central College in East Peoria.

Goins, saddled with first-half foul trouble, played the entire second half with three personals. She hit 10-of-20 shots from the floor.

Taylor Langham (Salem) added 13 points, while point-guard Brittany Collins finished with six assists and six steals. Shera Brown grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Schoolcraft, 31-2 overall, led by only one at halftime, 24-23, before going to a match-up zone defense with 13 minutes to go in the game. The Lady Ocelots held a narrow 42-40 advantage with only 7:54 to go before going on a 14-2 run as coach Karen Lafata notched her 300th career win.

Paquita Wingate and Niesha Searles each scored 10 points for the Hurricanes, who fell to 27-4 overall.

Schoolcraft connected on a total of 28-of-67 shots from the floor (42 percent), but made 17-of-33 second-half attempts (52 percent). The Lady Ocelots shot only 8-of-17 from the foul line and outrebounded Louisburg, 47-44.

Schoolcraft moves into Friday's semifinal against 27-5 Pima CC (Ariz.). Game time is 8 p.m. (CST).

Ignition surf Wave into 1st

In what can undeniably be called its flashiest game of the season, the Detroit Ignition (9-7) clawed its way back into a first-place tie with the visiting Milwaukee Wave (9-7) on Friday night. Both teams are now 9-7 with just four games to play, and the Ignition locked up the head-to-head tiebreaker, four games to three.

The Wave jumped out to a 2-0 lead just over three minutes into the third, but the Ignition were quick to stall any momentum thanks to a three-point restart goal from midfielder Miki Djerisilo.

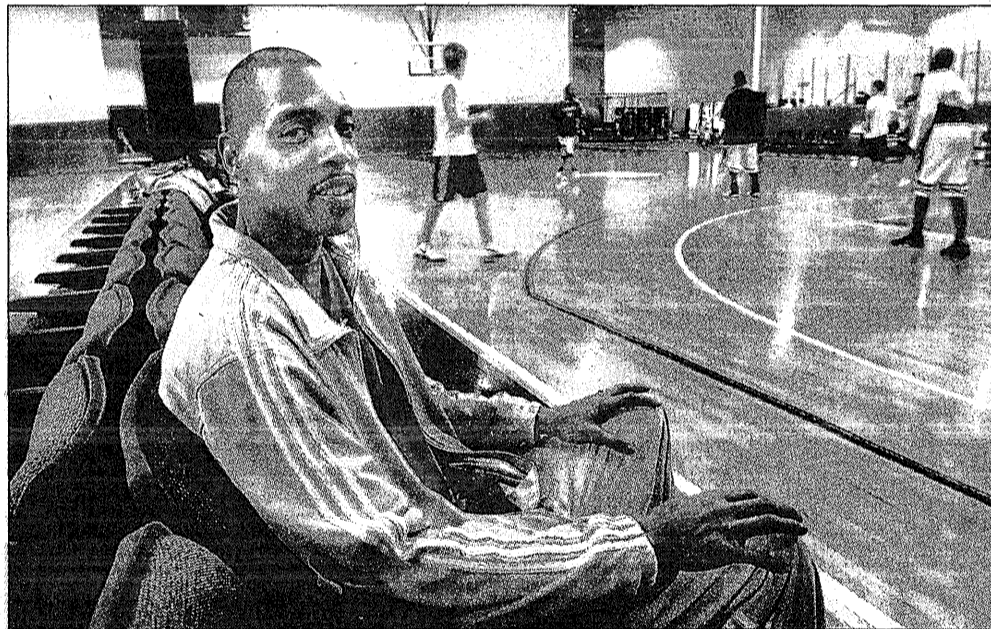
Just under three minutes later, Ryan Mack nailed another three-pointer for Detroit off a ball from Nate Craft. The two teams traded goals through the first three quarters, but the Ignition never lost their lead.

Team captain Kyt Selaidopoulos finished out the third quarter for Detroit with the third three-pointer of the match at 14:04.

Fans at Compuware Arena were treated to more than soccer in the game's final stanza. A bicycle kick by Ignition midfielder Drew Ducker four minutes into the quarter ended in true soccer fashion — without a shirt. Despite getting a yellow card for unsportsmanlike conduct, Ducker echoed the crowd's enthusiasm and celebrated all the way to the penalty box.

Josh Rife netted the final goal for the Ignition on Milwaukee's open net at 11:20, and paid homage to the night's green-jersey theme with an Irish jig at midfield.

The Ignition return to action today 22 when it takes on the Chicago Storm (7-10) at Sears Centre Arena.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Miller has re-opened the 47,000-square-foot basketball facility on Haggerty Road in Canton and renamed it Center Court. The former warehouse was renovated into a state-of-the-art hoop site in 2006, but closed in May of 2007.

Bouncing back

First-class hoops facility back in business

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After collecting dust for close to two years, a 47,000-square-foot basketball mecca has found new life in Canton.

And local hoops enthusiasts can thank life-long round-ball aficionado Jeff Miller for resurrecting the warehouse-turned-basketball haven he's

named Center Court.

Formerly known as Basketball Planet, the massive hoops-based building, which is located at 7171 Haggerty Rd. just north of Warren Rd., was originally renovated into a state-of-the-art basketball facility in the fall of 2006. Equipped with four large courts — three college-sized, the other NBA-sized — and two smaller training courts, the setting was the

closest thing to basketball heaven for anyone passionate about James Naismith's favorite game.

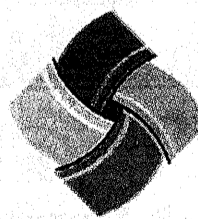
However, its doors were locked just six months after it opened and the building remained vacant until Miller breathed new life into it earlier this year.

"First of all, I wanted to give kids a place where they could go to be mentored and play sports," said Miller,

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Bowl for the Cure is successful; Walker wins Senior Masters title

Despite a downturn in the economy, the Susan B. Komen Bowl for the Cure events recently were very successful.

Right now I don't have the amount raised, particularly with the most recent event held at Vision Lanes on Ford Road in Westland.

Meanwhile, the bowling leagues are winding down to the final stretch drives and I will try to get some information out on many of the big winners.

Most area bowling centers are starting to set up the spring/summer leagues at this time.

Check with your local houses and see what will fit in with your other summertime activities. Summer leagues can be lots of good fun for everyone.

Garden City's Larry Walker proved why he is a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame after winning the Metro Detroit USBC Senior Masters title at Classic Lanes in

Rochester Hills. Walker took home the top prize of \$3,000 after qualifying 18th with a six-game total of 1,264.

He remained undefeated with victories over Sam Girgenti (St. Clair Shores) 411-389; Phil Horowitz (West Bloomfield), 452-385; Ed Austreng (Waterford), 433-393; Dwayne Griggs (Orion Township), 494-430; and David Maiorana (Rochester Hills), 459-389, en route to the championship match.

Walker again prevailed against Albert Amella III of Macomb 417-385 for the title. He averaged 218.3 for 18 games of competition.

"I've always wanted to win a Masters title and to win the Senior Masters ranks third among my bowling highlights - right behind being on Team USA and achieving the triple crown in the Michigan Majors," said the 52-year-old Walker.

Among the other area bowlers who reached match play and cashed in included: Tony Dadeppo, Troy, eighth; Ron Lechevalier, Livonia, 20th; Rick Eiermann, Garden City, 22nd; Steve Hubble, Westland, 22nd; and Larry Dagenais, Troy,

24th. Tony Stipcak of Redford was the alternate in 33rd.

The Professional Bowlers Association announced plans to hold a World Series of Bowling, which debuts in August with the kickoff, Aug. 1-6, at Taylor Lanes.

The remainder of the series will be at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

The entire series will take place in the Detroit area.

It marks the first time for the PBA to spend an extended period of time in one city. The event figures to be a financial boon to Detroit with hundreds of competitive bowlers from around the world.

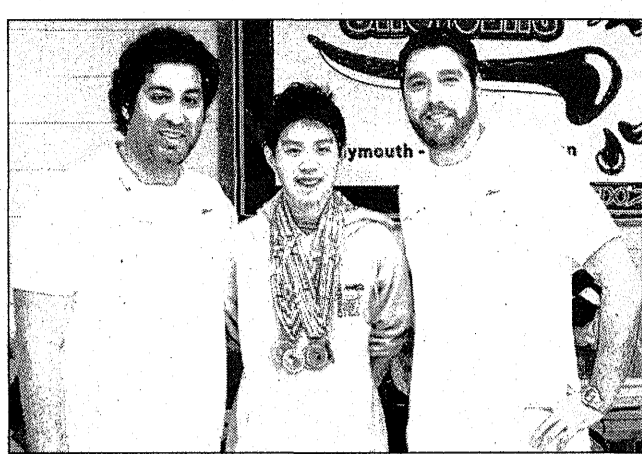
The seven PBA tour bowling telecasts will air on ESPN, bringing further exposure to Detroit, which boasts far more USBC certified bowlers (approximately 70,000) than any other city in the country.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame and the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached by e-mail: tenpinalley710@yahoo.com.



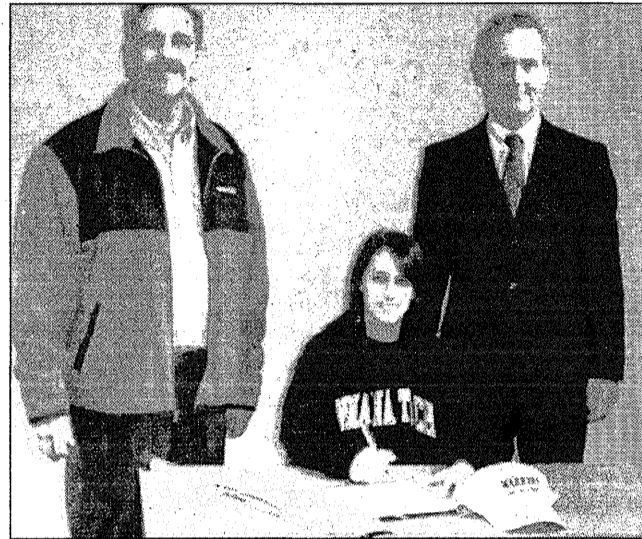
Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison



Super swimmer

East Middle School student Eric Li (center), a member of the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers, recently broke three records at the state meet held March 6-8 in Jenison. The Canton resident was competing in the 11-12 age group. Also pictured with Li are his coaches Andy Cebull (left) and Andrew Ciesielski.



Indiana-bound lacrosse player

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, Canton resident Chelsea Olson signed a letter of intent to play college lacrosse at Indiana Tech. Chelsea's parents - Jim and Kim - along with her high school coach Dave Medley (right) and Indiana Tech coach Karasek witnessed the signing. Indiana Tech is a four-year private university located in Fort Wayne, IN, where Olson plans to study criminal science. "Chelsea is a very consistent player both offensively and defensively," said Karasek. "She regularly forces turnovers and is great at ground balls."

CEZAT

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another player like Katie around these parts again," said Hillsdale head coach Claudette Charney. "When you watch her warm up before games, she doesn't wow you with her physicality or size, but her footwork is so good and she's so fluid, she's very difficult to defend. And her speed has improved so much since she's been here, she could easily be on the track team."

"After the GLIAC tournament, the Michigan Tech coach came up to me and said he's never coached against a player better than Katie. And one of the best things about her is the records don't mean a lot to her. She's more into making sure the team wins and making her teammates around her better players."

Cezat rose to prominence last year when she followed up two seasons of primarily serving in a reserve role by leading the conference in scoring and earning All-American status.

She also garnered the attention of opposing defenses, who game-planned not to stop the uncanny scorer and rebounder, but to at least contain her.

Nearly unstoppable

Judging by the numbers she posted this season for the 27-4 Chargers - Cezat averaged 29.1 points per game and 16.8 rebounds - they didn't game-plan long enough.

"Katie's first two years here, we had a lot of upper-classmen, so she had to wait her turn," said Charney. "For a lot of high school players, it's frustrating going from a high school star to coming off the bench. The biggest adjustment Katie had to make was at the defensive end of the court."

"But after her sophomore year, she worked extremely hard that summer because she knew her opportunity was coming and she wanted to make the best of it."

Cezat said she learned to deal with the constant double-teams she attracted on a game-to-game basis.

"Obviously, no one wants the extra attention I was getting on the offensive end," she said. "Sometimes, I wondered what it would be like to get single coverage again. It was frustrating. But then I learned to figure out where the help was coming from and to adjust accordingly. If it was coming low, I'd go high and vice versa."

Of all the records she set during her tenure at Hillsdale, one stands out as her most prideful.

"It's exciting for me to have the NCAA DII double-double record," she said, referring to the 28 games this season when she reached double digits in both scoring and rebounding. "I'm proud of that one because it's more than an offensive record."

Bright future

Prior to her record-shattering junior and senior seasons, Cezat's future was set. The 3.4 (grade-point average) accounting major has a post-college job aligned with a Southfield accounting firm that she's interned for the past two summers.

However, the accounting career may be put on hold if the opportunity to play professionally arises.

"Somebody from one of the WNBA teams talked to my coach about me," said Cezat. "If I did get drafted - they only draft about 30 players each year - I have to look everything over before I decided what to do."

WNBA or not, Cezat wants to continue to play basketball, even if it's in a pick-up league.

"I played some pick-up over at Lifetime Fitness (in Canton) the other day and it was kind of strange playing in low-key games like that after just playing in the NCAA tournament," she said smiling. "But I enjoyed it."

Unlike her final NCAA game, no one was keeping stats at Lifetime.

But it's almost a given that Cezat finished with a double-double.

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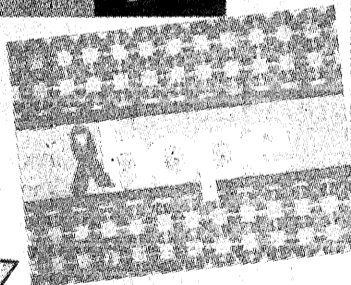
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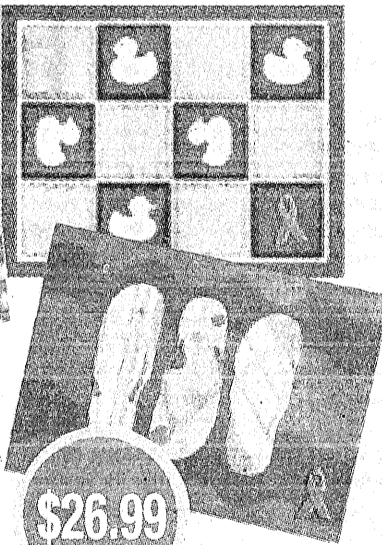
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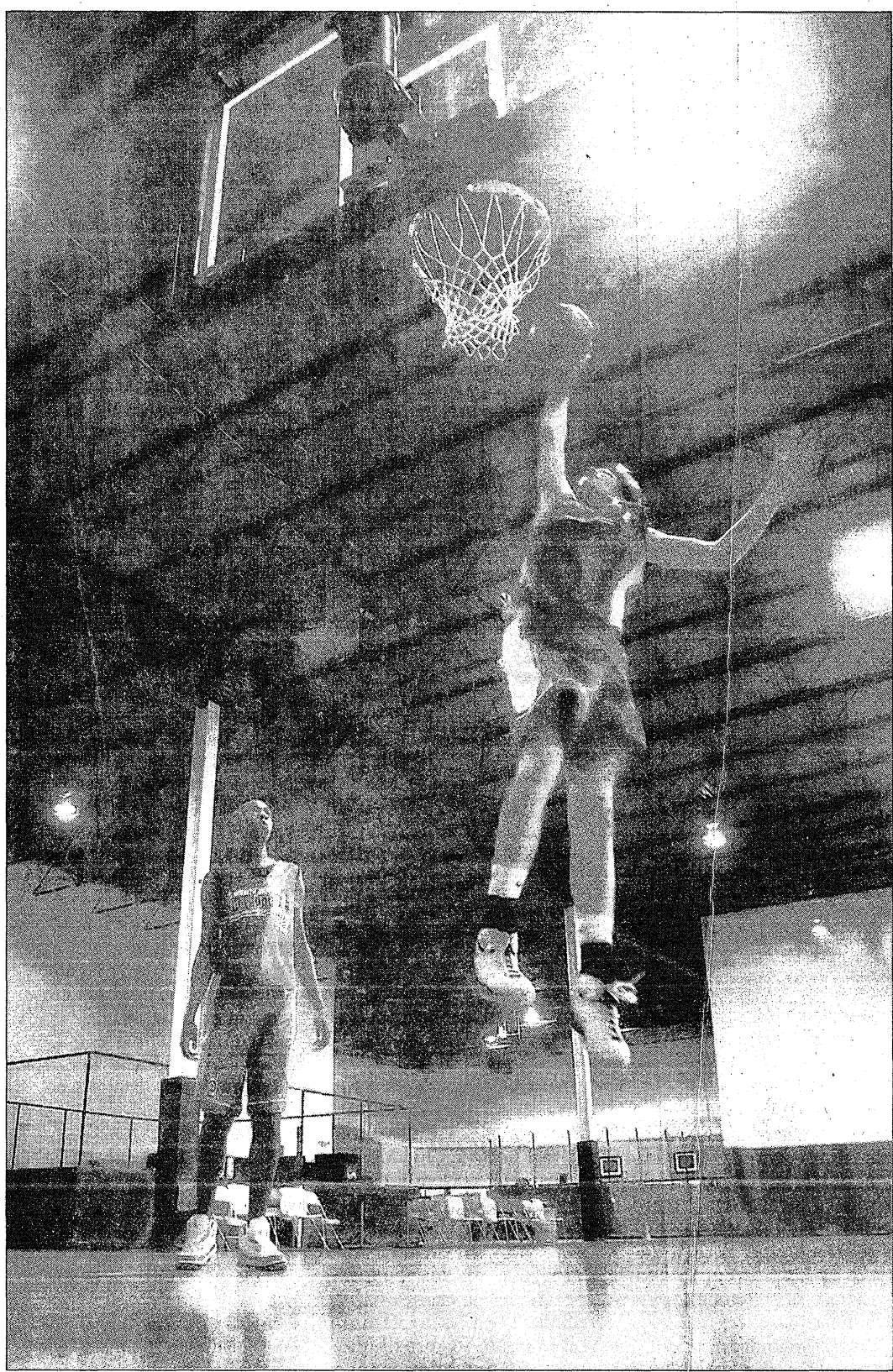
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Fourteen-year-old Paul Baumgart soars in for a layup Thursday afternoon as Plymouth-Canton Wolfpack teammate Marcus Oden looks on.

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who re-opened the business on Feb. 1. "I want to give kids a place that will keep them off the streets and give them something to do besides playing video games all day. I thought the original owners' vision was good, but I think poor management led to their demise."

Miller's basketball resume is impressive. The 47-year-old former high school star at Detroit Cass Tech played in college at the University of Detroit before playing professionally in Europe.

On a recent Sunday afternoon when the rhythmic beat of bouncing basketballs echoed through Center Court and fans filled the theater-quality seating, watching the non-stop action of an AAU tournament unfold, Miller's adrenaline was pumping.

"It's exciting to see the place full like that," said the West Bloomfield resident. "It gets me to thinking that we need another court. I love when this place is full because you can tell everybody appreciates what we've done, bringing this place back."

Marcus Oden loves Center Court, too. The Canton resident is the president of the Plymouth-Canton Wolfpack, a flourishing travel-basketball program that has recently grown from one to five teams.



'One of the main reasons we've been able to expand is this place. Before this place opened, it was hard to get facilities for practices and games. Center Court has given a lot of kids an opportunity to play basketball in a first-rate facility.'
MARCUS ODEN

"One of the main reasons we've been able to expand is this place," Oden said, while standing in the Center Court lobby on Thursday. "Before this place opened, it was hard to get facilities for practices and games. Center Court has given a lot of kids an opportunity to play basketball in a first-rate facility."

"A lot of the kids come up here and play — not just when we have practices, but to play pick-up games or to just shoot around. It's a top-notch facility."

Center Court is far from one-dimensional, Miller proudly reveals.

"We have a work-out area that the adults can use when they drop their kids off," said Miller. "We have a lounge where you can watch games on TV and we set up a concession stand for

weekend tournaments.

"In the future, I'd like to add locker rooms with showers and more cardiovascular-type machines like treadmills and ellipticals. And, God willing, when he tells us it's time, I'd like to expand the facility."

Miller said Center Court will eventually offer adult leagues. He offers economical membership plans for students and adults.

"I'd like to eventually compete with Lifetime (Fitness)," he said. "Give them a run for their money."

For more information on programs offered at Center Court, visit its Web site at www.centercourtsports.net or call (734) 404-6301.

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Franklin lady cagers advance to Class A final

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With ice water in her veins, Briauna Taylor delivered a moment that will reverberate up-and-down Joy Road for quite some time.

With no time on the clock in overtime in Friday's state Class A semifinal, and the game tied following her miracle putback at the buzzer, the 5-foot-9 senior from Livonia Franklin

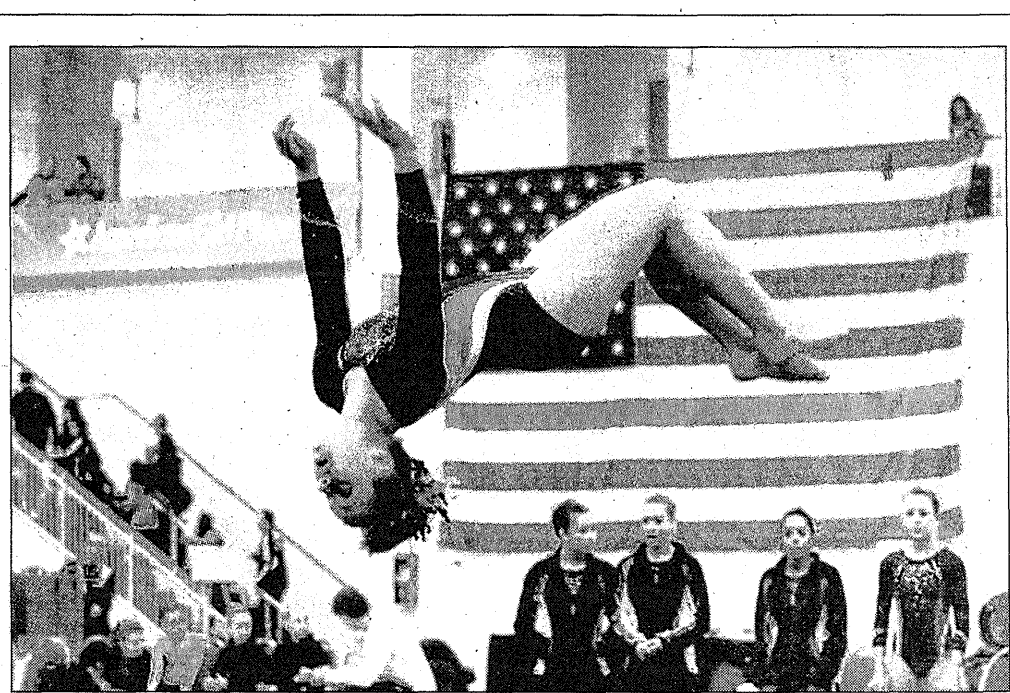
calmly nailed the game-winning free throw to give the Patriots a mind-boggling 55-54 victory over Detroit Public School League champion Renaissance.

The crowd at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center erupted with a deafening roar as the Patriots mobbed Taylor as she was carried off the court by her teammates following the completion of an improbable

three-point play.

The win put the Patriots, sporting a 24-3 overall record, into their first-ever state basketball championship game against Benton Harbor (25-2). Game time is noon Saturday at EMU.

"At first I was really nervous because I missed the back end of a one-and-one," said Taylor, referring to a miss with 1:50 remaining in regulation and the Patriots ahead 47-40.



TOM OZERANIC

Beaming with talent

Pictured above is Jacquelyn Bryden, a local 12-year-old gymnast who trains at the Ann Arbor-based Gym America. She won several honors in her age group at the 2009 Wolverine Classic Competition hosted by Gym America last weekend. Approximately 900 gymnasts from over 37 clubs attended the national-level competition. Jacquelyn competed as a Level 8 gymnast and won the vault (9.425) and floor exercise (9.35) and finished second in the all-around competition (37.025) and beam (9.250). Jacquelyn attends West Middle School and is coached by Claudia and Ed Kretschmer.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Canton football camps

Three Canton High School football camps will be held in June.

The Canton Chiefs Skills Camp for kids in grades seventh through ninth will be held June 8-11 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35. To pre-register, contact coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738.

The Canton Chiefs Wing-T/3-4 Football Camp for kids in grades 10th through 12th will be held June 16-18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$30. To pre-register, contact coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691.

The Canton Chiefs Fundamental Football Camp will be held for kids entering grades third through sixth June 22-25 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$75. To pre-register, contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173.

Prep lacrosse event

The 2009 Lacrosse Face-Off Classic will be held Saturday, March 21, at the PCEP turf stadium. The annual event, which will be hosted by the PCEP Lacrosse Athletic Association, will feature the following teams: Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Grosse Ile,

Tecumseh, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Lincoln, Hartland and Holt.

The tournament will consist of 25-minute scrimmages. There will be no admission fee and there will be a concession stand.

Salem baseball camp

Registration is still open for the annual Salem Baseball Camp, which will be held March 28 in the Salem gymnasium.

Sessions 3 and 4 will be held March 28, both for kids between the ages of 7 and 10. Session 3 will run from 9 a.m. to noon while Session 4 will go from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The \$25 fee includes a T-shirt and snack.

The camps will be run by the Salem coaching staff and members of the team.

For more information, call (734) 451-0761 or e-mail posler5@gmail.com.

YMCA programs

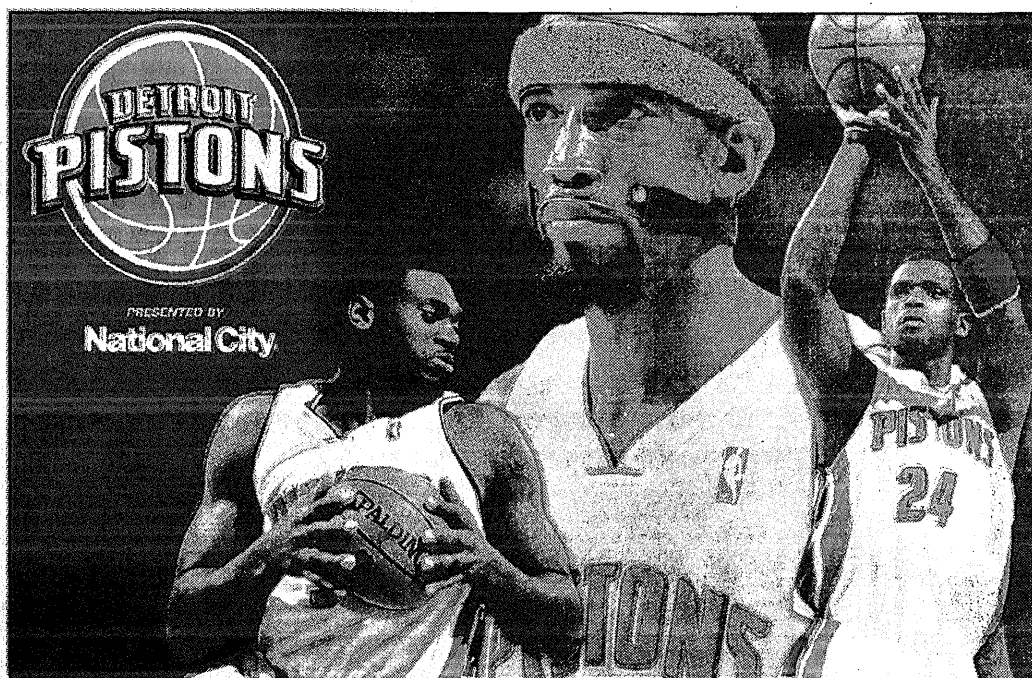
Plymouth YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are currently forming. The soccer leagues are for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 while the volleyball is for girls between the ages of

8 and 12.

The soccer session will run from April 6 through June 6. YMCA soccer is a great opportunity for children to learn the fundamental skills of soccer in a safe and fun environment. There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Saturdays. The program cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members. Individual memberships are \$39 yearly or family memberships are \$59 yearly.

The girls volleyball leagues session will run from April 20 through June 5. YMCA volleyball is a great opportunity for girls to learn the fundamental skills of volleyball in a safe and fun environment. There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Friday evenings. The program cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members.

All participants for both sports need a YMCA Youth Sports Reversible Jersey, \$15. Programs are filled on a first come-first serve basis. The registration deadline is March 27. Check the Web site at www.ymcadetroit.org or call the office at (734) 453-2904.



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Laugh while raising funds for hospice

Angela Hospice of Livonia will present its annual women's event, "Laughter Lifts You Up," 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26. Proceeds will benefit the hospice's "Building for Life" expansion project.

The event will be held at Laurel Manor in Livonia and will feature comedian W. Bruce Cameron, author of *8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter* and *How To Remodel a Man: Tips and Techniques on Accomplishing Something You Know Is Impossible But Want To Try Anyway*.

Dinner will be served, and raffle tickets and books will be available, to be autographed

by Cameron. Reservations are \$40 per person and tickets will be sold through March 23 or until sold out. Attire is business casual.

For information, call Angela Hospice's Barb Lovan at (734) 953-6045. The Building for Life project goal is to raise \$10 million to fund a 46,000-square-foot expansion to the Angela Hospice Care Center on Newburgh in Livonia. This addition will double the inpatient capacity and create meeting rooms for grief support and more.

Cameron was born in Petoskey, and pursued writing since age 10.

Parade tests Clancy's canine good citizenship

The girls with green hair probably didn't scare anyone but me, my sister and Clancy. They along with hundreds of St. Patrick's Day revelers would



Linda Chomin

be the ultimate test of our obedience training.

For days, I wondered if our big Irish Wolfhound was finally ready to become a Canine Good Citizen. My sister Gwen and I hadn't been able to walk in the parade in Royal Oak since he was 6 months old. After that point he'd grown so large as to overpower us anytime a squirrel or neighbors walked by. Last fall, we finally were able to take him to Boule bakery in downtown Plymouth once again for bones made by owners Jason and Natalie. The parade with thousands of people would be another story. To make sure he wouldn't gallop off, our trainer Bonny Wainz and her dog Eclipse accompanied us along with *Eccentric* Hometownlife editor Sharon Dargay and her pooch Hunter. With all that moral support I hoped we wouldn't end up running down Washington after our



PHOTO BY BONNY WAINZ

Clancy (right) and Eclipse wait patiently before marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers reporter Linda Chomin on Saturday, March 14, in Royal Oak.

3-year-old. I slipped the green lei around his neck and we were off to the parking lot at Royal Oak Middle School where it seemed like we stood forever waiting to step off with a contingent of mostly rescue dogs organized by Uppity Puppy owners Patty Livernois and Kim O'Brien.


Clancy is an attention-getter so I was concerned

a child would approach too quickly and spook him. At first he was shy and tucked his tail between his legs but before long was sniffing the newcomer. I was delighted that nearly everyone asked if they could pet my dog before doing so as this is the message Wainz preaches in her *Alternative Canine Training* seminars on keeping kids safe from dog bites.

It was also good to see so many of the dogs following in Clancy's footsteps as a Canine Good Citizen. One English bulldog did growl at Hunter though and several strained at their leads. Wainz was especially concerned about a Labrador tugging his male owner down the street. Canine Good Citizens don't have to be robots as Wainz says but they need to listen to their human mom or dad and be non-aggressive. Clancy's only problem was he liked to play. He would pull the leash from our hands and race off to run circles around the object of his attention. Clancy's size alone is enough to scare even big dog lovers, so our "real life" training was especially important in crowds of people and dogs. All in all, the day was a real confidence builder for all of us. I'm not sure where we'll go from here. Spring has finally arrived and we plan to resume our daily walks in the neighborhood. I only hope Clancy remembers which side of the leash he's on and who's in charge. At least I think I am.

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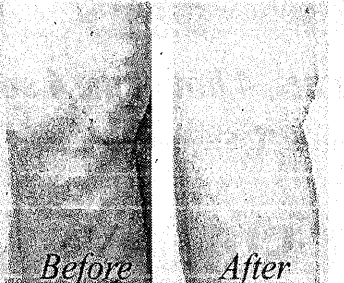
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'Up the Rouge'

Book reveals state of river

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Joel Thurtell and Patricia Beck knew only one thing for certain as they launched their canoe in the Rouge River. There was no turning back. The two *Detroit Free Press* staffers had undertaken the journey to tell the story of the neglected treasure and found the 127-mile long river jammed with fallen trees and branches.

It's probably safe to say Beck and Thurtell won't retrace their route from Zug Island to Nine Mile and Beech any time soon. They won't have to paddle through debris and step their way precariously over log jams because it's easier to turn to their book for a reminder of those five grueling days and 27.3 miles on the river.

Up the Rouge was recently released by Wayne State University Press. It follows the trip that came about after the co-workers approached their editors with an idea for series of articles on the state of the river; 2005 was the target year for the completion of two decades of government projects to make the river accessible for swimming and fishing. So far, \$1.6 billion has been spent in an attempt to clean up sites including Newburgh Lake in Livonia. Although the river and its tributaries run through Northville, Plymouth Township, Canton, Westland, West Bloomfield, Rochester Hills, Farmington, and the suburbs, the major part of the trip went through Detroit.

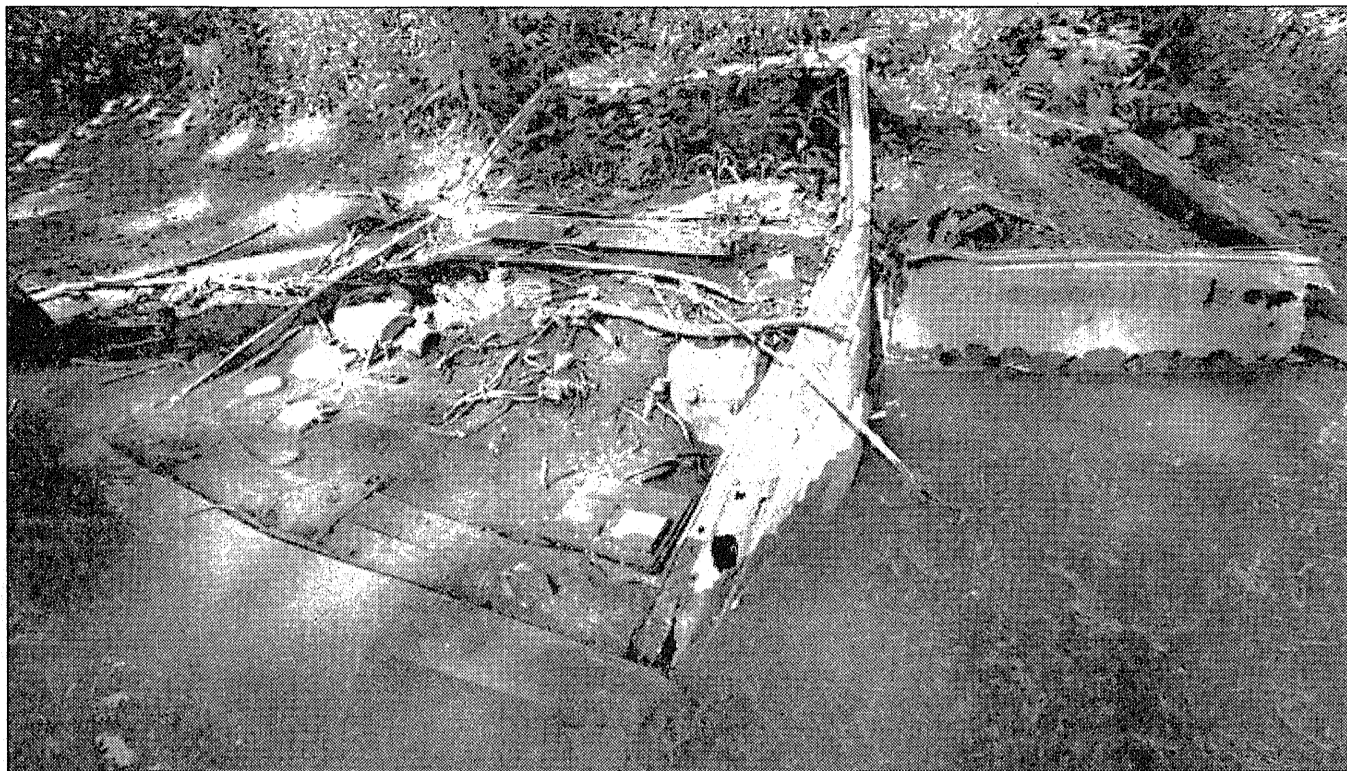
Thurtell had reported on issues surrounding sewage problems since becoming a reporter for the newspaper in 1984. He knew that as Detroit grew, sewage was dumped into the river. In 1940 the city built the wastewater treatment plant, but the problems never went away.

He and Beck worked together in the Oakland newsroom, first in Royal Oak then in Southfield where Beck lives. Beck's been a photojournalist for the paper since 1977. Her images capture the snapping turtles trying to survive amidst the trash. In 2002, they'd taken a short trip on the Rouge in Beverly Hills where Beck grew up. After weeks of planning they knew the river remained polluted.

"We wanted to canoe through the big city," said Thurtell, who lives about a block from Tonguish Creek, the Rouge tributary in Plymouth Township. "We knew there would be more water there. After June it gets low. Why we picked the main branch is settlers came up the main branch. It's the most powerful branch of the river."

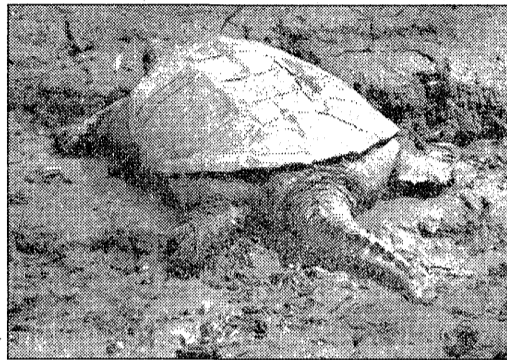
ABLE BOATERS

Both have a love of water even though it's sometimes shadowed by their history. Beck remembers in the early 1960s taking trips on her family's boat up the river, then afterwards having to get in the dinghy to scrub away orange residue. Joel's memories of growing up on Flat



Saplings grow out of the vacant space where a windshield once existed. Dumping the car into the river has caused the bank to reform itself in and around the vehicle, filling the car's engine cavity with sediment.

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Patricia Beck and Joel Thurtell paddled past this snapping turtle sunning itself along the muddy bank of the golf course at Detroit's River Rouge Park. They guessed the reptile was 12 inches across.

River in western Michigan sometimes repulse him as he thinks back. He learned to swim in the river where a pipe spewed excrement from a household toilet in the 1960s.

Still, the two were committed to the trip. Their long history of boating made the adventure possible, but there were hazards ahead. A total of 72 log jams impeded their progress. Contaminated water posed the threat of disease.

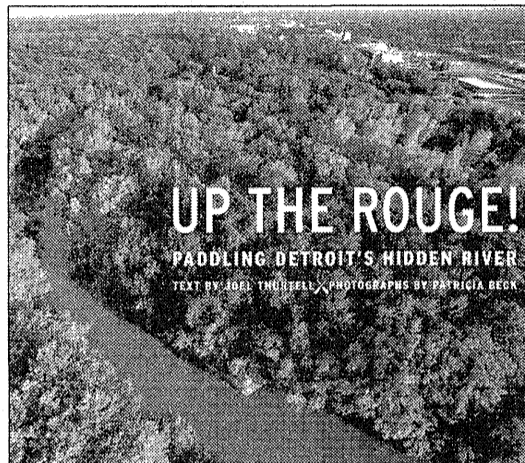
"It was a lot of work, even getting prepared, scouting out bathrooms and launch and exit sites. Steep banks prevented a hasty retreat. We had to deal with safety issues," said Thurtell. "The river would take us into places we'd never been before or couldn't control."

"Ninety-five percent of the time the water was unfit," said Beck. "We wore rubber gardening gloves, leather gloves to minimize contact."

Thurtell ended up with scratches around his legs and feet which became infected from the polluted water. Beck injured her wrist.

"We were in hip boots that if you stepped the wrong way on a log jam it would fill with polluted water," said Beck.

"Log jams can be more precarious than they



Joel Thurtell and Patricia Beck chronicle their adventure up the Rouge River in a book recently released by Wayne State University Press.

look. They can scoot out from under you," added Thurtell. "You could be sucked down. Even though we wore life jackets there are people who drown wearing life jackets. I have a respect for log jams. There's an element of danger waiting."

Beck's photograph of one log jam shows fauna growing. Old tires, abandoned boats, a discarded television, and a golf ball gone astray show the dark side while a dragonfly and great blue heron hint at the beauty. All were shot with two 35mm cameras. Just in case of a tip over Beck protected both in waterproof bags when not in use.

The assignment was definitely challenging. It was "tricky" to not only take photos from a canoe but deal with the changing light as they passed under canopies of trees and back into bright sun.

"I'd like to do it again when it's clean and free of log jams," said Beck. "There were times you thought this could be northern Michigan."

RAISING AWARENESS

The two did draw attention to the plight of the river and in doing so won the Water Environment Federation's 2006 Harry Schlenz Medal for Public Education for the series of articles in October 2005. Today they've returned to their lives. Beck continues to shoot for the *Detroit Free Press* while Thurtell retired. He hasn't given up writing about the river though. Since the trip, he's learned more about the Rouge and toxic chemicals as evidenced by an article in the *Metro Times* December 2008.

Both are still glad they made the trip in spite of the frightening moments with barges coming straight at them.

"One of the reasons was to bring people where people can't go," said Thurtell. "We saw a bird no one else had seen in Wayne County in summer, turtles who always seemed to see us before we saw them. I encourage people to rethink how we deal with pollution. We spent \$1.6 billion and still can't swim in it or fish."

Like Thurtell, Beck wanted to draw attention to the river.

"The world is ours for a short period of time," said Beck. "We are its custodians. We have a responsibility to care for the environment for the next generation. Sewage is an intentional thing by city government. As explorers of the Rouge we needed to find out what was there and let people know."

Up the Rouge costs \$34.95 and is available at the Book Beat in Oak Park, local Barnes & Noble and Borders stores, and online at amazon.com, wsupress.wayne.edu and uptherouge.com. For information on a book signing May 23, at the Canton Historical Society, visit uptherouge.com. Earlier signings are April 1, for the Friends of the Detroit River in Trenton, and April 20 at Barnes & Noble, Allen Park.

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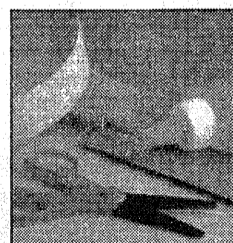
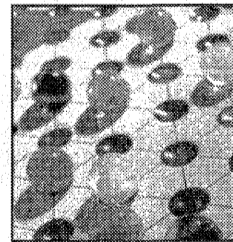
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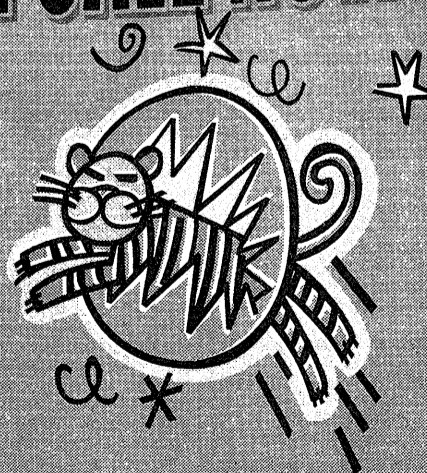
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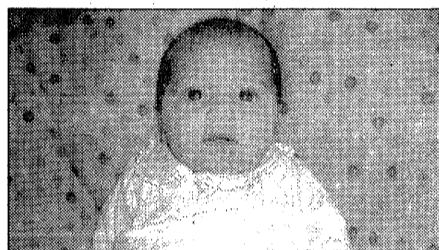
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Dupuis-Wendling
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The bride-to-be graduated in 2006 from the University of Detroit Mercy's School of Dentistry with a doctorate degree in dental surgery.
She currently practices in Warren. Her fiancé graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in 2008, with a bachelor of science degree in business management.



Lea Carolyn Benedict
Craig and Laura Benedict of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Lea Carolyn Benedict. She was born Jan. 25, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins her sister, Kylie Benedict, 2, and grandparents Dean and Pam Benedict, and Fred and Cindy Ciantar, all of Canton.



Lupa-Kegebein
Lynn Lupa of Livonia and Tony Lupa of Farmington Hills announce the marriage of their daughter Lisa, to Bradley Kegebein of Royal Oak, on Jan. 17, 2009. Lisa is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. She teaches high school in West Bloomfield. Brad is a 2001 graduate of Country Day and a 2007 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He works as a personal trainer in Birmingham. They reside in Royal Oak.



ment. He works for Johnson Controls. The couple plan to wed in May 2009 in New Lothrop.



Bonnell-Wright
Tom and Terese Bonnell of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Brandon Thomas Wright, son of Thomas and Sharon Wright of Belleville, formerly of Canton. The bride-to-be graduated from Grand Valley State University and teaches at Roosevelt Elementary School. Her fiancé graduated from Grand Valley State University and works as a network engineer with Consumer's Energy. The couple plan to wed in June 2009 at Old St Mary's, Detroit with a reception following at Plymouth Manor.

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Local women see progress in rights, room to improve

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dr. Gladys Beckwith was enthused Monday, March 9. The president of the Michigan Women's Studies Association had attended the premiere of a documentary *We Can Do It* on women's progress the night before in East Lansing.

The documentary was produced by the sister organization, the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame. It will be shown Sunday, March 22, on PBS Channel 56 in the Detroit area.

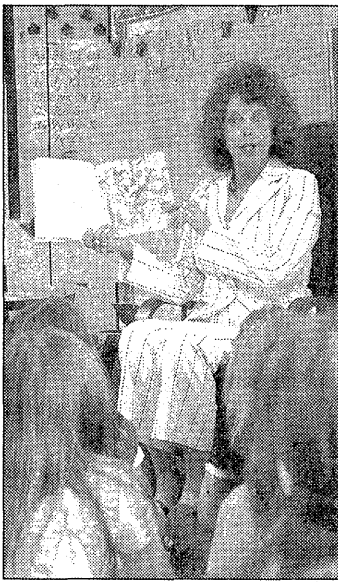
"We've made great progress, but there is room for improvement," the retired Michigan State University professor said of women's rights. She noted women's advancement in politics, business and lifestyles. "Women have more choices than they used to, but that doesn't mean the work is done. I think the next barrier we need to face is pay equity."

Beckwith also sees threats to women's choices on reproductive issues, and notes that single mothers especially face difficulties in this economy.

She believes Michigan stacks up well on progress with a woman governor in office, but noted fewer women are in the state Legislature than in the past.

"We are in such a terrible economic situation," said Beckwith, who taught in the American Thought and Language Department at MSU and earned her Ph.D. there in education.

She acknowledged some younger women think all battles have been won; the Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing



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Mickey Edell of Canton, a speech and language pathologist for the Plymouth-Canton school district, is past state president for the American Association of University Women.

involved young women in making the documentary.

"I believe that more and more young women are coming to realize that" obstacles remain, Beckwith said.

She and colleagues are proud of the *We Can Do It* women's movement documentary, with Gary May as producer, Lansing-area anchorwoman Sheri Jones as writer/narrator and Tammy Shabluck as executive producer.

"It's been a major project," said Beckwith, a Lansing resident. "We have worked on it since last summer. We're really pleased with it."

MAKING PROGRESS

Paula Bowman of Plymouth Township, president of the

League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, agreed women have made gains and have a way to go.

"I would say exactly that," said Bowman, who also serves on the state board for the League of Women Voters. Bowman sees pay equity, equality in education and representation in government as issues for women.

"They still don't represent the percentage of women who are voting or eligible to vote. It's still not representative of the number of female citizens or female voters," Bowman said, citing restraints on education for girls and women. For women now in their 80s, it was unusual to graduate from college. Women in higher education were concentrated in fields like nursing and teaching.

Bowman's glad to see women advance in newer fields like engineering and business. "Not that it's all about money," she added with a laugh.

She watches a lot of area school board meetings for her LWV work, and notes decision-makers are often white men.

That's frequently the first stop on the political ladder.

"If you look at the school boards in our area, it's pretty amazing," Bowman doesn't question the men's qualifications, but wants to see balance.

"It takes a lot of courage for anyone to run for any office," she said.

Bowman has an administrative job in real estate in Washtenaw County, with the Reinhart Co. She's been there 35 years and started as a secretary when she couldn't get a teaching position, working her way up.

"Management was entirely men," she said of 35 years ago. "Now we have a significant number of women managers, I'm happy to say."

TEACHING VOTERS

She's also proud of the League of Women Voters, marking its 89th birthday this year. It was started to educate new women voters, rather than as a suffrage rights group.

"Suddenly, we had this huge number of women that needed to be educated" after the con-

stitutional amendment took effect in 1920.

She's pleased the LWV fulfilled that responsibility and has become a trusted nonpartisan source of candidate information for men as well.

Mickey Edell of Canton is past state president of the American Association of University Women (2006-08), and a member of the Plymouth-Canton branch. "I certainly believe women have made progress," said Edell, a speech and language pathologist with the Plymouth-Canton schools. "Inequity still exists."

Edell cited pay equity and lack of women in political office.

She's pleased with national legislation, such as the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, recently signed into law by President Barack Obama. That allows women to proceed on a lawsuit with flexibility in the timeline. There's also a Paycheck Fairness Act, which has been passed by the U.S. House and not yet by the Senate, Edell said. She agreed it was discouraging that Hillary Clinton's

presidential bid failed.

"It was a start. It should have happened years ago," said Edell, noting other countries have had women leaders. "We still need to continue that quest."

She agreed women should be encouraged to run for local and state offices as well. Edell's encouraged to see girls and young women pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering and math. "There's still a lot of work to be done to get young women involved in those fields."

Edell was aware of the *We Can Do It* documentary set for March 22 on Channel 56, but hadn't seen it. Recently for International Women's Day, she saw *A Powerful Noise*, telling exposes on women in Bosnia, Vietnam and Mali and their communities.

"That speaks to the global effort," she said.

As an educator, Edell believes it's important to be aware of Women's History Month; she's heartened to see college courses on women's contributions. "It is an area that has not been chronicled well," Edell said.

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NOTED AUTHOR

Reyna Grande, author of the novel *Across a Hundred Mountains* speaks and signs books 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in the Presentation Room at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Grande's book received critical acclaim in 2006 for its portrayal of the perils of immigration and crossing the U.S. border, the heartbreaking cycle of poverty and the fractured family ties and identities of those who make it to the other side. *Across a Hundred Mountains* was inspired by Grande's life. Her father left her to work in the U.S. when she was only a year old. Copies of her book will be available for sale.

This Meet the Author event is supported by a grant from the Schoolcraft College Foundation. For more information, call Ela Rybicka at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5685, or send e-mail to erybicka@schoolcraft.edu.

THEATER AUDITIONS

Inspire Theatre is holding auditions for the comedy *Father of the Bride* by Caroline Francke 6:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 6-7, inside Warren Road Church, at 33445 Warren Road, south of Venoy, Westland. Acting roles are available for 11 men and 7 women (all ages). For details, call (734) 751-7057 or visit inspiretheatre.com. Performances of *Father of the Bride* run June 5-6, and June 12-13.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The City of Farmington Hills is seeking artists to participate in Art on the Grand, a juried fine arts fair to be held July 17-19, in Memorial Park on Grand River next to Farmington Road in downtown Farmington. The fair is held in conjunction with the Farmington Area Founders

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Artists in all media are invited to apply for a booth. The application fee is \$250 for the three days with no jurying fee. A prize award for "Best of Show" and two honorary "Mayor's Awards" are given each year. Interested artists should call the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1856 for information and an application form.

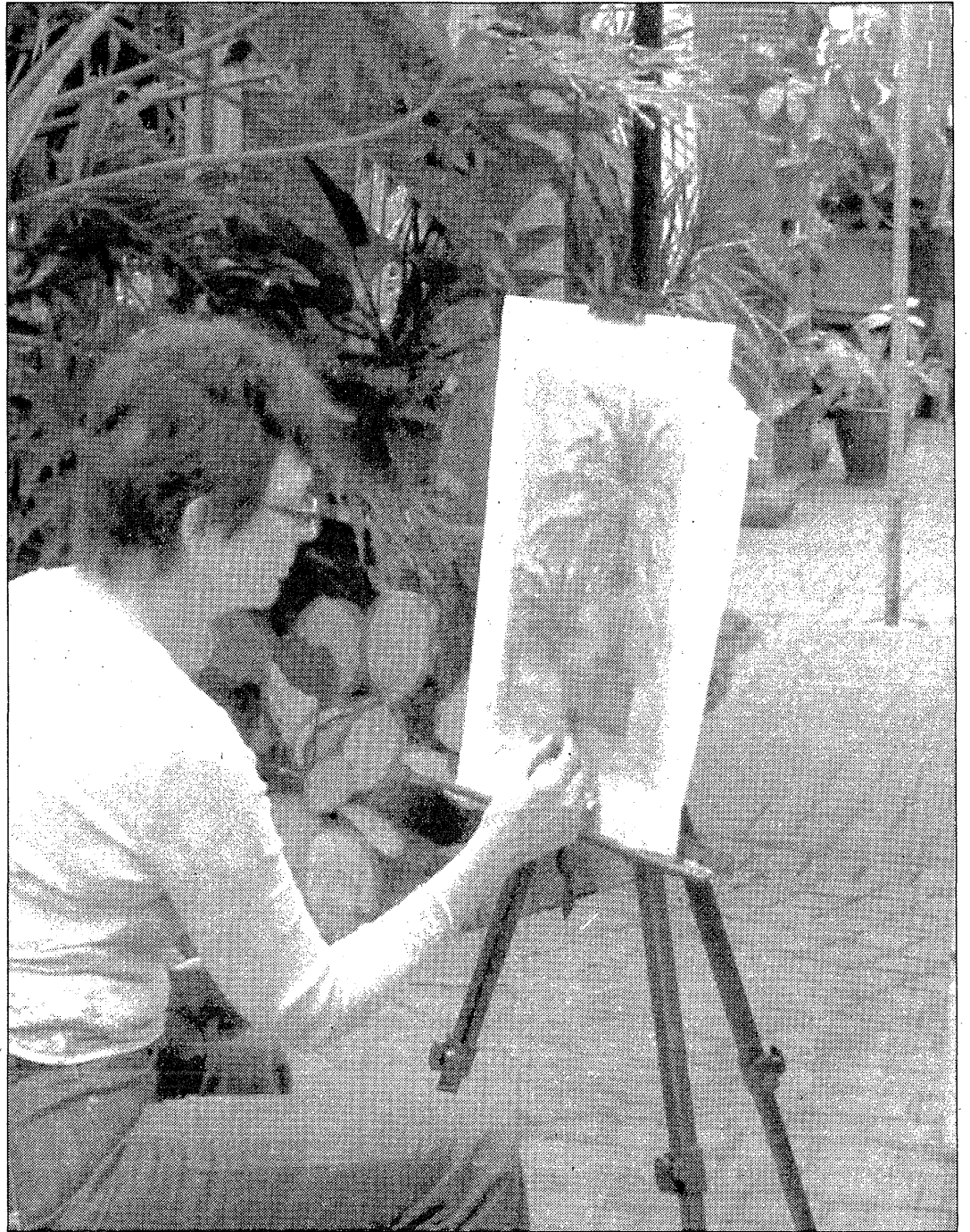
ZIMBABWE LECTURE

Everyone is invited (including men) to the American Association of University Women-Livonia Branch meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, in Livonia, to hear Ann Taber talk about her latest trip to Zimbabwe. Taber received an award from the Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women in December 2008 for her service in the troubled country of Zimbabwe over the past decade.

The women of the AAUW Livonia Branch, like Taber, have dedicated their time, energy, expertise, and compassion in numerous ways. They have been helping at the Women's Resource Center (now the Transitions Center) at Schoolcraft College averaging three hours a week each for many years. Members of the local University Women's group volunteer in schools, hospitals, food banks, domestic abuse shelters, homeless shelters, museums, gardens, libraries, television stations, prisons, churches, and a myriad of other places locally. AAUW members sew "Little Dresses for Africa," knit chemo caps for breast cancer patients, mentor young girls, visit Alzheimer's patients, donate to numerous charities and serve in countless ways.

The women leaders of AAUW of Livonia encourage everyone to participate in the renewed spirit of service. In the words of Martin Luther King Jr., "everyone can be a leader, because everyone can serve."

Besides helping others, AAUW members enjoy socializing. Every month there is an informative presentation. There are numerous opportunities available to members in areas including books, cards, international affairs, travel, sewing, eating out, and others. Any women who have an Associates degree or better are invited to join the Livonia Branch. The monthly meetings are 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.



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Farmington Garden Club

Mary Krzeckowski of the Taylor Garden Club will talk about efforts to make the Downriver area a butterfly-friendly zone at the Farmington Club's next meeting, Monday, April 6, at Spicer House in Heritage Park. She'll also offer advice on attracting butterflies to backyard gardens. Meetings start at noon with coffee and refreshments. For more information call (248) 473-0822 or visit farmingtongardenclub.com.

Livonia Garden Club

7 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. Joe Barson of Barson's Flowers, will give pointers on how to make beautiful containers for outdoor living spaces. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Susan Rakay at (734) 464-7915.

Koi symposium

The Michigan Koi & Pond Club presents a unique all-day convention with local vendors and lecturers from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at The Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. Taro Kodama of Kodama Koi Farm, Milihani, Hawaii, will be

the keynote speaker. Registration, open to age 16 and older, is \$30 for club members and \$35 for non-members through April 11. Add \$5 for registrations after April 11. Registration includes access to all vendors, lectures and a catered lunch. Lunch is not guaranteed for those who register after April 11. Doors open at 8 a.m.; the first session will start at 9 a.m. Mail checks, payable to Michigan Koi & Pond Club, to Bruce Modetz, 32525 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information call Ray Alexander at (734) 846-8588; Ron Kardynski at (734) 646-7606 or Bruce Modetz, (734) 673-4868.

Water solutions

Beth Rowley, owner of Landscape Beauty by Design, will offer practical, water-saving advice on mowing, fertilizing and watering your lawn at 7 p.m., April 21, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. She'll also talk about creative landscaping to save water. The program is free, although registration is required. (734) 397-0999.

Yard Scraps to Garden Treasure

Advanced Master Gardeners and composers Nancy Perry and Luann Davis of the Canton Garden Club, will talk about using inexpensive vermicomposting methods to enrich soil and reduce waste, at 7 p.m., April 22, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. Register for the free program by calling (734) 397-0999.

Should I buy energy-efficient or top load washing machine?

Please understand, as you read this column that as a talk show host on two different radio stations I must always watch what I say and write. The old saying, "don't bite the hand that feeds you" is always prevalent whenever I'm using brand names in my column. I refer to the several area businesses who are advertisers on my shows. These companies in the appliance industry have never given me a hard time or tried to influence me in



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Joe Gagnon

what I have to say about the products they sell. There is no doubt that I make money from these advertisers and I try not to do anything to alienate them. Let me be clear the before you read further, Home Depot is not an advertiser with the Appliance Doctor.

Beverly writes: "Dear Appliance Doctor, read your article on Sunday in the *Observer and Eccentric*. Most helpful consumer advice I have ever received. I'm in the market for a washer/dryer and hoped to go energy efficient (Energy Star). I went to Home Depot today, took the article with me and had a good long conversa-

tion with the salesman who was knowledgeable.

"During my visit, a man came up to me and asked if I was going to buy a front-load. He told me he had never been as disappointed in his life as he was with his two-year-old energy efficient front-load. I let him read your article and he said it made great sense. They have a bad smell coming from their washer.

"Another salesman at Home Depot just happened to mention that his wife noticed a really bad smell in their washer, too. Who wants to wear clean clothes fresh out of the washer/dryer that smell? Unbelievable. Well, the good knowledgeable salesman showed me the LG brand front-load energy efficient washer. It has a small door in the lower front of the door panel. When you open the door there is a screw cap that you unscrew and out comes a plastic filter that you can clean easily — no brush bristles — looks more like a plastic scoop with slots.

"Salesman said this prevents the problem you speak about in the article. He made no mention of any water that would drain out or need to be drained out. The washer is built so that the wash drum tilts slightly back which he said avoids water drain problems. What do you think? The washer is LG model# Wm2016CN.

"If I have to clean a hard to get at filter and have water building up in my machine, then I'm not ready for energy-efficient! I'll just stick with a good quality top load. Please advise me as to whether you think this front door filter on the LG will do the trick to avoid a smelly filter and avoid a buildup of residual wash-water. Thanks for your report."

After some 20 years of writing this column never have I received the responses like I'm getting lately and this is all due to the articles on the front load washer with the smelly or mold problem. It's no wonder and all you have to do is go into your computer and google front load washer complaints. Beverly's letter to me refers to a column I wrote dated the last Sunday of February. I talked about a filter that some manufacturers have and that should be cleaned. Some people have written me, saying that once they found the filter and cleaned it, the odor problem disappeared. Can the cure be that simple? If it is, why don't all machines have a filter you can clean? If you would like a copy of that previous column, drop me a note. I'll send it to you. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to apldr@twmi.rr.com

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JOAN CAROL STARKWEATHER STERN
Age 71, passed peacefully on March 19, 2009. Beloved wife of Joseph Stern Jr., devoted mother of Eric (Julie) and Bradley (Kelly), dear sister of Barbara (Ron) Osburn and Carolyn (the late Robert) Dillon, and loving grandmother to Gabrielle and Emma. Joan was an agent at Prudential Cranbrook Realtors, past treasurer of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, former president and treasurer of Birmingham Kiwanis Club, past treasurer of the Salvation Army Royal Oak Women's Auxiliary, and corresponding secretary and board member of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra. Donations may be made to Beaumont Hospice or the Salvation Army Royal Oak Women's Auxiliary. A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, April 18, at the Salvation Army Royal Oak Citadel. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.



DORIS MARSHALL WEINBERGER
Of Encinitas, California, and formerly of Birmingham, Michigan died March 11 of age-related causes. She was 84. Mrs. Weinberger (nee Klass) was born in 1924, in the small town of Antioch, Illinois. She was her high school Valedictorian, and received BA and MSW degrees from the University of Chicago. She married Robert Marshall (1920-1988) in 1948, and they lived in Ann Arbor and then Birmingham, where he was minister of the Birmingham Unitarian Church for 22 years. They divorced in 1978. She worked as a clinical and psychiatric social worker in Michigan for almost 20 years, and was an active volunteer in many organizations. Mrs. Marshall travelled extensively. At age 62, she joined the Peace Corps in the Philippines and also travelled to Peru, Chile, Japan, Egypt, Greece, England, Italy and extensively in Israel and the United States. She met Arthur Weinberger on an Elder Hostel trip in 1999, and they were married on July 16, 2000. Together, they traveled to Alaska, Hawaii, China, Vietnam, Mexico and the Danube region, and continued to attend Elder Hostel programs. Mrs. Weinberger is survived by her beloved husband Arthur, who will turn 101 on July 18. She is also survived by her five children, Stephen, Barbara, Robert, John and Joy, and four grandchildren. Remembrances to the Nature Conservancy or Stand for Children.

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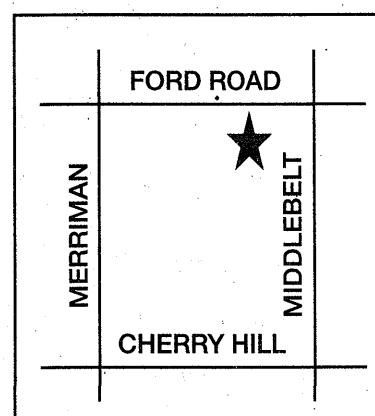
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Plymouth volunteer among Metroparks honorees

Seven area people were named "Volunteer of the Year" for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks at its 49th annual HCMA Recognition Dinner held on March 14 at Indian Springs Metropark Environmental Discovery Center. Giving freely of their time for the betterment of these beautiful parks, the volunteers all share a common passion for people, nature and the outdoors.

Michael Moss of Troy volunteers at Stony Creek Metropark, and is an active

member of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association. He donated countless hours raising money, planning and helping to construct the park's mountain bike skills area, which opened in 2008. Among his activities, Moss helped secure a \$5,000 donation from American Cycle and Fitness, and he, along with other volunteers, donated more than 800 hours to the project.

Chris Mykrantz of Brighton is a volunteer farm hand at the Kensington Metropark Farm Center. He is part of

the Kensington farm "family" working 450 hours last year. In addition to his volunteer time, he funded a pavilion at the farm.

Gary Peace of West Bloomfield and Ken Schang of Plymouth, both members of the West Oakland Camera Club, supported and sponsored the Metroparks/West Oakland Camera Club Photography Contest. Peace and Schang spent countless hours planning and organizing the contest, for which park visitors submitted some 600 images. The

West Oakland Camera Club's involvement helped attract SONY and Woodward Camera to provide cameras to contest winners.

Harry Richardson of Pinckney volunteers at Hudson Mills Metropark each spring during the maple sugaring season, where he keeps the sugar shack operating by tending the fire, collecting sap, boiling it and helping wherever needed. Richardson started volunteering in 2003, and gave more than 300 hours at the park during the last two years. Bernie and Inge Rovensk

of Taylor volunteer at Lake Erie Metropark's Marshlands Museum and Nature Center, and are longtime supporters. They supplied baked goods and coffee for the monthly Crack O' Dawn Coffee Club walk. Along with their children and grandchildren, they helped build the park's eagle enclosure project, including contributing money and shrubbery.

"Our volunteers are not only our loyal helpers here at the Metroparks; they are also our valued friends and second family. We celebrate these

seven volunteers of the year as well as all of our devoted volunteers for their commitment, generosity, expertise and extraordinary attitudes," said Mike George, Metroparks chief of Interpretive Services.

During 2008, more than 2,600 volunteers contributed almost 25,000 hours to assist the Metroparks. Volunteer opportunities are available at the parks, and anyone interested in volunteering on a one-time project or on an ongoing basis should call the Metroparks Administrative Office at (800) 47-PARKS.

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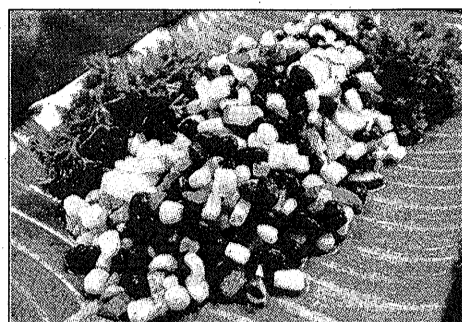
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Seminar touts benefits of plant-based diet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Back in the 1960s, Dr. Arthur Weaver used to pull a blackened lung from a bucket to shock participants at stop smoking seminars into quitting. Today he's mellowed and sticks to statistics when trying to convince an audience to change unhealthy habits.

On Sunday, March 29, he reveals the latest studies that add to a growing myriad of reasons for choosing a plant-based diet to reduce the risk for cancer, diabetes and heart disease. The afternoon-long session presents nutrition information, cooking demonstrations and exercise tips for a holistic approach to prevention.

Weaver spent more than 40 years as a cancer surgeon. During his career the causes remained elusive, but in the last decade studies increasingly show a link to eating animal products.

In addition to the March 29 event at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School in Plymouth, Weaver's Better Living Seminars offer a week-long Health Camp in Northern Michigan in early May to stop smoking, introduce exercise into daily routines, control stress and weight, and eat healthy by preparing vegetarian dishes. The

Plant Based Diet Seminar on March 29 concludes with a meatless meal.

"Most chronic diseases are lifestyle induced," said Weaver, 85. The Northville resident has been a vegetarian since birth. "At least 80-percent of cancer is preventable. About 1/3 of that is tobacco and alcohol related, the rest diet. Heart disease is mostly lifestyle. What people eat is very important to how they live and when they die. We know now it's what you put on your fork."

Natalie Weaver and her daughter-in-law Jeannie recently filled a table with dishes from several cookbooks resulting from the annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza at the church. The second week in November nearly three dozen vegetarians and vegans prepare everything from entrees to desserts. Last year more than 60 samples left guests wondering which recipe to try first.

Black bean and corn salad, red pepper bean dip, golden rice, and asparagus soup tempt the eye as well as taste buds. The recipes come from several cookbooks resulting from the annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza at the church. The second week in November nearly three dozen vegetarians and vegans prepare everything from entrees to desserts. Last year more than 60 samples left guests wondering which recipe to try first.

"Everybody's so busy it has to be simple and quick," said 84-



For dessert, Jeannie Weaver combines raspberries with crumbled almond granenut bar.

year-old Natalie, Dr. Weaver's wife. The two have been giving their Better Living Seminars since the early 1980s. "We like to make it easy so they think, 'I could try that.'"

Laurie Novotny not only made one of the burgers from the Extravaganza, she entered an altered version in the Michigan State Fair last August and won third place for her Hamtramck Health Burger.

The Livonia woman is always looking for nutritious recipes to add to her semi-vegetarian menus, especially since she began studies to become a registered dietitian. The Madonna University senior grew up eating a steady diet of high-fat Polish food. At age 50 she's concerned with every aspect of health. Her brother died of juvenile diabetes at age 24, her mother of diabetes in mid-life.

She was determined her daughter, Anna, a college freshman, would avoid developing the disease by eating a semi-vegetarian diet.

"My favorite thing about the dietetics field is that you can keep the food you like and alter it to make it healthier for you," said Novotny. "I still get the flavor and taste I grew up with. I used oatmeal and nut meal for the burger then topped it with sauerkraut and presented it in a healthier format."



Jeannie Weaver (left), Dr. Arthur Weaver, and Natalie Weaver are pictured with several of the dishes for the Plant Based Diet Seminar at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School in Plymouth.

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Although Novotny's burger is fairly quick to make, there are nights when frozen meat alternatives like Morningstar Farms Spicy Black Bean Burger make it easier to get to exercise class on time. Novotny and her husband Jim were introduced to the annual cooking and tasting events by Jeannie Weaver, their exercise instructor at the academy in Plymouth. Weaver organizes both events. Her classes infuse Pilates, strength training, balance and flexibility into a plan. She'll have

tips on reaching fitness goals.

"More people need to eat more plants," said Jeannie Weaver of South Lyon. "They need to put volume into their eating for fiber and so they won't be hungry."

The Plant Based Diet Seminar runs 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School, 15585 N. Haggerty, between Five Mile and Six Mile, Plymouth. The cost is \$15 each or \$25 a couple. To register, call (248) 446-9176 or (248) 349-5683.

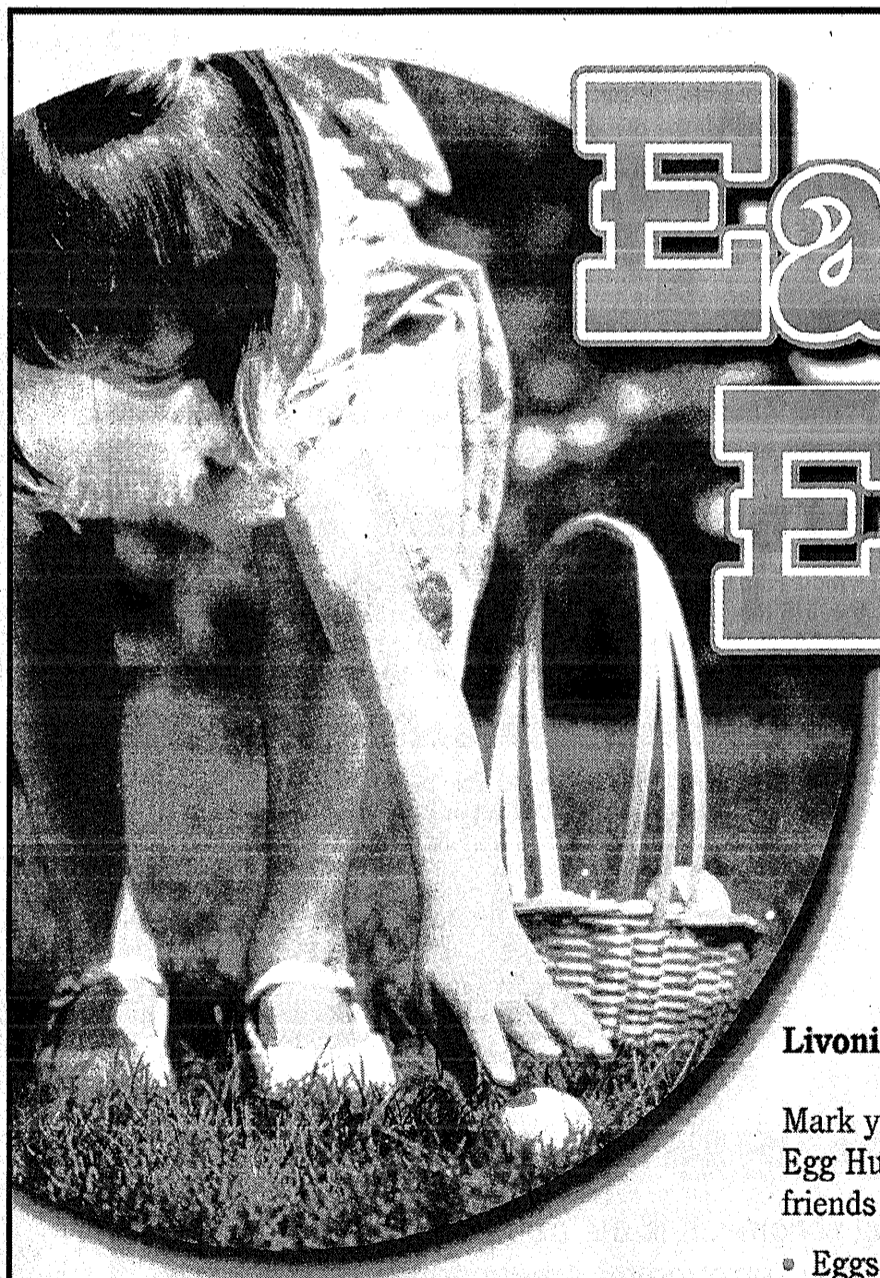
Association sounds alert about diabetes

The American Diabetes Association will sound the alert about diabetes on American Diabetes Alert Day, March 24. The one-day call to action encourages those at risk for developing type 2 diabetes or those with loved ones at risk to take the Diabetes Risk Test and, if at high risk, to schedule an appointment to see their healthcare provider. The Diabetes Risk Test is available in English and Spanish by calling the Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or online at www.diabetes.org/alert.

The American Diabetes Association is leading the fight against the deadly consequences of diabetes and fighting for those affected by the devastating disease. More than 800,000 people in Michigan, nearly 6 million nationwide, are unaware they have diabetes. An additional 57 million Americans have pre-diabetes, which puts them at greatest risk for developing type 2 diabetes. Among the primary risk factors for type 2 diabetes are being overweight, sedentary, over the age of 45 and having a family history of diabetes.

African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders are at an increased risk as are women who have had babies weighing more than nine pounds at birth. Diabetes is a leading cause of death by disease and has no cure.

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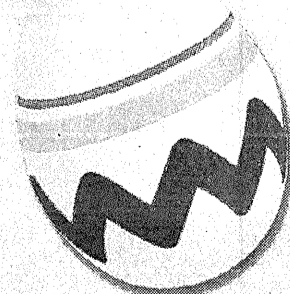
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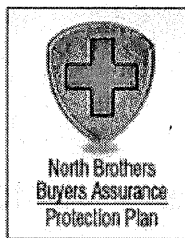
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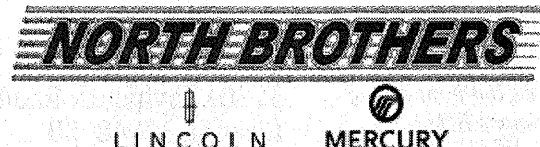
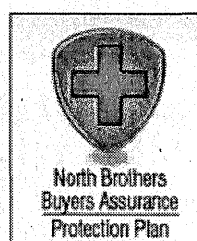
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ACROSS

- 1 Glamorous woman
- 4 Vindictive goddess
- 8 Mine car
- 12 How — things?
- 13 Draw on
- 14 Surfing mecca
- 15 Dentist's order
- 17 Out of funds
- 19 Nebr. neighbor
- 20 Layer
- 21 Hitchcock forte
- 23 Type size
- 24 Complained bitterly
- 26 Hole puncher
- 29 Boxcars, in dice
- 30 It has rings
- 31 More eager
- 33 Moon, in poetry
- 35 In a dither
- 36 Earlier
- 37 Pay as — go
- 38 Most aloof
- 40 Surprised cry

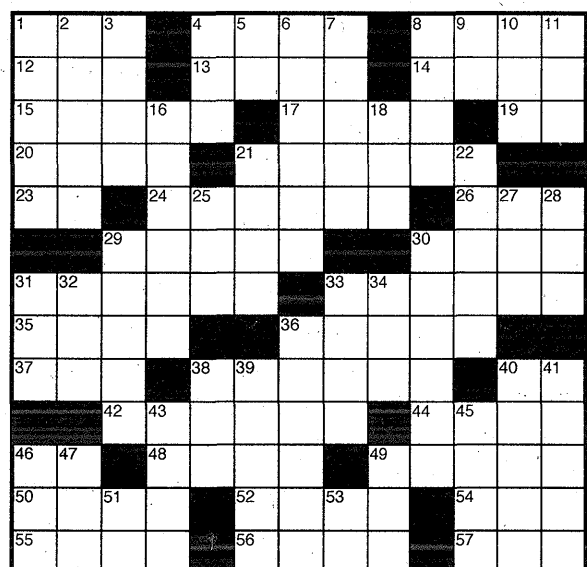
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- 42 Exquisite
- 44 Rochester's Jane
- 46 Gold Rush st.
- 48 Turn pages
- 49 Without a flaw
- 50 Give an edge to
- 52 The "I"
- 54 Dined
- 55 Pandora's boxful
- 56 Hurlers' stats
- 57 Domestic fowl
- 1 Comedy
- 2 Rigel's constellation
- 3 Warrior princess
- 4 Blue or green
- 5 Plural ending
- 6 Wards off
- 7 Admire very much
- 8 Bullring bull
- 9 Nile god
- 10 Happy sighs
- 11 — wrestling

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 18 California fort
- 21 Ticket info
- 22 Harder to find
- 25 Cutting tool
- 27 Network
- 28 "He Got Game" director
- 29 Asian capital
- 30 Honked
- 31 Round Table knight
- 32 Arrogance
- 33 Mouse, to owls
- 34 Casual greetings
- 36 Filch
- 38 — been had!
- 39 Quit
- 40 Take the podium
- 41 — Gurfley Brown
- 43 Pamplona shouts
- 45 Slangy okay
- 46 'ai — chuan
- 47 Cyberspace letters
- 49 Hypotheticals
- 51 Baseball assn.
- 53 Cajun's st.

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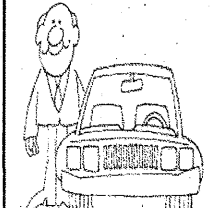
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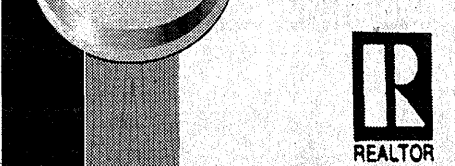
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Lincoln's MKZ offers a midsize luxury car at around \$36,000 that makes its customers feel like a million bucks without putting them in the poor house. Although the Lincoln Zephyr sold well, this luxury sedan was reborn in 2007 as the MKZ, and a new, more powerful 3.5-liter V-6 engine. Lincoln also designed a new front end and now offers the MKZ in an all-wheel-drive model.

The MKZ is a plusher and more luxurious version of the Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan, which debuted around the same time. All three are, in turn, based on the Mazda6, though they all come with unique styling and different equipment. While the Fusion and Milan offer the optional all-wheel-drive system, the 3.5-liter V6 is exclusive to the MKZ.

Adding more punch for the younger customers Lincoln is targeting, it installed Ford's new Duratec 35 V-6 engine teamed with a 6-speed transmission. This combo gets 19 per gallon city and 27 per gallon highway.

The MKZ provides a smooth, yet powerful, comfortable ride. It handles well around curves, but I wouldn't characterize it as ride as sporty like its rivals the Chrysler 300 and Nissan Maxima.

The smooth ride is enhanced by the MKZ's premium 6-speed automatic transmission. Making gear changes barely noticeable because of how

seamlessly the throttle control works with the electronically controlled transmission, precisely timing each transmission shift.

Lincoln also added to the regal look of the former Zephyr's exterior.

The people at Lincoln kept their classic design elements in place for the exterior design of the MKZ, while improving their traditional waterfall grille and adding new luster to the finish. This attention to detail gives the MKZ an identity of its own.

To make its drivers feel like they are traveling first-class Lincoln spared no expense on the interior of the MKZ.

You won't find any cheap plastic here - only real materials were used for the interior including wood, high-quality leather, satin nickel and chromed trim.

The car buyer has the option of choosing an instrument panel of contrasting trim in either wood or satin nickel.

The satin nickel interior gives the car a more modern appearance, appealing to the younger crowd. While the wood interior choices, include Dark Charcoal or Light Stone with Ebony wood or Sand with Figured Maple wood give the car more a classic and traditional feel, appealing to older car buyers.

The quiet interior of the MKZ's large structure plays perfect host for the industry's first THX II Certified sound system.



Lincoln brought the Zephyr back as the MKZ with a few changes. One thing remains the same, though: this car is still the cheapest way to get a Lincoln.

Although the sound system is optional on the MKZ, once a potential car buyer hears it in its full glory they'll have a hard time not upgrading to these premium sounds, which features surround-sound equal to most home entertainment systems.

The system features 14 speakers, including two subwoofers with 600 watts of power and a pristine sound processor. An MP3 audio input jack and factory-installed SIRIUS satellite radio come optional.

Lincoln also improved on the design of the Zephyr by providing more comfort, adding three feet of rear-passenger legroom. To achieve this roomy feel, Lincoln stretched the width of the chassis by 30 millimeters and the wheelbase by 55 millimeters.

To ensure drivers are always headed in the right direction, a DVD-based navigation system is available. This features a 6.5-inch-wide screen and text-to-speech technology with travel directions in English, Spanish or French.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration gives the MKZ four out of five stars for driver and front-passenger protection in a frontal crash. It gets five stars in the front and four stars in the rear for side-impact protection and four stars for rollover resistance.

Lincoln equipped the MKZ with the standard driver and front passenger air bags, seat-deployed side air bags. It also added the air with another safety feature, the full-length safety curtain.

The side-curtain air bag can help block glass splinters or other objects that could cause injury in a side impact.

Lincoln MKZ's two-row air curtains also feature "roll-fold" technology. So, if a passenger is resting their head against a window, the air bag is designed to slide between the glass and the passenger as it fills.

Lincoln hopes to pull in customers old and new with the MKZ, and by offering more power and a premium sound system option, I would say they are on the right track.

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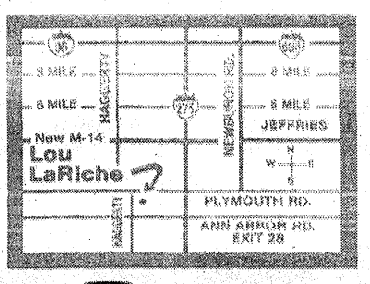
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	36mo... \$219*	
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29 MPG



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$18,390	60mo... \$173*	PURCHASE
NOW \$12,986*	48mo... \$190*	\$221* PER MO.
	36mo... \$199*	
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Stk. #90116

33 MPG



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$21,255	60mo... \$192*	PURCHASE
NOW \$13,910*	48mo... \$212*	\$229* PER MO.
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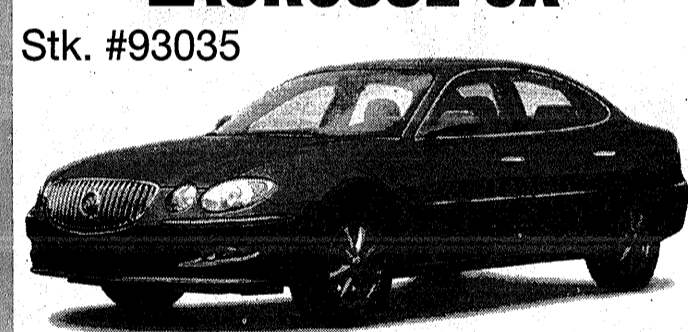
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Was \$35,385	60mo... \$369*	PURCHASE
NOW \$25,995*	48mo... \$412*	\$445* PER MO.
	36mo... \$448*	
	\$0 Down Payment	

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PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$26,390	60mo... \$269*	PURCHASE
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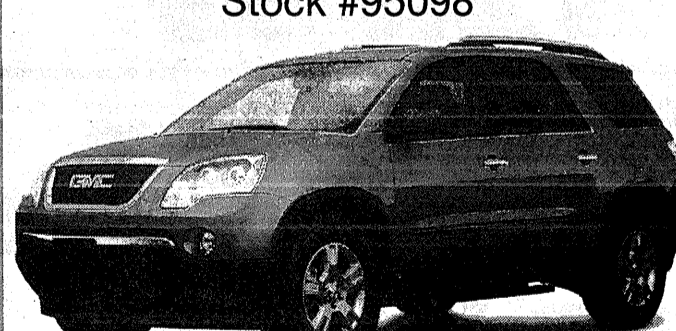
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PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$31,650	60mo... \$308*	PURCHASE
NOW \$19,995*	48mo... \$346*	\$373* PER MO.
	36mo... \$395*	
	\$0 Down Payment	

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Stock #95098



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$32,700	60mo... \$362*	PURCHASE
NOW \$25,571*	48mo... \$405*	\$409* PER MO.
	36mo... \$444*	
	\$0 Down Payment	

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Stock #95111



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
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