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Waste not

Residents in Plymouth and Plymouth Township who've been waiting to dispose of stuff around the house get their chance April 25.

That's when township and city officials partner for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The collection will take place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena located at 14900 Beck Road, just north of the M-14 expressway.

The event is open to Plymouth Township and City of Plymouth residents only. Driver's license is required.

Some of the acceptable wastes include paints/stains, automotive fluids, batteries, computer equipment, propane cylinders, fertilizers and pesticides. Unacceptable items include televisions, smoke detectors, tires, radioactive materials, PCBs, ammunition and fireworks or medical waste. A full list of acceptable materials can be viewed at: www.plymouthtp.org For more information call the township, (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4, or the city, (734) 453-7737.



Going Barefoot

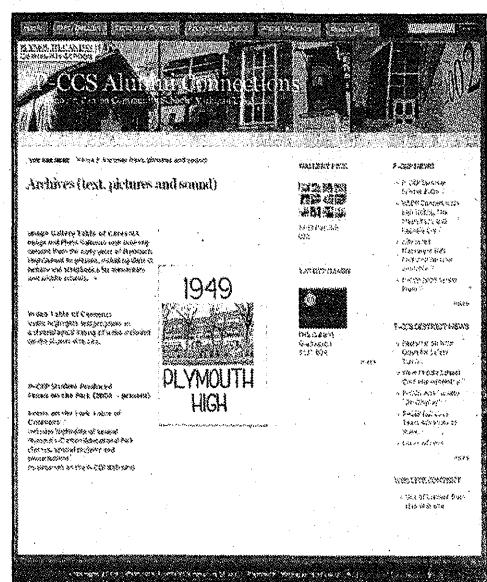
Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions presents Prescription: Murder April 30-May 3 and May 7-10 at the old Walker-Buzenberg furniture store on Main Street near the railroad tracks.

It's a murder mystery that stars the bumbling Lieutenant Columbo, played for years on TV by Peter Falk.

A casting twist takes place for this Barefoot production: The introduction of local dignitaries in roles within the play. Wes Graff, the executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, and Sherrie Pryor, operations director for the Downtown Development Authority, are among the "celebrity" guest stars.

Shows are set for 8 p.m. April 30-May 2 and May 7-9, with 2 p.m. matinees May 3 and May 10. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for students and senior citizens).

Web site aimed at P-CCS alumni



The school district's new Web site is aimed at bringing alumni into the fold.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the Plymouth-Canton school district launched its new alumni Web site recently, there's no evidence Steven Sneiderman or Mark Even lit cigars to celebrate the birth.

But the pair undoubtedly felt like proud new parents.

Sneiderman, a Board of Education trustee, and Even, the district's technology consultant, were the driving forces behind P-CCS Alumni Connections, a Web site the district hopes will draw interest — and, to a lesser extent, perhaps some donations — from alumni around the country.

"It started out as being about money, maybe, but then we realized how much more it could do," said Even, a P-CCS alum himself. "There's a lot (on the site) already, and yet comparatively speaking (to what it could become), there's almost nothing there. The structure is there and now we can keep filling up the container. It's exciting."

The previous board had added a development

(fund-raising) position, but it was cut in a round of budget reductions. The district's development budget dropped from \$175,000 to some \$50,000, according to Sneiderman.

Since Sneiderman had an interest in that area, he started looking into ways to manage it in the tighter economy. One of the things he discovered, he said, was the district wasn't doing much reaching out to alumni.

Sneiderman believed alumni were an important asset, not just for donations, but for things like guidance and even job opportunities for current students.

"We didn't have a good mechanism for reaching out," Sneiderman said. "We wanted to continue alumni reach-out, not just for money, but to bring them back in for other things. (But) it needed to be done at low cost or no cost."

Using a printed newsletter was cost-prohibitive, Sneiderman pointed out, so attention went to the Internet, where the district already had a Web site.

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Some 110 voices will be singing in the BeckRidge Chorale's annual spring concert.

Love stories

Chorale brings 'upbeat' program to life

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Matt Landes' initial reaction to being asked whether he's nervous about his upcoming solo performance in the BeckRidge Chorale's concert, Love Stories, was to shake his head and say, "Maybe a little."

Then he smiled. "OK, a lot," the Plymouth resident said, laughing.

Landes will take on Stephen Sondheim's *Marry Me A Little* when the chorale takes the stage at Northville High School for its annual spring spectacular April 24-25. It's the first time Landes has even auditioned for a solo, much less sung one, but the song choice brought out the volunteer in him.

"It's a song I've always liked ... a pretty song," Landes said. "It goes well with the theme of the show. I wanted it in the show, whether I sang it or not."

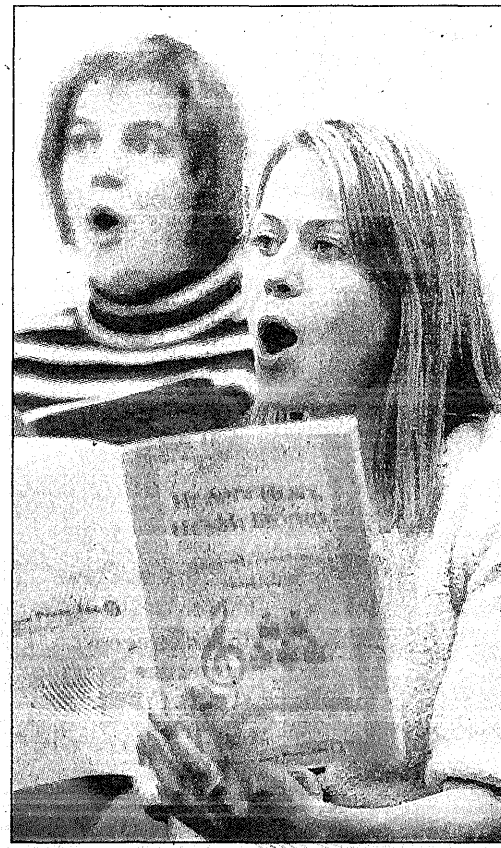
SPRING FLING

- **What:** BeckRidge Chorale's annual spring concert, Love Stories
- **When:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25; 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26
- **Where:** Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile
- **Cost:** Tickets are \$16 and \$13
- **Details:** Visit www.beckridgechorale.org or call (734) 416-9885

The theme of the show is Love Stories, though choral director Michael Gross is quick to point out they're not the "sad, lamenting" love songs.

In fact Gross, for some 30 years the choir's musical director/conductor, said the concert will be an

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Emily Bachman and Julia Kondoff (background) rehearse.

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Flintstones, Jetsons top symphony concert list

Ever wonder what might happen if the Stone Age Flintstones ever met the futuristic Jetsons?

Music lovers get the chance to find out Friday, April 24, when the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society presents a benefit concert, "Couch Potato Pops," at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

The concert, which starts at 8 p.m., will help support the symphony's concert season and "numerous music education programs" the society brings to the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities, said Beth Stewart, executive director of the symphony.

"Friends of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra are generously donating their services to support us," Stewart said. The concert will "help us raise funds to keep these programs going strong."

The concert, under the direction of music director and conductor Nan Washburn, features such TV classics as theme songs from *The*

Untouchables, *Peter Gunn*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *Miami Vice*, *L.A. Law*, *Dynasty*, *Dragnet* and others.

Concert-goers will also be able to sing along, Stewart said, to themes from shows like *Cheers*, *Friends*, *Howdy Doody*, *Beverly Hillsbillies* and *Gilligan's Island*. The concert will also feature serious music such as classical music used for television from themes from *Masterpiece Theater* and *Monty Python*.

New Liberty Bank and Lotus Arts Gallery host a Pre-Concert Bash at Lotus Arts Gallery from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 per person, including the pre-concert party and concert (\$75 if you just want the concert). Tickets may be purchased by contacting the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office at (734) 451-2112, by visiting the secure Online Box Office on the Web at www.plymouthsymphony.org or in person at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 18, Plymouth.



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TERRY BEDZYK

Concord EMS was among the corporate sponsors at last year's Angela Hospice Golf Outing. Julie Curry, Bill Dicks, Craig Kozicki, and Rob Siebert made up the Concord EMS foursome and took second place for a mixed group.

Angela Hospice hosts golf event at Fox Hills

Angela Hospice invites supporters and community members to enjoy sun and sport for a good cause at the 21st annual Angela Hospice Golf Outing Monday, May 18, at the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth. Golfers will enjoy a full day beginning at 9:30 a.m. with continental breakfast and open driving range use before setting

out for 18 holes at 11 a.m. They'll have lunch at the turn and the opportunity to play on-the-course games as well. Finishing up the day will be a dinner reception with a mini-silent auction and announcement of the winners. "We'll be happy to see our loyal golfers return for another fun day, and we also expect to see new faces this year," said Barb Iovan, Angela Hospice's events coordinator.

A new addition to this year's outing will encourage more individuals to participate. The "Laugh & Learn Experience" golf clinic is designed for novice golfers, or anyone looking to polish up their game.

The package includes a 90-minute golf clinic with Fox Hills' PGA instructor covering chipping, putting, and bunker play, as well as a professional analysis of the player's golf swing. Participants will join the golfers at the dinner reception following the clinic. Dinner-only tickets are available as well.

The event offers corporate packages and sponsorship opportunities for businesses or individuals.

"Phillips Service Industries is our host for the event," said Iovan. "Their generous sponsorship will enable a greater impact on our programs for terminally ill patients and their families."

The "Winner Takes All Raffle" will also be featured at the event, but the winner need not be present, so anyone can enter to win. Offering an array of prizes including Tigers tickets, a getaway to Hawk's Eye resort, a helicopter ride with WJR's Joel Alexander and more, tickets for this raffle promise to be a hot commodity!

For more information, to register, or purchase a raffle ticket, call Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045, or visit www.angelahospice.org

Lincoln/Reagan Day dinner

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee (Wayne 11th CDRC), which serves Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland, will host a fund-raising Lincoln/Reagan Day dinner on April 30 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

The evening's featured speaker is Michigan Republican Party Chairman Ron Weiser and the keynote speaker is Tim Skubick of Michigan Public Television's Off the Record. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$90 per couple and a table of 10 is \$450.

Weiser, founder of the real estate company McKinley Associates, retired as the CEO and chairman in 2001 to become the U.S. Ambassador to the Slovak Republic. Since his return from the foreign service in 2005 he has been actively involved in political campaigns and non-profit work.

Skubick is anchor and producer of the weekly public TV series Off the Record. He has anchored this weekly public TV series since 1972 and is the longest serving member of the state capitol press corps. The show is seen on Michigan Public Television stations and has an audience of 100,000 viewers each week.

For more information or to buy tickets, contact Pattie Coughlin at (248) 474-3525 or Coughlanlvn@att.net, or Carl Berry at (734) 354-6075 or xcop97@wowway.com.

Concert to end hunger

The Birchler Family will host its "Jammin' To End Famine" concert to benefit Kids Against Hunger (www.feedingchildren.org) on Friday, April 24 at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia (www.livonia-kofc.com). Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy pizza, salad and a cash bar along with the music of Mark Edwards (singer/songwriter), The Shawn Riley Band (performing a tribute to the music of the fifties), The Paisley Fogg (featuring Motown and the sixties sounds of America), British Beat 66 (British invasion sixties music), and 2 Dayz Gone (eighties rock n' roll).

Tickets are \$20 and will be available at the door or in advance by contacting Tom Birchler at tbirchler@twmi.com or John Birchler at johnbirchler@wideopenwest.com.

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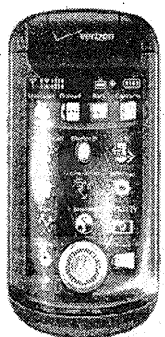
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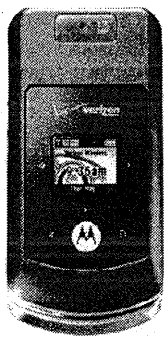
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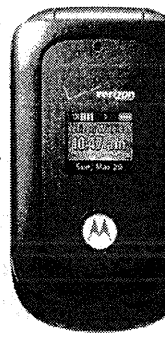
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Penn auction

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 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.

Scottish Society

On Tartan Day, April 6th the announcement was made that a new group, The Scottish American Society of Michigan, was formed with the goal of preserving and furthering Scottish heritage throughout the state of Michigan.

The group, which registered as a fraternal organization in March, will hold meetings at The Commonwealth Club of Michigan located at 30088 Dequindre Road in Warren.

The group plans to host various events throughout the year, including a potluck, BBQs, educational events and Ceilidhs featuring local pipe bands and dancers. People interested in the group can find out more information and join the mailing list to get updates by visiting www.scotsofmichigan.com or www.michiganscots.com

"One of our main missions will be to help others and be active in the community," says the group's founder, Franklin Dohanyos. "The Scots have a long, proud history in Michigan and we will carry on that tradition. We're in the planning stages for our inaugural event sometime in the late spring or early summer, perhaps a picnic or BBQ, or a fun afternoon Ceilidh."

For more information please visit www.scotsofmichigan.com, www.michiganscots.com or send e-mail scotsofmi@yahoo.com.

Veterans scholarship

The Plymouth Business & Professional Women's Club is seeking women veterans who need education assistance in order to pursue a better job or new career in civilian life.

Veterans must be able to demonstrate financial need. Preference is given to women who are the primary supporter of their household. They must have a Plymouth address and be formally accepted into a college program or vocational/technical program. If already in college they must have a minimum GPA of 2.8.

BPW also looks for women who will support the objectives of BPW:

- To elevate the standards for women in business and in the professions
- To promote the interests of business and professional women
- To bring about a spirit of cooperation among business and professional women of the United States
- To extend opportunities to business and professional women through education along lines of industrial, scientific and vocational activities

To obtain an application, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Plymouth BPW, PO Box 5338, Plymouth MI 48170.

PLAV car show

PLAV Post 166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia, will hold a combination open house and car show noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23.

The general public is invited (bring your cameras) with special emphasis on owners of "oldies" and car club members. For additional details contact Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031.

Salvation Army sales

The Salvation Army is sponsoring two major shopping events at the same time: its Mom2Mom and Rummage Sale at its church location at 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road, on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

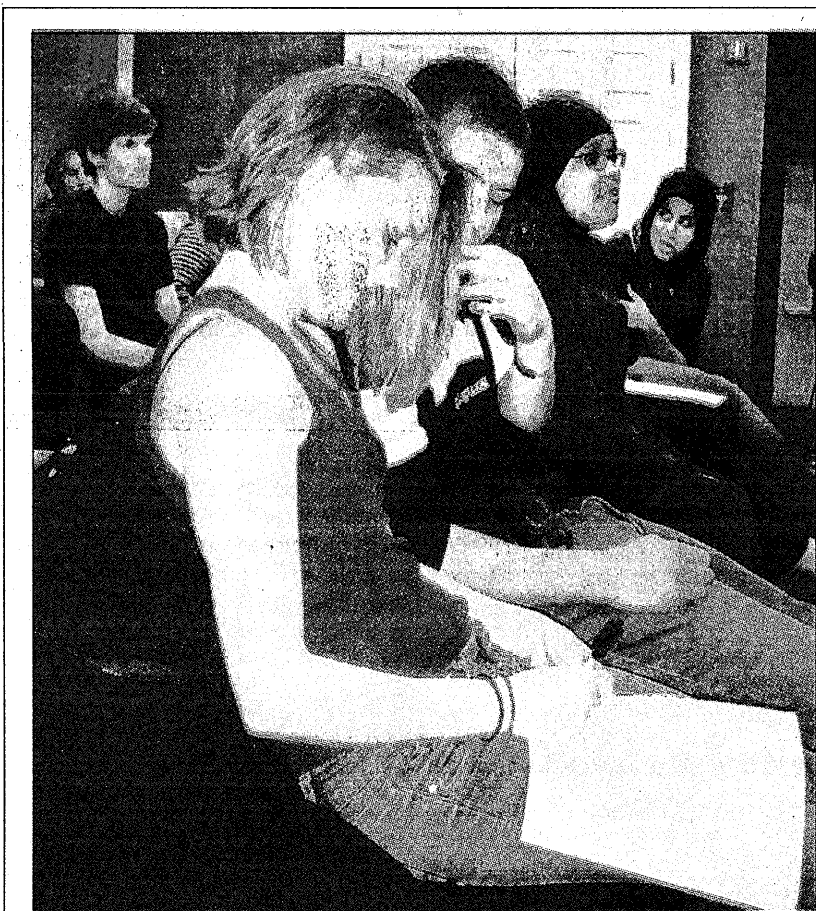
The Rummage Sale will feature great bargains on gently used clothing, household goods, books, kitchen gear and small appliances. We will also be accepting donations for our rummage sale at the church beginning Monday, April 14 between the hours of 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

Admission is just a \$1 donation but you can visit our Web site for a coupon for free admission. Great coffee and baked goods will also be available. All proceeds from this day of shopping will benefit The Salvation Army-Plymouth's Tiny Tots Preschool Program and our Women's Ministries program.

Please visit the Web site at www.misalplymouth.org or call us at (734) 453-5464 for more information.

Rock Shoppe classes

The Rock Shoppe on Gotfredson Road in Plymouth will host the following installation classes. Come join us and learn to create a beautiful outdoor living space. A free lunch will be served between classes.



Poetry slam

Monica Doyle took part in the last poetry slam at the Plymouth District Library, and poets get their next chance when the library hosts a Poetry Slam 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22. Canton High School teacher Larry Francis will again emcee the evening. Read your own poem, cheer on your friends or listen to others.

lowing installation classes. Come join us and learn to create a beautiful outdoor living space. A free lunch will be served between classes.

- Brick paver class, May 16, 10 a.m. - Free Class on Brick Paver Installation is offered by the Rock Shoppe at 6275 Gotfredson Road in Plymouth. Come listen to the experts from Allan Block demonstrate the step by step process of installing a brick paver patio, sidewalk or driveway. Create that outdoor living area you have been dreaming of. Free design help will be available. This class will be followed by a free lunch and a second class.
- Retaining wall and pillar installation, May 16, noon - Free Class on Retaining Wall and Pillar installation is offered by the Rock Shoppe at 6275 Gotfredson Road in Plymouth. John Kerr, the Allan Block expert, will demonstrate the step by step process of installing retaining walls and pillars. Free design help will be available.

Register by phone at (734) 455-5560, or via e-mail at rscustomerservice@gmail.com

Blackboard Faces

The Plymouth Coffee Bean presents an interesting display of white-on-black drawings when it hosts an art show featuring the work of local artist Aydin Akcasu 7-11 p.m. Friday, April 24.

The show will feature his drawings of people's faces, made using white chalk on a black background. He uses an iterative process that involves slowly evolving the drawing and giving it more light (white). This has the fascinating effect of giving the appearance of a person who is slowly moving out of a dark room.

There's no admission, but there is a one-drink minimum. The art work will be on display in the Blue Room through June 1. Samples can be seen at Art.AydinAkcasu.com

The Plymouth Coffee Bean is located at 884 Penniman in Plymouth.

Miller Woods walks

The wildflowers of Miller Woods have arrived to announce the official end to winter. The Friends of Miller Woods are inviting walkers to join them Sundays, April 26 and May 3,

at 2, 2:30, and 3 p.m. Tour guides will point out some of the 25 varieties of flowers that grow there. Miller Woods is located on Powell Road between Ridge and Beck Roads in Plymouth Township.

The woods is a designated nature preserve, therefore dogs are not permitted within it. For more information about this historical property, please visit our website www.millerwoods.com.

Friendly Fridays

Plymouth Christian Academy is now accepting applications for the 2009/2010 school year.

Potential students and their families can visit Plymouth Christian Academy on Friendly Fridays April 24 and May 1 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information, call Dr. David Butler, Head of School, or Caryn Huntsman, Elementary Principal, at (734) 459-3505. PCA is located at 43065 Joy Road (between Lilley and Morton Taylor) in Canton - visit PCA on the Web at www.plymouthchristian.org

Financial Freedom workshop

Achieving lifelong financial success can sometimes seem like an overwhelming task. However, when developed step by step, you can gain long-term control of your finances. Community Financial offers a free workshop, Steps to Financial Freedom, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Community Financial, 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

The workshop is designed to help attendees gain long-term control of their finances and achieve lifelong financial success. Participants will learn how to create a step-by-step plan that will include setting goals, communicating with family members, creating a budget, building savings and more.

Light refreshments will be provided. To RSVP, call (734) 582-8702.

Senior spellers

Once again the Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host the Wayne County sponsored Senior Spelling Bee Tuesday, May 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth.

A free complimentary catered lunch, prizes and raffles will be offered by Wayne County. Space is limited so call today to register to spell or to just come and enjoy the competition and the lunch. Everyone will be entered for the drawings.

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EDUCATION

U-M students learn while observing in Tonda classrooms

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

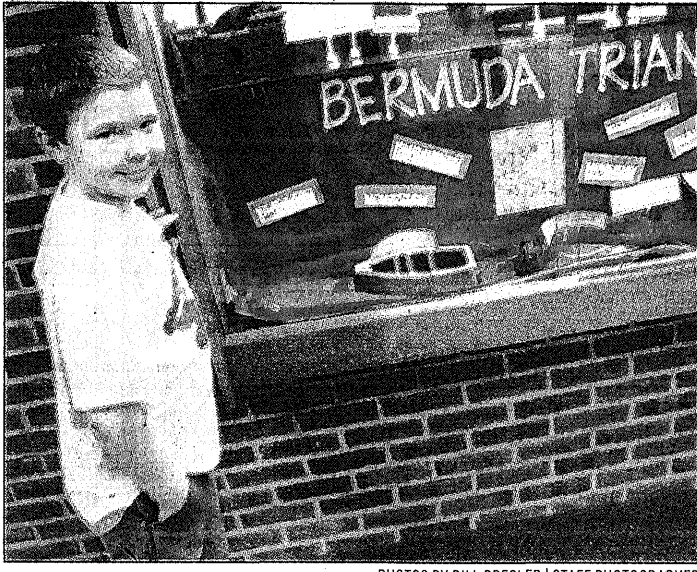
Fourth- and fifth-grade students at Tonda Elementary in Canton may not have realized it, but they just completed a project in which they helped education students from the University of Michigan learn how to teach.

It's a long-standing partnership which has nearly two dozen college students performing some of their student teaching at a number of Plymouth-Canton schools, including this year at Tonda and Hoben elementaries. During the second half of the school year at Tonda, the U-M class was held in one of the portable classrooms, with the future teachers then using what they learned in elementary classrooms.

"We're observing (the student teachers) as well so we can see how they did with what we thought we were teaching them, and how that played out in the classroom as they work with the teachers and students," said Klotylda Phillippi of Plymouth, the college students' U-M professor who also taught for 30 years in Plymouth-Canton. "It's a wonderful relationship for our student teachers and U-M. The quality of the Plymouth-Canton teachers, administration and curriculum are so strong. It's a good place for my students to see what good teaching looks like."

Student teachers helped the fourth- and fifth-graders gather information for a school museum, with topics including mysterious animals, natural disasters and things in the ocean.

Fifth-grader Hannah Rhode, 10, researched the



Tonda's Travis Stott is interested in the Bermuda Triangle.



Jordan Montagano, Trevor McKinney and Thomas Bober built their project about Pompeii and the results of the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.

Lochness Monster for the museum's mysterious animals display.

"No one is really sure if it's real or not," Hannah said. "There has been a lot of proof,

but then there hasn't. I do believe in it because there's been proof, though some people say it's not real."

For the museum's display on places, 11-year-old Jordan

Montagano studied the ancient Italian city of Pompeii, which was buried under 60 feet of volcano ash and lost for nearly 1,700 years before its accidental rediscovery in 1748.

"We thought it happened all at once, but it happened over two days," Jordan said, explaining his group's display like a museum docent. "All the people were just stopped in motion."

As for working with the student teachers, Jordan said, "It was really cool because they taught us so much and they are really nice people."

Meredith Miles, 21, of Flushing, is completing her first year in the U-M education program.

"They picked the topics, did all the research, planned the museum and presented them to other classmates," Miles said. "As student teachers, we helped guide them to different books and sites on the Internet, but they came up with the whole idea themselves. I was impressed with how it all came together."

"They provided us with a lot of learning experiences, such as how to use different management skills and how to plan ahead," she added.

Tonda Principal Kurt Tyszkiewicz said he enjoys the partnership, remembering his days as a young teacher.

"When I started teaching, someone had to give up their classroom for me, and that's what teachers do here," Tyszkiewicz said. "It gives (student teachers) a chance to learn hands-on with our kids. It's a wonderful partnership, and gives us a chance to give back to the profession."

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New Morning hosts Earth Day event

New Morning School students and their families, staff, and the local community band together 3:30-6 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2009, for a green-tastic celebration thanks to the generosity of Eaton Corporation, locally-owned Hiller's Market, and Don Massey Cadillac.

The event features a pasta and salad dinner made of local and organic ingredients. Villa Amantea Restaurant in Canton will serve locally made, all-natural Mama Mucci's Pasta. Participants will be able to scope out "green" wheels at a display sponsored by Don Massey Cadillac featuring clean vehicle technology.

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A sneak peek will be available at the community garden planned and built by New Morning School students. The spring planting featuring leafy greens should be starting to sprout!

Children can participate in a birdhouse habitat conservation project by building an Eastern bluebird nesting box to take home. Help prevent the need for official protection as an endangered species by providing a safe home for these avian friends.

Green technology will be showcased through many activities and demonstrations, including solar panel display and students riding a stationary bicycle to power a light bulb.

The event is free and everyone is welcome. To register, call (734) 420-3331.

Plymouth High fund-raiser

The Plymouth High School baseball and football boosters will host a Texas Hold 'em fund-raiser April 23-30 at the Shark Club on Ford Road in Canton. The event will feature cash games and blackjack, and will have cash payout to players. The PHS baseball and football programs receive 50 percent of the proceeds. Times for the fund-raiser are Saturday and Sunday from 4 p.m.-2 a.m. and Monday through Thursday 6 p.m.-2 a.m.

Open house/science fair

All Saints Catholic School will host a spring "Open House" and "Science Fair" on Thursday, April 23. Stop by either between the hours of 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.

Visitor will have the opportunity to meet with school staff and view the science projects completed by the school's fifth through eighth grade students.

For more information, contact Barb Martin at (734) 459-2490. All Saints Catholic School is located at 48735 Warren Road, in Canton.

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Counselors offer Solid Ground during shifting economy

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Recession: Less money, more stress.

The folks at Solid Ground Counseling, a new clinic in Plymouth, say they're prepared to handle both problems.

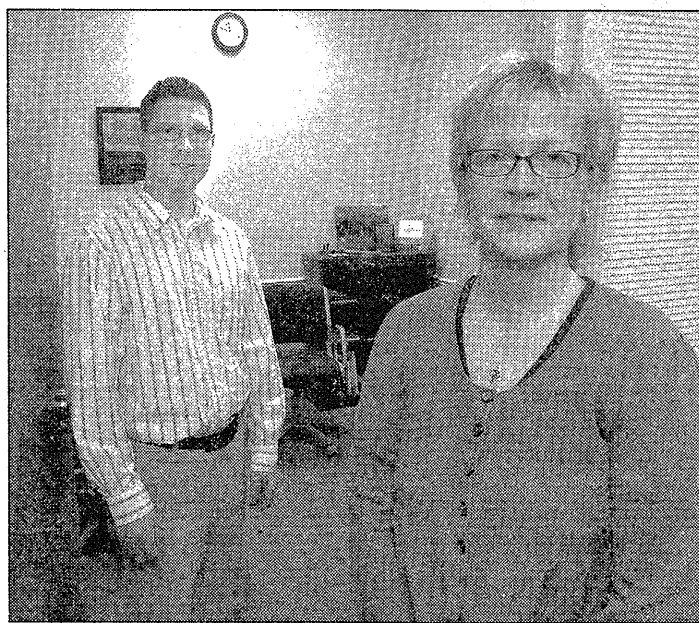
Solid Ground opened last summer as the economic crisis was deepening, and counselor Rick Janka, one of the three partners behind the business, says they knew what they were getting into.

"The recession didn't sneak up on us," Janka said.

Janka said he and Ryan Delvecchio put a lot of time into planning the clinic, and are offering to counsel the jobless and others who might not be able to afford their full rates.

"We have a desire to help people who are economically challenged," Janka said. Solid Ground also accepts some insurance plans and is working to build links with more insurers.

Janka and Delvecchio



Debbie Little and Rick Janka of Solid Ground Counseling.

brought on a third partner, Debbie Little; each has a master's degree in clinical psychology from Michigan Theological Seminary in

Plymouth Township, and there are two other licensed counselors at Solid Ground.

Both Little and Janka, who spoke April 7 at Solid Ground's

suite of offices, said they've long had the desire to help people.

Little had been interested in becoming a nurse, but "the mind's always intrigued me," she said. "I've always been a people person. That's what it's all about."

"I do see this as my own personal ministry," said Janka, who is studying toward a doctorate at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology.

Solid Ground treats people with anxiety, depression, chemical and sexual addictions, marital and family problems, poor anger control and other problems. Each counselor has areas of specialty, and Janka said the clinic will match a new client with the counselor best suited to handle that client's needs.

Solid Ground, said Janka, doesn't look to prescription drugs as a quick fix for mental-health problems, though counselors there can make referrals to prescribing psychiatrists if needed.

Counselors "try to look at

the person as a whole," he said. "There are a lot of other approaches we can take before medications."

Solid Ground can teach relaxation techniques, offer group therapy when appropriate, and advise people on decision-making.

Little, who counsels children (she also works part time at a local school district), said kids are affected by the stresses and high expectations of a fast-paced society, just like their parents.

"Our kids are stressed to the max," Little said. "I really believe that. Kids are running

just like we're running."

Janka compares the pace and stresses of modern life to the car-chase scene in the movie *The Blues Brothers*, in which the title characters' car falls apart at the chase's end.

"We might get to where we need to go, but we also might completely fall apart when we get there," Janka said.

Solid Ground can help slow that pace and ease that stress "one client at a time," he said.

For more on Solid Ground, call (734) 927-1201.

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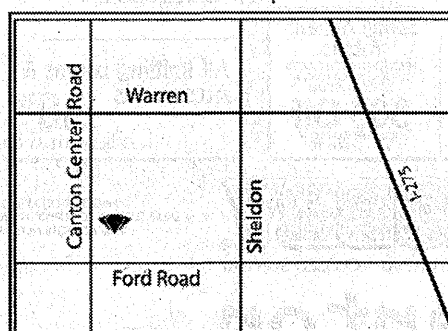
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The IRS has an excellent Web site in regards to taxes. Not only can you obtain all necessary forms, but also instruction books and other



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

already sent you your refund and you have not received it, then you could have a problem. It is possible that your refund, if it was mailed to you, got lost in the mail or worse, someone got to the mailbox before you. In those situations, call the IRS.

The IRS has become easier to deal with and is taxpayer-friendly.

Q: Dear Rick: Every time I open my bank statement I am hit with new fees. In addition, I'm receiving very

little interest on the money I have in the bank. Recently, a friend of mine opened an account at a credit union. Do you recommend credit unions and are they as safe as banks?

A: I have no problem with credit unions. I believe that many people should consider using them.

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One myth about credit

unions is they are difficult to join. Although in the past that may have been the case, it is no longer true. Virtually, anyone can join a credit union. There are many credit unions in southeast Michigan and, although, you may not be eligible to join every one, as some do restrict membership, it should not be difficult to find a credit union.

Visit the National Association of Credit Unions Web site — www.joinacu.org — to search for credit unions that you are eligible to join.

Credit unions offer virtually the same services that banks do including ATMs.

In today's difficult economic times where people are attempting to get better rates of return on their money while keeping their fees low, credit unions are an option to consider.

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.

Notice of delinquent taxes available for a \$5 fee

Each week, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz will be using this column as a regular forum to inform you about the tax process and to answer the questions most frequently asked



Ask the Treasurer

Raymond Wojtowicz

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Q: How do I apply to receive notice of delinquent taxes if I am not the owner of the property?

A: Any person who wishes to receive notice of delinquent taxes may pay a \$5 annual fee for each property by Feb. 1 to the county treasurer. Contact this office and request a Subscription Address Notice Form. You must specify on this form the parcel identification number, the address of the property, and the address to which the notice will be sent. Return the completed form to this office along

with a \$5 fee for each property you are requesting notice of delinquent taxes. For further information, contact our Tax Information at (313) 224-5990.

Q: How can I get a copy of a tax record?

A: The Michigan Freedom of Information Act as amended by 1996 PA 553 regulates and sets requirements for the disclosure of public records by all public bodies in the State.

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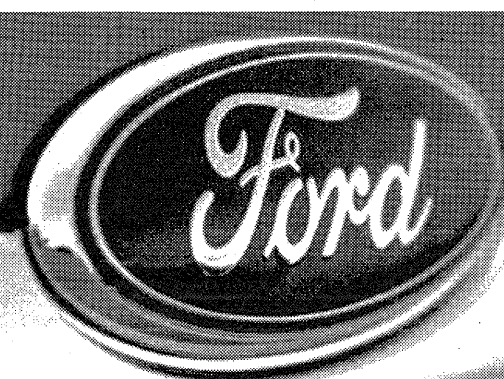
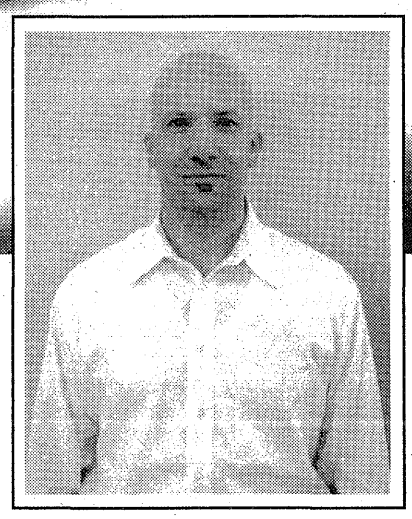
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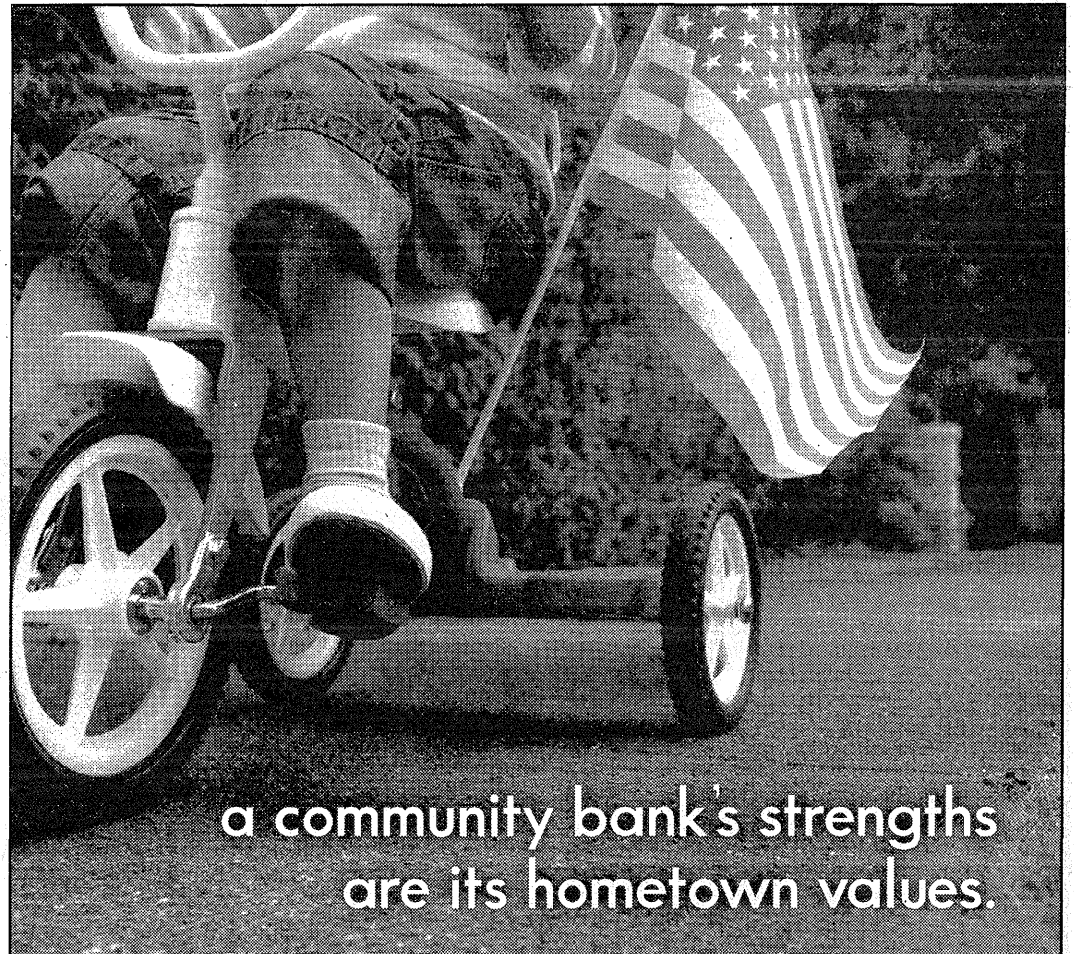
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LEAP progress means MEAP success

If you read the MEAP results story in the April 5 issue of The Observer, you know that Plymouth-Canton Community Schools had another solid year on this important state evaluation exam.

These things do not happen by accident, and this year's scores (and our upward trend of academic achievement) are the result of hard work and planning by our entire team. That starts with our Board of Education and includes our teachers, staff and administration.

While we are extremely pleased with our scores, we always are exploring ways to improve. With the outstanding curriculum and support we have in place for our students, I believe we will see continued growth. This year we are beginning to see some trends that make us optimistic for the future.

In the 28 areas scored, compared to the Fall 2007 results, P-CCS posted an increase in 21 areas, stayed the same in five areas and declined in only two areas. In the five areas where the district remained the same, four of the areas already had 89 percent of the students or more proficient.

In grade six (total English Language Arts) P-CCS students declined one point to 89 percent proficient, and in grade eight science declined to 89 percent from 91 percent proficient in Fall 2007.

Of particular note, 100 percent of the students in grade four at Bird Elementary were proficient in math. At Tonda, 100 percent of the students in grade three were proficient in math, including 14 students with disabilities.

I believe one of the main reasons for the gradual increase in scores is the implementation of the Literacy Early Achievement Program just four years ago. Since that time there has been a 3-percent decrease in students with learning disabilities and a 5-percent decrease in students with speech and language disabilities district-wide.

That difference was noticeable in this year's MEAP results, and we expect the impact to be more dramatic each year.

For those of you who are not familiar with the LEAP program, it was developed to put strong focus on literacy development in the early school years. The idea is that if students read and write well, they will do well in all subject areas. To accomplish this, additional staff was added to the kindergarten and first grade classrooms in all 16 P-CCS elementary schools.

As one of Michigan's best school districts, we must constantly change and evolve to stay on top. That's hard work and the staff in this district has proven they are capable of meeting the challenge. This community should be extremely proud of the work its school district is doing to educate children. To view a complete list of MEAP scores, please visit the MEAP page on the district's Web site at <http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us/district/meap/meap.asp>

Dr. Craig Fiegel is Superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. He can be reached at (734) 416-2700.



Dr. Craig Fiegel

Boerma right pick to head bands

As the Associate Director of Bands at the University of Michigan for five years in the recent past, I worked with the Plymouth-Canton high school bands, and I was always extremely impressed with the quality of Amy Boerma's instruction and musicianship.

Before coming to Michigan, I had known about the Plymouth-Canton high school band program for decades.

Although its marching band continues to place in the finals of the national championships, its Wind Ensemble's notoriety has become that of mediocrity when compared to years earlier, when this band would perform at the Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic, the Michigan Music Conference, and other prestigious events.

Those who pay close attention, however, notice that the middle two bands, under the direction of Amy Boerma, have earned straight first-division ratings at all district and state festivals since she arrived 14 years ago, an accomplishment achieved by none of her colleagues.

Music teachers throughout Michigan now discuss the Plymouth-Canton band program because of its marching-band-heavy lopsidedness, not because of the quality of the overall program. Plymouth-Canton has become known throughout the nation as the quintessential model of dysfunction, based upon poor administrative and booster leadership. Recent events make it apparent that the community needs to become aware of the legacy that is being killed.

Although Amy Boerma was hired 14 years ago as the Co-Director of Bands (equal to the other director), administrative personnel changes several years back caused her to be overlooked as the obvious person to lead

the program when the last two marching band directors were hired. Ask any leader in the high school and university band world who should have been leading this program for the past eight years; Boerma has always been the obvious choice.

Although Boerma is already a faculty member, she decided to apply for this position, at the encouragement of Assistant Principal Julie Kaminski, to avoid being passed over again. I know for a fact that several nationally respected university Directors of Bands then wrote letters of recommendation to the administration, urging them not to overlook her again.

Unbelievably, the administration chose to fail the search and hire neither Boerma nor Montoya after two outside applicants backed out of the process at the last minute.

In their attempt to feebly justify not hiring Boerma, the administration is now organizing a witch-hunt against her.

Let me preface the following information with the fact that I have not been in recent contact with Amy Boerma about these issues. I have, however, heard from an extremely reliable source that one of the current attacks being orchestrated against Boerma claims she has spoken unprofessionally to band parents about her previous colleagues' decisions (or lack thereof) regarding the direction of the band program.

As has been the case with every band director who has taught in the Plymouth-Canton schools, when the administration refuses to act upon obvious problems, relevant discussions with boosters inevitably happen, since these parents have historically had more influence on the administration than the school's own teachers. For some shocking reason, Mrs. Boerma is suddenly being reprimanded for these alleged communications, despite the fact that her colleagues have done the same for years with no retribution.

While I believe it is true Boerma has voiced repeated concerns to the administration about the steady decline in the quality of leadership and instruction, as evidenced by a consistent and dramatic drop in student audition scores, it is clear that her concerns for the students have fallen on deaf ears.

Almost humorous is the reprimand Boerma recently received regarding an analogy made in her class. For some reason, one or two students in the back row of her band misheard the analogy and reported to the administration that she called another student an inappropriate name. Anyone who has taken even a moment to get to know Amy Boerma knows she adores her students as if they are her own kids and would never say anything to hurt them. Over 25 other students in her class then wrote letters to the administration, stating that, in fact, Mrs. Boerma did not call a student this name.

For 14 years, Amy Boerma has earned PERFECT evaluations from her administrators. This year, when finally put in charge of the program on an interim basis, Boerma's organization of the program has been superb. Her students' musical successes speak for themselves.

Amy Boerma is the obvious choice to lead this program out of its slump. It's time for the athletically-minded administration to wake up and do the right thing for music education, not basing philosophy on an activity that helps with the mastering of synchronizing feet, and stop using Amy Boerma as its scapegoat for its flailing program.

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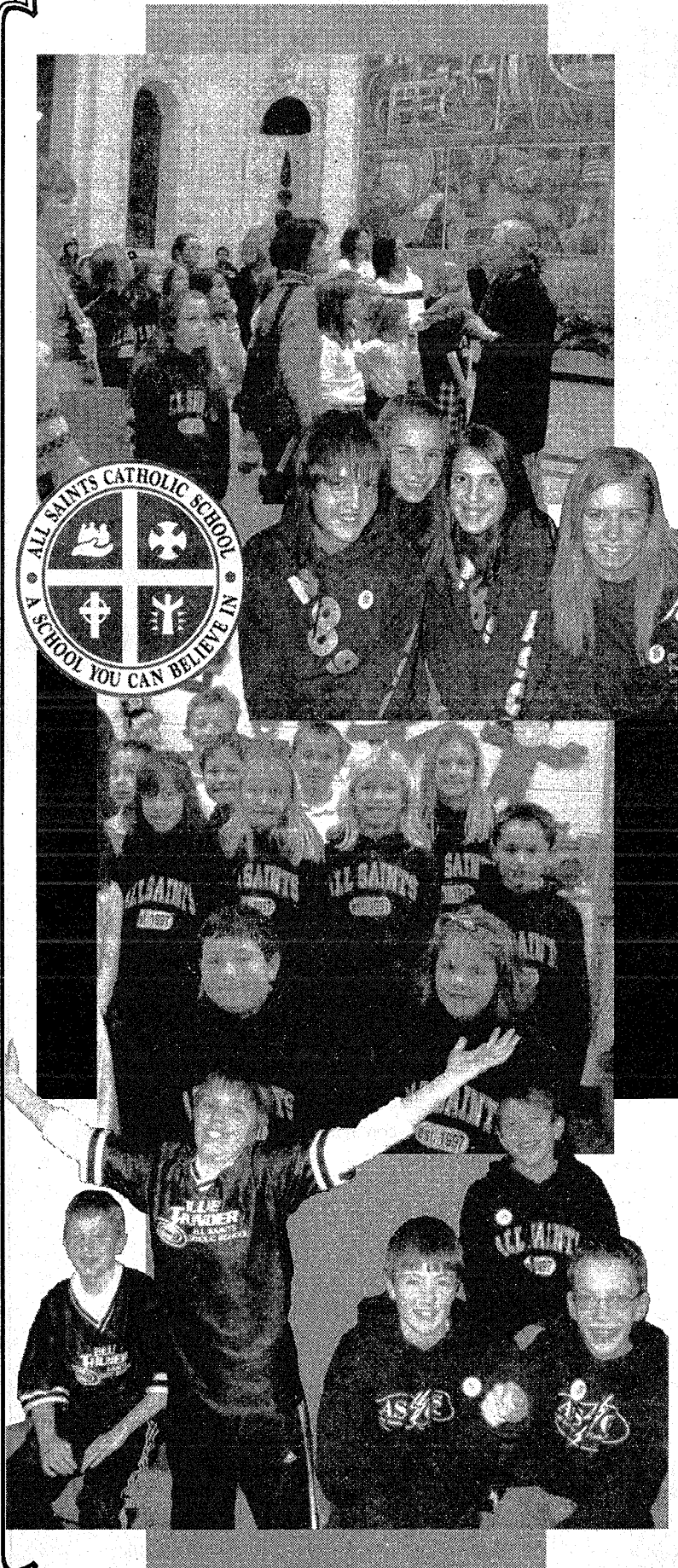
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CHORALE

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uplifting one that will continue a string of upbeat performances the group has put in lately.

Gross chose the playlist from among music he likes. The concert features Sondheim, Henry Mancini, Cole Porter and others.

"It's all just based on music I like," said Gross, who assumed his position in 1978. "These aren't sad love songs, they're fun songs. All of our concerts have been upbeat this year."

The upbeat tempo of the show appeals to choir members, as well. Kathy Norred of Livonia has been a choir member for some seven years, and she likes the fact the chorale "does something different every time."

"I love this one ... it's a very jazzy type of program," said Norred, who now sits on the BeckRidge Board of Directors. "It's growing on all of us — the songs, the melodies. It has some old classic tunes mixed in with some new."

The BeckRidge Chorale was founded in 1973 as the Plymouth Community Chorus. The group has been a silver medalist in Johnny Mann's Great American Choral Festival, twice toured Washington, D.C., with invitational performances at Washington's National Cathedral and has been invited to perform at the National Cherry Festival in Traverse City.

The troupe has also performed with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Birmingham/Bloomfield Symphony. Its community service concerts include benefit performances for Children's Hospital of Detroit, Angela Hospice, The Salvation Army and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

In 2006, the Plymouth Community Chorus became the BeckRidge Chorale in order to recognize the organization's regional outreach in serving all of southeast Michigan and specifically the communities of Plymouth, Canton and Northville. The name "BeckRidge Chorale" reflects this regional emphasis by combining "Beck" and "Ridge" — two major roads passing through all three communities.

The group's 110-voice choir will tackle Love Stories, up some 15 percent in membership, according to Gross.

"People are getting back to things in their community and things they enjoy doing," he said. "Instead of getting caught up in the (bad) news, they're going out and having fun."



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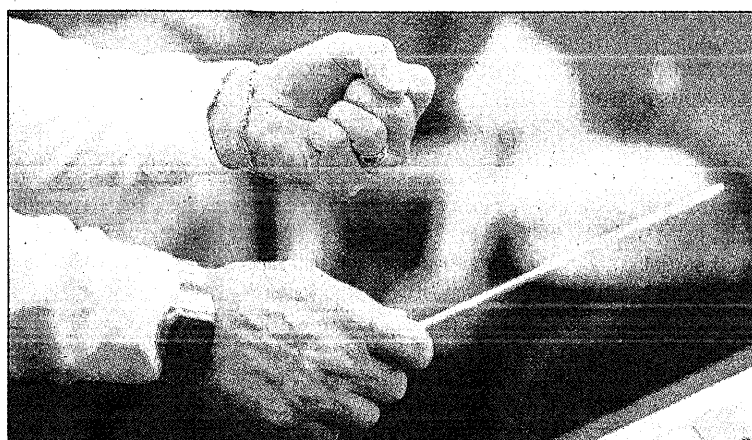
Matt Landes of Plymouth gets a little coaching for his first solo from Michael Gross, who will conduct the BeckRidge Chorale in its annual spring concert April 25-26.



Nancy Whitecar accompanies the BeckRidge Chorale.



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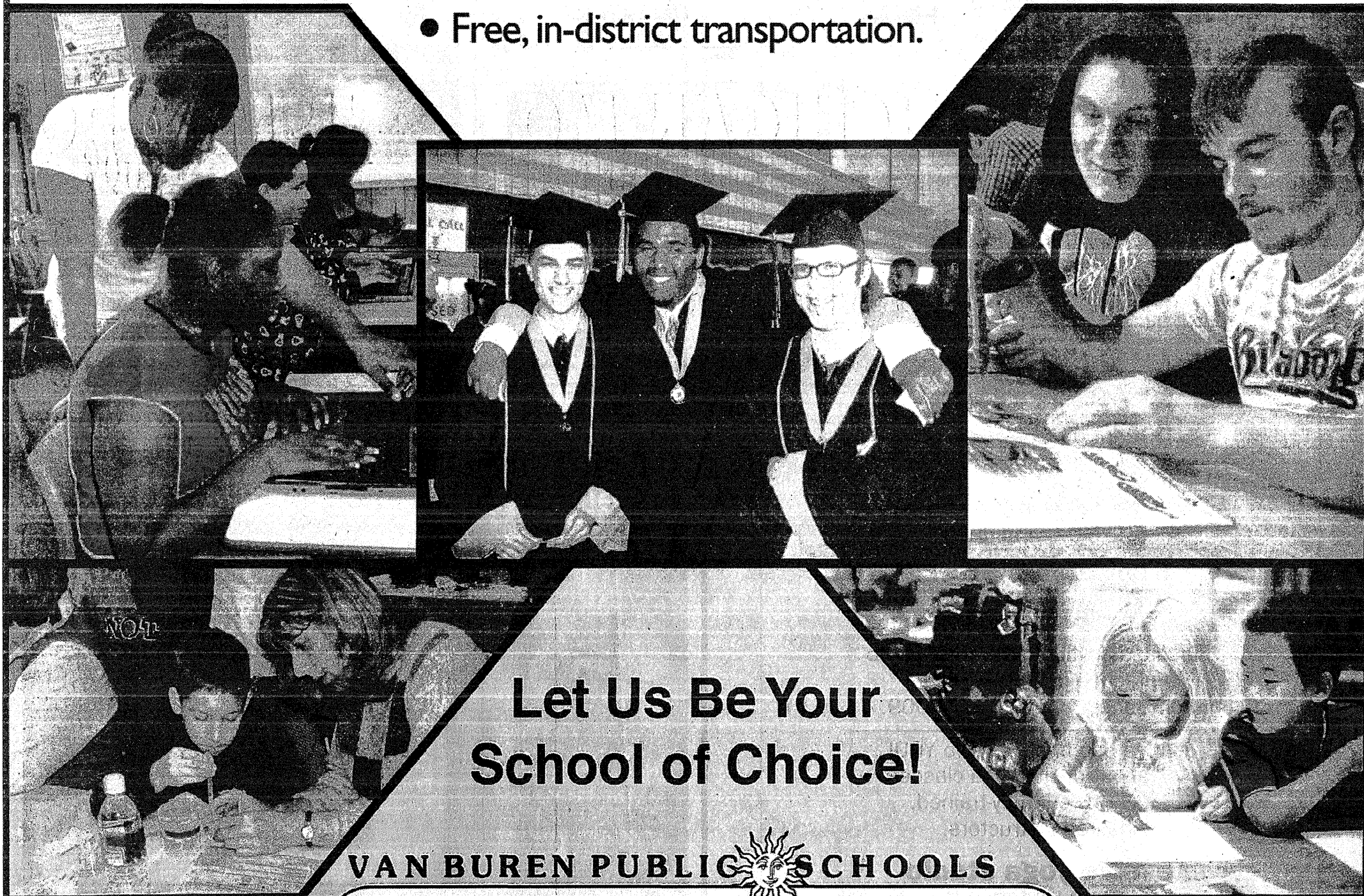
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Harwell goes to bat for fitness

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

At 91, 'the voice of the Detroit Tigers' has become a spokesperson for healthy living. As baseball season gets under way, Ernie Harwell is working with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to promote walking as an easy path to fitness.

Harwell, who called Detroit Tigers games from "the corner of Michigan and Trumbull" 1960-2002, remains active in retirement.

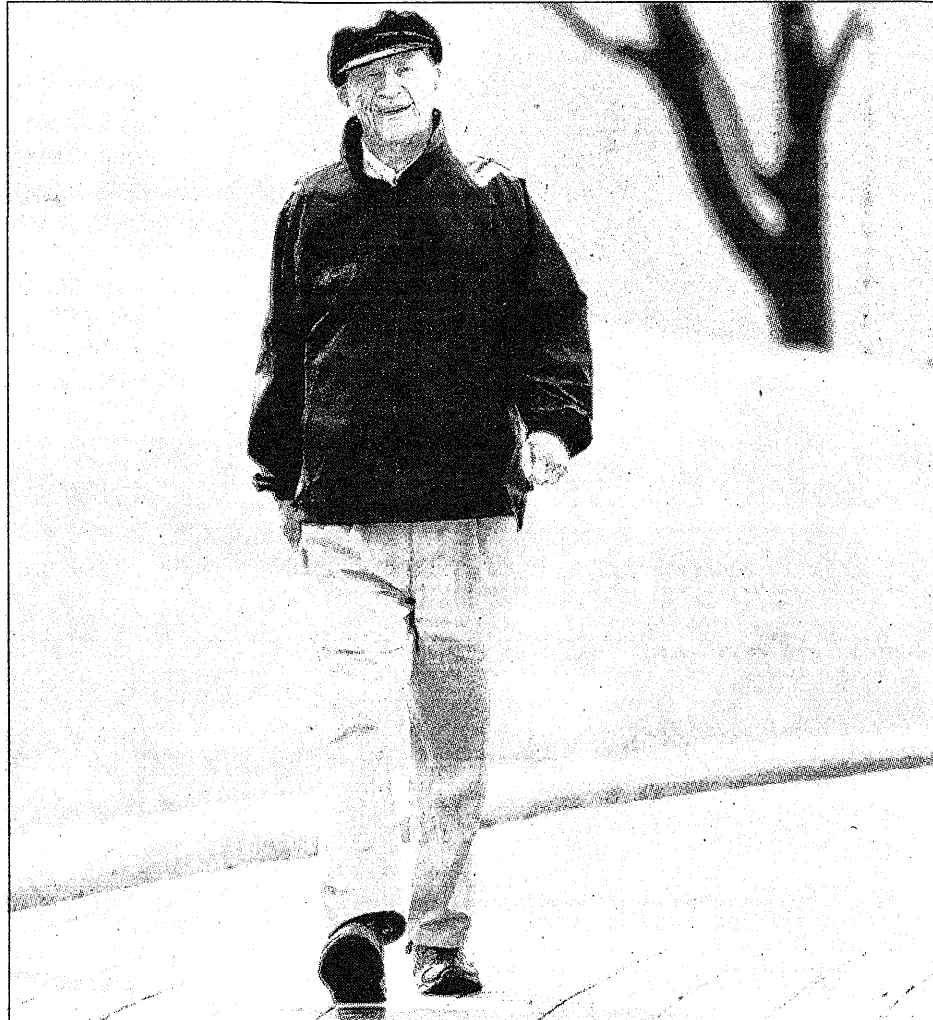
He jumps rope 300 times a day, and starts each morning with a 15-minute routine of stretching, lunges and deep squats. Then, he works out in the gym at his retirement home in Novi.

"I think the only day I missed they were fixing something in the gym and it was closed," Harwell said during a recent interview at DP+Co. in Farmington Hills.

Harwell also walks. "All you need is a pair of shoes. You can do it anywhere," he said, recalling the days he and former Tigers manager Sparky Anderson would walk in cities across the country as they toured with the great American pastime.

"We would walk in the hotel parking lots, around and around and around for 30 minutes," he said. "We tried to walk in places like New York but everyone recognized Sparky and needed autographs. That would disrupt our true purpose of walking."

These days Harwell is the celebrity, loved by generations of metro Detroiters who



Ernie Harwell, longtime voice of Tigers baseball, is now an advocate for healthy living. At 91, he walks to stay fit.

associate his voice with the sounds of summer.

On April 29, Harwell will greet fans as he participates in National Walk @ Lunch Day at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan headquarters in Detroit.

And he remains involved with baseball. During the Tigers home opener April 10, Harwell hosted his annual breakfast at the Detroit Athletic Club to raise money for the Ernie Harwell Foundation, which began as an effort to save Tiger Stadium.

Harwell also took the field at Comerica Park to lead a tribute to former Tigers third baseman George Kell, who died last month.

Opening day remains a 'big thrill,' he said. "It's always a great occasion, always has been in Detroit," said Harwell, likening it to three holidays in one.

"It's like Easter because a lot of people come just once a year, like church. It's like Fourth of July because you have all the fireworks and excitement. And it's like Christmas because you open your new present. Fans see what players they're going to get in their package for the year, and of course everyone starts equal."

So, how does Harwell think the Tigers will fare this season? "Hope springs eternal," he said.

WEB SITE

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What the district also had was a contract with Harris Connect Inc., a Virginia firm that put together a 2007 Alumni Directory.

The company had its own Web site and, maybe more importantly, some 8,000 e-mail addresses for alumni. That got Sneiderman and an ad hoc committee thinking about an electronic newsletter. Mark Even looked at a variety of universities and other entities to see how such a thing was done.

Eventually, the official home page for Plymouth-Canton alumni was born. The page offers sections for alumni "what are you doing" notes, historical archives (there's one cool video from 1945 put to music from the same era), image, video, audio, newspaper stories and alumni "Memories."

There's also a place where the district partners with the Educational Excellence Foundation so alumni can donate to the district. And all submitted information flows through Harris Connect's Web site as a sort of filter, from which school district officials pick and choose to

add to their site. "Harris is doing the heavy lifting," Even said. "Harris already had the whole mechanism set up ... it was easy to use that service." One of the things Even likes about the site is the way it can get even current students involved. The district's video team, a Web team and photography students have all contributed to the site, and some history students will produce a special project over the summer, Even said.

Goals for the site, according to Sneiderman, include building an Alumni Committee, offering online merchandising opportunities, coordinating reunions, establishing links with online social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace.com, and expanding student involvement.

"We hope to load it with more and more content," Sneiderman said. "We don't know what alumni have in their attics. I'm sure they have some pretty good stuff. It will be a growing, breathing thing we hope will continue."

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Local distributor's organic products replenish the soil

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Earth Day is a big deal to Maria Wine. In fact you might even say taking care of the planet is a 365-day-a-year effort for the Canton resident and mother of four.

While she does all the things most environmentally-conscious people do, such as recycle and conserve on water, she is also concerned about the soil. That is why a couple of years ago, she decided to start using organic fertilizer in her garden.

In particular, she started using Gaia Green products, which she discovered during a trip to Canada. The Western Canadian-based company sells a number of odd-sounding products, including fruit bat guano and worm castings — in other words, bat and worm excrement — and glacial rock dust. Wine had such success with the products, she decided to start selling them here in America, and she is now the only distributor in the entire Midwest. The products have received Michigan Department of Agriculture approval and are safe to use anywhere in your garden or lawn.

"My kids and our pets run around outside all summer long. I don't have to worry about them getting sick from any chemicals because there are no chemicals in these products. Everything is natural," said the 52-year-old Wine, who lived in Plymouth before moving to Canton. "In fact, my kids really like to help me apply the products to our garden. We mix a few spoonfuls of rock dust in potted plants, around flowers and just sprinkle it into the grass."

According to Wine, adding Glacial Dust (mineral-rich sediment collected from the remnants of receding glaciers) to the soil, for example, isn't just good for the soil — its minerals are also excellent for the plants that grow in the soil. That means it's great for gardens and ultimately those who eat the produce.

"Instead of giving your kid a vitamin, you give this stuff to your plants and they will be healthy the way they should be. It will be healthy food," she said.

Having grown up on a 50-acre farm just outside of Ann Arbor, Wine has always had an appreciation for the relationship people have with the earth. She wishes more people understood

the impact they have on the soil, especially those who use chemical or synthetic fertilizers, which she says is like adding poison to the soil and harmful in the long run. Wine, also known as Rock Dust Gal, likes to quote Theodore Roosevelt, who she says once said: "A nation that destroys its soil, destroys itself."

She hopes more people turn to organic products, whether they are from her or some other source.

"I know we have a lot of smart people who care about their yards, their bodies, their world," she said. "Now is the time to start making choices to take care of the Earth. It's the only one we have."

Wine will be at the Green Street Fair in Plymouth May 3-4 with her products. For more information on how glacial rock dust, bat guano or worm castings can be used in your garden, e-mail Wine at rockdustgal@yahoo.com or call (734) 667-2936.



GAIA GREEN PRODUCTS

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Former Plymouth resident Maria Wine, known as the "Rock Dust Gal" distributes worm castings and bat guano, as well as glacial rock dust.

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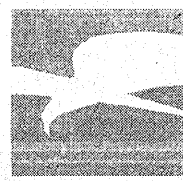
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HOMETOWN LIFE

Local gymnasts vault to glory

The Canton-based Splitz Gymnastics team's history of excellence continued at the 2009 State Meet for Level 8, 9 and 10 gymnasts held March 28 and 29 in Grand Ledge.

Several Splitz competitors qualified for the national regionals, which are being held this weekend in Muncie, Ind., and April 25 and 26 in Findlay, Ohio.

Nine of the team's 10 Level 8 athletes qualified for regionals. Alyssa Peters of Canton placed second on vault and floor and was the state champion in the all-around with a score of 37.275.

Taylor Cortis of Farmington Hills finished third on the vault and was state champ on the bars (9.35), the beam (9.45) and in the all-around (37.125).

Canton's Kate Jung was third on the beam and the all-around and was the state titleist on bars with a score of 9.25.

Ann Arbor's Katie Radulovic placed second on the bars and fourth on the floor; while Ann Arbor's Corey Wellik was fourth on bars.

The following Level 8 Splitz gymnasts earned state championships in single events:

Ypsilanti's Tori Huehn (9.40 on floor); Canton's Nikki Pilmer (9.35 on bars); and Plymouth's Jeani Hatkow (9.425 on floor). Hatkow also placed fourth on the vault.

All four Splitz Level 9 competitors qualified for the regional portion of the national competition.

Canton's Lindsey Russell took eighth on vault and third on floor.

Canton's Kelsey Stamm placed seventh on vault, uneven bars and beam; and fourth in the floor exercise and the all-around.

Northville's Lindsay

Williams took eighth on bars and the all-around.

And Kayla Spicher of Canton was the state champion on the uneven bars, registering a 9.575.

Two Level 10 performers competing in their first state meet also qualified for regionals. Among them was Canton's Megan Valentini, who placed third on beam and eighth on floor.

The team's head coach is Eileen Spicher, the owner of Splitz Gymnastics.

Gym America third
Three local Level 8 gymnasts helped Ann Arbor-based

Gym America to a third-place finish at last month's state meet.

Jacquelyn Bryden, a seventh-grader at West Middle School, won the vault (9.5) and floor exercise (9.4) and placed fourth in the all-around.

Olivia Ozeranic, a seventh-grader at East Middle School, earned a silver medal on the vault (9.45) and a bronze on the beam (9.225) before placing fourth in the all-around competition.

Paige Wright placed fourth on the beam (9.225) and eighth on the floor (9.20).

GAME WRAPS

Chiefs sweep Tigers

Canton's baseball team improved to 4-2 Thursday afternoon by sweeping Belleville, 4-1 and 10-0. The Tigers slipped to 0-7.

Senior right-hander Dane Staples dominated Belleville in the opener, limiting the Tigers to two hits while striking out four in five innings. Junior center-fielder Kevin Delapaz ripped a pair of hits and junior third baseman Andrew Tidwell contributed a two-run double.

Delapaz stifled the Tigers' bats in the nightcap, which was limited to six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule. Offensively, the Chiefs were led by Delapaz (two hits, three RBI), Alex Dixon (two hits, two runs) and Nick Tomilenko, who chipped in with a pair of hits.

Rocks split twinbill

Salem's baseball team evened its record at 3-3 Thursday after splitting a double-header at Fowlerville.

The Rocks won the opening game, 6-2, behind a strong mound effort from senior southpaw Sam Ott, who struck out seven in six innings of work while allowing just three hits. Ott improved to 2-0.

The winners' 11-hit attack was paced by Dave Hales, who drove in three runs on two hits. Ott and Joe Posler also ripped a pair of hits for Salem, which scored a pair of runs in the second, third and fourth innings. Fowlerville scored single runs in the fourth and sixth innings.

Salem was flawless in the field while Fowlerville made three errors.

The Rocks dropped the nightcap, 8-6, despite a strong plate effort from Ott, who went 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles.

Justin Bashi suffered the loss on the mound for the Rocks, who traveled to Dayton, Ohio, on Saturday to play a two-night double-header in the city's minor-league baseball stadium.

Canton basketball team honored for academics

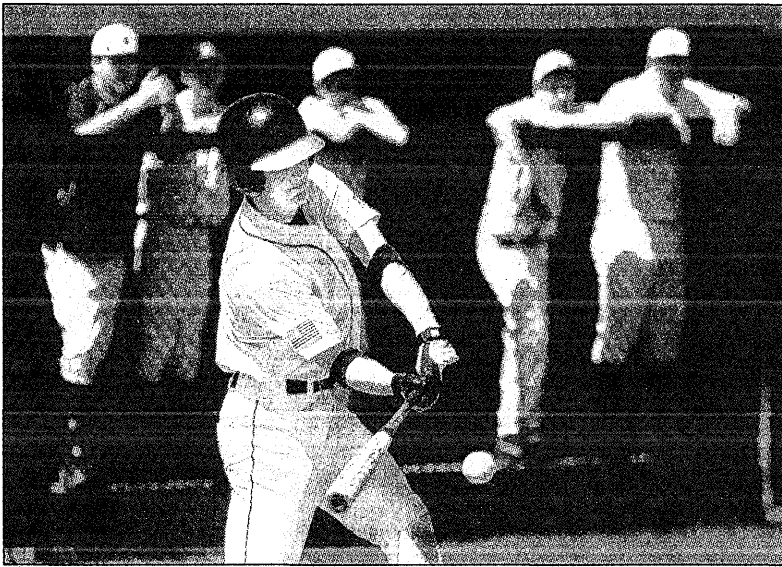
The Canton girls basketball team, which finished 20-3 and won a Class A District title, was recently lauded for its work in the classroom.

The Chiefs finished with the third-highest team grade-point average (3.766) among all Class A schools.

Traverse City Central was first with a 3.78 GPA while Rochester Stoney Creek was second with a 3.77 mark.

Canton is coached by Brian Samulski.

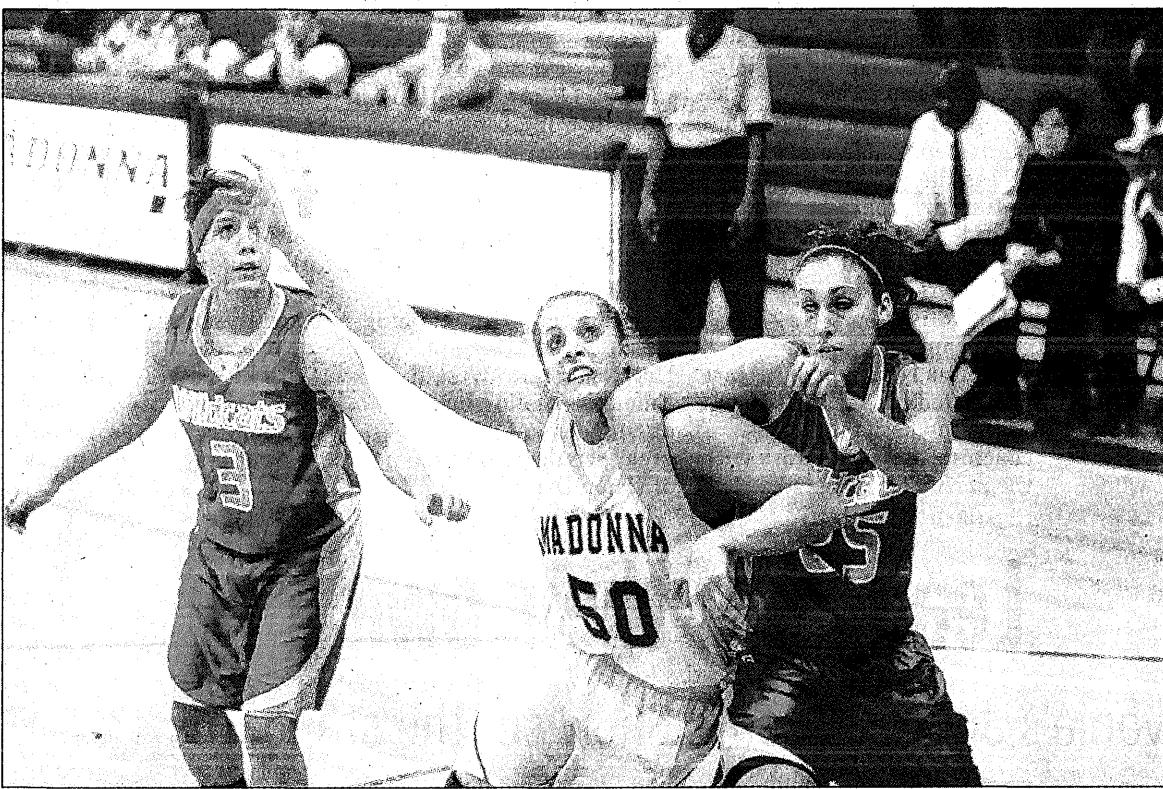
Canton Agape Christian earned honorable mention recognition in Class D as the Wolverines registered an impressive 3.397 team grade-point average.



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'Cats on the prowl

After Tuesday's double-header with Lake Orion got rained out, Plymouth's baseball team returned to the diamond Friday when it hosted a double-header with Chippewa Valley under cloudless, blue skies. At right, Luke Mirandi is pictured rounding third and headed for home during action in the opening game. In the above photo, Alex Minch takes aim at a low fastball. Unfortunately, results of the double-header were not available at presstime.



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

All-America honors for Olech

Madonna University's Kim Olech (No. 50), a graduate of Plymouth High School, was recently named to the NAIA third-team All-America squad following an outstanding inaugural season with the Crusaders. Olech is the first MU player to be named to an All-America team since Sarah Thompson was selected to the second team in 2005. Olech, an All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first-team selection and the recipient of the WHAC's "Newcomer of the Year" award, led MU in scoring (11.5 points per game) and her 10.4 rebounding average was 14th in the nation. She also led the WHAC in blocked shots with 1.5 per contest. She registered 13 double-doubles for the Crusaders, who finished 15-17.

Salem netters turn in gold effort in Monroe

The Salem girls tennis team won the Monroe Olson Classic on April 11 by racking up 21 points, seven more than co-runners-up Canton and Monroe (14 points each).

Livonia Ladywood and Detroit Cass Tech both notched 12 points in the eight-team tournament.

The Rocks went 8-1 in singles competition. No. 1 player Alli Carpenter went 2-1 while No. 2 Linda Ling, No. 3 Anna Norman and No. 4 Morgan Spencer all went 3-0.

In doubles competition, the No. 1 duo of Ariel Rojo and Rachel Norman; and the No. 3 tandem of Katie Fletcher and Ashley Davis turned in 3-0 effort. The Rocks' No. 2 doubles team of Kerry MacDonald and Victoria Brotz; and the No. 4 team of Bethany Haller and Rachel Pawlowski went 2-1.

Rounding out the standings were Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central (nine points), Livonia Franklin (eight) and Farmington Hills Harrison, which compiled five points.

The Rocks won the competition despite the absence of several regular players.



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Hulett named coach

Canton native Erin Hulett was recently named head coach for the Brimley High School softball team. Brimley is located in the Upper Peninsula near Sault Ste. Marie.

Hulett graduated from Livonia Ladywood in 2004. She was voted the Blazers' most valuable player and earned all-District and All-Catholic league honors her senior season.

She went on to play four

years of collegiate softball at Lake Superior State University, where she received the Bud Cooper Coaches Award for leadership in sports, academics and community. She also was a two-time recipient of the LSSU Team Leadership award, which is presented to the player that emphasizes hard work, team leadership and teammate support on a daily basis.

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.

Plymouth football skills camp

The 8th Annual Plymouth Football Skills Camp will be held Monday, June 22, through Wednesday, June 24, at the PCEP turf stadium.

Fifth- through ninth-graders will go from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

and 10th- through 12th-graders will go from 7-9 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$40, which includes a T-shirt and three days of instruction.

Each camper will need cleats and a water jug to participate.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com or call (734) 582-5696.

Wildcats football parents meeting

There will be a mandatory informational meeting for all levels of the Plymouth

High School football program on Tuesday, June 2, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Parents will be given all of the necessary paperwork for their student-athlete to participate in the upcoming football season.

Parents will also receive booster information and there will be Wildcat merchandise on sale before and after the meeting.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com.

MU's Irwin sets strikeout record

Jess Irwin bettered her own single season strikeout record Friday as the Madonna University women's softball team improved to 17-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a pair of wins at Siena Heights University.

Irwin struck out 11, raising her season total to 227, and allowed just two hits and two walks in six innings as MU captured the opener, 8-0.

The Monroe sophomore is now 21-5 overall.

Offensively, Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Tori Turner added two hits for MU.

Rachael Kethe, Kathleen Smiley and Kelly Lesko also knocked in runs for the 17th-ranked Crusaders.

In the nightcap, Ashley Shay went 2-for-2 with a homer, while Tedi Johnston went 2-for-4 with an RBI as MU downed the Saints, 5-2.

Sidor and Lesko also knocked in runs for the Crusaders, who improved to 39-7 overall.

Winning pitcher Hallie Minch (18-2) allowed just three hits, walked one and struck out eight.

The loss drops Siena Heights

to 11-31 overall and 1-13 in the WHAC.

MADONNA 8-8, UM-DEARBORN 0-3: Pitcher Jess Irwin recorded both wins as the Crusaders (37-7, 15-1) team swept both ends of a WHAC double-header Wednesday at home against University of Michigan-Dearborn (11-12, 8-6).

Irwin tossed a one-hitter in the opener as the Crusaders downed the Wolves in a five-inning mercy, 8-0.

Irwin struck out 10 and allowed four walks.

Offensively, Cat Sidor went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while Kathleen Smiley went 2-for-3 with two RBI. Kelly Lesko also added two hits and an RBI.

Irwin came to the rescue in relief of starter Hallie Minch as the Crusaders rallied from a 2-0 deficit after three innings to beat UM-Dearborn, 8-3.

Minch, the freshman from Garden City, was roughed up for two earned runs on six hits in 3.1 innings.

Irwin (20-5) came on and worked the final 3.2, allowing one earned run on three hits. She struck out seven and walked two.

Sidor and Brittney Scero (Canton) each went 3-for-5 with two RBI apiece.

Smiley clubbed a 2-run homer in the fourth inning and Ashley Shay contributed a solo shot in the fifth. Tedi Johnston also had two hits for MU.

Danielle Stabnau went 3-for-4 with an RBI for UM-Dearborn.

Former Chiefs Little, Khasawneh contribute to Crusaders' DH split

Livonia Franklin High grad Chris Boertje played the spoiler role Thursday as the No. 12-ranked Madonna University baseball team settled for another double-header split with Siena Heights.

The junior right-hander from Westland threw a five-hitter as Siena Heights earned a 2-1 victory over the Crusaders in the opener.

Boertje used a mix of fastballs and curveballs to improve to 3-4 to keep MU off balance. He struck out four and walked three.

MU starter Trent Pohl (2-2) who went six innings, allowed just three hits. He walked four and struck out three.

Mark Pauwels had an RBI groundout in the first and Kevin Harrington added an RBI single in the fourth to account for both of the Saints' runs.

Ryan Morrow's RBI groundout

in the fifth cut the deficit to 2-1.

MU unloaded for 15 hits in the nightcap en route to a 12-2 victory.

Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) went 3-for-3, including his ninth and 10th homers of the year, to go along with four RBI to lead MU's offensive attack.

Dominic Benavides, Shawn Little (Canton), Aaron Hacias and Tarik Khasawneh (Canton) each added two hits for the Crusaders, who improved to 29-6 overall and 8-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (tied for first with Indiana Tech).

Winning pitcher Robert Fraser, a freshman from Westland John Glenn, improved to 3-0 by going the first 5.2 innings. He allowed just hits, walked two and struck out two.

Siena Heights, meanwhile, falls to 16-24 and 4-8.



Future Titan
Plymouth resident Kathleen Weishar recently signed a Letter of Intent to run cross country and track for the University of Detroit Mercy. Weishar, who attended Our Lady of Good Counsel and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, was accepted into UDM's five-year physicians assistant Masters program.

Emenhiser promoted to Madonna head hoop coach

Madonna University Director of Athletics Bryan Rizzo announced earlier this month that Noel Emenhiser has been selected as the Crusaders' new head men's basketball coach.

Emenhiser, who has been serving as the department's assistant athletic director since October of 2008, will assume his new duties immediately, taking over for Myron Brown, who completed the 2009 season as the interim head coach.

He replaces his father-in-law, Chuck Henry, who

resigned during the season.

"It is very exciting to see our all-time leading scorer take over the program," Rizzo said. "Noel is a highly motivated coach who will put all his energy into building a winning program. I am confident that we have made a great choice for Madonna University."

Emenhiser - whose 2,198 career points lead the Madonna record books - just completed his second season as the top assistant on the coaching staff. His work with the perimeter players has led

MU to two of its most successful seasons in program history, including a berth in the 2008 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament.

Emenhiser spent four years at Madonna and then played one year in Portugal, playing professionally with the Sporting Club of Braga.

"I am excited about being a part of the Madonna University family," said Emenhiser following the announcement. "It is a great privilege to be a part of vision that the athletic

department has for student-athletes and the community."

Emenhiser inherits a team that lost just three seniors following the 2009 season and finished fifth in the WHAC.

"This is a great choice for Madonna," said former MU head coach Bernie Holowicki, who recruited Emenhiser to MU as a student-athlete. "He is great with kids and is probably the best recruit I ever had at Madonna. He was not only a great player, but a great coach and a great guy."

S'craft coach nabs 4 new recruits

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball program hopes to be back on the road to redemption following the signing of four new recruits for the 2009-10 season.

The Ocelots, 7-22 last season and 3-24 in 2007-08 under coach Randy Henry, have added two players from Redford Thurston High and two others from Allen Park.

Henry's biggest catch is first-team All-Observer selection Greg Morgan of Thurston, a 6-foot guard who averaged 14.5 points and 4.4 rebounds while shooting 53 percent from three-point range.

Also in the fold is Morgan's teammate, 6-5, 225-pound forward Cameron Mitchell; 6-4 Trevor Zacny and 6-6 Aaron Felsner, both of Allen Park.

"Morgan can shot the 'three' and can take the ball to the basket," Henry said. "He's real muscular and is not scare to go to the basket.

"Mitchell is a tough guy inside, not afraid. He's got to get more acclimated to get the ball in his hands. He's capable of scoring. He's got good strength and can jump. He played football."

Zacny, according to Henry, can play three different positions.

"He's multi-faceted, he played the point all year and has great vision running the floor," the Schoolcraft coach added. "He's near a 20-point scorer. He plays hard and loves the game."

Felsner, meanwhile, will help give the Ocelots some post presence.

"He can play inside, but can also hit the jumper at the free throw line," Henry said. "He's played mostly with his back to the basket. I also like his tenacity to rebound."

The combination of Zacny and Felsner could have an immediate impact.

Henry also said that Livonia Churchill's 6-7 senior center Cameron Norscia will also join the Ocelots as a walk-on.

League of their own

Livonia's Jones, Wixom's Snow set the standards

The name Pam Jones appears at or near the top of practically every leaderboard in just about every bowling center in which she has competed in league or tournament play.

And Jones has now added two more venues to her list.

On March 28, the Livonian bowled in the Michigan Women's State Tournament in Bay City where she rolled a 299 game in doubles competition at Eastland Lanes. Her series was 726.

Only a week earlier, Jones fired a 279 in the team event at Monitor Lanes.

"They told me that nobody would top that 279 game," Jones said. "I told them 'we'll

see about that.'

Jones made good on her word as she topped her own score with only a stubborn 7-pin short of perfection on the final ball.

■ Wixom's Lee Snow also has left his indelible mark in high places in both league and tournament competition, recently led his team to the championship in the Ray Melnick Invitational Tournament held at Oak Lanes in Westland.

Lee's team was comprised of

Krista Snow, Justin Snow, Tim Bishop and Mark Konopatski.

"This win was very special to me, by winning while bowling with my two kids," he said. "That feeling is very easy to relate to for those of us who have raised our own children, while giving them the opportunity to excel at bowling and be able to enjoy the sport for many years to come."

■ Mayflower Lanes in Redford boasts one of the top men's senior leagues with the Wednesday Men's Senior Classic.

Metropolitan Lincoln-Mercury was the second-half winner and defeated first-half champ Hunt's Ace Hardware for the overall championship in the season finale roll-off.

Hunt's squad is comprised of Larry Best, Ozzie Hovsepian, Abe Borborian, Jesse Macciocco and Walt Witkowski.

■ Mayflower Lanes also offers some great summer action with the Detroit Tigers Party in the Park mixed league.

The \$15.95 per week fee includes three games of bowling, free league record sheets and sea-

son-ending pizza bash.

And on Saturday, Aug. 29, each bowler also receives a ticket to the Tampa Bay game at Comerica Park, a pass to the Pepsi Porch party, burgers, dogs, cole slaw, chips, soda, along with 90-minute unlimited party prior to 4 p.m. start.


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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 via e-mail at tenpinalley710@yahoo.com.



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Football is secondary in NFL player Shaw's life

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville Jaguars line-backer Tim Shaw is going against the grain when it comes to the perceived NFL lifestyle, which is sometimes clouded by the glitz and glamour.

Shaw, who spent his first season in the NFL with the Carolina Panthers after going in the fifth round, believes he has a greater purpose in life.

"It's not about what kind car you drive, all the type of possessions you have," said the former Livonia Clarenceville High standout, who went on to play at Penn State. "Having all those fancy things is not my thing. I feel like I should be doing more with the position I have and the platform I've been given as a professional athlete."

And as long as he's on the NFL stage, he's going to prune away the material things that may get in his way and plant some worthy seeds.

As part of a group from Score International, Shaw embarked last month on a five-day outreach mission to San Jose, Costa Rica.

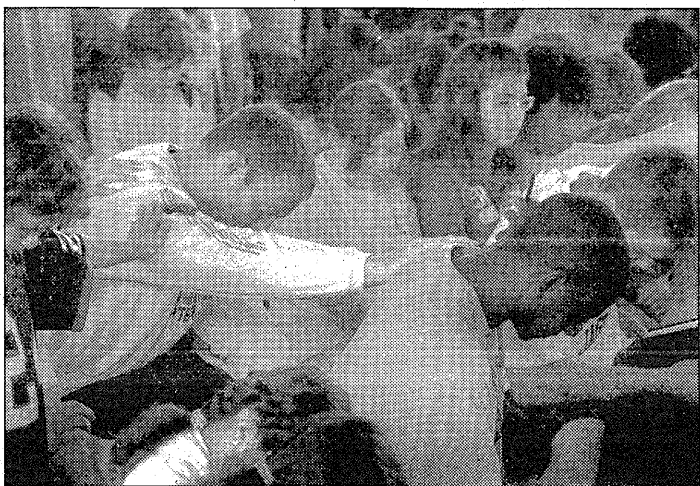
Shaw was accompanied by three fellow NFL players and a pair of team chaplains from the Jaguars and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, respectively.

"I was thinking about doing a trip to fit my football schedule and I had a conversation during the last week of the season with our team chaplain, Anthony Johnson, during our team bible study," Shaw said. "He suggested Score International. It's a group that uses athletes to share the gospel and do projects."

Shaw, ever the workout warrior going back to his days at Clarenceville, found the perfect mission on the



Members of the Score International construction group including former Livonia Clarenceville standout Tim Shaw (far right), take a break during their recent mission trip to Costa Rica.



Tim Shaw remains devout in his faith and hopes he made a difference during his recent mission trip to Costa Rica as part of a group with Score International.

outskirts of San Jose. Joined by Jaguars quar-

terback Paul Smith, defensive back Nate Jones of

the Miami Dolphins and offensive lineman James Lee of the Bucs, the group's task was to erect a security fence around the perimeter of a piece of property that will eventually house a bible school, soccer field and gymnasium.

"We had to build the fence because of the all crime around," Shaw said. "I had never done anything like this before. It was amazing."

The fence was constructed in roughly in two days and it was done old-fashioned way.

"We used manual post hole diggers — mixing concrete, using shovels and wheelbarrows," Shaw said. "We were dead tired and hurting by the end of the day, but there

will and joy. To be able to see the fence go up and see your work finished was cool."

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Shaw, born in England, had visited Europe, but had never been to Latin America.

San Jose, located in the Central Valley, is the capital and largest city in Costa Rica (population 346,000) with an elevation of 1,161 meters above sea level. Temperatures hovered near 80 during the work day before cooling off at night.

The NFL players also got a chance to visit the rural enclaves on the fringe of San Jose. It was an opportunity to get a first-hand look at the poverty and depravity of life.

"It was an eye opener, it

blew me away," Shaw said. "Gates and bars around every building, every window. I'd never been anywhere like that. It was a new experience, one of the most humbling things to see. It adjusted my perspective on things and how important it is to be thankful what we have here."

The Score International team then visited an area what Shaw was and the players were told was simply called, "The Hole."

"We had to drive to the top and drop back down into a place where there were Nicaraguan refugees," he said. "We gave out food. It was a rough area of town. Kids were kicking a ball around, but it was a rolled up into plastic bag of trash. We went to a school where we gave out three or four Rubix Cubes. You'd had thought to them it was a bar of gold."

During his one season in Carolina, Shaw got involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs in Charlotte. He plans to do the same in Jacksonville where he was signed late last season as a free agent for the final four games. Shaw played exclusively on special teams where he recorded three tackles.

Shaw vows his mission will intensify, which is to spread the word of God and help those in need.

"There's a bigger picture," said Shaw, who is currently in Jacksonville during the off-season doing voluntary workouts. "Just to see how blessed I am — I feel there's so much more I'm going to do because God has put it into my heart. The people I met the relationships and I made on this trip were amazing. It adjusted my perspective on things and what is really important."

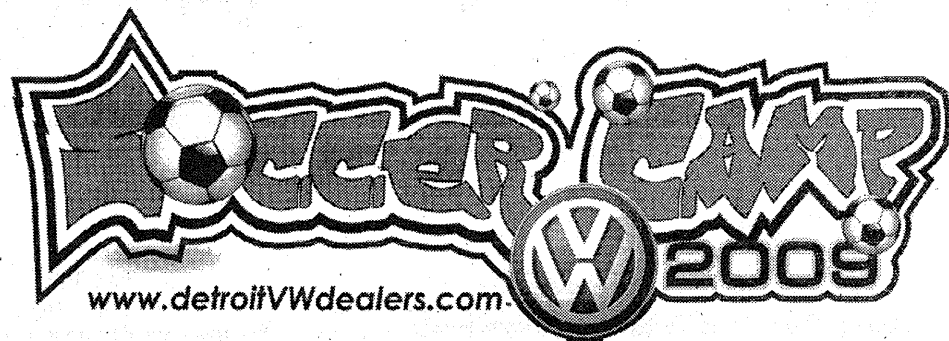
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Extreme-ly good

The Club Extreme ASICS U16 volleyball team finished first at the nine-team Club Extreme U15/16 AAU tournament held last month in Novi. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Haley McNiven (Plymouth), Aldon Sweeney (Plymouth), Ashley Williams (Farmington), Meghan Ronayne (Farmington Hills Mercy), Lindsey Fox (Northville), Rachel Zinkosky (Northville) and (top row) coach Danielle Pfeffer.

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Chelsea Day Camp	July 13-17	9:00 am - 12:00 or 3:00 pm
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Stamp show highlights educational hobby to stick with

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

A little bit of history will come to town soon in the form of the Plymouth stamp show.

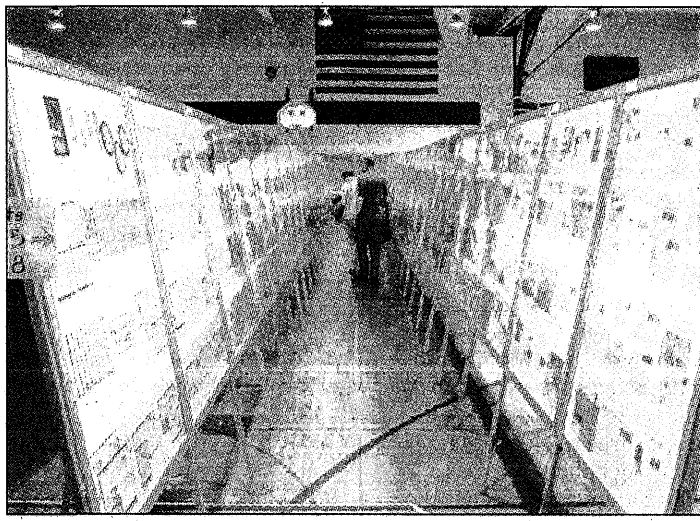
"You get somebody who's got a real interest in history," club member Ed Dubin of Belleville said. He enjoys postal history of the World War I era, things like American troops in France, and the Polar Bear forces in Russia.

Other collectors focus on space or the postal history of their town; one local collector focuses on Plymouth, which was once the BB gun capital of the world. "It's really an urge to own part of history," Dubin said. "That's what stamps and covers are."

This is the 40th year for the Plymouth Show put on by the West Suburban Stamp Club, and it's going strong.

Show dates are Saturday and Sunday, April 25-26, at Central Middle School, Main and Church streets in Plymouth. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

Dubin, who's handling



Show goers look at the various world class exhibits on display at last year's show. This year's event will be Saturday and Sunday, April 25-26, at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

publicity for the show, noted the popularity of "Stamps in Your Closet" with expanded hours this year. Experienced collectors and dealers can give you an idea of the value of a collection and how to sell it. Often, that's useful when people inherit a collection.

"They get all these stamp albums and they don't know what to do with them," said Dubin, a Ford Motor Co. retiree. The service is first-come, first-served, and he said people last year were

as well as some junior stamp collectors of middle school or high school age.

Another local collector is Sandy Strzalkowski of Redford, who's handling show chair duties this year, a job that's traded off. She joined the club about 10 years ago after her husband got his childhood stamp collection back and took their son to the Plymouth show.

"Before that, I did not collect at all," said Strzalkowski, a financial adviser. She began going to shows and "started getting the courage to talk to dealers about this and that."

She now collects covers, canceled items showing British postal history. Strzalkowski finds quite a bit in that category, because we're so close to Canada and there are ties between Canada and Great Britain.

She noted it's more unusual for a family to collect stamps. The couple's son, now 23, is in the Army and will travel from California for the Plymouth show. "He is taking a long weekend just for the show," his mom said.

COLLECTOR TO CURATOR

One local former junior collector, who was a stamp dealer at a young age, went to Georgetown University. "He has stayed with the hobby," Dubin said of Alex Haimann, now a curator for the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., and active in the American Philatelic Society. Haimann will be the banquet speaker for the club in Plymouth the show weekend. The society is promoting



Club members Andrew Mazzara and Bill Chase at the 'Stamps in your Closet' table offer advice on collections.

a fellowship for young stamp collectors, to which the WSSC recently donated \$1,000.

"Alex kind of grew up in our club," Strzalkowski said. She's pleased Haimann advocates so much for younger collectors, as the hobby needs that.

"It can be a very relaxing hobby, I think," she said. "I've learned a lot as people talk about their collections." She appreciates learning about history and cultures she wouldn't otherwise know. "It's a great learning opportunity, especially for youth," Strzalkowski said.

In addition to the Plymouth Show, the club meets the first and third Friday of the month at the Plymouth Historical Museum at Main and Church streets in Plymouth. Doors open at 7 p.m. and meetings include social time, a program and stamp auction. "You get to talk with people who have the same passion you do, which is fun," Dubin said.

Strzalkowski said the show will draw 600-800 people, especially from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, on

Saturday. Sunday attendance drops a bit. The show has been held at the same location each year.

In conjunction with the show, the club is offering for sale a colored cachet cover celebrating the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Each cover will have one of the recently issued four Lincoln commemorative 42 cent stamps, with a special show cancel picturing Lincoln's likeness.

Collectors can purchase the covers at the show or by mail for \$2 each, or \$5 for a cover with all four Lincoln commemoratives. To order by mail, send a check or money order plus a No. 10 SASE to WSSC, c/o Diane Gorney, Box 700049, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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NEIGHBORS

Students earn designation as a Michigan green school

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

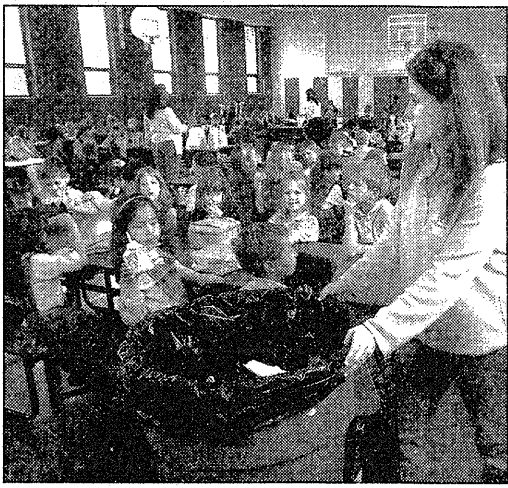
The lunchroom at Our Lady of Good Counsel School probably won't be any less noisy than it was before Easter break, but it sure promises to be greener.

Starting Monday, students will measure and weigh the waste from their lunches. There should be less because for weeks they've been learning about reducing, reusing and recycling. That not's a new concept for the 624 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The junior high has been recycling paper since 2001. The effort is one of a dozen reasons Our Lady of Good Counsel recently earned a Michigan Green School designation, a state program which began with Gov. Jennifer Granholm signing the Michigan Green Schools Act in May 2006. Private and public schools must achieve at least 10 of 20 energy-saving and environmental tasks.

Throughout the school, students have been busy conducting energy audits of classrooms. In Marcia O'Malley's first-grade class, groups of students were quietly working on posters instead of playing during indoor recess.

GETTING INVOLVED

"The kids have been very involved," said Kay Reilly, principal of the school in Plymouth Township. "We have two teachers, Marcie O'Malley and Kaelah Lesnau, who are especially involved with kids to reduce their trash and understand their impact on landfills. We planted a native Michigan garden last year and hope for it to be in full bloom soon. We also adopted a polar bear, an endangered species, and hosted an ecology speaker



School volunteer Laurie Catanzaro gathers lunchroom trash at Our Lady of Good Counsel School. The school hopes to reduce lunchroom waste during its Eco-Friendly Lunch Week April 20-24.

who spoke about wild woodlands and brought a possum. We are committed to this. It's part and parcel of what we do every year."

This year the school hopes to reduce waste even further during its Eco-Friendly Lunch Week April 20-24, in recognition of Earth Day Wednesday, April 22.

Will Taylor always brings a sandwich in a plastic bag for lunch but is switching to a recyclable container. He and Robert Barnes and Brendan West were proudly displaying their poster in the school library. The images of endangered animals such as tigers, elephants and bears were recycled from magazines. Will wishes people would stop hunting these species.

Cara Forfinski and Regan Thorp were just as concerned about endangered animals. They were showing off their Save the Earth poster made for Pat Rossow's third-grade class. Flipping through magazines they found a photograph of gorillas.

"The whole week is to create a focus for kids to be more aware of what they can do to become eco-friendly," said Reilly. "They're encouraged to bring lunches in Tupperware

and reusable materials. We're also going to integrate math projects, religion, social studies and science with protecting God's creation. If we change kids' attitudes, we're going to change the next generation. We're big into being good stewards of God's creation. If we can make kids aware of being good global citizens, we realize that's the key to getting people to change their behaviors."

Reilly hadn't thought about lunchroom waste until O'Malley brought her concerns about the Styrofoam trays to the principal's attention.

CAN-DO ATTITUDE

"She told me the trays were filling up landfills. I started looking and found recycled cardboard trays which are a little more expensive but the reduced costs of a new pizza vendor nearly offset the expense. We did not have to raise the prices of lunch," said Reilly. "I told the teachers 'We can do this.'"

O'Malley's class actually did an experiment to see if the recycled trays break down. The first-grade teacher is always looking for ways to introduce lessons about saving the environment whenever possible. The 28-year-old

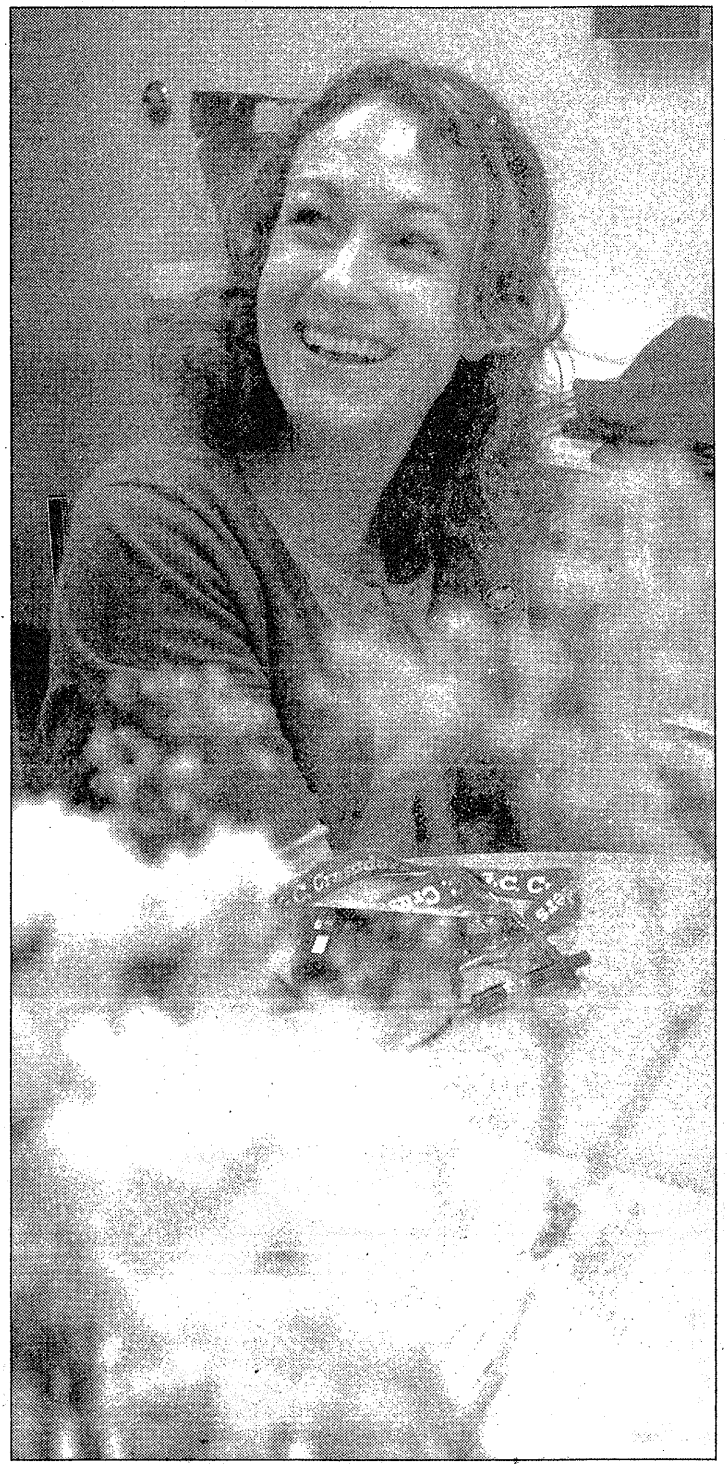
Canton woman is going for a master's degree in ecological teaching at Lesley University in Massachusetts. As part of the graduate program, she spent three weeks in Maine studying habitats. It was a life-changing experience that she brought back to the 6- and 7-year olds to inspire them. On the floor in one corner of the room friends Rebecca Espinoza, Gabby Price and Amberley Schmude were putting the finishing touches on a poster. They were learning water bottles were bad for the environment. A bin of crayons sat nearby.

"We need to start forming habits early, to start small to get as close to zero waste as possible," said O'Malley before Easter break. "Today I opened lunch boxes and found lots of plastic bags with pretzels, yogurt cups, plastic utensils. The plan is to weigh the waste before and after to notice the difference. We're going to take the food scraps out to Maybury Farms, banana peels, for the pigs. These kids are going to be our leaders and need to work on problem solving. We want to get them excited about nature and where they live with science demonstrations, projects like hiking. Last October, we picked up trash along Tonquish Creek and found more than half (of the trash) could be recycled."

Dylan Snyder recycled the plastic bags and candy wrappers he found into a poster.

"This is what you don't want if you want to keep the earth healthy," said Dylan, 6, as he held up the trash-filled poster on saving the earth.

For more information about the Michigan Green Schools designation, visit www.michigangreenschools.us.



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First-grade teacher Marcie O'Malley is leading the green revolution at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth Township.

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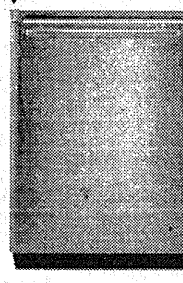
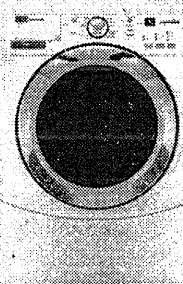
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Local students give peace a chance

All that the young students were trying to say was give peace a chance, as one by one they read their award-winning essays Tuesday night at Unity of Livonia. The event concluded the search for today's brightest minds to speak out against war and find pathways to peace through conflict resolution. It was a special night for

the high school and college students who were recognized by Citizens for Peace, sponsors of the competition, and it was a special night for me because I was invited to speak about the importance of writing and how it can make a difference. The students reminded me of the Vietnam War era when students across the country held sit-ins on campuses like



Linda Chomin

Schoolcraft College. The students on Tuesday night moved the audience with their words.

Molly Fessler of Canton won first place in the high school division for her essay on peacemakers, Nelson Mandela and Sophie Scholl, a young student who spoke out against the Nazi party during World War II and eventually was executed. She wrote that war is caused by fear and can only be eradicated through understanding.

Fessler was one of the student journalists who wrote for the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers series last year. "I used their words to show they were successful in creating pathways to nonviolence," said Fessler, a 16-year old junior at Plymouth High School. "They were still able to speak out and make peace even with adversities."

In this day and age Fessler has taken a different path. In September 2008 she founded her high school's peace club. Richard Fessler is very proud of his daughter. He sat in the audience snapping photos as

the winners received their awards.

"She's very talented and a thoughtful young writer," said Richard Fessler. "She has a strong interest in writing. She's a peace activist."

State Senator Glenn Anderson said he was proud to be in the company of folks whose mission is peace. "The young people recognized tonight are great examples and have such a positive impact."

BOOKS ON PEACE

Rosemary Doyle, a member of Citizens for Peace, told the audience how the idea for the essay contest came about late last year. The group has spent the last couple of years assembling the Peace Collection of more than 500 books available at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Doyle was hoping to create awareness of the collection by encouraging the students to use the books as a resource for their essays. When the group first started researching books on peace they found war topics were far more prevalent.

Lauren Schwarz, a Madonna University student, quoted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in her essay, which won first place in the college division. She wrote that lack of respect and under-



RICHARD FESSLER

Molly Fessler, a junior at Plymouth High School, won first place in the high school category of the Citizens for Peace essay contest. Vincenza Mueller, the group's vice president, presented Fessler with the award on Tuesday.

standing leads to war. People need to educate themselves about religions and cultures to promote a culture of non-violence. Violence begets violence. Peace begets peace.

PEACE AT HOME

Annie Robbins, a second year nursing student at Washtenaw Community College, admitted to not knowing the answer to the question — How do nonviolent practices promote peace? — when she began research for the essay. "It starts at home," said Robbins. "We all have the same basic needs. We need an understanding of the other person's perspective."

Arthur Burse, an 11th grade student at University Preparatory High School in Detroit, took third place in the high school category with his essay about choosing nonviolent practices over violence.

Two of the winners couldn't attend Tuesday's nights celebration. A friend of Raja Al-Meraisi, a senior at Universal Academy Detroit, read that violence is never the key to any solution. Nonviolence is the only solution to every problem. Al-Meraisi won second place in the high school division.

George Mills concluded the program by reading the essay by Kevin Szawala, a graduate student at Wayne State University.

"We must realize we are all the same race, the human race." The night was filled with good advice for all of us. If only we would heed their words.

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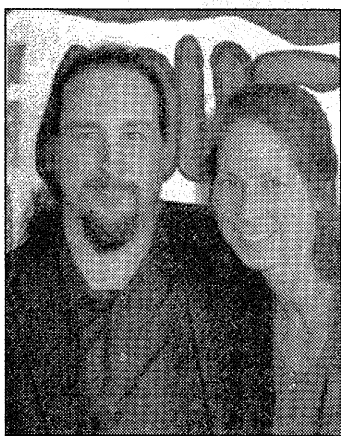
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Ursum-Brady

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The bride-to-be, formerly from Livonia, attended Bentley High School and graduated from Churchill High School. She attended Michigan State University.

Her fiancé, from Flint, received his G.E.D. from Carmen-Ainsworth Adult Education.

They met at Family Worship Center in Swartz Creek. The Rev. Ursum is youth pastor and her husband-to-be is worship leader there.

The couple will wed in July 2009 in the Flint area.



Van Bynen-Estheimer

Nicole Christine Van Bynen and Timothy O. Estheimer announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Randy and Ellen Van Bynen of Canton. She attended Salem High and Eastern Michigan University, and is a branch manager for Chase Bank.

Her fiancé, son of Donald and Charlotte Estheimer of Southgate, attended Melvindale High and Napa Valley College. He owns Primo's Pizza in Allen Park.

A May 2009 wedding is planned at North Congregational Church, Farmington Hills.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Observer Newspapers wants to know what's going on in your neighborhood. Send items to Linda Chomin, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226-3124 or lchomin@hometownlife.com.

HELP AVAILABLE

Food is available for those in need during this economic crisis. Trinity Church in Plymouth is once again offering a food pantry in April. Deadline is Thursday, April 23, for the Trinity Church Food Pantry on Saturday, April 25. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 Monday-Thursday, April 20-23. Trinity Church is at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, Plymouth.

A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia.

SOCCER BENEFITS

Garden City High School soccer is hosting a no limit Texas Hold 'em tournament Saturdays, April 25 and May 2, at Bumpers Bar and Grill on Newburgh in Westland. The tournament will be a fund-raiser to help support the soccer teams at Garden City High School. It costs \$30 to buy in with one \$20 rebuy. Dealers will be provided. The cash payout will be determined by the participation. The event starts at 1 p.m. with check in from noon to 12:45 p.m. For more information, contact Coach Tornii at gevssoccer@aol.com or (734) 522-4094.

BARBERSHOP CONCERT

The Renaissance Chorus holds its spring show 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Church on Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets are \$15, \$14 for seniors, and available by calling Frank Adams at (248) 477-2782.

This year's show features a retrospective of songs the chapter sang over the years including *Under The Boardwalk*, *Dream A Little Dream*, *Lida Rose*, *America the Beautiful*, and *Are You Lonesome Tonight*. Additionally, the show spotlights a step-out quartet and the guest quartet, Chordiology, the 2007 district champions. Past members also will be recognized.

The chapter always is looking for new members who enjoy singing. It will hold a guest night 7:30 p.m. Tuesday May 19, at Kirk of our Saviour Church on Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh in Westland. It welcomes all men — even those who simply enjoy singing along with the radio or who like the harmony of different voices. Prospective members do not need to be a music major or know how to read music.



Gus is looking for his 'forever home.'

DOG OF THE WEEK

Gus is the featured dog at Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption this week.

He's 3 1/2 years old and is very affectionate. To learn more about adopting Gus, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 or visit www.greyheart.org.

Adoption days are scheduled noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Pet Supplies Plus, 29493 W. 7 Mile, Livonia, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at Canton Pet-Co, 43435 Ford Road.

Adoptable greyhounds also will be on hand at Pets & Bets, a fund-raiser for no-kill rescue groups 1 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 25, at Bentley's Restaurant, 5586 Drake, south of Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

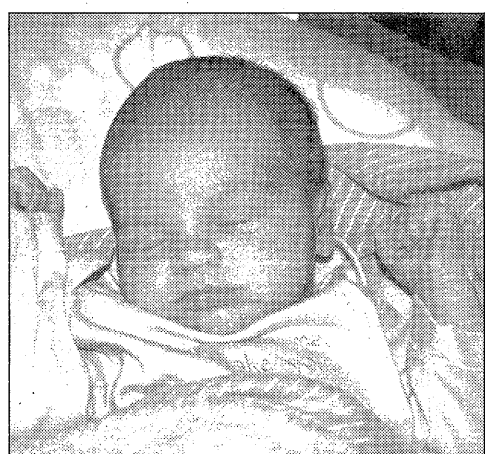
Admission is free from 1-6 p.m., and pets are welcome. Tickets for the evening activities are \$20 for casino only, \$30 dinner only, \$50 for both. They're available in advance. For details, call (248) 636-PETS or visit <http://PETSandBETS.org>.

BIRTHS

Michael Donat Deschaw was born Oct. 13, 2008, at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

His parents are Genevieve Leclair and Ryan Deschaw of Plymouth.

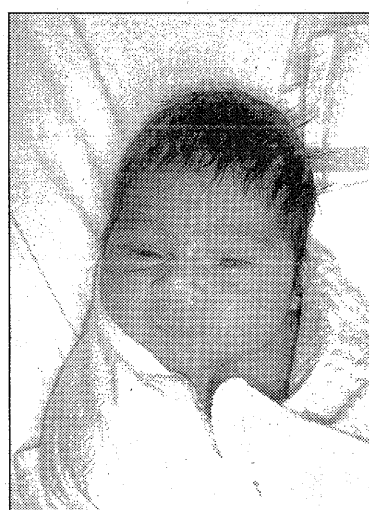
Proud grandparents are Diane Leclair of Plymouth, Teresa Deschaw of Plymouth, Don (Barb) Leclair of Plymouth and Larry (Wanda) Deschaw of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are June and Herb Lazarus of Venice, Fla., Chris and Mary Seward Whitmore Lake, Barb and Don Leclair of Knoxville, Tenn., and Gus and Thelma Deschaw of Lincoln Park.



Michael Donat Deschaw

Alyson Giuliana Masters was born March 10, 2009 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of David J. Meuleman, Deceased.
Date of birth: February 14, 1954.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, David J. Meuleman, who lived at 41630 Haggerty Woods Court, Canton, Michigan, died March 10, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ann Jendryk, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1305 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward, Detroit, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Personal Representative: Ann Jendryk, 1928 Nottingham Ln., Wheaton, IL 60189.

Attorney: Steven M. Hyder, Attorney P69875, P.O. Box 373, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189. Telephone: (734) 474-1195.

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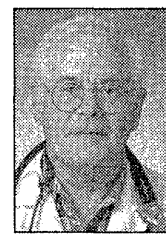
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Loyal readers drop a note on washers, refrigerators

Thanks to the several dozen readers who have dropped me a note these past two weeks. You have kept me busy. Staying with the subject of clothes washers, here's what Marlene had to say after she followed my advice:

"Hi, Mr. Gagnon, I thought I would report back to you on what I did purchase and my thoughts so far. I did go with your suggestion and bought a Speed Queen top loader. Again, having had a front loader for nine-plus years it has taken time to readjust my washing habits. I think this is the biggest adjustment people have to make either way they go. They should understand that the two washing methods are very different. With the top loader, I love the fact that I can just drop in the clothes and add to it if needed and it's much easier on the back. There are no fancy bells and whistles on this machine but I find I have only used two of the four modes for washes. I am finding I must be overloading this machine because the clothes get all tangled up. Still working on that. I am appalled by the amount of water it uses but I wonder how my front loader washed with so little. I also find the clothes are damper than they were with the front loader. I really liked the spin power on my old machine. I could also put more clothes in the front loader. I didn't get the Speed Queen front load model because the door was so small and low in front. On my old washer the front door opened for easier access. I'm



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Craig's list and a repair man picked it up for parts. I'm glad parts of it may have a new life and it didn't end up in a land fill.

Connie writes: "Joe, you have helped me in the past and I need some advice on purchasing a new refrigerator. I currently have an 18 cubic foot Amana refrigerator that is over 22 years old (always trouble free). I have always believed if you purchase a quality product you will have many years of service-free problems. I am looking to buy a new 22 cubic foot refrigerator now, with a top freezer and just a simple ice maker, in Bisque. Those all seem to be difficult criteria, because most new refrigerators now are either side by side or French door styled, and the color options frequently are only stainless steel, black or white. I finally decided I would purchase a Whirlpool refrigerator hoping this was a quality product. When I went to the Internet I found hundreds of 2009 complaints regarding the melting of the relay switch (which I know was a recent

massive recall), and lots of complaints about the ice makers. In addition, many people are stating the interior shell is cracking because of shrinkage to the insulation underneath. They are saying Whirlpool does not consider this to be a warranty issue, because they consider this a "cosmetic" issue. Joe, what brand refrigerator would you recommend as a quality product, for an average consumer who can't afford a \$3,000-\$5,000 refrigerator with all the bells and whistles they seem to be adding to them now? Thank you for your advice."

My dear readers, you make it very difficult for me to recommend brand name products to you. I wish I could with a certain amount of assurance that the product you buy will last for years with trouble-free service. To be dead honest with you, I can't anymore. I, like you check out the complaints logged on the Internet and they just reaffirm the many columns I've written in the past 20 years. At one time I was so ashamed of the unethical repair companies there used to be in my industry. I did something about it but the quality of today's products is a detriment I will not be able to cure. 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 appldr@twmi.rr.com

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ALYCE MARIE COLE

Age 87, lifetime resident of Bloomfield Hills. April 14, 2009. Loving wife of the late Howard. Dear mother of Dr. Susan Gail Cole, Douglas (Peggy) Cole, and Linda (Jay) Donaldson. Cherished grandmother of Howard, Cynthia, George, Kathryn, and Lauren. Alyce is also survived by her sisters Edith Nielsen, Mary Lou (Jack) Pascoline, and Ellen Brown. Funeral service Monday, April 20, 2009 - 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Alyce will be in-state at 10:00 a.m. until time of service. The family will receive friends Sunday 2-7 p.m. at Modetz Funeral Home, 100 E. Silverbell Rd., Orion. Private family interment at White Chapel Cemetery. Suggested memorials to Beaumont Hospice or Mental Illness Research Assoc. (MIRA) On line guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



BARBARA M. DAVIS

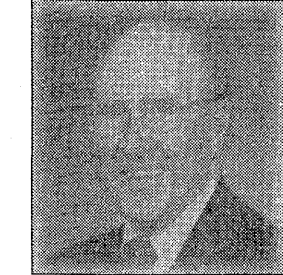
Of Grand Blanc, formerly of Plymouth, Michigan, age 76, died peacefully Saturday, April 11, 2009. Barbara resided at Clare Bridge of Grand Blanc. Barbara was born July 29, 1932 in Elgin, IL to Monroe and Eleanor Thompson. She was the youngest of five girls. After graduating from Olivet Nazarene College with a degree in Education, Barbara married Edward Davis on December 22, 1955. They lived in Grand Rapids, MI for several years before moving to Plymouth. Following a short teaching career, Barbara was a secretary and homemaker. She enjoyed needlework, gardening, antiquing and traveling with friends. Barbara was a long time member of Detroit First Church of the Nazarene located in Farmington Hills, MI. She was the "unofficial greeter," always smiling and greeting people with a warm hello. She is survived by daughters, Melinda Weber and husband Larry of Flushing, MI, Lisabeth Hillman and husband Brian of Sherman Oaks, CA; grandchildren, Emily Weber, Grant, Troy and Tate Hillman. She is also survived by sisters, Juanita Thompson and Virginia Carron. She was preceded in death by husband, Edward Davis, as well as sisters, Lucille Thompson and Dorothy Chellev. The family would like to offer their sincere gratitude to Dr. Braver, the entire Clare Bridge staff and Home & Hospice Advantage. The love and care they gave to our mother will always be remembered. Those desiring may wish to make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory. Barbara will be buried along side of her husband in Plymouth, Michigan. Your condolences may be shared with the family at swartzfuneralhomeinc.com

MARGARET MYERS (NEE SZASZ)

Age 84, of Garden City, MI, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2009 surrounded by family members after a courageous battle with dementia. She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Charles, beloved daughters, Betty Myers, Sharon Myers Shaw and Susan Myers Probert, grandsons Christopher & Alexander Probert, brother Andrew Szasz Jr. and nieces Debbie, Betty, Kathy and Kelly. Margaret was the proud, supportive wife and mother to her family members who remember how she loved to play the accordion, garden and cook. Margaret was the child of Hungarians who came to live in West Virginia and was greatly loved and will be missed by her family and friends. Services were held. Arrangements by the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

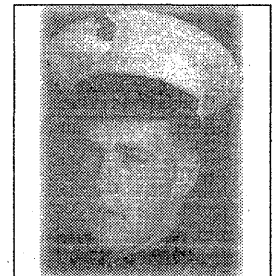
DAVID R. POSTER, SR.

Age 70. Of Luzerne, formerly of Westland. Passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at home surrounded by his wife and children. He was born April 17, 1938 to the late John and Cecilia of Wayne, MI. He was employed by Hayes Wheels of Romulus as a machinist and served in the Army for 10 years. In 1960, he married Nancy Winnie. He is survived by his wife; his children, David R. Jr. (Debra) and Cynthia L. (Matthew) Bartz of Westland, Brian S. (Judith) of Commerce Twp., Joseph F. (Donna) of Canton and Nanette L. of Westland; three brothers, four sisters, 13 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers John, George, and Thomas. Visitation will be Sunday, April 19 from 5-9 p.m. and Monday, April 20, 3-9 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 7 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. Funeral Service will be Tuesday, April 21 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI where he will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. with Mass at 10 a.m. Interment with Military Honors will be at 2:30 p.m. at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan.



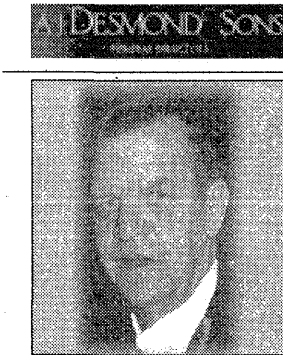
GEORGE E. SCHUBERING

April 15, 2009. Age 86, peacefully at home in Bingham Farms. Proud veteran US Navy serving during WWII. Retired after 34 years as an account executive for Levi Strauss & Co. Former board member of the Birmingham YMCA, the Birmingham Lions Club and the Venice, FL. Rotary Club. Beloved husband of Margaret L. (nee. Netzorg) for 60 years. Dear father of Susan Flynn (Thomas) and Rebecca McNaughton (Jack). Grandfather of Maddie, Sarah and Grant. Brother of Terry Koerns, Marian Shadler (Larry), Lewis Schubering and Lonna Mentzer (John). Uncle of David Netzorg and many nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile), Tuesday 3-8 p.m. Funeral service Wednesday 11:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Highway, Suite 225, Southfield, MI 48075. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



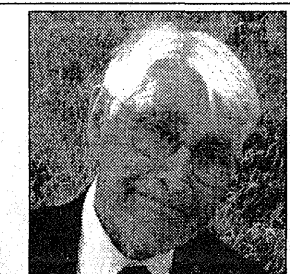
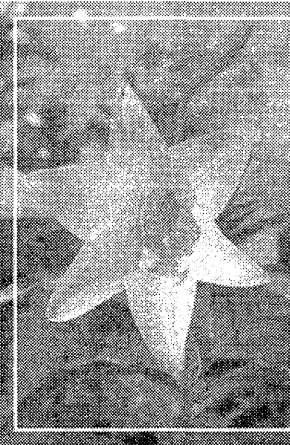
RUSSELL P. ROBINSON, JR.

Age 80. 2/8/29-4/3/09, served in Korean War 1950-1953 - Chosin Reservoir Campaign, retired from sales at New York Carpet and Clyde's Carpet, did route sales for Cook Coffee, Sanders and Awreys. Graduated from Franklin High 2006 with grandson Raymond P. Jr. Beloved husband (58 yrs) of Gayle L. Dear father of Kathleen M. (Paul) Law, Linda L. Cinader (Laura Moore), Debbie A. (Gary) Fox, Mary K. Robinson (formerly Sturm), Rickie G. (Judy), Randy J., Raymond P. Sr., Robert P. (Monique Ulrych), Ronald G. (Heather) and the late Russell C. Also survived by 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, one brother, four sisters and one deceased brother. Interned at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Funeral Mass was at St. Bernardine Siena Catholic Church. www.griffinfuneralhome.com



ROBERT H. WATKINS

Age 65 of Westland. Passed away at home January 6, 2009. Please join family and friends for a celebration of Bob's Life at V F W Harris-Keher Post No 3323 (Wayne Rd. & Avondale) on April 25th from 12-3 p.m. Arrivals may begin at 11 a.m.



BENNETT W. ROOT, SR.

Long-time resident of Birmingham, died peacefully Monday, April 13, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI. He is survived by loved ones Barbara Evans, his four children, Ben Jr., Tom, Jim and Anne, daughters-in-law Helen, Laura and Kathy, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was married to Mary E. Mayfield of Flint, MI. Ben was born in Birmingham to Edwin and Eloine Root on April 24, 1917. After graduating from Birmingham High School and University of Michigan (BS Chem. Eng. '37), he worked at Exxon, assisting in the development of synthetic rubber. He and Mary, his wife of sixty years, wed in May, 1941. In 1942, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy, studied meteorology at MIT and served as a Lt. jg. in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he returned home to raise his family on Webster St. and Bradford Rd. Until his retirement, Ben worked at the U.S. Rubber Co. (Uniroyal) Jefferson Avenue plant where he developed prototype and enterprise computer based quality management systems in conjunction with IBM. He served his community as a member of the Birmingham Planning Board, a member of the Birmingham School Board and a Vestryman at St. James Church. He was a lifetime member of the Senior Men's Club, Ben, a trumpeter in the Michigan Marching Band, loved classical music, especially opera. He was also particularly fond of gardening, cultivating bonsai and serving as a caretaker of a portion of the gardens at the Cranbrook Institute of Art. Services will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, Maple Avenue, in Birmingham on Tuesday April 21 at 11:30 a.m. Remembrances may be made to Clark Retirement Community-Benevolent Fund, 1551 Franklin Rd., Grand Rapids, MI 49506. [Matthysse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home, Wyoming, MI.]

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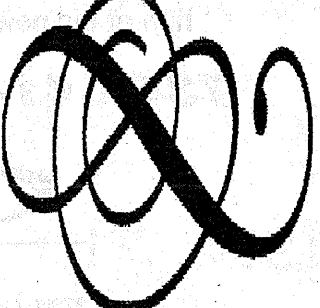
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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

At English Gardens

Janet Macunovich, co-founder and senior instructor of the Michigan School of Gardening, shows how to add color to the garden at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 19, in the Ann Arbor store. Visit local English Gardens stores at 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 280-9500; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Driver in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 155 Maple at Jackson, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

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.

Herbs

Vicki Hicks Home and Garden Services will present "The Wonderful World of Herbs: Growing, Preserving

and Using," at 7 p.m., April 22, at Rosemarie's Massage, 595 Forest, Suite 6A, Plymouth. \$3 fee includes refreshments made from herbs. (734) 591-0209 or e-mail to vhicks@aol.com.

Yard Scraps to Garden Treasure

Advanced Master Gardeners and composters 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.

Worms!

Kids, grades 4-6, can learn how to recycle food waste with live worms and learn how to maintain their own pet worm bin, at a free class, at 2 p.m., April 25, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Registration required, call (734) 397-0999.

Plant sale

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum (MBGNA) will hold its 29th Annual Spring Plant Sale 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9, and noon to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 10, at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Nearly 25,000 pots of perennials, native plants, accent annu-

als, climbing vines, herbs, scented geraniums, edible offerings such as strawberries, rhubarb, onion and shallots sets, seed potatoes, and other plant varieties will be sold.

MBGNA members may attend a party and plant sale from 3-7 p.m., Friday, May 8. Along with volunteers and area Master Gardeners providing information and advice at the plant tables, local garden experts and MBGNA staff will offer free demonstrations on a variety of garden topics Saturday and Sunday.

- Karlee Shafer, edible gardens, 9:30-10 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m., Saturday.
 - Nicole Lloyd, container gardening, 11-11:30 a.m., Saturday.
 - Kris Adler, pruning, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Saturday.
 - Janet Macunovich, perennial combinations, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Sunday, \$5 per person; \$3 for U of M students; free for MBGNA members; call (734) 647-7600 to register.
 - T.J. Smith, rain barrels, 2:45-3:15 p.m., Sunday.
 - Children's activities 1:15-4 p.m., Saturday.
- For more information, visit www.mbgna.umich.edu or call (734) 647-7600.

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, e-mail lchomin@hometownlife.com.

Birmingham Groves

Class of 1969
40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m., Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or grovesclassof69@aol.com for more information.

Brighton High School

Class of 1989
Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Cass Technical High School

Class of 1959
50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969
Planning a reunion. Contact Kaynifilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebriidge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Dearborn Heights Riverside

Class of 1967
A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets

for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

Detroit Blessed Sacrament

Class of 1952
Planning a high school reunion on June 27, 2009. Looking for classmates. Call Shirley Boots at (734) 525-8746.

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959
Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit schools

Planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960 in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or e-mail to Marlene.Kutnick.Yamron.hahatdc@yahoo.com. The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

Henry Ford II

Class of 1982
Looking for classmates to attend a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek MetroPark. A reunion also is planned for 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doerner) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, ford21982@aol.com or visit www.classreport.org.

Detroit St. Casimir High School

Class of 1959
Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at PJCruisin@wowway.com.

St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

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Celebrate Mother's Day at area Metroparks

Treat mom to a special day at the Metroparks on Mother's Day weekend. Special programs on Mother's Day weekend are:

"That's My Mom," Saturday, May 9, at 1 p.m., Kensington Metropark Farm Center near Milford/Brighton. Visit the moms and their newborn

babies at the Farm, and learn how these moms provide for their babies. Then make a craft for your mom or a special person. Fee: \$3 per child. Registration is not required. For additional information, call (248) 684-8632 or (800) 477-3178.

"Welcome Home Bird Bash: Celebrating Migratory Birds," Sunday, May 10, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Marshlands Museum and Nature Center of Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown. Come for early bird or lazy afternoon walks, speakers, special exhibits, craft sessions and more. Donations appreciated. For the schedule of activities, call (800) 477-3189 or (734)

379-5020. "Horse-Drawn Hayrides," Kensington Metropark Farm Center, near Milford/Brighton, Sunday, May 10, noon to 4 p.m. Visit the farm animals, and then take mom on a relaxing horse-drawn hayride past the fields and through the woods. Hayrides are \$3 per child, \$5 per adult. For more information, please call (248) 684-8632 or (800) 477-3178. "Mother's Day Wildflower Hike," Sunday, May 10, at 1 p.m., Activity Center of Hudson Mills Metropark near Dexter/Ann Arbor. Take a guided hike to discover the spring wildflowers in the park. Fee: \$2 per person, moms are

free. Pre-registration required. For additional information or to register, call (800) 477-3191 or (734) 426-8211. "Mother's Day Teas," Sunday, May 10, at 1 p.m., Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center near Flat Rock. Treat mom to a fun program on the history of tea including a variety of teas to sample. Fee: \$4 per person. Pre-registration required. For more information, call (800) 477-3182 or (734) 782-3956. "Rookery Watch," Sunday, May 10, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Wildwing Lake of Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton. Come to the Wildwing Lake boardwalk near the Nature Center to look through spotting scopes at the great blue herons building their nests. For more information, call (800) 477-3178 or (248)

685-0603. "Toddler Trek with Mom," Sunday, May 10, at 2 p.m., Belle Isle Nature Zoo in Detroit. Enjoy a simply sense-stimulating walk with your toddler while searching for the feels, smells, colors and sounds of nature. Pre-registration required. For additional information or to register, contact the Nature Zoo at (313) 852-4056. A Metropark interpreter offers this program at the Belle Isle Nature Zoo, operated by the Detroit Zoological Society. A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any Metropark and is \$20 annually for regular admission, \$12 annually for seniors, or \$4 daily. General information can be found at www.metroparks.com or by calling (800) 47-PARKS.

NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
WEEDS TO BE CUT ON LOTS IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2009, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice and Section 32.050 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service, as provided in Section 32.070 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 2009, without further notice to the property owners.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit Bids for Moving Bentley and Tonda Elementary Schools.

Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 on or after April 12, 2009. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., local time on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by McCarthy & Smith, Inc. and Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Walk-Through on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 @ 1:00 p.m. at the Tonda Elementary Cafeteria located at 46501 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Mr. Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USES OF 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using \$29,850 of un-programmed year 2008-2009 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide benefits to senior citizens.
- To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income and/or areas in which at least 51% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG funded programs while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund

PROPOSED YEAR 2008-09 PROJECTS:
The City currently has \$29,850 of un-programmed 2008-2009 CDBG funds that must be spent by December 31, 2009. City Administration has identified the following potential project for use of these funds:

1. Installation of ADA compliant entry doors at the west and south entrances to Plymouth City Hall	\$29,850
TOTAL	\$29,850

PUBLIC HEARING:
Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed project listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives. A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed uses of 2008-2009 un-programmed CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held at the Plymouth City Commission Meeting on May 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the City Commission Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 201 S. Main Street.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings scheduled for January 20, February 17, March 10 & 24, April 21, May 12 & 26 and June 9 & 23 are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: www.plymouthtwp.org.

Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for *Diving Board Platforms for Salem High School Pool*. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to Harry Lau of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2970. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Salem High School Pool, 46181 Joy Road, Canton 48187, on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Sealed bids are due to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: Salem Diving Platforms), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48187 on or before 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2009. A notarized familial disclosure statement and valid bid bond must accompany all bids. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Parkinson's series informs patients

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER



Dr. George

When Harry Knitter was diagnosed with Parkinson's 18 years ago he and his wife Nancy knew nothing about the disease. He had been walking the dog and noticed the left side of his body felt weaker. It took a while to rule out possible causes but eventually he learned he had the disease which causes the loss of dopamine-producing cells in the brain. The news came when he was 55-years old. At a loss to understand what was happening to him, Knitter and his wife Nancy sought help from the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. They attended a series of lectures on living with the disease and found hope. Beginning April 28, patients and their families can learn about the chronic, progressive neurological disorder during educational programs held on five consecutive Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. at the Livonia Senior Center.

"At first the medication seemed to help," said Nancy Knitter of Rochester Hills. "We thought he could do okay then he started to require more medication and began having some of the side effects."

By 2001 Harry Knitter decided on deep brain stimulus surgery and ended up writing the book, *Never Give Up: New Hope for Parkinson's Patients*. Nancy co-founded the Rochester Parkinson's support group with Pat Yarnold who was diagnosed at age 21 after becoming involved with the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation. She scheduled the speakers and facilitates the Livonia series.

"When Harry was diagnosed there wasn't much out there," said Knitter. "We went and learned a lot. These days people are coming forward shortly after being diagnosed. We want to give people good and

accurate information and to know they're not alone in this disease. There are places they can go for support, groups, the foundation to direct you to different doctors. Everyone is different. My husband never had a tremor, always rigidity. Today he's doing well. He still can get himself dressed and showered."

Parkinson's patients need to stay positive and informed.

"Doctors work with you as an individual looking at your symptoms and try to address those and over the years as those change," said Knitter. "Progression varies from person to person. Some stay at one stage for the rest of their life. Others progress at varying rates but there is help. At the Foundation we like to say, You may have Parkinson's disease but it doesn't have you. You still might be able to enjoy golf if you play."

Dr. Edwin George has seen the advances in Parkinson's treatment over the years which have improved quality of life. He saw his first patient as a resident in 1987. Today the neurologist serves on the faculty of the Wayne State School of Medicine and treats patients in the university's health center which is part of the DMC. A movement disorder specialist, George also has a PhD in pharmacology so stays up to date on the latest medications. He'll present an overview of Parkinson's Disease which can cause rigidity and slowness or difficulty in movement.

"Parkinson hinders the brain's ability to send messages and make movements happen," said George of Bloomfield Twp. "I'm going to talk about the loss of neurons and why some people

lose those neurons. We all lose some as we age, but people with Parkinson lose half of them. There could be a genetic cause and family history. We don't totally understand what those genes do. The other 9 out of 10 (patients) don't have those genes. There probably are some other genes not identified that make people susceptible."

Even though research on the cause is still ongoing physicians today have many more medications to treat the disease.

"People do very well for many years and years longer than they used to because of medications and surgery. We have maybe more than 3 times as many medications now," said George. "All medications have side effects in somebody. One patient may tolerate side effects, some not so now we have other medications which do the same thing, and we have a number of medications to control side effects."

"The other big advance is in surgical treatment. Before CAT and MRI scanners we were unable to access deep parts of the brain. We can now implant very fine wires and provide stimulation in areas to control the motor system. Other areas are still emerging and still experimental. In medications we'd like to find something to stop the loss of the neurons to slow or modulate the progression of the disease. Encouraging is the surgical area where people are trying to implant cells to take the place of lost neurons. Stem cell is thought to be very useful but not established yet. There's also research going on to genetically modify the supporting cells around the dopaminergic neurons."

Physicians have learned a great deal over the years about the complexities of the disease by treating patients.

"There are other things affected like blood pressure,

the gastrointestinal system. We have ways to manage these non motor symptoms of Parkinson's disease," said George who also sees patients at the John Dingell Veterans Administration Hospital. "There's a greater incidence of depression and memory problems. A lot of benefit can be obtained from physical, occupational and speech therapy, and lifestyle changes. How much difference it makes to get exercise. Patients can benefit from regular activity for constipation and blood regulation, and drinking plenty of fluids. With some medications they need to pay attention to protein intake. Some types of protein interfere with medication getting to the brain."

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation was founded in 1983 to support patients trying to decipher the myriad of information surrounding the disease. The nonprofit organization was actually an outgrowth of the Living with Parkinson's Disease series starting April 28 in Livonia.

"The series was first presented in 1982 when there was nothing for people with Parkinson in Michigan at this time. Patients were saying we want a support group, an organization and we ended up developing the foundation. We now have over 50 support groups in Michigan. The program helps to provide



Nancy Knitter facilitates a series on Parkinson's at the Livonia Senior Center beginning April 28. Her husband, Harry, was diagnosed with the neurological disorder 18 years ago at age 55. The Rochester Hills couple are strong supporters of the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

people with good information to get them started in understanding the complexity of the disease. Everybody's course is different. It's very frustrating to have because you don't know what's going to happen from day to day."

Pre-registration is required for the Living with Parkinson's Disease series. There is a fee. Call (800) 852-9781

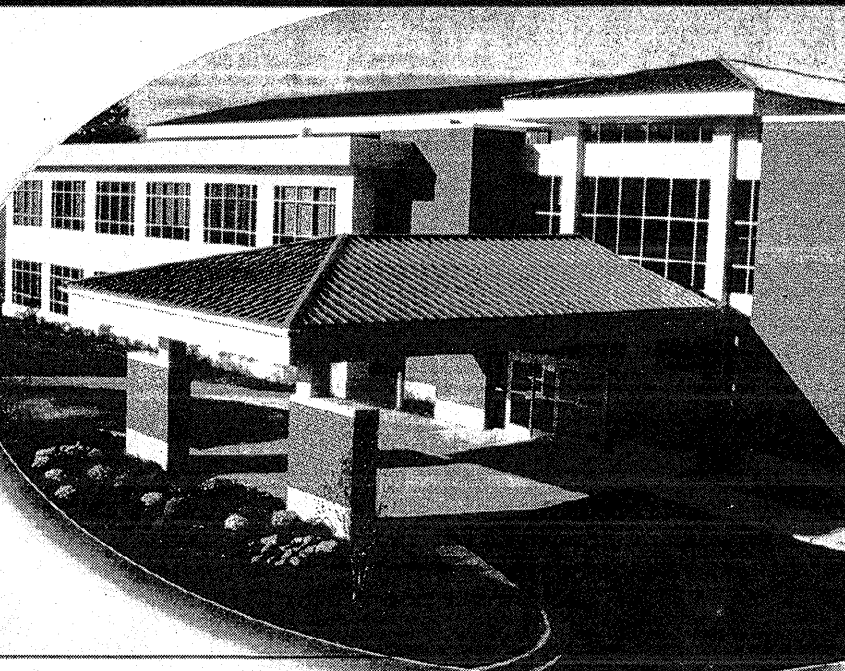
For information about the Rochester support group, call Nancy Knitter at (248) 852-

8464 or Pat Yarnold at (248) 652-4620. Ruth Butler facilitates the Livonia group and can be reached at (734) 421-4208.

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation is based in Bingham Farms and can be reached at (248) 433-1011. The organization holds a walkathon and 5k run May 17, at Northville High School to raise funds. For more information, visit www.parkinsonsmi.org.

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12:30 PM – Richard Zekman, D.O., The Oakland Medical Group will present **Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma**.

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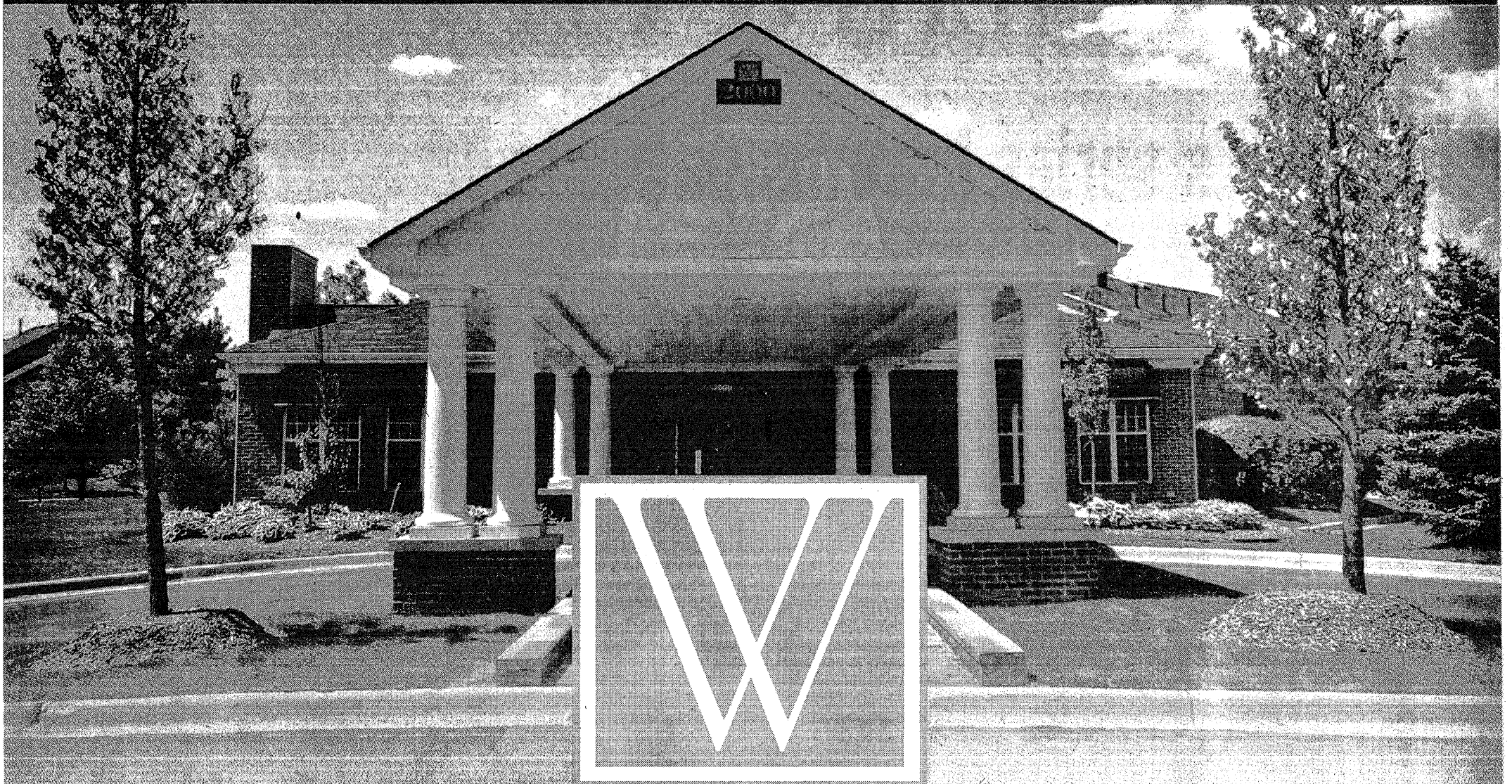
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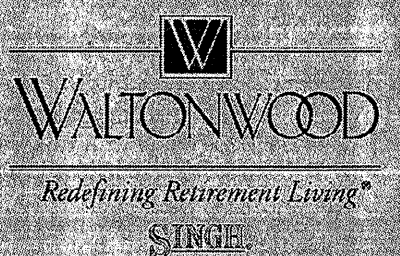


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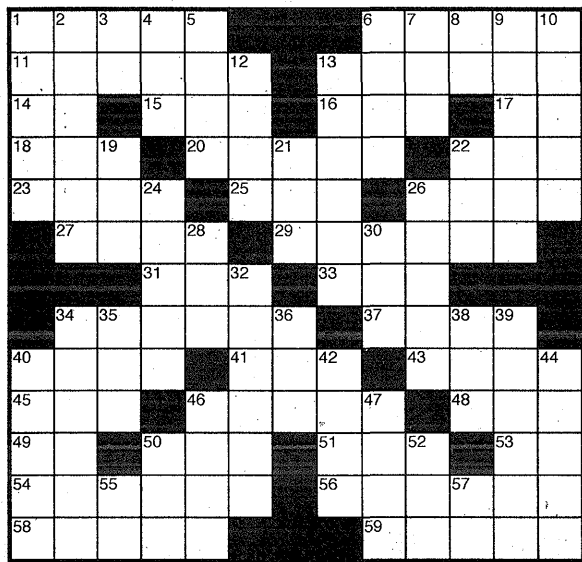
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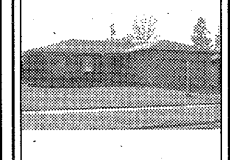
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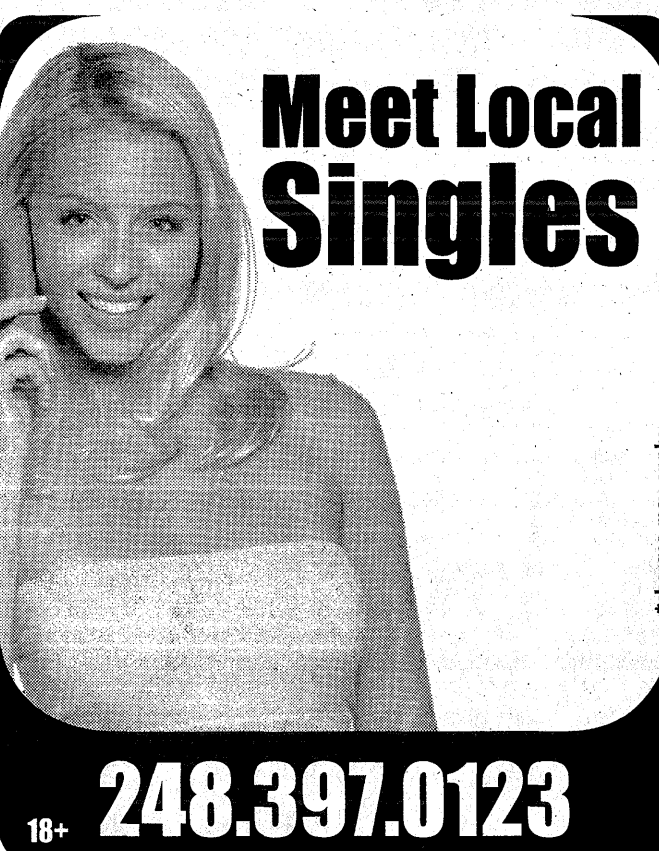
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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complexioned, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **12282115**

WIDOW
Widowed WF, 54, 125lbs, blonde/green, down-to-earth, enjoys fine dining, musically. Seeking SWM, 65-74, with similar interests, for possible relationship. **12312020**

CLASSY LADY
SWF, 70 years young, 38' N/S, average height, brown/brown, enjoys fishing, movies, travel. Seeking honest SWM, 70-75, N/S, who is not boastful, but is well-groomed. Sense of humor a must. Live in a one-way street and I don't have time to back up. **12307314**

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE
Hi, I'm a 56 year old widow with dark blonde hair, blue eyes, and I wear glasses. I enjoy reading, music, old movies, going up north, museums, historical places, quiet evening at home, and gardening. I have a good sense of humor and love to laugh. I am also a very caring and considerate person. **12137067**

AFFECTIONATE WOMAN
SWF, 58, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, sports events. Looking for SWM, 40-71, for fun and friendship, maybe more. **12308561**

DIVORCED? GETTING ONE?
DWF, 55, 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 48-58, 6'1", 225lbs, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. **12692549**

HARD WORKER SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, N/S, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29-49, N/S, homebody, to explore all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. **1274519**

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME!
SWPF, 48, educated, HW proportionate, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, N/S, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink. **12311355**

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, N/S, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. **12310924**

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
DWF, 50, 5'3", full-figured, N/S, loving, independent, intelligent, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, enjoys going out and romantic evenings at home. Seeking SWM, 54+, with similar qualities and interests who wants to enjoy the rest of life with no drama. **12311753**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. **12267624**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, music, reading and more, to do things with. **12380581**

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SWM, 39-51. **12284368**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **12289947**

CURVACEOUS
SWF, 47, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys R&B music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SWM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. **12386055**

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH
SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SWM, 30-43. **12391111**

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SWM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. **12309793**

LADY OF QUALITY
SBF, 30-something, 5'7", laid-back, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loyal, faithful professional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, race open. **12310218**

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
Attractive SWF, 55, 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love the companionship of a pleasant gentleman, 65-75. **1291247**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **1262317**

DRAMA-FREE
SWF, 48, 5'7", 125lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys R&B, jazz, dancing, dining, blues, sports. Seeking sexy, serious SWM, 27-40. Are we compatible? **12310533**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SWF, hwd, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7" - 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **12147056**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **1230694**

SINGLE DAD WELCOME
PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. **12298002**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, seeks fun guy WM, 35-80, for friendship first, may be more. **1270132**

HEART OF GOLD
SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **1270132**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!
Pette SBF, 38, 150lbs, hazel eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SWM, 35-75. **12281372**

GREAT-LOOKING BF...
35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me; you won't be disappointed! **12281712**

BEAUTIFUL SBF...
37, seeks SWM, 35-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **12271683**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes roller skating, canning, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **12287305**

A POLISHED DIAMOND
Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **12287057**

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY
Voluptuous SF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SWM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **1273603**

A NEW BEGINNING
SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SWM, 45-55, for friendship or more. **1229151**

PETITE AND CUTE
SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SWM, 35-45, who will love me for me. **12294943**

THAT SPECIAL ONE
SBF, 39, enjoys nice walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SWM, 39-45, for possible relationship. **1225026**

SEEKING STRONG BM
Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, laid BM, 40-60, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **12295568**

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH
Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40-year-old, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **12295421**

SEEKING A MATURE MAN
Attractive SBPF, 35, N/S, N/Drugs, would like to meet companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75, who is too short - have fun with me. **12302311**

TAKE A CHANCE
SBPF, looking for SWM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. **12302221**

MUST LOVE THE LORD
SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SWM, 18-27, for possible relationship. **12311174**

LOOK NO FURTHER

SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet that SM, 18-22, who is tired of playing games. **12311011**

DBF SEEKS LTR
Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unattached male, 48-65, not into games. Must be ready to start a new found life and see where it goes. Ballroom dancing is a plus. **12310736**

WARM SMILE
SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **12287187**

PLUS-SIZED LADY...
34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! **1217224**

ACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, 58, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **12262181**

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 52, 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **12113901**

A WOMAN OF CLASS
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **12271085**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **12719171**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. **1225278**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBWM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **12282444**

MUSICAL GIRL
Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 18-25, who enjoys the same things. **12292258**

OUTGOING
BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **12292940**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
WWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **1276914**

PRETTY EYES
SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **1229870**

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST
Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. **12302791**

SEEKING SAVED MAN
SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. **12265509**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 60s, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wanting to meet N/S WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **1230808**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **12963760**

I NEED A LOVE...
To keep me happy, attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **1258059**

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN
WF, 59, blonde/blue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. **1210164**

HI THERE!
Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! **12268278**

MUST LOVE WRESTLING!
Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. **12268699**

VERY LOVING PERSON
Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. **1227294**

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", HW-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **12759845**

ARE YOU HERE?
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SWM, 55-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **12269770**

TAKE A CHANCE!
SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. **12283845**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sexy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston area. **1210247**

CHOCOLATE TREAT
Refined, romantic, creative, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving. 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50s. **12291191**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Asian woman, 52, 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome W/M, 47-50, N/S, clean-shaven, HW proportionate, for friendship first. **12271223**

IN SEARCH OF
a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. **12288586**

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS
SWF, 55, 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. **1224318**

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP
SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good medical discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. **12348371**

SINCERE AND HONEST
Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SWM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. **12284832**

MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF, 55, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, who loves to read. Seeking tall, muscular SWM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **12287566**

KEEP COOL
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBH/F, 18-25, who keeps it real. **1227359**

PRETTY COMIC BOOK Nerd
SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **12292913**

I NEED LOVE
Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SBWM, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. **12300110**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SWM, 48-69, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **1227254**

SEEKING SBM COMPANION
I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75, who is too short - have fun with me. **12302311**

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?
SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic SM, 40-65, N/S, who loves reading, gentle picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **12282618**

HOPING WE CLICK!
SBF, 23, 5'11", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-68, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk. **12307550**

STILL SEEKING

Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 40-50, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **1213198**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

LET'S MEET SOON!
SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. **12247784**

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SWF, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candle-light dinners, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **12289646**

WORTH YOUR CALL!
DM, 58, 5'7", 135lbs, recently retired, hoping to meet a petite WF, late 40s-late 50s, who enjoys classic cars, motorcycles, animals, outdoors, quiet times at home. Seeking SF, 48-59, for possible relationship. **12312442**

LOVELY, GENUINE HEART
SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. **12267987**

MAXIMUM RETURN ON...
your investment. SM, 59, seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. **12293155**

HARD-WORKER
SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. **1226697**

FUNNY & ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 44, 5'7", likes outdoor activities, cooking, movies, kids, animals. Seeking SWF, 30-45, to spend time together. **12297143**

LET'S MEET
SBM, 49, 5'11", works as a DJ, loves movies, basketball, skating. Looking for similar SF, 29-40. **12312103**

LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT
SWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **12265340**

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM, 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter. Seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **12128302**

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/MTM SWF, for dating and fun times. **12187614**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Very athletic SBM, 37, 5'9", 175lbs, loves volunteer work, pets. Seeking nice-looking, fit BF, 28-36, with sweet personality. **1274599**

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **1292418**

FEMININE LADY WANTED
Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, music, long walks, holding hands, good conversation, seeking sweet, feminine lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. **12291990**

SEEKING EBONY WOMAN
Attractive SWPM, 41, seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, HW proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. **12262579**

WORTH A CALL
Attractive SBM, 35, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! **12293916**

WORTH THE CALL
SBM, 41, N/S, seeks open-minded, fun, nice young lady, 21-50, to spend some time together and get to know. **12283851**

WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL
SHF, 46, 5'10", average build, likes going out and having fun, looking to explore the city. Seeking SHAF, 46, 5'10", average build, for possible relationship. **12280393**

YOU NEED ME
SBM, 43, slim, well-groomed, attractive, seek attractive, slim lady to get to know, for dating, maybe more. You won't be disappointed! **12291112**

QUALITY TIME TOGETHER
SBM, 42, 6'3", 200lbs, no children, light smoker, looking for SBF, 35-45, who enjoys bowling, movies, shooting pool. **12291168**

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Garage Sales (7110)

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The Saturn Sky Roadster is basically a more stylish and a \$3,000 more expensive version of the Pontiac Solstice with more standard amenities.

The Sky may share its chassis and powertrain with its corporate cousin, the Pontiac Solstice, but that's where the similarities end.

The Sky has razor-sharp lines, which creates an aerodynamic-looking design. The Solstice's shape is more rounded without as much definition. The Solstice still looks nice -- just not as sporty as the Sky.

There's good reason the Sky has a distinct look that separates it from the Solstice. The Sky's exterior reflects the virtual facelift of Saturn. This aggressive look is shown from the Aura sedan to the Outlook SUV. The new visage is especially evident at the vehicle's angular front end.

The Sky's beautiful body also evokes images of the 1960s European roadsters it was inspired by, with a contemporary touch, of course. Keeping with the Euro-roadster's formidable formula, the Sky is rear-wheel drive, with two seats, a cloth top and a reverse-opening clamshell hood. No bells and whistles here.

The base model's 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine makes the Sky just about as powerful as its rival the Mazda MX-5 Miata. It comes as a five-speed manual transmission, but is also available as an automatic for those who would

rather have convenience than control.

There are two trim levels available for the Sky, the base model and the Red Line, which tops out at about \$30K. Standard equipment for the base model: 18-inch wheels, a manual cloth top with a glass rear window, automatic headlights, keyless entry, cruise control, power windows and mirrors, air-conditioning and a six-speaker audio system with a CD player.

The Saturn Sky Red Line caters more to those who seeking a thrill ride with a sport-tuned suspension, performance tires and a standard limited-slip rear differential. Sporty handling aside, it's similarly equipped to the standard Sky, but has special interior and exterior styling details.

The cars now offer a powerful seven-speaker system with an MP3-compatible in-dash CD changer as well as the option for satellite radio. The eye-pleasing, Premium Trim package adds leather seating, a leather-wrapped steering wheel with mounted audio controls, and metallic-trimmed pedals.

Either model you choose gets relatively good gas mileage. The standard Sky gets 19 miles per gallon in the city and 25 on the highway, while the Red Line comes in at 19 mpg in the city and 28 mpg for highway driving.

Steering is precise and remains tight when thrown into a corner. The ride can get a little choppy when go over rough road surfaces, though.



With sharp lines and a clean, sleek surface, the Saturn Sky offers a European look. Add to that decorative hood vents that hints at its dynamic performance and you've got a real head-turner.

The weight of the car coupled with soft suspension makes it dip and dive, but its handling is still balanced with plenty of grip.

Although roadsters aren't designed to have roomy cabins, the Sky boasts enough room for taller occupants to sit comfortably with 43 inches of legroom and 39 inches of headroom. A wraparound dash, high-sitting windows and bolstered seats give drivers their very own commanding cockpit.

The interior is driver-focused with easy-to-use controls and displays. And with its chrome and shiny black surfaces combined with optional leather seats, the driver is rewarded in style.

The Sky's manually operated fabric roof folds under a clamshell cover behind the passenger compartment leaving no visible evidence the car has a top stowed away.

Raising the top seems a bit tedious as it requires anchoring two bolts at the rear -- one on either side of the car. Saturn engineers should have borrowed from the Mazda Miata's manual top design, which can be raised or lowered while sitting in the car, instead of the repetitive entering and exiting just to feel the breeze in your hair. What if you're bald?

In addition, the Sky's trunk area, which the top folds into, can hold very little with the top down and provides just 5.4 cubic feet of space with the top up. But, then again, as soon you

decide you want a roadster you sign away your rights for cargo space.

Anti-lock disc brakes and stability control are standard equipment, as is OnStar. Side airbags aren't offered on any Sky roadster.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash testing, the Sky scored four stars out of five for both front- and side-impact tests.

The Sky is equipped with a Passenger Sensing System, which automatically turns off the front passenger airbag based on the passengers' weight and position in the seat. Other safety and security features include remote keyless entry system including a panic alarm, and engine immobilizer with the PASSKey III theft deterrent feature.

If you want a comfortable roadster that isn't short on style reach for the Sky, you won't be disappointed.

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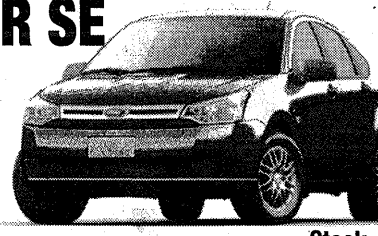
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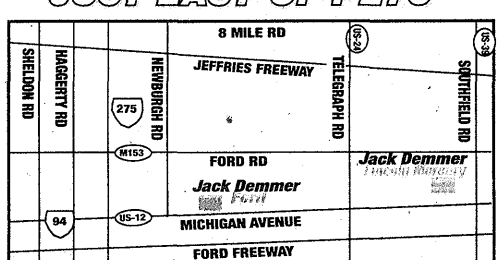


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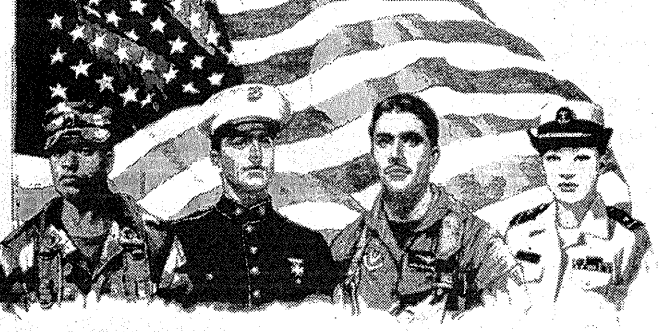
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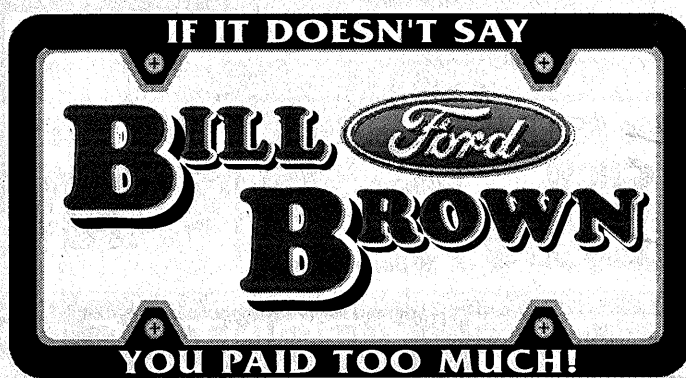
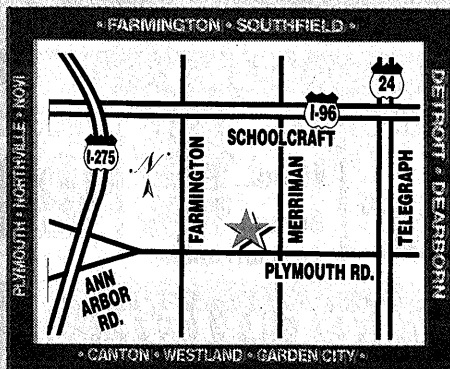
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