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Plymouth's Farmer's Market returns to The Gathering on Penniman, across from Kellogg Park, Saturday, May 9.

### To market

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce brings the Plymouth Farmer's Market to downtown Plymouth starting Saturday, May 9.

The market will be open 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 24 in The Gathering, across from Kellogg Park.

The Farmer's Market is closed on Saturday, July 11, for Art in the Park and Saturday, Sept. 12, for the Plymouth Community Fall Festival.

This year's market will again feature a variety of fresh produce, baked goods, flowers, vegetables for your garden, plants, fresh herbs, dried flowers, as well as other hand-made items.

Spaces are still available for the 2009 market. All products must be grown, or made, by the seller, and are subject to approval by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Anyone interested in reserving a space can call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

### Postal food

Postal carriers in Plymouth, Canton and Belleville will take the lead when the National Letter Carriers' Postal Food Drive takes place Saturday, May 9.

Carriers in those communities will collect food from donations made by residents leaving food near their mailboxes. Food donated in those communities will benefit the food pantry of the Plymouth Salvation Army. All three communities are served by the Salvation Army.

Food collected by postal carriers in Northville will benefit the Northville Civic Center. Northville is the other community served by the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Among the food items on the "wish list" are (but not limited to) macaroni and cheese, Rice-a-Roni, Pasta-Roni, instant rice, boxed soup mixes, stove top stuffing, cake mixes, popcorn, pancake mix, boxed potatoes (all varieties), gravy, canned fruit (all varieties), pie filling, oatmeal, crackers, Hamburger Helper, cereal, peanut butter, jelly or jam, Jell-O, instant pudding and juice (cans or boxes).

Personal care items are also in need, as are things like baby food and formula, wipes, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels and soap.

For information, check with the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464.

## A growing fair



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An 8-foot-tall Mother Nature, played by Chris Belisario, of Highland, greets folks at the Green Street Fair on Friday.

## Environmental event shows Plymouth's green side

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Who said it's not easy being green?

Plymouth's environmental festival, the Green Street Fair, made going green not only easy, but fun, creative and — for some — profitable when it opened Friday afternoon.

The second annual Green Street Fair brought hundreds of people to central Plymouth, where environmental advocates talked up recycling and vegetarianism, children reused boxes to design a kid-sized cityscape and exhibitors pitched Michigan-made foods and products deemed environmentally friendly or made from recycled and alternative materials. The free fair runs through Sunday.

"We love Fort Box, and we tried a lot of the samples" from a health food booth, said Karen Wang of Livonia, whose son Jasper, 2, was romping in the box cityscape, dubbed Fort Box, in Kellogg Park. "You're using everyday stuff for the purpose of fun," Wang said of Fort Box.

Wang said she was to volunteer Saturday at the booth for the Wholistic Moms Network, which offers support and wholistic programs.

The Wholistic Moms, Veg



Simone Cox arranges Lera's Rugs, handmade from recycled materials. In the background, Amy Brusca, of Plymouth, selects a rug.

Michigan and Jem Fruit, which makes and markets a variety of products from a family farm in Michigan's Thumb area, joined better-known exhibitors like IKEA, Eden Foods and the Whole Foods Market for the fair.

Volunteer Kelly Turner of West Bloomfield was selling official Green Street Fair T-shirts and Priorlife tote bags and messenger bags, which are made from used banners. The shirts, made from organic cotton and with the slogan "You are a guest of nature. Behave," were popular, Turner said.

"Everybody loves the slogan. That has been getting tons of

attention," she said.

Mandi Buckland came up with the idea for Fort Box (the name Box City was already taken) when, she said, she built a fort for her 2-year-old daughter, Tuula, out of an old box. The colorful cityscape already included a pet shop, a fruit stand, a flower shop and, of course, a recycling center, by Friday afternoon.

"It's going to grow all weekend," Buckland said. Today's hours for the Green Street Fair are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Several downtown Plymouth streets will be closed during the event.

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## Local GM dealer sheds a tear for doomed Pontiac, but sees upside

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bob Jeannotte was saddened when General Motors Corp. announced last week that it will scrap its Pontiac brand after the next model year.

The move is part of the Detroit-based automaker's plan to avoid bankruptcy and return to profitability with the help of billions in loans from the federal government. General Motors will also drop its Saturn and Hummer lines.

"A tear came to my eyes, for all the years I've sold em," Jeannotte said Thursday from his Plymouth Township dealership, Bob Jeannotte Pontiac Buick GMC.

That'd be 33 years — Jeannotte opened in 1976 as a Pontiac-only dealer. He has driven many Pontiacs himself, he said, and estimates his business has sold more than 40,000 of them.

"Pretty much, I've been a Pontiac guy," Jeannotte said. He began adding other his GM lines in the early 1980s.

Once he sat down and looked at the big picture, however, he saw the upside for his dealership, Jeannotte said.

"In the short term, it's definitely going to hurt a little bit, but in the long term it'll be great," he said.

GM, Jeannotte said, plans to focus on its remaining divisions and build several appealing new models. Those will include a new Buick for entry-level buyers, an "absolutely gorgeous"

2010 Buick LaCrosse and a new GMC truck, the Terrain, with a fuel efficiency that rivals that of smaller sedans, he said.

"Thank God I'm in a position where I've got all three brands," he said.

Jeannotte will continue to sell Pontiacs until the division closes out next year.

The dealership has 52 employees, and Jeannotte said he doesn't expect to lay anyone off because of the phasing-out of Pontiac. Pontiac sales have made up about 40 percent of his business so far this year, he said.

Pontiacs were introduced in 1926 by the Oakland Motors division of GM, which had acquired the Oakland Motor Car Co. of Pontiac in 1909.

Jeannotte said he's seeing more interest among car-buyers in U.S. models, with some customers arriving in imports and then buying American.

"I think they all realize what the country is going through and how good the automobile has been for the middle class," he said.

While Pontiacs will see one more model year, GM will stop building Saturns later this year. The division, launched in the 1980s to compete with imports, is being offered for sale.

At Saturn of Plymouth in Plymouth Township, management refused to comment. A spokesman for GM's Saturn division did not return calls.

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Auto dealer Bob Jeannotte isn't happy about losing Pontiac, but he still has Buick and GMC, both strong brands.

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## New 'bare bones' budget plan will tighten up city spending

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BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With revenue expected to dip as some costs go up, Plymouth's new general-fund budget proposal represents further belt-tightening in other areas.

The Plymouth City Commission has held three public study meetings on the 2009-10 budget, including the \$7.6 million general fund, and has a public hearing on the plan scheduled for Monday, June 1. The commission is expected to vote on the budget following the June hearing.

City Manager Paul Sincock on Tuesday cautiously pronounced the city's financial picture "currently good."

"It's just scary how quickly it can change," finance director Mark Christiansen said. "It's becoming ever increasingly difficult to find places to cut when you're operating on bare bones."

Property tax revenue was off slightly due to a decline in taxable values, but officials expect the downturn in the housing market to hit tax collections harder next year.

The \$7.6 million general-fund plan trims spending by 1 percent compared to the plan for the current year, although spending is expected to come

in under budget this year. Anticipated revenue from property taxes, the state and several miscellaneous sources — among them investment interest, parking fines and the phone tax that supports the 9-1-1 system — is expected to drop.

The plan cuts spending in some areas, including administration, buildings and grounds and public works. Spending for the police department (nearly \$3 million) and emergency fire and medical service (just over \$1 million) would go up.

Sincock said earlier plans to hire two additional police

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# Monetary meaning

## Town hall setting raises financial awareness

Community Financial hosted a town hall meeting at Salem High School as part of a focus on Financial Literacy for Youth. Throughout the month of April, the credit union promoted awareness for financial education that develops sound money management skills.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau was a panelist along with Community Financial CEO Bill Lawton, Community Financial

Education Partnership Karen Alexander and Community Financial Investment & Insurance Services Senior Financial Consultant Jim Potter.

Salem High School finance teacher Lesnie Orsbourne helped coordinate the event. Nearly 200 Plymouth Canton Educational Park students from finance, business and accounting classes attended the town hall. Students prepared ques-

tions about the economy, managing money, ways to invest and how to build good credit.

"Personal financial education is crucial to ensure young people are prepared to make wise financial decisions from the start," Corriveau said. "It was my pleasure to join with Community Financial in helping students develop the skills they need to become financially responsible adults."



Town Hall panelists (from left) are State Rep. Marc Corriveau, Community Financial CEO Bill Lawton, Community Financial Investment & Insurance Services Senior Financial Consultant Jim Potter and Community Financial Education Partnership Coordinator Karen Alexander.

Karen Hanchett, Plymouth High School business teacher, called the event "a great oppor-

tunity for the students to hear from financial leaders in their own community about personal finances and our current economy."

"Teens are interested in how to use money wisely and they learned a lot from the panelists," Hanchett said.

Community Financial operates 30 student-run credit union in local schools, provides classroom presentations to over 9,000 students annually, and offers no cost seminars a variety of topics geared to assisting

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**Showcase Plymouth**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 20th annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the Inn at St. John's.

With more than 20 restaurants providing samples of their best delicacies, the event features food, fun, prizes and networking. Admission is \$10 at the door and includes complimentary food, free beverages and a chance to win over 80 door prizes. Attendees are also invited to help honor this year's Plymouth Service Club's Volunteers of the Year and the Student Citizen Scholarship Award winner's during a short recognition ceremony in the Atrium at 6:15 p.m.

This year's Showcase and Taste of Plymouth will feature over 20 restaurants including Bennigan's, E.G. Nick's, Fancy Food Catering, Fiamma Grill, Grand Traverse Pie Company, Independence Village, Leo's Coney Island, Mill Street Gourmet Pastries, Omelette



**Granting wishes**

The Plymouth location of Max & Erma's, located at Beck and 5 Mile, conducted a fund-raiser over Easter weekend to benefit a child named Steven, whom the restaurant was sponsoring through the Make A Wish Foundation. The fund-raiser garnered nearly \$12,000 for Steven.

& Waffle Café, Panera Bread, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Toarmina's Pizza, Zapata's and more. Beverages will be provided courtesy of Absopure and Central Distributors of Beer.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln Mercury and Community Financial.

**Caregiving conference**

Adult Well-Being Services is

one of several local elder agencies that will present the final program in a caregiving series on Monday, May 4 at Summit on the Park in Canton, from 5:30-9 p.m.

The program will cover many caregiver issues such as legal and financial concerns, home health care, Medicaid/Medicare, VA benefits and more. There will be free massages, door prizes and refresh-

ments. This program is funded in part by the Senior Alliance and the Detroit Area Agency on Aging.

For more information call 313-359-0736.

**Blue Steel band**

The Blue Steel big band presents a concert of music from the 50's, 60's and 70's on Monday, May 4 at the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth.

The downbeat will be given at 7:30 p.m. and will include music of Count Basie, Frank Sinatra, the Beatles and much more. Jack Anderson is the featured vocalist. The Blue Steel big band is comprised of local musicians of all ages some of whom are professionals.

Tickets are \$3 and are available at the door,

**Spanish camp**

Children ages preschool through fifth grade will learn Spanish through immersion activities, large group games, crafts, performances, and more at a Spanish Camp for Kids sponsored by Bilingual Fun. Classes, day camps, and free events offered in Plymouth. Visit [www.bilingualfun.com](http://www.bilingualfun.com) or call (877) 686-7399 for more information.

**Money management**

The Plymouth District Library presents "Principles for Structuring a Portfolio" on May 5 and 12, from 6:30-9 p.m. This seminar is presented by the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation and the Investor Protection Trust - free industrial-strength investment education from an impartial source.

Program content will include: Part I - May 5 - Portfolio management, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and ETF's Part II; May 12 - Seven-step sequence for making investment decisions, core/satellite strategy, wrap-up practicum.

Registration is requested at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or online at [http://plymouthlibrary.org/regist\\_friends.htm](http://plymouthlibrary.org/regist_friends.htm)

**Garden Club election**

Plymouth Garden Club Branch of the WNF&GA will conduct its annual meeting for election of officers 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the

Plymouth District Library, located at 223 S. Main Street.

After the election, there will be a slide show presentation of the recent Philadelphia Flower Show that will include members personal photos. Light refreshments will be served. The general public is invited.

For more information, visit the group's Web site at [plymouthwnfga.googlepages.com](http://plymouthwnfga.googlepages.com)

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# EDUCATION

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Radio staffers earn broadcast awards

Staff members at WSDP, the student-run radio station owned and operated by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, recently received a number of individual awards from the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters.

The MAEB awards were presented at the University of Detroit Mercy as part of the MAEB Share-a-thon, a conference that brings together high school and college broadcasters from throughout the state.

Among Plymouth-Canton award winners:

- Newscast - Canton junior Rodney Harris, gold.
- Talk show - Salem seniors John Dalton and Timothy Thompson, Canton junior Rodney Harris and Canton sophomore Sean Fitzpatrick, gold.

- Production - Canton sophomore Sean Fitzpatrick and Salem sophomore John Bonello, gold; Plymouth sophomore Derek Harbison, Salem juniors Alex Lamb and Sam Rector and Salem senior Jake Burnstein, bronze.

- Sportscast/play-by-play - Plymouth senior Nick Stemberger, silver.
- Disc jockey - Salem senior John Dalton and Plymouth sophomore Spencer Girard, bronze.

WSDP had more Gold Mic winners than any other high school program and matched the number received by the top college station.

The MAEB was created to promote and develop low-power educational broadcasting in Michigan. The association was formed in 1977.

"We always knew our students match up well against the best," station manager Bill Keith said. "We're so proud of each of these students and they're very deserving of these honors."



### Gone green

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox presents New Morning School's Elaine Kennedy, Head of School, with an official Michigan Green School Certificate of Achievement. New Morning School's year-long "Go Green!" program culminated in an Earth Day celebration and award presentation on Friday, April 24. The event was sponsored by Eaton Corporation with the participation of Don Massey Cadillac.

### Band recruiting

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, a regular Bands of America Finalist at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, hosts an informational meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, for students and their parents who are interested in joining the 2009 Marching Band program.

The Marching Band Recruitment meeting is designed for incoming eighth graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers enjoying pizza, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters on how their eighth grader can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2009 summer/fall season.

### Color Guard Workshops

Individuals who are interested in joining the Color Guard for the 2009 Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, should plan to attend a four-day workshop prior to auditions May 11-14 from 4-6 p.m. Using music,

colorful flags, rifles, sabers and dance, the PCEP fall & winter guards represent pure athleticism, grace, and talent. The final audition date is Monday, May 18 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School band room.

For more information, contact Color Guard Instructor Jennifer LeSeth at jenifo30@gmail.com.

### Stage role

Allison Goldsmith, daughter of Jeff and Kathy Goldsmith of Plymouth, performed as Verges in the recent production of William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

Martine Kei Green, visiting instructor of drama, directed the play, adding a contemporary Victorian spin to the production. *Much Ado About Nothing* is a light comedy with a funny, dark edge, and it plays out a number of Shakespeare's best loved themes: confusion between lovers, the battle of the sexes, and the restoration of love and marriage.

A graduate of Canton High School, Goldsmith is a senior majoring in drama at Kenyon.

## Allen Elementary cafeteria manager goes 'Extra Mile'

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In her first year as the cafeteria manager at Allen Elementary School, Judy Kanack could have been expected to try and impress her boss.

Apparently, she has. Equally apparent is the fact she must be impressing the entire staff, since it was the entire staff who banded together to support Kanack's nomination for the Plymouth-Canton Extra Miller Award.

Principal Marcia Moore was on hand, with other staffers, as Kanack accepted the award at

Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

"It's a great tribute when it's someone's first year in a position," Moore said. "Our entire staff was behind this nomination."

According to Moore, Kanack has taken the kitchen operation "green," getting rid of plastic foam, etc. She put books along the lunch line so students could read while waiting in line, and she has grown the breakfast program "by making it fun," Moore said.

Kanack is a "quiet and personal person" who is a "very strong leader," according to

Moore.

"She took it upon herself to make some changes to the nutrition program at Allen," the principal said. "She has included students, worked with the staff to better their lunch-times. We felt it was important to recognize her effort."

Kanack was grateful the district recognized the value of her profession.

"I will continue to take pride in Allen Elementary, the students and the staff," Kanack said. "I love what I do, and I'm happy it shows."

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## School station readies for auction

Staffers at WSDP 88.1 FM, the student-run radio station serving the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools community, present their 21st radio auction 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16.

New items will be auctioned off every half-hour. Listeners can support the station by calling in bids throughout the day. There are many great items to bid on, including autographed memorabilia, restaurant gift certificates and services from local businesses. A Dream Board of the more unique items will be available for bidding all day long.

Area businesses still have time to support the student radio station by donating an item. Station volunteers are contacting businesses for donations. Businesses benefit from the exposure they receive while the item is up

for bid. Most importantly, they help a very worthwhile program.

"The generosity of Plymouth-Canton businesses is overwhelming," said station manager Bill Keith. "Their support is especially encouraging when you consider how many requests they receive."

Local residents can also support the auction. Their employer may have access to tickets at local concerts or sporting events and they may be willing to donate them to the station.

"My dream is that someone is a friend of Chris Osgood and they can convince him to have dinner with one of our high bidders," Keith said.

Anyone with an idea for the auction can contact the station at (734) 416-7732. Businesses that are willing to display an auction flyer

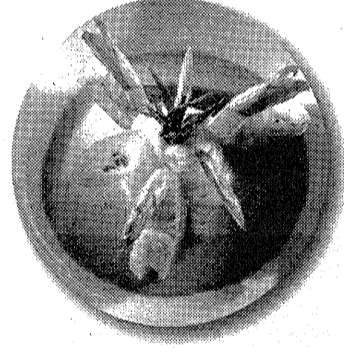
can also contact the station. Businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring a portion of the auction can e-mail Keith at keithb@pcsc.k12.mi.us

"Most importantly, we hope people will tune in and listen to the auction on May 16," Keith said. "It's a fun event to listen to and the students work so hard."


They can also listen to the auction via the station's live Web feed at www.881TheEscape.com. The Web site will also feature a complete list of auction items.

Last year, the station raised some \$9,000; their goal this year is \$10,000.

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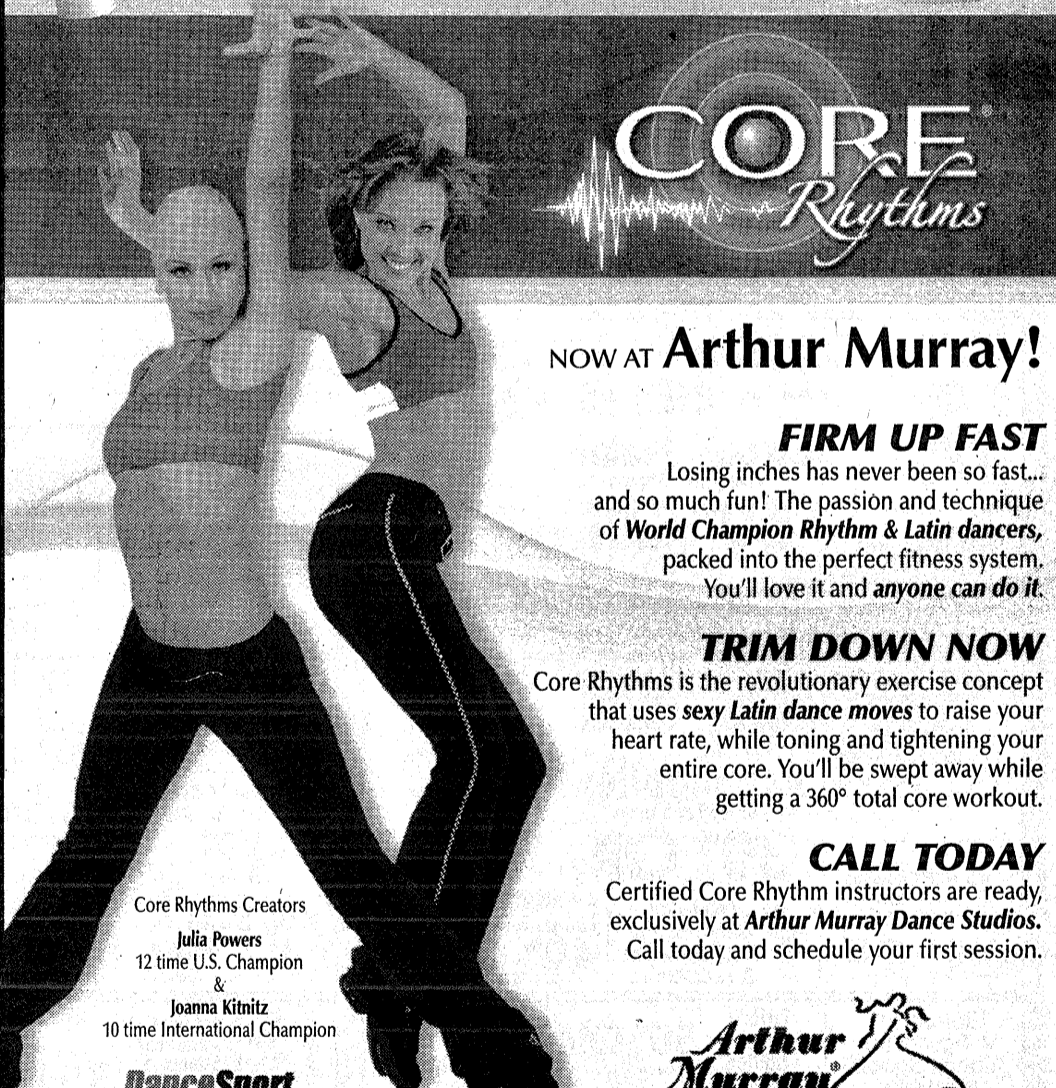
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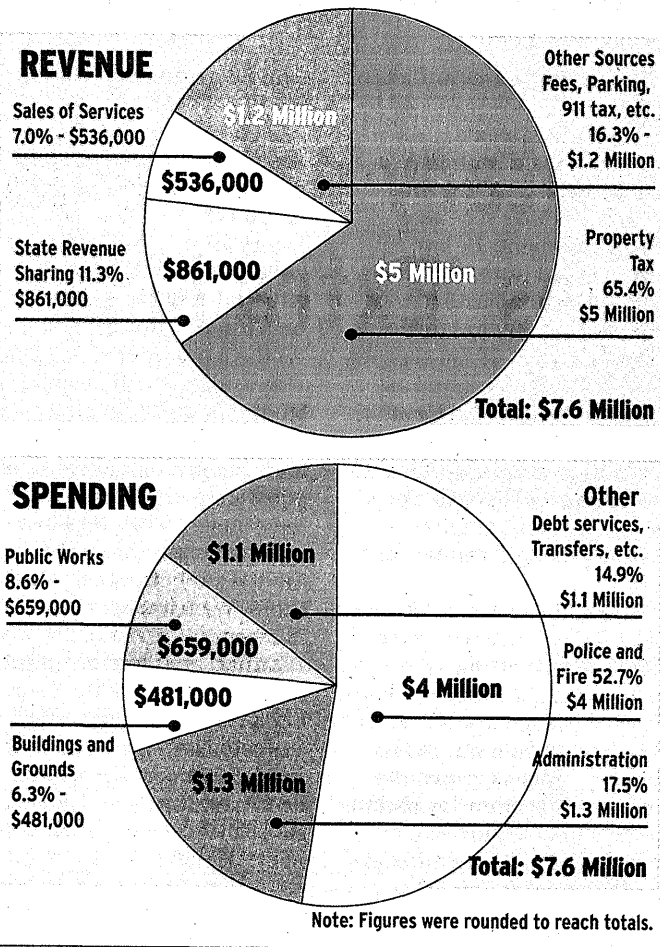


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### BUDGET FROM PAGE A1

officers had to be scrapped as the budget was being put together. "The numbers didn't work," he said. The hirings would have brought the city's police force to 17 officers.

Totaled, Plymouth has 41 full-time employees and a number of part-timers. The full-time-equivalent work force is expected to be 59 at the start of the next budget year, Wednesday, July 1. That's down from a recent high of 73.

The general fund represents just part of the city's annual spending. Other major funds in the budget proposal include:

- The \$3.9 million water and sewer fund, supported largely by residential and commercial water users. Officials do not plan to raise water and sewer rates for the coming year.

- The recreation fund, just over \$1 million, which generates most of its revenue through recreation program

The city's proposed total tax rate is about 15.87 mills, or \$15.87 for every \$1,000 in taxable value. The owners of a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 would pay \$1,587 in city taxes at that rate.

This year's recreation budget plan includes a \$217,000 contribution from the general fund.

- The waste and recycling fund, supported mostly by a dedicated tax and by disposal fees. The fund is budgeted at a little more than \$1 million.

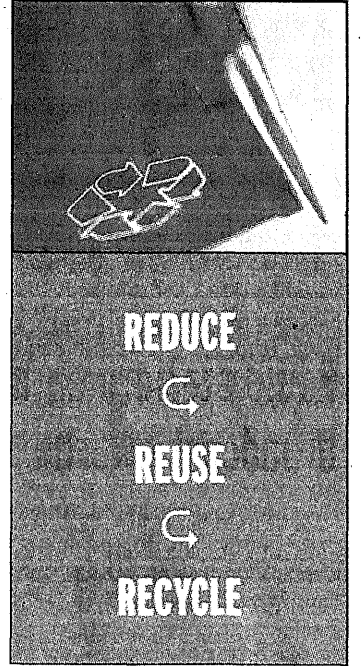
- The Downtown Development Authority operating budget, \$958,790, most

of which comes from a portion of the taxes paid by businesses in the downtown area.

The city also has several other funds for capital improvements, such as street resurfacing and replacement, that raise money through bond sales.

The city's proposed total tax rate is about 15.87 mills, or \$15.87 for every \$1,000 in taxable value. The owners of a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 would pay \$1,587 in city taxes at that rate. The tax rate is up about 1.5 mills in order to pay the debt service on a voter-approved bond issue for road improvements.

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# Roth IRAs offer substantial advantages

**Q:** Dear Rick: I have some money sitting in a retirement account from my old job. I now have new employment and the company offers a matching 401(k) plan. Should I contribute to my employer's 401(k) plan and also roll over the other money into a Roth IRA or a regular IRA? If so, which investment company do you suggest using for the roll-over? I have a wife and one child. Please help me get on the right track.

**A:** Congratulations on your new job. It is great that your



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

has happened over the last year or so, the 401(k) plan is still a very good investment vehicle to save for retirement.

new company offers a 401(k) plan and even better it offers a matching program. Take advantage of this opportunity. After all, the company match is like "found" money. In addition, despite what

One opportunity you should explore with regards to your 401(k) plan is a Roth option. Many 401(k) plans allow you to invest post-tax money into a Roth 401(k) plan. The advantages of a Roth are substantial. The growth in a Roth is not tax-deferred. It is tax-free. When you withdraw money from your Roth, there will be no income tax due on the money. All the income from the investment and the money invested is tax-free.

On the other hand, when you withdraw money from your traditional 401(k) plan, all money withdrawn is subject to ordinary income taxes.

In addition, the Roth 401(k) is not subject to required minimum distributions as is the traditional 401(k) plan is. The benefit of this is at age 70½, you are not required to begin taking any distributions from your Roth 401(k). In fact, you are never required to withdraw money from your Roth 401(k). Although the benefits of a Roth are substantial, there is one downside. In a traditional

401(k) you invest pre-taxed money while in a Roth 401(k) you invest post-tax money. The result is you pay more short-term taxes while receiving substantial long-term tax saving.

I recommend you transfer the money in your previous employer's 401(k) plan into an IRA. There are many good investment companies including Vanguard, Charles Schwab & Co., and Fidelity Investments. These are three of the larger custodians that offer a variety of assistance and the opportunity to invest commission-free.

If you decide to use an investment adviser, make sure you use an adviser vs. a salesperson. Too many in the financial world are only concerned with selling products where they can make substantial fees, such as in variable annuities. If you use a professional investment adviser, I recommend a fee-only one who charges for their services, but has no financial incentive in the products you invest.

I believe when there are com-

missions, there are conflicts of interest and those can lead to sub-par investments.

As to using a Roth IRA or a traditional IRA, the first issue is whether you meet the requirements by law. In order to do a Roth conversion in 2009, your adjusted gross income for 2009 has to be less than \$100,000. If you are over the \$100,000 mark, you are not eligible this year. However, you should be eligible in 2010 when the tax law changes.

If your income is less than \$100,000 then my general rules for conversion are as follows:

1. You must have other cash available, without touching the money being converted, to pay the income tax liability. When you convert money into a Roth IRA, you must pay taxes on the money that you are converting. This money is always subject to tax. However, by converting the money you are paying the tax ahead of time.

2. You can invest the money in the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years.

3. By converting the money it will not throw you into a higher tax bracket. If so, convert just a portion of the money. With the market so low, it is an excellent opportunity for people to consider converting into a Roth IRA. After all, you are paying taxes on a smaller amount of money. As the market recovers, which it will, all your gains will be in your Roth IRA, totally income-tax free.

In the great majority of cases I recommend taking your money with you when you leave a company. By directly transferring the money into an IRA you are not subject to changes within the company's plan and are therefore in total control of your money.

As far as I am concerned, an investor should always be in control of his or her money.

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Towers



Centofanti

gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

In addition to her weekend role, Centofanti is also the Fox

2 Health Works editor. She joined WJBK FOX 2 in April 1997.

Centofanti balances a busy life as a journalist and mother. She and husband, Keith, are parents to three children: son Casey, born in 1999, daughter Ellie, born in 2002, and Sophie, born in 2005.

Towers joined the Fox 2 weekend family as a features reporter. He was named co-anchor earlier this year.

"I love my time with my TV family Deena and Justin

(Ryan, meteorologist)," said Towers, who spends his free time at the movies and with his daughter, 6.

When not working weekends at Fox 2, Towers hosts mornings at 97.1 The Ticket on the Jay & Bill show.

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# United Way fund-raising campaign falls short of goal

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community United Way, like so many other nonprofit groups, reported its 2008 fund-raising campaign fell just under \$200,000 short of its goal.

PCUW President Marie Morrow says the Plymouth-based United Way — which also serves Canton Township, Northville and Belleville

— raised \$916,000 in donations and pledges, which was short of the \$1.1 million goal.

“Because of the severe cutbacks in many of the auto-related companies we saw a decline in donations from some of the larger companies,” Morrow said. “Some of the companies not related to the auto industry showed increases in their campaigns as they dug a little deeper.”

“I think for the economy and what many of these companies

have gone through we did pretty well,” she said. “We’re still getting some pledges in and anticipate wrapping up the 2008 campaign, while at the same time working on plans for the 2009 campaign.”

The PCUW annual campaigns generally end in January. However, Morrow said many companies had to extend their giving campaigns well into 2009. “Because of the cutbacks, layoffs and restructuring we didn’t get finalized until the end of the

first quarter,” Morrow said.

Despite the drop in collections and pledges, Morrow said the agencies supported by the United Way — including First Step, Community Opportunity Centers and the Plymouth Salvation Army — won’t see a cut in their allocations.

“We had a reserve because we anticipated tough times and we dipped into it,” Morrow said. “We did not cut any of our agencies and we still gave out grants for

food, utilities and basic needs to help people. The needs are up and the agencies are having a difficult time surviving. We’re trying to support them the best we can because we’re in the community to provide for the less fortunate.”

“We tried to give the agencies a year warning because if the economy remains down, donations next year may be negatively impacted,” she said. Denise King of Plymouth,

executive director of Community Opportunity Centers, operates 22 homes in Wayne County for about 100 people with developmental disabilities in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Redford and Westland. King said when she received COC’s allocation from the PCUW, she expected a cut from the \$49,000 she requested.

“I was delighted when it wasn’t the case, it was one of our brighter days,” King said. “This year has been difficult financially because of cuts in mental health dollars and the difficulty in conducting fund-raisers, which we rely on year after year.”

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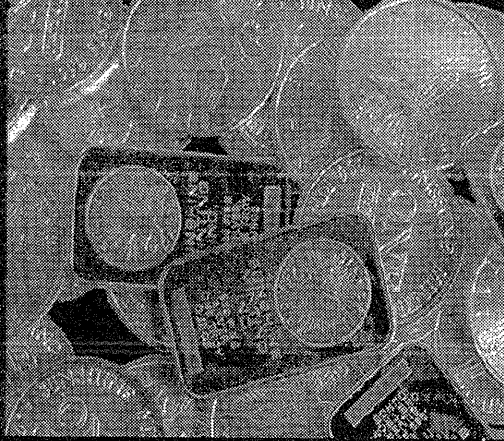
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# McCotter: Rushed process led to Chrysler bankruptcy

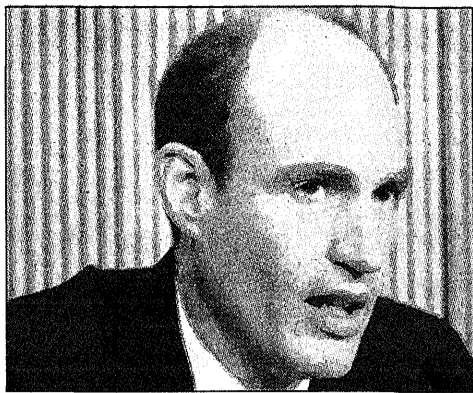
BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said Friday that the process that led Chrysler to file for bankruptcy Thursday didn't give the company enough time or support to work out the details.

Chrysler was given 30 days by the Obama Administration Auto Task Force to win concessions from the United Auto Workers, arrange for a merger with Italian automaker Fiat and get bondholders to take reduced payments on their obligations.

"As they worked their way through it, there was no time left," McCotter said. "There wasn't a sufficient plan laid out for what this would look like."

McCotter and others were especially critical of hedge funds that refused the



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Chrysler offer of reduced payments after the company's major bondholders had agreed.

On Thursday, McCotter released a press statement, "Our entire community's thoughts, hearts, hands and prayers go out to the Chrysler workers and retirees who now face more cruel uncertainty regarding their futures. Chrysler, the UAW and our entire community,

have toiled, sacrificed and suffered to comply with President Obama's Auto Task Force's demands and deadlines to avoid bankruptcy. These noble, Herculean efforts by workers, retirees and management have now been frustrated by hedge funds. The fate of Chrysler now rests in court proceedings of an unpredictable duration and ultimate determination."

McCotter said Friday that given more time, Chrysler may

have been able to leverage more influence on the hedge funds.

Obama said that Thursday he expected the bankruptcy Chapter 11 reorganization to move quickly, 30 to 60 days, and make Chrysler a stronger company.

"I hope he's right, we all do," McCotter said.

He said bankruptcy proceedings are unpredictable, especially with a company as complicated as Chrysler, or General Motors, which faces its own deadline in a month.

Under the current plan, the United Auto Workers would be the majority owner of Chrysler, with Fiat as a minority owner, providing design and management expertise. McCotter said this arrangement evolved only after the Auto Task Force told Chrysler to work out an arrangement with Fiat.

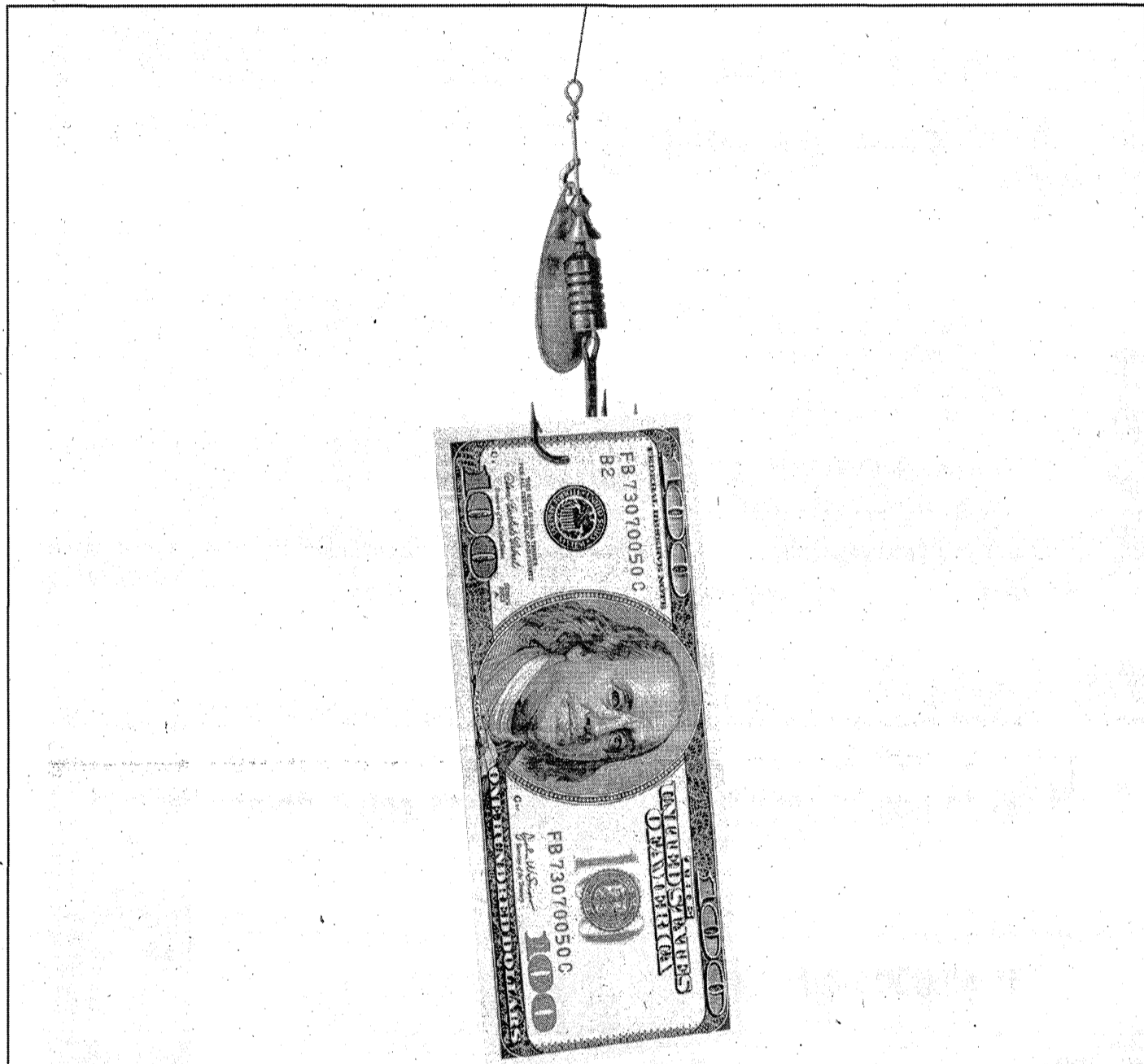
"We don't know if this is

how it will look. I don't know of anything existing with this structure," McCotter said.

General Motors will work to meet the goals set by the task force, McCotter said. He has expressed concern about AIG-backed bondholders profiting off a forced GM bankruptcy. On April 1, McCotter sent a letter to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner "demanding" to know if any GM bondholders have credit default swaps contracts with AIG, if

so who and in what amount and how much would GM's bondholders gain from their credit default swaps should GM be forced into bankruptcy.

He said he still hasn't received an answer. McCotter has been critical of both the Bush and Obama administrations for the demands placed on the auto companies in comparison to the comparatively restriction-free bailout of the bank industry.



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# Cooling their jets

## Students put engineering lessons to the test

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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Kimberly Groh didn't think she could be happier than she was when her Dodson Elementary School fifth-graders were chosen to take part in the Jet Toy Olympics at Cobo Arena in Detroit last week.

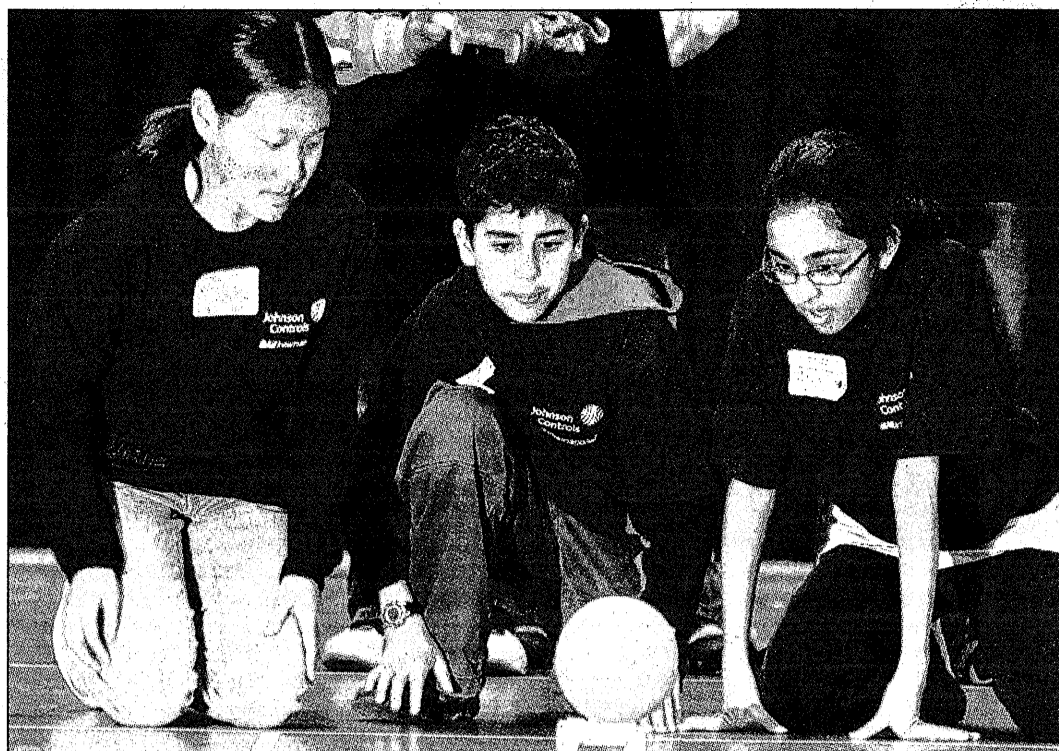
She was wrong. Groh's team upped the happiness quotient by earning a silver award in one of three judged categories at the Olympics, part of the Society of Automotive Engineers World in Motion program that brings engineering expertise into local schools.

The program, sponsored in Plymouth-Canton the last two years by Johnson Controls, allows students to take what they learned in the classroom and put it to practical use. For Groh's fifth-graders — and two other Plymouth-Canton teams that took part — they did even better than that.

"We were very excited," Groh said. "It was absolutely wonderful. The students had a chance to enter contests and work together as a team and apply all the knowledge they learned. It gave them not only an opportunity to work in teams, but it also let them reinforce the concepts they learned."

A World in Motion is a SAE program that partners with companies like Johnson Controls to motivate students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. Johnson Controls engineers join teachers and students in the classroom in an exploration of physical science, while addressing essential mathematic and scientific concepts and skills.

This school year, some 145 Johnson Controls employees from the company's Holland and Plymouth campuses went into more than 150 classrooms of 57 schools to help foster the educational experiences of 3,750 students who are the next genera-



Dodson Elementary fifth-graders took part in the JetToy Olympics, an engineering competition conducted at Cobo Arena last week.

tion of scientists, technicians and engineers.

"We truly believe we need to give back to our communities; it's not always about taking, it's about giving back, too," said Russ Bergei, Johnson Controls' engineering executive director, customer busi-

ness unit, North America seating. "These are the engineers of tomorrow. For us to influence them in any of the sciences, the technical arena, math ... this is the first chance kids really get to formulate the thought of doing a technical career path."

The third annual Jet Toy Olympics involved 127 teams — and some 500 students — and provided a friendly competition where teams of students use the skills and knowledge previously gained from program volunteers to design, build and test balloon-powered toy cars to compete in distance, accuracy, weight carrying and timed events.

The event teaches scientific core concepts, such as jet propulsion, friction, air resistance and design

in a fun and engaging manner. Janet Kahan, K-12 math/science coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Schools, said because the state requires class content to include force and motion in both third and sixth grade, the units help students do it not only from the standpoint of engineers but also as scientists. Students benefit, she said, from having JCI engineers in the classrooms.

"We think it's really important," Kahan said. "To have mentors in the classrooms who use those same skills help our kids to value those skills. It matters to our kids to have other adults care enough about them to actually come to the schools. That's very important."

The Jet Toy Olympics judged students' engineering abilities in four basic categories: distance, weight-carrying, time and accuracy. All three district teams — fifth-graders at Allen Elementary with teacher Debbie Maloni; Groh's Dodson team; and Melanie Gray's Smith Elementary team — earned honors.

"The kids had to do experiments which would make (the toy) go farthest for distance, sometimes the fastest and they also had to look at ways to see how long they could make it go," Groh said. "Students worked together in teams to test the jet toy, then make any modifications they needed to make. We were thrilled."

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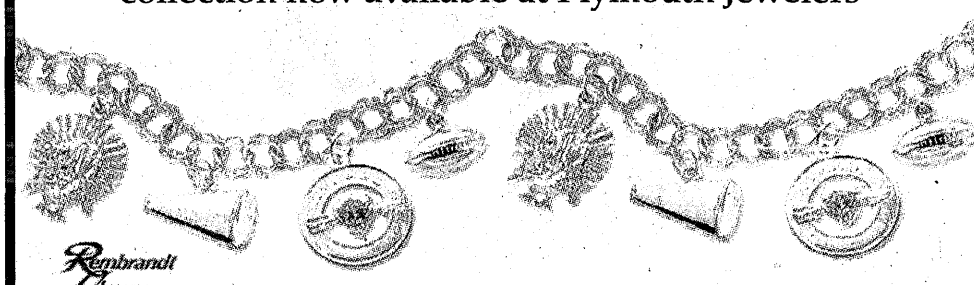
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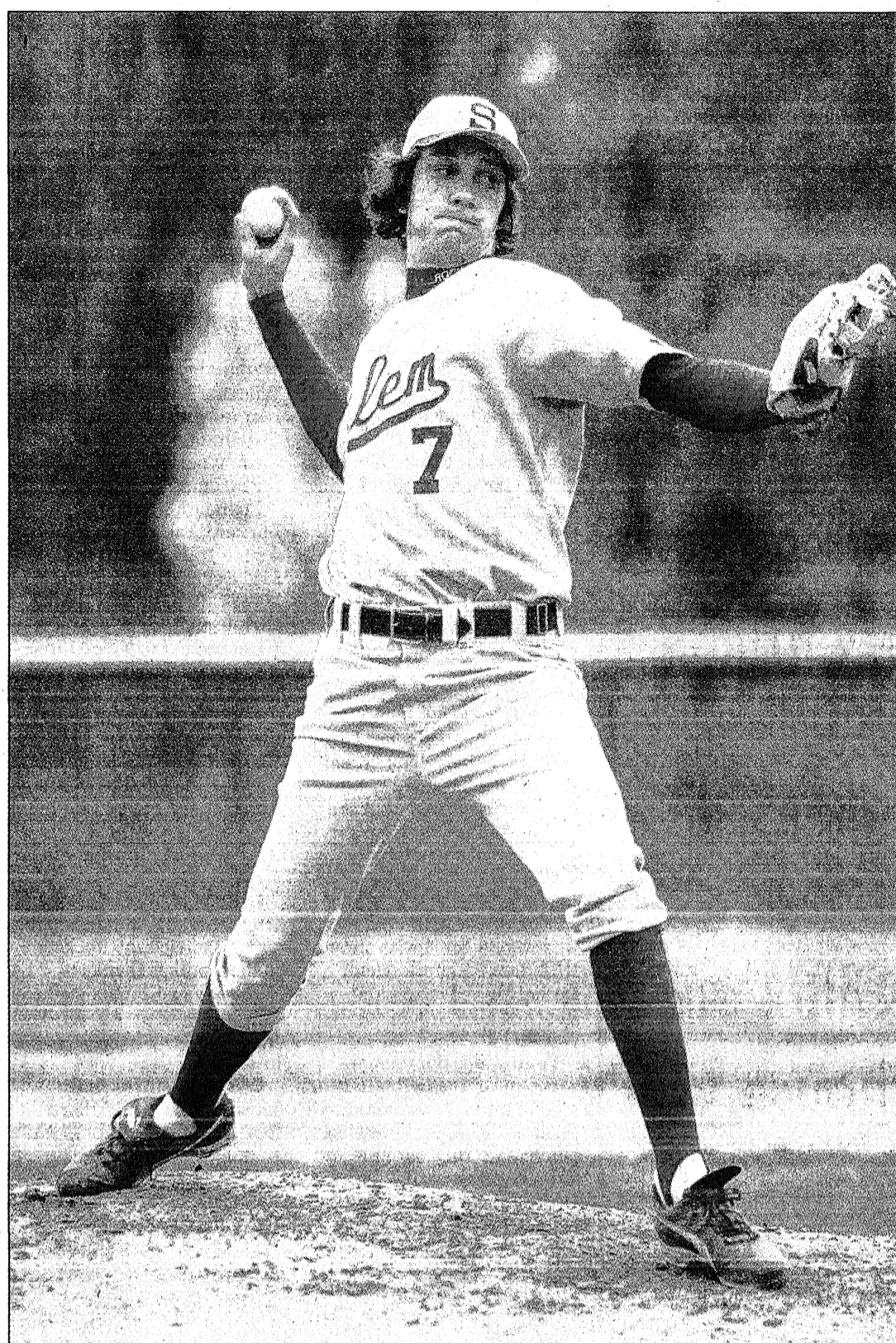
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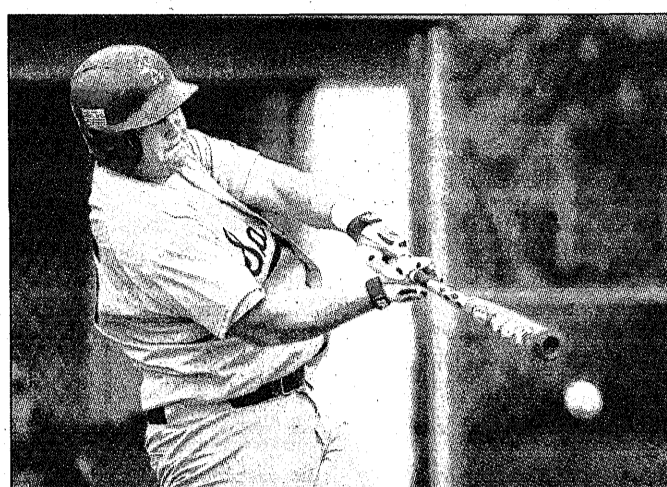
# HOMETOWN LIFE

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Salem senior pitcher Dave Hales struck out 12 and yielded just two hits in the Rocks' 2-0 victory over Westland John Glenn Friday afternoon.

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Drew Grabowski connects on a single to help stake Salem to an early 2-0 lead against John Glenn Friday afternoon.

## 'Hales' to the victors

### Solid mound efforts lead Salem to twinbill sweep

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem pitcher Dave Hales' unofficial theme song Friday afternoon could be found on M.C. Hammer's greatest hits album: "You Can't Touch This."

Hales was nearly untouchable in the opening game of the Rocks' double-header at Westland John Glenn as he held the Rockets to two hits while striking out half the batters he faced in the 2-0 victory. Hales fanned 12 of the 24 Rockets who stepped into the batter's box while walking just one.

"Dave has been very good this year, but he was actu-

ally better than normal today," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger, whose squad improved to 11-6 overall and 7-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. "His pitch count was down and he was hitting his spots."

Hales received all the support he needed in the top of the second when the Rocks scored both their runs. Drew Grabowski and Joe Posler led off with singles before Justin Bashi laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt to advance them to second and third. Dave Russel then followed with a clutch two-run single. Salem finished with five

Please see SWEEP, B3

## Canton edges Wildcats in fasci-net-ing match

If you were looking for good-to-the-last-lob tennis action on Wednesday afternoon, the P-CEP courts were the place to be when the Plymouth and Canton girls teams hooked up in a net classic.

Canton prevailed, 5-4, in a match that featured three three-set thrillers.

After the two cross-campus rivals split the four singles matches, Canton prevailed by seizing three of the five doubles contests.

Canton improved to 6-0 with the win while the Wildcats slipped to 3-3.

The Chiefs' Janelle Burdiss sparked her team's victory with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Chelsea Craig at No. 1 singles. Plymouth's Jessica Bracey evened the match at 1-1 when she edged Canton's Vicki Chen at No. 2, 6-7, 6-1, 6-4. Canton's Megan Leung defeated Sarah Mitchell, 6-3, 6-4, before the Wildcats' No. 4 player, Priya Joshi, knocked off Canton's Maggie DePentu, 6-0, 6-0.

The second three-setter of the afternoon unfolded at No. 1 doubles when Canton's Paige Babala and Kayla Davis outlasted Gina Matar and Radhika Patel, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Plymouth drew even again when

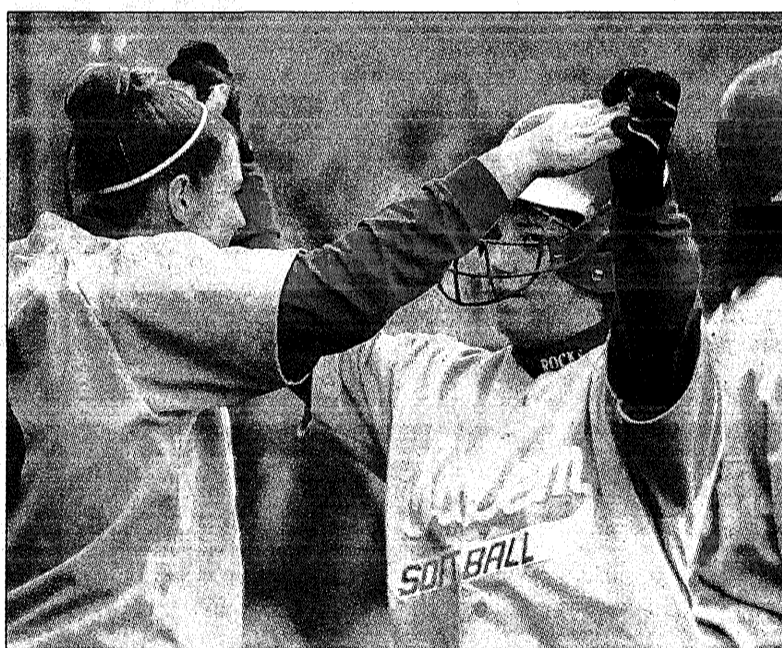
its No. 2 doubles tandem of Katie Binger and Lindsey Stemberger swept Katie Noetzel and Jaclyn Hillingsworth, 6-0, 6-3.

Possibly the most exciting match of the day took place at No. 3 doubles when Canton's Taylor Eppler and Kaitlyn Montgomery narrowly escaped with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 triumph over Allison Santori and Lauren Jeong.

The two teams split the final two doubles matches as Canton's Catherine Sanctorum and Brittany Vance slipped by Claire Marchesano and Annie Mackenzie at No. 4 before the Wildcats' No. 5 duo of Britta Swanson and Kayla Griffey upended Michelle Nagy and Jordan Boeve, 6-2, 6-4, at No. 5.

### NOVI 7 SALEM 2 Wednesday at Novi

No. 1 singles: Sara Carlson (N) defeated Alli Carpenter, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Abby Wang (N) def. Linda Ling, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Jennifer Felcher (N) def. Anna Norman, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Morgan Spencer (S) def. Ming Ming Jie, 6-0, 6-3.  
No. 1 doubles: Lauren Felcher/Julia Thomas (N) def. Rachel Norman/Ariel Rojo, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Jenna Snyder/Magen Wenzl (N) def. Kerry MacDonald/Alex Lamb, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Andrea Lollo/Meggie Riegel (N) def. Victoria Brotz/Mallory Rojo, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Ashley Davis/Katie Fletcher (S) def. Natalie Murphy/Shahen Sheikh, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; No. 5: Michele Barber/Navya Talluri (N) def. Emma VanHooft/Bethany Haller, 7-6, 6-4.  
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Salem, 2-3; Novi, 7-1.



Salem's Emily Meade (left) congratulates Alexis Powell during a Rock uprising in Friday's doubleheader sweep of Westland John Glenn.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Rocks defuse Rockets in DH

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The most glorious sight for Westland John Glenn's softball team Friday afternoon was watching Salem's bus exiting its parking lot following the two teams' double-header.

The Rocks made life miserable for the Rockets from the opening pitch to the final out, sweeping their hosts 15-0 and 11-0. The twinbill dominance improved Salem's

record to 10-5 and 7-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

"We are right where we need to be at the moment; things seem to be clicking all the way around," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We have a really tough week ahead, going back through the division a second time. We have yet to face Stevenson and Northville has really stepped it up, too,

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## GAME WRAPS

### Lady Warriors nipped

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team dropped a hard-fought 15-12 decision to Huron Valley United Wednesday night. The Lady Warriors' offense was in high gear, ripping 33 shots at the Huron Valley net.

"We only had 15 shots on goal the first time we played them," noted PCS coach Dave Medley. "I knew it would be a tough game as both teams are pretty evenly matched. Huron came out on fire and we fell behind by five goals early. We did some correcting with personnel alignments, however, the early lapse cost us."

Scoring for PCS were Chelsea Olson (six goals), Lauryn Ebersole (three), Nicole Rottell (two) and Natalie Sitko, who netted a single goal.

Defensively, sophomore goalie Lexie O'Connor kept the Lady Warriors in the game by making 27 saves.

"I can't say enough about Lexie," said Medley. "She was certainly the MVP in our two games against Huron."

### Salem kickers fall

Salem's girls soccer team dropped a 4-0 decision to host Northville Thursday night. The loss dropped the Rocks to 4-3-2 overall and 2-3-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division.

The Mustangs galloped to a 3-0 halftime lead and never looked back.

"We came out flat in the first half and got down a few goals early," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We played a better second half, but it's tough to come back against a talented team like Northville."

### Chiefs medal at Harrison Relays

Several members of Canton's boys track-and-field team earned some heavy medal at Friday's Harrison Hawks Freshmen/Sophomores Relays.

The Chiefs' best performance came from their sprint medley relay team of Matt Schacht, Max Earll, Mitch Posuniak and Matt Gran, who placed second with a time of 4:05.3.

Their best individual performance came from Tyler Winningham, who placed fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.7.

Also placing fourth were the long-jump relay contingent of Luke Freeman and Nick DiBenedetto (33 feet, 8 inches); the 800 relay team of Earll, Austin Golles, Winningham and Mike Edge; and the 400 relay foursome of Earll, Brandon Sword, Posuniak and Edge.

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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Canton Chiefs baseball camp**

The 2009 Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp will be held June 15-18 at the Canton High School baseball complex. The camp will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

The camp is designed for kids 7 to 14 years old. A limited number of openings exist, so interested campers are encouraged to register early.

All campers will receive a 2009 Canton Baseball Camp T-shirt and lunch each day.

Campers will receive instruction from members of the varsity coaching staff and players in all phases of the game, including throwing, fielding, hitting, pitching and base running.

The registration fee is \$120. For more information, call Diane Galanty at (734) 765-1255.

**Track-and-field**

**top 10 listings**

All local boys and girls track

coaches are encouraged to report their team's top performances in each event to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright so that comprehensive top 10 listings can be compiled for the area's boys and girls high school athletes.

Names and times or distances can be e-mailed to Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com.

**Detroit Lions youth camp**

**youth camp**

A Detroit Lions Summer Youth Football Camp will be held at Central Middle School in Plymouth July 6-9 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. This will be the fifth consecutive summer the camp will be held in Plymouth.

The Lions will conduct a minimum of 14 youth football camps in Michigan and Canada during the summer of 2009.

"We truly enjoy coming to Plymouth and working with the area's youth," said Chris Fritzsching, the Lions director of youth football. "It's going to be an exciting camp; a camp that allows us to help develop young athletes to

become more educated and skilled football players, while emphasizing some of the life skills the game of football teaches: hard work, discipline, teamwork, communication and perseverance."

Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp is open to boys & girls ages 6-14, is non-contact and fundamental, and designed to improve a child's beginning, intermediate, or advanced skill level. Participants are grouped based on age and skill level. Camp is limited to the first 100 participants to register and is conducted by Chris Fritzsching, Director of Detroit Lions Youth Football, and the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp Coaching Staff, who are professional educators from the collegiate and high school ranks.

During Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp, participants will spend two days learning offensive fundamentals (quarterback, running back, wide receiver and offensive line) and two days learning defensive fundamentals (defensive line, linebacker, defensive back and tackling) in addition to learning special teams fundamentals (kicking, punting, and kick and punt returning).

Interested participants may register by phone, fax, mail or online at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call (313) 262-2248, e-mail youthfootballcamps@detroitlions.com or visit www.DetroitLions.com/youth-football.

**ROCKS**

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so we need to stay sharp in every part of our game.

"If we can just keep up the hitting like the last few games, we will be right there at the top."

Friday's opening game last just three innings as Salem sophomore hurler Briana Lee tossed a perfect game, striking out 14. Lee was backed by a 14-hit attack that was led by Heidi Schmidt (3-for-4, double, two RBI), Mary Cox (3-for-3, three RBI), Emily Pitcole (three RBI) and Mary Johnson, who ripped a double and a single.

"It was nice to see everyone swinging the bat well this game," noted Southerland.

Schmidt starred on the mound in the nightcap for Salem, yielding just two hits in five innings while striking out six. She also excelled at the plate, picking up a pair of hits. Cox had two hits and two ribbies, while Emily Meade laced a pair of hits.

**SALEM 4, SOUTH LYON EAST 0:** On Wednesday at East, the Rocks prevailed thanks to Lee's one-hitter and clutch hitting from Alexis Powell (2-for-3, home run, two RBI), Schmidt (2-for-4) and Cox, who went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Lee struck out 12 and issued just one free pass.

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**Freshmen duo lead Chiefs to runaway win**

**PREP SOFTBALL**

Typically, freshmen softball players don't experience the kind of success Canton's Jessie Larner and Alyssa Boucher experienced Friday afternoon against South Lyon East.

But it's becoming apparent that neither Larner or Boucher are typical freshmen.

The ninth-graders proved to be a potent one-two punch in the Chiefs' 14-2 victory over the Cougars in the second game of a KLAA double-header on the Chiefs' diamond. Larner rocked a fourth-inning grand slam and a triple, and Boucher scattered nine hits and struck out eight.

The red-hot Chiefs, who outscored their foes 50-2 this past week, improved to 13-2 overall and 7-1 in the conference.

"Alyssa is really pitching well for a freshman," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "She's been working really hard on her drop curveball and it has shown. She has good velocity and she's proven that she doesn't get rattled when she gives up a couple hits."

Joining Larner in the Chiefs' 14-hit attack were sophomore shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer, who went 2-for-3 with three RBI; Sam Podorsek, Heidi Lucke, Molly Watson and Boucher, all of whom enjoyed two-hit games.

Canton also dominated game one of the twinbill, 12-0, behind junior Amy Dunleavy's third no-hitter of the season. Dunleavy struck out nine and did not walk a batter.

She also went 3-for-4 and belted her first home run of

the season. Amanda Rysdorf (two hits), Podorsek (two hits), Sexauer (3-for-3, two RBI) and Katie Mattson (2-for-3) also played well for the Chiefs.

**PLYMOUTH 12, WAYNE 0:** On Wednesday at Plymouth, the Wildcats' Lauren Smith (four innings) and Miranda Oliver (two innings) combined to throw a perfect game against the overmatched Zebras.

Plymouth's Amanda Burnard was a single away from hitting for the cycle as she clouted a three-run home run in the first inning, a triple and a double. Stacey Klonowski also drilled three hits along with scoring three times.

Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-3, three-run double) and Marissa Blasic (three-run home run) also sparked for the winners, who plated three runs in the first, four in the third, two in the fourth and three in the sixth.

**CANTON 15, JOHN GLENN 0:** On Wednesday at Canton, the Chiefs mercied the Rockets in four innings thanks to Dunleavy's no-hit/six-strikeout effort. Larner went 3-for-3 while Lucke added a pair of hits.

**CANTON 9, WAYNE 0:** On Monday, Boucher hurled a four-hitter at the Zebras while striking out four.

The Chiefs broke open a tight game with a seven-run sixth inning.

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS**

**WEEDS AND GRASSES TO BE CUT ON LOTS IN THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH**

This shall serve as formal notice to all property owners and occupants of the City of Plymouth, MI.

In accordance with International Property Maintenance Code 2006, Section 302.4, and Section 18-751 thru 18-756 of the Plymouth City Code, as adopted by the City of Plymouth, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the City of Plymouth, to cut and destroy all noxious weeds and grasses upon said land, or shall cause the same to be done, as often as necessary to prevent same from going to seed or exceeding a height of eight inches, on the average. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Failure or refusal to comply allows the City to enter upon said lands and mow the weeds and grasses. The City of Plymouth will bill the property owner a minimum of \$100.00 per mow for the service.

The ordinance is in effect from May 15 - August 1, 2009 without further notice to the property owners.

Any questions can be directed to the Code Enforcement Officer at 734-453-1234, ext. 231. Additional information can be found at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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## MILESTONES

### DELANEY-GIBBONS

Diane Delaney of Plymouth and Patrick Delaney of Grass Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenna, to Sean Gibbons, son of Mary and Dennis Gibbons of Flushing.

Jenna is a graduate of Canton High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. She is currently an ESL teacher in Nashville, Tenn.

Sean is a graduate of Flushing High School, a graduate of Western Michigan University, and also holds a master's degree from Vanderbilt University. He is a behavior analyst in Nashville, Tenn.

The couple plans a June 2010 wedding in Michigan.



Delaney-Gibbons



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Laurie Ramroth of Livonia volunteers in the Earthworks Urban Garden of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. A few weeks ago she was transplanting broccoli to larger containers.

# Volunteer to create a greener community

Volunteering always makes me feel good whether it's working with the disabled children and adults at our annual VSA arts of Michigan festival or sitting on the board of the Schoolcraft College Friday Evening Music Recital Committee.

Laurie Ramroth is no different when it comes to lending a helping hand. After returning to Livonia from Colorado last fall she began looking for opportunities. The 27-year-old likes the idea of giving back to the community. Every Wednesday and Thursday you can find her spending time in the Growing Healthy Kids and Earthworks Urban Garden programs at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. The children's project sprang from Earthworks which grows and harvests produce from four urban gardens.



Linda Chomin

"I started researching urban farms online and found the Earthworks Web site," said Ramroth, a graduate of Stevenson High School. "Because of growing up in Livonia I always felt like I was given a lot of opportunity that other kids don't necessarily have. I feel I'm making a positive contribution to Detroit. It's well organized and the people are pretty passionate about what they do."

Earlier in the season Ramroth cleaned out bee-hives. A few weeks ago she transferred seedlings like lettuce and broccoli to larger containers. Thursdays are reserved for the Growing Healthy Kids program designed for ages 5-11 who live within a two mile radius of the kitchen.

"We teach them about healthy eating and bring them closer to the land," said Ramroth. "We've been working on several projects involving the garden. We made trellises from old bike tires for peas to climb on, stepping stones for the garden out of cement and broken tiles, old bits of glass and marbles. We had an international food night and helped the kids make the food and sample it. It's been such a positive experience for me."

Ramroth is into greening the earth any way possible. She focused on alternative energy technology while earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Wayne State University. Since graduating in December 2006, she's worked with experimental fuel cells at Energy Conversion Devices in Rochester Hills and served an internship and fellowship at Rocky Mountain Institute in Colorado where she worked on the vehicle team to promote energy efficiency in cars and trucks. She's presently looking for a position in the clean tech field and would eventually like to help develop hybrid vehicles. She's also thinking about going back to school for a master's degree.

"I first got interested in gardening because my mom did it all the time when I was growing up," said Ramroth. "In Colorado I got into community supported agriculture where you receive a box of vegetables and crops from local farmers and volunteered at a local farm. It's a way to strengthen the link between community and land whether helping kids or making use of the abandoned land, and just having different people together. It's a diverse climate and the different influences you can have on people that's what's been amazing for me."

Detroit is very different when it comes to food availability. That's one of the reasons the Capuchins started the garden program now in its seventh season. It's difficult for people who come to the soup kitchen to find vegetables and fruits let alone afford the cost. Molly



Laurie Ramroth of Livonia volunteers in the Earthworks Urban Garden of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

McCullagh learned firsthand about the program two years ago when she signed up for a year as a Cap Corps volunteer, which is similar to the Peace Corps and run by the Capuchins. At the end of the program she was hired as education coordinator for Earthworks where she facilitates Growing Healthy Kids and the Youth Farm Stand for teens. She has a bachelor degree in environmental studies from the University of Michigan.

"Detroit is known as a food desert. It's easy to get to a convenience store for junk food, but there are not many good food outlets in the city where they can have access to fresh produce," said McCullagh. "We train people to grow their own food. We have a mobile food market. We go to the Detroit produce terminal in southwest Detroit to pick up stuff and buy by the case load and then take it into the neighborhood every Thursday. On Earth Day we had a potluck for about 50 people to change our behaviors to reduce our impact on the environment. We ate grain salads."

McCullagh is always looking for volunteers to help with Earthworks programs and activities. For information, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 204.

"We have four garden sites in the neighborhood. One is a large site partnered with Gleaners (food bank)," said McCullagh. "We grow veggies and fruits, have a bee apiary, and compost scraps from the soup kitchen, Gleaners and businesses. We have a greenhouse production to grow transplants for people living in Detroit. We always take volunteers but also want to encourage people to get involved in their communities growing their own garden for themselves, hosting potlucks with neighbors, taking extra produce to local soup kitchens so produce is getting into people's hands. It's important not to just volunteer for an hour but to make a lasting impact by being involved with your own community and issues like hunger and poverty, to look for what we can do in our own lives and community."

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at lchomin@hometownlife.com or (313) 222-2241.

## REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, e-mail [lchomin@hometownlife.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 at [email4kelley@yahoo.com](mailto:email4kelley@yahoo.com), or see [groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989](http://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](http://www.casstech59.com) or contact Marge Teramino Knable, [reunion@casstech59.com](mailto:reunion@casstech59.com); Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

### Clarenceville High School

**All Class Reunion**  
Sunday, August 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. until close at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Potluck lunch at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and its BYOB on adult beverages, non-glass. To help cut cost, please feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns too. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system. Staff and faculty also welcome. For more information, contact Walter E. Ragland II at [wragland2@hotmail.com](mailto:wragland2@hotmail.com) or (269) 720-5679.

### 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](mailto: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. Bridgid

**Class of 1959**  
Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact [szonyek@att.net](mailto: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 [MarleneKutnickYamron.hahatdc@yahoo.com](mailto:MarleneKutnickYamron.hahatdc@yahoo.com). The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

### Detroit Mumford

**Class of 1959**  
50th Reunion Aug. 1, 2009, at Somerset Inn, Troy. For more information, visit [www.mumford1959.myevent.com](http://www.mumford1959.myevent.com) or call (248) 788-7008.

### 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 (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, [ford21982@aol.com](mailto:ford21982@aol.com) or visit [www.class-report.org](http://www.class-report.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](mailto:JudyCoo@hotmail.com) or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at [PJcrusin@wowway.com](mailto:PJcrusin@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.

### North Farmington

### Class of 1979

Celebrate its 30-year reunion 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Centaur Martini Bar in Detroit. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail [nfhs1979@gmail.com](mailto:nfhs1979@gmail.com)

### Garden City High School East

**Class of 1959**  
3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C. 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowen at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

### Garden City High School

**Class of 1960**  
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).

### Class of 1989

20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts, and available for purchase at [www.gardencity89.com](http://www.gardencity89.com) or contact Paula at [gchsi989reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:gchsi989reunion@hotmail.com).

### Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or [nc6897@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:nc6897@sbcbglobal.net).

### Livonia Bentley High School

**Class of 1959**  
50th Reunion Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 golf at noon at Downing Farms, \$20 followed by 6 p.m. barbecue at Downing Farms, \$10; Saturday, Aug. 29, Bentley High visit at 11 a.m., free, and 50th Reunion Dinner at Walnut Creek Country Club at 6 p.m., \$40, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at Walnut Creek Country Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12. Hotels: Crown Plaza, Novi, (800) 227-6963, \$92, or Comfort Suites, Wixom, (248) 504-5070, \$69, mention Bentley High, Class of 1959, 50th Reunion. Call Jim "Cubby" Culbertson at (248) 446-0308 or e-mail [jimculbertson@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:jimculbertson@sbcbglobal.net).

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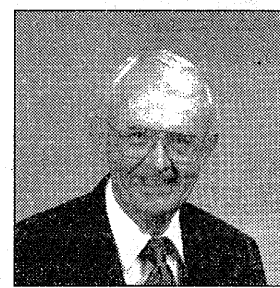
### FRANCIS J. BAKER

Age 93, of Perrysville, OH. Passed away 4-29-09 after a brief illness.



### ROBERT M. BOOKMYER, MD.

Age 85, of Pinehurst. Passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, N.C. Born on June 24, 1923 in Detroit, MI to the late Ralph H. Bookmyer and Marion Larkin Bookmyer. He was a veteran of his country and served in the United States Navy. Dr. Bookmyer was a graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit, MI with a degree as a Pediatric Specialist. He was a past president of Oakland County Medical Society in Michigan, a past director of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan, and the Chief Medical Advisor for Head Start Oakland County. He retired in 1986 and relocated to Pinehurst, N.C. He enjoyed golf, tennis and traveling, and then later in life, enjoyed painting. Bookie had a great sense of humor that he shared with his family and many friends. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Nancy Joos Bookmyer of Pinehurst, N.C. Five sons: Michael Bookmyer, wife Allison of Boulder, CO; Peter Bookmyer of Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia; Brad Bookmyer, wife Becky of White Salmon, WA; Thadeus Bookmyer of Wishram, WA; Robert Bookmyer of Portland, OR. Two daughters: Kelly Sallee, husband John of Snowmass Village, CO; Julie Murphy, husband Dan of Los Angeles, CA. Nine grandchildren: Sarah, Peter, Snow, Cappy, Gracen, Colette, Claire, Patrick and Mary and one great-granddaughter, Maia. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Chris Bookmyer, many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Ted and Tom, sister Mary and one grandchild, Huddy. The family requests that memorial services be held privately. Online condolences may be made at [www.bolesfuneral-home.com](http://www.bolesfuneral-home.com). Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst is serving the family.

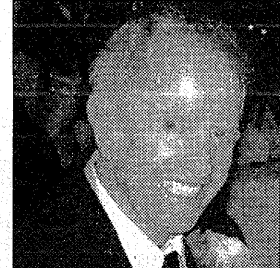


### LOUIS D. HARTZ

Age 82, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away April 16, 2009, of Parkinson's Disease. Beloved husband of Sue Rose-Hartz. Predeceased by first wife, Gloriann. Loving father of Craig (Mary), David (Marianne), Bruce, and Timothy (Kristen), step-father of Steven Rose (Maureen). Also survived by six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two step-grandchildren, brother Merle (Shirley), sister Faye Hunt (Dennis). Born in Sioux City, IA; BA from Morningside College in Sioux City. He served in the US Army and was an Executive with Sears. He will be sadly missed by all. Memorial services were held April 18th at Faith Covenant Church. Memorial tributes may be made to the church at 35415 14 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

### WILLIAM M. KELLY

Age 88. Life-time area resident. Private services 4-28-09. Memorial gifts to Kidney Foundation for St. James Episcopal Church.



### JOHN MORIARTY

Age 91. Born in Dingle, County Kerry, Ireland. Beloved husband of Kathleen (Finn). Dearest father of Maureen (Norman) Root, Robert (Nancy), Kathleen (Jim) Waldo, Eileen (Ken) Meier, John (Mary Ann), Diane (Robert) Rousseau, Thomas (Kathleen) and the late Patricia. Proud grandfather of Christy, Amy, Colleen, Sean, Lori, Johnny, Jimmy, Mike, Katie, Kenny, Patrick, Ryan, Megan, Kerry, Dylan, Tommy, Amanda, Jenny and the late Bobby. Loving great-grandfather of George, Grace, Maeve, and Robbie. Member of the 1958 Cty Kerry All Ireland Championship Gaelic Football Team. Chrysler Amplex retiree.



### ANN E. OPPERTHAUER

Of Farmington Hills. Passed away at the age of 79. Beloved wife of the late Earl C. Oppertbauer and devoted mother of four children, Denise (Michael), Kathy, Steven, and Scott (Sheryl), and loving grandmother of nine grandchildren, Jason, Joe, Chrissy, C.J., Chloe, Megan, Brandon, Alex and Heather. Visitation at Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington May 7, 4-8 p.m. Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills May 8, 11 a.m. You will be deeply missed.

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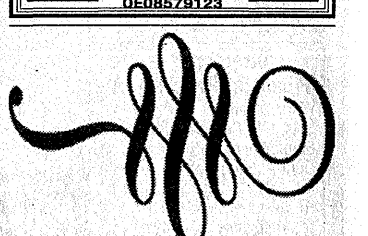
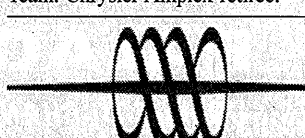
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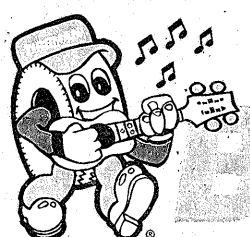
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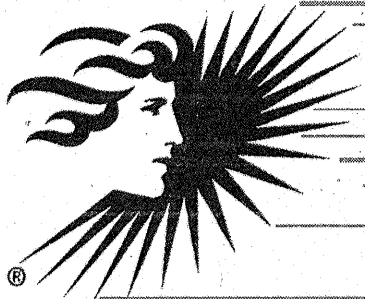
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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Living with fibromyalgia is a vicious circle of pain and depression but Lucy Rowley and Ruthann Bruce found respite from the suffering as well as friendship by attending support group meetings. They now lead the Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group to help themselves as well as others with the disorder. On Thursday, May 7, they'll celebrate National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day with a luncheon at Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City.

Yes, celebrate. Everyone is invited to share their fibro survival story in recognition of the day on May 12. For too long their plight went unrecognized by the majority of the medical community. Until recently fibromyalgia patients frequently visited physician after physician in search of answers to explain their symptoms. Some still do. That's why the two women work tirelessly as a team to provide educational speakers and support at meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the church in addition to offering a support line by phone and e-mail.

Bruce, a Canton resident, is president of the group which today has 235 members ranging in age



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Lucy Rowley of Livonia (front) and Ruthann Bruce of Canton lead the Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group.

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Lucy Rowley and Ruthann Bruce lead a support group for fibromyalgia sufferers.



Lucy Rowley of Livonia (front) talks about her experience with fibromyalgia as friend Ruthann Bruce of Canton listens. The two women lead a support group for sufferers of the disorder.

### FRIENDS

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from their 20s to 70s. They live in communities across the area including Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Farmington, Westland, Allen Park, Taylor, and Ida.

Rowley diagnosed herself after reading an article in 1998 then saw a rheumatologist who confirmed her suspicions. She was managing an internal medicine office at the time, but had to retire in 2000 due to the disorder.

Many fibro patients also suffer from chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) as well as gastrointestinal diseases. Bruce and Rowley are always looking for speakers to address topics surrounding the disorder and complications. One of their meetings was featured in a new documentary, *Fibromyalgia: Fitting the Pieces Together*. Dr. Daniel Clauw, director of University of Michigan Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center, spoke to members in one of the segments included in the film presented by the non-profit educational organization H.O.P.E. Clauw is an advisory board member of the support group which regularly takes part in studies at U of M, Henry Ford Hospital and Wayne State University to further knowledge about fibromyalgia.

"I could not stand up to get out of bed and couldn't straighten up when I did," said Rowley. The 68-year old Livonia woman is secretary/treasurer of the metro area support group. "Today they know what fibro is but back then there was little information. In 2001 I called the Arthritis Foundation about finding a support group. Without a support group I think I would have given up. It keeps me going. Living with pain 24/7 makes you depressed."

The agonizing aches in 18 tender points on the body send sufferers on a journey in search of relief. Rowley went to a pain clinic for 10 months but finds the natural alternative of acupuncture helps her more. In the beginning she was taking a dozen medications but is down to two. There is still no cure and researchers still don't know the cause of fibromyalgia.

"I live with my son and daughter-in-law now," said Rowley. "It took my job, my home, my life."

Ruthann Bruce can't remember the last time she slept through the night. She's been in pain since 1999 and suffers as many patients do with fibro fog which causes memory problems. She was diagnosed by a rheumatologist in 2004 and joined the support group in 2005. A letter carrier by trade, she was forced to retire as well.

"I don't know what caused it but I had 13 surgeries since 1995 for nerve damage in both arms from repetitive motion as a letter carrier," said Bruce, 52. "In spite of the surgeries I was

still hurting so they sent me to a rheumatologist. I found myself very depressed. I didn't want to do anything because I hurt. Today I take medication to help with flare-ups and I'm active with the support group. Members need that one on one. They need help. We'd like to start a night group for people who work."

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group holds their 8th annual luncheon 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 7. There is no charge. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768, Ruthann Bruce at (734) 981-2519 or visit [www.metrofibrogroup.com](http://www.metrofibrogroup.com).

The group was founded 8 years ago with a different name. There are no dues but donations are taken at meetings. We're hopefully going to get good feedback from the studies. It's going to benefit us," said Rowley. "We're getting more young people and men in the group. We tell them you don't want fibro to control you. We want to let people know we're here to help."

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However, the ankle is subject to inflammation. Rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis and psoriatic arthritis are the most common inflammatory conditions causing ankle pain and swelling. In these cases, the best treatment is therapy for the underlying arthritis augmented by removal of ankle fluid combined with injection of a steroid to prevent return of irritation.

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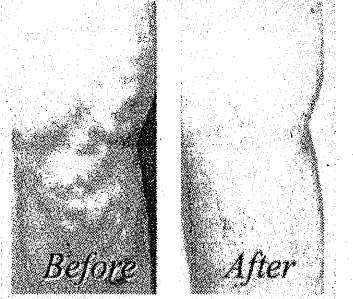
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# Reader offers washer advice

It is nice to receive an e-mail with positive comments and since I don't get many and write even fewer, I forward to you Suzanne's letter from Westland:

"I read your columns and find them very helpful. I have both a front loader washer and a dryer and would like to share my good experience. I purchased my first Whirlpool Duet pair in 2003. The washer began to show signs of trouble and in 2007 completely seized up. A repairman shook his head and said that the problem was highly unusual. Repairs were estimated at \$1,200 — the initial purchase price. The main inside of the unit had greased splattered, likely from a faulty sealing. In other words it blew a cog. A lemon off the line.

"My warranty booklet indicated a 10 year warranty. I contacted Whirlpool and sug-

gested it would be a better cost choice for them to replace the washer rather than repair it considering the extensive problem. They were in full agreement and extremely helpful. I had an excellent delivery team with a brand new washer with added new model perks at no cost to me. I received two follow-up calls to see how the new machine was working and was I pleased. I was respectful throughout the entire process and they thanked me, indicating that most people are highly irate when there is a problem. Years of experience has taught me much is accomplished when you approach a company respectfully.

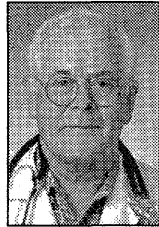
"Concerning other owners' complaints of smell, I had no problem with either of the washers. Of course I always keep the door open when not in use, remove and drain the detergent/bleach/softener drawer when done with the last load, leaving it on top the washer to dry out. This also helps keep the inside — where the detergent drawer slides in — clean and dry. I also run a clean washer cycle once a month, along with wiping down

and inspecting every reachable area. Along with spraying the drawer interior with vinegar, I use a toothbrush to scrub water deposits away. Anything with water will breed bacteria when closed up. I don't leave clothes in the washer for extended periods of time. When it's wash day, I stay with it until done.

"My maintenance routine may sound work to some people, but it is very routine and easy once started. Other helps that I would like to pass on: I noticed, when using the laundromat while waiting for my new washer, that people used way too much detergent. I saw literally one to two cups of detergent going into these machines. A fourth cup is recommended. Also these front loaders require HE formulas. Never overload. Also vinegar in the rinse compartment helps disperse detergent residue and softens the fabric. I find I only need a third strip of dryer sheet. I personally don't use liquid softener in the washer as I find it leaves a slimy film in the compartment. I accessed the filter cup inside the front panel and found just a few bits of lint debris, after three years on this machine. Thanks for the tip on that one."

Thank you, Suzanne, I'm sure that many of our readers will appreciate your input. Stay tuned.

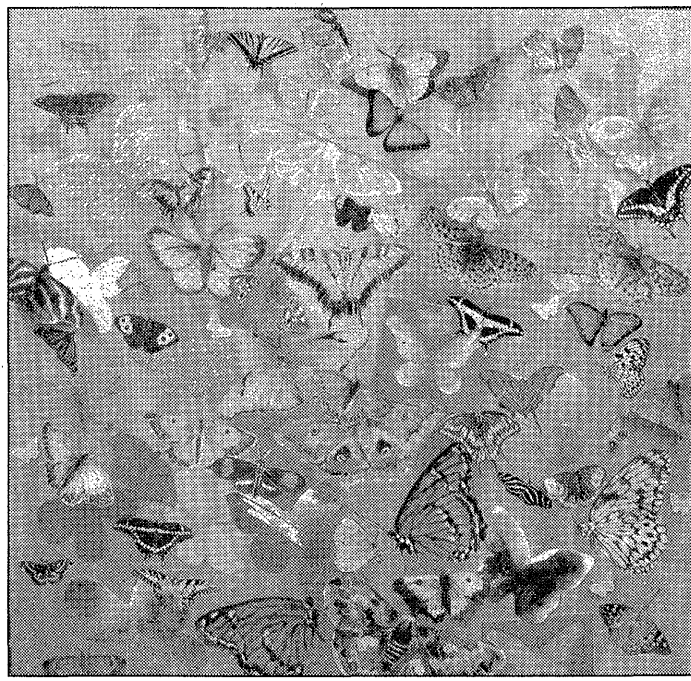
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### Artist reception

Meet painter Leslie Masters and see her nature-inspired works at a reception, 6-9 p.m., May 22, at Goldner Walsh Garden & Home, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Masters is known both as a color painter and a teacher of painting and color theory. She has taught at colleges and art schools including Center for Creative Studies, University of Michigan, Mercy College in Detroit, and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. She has been on the faculty of the BBAC since 1969 and served as the assistant director there for 11 years. Her current paintings explore abstract color glow from the landscape around her Ann Arbor studio as well as the mountains and canyons of Europe and the American West. Light refreshments will be served. (248) 332-6430.

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The public is invited. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$7 senior citizens and high school students, and may be purchased in advance at the Italian Cultural Society's office or at the door on the day of the concert. For information, call (586) 228-3030, e-mail iacs@iacsonline.net, or The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan at (734) 455-8895 or e-mail Verdiopera@comcast.net.

The competition is sponsored by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society and the Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation which is sponsoring the prizes.

This year's competition began last November when the Verdi Opera invited high school vocal music students to submit CD recordings of two Italian songs or opera arias of their choice. At the concert, each of the finalists will sing their two selections from memory with a piano accompanist. Each finalist will receive prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. The judges include Karen VanderKloot DiChiera, Director of Community Programs, Michigan Opera Theatre; George Shirley, renowned tenor of the Metropolitan Opera and a former Director of the Vocal Arts Division of the University of Michigan School of Music, and Steven Henrikson, a well-known opera performer, teacher, clinician, and adjudicator for the last four decades.

The competition's purpose is to encourage and help develop young talented vocalists and promote appreciation of music and the Italian language.

LECTURE ON HOMELESSNESS

The plight of the homeless in Detroit will be featured at the Citizens for Peace monthly meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at Unity of Livonia on the north side of Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. The meeting is open to the public.

Fox 2 television's investigative reporter, Amy Lange, discusses homelessness here and elsewhere, shows videos and answers questions from attendees. Lange has been nominated for numerous Emmy awards and won an Edward R. Murrow award for a story on homeless veterans.

A \$5 dollar love offering would be appreciated. For more information, contact Colleen Mills, Citizens for Peace president, at cmills0079@yahoo.com or (734) 425-0079.

USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Livonia Library hold a book sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. Hardcover are \$1, paperbacks 50 cents, romances 25 cents, CD's and videos as priced. Sunday, May 17 a bag of books is \$5. For more information, call (734) 466-2495.

FRIDAY EVENING RECITAL SERIES

Cellist Robert deMaine and pianist Pauline Martin perform Bach, Beethoven and Brahms for the Friday Evening Recital Series 8 p.m. May 15, in the VisTaTec Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 students and available by calling (734) 462-4403 or online at www.schoolcraft.edu/music.

DeMaine has been praised by the New York Times as "an artist who makes one hang on every note." He has performed to critical acclaim as a soloist, recitalist, recording artist, and chamber musician throughout the world.

Martin continues to earn world-class recognition for her solo and chamber music performances and recordings. She has appeared as soloist with numerous orchestras including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and appears regularly with the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FUND-RAISER

Plymouth Christian Academy presents its annual schoolwide Eagle Fund Fund-raiser, a Celebration of Excellence, Friday, May 15, in the Calvary Baptist Church Auditorium, 43065 Joy Rd., Canton. The event features vocalist Cheri Keaggy (7:15 p.m.) as well a strolling hors d'oeuvres buffet (5:30 p.m.), silent auction, and dessert and coffee After Glow reception.

Tickets are \$20. For more information, contact Julie Dart at (734)-459-3505 ext. 169 or JDart@plymouthchristian.org.

RELAY FOR LIFE BENEFIT

Garden City Relay for Life team Hunting for A Cure is having a bowling fund raiser May 15, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Rd, Bowling is \$22 for 3 games, shoe rental and pizza. Sign in is 7:30 p.m. Call Bonnie at (810) 499-2092 or (734) 522-4458, or Kristina at (517) 376-3128 to reserve a spot.

YOUTH CONCERT

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic holds its spring concert at noon Saturday, May 16th at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Rd. in Livonia.

Advance tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 children/seniors, and \$8 adults, \$6 children/seniors at the door. Contact David Lindenmuth, the organization's president, at (734) 634-5250 or dlindenm@me.com for tickets or information.

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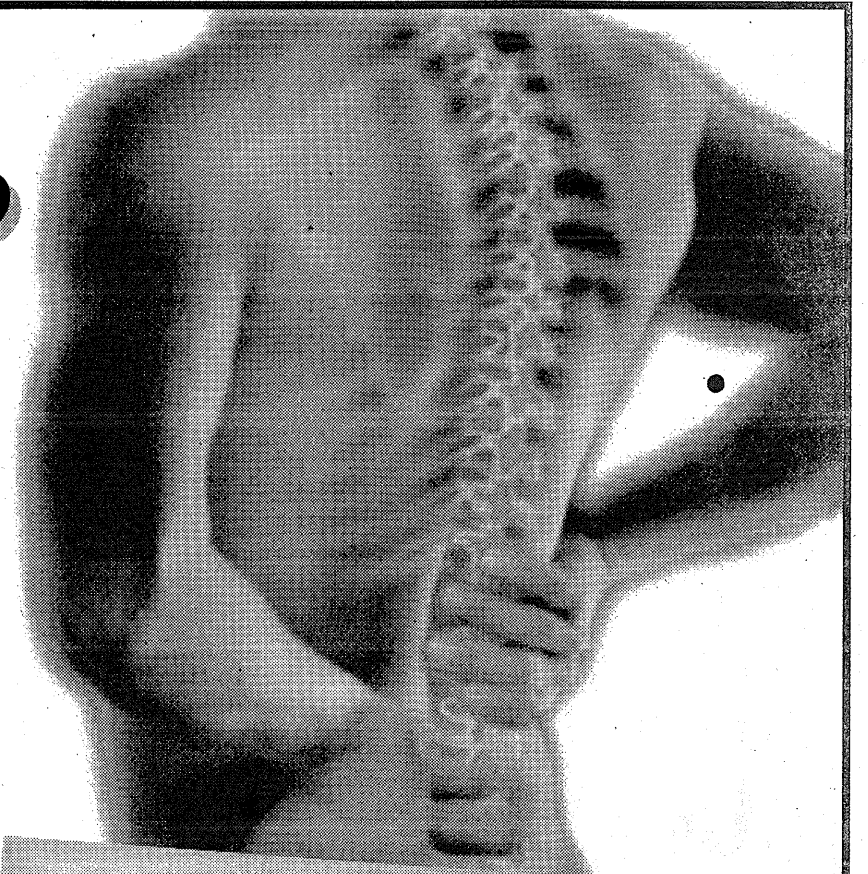
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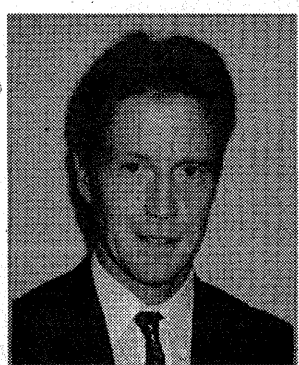
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# Physicians urge public not to panic but take precautions

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Don't panic. At least that's the advice of local medical professionals when it comes to swine flu.

Symptoms like coughing, fever, body aches, vomiting, and diarrhea should sound an alarm but instead of walking into the ER experts recommend the sufferer pick up the phone and call their primary care physician.

Dr. Phillip Rodgers is alert to patients who come into his office with flu-like symptoms based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for the H1N1 virus, but not concerned there's a threat to public health in this area. The University of Michigan Health System physician is one of several local medical professionals preparing for an outbreak of swine flu but taking a wait and see attitude. He is watching closely for patients with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, cough or sore throat who have traveled to a community with one or more patients infected by the virus.

"I'm not worried," said Rodgers, who practices at Briarwood Family Medicine Clinic in Ann Arbor. "We've not yet seen evidence of any kind of widespread

penetration in our region or the U.S. and we've learned lessons in prior pandemics in the 20th century in 1958, '68 and 1918. The CDC has done a good job of watching the situation closely. At the university level several years ago we formed a group to prepare for pandemic in the wake of SARS and avian flu. We're screening those potentially at risk by using a test for any influenza where we swab the nose and back of throat and if we suspect patients to be infected it's then sent to the state health department after the university system. We make no diagnosis. The information comes from the state."

In the meantime area hospitals are following CDC recommendations. Some ERs have already seen an increase in patients coming in concerned about symptoms similar to swine flu. Dr. Jedd Roe is trying to allay their fears.

"People get frightened when they hear about swine flu and start thinking about the fictional books they've read or a movie they've seen," said Roe, emergency medicine department chairman at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. "If we have someone that presents with symptoms due to swine flu we put a mask on them. We're taking precautions to ask

appropriate questions to whether we have a possible case or not. If I had a family member come back from Mexico (where the first cases were detected) and coughing I'd encourage them to wear a mask and call their primary care physician. It's spread the same way other virus is spread through micro droplets so don't touch your mouth and nose and keep potentially infected surfaces cleaned."

Like Roe Dr. Martin Harris has seen patients concerned that they may have swine flu.

"We have people coming in saying check me," said Harris, chairman of emergency medicine at Providence Hospital in Southfield. "If anybody comes into the ER with a runny nose or respiratory issue we put a mask on them and may or may not do a flu test. If you have flu we give you Tamiflu or Relenza. Nearly everyone in the U.S. confirmed is fine. Most susceptible are infants and senior citizens or people with existing medical conditions like cancer."

In addition to wearing a mask, patients with flu-like symptoms are screened in a separate area of the ER in several area hospitals.

"We've done education with staff on exposure," said Harris. "We're concerned about people who have succumbed to respira-

tory arrest, have pneumonia and suffer arrest. Staff wear masks for intubation. We educate them on how to put a mask on and off. Hand washing is the single most important thing to do to prevent transmission. We're asking people to stay home and not contaminate their co-workers if they're having symptoms and sneeze into the elbow instead of hand. Everybody's doing their best to be vigilant."

Botsford Hospital staff is in contact several times a day with the CDC, Michigan Department of Community health, and Region 2 South Medical Bio-Defense Network which assists in hospital preparedness by developing plans for a coordinated health care response to disasters in the region.

"We're preparing by assessing supplies needed, distributing hand sanitizer," said Nancy Dumas, spokeswoman for Botsford Hospital in Farmington. "We're waiting, watching and being prepared to move forward if necessary." Henry Ford Hospital has emergency preparedness plans for all hospitals in its system including the newly opened West Bloomfield location where Dr. Laura Johnson is director of infection control.

"We're activating plans, educat-

ing staff, updating information to make sure everyone knows what to do," said Johnson. "If a patient is admitted for flu-like symptoms we take precautions of wearing gowns and masks when in contact with patients. We're making sure we have enough supplies like gloves, gowns and masks but it's hard to know what we need because things are changing every day but we're not panicking. There's not a reason to panic. We just want people to be aware. Call if you have a primary care doctor for advice. If they have mild symptoms they may do okay at home."

Hygiene is one of the ways of avoiding any strain of influenza according to Sharon McMahon, infection prevention specialist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia where the emergency management committee met Thursday. "We're not putting a mask on patients. It's not airborne. It's contact with respiratory secretions or droplets that transmits the virus," said McMahon, an R.N. working in infection control for the last 21 years. "We're not worrying about swine flu yet. We will when we start seeing some cases. I just got off the phone with Trinity (the hospital's health system) about what's happening at all the sites. If someone is having trouble

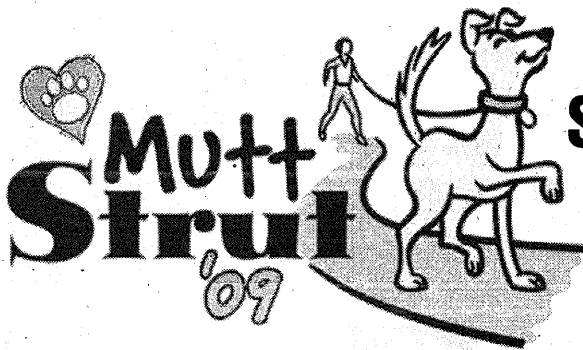
getting masks or medication we can facilitate that in case someone needs help."

The public needs to take precautions as well. The same advice applies to swine flu as seasonal influenza which kills an estimated 36,000 Americans a year. McMahon is asking visitors if they're ill and don't need to be at the hospital to stay home.

"Use a tissue if you cough or sneeze then discard it," said McMahon. "Don't leave it around. We're placing hand sanitizer and tissues at each door. Hand hygiene was recognized in the late 1800s as a good tool in preventing the spread of infection. Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis was recognized as a pioneer after his death for preliminary work for hand hygiene. Today that means not just hand washing but incorporating hand sanitizer. The latest CDC recommendations promote waterless alcohol sanitizer over soap and water because it kills more germs faster and costs the same for health care workers. Every so often I like to take staff and have them place their hand in a petri dish and then let the germs grow. You can see the difference before and after hand washing. Hand hygiene save lives. It actually works."

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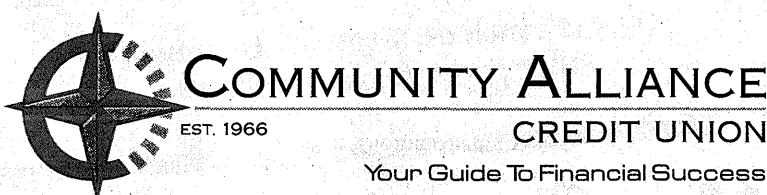
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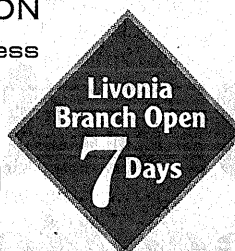
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SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, ND, NS, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. **☎284368**

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SBF, 37, 5'2", 125lb, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SBM, 30-43. **☎299111**

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SBF, 38, very shapely, NS, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. **☎297973**

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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. **☎310218**

**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. **☎286217**

**TAKE A CHANCE ON ME**  
SBF, 48, educated, HW proportionate, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, NS, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink. **☎311355**

**WIDOW**  
Widowed WF, 54, 125lbs, blonde/green, down-to-earth, enjoys fine dining, musicals. Seeking SBM, 65-74, with similar interests, for possible relationship. **☎312020**

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SBF, 70 years young, 5'6", NS, average height, brown/brown, enjoys fishing, movies, travel. Seeking honest SBM, 70-75, NS, who is not boastful, but is well-grounded. Sense of humor a must. Life is a one-way street and I don't have time to back up. **☎307314**

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SBF, 59, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, sports events. Looking for SBM, 60-71, for fun and friendship, maybe more. **☎308651**

**DRAMA-FREE**  
SBF, 48, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys R&B, jazz, dancing, dining, blues, sports. Seeking easy, serious SBM, 27-40. Are we compatible? **☎310533**

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS**  
Good looking SBF, hwp, 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. **☎417056**

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DWF, 55, 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SBM, 48-58, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, many gentlemen. **☎922549**

**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. **☎230694**

**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. **☎286442**

**LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!**  
Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. **☎281372**

**GREAT-LOOKING BF...**  
35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me, you won't be disappointed! **☎283172**

**BEAUTIFUL SBF...**  
37, seeks SBM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **☎271683**

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SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, NS, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks good. **☎287905**

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**ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY**  
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SBM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **☎273603**

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SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6', seeking SBM, 45-55, for friendship or more. **☎281511**

**PETITE AND CUTE**  
SBF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SBM, 36-45, who will love me for me. **☎294943**

**THAT SPECIAL ONE**  
SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, quiet chilling. Looking for SBM, 39-45, for possible relationship. **☎295026**

**SEEKING STRONG BM**  
Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, govt, scit. **☎295968**

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Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **☎295421**

**SEEKING A MATURE MAN**  
Attractive SBPF, 35, NS, ND/Drugs, would like to meet respectable, happy SBM, 25-50, to enjoy life together. **☎300680**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SBPF looking for SBM, 45+, 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. **☎306228**

**SEEKING MR. RIGHT**  
SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, NS, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. **☎310924**

**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, 35-43, to share what life has to offer. **☎288802**

**SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP**  
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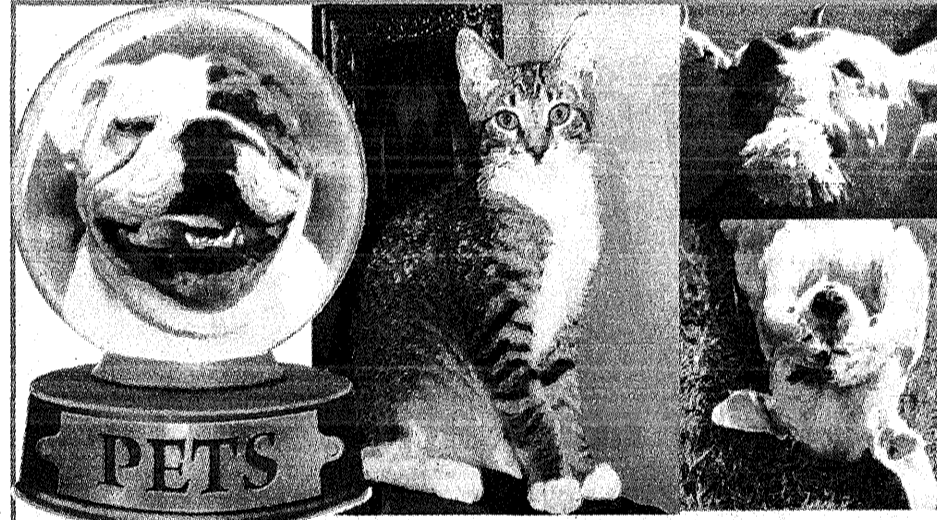
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