

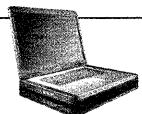
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## Here comes company

## Canton braces for major influx of traffic on Ford Road once IKEA opens in June

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Ask people who live or work in Canton about Ford Road traffic, and most will tell you it's bad.

Township polls regarding the quality of life in Canton back up that assessment, as do traffic studies and intersection crash studies (which point to the intersection of Haggerty and Ford as being the third most dangerous in Wayne County).

But when the numbers are black and white - the hour-byhour count of traffic on Ford Road — the impact of a spike in traffic volume becomes more

According to a traffic study, produced for IKEA as part of its site plan approval process, 5,314 vehicles pass through the intersection at Ford and Haggerty during weekday peak hours (5 p.m.-6 p.m.) The signal just to the west of there, in front of the

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## TRAFFIC CRASHES AT FORD **AND HAGGERTY**

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1998	56
1999	45
2000	50
2001	41
2002	53
2003	37
2004	62

Total: 402 Total fatalities: 0 Total injuries: 77 Source: SEMCOG



Once IKEA opens, it is expected to draw more than a million visitors annually, which has many people worried about the increased traffic on

## Businesses, residents hope for the best with increased traffic

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Tracey Pawlowski's situation would be considered by most to be ideal. Her home is just a mile away from her Canton business, so her daily commute is by anyone's standards very short. But come June 7, the question that will be on her mind every morning is: How am I going to get to work?

The thing is, Pawlowski's home is off Hanford and Haggerty, north of Ford. Her business, Back Home Bakery is at Ford and Lilley. So Pawlowski has to cross Ford Road, which wouldn't be a big deal except for one new neighbor — IKEA, a furniture

store with such a large regional draw that it attracts some 2 million visitors a year at other store locations. When the Canton store opens on June 7, traffic trouble is expected, and no one knows as of yet when it will subside or exactly how it's going to affect Canton's roads.

"As a business owner, I'm hopeful that I'm going to get all this spin-off business everyone keeps talking about, but as a homeowner, I'm really concerned," she said. In addition to her concern over traffic, Pawlowski said that her last property tax bill on her home told a story she didn't want to hear; for the first time in eight

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Brenda Findsen, who owns Rainbows and Dreams at Ford and Lilley, is unsure of how her business will be affected by IKEA traffic. "I hope that we do get some of the traffic from IKEA, but I'm not counting on it,"

## Canton man found slain in his home

Canton Police are investigating the apparent murder of 46-yearold Robert Lee Armstrong, who was found dead in his Canton home Saturday morning by his 10year-old daughter.

According to Sgt. Rick Pomorski, the daughter woke up around 8 a.m. and found Armstrong bleeding and unconscious.

The girl was hungry and got up. She went into his bedroom to get him and found him bleeding from the head. She went next door to talk to a neighbor, who then called emergency," he said.

Pomorski said Armstrong, who lived with his daughter and 8-yearold son in the Wagon Wheel mobile home park located on Mott Road. was most likely already deceased when his daughter found him.

The Wayne County Medical Examiner performed an autopsy Sunday morning. The medical examiner determined Armstrong's cause of death to be blunt force trauma to the back of his head, and ruled it a homicide.

The case remains under investigation. As of Wednesday afternoon, police had yet to arrest anybody.

Pomorski said police have spoken to a couple neighbors and family members, but have no real suspects or motives in the case.

He said the crime most likely took place in Armstrong's bedroom sometime in the early morning hours after the children went to

"We believe there is other evidence in the room to suggest there was a struggle or altercation," Pomorski said. "We're still tracking down leads and trying to piece the crime together. We'll get it eventually, but it's going to take some time.

Armstrong's two children are staying with family members.

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## Ballots late for Plymouth-Canton school board election

**BY TONY BRUSCATO** STAFF WRITER

Municipal clerks administering ballots for the May 2 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education election, which also includes a two-question \$120 million bond proposal, said absentee ballots should be delivered to registered voters by the end of this week.

Clerks in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township said they

didn't receive the ballots until Monday, which is almost a week later than the earlierpromised April 12 delivery

"We worked overtime ... stuffing like mad," Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett said Tuesday afternoon of the 3,500-plus absentee ballots that were expected to be in the mail by Wednesday. "It certainly compressed the time we need to get them sent out, and put us in a pressure circumstance to get them turned around quickly."

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said she doesn't expect to run into any problems in administering the Plymouth-Canton election, despite the delay in receiving the ballots.

"If it was one of the big elections, and we had to send ballots overseas, that would have been bad," Massengill said. "Luckily, we had only four or five going out of state."

Massengill said she had 2,300 applications for absentee ballots as of Tuesday, and expects there to be more prior to the election. That's up from the 2,000 she sent out for last year's school board election, which didn't have a bond proposal.

"Even though the school district was good about letting people know about the election, they didn't send the absentee ballot application to people 60 years and older on a permanent list, like we do,"

Massengill said.

Bennett also expects to see more voters at the polls this

"In comparison to the kind of voter turnout in other school elections, the interest is up there," Bennett said. "I think there certainly is an increased interest in the people running for the school board, as well as the bond election."

Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser, who also didn't receive ballots until Monday.

said she had 612 absentee ballots to send out as of Tuesday, which is up from the 569 from last year's school district election. With the increased number of candidates and the bond proposal, Langmesser was prepared for bigger numbers.

"You would think that with the money issues on the ballot, people would be concerned enough to get out and vote," she said.

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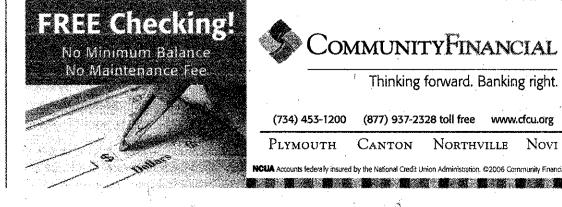
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## **Coming Sunday** in Health



'Preemie Stars' to held March of Dimes' quest

### Look for survey

Canton Public Safety is mailing out surveys to a random sample of residents. The survey is designed to give Canton residents an opportunity to rate the services of the police and fire departments. The survey also asks residents for their opinion as to which areas they feel are most important for police to concentrate their efforts.

The survey contains 12 questions and asks for some basic. demographic information. The randomly selected residents will have 30 days to fill out the survey and return it in the postage paid envelope included in the mailing.

Public Safety officials will tabulate the results and compare them to the benchmarks established after a similar suryey conducted in 2000. Survey results will be published in the Canton FOCUS newsletter, in the local media and on the department's Web site at www.canton-mi.org/publicsafety.

### 'Rally 4 Canton'

A team from this year's Leadership Canton class is hosting a road rally Saturday, April 29 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Rotary Clocktower in Heritage Park. Tickets are still available for those who want to participate in the rally (4-6 people per car), to join the after-rally Finish Line Party, or to sponsor the event.

Prior registration is necessary. For more information or to register, visit www.rally4canton.com, or call Debbie Zevalkink at (734)

394-5188. Proceeds from the event will benefit Growth Works, Inc. and The B.L.O.C.K., both youth programs in Canton.

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## Identity theft seminar

The Canton Police Department will be hosting its Identity Theft & Fraud Prevention seminar again on Saturday, April 29, beginning at 9 a.m., at Canton's Summit on the Park PDC room. During this two-hour event, Sgt. Scott Hilden will present information and preventative tips on one of the fastest growing crimes in the country. This seminar is being offered at no cost to Canton residents and businesses. Contact the community relations office to reserve a spot (space is limited) at (734) 394-5325 or email shilden@canton-mi.org, to reserve a seat.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the country and some estimates put all losses from ID theft at \$50 billion annually. Victims of Identity theft can spend hundreds of hours trying to fix their credit and clear their name and this may take months or even years.

## 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)

## Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players will present the show Anything Goes, Fridays and Saturdays April 28, 29, May 5, 6, 12, 13 at 8 p.m., and Sundays April 30 and May 7 at 2 p.m. at the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Tickets for the show are \$15-\$18. For tickets or information call (734) 394-5460.

### Health and fitness options

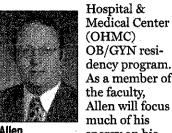
The Canton Newcomers, the community's "social club for the entire family," will meet at 7:15 p.m. on May 3 at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford (west of Canton Center). This month's topic will be health and fitness options. Brian Finnerty, owner of High Velocity Sports, will be the guest speaker.

The group will also have sign-ups for summer activities, including Bunko, Chick Flick, Playgroups, Ladies Night Out, Euchre, Couples Social, Walking and more. For more information, please visit can-

tonnewcomers.org or call (734) 737-0755.

## New Oakwood director

Canton resident Todd Allen, MD, has been named the director of the Oakwood



Allen will focus much of his energy on his

role as an educator. His new responsibilities will include the direction of Oakwood's OB/GYN residency training program for the teaching of graduate physicians in obstetrics and gynecology. In addition, he will oversee the administration of the OB/GYN faculty's clinical practices, and participate in planning and implementing medical student and **Continuing Medical Education** programs.

Allen obtained his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and completed his OB/GYN residency at Oakwood. He currently practices at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center and the Oakwood Medical Education Associates office in Dearborn.

### Health fair

The Hindu Temple of Canton will hold its 4th Annual Health Fair 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sunday, April 23 at the temple, located at 44955

Cherry Hill Road.

There will be several medical informational booths on topics including hormone replacement therapy, breast cancer, mammogram, prostate, cataract, nutrition, and lifestyle enhancements.

They will also be offering several free medical tests, including blood pressure check-up, blood testing and health related discussion with primary care physicians. Medical specialists, including cardiologists, urologists, OB-GYNs, rheumatologists, endocrinologists, ophthalmologists, and dentists, will be on hand to answer questions

Registration is required at the temple, which will accept the first 300 pre-registrations on a first-come-first-serve basis. Minimum age for the blood test is 25. For more information or to register, please call (734) 981-8730

## Staff appreciation luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is hosting a staff appreciation luncheon at 11:45, Wednesday April 26, at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 1900 N. Haggerty Road in Canton. Cost for the event is \$20 per person and includes lunch, dessert, soft drinks, and door prizes.

"Every year our staff appreciation luncheon serves as a wonderful opportunity for our members to say thank you to their staff," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber.

The luncheon will feature entertainment by Rudy Two

Moon, a sleight of hand artist. Rudy has more than 11 years experience creating illusions that will leave you in awe. There is limited seating so reservations are necessary by April 21. Reservations can be made by calling the chamber office at (734) 453-4040 or by visiting our online registration form at www.cantonchamber.com/even tsform.asp.

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Book your show or give a referral in April and you will receive one dozen votives free and a picture profile of one of the troops you helped support. To book your show, have Nicole speak at an event, or for more info, call Nicole at (734) 274-1806, e-mail her at operationmorale@yahoo.com, or visit her Web site at www.partylite.biz/operation-

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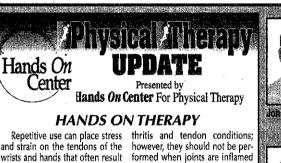
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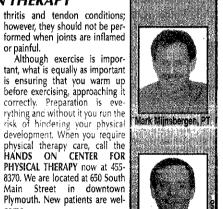




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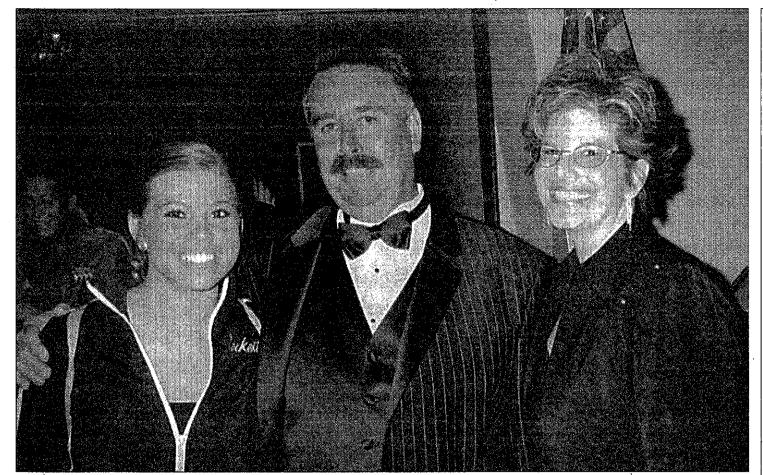
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Chamber chairman-elect Denise Staffeld (right) enjoyed the auction with husband, Chuck, and daughter Brooke.

## Biggest chamber auction ever raises more than \$50,000

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

"It was an incredible night." That's how Denise Staffeld described the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Annual Auction that took place April 7 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. More than 500 people attended the event, which has been the chamber's main fund-raiser for nearly two decades.

"It's the most people we've ever had at the auction," said Staffeld, who is the chairmanelect of the chamber's board of

The event raised more than \$50.000, which will be used to supplement many of the programs the chamber sponsors in according to President Dianne Cojei. Those programs include seminars, classes, and community events.

This year's auction theme was "James Bond: 007." Many of the participants dressed up in costume to fit the theme, and the chamber even had a brand new Lamborghini for auction. The starting bid was \$189,000, however, and nobody bid on the car.

But there were plenty of other raffles and auctions. Some of the items included a pig roast, Yazaki's suite at Comerica Park for a Tigers game, and a stay at a Colorado condominium.

"We had some really nice items this year," Cojei said. Two of the big winners were

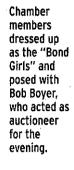


was the grand prize winner of this year. It was great see so many in costume having fun," a 42-inch plasma television, and Greg Bajorek of Choice Insurance Agency of Westland, who won the 50/50

than \$1,500. The auction also featured plenty of entertainment, including a performance by the Salem High School Rockettes dance team.

raffle and took home more

Everyone seemed to really



Cojei said. The event was everything we expected it to be and more."

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## **Construction to** start next week at two intersections

Beginning next week, Canton motorists may want to avoid a couple intersections on Sheldon Road that are slated for improve-

On April 24, the intersections of Cherry Hill and Sheldon and Saltz and Sheldon are scheduled for road work as part of the township's intersection improvement program. Canton's Intersection Audit Committee selected 34 intersections to receive improvements over the next eight to 10 years.

Intersection improvements being made on Cherry Hill at Sheldon include widening both Sheldon and Cherry Hill to allow for exclusive right turn lanes in both directions as well as center turn lanes, providing new traffic signals with mast arms and illuminated street signs, constructing new sidewalk with pedestrian crossings, and placing new pavement markings and

signage. Intersection improvements being made on Saltz at Sheldon include removing the existing concrete pavement and eliminating the dip on Saltz, widening both Sheldon and Saltz to allow for exclusive right turn lanes in both directions as well as center turn lanes, improving storm drains, adding new traffic signals with mast arms and illuminated street signs, constructing new sidewalk with pedestrian crossings,

and placing new pavement markings and signage.

During construction on these intersections, work along Sheldon Road will be done in two stages. During the first stage, the township will close Saltz west of Sheldon and southbound Sheldon at Ford. Northbound Sheldon will remain open and westbound Saltz will only be allowed to turn right at Sheldon.

The detour route during this stage will be Ford to southbound Canton Center, and turn left at Canton Center to eastbound Cherry Hill. The detour ends at Sheldon.

During stage two, the township will close Saltz east of Sheldon and northbound Sheldon at Cherry Hill. Southbound Sheldon will remain open and eastbound Saltz will only be allowed to turn right at Sheldon.

The detour route will be to turn right onto Cherry Hill to northbound Lilley Road, turn left at Lilley to westbound Ford.

The detour ends at Sheldon.

During both stages of construction access will be maintained for school children crossing Sheldon Road. Construction on both intersections is expected to be completed by mid-June.

For more information on the intersection improvements please call Canton's Public Works at (734) 394-5150.





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## New pizzeria owners winning them over with old family recipe

BY NANCY DEUTSCH CORRESPONDENT

There may be a winning recipe at the new Pulice's Pizzeria at the corner of Lilley and Palmer roads, but it's not just the delicious pizzas that are still made like they were in the 1950s, when owner Frank Pulice's grandfather had a pizzeria by the same name in Livonia.

"We strive for consistency," said Gene Pulice, Frank's father, who is himself a consistent presence in the store. "We give them a good amount for a good dollar and we give them good food."

That's the motto that has kept Canton resident Joe Blitz frequenting the store weekly since it opened in early January. "I was the first customer," he said. "I told them if it was good I'd be back and I'm there every Monday."

Monday is pizza night for the Blitz household - he always buys a large pizza to share with his daughter and two grandchildren.

"I enjoy pizza, but a good pizza." Blitz said. "You can

one that's good or not." The pizzas are made from

family recipes, Gene Pulice said. The crust is tender but crisp, and he's only too happy to see his son now making them for customers and keeping up the tradition.

While his father's store closed in 1970, Gene Pulice said he always hoped the pizzeria would one day reopen. He and his son discussed it for the past 10 years.

Then one day, he saw an ad for a restaurant, and told Frank when he returned home from his job in construction that they were going to look at a place where they might want to start their business.

"When we bought this place, we sat in a parking space and watched people come and go," Gene said. The traffic was good for the small strip mall, with regular traffic for the dance studio and tanning salon.

Frank, 35, also thought the idea of running a restaurant in Canton was a smart move.

"Canton's a growing community," he said. "You drive

Frank said it didn't take much coaxing from his father for him to leave the construction business and start the pizzeria.

'I've done a lot of things and I'm happiest working in a pizza shop," he said. "I like to cook. I may as well come to work with a smile on my face."

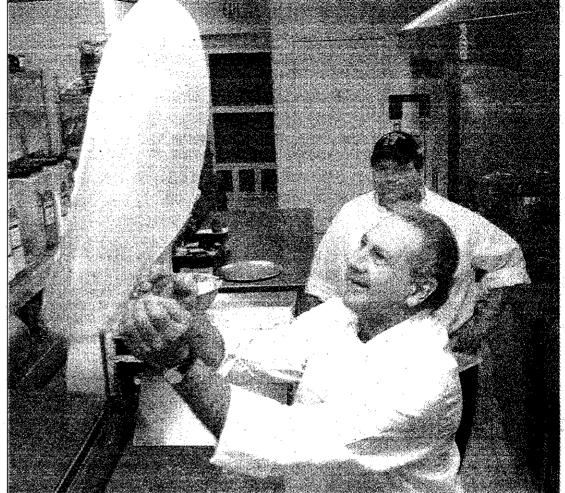
The Pulices said they spent between \$20,000 and \$25,000 preparing for business in the small store that is almost 1,400 square feet, and holds three small tables.

One day I would like to expand and have more of a dine-in," Frank said. "Have people come in and enjoy a nice place."

For now, he's content making pizzas, various pastas and some other items regularly in demand, such as chicken or ribs. The pizzeria offers delivery.

About 90 percent of the business comes from word of mouth, Gene said, although they've tried advertising in a few venues, and offer weekly coupons for added value. "You've got to get out there

Frank said he's learning a



Gene and Frank Pulice aren't kidding when they say they make hand-tossed pizza at Pulice's Pizzeria in Canton.

lot about running a business. The biggest surprise is that "the business is on my mind all the time. When I'm driving home, I'm thinking about it. I want to do it right."

It's that kind of thinking, and the food of course, that keeps customers like Linda

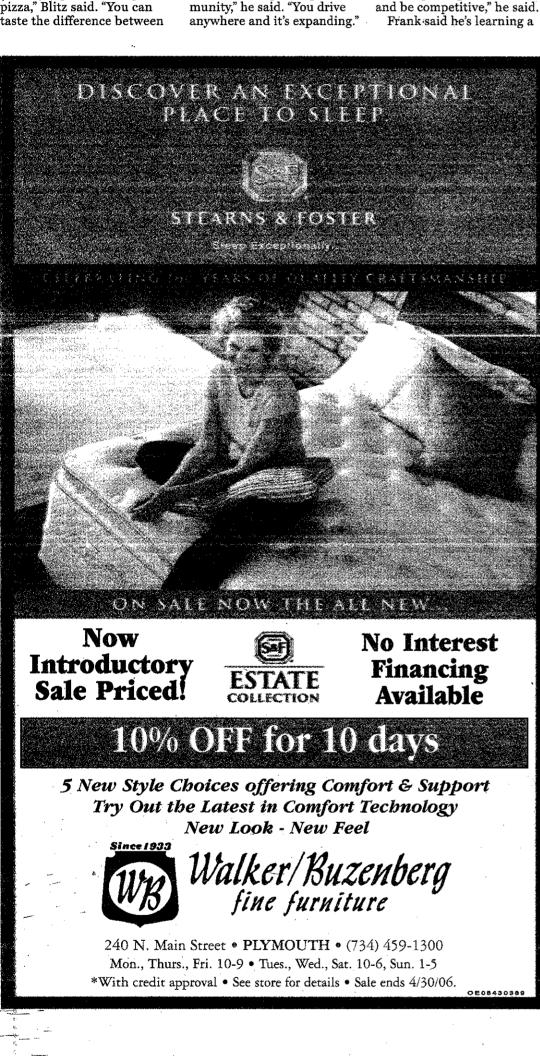
Schremser coming back for more. Schremser said she is a fan of the baked gnocchi, and has liked everything she has tried at the pizzeria.

"The servings are very generous. I really, really like the pizzas," she said.

"The sauce has a different

flavor to it - it tastes like real

tomatoes." Pulice's Pizzeria is located at 1722 S. Lilley, at the corner of Palmer. Hours are 3-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 3 p.m. to midnight Friday and





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## Theater company makes debut with 'A Chorus Line' this weekend

Destination Theater, a new musical theater company, will lift the curtain on its debut production as it presents the American classic "A Chorus Line" April 20-23, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Destination Theater is a resident musical theater company at the Village Theater.

Show times for "A Chorus Line" are 8 p.m. Thursday

through Saturday April 20-22, and 2 p.m. on Sunday April 23. Tickets are \$22 for adults, and \$19 for seniors 60-and-over and students 18-and-under, and are available by calling (734) 394-5460 or at the Village Theater box office an hour before show time.

Many "Chorus Line" cast members and Destination Theater board members are lished theater and dance companies, including Ann Arbor Civic Theater, Stagecrafters, Interlochen Arts Academy, the Baltimore Opera, Florida's Broadway Theater Project, and the Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University, Oakland University and University of Michigan schools of theater and dance.

dent Wendy Sielaff, an awardwinning director who has worked with Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, Saline High School, Plymouth's Spotlight Players and other local groups. "The show speaks to our insecurities, failures, hopes and dreams. Everyone, whether they're a performer or not, can see themselves in one of these

lenging show that demands exceptional singers, dancers and actors. Sielaff has been thrilled with the talents of the

"We knew we needed incredible dancers, and we definitely got them," said Sielaff. "We've been blown away by the display of talent in this show, and the fact that we've drawn performers from all over Wayne,

counties to join us. We saw a need to bring a high level of musical theater talent to this exceptional theater venue that Canton Township has helped bring to reality, and we think we've definitely achieved that. A Chorus Line is just the start for Destination Theatre."

For more information about

## New library collection targets new entrepreneurs, businesses

Historically, a downturn in the economy leads to new business start ups and makes conditions favorable for entrepreneurs. With that in mind, the Canton Public Library has launched a new special collection on its Internet Branch called Starting a Small Business at www.cantonpl.org/specialc/s mallbiz.html.

The collection of books, CD-ROMs, ebooks and Web sites is compiled to help young companies and first-time entrepreneurs get off on the right foot.

Entrepreneurs can use the special collection to get information ranging from how to write a business plan, legal reference sources, accounting, financial and tax guides, mar-keting, to general business resources.

Links on the site take the user directly to the library's catalog where users may view information on the book title, use their library card to reserve the book and find subject guides to search for other resources.

Web sites on the Internet Branch link directly to a variety of external sites loaded with business information such as the Small Business Administration, Market Research Reports and others.

Canton business owners are invited to list their information on the library's online database, Everything Canton (www.everythingcanton.org), and submit materials for the Everything Canton kiosk located in the library.

Over 400 users are currently in the free searchable data-

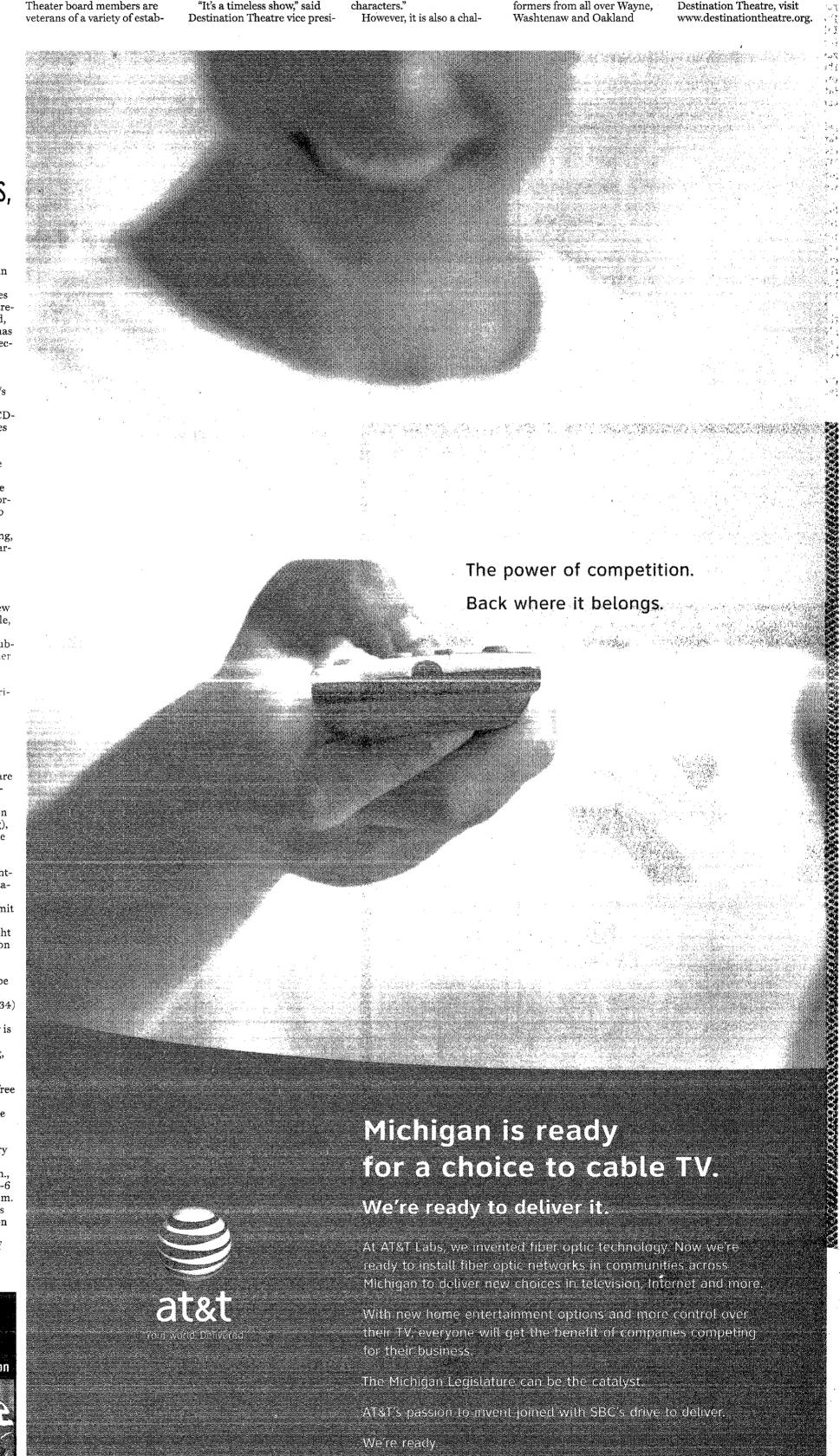
Business owners can submit information online at www.cantonpl.org/cidform.ht ml or in person at the Canton Public Library.

Questions about Everything Canton should be directed to specialists Ellen Pare or Laura Fawcett at (734) 397-0999.

The library's Copy Center is open during regular library hours for copying, scanning, printing and faxing. Computers equipped with Microsoft Office 2000 are free to use; each terminal has a floppy drive, CD-ROM drive (read only) and USB Flash drive.

The Canton Public Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, noon-6 p.m. The Internet Branch URL is www.cantonpl.org. A Canton library card is needed to access to certain features of the library and Internet Branch.





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## **DEATHS**

Francis Donald Brogan Brogan, 75, died April 13.

Cheryl L. Caram Caram, 67, died April 13.

Thadeus Edward Danaj Danaj, 78, of Petoskey, died April 9.

Arleen Marie Debozy Debozy, 84, of Westand, died April 15.

Florence M. Devriendt Devriendt, 79, formerly of Farmington,

Westland are hereby notified.

died April 10.

Bertha Louise Fugua

Fuqua, 69, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Nov. 14.

Elizabeth Furbacher Furbacher, 99, of Westland, died April

Richard M. Howell Howell, 75, of Indian River, died April

**Ruth Isabel Jones** 

Virginia (nee Ursuliak) Perrot

Eileen DeHart

Westland City Clerk

Jones, 80, died April 14.

Perrot, 67, of Covenant Village, Colo., died March 30.

Mary Jane "June" Ryan

Ryan, of Bloomfield Hills, died.

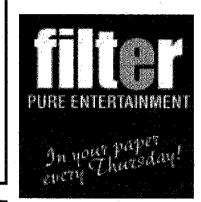
George L. Schaffer Jr. Schaffer, 84, of Plymouth, died April

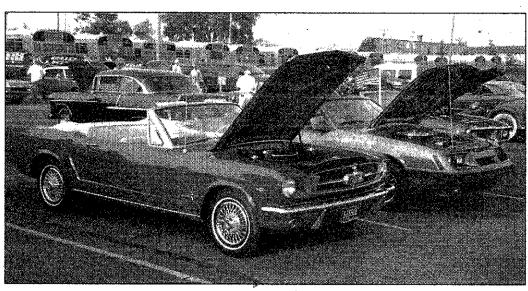
**Ann Krysa Sims** 

Sims, 83, of Bloomfield Hills, died April

Donald J. Smith Smith, 83, formerly of Rochester, died

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A18.





## **Show offs**

Cars sitting with their hoods up and tops down in a parking lot are a good indication that it's car show season. And ready to roll out their weekly show is the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528's CRUZ'N 528. Pull in and park 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Wednesday, May 17, at the Mayflower/ Lt. Gamble: VFW Post 6695 at 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. There will be food, refreshments, a 50/50 raffle and prizes available for original, restored and custom cars, hot rods and bikes. A disc jockey also will be spinning oldies.

## Gridiron, Court, Pool, Arena, Greens, Diamond We're there!

Members Present:

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-

April 12, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, April 12, 2006 at 1150 Canton

Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call

Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo

Members Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Faas, Director

Minghine, Director Conklin, Director Santomauro Adoption of

Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by Zarbo to approve the

agenda. Motion carried unanimously. STUDY SESSION TOPIC

Item 1. Discussion of Plan to Modify 2006 Budget Budget

Reduction and Reorganization Plan, Executive Summary As the

Board was made aware in January of 2006, building activity in

Canton and in the entire State of Michigan has had a significant

downturn. Throughout the first three quarters of 2005, Canton's

building activity was very strong and showed no signs of slowing. That changed in the last quarter, and has continued through the

first quarter of 2006. The Finance Department is monitored this

situation continually throughout this quarter, they have been

aggressively communicating with the building industry, and it

appears that this slow down will continue for the next 18 to 36

months. At this time, other revenue projections appear to be on

track, with the exception of court revenues. Canton's finances are

not in crisis. To the contrary, Canton is fiscally sound, and the plan

that follows is intended to make sure that is always the case. It

would not be appropriate to raise taxes to maintain staff

levels that are higher than the service demands would

necessitate. The plan has two main elements. The first is a

straight reduction in the staffing associated with building and development related activity. We are proposing staffing reductions

in the administration, building, planning and engineering divisions of Municipal Services that are directly linked to the decrease in

activity. The planned workforce reductions in Municipal Services

include the following and are proposed to be effective June 30, 2006: • Deputy Building Official • Building Inspectors (2) • Plumbing Inspector • Electrical Inspector • Mechanical Inspector • Neighborhood Coordinator • Clerical Positions (2.5) • Engineering

Project Coordinator • Engineering Intern The second component is

to implement structural changes across the organization that reassigns major components of the work force to better serve the community and improve the organization. The reorganization

includes: • Creation of Executive Director position • Transfer of

Ordinance enforcement to the Public Safety Department •

Elimination of the ACSD Director position • Significant increase in

responsibilities of Finance and Budget Director • Additional staff reductions through natural attrition A major component of the

plan is to offer an early retirement incentive (ERI). This ERI will

help minimize the layoffs necessary as part of the workforce

reductions, as well as offer additional opportunities to further

restructure and downsize the workforce through retirements. The

ERI suggested is a two-month window that would offer to

AFSCME, TPOAM, and the Non-Union staff the same retirement

benefit currently enjoyed by police and fire. For many years we

have anticipated that there would need to be changes made in

staffing when building activity slowed. The sudden nature of the

decline has not allowed the slow reduction of staffing through

attrition that had been planned for. This plan will set Canton on a

### WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTORS NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The Westland City Clerk will hold a public accuracy test on the M-

100 voting equipment for the Wayne-Westland Community School

District Board of Education election to be held on May 2, 2006 on

Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan. All interested parties from the Township of Canton, and the Cities of Dearborn Heights and

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the

program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results

count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Absent voter ballots for the Wayne-Westland Community School District election are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan for those persons who are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for ballot.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the Westland City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May

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Eileen DeHart,

Westland City Clerk

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk. Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Beck Road Water Main Extension", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 4, 2006 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

## BECK ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION

Project consists of the following approximate major quantities:

1,372 LF 16" Diameter Ductile Iron Water Main 195 LF Bore and Jack with 30" Diameter Steel Casing

16" Diameter Gate Valve and Well **EA Fire Hydrant Installation** 

The Project involves the installation of new water main and all associated work such as grading and restoration.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, 2nd Floor - Engineering, Canton, MI 48188. A nonrefundable fee of \$ 25.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

Bid Documents are on file for review at Canton Township Public Works, Construction Association of Michigan, Reed Construction Data, Construction News Service of Michigan, Inc., and McGraw Hill Construction.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

Terry Bennett Clerk

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### SHURGARD STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 05/05/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

Shurgard Storage of Canton North \*2101 Haggerty Rd\*Canton\* 734-981-0300 Household Items

Brooks Gildon Household Items Household Items Sims

Shurgard Storage of Canton South\* 45229 Michigan Ave\*Canton\* 734-398-5416

Henderson household Hlavacek household Multi-Rac family household 4039 Murray household Trammell household

Shurgard Storage of Dearborn\*24920 Trowbridge\*Dearborn\*313-277-2000 Klingensmith Household Items Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Livonia\*30300 Plymouth Rd\*Livonia\*734-522-101 Mason Household Goods 302 Donaldson Household/Camping Goods 3120 Karpanowski Household Goods 312 Johnson Household Goods 413 Flumerfelt Household Goods 5084 Shelby Household Goods

Marks Household Goods Shurgard Storage of Taylor\*9300 Pelham Rd\* Taylor\*313-292-2950 5049 Bacon Household goods 4027 Bahu Household goods 7116 Household goods Cook Household goods 6011 Farrai 3071 Household goods Fossett 3082 Height Household goods Household goods 3078 Roop 5057 Siders Household goods

Household goods Cecil Shurgard Storage of Westland\*36001 Warren\* Westland\*734-326-

Household goods

2036 Dunlap Household Items 1118 Gibson Household Items 5060 Gross Household Items 5132Household Items Hellwig 3116 Hendon-Jenkins Household Items Household Items Pullen 3196 Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Plymouth \*41889 Joy Rd\*Canton\*734-459-

9118 Pappert 5054 King household

Winer

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 05/08/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following location:

Shurgard Storage of Ann Arbor \* 2500 S. Industrial Hwy; Ann

Arbor; \*734-973-2212

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course that can be sustained well into the future. 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 after

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Why a home equity loan is like having an

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## LaJoy says state watching traffic situation in Canton

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Traffic: It's been a priority on Phil LaJoy's agenda since the day he was elected in

"Roads were a priority for me even when I was campaigning," the Canton Republican state representa-

Soon after he took office, LaJoy got on the state's transportation committee, which he now chairs. Early in his tenure in Lansing, he began setting up meetings with the Michigan Department of Transportation and with Wayne County (most of the roads in Canton are under state or county jurisdiction, and Canton receives no money to maintain them, and has no authority to improve them) and, for the first time ever, was able to do what people said couldn't be done he was able to schedule a joint meeting with the township, county, state and Federal Highway Administration right in Canton Township.

"At that time, we started talking about the need for another interchange somewhere off I-275," LaJoy said. "But before you can get the funding to do that, you need to prove that you need it."

So, as a result, the township has with MDOT coordinated and funded a regional traffic

"MDOT kicked in a substantial amount, and Canton was a major contributor," LaJoy said.



when completed later this year, will be helpful in placing state road projects on the MDOT

priority list, LaJoy said. One of the recommendations of the study is likely to be an interchange at Cherry Hill from I-275. Originally, the recommendation was for an exit at Warren Road, but

prohibitive due to some design aspects that had been overlooked early in the study. LaJoy has also been able to assist with getting MDOT signage along the freeways that direct motorists to Canton on east and west I-96, and

north and south U.S. 23.

LaJoy said that will be cost-

Certainly the upcoming opening of IKEA has been part of literally getting Canton on the map, LaJoy said, and has brought to the forefront some of the traffic issues LaJoy and other Cantonians have known for years.

"MDOT is watching very closely to see what happens at IKEA. This is on the agenda every time we talk," he said. "It's not just important that roads projects are approved and completed for Canton. It's really a regional concern for everyone who works in, lives in, or drives by Canton every day."

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future furniture store, has 3,408 vehicles pass by it during the same time period. During peak weekend hours - 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Saturday -5,035 vehicles go through the Ford and Haggerty intersection and 3,232 pass by the store front on Ford Road.

But after the store opens, an additional 380 vehicles will go through the intersection during weekday peaks (195 entering the parking lot and 185 exiting), and 1,400 will pass through during the Saturday peak hour (790 entering and 610 leaving).

Existing levels of service at Ford and Haggerty are at best average. Level of service is measured in terms of seconds of delay per vehicle, and are assigned a rating, with A being the best and F being the worst. What it looks like on paper is a delay ranging from 31.8 seconds per vehicle (a C rating) during the weekday rush to 128.5 seconds per vehicle (an F

'IKEA's is more complicated than the typical study because it's a retail development that has a broad geographical region that it draws from, as opposed to the liquor store on the corner that services the neighborhood."

Tim Faas Canton Municipal Services Director

rating) during the Saturday peak. What it looks like in real life is cars backed up onto exit ramps and stacked up at stop lights. The overall average at the intersection is 60 seconds of delay during the week, and 139.9 seconds of delay on Saturday.

However, road improvements are expected to bring those numbers down to 34.6 seconds and 42.7 seconds respectively (a C and D rating). Improvements include adding through lanes and an exclusive right turn lane at east and westbound approaches.

"The basic analysis includes information on how the traffic is now and how the new development will impact the existing roadways," said Canton **Municipal Services Director** Tim Faas. "It looks at whether or not additional signals are required, or more turning lanes, or if the road needs to be widened."

In this case, the answer was affirmative on all three counts, and work has begun — or has been completed - for most of the issues.

"IKEA's is more complicated than the typical study because it's a retail development that has a broad geographical region that it draws from, as opposed to the liquor store on the corner that services the neighborhood," Faas

What the study suggested was widening of ramps at Ford and I-275, extra lanes from Ford to the freeway. Also recommended were improvements to the traffic signals. Soon the new signals will be installed, Faas said. They work on radio frequencies and send information through radio waves from antenna to antenna at each intersection.

"That keeps the lights along  $^{ii}$ the corridor in sync with each

other," Faas said. But for now, the Canton Police is helping change driver behaviors by implementing a traffic safety program, starting this week. Officers will be working in areas of the township where there have been the most traffic crashes. Ford and 32 Haggerty intersection is the Canton Police's first area of

Signs will be posted at the intersection during the enforcement times, advising the motoring public of the activity. While working the intersections, officers will evaluate the traffic signals and signs in the area, notifying Wayne County Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation of any problems or recommended changes.

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## **BUSINESSES**

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years, her home value dropped.

Just across Lilley Road, Brenda Findsen's store, Rainbows and Dreams, could use more traffic.

"I hope that we do get some of the traffic from IKEA, but I'm not counting on it," she

One of two things will happen, she figures - either she'll get a small amount of IKEA

visitors to stop by and the additional traffic out on Ford Road will be great for her gift shop, or Ford Road will be so busy that she actually loses customers who are fed up with the clogged roadway.

"Either way, I have to just wait and see," Findsen said.

Both store owners are hopeful that revisions to Canton's sign ordinance will help. Right now, Rainbows and Dreams has no sign on the post in front of the strip mall where the business is located. Nor does Back Home Bakery, a

business that could use a few more impulse shoppers and foot traffic, said Pawlowski.

The ordinance is being revisited later this year probably by summer, according to Downtown **Development Authority** Director Kathleen Salla.

The DDA contracted consultants to make recommendations to the township board regarding the ordinance, which limits the size and number of signs in front of businesses. The firm will also make recommendations for

multi-tenant properties, such as the shopping centers where both Findsen and Pawlowski are located.

"People feel that the signs are too small, given the speed of the road and the volume of traffic," Salla said.

In the meantime, Findsen tries to stay positive.

"I just hope that the extra traffic helps all the businesses in Canton like people keep saying it will," she said.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-

April 11, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 11, 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, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Kirchgatter Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director

Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to

approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by

McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of March 28, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Payment of Bills Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members

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CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR WAYNE MICHIGAN TRANSIT STATION.

(SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo that the

Canton Board of Trustees adopt the resolution in support of

Wayne's effort to be identified as an access point for the Ann Arbor

- Detroit Transit Line. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. AMEND RESOLUTION DEFINING A DAY OF WORK FOR MERS RETIREMENT PURPOSES. (ACSD) Motion by

Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the attached resolution

defining eighty (80) works hours a month to equal one (1) month of

credited service for the Canton TPOAM Clerical Union, ASFCME Union Local #3860, Deputy Chiefs, Lieutenants and Sergeants,

Police Officers and PSSO employees, Non-Union employees and Elected Officials for MERS retirement purposes. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF CABLE TV FRANCHISE FROM WIDE OPEN WEST

HOLDINGS, L.L.C. TO RACECAR ACQUISTIONS, L.L.C..

(ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the FCC Form 394 application request to transfer control of the Wide Open West Michigan, L.L.C. franchise from Wide Open West subsidiary of Avista Capital Partners, L.L.C. Motion carried by all

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION. (ACSD) Motion by

Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Township Supervisor's

nomination of Terry Bennett for reappointment to the Canton

through May 1, 2009. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 5. AUTHORIZE THE CHAMBER TO APPLY FOR ONE-

DAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LIBERTY FEST. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the sale and consumption of beer and wine at Heritage Park during Liberty Fest

on Saturday, June 17, 2006; and furthermore, that the Canton Chamber of Commerce will make application for a one day special

liquor license from the Liquor Control Commission. Motion carried

by all members present. Item 6. CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RE-BUDGET FUNDS THAT WERE IN PURCHASE ORDERS THAT WERE CLOSED AT YEAR END.

(MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve a

capital budget adjustment for the retrofit of existing sewer

inspection truck by Jack Doheng Supplies Inc. in the amount of

\$74,935, Water & Sewer Fund Capital Asset account #592-000-142-

0000, and also approve the budget amendment in the Water & Sewer Fund for the balance of \$66,115 due to Municipal Software

Corporation for the City View software purchase. Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #592 000 699 0000 \$66,115 Increase Appropriations: Contracted Services-Public Works #592 441-818-0000 \$66,115 This budget amendment increases the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$30,685,825 to

\$30,751,940. Motion carried by all members present. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. THOMPSON TRUST REZONING.

(MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution rezoning request of John Palmer (RetailWorks). Motion

carried by all members present. Item 2. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY

PLAT FOR MEADOWWALK ESTATES SUBDIVISION. (MSD)

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the tentative

approval of the Preliminary Plat for Meadowwalk Estates. Motion

carried by all members present. Item 3. CONSIDER COSTCO

FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND SITE

PLAN. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt

the resolution for final Planned Development and Site Plan for

Costco Wholesale. Motion carried by all members present. Item 4.

APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR SHELDON

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett,

supported by LaJoy to approve the bid and award the contract for

the Sheldon School design and engineering of site improvements to Northwest Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$8,000 (Community

Development Block Grant for the Sheldon School Improvements,

Account #274-666-971-2005 Cost Center A00028 0060 0000)

Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. APPROVE

EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITY AUTHORITY (WTUA). (LSD) Motion by Bennett,

supported by McLaughlin to authorize the agreement with WTUA

to maintain the 1,000 lineal foot path to be constructed by MDOT

on WTCA property that would connect Haggerty Road to the existing 1/270 bike path. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 7. AUTHORIZE CEMENT REPLACEMENT FOR SOUTH PAVILION #1. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by

McLaughing to approve the replacement of the concrete pad at South Pavilion #1 in Heritage Park to Danjo Construction, LLC,

5781 S. Sheldon, Suite B, Canton, MI 48188 in the amount of

\$5,832 to paid from Account #101-270-930-0000, Maintenance and

Repair-Parks). Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH CAREER DIRECTIONS FOR

LT. PROMOTIONAL EVALUATION. (PSD) Motion by Bennett,

supported by Zarbo to approve Career Directions Assessment

Center, 101 N Main Street, Ste. #850, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 to

conduct the promotional evaluations and recommendations for the

positions of lieutenant in the Police Department for an amount of

\$7300. Police FY 2006, Account 207 301 818 0000. Motion carried

by all members present. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated that on

April 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Trustee's Study Session,

Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, there will be

discussion on Fellow's Creek deed restrictions added to the agenda.

ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at

8:00 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J.

Yack, Supervisor -Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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Item 4. APPOINTMENT TO THE

vear term effective

present. Expenditure Recap for April 11, 2006

## Board approves new teacher contract

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Parents who may be wondering when the next school year will start in the Wayne-Westland district should circle Tuesday, Sept. 5, on their cal-

That's the starting date the district and its teachers have agreed to in a new two-year contract approved by the school board last week.

bills as presented.

Summit Operating Street Lighting

Auto Forfeiture(wwa)

Federal Grants Fund

Cap Proj-Road Paving

Water & Sewer Fund

Trust & Agency Fund

Construction Escrows

Post Employ. Benefits

Total - All Funds

members present.

Historic District

Auto Theft Grant

General Fund

Cable TV Fund

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Fire Fund Police Fund

"We're very pleased to bring

this tentative agreement to you," Supt. Greg Baracy told the board. "We believe it best serves the interests of the children of the Wayne-Westland school district."

Wayne-Westland Education Association President Nancy Strachan is pleased the two sides were able to reach an agreement before the end of the current school year.

"We tried to accommodate the district without it being detrimental to our members."

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Strachan said. "We all agreed there had to be some cost containment. We're pleased we were able to come up with a settlement we believe we all can live with.

Teachers ratified the contract by a vote of 615-175. The board approved it 6-0 with Trustee Terrance McClain absent.

The two-year agreement will take effect Sept. 2 of this year and run through Sept. 1, 2008.

The district was able to get some cost containment related to wages and health care, increased flexibility in class size in the elementary schools and flexibility in the class overload language at the middle school and high school level, according to Bernard LaPorte, the district's senior executive director of employee services.

Class sizes will remain the

same for the first year or the contract, then increase by one student during the second year. The big change is in the handling of overload students.

In the past, the district would have had to hire a teacher and create a new classroom if the number of students exceeded the limit.

With the new agreement, up to four overflow students can be added to a classroom before the district would have to hire a teacher, Strachan

"In the second year in a third-grade class, it would go to 28 students and there could be four more before a teacher would need to be hired," Strachan said. "The class size is a huge money saver for the district. We're pretty comfortable that a soft cap in class size is a good thing."

LaPorte agreed. "We've never had that kind

of flexibility before this contract," he told the school board.

Under the new agreement, teachers with a master's degree who are at the top of the scale will make \$75,647 a year, while first-year teachers with a bachelor's degree will get \$34,409 for 181 days of work.

Teachers at the top of the scale also will receive 2-percent increases both years of the contract. The two sides also agreed to a new 13th step at the top of the scale.

Teachers scheduled to receive step increases will receive a 2.5-percent off-theschedule lump sum increase the first year and 2-percent off-the-schedule increase the second year.

The 2.5-percent payment will not be included or "baked" into the salary schedule for the second year,

although the normal step increases will resume.

According to LaPorte, teachers who carry the district's health insurance also will begin sharing in its cost. They will pay an annual premium of \$480, starting in the second year of the contract.

Co-pays on prescription drugs also will increase to \$10 for generic and \$20 for brand name prescriptions, starting in the first year.

The return to a post-Labor Day start of school was the result of a new state law. In previous years, Wayne-Westland has started before the September holiday.

However, the change will add only four days on to the end of the school calendar while retaining the breaks at Christmas, Easter and midwinter.

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#### CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 2:00 pm on Tuesday, May 2, 2006. The bid opening will take place in the City Commission Chambers on the second floor of Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St. for the following:

### ROOF REPLACEMENT AT 1029 N. MILL ST.

This is a federally-funded Housing Rehabilitation project authorized by the Wayne County Community Development Program. Davis-Bacon Labor Standards are waived for this Specifications and bid documents are available at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St. during normal business hours beginning on Friday, April 21, 2006. You may download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: http:// www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

A bid bond, certified check or cashier's check, in an amount equal to 10% of the bid submitted, must accompany each proposal as security to assure the bidders acceptance of the contract within (7) days from the date of award.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities therein and to make the award in any number deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

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Linda J. Langmesser City Clerk City of Plymouth

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### **Charter Township of Canton** Public Notice of Accuracy Test

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment to be used for the School Election on Tuesday, May 2, 2006. The test will take place on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information contact Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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#### NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that the:

## ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Will be held in the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of

## TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006

From 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 8:00 o'clock in the evening, Eastern Standard Time, at which time voters will be asked to vote for not more than two (2) members who will serve on the Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton School District.

In addition, voters will be asked to vote on the following propositions: SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION 1

Shall the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Ninety-Five Million Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 (\$95,415,000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, therefore, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

Erecting, equipping and furnishing a new middle school building and a new career technical education facility and acquiring, preparing, developing and improving the sites for a new middle school building and a new career technical education facility;

Erecting, equipping and furnishing additions to school buildings and preparing, developing and improving sites for additions to school buildings; Remodeling, re-equipping, re-furnishing school buildings,

preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings and purchasing school buses; and Equipping and re-equipping school buildings for

technology systems and equipment?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.86 mils (which is equal to \$0.86 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 0.83 mills annually (\$0.83 per \$1,000 of taxable

If this Bond Proposition 1 is combined with Bond Proposition 2 it will be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, for not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the combined proposed bonds in the first year is 1.08 mills (which is equal to \$1.08 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 1.05 mills annually (\$1.05 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

If approved by the voters the bonds will be guaranteed by the State of Michigan under Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, as amended. If the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds under the State of Michigan's guarantee the School District may be required to levy debt mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State of Michigan.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

YES NO

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION 2

Shall the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Four Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$24,765,000) Dollars and issue tis general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the

Erecting, equipping and furnishing a performing arts center addition, a multi purpose swimming pool addition and an auxiliary gymnasium addition to high school buildings;

Preparing, developing and improving sites for a performing arts center addition, a multi purpose swimming pool addition and an auxiliary gymnasium addition to high school buildings:

Equipping additions to high school buildings for technology systems and equipment; and

Erecting, equipping and furnishing additions to athletic fields and preparing, developing and improving sites for additions to athletic fields?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twentyfive (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.22 mills (which is equal to \$0.22 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 0.22 mills annually (\$0.22 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

If this Bond Proposition 2 is combined with Bond Proposition 1 it will be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, for not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the combined proposed bonds in the first year is 1.08 mills (which is equal to \$1.08 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average miliage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 1.05 mills annually \$1.05 per \$1000 of taxable value).

The Bonds authorized under this School Improvement Bond Proposition 2, if approved by the voters, will not be issued if the voters do not approve School Improvement Bond Proposition 1.

If approved by the voters the bonds will be guaranteed by the State of Michigan under Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, as amended. If the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds under the State of Michigan's guarantee the School District may be required to levy debt mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State of Michigan.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher. administrator or employee salaries repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

NO

## PRECINCTS AND LOCATIONS

Precinct #01, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street Precinct #02, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street Precinct #03, Central Middle School, 650 West Church Street Precinct #04, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street

DATED: CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH, 2006

LINDA J. LANGMESSER

Individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend or participate in this election should contact 453-1234, extension 234. Reasonable advance notice is required.

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Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Publish: April 20, 2006

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## Week spotlights how to be Money Smart

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Glenn Hansen believes that the best customer a financial institution can have is someone who understands what goes on in a financial institution.

Unfortunately, many people are lacking in basic knowledge to make intelligent financial decisions.

"People will sign the first loan agreement they get but will try on 20 pairs of jeans before deciding which pair to buy," said Hansen, senior vice president and branch manager of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago-Detroit Branch. "They need to have the same approach to buying financial services."

That's why the Federal Reserve began Money Smart Week to provide basic financial information with a special emphasis on youth, the elderly and the unbanked. Money Smart Week, April 22-29, has been given the official support of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Wavne County Executive Robert Ficano and Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

"It started in Chicago about five years ago working with Jump Start Coalition," Hansen said. "We decided to start dealing with grass roots issues and providing free classes. This year we have 33 like-minded institutions participating and 320 seminars being put on."

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Macomb. Monroe and Washtenaw counties. On Saturday, April 22, a Money Smart Week Youth Day program

will be held

12:30-5 p.m. at Marygrove College, 8425 McNichols, Detroit with seminars for parents and youth on credit, spending and saving. Registration is required by calling (313) 927-1230.

On Monday, April 24, a Senior Day will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Patrick Senior Center, 58 Parson, Detroit. The program will cover living wills, Medicaid, longterm care, electronic payments and Medicare changes. For more information, call (248)538-1800.

Junior Achievement will sponsor JA in a Day 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Courville Elementary School in Detroit and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, Campbell Elementary School in Detroit.

The University of Michigan-Dearborn will sponsor a Money Smart Day 8 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 26. The free programs will cover financial education, tax-smart ways to save and invest, how to land a job, understanding basic investment concepts, getting ready for retirement, personal income taxes and homebuying. For

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Money Smart programs are especially intended to help children understand finances. Professionals in banking give programs at Detroit schools.

more information, call Michael Foran, (313) 593-5286. or Victoria Hage, (313) 593-5230.

Marygrove College will host a Money Smart Seniors Day 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27. The program will include information on electronic payments, estate planning and medicare changes. For information and to register call Martha Soleau at (313) 927-

Shorter programs dealing with everything from teaching children to save to identity theft to basic investing are planned throughout the metro Detroit area. For more information, visit www.chicagofed.org/moneysmart or call the Money Smart Hotline at (887)-MNY-

SMRT (1-877-669-7678).

"The approach we take is to help people understand the differences between wants and needs and the dangers of longterm debt," Hansen said.

Hansen will join volunteers from 33 institutions to provide 320 seminars.

"For kids we work with Junior Achievement and do a JA for a Day," Hansen said. "A group of volunteers go into the schools and teach the JA curriculum. I will be teaching second grade, when kids are just finding their voices and not full of themselves yet."

Hansen said the program has educated more than 20,000 area residents in the last three



## **LOCAL MONEY SMART EVENTS**

Banking Basics, free and open to the public, 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 3693 Metro Place, Wayne. Traci Emerson, benefit banking coordinator, discusses financial wellness and managing a bank relationship. Call (248)603-

Women in Investing, By invitation, 6-730 p.m. Wednesday, April 26. Livonia Civic Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Jim Craig discusses women learning to be careful, competent investors. For information, call Jennifer Fee (734)522-3700, Ext. 108.

Yes It Can Happen to Me: Teens and Identity Theft, Free and open to the public. Call to confirm time. 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26. Redford Township District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile, Redford, Credit union professionals, Secret Service representatives and computer experts speak. For information, call Jeremy Cybulski at (877) 243-2528, Ext. 1231, or Kathy Hoen at (877) 243-2528, Ext. 1226.

Money Smart Kids, free and open to the public, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Community Financial, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth. Information including a hands-on financial activity station including money identification, savings goals, growing money with Money Tree Seeds. For information, call Beth Troost at (734) 582-8848.



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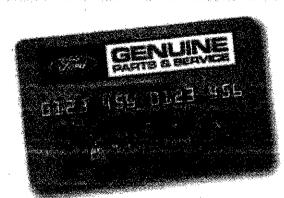
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## Thursday, April 20, 2006

## **OUR VIEWS**

## 'Pro-business' should not mean 'anti-environment'

During tough economic times, the temptation to "jump-start business" at the expense of the environment becomes even more attractive.

Calls for relaxing pollution controls, opening up environmentally sensitive areas to oil and gas exploration and the like gain momentum among politicians and some residents alike. Such positions are shortsighted at best, and hold dire consequences well beyond our state borders at worst.

As residents of the "Great Lakes State," we are stewards to roughly one-fifth of the world's fresh surface water. We have the right to enjoy — and profit from, in the form of tourism - our proximity to these bodies of water, but we also have the obligation to protect them from pollution and misuse,

Evidence of past sins are easy to spot in the form of mercury-contaminated fish and "no swimming" signs on public beaches, a host of invasive species playing havoc with the fragile Great Lakes ecosystem and repeated efforts to siphon off millions of gallons of lake water to slake the collective thirst of other parts of the country.

But there is hope in the form of a law recently signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm that bans dumping of contaminated dredge materials in open waters, and two bills making their way through Congress to fund a host of Great Lakes improvement initiatives.

While the state law helps stop the formerly shameful practice of using the Great Lakes as a giant sewer system, it is the federal initiative that could have a real impact for future generations. The spending plan would earmark more than \$20 billion to fix outdated and groundwater contaminating water and sewer systems nationwide, but with an emphasis on the Great Lakes basin, and would earmark an additional \$3 billion plus to fund an assortment of existing and new Great Lakes initiatives.

With the war raging on in Iraq and federal dollars at a premium, it will not be easy to get these bills signed into law, particularly by a president who is widely perceived as "pro-business" even at the expense of the environment. But we should all do our part to drive home the point that while the Great Lakes may be ours to enjoy and protect, we cannot do it alone.

## Tune it off during TV-Turnoff Week

How much time do we Americans spend watching teleto one nonprofit group, the average American spends more than four hours a day in front of a TV. That averages out to about two total months we spend each year staring at the tube when we could be doing something else.

The TV-Turnoff Network (formerly TV-Free America), an organization that encourages people to watch less television, also found that children under the age of 6 are watching about two hours a day and that nearly 100 percent of American households with young children have at least one TV.

These statistics seem to explain why television has become such a major influence on our society. While there is certainly some quality programming to be found, the television is all too often a vehicle for commercials and inappropriate content, a tool to play violent video

games and a baby-sitter. Many studies suggest this is not a healthy trend, particularly for children, who on average will spend more time in front of a TV than at school this year. Not only is excessive TV viewing linked to childhood obesity and poorer performance in the classroom, it also increases youth violence, according to the U.S. Surgeon General. According to one study, children see an average of 200,000 violent

acts on TV by the time they turn 18. So clearly, there are many reasons to turn off the television. But if you were looking for an excuse, next week, April 24-30, is national TV-Turnoff Week. All over the country, school classrooms and church groups have pledged to go television-free during the week. Our readers are encouraged to do the same.

The fact is most of the time spent watching television is time that could have been better spent doing something else. For parents, it could have been spent having meaningful conversation with their children. It could have been spent volunteering for some civic or nonprofit organization to make the world a better place. It could have been spent enjoying the outdoors or reading a book.

Use next week to liberate yourself from the TV. The world outside of the tube is much more interesting.



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**Community Editor** 

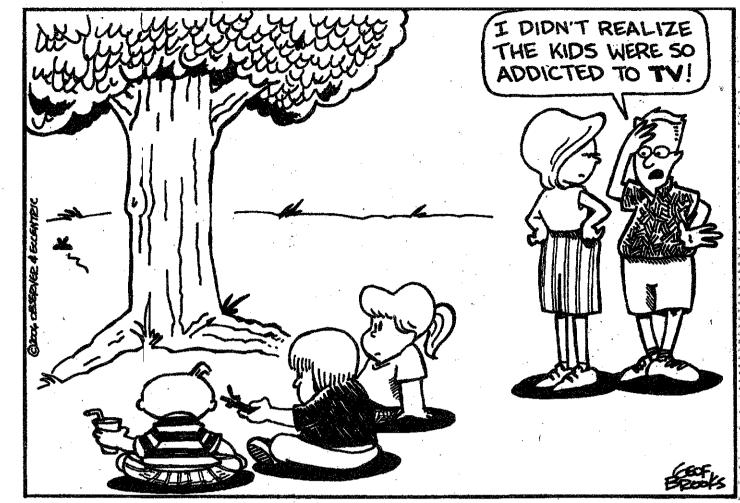
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## **LETTERS**

## **Disappointing endorsement**

I was very disappointed in the Observer's endorsement of Mrs. Dianne Gonzalez for Plymouth Canton School

Mrs. Gonzalez does not deserve the Observer's endorsement or to be elected to the school board. She does not possess the one essential qualification needed to be a school board member — the desire and ability to represent the entire school

In a recent Observer candidate profile, Gonzalez states "... I think (not building) the elementary school is a big mistake. The obvious choice would be (to build at) Miller Woods." In other words, she wants to serve on the school board to ensure that an unjustified elementary school be constructed in her neighborhood (Powell and Ridge). Gonzalez says she is "not sold" on the renovations at many of the crowded elementary schools in the district. Instead, she wants district voters to build her a school.

There is no room on a school board for parochial interests. School board members are to look beyond their own selfinterest and toward the greater good.

If Gonzalez had her way, school boundaries from one end of the district to the other would have to be modified to accommodate her goal. Thousands of elementary school children would be forced to change schools to accommodate Gonzalez's personal agenda.

Gonzalez, as a residential Realtor, should have done her due diligence before purchasing her home. If she had, she would have discovered that there are too few elementary students to justify construction of an elementary school in the northwest portion of the school district. In fact, the reality is, when you elect to purchase a home near the edge of the district, you sign up for busing to available space.

The school board should move swiftly to sell its parcel at Powell and Ridge. The sale would be consistent with its past practice of selling excess parcels. It recently sold two unneeded parcels in Canton. The school board has a fiduciary responsibility to the residents of the district to sell excess parcels and to use the proceeds to construct or expand needed facilities.

We cannot afford to have school board members who would place their personal interests above those of the entire Plymouth-Canton School District. A vote for Dianne Gonzalez is a vote for selfinterest.

> Tom Yack Canton supervisor

## Reasons for 'no' vote

I have made the personal decision to vote "no" on the bond due to valid concerns that I have. Your readers have asked for an explanation of my concerns. I have many. In the past, I have always blindly voted "yes" for any additional funding for schools. As a candidate, I felt it was my duty to study and understand the bond so that I could speak thoughtfully about it.

One of the concerns I have is in 2003, Jim Ryan proposed moving to a 750population model elementary school. We now call that model Workman Elementary School. It is slated to open in the fall. According to the 2003 Bond Steering Committee Report, "The administration felt that it needed the opportunity to identify, through experience, the benefits and challenges of this size elementary school, before implementing it at multiple sites."

Yet without having had the experience at this time, if the bond passes, we will add 28 classrooms to six elementary schools (Isbister, Smith, Tonda, Allen, Bentley and Field) to render them capable of handling much larger populations. I attended a bond pitch meeting and asked some tough questions that still have not been answered. I attended a school board meeting last week and voiced additional concerns; they have not been addressed.

There are some items on the bond that are very important. The new Tech Center, the new middle school and the additions to the current middle schools are all great ideas. Dr. Ryan has at least 20 more pitch meetings scheduled over the next couple of weeks. I encourage the community to take the time to attend a meeting and make decisions for themselves. Of course, I am a proponent of additional funding for our children, just not the way it is outlined in the current bond proposal.

As far as the bond is concerned, I am only one vote of thousands. However, as a candidate, if I am elected, I will scrutinize each issue and weigh credible information with regard to the benefit/detriment of each child in our district. It is the responsibility of the school board to watch the administration's actions and make sure they are visionary, and aligned with the public needs.

On May 3, the bond issue will be over. The school board in place will be faced with making huge budget cuts while maintaining high academic standards in a time of declining funding and dealing with aging facilities and a growing population. I hope your readers will be able to separate my qualifications as a school board member from my vote against the bond proposal as your newspaper has.

> **Dianne Gonzalez** school board candidate

## Stop blaming others

I laughed out loud after reading Kathy Booher's recent letter to the editor, "Financial crisis coming to a district near

In her note, she warns of the imminent collapse of suburban school districts caused by the lack of proper funding by the state of Michigan. It's a perfect example of someone who helps to create a crisis and then subsequently blames others.

for not solving it. Plymouth and Canton residents may remember Booher as the PCCS superintendent who resigned after nearly 18 months of claims that the PCCS budget was "being handled." As it turned out, nothing was further from the truth. Late in Booher's administration, it was learned through FOIA requests that during 18 months of weekly staff meetings, she never once placed the subject of budgets or district finance on her staff meeting agenda. With leadership like that, is there any wonder why we have a

In actuality, the current budget crisis began to really get out of hand on

Booher's watch. As a person who has attended board meetings regularly since 1995, I think Booher probably has more to do with our district's deficit than any single person.

She revised board meeting agendas to be little more than rewards and recognition ceremonies, while leaving the difficult business of balancing the budget "to administration professionals," as Booher used to say. Once Booher came on the scene, the average time spent at board meetings declined from roughly 15 hours per month to little more than three hours per month.

Is it any wonder that budgets are out of control? Kathy Booher must be in perfect agreement with current board President Mark Slavens (who incidentally called Booher "a rose among thorns"), as neither ever met a deficit that a huge tax increase couldn't fix.

Thankfully, Booher is gone. Now, our community (particularly the PCCS board) should ignore her. The board must start TODAY with the time-consuming, politically difficult work of cutting waste and setting financial priorities for the district. This ought to be done BEFORE the May 2 bond vote, and not

Board President Slavens and the rest of the PCCS Board of Education need to start leading on the finance issue, and quit blaming others for the mess that they themselves have helped create.

> Michael J. Maloney former Plymouth-Canton school board president\*

## Irresponsible proposal

Todd Caccamo's proposal to block all future development at Fellows Creek Golf Course is not only ill-advised, it is down right irresponsible.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees is entrusted with the welfare of the entire township and its decisions have to be made with that in mind. Restricting their decision-making power restricts us all. Caccamo's proposal smacks of thoughtless populist antics that some politicians use in an effort to get noticed.

Janusz M. Szyszko

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## **SHARE YOUR OPINIONS**

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## **QUOTABLE**

## "We are not in a fiscal crisis. If we don't act now, we will create a crisis."

- Canton Finance Director Tony Minghine, on a recent proposal to cut 11.5 positions from the township's workforce because of a huge drop in building permits this year

## 'No' vote would actually be a vote in support of our children

ome of you may be aware that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are going to be asking taxpayers for money to build more school facilities. This will be part of the May 2 election and will ask voters to approve two separate proposals for a total of more than \$120 million.

I am a former school board president who led the board during the bond election that built Plymouth High School and Dodson Elementary School and made numerous district improvements. I was also the chairman of the Citizens' Election Committee that led a community effort in a bond election that produced a nearly 70-percent "yes" vote for

the construction of
Discovery Middle School.
These bond issues had one
thing in common. They
delivered both classroom
space and a sound financial
plan to make sure the school
district could afford to put
teachers in these new class-

Mark

Horvath

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my past, so those of you who

asking you to do, FOR OUR KIDS.

I am asking each of you to think of our children and VOTE NO on the May 2 bond issues. That's right ... vote no FOR OUR KIDS. Sounds pretty strange, doesn't it? Normally we try to lump the "vote no" folks into either the anti-tax or anti-public school categories. In this case, the only vote that will truly support our children is a NO VOTE. To support this seemingly strange position, please allow me to take a few minutes to point out some facts.

FACT: The PCCS Board of Education is currently operating our school district in a deficit spending mode. This simply means they are spending more money than they take in and are planning to do so, according to their own financial "plan," for the foreseeable future until our money runs out.

Passing the bond will increase the amount of money the school district must spend on things like utilities and maintaining the buildings and classrooms. This will leave less money for teachers to actually teach our children.

RESULT: Passing either or both of these bond proposals will result in fewer teachers, higher class sizes and less money spent on our kids. Please VOTE NO FOR OUR

FACT: Our school district receives operating money based on the number of pupils enrolled in our schools. More kids equals more money. It doesn't matter if these kids are Plymouth or Canton residents. Under

current state law, the school board can open up our school district to students from Van Buren, Belleville, Wayne, Westland or elsewhere. The board could choose to do this at any time to bring in more money to cover the operating deficit that the school board has created in our district.

RESULT: By passing the bond proposals, the school board can use your tax dollars to create extra space to bring in kids from other school districts to cover the deficits that they have created by poor financial planning. Your local tax dollars could be building school facilities for families who don't even live in our school district and won't be paying taxes for these bonds.

When this happens, all of the services and staff that are currently dedicated to the students of our community will be shared between our students and out-of-district students who will be using the facilities that will be paid for with your tax dollars.

Facilities like the proposed Career and Technical Education Center are key to attracting students from other districts. Once again, passing these bond issues means less money and resources being used to teach your kids. Please VOTE NO FOR OUR KIDS.

FACT: The treasurer of the PCCS Board of Education has said that he does not believe this is the right economic climate for a bond issue and voted against the bond proposals during school board deliberations (as reported by the *Observer* March 19). He has also said that he now publicly supports these bond proposals.

RESULT: Even the highest-elected financial leader in our school district seems confused over the idea of these bond proposals. This does not provide a very clear or confident picture of our schools' financial future. If the treasurer of our school board cannot even determine if this is a good idea or not, how can this school board possibly develop a financial plan that will properly allocate resources to maximize teachers in the class room instead of asking us to build new classrooms with no money left to hire teachers? Please VOTE NO FOR OUR KIDS.

The facts seem clear, but the conclusion might be confusing. This is one of those strange elections where a NO VOTE for these bond proposals is actually a VOTE FOR OUR KIDS. Voting NO means lower class sizes, more teachers and more resources FOR OUR KIDS. On May 2, please join me in VOTING NO FOR OUR KIDS.

**Mark Horvath** is a former president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education. He resides in Canton.

## Update Fellows Creek

Reading the letters from Phyllis Counts ("Decision benefited minority") and Anthony Cauchi ("Who pays?") in the April 6 Observer and the Ann Conklin piece in the April 13 Observer caused me to write and share my thoughts about Fellows Creek Golf Course. Do the letter writers know the township has taken \$2.25 million in profit out of Fellows Creek in the last 10 years, including \$338,000 last year alone, while letting the condition of the course run down? The only spending by the township in the last five years at Fellows Creek was for a roof on the clubhouse. The money was spent elsewhere instead of reinvesting it at Fellows Creek. If all that money stayed at Fellows Creek, it would be in great shape.

Phyllis also talks about driving by Fellows Creek and seeing the expensive condos near the course. She should take a drive around Pheasant Run to look at the homes there to compare. Check out the three new bathrooms the township installed on the course, too. Fellows Creek only has outhouses.

Also why is Fellows Creek managed by a private contractor, while the township manages Pheasant Run? Wouldn't it be beneficial and cost-effective for the township to manage both golf courses? They could share equipment, supplies, labor and management.

Fellows Creek is a very inclusive golf course—low price to play, you can walk the course, it is used by high school golf teams, as well as residents and non-residents. Fellows Creek is the type of golf course the township should own. Not all the residents can afford to play at Pheasant Run.

Do the letter writers know that more than \$500,000 of their tax dollars are spent for Pheasant Run every year? And I think the Village Theater and the Summit run at a deficit as well. Maybe they could write a letter to complain about that, too. Fellows Creek is the only Leisure Services operation that pays its own way, and helps pay for some of the deficit from Pheasant Run as well.

I don't expect the Leisure Services to be run for profit. The township has these services to enhance the lives of the residents of the township, to make it a better place to live. I do hope the township is committed to investing in Fellows Creek Golf Course for the future. It needs to be updated and maintained to get more play in the years to come. That would be a benefit to all the residents of Canton Township and non-residents that play the course, not just the people that live near the course.

Jim Aaron Canton

## Layoffs are wrong

Last week I went to a public meeting. It concerned choices to be made by the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees. There were a lot of people there. Many citizens came because the heart of the discussion was whether or not to lay off some township employees and force or convince some others to retire.

I am proud of my neighbors and especially

employees from the township who came to the meeting and spoke out. They spoke out to pre-

## **LETTERS**

serve the jobs of their fellow employees. I was witness to several American heroes voicing their concerns. Not only did they stand up for their fellow employees — they also had creative and sensible ideas to not only forestall this drastic action, but to continue to improve services to the citizens of Canton. My heart is filled with admiration.

I do not feel that it would be in the best interests of the charter township to let any of them go at the present time. The trustees really made the grade as well. Todd LaJoy applied a sensible and business-like approach to his inquiries. Mr. Zarbo demanded, "I want a true cost accounting." Mr. Caccamo assisted a citizen with completing a Freedom of Information Act request. Ms. Kirchgatter, Ms. Bennett, Ms. McLaughlin and Mr. Yack were clearly involved.

Considering the brave township employees as public servants and citizens and the professionalism of the trustees against this radical idea, I feel that the wrong jobs are on the chopping block.

Alfred Brock Canton

## Supports bond

I attended the PCCS Board of Education meeting Tuesday, April 11, and was very disturbed by a comment from Dianne Gonzalez during the citizen comment period.

She stated she did not understand the numbers that the Board of Education used during the bond preparations last fall and kept referring to data in the original Bond Steering Committee report of November 2003. She stated that either the numbers had changed or there was a "conspiracy."

I attended many of the Bond Workshops last fall and was impressed with the thorough evaluation process that was used. It appeared the Board of Education asked for updated data for both capital and operating costs as well as student projections. If I remember correctly, they actually used two different firms for these projections.

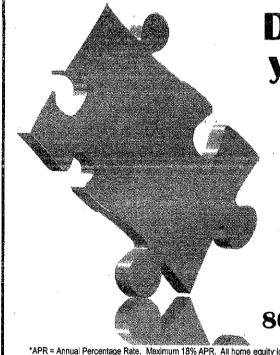
They used updated data that was available to the public at each meeting. At every one of these workshops, there was a period for citizen comments. This process took over five months and I am pleased with their decision to remodel and add to existing buildings instead of building a new elementary school.

The rooms will be located throughout the district where the students are. It also has a lower operating cost than a new building. At the same time, Livonia was faced with closing schools and the Board of Education took that into account, too.

I am disappointed to hear there are people in the community telling voters to vote no on this bond thinking that the Board of Education will have to come back with a proposal with a new elementary school. I have spoken with many of the board members and they are not in favor of that.

I am in favor of this bond because it has many benefits for all of the students in the district, elementary, middle and high school, and it would be a real disappointment if it's defeated for a few people's selfish reasons.

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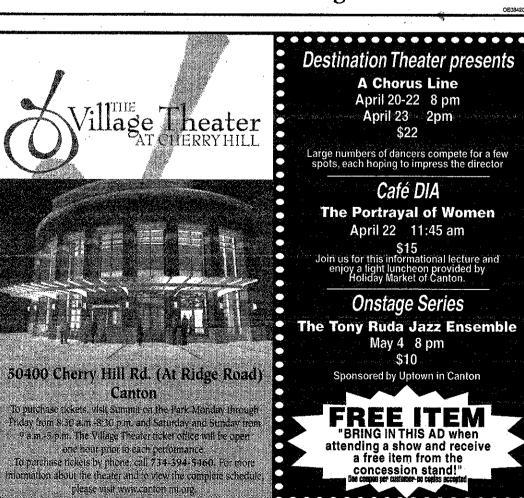
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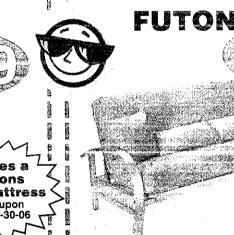
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## Ear to ear

## Operation Smile honors local news anchor Monica Gayle

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

Monica Gayle, WJBK-TV (Channel 2) news anchor, always has a sincerity about her when she's delivering the stories of the day, good and

So it's not surprising the West Bloomfield resident is receiving honors for her volunteer efforts to help children across the globe.

Gayle is slated to receive the Metro Detroit Humanitarian Award at the second annual Journey of Smiles event, Saturday, April 29, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. The black-tie benefit raises funds for Operation Smile, a national organization that sends medical teams to foreign countries to perform surgeries on children with facial deformities.

Former Detroit Pistons player and coach Ray Scott will be honored as well. Also appearing are former NBA player John Salley and celebrity hair stylist Ken Paves.

Gayle became involved in the organization during the establishment of a local chapter, the Michigan

Friends of Operation Smile. "And she has been wondersince," said Terri Klimek, southeast Michigan liaison and medical volunteer for Operation Smile and Journey of Smiles event chair.

In addition to serving as a working committee member and hosting organization events as a local celebrity, Gayle traveled to Honduras on an Operation Smile mission just over a year ago.

"She worked side-by-side with us," said Klimek, a nurse anesthetist at the University of Michigan Medical Center who, along with her husband, a physician, donates her expertise overseas for Operation Smile.

A typical mission involves travel by 40 medical professionals equipped with all necessary medical supplies and, ultimately, the surgical treatment of about 150 children with cleft palates and other facial deformities. The teams also train local medical personnel in current treatment standards and techniques.

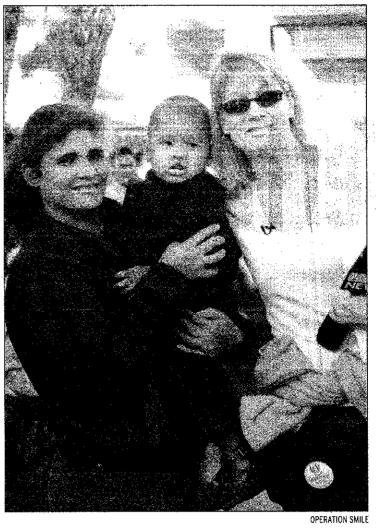
Children are born with cleft palates at higher rates outside the United States. More importantly, many nations lack the resources to provide corrective surgery. The deformity is caused by a combination of genetics and poor prenatal care.

for children whose needs require surgery here. In the U.S., it operates a referral program through which American families can locate financial assistance for the corrective surgery.

Gayle's involvement with the Michigan Friends of Operation Smile exceeds ordinary volunteerism, Klimek said. Her trip to Honduras inspired two WJBK-TV specials about the organization and children who have been helped. "And she continues to be a dedicated working member of our committee," Klimek

But perhaps Gayle's greatest contribution is her ability to convey Operation Smile's important message, Klimek said, adding "What is wonderful about Monica when she speaks as a nonmedical person is that she speaks directly from the

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Monica Gayle joined Operation Smile medical volunteers on a recent mission

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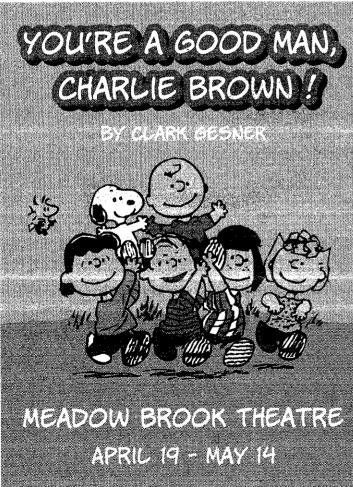


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## State's GOP chair senses change

BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

Saul Anuzis can feel something in the air. It's the winds of change as he delves head-first into the 2006 political season as chairman of the Michigan Republican State Committee.

"The economic environment, the mood of the people in Michigan, is very negative," said Anuzis. "People are looking for change; they're looking for leadership."

Anuzis, 47, is setting the stage and gearing minds to the state's single largest issue.

"Jobs, jobs, jobs; it's that simple," said Anuzis.
"The last three polls showed over 70 percent of
the people in Michigan's No. 1 concern is jobs
and the economy."

The Detroit native notes Michigan's unemployment rate, which teeters between 6.6 and 7.1 percent – one of the highest in the country for a state unaffected by the hurricanes last year.

"We were the only state in the country that lost jobs last year," said Anuzis. "And, the only state to lose jobs three years in a row. Michigan continues to be on the losing track."

Anuzis argues that the leadership is lacking in Lansing and the state is prohibitive for businesses in terms of regulatory issues, permits and taxes.

Yet, the Michigan Economic Development

Corporation, a partnership between the state and local communities, reported this week a plan is in place to create and/or retain 14,297 jobs statewide through MEDC incentives.

The report states more than \$516 million has been secured in private investment in the five listed projects: Alma Iron & Metal in Alma; General Motors in Ypsilanti and Warren; Hess Industries Inc. in Milton Township; Otsego Paper Inc. acquisition of the former Menasha Paper facility in Otsego; and Second Chance Armor in Central Lake Township.

"The state continues to attract investment from global companies and local developers that create jobs and good places to live and work for our citizens," said Gov. Jennifer Granholm in the MEDC news release. "The fact that these companies are choosing Michigan over competing



Anuzis

sites in other states proves that they value our highly-skilled workforce and competitive busi-

workforce and competitive business climate."

Anuzis said Dick DeVos is the person who can lead Michigan in the right direction, economically. DeVos, a Grand Rapids

businessman who is credited for

rebuilding Grand Rapids, has

started his gubernatorial campaign. Anuzis said DeVos' campaign ads are simply to gain name recognition in the Detroit

area, where many are not yet familiar with him.

Anuzis said the state's Republicans are confident they will keep the majority of seats in the state House and Senate and are also hopeful a Republican governor will be elected in

Anuzis, whose parents immigrated to America from Lithuania after World War II, has been a political guru since attending college at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. In 1980, he was elected as the youngest delegate to the Republican National Convention, held in Detroit that year. Attending President Ronald Reagan's first inaugural speech was one of the highlights of his life.

Anuzis was elected third vice chair of the Michigan Republic State Committee and served six years as a MRSC member and two terms as a congressional district chairman. He managed Dick Posthumus' state Senate campaign in 1982 and worked for the House Republican Campaign Committee, the Senate Republican Campaign Committee, and finally as chief of staff to then Majority Leader Posthumus.

Anuzis became involved in the telecommunications business and focused on his family – wife Lina and four sons. Now, he's back on Michigan's political scene and moving full speed ahead on the notion that change is in the air.

"People continue to be more and more dissatisfied and upset about the lay of the land," he said. "They're looking for change; they're looking for an alternative."

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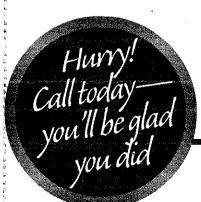
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#### MHS program

The Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland is offering spay or neutering of cats and vaccinations for \$20 for families with financial difficulties through May 31. The center is at 900 Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road. People must provided proof if financial need, such as documentation from government-funded programs, at the time of their appointment. The proof can include the Family Independence Program, state disability assistance, food assistance WIC program and Medicaid. To make an appointment, call (734) 722-1415.

Living longer Dr. Dorcas Hardy, policy chair for the White House Conference on Aging and former U.S. Commissioner of Social Security, will be the guest at An Evening Under the Stars - Living Longer and Loving It III Tuesday, April 25. at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres. cash bar, prizes, free goodie bags, music by the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society and exhibits by local businesses. The cost is \$5 with advanced registration and \$10 at the door. For more information, call Renee Merckx at (734) 658-4317.

Asthma screening

The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology will conduct its annual Nationwide Asthma Screening Program this May, marking the program's 10th anniversary of helping people breathe easier. Detroit-area allergists will offer free screenings for people who are experiencing breathing problems, such as chronic coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath at several locations, including May 1 at Richardson's Pharmacy, 42433 Ford Road in Canton. During a screening, adults who are experiencing breathing problems complete a 20-question Life Quality (LQ) Test developed by ACAAI for the program. Children under the age of 15 take a special test called the Kids' Asthma Check that enables them to answer questions themselves about any breathing problems. Another version of the Check is available for parents of children up to 8 years of age to complete on their child's behalf. Participants also take a lung function test that involves blowing into a tube, and meet with a physician to determine if they should seek a thorough examination and diagnosis. To obtain a list of asthma screening sites and dates or to take the online versions of the LQ Test and Kids' Asthma Check. visit the ACAAI Web site at www.acaai.org

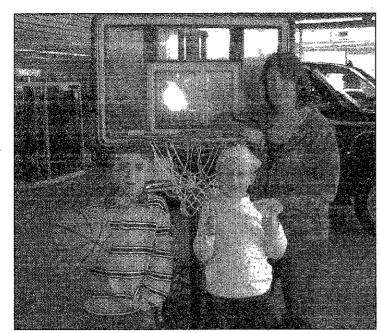
## Book fair

The 28th-annual Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair takes place 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 14 in the ballroom of the Michigan Student Union, 530 S. State St. There is a \$5 admission charge which benefits the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan, More than 40 book dealers from Michigan and throughout the Midwest offer fine used, rare and out-of-print books. maps, photographs and prints for sale. For more information, contact Jay Platt in care of the West Side Book Shop, 113-W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, by e-mail at jplatt@provide.net or by phone at (734) 995-1891.

Creative writing workshop The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop. "Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet?" 3:45-6:15 p.m. Saturday, June 24 in the community room of the Madison Heights Fire Department headquarters, 31313 Brush, Madison Heights. Author Diane Burton offers tips for developing memorable characters which the reader will either root for or hiss at. Admission is \$25 for Michigan Horror Writers members, \$30 for pre-registered attendees, \$35 for registration after June 3 and \$40 for walk-ins. Attendees should submit a sample of their writing with their registration. For more information or to register email Shelby at president@michiganhorror.com

## Inside Dyslexia

The first presentation in Michigan of the documentary "Inside Dyslexia" and discussion with the film's two producers will be held 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, during a free event sonsored by Eton Academy in cooperation with the Michigan Dyslexia Institute. Families who have a child with learning challenges and educators are encouraged to attend this program, entitled "Inside Different Learners: Smart Kids Who Learn Differently." The program includes the film screening, commentary and a



## **March madness**

Delaney Diggs (center) was the grand-prize winner in a March Madness prize drawing sponsored in the month of March by Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth. Delaney's name was chosen from several hundred entries to win the big prize — a portable basketball net/rim/post/stand system. Other prizes given away during the promotion included 10 basketballs with nets and tickets to a Detroit Pistons game. Delaney posed with her prize along with her brother, Josh, and her mother, Reneé LaForest.

panel discussion with the film's producers, Josh Easdon and Nate Hamlin, and others who specialize in working with children with learning differences. It will be held at Eton Academy, 1755 Melton in Birmingham. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. Resource information will be provided. Admission is free. Parents of students with learning challenges, educators and others who are interested in attending must RSVP by Monday, May 1, by calling (248) 642-1150, Ext. 386 or visit the Eton News section at www.etonacademy.org for more information. Soup/salad luncheon

The St. Joseph Women's Guild hosts its annual Soup and Salad Luncheon 11

a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, May 12 in the Parish Activity Center on Third Street in Trenton. The \$7 cost includes choice of soups, salads, desserts and a beverage. The event features two 50/50 drawings and door prizes. Carry-out orders are available. For advance tickets or more information, call Helen at (734) 671-1020.

Golden anniversary

The Livonia Historical Society celebrates its 50-year anniversary with a gala banguet at the Alexander Blue House in Greenmead on 8 Mile and Newburgh, 6 p.m. Thursday May 8. Dinner tickets are \$20. Call Joe Soltesz, (734) 422-4061 or President Gene Kramer, (248) 349-

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

ORDINANCE NO. C-06-02

AMENDMENT TO WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PARAGRAPH A OF SECTION 73.040 AND PARAGRAPH A OF SECTION 73.050 OF CHAPTER 73 PART OF 7 OF THE CODE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ENTITLED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE; TO AMEND THE WATER CONSUMPTION RATES AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATES FOR THE TOWNSHIP; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND DENALTY, PROVIDING FOR THE SEVER ARRIUTY OF THIS PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OTHER INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS CLAUSE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS: SECTION 1.

Paragraph A of Section 73.040 of the Water and Sewer System Ordinance entitled "Consumption Rates" is hereby amended to read as follows:

## WATER RATES

A. Consumption Rates. The Consumption rate shall be \$2.36 per 1,000 gallons.

## SECTION 2.

Paragraph A. of Section 73.050 of the Water and Sewer System Ordinance entitled "Sewer Disposal Use Rates" is hereby amended

## to read as follows:

SEWER SYSTEM RATES Sewer Disposal Use Rates

- Such rates shall be levied on each lot or parcel of land, building, premises now or hereafter having any connection with the sewers of the system. Such rates shall be billed along with the water bill and shall be based on the quantity of water used therein (if there is
- The sewage disposal rate shall be \$3.06 per 1,000 gallons of metered water. The sewage disposal rate, during the billing months of September, October and November shall be reduced by Twenty-five (25%)

#### VIOLATION AND PENALTY. SECTION 3.

Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

## SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

## REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

#### SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

#### SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

## EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-06-02 considered for first reading at the April 11, 2006, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, May 09, 2006. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Publish: April 20, 2006

Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

### Genealogical societies

The Irish Genealogical Society presents a program titled, "Irish Settlements in Five Southwestern Counties of Ontario," 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22 at the Gaelic League/Irish-American Club in Detroit, located at 2068 Michigan Avenue, four blocks west of Tiger Stadium. The presentation includes when the Irish arrived in Ontario, what churches were there, where some of them came from in Ireland and their religion. Guest speaker is Joan Griffin, who has been doing Ontario research for more

than 30 years. She was on the planning committee for Ontario Genealogical Society's Seminar 2005 in Windsor and is chair of the Kent County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. The public is invited and there is no charge. For more information call (313) 884-0039. ■ The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets May 4 with dinner at 6 p.m. and its meeting at 7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1401 Grand River in Howell, The topic is a re-enactment of the life and times of Mary Bingham, the wife of

governor Kingsley Bingham from Green Oak Township, with speaker Diane Wynings of the South Lyon Historical Society. For more information call Margaret at (810) 227-7745.

Walk America

March of Dimes WalkAmerica takes place Saturday, April 29 at Hines Park in Livonia to help the March of Dimes fight prematurity - a growing crisis that now affects half a million babies born in the U.S. every year. For more information about WalkAmerica, or to join the event. at Hines Park on April 29, visit walkamerica.org or call 1-800-525-WALK.

### NOTICE OF ELECTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a May 2, 2006 Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; at which time, bond proposals and candidates in the **Plymouth-Canton Community School District**, and candidates in the **Van Buren Public Schools** in Wayne County will be placed on the ballot for consideration as follows:

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (TERM ENDING: JUNE 30, 2010).

VOTE FOR TWO: Mark Christenson Dianne Gonzalez **Brandon Hynes** John T. Jackson Larry A. Martin Cheryl W. McKoy John Nichols Steven M. Sneideman

#### PROPOSAL PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION 1

Shall the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Ninety-Five Million Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 (\$95,415,000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

Erecting, equipping and furnishing a new middle school building and a new career technical education facility and acquiring, preparing, developing and improving the sites for a new middle school building and a new career technical education facility;

Erecting, equipping and furnishing additions to school buildings and preparing, developing and improving sites for additions to school buildings;

Remodeling, re-equipping, re-furnishing school buildings, preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings and purchasing school buses; and

- Equipping and re-equipping school buildings for technology systems and equipment? The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.86 mills (which is equal to \$0.86 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 0.83 mills annually

(\$0.83 per \$1,000 of taxable value). If this Bond Proposition 1 is combined with Bond Proposition 2 it will be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, for not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the combined proposed bonds in the first year is 1.08 mills (which is equal to \$1.08 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 1.05 mills annually (\$1.05 per \$1,000 of taxable value). If approved by the voters the bonds will be guaranteed by the State of Michigan under Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, as amended. If the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds under the State of Michigan's guarantee the School District may be required to levy debt mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State of

Michigan. (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating

YES NO

#### PROPOSAL PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION 2

Shall the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Four Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$24,765,000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

- Erecting, equipping and furnishing a performing arts center addition, a multi purpose swimming pool addition and an auxiliary gymnasium addition to high school buildings; Preparing, developing and improving sites for a performing arts center addition, a multi purpose

swimming pool addition and an auxiliary gymnasium addition to high school buildings; Equipping additions to high school buildings for technology systems and equipment; and

Erecting, equipping and furnishing additions to athletic fields and preparing, developing and improving sites for additions to athletic fields?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.22 mills (which is equal to \$0.22 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 0.22 m (\$0.22 per \$1,000 of taxable value). If this Bond Proposition 2 is combined with Bond Proposition 1 it will be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, for not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the combined proposed bonds in the first year is 1.08 mills (which is equal to \$1.08 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 1.05 mills annually (\$1.05 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The Bonds authorized under this School Improvement Bond Proposition 2, if approved by the voters, will not be issued if the voters do not approve School Improvement Bond Proposition 1. If approved by the voters the bonds will be guaranteed by the State of Michigan under Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, as amended. If the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds under the State of Michigan's guarantee the School District may be required to levy debt mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State of Michigan. (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)  $\mathbf{YES}$   $\mathbf{NO}$ 

#### VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (TERM ENDING JUNE 30 2010).

VOTE FOR TWO: Victor A. Hogan David Peer

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a MAY 2, 2006 ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, MAY 2, 2006 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the following polling locations:

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Name of Facility	Address
First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd.
Tri-City Christian Center	3855 Sheldon S
St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Road
Cresent Academy	40440 Palmer Rd.
Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
Resurrection Parish Church	48755 Warren Road
Eriksson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
	46501 Warren Road
Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
Winter/Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon
	1100 S. Canton Center
Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Rd.
Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center
Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
Agape Christian School	45081 Geddes
Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty
Mettetal Airport	8550 Lilley Road
Main Street Baptist Church	8500 Morton Taylor N.
Dodson Elementary School	205 Beck Rd.
Canton Human Service Center	50430 School House Rd.
Cherry Hill School	50440 Cherry Hill Rd.
Plymouth High School	8400 N. Beck Rd.
	First Baptist Church Tri-City Christian Center St. John Neumann Church Miller Elementary School Cresent Academy Royal Holiday Clubhouse Salem High School Resurrection Parish Church Eriksson Elementary School Tonda Elementary School Hulsing Elementary School Winter/Walker Elementary School Bentley Elementary School Township Fire Station #1 Hoben Elementary School Canton High School Summit on the Park Agape Christian School Field Elementary School Mettetal Airport Main Street Baptist Church Dodson Elementary School Canton Human Service Center Cherry Hill School

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, APRIL 29, 2006 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, MAY 1, 2006, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots **ONLY** will be issued on Election Day, MAY 2, 2006. All absentee ballots that are returned in person, must be returned to the Clerk's office by 4:00 P.M. MAY 2.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 394-5121.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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# Cell phone choices, self-defense on the rise in Wayne County

TALK THE TALK

This week Livonia welcomed a new no-contract cell phone service provider to its business community. MetroPCS hosted a grand opening Wednesday at its new location at 28505 Schoolcraft, Building 6, near Burton Manor.

The Dallas-based company has become the first cellular company in Michigan to offer a no contract, no credit check, month-to-month flat rate service. The Livonia office will employ 200 people by the end of 2006, officials said.

And that's only the beginning. MetroPCS plans to open eight stores in Michigan. The wireless provider aims to let you "talk all you want, anytime you want, with no strings attached"

The flat rate service includes unlimited local and domestic long distance calls anytime, without a contract. The company hopes to make counting minutes obsolete.

Basic plans cost \$30, \$35, \$40 and \$45. Options include TextTalk, which allows an unlimited number of text messages for \$3 per month; Metro411, a directory assistance service for \$2 per month; and PictureTalk to send and receive digital photos for \$5 per month.

"MetroPCS offers Detroit an affordable alternative to expensive, frustrating wireless plans," said Pat Markey, general manager of MetroPCS Detroit. "By allowing customers to pay by the month, not by the minute, we are giving residents of Detroit and

## WHAT'S IN STORE

surrounding communities another option for their wireless

"And, we believe we will be the natural choice of wireless service for those who live, work and play in the Detroit area"

MetroPCS Communications currently has 2 million subscribers. For more information, visit the Web site at www.metropcs.com.

### **WALK THE WALK**

After taking up self-defense on her own Katie A. Ling now teaches it. She has developed The Protection Connection, an organization meant to improve the health, safety and overall well-being of teens, students and women everywhere. Her Canton-based company private group seminars for student groups and sororities around Michigan.

The Protection Connection also provides Moving Body Meditation and Proactive Self-Defense classes on a weekly basis at Deborah Chase School of Dance, located at 29820 Joy Road in **Livonia**.

For more information, visit www.ProtectionConnection.biz. To register for programs, call (734) 649-8478 or send e-mail to katie@protectionconnection.biz.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@hometownlife.com or call (734) 953-2054.

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## Forum attempts to address water department concerns

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Last month, Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed a bill to create a regional advisory board to oversee the Detroit Water and Sewer Department for the second time in three years.

Both bills were introduced by state Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, who has complained about the rates charged to suburban customers and about management of water department contracts.

On Thursday, April 27, DWSD and the Southeast Michigan Conference of Governments will hold a daylong forum on issues related to operations of the water and sewer department. More than 600 people have been invited to attend, including suburban officials, state legislators, state administrators and county officials from Genesee, Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties. Seating is limited to 150.

The 2006 Regional Forum: Partnering for the Future runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ford Conference and Event Center on Village Road in Dearborn.

"I think the driving factor is we've been trying to talk about the successes of working with our suburban customers and that just hasn't caught attention from a lot of people," said George Ellenwood, public affairs manager of DWSD. "We've heard from suburban customers, why aren't you talking about the partnership, why aren't you talking about groups that are generating new model contracts for water and wastewater contracts. The answer is we've talked about them, but they haven't been sexy."

The conference will begin with a welcome from Victor Mercado, director of DWSD. and Paul 1ait, executive director of SEMCOG. The keynote address will be delivered by U.S. District Judge John Feikens, who since 1977 has been responsible for oversight of water quality and pollution problems and



Mercado

Feikens created the Southeast

Water Quality. Jo Anna Trierweiler of Project Innovations, the program facilitator, said that the DWSD has done "an amazing job" of reaching out to its water and wastewater customers (the communities to which it sells water and sewer services).

Michigan Consortium for

"They come together and talk about hard issues," she said. "They see that as a place where they can come together and place issues on the table and have mutual respect. Even in their own communities, that information doesn't make its way into the speech patterns of their elected officials."

The forum will include several suburban participants, including Sherri Gee of the Oakland County Drain Commissioner's office and Tim Faas from Canton. Forum topics include regional security, efficiency and interoperability and regional collaboration.

"We'll have members of the Water Consortium of Southeast Michigan who'll give a report on what has been accomplished in the consortium," Ellenwood said. "One project they've been working on is understanding how water and sewer rates help finance water and sewer systems."

Organizers hope that the morning informational sessions will lead to interactive afternoon sessions where participants will share ideas on how to move forward.

"Our goal is to bring outside information into the room so that people could hear what other leaders or experts are thinking about or talking about so that the afternoon sessions will have interactivity," Trierweiler

The discussion of regional collaboration will include participants who operate regional water systems under different models than Detroit's system, which is owned and operated by the city of Detroit and sold to local communities with an advisory board appointed by the mayor of Detroit.

"So frequently, these other models come up and people don't have enough information," Trierweiler said. "People sometimes push back and say why are you bringing them in. Well, it is the elephant, so let's bring them in and talk about it.

The luncheon speaker will be Jack Hoffbuhr of the American Water Works Association, who will bring a national perspective to water and sewer problems.

The security session will discuss very aspects of water

"That question frequently comes up. Is there a risk that someone could put something microscopic in the water upstream and kill us all?" Trierweiler said. "The answer is no, but there are risks, health risks that people need to be aware of."

Ellenwood said Detroit has been a leader in protecting the water system and provided the model for Sandia National Laboratory's water security program used nationally.

Ellenwood and Trierweiler said the forum is trying to bridge a gap between political leaders and people working in the field.

One challenge we've encountered in customer outreach is that it's very difficult to have operational and political people together, not because they don't interact well, but they have very difforgot needs in terms of aniormation, Ellenwood

Trierweiler said Toy's office will have a representative at the sessions. Toy will not be able to attend because the

## Prosecutor's office upgrades Web site

Prosecutor's Office has upgraded its online service. The Web site, www.waynecounty.com/prosecutor. contains information on the functions of our prosecutor's office. Information covers vic-

tim's rights information and information to help navigate the court system. There are downloadable copies of helpful handbooks and many pages contain links to other valuable resources. A weekly case update of high

profile cases can be accessed by going onto the Web site and finding Units on the menu bar, then click on Units. The case updates are found on the Communications page of the Web site.



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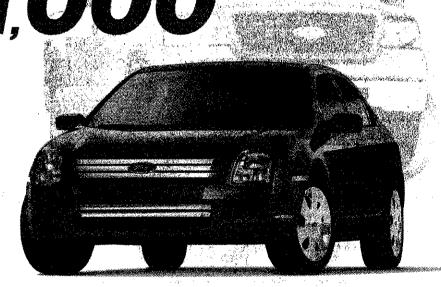


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## Believing in miracles

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## Guild, Capuchin brothers remember priest Solanus Casey, work on cause for sainthood

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER STAFF WRITER

Helen Gleeson remembers the day her brother was miraculously healed in Detroit by a Capuchin priest whom many would like to see named a

säint. While she was growing up in Detroit in a family of nine children, Gleeson's older brother

Charles, 12, contracted polio. The doctors gave up hope on Chuck, because he was paralyzed," she said.

Her Catholic parents were very religious, and so her father went to see the Rev. Solanus Casey, a priest in the Capuchin order at St. Bonaventure Monastery on Mt. Elliott in Detroit. He knew that healings had been attributed to the priest's prayers of intercession.

"Father told him, there will be a decided change within a day," said Gleeson, still showing the amazement and happiness in her voice after so many years. "That day, Chuck walked down the steps to my mother and father."

Her late brother grew up to have a happy life and a large family. His story was also told on the television program, Unsolved Mysteries.

As for Gleeson, Father Solanus made a lasting impact on her life. "My father used to take us to see him. Father Solanus used to sit at his desk, and there were people gathered around the room wanting to talk to him. He was so pious, and took time for every one."

### **PRAYERFUL GUILD**

Father Solanus Casey died in July 1957 and is buried at St.

Bonaventure. Three years later, the Father Solanus Casey Guild was formed to keep alive his memory and spirit, and further his cause for canonization as a saint. Today members are all over the world.

Gleeson, now of Bloomfield Hills, formed a local circle of the guild in her home. Thirty years later, the circle continues to meet, at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills. Members pray and listen to new stories of healing attributed to prayers to Father Solanus for interces-

While such healings as her brother experienced can only be proclaimed a miracle if Father Solanus is canonized, or declared a saint, Gleeson has no doubt that is what happened.

"The doctors felt like when

Chuck walked, well, there is a miracle there. This is something they could not explain."

Brother Richard Merling of St. Bonaventure is guild director. Brother Richard came to the friary a few months before Solanus died. He also remembers a visit with him as a child. Father Solanus prophetically told his mother his brother would be okay after an auto accident and talked about what it was like when he entered the monastery something Brother Richard recalled later when he himself felt called to service.

### REMEMBERING

"When those who had been healed came back to thank him, sometimes tears would come out of his eyes and he would say, 'don't thank me, thank the Lord," he said of Father Solanus.

He was a happy person, Brother Richard added, who enjoyed playing the violin.

"One of Father Solanus' emphasis was when people came and asked for blessings, he would often say to them OK, if you are asking some-



A photograph of the Rev. Solanus Casey shows him in prayer at the Capuchin monastery in Detroit.

thing of God, be willing to do something for him."

Perhaps that's why when the Capuchin Soup Kitchen was established during the Depression there was never a lack of food or help. His concern for the hungry inspired the soup kitchen, and many people helped provide for it. "If Father Solanus asked for something people just responded so well."

Brother Richard works with Brother Leo Wollenweber, vice-postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Father Solanus Casey, to research his life and candidacy for saint-

Brother Leo, now 89, lived with him from 1940 to 1945. "He was a very kind of quiet, humble, very human man with a good sense of humor. He had a wonderful faith and trust in Good, a goodness that he shared."

With the intercession of Father Solanus, "medical conditions just seemed to be cured overnight. Many doctors were quite surprised."

If Father Solanus is named a saint, he would be the first American-born male saint, he

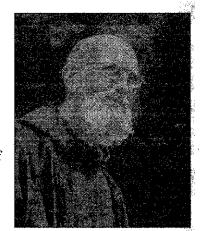
A big step was taken in July 1995, when he was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II. A saint must also be beatified and canonized by the church in Rome.

### **NEW REPORTS**

Unusual healings before and after death must be attributed to a candidate for sainthood.

Today, reports are still being made, he said. "Many people come to pray at his tomb. They send us reports."

"What we have to do is collect enough medical information," said Brother Leo. "That is very difficult to get with all the privacy issues, and sometimes doctors are reluctant to speak out, and so on."



This oil painting of Solanus Casey is available as a reproduction at the Father Solanus Casey Guild headquarters in Detroit.

But, "it's at a point where we are investigating a case that might bring positive news for us. There is no intervention through medical means, and there is a healing."

"We don't want to say any- 🦓 thing that would anticipate the decision of the Congress for Causes of Saints," he added. "We do hope that the Vatican will consider all the evidence that we send them."

For Rachel Lent of Bloomfield Township, having Father Solanus declared a saint would be wonderful news. She saw a television program on him, and contacted the guild to see if she could help in the effort. But she'd be just as happy if more people knew about him.

"We need it right now. We need something to hang on to," she said. "There are so many wonderful things that happen and we just don't know about them. It's the kind of thing that gives you a little hope."

The Father Solanus Guild is located at 1780 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit. The phone number is (313) 579-2100. The guild has a Web site at www.solanuscasey.org.

## ANN KRYSA SIMS

Age 83 died April 15, 2006 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac from a long illness. She was born September 9, 1922 in Morrisville, Pennsylvania and was currently a resident of Bloomfield Hills since 1956. Wife of the late H.G. Sims who was an Executive with General Motors Corp. he died in 1999. She was a graduate of Morrisville High School in Pennsylvania and a graduate of Comptroller School in New Jersey. Ann was an adamant bridge player and belonged to the Neighborhood Bridge Club. Ann is survived by two daughters: Cynthia Ann Sims of Bloomfield Hills and Eileen (Robert) Seale of Huntington Beach, California. Huntington Beach, California. Grandmother of John and Michael. Also survived by 7 Brothers and Sisters including the two living in this area: Lynne Eichinger of W. Bloomfield and Marjorie Habel of Chesterton, Indiana. Memorial Service at The Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple, Birmingham on Saturday April 22, 2006 at 11:00 A.M. Pastor Jim Ackerman of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of Bloomfield Hills officiating.



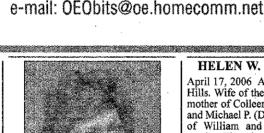
ANNA "ANN" MAE BRECHT

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of Ann on April 17, 2006 at age 90. Ann was a good friend to many and lived a full and active life. She was a member of the Canton Sounds and the Nardineers of Farmington and was a Sears retiree. She enjoyed travel, golf, square dancing, bowling, bingo, cards and spendthe time with her family and friends Beloved wife of the late Julius hoving mother of Shirley Casler and Donald (Betty). Dearest sister to 5 brothers and 3 sisters. Loving grandmother to 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren Funeral Saturday 11 m. from the chapel of the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Rd. (W. of Lilley Rd.). The family will receive visitors Friday 4 - 9 p.m.

### ARLEEN MARIE DEBOZY Åge 84, of Westland, formerly of New

Boston. Died April 15, 2006. Mrs. Debozy was born July 14, 1921 in furon Township to Ernst and Esther (Schuessler) Gumtow. She married Andrew B. Debozy, May 26, 1940 in New Boston Michigan. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and St. Pauls Ladies Aid. Preceded in death by her husband, 1 grandson, 2 brothers and 1 sister. Survived by her children: Sons: Allan Debozy of Westland, Alvin (Margaret) Debozy New Boston, Terry ( Debozy of Hemlock, MI., Daughters Andrea (Harold) Owens of Harrison. rennessee, Sandy Heath of Westland. Grandchildren: Eleven, Great Grandchildren: Sixteen, Funeral services were held April 19,2006 at 1:00am. St. Paul Lutheran Church New Boston, MI. Visitation was held at Arthur Bobcean Funeral Home, Inc. Flat Rock, MI, Interment, Michigan Memorial Park, Huron Township, Mi. Donations can be made to: St. Paul Entheran Church Elevator Fund.





BERTHA LOUISE FUQUA

Age 69, previously of Bloomfield Hills, MI, died Nov. 14, 2005, in Scottsdale, AZ. She was the wife of William Fuqua for 47 years. They most recently resided in Brewster, MA. Born in Birmingham, AL, Mrs. Fuqua attended the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, where she gained Certification in Church Business Administration. She was a member of the United Methodist Association of Church Business Administrators and a Fellow of the National Association of Church Business Administration. In Michigan she was a member of Kiwanis and in Brewster, "Queen Bee' of her local Red Hat Society. A medical secretary for many years, she later worked at her church, starting as a volunteer and eventually becoming Church Business Administrator at the First United Methodist Church Birmingham, MI. She retired in 1995 She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, known for her generosity and hospitality. Her retirement years were focused especially on her family Besides her husband, survivors include a son, Bradley Fuqua of Scottsdale AZ; three daughters: Elizabeth Ouellette of Tallahassee, FL; Patricia Wilson of Boca Raton, FL; and Martha Lemondes of Fairfax, VA; 3 brothers, a sister and 10 grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple



Rd., Birmingham, Ml, on Saturday,

April 22, 2006, at 2:00 P.M.

CHERYL L. CARAM

Age 67, April 13, 2006, Beloved wife of Edward. Dearest Mother of Lisa (Raymond) Lindenmuth, Jeffrey and fony Caram. Loving Grandmother of Brittany and Connor Lindenmuth. Sister of Donna Dunn and the late Wayne Aldrich. Services Sunday April 23,2006 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road. Livonia, MI, with visitation at 1:30 p.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 4:30 p.m. Pastor Walt Dickenson officiating. Memorial Contributions to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Livonia or Angela Hospice would be greatly appreciated.



**ELIZABETH FURBACHER** Of Westland, age 99, April 15, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Peter Furbacher Sr. Dear mother of Irma (the late John) Tiano, Peter (Herta) Furbacher, Edward (Mary) Furbacher, Donald (Shirley) Furbacher, Wilma (Hank) Rochette and the late Elizabeth Valcke and Joseph Furbacher. Dearest Grandmother of 25 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren. Visitation was Monday at the Ziomek Funeral Home in Livonia. Funeral was held Tuesday Instate 11 AM at St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland Burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

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April 17, 2006 Age 81 of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late Harold J. Dear mother of Colleen M. Weiss (Edward) and Michael P. (Denise). Grandmother of William and Jennifer. Funeral service Thursday, April 20, 10am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial tributes to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 1169 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

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THADEUS EDWARD

side. He was born February 29, 1928 in Lark's Lake, the son of Paul and Agnes (Krzystowczyk) Danaj. Ted was a Merchant Marine at 17 and served during WW II in Italy. He enlisted in the US Army on August 19, 1946. He married Bertha Elaine McDonough on June 29, 1952, and they made their home in Detroit and later Westland. He drove a double tanker truck delivering petroleum in the Detroit area until he retired and took up golf—his passion. In recent years, the couple returned to northern Michigan and made their home in Petoskey. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey, and the American Legion Post #32 in Westland, MI. Ted is survived by his wife, Bertha of Petoskey; sons, Lawrence (Becky) of Livonia; Timothy (Lorraine) of Alpharetta, Georgia; daughters, Pamela (Gary) Malo of Livonia; Susan (Bill) Wright of Lake Leelanau; Beth (Tom) Burke of Petoskey; 20 grandchildren, one brother, and two sisters. He was preceded in death by granddaughter Brandee, five sisters, and two brothers. Internment at St. Mary's Cemetery Charlevoix. Memorial Contributions may be made to Hospice



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DANAJ Age 78, of Petoskey, died peacefully April 9, 2006, with his family at his

of Little Traverse Bay.

Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

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## A holy life: Solanus Casey memories

Father Solanus Casey was born Bernard Francis Casey to Irish immigrant parents on Nov. 25, 1870. He grew up on a farm in Wisconsin, the sixth of 16 children. He worked at other jobs for economic reasons before beginning studies for the priesthood.

He entered St. Francis Seminary High School in Milwaukee, Wis., at age 21. He then joined the Capuchin Franciscans, a Roman Catholic religious order inspired by the ideals of St. Francis of Assisi, who lived simply and served the poor. He received the religious name of Solanus

After his ordination in 1904, Father Solanus served in various appointments in New York. Because of low academic rankings as a student, his priestly duties were restricted. But while fulfilling humble duties such as doorkeeper, he became known for his great charity toward others and as a model of religious observance.

In 1924, he was assigned to St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit. Serving as porter, he

again became known for his ministry to others especially the sick and troubled.

His concern for the poor inspired the Detroit Capuchins to establish their charitable Soup Kitchen, which continues today. And, many reports of cures from maladies, conversions of fallen away churchgoers and favorable resolutions to problems were attributed to his prayers of intercession.

In 1946, superiors sent him to a friary in Indiana, desiring to give him a well-earned retirement. There he received about 200 letters a day. He attempted to answer them all, but in his 80s and infirm, the friars had a rubber stamp made of his signature. He was diagnosed with skin cancer and sent back to Detroit in 1956 to be near expert medical care.

Father Solanus died at the age of 86 on July 31, 1957, at the same day and hour of his first Holy Mass 53 years earlier. He is buried at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit.

## **RELIGION CALENDAR**

A Healing Mass will be offered 1 p.m.

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

## APRIL

Garage sale

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 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.

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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.

Lazer tag

Meet at the Zap Zone, 6:45 p.m. Friday, April 21, at 41953 Ford, Canton. Ticket \$18, includes pizza, pop and lazer tag. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Divine Mercy weekend

St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia celebrate its first Divine Mercy Weekend April 22-23, with several special services and devotions to which all area Catholics are cordially invited.

Saturday, in the church at the corner of Hubbard and Plymouth in Livonia. This Mass offers special prayers and anointing for Catholics recovering from serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition and asks for the relief of suffering and the restoration of health, both physical and spiritual. Those interested in participating should call (734) 261-1455 to register. The church and its facilities are wheelchair accessible. On Mercy Sunday, April 23, the Parish holds its first formal celebration of the Divine Mercy, as instituted by Pope John Paul II and based on Christ's revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska about humanity's need for His Divine Mercy. The day begins with a noon Mass, followed by a 1 p.m. Polish luncheon featuring stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, sauerkraut, and other traditional Polish fare, by reservation only and priced at \$6 for adults, \$3 children ages 4-12, free for children 3 and under. Reservations must be placed by calling (734) 261-1455 no later than Tuesday, April 18. The Divine Mercy Devotion begins at 3 p.m., traditionally the hour of "greatest mercy" commemorating the hour of Christ's death, and will include the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and close with Benediction. All area Catholics are welcome to participate in as many of the weekend activities as they

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Celebrate spring

Celebrate Life, an event to create awareness about First Step, a representative will talk about the nonprofit organization's services for abused women and children, and sexual assault victims 6:30 p.m. Wednesday April 26, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebell. and Merriman, Livonia. No charge but call (734) 421-7249 to reserve a spot Event includes music, desserts, and a handmade quilt raffle to benefit First Step. Tickets \$1 each, \$5 for six.

Lecture Life and Death: Joy and Reality by Sister Ann Stamm, doctorate of min istry, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia.

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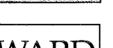


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## If you've got junk, they'll haul it away

STAFF WRITER

Got junk? Brian and Jill Vanderziel of Canton had a half a garage full

Friday - old carpet, plasterboard, wires, fencing, cardboard boxes and a toilet. They called 1-800-GOT-JUNK. Brothers Tom and George

Todoroff and George's wife Susan are betting that a lot of other people have junk they want or need to unload. In November they purchased a franchise of 1-800-GOT-JUNK that puts a new spin on the fabled junkman.

The Todoroffs' franchise covers southern Oakland County and western Wayne County with an office in Farmington

"Our thought was that we could do better with the franchise and the man was ready to sell," said George Todoroff. "This showed so much potential with an aging population and cities cutting back on services. The time was right."

Todoroff had been operating a low-voltage electronics firm in Dearborn, but with the declining economy, he saw a brighter future in other people's junk.

"Basically we've taken a junk removal service and taken it to professional level," said Susan Todoroff. "We have clean shiny trucks, uniformed drivers. We provide same-day service. We're always on time and we give upfront rates. We don't start removing until the customer has a price."

Brian and Jill Vanderziel and their baby daughter, Hailey, now 9 months old, moved into their home in December. It had been a foreclosure and needed work.

"We did some remodeling to the house, updates, some construction, we tore up carpeting," Brian said. "We were looking at getting a dumpster because regular trash wouldn't take it. But the price of the dumpster and having them remove it was about the same. And we don't have to do the labor and we won't have the dumpster sitting there for a

couple days." When potential customers dial 1-800-GOT-JUNK, they're actually connecting to the franchiser's Vancouver call center. The information is then relayed by computer to the Farmington Hills office, where four trucks are ready to pick up that same day.

"We actually go in the house," Susan said. "We'll go into a basement or attic. We clear the junk, we clean up and leave space looking better than it was. Then we determine where it will go, so that if we can donate or recycle anything we look to do that first. Then to a landfill."

On Friday, co-owner George Todoroff was joined by driver Matt Remmy of Canton.

On the theory that one man's

## McCotter schedules teleconference

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, is inviting constituents of the 11th Congressional District to take part in a live teleconference Town Hall 7-8 p.m. Monday, April 24.

The Town Hall, which will also be Web cast live (audio only) on the Internet, will cover several topics, including port/border security, immigration and the economy. Participants can register online by clicking on the registration page at

www.mccotter.house.gov or by phone at (734) 632-0314. Participants can also submit a question for the congressman during phone registration or by

email at thaddeus.mccotter@mail.hous e.gov. Questions not answered during the Town Hall will be answered by mail. The deadline for registration is 5 p.m. Friday, April 21.

Webcast system requirements: Internet Explorer version 5 or later, Windows Media Player 8 or greater, and an Internet connection of 28.8 Kbps or greater (dial up speed), plus speakers or soundcard with built-in speaker.



Homeowners Brian (holding daughter Hailey) and Jill Vanderziel started remodeling their home even before they moved in last year. They had half of a two-car garage full of debris from the project.

junk is another man's treasure, employees are given the option of keeping anything that they

"Everything in our office from the desks, the file cabinets, the couch, the table is reclaimed from someone's home or business," Susan said.

Remmy said the construction materials at the Vanderziel house weren't a typical run. He said he's gone to several houses where they were throwing out old furniture in good condition to make way

"A lot of times it's nice, because we get to donate to charities like St. Vincent de Paul," he said.

Customers have disposed of rare record collections, old



George Todoroff and Matt Remmy load the truck with debris.

turntables, heavy pianos and refrigerators and even a motorized wheelchair.

"You see some pretty strange things, from the horror stories of houses where there is only a path from the front door to each room and you can't deviate off the path," George said. "We've done commercial removals where I didn't know why they were getting rid of the things."

Business has been picking up and the Todoroffs are looking to increase their current six person staff.

"Spring motivates people, but we do it year round," George said. "You don't have to

think spring to do that."

On Friday Remmy said the job would take less than a half hour and Jill Vanderziel would have use of her garage again.

"We're really fast," he said. "We make it quick and painless for the customer."

The company has a couple restrictions. Two people have to be able to life the item with a utility cart. The company won't handle certain hazardous waste, including paint and flammable materials.

Rates range from \$98 to \$498 based on volume. A full truck carries 15 cubic yards for \$498.

## Brunch brings together heroes

Don't miss your chance to join the Michigan Humane Society as it honors local two-legged and four-legged heroes at the 17th annual Bow Wow Champagne Brunch 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 23, at the Ritz-Carlton, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn. Tickets are available for the event which will spotlight stories of heroism, including accounts of those who helped rescue animals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The brunch begins with a

silent auction reception followed by a gourmet brunch and live auction. Highlights include a meet and greet with championship golfer Tiger Woods and a ride-along with the cruelty investigators.

Tickets to the Bow Wow Champagne Brunch begin at \$200. To reserve your tickets, call (866) MHUMANE (648-6263), Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or buy tickets online at www.michiganhumane.org.

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## Chiefs race to share of 1st in Elks Relays

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

You know it's spring when the grass turns green, the trees sprout leaves and the Canton boys track team finishes on top at the Dearborn Elks Relays.

On Saturday, the Chiefs compiled 49 points to tie Ypsilanti for first place at the 41st annual event held at Dearborn High School.

Canton has now finished first four of the past seven years.

"It was an awesome day for the kids," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "We had sev-

Complete Dearborn Elks Relay results, B2.

eral kids who PR'ed. One of our pole vaulters, Rob Lindman, had a really good day. Our relays looked smooth for the first time this year and turned in their best times."

The Braves earned the tie by winning the meet-ending 1,600-meter relay by a blink of

"They edged us out by threehundredths of a second," said Richardson. "Cyrus Azizi, who ran the anchor leg for us, was 15 meters behind their kid when

he got the baton, and he nearly caught him. I'm happy for the Ypsi kids. It's the first year they've run in this event and it was nice to see them do well."

Adrian finished third with 41 points. The nine-team standings were rounded out by Novi Catholic Central (29), Dearborn (17), Plymouth (16), Detroit Mackenzie (12), Westland John Glenn (10) and Taylor Truman (9).

The Chiefs placed first in three events: the pole vault (Lindman, Ryan Langdon, Brian Rakovitis), high jump (Eric Thornton, Andy Rossow, Steve Paye) and discus (Paye,

Joe Zugaj, Jeff Chapman). Lindman (pole vault), Thornton (high jump) and Paye (discus) all won individual titles.

Plymouth's distance-medley relay team of Kyle Wallath, Nate Gholston, Josh Le Duc and D.J. Coleman also took gold with an 11:26.6 clocking.

Canton earned second-place points in four events: the intermediate hurdles relay (Tim Belcher, Sherif Hassanien, Bill Turner, Azizi), 6,400-meter relay (Phaltiel Whitlock, Jeremy Mollner, Duncan Spitz, Josh Godwin), 800-meter relay (Dalton Walser, Rossow, Azizi,

Eric Piwowar) and the 1,600meter relay (Rossow, Andrew Manuel, Belcher and Azizi).

Plymouth placed second in the long jump relay.

The Chiefs' shot put relay team of Ryan Jonik, Zugaj, Paye and Rvan Waidmann won medals for placing first, but the event did not count toward the final standings.

Ypsilanti stayed with the Chiefs by winning the long jump, high hurdles, intermediate hurdles, 3,200-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

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Sharon Schleif leads an adult women's class. Students are June Doll of Northville, Kristi Fiorenzi of Plymouth, Dana Toth of Canton,

## Worth the risk

## Plymouth native's dream evolves into popular martial arts facility

STAFF WRITER

Not long after earning an official bachelor's degree in Asian studies from the University of Michigan in 1996, Plymouth native Ryan Fiorenzi decided to pursue an unofficial master's degree in risk-taking.

Several years later, the bachelor's degree hasn't paid dividends, but the risk-taking sure

Fiorenzi is the owner of Canton-based East West Martial Arts, a nine-year-old company that offers a wide range of martial arts classes to people of all

ages and backgrounds.

After struggling initially, the company currently boasts a roster of close to 260 students.

"When I was going to the University of Michigan, I planned on being a professor someday," said Fiorenzi, who owns the distinction of being the

## THE ART OF SELF-DEFENSE

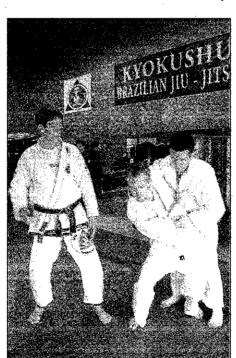
■ What: East West Martial Arts Where: Located at 7950 N. Lilley, Canton

Who: Owner and head instructor Rvan Fiorenzi is the only black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu in Michigan. A graduate of Canton High School and the University of Michigan, he has also earned a black belt in kung fu. ■ Special events: On Saturday at Madonna University, East West will

host a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu seminar, which will be taught by world champion Jean Jacques Machado. On Sunday, a tournament featuring several local competitors will be held 12:30-6:30 p.m. in the Madonna gymnasium.

only resident of Michigan to have earned a black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. "After I got my degree, I took some time off to decide what I was going to do.

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Owner Ryan Fiorenzi works with adult students Jon Schmidt of Farmington Hills, and Joe Dodds of Canton.

## Storm derails title hopes for Whalers

Mike McLean's goal with 3:02 remaining in regulation gave the Guelph Storm a 4-3 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League playoff game played Saturday night before 2,804 at the Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre.

With the victory, Guelph clinched the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal series, fourgames-to-two, and advanced to the Western Conference Finals against the London Knights, who eliminated Owen Sound in six games.

Kelsey Wilson, Rafael Rotter and Ryan Callahan also scored for Guelph. Tom Sestito, Jared Boll and John Armstrong replied for Plymouth.

Neither team led by more than one goal the entire game.

Sestito gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead at 1:34 of the first period when he guided the puck past Guelph goalie Ryan MacDonald. Guelph tied the game at 1-1 two minutes later when Wilson scored from the left wing past Plymouth goaltender Justin Peters.

Plymouth grabbed a 2-1 lead at 4:07 of the second period when Boll skated up the left side and scored from a severe angle on a shot that caromed off MacDonald. Rotter answered for the Storm on a power play at 15:05 of the period when he scored from the doorstep.

Guelph took its first lead of the game at 5:15 of the third period when Callahan took Matt D'Agostini's pass from the right dot in the Plymouth zone and deflected the puck past Peters. However, Armstrong came right back for Plymouth to tie the game at 3-3 20 seconds later when he one-timed Boll's pass from behind the Guelph net from the right hash mark by MacDonald.

The Whalers appeared to take a 4-3 lead at 6:19 of the third period when Evan Brophey carried the puck over the Guelph line and passed to James Neal on the right wing. Plymouth put the puck in the net following a scramble, but referees Pat Smola and Ryan Carroll waved the goal off and sent Neal off on a penalty for goaltender interference.

## Bardoni hurls Crusaders to DH split

STAFF WRITER

Ryan Bardoni's pitching gem in the second game of Tuesday's nonconference baseball doubleheader enabled host Madonna University to defeat Bethel and avoid a sweep at the hands of the Pilots.

Bardoni, a sophomore from Warren, pitched all seven innings and gave up just one unearned run as the Crusaders won 7-1 in the matchup of two teams who lead their respective conferences and who could eventually meet in the NAIA Region VIII championship.

In Tuesday's first game at Ilitch Ballpark, Bethel emerged with a 7-4 victory.

"Bardoni was the MVP of our team today," said Madonna head coach Greg Haeger. "I didn't think our pitching in the first game was particularly good. We hit some guys and walked some guys. So Ryan Bardoni really gave us that great opportunity we were looking for to get us going."

With very good command of his fastball, Bardoni gave up five hits and walked one while striking out three to improve to 2-1 on the season. His solid effort, which followed two so-so appearances, also puts him back on track for Madonna's postseason roster.

"We have 16 pitchers, we have a lot of depth on the mound," said Haeger, whose team improved to 21-16-1 overall. "That's the least of my concerns. That being said, I think it can be better. But we have a lot of

options." Also a plus for Haeger and the Crusaders as the regular season winds down, is how the team made the most of opportunities in the second game.

Madonna scored three runs in the first against Bethel's Logan Nussbaum. Senior Ben Ramsey (2for-4, one RBI) and junior Tony Luttman of Farmington Hills (2-for-3, three RBI) stroked backto-back doubles to open the scoring. Two more came in when a high fly off the bat of senior Todd Kalmbach bounced off the glove of Bethel rightfielder Nelson Sanchez – who might have lost the ball in the

The Crusaders capitalized on some "small ball" and situational hitting to tack on four key runs in the fourth, which effectively sealed the victory.

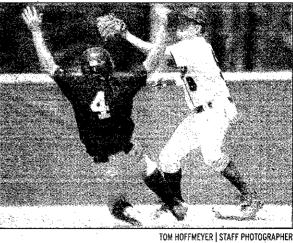
Junior leftfielder and Southfield High School alum Manny Alvarado walked and went to second on a bunt single by junior shortstop Kyle Fedorka. The next batter, junior third baseman Gary

VanAllen (2-for-3), then laid a bunt down in an attempt to move the runners up. But he also was safe and Alvarado scored when the throw sailed over the Bethel first baseman's head.

With two out and Ramsey at the plate, VanAllen stole second base to put a pair of runners in scoring position. Ramsey then grounded a two-strike single to right, scoring Fedorka to make it 5-0.

One stolen base later (by Ramsey), the score was 7-

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Madonna University second baseman Jason Barbeau secures a

throw too late to tag out Bethel's Matt Zappasodi as he steals second during the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader.



## St. John Neumann **Golf Outing**

The public is invited to participate in the 2006 St. John Neumann **Athletic Department Golf** Outing, which will be held Saturday, May 20, at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Canton. The shotgun start will commence at 8 a.m.; registration opens at 7:30 p.m.

The cost of the four-person scramble, which is \$100 per player, includes the use of a cart, prizes and a buffet lunch. Proceeds from the event will go toward youth sports at St. John Neumann.

For more information, contact St. John Neumann athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910, ext. 31.

## Kalmbach saluted

Madonna University senior first baseman Todd Kalmbach was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week (April 17).

The Wyandotte native led a potent MU offensive that scored 86 runs in six games by hitting .529 to go along with 16 RBI. Kalmbach went 9-for-17 with six extra-base hits,

including a pair of homers, and six runs scored with a slugging percentage of 1.176.

## Whalers lauded

The Plymouth Whalers capped their 2005-06 season Tuesday night with an awards banquet at Ginopolis on the Ice Restaurant at the Compuware Sports Arena. Following is a list of the

awards and the recipients: ■ Regular-season MVP, leading scorer and Alice lafrate Award as Overage of the Year:

Outgoing captain John

Vigilante, who scored 24 goals with 53 assists. Best defenseman: Steve Ward, who scored 14 goals with 33 assists

and 90 PIM's in 67 games. Scholar-athlete: Overage defenseman Mike Letizia, who carried a "B" average at **Schoolcraft Community** College.

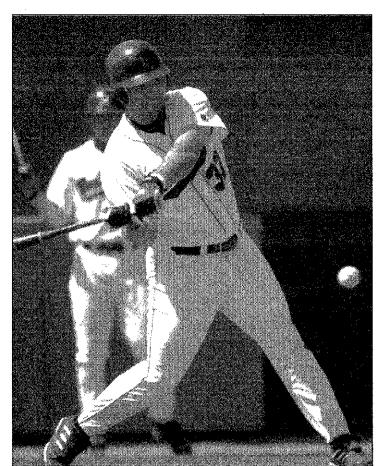
■ Top rookie: Center Chris Terry, who scored nine goals with 19 assists in 64 games. 爾 Most improved play-

er: Second-year left wing Tom Sestito, who scored 10 goals with 10 assists and 176 PIM's in 57. **■** Hardest worker:

First-year right wing Jared Boll, who scored 19 goals with 22 assists and 205 PIMs in 65 games. ■ Barbara Ann

**Karmanos Community** Goals Award: Second-year goaltender Justin Garay, who played an integral part in the Compuware Sports Arena's Learn-to-Skate Program and worked tirelessly at the Whalers' community-relations events.

■ Playoffs MVP: Thirdyear left wing James Neal, who led the Whalers in scoring in the playoffs. with nine goals and seven assists in 13 games.



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another nonconference game

Wednesday against Rochester,

Athletic Conference and not

said the top priority now is nail-

ing down the Wolverine-Hoosier

thinking too far ahead about any potential matchup with Bethel.

Madonna will host WHAC rival Aquinas in a 1 p.m. dou-

bleheader on Saturday, at Ilitch

Ballpark. Another conference

twinbill will take place a week

The Crusaders, 8-0 in the

WHAC, also are slated to play

"Our goal is to win the con-

ference first," he emphasized.

position. We're sitting at 8-0

right now. But we have good

opponents coming here the

next two weekends and our

"When Saturday rolls

good start and take care of

around, we want to get off to a

another conference opponent."

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focus is on Saturday.

"We've put ourselves in a great

road doubleheaders against

those two teams.

later against Indiana Tech.

Madonna University designated hitter Dave Herrick takes a rip at a pitch during the first game of a Tuesday doubleheader with Bethel, Ind.

## BASEBALL

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0 on a sharp single up the middle by Luttman, which brought in both VanAllen and Ramsey.

Bethel (23-15) finally scored in the sixth with the help of a two-out error.

"We take a shot at bunting for the base hit first and it opened up on two different occasions," Haeger said. "They weren't ready to defend it. Our kids are capable of bunting, we work on it hard, and we made two great bunts."

In the first game, a three-hit performance by Madonna senior second baseman Jason Barbeau was wasted as the Pilots broke a 3-3 tie with three runs in the fifth.

Taking the loss for the Crusaders was starting pitcher Keegan Beaton, who gave up six runs in 4<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings,

although three were unearned. Haeger, whose team plaved

Weather, Vikings can't stop **Rocks from earning victory** 

The Salem girls track team evened its record at 1-1 April 12 with a decisive 99-34 victory over Walled Lake Central.

The stormy weather that delayed the meet and hampered the first few events proved to be a bad omen for the host Vikings.

"For a while there, it didn't look like we were going to get the meet in," said Salem coach Julie Montgomery, referring to the drenching rain and windy conditions. "But it cleared up nicely and the girls performed very well. The key was the fact that we swept several events and we won three of four relays. We got off to a nice start in the field events, too, which was nice."

Turning in individual firstplace efforts for the Rocks were Alexa Van Vliet (pole vault), Brittany Lockhart (long jump, 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles, 200-meter dash), Caitlin Heaney (400-meter dash), Trinea Vojcek (100meter dash), Marisa Carpinelli (1,600-meter run), Allison Janda (800-meter run) and Hannah Cavicchio (3,200meter run).

The Rocks return to action

Tuesday at the Annual City Meet, which will be held at the P-CEP varsity stadium.

> W.L. CENTRAL 34 April 12 at W.L. Central

(Following are Salem athletes who finished in the top three of an event.)

Discus: 2. Ashley White, 68-2; 3. Samantha Oliver, 60-8. Shot put: 2. Samantha Oliver, 24-0; 3. Victoria Brotz, 22-11.

Pole vault: 1. Alexa Van Vliet, 6-0. High jump: 2. Katie Donaldson, 4-2. Long jump: 1. Brittany Lockhart, 14-4.50; 2. Dana Eldred, 14-2.50; 3. Alexa Van Vliet, 13-

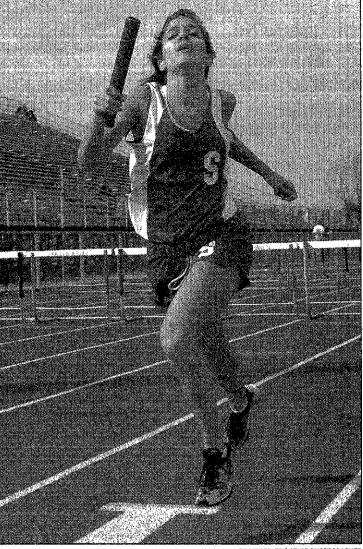
3,200-meter relay: 1. Salem (Allison Janda, Marisa Carpinelli, Linda Ling, Hannah Cavicchio), 11:04.

100 hurdies: 1. Brittany Lockhart, 16.9; 2. Dana Eldred, 17.3. 100 dash: 1. Trinea Vojcek, 13.7; 2. Anna

800 relay: 1. Salem (Lauren Olson, Trinea Vojcek, Caitlin Heaney, Linda Ling), 1:56.3. 1.600 run: 1. Marisa Carpinelli, 5:46.1: 2. Allison Janda, 5:46.5: 3. Hannah Cavicchio

400 dash: 1. Caitlin Heaney, 1:08.5; 2. Alexa Van Vliet, 1:09.0. 300 hurdles: 1. Brittany Lockhart, 48.8; 3. Dana Eldred, 55.4.

800 run: 1. Allison Janda, 2:37.8; 2. Marisa Carpinelli, 2:44.2; 3. Sarah Kosteva, 2:49.8. 200 dash: 1. Brittany Lockhart, 27.9; 2. Lauren Olson, 30.6; 3. Trinea Vojcek, 31.6. 3,200 run: 1. Hannah Cavicchio, 12:23.6; 3. Kourtney Marsh, 14:17. 1,600 relay: 1. Salem (Allison Janda, Linda Ling, Alexa Van Vliet, Dana Eldred). DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Salem, 1-1.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Marisa Carpinelli played a major role in the Rocks' 99-34 victory over Walled Lake Central April 12, winning the 1,600-meter run and running the second leg of the first-place 3,200-meter relay unit.

## **PREP TRACK RESULTS**

41st annual **DEARBORN ELKS BOYS TRACK & FIELD RELAYS** April 15 at Dearborn H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. (tie) Canton and Ypsilanti, 49 each; 3. Adrian, 41; 4. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 29; 5. Dearborn, 17; 6. Plymouth, 16; 7. Detroit Mackenzie, 12; 8. Westland John Glenn, 10; 9. Taylor Truman, 9.

**FINAL RELAY RESULTS** 

Shot put: 1. Novi CC (Maloney, Salley, Martin, Bednarz-Gray), 176 feet, 2.75 inches; 2. John Glenn (Greg Copeland, Bryan Henley, Zach Bozigian, Robert Haddad), 172-3.75; 3. Adrian, 166-10.75; 4. Canton, 1649-5; 5. Dearborn, 149-7. Top individual: Copeland (WJG), 48-11.

Discus: 1. Canton (Paye, Zugaj, Chapman), 366-6; 2. Novi CC, 347-3; 3. Adrian, 343-7; 4. Dearborn, 324-6; 5. Ypsilanti, 286-9. Top individual: Paye (Canton), 143-6.

High jump: 1. Canton (Thornton, Rossow, Paye), 17-1; 2. Adrian, 16-6; 3. Dearborn, 16-2; 4.

Ypsilanti, 11-10; 5. Mackenzie, 11-4. Top individual: Thornton (Canton), 6-2.

Long jump: 1. Ypsilanti (Payne, Sanders, Dykes), 56-10.25; 2. Plymouth, 55-3; 3. John Glenn (Alante Whiting, George Easter, Curtis Jackson), 52-9.75; 4. Adrian, 62-9.5; 5. Mackenzie, 51-10.25. Top individual: Wodel Payne (Ypsi), 20-4.5.

Pole vault: 1. Canton (Langdon, Lindeman, Rakovitis), 32-3; 2. Adrian, 29-0; 3. Dearborn, 26-0; 4. Plymouth, 21-0. Top individual: Rob Lindeman (Canton), 11-3.

High hurdles: 1. Ypsilanti (Malveaux, Wilson, Oyebamiji, Roberson), 1:10.75; 2. Mackenzie, 1:10.87; 3. Canton, 1;14.07; 5. Novi CC, 1:14.19; 5. Dearborn, 1:15.64.

400 meters: 1. Truman (Thomas, Spencer, Jones, Bynum), 44.65; 2. Ypsilanti, 44.66; 3. Canton, 44.97; 5. Plymouth, 45.12; 5. Adrian,

Intermediate hurdles: 1. Ypsilanti (Malveaux. Wilson, Roberson, Sanders), 1:26.31; 2. Canton,

1:25.56; 3. Dearborn, 1:26.6; 4. Adrian, 1:27.6; 5. Novi CC, 1:30.6.

6,400: 1. Novi CC (Oleski, Toloff, Champine, Morad), 20:14.81; Canton, 20:53.7; 3. Ypsilanti, 21:36.16; 4. Adrian, 21:40.0.

Distance medley: 1. Plymouth (Wallath, Gholston, LeDuc, Coleman), 11:25.6; 2. Novi CC, 11:31.25; 3. Adrian, 11:41.15; 4. John Glenn (Jim Wood, Adam Sonak, Tyler Hilyard, Mike Jacobs), 12:10.97; 5. Dearborn, 12:23.5.

3,200: 1. Ypsilanti (Oyebamiji, Roberson, Simmons, Malveaux), 8:29.31; 2. Adrian, 8:36.2; 3. Dearborn, 8:45.03; 4. Mackenzie, 9:6.94; 5. Novi CC, 9:07.63.

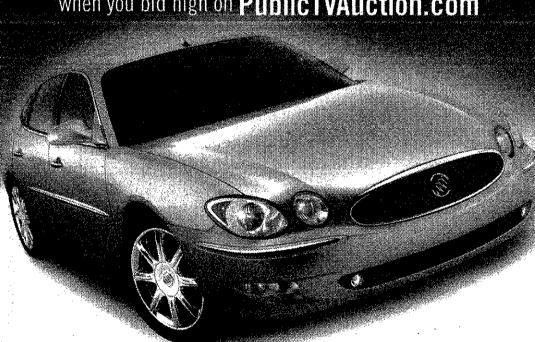
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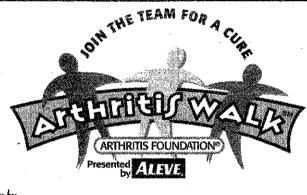
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# Saline stings Chiefs' win streak

STAFF WRITER

Even an industrial-sized can of Raid wouldn't have stood a chance against the bus-load of Hornets that invaded Canton's baseball field Tuesday after-

The smooth-swinging Saline Hornets stung the baseball with regularity and left a welt on the Chiefs' season-opening, six-game winning streak by sweeping a doubleheader, 5-1 and 13-1.

Although both teams walked off the field following the sixinning nightcap with identical 6-2 records, their batting averages and earned-run averages were heading in opposite directions once the infield dust had settled.

"It was a nice wake-up call for us," said Canton coach Scott Dickey, whose team had surged to a 6-0 start. "Even though we were feeling pretty good coming into today, we always remind the kids that with our difficult schedule, they have to compete hard every inning or they're going to get beat.

"I don't mind as much when we get beat by teams like Saline — they're one of the best teams in the area. But I was disappointed in the way we played the second game with three errors and eight walks. We'll be seeing the same type of hitters — maybe even better ones — against Brother Rice on Friday."

If Canton senior righthander Shawn Little could have erased the first two innings of the



Canton's Chris Woudstra is pictured crossing the plate during a game earlier this season. Runs were hard to come by for the Chiefs Tuesday afternoon when they were swept by Saline, 5-1 and 13-1.

opener, he would have had a masterpiece. The hard-throwing Little yielded four runs and

seven hits over the first two frames before scattering just one run and three hits over the next five. He finished with nine strikeouts.

"Shawn's performance was the only positive of the first game," said Dickey. "That's the best I've seen him throw since he's been in our program. After the first inning, he really settled down and shut them down.

Canton scored its only gameone run when Little reached on a fielder's choice and scored on an error. Keith Campbell, Brad Barath (double), Tarik Khasawneh and Jon Puskar accounted for the Chiefs' only four hits.

Khasawneh had a solid game behind the plate, throwing out two would-be Saline basestealers.

Senior righthander Josh Lancaster earned the mound victory for Saline, holding the Chiefs to three hits over the first six innings. Casey Dishman pitched a one-hit seventh.

In the second game, Saline broke open a scoreless tie with six runs in the second inning. The Hornets slammed the door on the sweep by pushing across four more runs in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Senior Nick Sheridan limited the Chiefs to six hits in the nightcap — two each off the bats of Khasawneh and Kyle Gring. Corey Lewis and Justin Latin also ripped hits for the Chiefs, who scored their only run in the fifth when Justin Latin's fielder's choice scored

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## Bucks reach working agreement MLS Crew

The Michigan Bucks of the United Soccer League's (USL) Premier Development League (PDL) and the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer (MLS) have announced a soccer partnership for the 2006 soccer season.

The relationship for this year will include the Bucks' top MLS prospects for the future training with the Crew this summer, while playing full time for the Bucks.

In addition, the Crew has announced they will travel to Detroit to play the Bucks on Thursday, May 25 at Stoney Creek High School in Rochester Hills.

Final details of the relationship have not been released, but Buck's owner Dan Duggan is pleased with the initial response from the Crew front office.

"We have been talking about partnering up with the Crew for several years now, but for one reason or another, it just hasn't come to fruition," said Duggan, a Livonia native. "In meeting with Crew GM Mark McCullers in Dallas last November at MLS Cup, it was clear that the benefits of this relationship are in both team's best interest.

"Both Mark and coach Sigi Schmid have gone out of their way to make this happen for the 2006 season. We plan to show the Crew that the Bucks will support them with players for their Reserve team if necessary and competitive training sessions, whenever possible. The plan is to bring as many Bucks fans to a designated Crew game in Columbus this summer, to show our appreciation, as well."

Duggan also said that the Bucks and Crew relationship would closely adhere to all NCAA guidelines, as it relates to the eligibility of its college players when associating with a professional club.

Duggan, who with brother Jim started the MLS Detroit campaign three vears ago to bring a Major League Soccer team to Detroit by 2007, has not given up hope on a local franchise.

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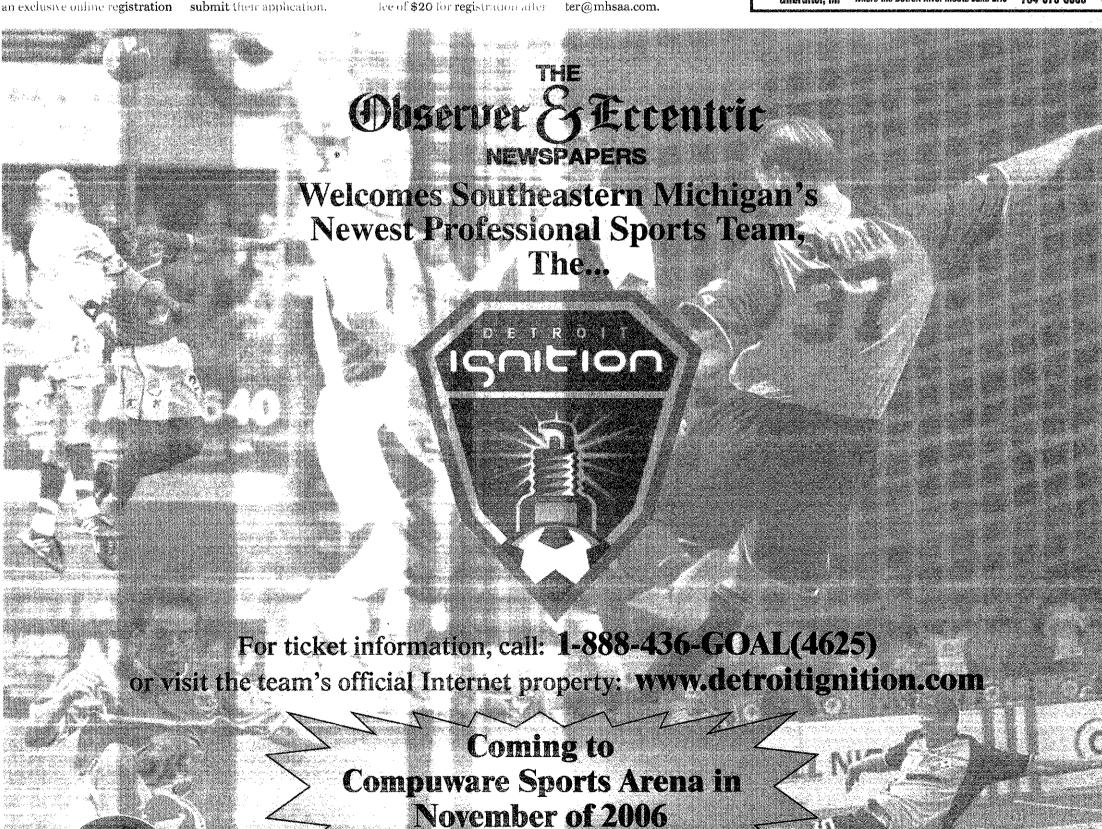
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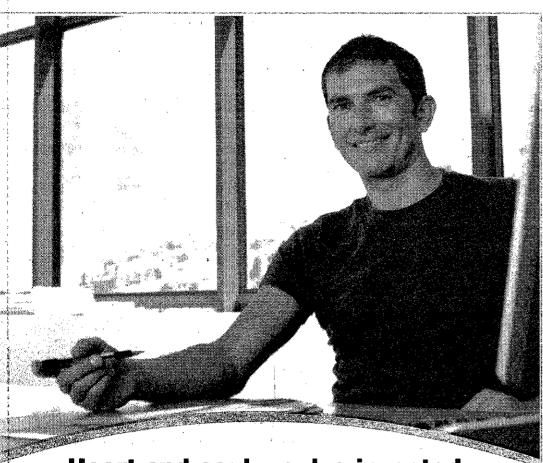
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FROM PAGE B1

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Visitors to East West Martial Arts can learn about the company's philosophy before they step foot in the facility. The company's motto - "Leave your ego at the door" - is printed in big letters near the front entrance.

'That is the motto of the Machados, the brothers who have taught me the most about what I  $\bar{\text{know}}$  about Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu," said Fiorenzi, a graduate of Canton High School.

"They believe that it's not just

about trying to beat the other guy. It's more about getting better and better at what you're doing every time you do it. People tell me all the time that what they like the best about this place is the relaxed and friendly atmosphere."

Fiorenzi's No. 1 goal is to teach his students how to defend themselves by using a blend of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, judo, wrestling, boxing and kick-boxing techniques. Once a student has completed a series of classes, the self-defense skills are only one of many assets — both tangible and non-tangible - that they take from the experience, Fiorenzi said.

"Along with being able to defend themselves, the adults and kids who take our classes leave with more self-confidence and self-discipline," he said. "And when people know they can defend themselves, they feel less threatened by others, which makes them more peaceful to be around."

Plymouth resident Eric Pearch, 19, said he's been pleasantly surprised by the number of benefits he's inherited from taking classes at East West over the past eight months.

"I've gotten a lot more than I expected out of it," said Pearch, a graduate of Novi Detroit Catholic Central. "It's improved my self-confidence and I'm more disciplined now. I'm there two hours a day, five days a week, so it's become a big part of my life?

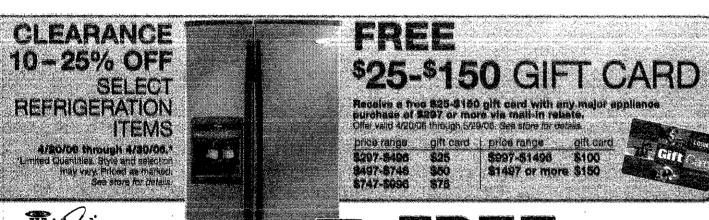
East West Martial Arts will be hosting a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu seminar and a tournament this weekend at Madonna University in Livonia. On Saturday, California-based Jean Jacques Machado will teach a pair of classes in the Madonna gymnasium on Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. The first class will run from noon to 2 p.m., the second from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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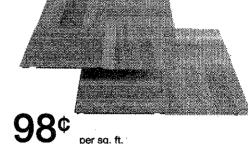
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## Madonna softball team enjoys magical start

STAFF WRITER

Sometimes, Al White has to pinch himself.

His Madonna University softball team is steamrolling to victories both in and out of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

White knows he has a pretty good thing going. The Crusaders, fueled by the sensational pitching of senior Erin Brockert and fired up by a group of impressive freshmen, have compiled a 28-5 overall mark (8-3 in the WHAC).

Also, the squad is ranked No. 24 in the country, with no telling how high it can fly before the gloves and aluminum bats are stored away for another year.

'Well, that's to be seen yet," said White, recently asked about what the ceiling for the 2006 Crusaders could be. "But it's definitely big-time."

If MU has a chance to strike it big this spring in conference and national playoff tournaments, it will be for a variety of factors. Of course, the key ingredient is Brockert (16-4). who pitched a 13-inning victory April 13 against Concordia before dropping a tough 3-0 decision Saturday to host Cornerstone. Brockert recently was named WHAC Pitcher of the Week three times in a row.

"That's unreal, isn't it?" noted White about Brockert's

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amazing run. "The pitchers on other teams are no slouches."

Following last week's games, the Dayton, Ohio native sported an earned-run average of 1.43 in 129-1/3 innings of work. Brockert also has 18 complete games (in 18 starts) and 128 strikeouts.

"It's just her determination, she just wants to win," said White. "That's the best way I can put it. She's a competitor."

And Brockert can hit, too. Her .398 batting average is tops among Madonna regulars with 100 at-bats, and she has 29 RBI, 13 doubles and three triples. Brockert leads the team in the latter two categories.

But White is quick to point out that his is no one-trick

Other returnees pounding the ball include sophomore and Canton native Heather Richardson (.350, team-leading six homers, 24 RBI), senior Crystal Little from Wayne Memorial'(.318), sophomore Christina Finch (.389) and Livonia Ladywood alum Stephanie Day (the sophomore catcher is batting .311, with 18

Add to the mix a group of stellar freshmen and it's no wonder White is feeling pretty good about his coaching lot in

Leading that group is catcher-first baseman Alison Grant, who is batting .414 with four homers and 31 RBI in 87 at-

Freshman outfielder Hannah Godfrey is hitting .342 while two other first-year players making contributions are outfielder Mary Kate Setta (.286) and infielder Danielle Richadson (.241).

We're very surprised that they've come along that quick," White said. "It's tough (for freshmen) to compete sometimes because they're going against women with more experience."

But their ascent into being important players is a real plus as the Crusaders try to match the school record for victories in a season (39, set in 1994) and keep the momentum buiding into tournament time.

If all goes well - and that includes slugging first baseman Christina Finch (.389, four homers, 13 RBI) returning from a leg injury - the Crusaders have a chance to become the second Madonna softball team to qualify for the National Association of Interscholastic Athletics national championship tour-

But regardless, with outstanding talent and team unity, White is pretty certain he'll be proud of his team.

That's the glue that holds this team together," said White, about chemistry. "I couldn't wish for anything better."

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## Late rally vaults MU softball team to win

A three-run rally in the top of the seventh lifted Madonna University's softball team to a 5-4 triumph against Cornerstone Saturday and help the Crusaders avoid being swept in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference doubleheader.

Trailing 4-2 to the host Golden Eagles (16-10 overall, 6-4 in the WHAC), freshman third baseman Danielle Richardson doubled to get the frame started and she scored on a two-out double by sophomore rightfielder Heather

Richardson (Canton).

Senior designated hitter Erin Brockert (3-for-3) walked, and the rally continued on an RBI infield single by sophomore catcher Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood) to knot the score.

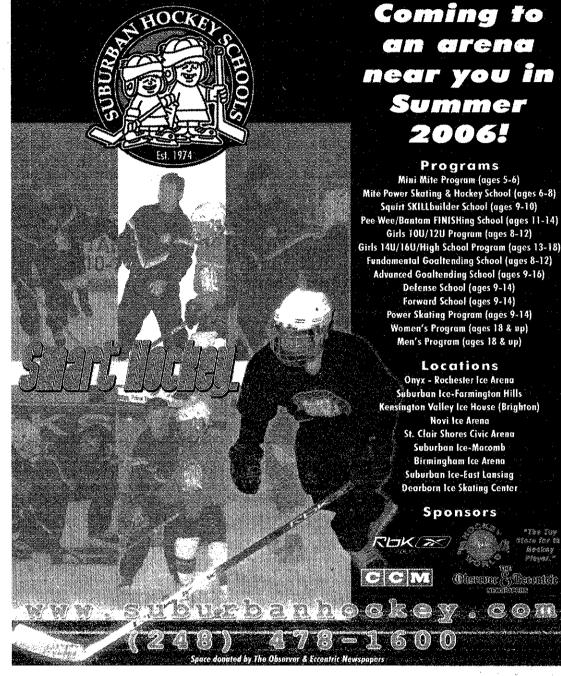
Brockert then came in with the tie-breaker on a single to center by freshman first baseman Alison Grant (2-for-4).

The Crusaders (28-5 overall, 8-3 in the WHAC) had to escape a scary bottom of the seventh to emerge with the split. After MU pitcher Shannon

Noder retired the first two batters, she made an error to keep Cornerstone's hopes alive. A single and another error loaded the bases. But Noder (6-1) got the next batter to ground out to her and this time she made no mistake to finish her complete game.

Madonna's first two runs came on a Brockert homer in the fourth and on an RBI single by freshman leftfielder Mary Kate Setta (2-for-4).

In the opener, Brockert pitched a six-inning complete game, giving up just five hits, but lost 3-0.



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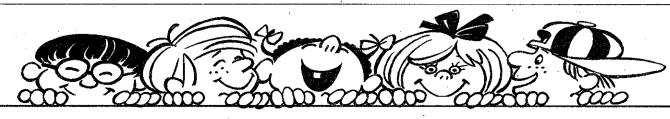
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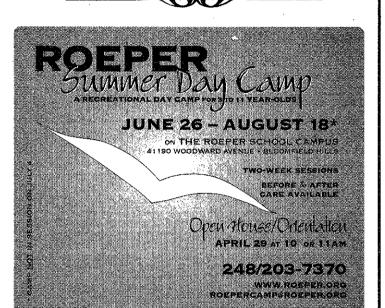
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## Franchise face

Westland native Modano a fixture as captain for Stars

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The wear and tear of 16-year National Hockey League veteran was visibly evident in the visitor's dressing room Monday night at Joe Louis Arena.

Mike Modano was wearing three ice packs - one on his shoulder, another on his knee, and yet a third on his foot, courtesy of a slap shot from the blue line taken off the boot from a Red Wing player.

In NHL lingo, that constitutes two lower body and one upper body injury.

Despite the bumps, bruises, broken bones and scars, longevity has been the 35-yearold Westland native's mantra, a survivor 16 demanding and rigorous 82-game seasons, not to mention numerous Stanley Cup playoffs, the World Championships and three Olympics.

Monday's game with the Red Wings was virtually meaningless as the two teams had already locked up the top two seeds in the Western Conference.

But the sting of a 3-2 loss, after the Stars failed to protect a two-goal advantage in the final seven minutes, hurt nonethe-less.

'We have to be better at protecting leads," said Modano, the Stars' captain who leads the team with  $7\overline{7}$  points on 27 goals and 50 assists. "That's one of the things we better improve on soon or it is going to cost us. It was a fun game to play in, but obviously the outcome wasn't what we wanted."

Dallas coach Dave Tippett obviously was miffed after the Stars controlled play through the first two periods. He thought the play got sloppy and certain players didn't give an honest effort. Modano couldn't disagree.

"We were skating well, a lot of up-and-down action and some great plays by both teams," he said. "It's one of those things. It's a sore spot when you lose a two-goal lead, but then again it's a tough time to stay focused when there's nothing on the line. But it's still no excuse whether it's now or November.

"When the game is on line you'd like to think it be kind of different."

Modano, a six-time NHL All-Star, always looks forward to coming home, visiting his family, and putting on a good

Although his dad Mike Sr. contends, "I'm way past that stuff now," his son always knows there's another voice out there evaluating his play.

"Dad (Mike) will still make a comment or two if I'm not skating or working hard," Mike said. "My mom (Karen) stays in the background. She's a silent

Modano, a bachelor, has made Dallas his year-round home, but always looks forward to spending time with his parents, both retired, along with his sister and other family members.

"In past years I got to come home a day early, get home for dinner and have and a home-



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Westland's Mike Modano, captain of the Dallas Stars, addresses the media following Monday's last-minute 3-2 setback to the Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena.

cooked meal, but with all the late travel the year has been rough," he said.

Modano has certainly validated his being the No. 1 pick in the 1988 NHL draft after starring in the Western Hockev League for three seasons for Prince Albert Raiders (where he left home to play at age 16 after attending Livonia Franklin High School for three semesters).

As a 20-year-old with the Minnesota North Stars, he played in the 1990 Stanley Cup finals. In 1999, he earned a Stanley Cup title.

He has become an icon in Dallas, a football town that worships its Cowboys.

Much like Steve Yzerman is to Detroit, Modano has become the face of the Stars' franchise, recently signing a five-year deal (for \$6.195 million a year) after a bitter NHL lockout in 2004-05 (which cost him millions).

In 1,179 regular season NHL games, Modano has 485 goals and 689 assists, which ranks him second all-time among U.S. born players.

He is also the Stars' all-time franchise leader in goals, assists, points, games played, game-winning goals, power play goals and shorthanded goals.

Modano has also taken an active role in his community, recently to help raise \$160,000 for Hurricane Rita and Katrina relief efforts.

In the summer of 2000, he established the Mike Modano Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising money to improve the quality of life and assist underprivileged children in the Dallas

Despite all his accolades. success on the ice and community involvement, the NHL career for No. 9 hasn't been totally smooth sailing.

After a lackluster 2003-04 season where he had his lowest point production (14 goals and 30 assists, a minus-21). Modano spent the 2004-05 locked out by NHL owners, playing golf, shuttling between his home in Dallas and cruising Mexico, before embarking on a late season stint representing the U.S. in the World Championships.

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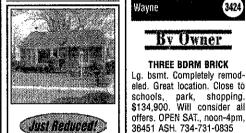
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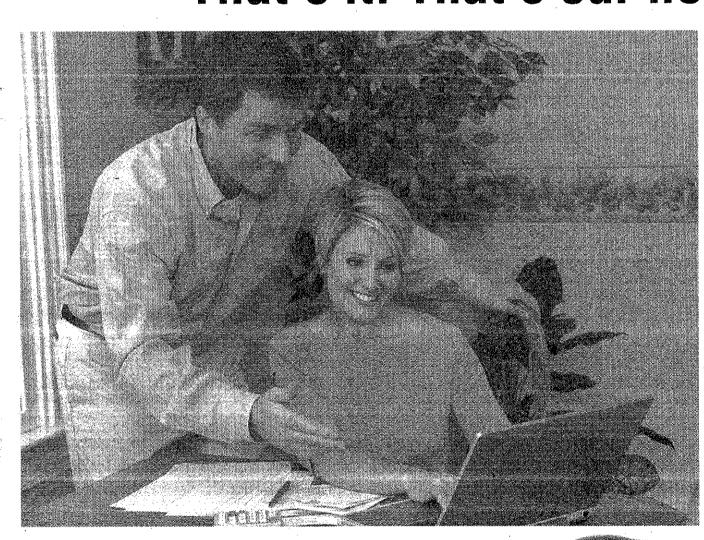
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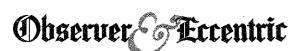
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Scott Testa, COO at intranet software developer Mindbridge Software in Norristown, Pa., attributes incidents he's observed at a number of companies "to be a reflection of the strength of the job market. When the unemployment rate is super low, candidates seem to take more liberties. When it's higher, there seems to be less of this."

Brian Drum, CEO of New York City's Drum and Associates, an executive search firm, concurs. "There has been an increase this year," he says. "It's coming back because the job market favors the employee more than Itwo to four years ago. After 9/11 it changed dramatically. Now, people may have multiple offers. A lot of students will accept more than one job (in large companies) and not tell anyone they're not showing." **INCIDENTS** 

Testa recalls new hires in several companies getting lost on the way to work, misunderstanding that they were expected to come on board that day or just not showing. Drum has also

observed this phenomenon at several levels in his company. "One administrative person called that day and had another job," he remarks. "That set us back a couple of weeks." A person in business development at a competitor's firm accepted a position, then called a week later, happy with a competing offer at his current company. One office manager withdrew a week prior to starting because of a death in the family. In each case, he says, "We had to start (over) from scratch.'

Cynde Bock, who handles HR at Kocina Marketing Cos. in Minneapolis, remembers the new grad who never surfaced after grasping the fact that Minneapolis is 800 miles from her relatives in North Dakota.

Then there's the disingenuous new hire who claims cancer surgery prior to hiring, promising to call when she's improving. He waits and waits. She doesn't call. 'LIFE HAPPENS'

When these incident recur, Bock ostensibly keeps on even keel. "I try to approach them from the perspective that something happened," she states. "Life happens to people. No one gets all bent out of shape. We just continue the process as planned."

Others have more overtly negative reactions. Testa describes the situation as "very unsettling. When they don't show up, you go to Plan B -- filling gaps by calling some other candidates or finding internal people who could fill the slot."



Cynde Bock meets with new employee Lizz Stendera for training.

Reactions vary depending upon the type of position, department to be filled and plans that were made. "There are some positions that are truly mission-critical," he notes. "The complications sometimes ripple throughout the company."

Drum mentions that the problem is particularly difficult in a small company, where all positions are critical. "I had to stretch current employees thinner, and no one's happy about that," he recalls. "Also, there's a bit of frustration. It's almost a slap in the face when a person who agreed to come doesn't."

In some cases, there can be real repeated psychic toll. "Every night before a new employee training session," Bock discloses, "I have the same nightmare -- nobody comes! Thank goodness that has never happened. Since the first time I had this nightmare, I've made a point of contacting new hires the

previous week to remind them of training times, materials for taking notes dress code, etc. This helps increase the probability that all new employees are present at training -- and it definitely helps me sleep much better the night before." Bock endorses the personal touch to help assure new hires that a company remembers them.

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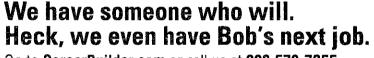
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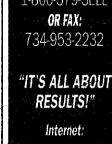
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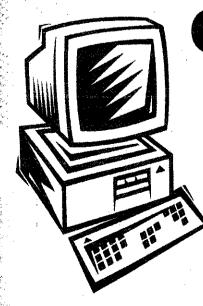
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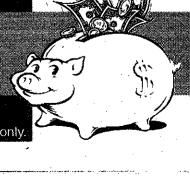
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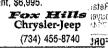
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## Finding Auto Info on The Web

Advertising Feature



BY DALE BUSS

Lexus has made its web site the most useful for newvehicle shopping among all auto manufacturers, with Pontiac and Suzuki finishing in second place, according to a semi-annual survey by J.D. Power and Associates.

The other top performers in order were Hummer, BMW, Kia, Saab, Mazda, Subaru and Mercury. The worst rankings were achieved by Volkswagen, then Audi; third-worst was Mercedes-Benz, then Chrysler. Saturn, Infiniti, Volvo, Nissan, Mini and Jeep rounded out the bottom ten makes, in reverse order, in J.D. Power's research.

At a time when 57% of new-vehicle buyers visit at least one manufacturer web site before buying a new vehicle - and most visit several manufacturer sites how an auto maker performs online is more important than ever. In marketing terms these days, you could almost say it's crucial.

"Our improving performance is part of a dedicated philosophy and focus that's simple: When the majority of auto shopping is happening on the web, you'd better make sure that your web site is built to facilitate that the best way you can," said Mark-Hans Richer, marketing director for Pontiac.

Lexus, the Toyota luxury brand, "scores at the top by upsetting the fewest shoppers," says Dennis Galbraith, senior director of digital marketing for Westlake Village, Calif.-based J.D. Power. Only 6% of Lexus.com visitors in this survey rated it poorly, the strongest result ever noted for lack of disappointment in any site.

On the other hand, the lowest finishers in the survey were troubled by slow speeds, Galbraith said.

Lexus provides information at quick speeds for users whether they're on a broadband or a dial-up connection, Galbraith noted. "Fundamental for us since the beginning has been to try to make the site as robust as possible but not limit the average consumer's ability to get information quickly," says Robin Pisz, national interactive and relationship-marketing manager for Lexus. "We'll be serving up lot smore multi-media on the site in the future, such as videos. And with our audience being predominantly broadband, we can provide them with more of that type of experience."

The brand also strives for "simple, straightforward



The 2006 Pontiac Soistice.

web design" that is friendly to its market of mostly boomer and older consumers," Inouye said. That includes larger vehicle images, better fonts and other improvements to optimize the fact that the resolution of computer screens is improving. "Older consumers want to see details," she said.

Galbraith also complimented Lexus's decision to provide ample definition of technical terms. "It's like reading something complex with an imbedded dictionary to help you," he said.

Pontiac.com's strength is "easy navigation," Galbraith said, including a "flyout" design that allows visitors to delve into model details directly from the home page. "We think through the site the way a shopper would," said Richer.

For example, the site recently moved to the home page its link to information about trade-in appraisals. "In the past we buried it somewhere in the site because it didn't seem as sexy as other things," he said. "But we've found that it's very important to consumers to know what their current car is worth, and it facilitates the online-shopping process."

Richer conceded that, "not long ago, marketers were trying to add more steak than sizzle online. We still believe in sizzle,"he said. (And the fact that Pontiac.com can feature a model as intriguing as the new Solstice roadster on its site helps a lot in the sizzle department.) "But first and foremost, web-site activity

is about shopping. You have to take care of that before anything else."

Pontiac's greater focus on the web is underscored these days by its partnership with Google. In a promotion that's been going on about a month now, Pontiac refers to Google in its TV ads, making it the first major marketer to refer to the king of search engines in its mainstream advertising, Richer said. And in local advertising, dealer groups urge viewers to "Google

comparisons that work in our favor," Richer said. "Leads are up 50% and search queries are up 100% because of it."

Saturn's showing in the study underscored the fact that ease of web use and a brand's larger marketing purposes don't always completely coincide. Saturn ranked fifth from the bottom, Galbraith said, in part because the Skye model that it featured on the home page during early November, when the survey was conducted, ran small. Saturn instead focused on a large image of a Christmas package from Target Stores.

But the brand's promotion with Target - to provide a \$500 gift card for the store as a bonus with a vehicle purchase - "was a very effective promotion," said a Saturn spokesman. "We had a year over year sales increase," Moreover, he said, Saturn went back to a larger vehicle picture after the holidays.

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## Wines, foods take the table at OCC fund-raiser

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

The corks and caps will be removed from bottles of riesling, gewurztraminer and cabernet franc.

Visitors can enjoy merlot, cabernet sauvignon and vidal blanc, also known as ice wines.

The event is also the biggest annual fund-raiser at Oakland Community College for money toward scholarships and trips to competitions for culinary students.

The Great Lakes Great Wines Walk Around Wine Tasting returns to the campus of Oakland Community College on May 11.

More than \$80,000 has been raised over the past 10 years, said Darlene Levinson. organizer of the event and OCC instructor. Much of that money helps OCC's diverse student population: people laid off from their jobs and now working on a second career, single mothers, retirees who want a second career and "special needs" students.

"That money comes in handy," Levinson said. "It's a population that would not go to college without assistance. They would just not be able to do it."

The money also will help students travel to competitions, such as Tammy Gauthier, a second-year student who won the Midwest region of the American Chefs Federation individual food competition in Minneapolis in late March. She advanced to a national ACF competition scheduled for July.

More than 500 wines from



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Patrons enjoyed last year's Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting event at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills,

wineries in seven Great Lakes states and one Canadian province (Ontario) will be available, Levinson said. Levinson estimates that 24-30 judges will taste the wines before the event and judge them for awards.

Among the expected judges are Joe Borrello, president of the International Wine Tasters Guild and author of Wineries of the Great Lakes and Recipes

from the Wineries of the Great Lakes; Stan Howell, professor in the Horticulture Department at Michigan State University, and winemakers Chas Catherman from St. Julian's Winery in Paw Paw, Lee Lutes from Black Star Farms in the Leelanau Peninsula, and Mark Johnson from Chateau Chantel. Master wine sommelier Madeline Triffon of the Matt Prentice

Restaurant Group has served as a judge in previous years, Levinson said.

"We pick them to lend credibility to the event," Levinson said. "We have to have people who know how to judge them." And that's just a preview of

Many of the food booths will be staffed by talented OCC graduates such as chef

the wine. Then there's the

Andrew Saves of The Grill at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn; Ted Teeter, executive chef at P.F. Changs in Troy; Randy Emert, executive cher at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester; Steven Allen and Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz, chefs and owners of Steve & Rocky's in Novi; Denise Caurdy, chef at Traverse Pointe Country Club in Ann Arbor; Tariq Hanna, pastry

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chef at Motor City Casino and part-time instructor at OCC; and Eric Voight, pastry chef at Tribute in Farmington Hills.

The OCC Culinary Studies Institute will put its own imprint on the event as instructors and students prepare two tables of pastries and Asian foods and another table full of food.

Levinson estimates that 300 people will be in attendance. This year, the Culinary Studies Institute has expanded the event from the traditional third floor to include food booths on the fourth floor.

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## Use this guide to help you buy a better notebook

or many of us, the next computer we buy will be a notebook. And why not? They consume relatively little of the prized real estate that is your desk, and they're

Notebooks (only the tragically unhip still call them laptops) travel easily from home to work to Panera Bread to coach class.

Well, some do. You may have noticed that some of the latest laptops are downright huge, with screens rivaling the size of standalone LCDs. If vou've ever seen a fellow passenger try to wrangle one of these onto a tray table, well, it ain't pretty.

### SIZE MATTERS

So, when shopping for a new notebook, consider size first. If you prize mobility above all else, look for a model with a screen smaller than 15 inches and a weight below six pounds.

If the machine is earmarked for desk duty, you may want to splurge on a so-called desktop replacement.

These bulky, travel-challenged powerhouses have big screens (usually 15-



Savvy

Rick Broida

17 inches) and entertainment-oriented features (often including TV tuners and DVR software), making them ideal for dens, dorm rooms and other habitats.

### **BASIC SPECS**

Whatever your size preference, your notebook should meet a few basic requirements.

First, I recommend avoiding horseand-buggy-speed processors like the AMD Sempron and Intel Celeron. These are the chips you'll find in those enticing \$500-\$600 models, but they're too slow for anything beyond the basics, like e-mail and word processing.

I also urge you to get at least 512MB of RAM. Anything less and Windows will run like molasses.

As for the hard drive, bigger is always better, of course. A 40GB drive may sound plenty roomy, but once you start filling it with photos, digital music and, in the case of Media Center notebooks, TV shows, that space will fill up fast.

Fortunately, it's easy to add more storage later, courtesy of capacious external hard drives. I recently spotted a 300GB drive selling online for just \$113,

If you want to watch movies on your notebook, a DVD-ROM drive is essential. Step up to a DVD burner (also known as a DVD+/-RW drive) if you want to author your own discs.

Don't worry about numbers like "8X," which pertain to the drive's speed. They're all plenty fast.

### **ESSENTIAL EXTRAS**

I wouldn't touch a notebook that didn't have a built-in Wi-Fi antenna, which is mandatory for connecting to wireless networks. Fortunately, it's standard equipment on most models. The 802.11g variety is fine for most



If you're not too concerned about mobility. Dell's XPS M170 notebook offers all the power of a desktop PC.

home and small-business users.

I also insist on a media card reader, preferably one that supports all the most popular formats (Compact Flash, Secure Digital, etc.).

If you plan to edit video on your notebook, look for a FireWire port so you can connect your camcorder. (It's a common misconception that video can be transferred over USB. Most

camcorders require a FireWire connection.)

Spend a few bucks on a mouse even the best notebook touchpad is no substitute. Consider a full-size mouse for desk duty (Logitech's wireless, rechargeable MX 1000 can't be beat) and a smaller one for travel.

Spend a few bucks more on a USB flash drive, which comes in handy for moving documents between your notebook and other PCs.

And speaking of other PCs, if you're migrating from an older machine to your new notebook, consider deploying a program like Alohabob PC Relocator Ultra Control (alohabob.com). It greatly simplifies moving the contents and settings of one PC to another.

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## Baking with the CIA: wake up to waffles

BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) - A day that begins with a crisp, golden waffle is destined to be good. The aroma alone has the power to perk up the sleepiest of mornings.

The Culinary Institute of America's ultra-light waffles, made from a few basic ingredients, are equally delicious hot off the iron or made ahead and frozen for a quick weekday breakfast. Just store them in the freezer in zip-lock bags and pop them in the toaster whenever you like.

Waffles are no more difficult to make than any other griddlecake. Like pancakes, they benefit from minimal mixing because of the proteins in the flour. When flour is moistened and repeatedly stretched by mixing, the proteins turn into strands of gluten.

The longer the gluten is worked, the tighter the strands become, resulting in a tough, rubbery waffle. Using a gentle hand to stir the wet and dry ingredients together helps to keep them tender.

Bruce Mattel, associate professor in culinary arts at The Culinary Institute of America, suggests taking an additional step to ensure an airy waffle. "Rather than adding whole eggs to the batter, separate the eggs, whip the whites to a soft peak consistency, and fold them in at the end."

Without the characteristic grid-like pattern to cradle hot syrup and melting butter, a waffle wouldn't be a waffle. That is why a waffle iron is essential for making this type of griddlecake.

Available in a variety of shapes, sizes and depths, waffle irons range in cost from \$20 to \$300. Most varieties have nonstick surfaces (a must for trouble-free waffle making) and a sensor light to indicate that the iron is preheated and ready to use.

Higher-end models include features such as dial thermometers, digital countdowns and removable dishwashersafe plates. The additional "bells and whistles" are nice, but not necessary for producing a good waffle.

Before using a new waffle iron, refer to the manufacturer's directions - each one works differently. Most take about 4 to 5 minutes to bake a waffle. The amount of batter needed for each waffle depends on the shape and size of your iron.

The CIA's recipe using a standard 7-inch round iron is enough to make 8 waffles. Start by making a sample waffle to determine how much batter you need and how long it takes to bake.

Be sure not to lift the lid during the first few minutes of baking, or while it is steaming; a steaming iron is the best indicator that the waffle hasn't finished baking. Also, if you have

to force the waffle iron open, you can rest assured that the batter still needs time to bake.

To keep finished waffles warm, place them in a single layer directly on the rack of a 200º F preheated oven.

This recipe is from The Culinary Institute of America's Breakfasts and Brunches cookbook (Lebhar-Freidman, 2005, \$35).

#### WAFFLES

3½ cups all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons salt ½ cup sugar 2 tablespoons baking powder 8 large eggs, separated

3 cups milk 1 cup butter, melted 2 cups Hot Raspberry Sauce (recipe follows)

Sift together the flour, salt, sugar and baking powder into a large mixing bowl. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients.

Whisk together the egg yolks, milk and melted butter in a separate bowl. Pour the wet ingredients into the well of the dry ingredients, stirring until just combined. The batter will be slightly lumpy. Do not overmix.

Preheat the waffle iron.

Whip the egg whites to soft peaks and fold into the batter in two additions. Ladle about ¾ cup batter into the waffle iron. Cook the waffles until they are crisp, golden and cooked through, about 3 to 6 minutes per waffle. Serve at once with the raspberry syrup.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per waffle: 580 cal., 15 g pro., 60 g carbo., 32 g fat, 870 mg sodium, 285 mg chol., 1 g fiber.

#### HOT RASPBERRY SAUCE

7 cups raspberries, fresh or frozen (thaw slightly)

13/4 cups sugar 2/4 cups water

1/2 vanilla bean, split or scraped, or 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 3/4 cup lemon juice

Combine the raspberries, sugar and water in a saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Cook until raspberries are soft, about 15 minutes.

Strain the raspberry mixture through a fine-mesh sieve, pressing against the solids with the back of a ladle. Discard the raspberry seeds and pour the extracted juices into a saucepan; add the vanilla bean, its seeds and the lemon juice. Simmer until reduced by one-half over medium-low heat or to the consistency of syrup, 20 to 25 minutes.

Serve warm, or cool and store in the refrigerator for up to 10 days. Makes 2 cups.

Nutrition information per 3ounce serving: 110 cal., 1 g pro., 29 g carbo., 0 g fat, 0 mg sodium, 0 mg chol., 4 g fiber.

This recipe, along with more than 175 others, is explained and illustrated in The Culinary Institute of America's Breakfasts and Brunches cookbook (Lebhar-Freidman, 2005, \$35), available at bookstores nationwide or at: http://www.ciachef.edu/enthusiasts/cookbooks/

### **CALENDAR**

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com or fax (734) 591-7279.

Book signing \*

Chef Craig Common of the Common Grill in Chelsea will be signing copies of his two cookbooks, The Common Grill Cookbook and Return to the Common Grill, at Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20.

#### Grapevine

Here is a schedule of classes from the Grapevine School of Wine: Introduction to Wine, 7 p.m. April 20, The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, \$29; Fabulous but Forgotten Germany, 7 p.m. April 24, Pampas, Old Woodward north of Maple, Birmingham, \$45; Summer Barbecue Wines, 7 p.m. June 20, Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, \$32; Register on line for any of these events at www.grapevi-

neschoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613. Indian Cooking

Incorporate the principles of Ayurveda, an ancient Indian science of health and well-being, at the following classes at 6:30-9:30 p.m. Exquisite Daal Curries, April 27; Heavenly Vegetarian Curries, May 4; Delectable Chicken Curries, May 18 and Vegetables the Indian Way, June 1; (248) 203-3800 or online at www.com-

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Enjoy a weekend morning of fun, down at one of Detroit's most famous landmarks - Eastern Market 8-11 a.m.

Saturday, April 22, or Saturday, April 29 (\$30). Freeman Gunnell will meet the class at Eastern Market for the tour. Look for a sign for The Community House Tour. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Culinary Seminars are offered through

Schoolcraft classes

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development for winter 2006. The campus is located at 18600 Haggerty in Livonia. Call (734) 462-4448 for information or visit webadvisor.schoolcraft.edu Here are some of the classes: Hands-On: These classes require Cooking 101 or chef's approval to register. Wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. You'll need a tool kit consisting of a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. The following classes, instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel, are scheduled: Outdoor Grilling, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, April 25 and 27. Class fees

range from \$109-\$139. Party planning secrets

Learn Manhattan event planning techniques on a budget from a New York City party planner, 7-9 p.m., Monday, April 24, Room G110, Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham, (248) 203-3800, or visit www.communitved.net

#### Mini Business Expo and Taste of Plymouth

Over 20 restaurants and 75 booths showcasing businesses, 5-7:30 p.m., May 1, Inn at St. John's, Five Mile and Sheldon roads, \$10, (734) 453-1540, www.plymouthchamber.org

Taste of Two Cities

Sample menu items from 10 different restaurants in Farmington and Farmington Hills, 6-10 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, \$25, must be 21 or over, (248) 474-3440, www.ffhchamber.com Great Lakes Great Wine Walk

More than 500 wines will be offered to sample including ice wines at the 11th Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in the J Building at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$45, proceeds used for student scholarships and competition travel funds. Call (248) 522-3700.

## Potato crust anchors tasty pizza 1/4 cup beef or chicken broth oven rack to its lowest position,

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Bev Jones of Brunswick. Mo., won first prize in a recent recipe contest organized by the. Idaho Potato Commission.

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- 1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon freshly cracked black
- pepper 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 pounds Idaho potatoes (about 4 medium), scrubbed 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 cup cooked, shredded chicken 1 red bell pepper, seeded and cut into rings 4 ounces crumbled feta cheese

½ cup prepared basil pesto

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese 8 to 10 fresh basil leaves, torn into pieces

Preheat oven to 400° F.

In a small bowl, stir together the salt, pepper and cornstarch; set aside. Using a food processor or mandoline, slice potatoes very thinly and place them in a large

mixing bowl. Sprinkle half of the cornstarch mixture over the potato slices; toss the potatoes, then sprinkle them with the remaining cornstarch mixture, and toss again.

Brush 1 tablespoon of the olive oil over a 12-inch round pizza pan. Layer the potatoes on the pan, overlapping the slices in concentric circles (cover the pan completely). Sprinkle the potatoes with the broth, brush them with the remaining oil, then press the potatoes down firmly with your clean hands to compact them into a crust. Move the

and bake the potato crust for 20 to 30 minutes, or until edges are browned and potatoes are tender.

Remove the potato crust from the oven and spread the pesto over the potatoes using a rubber spatula. Top the pizza with the cooked chicken, pepper rings, feta and Parmesan cheese. Return the pizza to the oven for another 10 minutes, or until feta is softened and the pizza is heated through. Remove from the oven, sprinkle with basil and cut into wedges. Use a spatula to loosen the potato crust from the pan.

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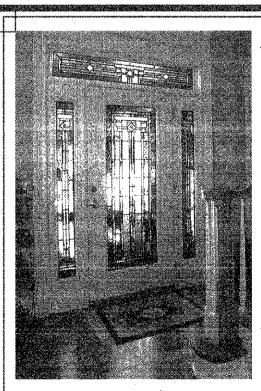
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Why shouldn't you be in on what Interior

Decorators know?

Recherché is the place you start! Whether you're looking for a new dining set, or an original oil on canvas. Recherché will likely have something for you to consider. How about a 72" round table made from a rare mahogany with a unique ribbon grain? Or if your dining area is better suited for a traditional extension table - how about one made with satin banding. These are just a couple of samples.

Need a breakfront or a china cabinet to compliment your existing table? Recherché is the place to look first. Do you like the rich look of the Chippendale chairs pictured in this ad? Don't place an order anywhere until you check out what Recherché has to offer. Do you prefer contemporary? Check out the glass on glass dining table made by Fox Fire before you over pay for one that would pale by comparison.

Whether you're searching for a vintage

dining table or you prefer new, Recherché is no ordinary store. When it comes to previously owned furniture, Recherché is meticulous about the condition, uniqueness and quality. They are very selective so that you don't have to spend your time rummaging through estate sales, thrift stores, or the internet, looking for a 'diamond in the rough.' Even better, Recherché carries both new and used items, and most home projects need both.

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These original oil paintings provide a breathtaking back drop for this antique walnut chair. Also features is an antique mahogany server part of a beautiful Jacobean dining set with table, china cabinet & 6 chairs (not pictured).

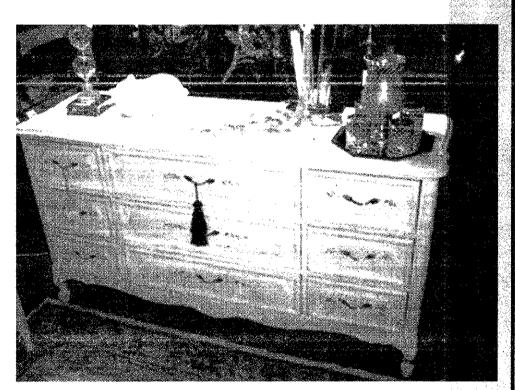




This beautifully carved ball & claw. mahogany extension table is perfect for entertaining family and guests. It has satin wood banding & a garoon edge for a perfect fimish. In the background is a Berkey & Gay Server, Circa 1909. Of course, no scene is complete without original oil paintings in the perfect frame.



This glass on glass dining table by Fox Fire is perfect for the contemporary home. Parsons chairs compliment this one of a kind table beautifully. The top is finely beveled and is adorned with a cobalt blue vase.



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## Spring into steamed fish

When you are tired of the heavy cooking of the cold months but it is too early for the outdoor grilling of summer, steaming is a good cooking transition as spring

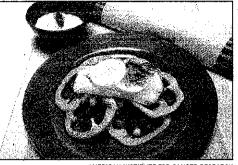
Steaming is a traditional Chinese cooking technique that uses gentle heat instead of oil to cook foods. So it is a good way to make low-fat, low-calorie entrées.

Steaming keeps vegetables crunchy and brightly colored, and helps avoid overcooking fish. It also protects water-soluble nutrients that would otherwise be lost during boiling.

All you need to steam fish is a deep saucepan, Dutch oven, pressure cooker, roasting pan, or wok. The pot should be wide enough to hold a heat-proof plate on which all the ingredients can be placed in a single layer, and deep enough so that the plate is elevated at least an inch above enough water to simmer until the food is cooked.

Both the American Institute for Cancer Research and other health experts recommend fish as the best animal protein alternative to red meat. It is an important source of omega-3 fatty acids, which are so important to our health.

Numerous studies suggest that a predominantly plant-based diet is linked to long-term health. The phytochemicals, minerals and vitamins in plant foods seem to bolster the body's defenses against can-



Have a spring dinner of steamed fish with yogurt

cer, heart disease and stroke.

And to go with your steamed fish, why not steam a variety of colorful and healthful vegetables?

AICR recommends gradually making the transition to a plate that contains<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> (or more) vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans to one-third (or less) animal pro-

A spring dinner of steamed fish with yogurt dill sauce is a good place to start.

#### STEAMED FISH WITH YOGURT DILL SAUCE

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh chives 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh basil

1 tablespoon fresh dill, divided 1½ pound firm-fleshed fish fillet, (e.g. halibut,

cod; or salmon), cut in 4 pieces Salt and freshly ground pepper 1/2 cup low-fat, plain yogurt & 2 red bell peppers, thinly sliced 2 orange or yellow bell peppers, thinly sliced 1 scallion, finely chopped (green part included) 1 large lemon, thinly sliced

1/2 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth 4 sprigs fresh dill for garnish (optional)

In a small bowl, mix together oil, chives, basil and half the dill. Rub mixture into both sides of fish, then sprinkle with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Mix remaining dill with yogurt and set sauce aside.

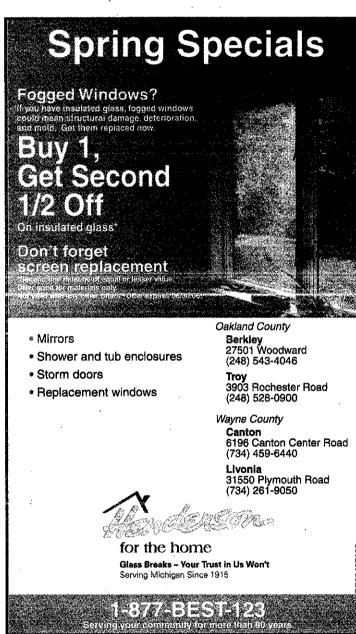
In a deep-rimmed serving dish large enough to hold the fish and broth, arrange bell peppers and scallions evenly along bottom. Place fish on top. Arrange lemon slices on top of fish. Add broth. Place in microwave and cook at medium power, checking every few minutes, until fish flakes with a fork.

Remove from microwave and garnish with remaining dill. Serve with yogurt-dill sauce.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 293 calories, 11 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 9 g. carbohydrate, 38 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 176 mg. sodium.

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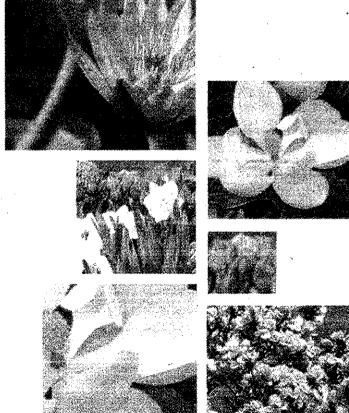
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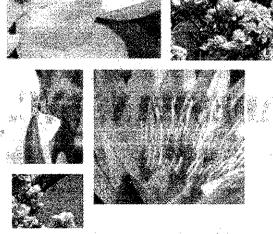
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### Hill & Dale Garden Club

The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

Lillian Dean will present the topic, Rain Gardens.

The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Scawly at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

### **Detroit Rose Society** The Detroit Rose Society will meet at

7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center, 4 Ridge Road.

The public may attend. (To get to the community center, take Woodward Avenue to the first street south of I-696, turn west on it and go to Ridge.) The program will be about pruning roses. If you'd like to have roses pruned, bring it in a pot and two of the society's past presidents will professionally prune it.

#### A rose auction will also be featured. MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, April 28, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus off Adams in Rochester. Guest speakers Emily Stefanski and Kevin Westrick of Wojo's Greenhouse in Ortonville will present Creating Clever Containers for Sun and Shade. With a variety of containers, they'll demonstrate unusual combinations of annuals, perennials, shrubs, tropical foliage and summer bulbs for a new look in container gardening. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call (248) 608-0485 or (248) 310-8793 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Rose programs Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public now through mid-October. The popular programs are at the his-

toric, but unheated, 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township, seven miles south of Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2

hours and takes place rain or shine. Dress for the weather. For information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

The schedule includes Pruning and Fertilizing Roses, a demonstration of techniques for all types of roses (1 p.m. Sunday, April 23 or 30, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, April 24 or May 1). Admission is free. Reservations aren't

#### required. Opening garden

Gardenviews in Northville will present a free seminar, Opening the Garden, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Northville Senior Center at 303 W. Main, diagonally from Gardenviews. Space is limited, Call (248) 380-8881 early to reserve a seat. Speaker Shelly Buckman will talk about getting ready for the gardening

#### season. Ontario trip

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will have a field trip to Sorenson's Greenhouses, 1397 Road 3 East in Ruthven, Ontario, on Sunday, April 23.

Participants will meet in the greenhouse at 10 a.m. Guests are welcome. The event is free.

### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

For more information, call (248) 524-0227.

#### Free lectures

Saguaro Plants, 470 W. Five Mile in Whitmore Lake, presents free lectures 1 p.m. Sundays at the nursery. Each lecture lasts about one hour. Dress for the weather. For more information, call (734) 449-4237.

Understanding Japanese Maples, by Saguaro Plants owner Ben Woloskie, will be the topic April 23. Conifers for Michigan Gardens, also by Woloskie, will be the topic April 30.

#### Gardening

Gardening classes offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning (CL2) include Color Your Garden with Annuals (Tuesday, April 25) and Plant on the Shady Side (Thursday, May 4), both at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center. Cost for the April 25 class is \$17 for Dearborn School District residents, \$19 for non-residents. Cost for the May 4 class is \$21 for Dearborn School

To register and for more information, or for a complete list of CL2 courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

District residents, \$23 for non-resi-

#### Landscape magic

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House lecture series will teach gardeners of all falents this season's new and improved techniques.

To celebrate National Gardening Month in April, Ford House is offering its Grounds for Gardening lecture series with gardening expert and columnist Nancy Szerlag. The cost for each lecture is \$9. To buy tickets, call Ford House at (313) 884-

4222. The series continues with Making Landscape Magic at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26. Ford House is at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. For more

information about Ford House, go to www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222. Luncheon, boutique

Vendors will offer unusual items for the yard and garden at the Spring Luncheon and Garden Boutique that will benefit the Women's Division for Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere) The event will take place Wednesday,

April 26, at The Reserve, 325 S. Eton in Birmingham, south of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Woodward. Tickets are \$60 donor, \$110 benefactor. For reservations and information, call (313) 393-6590 during business hours.

The boutique will be open for shopping from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The reception and cash bar will begin at 11 a.m. Weicome and introductions will take place at noon, lunch at 12:15 p.m. and a raffle at 1:15 p.m.

#### Eco-Yardening Learn how to establish an environmentally beneficial landscape in Eco-Yardening, one of the offerings in

Birmingham Community Education spring classes. The class will take place Tuesday, May 2, at Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln in Birmingham. Cost is \$11. For more information and to register, call Birmingham Community

#### Education at (248) 203-3800 or visit www.communityed.net. **Downriver Rose Society**

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph, between Sibley and West

Roses 101: All the Basics will be the

topic. Noted local rosarian George Hartley will share his methods for selecting, planting, fertilizing, pruning and winterizing roses, using his extensive collection of colorful slides. He will distribute copies of his booklet to the audience.

Admission is free. The public may attend.

For more information, call Mike at (734) 246-3635 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.

Hartley, of Royal Oak, has grown award-winning roses for decades and taught thousands of people. He is a former district director for the American Rose Society and served the organization in a wide variety of local, regional and national offices. Hartley is an active consulting rosarian and

### rose show judge.

Plant exchange The Royal Oak Garden Club will host the Community Perennial Plant Exchange 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Mahany/Meininger Community Center, 3500 Marais in Royal Oak. Bring any perennials that you want to trade with other gardeners. For more information, call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

School of Gardening The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels at The Community House in Birmingham, 380 S. Bates; Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt; Troy Continuing Education, 201 W. Square Lake Road; Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor; and Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph.

Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. Special class sessions can be arranged for groups of 15 or more. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes: Landscape Design, seven Mondays beginning April 24, in Livonia (fee is \$232); Weeds, Tuesday, April 25, in Pontiac (\$42); Practical Gardening: So Many Ways to Grow, five sessions beginning Wednesday, April 26, in Ann Arbor (\$168); Perennial Combinations, Thursday, April 27, in Troy (\$42); Wildflowers in the Garden, Thursday, April 27, in Livonia (\$42); and Effective Hand-drawn Design, Fridays, April 28 to May 19, in Livonia (\$168).

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### Nature program

The Junior League of Detroit, in coajunction with the Belie Isle Nature Zoo, conducts a free, educationar nature program for children 1-3 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the Belle Isle Nature Center. The program includes a guest speaker. tun craft project, snack and book giveaway. It is open to the public, and groups are welcome. For more information, call the Junior League of Detroit at (313) 881-0040. The last event this spring will take place June 17. The programs will resume in the fall.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 ог (248) 644-1314.

### **HOME CALENDAR** tours of the Material Recovery Facility

## **Quilt celebration**

More than 150 beautiful quilts will be on display when the Oakland County Quilt Guild presents Quilt Celebration 2006, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April

The event will take place at First Baptist Church of Lake Orion, 255 E. Scripps (Exit 81 on 1-75, to Lapeer Road, four miles north of The Palace of Auburn Hills). Admission is \$6. Seventeen vendor booths from quilt shops across Michigan, and delicious food from the Patchwork Cafe, will be featured. A

quilt that was hand-made by OCOG members will be raffled. For more information, visit http://ocqg.tripod.com. Gala preview

The Gala Preview Party for the Michigan Modernism Exposition will take place 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at Civic Center Drive. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$65 at the

door. Visit www.daads.org or call (248) 582-3326. Proceeds from the preview benefit the Detroit Area Art Deco Society's schol-

arship, preservation and restoration programs. The exposition will take place Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23, at the Southfield Municipal Complex.

Admission is \$8. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Facility tour The Southeastern Oakland County

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brating Earth Day by offering free

on Coolidge, between 14 and 15 Mile. See what happens to recyclables after they leave your home. The tours will take place 10 a.m. and 11

a.m. Saturday, April 22, and 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, April 24-27. The tours will last about 30 minutes. Call SOCRRA at (248) 288-5150 in advance so organizers can make sure there are enough guides. For more information, call SOCRRA or visit www.socrra.org.

### Interior design

Interior design classes offered at The Community House in Birmingham include Pull It Together (Mondays, April 24 to May 8) and 10 Steps to a Sensational Room (Thursday, May 4). Cost for Pull It Together is \$45, plus

a \$5 materials fee payable to instructor in class. The class will be taught by professional interior designer Sue Moncur, owner of South County Studio Designed Interiors. Cost for 10 Steps to a Sensational Room is \$25. The class will be taught by Renea M. Lewis, owner of Design By Choice.

To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

### Depression glass

The Great Lakes Depression Glass Club's 32nd annual Show and Sale will take place Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23, at the United Food & Commercial Workers Union Building, 876 Horace Brown Drive, south off 13 Mile between 1-75 and John R in Madison Heights.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Donation \$5. An identification booth with qualified members to help with glass identification, and expert glass repair will be featured. Lunch will be available.

### Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels.

Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Duvet Cover (Wednesdays, April 26 to May 17, or Thursdays, April 27 to May 18; cost is \$80).

## Pet first aid

Sheehy Animal Hospital, 18790 Middlebeit in Livonia, will offer a free Pet First Aid Class Wednesday, May 3, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The class will feature simple first aid for dogs and cats, including tips on creating a pet first aid kit and on how items you have around the house can be used in medical situations. The class is expected to last about an hour. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information and to reserve your spot, call Sheehy Animal Hospital at (248) 615-7670.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

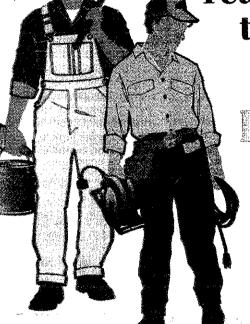


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Spring is here, so get ready to plant some beautiful trees.

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The non-profit tree organization has 3- to 6-foot (depending on species) bare root trees, and 1- to 2-foot bare root shrubs, for sale this spring.

Trees available are Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Swamp White Oak, Greenspire Linden, White Spire Birch, Red Bud, White and Red Crabapple, Serviceberry, Japanese Tree Lilac, Aristocrat Pear, Honeycrisp Apple and Crimson King Norway Maple.

Shrubs available are "Endless Summer" Hydrangea, "Blue Muffin" Arrowwood Virburnum, and "Wine and Roses" Wiegela.

Trees are \$28 each, or \$25 each for six or more. Shrubs are \$20 each, or \$18 each for six or more.

Extra trees and shrubs will be available for sale noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at eight different pickup locations in southeast Michigan.

For more information, call (800) 642-7353 or visit www.globalreleaf.org.

## Test for radon in your home

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Like carbon monoxide, you can't see, smell or taste radon, but the gas may be a problem in your home.

It results from disintegrating uranium in the earth – soil, rock and water. Although radon can be found all over the United States, it is especially prevalent in the Rockies, the Midwest and New England.

It can get into any type of building – home, office, school – and result in a high indoor radon level.

However, most people are likely to get the greatest exposure at home, where they spend most of their time. It typically makes its way

It typically makes its way into homes through cracks in concrete floors or basement walls and floors, gaps in suspended floors, gaps around service pipes and cavities inside walls.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, radon is estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year. What's more, if you smoke and your home has high radon levels, your risk of lung cancer is especially high.

Nearly one out of every 15 homes in the United States is estimated to have elevated radon levels.

Is radon present in your home? The only means to determine if radon is present and to what extent is through testing.

Fortunately, testing is inexpensive and easy and should only take a few minutes of your time. Low-cost, do-it-yourself radon test kits can be found at many hardware stores or home centers or obtained through

the mail.

If you are buying or selling a home, or you don't choose to perform the test yourself, you can hire a qualified testing firm. Contact your state radon office for a list of qualified testers.

There are two general ways of testing for radon: shortterm and long-term testing.

As the name implies, shortterm testing is the quickest way to test. The collection device – a charcoal canister or other type of system – remains in your home for two to 90

Since radon levels can vary from day to day and season to season, a short-term test isn't likely to produce a reliable year-round average level.

A long-term test remains in your home for more than 90 days.

### STEPS

The EPA recommends the

following testing steps:
Take a short-term test. If the result is four picocuries per liter of air or higher, take a follow-up test to be sure.

Follow up with either a longterm test or a second short-

term test. For a better understanding of your year-round average, take a long-term test. If you need results quickly, take a second short-term test.

If tests demonstrate that your home contains levels of radon that are equal to or greater than four picocuries per liter of air, you should take action to reduce the levels.

There are many methods of reducing radon levels. In general, all mitigation methods include some form of sealing or ventilation.

#### PREVENTION

In addition, some techniques prevent radon from entering your home while others reduce radon levels after it has entered.

Among the most effective preventive methods is to patch cracks and gaps using caulking and various other types of patching compounds.

Another method, "soil suction," prevents radon from entering your home by drawing it from below the house and venting it through a pipe (or pipes) to the air about the house where it is quickly diluted

Some methods are "passive" and simply depend on natural ventilation, while other "active" methods involve the use of a powered exhaust fan, which should run continuously.

An effective method to reduce radon levels in homes with a crawlspace involves covering the earth with a highdensity plastic sheet. A vent pipe and fan are used to draw the radon from under the sheet

the radon from under the shee and vent it to the outdoors. Higher levels may require more complex measures. If such is the case, the EPA rec-

ommends hiring a qualified

radon mitigation contractor.

Begin by checking with your state radon office. Many states require radon mitigation professionals to be licensed, certi-

fied or registered.

If you choose to perform the work yourself, get information on appropriate training courses and copies of the EPA's technical guidance documents from your state radon office.

The good news is that radon reduction systems have proven to be effective. In fact, some systems can reduce radon levels by up to 99 percent.

The cost for repairs necessary to reduce radon ranges from about \$800 to \$2,500 (with an average cost of \$1,200), depending upon the size and design of your home and which radon reduction methods are required.

For more information on radon testing and mitigation, visit www.epa.gov/radon or call (800) 557-2366.

For more home improvement tips and information, visit the Careys' Web site at www.onthehouse.com, or call them at (800) 737-2474 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays.

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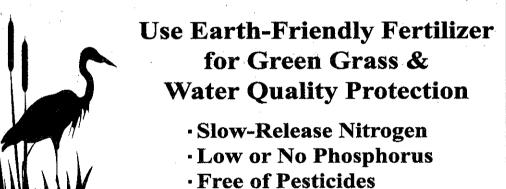
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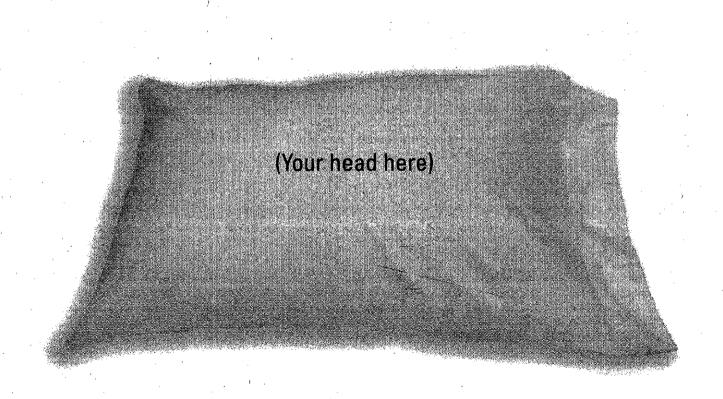
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## **Yard Smarts Hotline** to run entire month

This year, the Yard Smarts Hotline is expanding from one week to the entire month of May to accommodate more homeowners who have yard care questions.

Small-engine manufacturer Briggs & Stratton Corporation sponsors the free hotline, which provides expert advice about lawns, gardens or lawn care equip-

During May, consumers can call the toll-free hotline, (866) YARD-TIPS (927-3847), or submit an e-mail by visiting

www.yardsmarts.com. All questions will be answered personally within 48 hours.

Also, every Friday in May, consumers can speak directly with lawn and garden experts from noon to 7 p.m.

CDT. Nationally known lawn care expert Trey Rogers, the Briggs & Stratton "Yard Doctor," and a team of university lawn and garden experts will field any questions homeowners may have related to their lawn, trees, flowers, weeds, pests, etc.

In addition, a team of 20

**Briggs & Stratton experts** will respond to equipment queries.

In addition to getting free answers and advice from experts, hotline participants may also win prizes.

Each week, the name of one caller or e-mailer will be drawn, and that person will receive his or her choice of a new lawn mower, pressure washer or string trimmer powered by a Briggs & Stratton engine.

Also, one name will be drawn for the grand prize. Rogers will spend a day with the grand-prize winner to evaluate his or her lawn and garden, provide advice on improving the yard and answer any questions.

The grand-prize package also includes a piece of outdoor power equipment from Briggs & Stratton and a \$500 gift certificate toward yard care improvements.

answered a variety of questions, including: How and when should I

Last year, hotline experts

trim my lilac bushes?

How do I tune up my lawn mower?

■ What's an organic way to kill weeds?

■ Why doesn't my lawn

mower start on the first pull?

■ How thick should a mulch application be?

■ How can I get rid of the moles that are digging holes in my lawn?

Rogers, who has more than 20 years' experience in the science of turf grass, has helped design and grow playing field grass for the Olympic Games and World Cup soccer. He's a soughtafter expert by designers of golf courses and athletic fields.

Yard Smarts is an educational program designed to build consumer knowledge, provide answers and expert advice, and give consumers the confidence to handle yard care activities.

**Briggs & Stratton** Corporation is the largest manufacturer of small, aircooled engines for lawn and garden and other outdoor power equipment.

The company is also the largest producer of generators and pressure washers in the United States.

## These tips will help you spring into spring

ell, it looks like Old Man Winter has finally let us

With spring here we start spending more time outside, and of course we need to look at those fix-up projects that the winter has left for us.

Here are a few tips to help you get through the spring clean-up, fix-up time:

■ Get the debris out of your gutters. Leaves, twigs, seed pods can hold moisture in your gutters, which can cause premature deterioration of the gutters.

In addition, the added weight of the water can cause sagging of the gutters to the point where they can fall off the house.

Use extreme caution while working on ladders. The most common injuries on jobs are the result of improper ladder use. Be sure you follow common sense rules when using a ladder.

If you are considering buying a ladder, I strongly suggest buying the heaviest duty ladder you can afford and avoiding metal ladders

Though metal ladders are lighter in weight and usually less expensive than wood or fiberglass ladders, they are usually not as strong and they conduct electricity.

All too many people have been seriously injured or killed

Harry Jachym

when they have made contact with a live electric wire while using a metal ladder.

■ Just about all concrete will crack at some point. If you have noticed some cracks in your drive or walks, repair them by using a high-pressure hose nozzle to clean away dirt and debris.

Let them dry, and seal them with a good-quality concrete caulk such as Sika sikaflex polyurethane caulks, available at most home improvement stores.

■ Visually inspect the outside of your house for any loose caulk, peeling or chipping paint and deteriorated mortar.

"Tuck pointing" – pushing a thin line of mortar into the damaged area - can usually replace missing mortar. There are also several caulks available that match mortar fairly close.

Before painting damaged areas, scrape or sand areas where the paint is peeling. Use a good-quality primer over the repair before adding the paint.

If there is water stain on the wood, coat it with a good sealer-primer such as Kilz.

Hose down the air conditioning condenser coils to remove soil, leaves and other debris. This will help your air conditioner work more efficiently.

It's also a good idea to prune away any tree branches that may restrict the airflow around the condenser unit.

Look over your deck for any loose nails. Pull them and replace them with deck screws. Replace any badly warped or

cracked boards. Clean dirt and other debris from between the deck boards and wash the deck, using a good deck brightener and a power set to a LOW PRES-

SURE setting. Replace any worn or broken parts on your lawnmower and edger, such as wheels and starter. pull cords. Have the blade sharpened and change the oil.

Spring is a great time. Go out and get those jobs done so you can sit down and enjoy the warm weather.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

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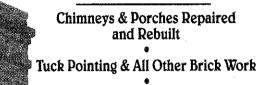
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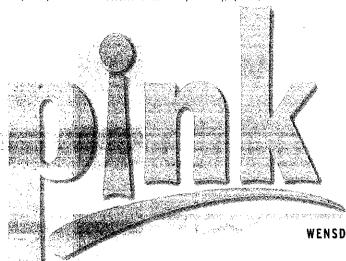
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## Fashion ... Don't leave home without it

By Anna Foard Whidden

You're about to go on a 10-day trip to Paris. On your itinerary are visits to the city's historical museums, gorgeous cathedrals and finest restaurants, not to mention the fabulous - and requisite - shopping this stylish metropolis has to offer.

But what to wear while you're in the fashion capital of the world? You're a classy gal, even on vacations. How do you pack for a day of sightseeing and an evening at the opera, without dragging three bags on to the plane?

Can you dress comfortably without looking like a frumpy tourist? Can travel and fashion really go hand-in-hand?

Absolutely, according to some travel and fashion authorities. With a few tips from the pros, you can look chic with just the clothes in your carry-on.

#### **SHOP FOR TRAVEL**

Whether you travel for business or pleasure, look for clothes that pack well whenever you go shopping.

"Knit things work really, really well," said Lexa Leatherdale, public relations manager of Neiman Marcus in Troy. Cashmere and wool are winners, too, she adds, as are some cotton blends (such as with spandex).

Neiman Marcus carries the St. John line of tweed suits and other apparel, which work "particularly well with business women," Leatherdale said. "They can step off the plane, go to their meeting and then attend a cocktail party."

Every clothing line has some pieces that

Livonia native Nicole Forester

recently took over the role of Cassie

Winslow on Guiding Light. Over

the years, Cassie has gone from

stripper to hotel heiress - with

a miscarriage, stillbirth, adoption and two children from two

different men along the way. The character helped her sis-

almost died in a fire.

ter fight murder charges, and

Nicole's real life might not

be quite as much of a soap

nonetheless. This week,

the actress shares her

picks with PINK.

opera, but it's glamourous

### **HOW TO TRAVEL WITH ONE BAG**

Who: Lynn Portnoy, boutique owner and author of 'Going Like Lynn" travel books, will give her signature presentation on stylish packing. When: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25

Where: Lynn Portnoy, 29260 Franklin Road, Southfield Cost: \$25 minimum donation, along with 10 percent of sales that evening, will benefit Gilda's Club-Detroit

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don't wrinkle, she added.

Lynn Portnoy, owner of a Southfield boutique that bears her name, said many different kinds of fabrics work well for travel. The key is to test for wrinkle-resistance by bunching the fabric in your hand and then stretching it out again to see if it leaves any lines.

"I look for non-seasonal fabrics that really do not wrinkle," said Portnoy, who calls herself a "travelaholic." The fashion consultant has written several travel guides for women, including Going Like

Almost all of what you find in Portnoy's

as Sangam, a fabulous and affordable line of tweed coordinates from India, available in a variety of neutral colors that are inter-

For those who like to shop via catalog or the Internet, check out the TravelSmith Outfitting Guide and Catalog. The company carries separates that pack easily, stay wrinkle free on long plane rides and work well in a variety of climates, such as a stylish raincoat that fits in a pouch. Order well in advance of any trip, as many of the company's popular items have to be backordered.

#### **COORDINATE PIECES**

Women should buy clothes that go with whatever is already in their closets, building on an existing wardrobe so pieces can be mixed and matched to create new outfits, Portnoy said. This strategy works well when packing for your trip, too.

"I want every top to go with every bottom," said Portnoy, who recommends taking (including what you wear on your way to your destination) four neutral skirts and/or pants, two neutral jackets that go with the bottoms, and seven tops for a weeklong trip.

You can incorporate bright colors into your outfits with your tops and accessories, she said.

"It's really wise to pick a color theme, so all the pieces coordinate with one another," Leatherdale added.

Whether it is a weekend getaway to the Big Apple or a 10-day trip to the Mediterranean, with a little know-how and wardrobe planning you'll be traveling light and in style on your next trip.

Women's clothier and travel author Lynn Portnoy frequently takes trips to Europe with only a carry-on. Here, she shares what to pack in order to fit a trip's worth of clothing in one bag:

Old, oversized T-shirts for sleeping that you can leave behind to make room for purchases.

✓ A quality, lightweight raincoat that can double as a bathrobe.

✓ A fabric purse for evenings out that can be packed flat in a carry-on, and a cloth coin purse.

 Faux jewelry, so there is no worry if it's lost or stolen.

Three pairs of shoes, no matter how short your trip is - two pairs for walking and one dressy pair for evenings. Wear the heaviest one to and from your destination. If your feet hurt, your trip is done.

✓ It is a good idea to pack a mending kit, with thread and buttons to match your clothes.

✓ If you are checking luggage, pack a change of clothes in your carry-on so you'll have something to wear if your suitcase is lost.



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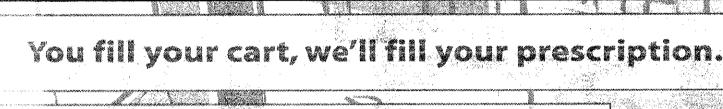
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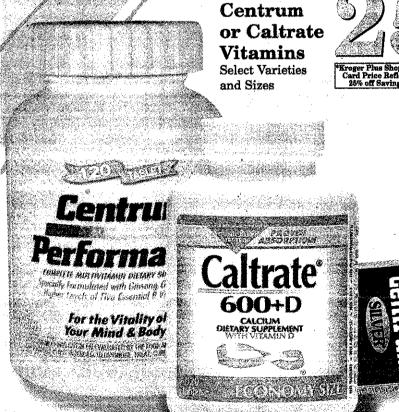
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