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## Committee offers redistricting options

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Armed with a lease to use a Livonia elementary school, and the opening of Workman Elementary in Canton this fall, the Plymouth-Canton Schools Housing Committee will be recommending to the

Board of Education a number of redistricting options.

And, to no one's surprise, the recommendations are already drawing criticism from parents who don't want their children moved, even if their school is overcrowded.

The school board has approved a one-year lease to

use Washington Elementary in Livonia — at the corner of Hix and Ann Arbor roads — as a home for Miller Elementary students while their Canton school is shuttered for the entire 2006-07 school year for a \$5 million makeover.

The lease will allow for 354

of Miller's K-6 students to be bused to Livonia, while 140 Talented and Gifted-students will be housed at the new Workman Elementary, both for one year. Meanwhile, 130 Miller students who currently drive past Workman will be redistricted closer to their homes in Central Park

Estates.

Barbara Rodenberg, assistant superintendent for instructional services, said there are also proposals to move students from Dodson, Hulsing, Hoben, Gallimore and Bentley to Workman, which will open in August with nearly 700 students.

"Many students were bused to those schools because there wasn't a school in southwest Canton that was closest to them geographically and had enough space," Rodenberg said.

Part of the maneuvering at

PLEASE SEE REDISTRICTING, A6

## Scoopy's adds flavors, while cutting the wait

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

No one has spring fever worse than Andrew Smith. It's not really a matter of having cabin fever — certainly Smith's business, Scoopy's Ice Cream & Deli, which he bought last fall, has kept him busy. It's just that it's the warm weather that brings in the flock of children from the school across the street.

Smith knew that buying the three-year-old business in October, just as temperatures outside were dropping too fast to inspire ice cream cravings, would mean that his first few months as owner of his own business would be slow.

So he added some services to help sustain his business through the winter.

"One of the things I started doing was delivery. We get lots of calls to have lunch delivered during the day," Smith said.

As the former manager of a pizza restaurant, he knew that feature would be popular with his customers.

He's also added Flavor Burst soft serve, which adds a colorful drizzle of flavor to

any cone or dish.

Flavor Burst comes in eight flavors, including lemon, apple, orange, mocha cappuccino and butter pecan.

As was the case before Smith bought the business, Scoopy's carries 32 flavors of ice cream, a deli menu with sandwiches, salads, desserts and soups, and fruit smoothie drinks.

What's different is the level of service he plans on providing to the summertime crowds.

He's hired extra staff to keep customers from having to wait in line, and he's training new hires to prepare orders in a speedy fashion.

"I don't know about you, but I don't like to wait in line for 30 minutes just to get ice cream," Smith said.

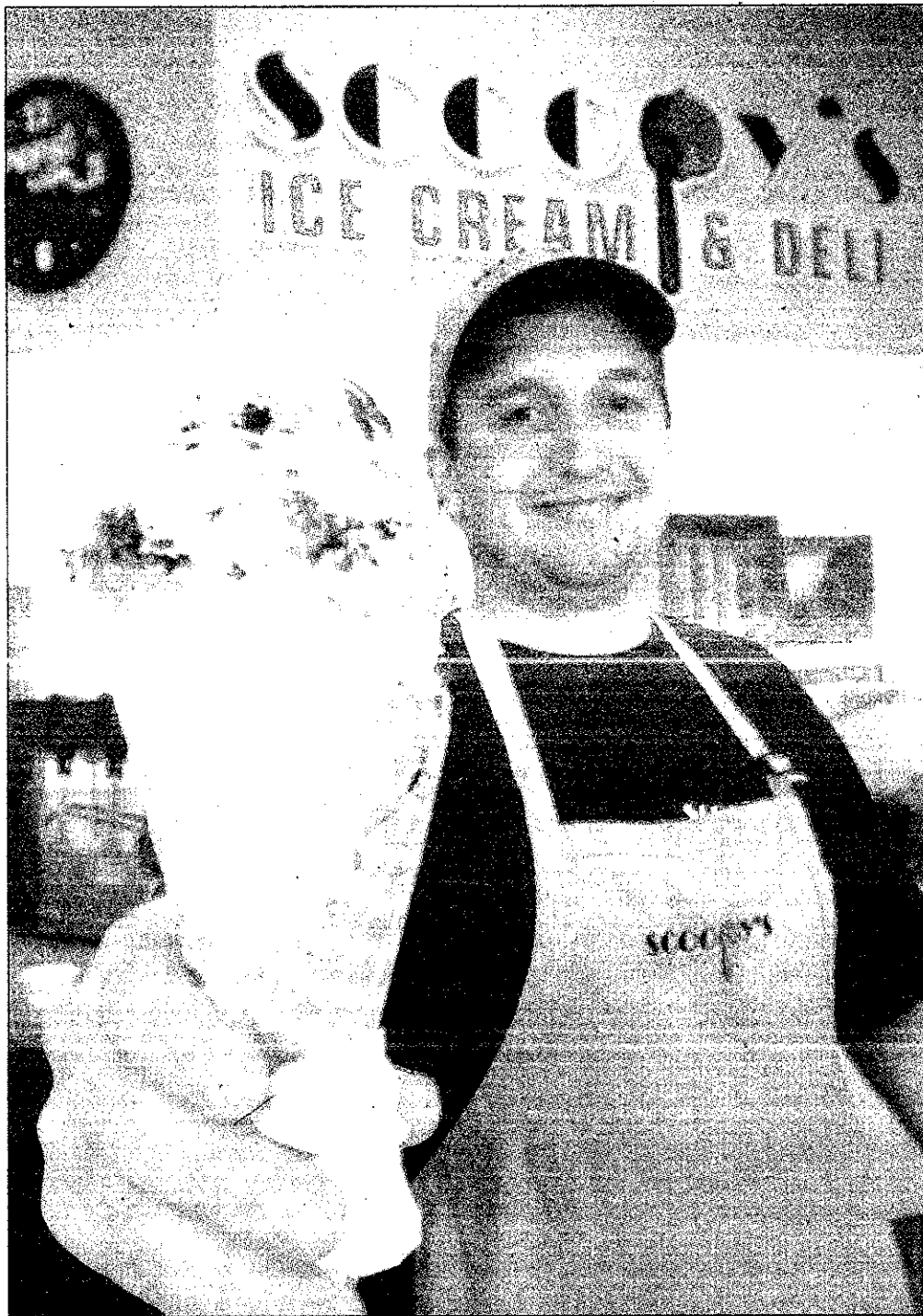
So as the weather begins to break, Smith is ready for customers, who now trickle in periodically throughout the day.

And as they come in, he'll be waiting for them.

Scoopy's is located at 45300 Hanford Road, just east of Canton Center.

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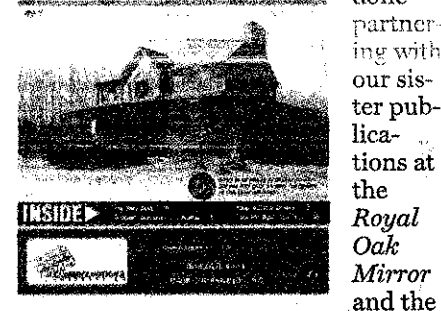
Andrew Smith, new owner of Scoopy's Ice Cream and Deli, offers 32 flavors of ice cream as well as home delivery.

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## School Board elections

### Hopeful wants to move from committee to board

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

When the Plymouth-Canton Schools redistricted several dozen middle school students last spring, Steve Sneiderman addressed the district's housing committee as to why his twin daughters shouldn't be moved from West to Pioneer.

"I spoke against it, and asked them not to do it," said Sneiderman.



Sneiderman

"But they did. It was an emotional meeting."

Sneiderman said that after the initial hard feelings, the moved turned out to be a good one.

With that experience in hand,

PLEASE SEE SNEIDERMAN, A7

### Candidate wants to keep district 'strong like it is'

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

When Mark Christenson and his family moved to Plymouth Township three years ago, one of the biggest considerations concerning where to locate was Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"We wanted a strong school district for our son," said Christenson, who is employed by



Christenson

Detroit Diesel. "We looked at the district and the diversity, and it mirrored the business world my wife and I work in."

Three-year-old Mark currently attends Kiddie

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## Caregiving conference

AARP Michigan is hosting a "Caregiving Conference" from 6-9 p.m. on April 20 at Summit on the Park in Canton. The conference is geared towards those providing care to a neighbor, friend, spouse, parent, grandparent, or church member. Caregivers and the adult person they are caring for are encouraged to attend.

Some of the conference topics include legal and financial planning, Alzheimer's information, how to deal with stress and depression, Medicare/Medicaid assistance programs, and community resources that help provide care. In addition, there will be door prizes and refreshments.

There is no charge to attend the event. To register or for more information, call (734) 287-7831.

## Open house

Tutortime Learning and Child Care Center, located at 951 N. Canton Center Road, will host an open house 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday April 11. Refreshments, crafts and information will be available at the event. The center has programs for infant through school age children. For more information or to RSVP, call Michele at (313) 701-8728 or (734) 981-8463.

## New surgeon

Transplant surgeon Jason Denny, M.D., a Canton resident, has joined Henry Ford Hospital's Transplant Institute. Denny specializes in



Denny

kidney and pancreas transplantation as well as vascular surgery for hemodialysis. Henry Ford is one of only two comprehensive, multi-organ transplant hospitals in Michigan.

Denny obtained his medical degree from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. He completed a fellowship in organ transplantation at Ohio State University Medical Center and a general surgery residency at Montefiore Medical Center in New York. He is a member of several medical associations and has published numerous research articles about organ transplantation.

## Legal services

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. will conduct a free outreach clinic on civil legal services for income-eligible residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 11 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Attendees are asked to register before 10:30 a.m., as a Legal Aid attorney will assist only those persons who have done so by that time.

For further information, contact Gina Polley, director of community relations and governmental affairs, by phone at (313) 964-4111, ext. 6440 or (877) 964-5310, or by e-mail at gpolley@ladadetroit.org.

"We work with clients in a comprehensive manner, so that as we solve their legal problems, we help solve other problems as well," said Executive Director Deirdre L. Weir. "We help people rebuild their lives and help families stay together."

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## Art camp

D & M Studios, in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services, presents "Under the Sea," which is the theme for the 16th annual Summer Art Camp Mania.

The studio is now taking registrations for everyone, preschoolers to teenagers. Preschool camps are filling fast, so register now. Take advantage of a 15 percent discount for early art camp registration, if tuition is received by May 31.

Summer art camps will be held at three area locations: D & M Studios at 8691 N. Lilley Road, The Summit at 46000 Summit Parkway, and Frameworks at 833 Penniman Avenue, in Plymouth.

D & M will also be holding a number of Spring Break workshops, which cost \$30 each, the week of April 17-21.

For more information on the summer art camps, the ceramic workshop, or the Spring Break workshops, please call D & M Studios at (734) 453-3710 or visit the Web site at [www.dmartstudio.com](http://www.dmartstudio.com).

## Council looking for members

Canton's Council for Community Excellence is currently looking for new members to help promote and publicize projects that support the vision of excellence for the community as well as acknowledge projects that further enhance the quality of life in the community.

The council meets on the second Wednesday of each



## Great grinch

Fiegel kindergarten student Kayla Butske got hugs from The Cat In The Hat (Michele Mitchell) and The Grinch (Andy Whalin) during the school's recent Seuss Day celebration. Nearly 500 students at Fiegel Elementary School in Plymouth were treated to a special presentation and "birthday party" in honor of Dr. Seuss. Kindergarten through fifth-graders participated in an interactive skit based on Seuss' "Horton Hears A Who," part of the presentation coordinated by the "Seuss Day Group," sisters Annette Frederick of Plymouth, and Michele Mitchell of Grass Lake, along with volunteers. Following the skit, special guest "The Grinch" greeted the children and handed out prizes. The group also provided birthday treats and donated books to the school library. The annual event is held during March, National Reading Month, and is designed to encourage and promote reading by elementary school students. The sisters created the program in 2003, in honor of their mother, Phyllis Mitchell, a long-time Fiegel teacher and reading advocate.

month from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Canton Township Administration Building in the lower level, and all meetings are open to the public. Goals discussed at monthly meetings include exploring what other communities are doing to enhance their community, planning an annual awards design excellence program, reviewing Canton's programs and providing recommendations for improvement, and looking for ways to promote excellence in the community.

For more information on the council visit [www.cantonmi.org](http://www.cantonmi.org), go to "Quick Links" and click on Community Excellence. For those interested in becoming an active member please call Kris Sanders at (734) 394-5165.

## Book signing

Local talk show host and Detroit News feature writer Terry Foster will be signing copies of his new book, *The Great Detroit Sports Debate*, on Sunday, April 9, from 1-4 p.m. at the Coffee Lounge, located at 45610 Cherry Hill Road, just west of Canton Center.

Co-penned with *Detroit Free Press* columnist Drew Sharp, the book takes on the top Detroit sports debates of all time. Both Foster and Sharp have lived their entire lives in the Detroit area. These award-winning journalists have a combined 46 years of Detroit newspaper, radio and television experience.

The Coffee Lounge will be carrying a limited quantity of *The Great Sports Debate*,

which will be on sale during the event. The book retails for \$16.95 plus tax.

## Relay for Life

The Canton Chamber Of Commerce hosts a Relay for Life team called "Fishing for a Cure." The team is made up of Canton Chamber members who want to get involved in Relay but cannot (for whatever reason) make the full 24-hour commitment to the event, which will take place May 20-21 at Heritage Park in Canton.

Member's can be part of the chamber team in several ways: You/your company can raise money in the form of cash/checks and/or pledges via the Web site at [www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/canton](http://www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/canton); participate in the event by walking; sell or purchase luminaries; sell suns and moons; or just give a donation.

If your company is interested in signing up for the chamber team, call the chamber office at (734) 453-4503.

## Ladies Literary Club

The Ladies Literary Club will hold its annual scholarship fundraiser 9 a.m.-2 p.m., April 8 at the First Congregational Church, located at 2 Towne Square in downtown Wayne (Wayne Road between eastbound and westbound Michigan Avenue).

The club will have a "second time around sale" and bake sale, featuring lots of good and "gently" used household items for sale. Baked goods will also be for sale.

All proceeds from this sale go to the Frances Blain Hills Scholarship Fund. The club awards two scholarships each year for higher education. Typically, one student from John Glenn and one student from Wayne Memorial receive scholarships.

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were adjusted as part of the study, 37% reported an improvement in back pain.

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# Candidates trade ideas about future of district

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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A fiscally challenged Plymouth-Canton Schools budget, the \$120 million bond proposal for renovations and new school facilities, health care costs, class size and early childhood education were all topics of conversation Tuesday night by seven of the eight candidates vying for two open seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education in the May 2 election.

The candidates answered submitted questions by several dozen people who attended a candidates' forum sponsored by the Plymouth and Canton Observer newspapers, and conducted by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

Beth Gorman of Plymouth Township said the forum helped her narrow down two choices for the four-year terms. "There are a lot of concerns

about the fiscal health of the school district, it's going to be a major concern," Gorman said. "I would like to see school board members support the bond issue. Some were unsure, but we've had a lot of growth and a lot of diversity, so there are a lot of different needs for a lot of different groups."

Del Templeton of Plymouth Township, who also drives a school bus in the district, said he's not voting for a candidate that doesn't support the \$120 million in bonds, which appears on the same ballot.

"We need to maintain this district as a leader in education, and if they don't have the facilities, they won't," Templeton said. "If we don't build it, they won't come. It does have an effect on housing prices."

Former school board President Mark Horvath said none of the eight candidates was able to sway his vote.

"I'm a little concerned they all look like the same person,"



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School board candidates (foreground to back) Steven Sneiderman, Brandon Hynes, John Nichols, Larry Martin, John Jackson, Dianne Gonzales, and Mark Christenson took part in Tuesday's forum.

Horvath said. "I didn't see anyone who would be on the board of directors, someone who can make a difference."

Horvath said none of the candidates, in his opinion, seemed to have a grasp on the budget deficit and the problems ahead.

"None of them seemed to have a firm grasp on the structural deficit," Horvath said. "They're all going to the Legislature and get more money, but with the current economic climate in the state, I don't see that as a realistic opportunity."

"They don't seemingly want to address salaries and benefits," Horvath added. "With nearly 89 percent of the budget people, when you're going to reduce costs, it has to be about people."

The eight candidates are Brandon Hynes, Cheryl McKoy, John Nichols and Steven Sneiderman, all of Canton; and Mark Christenson, Dianne Gonzalez, John Jackson and Larry Martin, all of Plymouth Township. McKoy didn't take part in the forum.

The Michigan Education Association 2A Coordinating Council, which represents 2,000 MEA members, is endorsing Jackson and Sneiderman.

"Jackson is a straightforward person that will look at multiple issues," said Tracy McCord, council member and Political Action Committee chair of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, composed of 1,100 teachers. "He has a well-rounded perspective about what's important to our school district."

McCord said the council liked Sneiderman for his knowledge on many issues.

"He has a ton of energy and a lot of data," McCord said. "We've interviewed people who have a lot of budget data, but he has researched well and knows what's going on."

McCord said the MEA 2A Coordinating Council will contribute financially to the campaigns of both candidates, and send a mailing to its members.

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## Drop in building permits could result in layoffs

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

A dramatic drop in the number of new homes being built in Canton has left the township's building and inspection department larger than it needs to be. The township has called a special meeting for next Wednesday, April 12, to discuss solutions, including possible lay-offs.

In January, the township board was informed that the last quarter of 2005 had seen a serious drop in new housing construction, and the situation wasn't expected to get much better. At that time, the board decided to wait until the end of the first quarter before looking at options to resize the department, according to Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"We're talking about a pretty drastic drop off of about 70 percent in the first quarter," Yack said.

During the first quarter of 2005, the township issued more than 130 permits for new construction. This year it has issued only 30 permits, he said. That means a lot of lost revenue.

Budget projections for inspections and permits in 2006 were estimated at \$2.8 million. They have been readjusted to reflect the decrease in activity and now are projected to be just \$1.2 million, Yack said.

That's a significant reduction in the township's general fund, which in 2006 is projected to be \$27.5 million of the township's total \$96 million budget.

During the 2006 budget process, most departments had made reductions in spending. The assessor's department shaved some 12

percent from its budget. The total general fund budget was cut by 1.9 percent, compared to 2005.

Yack met with the building and inspection department to discuss the situation, and the department will present a proposal next week. Yack had suggested ways that the department could cut spending, and staff reduction was one of the suggestions. He did not want to disclose on Wednesday the other suggestions, as the board of trustees has not yet been informed of the other options, he said.

Other township departments may also be impacted.

The special meeting is one of five meetings to be held in the next two weeks.

On April 11 there will be a regular meeting of the board of trustees. On the agenda is a proposal to place a deed restriction on Fellows Creek Golf Course, prohibiting its sale in the future, and requiring a unanimous vote of the board to lift the restriction.


April 18 there will be a township board study session during which the board will analyze fees and charges, coincidentally in the building and planning department. Yack said that meeting had been scheduled months ago.

On April 19, the board will meet with the township planning commission to discuss a change in the state law that now allows municipalities to use conditional zoning. In the past, if the township approved rezoning, it could not do so on the condition of specific uses or site plans.

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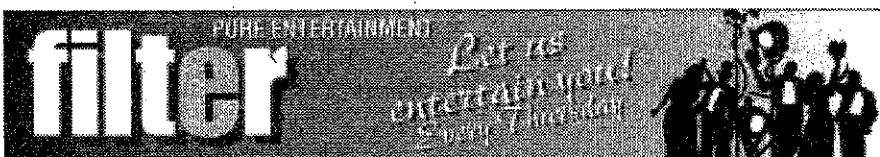
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Mrs. Irene Malloy (Ami Ann Bobo), owner of the millinery shop, sings "Ribbons Down My Back."

## Saying hello to 'Dolly'

Park Players find fun in spring musical

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

When Kristen Quesada was considering possibilities for the Park Players' spring production, she wanted to have some fun.

Quesada, the Players' director, found just the right thing in the light-hearted, high-energy musical *Hello, Dolly*, which the Park Players will perform April 6-8 in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

The play, set in 1890s New York and based on Thornton Wilder's *The Matchmaker*, tells the story of Dolly Levi, a widowed matchmaker who sets up young men and women every day with the flick of a wrist. Levi has her sights set on Horace Vandergelder, the famous

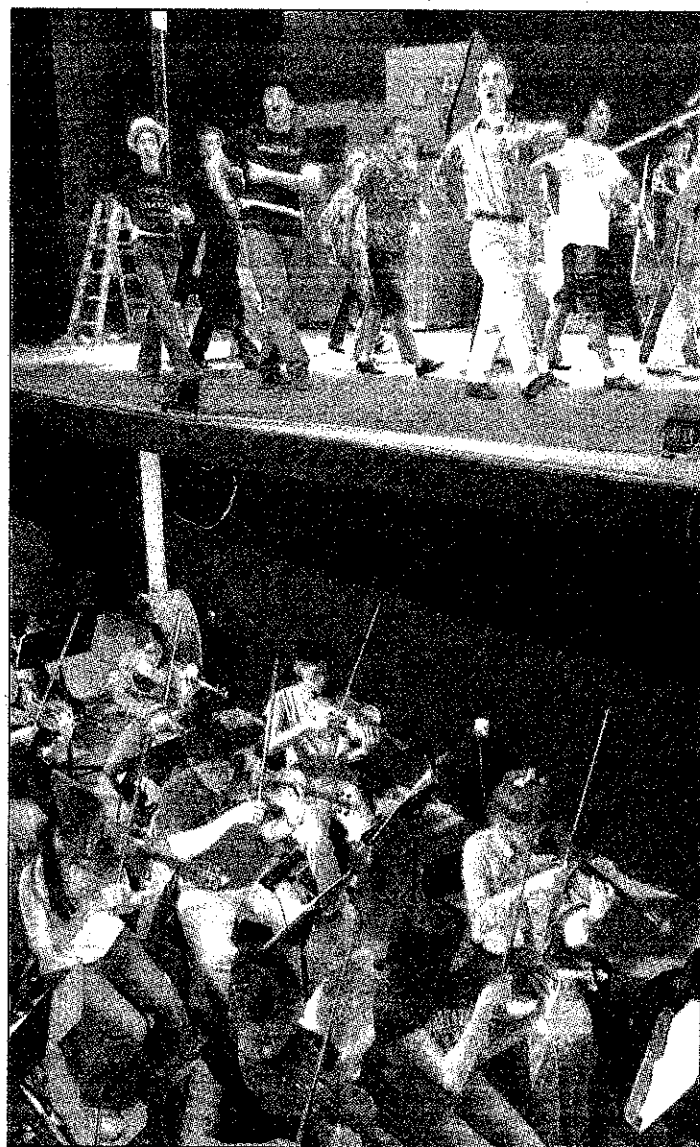
half-millionaire, and is determined to make him marry her.

The production, which Quesada said hasn't been done in Plymouth-Canton schools since the early 1980s, uses the second-largest cast (52 members) in school history.

"It's a classic, well-known musical that is highly energetic and entertaining," said Quesada. "They haven't done it here in a long time. I thought it was a fun musical that would be fun to do and that people would want to come and see."

Senior Lauren Norris plays Dolly, opposite Jeff Harrison's Horace Vandergelder. It's the first musical lead for Norris, who plans to study theater in college.

"She's fabulous," Quesada said. "She's got an excellent



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The cast and orchestra for the Plymouth Park Players spring musical "Hello Dolly" are hard at work rehearsing for the show's opening night. Performances are 8 p.m. April 6-8 with a 2 p.m. Saturday matinee April 8.

voice. She's the total package."

But Quesada is most impressed with the boys who joined the cast. For instance, the play calls for 18 dancing waiters. Of the 18 P-CEP boys playing those roles, only two have ever had any kind of dance instruction, she said.

"I have to give 'props' to the boys in this show," Quesada said. "They've been busting their butts and doing very well. They're energetic and their voices are phenomenal. They just really bring the show together."

While rehearsals have gone well, it hasn't all been smooth. The theater will close for repairs after *Dolly* completes its run. That

means other groups using the theater have had to get in as well, leaving the cast of *Dolly* little time to build the large, detailed sets needed for the production.

"People will be impressed it's high school kids up on that stage and high school kids who put the sets together," Quesada said. "This amount of talent is amazing for a high school. It absolutely exceeds the expectations for high school performers. It's entertaining and fun."

Performances are 8 p.m. April 6-8, with a 2 p.m. matinee April 8. Tickets are \$10.

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## ON CAMPUS

### U-M honors

Clare Terese Selden of Plymouth was among the honorees at the University of Michigan's 83rd-annual Honors Convocation March 19.

Selden is a recipient of the William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize, awarded annually to first-year undergraduates whose academic achievement during their first semester on campus places them in the upper 5 percent of their college class.

Selden is a 2005 graduate of Canton High School and is currently enrolled in the university's Literature, Science and Arts honors program.

### Going greek

Several local students have pledged Albion College fraternities and sororities this spring semester.

Anthony Bosco pledged Albion College's Sigma Nu fraternity, a social fraternity founded at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. Jan. 1, 1869. The "Snakes" support the United Way Foundation.

Bosco is a first-year student at Albion College.

He is the son of Donald and Gina Bosco of Plymouth and a graduate of Catholic Central High School.

Sarah Jose pledged Albion College's Alpha Chi Omega sorority, founded Oct. 15, 1885 at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. The Alpha Chis raise money for S.A.F.E. Place, a domestic violence shelter in Battle Creek.

Jose is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in professional management. She is the daughter of Richard and Deborah Jose of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School.

Matthew Baciak pledged Albion College's Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, a social fraternity founded at the City College of New York Dec. 10, 1899. The "Delt Sigs" primary philanthropic interest is the March of Dimes.

Baciak is a first-year student and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public

Policy and Service. He is the son of Jan and Ilona Baciak of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School.

Ashley Van Esley pledged Albion College's Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, founded at DePauw University. The "Thetas" raise money for the Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Van Esley is a first-year student. She is the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Van Esley of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

William Fitzsimmons pledged Albion College's Sigma Nu fraternity. Sigma Nu is a social fraternity founded at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. on Jan. 1, 1869. The "Snakes" support the United Way Foundation.

Fitzsimmons is a sophomore, the son of Joseph Fitzsimmons, Jr. and Julie Fitzsimmons of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School.

### WMU Dean's List

The fall semester Dean's List for the 2005-06 academic year has been announced at Western Michigan University.

To be eligible, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

Making the list were Canton students Michael Harmon, Lauren Kazmierczak, Matthew Laitila, Robert McGuire, Molli Megasko, Caroline Perpich, Lindsay Pyle, Mary Radcliffe, Nora Reilly, Michelle Remmy, Marc Rourke, Victoria Rozalski, Michelle Sorenson and Laura Williams.

Students from Plymouth making the list included Nicholas Breckon, Rebecca Commissaris, Stephen Debien, Carrie Franchi, Steven Gizzi, Courtney Greulich, Nicole Hogue, Elisabeth John, Julie Johnson, Stephen Kelly, Jennifer Long, Jason Maben, Natalie McBain, Sherri Mealy, Andrew Mitchell, Andrew Olexsey, Sarah Remski, Natalie Shettleroe, Jeffrey Squires, Elizabeth Wilson, Jessica Wilson and Michelle Yaremchuk.

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# Despite rash of closings, Canton churches continue to expand

BY ALEX LUNDBERG AND CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITERS

While Catholic churches throughout southeast Michigan were getting news last week from the Archdiocese of Detroit — news of impending closures and mergers of schools and parishes throughout the area — the three Canton parishes faced no surprises and no changes.

The closures and mergers were a response to shifting population, changing demographics and a diminishing pool of available priests, according to Cardinal Adam Maida. They affect mainly those parishes that have had declining membership.

In June, three Detroit parishes will close, two will cluster, two will merge and another eight will start the process of clustering or merg-

ing.

"Cluster" means that two or more parishes will share a priest and no churches will close. "Merge" means that two or more will come together at a single site. "Close," means the church or school will cease to exist.

By December 2006, 52 parishes will cluster with nearby parishes. The written plans extend through 2007 and beyond, reducing the grand total of Detroit area parishes from 306 to 290 by 2008.

But in Canton, where the population of the community and its churches is still growing, the parishes here are not in danger of closing or merging, and are in fact expanding.

"We have about 13,000 members," said the Rev. Patrick Casey, priest at St. Thomas à Becket, which is Wayne County's largest

parish.

Due to its size, continued growth and relative affluence, the parish contributes some \$250,000 annually to the archdiocese.

"Yes, that's a lot of money," Casey said. "The way it works is that we make payments to the archdiocese, based on a percentage of what we take in. And then there is another payment based on what they tell us to pay."

St. Thomas à Becket and St. John Neumann, Canton's first Catholic church, were built due to fast growth in the church community in the late 1970s, and it's continued to grow since.

Originally part of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, which was growing so fast it couldn't keep up with the demands for youth education, some of the Plymouth parishioners formed St. John Neumann in the early 1970s,

at the request of the archdiocese. Soon after, in 1975, the property for St. Thomas à Becket was purchased. By 1977, the archdiocese had called a meeting of pioneer families and assigned the Rev. Ernest Pocari to start a new parish. At that time there were 500 member families at St. Thomas à Becket. Today there are more than 3,500.

The cause for the archdiocese's reductions have a lot to do with declining population in the city of Detroit and changes in ethnic and racial demographics across the archdiocese. The changes are also rooted in the low number of priests expected to be ordained and the high number of them who are serving well beyond traditional retirement age.

The majority of priests in the Detroit archdiocese are between 50 and 69 years old and none are younger than

30. Currently, there are 18 men enrolled in the seminary's ordination program, of which only four will be ordained between now and 2008.

The recent sex abuse scandals have added to the church's problems.

"Detroit was hit especially hard," Maida said. "The sex abuse scandal has forced the removal of some priests and left a void in the number of people available for the ministry."

In early 2004, the Rev. Richard Kelly was removed as a pastor from St. Thomas à Becket following sex abuse allegations by a former parishioner who attended Kelly's former parish in Redford in the 1970s. In November 2005, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled against the former parishioner's claim for damages.

In response to the dwindling number of priests, Maida said the faithful should pray and that the Lord would always provide and not abandon his flock.

Changes throughout the archdiocese would require a new level of involvement by the laity.

Despite its large membership, and eight scheduled masses a week, St. Thomas à Becket has never had more than one priest. It manages with a layperson staff of some 20 full- and part-time employees, as well as hundreds of volunteers.

While it's still somewhat unusual for a church of that size to have only one priest, it's becoming more common, according to Casey.

"In 10 years, that will be the norm," he said.

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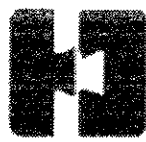
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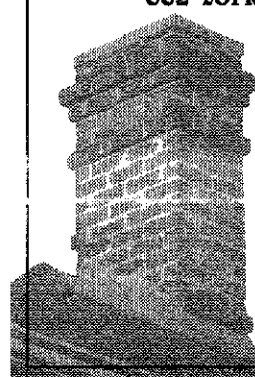
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## REDISTRICTING

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those six elementary schools will result in 62 students in the Fox Run subdivision in Canton — who currently attend Isbister Elementary in Plymouth Township — to be moved to Workman, which Rodenberg said will be a shorter bus ride.

By moving Fox Run, as well as an incoming kindergarten class that is smaller than the outgoing fifth grade at Isbister, another part of the recommendation is to move 63 current Bird Elementary students to Isbister. Not unlike last year, when there was a proposal to move several dozen Bird students in the Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills subdivisions to Farrand — which didn't happen when parents complained — parents in the Ridgewood Hills subdivision are voicing their displeasure with the No. 1 option to relieve overcrowding at Bird, which is moving their children.

In a letter to Supt. Jim Ryan and the Board of Education, Ridgewood Hills parents voiced concerns the housing committee has three Bird parents on it, none of whom represent their subdivision.

"While we don't believe anyone would openly or even intentionally sway their vote, it is human nature to want to protect your own interests," the letter said. "Why were the Country Club Village parents not asked to recuse themselves from the discussion and vote regarding potential moves of their own neighborhood, not to mention their own children?"

There are eight community members on the committee, with four representing ele-

mentary parents, two representing middle school parents and two representing the community. All eight have children in the school system.

"Finally, to put it simply, this is just not right," the letter continued. "How can neighborhoods such as Ridgewood Hills and Trailwood, who have 20 or more years of history at a school, possibly be displaced by new development?"

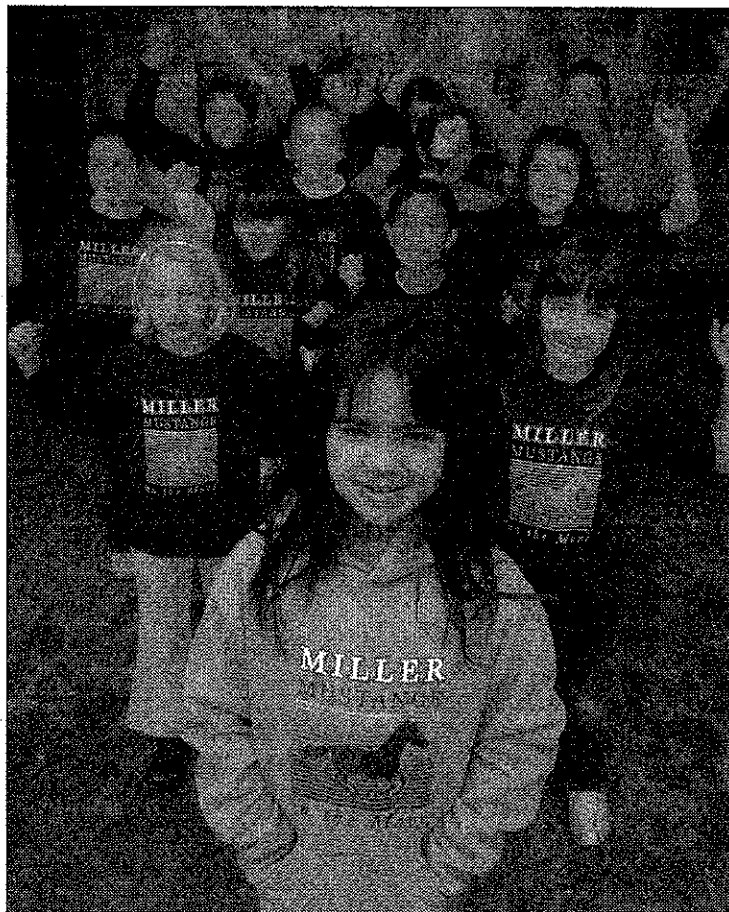
Rodenberg said the recommendation to the Board of Education will also include moving 143 students from Dodson to Workman; 37 students from Smith to Hulsing; 41 from Eriksson to Field; 28 from Field to Bentley; 21 from Bentley to Dodson; 42 in the Antique Forest subdivision in Canton from Gallimore to Dodson; and 16 in the Arlington Park sub from Hoben to Dodson.

The Board of Education is expected to receive the redistricting recommendations at its Tuesday, April 11, meeting. The housing committee will have a public hearing Saturday, May 6, at a location to be determined.

The Board of Education voted 6-1 in favor of the lease agreement with Livonia. Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski doesn't believe the district's claim the cost factor of housing all Miller students at Workman for a year is a wash with the \$288,000 lease.

"It makes more sense to stay in our own district," Ham-Kucharski said. "There are still incidental costs for operating that building. There would have been no incremental change by moving to Workman."

Meanwhile, as Miller Elementary staff and parents gear up for the move this summer, there remains mixed reaction from parents.



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Miller students are on the move. The school's shirts and sweatshirts reflect next fall's year-long temporary move. Natalia Trevisan is front and center. Her schoolmates are Amanda Brechko, Jenna Dornoff, Kristi Smiley, Jill Shah, Haley Berryman, Meghan Berliner, Jessica Dornoff, Kyle Nowack, K.J. Wooley, Tom Raymond, Leah Schrauben and Shelby Crosier.

Tracy Visnaw drove her first-grader, J.D., to get a look at their substitute school.

"At first he said, 'Are we moving, too?'" Visnaw said. "I told him it would be just for a year, and when we come back we'll have a great-looking, almost new, school. I'm making it upbeat, it's only for one year, and it's worth it."

However, Pam DiBenedetto, who walks her third-grade daughter to Miller, said she doesn't like the change.

"I didn't want my kids going to Livonia, I want them to be closer to home," said

DiBenedetto, who also has a middle schooler at Pioneer in Plymouth Township. "All parents will be driving to school functions, and there won't be enough parking for special events."

Miller Principal Lynn Haire said for the most part, everyone is upbeat in preparing for the move.

"The district has included us in a lot of the planning, so there isn't that negative feeling," Haire said.

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## Humane society offers reward in Superior animal decapitation case

The Humane Society of Huron Valley is offering an \$18,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whomever is responsible for killing, decapitating and dumping dogs in Superior Township.

A female Rottweiler was found March 16 bound by her feet with duct tape and decapitated. By March 27, three other decapitated dogs, including another Rottweiler, a Terrier, and a Lab mix, plus five dogs whose cause of death is still undetermined, had been found.

All of the dogs were found in close proximity to each other in Superior Township. To date, there has not been a match of pet owners to the dogs that have been found.

The issue of trapping and illegal dumping of wild animals, initially thought to be related to this case, is being separated out and handled by the Department of Natural Resources, which now has two suspects under investigation.

"In terms of the dogs that have been found, we do believe there is a serious case of animal cruelty going on," said Julie

Curtis, cruelty investigator. "We have never had a case like this before. We have no reasonable explanation for what is happening to these dogs and are working as a team with the Sheriff's Department of Washtenaw County and the DNR to find the person responsible."

Tanya Hilgendorf, executive director of the Humane Society of Huron Valley, said while this is "a particularly strange and upsetting case," animal cruelty is a daily occurrence. She said her agency has done more than 1,300 investigations of animal cruelty in Washtenaw County over the last five years.

"Dog fighting, abuse and torture of innocent animals, animal neglect and abandonment is, in part, what keeps us in business," Hilgendorf said.

"Most people love and treat their pets like members of the family. But there are those who see animals as objects without feeling and others who have a proclivity toward violence who view animals as the perfect voiceless victims."

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### DEATHS

**D**  
**Gail L. Duke**  
Duke, 71, of Bloomfield Hills, died April 3.

**F**  
**Richard A. Femmel**  
Femmel, 79, of West Bloomfield, died March 31.

**H**  
**Florence M. Hirschmann**  
Hirschmann, 88, of Ann Arbor, died April 2.  
**Richard L. Huber Jr.**  
Huber, 66, died April 3.

**L**  
**Charles H. Leinenkugel**  
Leinenkugel, 84, formerly of Birmingham, died April 2.

**T**  
**Louise M. Linder**  
Linder, 90, died March 31.

**Eileen R. Toy**  
Toy, 77, died April 2.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A20.

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## SNEIDEMAN

FROM PAGE A1

Sneideman decided to "put my money where my mouth is" and joined the housing committee.

"Being on both sides of it has been interesting," said Sneideman. "It allows me to speak to some of the parents that come to us, and tell them that I was in their position. Maybe it helps them listen a little more."

Sneideman has decided to take the natural progression, a run for one of the two four-year seats on the Board of Education on the May 2 ballot.

"The housing committee has done somewhat of a good job preparing me for what it's like to be on the board," said Sneideman. "It's understanding the emotion, but still being able to decide what's the most beneficial course of action for the whole district."

Sneideman moved to Canton 12 years ago, before children were part of his family equation. He's found the school district one that has high achievement standards, but said while Plymouth-Canton constantly exceeds the state averages on

**'Maybe we need to take a look at the curriculum and find out what other districts are doing.'**

Steve Sneideman  
school board candidate

standardized MEAP tests, the district doesn't do as well as its neighboring districts and the Canton Charter Academy.

"Maybe we need to take a look at the curriculum and find out what other districts are doing," said Sneideman. "I see it as an important direction in making us the premier district in the state."

Sneideman said he voted for Proposal A, and is still in favor of it, but said the proposition that lowered property taxes and turned funding of public schools over to the state needs to be tweaked.

"We need to lower the (Plymouth-Canton budget) deficit to a point where we can extend it out a few years before we end up in the red, and work on Lansing to get more funding," said Sneideman. "We are already bare-bones in terms of administrative costs, and the primary place that could be cut

is teachers. I'm not willing to take those teachers out of the classroom."

Sneideman said he'll vote in favor of the \$120 million, two-question bond proposal on the May 2 ballot.

"We need more elementary classrooms, and the need for a middle school in Canton is very important," Sneideman said. "Central Middle School just isn't a good learning environment."

"With our growing population, in order to become the premier district in the area, we need to have the facilities people expect in a district like that," he said.

Calling himself a "core curriculum type of guy," Sneideman said he's concerned about new high school graduation requirements.

"I want to make sure it doesn't cause us to increase the dropout rate," Sneideman said. "We don't want to lose kids who were never destined to go to college, but found a great education at Plymouth-Canton because of all we had to offer, because they can't handle Algebra II or a science requirement."

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## CHRISTENSON

FROM PAGE A1

Kampus at Canton High School.

In an effort to make certain the district remains strong when his son attends Farrand Elementary, Christenson has thrown his hat into the ring, seeking one of the two four-year seats on the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education in the May 2 election.

"It's all about the kids in the community," said Christenson. "If there's anything I can do to help improve the district and keep it strong like it is, that's my main concern."

Christenson said that includes supporting the two-question \$120 million bond that will appear on the same ballot.

"I originally didn't want the bond, but after seeing the numbers ... I'll vote 'yes' on both," Christenson said.

"People can actually see their tax dollars being spent in a positive way - Workman (Elementary) being built, and the (proposed) technical education center.

**'It's all about the kids in the community. If there's anything I can do to help improve the district and keep it strong like it is, that's my main concern.'**

Mark Christenson  
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"I think the technical center will be a very good addition," he said. "Not all the kids are going to college. They're going off in all different realms of the working world."

Plymouth-Canton Schools, not unlike districts throughout the state, has been spending more than it receives in funding from the state, forcing the school board to dig deep into its coffers to balance recent past - and future - budgets. Christenson said he's a "pay as you go" type guy.

"You've got to keep a clothespin on the wallet and save money," suggested Christenson.

"Then, when you really need to get something, you take the clothespin off and

the money is there. I'm just not a fan of deficit spending."

Christenson also has concerns about the new high school graduation requirements being passed down by the State of Michigan.

"I think it will put a strain on school districts and teachers," said Christenson. "I'm not sure if all kids can handle geometry and algebra."

"It's kind of like No Child Left Behind. It sounds great, but if you talk to the teachers, they say it's not what it's all cracked up to be," he said. "How much money have they thrown at that, where is it now, and why aren't we all geniuses?"

Christenson said if elected to the Board of Education, he will spend a lot of time listening before making decisions.

"I'd like to walk through all the schools and talk to the students, teachers, parents and administrators, and see what they have to say," Christenson said.

"I'm very hands-on, that's how get my information. I like to listen."

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# Get a clue

## Road rally to take players off Canton's beaten path

**BY CAROL MARSHALL**  
STAFF WRITER

Think you know Canton like the back of your hand? Leadership Canton is going to let you prove it.

This year's Leadership Canton class is holding a road rally to raise money for youth programs in the township. The rally, scheduled for April 29, will start at the Rotary clock in Heritage Park, and end at Diamonds Grill at the Canton Softball Center. But the eight spots in between are a secret.

"We've already done two dry runs to be sure that it's a challenge, but not too challenging, and that it's fun and safe," said Leadership Canton participant Martha Snow.

Here's how the rally works: It's a game played by a group of people who use brain power and problem solving skills to solve puzzles, drive to

destinations identified in the puzzles and get a clue about the next destination. At the final destination, rally participants gather and eat, tabulate scores, and the winners earn their bragging rights.

What it's not: A race. Speed doesn't make any difference in the outcome of the rally.

Teams are made up of 4-6 people, and there will be a maximum of 30 teams playing.

"Some of the clues are pretty challenging, for road rally enthusiasts," Snow said.

It's not just a challenging game, though. It's also a way to get to know the community better.

"It's a great community event because people will have the chance to see parts of Canton they may or may not be familiar with," said Leadership Canton participant Lisa Kennedy. "It's a great way to promote Canton."

It's also a way to raise money.

Each person will pay \$35 to participate on a team. Proceeds will go to support Canton Township's teen center the BLOCK, and Growth Works youth programming.

The BLOCK (Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids) is Canton's teen center at Sheldon and Michigan Avenue. It's open to all kids, age 11-17, and provides a safe, secure, supervised environment where young people can spend quality time, study, have parties and enjoy recreation.

Growth Works Inc. helps families by providing comprehensive youth services including youth assistance programs and chemical dependency programs.

There are still sponsorship opportunities, participant opportunities, and T-shirt and sign maker sponsorships available.



Leadership Canton's class of 2006 are planning a charity road rally, which will be April 29. The rally will start at the Rotary Clock in Heritage Park.

To find out more about rally sponsorships and entry, call Deb Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188. Non-participants can buy tickets to the finish line party. [cmarsshall@hometownlife.com](mailto:cmarsshall@hometownlife.com) (734) 459-2700

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# State House set to take on illegal immigrants

BY ALEX LUNDBERG, CAROL MARSHALL  
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STAFF WRITERS

Getting a handle on how many illegal immigrants live and work in Michigan is tough. Getting an estimate on their impact on the economy and the state's social programs is even tougher. A package of bills crafted to keep illegal immigrants from receiving help from some state programs will be up for discussion by the Michigan House later this month.

"I've heard estimates of 150,000 illegal immigrants in Michigan, but I don't know for sure how many there are," said Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, who drafted the 11-bill package and presented it to the state Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Committee. The bill was unanimously passed out of committee, and will now go to the House floor. The package is titled, "Michigan Citizens First," and it seeks to create residency and citizenship requirements for certain financial assistance, particularly scholarships and education grants, and state-funded mortgage programs.

## 'TAKE CARE OF THEM'

"There are 12 million immigrants in this country, and we're not going to get rid of them all, so we'll take care of them. We just want to be fair and make sure they follow the rules," said Rep. John Pastor, R-Livonia. Pastor sponsored one of the bills, which would require state residents – including legal residents – to be American citizens in order to qualify for state scholarships.

Though the timing of the bills seems to mirror recent immigration reform proposals in Washington, Pastor said the bills were actually proposed several months ago.

Illegal immigration, and the cost to taxpayers, should be a concern for everyone, according to Pastor.

"Money is so tight right now that there is not enough to go around without giving it to people who don't pay their fair share of taxes," Pastor said.

But Gosselin, who wrote the bills and asked his colleagues to sponsor them, isn't sure of the cost – or the possible positive impact that immigrants have on the state economy.

"I don't know what it would mean in terms of economics if we clamped down on illegal immigration. But I do know that it's costing us right now. We pay for it through our hospitals and our schools. Our systems are being overtaxed and drained dry," Gosselin said. He added that the package of bills is intended to be a preventative measure to ensure that the



Gosselin



Pastor

state doesn't lose money to illegal immigrants.

American Civil Liberties Union Executive Director Kary Moss said the package of legislation is anything but new.

"We see hateful bills like this come up once in a while," she said. "The anti-immigrant sen-

timent goes against the democratic ideals this country was founded on. We are a nation of immigrants."

She said the bills, if passed, will do little if anything to curb illegal immigration. The nation's vast borders and equally vast numbers of employers looking for low-cost labor make even the most stringent laws hard to enforce.

## ECONOMIC FACTORS

She said there are side effects the anti-immigration proponents are not considering.

"There are all kinds of adverse economic effects to

this," Moss said. "Good or bad, the economy relies on people who work for low wages."

Gosselin sidestepped the issue of the effect a crackdown on all illegal immigration would have on the farming industry, which provides low-cost produce partly because it hires illegal immigrants to work for less than the minimum wage. He said in the end, taxpayers lose much more to illegal immigration than they would have to pay if farm labor costs were to increase, though he didn't know how much more the average consumer would have to pay for goods, or how many immigrants are not

paying taxes.

The intent of the package is to be sure the state complies with federal laws regarding financial assistance, according to Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton.

"Basically we want to be sure that all who are receiving aid from these packages are legally registered to be here," he said.

LaJoy sponsored a bill that deals with Michigan Educational Opportunity Grants, state supplements to Pell Grant – college tuition grants typically used by low-income students.

"Basically my part of the package ensures that if you're eligible for federal grants,

you're eligible for state grants," he said.

Gosselin said that illegal immigration costs Michigan more than just money. It also costs power in Washington.

"You have to remember that Michigan lost a congressman and California gained one because California's population grew so much," he said. "The number of representatives is based on the number of people, not citizens. So we lost a representative because of a population of people who can't even vote here."

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# Observer OPINION

## OUR VIEWS

# Sneideman, Gonzalez our picks for board

With the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools facing large projected deficits, many observers believe the next four years will be crucial to the district's survival, which puts a lot of pressure on the district's Board of Education, which is losing two experienced incumbents.

We believe **Steve Sneideman** and **Diane Gonzalez** would be the best candidates to fill the two, four-year seats.

Sneideman, a purchaser with IBM who lives in Canton, showed he's willing to "put his money where his mouth is" with his involvement on the district's housing committee. His twin daughters were redistricted from West Middle School to Pioneer and he spoke out against the move, though his family has since adjusted well to it.

When he read about vacancies on the committee, he got involved in the process, rather than just complain about it. Now he sees both sides of redistricting issues and is able to impart those perspectives.



Diane Gonzalez



Steve Sneideman

He's been president of his homeowners association and he currently serves as the president of the Cruisers, the large youth swimming organization.

Sneideman has put thought and effort into his school board run. He sat with district officials to obtain a better understanding of the budget and researched the district's MEAP performance and funding compared to comparable districts.

A Plymouth Township resident, Gonzalez would bring a varied perspective to the mix. She's a former teacher, having taught in Detroit Public Schools for 10 years. She's a mother to elementary school-age children and she and her husband run their own residential and commercial real estate company.

Gonzalez's interest in the school board was piqued last year when the district's housing committee recommended redistricting some students from Bird Elementary to Farrand. She said she was concerned the board would bow to pressure from a vociferous few, even though the committee had put months of effort into the plan.

Some of her thinking is different. She's one of the few candidates who isn't necessarily sold on the district's two-part bond proposal, scheduled for the May 2 election.

With so many important issues facing the school board in the next few years, it's important voters make the right decisions May 2. We believe electing Steve Sneideman and Diane Gonzalez would do the trick.

## Governor's vetoes are risky, but right

The political games are in full swing.

The Republican-dominated state Legislature has been throwing spitballs at Gov. Jennifer Granholm that they believe can make for good soundbites during the upcoming gubernatorial election between Granholm and Grand Rapids businessman Dick DeVos.

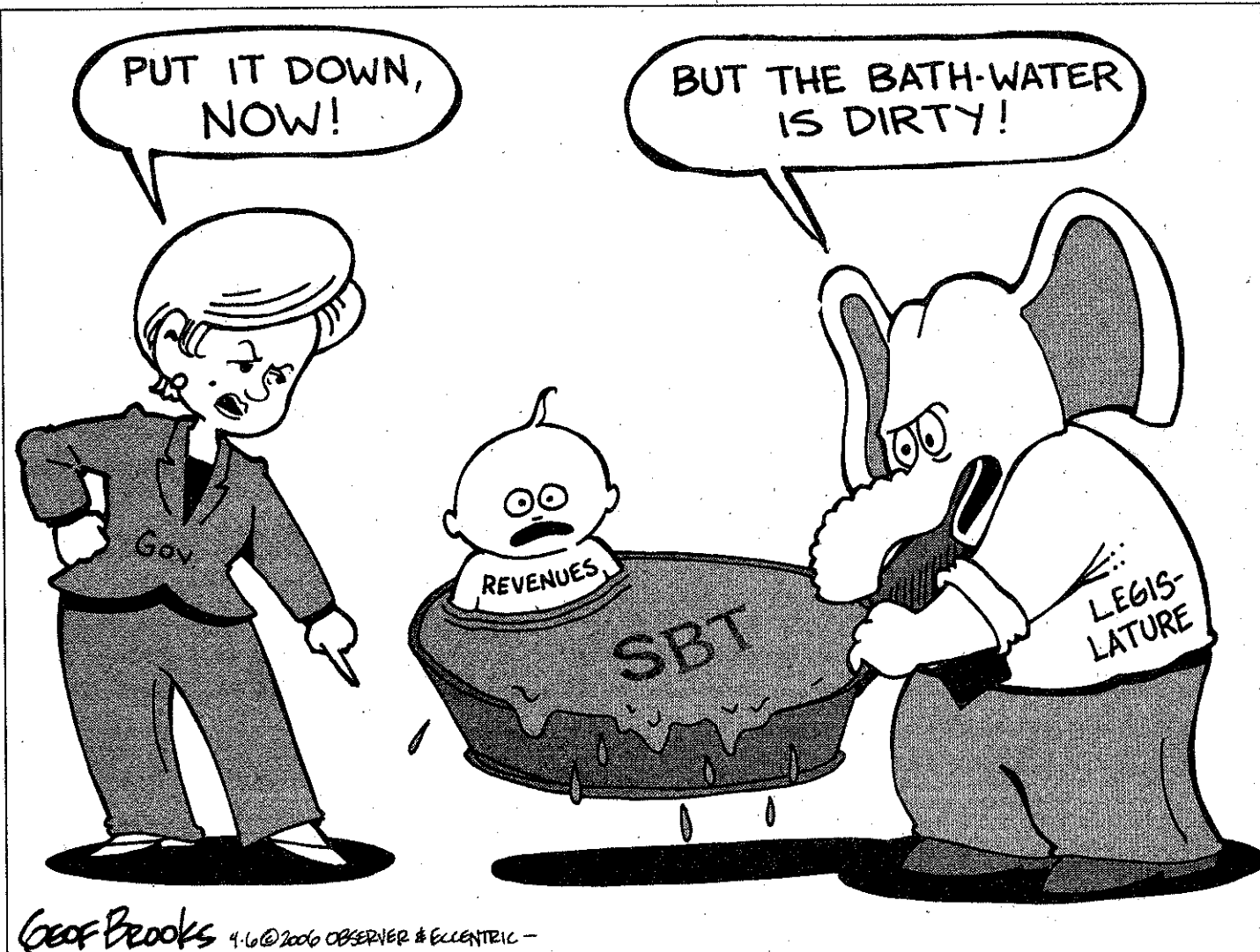
Unfortunately, the political games are a substitute for substantive legislation at a time when the state desperately needs thoughtful leadership.

Granholm recently vetoed two pieces of legislation that were clearly intended to create a negative view of the governor for suburban voters. But in both cases, she made the right — if risky — decision.

Granholm vetoed the elimination of the Single Business Tax in 2007, two years before a scheduled expiration, arguing that the Legislature had not provided an alternative revenue source for the nearly \$2 billion that would be lost. Republicans argue that there is time to develop an alternative for restoring some of the lost revenue, but past time for the tax to go.

Granholm has also vetoed a bill sponsored by Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, that would have created an oversight board for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. This is the second time Granholm has vetoed Toy-sponsored legislation on this issue. Toy argues that suburban customers of the DWSD are angry about rate hikes and what she calls questionable contracting practices.

Sometimes the governor and Legislature can work together as in the recent passage of strong graduation requirements. It was so smooth you wouldn't even know it was an election year.



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## Decision benefited minority

How ironic that township officials said "no" to selling off one of Canton's two golf courses and the potential income it would net, while at the same time announcing that the golf course is in need of \$3 million in improvements.

Without tabling the matter for future research and discussion, officials shirked their duty to represent all the people when they caved in to the clamors of a minority, which is unheard of. Several of those in opposition to the sale encouraged *Observer* readers to take a drive to view the golf course and its surroundings, which I did.

Yes, there was land — and plenty of it. But what I couldn't help noticing was that, besides one lone house, the only ones who would be directly impacted by the sale of the golf course would be the owners of subdivisions of new luxury condos that surround it.

Perhaps what those objecting to the sale of the golf course, which is said to be in disrepair, are really objecting to is the potential loss of the grandeur of privacy they thought they were buying along with their luxury condos; in which case, the real question is why should a few benefit over the majority? Are these same homeowners going to be the only ones the township milks the \$3 million in repairs for the golf course or do they think they can have their cake and eat it, too? Hmmm ... let's see if we can get a petition going to get the township to agree to that.

Phyllis Counts  
Canton

## Who pays?

I have no clue as to how much influence a PowerPoint presentation at a board meeting had on Supervisor Tom Yack and the rest of the board members to abandon the idea of selling Fellows Creek Golf Course. For those who missed out on the presentation, let me quickly bring you up to speed on its content. The whole presentation was an analysis of hypothetical conditions based on the sale of the course. This analysis was built on "what if" scenarios and asked the crucial question of "Who pays?"

To everyone's amazement, something unexpected happened right after the presentation. Each board member quickly and unanimously gave a thumbs down to the sale. So it might be a stretch for me to think that the board members (except one) were somehow swayed by the presentation, but then again, who knows? Let's face it, folks, these are the same board members (except one) who were avalanched by accusations from the same presenters with the idea that they were in bed with the developer. So I would like to ask the inevitable question of "Who pays?" for the golf course's much-needed dire repairs, some of which are major and need immediate attention. Now that the board has kept its side of the bargain, I feel it's also fair for the residents to keep theirs, and the answer should be simply, "We pay."

The consensus that I got at the March 21 special study session detailing Fellows Creek's repairs and maintenance requirements is that it could be partially financed with donations or volunteer actions. This, of course, is nothing more in my judgment

than wishful thinking. While some volunteer actions of painting benches, swing sets, or picking up litter at some parks are commendable and timely maintenance and, if neglected, any golf course could quickly transform into a cow pasture.

We also heard from many surrounding condo residents who felt cheated for paying a higher premium for their unit to guarantee a permanent lifestyle of living next to the green wide open spaces that the course offers. I'm a single home resident who lives away from the course and only sees some 50 feet of open space from my windows, and when I walk down my driveway each morning to get my morning paper, I never see any deer, foxes, coyotes or wild horses. I think it should be made very clear to the surrounding residents that no premium will ever guarantee our golf course as part of their open space.

Although I joined with those residents who strongly fought to keep the course, all bets are off the next time an offer is made if the same residents are not willing to help finance it.

Anthony Cauchi  
Canton

## Letter lacked compassion

Mr. Shufeldt's letter to the editor (March 23) was devoid not only of facts and compassion, but chock full of deceit and political chicanery. His position deep in the Yack camp has betrayed him and displayed his true political agenda: To appoint yet another puppet and silence the independent voice of the people.

In one breath he says I need to be around for "key" votes, yet in another he says my votes are wrong. You'd think he'd be happy for my sabbatical.

Apparently sacrifice and love of country is not enough for Mr. Shufeldt. One should be further penalized for service to one's nation. Following Mr. Shufeldt's logic (for lack of a better term), every cop, teacher, firefighter, elected official or any other person paid out of the public coffers who is called to serve in WAR should be penalized in a similar manner: They should immediately resign or end their military service. Way to inspire the troops, Mr. Shufeldt.

Mr. Shufeldt should be directing his rage toward our state legislators as Michigan does not allow me to delegate my duties to a like-minded representative in my absence. Texas, Indiana, Iowa, South Carolina, South Dakota and Tennessee all recently enacted legislation for their warrior-legislators to deal with military deployments.

Mr. Shufeldt takes no issue with the obscene raises the township board voted to give themselves (I voted against), or the millions of other dollars that were irresponsibly blown on other pet projects (again, I voiced my opposition), yet faults me for giving my salary to charity and future township purchases while I am away serving in Iraq when no mechanism exists to suspend my pay (I challenge you to find ONE elected official who has done this). My community and my country called and I answered, Mr. Shufeldt. I gather you would have hung up on them? Not this Marine. Ever.

Todd Caccamo  
Canton Township trustee

## No apologies

Normally I would not take time to respond to a letter criticizing statements previously made by me in a letter to the editor. However, the recent letter written by Susan Luszczyński (March 30) demands follow up. She says shame on me for stating my opinion on a subject vitally important to this township. She also states I owe Todd Caccamo an apology for stating my beliefs. Before I address those statements, I'd like for her and everyone else questioning my motives to know a little of my background. In addition to serving this community for 15 years in various voluntary capacities, for which I received no compensation, I served in the U.S. Air Force for 30 years, 20 on active duty and 10 in the retired reserve. If anyone wants to check me out, please call the supervisor's office. I am sure they would be glad to fill in the blanks. So, as a military retiree and citizen of this country I have every right to question his actions and motivations. And the last time I checked the U.S. Constitution, the first amendment gave us all the right of free speech.

Apologize? For what? I did not tell any lies or distort facts, or even hide my intentions. Shame on me for what? Expressing my opinions that I have given 45 years of my life to earn the right to state? Think again Ms. Luszczyński.

On another matter. Military law, as I understand it, under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, forbids any member of the armed forces from participating in political activities while serving on active duty. Therefore, if Mr. Caccamo cannot participate in township government while he is away, why should he be compensated? I don't believe there is any ordinance or law giving him or anyone else that privilege. I noticed that Ms. Luszczyński failed to comment on my last paragraph, which asked Caccamo to either reveal any corruption that he has found in Canton or apologize in writing to all elected or appointed officials or hired employees of Canton Township. I would have thought that the *Observer* editorial staff would have said something in print to follow up on Caccamo's allegations made during speeches and in his campaign material. I would hope you are not guilty of withholding a story so important to many of us.

Ralph Shufeldt  
Canton

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"I was sound asleep when the phone rang about 5:15 in the morning. I quickly thought 'maybe it's Jill,' and didn't have much time to think if it could be good news or bad news. When I answered I heard, 'Mom... it's Jill.'"

— Former Plymouth-Canton teacher Mary Beth Carroll, whose daughter, Jill Carroll, was released last week by Iraqi extremists who'd held her hostage since Jan. 7



# New graduation standards are only start of new battle

Now some good news, for a change: The Michigan Legislature and Gov. Jennifer Granholm have actually cooperated in taking a significant step toward promoting a better educated work force and a brighter economic future for us all.

Last week, the Legislature adopted much tougher high school graduation standards and the governor promptly signed them into law. This all came with relatively little of the watering-down and endless delaying tactics that were feared and widely expected.

Lots of people deserve plenty of credit for this one: State Supt. of Instruction Mike Flanagan, who designed and pushed the new curriculum.



Phil Power

Granholm deserves praise for convening the Cherry Commission two years ago, which called for improving higher education in the state — and raising standards for the public school standards to be raised.

Republican-led lawmakers get applause for realizing how important it is that new high school graduates have the education they'll need to compete in the modern world.

Until now, we have only required our graduates to have one semester of civics. But starting with the high school graduating class of 2011, students will need to complete at least three and a half years of math, four years of English, three years of science and social studies and two years of a foreign language to graduate.

The new high school diploma actually now will be a document demonstrating educational attainment. There is also talk that the Legislature may finally take the sensible next step and raise the age when students are allowed to legally drop out of school from 16 to 18.

But raising the standards themselves is a terrific accomplishment. It even gives us a sliver of hope that our long-gridlocked political system may just be capable of doing something meaningful in the face of our present economic crisis.

Yet amid all the backslapping, here's a note of caution.

Talk to most high school graduates about what remains in their heads from the required civics course. You'll find the answer is basically ... nothing. Separation of powers? "What's to separate?"

The Bill of Rights? "I know my rights. I gotta pay a bill for them?" Judicial review? "Sounds like the review session I took to pass civics." I exaggerate, of course, but not much.

And you get the idea.

The sorry fact — well-known to any civics teacher and to many anguished parents, not to mention many employers — is that in order to get little Johnny through the required civics class and on to his high school diploma, the content, over the years, has been watered down to the

point where Ben Franklin would blush.

How did that happen? Easy.

When little Johnny failed civics the first time, his parents went tearing in to the principal's office whining about how tough the course was and about how unfair it was to require their little darling to learn the material. When little Johnny failed the second time, his parents screamed off to the local school board meeting and raised holy hell.

How could they impose such a difficult course on their little darling, who needed desperately to graduate so he could get on to a relatively mindless career in automobile manufacturing?

And if little Johnny was a minority, charges of racism were thrown in for good measure. What does the education system do when confronted by hordes of angry parents? Cave in, of course. The required civics course was gradually watered down so much even little Johnny could be assured of passing.

That's the downside of local control of our schools, folks.

So beware! Now we have not only civics, but math, English, science, even foreign languages. All of which are prime targets for legions of little Johnny's and little Sally's parents. If you think civics was watered down, just wait 'til you see the pressure on teachers, principals and school boards when the curriculum is actually tough.

But when I talked with Flanagan, he seemed reasonably confident that this time, the curriculum won't be watered down.

"First of all," he said, "every required course will have a detailed set of course expectations up front. We'll have that ready by August, and every school — and every parent who wants to find out — will have a clear and detailed road map of what's expected from the required courses."

"Second," Flanagan said, "each required course will have a required end-of-course exam. If the kid doesn't pass the exam, he or she will have to take the course again or some acceptable variation. If the kid fails algebra, for example, he'll have to master the same material, but perhaps in a vocational education setting."

So what's the education system going to do with parents who come in yelling their heads off about how unfair you're being to little Johnny? "Simple," Flanagan said, "cite the law."

I admire Flanagan's cool toughness. But all I can say is that I sure hope the school system is as determined and tough in standing up to the intense pressure that is sure to come.

Pressure, that is, to water the new standards down. This, after a rare moment of lucidity in which the political class realized that without stern standards, Michigan may never be able to compete.

For in a sense, what has just been done was easy. The tough part is about to begin.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcn.net.

# Success of the library is a true community effort

In our constantly changing world of computers and technology, there is one skill continually required for success. It's the ability to read.

If you are reading this newspaper column, whether in print or online, then you already know that reading is fundamental. For all the information a high-tech computer provides, it is worthless if the user can't read. Even the latest communication trends like text messaging, blogging and instant messaging require the user to read. In today's world, in order to



Jim Fausone

enjoy life, educate oneself and be a contributing member to society, you have to be literate. That's why there is more reason than ever to acknowledge National Library Week, April 2-8. It's more than just a celebration of libraries, including our own Canton Public Library. It's a celebration of literacy and life-long learning. This year's theme, Change Your World @ Your Library, stresses the impact a quality library can have on everyone in a community. Canton residents should consider themselves blessed to have at their disposal a public facility that allows access to the world, plus qualified librarians to teach people how to find and use information. The Canton Public Library has every resource imaginable to develop literacy for every person, at every level.

We see the need for literacy every day. Mike Flanagan, state of Michigan superintendent of public instruction, recently addressed an audience on the changing curriculum at the high school level. His message was that all of the changes were meaningless if children have not been encouraged to be enthusiastic readers by their parents. The Canton Public Library has a multitude of programs, such as the summer reading club and youth essay contests, to encourage library usage and reading. CD-ROMs and interactive learning aids help foster a sense of fun and promote learning in young readers. The children's and teen librarians have recommendations for every age and interest and are true partners in ensuring that your children and grandchildren not only read, but also enjoy the life-long opportunity that the public library provides.

Fortunately for Canton, the need for literacy is already recognized — residents here use their library with gusto. The numbers truly tell the story. Over the last year, the library circulated 1,568,259 items from its collection of books, CDs, DVDs and magazines. In a population of 84,470 residents, that means every

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man, woman and child in Canton checked out 18½ items last year. That's an item every minute that the library is open. What other township service is provided and supported at that level?

This level of service cannot be performed without sound financing and the assistance of friends.

As the busiest single-facility library in the state, the Canton Public Library is fortunate that current funding supports this tremendous usage rate. The library is also fortunate to have an active Friends of the Library group which raises community awareness, appreciation and funds. Their efforts, individually and as a group, bridge the gap between a good library and a great library.

During National Library Week, we invite you to come in and discover the amazing opportunities to change your world at your Canton Public Library. Adults can learn computer skills, find a new job, research a family tree, join a book discussion, track investments, learn English or another language. Students can get free online tutoring, attend computer and Internet skills classes, book discussions and craft programs.

Preschoolers, young children and babies can take advantage of storytimes and special programs. There is something for every one. Visit in person or online at [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org).

This is also a good time to thank our regular patrons for their continued support. We welcome your involvement in making this a better library for our community. If you are a financial supporter of the library or the Endowment Foundation, your assistance to ensure future library excellence is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you in the library and keep reading.

Jim Fausone is chairman of Canton Public Library Board of Trustees.

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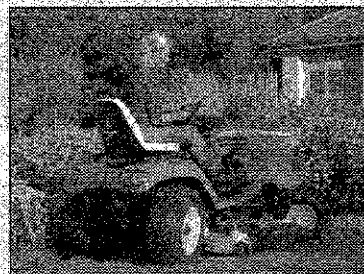
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## Governor recognizes Last Call program

The Wayne County Sheriff Office's Last Call unit has received recognition from Gov. Jennifer Granholm for its work keeping drunken drivers accountable for their actions and helping to make local roadways safer for the public.

The team of deputies was recognized recently at the governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission luncheon for its outstanding contribution to traffic safety in Michigan.

Sheriff Warren Evans created the five-officer unit in October of 2003 using a state grant from the Byrne Memorial Fund and charged the officers with finding and arresting drunken drivers who either have failed to show up for their court dates or have violated their probation. To establish the need for such a unit, Evans' staff had contacted local district courts and discovered that at that time there were more than 7,000 such people in Wayne County alone, many of them repeat offenders.

"It was an epidemic that no one was paying attention to," Evans said. "From experience we know that these individuals are a very high risk to drink and drive again and to kill or seriously injure someone. The reason they were allowed to do this was because the system had no one holding them accountable. Now we have the Last Call unit."

Since the unit's inception, this small team of deputies has arrested more than 1,400 offenders and brought them before a judge. Many of them, Evans said, are getting more serious jail time and being forced into the kinds of treat-

ment programs that can help them with their drinking problems.

The direct effect this approach has on drunken driving statistics will be hard to measure, Evans said, but feedback from local communities has been positive. "We're hearing from many of the district courts that the number of no-shows in drunken driving cases has gone down significantly," Evans said. "The reason is that

just as people had been conditioned to know they could skip court and not get caught, they are now being conditioned to understand there will be serious consequences if they don't stand accountable for their actions."

Evans said his is gratified that his officer's efforts have been recognized by Granholm. "This is the only unit anywhere doing this kind of work and I think the officers are having a

tremendous impact. I hope that once the grant expires that the continuation of this unit will be a priority in the county's budget," Evans said.

Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies Lamar Nelson (left) and Cpl. Brian Ferris review district court files of drunken drivers who have failed to show for court or have violated their probation.



## Sheriff offers CCW classes

The Wayne County Sheriff's Office has scheduled three gun safety classes for individuals interested in carrying a concealed weapon. The training is mandatory for obtaining a CCW permit in the state of Michigan.

The one-day class costs \$100 and includes of hours of class instruction and approximately five hours at the sheriff's indoor firing range. The Sheriff's Office will provide participants with all firearms and ammunition necessary. Participants, however, must bring their own eye and ear protection.

Upcoming dates are April 29 and May 6. Each class runs from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 699-6009.

## Museum revisits the 1970s era

The Detroit Historical Museum brings back the 1970s Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23. The first evening is for adults 21 and older only and features an Atlantic City theme. The fun begins at 7 p.m. and continues to midnight with a cash bar and a DJ spinning disco, pop and rock music in the 1970s Lounge.

Partygoers are encouraged to dress in the spirit of the 70s.

Tickets are \$25 for society members, \$30 nonmembers and available by calling (313) 833-7935 or online at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

On Sunday, April 23, the entire family can enjoy a blast from the past by playing popular children's games like Twister and Family Feud from noon to 4 p.m. Come dressed as a favorite 1970s television, movie or game show personality, and have your photograph taken. Admission is free.

The museum is located at 5401 Woodward at Kirby across from the Detroit Institute of Arts.

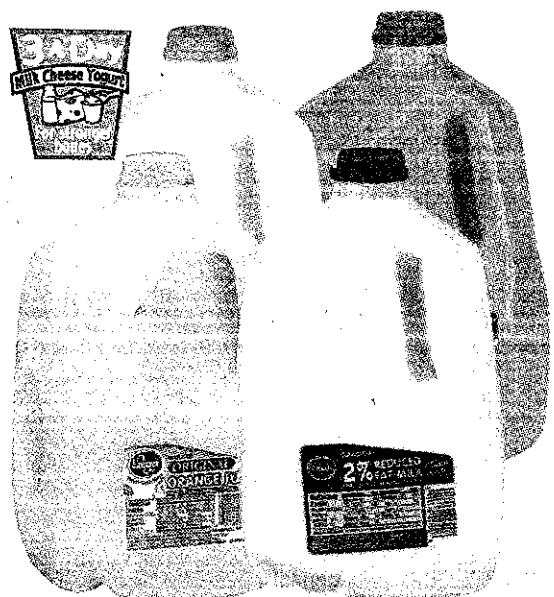


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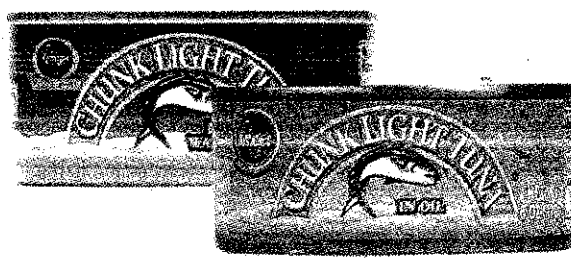


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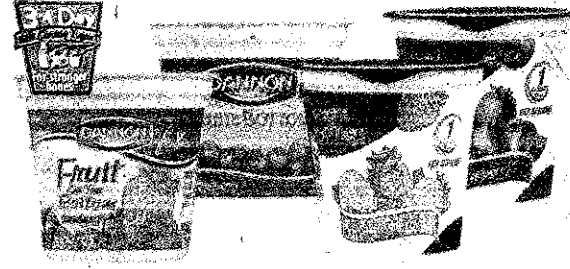


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# Friends of Rouge fight for future

BY KURT KUBAN  
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For months, the nine employees of Friends of the Rouge have been busy planning the 20th anniversary of Rouge Rescue, by all means a major milestone in the restoration of the Rouge River.

About two weeks ago, the FOTR team met with volunteers from many of the 48 communities in the Rouge watershed to discuss project ideas for Rouge Rescue, the annual volunteer effort to clean up the river, which is scheduled to take place this year June 3. FOTR officials were thrilled with the turnout.

But the best news of the day for the organization, which dates back to 1985, actually came a couple of hours before the meeting, when it was announced that the state's congressional delegation was successful in freeing up a \$7.5 million federal grant through the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. The grant, which had been frozen by the Environmental Protection Agency, provides more than 60 percent of the FOTR budget.

According to FOTR Executive Director Carolyne McCaughey, last year's grant was set to run out Aug. 31, which means the organization was facing some tough decisions by summer's end if the new grant didn't come through. She said the staff certainly would've been cut, as well as many of the programs the group provides to local communities all over the watershed, which includes portions of Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

Since FOTR was founded in December 1985, it has organized the annual Rouge Rescue event; coordinated the Rouge



The Rouge Education Project, which Friends of the Rouge started about 20 years ago, has taught students to take ownership of the Rouge River. Here a student checks the chemical makeup of the river.

Education Project, in which thousands of students from around the watershed have monitored the quality of the Rouge; started a frog and toad survey; and helped with a number of streambank stabilization and wildlife habitat improvement projects.

Fortunately for the organization, several members of Congress, including Rep. John Dingell, Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, were able to get the EPA to free up the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project grant that had already been approved by Congress. Now the federal funding is guaranteed through November 2007.

Kurt Heise, the director of Wayne County's Department of Environment, said the grant is not only important for FOTR, but also for all the communities

in the Rouge watershed.

"We were all sweating bullets the last few months. The EPA had frozen our incoming funding. That impacted everything from the Friends of the Rouge to the major CSO (combined sewer overflow) project in Dearborn," he said.

Heise praised the work the FOTR team does in the watershed, including providing public education, which is a required component of the stormwater management plans of most Rouge communities. He said the group is no longer solely tied to the annual Rouge Rescue event.

"They've gone from a once-a-year operation to one of the best watershed resource education groups in the state," Heise said.

Still, the snafu with the federal grant has made McCaughey realize FOTR needs to start looking into other sources of funding. That includes everything from expanding membership — it currently has about 400 members — to finding other grants and even corporate sponsors.

To that end, about a year ago the organization hired a development coordinator, Kathy

Milberg, to find alternative sources of funding. She said everything is on the table. They have been trying to cement ties with local businesses, such as getting them to sponsor Rouge Rescue activities. She said they are also trying to get their many volunteers to support the group with donations, and possibly even solicit funding from the many communities they provide services to.

But Milberg understands these aren't necessarily the best times to raise funds.

"Money is so tight and so competitive these days. There was Katrina and the state's economy is in the toilet. There are all these basic needs people are giving to, which is understandable. It's hard to compete with that," she said.

McCaughey is optimistic, however. She feels the organization has become an integral part of the Rouge River restoration efforts, and that the FOTR team is up to the challenge of finding the necessary funding to survive into the future.

"I really feel Friends of the Rouge is more stable than we've ever been," McCaughey said.



Friends of the Rouge have been instrumental in a number of streambank stabilization projects, including this effort on a Rouge tributary in Birmingham last year.

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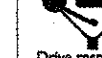
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## Van Buren Schools looks to finalize long term goals

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

On the first Monday of every month since October, Ann Conklin has got into her car and headed south to Belleville, where she meets with the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. The board, in conjunction with Conklin, has been working on a long range strategic plan to address issues such as academic achievement, community support, business practices and communication, and district growth.

The process is nearing completion, and Conklin expects that a full report will be completed some time in May.

"The process has been very helpful in getting many viewpoints on issues," said district spokesman Paul Henning. "It's made me look outside the box as far as our assets in the community."

The first part of the process required the board to identify needs and assets, then the board set goals for the district.

The board was encouraged to look at where the district should be in the year 2020, Conklin said. The board has solicited involvement from the community at large, the staff and administrators, and students.

"Now we're looking into solutions to make those goals a reality," Henning said.

In order for a strategic plan to work, goals must be measurable and it must be accountable, Conklin said. So each set of goals include checklists of duties to bring the district closer to the goals, as well as who is responsible for implementing the plan and how much the plan could cost.

One of the dozens of goals is to ensure that academic standards and access to classes are uniform across the district, specifically at the district's two middle schools. According to Trustee Martha Toth, some parents have expressed concern that accelerated algebra is available at North Middle School but not at South Middle School.

During a workshop meeting Monday, board members discussed how to direct South Middle School staff and administration to bring the same option to its students as that available at North.

"This process has definitely helped us as a board," said Trustee Toni Hunt. "It gives us a chance to discuss issues at a different level than we would have."

But longtime Trustee Ralph Nodwell said he's not ready to evaluate the process just yet.

"We'll see if it's been helpful when the final product is completed," he said.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA APRIL 13, 2006

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2006 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

- Theodore R. Johnson of TJ Design Strategies, Ltd., 2311 W. 22nd Street, Suite 208, Oak Brook, IL 60523 representing Costco Wholesale, 999 Lake Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027 for vacant industrial property located south side of Michigan between Beck and Belleville Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance, Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102.35, (1), a, wall sign variance.  
Zone C-3.  
Parcels 132-99-0003-701  
132-99-0003-702  
(Building) (TABLED FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2006 MEETING)  
(TABLED FROM MARCH 9, 2006 MEETING)
- Pat McCune of Kimco Realty Corporation, 5737 Bigger Road, Dayton, OH 45440 representing Project Representative: Joe Samuel of RLK Incorporated, 6110 Blue Circle Drive, Suite 100, Minnetonka, MN 55343 for vacant commercial property located at 43473 Ford Road, south side of Ford Road between Morton Taylor Road and Oakview Drive, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 4.00, Section 4.01 to allow more spaces than maximum allowed and Zoning Ordinance Article 6.00, Section 6.10 regarding minimum open space requirement and setback from residential.  
Zone C-2.  
Parcel 057-99-0001-710  
(Planning)
- Robert and Katherine Coggins, 778 Princess Drive, Canton, MI 48188 representing Robert Pelzel of All Seasons Sunrooms, 23561 Lakepointe Drive, Clinton Twp., MI 48036 for residential property located south side of Princess Road between Lilley and S. Canton Center Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, rear yard setback.  
Zone R-5.  
Parcel 090-01-0233-000  
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- Stephen B. Kissinger of Stephen B. Kissinger, Architect, 11950 N. Bradley Drive, Jerome, MI 49249 representing Gjeeto Ljucovic of L. George's Coney Island, 31230 Applewood Lane, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 for commercial property located south side of Michigan Avenue between Washburn Street and Oakview Street, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.03, front setback variance.  
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Parcels 133-01-0022-001  
133-01-0024-001  
133-01-0025-001  
133-01-0026-001  
133-01-0027-001  
(Planning)
- Dean Downing of Commercial Advertising, Inc., 34225 Groesbeck, Clinton Twp., MI 48035 representing Dr. David Kam, DDS, Lifetime Dental, 155 Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 for commercial property located west side of Canton Center Road at Cherry Hill Road, appealing Sign Ordinance, Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-34, (1), a, ground sign variance.  
Zone O-1.  
Parcel 064-99-0015-701  
(Building)
- Randy and Lori Echols, 29512 Chester, Garden City, MI 48135 for residential property located west side of Sheldon Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, b, width and depth variance.  
Zone R-3.  
Parcel 086-01-0002-000  
(Planning)
- Stephen and Lisa Schrimmscher, 49396 Cheshire Lane, Canton, MI 48187 for residential property located east side of Ridge Road between Ridge and Gyde Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, g, setback on side yards facing a street.  
Zone R-1.  
Parcel 019-99-0015-705  
(Building)

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## Above and beyond

### Work at Canton crash site wins cadet heroism award

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Theresa Barnhart doesn't think that what she did was a big deal, but those around her are of a different opinion.

That's why the sophomore at John Glenn High School will receive the JROTC's highest honor, its Medal of Heroism, at an awards ceremony next month.

"I didn't think it would go this far," said Barnhart who is in her second year of the JROTC program. "I turned in the paperwork to the sergeant major and expected a column in the battalion newspaper."

The sergeant major is Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Brown, one of two JROTC instructors at the school. He's also the person who recommended Barnhart for the award.

"It's the first time in my career as a ROTC instructor that anyone has won the award," said Brown. "Being a part of it is a new experience for me."

Barnhart is being honored for what she did on June 4, 2005. She was at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton when an accident occurred on Cherry Hill west of Lilley Road.

According to Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, Barnhart and her mother Beth ran to the crash scene and "rendered immediate assistance to the occupants of an overturned vehicle."

The car had flipped over and there were people inside, hanging upside down. Beth helped the driver who had sustained a serious head wound. She placed a bandage on the laceration and helped the driver to safety.

Barnhart crawled inside and stayed with the passengers, keeping them calm until fire personnel arrived. She also helped stabilize the neck of one victim to prevent further injury.

"Theresa's quick action and demeanor assisted in preventing further injuries to the crash victims by providing first aid at a serious injury crash, a response of an exceptional young person," Santomauro wrote in a Dec. 13 report to Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, recommending Barnhart and her mother for citizen recognition.

"I didn't think about it, I just went in," said Barnhart who ran barefoot through broken glass to get in the car. "I saw the accident and saw how bad it was, so I took my shoes off and ran. I was wearing flip-flops so it was easier to run without them."

According to Brown, Barnhart suffered cuts and bruises to her knees and feet and despite her injuries, she remained calm and was able to assure the crash victims that help was on the way.

"A lot of people were just standing and looking and I thought, 'why are you standing there, you should be helping?'" she said.

Brown found out what Barnhart did two days later in e-mails from her mother and family friends. When he saw that the Canton Public Safety Department planned to honor the teen, he decided to write it up and send it up the chain of command.

He sent the paperwork off on Nov. 30 and found out Feb. 1 that Barnhart was one of two cadets to receive the heroism award.

"I'm happy they approved



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Theresa Barnhart is one of two JROTC cadets who have been tapped to receive the organization's highest honor, Medal for Heroism.

it, happy that the Army considered it significant enough for such a high honor," he said. "It recognizes that not too many people at her age would have jumped in like that."

Barnhart credits the JROTC program for the skills she used at the crash scene. She had learned the signs of shock and while the passengers she helped were cold, she determined that none of them were near that condition.

In addition Canton's Citizens Recognition, Barnhart has also been honored by the Wayne-Westland school board.

Board member Cindy Schofield presented the award to Barnhart, telling her that "if I'm ever in accident, I hope some kind soul like you is there to comfort me."

In accepting it, Barnhart thanked school officials for bringing the JROTC program

to the high school. She also had a special thank you for Brown.

"I want to thank the sergeant major for teaching me everything I knew and for giving me courage to do what I did," she said.

"I'm very proud of Theresa," said Brown. "She's a fine student, outstanding cadet and a very fine representative of the Wayne-Westland schools."

Brown hopes to have the award in time for the battalion awards ceremony on May 5. The medal will come with a red, white and blue ribbon that she will be able to wear on her JROTC uniform.

"I really didn't think about me, I thought more about helping the man in the car," she said.

"It just came naturally. I knew I had to stay calm and help him."

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### @ THE LIBRARY

The tease of warmer April weather has many people thinking about their yards and gardens. April is National Garden Month and you can use the smartest card in your wallet, your Canton library card, to investigate materials to get your garden growing. Check out materials including *The Spare-Time Gardener: Tips and Tricks for Those on the Go* by Barbara Freeman or *The Year-Round Garden* by Geoff Stebbings.

The library's Special Collection, found at [www.cantonpl.org/special/garden.html](http://www.cantonpl.org/special/garden.html)

contains more resources and Web links.

The Canton Public Library will be closing Sunday, April 16. It will reopen on Monday, April 17 at 9 a.m.

#### CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

■ Spring Break Crafts: April 17-21, at 9:30 a.m. For kids ages 5-8, drop in and make crafts over spring break. No registration required.

#### TEEN PROGRAMS

■ Make Your Own Birdhouse: April 18, at 4 p.m. Create a house for our feathered friends or a fun decorative piece for your room.

Registration required.

■ Teen Tuesdays: 3 p.m. Come by and make a cool craft, play a game, and hang out.

■ Chess Club: Thursdays at 4 p.m. No advanced registration required.

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■ PowerPoint II: April 13, at 9:30 a.m.

■ Internet II: April 15, 10 a.m. Search the Web, the library catalog and online databases effectively.

■ Evening Book Discussion: April 17, at 7 p.m. *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck

■ Budget Travel Tips: April 20, at 7 p.m. Learn tips from Bob Holley of the Hostelling International Michigan Council.

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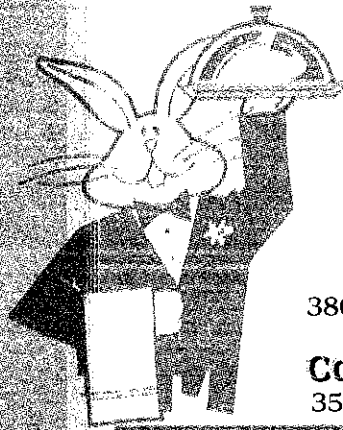
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# Quick reaction: Bikers band together to protect funeral services

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

In response to a church that has crusaded around the country protesting soldiers' funerals, veteran and civilian motorcycle groups are now riding out to block the protests and give grieving families some space.

The Patriot Guard Riders are a nationwide group of motorcycle enthusiasts dedicated to showing respect for fallen soldiers and their families and shielding those families from protesters.

Westboro Baptist Church, based in Kansas, has made a name for itself in recent years by staging anti-government protests near soldiers' funerals nationwide. They believe that soldiers' deaths are the consequence of the nation's tolerance for homosexuals and carry signs like "God hates fags" and "Thank God for IEDs."

The rider's group is apolitical and is open to non-veterans, riders of any kind of motorcycle and even to non-riders. They were created as a response to the Westboro group and have appeared at recent soldiers' funerals in Flushing and Grand Ledge.

Bill Kaledas, former Garden City Mayor and captain of the Michigan chapter of the Patriot Guard Riders, said there's a set of rules to be followed once the membership finds out there's a service funeral before anyone heads out.

"We find out about the funerals through the Department of Defense and we coordinate through the funeral director," Kaledas said. "We get the family's permission and

contact local law enforcement to find out if someone has filed for a permit to protest."

He said it's important to note that the Patriot Guard Riders do not hold counter protests at the funerals. They also do not address, confront or debate funeral protesters, theirs is not a speaking part.

"We turn our backs to the protesters, hold our flags high and encourage others to do the same," Kaledas said.

"Hopefully we can shield the families from the protest."

When the group rode to Flushing earlier this month, organizers made it clear that the job was not to react to the Westboro Baptist Church's members at all.

Kaledas said a little prevention turned out to be a very good thing.

"We arrived in a large group, there was already a lot of people there and they were getting

hot," he said. "We told the people to ignore them and they'd go away. Otherwise, that could have got ugly."

Andy Russell of Milford is the director of the American Legion Post 216 Riders and got involved with the Patriot Guard Riders shortly after hearing about the Westboro protests.

"We put out the word on the Guard and got people to help out," he said. "You rarely find

someone not in support of the troops or their families."

State and national lawmakers are moving to regulate the way protests outside soldiers' funerals are being conducted. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-8) has drafted legislation to keep protesters 500 feet away and an hour before or after a funeral.

Legal representatives of the church have said the restrictions are a violation of First Amendment protections of

speech and assembly. Rogers has said the Supreme Court has condoned legislation regulating time and place that doesn't preclude speech.

The legality of the legislation may be moot.

"Crowds coming out with the Guard are going to get larger and larger," Russell said.

"There's no telling what it's going to be like when the weather gets better and more bikes come out of storage."

## Task force formed on Pinnacle

The Wayne County Commission has formed a Pinnacle Aeropark Task Force to investigate the long-delayed development of land just south of Detroit Wayne County Metro Airport.

The Pinnacle Aeropark Project was first introduced in 1999. Its purpose was to develop approximately 1200 acres of land acquired in Huron Township and the city of Romulus for a multimillion dollar mixed use business park. The park was to include light manufacturing and research and development facilities. There were also plans to include property within the Detroit Metro facilities.

Jewel Ware, chairwoman of the Wayne County Commission, said developing the project has taken on a new urgency.

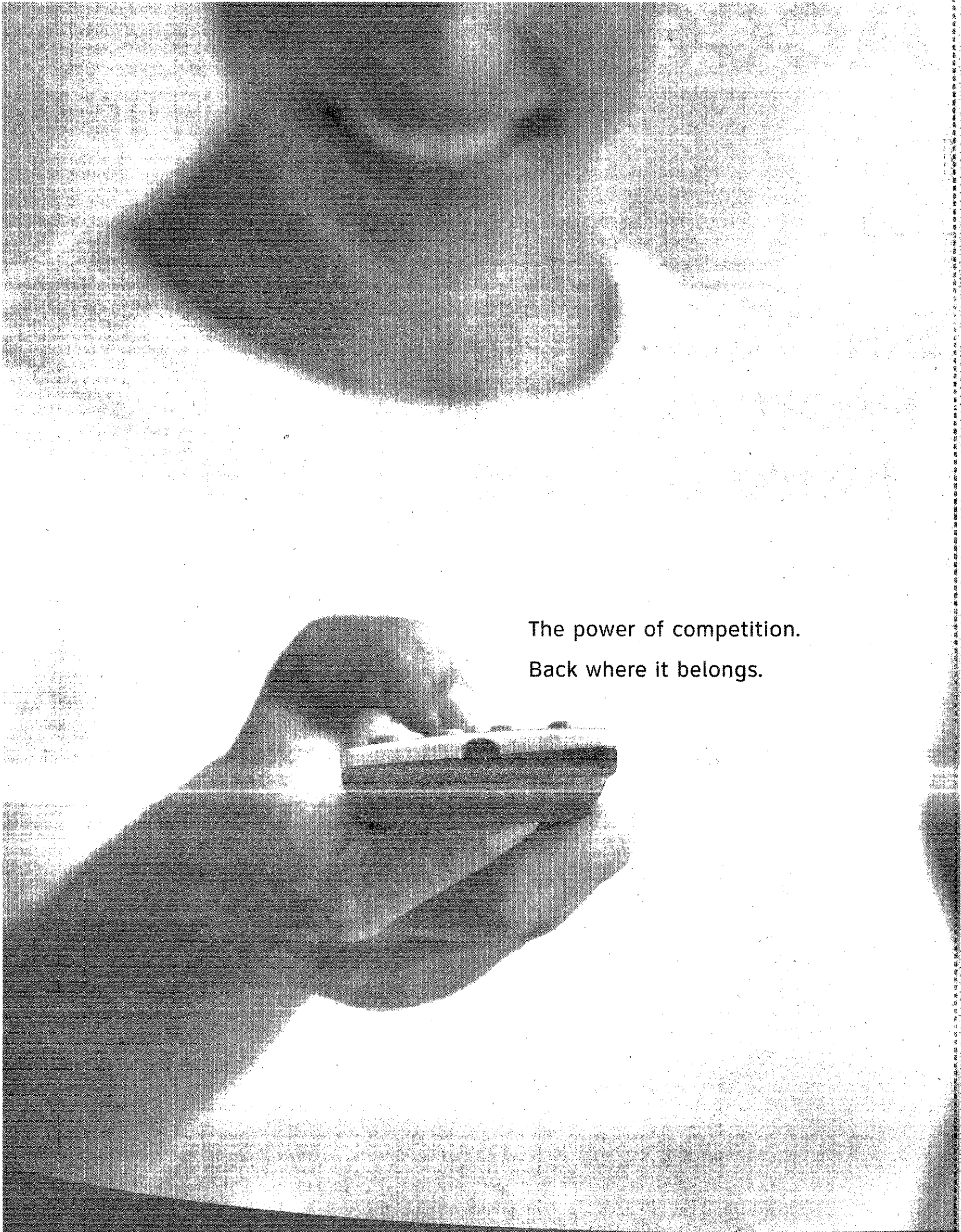
"Although the concept of Pinnacle is an often recurring theme," Ware said in a press statement, "we've not seen sufficient movement to give us a firm indication of what, if any, direction it's taking."

Chairing the Pinnacle Aeropark Task Force will be commission Pro-Tem Edward A. Boike, D-Taylor.

"We plan to look at what finances have gone into the project and what kind of budgeting may be needed to get it off the ground," Boike said. "We'll also look at property ownership issues, including what parcels are in the hands of both the airport and county government; property values and potential impediments to property use. It is an imperative that we conduct a comprehensive inquiry into these and other issues."

In addition to Boike, the committee will also include Commissioners Joseph Palamara, D-Grosse Ile, Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, Gary Woronchak, D-Dearborn, and Keith Williams, D-Detroit.

No date has been scheduled for the first meeting of the task force, however, Boike said he anticipates convening by the third week of April.



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# Start your engines

## Club ready to roll out its weekly car shows

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

A hint of warm weather is enough for car fever set in, especially if you belong to the Westside Rod and Customs Car Club.

The long-established group of car and motorcycle aficionados is ready to rumble into the parking lot of the Romanowski VFW Post on Joy in Westland, the home of the club's weekly car shows.

"People can pull in and park and show off their cars," said Bill Brown, who has a black 1951 English Ford to display when the shows start up Wednesday, April 19.

"Everyone's welcome, including tuners, rat rods and monster trucks, restored or original."

The club has been doing weekly car shows for at least 17

years. Most of that time, it called Windjammer's on Farmington Road home, but when the club was told it could no longer use the Consumers Energy parking lot, it found itself having to move.

Its first stop was at the defunct Country USA bar on Merriman in Westland for a few years and then Joy Manor. When the banquet hall closed (it has since reopened), the club found a new home at the VFW just a few doors down Joy Road.

"Something you don't like to do is move around when you do something like this," said club member Jane Thomas of Farmington Hills.

"And because it's a relatively new location, we're trying to get more people to come out," added Garden City resident Bob Lane.

The shows attract between

120 and 300 cars. In addition to chance to mix and mingle with fellow car buffs, there also will prize give-aways and a 50/50 raffle. Members will not be eligible for the prizes, according to Lane.

The VFW post is adding a patio area where members will have food available for people at the show.

The club has members from throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties. Its roster is like reading a map with car owners coming from Brownstown, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Wayne, Garden City, Livonia and Westland.

"The closer car people live to the show, the more show up, but they come from as far away as Milford," Lane said. "Anyone who thinks their car is cool is invited to come."

The cars will run from 5 p.m.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jane Thomas, Bill Brown and Bob Lane are ready to roll out their custom cars for the start of the Westside Rod and Customs Car Club's annual weekly car shows. Brown owns the black English Ford on the right, while Lane is sitting on his Big Mike's custom chopper and owns the Chevelle Super Sport on the left.

through dusk on Wednesdays through mid-September.

"When it starts getting cold and dark early, we call it," said Thomas, who has a 1968

Plymouth Satellite. "But we do try to make it to the end of September."

The car club not only uses the VFW post's parking lot for the car show, some 50 members also meet there during the winter months to plan the next club season.

In addition to its weekly shows, the club also coordinates the annual Livonia Spree car show in June and has a variety of cruises for members during the summer months.

The cruises take members to the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant in May and to Midland in June. There's also an August cruise to the Michigan International Speedway where members

have the chance to drive their cars around the oval racetrack.

"The Soaring Eagle is very cool, so is MIS," said Brown, who owns a custom Big Mike's chopper and a 1968 Chevelle Super Sport. "The cruise to Frankenmuth in September also is a popular one."

"We pick a central location and leave together," added Brown, a Garden City resident. "Part of the reason we like to get together is the camaraderie, it's a big social event."

People interested in more information about the Westside Rods and Custom Car Club shows can call Jane Thomas at (248) 320-1706.

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### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - March 28, 2006

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:00 p.m. in closed session to discuss employee negotiations. Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo. Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Margaret Debler with Johnson, Rosati, LaBarge, Aselyne & Field, P.C. Closed session adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to move from closed session to open session at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo. Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas.

**Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

**Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of March 14, 2006. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Study Minutes of March 21, 2006. Motion carried by all members present.

**Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

**Expenditure Recap for March 28, 2006** General Fund 101 \$246,581.48, Fire Fund 206 103,105.57, Police Fund 207 137,549.48, Summit Operating 208 69,290.90, Cable TV Fund 230 2,157.52, E-911 Utility 261 1,672.44, Auto Forfeiture(wva) 267 1,408.35, Federal Grants Fund 274 1,964.62, Auto Theft Grant 289 1,399.85, Downtown Dev. Auth. 294 33,264.92, Cap Proj-Road Paving 403 150,000.00, Golf Fund 584 47,376.23, Water & Sewer Fund 592 611,249.99, Construction Escrows 702 1,298.15, Post Employ. Benefits 736 13,419.10, **Total - All Fund 1,421,738.60**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** **Item 1. WAIVE SIDEWALK SALE AND BANNER DISPLAY PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR THE ANNUAL LIBERTY FEST PARADE SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2006. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the Sidewalk Sale and Banner Permit process for one day - June 17, 2006 for the Annual Liberty Fest parade. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR MOTHER OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS) OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S BIENNIAL CHILDREN'S SALE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs (at major intersections on Saturday, April 1 and will be removed on Sunday, April 9, 2006) for Calvary Baptist Church's MOPS bi-annual Children Sale on Saturday, April 8, 2006 at 43065 Joy Road. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 3. AUTHORIZE THE YOUTH SPORTS AGREEMENTS. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize Youth Sports Agreements with the Canton Soccer Club, Canton Amateur Hockey Association, Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association and Canton Lions Football for 2006. Motion carried by all members present.

**GENERAL CALENDAR:** **Item 1. CONSIDER PATEL REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Neel Patel. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 2. CONSIDER PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN FOR THE LANDINGS AT CHERRY HILL VILLAGE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for the preliminary site plan for The Landings at Cherry Hill Village Site Condominiums. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 3. CONSIDER PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN FOR THE CORNERS AT CHERRY HILL SITE CONDOMINIUMS AND TWO-UNIT ATTACHED CONDOMINIUMS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for preliminary site plan for The Corners at Cherry Hill Village Condominiums. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 4. CONSIDER REQUEST TO REPROGRAM CAPITAL FUNDS TO PURCHASE MICROSOFT ACCESS FOR USE ON THE XPLORE TABLET PC'S BY BUILDING AND INSPECTION SERVICES. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the reprogramming of capital funds needed for the purchase of 15 licenses for Microsoft Access at a cost of \$143 each, for a total of \$2,145, from the following account: Building & Inspection Services Capital Equipment 101-371-977-2580 \$ 2,145. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 5. APPROVE THE WEED CUTTING CONTRACT TO M.S.T. & L., INC. FOR THE 2006 WEED CUTTING PROGRAM. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the 2006 Weed Cutting Program to M.S.T. & L., Inc. in the amount of \$47.00 per acre/lot (Contractual Services - Weed Cutting, 101-521-823-0000). Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 6. CONSIDER PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR LAND TO CONSTRUCT EXPANSION OF LOWE ROUGE EQUALIZATION BASIN FACILITY. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the attached purchase agreement for 6.615 acres of land necessary to construct the expansion of the WTUA Lower Rouge Equalization Basin Facility in an amount of \$1,368,000 (account no. 592-000-130-0000 Land). Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ON FORD ROAD BETWEEN CANTON TOWNSHIP AND THE CANTON DDA. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the attached reimbursement agreement with the DDA for \$33,600 as part of MDOT's Ford Road bridge reconstruction over the Fellows Creek. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR EXTRA WORK REQUESTED BY THE DDA OF MDOT ON PROJECT #05-5369 (RECONSTRUCTION OF FORD ROAD BRIDGE OVER FELLOWS CREEK). (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the attached contract with MDOT for extra work totaling \$33,600 on MDOT Contract #05-5369 (Ford Road bridge reconstruction over Fellows Creek). Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 9. APPROVAL OF CANTON POLICE DEPUTY CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION CONTRACT. (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Canton Township and the Canton Police Deputy Chiefs' Association to run from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 10. CONSIDER ANNUAL PATROL LAPTOP SERVICE AGREEMENT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Patrol Laptop Service Agreement for March 2006 through February 2007 with Motorola, invoice #78013851 in the amount of \$5708.16, account #207 301 818 0000. (Cost Center P00049 0000 0000). Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 11. INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER #57122 AND**

**CONSIDER TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE POLICE RADIO SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve a 2-year extension of the Police Radio System Maintenance Agreement with Mobile Communications Services to expire in December 2007 in the amount of \$16,230.48 per contract year. I further move to increase Purchase Order # 57122 in the amount of \$528.48 Account # 261 346 818 0000. (Cost Center P00049 0216 0000) Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 12. AWARD CONTRACT FOR PORTABLE TOILETS FOR 2006 SEASON. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the contract for the 2006 season of portable toilets to John's Sanitation, Inc. of 24700 Milford Road, South Lyon, MI 48178 in the amount of \$6,510. Funds are available in account #101-270-818-0000 (Parks-Contracted Services) and 584-756-818-0000 (Pheasant Run Golf Club-Contracted Services). Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 13. AWARD BID FOR PRINTING SPRING/SUMMER AND FALL 2006 AND WINTER 2007 DISCOVER BROCHURE. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for the printing and mail sorting of the spring/summer 2006, fall 2006 and winter 2007 editions of the Discover program guide to S & N Graphic Solutions, P.O. Box 871296, Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$44,310 to be paid from account #s 208-757-900-0000, 101-691-900-0000, 101-672-900-0000, 211-756-900-0000, 101-755-900-0000, 101-750-900-0000 and 101-240-900-0000. Amounts are based on the number of pages for each Department. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 14. AWARD BID FOR THE 2006 CANTON LEISURE SERVICES OUTDOOR MOVIES. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for outdoor movies to Great Outdoor Movies, 2632 Hillendale, Rochester, MI. 48309, in an amount not to exceed \$5,100 to be paid from the Recreation Budget Contracted Services account #101-691-818-4000, Special Events. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 15. APPROVE STUMP REMOVAL FOR FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the transfer of \$9,500 from Account #101-285-970-0000 Tree Fund Planting to Account #101-285-930-0000 Maintenance and Repair Tree Fund. I further move to award the proposal of stump removal at Fellows Creek Golf Club to D & B Lawn and Lot, 433 S. John Hix, Westland, MI 48186 in the amount of \$9,500 to be taken from Tree Fund Maintenance and Repair Account #101-285-930-0000. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 16. APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER FOR USSSA SANCTIONING FEES. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase order to Michigan USSSA; 33600 Mound Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48310 in the amount of \$13,800 and charged to Acc#: 101-755-818-0000 for payment of USSSA Sanctioning fees. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 17. APPROVE PURCHASE OF CANTON SPORTS CENTER START SMART SUPPLIES. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of Start Smart Supplies from National Alliance for Youth Sports; 2050 Vista Parkway, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411 for a total amount of \$10,600 and charged to account number 101-691-742-6000. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 18. APPROVE PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of 16-4-8 fertilizer to Prosource One, 10680 Macon Hwy., Tecumseh, MI 49286 in the amount of \$41,479.07 to be taken from Pheasant Run Golf Club Account #584-756-930-0000 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds in the amount of \$22,608, and Parks Account #101-270-930-0000 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds in the amount of \$18,871.07. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 19. APPROVE PURCHASE OF CANTON SPORT CENTER 2006 TROPHIES. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of trophies to Little Bill's Trophies, 25886 W 6 Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48240 in the amount of \$5,824 charged to Acc#: 101-755-740-0000. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 20. APPROVE PURCHASE OF 16 10-GALLON BANNER LINKPACKS. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 16, 10 gallon drums of Banner Linkpacks, 7 in the spring and 9 between July 15 and August 15 in the amount of \$ 44,080 from Turfgrass, Inc., P.O. Box 667, South Lyon, MI 48178. Funds are available in Pheasant Run Golf Club Account #584-756-930-0000. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 21. APPROVE PURCHASE AND PLACEMENT OF BUNKER SAND FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the purchase of 535 Bunker Sand with loading and placement into bunkers to Osburn Industries, 5850 Pardee, Taylor, MI 48180 in the amount of \$32,437.50 to be taken from Pheasant Run Golf Club Account #584-756-971-0000, Capital-Land and Improvement. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 22. LIGHTENING PREDICTION SYSTEM FOR CANTON SPORTS CENTER AND PHEASANT RUN. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of the lightning prediction system for Canton Sports Center and the Pheasant Run Golf Club in the total amount of \$25,175.00 from Guardian Equipment Company located at 44375 Grand River Avenue, Novi, Michigan 48375. Funds to be taken from the community improvement fund in the amount of \$25,175.00 of which \$11,400.00 will be reimbursed by MMRMA. I further move to approve the following budget amendment to appropriate additional funds for this purchase: Increase (decrease) Revenues: Contributions from private sources #246-000-675-0000 \$ (100), Appropriation from fund balance 246-000-699-0000 2,275, Total \$ 2,175, Increase Appropriations: Capital Improvements-Parks & Recreation #246-750-970-0000 \$ 2,175 This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from \$3,607,226 to \$3,609,401. Motion carried by all members present.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Anthony Cauchi, 7410 Hillsboro, discussed the state cable franchise pending bill vs. local franchise agreements. **OTHER:** Director Faas stated there will be a coordination meeting for the road repairs to Warren Road on Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, PDC Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, 48188. Director Conklin stated on March 30, 2006 at the Summit on the Park there will be a celebration for 13 skaters including the Silver Medalist from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This event is free, however tickets will be needed for admission. Supervisor Yack stated there will be a Study Session on Tuesday April 4, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. with Public Safety, at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI, 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

—Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor — Terry G. Bennett, Clerk —

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

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### STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (April 17, 2006), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

Daniel A. Fowler, B56	10x15	Couches, Chairs, Waterbed
William Gamber, C71	10x25	Antique chest, end tables, kitchen set, tools, book shelf, push lawnmower
Alan Ray Brown, D156	10x20	Misc. Household goods
Rod O Davis, E186	10x10	Painting Equipment

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 20th, 2006 for the following:

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### MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT 1179 STARKWEATHER PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 (734) 459-0053 NOTICE OF SALE

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1988 Dodge	1B7FDP14WJ8S698348
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## RELIGION CALENDAR

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appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

## APRIL

## Lenten dinners

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church on Six Mile east of Middlebelt in Livonia will host Lenten Fish Fry dinners 4-7 p.m. Fridays (except Good Friday) during Lent. Fish dinners are \$5 each, with proceeds benefiting the

church.

## Fish fry dinners

4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, 14 (dinner starts at 3:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 14), in addition to dinners of hand-battered fried and baked fish choices include salmon patty and pierogi, and \$5 macaroni and cheese, and pizza dinners, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Cost is \$8, \$6 children. Carry out dinners available at same prices. For questions, call (734) 462-1222.

## Lenten Easter concert

A Lenten Easter music concert takes place 7 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 9, with The Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Christian Company, Teen Choir, Handbells and two ensembles classics, gospel and spirituals, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Childcare provided through age 4. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

## Lenten Vespers

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit conducts a service April 9, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt at St. Paul Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Cathedral, 700 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, (313) 565-9863. For information, contact the Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia, at (248) 476-3432 or mmatsko@twml.rtr.com.

## Rummage sale

The sale, presented by the Congregational Church of Birmingham, UCC, opens Wednesday, April 5 with early admission at 4 p.m. for \$3 followed by free admission 5-8 p.m. at the church, 1000 Cranbrook on the southwest corner of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. The sale continues 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6 with a 1/2 price sale (on most items) 1-4 p.m. and bag sale on most remaining items 5-7 p.m. No strollers due to limited space. All net proceeds benefit outreach/charitable programs of the church.

## Luncheon series

Ecumenical Lenten series hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth for churches of Plymouth noon to 12:30 p.m. service, 12:30-1 p.m. soup and bread lunch Wednesday, April 5, at 701 Church Street. Donation to benefit Salvation Army.

## Lent program

Wednesday April 5, 6 p.m. Taize prayer and song, 6:30 p.m. program with meal, service project and prayer, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

## Lenten schedule

Services 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 (nursery available), at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit <http://holycrosslivonia.org>. Holy Week services Palm Sunday April 9 at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Maundy Thursday April 13 at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday April 14 Reflections on the Passion 12:30-2 p.m., and Tenebrae Worship Service at 8 p.m.; Easter Vigil April 15 at 8 p.m., and Easter Sunday April 16 at 7 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

## Understanding Islam

An interfaith dialogue on the tenets of Islam, Jihad, Jesus in the Qur'an with speakers Dawud Walid, executive director of Michigan Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, and Imam Abdullah El Amin, executive director of Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in room E205/206 at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern, near Lahser, Southfield. For information, call (248) 356-1020, ext. 137 or send e-mail to [peacecenter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peacecenter@sbcglobal.net).

## First Friday

With speaker David Edwards 7 p.m. April 7, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church. No ticket/registration required. Child care provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

## Musical program

Men of Grace release party for their new CD The Hymns Project: Volume 1, 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy. No charge. Call (248) 335-1222.

## Rummage sale

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 7, and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. \$2.00 bag sale on Saturday. One quarter of proceeds will be donated to Lutheran Social Services (for victims of Hurricane Katrina living in Michigan), Starfish Family Services and Ecumenical Theological Seminary Library. In addition, part of the profits will assist the church's youth group who will be traveling to Indiana on a mission project.

## Teen rally

Ford Field Rally 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 7, and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 8, the BattleCry stadium event includes tens of thousands of teens, dynamic speakers, chart-topping musical artists and bands including TobyMac and KJ-52, and world-famous Groovaloes Hip-Hop Dance Team. BattleCry is a national movement of teenagers who, fueled by their Christian faith, are taking a stand against pop-culture forces contributing to the unprecedented spread of STDs, drug and alcohol abuse, violence, and suicide among teenagers. Registration and coalition information

available at [www.BattleCry.com](http://www.BattleCry.com).

## Interfaith forum

Presented by Interfaith Partners for Political Action which consists of Christians, Hindus, Jews, Quakers, Taoists and those of Confucian philosophy along with Unitarians and others 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760.

## Acoustic coffee house

Features Larry Larson, a 12-string guitar player, playing Celtic folk and traditional folk music 7 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets \$10 and available at door. Call (734) 421-1760.

## Gather Homecoming concert

April 8, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, bus leaves Ward Church parking lot F in Northville at 4 p.m. Cost is \$30, includes concert ticket and bus transportation. Call (248) 374-5920.

## Potluck dinner

6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, with the Cass Ambassadors, a group of previously homeless men who travel the area spreading their musical message of hope and salvation, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. A free will offering will be taken. Dessert and coffee to follow program in Fellowship Hall.

## Classic senior singles

Paul Clough speaks on Triumphant Survivors 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

## Seniors luncheon

Noon Thursday, April 13, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. If you can't bring a dish, a donation is just right. Jan Rapoport, R.N., will speak on healing touch and laughter as the basis for health and healing. Call (734) 421-1760.

## Holy Week services

Maundy Thursday, April 13 joint worship with Good Shepherd Lutheran noon and 7 p.m. Holy Communion, foot-washing and stripping the altar in preparation for Good Friday; joint services at noon and 7 p.m. April 14, and Easter Sunday breakfast served in the fellowship hall 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster road, south of Schoolcraft, Redford. Call (313) 538-2660.

## Maundy Thursday service

7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. This is a time for the entire Family. We will have a worship service, communion and foot washing.

## Holy week

Services 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 13, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038; Ecumenical worship service noon April 14, Good Friday, at Church of the Savior Reformed Church, 38100 Five Mile, (734) 464-1062, and sunrise service 7 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 16, at Greenmead Chapel, and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

## Holy week services

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 13; 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service of Shadows April 14; and 8:30 a.m., 9:50 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 16, at St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584.

## Last Supper re-enactment

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, presented by Wayne Westland First United Methodist Church and First Congregational Church of Wayne, at Three Town Square, Wayne. Open to public. No charge, but a love offering will be taken. Call (734) 721-9300 or (734) 721-4801.

## Maundy Thursday service

7:30 p.m. April 13, in the sanctuary at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

## Crosstalk

With Paul Clough discussing current events and what the Bible has to say about how God wishes us to respond to them 7 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. No charge. Free child care provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

## Easter egg hunt

Noon Saturday, April 15, at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Call (734) 421-6406.

## Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. April 16, at Riverside Park Church of God, on northwest corner of Plymouth and Newburgh, Livonia. Immediately following this service a free hot breakfast will be served to those in attendance. At 9:30 a.m. regular Sunday school classes will be available for all ages. Our Family Worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. All children and youth in attendance will receive a special filled basket as a free gift from the church at the conclusion. To plan effectively we would like to know how many will attend breakfast. Please call to reserve your spot (734) 464-0990.

## Mission accomplished

A Passion musical 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 16, at 28440 Lyndon, north of I-

96, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Child care provided. Call (734) 425-6215.

## Easter services

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 591-0211.

## Lenten Bible study

Pastor Herschel Ele leads a Lenten Bible Study 6:20-7:10 p.m. Wednesdays, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford. The church continues Sunday services with an adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m., traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m., contemporary Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. Tuesday adult Bible Study at 11 a.m. Call (734) 421-7620.

## Lenten services

10 a.m. Sundays through Lent and Easter Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday, April 13 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

## Garage sale

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 19-20, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 21, at St. Alexander's Church, 27835 Shiawassee, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-5748.

## Just for kids

Looking for something for your kids to do during Spring Break? Kids from 5 to 18 years old are invited to make Candy Animal Crafts 1-3 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Please let us know if your child will attend by calling (734) 464-0990. You are welcome to drop off your child and return back at the end of the session because there will be adult supervision during the time.

## Garage sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 21, \$2 bag sale at 4 p.m., all large items go for \$2 at the bag sale, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Call (734) 722-1343.

## Concert

Dave and Barb Anderson with Keyboard artist Dale Pust perform a Concert of Praise and Encouragement 6 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at St. Michael Lutheran Church and School, Hannan at Glenwood, Wayne. Call (734) 728-1950.

## Youth talent program

Starts 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, for ages 6-14, and continues Tuesdays until the Talent Show 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, with Livonia Theater Arts Teacher Georgie Wilson and Unity youth director Lin Wilson, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. No charge. It is hoped that the program leads to the formation of a community theater group for children. Call (734) 421-1760.

## Lecture

Life and Death: Joy and Reality by Sister Ann Stamm, doctorate of ministry, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Sister Stamm is a religion professor at Madonna University. She's served as a pallone chaplain for more than 25 years. The presentation focus on life and death as gifts to be cherished.

## Concert

BUILDING429 and TAIT perform music while showing segments of the reality TV series Travel the Road about two young missionaries 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Faith Baptist Church, 3411 Airport Road, Waterford. Tickets \$24 reserved, \$18 general admission. Call (888) 627-5808.

## Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 462-1222, ext. 309.

## David Phelps concert

With Anthony Evans and newcomer Ana Laura with comedian Darren Streblow 7 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Detroit 1st Church of Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Free to public, but pass required. Call (248) 348-7600.

## Leadership and self-deception

Lecture series with the Rev. Dennis Skiles began 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, and continues to May 31, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760.

## UPCOMING

## Free spaghetti dinner

Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church wishes to invite the community for a free spaghetti dinner 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago roads. A short drama follows dinner. Call (313) 937-3170.

## Prayer breakfast

7:15-9 a.m. Thursday, May 4, with guest speaker Lem Barney, former Detroit Lion, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia. Tickets \$17 before April 7, \$20 beginning April 8, \$10 students, call (248) 476-9427. RSVP by Friday, April 21.

## Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a'Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

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## CHARLES H. LEINENKUGEL

84, of Carlisle, PA and formerly of Birmingham, MI and Overland Park, KS died Sunday, April 2, 2006 at the Thornwald Home in Carlisle. He was born January 5, 1922, in Eau Claire, WI and was a son of the late Mathias J. and Clara A. (Pierce) Leinenkugel. Charles was widowed from Frances J. (Hockstad) Leinenkugel who died July 25, 2004. He was a high school graduate and had attended the University of Wisconsin. He served as a staff sergeant in the U. S. Army during WW II and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the E.A.M.E. Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Service Stars. Charles was a retired Corporate Director of Purchasing for Cooke Paint in Kansas City, and was a member of the Christ Church in Overland Park, KS. He was a past president of the Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association and the Birmingham Athletic Club. He enjoyed his dachshunds. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Jane Lange. He is survived by his daughters, Janet P. Gockerman of Grand Rapids, MI and Jane M. Bellinger and her husband William of Carlisle, grandchildren, Scott Gockerman of Grand Rapids, MI, Drs. Gretchen Barnas and her husband Daniel of East Lansing, MI, Brian Bellinger and Lynne Bellinger both of Carlisle and a great grandson, Daniel Barnas of East Lansing, MI. Private services and burial will be held at the convenience of the family. Ewing Brothers Funeral Home, Carlisle is in charge of the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Thornwald Home, 442 Walnut Bottom Rd., Carlisle, PA 17013.

## FLORENCE M. HIRSCHMANN

Born December 24, 1917, in Brooklyn, NY, to George and Margaret Weise Hirschmann, died April 2, 2006 at Glacier Hills Nursing Center in Ann Arbor. She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Dorothy Osterwisch. Ms. Hirschmann is survived by her nephew, Fred Osterwisch of Ann Arbor, and his family, and her niece, Clare Osterwisch Adamick of Clemmons, NC, and her family, and a brother-in-law, Carl F. Osterwisch. Florence came to Ypsilanti in 1937, and was employed by the New York Central Railroad in Detroit, until retirement. During WWII, she served with distinction in the US Army as a member of the Women's Army Corps (WAC). Ms. Hirschmann was an avid bowler, golfer, and talented artist, winning many awards for her renditions in oils. She traveled over much of the world and shared her experiences through presentations of her many fine pictures. Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti was her religious home until 1976, when she moved to Plymouth and became a member of Timothy Lutheran Church, Livonia. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Friday 10 a.m. Visitation Thursday 7-9 p.m. Internment at Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti. Memorials may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, 1250 Hyland Blvd Suite 4B, Staten Island, NY 10305-1946 or Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Flowers will also be accepted.



## JOYCE ELAINE TSCHIRHART (nee Krohn)

Long-time Plymouth realtor, devoted wife and mother, died of intestinal cancer on April 3, 2006 with her family by her side. "Our mother was a very driven woman in business and family affairs—she really had the heart of a lioness," her son Mark Said. "But she was also a kind, generous and religious woman. She didn't wear her faith on her sleeve, she lived it." She and her husband James were married for 50 years and enjoyed traveling throughout the U.S., Europe and the Caribbean. In addition to her husband, she also is survived by her children: James Tschirhart M.D. (Jill Tschirhart), Patricia Spangler (Thomas Spangler), Robert Tschirhart PhD (Jacelyn Green PhD); Mark Tschirhart, Philip Tschirhart, and John Tschirhart M.D. (Karen Wang M.D.). She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and her sister, Phyllis Tamblin of Elkton. She was preceded in death by her beloved brother Gary Krohn. Visitation Wednesday April 5, 2006 from 3-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road, (between Shkelon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Thursday 10 AM until funeral mass 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia MI 48154. To leave a message of condolence, log on to [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com).



## IN LOVING MEMORY MARY WEBER

Aug. 23, 1946 - April 6, 2001

Love never dies mom, your love and legacy lives on in your family and grandchildren. We love you and miss you dearly. Love, Jill, Dennis, Isabelle, Colin, Kenny and Mary.

## L. DOREEN

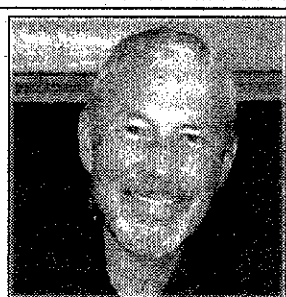
(nee. FERGUSON) BLOCH

Died tranquilly at Beaumont Hospital's Cardiac Care Unit surrounded by her family; Alf, her husband of 56 years, son Jim, daughter Barb (Lonnie Gower) and daughter-in-law Rachelle Bonelli on April 4, 2006 Jim's 52nd birthday. She was born in Peterborough, Ontario on Sept. 16, 1926 and graduated from Pershing High School in Detroit. She loved magazines, perfume, especially Joy by Jean Patou, riding the swings at playgrounds, playing bridge with her friends, entertaining at her home, whipping around on the Tilt-A-Whirl and other carnival rides, flying shotgun with Alf in his Cessna, dancing to hard funk, reading author Victor Canning, her annual excursions to Traverse City with Barb, relaxing on the beach, taking road trips with Alf, spending 25 summers on Beaver Island, and drinking bourbon old-fashion without sugar. She was an accomplished cook with a passion for salads, salted nuts on ice cream and crunchily sliced vegetables accompanying imaginative sandwiches. She made the accomplishments of her family possible. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu. Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 1pm until funeral service 2pm. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Salvation Army. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesomdFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesomdFuneralHome.com)



## MITCHELL MALICKI

Grosse Pointe Woods resident, age 77, Saturday, April 1, 2006. Born January 10, 1929, in Hamtramck, to Frank and Maria Malicki. During the Great Depression, his family moved back to Warsaw, Poland. He was in the Polish Underground during the German occupation and was captured by the Germans and thrown in prison. He was later rescued by his Polish Underground friends and fled to the U.S. Embassy. He was 17 years old when he joined his brother's family in Detroit. He was very hard-working and had two full time jobs for many years to seek advancement and success in this vast "Land of Opportunity". In the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he served in Germany in Intelligence because of his knowledge of German tactics and the many languages he spoke - Polish, German, Russian, and English. Upon his return, he married Laura Kolasa on July 4, 1953. Mitchell began his career at F. Jos. Lamb Company. He was well-respected and trusted by all his peers and customers. He was promoted through the ranks where he achieved Vice President of Sales for Lamb Technicon with General Motors being his largest customer. He sought new business in 1986 with the Soviet Union, Poland, and Czechoslovakia as Eastern Europe's democracies bloomed. Mitchell retired from Lamb Technicon in October, 1996, after 40 years. Mr. Malicki was hard-working, intelligent, generous, loving, and kind. Most of all, Mitchell loved his family. He was a wonderful gentleman who always gave to others. He influenced the lives of all he met. He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Laura, his daughters, Christina (Edward) Vermet and Linda (Matt) Abar; his five grandchildren, Mitchell, Jennifer, and Stephanie Vermet, and Matthew and Christa Abar; many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Visitation Thursday, 2-9pm, at the A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave. at Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods. Rosary Thursday, 7:30pm. In state Friday, 10:30am, until Mass, 11am, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.



## RICHARD L. HUBER, JR.,

A retired executive of General Motors Corporation died on Saturday, April 3, 2006, at 6:47 PM after a long battle with cancer. His death was announced by his wife Lesley. He was 66 years old. Dick retired from General Motors Corporation in May, 1998 following a 36 year career in the Corporation's Human Resource/Labor Relations activities. He joined General Motors in 1962 with the former Euclid Division in Hudson, Ohio. In 1966, he was appointed to the Corporate Personnel Staff at General Motors World Headquarters in Detroit, where he spent ten years leading work in human resource development, compensation, and benefits for the Corporation's salaried workforce. In 1976, Dick was appointed Assistant Divisional Personnel Director at the Cadillac Motor Car Division. In 1980 he became director of Personnel and Public Relations of the General Motors Packard Electric Division in Warren, Ohio. Four years later, in 1984, he was named Group Director of Personnel for the Chevrolet, Pontiac, General Motors of Canada Group. He became Executive Director of Human Resources Management for General Motors North American Operations in 1992. When he retired, Dick led the personnel function at the Corporations Worldwide Powertrain Group. Dick's career was marked by notable contributions in leading the development of processes for the selection and the development of people throughout General Motors global operations. On a personal level, his leadership style placed strong emphasis on the development and career growth of the people who worked with and for him. Many benefited from his mentoring and interest in their careers. Dick was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on September 18, 1939. His academic achievements prepared him well for a life of accomplishment. Dick graduated Magna Cum Laude from Colgate University in 1962 with a BA Degree in Psychology. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a recipient of both the Alfred P. Sloan and Austin Colgate scholarships. In 1971, he graduated from Michigan State University with an MBA, and became a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Academic Honor Society. In 1988 Dick attended the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program. Dick is survived by his wife, Lesley, daughter Lisa (Don) Ongart, Jennifer (Jamie) Shoemaker, Molly (Greg) Farrar, and Ashley Huber; grandchildren Samantha Shoemaker, Alec Shoemaker, Noah Ongart, and Lilly Farrar; his Mother Nancy Huber, and his sister Marcie (Jack) Harrington. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 7, 2006 at 10 AM from the Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, with Rev. Paul Blomquist officiating. A reception will follow at the church. Another Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, April 9, 2006 at 3PM from the Hope United Methodist Church, 5278 North Hope Road, Hope, MI 48628, with Rev. Patrick Ryan Poag officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hope United Methodist Church in memory of Mr. Huber. [www.mcmcbefuneralhome.com](http://www.mcmcbefuneralhome.com)

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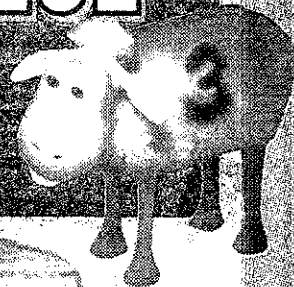


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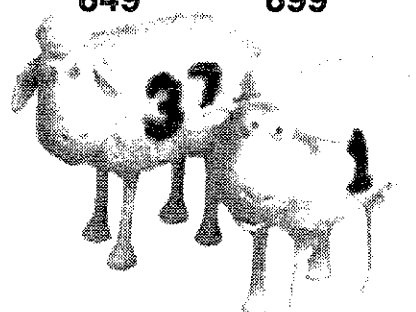
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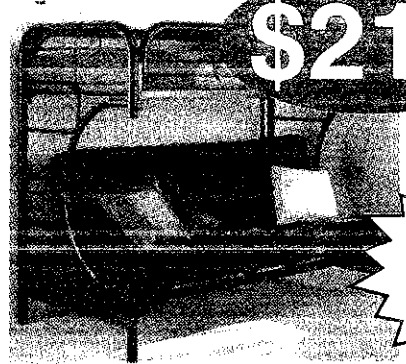
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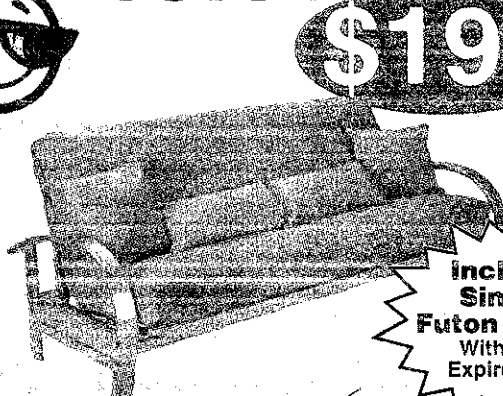
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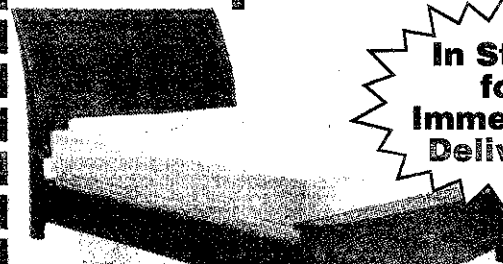
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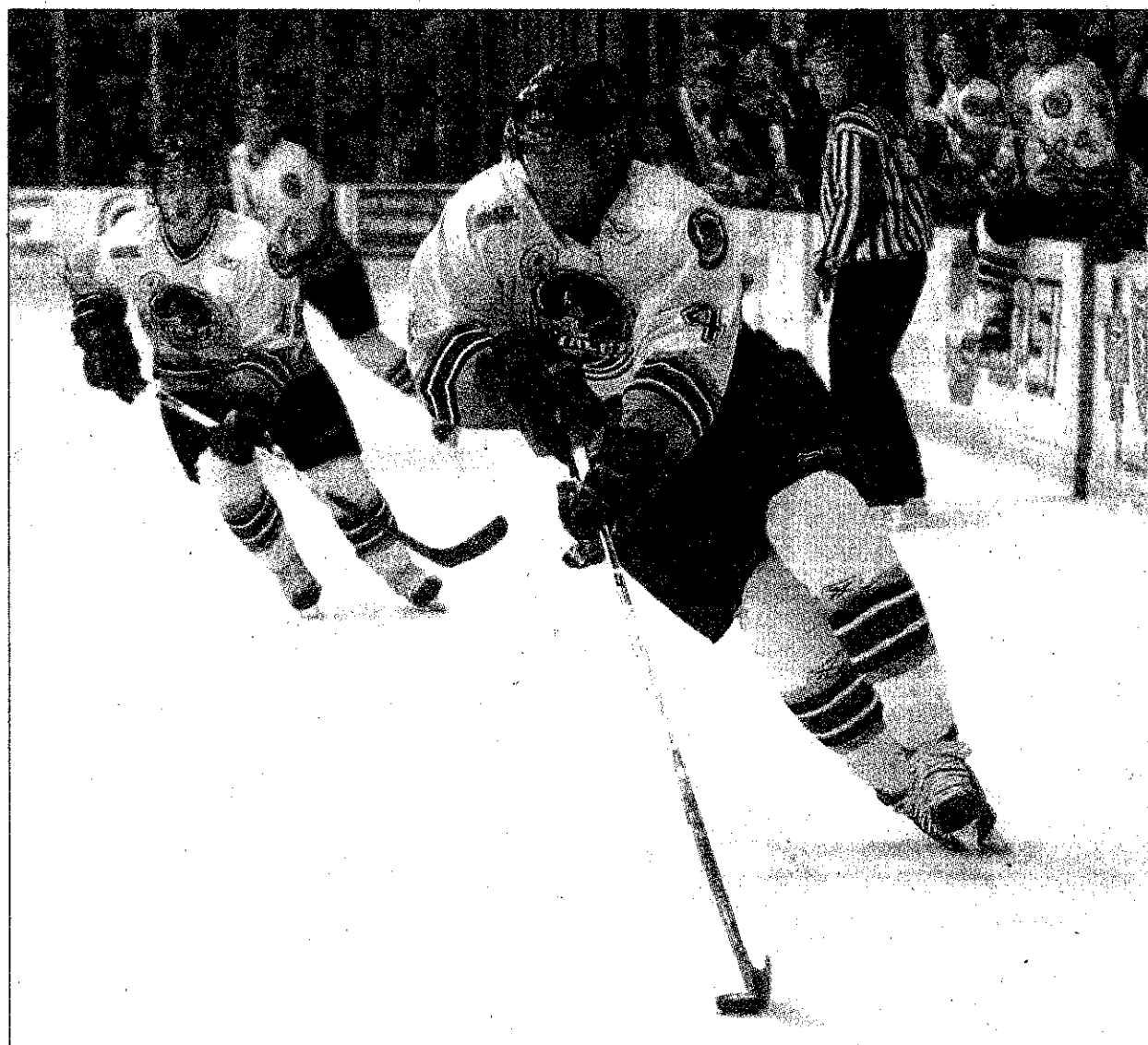


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## OHL Playoffs: Game 7



Derek Merlini and his Plymouth Whalers teammates skated into the second round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs Tuesday night thanks to their 6-2 victory over Windsor in Game 7 of the first-round series.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# SEVENTH HEAVEN

## Vigilante-led Whalers eliminate Spitfires

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to an inspired effort by captain John Vigilante Tuesday night, the Plymouth Whalers will be playing Guelph instead of golf next week.

Vigilante tallied two goals and an assist to lead the Whalers to a decisive 6-2 victory over Windsor in Game 7 of the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference quarterfinal series played before a crowd of 3,283 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

With the triumph, the Whalers now must turn their attention to second-round opponent Guelph, which will visit Compuware Friday night for the series opener. The

opening faceoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

The Spitfires, on the other hand, will have plenty of time to focus on the fairways following their disappointing first-round exit.

"John played like you'd expect a captain to play tonight," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. "He's played in game sevens before, so he set a good example for the younger players, especially Chris Terry."

A loss Tuesday night would have marked the end of an illustrious career with the Whalers for Vigilante, an over-aged player who has signed a professional contract with the NHL's Nashville Predators.

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B3

### ON DECK: GUELPH

The Guelph Storm will be the next opponent for the Plymouth Whalers in their quest to win an Ontario Hockey League championship. The Storm advanced to the second-round of the OHL playoffs by sweeping Saginaw. Plymouth earned home ice advantage in the Guelph series thanks to its No. 2 seed. Following is the schedule for the OHL Western Conference semifinal series:

- Game 1: Guelph at Plymouth, Friday, 7:30 p.m.;
- Game 2: Plymouth at Guelph, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.;
- Game 3: Guelph at Plymouth, Monday, 7:30 p.m.;
- Game 4: Plymouth at Guelph, Wednesday, 7 p.m.;
- Game 5 (if necessary): Guelph at Plymouth, Friday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.;
- Game 6 (if necessary): Plymouth at Guelph, Saturday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.; and
- Game 7 (if necessary): Guelph at Plymouth, Monday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.

# Plymouth hitters start with a bang

## PREP BASEBALL

Plymouth's baseball team put its dismal 2005 season in the rear-view mirror with style Saturday when the Wildcats swept their season-opening double-header from Belleville, 13-8 and 8-7.

The two wins not only matched the Wildcats' win total from last season — they came against a perennially strong Belleville squad.

Plymouth won the opener in dramatic fashion when it pushed seven runs across the plate in the seventh inning to overcome an 8-6 deficit. Nate McManus had the biggest hit, ripping a two run-double that tied the game at 8-8. The next six Wildcat batters reached base without the aid of a hit as five players walked and one was hit by a pitch.

Senior lefthander Bryan Stotz started on the mound for Plymouth, yielding six runs in four innings. McManus earned the win, allowing two runs over the final two frames.

Junior outfielder Tyler Locklear proved to be a catalyst both at the plate and in the field, going 2-for-3 while contributing a spectacular backhanded, diving catch with two runners Tigers on base in the sixth.

Phil Sullens led the Tigers with a pair of hits. Brenden Madaj and Matt Pinter both drilled doubles for the hosts.

Belleville, which outit Plymouth 8-7, trailed 6-1 before it scored four runs in the fourth and three in the fifth to grab an 8-6 lead. The Wildcats committed four errors; the Tigers booted two balls.

Plymouth won, 8-7, in the nightcap as all 15 runs were scored in the first four innings.

Locklear earned the pitching win by shutting out the Tigers over the final three innings after relieving starter Alex Harvey in the fifth.

Offensively, Plymouth was led by Ben Kosmalski (three hits), Alex Harvey (two hits) and Garret Rebain, who added two hits and four RBI. Alex Pinter led Belleville with three hits.

"I was pleased with the way we came out and played to open the season," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "Getting a couple of wins in the pocket is a great way to start. I was proud of the way we battled back in the top of the seventh in the first game. Nate McManus's double to tie it in the seventh sounded like a crack of thunder to wake us up and, hopefully, get this season going in the direction we hope it can go."

"Tyler Locklear came in clinging to a one-run lead in the fifth and just flat-out shut the door on a pretty good hitting Belleville squad. We are going to need more of the same from him — and others — if we plan to accomplish our goals this season."

Plymouth outit Belleville, 9-8, in Game 2. A.A. HURON 12, PLYMOUTH 6: On Tuesday, the River Rats took advantage of six Plymouth errors to post the victory. Marion Smith earned the win while Plymouth's T.J. Downey suffered the setback.

Huron, which won despite yielding nine walks, broke open a 7-6 game with five runs in the sixth and final inning.

Matt Barrera stroked three hits for the Wildcats. Ben Kosmalski and Garret Rebain had two a piece. Brian Barkley paced the winners with three safeties.

"It was a tough day to play," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams, referring to the cold, windy conditions. "We needed to execute better to beat a really talented Huron squad. They have at least four or five players who are looking to play at the next level."

"T.J. Downey turned in a gutsy performance, but he didn't get much help from his defense. Even though we didn't play well, I still think we're on the right track."

# Sidelines

## Coaches: Please call in results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report the results of their spring sporting events to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright.

The best times to call in results are weeknights 5:30-11 p.m. Wright can be reached at (734) 953-2108. Results can also be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife.com. The deadline for Thursday editions of the Observer is Tuesday at 11 p.m. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 11 p.m.

## Agape wins

The Canton Agape Christian baseball team opened its 2006 season Tuesday afternoon with an impressive 11-1, six-inning victory over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian. Sophomore pitcher Jared Miller held YCC to just one hit and three walks while striking out six. Kyle Miller, Brandon Pierson and Matt Molnar all ripped two hits for the Wolverines, who will take on Novi Franklin Road this afternoon.

## 'Cat kickers fail

Dani Martinak had two goals and an assist Monday to lead Walled Lake Central's girls soccer team to a 5-0 victory over host Plymouth. Paige Taylor added two goals, Sam Echols had two assists and Erin Eddy added the fifth goal for Walled Lake Central (3-0-0). Taylor Kaminsky had the shutout for the Vikings on eight saves. Plymouth is 0-3-0.

## MU softball splits

Madonna University bounced back to earn a split of Sunday's softball doubleheader with visiting Siena Heights.

The Crusaders lost 5-3 in the opener, unable to claw back from an early 4-0 deficit.

But in Game 2, Madonna came out with a vengeance, scoring six times in the bottom of the first and never looking back, claiming a 7-2 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph. MU first baseman Allison Grant pounded two doubles among three hits, driving in three runs. Catcher Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood) chipped in with two hits to help starting (and winning) pitcher Liz Ballinger, who gave up one earned run in five innings of work to improve to 5-0.

The victory improved the Crusaders mark to 22-2 overall and 3-1 in the WHAC, while the Saints dropped to 13-8 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

## MU baseball wins

Madonna University swept a pair of Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball games Sunday from Siena Heights.

The Crusaders gave the home crowd at Ilitch Ballpark plenty to cheer about, winning 10-3 and 8-0.

# Pace-setter

## Garden City's Pace top volleyball coach

See All-Area girls volleyball on page B2.

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

When John Pace was a high school athlete at Dearborn Heights Robichaud, he paid close attention to how his coaches treated him and other athletes.

More than two decades later, Pace is demonstrating that he didn't forget the lessons about the essence of prep sports and life taught to him at Robichaud by track coach Leit Jones and cross country and tennis coach Jim Hadley.

"I looked at what motivated me as (an athlete) and I look at that when I motivate my kids," said Pace, the Observerland Volleyball Coach of the Year after leading his Garden City team to a 40-5-4 record and its first district championship in 10 years. "I looked at how two great coaches motivated me in high school. They showed me coaching isn't just about winning and losing. It's about character, taking care of your athletes."

But Pace, who in his second season at Garden City led the Cougars to a 12-0 record in the Mega-Blue, deserves a



John Pace  
Garden City

lot of the credit for turning around a program that was winless in 2003-04.

Through his abilities to be a motivator and a fair-minded teacher, like Jones and Hadley were to him, the Cougars came back from a .500 season in 2004-05 raring to blaze a trail of excellence.

Perhaps recalling Pace's "I believe in you" speech to them at the end of 2004-05, when he told the athletes they were capable of coming back and winning a league title, the Cougars returned pumped up for the first practices of 2005-06. They also set a number of lofty goals — including 30 victories, winning tournaments (they won five of six) and achieving the league and district championships.

"When we started this year they were extremely aggressive," Pace said. "The first day of practice, we (coaches) were slowing them down. They set a lot of goals for themselves and from the first day they went out to achieve them . . . I've never coached a team that set as many goals as they did and achieved them all."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Instructor Frank Huber leads a group of young, but eager, students through a learn-to-skate session Monday night at the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton Township.

# Learn-to-Skate has wide appeal

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If Mandy Lu wins a figure-skating medal in the 2026 Winter Olympics, she can look back at Monday's opening session of the Arctic Edge's Spring Learn-to-Skate program and say, "That's where it all started."

Lu, 5, was one of several area youngsters who were taught the basics of ice skating by the Arctic Edge's knowledgeable staff of instructors Monday evening during the first of eight Learn-to-Skate

sessions.

"This program has really grown since we started it three years ago," said Learn-to-Skate Director Theresa McKendry. "We had 25 kids in it the first year. This year, we've already had about 280 sign up. I'm sure the Winter Olympics this year had a lot to do with the popularity of the program, especially with Tanith (Belbin) and Ben (Agosto) doing so well. But the turnout was good even before the Olympics."

PLEASE SEE SKATE, B4



# Digging the scene: All-Area spikers discover their niche

## FIRST TEAM

**Lauren Krupsky, Jr. OH, Liv. Churchill:** The 5-foot-11 junior earned All-Region and second-team Division I All-State honors, as well as All-Western Lakes Activities Association accolades.

Krupsky set Michigan High School Athletic Association records for kills in a single season (711), breaking the school mark at Churchill by 131, along with kills in a single match (32) for the Division I state quarterfinalist.

"We moved Lauren from a middle hitter her sophomore year to outside hitter as a junior to take advantage of her outstanding athletic ability," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "Lauren was our go-to player and she never disappointed."

Krupsky is also a five-time scholar-athlete, a two-time member of the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches All-State team.

"With her tireless work ethic and positive attitude, Lauren should put together a senior season, as good as, any senior has ever had at Churchill," Grenier said.

**Maria Mezzadri, Sr. MH, Liv. Stevenson:** Headed to the University of Buffalo, the three-time first-team All-Area pick capped her senior year with a team-high 532 kills for the year.

The 5-10 middle hitter also had a team-best 78 blocks along with 63 aces. The All-Western Lakes selection also had a serve-receive percentage of 69, along with a 68 percent attack receive.

"It's been a pleasure to have Maria play for me these last three years," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said of the third-team Division I All-Stater and All-Region pick. "She has overcome injuries and inexperience to blossom into one of the top volleyball players in the state. Her sheer determination to improve and learn more about the game has truly come full circle based on her performance

## 2005-06 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FIRST TEAM

Lauren Krupsky, Jr. OH, Liv. Churchill  
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Lindsay Flettemier, Sr. MH, Garden City  
Teresa Coppiellie, Jr. OH, Salem  
Kyndra Abron, Sr. MH, Liv. Churchill  
Lauren Price, Sr. OH, Salem  
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Jean Carrier, Sr. MH, Red. Thurston  
Stacy Urbats, Sr. Setter, Liv. Churchill  
Lisa Dempsey, Jr. MH, Liv. Franklin  
Jennifer Swartz, Sr. MH, Westland Glenn

## SECOND TEAM

Courtney Provencher, Jr. MB, Garden City  
Erin Henneberger, Jr. MH, Liv. Ladywood  
Ashton Judis, Sr. Setter, Liv. Stevenson  
Julia Kurlik, Sr. Setter, Red. Thurston  
Amanda Alpert, Sr. OH, Liv. Stevenson  
Lauren Kurtz, Jr. MH, Salem

## THIRD TEAM

Kirsten Gwizdala, Sr. Setter, Redford Union  
Christina Seward, Sr. Setter, Garden City  
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## COACH OF THE YEAR

John Pace, Garden City

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this year. She will be a tough one to replace and I wish her the best of luck next year."

**Lindsay Flettemier, Sr. MH, Garden City:** Flettemier's powerful presence at the net sparked the Cougars to a 40-5-4 record - including 12-0 in the Mega White - and a district championship.

Individual accolades included being named to the all-league and Region 18

teams as well as being a Division 1 All-State honorable mention selection. "I think she should have been higher" on the latter list, said Garden City head coach John Pace. She also was an academic all-state honoree.

Pace said Flettemier was "phenomenal," with 581 kills, 219 digs, 130 blocks and 89 aces along with leadership skills that helped the Cougars achieve numerous pre-season team goals.

The nearly 6-6 Flettemier will launch her college career this fall at the University of Dayton, where Pace envisions her being very successful.

"The Dayton coach said if she follows the course, she'll be an All-American," Pace said. "They're expecting huge things out of her."

**Teresa Coppiellie, Jr. OH, Salem:** The talented outside hitter earned Honorable Mention All-State recognition following an outstanding junior season during which she helped lead the Rocks to the regular-season WLAA title. Coppiellie recorded 45 aces, 559 kills, 369 digs and 69 blocks.

"Teresa is a great, natural athlete and a true leader on the floor," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "She's an excellent player who is very coachable. She's one of the main reasons we did as well as we did this season. I expect great things from her again next season."

**Kyndra Abron, So. MH, Liv. Churchill:** The 6-1 sophomore earned honorable mention Division I All-State, All-Region and All-Western Lakes honors as she finished with a total 522 kills, which ranks her third all-time at Churchill.

"On many occasions, Kyndra dominated the net by either blocking or running the slide for an attack," Grenier said. "She is just starting to reach her potential as a volleyball player and as she continues to improve, she is developing into one of the most dominant players, not

only at Churchill and the Western Lakes, but also at the state level."

Abron also had a total of 120 blocks for the season, which ranks her second among all Churchill players in 36 seasons.

"With the hard work that Kyndra is putting into the spring and summer, she should be a very exciting player to watch for next season," Grenier said. "I look forward to using her in many capacities next year."

**Lauren Price, Sr. OH, Salem:** Price closed out a brilliant four-year varsity career by helping lead the Rocks to the WLAA regular-season championship. Bound for the University of California (Pa.) on a volleyball scholarship, Price notched 68 aces, 503 kills, 352 digs and 27 blocks.

"Lauren and Teresa Coppiellie formed a great outside hitting duo for us this season," said Suder. "As a captain, Lauren brought a lot of intensity to the court and she was a big reason for our success. Lauren will be missed a lot next season."

**Brandi Swyhart, Sr. Libero, Plymouth:** The senior made a smooth transition to the Libero slot, racking up 389 digs (4.0 per game). She also had a stellar of 88 percent.

"Although I was only able to coach Brandi for the past two years, I instantly noticed what an asset she would be to our growing team," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "She is an absolutely outstanding defensive player and I am very thankful that she transferred to Plymouth. She was the defensive glue that stuck our team together this past season when the bulk of our offensive line was injured."

"Although Brandi is still not signed yet, I wish her the best of luck and look forward to watching her continue to improve her skills at the next level of play."

**Lauren Boehmer, Jr. MH-OH, Liv. Ladywood:** The 6-foot junior earned All-Catholic League honors for the Class B regional finalists.

Boehmer, who could play middle or outside hitter, averaged 4.05 kills per game, while finishing the year with 67 aces and 37 blocks.

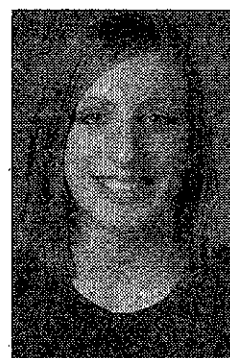
"Lauren was our most consistent offensive threat," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "We looked to her in both side-out and transition situations."

"She never gets rattled in the big moment. We always knew she would come through with that big kill when we needed it. She has the ability to hit from each position, which makes her very difficult to defend against."

**Jean Carrier, Sr. MH, Red. Thurston:** The 5-9 Carrier sparked Thurston with solid leadership and front-row prowess, earning her selection as the team's most valuable player along with all-Mega Blue and Region 18 honors.

"This year, she absolutely turned so many corners," said Eagles head coach Scott Gray. "Jean seemed to go from a 'hard-working, just one of the kids' kind of player to superstar in a matter of one season."

The fourth-year player excelled all over the floor, with 319 kills, 315 service points (including 52 aces), 296 digs and 26 solo blocks.



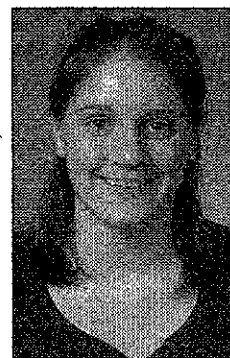
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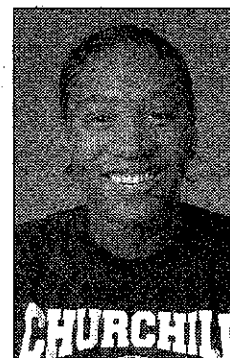
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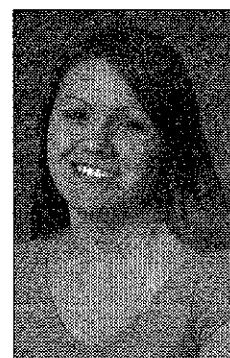
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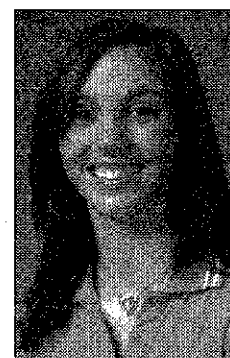
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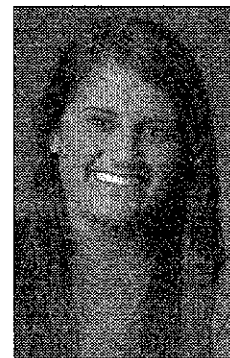
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Jennifer Swartz  
John Glenn

"She's one of those special kids that doesn't come along too often," added Gray.

**Stacy Urbats, Sr. Setter, Liv. Churchill:** The two-year starter set the MHSAA mark for both assists in a season (1,373) and in a single match (52).

The 5-7 senior, an All-Region pick, shattered the Churchill assist mark by 498 assists. She also paced the Chargers with a 97.4 serve percentage and aces (40).

"Stacy was our floor leader, a player with exceptional range along with the ability to set anywhere on the court," Grenier said. "She was an extension of the coach out on the floor. She always made good decisions as she quarterbacked our offense."

Urbats is a three-time Scholar-Athlete and two-time member of the MIVCA's Academic All-State Team. She also earned individual honors with a 3.7 G.P.A.

**Liz Dempsey, Jr. MH, Liv. Franklin:** The 5-6 junior stood tall for the Patriots all season as she earned All-Western Division honors after finishing with a total of 248 kills, 74 aces, 331 digs and 51 solo blocks.

She also served at .892 percent clip and went .922 on serve receive (out of 424 attempts) to earn first-team All-Area honors for the second straight year.

"I could have put Liz in any

position and she would have gotten the job done," Franklin coach Danielle Wensing said. "She is an elite volleyball player who loves and adores the game. Her teammates looked up to her for inspiration and she ran the court with tons of determination and drive."

"She is one of the best player I've ever seen, especially considering she's only 5-6."

**Jennifer Swartz, Sr. MH, Westland Glenn:** The 5-foot-11 senior, who has signed with Eastern Michigan University, earned first-team All-Area honors for the second straight year after finishing with a total of 355 kills in 116 games. She also added 230 blocks, 307 digs and 32 aces.

"Jenny is the type of athlete every coach wants to have 12 of," Glenn's Kathie Barker said of the All-Lakes Division pick. "She is a leader on-and-off the court, a true most valuable player. She has a 3.8 GPA (grade-point average), which shows she works just as hard in the classroom as she does on the court."

"Jennifer's focus has always been to be a great front row player, but this year she really wanted to improve in the back row. She worked hard to be a better defensive player and proved she can do that just as well."

"She was my go-to girl. Glenn will obviously miss her greatly next year."

## RUNNING

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John Vigilante contributed two goals and an assist in the Plymouth Whalers' 6-2 victory over Windsor Tuesday night. The win advanced the Whalers into the second round of the 2006 Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

## WHALERS

FROM PAGE B1

"When I walked into the lockerroom tonight, I thought about how I wasn't ready for it to end yet," the popular Dearborn native said. "It was a Game 7, too, and if you can't get up for a Game 7, you don't belong out there."

The first six games of the back-and-forth series were dominated by stirring comebacks and blown leads. Tuesday night's showdown would include neither, which was fine with the Whalers who jumped out to a commanding 3-0 first-period lead.

James Neal gave Plymouth a 1-0 advantage just over two minutes into the contest when he secured a perfect centering pass from Andrew Fournier and wristed the puck over the shoulder of Windsor goalie Anthony Guadagnolo. Ryan McGinnis also picked up an assist on the short-handed goal.

Vigilante upped the Whalers' advantage to 2-0 five minutes later when he one-timed an Evan Brophy pass past Guadagnolo, who yielded goals on two of Plymouth's first three shots.

Terry scored from the doorstep with 1:46 left in the first period to make it 3-0.

Vellucci said the early explosion was nice, but it didn't necessarily allow him to feel at ease, especially given the no-lead-is-safe history of the series.

"It's always important to

score first, but this series had been so weird — we won when we were down two and lost when we were up three — that I was never comfortable," he said. "Even though we won 6-2, it always seemed like it was closer than that."

Windsor mounted what appeared to be the early stages of a comeback 1:35 into the second period when Peter Aston scored a power-play goal to bring the Spits to within 3-1. However, Plymouth repelled the rally with two second-period goals of its own — from John Armstrong with 10:05 left and Terry at the 5:03 mark — to take a 5-1 bulge into the final 20 minutes.

Paul McFarland's goal less than two minutes into the third period brought the Spitfires to within 5-2, however, Vigilante put the icing on the cake with 16:53 remaining when he stole a Windsor clearing pass 15 feet in front of Guadagnolo and fired the puck into the back of the net to close out the scoring.

Vigilante's big night had the potential to become huge, but he was denied by Guadagnolo on a pair of one-on-one break-aways.

"I've never missed two break-aways in a row in my life, so that was kind of embarrassing," Plymouth's captain said, smiling. "But we won, which is the most important thing."

Plymouth goalie Justin Peters was stellar between the pipes, stopping 22 Windsor shots. Guadagnolo finished with 37 saves, including six break-aways.

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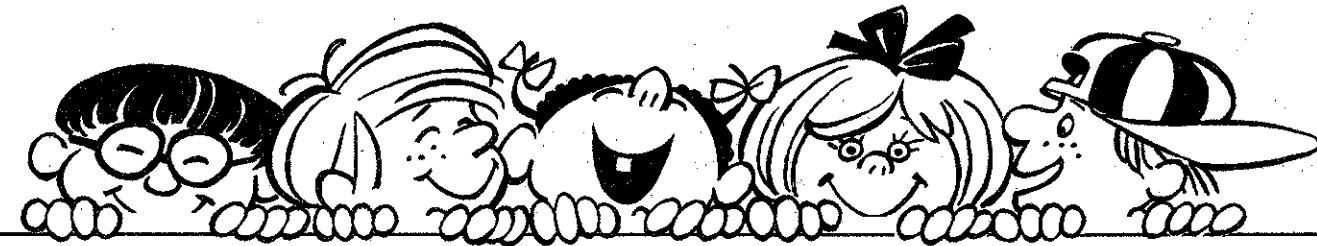
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Thursday, April 6  
Lutheran Westland at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 7**  
Canton at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.  
W.L. Northern at Salem, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 8**  
Swartz Creek at Canton, 1 p.m.  
Salem at Flagstar Tournament, 9 a.m.  
W. Bloomfield vs. Plymouth at EMU, 11 a.m.  
PCA at Franklin Road, 9 a.m.  
**PREP SOFTBALL**  
Thursday, April 6  
Macomb Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 7**  
W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Salem at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.  
Northville at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 8**  
Salem at Taylor Tournament, TBA

**GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
Thursday, April 6  
Canton at Plymouth at P-CEP JV football stadium, 3:30 p.m.  
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 8**  
Canton and Salem at A.A. Pioneer "All-Comers" Invite, 10 a.m.  
Plymouth vs. Farmington Hills Mercy at Novi Catholic Central, 2 p.m.  
**BOYS TRACK & FIELD**  
Thursday, April 6  
Plymouth at Canton at P-CEP varsity track, 5:30 p.m.  
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 8**  
Canton at Pioneer Tri-Meet, 11 a.m.  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Thursday, April 6  
Salem at Howell, 7 p.m.  
PCA at Zoe Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 8**

B'ham Seaholm at Canton, 2 p.m.  
**BOYS TENNIS**  
Friday, April 7  
W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 8**  
Salem at Essexville-Garber Invite, 9:30 a.m.  
**GIRLS GOLF**  
Friday, April 7  
Salem at Hartland Invite at Dunham Hills G.C., 9 a.m.  
**Saturday, April 8**  
Salem at Grosse Ile Invite at Riverview Highlands, 9 a.m.  
**BOYS LACROSSE**  
Thursday, April 6  
PCS at Ypsilanti, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 8**  
PCS at Flint Powers, 3:30 p.m.  
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**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
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Madonna vs. Tiffin (Ohio) at Ilitch Ballpark, 1 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 8**  
Madonna vs. St. Xavier (Ill.) at Ilitch Ballpark, 1 p.m.  
**Sunday, April 9**  
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**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
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Madonna at Saginaw Valley St., 3 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 8**  
Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.  
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Jill F. O'Sullivan  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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# Salem softball team hopes to build momentum

When Salem's softball team heads to Florida in two weeks for its annual "Spring Training" trip, the Rocks hope their record will be as sizzling as the Sunshine State's temperatures.

With a solid — but young — nucleus of players, there's a good chance it will be.

"Every year we see some new talent and get some great surprises during tryouts," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, who is set to begin her 22nd year at the helm. "We have a lot of depth again this season, especially where the pitchers are concerned. Nothing is set in stone yet, so there's a lot up for grabs."

"I'm excited to see how the season plays out. We have the talent and we are going to really work hard on the hitting this year. If we can do that, I think everything else will fall into place."

The Rocks have been one of the Western Lakes Athletic Association's most consistently successful teams over the past several years, winning 20 or more games six of the last seven. Led by seniors Ali Proodian, Amy Caves and Tina Sniegowski, the Rocks went 20-14 in 2005.

Senior captains Maureen "Mo" Bohr and Courtney Davis, both of whom are three-year varsity players, will lead the Rocks' 2006 contingent. They will also form a formidable battery with Bohr catching and Davis hurling.

"Mo has great leadership

qualities and adjusts easily to every situation," said Southerland. "We have three pitchers and Mo works great with all of them."

"Courtney has worked all winter and keeps improving in every aspect of her game. She is one of the most positive players I have coached."

Senior Deonna Szawara has earned the starting spot at first base thanks in part to her ability to stretch for widely thrown balls that Southerland described as, "the best in the league."

"Deonna is a veteran of the game," said Southerland. "She is the last of a string of successful Szawaras — I've had a Szawara on my team for eight years now. They know what it's like to win a district, conference and division. This year we hope to continue that legacy and take it one step further."

Sharing the mound chores with Davis will be Melissa Leach, who led the Rocks in innings pitch last season. Sophomore Abby Pairitz will serve as Salem's third pitcher.

"I have three pitchers who I can rotate and I feel pretty comfortable doing that," said Southerland. "Any one of the three could become the ace; they all have the talent to do so. It's nice having this kind of depth and talent."

For the second consecutive season, Salem's shortstop responsibilities will be handed to junior tri-captain Kait McKinley, who is a three-year varsity player.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem pitcher Courtney Davis brings experience and talent to the Rocks' starting rotation this season.

"Kait has come a long way," said Southerland. "She was my No. 4 batter last year. She's one of the hardest-working girls on the team and she demonstrates great leadership. She makes the game look easy and enjoys competition like no one else."

Junior Kelly Behr will patrol center field for the Rocks after spending most of the 2005 campaign in left.

"Kelly has great speed and a strong arm, and I need a leader in the outfield," said Southerland. "Sliding her over from left to take charge out there is going to be great."

Two others seniors who are expected to make solid contributions are Laura Kordick, a designated hitter, and Robin Carmer, an outfielder. Southerland said a trio of juniors — Missie Plante, Liz Thomas and Danielle Dipietro — should make a big impact on how this year's squad fares. Plante and the speedy Thomas are battling for outfield time while Dipietro is slated to start at second.

# Several returning starters give Chiefs solid foundation for '06

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's softball team shredded opponents and the school's record book with stunning regularity last season.

The Chiefs shattered 11 records while cruising to a 36-2 mark.

While graduation losses left some big shoes to fill, six starters return, making this year's squad a threat to write their own history.

"We're looking pretty good so far," said Canton coach Jim Arnold, the Chiefs' mentor for the past 17 seasons. "We scrimmaged Brighton last week and hit the ball pretty well. Defensively, we had to move a couple of players around due to injuries, but overall I was pleased. We made a few base-running mistakes, but nothing that can't be corrected."

"Our only goal every year is to win our last game. If you win the last one, you're going to be in pretty good shape."

The Chiefs lost their last game in 2005, but it didn't come until the Division 1 Regional final against Belleville. The starting battery from that game — pitcher Molly Conlon and catcher Melissa Cieniuch — make up the two biggest losses to graduation. Conlon wind-milled her way to a 24-1 record and Cieniuch was a clutch hitter and solid behind the plate.

The Chiefs' revamped pitching staff will be headlined by juniors Sarah Anthony and Stephanie Sadek, and sophomore Hilary Payne.

"All three of them have different styles and a different favorite



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Canton's Alyssia Johnson, pictured above sliding into home plate in a game against Ann Arbor Pioneer last season, will patrol centerfield for the Chiefs this season.

pitch," said Arnold. "Sarah has a good change-up and good location, Stephanie has good location and a nice fastball, and Hilary has a great rise ball. I think they'll all do well."

The trio will be throwing to targets provided by catchers Tiffany Quiroz, Kim Beaudoin and Mary Kate McWhirter.

Quiroz is the lone senior of the three; Beaudoin and McWhirter are both juniors.

The starting infield that will take the field Monday in the Chiefs' opener at Ann Arbor Pioneer are senior first baseman Ashley Trent, senior second baseman Rachel Wade, junior shortstop Lauren Delapaz and senior third baseman Brittany Scero. Trent hit .368 in 26 games last year while Wade and Delapaz both hovered around the mid-.400's. The two middle infielders combined to committed just five errors between them.

"Rachel just signed with Ferris State and Delapaz is good

enough to play Division 1 after high school," Arnold said.

"Lauren has been our starting shortstop and No. 4 hitter since her freshman season, so that tells you something right there."

Junior first baseman Kimmy Keppen, McWhirter, Sadek, Anthony and Beaudoin will provide Arnold with infield depth.

A pair of outfielders — senior left fielder Rachel Beaudoin and junior center fielder Alyssia Johnson — saw considerable playing time in 2005.

Completing the outfield contingent are juniors Laura Ditzler and Abby Skrzypek, and senior Chelsea Quiroz.

"Livonia Churchill has (Bridget) Long back to pitch, so they'll be tough," said Arnold, when asked who the teams to beat are in this year's Western Lakes Activities Association. "Northville is always tough and Plymouth is an up-and-coming team."

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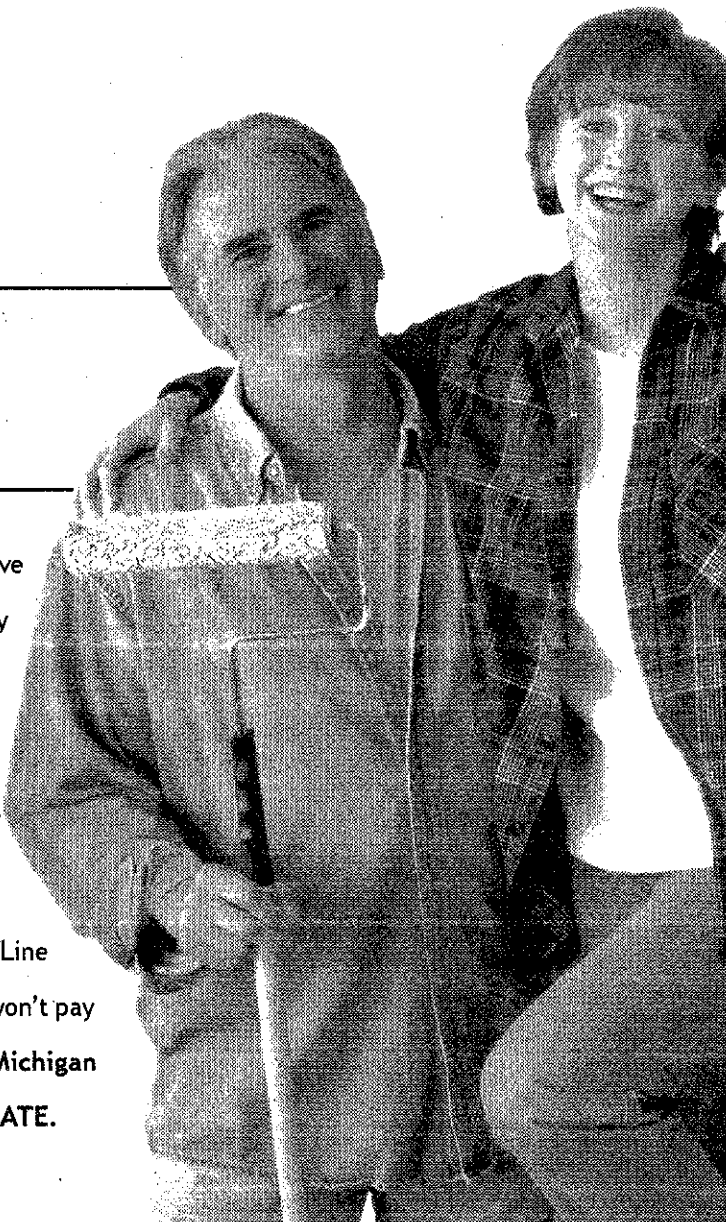
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Instructor Ashley Chambers guides 3-year-old Gavin Willman through some basic skating drills during Monday night's Learn-to-Skate session at the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton Township.

## SKATE

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Many of the young skaters found out quickly Monday night how difficult moving across a sheet of ice on a pair of thin blades can be. That's why one of the first skills instructor Frank Huber taught his group was the proper way to get up following a spill.

"It's important that they know the right way to push themselves off the ice after they fall, and there's a certain way to do it correctly," said McKendry, as Huber and his group of preschoolers simultaneously righted themselves following intentional falls.

"The hardest part about skating for beginners is balancing on the blades. But when the eight weeks are up, all of these kids will be able to skate

from one end of the rink to the other."

While girls outnumber the boys in the classes, the number of males signing up for the program has been growing, McKendry said.

The cost of the eight-week course is \$100, but the registration fee includes free entry in the facility's open-skating sessions.

"If they take advantage of the open skating, the cost of the program pays for itself," said McKendry. "Also, the kids who come to the open skates more with their parents tend to improve at a much faster rate."

This year's final Learn-to-Skate session begins June 5. The deadline for registering is June 3.

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# Wildcats softball team shoots for 3rd district title

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's softball team has won two District titles without seniors.

Head coach Val Canfield and everyone else associated with the program can't wait to see what the Wildcats can win with their first crop of four-year athletes.

"It seems like our team has really come together this year and jelled," said Canfield, whose team finished 25-10 in 2005. "I think the main reason for that is the chemistry that has developed between the girls throughout the past four years.

"Our biggest strength this season will be our depth, which is something we've been lacking the first three years. We have a very good freshman class this year that will contribute immediately to the program."

In the middle of every great softball team is an outstanding pitcher. The Wildcats' top hurler is junior Claire Ostrowski, who pitched in all 35 games last season.

"Claire is much more aggressive this year," said Canfield, "both mentally and physically. I'm expecting big things out of her again."

Ostrowski will be joined in the rotation by sophomores Ally Ciotti and Meghan

Patterson, both of whom have the talent to be No. 1 starters on other high school teams.

The trio of pitchers will be throwing to junior catcher Madison Dresser, who possesses a strong arm and good leadership skills, according to Canfield. The Wildcats' infield will include junior first baseman Melissa Butzow, freshman second baseman Beth Heldmeyer, junior shortstop

Kim Klonowski and senior third baseman Lauren Stemberger. Along holding down the responsibilities of the toughest defensive position, Klonowski will also bat clean-up for Canfield.

"Kim is one of those players that makes things happen," Canfield said. "She's very aggressive and on defense she's like a machine."

Freshman Erin Rodas

should see plenty of playing time, Canfield said.

"She's a very gifted player," she said. "Once she gets some experience, she'll really excel."

The Wildcats' outfield is stocked with several experienced players, including Danielle Bondy, last year's starting center fielder, Rachel Juco, Erin Ondusky, Amy Bondy and Jill Brennan.

"I've been totally impressed

with Rachel Juco so far," said Canfield. "And Erin Ondusky has one of the best drop steps I've ever seen for an outfielder. She can really move to the ball. Amy Bondy has one of the most accurate arms around. Her throws are always on the money."

Canfield expects Canton, Northville and Livonia Churchill to be the biggest hurdles in her team's quest for

a Western Lakes Activities Association title.

"Our top goals this year are to learn with each game and to grow with confidence each game," she said. "We'll go after the District and Regional championships again, and our dream season would be to get to the state title game."

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Plymouth junior pitcher Claire Ostrowski is one of the primary reasons the Wildcats have won two District softball titles.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### CANTON FOOTBALL

#### GOLF OUTING

The 4th Annual Canton Chiefs Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, June 10, beginning with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start at Fox Hills' Classic course in Plymouth Township. For more information on the event, call (734) 467-8148 or (734) 981-9385.

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■ Preliminary/Pre-Juvenile (skaters must be 12 and under as of July 1, 2006 and should have passed FS 2 and at the beginning test levels for moves in the field) — May 4, 6:10-7 p.m., and May 7, 4:40-5:30 p.m.

■ Juveniles (must be 12 and under as of July 1, 2006, and passed preliminary moves in the field) — April 23 and April 30, 4:40-5:30 p.m.;

■ Intermediate/Novice (must be between the ages of 11 and 15 as of July 1, 2006, and have passed pre-juvenile moves in the field) — April 23 and April 27;

■ Juniors (must be 12 years old and older as of July 1, 2006 and have passed intermediate moves in the field) — April 27 and April 30; and

■ Masters (25 years old and older) — June 4 and June 11, 7:30-9 p.m.

If skaters meet the tryout requirements for multiple divisions, they should attend the tryouts for both divisions. Rosters for all the teams (except Masters) will be announced in early May. The Masters roster will be announced in June.

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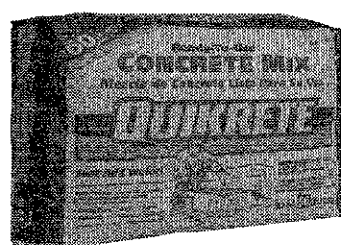
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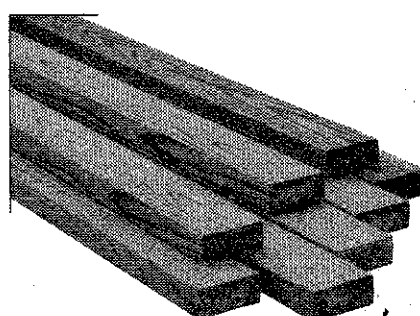


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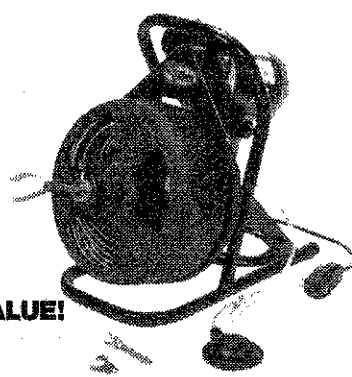
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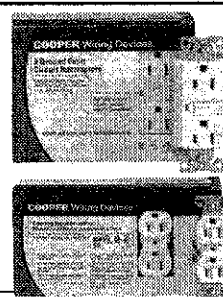


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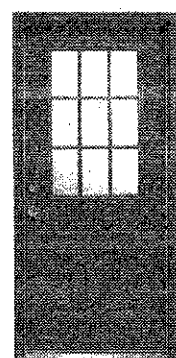
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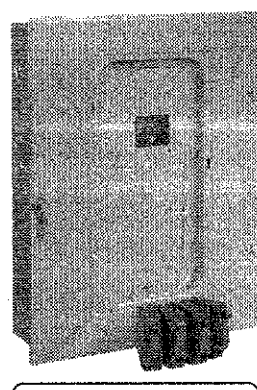
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# Wildcat runners possess speed to burn

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

New Plymouth boys track-and-field coach Kurt Britnell is no stranger to the Wildcats' program.

Britnell has served as an assistant coach since the school opened over three years ago, so he knows what kind of explosive potential and talent the team is equipped with.

"I'm extremely optimistic," said Britnell, looking ahead to the 2006 season, which opens outdoors with this afternoon's duel meet with Canton. "Our confidence is high and I think we can be competitive with everyone in our division. I remember our first practices like they happened yesterday. I can't believe how fast the time has gone by."

Speaking of fast, the Wildcats will be paced by a solid group of sprinters, led by senior D.J. Coleman, juniors Nate Gholston and LaBroderick Caldwell, and sophomore Rico Iyus. Coleman excelled in the 100- and 200-meter dashes last year and he is also one of the area's top high-jumpers, having leaped 19-11.5 in Plymouth's season-opening indoor meet last month.

The Wildcats' jack-of-all-trades will be senior three-sport athlete Josh Le Duc, who

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will — among many things — anchor the team's 800-meter dash foursome.

"Josh will be running in a lot of different events for us this year," said Britnell. "We'll put him wherever we think we'll need points — he can do anything from throw the discus to run the 300 hurdles, and he does everything well."

Plymouth's top middle-distance performer is expected to be senior Sean Dillon, who will run the 800 and 400.

"We'll need some of the young guys to step up and help Sean," Britnell said.

Among the team's long-distance threats are seniors Anthony Scaparo and Patrick Slavens, both of whom starred for the Wildcats' cross-country unit in the fall.

The Wildcats' premier field events specialists are high-jumper Cam Scharchburg and pole-vaulters Ben Ambrose, Nate Sherwood and Andy Knisely.

## Canton

Coach Bob Richardson's squad should continue its juggernaut-like ways this season despite losing several key athletes — namely David Calille, Rodney Preston, Derek Reeves

and D'Angelo Pitts — to graduation.

Among last year's lofty achievements were a 7-0 dual-meet record, a third-place finish in the WLAA meet, a fourth at the Division 1 Regional meet and a 30th-place showing (out of 114 teams) at the Division 1 state meet.

Canton also won the Dearborn Elks Relays and the Troy Athens Relays, and earned a runner-up finish at the Observerland Relays.

"I'm hoping to at least duplicate what we did last year, if not improve on it," said Richardson.

Leading the Chiefs will be a quartet of captains — seniors Cyrus Azizi, Andy Rossow, Phaltiel Whitlock and Joe Zugaj — who shine both on and off the track.

Azizi and Rossow are two of the swiftest and most versatile Chiefs. Azizi excels in everything from the 200 to the 800, especially the 400, Richardson said.

"Cyrus is one of the hardest workers we have, and we have a lot," said Richardson. "He runs track year-round. He has the talent to run for a Division 1 school in college."

Rossow specializes in the 200 and 400, but he's also a key component on the Chiefs' 1,600 and 800 relay contin-

gents. Whitlock should rack up a boat-load of points in the 400 and 800 this season.

"Phaltiel is a workaholic," Richardson said. "He absolutely loves to train and he loves competition. He's one of those kids who lead by example."

Zugaj is expected to be Canton's top point-earner in the shot put and discus events.

Among other seniors who should make major contributions to the Chiefs' cause are Ryan Jonik (field events), Rob Lindman (pole vault, sprints), Charles Wolfe (3,200) and Scott Reidsma (middle-distance events).

The athletes who make up the Chiefs' strong and deep junior class are: Peter Boucher (hurdles), Ryan Dugan (middle-distance), Wardell Fuqua (field events), Ryan Langdon (pole vault, sprints), Deshon McClendon (sprints), Steve Paye (field events, sprints), Eric Thornton (field events, hurdles) and Eric Zech (800 and 1,600).

Sophomores expected to earn consistent points are Josh Etim (high jump, long jump and sprints), Tim Belcher (hurdles and relays), Derek Hoerman (800, 1,600 and 3,200), Eric Piwowar (sprints), Adam Somers (long jump, sprints) and Dalton Walser (sprints, long jump).

# 1st-year Salem coach inherits talented squad

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## PREP GIRLS TRACK PREVIEW

First-year Salem girls track-and-field coach Julie Montgomery brings a wealth of coaching experience to her new post, along with a valuable familiarity of the Western Lakes Activities Association power structure.

"My twin daughters ran track for Stevenson a couple of years ago, so, from going to watch them compete, I'm familiar with which teams are usually strong in the conference," said Montgomery, who served as the head coach at Farmington High School for two years before taking over the reins of the Rocks.

"So far, it looks like we're going to have a pretty good team this year," Montgomery said. "We don't have a lot of seniors, but we have good balance. We're going to be strong in the distance events and we have some talented sprinters as well."

Serving as captains this season will be seniors Allison Janda, Marisa Carpinelli and Dana Eldred. Janda and Carpinelli were both key members of Salem's Top 10 cross country team last fall.

"Allison will run the 800, 1,600 and she'll probably be on our mile-relay team,"

Montgomery said. "Marisa will be one of our top middle-distance runners and Dana will run sprints and hurdles. They're all very dedicated, hard-working girls."

Two other seniors who bring lofty expectations into the 2006 season are sprinter/hurdler/long jumper Brittany Lockhart and sprinter Brittany Jones.

"Brittany Lockhart is a great all-around athlete," Montgomery said. "I expect her to place high in a lot of meets and I think she's capable of reaching her goal of qualifying for the state meet."

Pacing Salem's junior class of athletes are long-distance runner Hannah Cavicchio, hurdler Katrina Cope and distance runner Sarah Kosteva.

The top sophomores are Caitlin Heaney (sprints) and Samantha Oliver (field events).

Salem opens its 2006 schedule this afternoon with a 3:30 p.m. meet against Livonia Churchill at the P-CEP varsity track.

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# Canton runners 11th at Eastern Michigan

The Canton boys track team finished 11th at Saturday's Ann Arbor Pioneer Indoor Invitational, which was held at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Fieldhouse. The Chiefs finished with 12 points.

The Chiefs' top performer was senior shot-putter Joe Zugaj, who placed third in the 14-team field with a personal-best effort of 46-2.25 feet.

Canton received fourth-place points from its 1,600-meter

relay team of Phaltiel Whitlock, Ryan Langdon, Sherif Hassanien and Andy Rossow, which was clocked in 3:41.0.

The Chiefs' shuttle hurdles foursome of Pete Boucher, Tim

Belcher, Jon Rykalsky and Hassanien placed sixth in 34.80.

Rossow was the final point-earner, placing sixth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.8 seconds.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Canton's High Velocity Sports will be offering all-sport and craft camps during spring break, April 17-21.

The all-sport camp includes several activities, including flag football, basketball, volleyball, dodge ball and floor hockey. The camp will be offered daily or weekly. There are also half-

day options (9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.) for kids between the ages of 5 and 8. Full-day camps for kids between 7 and 12 will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The camp fee is \$25 per day or \$99 per week for half-day campers and \$45 per day and \$189 per week for full-day participants.

The crafts camp, which will

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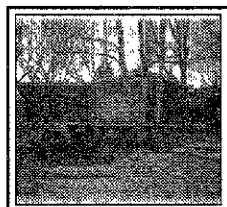
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Beverly Hills 3049



Beverly Hills - West  
 Open Sunday 1-4  
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 S. of 14 E. of Evergreen  
 Original design 50's contemporary ranch on dead end street adjacent to Birmingham Country Club. Bright, open, custom build. 3 bedroom, 2 bath retro home w/basement, fieldstone fireplace. Lots of glass & high ceilings. A special house. \$365,000.  
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3 bdrm, 2.5 bath, exc. location, decks w/private view of stream & woods, Birmingham schools, Co-op to 1.25%. \$569,500.  
 248-642-9452.

Bloomfield 3055

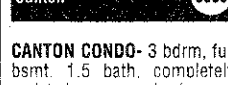


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**BLOOMFIELD THE HEATHERS**  
 Neutral, ready to move-in NOW. Volume ceilings thru-out. White kitchen w/hardwood floor. Deluxe master suite & 2nd bdrm. suite. Assoc. membership to Heathers Club included. \$369,900.  
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**GORGEOUS RANCH**  
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**CANTON**  
 Newly built, brick Colonial with pond view, under \$300,000, possible 0% down.  
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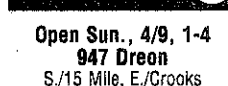
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**MAINTENANCE FREE**  
 3 bdrm. ranch. Family room w/fireplace, 1st floor laundry, bsmt., large yard w/patio. \$199,900  
 Rhonda Emery 248-672-7086  
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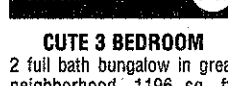
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 Beautiful and Clean Clawson Home! 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, 1,462 sq. ft., c/a, 2 car garage, fenced yard, all appliances included! See it now before it's gone!  
 \$179,900.  
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Dearborn 3110



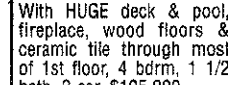
**CUTE 3 BEDROOM**  
 2 full bath bungalow in great neighborhood. 1196 sq. ft. Freshly painted. Newer furnace. Great finished basement and garage with opener. Must see! \$149,900.  
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Chelsea 3130



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**CHELSEA HOME ON 2 ACRES**  
 With HUGE deck & pool, fireplace, wood floors & ceramic tile through most of 1st floor, 4 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, 2 car. \$195,000.  
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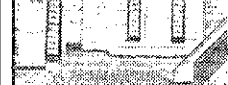
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**BEAUTIFUL!**  
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 3-5 bdrms., 3.5 baths, 2,650 sq. ft., brick. Corner wooded lot. Finished bsmt. w/ hot tub. 1,350 sq. ft. recreation room. \$360,000 (BL376EB)  
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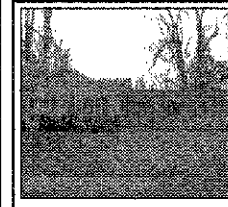
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**RELOCATING MUST SELL!**  
 10505 Lincoln. 3 bdrm, 2 bath brick bungalow. 2-car garage, fireplace, newer heating, A/C, roof. \$259,900.  
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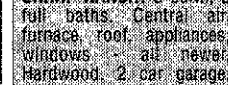
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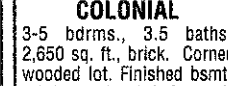
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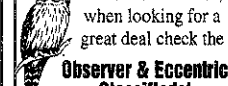
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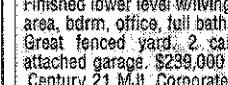
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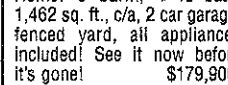
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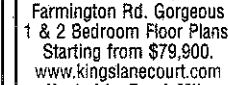
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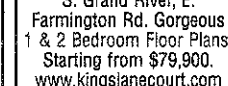
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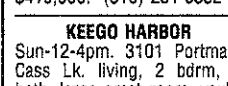
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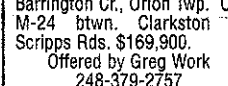
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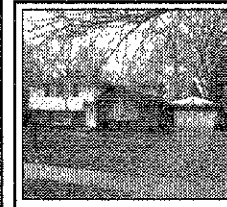
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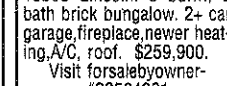
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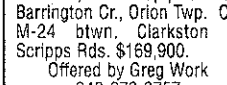
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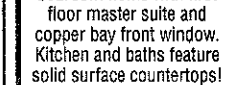
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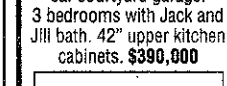
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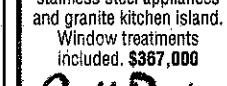
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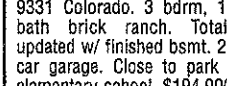
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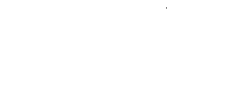
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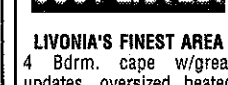
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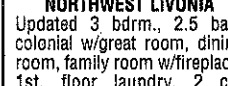
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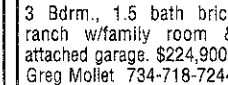
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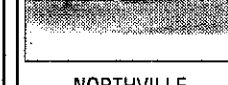
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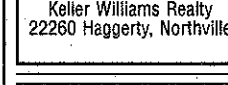
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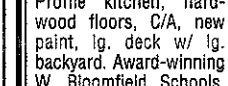
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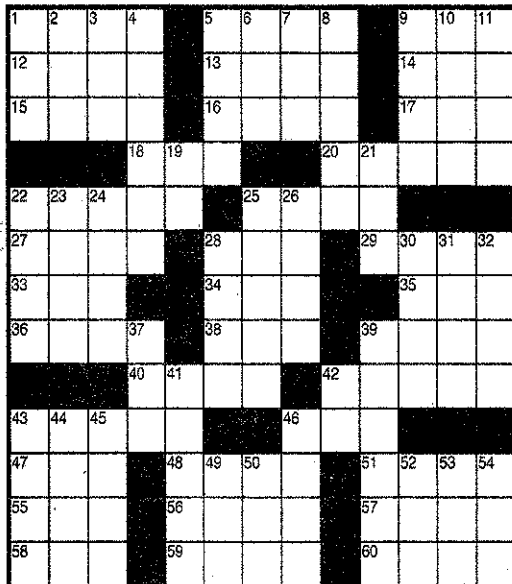
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  - Scoundrel
  - Sting
  - Dingy
  - Without fat
  - Big snake
  - Hula-dance feast
  - Colony member
  - Jimmy's successor
  - Director's shout
  - Curb
  - Is, to Fritz
  - Bolt

- DOWN**
- Police squad
  - Uses the phone
  - Excursions
  - Shake a finger
  - Closet need
  - Prices may do it
  - Wrist bone
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  - Strongly advise
  - Harness part
  - Dues payer, for short
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  - Ostrich cousin
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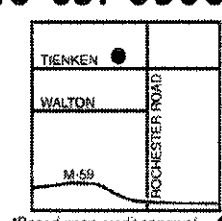
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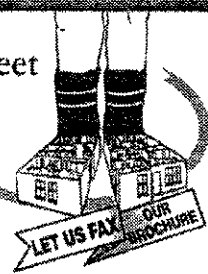
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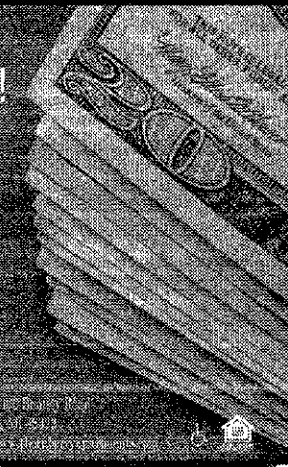
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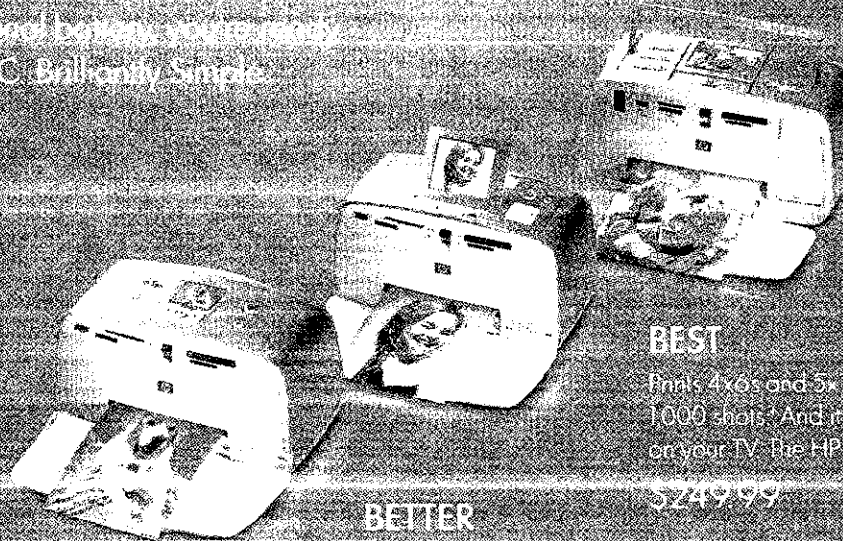
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# GOING GLOBAL BRINGS HAZARDS AND HUMOR



## WORKWISE

by  
Mildred L.  
Culp

Have you ever told a bedtime story to a child while a person in Singapore sat on hold for 10 minutes (on speaker phone, unbeknownst to you)? Jonathan Phillips has. This former chemical engineer is managing director of executive search firm Magellan International L.P., in Houston, with a practice that is 50 percent global.

"At 8:00 I had to call my son and tell him his bedtime story," he recalls. "The person on the speaker phone (a candidate) didn't say a word. When I hung up on the other line, he said, 'That was a lovely story. I'll have to tell my son some time.' Then he told me one -- a Singaporean bedtime story. We traded stories." Why would someone hang on for 10 minutes? International calls, Phillips explains, may require three to four calls before you have a connection good enough for a conversation. You dare not drop off when you do.

Andy Kruse, co-founder and vice president of Business Development at Southwest Windpower Inc., in Flagstaff, Ariz., buys some components overseas for his small wind generators, which produce electricity. Two years ago, he was directing about half of his 63 employees "to get some orders out the door," he says. "Customers needed them desperately. Some of the components were made in Asia, primarily Japan. They were en route to the United States in a ship full of chickens and were quarantined for six weeks.

"Sometimes the system breaks down," he

continues. "We used local suppliers to fill the gap, but it's definitely scary with big orders."

## BARKS

Liam Brown, CEO of New York City-headquartered Integreon, a professional outsourcing services firm for investment banks and law firms, employs 1,000 employees, almost all in India. Their work resembles that of junior associates in law firms and in banking, such as conducting database and M&A research, reviewing case law and drafting corporate presentations and legal contracts -- "the initial phases of research," he says. The company does not use call centers.

Brown discusses the fact that doing business in India creates certain expectations on both ends of the telephone. "We thought that we'd be able to recruit and train people in the same way as in the U.S.," he states. "We could on the technical skills very quickly, but there was no cultural context for supporting very demanding professionals.

"In India," he remarks, "if a person says, 'I will call you right back,' a person in the United States will wonder if five or 10 minutes should pass. In India, the statement means 'I'll call you some time before I go home at 8:00 or 9:00 at night.' This has been a huge focus for us." The exceedingly polite Indians are trained to be calm, more assertive than is their wont and, rather than simply agreeing to everything, "make small milestone commitments to specific results by a specific time to build trust." However, Brown concedes that they nonetheless "respond in a typically Indian passive fashion to conflict with their Indian managers!"

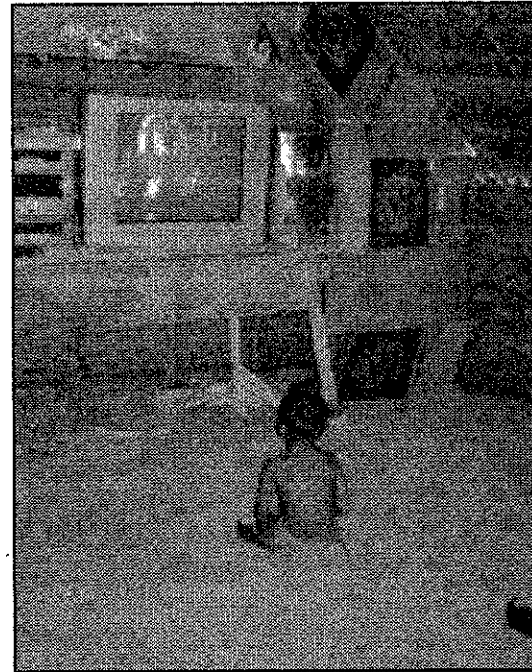
## 'CONNECTS'

Kruse reports that his wind generators are now in remote areas of 88 countries. He's benefited from the export credit insurance of Ex-Im Bank in Washington, D.C., which guarantees payment to him when companies default. (In 2005, the Bank



A Mongolian family who traded cashmere wool for a 400-watt air wind generator. They are extremely popular in the valley for being the only nomadic people with electricity and a TV.

assisted small business exporters in this country by more than \$13 billion in a total of 3,128 transactions, according to a spokesperson.) He tells a colorful story about a distributor in Mongolia who bartered the wind generators in swap meets. "Nomadic tribesmen trade the products from cashmere wool, raised from goats, to power radios," he says. "They've been living in yurts for thousands of years. People used to buy the cashmere at a very discounted price. Now the wind generator-radio tells these nomadic people when the price is right in the cities. They go directly to the market and make more money." He thrives on this kind of work across the globe: "It



kind of connects the world."

Learning occurs on both sides of the global divide. Magellan's Phillips points out that the people in his Houston building found his search firm's request for power around the clock inexplicable. For a time, while working at midnight, he and his colleagues had to shut everything down and leave the building for coffee. "It took a week," he muses, but then they came around.

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**Garage Sales** **7110**

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**LIVONIA** - 9281 California, E. of Farmington, btwn Joy & W. Chicago. Household, Holiday, guy's stuff, IRONITE, sofa (5 seats), cleaning products, some toys & collectibles, misc. Fri, 4/7, 10am-6pm. Sat, 4/8, 10am-4pm.

**LIVONIA-MOVING**, Some antiques, furniture, multitude of small items. April 6-8, 9-5pm. 22545 Orange, Middlebelt & Plymouth area.

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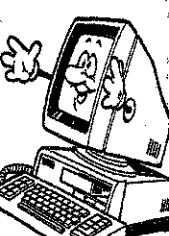
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### SEXY

**REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS**  
DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5'10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. ☎548938

**JERSEY TRANSPLANT**  
SWF, 50, slender, blonde, Virgo, N/S, enjoys foreign travel, wine tasting, and working out. Seeking WM, 40-53, N/S, for LTR. ☎885454

**PETITE & SEXY...**  
SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1", 105lbs, NS. Seeking healthy SBM, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. ☎912553

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Spring is here, summer near. So much to see, so much to do. Would like to do them together with you. Just 80. ☎962340

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**CALLING ALL CYCLISTS**  
SF, a young 44, nice-looking, in great shape, seeks athletic man, 25-55, for cycling, hiking, outdoor activities. ☎945242

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Possible relationship? Read on: SWF, 47, N/S, enjoys cooking, dining out, art museums, plays, reading, and traveling. Seeking honest WM, 42-57, N/S. ☎857253

**TRY ME!**  
Attractive SWF, 49, I enjoy movies, dining, skiing and skating. Seeking an attractive SWM, 45-55, who enjoys most activities. ☎869847

**SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP**  
Loving, attractive SWCF, 74, trim, fun, N/D, N/S, homebody type, seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s. Let's talk! ☎794040

**SEEKING COMPANION**  
SWF, 42, queen-sized, outgoing, enjoys walks, music, life, open to new ideas. Looking for SM who wants to do things together. Must be employed and like pets. ☎909140

### I'M A...

sexy SBF, 40, 5'4", 187lbs, Sagittarius, smoker, works out. Seeking honest, hard-working, tall BM, 30-50, smoker, for friendship, possibly more. ☎938706

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SWF, 5'6", 130lbs, 64, great SOH, N/S, enjoys life, dining, dancing, holding hands, music, boating, quiet times, etc. Seeking a SW/HM, N/S, sincere and humorous. ☎901378

**MARRIAGE MINDED...**  
Nice-looking, warm-hearted, sincere, 37, employed. Looking for the same qualities in a single male, 35-43. ☎940077

**SOULMATE SEARCH**  
Attractive 42-year-old, looking for soulmate, sincere, great SOH. Seeking gentleman, 35-50, no game players. ☎930545

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎933970

**COULD YOU BE THE ONE?**  
SBF, 39, mother of 2, enjoys bowling, bingo. Looking for down-to-earth, child-friendly SM, with strong morals/values, D/D-free, employed, independent, self-sufficient, who knows what he wants in life. ☎930465

**LOOKING FOR LOVE**  
SBF, 45, vivacious, N/S, loves dancing, fitness, theater, dining out, quiet romantic evenings. Seeking a loving, good-hearted man who appreciates the same. ☎934797

**A GOOD & TRUE FRIEND**  
Share with this DBCF, 65, N/S, honest, fun, enjoy outings, breakfast, lunch, dinners? conversation, good, old-school, down-to-earth friendship, sincerity. ☎905535

**ASIAN MAN WANTED**  
Pretty, blue-eyed blonde, 55, plus-sized, warm and bright, seeks intelligent, handsome man for dating. Troy area. ☎827007

**GOOD LOOKER**  
Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, old-school music, and fun times. Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laughter, good times and LTR. ☎725001

**SEEKING A GOOD MAN**  
SBF, 41, 140lbs, 5'4", independent, homeowner, honest, kind-hearted, devoted, loves God, enjoys walks, working out, music. ISO honest, like-minded man to share a friends first relationship. ☎930971

**REALISTIC**  
SBF, 26, 4'11", average build, Virgo, smoker, seeks drama-free, fun BM, 22-29, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. ☎939308

**BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE**  
SF, 47 years young, 5'5", very outgoing, loves family, fun, life. Would like to spend time with someone, 40-60, who loves jazz, concerts, movies, dinners, weekend getaways. ☎208051

**COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT?**  
Are you a big, tall, handsome man? DWF, 47, very attractive, loving, fun, seeks SWM to share life together. ☎443339

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SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-60, who is open-minded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. ☎924352

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**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SF, 24, mother, brown/brown, 5'4", likes skating, skiing, dancing, dining out, good talks, life's simple pleasures. Seeking compatible, caring, SM, to enjoy the good times, friendship and possible LTR. ☎920771

**FORMER MODEL**  
SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎600106

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎891247

**HAPPY & SECURE**  
DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. ☎669606

**KIND HEART**  
Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music, likes working with animals, seeks good-natured single man, 44-60. ☎742466

**LOVING LEO**  
Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests. ☎759316

**GREAT COMPANION**  
SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. ☎633527

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

**SHALL WE DANCE?**  
I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎812098

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Classy, slim, young-looking, SWF, 57, with good personality and values, financially/emotionally stable, ISO SWM, 53-64, with same qualities for serious relationship. ☎867073

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Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing, theater, family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit, 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. ☎652360

**A GOOD FRIEND**  
SWF, 57, full-figured, 5'4", likes movies, dancing, good company. Seeking a nice guy to enjoys a friends first relationship. ☎916193

**ISO MR. RIGHT**  
SBF, 25, 5'3", mother of one, open-minded and fun to be around. Seeking a single male, 28-36, who is ready to settle down and enjoy life. ☎932247

**COME DANCE WITH ME**  
Lovely, trim, warm, intelligent, affectionate, retired JPF, N/S, good SOH. Seeking tall, attractive, educated, romantic, dance partner, who enjoys classical music, theater, movies, books, long walks, and dining out, (70-76). ☎506895

**CHEER ON THE HOME TEAM**  
Widowed WJF, 56, N/S, loves life, cruising, walking, reading, concerts, football, baseball, and basketball. Seeking adventurous WM, 55-66, N/S. ☎938734

**I LISTEN WITH MY HEART**  
Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

## MEN SEEKING WOMEN

**HAPPY DAD**  
Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with. ☎715711

**GOT WIT?**  
DBM, late 40s, homeowner, N/S, loves traveling, taking part in community events, jazz and comedy clubs. Seeking WF, 42-52, smoker, responsible drinker ok, not afraid to take a chance. ☎883266

**STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY**  
Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds, enjoys art, wine tastings, charity, seeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more. ☎548455

**EASY ON THE EYES**  
Well-maintained SWM, 56, who enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops. ☎259844

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

**HELLO OUT THERE**  
SBM, 32, 5'9", light complexion, honest, affectionate seeks attractive woman, to share good times, good talks, day trips and simple fun. Friendship first. ☎934910

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎855207

**THE MEANING OF LIFE**  
Attractive, multiracial (British and Indian) SPM, 37, 165lbs, fit, N/S, world traveler, enjoys sports, theater. Seeking intelligent, witty woman, 19-35, fit, slim, race open. ☎941160

**NO DRAMA HERE**  
SWM, 41, 6'2", 230lbs, with daughter (17), occasional smoker, loves grilled-cooked dishes, camping, and listening to Rush. Seeking WF, 33-45, smoker, for LTR. ☎941236

**MY 411**  
Sexy SBM, 39, 6'3", 230lbs, very attractive, Scorpio, N/S, truck driver, seeks a beautiful woman, 21-40, N/S. ☎939685

**ALONE TOO LONG?**  
Me, too. Male, 38, 5'9", 160lbs, Virgo, N/S, enjoys music, movies, sports. Seeking AF, 30-45, N/S, who enjoys movies, music, and sports. ☎940640

**ATTRACTIVE MALE**  
WM, 6'4", 195lbs, enjoys scuba diving, travel, family, more. Looking for an honest WF, 25-38, who is mature, confident, affectionate, outgoing and easy to talk to. ☎942547

**AGE IS JUST A NUMBER**  
Mature, attractive lady sought by handsome WM, 42, brown/blue, active, homeowner. Interested range from outdoors to movies, to dining and dancing. ☎683230

**LIFE'S A CABARET**  
Classy, romantic, intelligent SWM, 50, well-traveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55. Let's share life, romance, and laughter. ☎480718

**OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY**  
DWM, 64, 5'11", 190lbs, self-employed, N/S, socially drinker, great SOH. I am looking for the right lady to spend time with, get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship. ☎891796

**HOW ABOUT ME?**  
Caring SWM, 35, looking for a nice woman with a big heart and warm smile to share the special moments in life. ☎938379

**SHARE LIFE WITH ME**  
affectionate, sincere SBM, 45, chef by trade, seeks spiritual, down-to-earth lady who enjoys attending church, bowling and lifes simple pleasures, to snare companionship, happiness, maybe love. ☎933984

**HERE I AM**  
Good-looking SM, 36, N/S, N/D, good-humored, likes romance, music, movies, biking. Seeking fit, fun, honest SF, 24-42, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎937190

**LET'S GO OUT**  
SWM, 24, 5'5", medium build, hazel eyes, Gemini, smoker, self-sufficient, works at a steel factory, loves camping. Seeking WF, 18-30, smoker. ☎940524

**ROMANTICIST**  
SBPM, 50, 6', athletic build, salt-n-pepper hair and mustache, Libra, N/S, loves cooking, arts and crafts, and museums. Seeking classy, trustworthy, humorous BF, 40-61, N/S. ☎939188

**WORTH THE CHANCE**  
Attractive DWM, 31, 6', light brown/green, lean build, independent, enjoys outdoors, nights out, or just cuddling on the couch. Seeking a good friend to possibly develop a relationship with. 20-35. ☎942424

**POSITIVE PERSONALITY**  
Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion, 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, fun-loving, seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe more. ☎514300

**TRY ME**  
Honest and up front SBM, 39, 5'8", 165lbs, open-minded and kind-hearted enjoys movies, theater, jazz concerts, romance. Seeking a beautiful, fun-loving, honest lady to share the good times in life. ☎933866

**ONE-ON-ONE TIME**  
DWM, medium build, Oakland County, enjoys comedies, walks, quiet times. Seeking medium to full-figured woman, 30-50, affectionate, romantic, casual dresser. ☎278513

**LIFE IS TOO SHORT...**  
not to share it with someone. SWM, 50, Italian descent, Scorpio, N/S, no children, seeks WF, 46-55, to connect with. ☎935694

**ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC**  
Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook. ☎642092

**COULD IT BE YOU?**  
SWM, 40s, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest and secure, enjoys hunting, Harleys and the outdoors. Seeking attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/D-free, comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes ☎798519

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SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

**LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER**  
SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎869189

**TRUE GENTLEMAN**  
SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. ☎912726

**SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED**  
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

**WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?**  
SBM, Native American, never married, 40, 5'8", 170lbs, enjoys cooking, soft music, and stormy, rainy nights. Seeking nice, full-figured, SF, 30-40, with similar interests. Honest and N/S. Enjoys evening walks. ☎854016

**BIG THREE ENGINEER**  
Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, very laid-back, family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, and going to the gym. Seeking SF, 20-45, race open, H/W proportionate, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎822912

**TRY ME**  
SBM, 32, 5'11", 200lbs, attractive fun, seeks goal-oriented and sincere, who knows how to enjoy life. ☎934603

**INTERESTED**  
SBM, 20, 5'5", dark complexion, likes hanging with friends, the outdoors, movies and more. Looking for a level-headed, fun SF, not into games, to share good times friends. ☎936039

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SM, 25, college-graduate, employed, active, looking for a nice girl, to share good times, talks, friendship and fun. ☎936061

**LOOKING FOR YOU**  
SBM, 58, father, looking for a loving, affectionate, polite, good-natured, classy, intelligent lady, race open, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, to share happiness. ☎935752

**WHY NOT CALL?**  
SBM, 24, 6'4", well-built, 205lbs, likes sports, time with friends. Seeking a cool, genuine, lady, 30-35, to share the good things in life. friendship first. ☎937972

**TRY ME**  
SBM, 18, 6'1", hazel eyes, light complexion, dimples, looking for a cool, genuine, level-headed female to share good times, good talks, friendship and more. ☎938647

**IN THIS BOX, YOU HAVE...**  
a good-looking, well-built SBM, 33, 6'3", bald, goatee, safe, sane, D/D-free, N/S, seeks sexy, good-looking woman, 35-70. ☎940135

**A BIT ABOUT ME...**  
SWM, 42, 5'10", 185lbs, brown/brown, enjoys boating, dining out, dancing, pool, bowling, darts. Seeking a SW/HF, 25-52, who is interested in a LTR. ☎914372

**SWM DESIRES SBF**  
Call me if you desire a nice shape, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs. Desires one on one for friendship and definitely romance. ☎777324

**LOVELY & READY**  
SWM, 49, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. ☎860305

**NEW DREAM TEAM?**  
Spend some time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. ☎550046

**MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW**  
Open-minded, fairly articulate, somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talks and walks, pets, reading, etc. Seeking SWF companion. ☎114862

**PICK A WINNER**  
SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-looking, youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with. ☎730508

**CUTE & CUDDLY**  
Nice SWM, 50s, with wisdom, wit and warmth, can be fun, charming, helpful and who knows what else. would like to meet a nice lady and see what develops. ☎478746

**SECURE**  
WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. ☎828139

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with. Age open. ☎833911

**A SPECIAL GUY**  
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

**ANYONE OUT THERE?**  
SWM, 26, brown/blue, 5'10", 180lbs, firefighter, looking to share friendship and fun, with an easygoing, open-minded, loving SF. ☎930567

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# China Invasion Coming

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A Chinese invasion of the North American market was just a matter of time. And indeed, Geely, China's seventh-largest auto maker, expects to bring thousands of econoboxes to the United States within the next couple of years. And Chery, slightly larger than Geely, plans to import a slew of mid-market models beginning in 2007, in cooperation with Malcolm Bricklin, who brought us the Yugo in the Eighties.

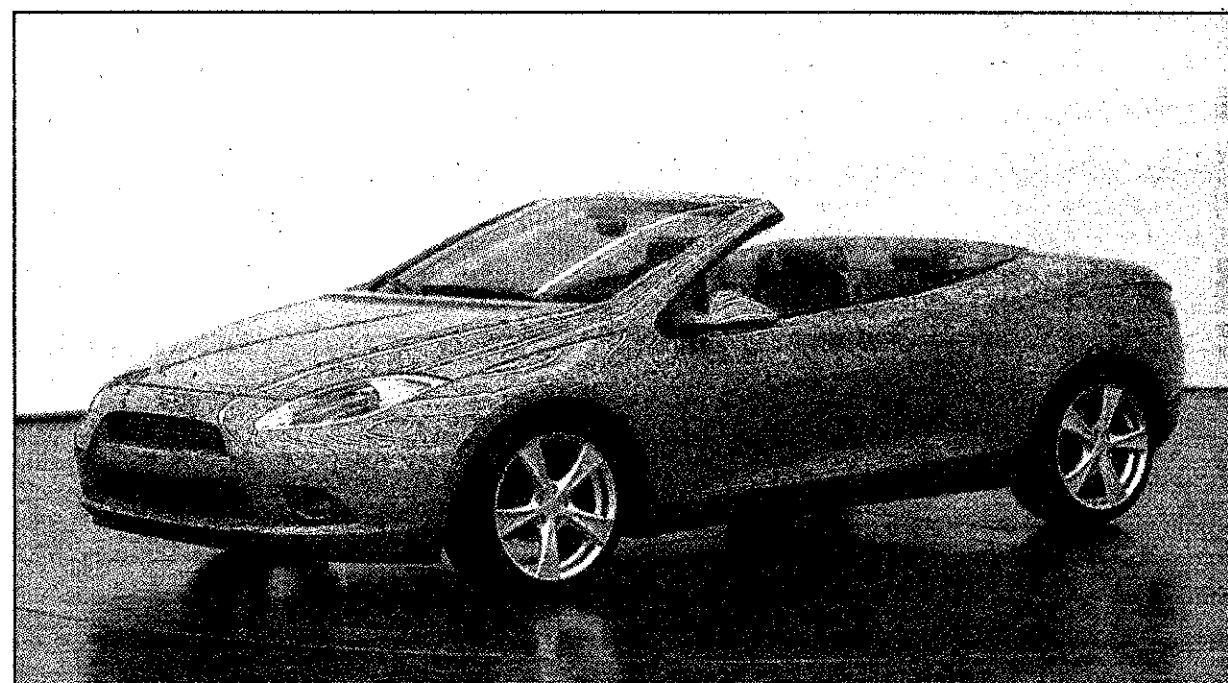
The issue is whether these initial ventures by Geely and Chery will be triumphant – or merely the first casualties on the beach in a protracted battle for a Chinese foothold in America.

At least both Chinese companies know how to get attention for their plans. Geely was founded in 1986 and began as a maker of refrigerators and motorcycle parts, then segued into the auto business after it bought a minivan manufacturer. Geely-USA, its American operation, made its splash at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January.

Geely plans to import a compact sedan and a sports car and have them on sale in the United States in the fall of 2008, several months earlier than it initially had expected. John Harmer, a Salt Lake City attorney who is Geely's top representative in the United States, told reporters and gawking onlookers in Detroit. The sporty compact will be an overseas version of one that Geely makes and sells in China called Beauty Leopard, which is distinguished by its built-in karaoke machine.

"This is a very basic and practical car," says Harmer, vice president and chief operating officer of Geely-USA. "This will be marketed to young families who will take the kids to school in it, to the grocery store, to church – but it also has the ability to go 2,000 miles for the trip to Grandma and Grandpa's house once or twice a year. But there won't be a global positioning satellite receiver in this car."

Chery, on the other hand, wasn't conceding a thing about its planned U.S. lineup when it introduced the cars at the National Auto Dealers Association annual convention in Orlando in February. Bricklin's plan, through new company Visionary Vehicles LLC, is to



Chevrolet will soon offer the M14 Convertible.

import a line of five vehicles with luxury appointments but prices as low as under \$20,000. The imports are to include a sedan, a four-wheel-drive sport-utility vehicle and a retractable-hard-top convertible.

"We're going right for the sweet spot of the market," says Paul Lambert, president of North American marketing for Tribeca, N.Y.-based Visionary. "They're Italian-designed with engine configurations by AVL [an Austrian firm]. They're going to have luxurious interiors with real wood and incredibly lush leather, so you're going to be sitting in a \$70,000 or \$80,000 car – but you're only going to pay \$19,000 to \$25,000 for it."

Rights to sell Chery's line will require an investment of \$2 million in the Bricklin-Chery joint venture. In return, dealers will receive broad territories that will number no more than 250 nationwide, promised sales margins of 15% compared with the accepted industry average of 6% to 9%, and a voice in management decisions.

"We're going to have the dealers that own the company with us participate in contributing strong opinions and information about warranties, operating procedures, marketing and product priorities," says Lambert, the former head of an ad agency that represented Yugo who was willing to ride Bricklin's bandwagon again.

Geely isn't as far along in its efforts to establish a dealer network, with Harmer saying that he expects to

"begin actually entering into firm agreements with dealers about a year from now." He doesn't expect to begin sales "with a totally integrated, nationwide dealer network."

Experts differ on whether Chery or Geely has a better chance of succeeding in the U.S. market. They both face big questions not only about how their vehicles will be distributed but also about product quality, regulatory compliance, and even the bad politics of having the misfortune of eyeing the U.S. market in the wake of the layoffs of tens of thousands of American auto workers.

David Cole of the University of Michigan's Center for Automotive Research believes that Geely's proposition may be tougher because "we already have new \$10,000 cars" in the U.S. market by ensconced manufacturers, including Honda's new Fifth subcompact and the Chevrolet Aveo. But China-U.S. business consultant Savio Chan believes that Geely has "a better business model" than Chery because Chery is "overambitious" in trying to sell higher-end cars in bigger numbers.

No matter what, Chan says, Chery and Geely's fates are tied together. "They'll be looked at here as one bunch, like Honda and Toyota," he says. "So if one fails and has a problem, it'll closely affect the other. People will say, 'These are Chinese cars.' Or if they succeed, this could help them become the Honda and Toyota of China."

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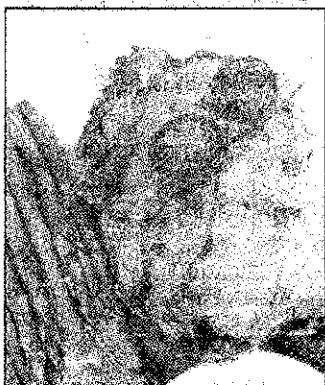
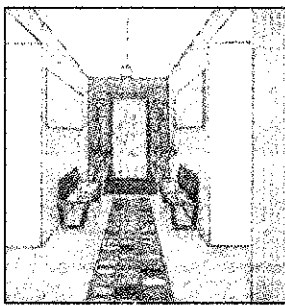


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Stuffed Chicken Breast is one of the many Passover dishes at Bloom's Jewish Cuisine in Farmington Hills.

## It's time: Passover

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Shirlee Bloom gets a little busier this time of year.

It's time for Passover, which begins Wednesday, April 12, and the catering specialist at Bloom's Jewish Cuisine in Farmington Hills expects to serve be busier.

Bloom, who continues a catering tradition started by her parents Lil and Harry Bloom in 1952, uses matzah meal, matza farfel or cake meal, instead of flour and yeast, for Passover meals.

It's all part of this Jewish festival, symbolizing the Jewish exodus from slavery.

When Jews left Egypt, they left in a hurry and the bread didn't have time to rise, so they consumed unleavened portions on their long journey. To this day, unleavened bread is

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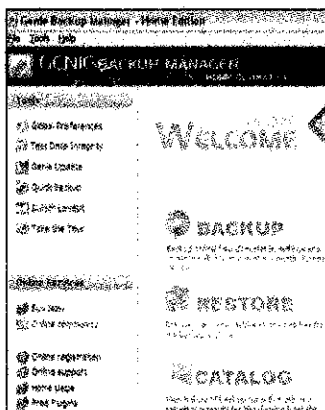
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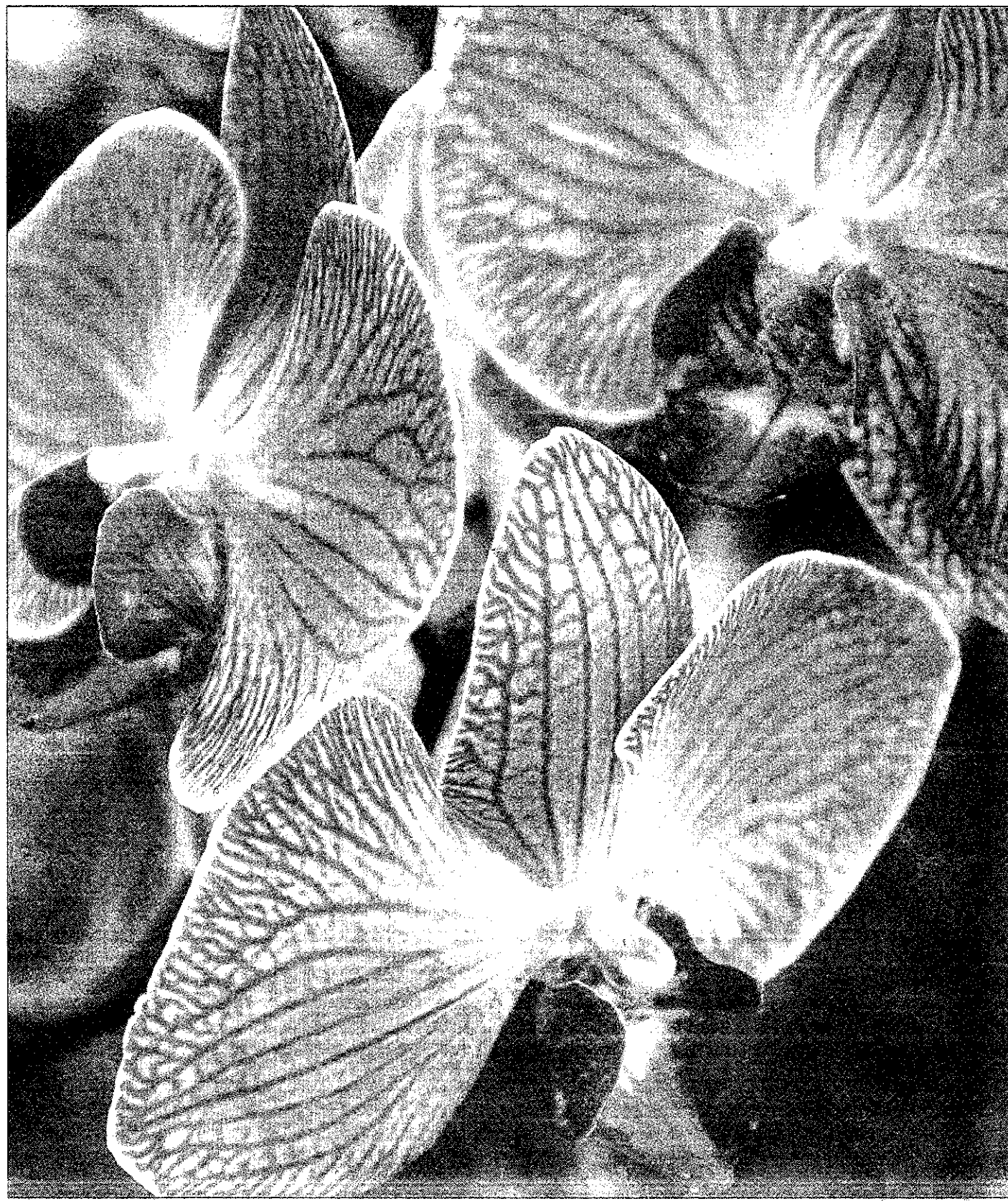
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This phalaenopsis is at the home of Cheryl and Dan Ciemiak.

## Beautiful orchids fascinate, delight

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

The combination of unusual and ethereal plants looks like something in a faraway paradise.

A variety of petals is on view - some broad and almost flat, some wispy, some with shaded accents or delicate designs, some seemingly balanced on graceful, arched stems. Roots curl around and even through containers, or hang in cascading lengths.

But such a display could be at your neighbor's house - or even your own. This one is at the home of Glenda Lask of Bloomfield Hills, a member of the Michigan Orchid Society.

"An orchid is not a treasure that you have to worry about having an endangered species," she said.

Lask, who was elected chair of the Great Lakes Judging Center at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, tends around 1,000 orchids at her home, in and out of a greenhouse.

"There is something always flow-



Cheryl and Dan Ciemiak enjoy their greenhouse at their West Bloomfield home. They started growing orchids 20 years ago.



Glenda Lask grows about 1,000 orchids at her Bloomfield Hills home. She is a member of the Michigan Orchid Society, which is having its Palm Sunday show in Livonia this weekend.



PLEASE SEE **ORCHIDS, D6** This spotted orchid at the Ciemiak home is called Tiger Crow "Golden Girl."

## Accents

### Friendly fertilizers

The Earth-friendly Fertilizer program of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority helps residents who want to improve the quality of their lawns in an environmentally friendly way.

The 21 hardware stores and garden centers in Oakland County participating in the program this year receive bright green stickers to designate recommended fertilizers.

For more information, call SOCWA at (248) 288-5150.

### A tap tip

"You turn on a faucet and all you get is a trickle - or streams squirting left and right. The problem might not be in your faucet, at all; it might be the small device on the end of the spout called an aerator," say James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"The aerator is there to mix air into the water stream and to provide an even splash-free flow.

"But its screen traps all kinds of debris, from rust particles to calcium deposits. Over time, it gradually cuts the flow, leaving only a dribble or weak pressure.

"The solution is an easy one. Unscrew the aerator, first wrapping it with masking tape to protect the surface, then using pliers for a solid grip.

"Once it's off, remove the gunk from the screen (soak overnight in vinegar, if needed) and screw it back on."

### Landscape walk

Scott Kunst, owner and head gardener of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, will host a Guided Historic Landscape Walk through Ann Arbor's Old West Side Historic District in May.

The hourlong, leisurely sidewalk tour will explore relics of the historic landscape that survive in any older neighborhood: trees that predate the pioneers, tiny garages built for Model T's, antique arbors and bird-baths ... even historic weeds, Kunst said.

To register, call (734) 995-1486. Pre-payment of the \$10 admission is required.

Times are 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11; 10 a.m. Monday, May 15; 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 17; or 11 a.m. Saturday, May 20. Each walk will start at the Jefferson Market at 609 W. Jefferson in Ann Arbor. For more information, e-mail charlie@old-housegardens.com or call (734) 995-1486.

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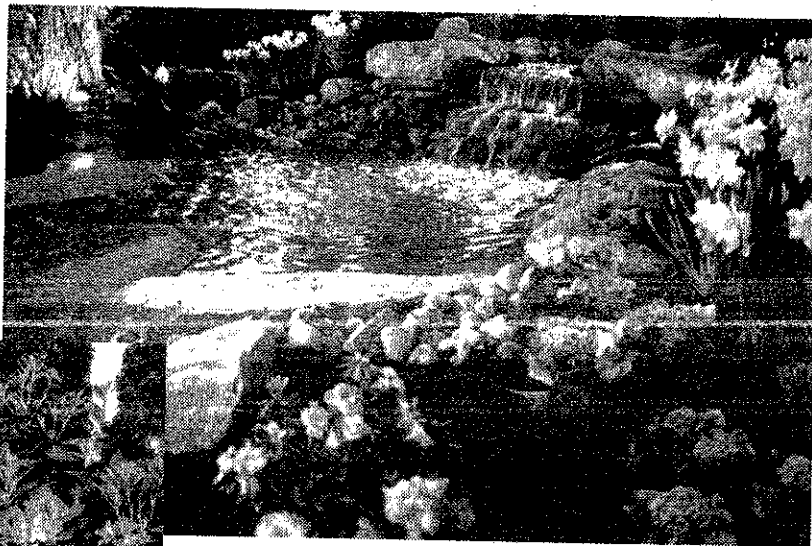
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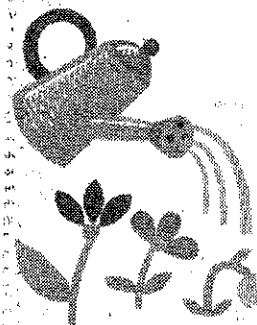
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# Students make creative space for carpets

BY MARY KLEMIC  
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A rug is more than a furnishing to participants in The Ghiordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Creative Space Competition.

Each year design students answer the challenge to illustrate the use of a carpet in a room setting, making the rug the focal point.

The room design is to be built

around a carpet that is provided by The Ghiordes Knot, which is at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

Responses show style and imagination, as the rugs become strong artistic elements in many different types of settings.

"It's very interesting," said Ann Parker, The Ghiordes Knot showroom manager. "It's a good opportunity for the students to gain knowledge of the rugs and an understanding of how they're

made."

A panel of professional designers, all ASID members, selects the winning designs. The Ghiordes Knot furnishes \$1,000 in prize money: \$500 for first place and \$250 for each of two honorable mentions.

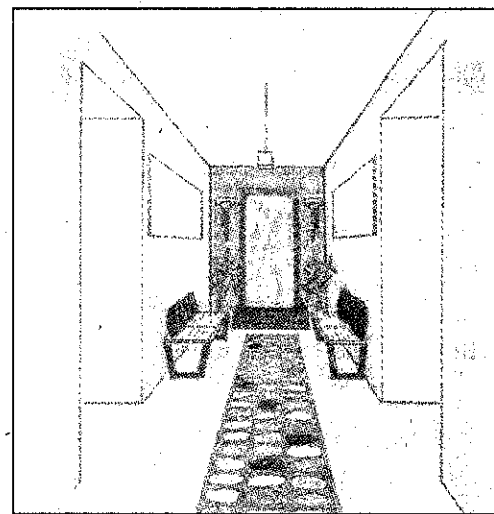
The winning designs will be displayed at the design center on Student Career Day, April 7.

This is the 17th year of the competition. Twenty-three entries were received.

Carrie McCallum of Harrison Township, a Baker College student, was awarded first place.

Crystal T. Poniatowski, a student at Michigan State University, and Yolanda Rangel of Fowlerville, a student at the International Academy of Design and Technology, were awarded honorable mention.

Contestants work with actual carpets from The Ghiordes Knot, which provides photographs of the rugs. Many partic-



Carrie McCallum, a student at Michigan State University, was awarded first place in The Ghiordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Creative Space Competition for this design. Participants were challenged to illustrate the use of a carpet in a room setting, with the rug the focal point.

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ipants also visit the showroom to see the carpets.

The rugs this year were Canterbury by Asmara, a needlepoint carpet, and Story Stones by Odegard. Both are hand-knotted.

Canterbury was to be depicted as a 10-by-14-foot rug, and Story Stones as a 3-by-12-foot runner. Submitted entries had to feature a rendering of the design, mounted on a mat, with a statement by the student on the back. Entries that didn't follow the design requirements and instructions for submission were eliminated.

All three prize winners chose Story Stones.

McCallum's inspiration for her design came from the rug's earthy colors and stone pattern, she wrote in her entry statement. McCallum placed the rug between two benches.

Poniatowski's design was inspired by the Bauhaus movement, she wrote.

The rug is by geometric furnishings in her design, including a box-shaped sofa and chair, a triangular coffee table and a round end table. The tables are clear, and the room looks out onto a wooded scene.

In her design, Rangel placed the rug in a spa, between two benches in a cream-colored room.

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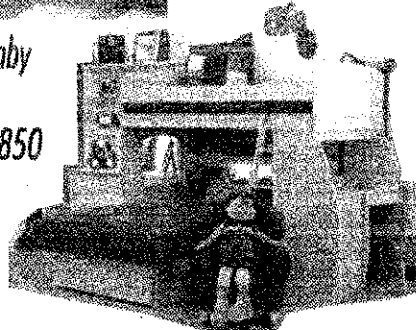
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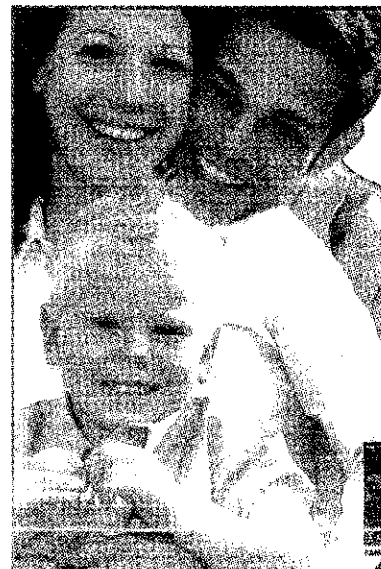
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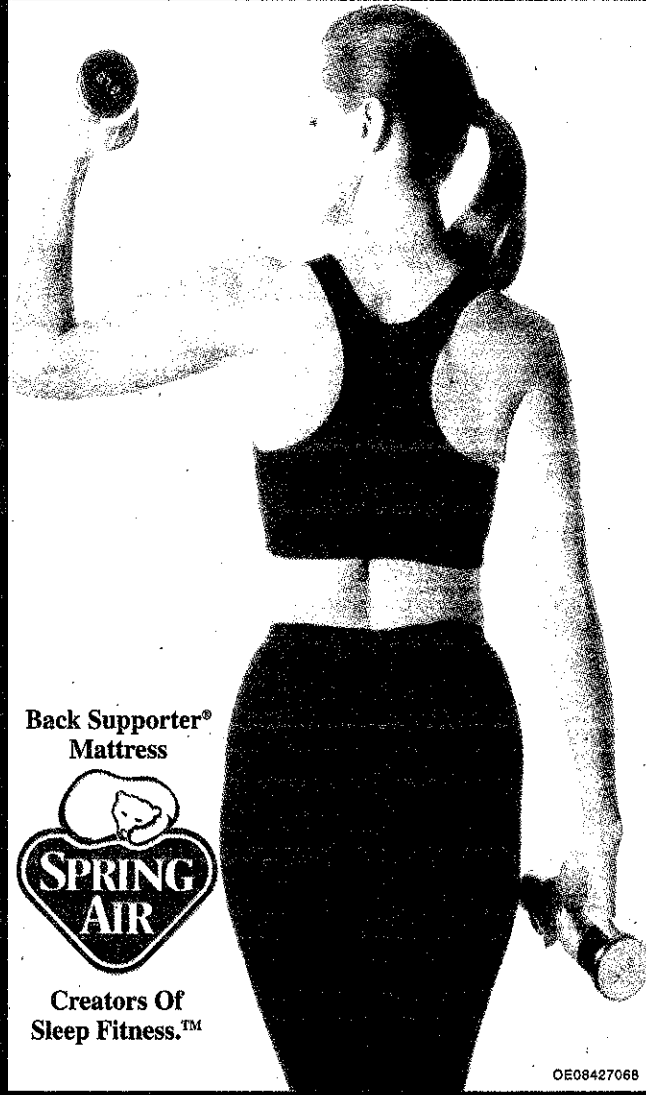
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## Spring home, garden show set for weekend

The Spring Home & Garden Show®, produced by Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA), will take place Friday-Sunday, April 7-9, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

More than 500 exhibitors will line the aisles and offer advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts, crafts, heating, cooling and appliances.

"The possibilities are endless," said James P. Babcock, president of BIA.

"Using the array of resources available at the show, homeowners and idea seekers can save a lot of time and money by simply strolling through the show and taking advantage of the experts and talent under one roof."

The Rock Financial Showplace is on Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck.

Show hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for ages 65 and older, free for children under age 12 when accompanied by an adult. Ample parking is available at the Rock Financial Showplace for a fee.

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Don Engebretson, the "Renegade Gardener," will present a seminar, Top 10 gardening Blunders and How to Avoid Them.

Seminars will also be presented by local experts, including *Roses for Michigan* author Nancy Lindley and master gardeners from the Michigan School of Gardening. Little Valley Homes in Novi will display and showcase three model manufactured homes at the show, ranging from a starter through an upscale home.

Each will feature a profession-

ally designed landscaped garden to provide a visual example of the great possibilities attendees can create for their own home.

More than 30,000 square feet of landscaped displays, created by dozens of local landscape companies, will decorate a quarter of the show.

Stone City will offer do-it-yourself brick paving workshops. Attendees can learn how to install brick pavers and garden walls and how to seal the brickwork.

A newly built brick patio will be put to great use by housing the Barbecue Bonanza featuring the Grilling Buddies Mad Dog & Merrill, who will host hilarious seminars all weekend.

The Spring Home & Garden Show, along with Rock

Financial and AM 910 Radio Disney, are giving away The Ultimate Backyard Makeover. Register at the show to win a \$10,000 prize package.

Children can enjoy do-it-yourself workshops too. AM 910 Radio Disney and Home Depot of Novi will host workshops for youngsters Saturday and Sunday.

There will also be a spring-time petting zoo with bunnies, chicks and even a visit from the Easter Bunny.

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# Clean dishwasher with the Tang treatment

Mr. Miller sent an e-mail: "Over the years I believe Joe Gagnon said that Tang, the orange drink, can be used to clean a dishwasher. Do I remember correctly?"



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radio shows, the Tang dishwasher treatment is my most popular secret.)

Today you can shop for products in stores that are designed for the purpose of cleaning dishwashers, and it wouldn't surprise me if those products contained some Tang in them.

I've never been good at keeping secrets and I'm always proud to

have shared this one with the world.

The orange Tang powdered breakfast drink has the correct amount of acidic content and abrasive characteristic to clean the interior parts of the dishwasher and yet completely dissolve in one application.

The interior walls and surfaces will be clean and even smell good when you open the door.

Most important, though, are the surfaces you can't see. Take the front bottom area where the door meets the cabinet. If you run your finger along that edge, it may come out with a black slime on it.

Take the motor impellers that are used to give you a strong flow of water through the wash arms. They may be coated with this black slime, which will decrease the flow of water and give you poor wash ability.

Another area affected by this black slime can be the soap dispenser doors, which will stick either open or closed.

The black slime can also cause a dishwasher to have a door leak because the door seal doesn't set against the frame as tightly as it

should.

The black slime so grossly mentioned here is simply undissolved detergent. It doesn't look good, smells worse and isn't eye-appealing to anyone using a dishwasher. The major effect it has is slowing down the motor impellers.

Many consumers have told me how much cleaner their dishes come out after giving the dishwasher a Tang treatment.

The factor of undissolved detergent is usually a result of the water inside the dishwasher not being hot enough. Water temperature must be at least 140 degrees or hotter to do the job effectively.

Care should be used by parents of infants whenever they raise the hot water temperature on the hot water tank.

The kitchen sink faucet should always be turned on for a minute or so before using the dishwasher. Most people don't get into the habit of doing this, which results in cold water entering the dishwasher during the fill cycle.

Too much detergent placed into the cup on the door is another cause.

A good rule of thumb is 1 or 2

level teaspoons used with a water softener system, or 7 or 8 level teaspoons used with city water supplied to a home.

Here is the Tang treatment:

You need hot water. Turn on the faucet for a minute at the sink, then turn on the dishwasher. Let it run for five minutes so that it fills with water and then shut it off.

Open the door and dump the contents of a 16-ounce jar of Tang powdered breakfast drink directly into the water in the bottom of the dishwasher.

Shut the door, turn on the dishwasher and let it go through the rest of the cycle. You have now performed the Tang treatment.

Note: Don't use the Tang treatment if your dishwasher has a leaking door and you have white carpet in your kitchen. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to [mklemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com) and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

## BROIDA

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second hard drive and running an "imaging" program like CasperXP ([fssdev.com](http://fssdev.com)).

This time out, let's talk about data: your Word documents, MP3s, digital photos, financial records, address books, e-mail boxes, Web links and other invaluable files. The stuff you'd be horrified to lose.

Even if you back up your entire hard drive, you should strongly consider a secondary backup consisting of just your data.

For one thing, it tends to be a faster and easier process – especially if you have the right software at your disposal.

What's more, a data-only backup (unlike a full system backup) can usually be stored on CDs or DVDs, which are inexpensive and can easily be moved from one PC to another.

They can also be copied and stored somewhere other than your home or office – meaning you're protected in case of fire or some other disaster.

Indeed, all you really need to make fast, effective, versatile backups is a CD or DVD burner (which most PCs have nowadays), some blank discs, and the aforementioned "right software."

I've found just the program: Genie Backup Manager Home Edition 6.0 ([genie-soft.com](http://genie-soft.com)).

I've looked at a lot of similar utilities over the years, and I've never seen one as smartly designed.

It's incredibly simple, walking you through a handful of basic steps ("Where to Backup," "What to Backup," etc.) and allowing you to easily find important files and settings.

I particularly admire its plug-in capabilities, which enable you to easily back up third-party programs like Firefox, Quicken, iTunes and so on. That saves you having to figure out which files are the crucial ones for these programs.

At nearly any step along the way, you can view an animated tutorial explaining the backup and restore procedures, or access a comprehensive built-in help file.

(Because this is shareware rather than a boxed retail program, there's no printed manual. But I think few users would need one.)

GBM can span backups across multiple CDs or DVDs. Of course, you're not limited to optical media – the program also lets you back up to removable drives, other PCs on your network, and even remote locations (though you need some knowledge of FTP for this).

You can compress your backups to maximize the available storage; set up automated, unattended backup sessions; secure your backups with passwords and/or encryption; and even create a self-restoring backup – one that will restore your data to any PC whether GBM is installed or not.

In short, GBM has every feature a good backup program should, along with plenty of automation and customization options for novices and experts alike.

It's a hair on the pricey side at \$49.95, but weigh that against the cost of losing all your data to spyware, a virus or some other catastrophe.

Believe me, these things happen. Having a reliable backup at the ready isn't optional – it's essential.

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## ORCHIDS

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ering all the time."

A similar Eden-like environment is at the home of Dan and Cheryl Ciemiński of West Bloomfield, also Michigan Orchid Society members, who tend an estimated 200 orchids.

They started raising orchids on a window sill about 20 years ago after attending an orchid show, and now have a greenhouse containing these and other flowers. Orchids are also displayed around the house.

"I just found an orchid I liked," Cheryl said, explaining how the couple got started with the plants.

"Regular houseplants, I can't keep 'em. I don't understand that," she said with a smile.

The Michigan Orchid Society will have its annual Palm Sunday show this weekend in Livonia (*see related item*).

Between 500 and 600 orchids will be exhibited and thousands will be for sale, 10 to 15 vendors will sell items, and about 30 displays will be featured, said Troy resident Joe Peterson, the organization's program director.

"The flowers are beautiful," he said. "It's like being in the jungle when you walk into the show. Some are quite exotic."

"Come to a show," Lask advised would-be growers. "There are lots of dealers there. You see the plants and see what appeals to you."

### TYPES

Orchids are strong and resilient. Different types have different requirements, such as the amount of

### PALM SUNDAY ORCHID SHOW

■ **What:** The Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show, featuring between 500 and 600 orchids on display. Vendors will be available.

■ **When:** Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9.

■ **Where:** Laurel Park Place Mall, 37700 W. Six Mile at Newburgh, just east of I-275 in Livonia.

■ **Admission:** Free.

humidity, light and heat.

You can find orchids that would thrive in the conditions at your home. A special structure such as a greenhouse or an orchidarium isn't needed.

Approximately 30,000 species of orchids grow around the world. Orchids are found on every continent except Antarctica.

Lask's orchids include epiphytes (air plants) that she mounts on wires. These and other orchids that don't require soil can be grown in fir or redwood tree bark, crumbled charcoal or pebbles, or on tree-fern or cork plaque.

(Other types of orchids are lithophytes, which cling to rock surfaces; saprophytes, which grow in decaying vegetation on forest floors; and terrestrials, which secure themselves in soil or sand.)

Lask has been growing orchids since 1975, when a neighbor got her started.

"I've collected orchids from many places in the world," she said.

Among her plants are vandas, bulbophyllum, paphiopedilums (slipper orchids), coelogyne, cattleyas and phalaenopsis. The latter, called moth orchid because its blooms resemble moths, is easy to grow and recommended for beginners.

"You can keep them flowering for months," Lask said.

There is an ascocenda, Ashley Love "Scarlet Beauty," with a deep color, and a brightly patterned Cindy Banks vanda.

On a smaller scale are neofinetia falcata, which is grown for its leaves, and Yosemite Sam, which has a tiny, star-like bloom that resembles the drooping mustache of the cartoon character for which it is named.

"My worst pests are slugs and snails," Lask said.

She uses soap and water, or soap and alcohol, instead of pesticides.

The Ciemińskis have a wide variety of orchids, including vandas, dendrobium and cattleyas.

Among the types of phalaenopsis they raise are the brightly colored Baldan's Kaleidoscope and Little Emperor. The multi-branched Tiger Crow "Golden Girl" is a glorious yellow.

Odbrs. Kenneth Biven has curving, spindly petals. The leaves of macodes petola almost glow in the dark.

Dan's favorite is the Fire Dance cattleya, which fits its name, having the color of flames.

"Lady slippers tend to be not as colorful," he said. "Now I'm into bright colors."

"My favorite this week is villosum," Cheryl said, indicating a pastel-col-

ored slipper orchid.

The Ciemińskis' greenhouse has blinds because it faces west and gets hot.

### TIPS

Tips from Lask and the Ciemińskis include:

■ When buying your first orchid plant, get one that is blooming so you'll know what the flowers look like.

■ Look for a healthy plant. The leaves should be clean and firm. "Feel the leaves," Dan Ciemiński said. "It should have strong leaves."

■ Grow orchids in a bark-type mix instead of sphagnum moss, which is hard to get moist if it dries out.

■ Don't overfeed orchids. "They're very light feeders," Lask said.

■ Remember, what works for one person might not work for someone else. "Don't consider yourself a failure (if your orchids die). Don't give up," said Lask, who has lost orchids.

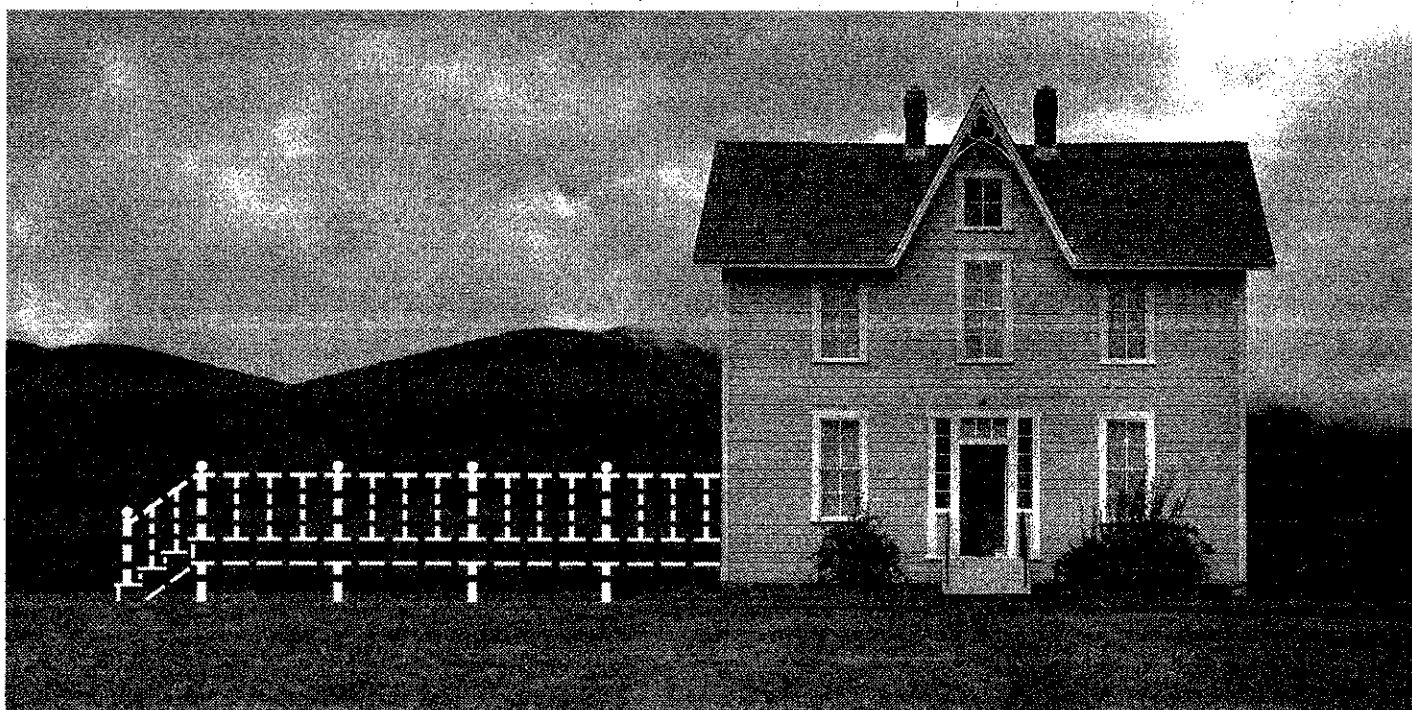
■ Attend Michigan Orchid Society meetings, which feature a plant table discussion and a speaker. The society also offers study groups, a summer workshop and special activities.

The Michigan Orchid Society meets the third Sunday of the month at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates, north of Maple (15 Mile), between Southfield Road and Woodward in Birmingham.

Doors open at 2 p.m. and the regular meeting starts at 2:30 p.m. For more information about orchids, visit the Web sites of the Michigan Orchid Society ([www.miorchids.com](http://www.miorchids.com)) and the American Orchid Society ([www.orchidweb.org/](http://www.orchidweb.org/)).

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# Making a name in the wine business

Some people take direct routes to their vocational goals. Tony Peju took the long route to his ultimate career, making wine in Napa Valley.

From his birthplace in Azerbaijan on the Caspian Sea to France, England, Los Angeles and finally Napa Valley, Peju's love of wine and agriculture were the driving force.

While studying filmmaking in Los Angeles, Peju made his living in the florist industry, real estate, and eventually a nursery, but he really looked forward to owning a farm. Scouting for property, he traveled from the Mexican border to Santa Barbara, but it was not until he took the leap to Napa Valley that he knew he had found his dream location.

## HOW GOOD CAN IT GET?

By 1983, after searching for two years, Peju found a small property in a very good neighborhood. Instead of his original thought of 500 acres, he had to settle for 30, but the property was located on Highway 29 with Robert Mondavi, Niebaum-Coppola, Beaulieu Vineyards and Cakebread as neighbors. How good is that?

Vineyards on the property were yielding some very good cabernet sauvignon that was sold to nearby wineries.

When word got back to Peju that



Focus on wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

winemakers were very happy with the results they achieved with his grapes, he decided it was time he made his own wine. That headed Peju to University of California Davis to study winemaking.

When Peju began to make and sell wine, he was convinced that the old block cabernet sauvignon would be the core of Peju Province winery's success. When phylloxera became a problem in Napa Valley, Peju was forced to replant his vineyard to disease resistant rootstock, but the top wood was grafted from the original block.

These vines were named the HB clonal selection, after Peju's wife, Herta Behensky. Although the original age and origin are unknown, that clonal selection, grown in the Rutherford appellation, is given credit for the distinctive character of Peju Province estate cabernet sauvignon.

## MAIN ATTRACTION

Today, visitors are attracted to Peju

Province not only for its wines, but as a horticultural attraction along Highway 29 in the Napa Valley.

The tasting room is a 50-foot, copper roofed tower, reminiscent of French Provincial architecture, surrounded by two acres of a garden environment, reflecting Tony and Herta's horticultural talents.

Peju Province's chef and hospitality director Max Duley has created a wine program that goes way beyond a tasting room.

Visitors can take advantage of three levels of wine classes, food demonstrations, winemaker dinners and hands-on cooking classes, all designed to give visitors the opportunity to increase their understanding of food, wine and how they enhance each other.

"We have a monthly calendar that lists all of the classes available to visitors," Duley said. "It's a great way for wine enthusiasts to have a more in-depth experience during their visit to Napa Valley. What could be more fun than finding new ways of bringing food, wine and people together?" To request a calendar of events, e-mail info@peju.com.

Here is what you should buy from Peju Province:

■ 2004 Sauvignon Blanc (\$17) is picked at three stages of flavor development, each adding a different com-

ponent to the wine. Pineapple, citrus and melon pair together to provide a complex whole.

■ 2004 Chardonnay (\$23) is a generous, full, well-balanced wine with chablis-like mineral notes, apple, tropical fruits and a toasty finish.

■ 2002 Merlot (\$36). Red currants introduce a mellow merlot that delivers a nice note of spicy new French oak in a balanced package.

■ 2002 Syrah (\$33). In the style of the Northern Rhone, this wine has good fruit elements with a firm backbone and tannins.

■ 2001 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$39). Black currant and cranberry aromas introduce a concentrated wine with good structure and long finish.

■ 2002 Zinfandel (\$26). Ripe raspberry jam aromas and flavors combine with smoky notes leading to a long finish.

■ 2002 Cabernet Franc (\$42). Perfuming, earthy, and black raspberry aromas introduce ripe, jammy fruit flavors, finishing with notes of vanilla and chocolate.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

## WINE PICKS FOR PASSOVER

Indisputably, American-born winemaker Victor Schoenfeld, armed with an enology degree from University of California Davis, makes the best kosher wine (not mevushal) in Israel under the Yarden label. For Passover (beginning at sundown April 12) this year, we recommend the following Yarden wines available in this market:

■ 2002 Yarden Galilee Syrah \$22 that is complex and rich with elevated flavor concentration and just the right touch of oak.

■ 2001 Yarden El Rom Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$45 with lush blackberry and cassis flavors leading to a cocoa/chocolate-like finish.

■ 2002 Yarden Galilee Muscat \$15/375mL is a remarkably fresh, not overly sweet dessert wine.

■ 2002 Yarden Galilee "Heights Wine" Gewurztraminer \$25/375mL is a lush and rich wine that is dessert in a glass - one of the best sweet gewurztraminers, rivaling those produced in the Alsace region of France.

## PASSOVER

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eaten during the eight days of Passover.

"You must do that during Passover," Bloom said. "There's nothing with flour in it."

Soon it will be time for the cleansing of the kitchen — tough work if you are baking all the time.

"You have to take everything out of the kitchen and use only Passover foods," Bloom said. "It's really a big job, cleaning all the cupboards and refrigerator. The stoves have to be blown out at 500 or 600 degrees and the utensils cooked. It's a giant project."

"It's the hardest holiday of the year, but it's fun. It's nice for the family and it's all worth it when you're done."

The first two nights are celebrated with a feast called a Seder (SAY-der).

The word Seder literally means order of service. It is a ceremonial dinner marked by the retelling of the story of the Exodus from Egypt through the use of prayers, songs and ceremonial foods.

A special book, the Haggadah (hah-GAH-dah), is used during the Seder. The word Haggadah means "the telling" of the story or narrative.

The head of the household serves as the leader of the Seder, directing the reading of the Haggadah. Everyone participates, including the youngest person, who recites a Passover tradition, "The Four Questions." The Haggadah tells the story of Passover through answers to the Four Questions.

## FOODS

The Seder plate consists of ritual foods.

A roasted lamb bone is a reminder of the lamb slaughtered and eaten by Jewish families on the eve of Passover in biblical times.

Horseradish, or Maror, is the bitter herb to remind Jews of the bitterness of slavery.

Charos is a sweet mixture of chopped apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine, symbolizing the mortar made to hold together the bricks the Jews produced while slaves in Egypt.

Karpas is a green vegetable, either parsley or celery.

## GEFILTE FISH

1 1/2 pounds ground whitefish  
1/2 pound ground pickerel  
1 1/2 cup matzo meal  
5 eggs  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 medium ground carrot  
1 medium ground onion  
1 tablespoon kosher salt  
1 teaspoon white pepper

Mix whitefish, pickerel, eggs, carrot and onion. Add matzo meal, salt, sugar and pepper. Mix well. Shape into small footballs and place on wet plate (use wet hands). Gently slide fish into fish juice (see recipe below) while on rapid boil. Cook for 1 hour, 20 minutes.

## FISH JUICE

1 gallon water (with fish bones, if available)  
1 onion, quartered  
2 carrots, cut into 3-inch pieces  
1 tablespoon kosher salt  
1 teaspoon white pepper  
1 tablespoon sugar  
Bring ingredients to rapid boil for 30 minutes.

Reduce to a gentle boil, add fish and cook for 1 hour, 20 minutes.

## MATZA FARFEL STUFFING

20 ounces matza farfel  
4 teaspoons kosher salt  
3 teaspoons black pepper  
1 quart warm water  
3 cups fresh mushrooms (drain, slice)  
4 onions (sauté and grind)  
1 egg

Place matza farfel in bowl. Add water and let stand for 15 minutes, then mix well. Add egg, salt, pepper, ground and sautéed onions and mix well.

Sauté mushrooms in 4 teaspoons vegetable oil, add to mixture. Cook for approximately 30 minutes.

Add chicken broth or gravy if you prefer it more moist.

## POTATO KUGEL

10 pounds peeled, ground potatoes  
10 eggs  
1/2 cup matzo meal

1 large onion  
2 tablespoons salt  
1 teaspoon white pepper  
Vegetable oil

Grind potatoes in food processor until coarse, then drain in colander. Grind onion in food processor, then drain in colander. Mix all ingredients. Line a 13-by-9-inch pan with foil and brush with oil. Fill pan with potato mixture and pat top with oil. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 1 hour or until browned. Cool before cutting.

## STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST

4 double (both halves) boneless chicken breasts with skin on  
2 12-ounce boxes of matza farfel  
2 zucchini  
1 squash  
1 red pepper  
Kosher salt and black pepper, to taste  
1/2 cup orange marmalade  
1/4 cup chicken base  
Vegetable oil

Oranges and cherries

Soak matza farfel in warm water approximately 15 minutes. Drain and mix well. Dice vegetables very small. Sauté vegetables in vegetable oil. Add vegetables to matza farfel. Stuff chicken breasts with vegetable/matza farfel mixture.

Put toothpicks in breasts to hold stuffing in and refrigerate overnight.

Place chicken in pan. Mix chicken base with hot water to make chicken broth and add to pan to desired taste and consistency. Cook approximately 40 minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

While chicken is cooking, mix orange marmalade with chicken broth. When chicken is done, pour sauce over chicken. Top with orange slices and cherries. Recipes courtesy of Shirlee Bloom of Bloom's Jewish Cuisine in Farmington Hills.

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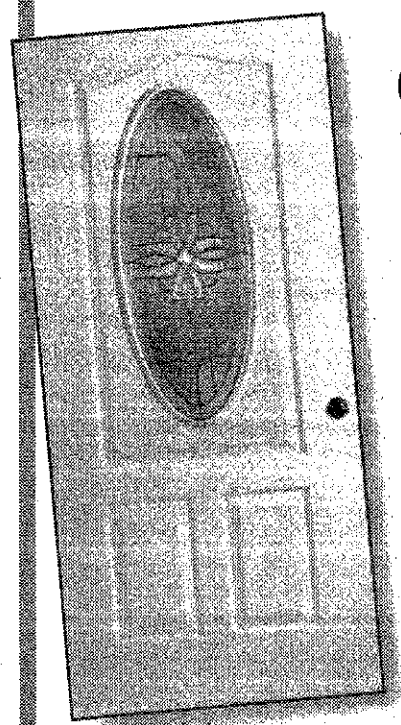
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## Adventures in Vintage

Authors bring timeless style to Antiques Show

By Wendy White

When it comes to vintage shopping, it's all about the hunt. You've got to be willing to scour racks at resale shops, thrift stores, church rummages and estate sales — always on the lookout for great garments.

It's a quest that vintage dealer Alison Houtte loves as much as a well-worn pair of Levi's 501s.

Houtte, a former model, owns the vintage clothing shop Hooti Couture in Brooklyn, N.Y. She wears something vintage almost every day, and has become an expert on fashion history, designers, labels and fabrics.

Houtte and her sister, Melissa, will bring some of their favorite finds to the 16th Annual Community House Antique Show in Birmingham April 8. During two presentations of "A Passion for Everyday

Vintage," at 9:15 & 10:15 a.m., they'll tell guests how to incorporate fun, fashionable vintage pieces into a modern wardrobe, and how to spot high quality and good buys.

The sisters also will sign copies of their recently-published book "Alligators, Old Mink & New Money." Admission is \$15.

### Hooti Couture

When PINK called to interview Alison Houtte, she was on the road, driving a truckload of vintage clothes to a show in Buffalo, N.Y.

Of course, she made a couple stops at hunting grounds along the way. Among her finds was a signed silk Lanvin scarf

from Paris for \$1.

Houtte believes used garments have energy, and she enjoys revitalizing clothes with a past. She hopes her book, her shop and her everyday ensembles inspire others to give new life to old clothes.



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Alison Houtte scored this great vintage Russ Togs suit for \$4.

"Call your grandmother, call your great aunt, have a cup of tea and say 'Hey can you open up your closet and show me the goodies from your past?'" she said. "You can have so much fun with vintage."

The Community House Antiques Show will feature vintage clothing and jewelry April 7-8. Call (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

### Vintage Shopping List

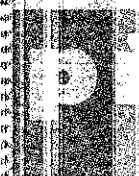
In *Alligators, Old Mink and New Money*, Alison Houtte shares what vintage finds sell well at her store:

#### Always in style:

Alligator, crocodile & snakeskin accessories  
Stetson cowboy hats  
Levi's 501s  
Almost any boots  
Strands of pearls  
Anything in black  
Tweed skirts, jackets & coats  
Hand-knit sweaters, scarves and hats  
Anything with sequins, beads, netting or rhinestones  
Anything in cashmere or silk  
Anything in fur, fake or real

#### Hot right now:

Vintage logo T-shirts  
Eyelet  
Full skirts  
'70s hippie chic — think boho dresses with wild prints  
Early '80s prep — think Izods and madras



Detroit artist and entrepreneur Gwen Joy. By day, she works at Metals in Time in Royal Oak.

By night, she dons glamorous vintage finds and tours nightspots as an old-fashioned concessionaire, selling cigarettes, candy and quirky toys out of a tray that hangs around her neck.

Gwen also sells her artwork, painted vintage handbags and reconstructed jewelry at



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[www.gwenjoy.com](http://www.gwenjoy.com).

This week, Gwen shares her timeless picks with PINK:

Slim, waist-emphasizing skirts and dresses

Khakis

Leather boots, black or in black, brown and tan

Clunky heels

Smoky eyeliner and shadow

Vintage jewelry finds at the Farmer's Market in Royal Oak

The vintage film *Butterfield 8*

Detroit band The Hard Lessons

Vintage at The Buzz Bar in Detroit

Mother Fletcher's in Ferndale

A classic Gin and Tonic

Any sandwich at McNally's in Corktown

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**Tom Mammone of Clinique Personal Appearance** Tom Mammone, executive director of the Clinique Skin Biology Group, will give skincare presentations and answer questions 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. April 13 at Lakeside Mall.  
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