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Despite pressure, board OKs layoffs

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Optimism has a price. In Canton, it's about \$125,000 per month, according to Township Supervisor Tom Yack. That's what it would cost the township to delay laying off 10 inspectors in its building department, in hopes that the housing market will gain strength and create a heavier workload — and the revenues generated from the issuance of building permits.

It was a risk that township officials decided not to take, so the Canton Township Board of Trustees voted 5-2 Tuesday in favor of reducing by half the building inspection staff. The township cut 11.5 positions in total, in response to a sudden slowdown in new construction permits. The reduction in the number of permits has meant a \$1.7 million reduction in the township's revenue.

The layoffs will take effect in July. But the staff reduction may be cutting too deep, according to Alex Mamo, the most senior of the building inspectors. Mamo is not in danger of losing his job, but is concerned about working conditions after his colleagues leave. While work has slowed down, the decrease in activity has meant that inspectors are able to do a more thorough job. He admitted that when the department was issuing 800 or more permits per year, mistakes were made.

He said that often projects by reputable builders were not inspected as closely as they could have been.

"We did go (to job sites), and we would take a look, but did we look as hard as we could have? No, because we trusted them," he said. "In my opinion, we are right-sized now," Mamo said.

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Many of the store's displays are already set up, including lighting for the home.

IKEA store nearing completion

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

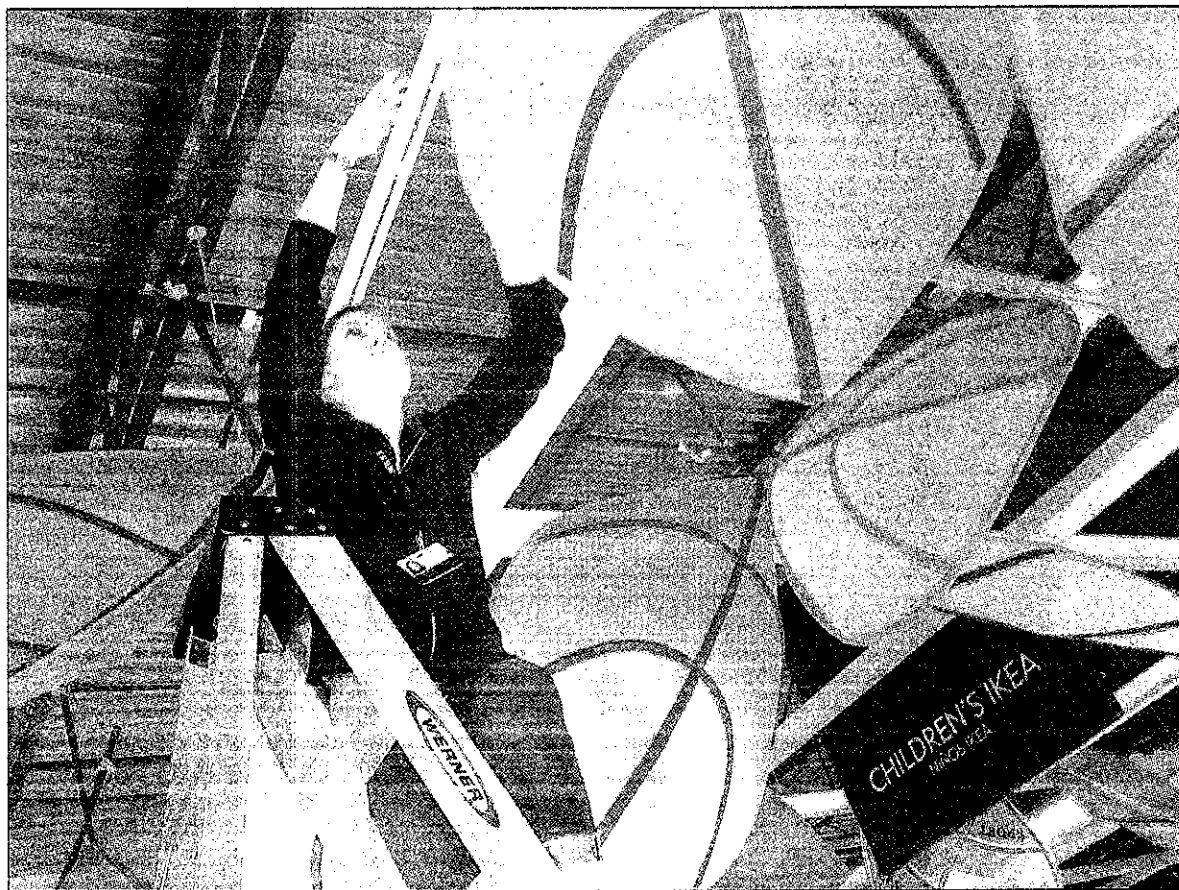
IKEA officials are moving full steam ahead toward a June 7 grand opening for the store at Ford and Haggerty, which will be the Swedish furniture retailer's first in Michigan and is expected to draw more than two million customers annually.

According to IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth, employees have been working at a feverish pace to put the finishing touches on the massive 311,000-square-foot store so it is ready for the throngs of shoppers that have been eagerly anticipating its opening. All the major construction is complete, and employees are now putting out the actual furnishings and displays that the store is so famous for.

"It's been coming in three to four trailers a day for a while now," store manager Mark McCaslin said.

For people who have shopped at other IKEA stores (there are 27 others in the U.S.), Roth said the Canton store should look familiar. He said every store in the IKEA chain, which includes 230 worldwide, is laid

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Katie Jackson, of Livonia, hangs leaf bed canopies in the Children's IKEA section of the store.

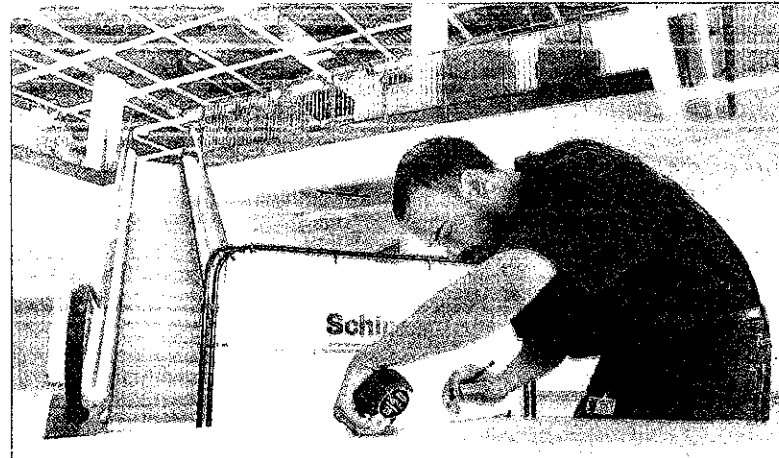
out exactly the same. There are 56 different rooms on display, representing bedrooms, kitchens, bathrooms and offices, and several are even modeled after mobile homes. Each room is decorated and features items that meet a specific profile.

"We start with a concept — who is going to live in a room? And we build the room around it," McCaslin said.

IKEA Canton also features an escalator near the store entrance. While the escalator is nothing new for IKEA, it is for Canton. Roth said township officials told him it is the first to be built in Canton.

As for employees, Roth said they have just about completed hiring for the roughly 400 positions needed at the store, which has been a difficult process, because they interviewed at least twice that number.

"It has been a mixed blessing.



IKEA employee Corey Mason of Detroit marks sheets of wood near the entrance. At left is the first escalator in Canton Township.

because you have so many good candidates come in that you can't hire," he said. "For the most part, though, we are fully staffed and concentrating on training now."

Roth said plans for the grand

opening are already set. The only thing he's worried about is the one thing IKEA can't control.

"All we ask is that the weather will be as nice as it has been," he said.

Critics, supporters debate need for bond

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials ask voters to decide two separate bond proposals Tuesday, the main focus by the bond steering committee has been meeting with parents, teachers and community members to garner enough "yes" votes to pass the \$120 million total bond.

However, as district officials emphasize the need for building expansions, a new middle school and a Career Center at the high school park, they've also had to

combat opposition by some members of the "family," current and former school board members who say the district can't afford the improvements.

Not astoundingly, other former board members are coming to the district's aid, saying passage of the bond issues is essential for a district that is considered one of the best in the state.

Voters will decide Tuesday which convictions hold true.

The differing opinions come as no surprise, as Plymouth-Canton searches to find ways to

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Bennett, LaJoy throw their names into hat

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Loren Bennett doesn't mind beating some pavement, going door to door trying to win votes. He's done it before, back in 1994 when he successfully ran for a state Senate seat, and the idea of doing it again to win a Wayne County Commission seat doesn't overwhelm him at all.

"In fact, I'm looking forward to it," he said.

Bennett filed to run for Wayne County Commission in the 11th District. There will be an open seat due to Commissioner John Sullivan's decision to run for

a Circuit Court judgeship. "I filed Thursday. First I went to a county commission meeting, then to the clerk's office to file," Bennett said.

Lots of legwork will be the key to his election, Bennett said, adding that in 1994 he visited 38,000 homes.

"I didn't try to buy the election. I feel I earned the election," he said. "My wife (Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett) and I just showed up and talked to people. We were saying, 'This is who we are and what you see is what you get.'"

Bennett, a Republican, describes himself as conser-

vative, but doesn't necessarily tow the party line, he said. "It's about getting it done and not about philosophical bents," he said.

"At the local level, it's about getting the trains to run on time."

Bennett will run against fellow Republican Gerald Law, who filed April 3, in a primary election Aug. 8. Democrat Kevin McNamara, the son of long-time Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, filed back in February. The general election will be Nov. 7.

In Lansing, state Rep. Phil LaJoy filed earlier this month to run for re-election.

If elected, he will serve his third and final two-year term. As of Wednesday, no one else had filed to run for the seat.

LaJoy's campaign strategy is pretty hands-on, the Canton Republican said.

"What I'm trying to do right now is to do a good job, and represent the district well. That has a lot to do with continuation," LaJoy said. "I think we've had a pretty good record — we've done extremely well."

The deadline to file for either race is 4 p.m. May 16.

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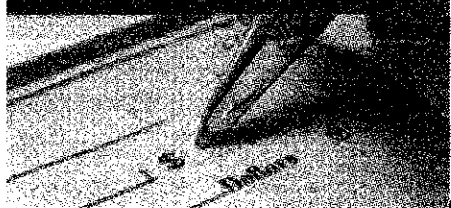
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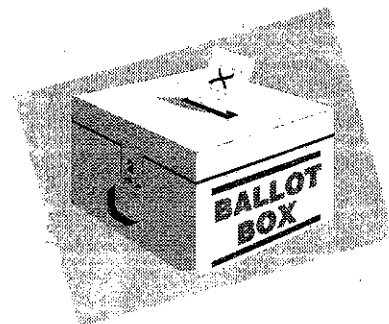
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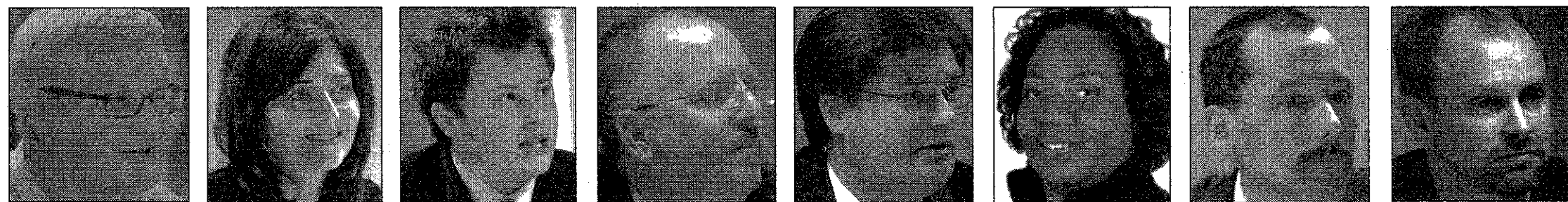
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in Health



New studies find drug might
help prevent breast cancer



Here's a brief look at the eight candidates vying for two vacant seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education in the May 2 election. Incumbents Joann Lamar and Carol Saunders elected not to seek re-election.



<p>Mark Christensen Married, one son Plymouth Township</p> <p>Profession: Works at Detroit Diesel</p> <p>ISSUES: ■ On the \$120 million bond proposal: He supports it. "People can actually see their tax dollars being spent in a positive way ... I think the technical center will be a good addition." ■ On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year: He's concerned about them. "I think it will put a strain on school districts and teachers ... I'm not sure if all kids can handle geometry and algebra." ■ On school funding: "I'm just not a fan of deficit spending. You've got to keep a clothespin on the wallet ... then when you need something, you take the clothespin off and the money is there."</p>	<p>Dianne Gonzalez Husband, 3 children Plymouth Township</p> <p>Profession: Runs own real estate firm</p> <p>ISSUES: ■ On the \$120 million bond proposal: Does not support it. "The middle school is in crisis mode, they let it go too long ... I think (not building) the elementary school is a big mistake." ■ On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year: Supports them. "I'm concerned that if, as a school board, we don't have high expectations for students, it will trickle down." ■ On school funding: "Maybe we're relying too much on the administration to present cuts ... I would like to take a look at the budget and go line-by-line. We need to look for out-of-the-box solutions."</p>	<p>Brandon Hynes Canton</p> <p>Profession: Student, Wayne State University</p> <p>ISSUES: ■ On the \$120 million bond proposal: He supports it. "I think it's terrible we always have to appeal to our residents for more money, and I'm not positive we really looked into all options." ■ On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year: He supports them. "I think if you raise the bar, the students will follow suit. But you can't just shun the kids who don't get it. They need support systems." ■ On school funding: "There are quite a bit of inequities in our state, and I would be an outspoken advocate to our state legislators. It's time we start ... keeping our promises to public schools."</p>	<p>John Jackson Married, 2 children Canton resident</p> <p>Profession: Head of corporate training for GMAC Insurance</p> <p>ISSUES: ■ On the \$120 million bond proposal: He supports it. "It's essential because of the number of students we have and to continue to make the school district attractive to come to." ■ On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year: He's concerned about them. "We're going to take away some paths ... some of the options for electives in fine arts and social sciences ... Some kids may struggle." ■ On school funding: "You can reduce expenses for only so long, and at some point you have to look at ways to increase revenue. We can tweak Proposal A and the dollars we get for the school district."</p>	<p>Larry Martin Married, 4 daughters Plymouth Township</p> <p>Profession: Engineer at General Motors</p> <p>ISSUES: ■ On the \$120 million bond proposal: He has questions about it. "We really need the rooms ... but I don't know how we're going to be able to afford the overhead." ■ On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year: He favors them. "We're in a global competition here ... We need to think globally, and that comes all the way down to students in this district." ■ On school funding: "I think the writing was on the wall last year, they needed to make more cuts ... I think it's much better to make cuts each year, rather than wait for it all to build and then make massive cuts."</p>	<p>Cheryl McKoy 4 children Canton</p> <p>Profession: Realtor</p> <p>ISSUES: ■ On the \$120 million bond proposal: She supports it. "I'm interested in protecting the quality of education for our community that will continue to attract individuals to our community." ■ On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year: She favors them. "I'm for ... how we can assist children who are struggling ... We want everybody to have the opportunity to graduate with as much as possible." ■ On school funding: "I'm in favor of looking at other means of financing, namely from favorable corporations that would put a nice face on a school, and continue to pour finances toward our youth."</p>	<p>John Nichols Married, 2 children Canton resident</p> <p>Profession: Electrician at University of Michigan</p> <p>ISSUES: ■ On the \$120 million bond proposal: He supports it. "I think the district is doing the wise thing with the new elementary and middle schools, and adding onto existing classrooms at other schools." ■ On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year: He has mixed feelings. "For the college-bound student, it's excellent. But not everybody is college material." ■ On school funding: "The district has done everything it possibly can. We need help from the state, and we need it now."</p>	<p>Steven Sneiderman Married, twin daughters Canton</p> <p>Profession: IBM IT consultant</p> <p>ISSUES: ■ On the \$120 million bond proposal: He supports it. "We need more elementary classrooms, and the need for a middle school in Canton is very important. Central Middle School just isn't a good learning environment." ■ On stricter graduation requirements being implemented next year: He's concerned. "I want to make sure it doesn't cause us to increase the drop-out rate. We don't want to lose kids who were never destined to go to college." ■ On school funding: "We are already barebones in terms of administrative costs, and the primary place that could be cut is teachers. I'm not willing to take those teachers out of the classroom."</p>
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LAYOFFS

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In the two weeks leading up to the board of trustees meeting, inspector Jeff Russell, who will lose his job, had conducted 133 inspections. His co-worker, who will also be laid off, conducted 130. That leaves the two remaining inspectors too much additional work to do effectively, he said.

The building and inspection department is staffed to accommodate as many as

1,200 new units in a year, according to Yack. If projections are correct, this year the department will have just 240, far fewer than the 805 the department performed in 2005. Revenue projections for inspections and permits in 2006 were estimated at \$2.8 million. They have been readjusted to reflect the decrease in activity and now are projected to be just \$1.2 million. The building and inspection department reductions will save approximately \$625,000 per year, Yack said.

But Trustee Todd Caccamo said he was optimistic and urged the board to keep the building inspector department intact while the housing market recovers from recession. He said the increased demand for inspections of renovation projects and increase in commercial building projects justified retaining the employees.

"I don't see a need for this drastic a cut," Caccamo said. "When the economy turns, and it will, we may find ourselves in a bit of a pickle." He voted against the staff reductions.

Also in the interest of reducing payroll costs, the township

approved unanimously an early retirement incentive. Approximately 30 of the township's 375 employees qualify for the incentive, and Community and Administrative Services Director Dan Durack said that 13 of those have expressed serious interest, including himself. The early retirements will help mitigate some of the layoffs, he said.

Trustee Todd LaJoy proposed waiting — 30 days past the June 30 early retirement window — before voting on layoffs, which would send the message that "we're going to

try every possible avenue for cutting costs and then after we've done that we'll look at layoffs."

He voted against the staff reduction proposal.

Voting in favor were Yack, Clerk Terry Bennett, Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter and trustees Melissa McLaughlin and Karl Zarbo.

Durack said that within a week, he should have commitments from those employees who will retire, and each position will be evaluated. If the positions are to be refilled, they will be posted and every effort will be made to place into those jobs qualified employees facing layoff. Laid-off employees will be on a call-back list for up to two

years.

The township will also reorganize some of its administrative functions. Canton will eliminate a director's position in the administrative and community services division, and those duties will be divided among other directors. One of the directors who will take on some of the duties is John Santomauro, director of public safety, who will continue to fulfill police and fire administrative functions through the end of 2007, and will gradually work into a full-time "deputy director" position, and away from public safety.

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NEW TREATMENT FOR CHRONIC PELVIC PAIN SYNDROME

Non-infectious prostatitis is now known as "chronic pelvic pain syndrome" (CPPS) because it is not caused by prostate problems. Its symptoms include intermittent groin pain, urinary problems, low-back pain, and erectile dysfunction. There is no known actual cause. However, there is now a new treatment that has proven itself to be effective. It calls for the physical therapist to aggressively massage tender spots, called "trigger points," weekly, then bi-weekly, for three months. The treatment also involves pelvic-relaxation exercises for at least six months. According to a study of men who underwent this treatment, nearly three-fourths experienced at least moderate improvement overall. The treatment, called the Stanford Protocol, is increasingly gaining more widespread use.

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Tree giveaway

In honor of Arbor Day, Canton's new Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) will be giving away free saplings to the first 250 people who come to the Summit on the Park front desk from Friday, April 28 to Sunday April 30. Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care.

Canton's ESC was formed earlier this year in an effort to preserve quality of life through recycling, maintaining water quality and protecting natural resources. The committee is headed by Assistant Township Engineer Bob Belair and is made up of employees from Municipal Services, Leisure Services, and Parks.

By handing out trees Arbor Day weekend, the ESC hopes to promote the necessary qualities trees offer such as, reducing the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, and producing life giving oxygen. Trees can also increase property values and enhance economic vitality of area businesses.

Canton residents will be able to choose from five varieties of native tree species including blue spruce, arrowwood, high bush cranberry, common lilac, and ninebark. For more information call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5360.

Golf outing

The Canton Community Foundation's Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Thursday, June 15 at Pheasant Run Golf Club. It is one of the foundation's major fund-raisers for the year.

For more information about the outing and sponsorship opportunities, contact the foundation at (734) 495-1200, or visit www.cantonfoundation.org.

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.

Chief of surgery

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center recently named Canton resident James R. Lulek, MD, as chief of surgery in the department of surgery. As the newly elected medical leader for surgical services, Lulek will offer input and direction representing medical staff. Additionally, he will work in collaboration with the medical staff regarding the direction, function and operation of surgical services. Lulek will serve a three-year term through 2009 and is eligible to serve two consecutive terms.

Lulek, who is married with three children, is a graduate of Fordson High School in Dearborn and attended the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, receiving both his bachelor of science and doctor of medicine certifications, with honors in clinical medicine, dermatology and histology. He completed an internship with OHMC in 1975 and has been named "One of the Best Doctors in America" and "Top Doc" by the Detroit Free Press and HOUR Magazine.

Prevent child abuse

The Exchange Club of Canton is sponsoring a discussion on "The Safe and Healthy Child," a program that will focus on the prevention of abductions and sexual abuse through informing parents/educators on the common lures used by predators. An educator from the Child Lures Prevention Program will make a presentation. The event is free to the public and takes place on Thursday, April 27 at the Summit on the Park, beginning at 7 p.m. To learn more about this program visit the Web site www.childluresprevention.com, or for more specific information, please contact David Loveland at (734) 207-8943.

Free asthma screenings

Canton Asthma and Allergy will conduct free asthma screenings May 1 at Richardson's Pharmacy, which is located at 42433 Ford Road. The event is part of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology's National Asthma Screening Program, a public service campaign designed to help adults

and children with breathing problems find out if they are at risk for asthma.

Adults attending the screening program will answer a standard 20-question Life Quality to determine if they might have asthma or if their asthma is under control. Children under the age 15 take a special test called the Kids' Asthma Check. In addition to completing the questionnaires, participants will take a special lung function test that involves blowing into a tube, and they will meet with an allergist to determine if they should seek a thorough examination and diagnosis. For more information about the screening program, call Canton Asthma and Allergy at (734) 394-2661.

Annual fishing derby

On Saturday, May 6 Canton residents are invited to the community's annual fishing derby, a family event that allows children age 15 and under to fish at the ponds at Heritage Park, which will be stocked with rainbow trout. No fishing license is required, but a proof of Canton residency must be provided. Participants must provide their own fishing equipment and bait. There will be two fishing sessions. The first is from 8:30-11:30 a.m. for children 12 and under and the second, from noon until 3 p.m. is for children 15 and under. There is a \$3 fee per child that will be collected on site.

This year, children can also visit the Huron-Clinton Metropark's Mobile Learning Center and take a close-up look at the fish, aquatic insects, reptiles and amphibians that inhabit Michigan's streams, lakes and ponds. A craft and games will also be provided, including a fishing game focusing on fish native to the Michigan area.

Celebrate older Americans

May is National Older Americans Month. To help celebrate quality senior living, The Village of Westland, located at 32001 Cherry Hill Road, in Westland, will kick off this special month for older adults with an artistic event.

Artia Shanon Lee Dillenbeck of Canton will be the guest speaker at a wine and

words event, which will showcase her "Friends and Flowers" exhibit. The event will take place 7-8 p.m., Thursday, May 4. The Village of Westland will also host an open house 1-3 p.m., Saturday, May 20. The exhibit will be on display until June 8, after which it will be shown at D & M Studios, 8691 N. Lilley Road in Canton. For more information, please call (734) 762-8896.

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 e-mail 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) 287-7831.

Health and fitness

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



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Intersection at Ford and Beck slated for safety improvements

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Canton drivers got some good news from Lansing this week when the governor's office announced road improvement projects, one of which would improve the congested intersection at Ford and Beck in Canton.

"How bad is that intersection? It's pretty bad," said Municipal Services Director Tim Faas. Traffic regularly backs up, and there is only one lane of through traffic in each

Average number of vehicles on northbound and southbound Beck Road.	
1999:	3,996 per day
2002:	8,705 per day
2005:	15,738 per day

direction, he said. The project will widen the road and provide for better

traffic flow, according to State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, who is the chairman of the House Transportation Committee.

"This project is very important to our community because it will help drivers move safely and easily around an area that has been a cause of great frustration and concern," LaJoy said. "We need to do everything we can to encourage companies to come to Michigan. This agreement shows we are willing to work with them to help their busi-

nesses grow and move their customers safely."

It wasn't long ago that the road was large enough to accommodate traffic. In 1999, just 4,000 vehicles traveled Beck Road at Ford. By 2002, following a boom in residential construction in western Canton, there were more than 8,700 per day. In 2005 that number grew to more than 15,700, Faas said. That's in addition to the Ford Road, which carries 18,000 - 20,000 vehicles per day in the east- and westbound directions at

the intersection of Beck Road, bringing the total to nearly 35,000 per day.

"I have watched Canton grow from a tiny, rural community to a bustling suburb with burgeoning commercial life," said Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton.

"We need this improvement to catch up with our present, and prepare for our future. Everyone will benefit from safer traffic flow."

According to Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the improvements are "about driving job creation

in Michigan and paving the way for growth across our state. From going anywhere and doing anything to attract jobs in Michigan, to investing in the infrastructure that supports commerce, we have a targeted economic road map, and it's moving Michigan in the right direction."

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Michigan Avenue Office Depot plan on planning commission agenda

Canton's Planning Commission will meet on Monday, May 1 at 7 p.m. on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items on the agenda include:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

■ **Labana family rezoning** - Consider request to rezone from R-2, Single-Family Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential. Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Beck Road.

■ **Dailey/Person rezoning** - Consider request to rezone from RR, Rural Residential to

R-3, Single-Family Residential and from R-2, Single-Family Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential. Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Beck Road.

■ **Kailas property rezoning** - Consider request to rezone from RR, Rural Residential to R-2, Single-Family Residential. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and west of Beck Road.

■ **Intrepid communities rezoning** - Consider request to rezone from R-1, Single-Family Residential to R-3,

Single-Family Residential and from RR, Rural Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and east of Denton Road.

SITE PLANS

■ **Cherry Hill Gardens PDD amendment and site plan** - Consider request for site plan approval and to amend the PDD. Property is located south of Cherry Hill Road and east of Denton Road. (Tabled from March 6, 2006)

■ **Office Depot, Michigan Avenue** - Consider request for site plan approval. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Canton Center Road. (Part of the Premier Center)

NEW BUSINESS

■ **Metro PCS co-location** - Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located at the southwest corner of Sheldon and Canton Center Roads.

■ **Monument Preserve final PDD** - Set public hearing for June 5, 2006 to consider final PDD. Property is located south of Palmer Road and west of Haggerty Road.

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accommodate a burgeoning student population that has made the district the fifth-largest in the state, while at the same time struggling to avoid increased classroom sizes and program cuts because of perceived inequities in state funding.

Beside the remodeling planned for Tanger Center for special-needs children and the Career Center, current board member Richard Ham-Kucharski — who has a special-needs child — all along has been against the bond proposals, the lone "no" vote when the board voted last year to ask residents to approve the two bonds.

CHANGING MINDS

Ham-Kucharski, who has been absent from any public presentations concerning the bond, admits he'll be voting against the measures Tuesday.

"I haven't seen anything to change my mind," Ham-Kucharski said. "Besides bringing the Career Center programs into the 21st century, the rest of the components

(of the bond) are from a wants list formed beforehand, not the needs list.

"The operational expense is certainly a concern of mine," he added. "We are operating in a deficit and adding additional space, which will increase costs. And there's nothing coming from Lansing (funding) to offset those costs."

Ham-Kucharski said the state's economy is another factor which keeps him from supporting the bond.

"Housing starts and the resale market in the community are starting to slow, and what's happening with the Big Three (automakers) is having an impact on the local community," he said. "I don't see things turning around quickly."

FUTURE IN MIND

Supt. Jim Ryan, who has delivered the bulk of the approximately 70 bond presentations, isn't denying budget is always a concern, but said the bond has been put together with future expenses in mind.

"We know we're going to get increased enrollment, which will be increased revenue for us," Ryan said. "We got a raise

from the state of \$150 per student last year, and they're predicting another \$225.

"One of the benefits of passing the first bond is the \$2.3 million reimbursement (to the general fund budget) for the land purchased on Cherry Hill Road for the new middle school," he added. "And we'll be bringing a recommendation to the board to sell property at Joy and Beck — which will never be used for a school — which should produce \$1.7 million."

Ryan also points to district savings of \$6.5 million the past four years, to go along with \$7 million in budget cuts, in explaining how the district has been responsible in its finances.

"It's easy to make the paper budget look good," Ryan said. "It's much harder work to keep the education for kids equal."

SPEAKING OUT

Former school board President Mark Horvath (1996-98) knows he's labeled as anti-schools for speaking out against the bond proposals.

"The school district has continued to spend money without any knowledge of where

it's going to get future funding," said Horvath, who resides in Canton. "Going to Lansing is unrealistic. The state is headed toward worse economic times."

"The amount of tax money is very small, but it's not about taxes," he added. "It's about how we're going to fund the buildings we're going to build."

Former board President Mike Maloney (1998-99) of Plymouth Township said he's concerned teacher layoffs could be the result if the bonds are passed.

"We're building some facilities that certainly will be nice to have, but if it means laying off teachers in order to heat, in the long run it's not a very good deal for students," Maloney said. "Creating classrooms and space is going to put a squeeze on the budget, to a point where we have less staff occupying more space. It doesn't make any sense."

Elizabeth Givens of Canton Township served two years (2001-02, 2002-03) as president of the board, and gives overwhelming support to the first bond question, which includes the new middle school in Canton Township and building expansions at

several elementary and middle schools, calling it "absolutely essential."

GROWTH PATTERNS

"The growth pattern of the district demands another middle school in Canton Township," Givens said. "I've felt for a long time we need to correct the situation of Central as a middle school."

"There is great inequity among our elementary schools," she added. "It gets to be a difficult programming issue."

Givens admits the second proposal — for a new pool, theater and sports facilities — is in the eye of the beholder when it comes to wants and needs.

"I think the board is more realistically looking at operating costs today than 10 years ago," Givens said. "But because you don't know exactly what operating costs will be, there would be hesitation on taking on another pool, auditorium and sports fields. That's where I struggle with that."

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack remembers dealing with overcrowding during his tenure on the Plymouth-Canton school

board from 1974-85, with four years as president. He said the community continues to grow and needs the facilities.

"Some thought the overcrowding then was a blip, and it really was a bubble," said Yack, who remembers year-round school as one solution to relieve crowded classrooms. "I'm not proud of that time. What we did to kids then ... since we couldn't get bond issues through."

"They're placing facilities where the kids are, and that's good business sense," he added. "The board understands there's an equity issue, not all kids are treated the same, and by adding on to schools they keep their operating costs where they are today, by and large."

Yack, who said he cast an absentee ballot in favor of the two bonds, admits the second issue is less compelling, but worthwhile.

"If the three high schools were spread around the greater community, each one would have the necessary facilities to support all the activities," Yack said.

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DEATHS

B

Lorraine J. Brickman

Brickman, 87, died April 17.

I

Irving L. Burns

Burns, 78, formerly of Livonia, died April 22.

D

Lillian M. Davids

Davids, 91, of Salem Township, died.

W

William J. Denvers Jr.

Denvers, 82, of West Bloomfield, died April 21.

E

George W. Engelhardt

Engelhardt, 85, died April 25.

G

Dolores Greyerbiehl

Greyerbiehl, 79, of Rochester Hills died April 22.

Q

Norma Jean Qualmann

Qualmann, 85, of Rochester Hills, died April 23.

R

Phyllis Reid

Reid died March 1.

S

Robert A. Schuele

Schuele, 41, of Birmingham, died April 20.

W

Charles P. Werthman

Werthman, 56, of Plymouth, died April 20.

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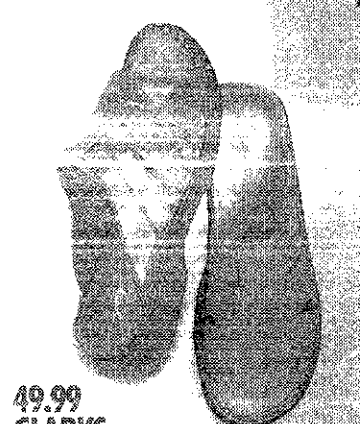
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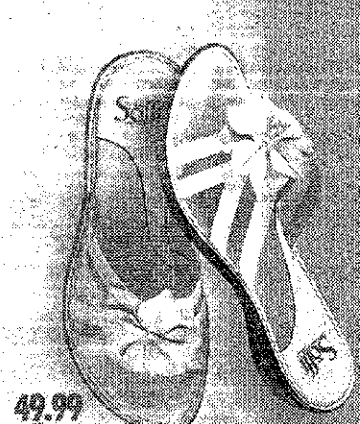
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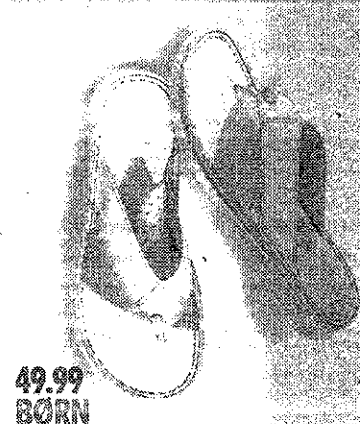
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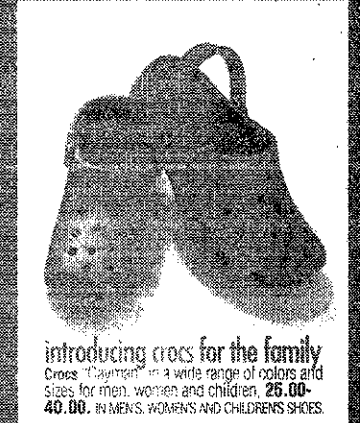
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Postal Service warns about dog attacks

The spring and summer months are the times of year that the public is more at risk for dog attacks. The American Veterinary Medical Association reports small children, the elderly and letter carriers, in that order, are the most frequent victims of attacks.

Last week, three letter carriers have been attacked, one severely bitten by dogs in southwest Detroit.

"Dog attacks are clearly a nationwide problem and not just a postal issue," said Lloyd E. Wesley Jr., postmaster of Detroit. "As part of helping to clean up Detroit, we want to work closely with the city to identify areas that are overrun with loose dogs."

Nationally, last year dog attacks resulted in 3,300 letter

Nationally, last year dog attacks resulted in 3,300 letter carriers being bitten.

carriers being bitten. That's about 10 dog bites every delivery day. But as high as that number is, it pales in comparison to the approximately 800,000 people admitted to U.S. emergency rooms annually with dog bite associated injuries, and another 386,000 are seen in other medical settings. A study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention identified 310 dog bite-related fatalities that occurred in the United States from 1979 through 1997. Seventy percent of fatal attacks involved a family pet. Twelve deaths involved three to 22 dogs running in packs.

The Postal Service gives these tips on how to avoid being bitten:

■ Don't run past a dog. The dog's natural instinct is to chase and catch prey.

■ If a dog threatens you, don't scream. Avoid eye contact; try to remain motionless until the dog leaves, then back away slowly until the dog is out of sight.

■ Don't approach a strange dog, especially one that's tethered or confined.

■ Always let a dog see and sniff you before you pet the animal.

The Postal Service suggests these tips for being responsible dog owners.

■ Obedience training can teach your dog proper behavior and help you control your dog in any situation.

■ When your letter carrier comes to you home, keep your dog inside, away from the door, in another room, or on a leash.

■ Don't let your child take mail from the letter carrier in the presence of you dog. Your dog's instinct is to protect the family.

■ Spay or neuter you dog; Humane Society statistics reflect that dogs that have not been spayed or neutered are up to three times more likely to influence biting behavior.

■ The Postal Service and Humane Society agree that, in most cases, dog bites are caused more often by irresponsible dog owners than by bad dogs. Dogs that haven't been properly socialized, that receive little attention or handling or that are left tied up for long periods of time, frequently turn into biters.



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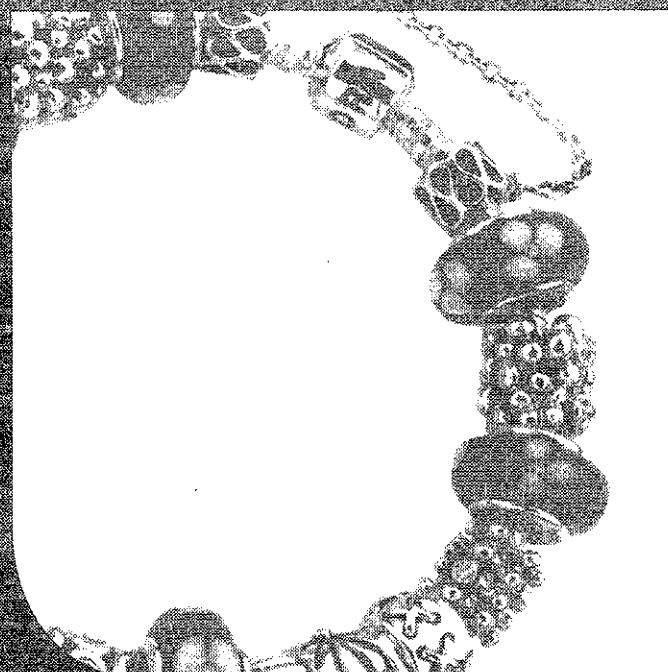
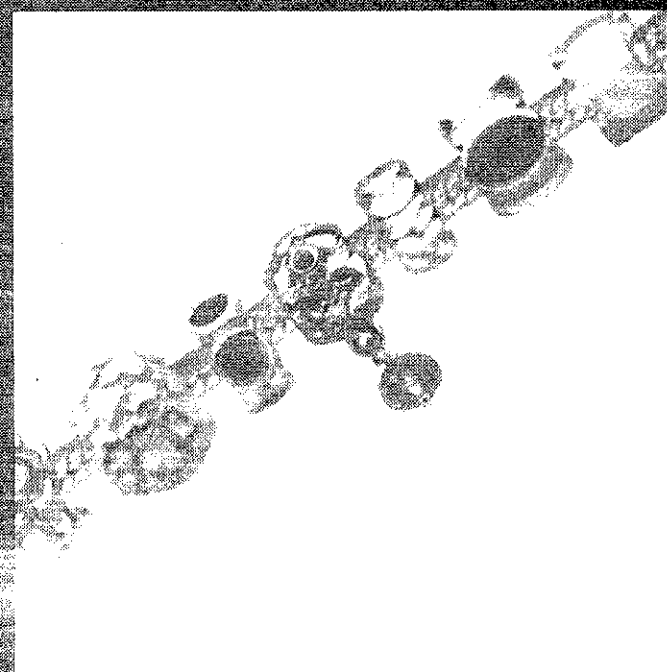
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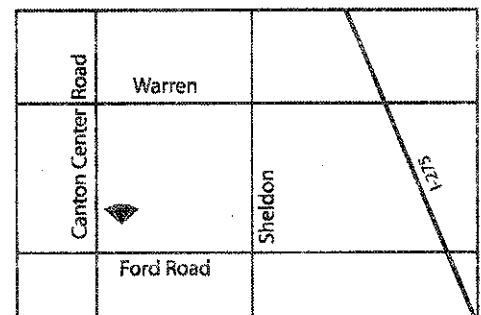
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Grant lets MHS offer low cost sterilizations

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's the photo that catches your eye first. A cat's meow of a feline decked out in a pair of sunglasses and a \$20 bit of glitter around her neck.

Meet the poster kitty for the Michigan Humane Society's latest spring campaign to "take the bling out of her thing."

Thanks to a \$25,000 grant, the MHS is offering affordable sterilizations and vaccinations for 600 cats in 60 days. The program is targeting low-income and fixed-income pet owners.

"This time of year we see a tremendous amount of kittens," said Dr. Robert Fisher, director of clinics for the Michigan Humane Society. "One of the main reasons we're doing this is because of the overpopulation. There's just too many cats out there that are homeless or can't find a home."

It was Fisher who applied for and received the grant from the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation to do the 600 procedures at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.

The goal is to complete the 600 sterilizations by May 31, and the MHS is on track to do just that with just 250 slots left

to be filled this week.

"There's definitely a pretty good need out there," said Fisher. "With their reproduction, this number of cats in a couple of generations could have tens of thousands of cats."

Estimates are that a single unspayed female cat, her mate and all their offspring can produce a total of 420,000 kittens in just seven years.

For \$20, people can have their cat spayed or neutered and also brought up to date on vaccinations, including rabies, panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis and calici virus. A maximum of three cats per household can qualify for the program.

Appointments can be made by calling (734) 722-1415 and will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pet owners need to provide proof of financial need at the time of their appointment, such as documentation from government-funded programs like the Family Independence Program, State Disability Assistance, Food Assistance Program, WIC Program and Medicaid.

"Millions of unwanted animals are euthanized at shelters each year, so an affordable spay and neuter sterilization program can help make a great difference," said Fisher. "In addition to helping prevent the problem of animal overpopulation, sterilization offers many

significant health and behavior benefits, including a decreased risk for cancer."

So far, more than 300 pet owners who have taken advantage of the reduced priced services. Many have come from Detroit area and Westland and as far away as Flint and St. Clair Shores.

According to the MHS, the benefits of feline sterilization include less territorial spraying, a reduced urge to roam and the elimination of howling, pacing and house soiling associated with a cat in heat which can last up to 21 days and occur three or more times a year.

"Sterilizing 600 cats can definitely have a positive influence on overpopulation," said Fisher. "We're specifically targeting cats, but in the future, we may expand it."

MHS cares for more than 100,000 animals each year at its three metro Detroit adoption and veterinary medical centers in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland. Established in 1877, it's one of the oldest and largest animal welfare organizations in the country.

For more information, call 1-866-MHUMANE or visit the MHS Web site at www.michiganhumane.org.

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MILITARY NEWS

Academy honors

Air Force Cadet Anthony E. Hylko has earned honors with placement on the Superintendent's List at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The cadet demonstrated excellence in military performance, academic studies, and athletic and physical fitness. Cadets must have maintained a 3.0 or better grade point average for the Dean's list, a military performance average for the Commandant's List, and a physical education average for the Athletic's List for a semester.

Cadets meeting criteria requirements for placement on these merit lists are automatically placed on the Superintendent's List.

The academy is a four-year military institution of higher

learning that develops and inspires new air and space leaders with the vision for the future. The curriculum provides cadets with instruction, education, training and experience in academics, military training, aviation and airman-ship programs, physical training, athletic conditioning, and spiritual and ethical development.

The cadets graduate with the knowledge, character and skills essentially required to meet the leadership challenges of the 21st century as career officers in the Air Force.

Hylko is the son of Dave and Nancy Hylko of Canton. He is a 2005 graduate of Canton High School.

Army training

Army Pvt. Dakaree M. Ayers has graduated from the Self-propelled Field Artillery

Systems Mechanic Advanced Individual Training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

The course is designed to train soldiers to perform unit maintenance and recovery on all self-propelled field artillery cannon weapon systems, including the automotive systems and components, self-propelled howitzers, and the 113 family of vehicles. Additional instruction included how to maintain diesel power plants/packs, compression ignition engine fuel systems, compression ignition air induction systems, and track vehicle exhaust systems, electrical systems, and transmission assemblies.

Ayers is the son of Bridgett E. Ray of Creeks Bend Drive, Canton, Mich. He is a 2002 graduate of Loyola High School in Detroit.

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OUR VIEWS

K-16 initiative would set bad public policy

Many of our public school districts are in crisis. They are cutting programs and laying off teachers at a time when the federal and state governments are demanding better schools and more accountability.

And while there has been an effort to encourage more students to seek higher education, the state has cut aid to Michigan's community colleges and public universities.

It's understandable why the K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future was started. Education is the state's top priority and the coalition of educators, teachers unions, parent-teacher associations and school and university administrators has legitimate concerns about whether the state will fulfill its obligation to provide adequate funding at every level of education.

We support its efforts to find a reasonable legislative solution to the school funding issue. We know that serious negotiations are going forward to reach an acceptable accommodation before the coalition moves ahead on a legislative initiative that we believe is ill-advised.

The coalition is proposing that K-12, intermediate school districts, community colleges and state universities receive minimum funding levels tied to the rate of inflation based the previous year's Consumer Price Index. It is also asking for more equity between school districts, base funding for districts with declining enrollment and a cap of retirement contributions at 14.87 percent of payroll for K-12 schools.

The proposal has drawn strong opposition from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, municipal and township associations, Realtors and health care providers. They argue that the state has many other obligations beyond education and that setting an annual inflationary increase jeopardizes general funding for other critical services.

A letter sent to state legislators by the Stop K-16 Spending Mandate group says it best: "This proposal circumvents the state budget appropriations process and sets a very bad precedent for allowing special-interest groups to have guaranteed funding no matter what it means to other critical services or taxpayers' wallets."

If the Legislature rejects or fails to act on the initiative, it would go on the November ballot.

We understand the concerns of the education community and we urge them to continue working with the governor and state legislators to find a solution that doesn't tie the hands of the state in deciding how revenues will be allocated and seriously harm other important state programs.

Trout fishing opener is filled with promise

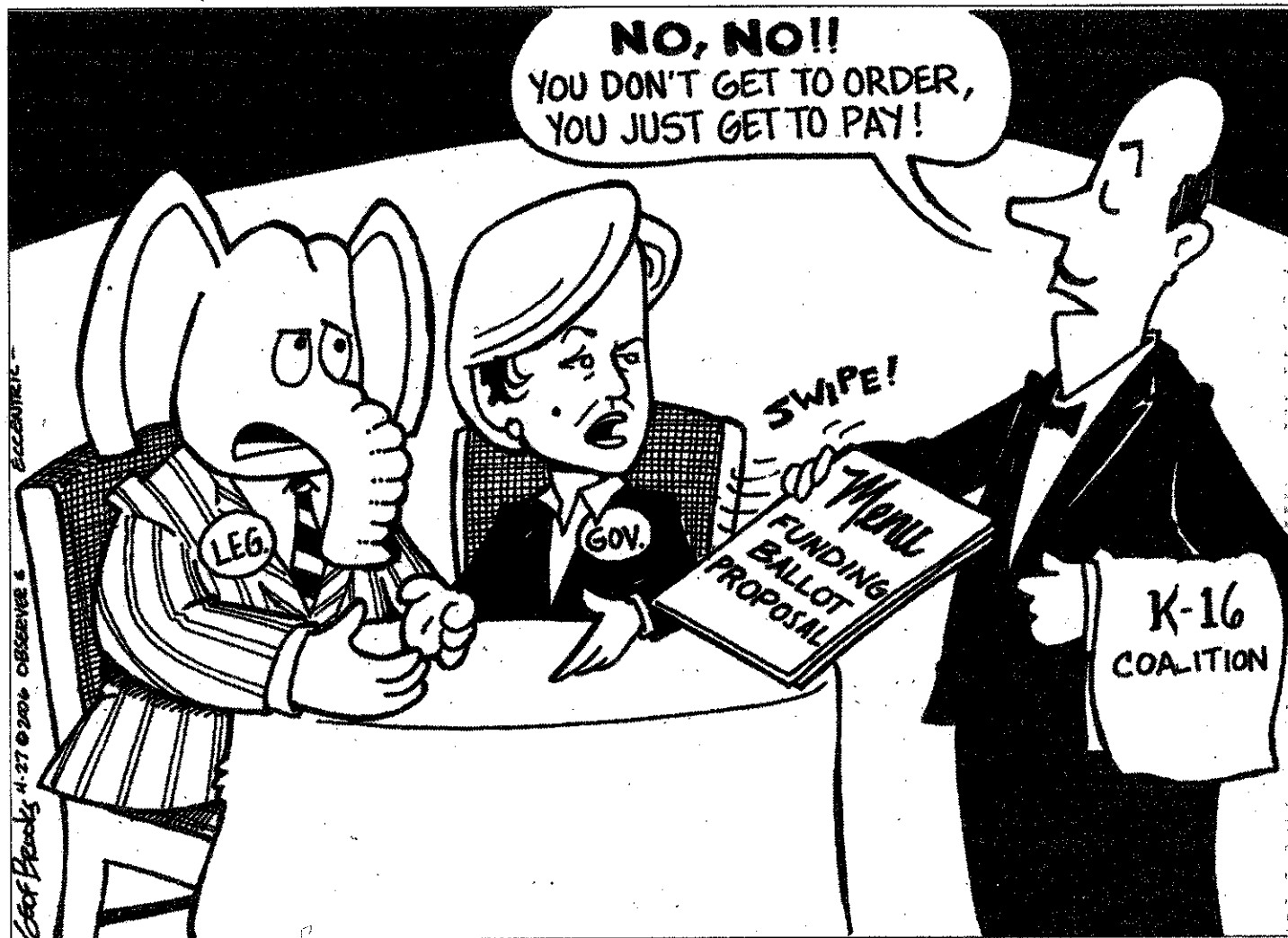
For thousands of Michigan anglers, the last Saturday in April has special significance. It is the traditional opener for trout fishing for most of the streams in the state.

In particular, fly fishermen (and a growing number of fisherwomen) will head up North this weekend to return to familiar streams in search of rainbows and browns, as well as the beautiful brook trout, which is the state fish and a living symbol of Michigan's wilderness past.

The fishing success isn't always the best on the traditional trout opener, however. Late April can mean anything from snow and sleet to summer-like temperatures, especially in northern Michigan. But the opener is a symbolic occasion — a beacon of the coming of summer. For anglers, it is a time to say goodbye to winter and welcome a new season of fishing adventures. And many will use the occasion to open up cabins for the summer.

What will most draw anglers out of their winter slumbers this weekend, however, are the many rivers and streams that cut across our state like coldwater arteries, providing the lifeblood of the Great Lakes. Michigan literally has thousands of miles of top-quality trout streams, some 36,000 miles of which are navigable by canoe or small boat. They run cold and clear, and travel through some of the most idyllic wilderness landscapes our state has to offer. There is a reason a number of them have been designated National Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Many of our state's rivers and streams are among the best trout waters in the Midwest, and some, like the famed Au Sable, Manistee and Pere Marquette rivers, rank right up there nationally. Over the years, these rivers and their locales have inspired countless anglers, some of whom (Ernest Hemingway, John Voelker and Jim Harrison) have even written books about their experiences while fishing them. Many anglers will attest there are few things more peaceful than stepping into a trout stream on a warm spring day, with a hatch of insects drawing the surface strikes from trout lurking in the river's shadows. Wildlife sightings are common along such rivers, and the sounds of the modern world are seemingly a million miles away. So it is understandable why so many anglers are counting down the days, nay the hours, until the clock strikes midnight Friday night.



LETTERS

Give animals some space

Well, spring has sprung in Canton Township. And with the warm weather and pretty flowers, come baby animals and their parents, and animals who have been hibernating for the winter. Because Canton was an undeveloped area for so very long, many animals have called this place home for many generations.

Right now, there is a female mallard duck who is sitting on a nest in the berm between the store and the parking lot at Meijer. Of course, this is not a safe or smart place to build a nest and hatch your babies — but genetically she is destined to do this very thing. Meijer has been kind enough to rope off the area in an attempt to keep her safe for the 28 days that it should take her to hatch her babies.

Throughout the township, there are nests made of the duck mother's soft down feathers, full of little eggs. They will soon begin to hatch, and the mother will then try to lead her babies to water. This, also, is something programmed into their brains. This also means that they will be crossing roads and streets in Canton. PLEASE — I beg of all drivers — please stop for these animals and birds. Give them the 30 to 60 seconds it will take them to get across the roads. Please don't kill them. They have a right to share this planet, just as we do. No one can be in such a hurry that they cannot give a minute to one of God's littlest creatures.

If you should happen to see a nest in your yard — please just leave it alone and let Mother Nature take her course. Spring is a wonderful time, which can be an instructive and beautiful time to teach children about kindness and respect for all life. Take that minute and think about all your blessings while those babies cross the road.

Nancy Spencer
Canton

Vote yes

Having recently toured the high-tech research facilities at University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State University's "Tech Town," I urge everyone to resoundingly vote "yes" for our kids May 2.

At Wayne State's "Tech Town," we learned that high school students interested in the biomedical field are given the opportunity to serve as interns. Tech Town, Detroit's "Silicon Valley," helps fledgling entrepreneurs transform their ideas into a viable company. It is home to Asterand, a rapidly growing publicly traded venture on the verge of becoming the world's largest supplier of human tissue for research.

At the U-of-M Engineering Research Center for Reconfigurable Manufacturing Systems, we were impressed by the innovative ways researchers are streamlining manufacturing so businesses can produce lower-cost but higher-quality goods in a rapidly diversified global marketplace. Working on his graduate studies in the midst of this cutting-edge center was one of our PCCS kids, Patrick Spicer, a recent graduate of The Park.

This is the "brave new world" of work for our kids. The future of Michigan's

economy is in our classrooms, from the earliest elementary learning environment to the research/learning facilities on our college campuses. We need to provide every child in the Plymouth-Canton school community with adequate space, the appropriate tools, an enriched environment and the technical know-how to become successful lifelong learners in a brave, new, global world.

Yes for our kids means a Career Tech Center for our students to mold their talents as they explore career options. It means purchasing land and building a new middle school outfitted for high-tech learning in the 21st century. Imagine teachers and students focused on the pursuit of knowledge, utilizing computers and electronic gizmos and not having to make-do with the two electrical outlets that are still a part of too many classrooms.

Voting "yes" means reasonable upgrades to older buildings and cost-effective classroom additions to existing elementary schools, allowing most young children to stay in neighborhood schools. It includes the modest purchase of 10 new buses to assure the safety of our children on their way to school.

Saying "yes" will cost most homeowners like myself about \$2.17 a week, less than one cup of coffee and a doughnut at the local drive-through. Most senior citizens and many other families will recoup most of the additional \$2.17 a week through the Circuit-Breaker tax credit on the Michigan Income Tax. Talk about getting "bang for the buck."

The topnotch, well-managed Plymouth-Canton Community School District has attracted families to our communities, making our district the fifth-largest in Michigan. With the influx of families came businesses, recreational and leisure facilities, music and art venues, etc. Our quality of life here is second to none.

By spending \$2.17 a week, we are investing in far more than bricks and mortar. We are forging bonds of unity in our five distinct communities. We are providing bonds of opportunity for every child to be successful. By bonding together — parents and grandparents; senior citizens without children or grandchildren; civic, community and business leaders; and our young people of voting age — we are conveying to "our children" that we all care.

Martha A. Trafford
Canton

'No' on bonds

I've been involved in a number of bond campaigns, and have voted yes on the vast majority of them. In this election, if you really care about the future academic health and welfare of our children, you should vote NO on both proposals May 2.

Even though the state has increased district funding at a rate greater than that of inflation, operating expenses continue to grow at a rate at least two-three times faster. Spending this year exceeds revenue by \$5 million to \$10 million. The current board is able to continue this practice because past boards made difficult decisions and put aside money for tough economic times.

Unfortunately, even this money runs

out sometime in the next 12 to 24 months. The current board has no plan to fix this "structural deficit." The board won't even discuss next year's shortfall until after the May 2 bond election.

When the fund balance runs out in school year 2007-08, state law requires a balanced budget. Because 85 percent of district spending is for personnel, the only way to accomplish this level of savings will be to cut teachers. I estimate that this will translate into a reduction of almost 10 percent of the workforce.

There simply are not enough other discretionary items in the budget to offset the deficit any other way. For example, eliminating all transportation, food service, athletic programs and after-school activities still won't close the gap. A tax increase or an immediate state economic recovery might also fix the problem, but what are the chances of that happening in this election year?

If the May 2 bonds pass, just as the district is reeling from this crisis, the new bond-financed facilities begin to come on line. The overhead to staff and run them adds up to an additional \$1 million to \$2 million in costs and — you guessed it — 20 to 40 more teacher layoffs are required to balance the budget.

In this scenario, every child in the district is impacted by larger class sizes and reductions in services. If you are a teacher with less than five years of experience, this bond proposal could cost you your job. The new facilities would be great to have, but at what price? Smaller class sizes and increased teacher contact will mean more to kids in the long run than an additional pool or voc ed center will. Does it make sense to construct additional classrooms if we can't afford the teachers to staff them?

The last point is that growth in our district has slowed. Economic hardship for the auto companies has had an impact on housing starts, area businesses and seniors. With the economy stalled, we must make tough choices — southeast Michigan can't have it all right now. We can rethink the need for new facilities when our economy improves.

If you care about the academic performance of our district, and if you care about teachers and kids, I urge you to vote no on both bond issues May 2. Voting no keeps more resources closer to kids. Please put their interests first.

Michael J. Maloney
former PCCS board president

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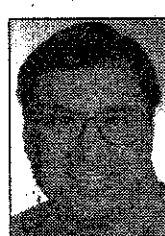
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

School of choice not an option for Plymouth-Canton

As the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, I was saddened to read Mark Horvath's guest editorial in the April 20 *Observer*. He was a person I admired and reached out to when I became the superintendent of schools in July 2002. In all of our conversations, I never thought he would resort to scare tactics to make a point.



Dr. James Ryan

I was disappointed to see Mr. Horvath state as one of his facts that the school board could "open up our school district to students from Van Buren, Belleville, Wayne, Westland or elsewhere." In my four years as superintendent, our Board of Education has never discussed using the School of Choice option for our school district.

I have nothing against students from other districts but, rest assured, our school district is growing so fast that we cannot house the students we presently have. The purpose of the May 2 bond issue is to address the student growth we have now and in the future.

This is my 15th year as a school superintendent. I have lived through challenging times, never forgetting that my job is not to overreact to individual situations. By remaining calm and working the plan, the districts I have led have survived, if not thrived, in each situation.

We run a very tight financial ship in Plymouth-Canton and do well with the limited revenues we receive from the state. It was no surprise when mem-

bers of the present state Legislature made comments that we are a model district as far as meeting our fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Horvath's view on how to balance the budget differs from mine. I give you my word that the School of Choice option will not be used to balance the budget in Plymouth-Canton. It has never been discussed by this board or this administration, and never will be as long as I am the superintendent.

That's an option used by school districts with declining enrollment, and that is not the case here. To suggest that we would ask our taxpayers to build facilities that other communities' children would use is irresponsible and a comment only made to scare you into voting "no."

I have been in the education business for 35 years and have worked in four school districts. I have chosen to end my career in Plymouth-Canton because it is the best district in which I have worked.

I have nothing to gain by lying to people. I only want to position this school district so we can continue to serve our students well and add to the quality of life in the communities that make up our school district.

Don't be fooled by Mr. Horvath's confusing remarks and scare tactics. I ask you to get informed and understand how these two proposals will address our ever-increasing student growth. It is important you get to the polls May 2.

I am proud to be the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Dr. James Ryan is superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. He can be reached at (734) 416-3045.

Support Sneideman

We represent friends, neighbors, and colleagues of Steven Sneideman. Although we as a collective group have known him for varied lengths of time and under different circumstances, we all agree that he would make an excellent addition to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools (PCCS) Board.

Steven Sneideman is a well-educated, hard-working person that has already shown a dedication to our school district through his involvement in the PCCS Housing Committee. As a member, he is addressing hard issues such as redistricting of schools, program placement, etc.

These decisions although not always popular are done to meet the needs of the maximum number of our students. Steven has also served in the capacity as president of his homeowners association, and president of the Plymouth Canton Cruiser Swim Club Board (US Swimming Competition Swim Team). He has consistently demonstrated the critical decision-making skills that are essential as a board member.

We support Steven Sneideman's vision to maximize our school district's state funding and his ultimate goal of producing bright, well-rounded, academically competitive young adults. We also support Steven Sneideman's focus on a curriculum that meets the needs of our diverse student population.

Derek and Christina Bair
Todd and Lisa Seroka

Canton

Brian and Carrie Madison
Julie Nelson

Patrick and Karin Patterson
Plymouth

Fix management problem

I read the recent article on pending township layoffs and was wondering if anyone from our township leadership team might enlighten me and my fellow taxpayers why their first move to reduce budgetary expenses focused on "services" vs. pet projects?

Unknown to many residents, we are providing a \$200,000 yearly subsidy to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill Village. I don't recall this ever going to vote and I'm led to believe it was a pet project of a single township leader who determined Canton residents needed more art. I suggest elimination of this subsidy alone would approximately equal three of the proposed layoffs.

I'm not suggesting layoffs aren't necessary as our township leaders evaluate means of reducing expenses, because they probably are. But I am implying "pet projects" seem to be untouchable alternatives. And these projects are using our money without our vote. For that, I am appalled.

LETTERS

Recent actions suggest township leaders are looking for "fast fixes" instead of getting to the core of their expense problems. Fellows Creek was one example they chose that would have eliminated a wonderful township service that was making money, for the opportunity to gain a quick temporary fix to the budget.

Since Tom Yack heads the team, it's on him to lead a better effort that first looks to eliminate any pet projects. Once they are eliminated, additional shortfalls must be addressed. Are there vehicle replacements that can wait a year with proper maintenance? Can we trim down our contracted work? Should raises be frozen until the economy recovers? Are we sized right in all departments for the state of the township and our economy?

In conclusion, I hope township leaders are not considering a millage increase before completion of an extensive public budget review. That move would suggest shortsightedness of our leaders and confirm we have a "management" problem.

Richard L. Bantau
Canton

Trustee should resign

I write this letter in response to Mr. Caccamo's vicious, misleading, vindictive diatribe printed in your paper April 6. He accuses me of "deceit and political chicanery." For the record, I have no "position deep in the Yack camp." Three years ago, I resigned from all appointed positions in the township. I do not intend to seek political office of any type. I do support most of Mr. Yack's initiatives, the results of which can clearly be seen anywhere in Canton. There are some that I oppose, the last pay raise being one of them.

My motivations for writing the previous letter were stated clearly and without deception. I feel that Caccamo's vacating of his seat for an undefined period of time and subsequent continuation of his pay is motivated purely by selfish intent.

Nowhere in my letter did I state that I considered his votes wrong. As a matter of fact, I support a few of his positions.

However, I completely disagree with the tactics he continuously employs to make his point. His arrogance and divisiveness have created a "me vs. them" atmosphere which is disruptive and self-serving.

The letters I infrequently write are to point out issues that I feel are important enough to bring to the attention of your readers.

For Caccamo's information, he is not an employee of Canton. He is an elected official. I bring that point up because of the difference in rules regarding pay while serving on active duty. Cops and firefighters are employees and as such are entitled to a continuation of pay for two weeks after call-up. That pay is the difference between their National Guard pay (or

reserves) and township compensation, to bring their pay back to the level they previously received prior to call-up.

Again, that lasts only two weeks. Caccamo will receive his trustee pay during his entire absence. Now Mr. Caccamo, does that sound fair to you? This discrepancy comes about because of the Charter Township Act's failure to address the issue. Apparently the issue has never come up before, therefore, you benefit because of an omission. I intend to contact our state representatives with the recommendation that they close that loophole. Incidentally, Mr. Caccamo, you were not called up to active duty, you volunteered with the full knowledge of your unit activation. For volunteering to serve again, I highly commend you. For double dipping, I oppose you. Clear enough?

I will say again, if Caccamo regards himself as Canton's fiscal watchdog, he should resign his position and save the taxpayers \$12,000 to \$18,000.

Ralph Shufeldt
master sergeant, U.S. Air Force (ret.)
Canton

Vote no

Some teachers are using "critical thinking" as a tool to teach their students to think more accurately and discover truth. The system begins at an early age and uses a series of questions oriented to logic, depth, breadth, clarity and others to determine if a proposition is worthy. In the event of unproven circumstances the proposition is tabled or defeated as unworthy for consideration. The public needs facts written by scholars, not exaggeration or simple justifications. Declarations such as "only" \$117 a month per average PCCS taxpayer and other trivia have no meaning, and is mere shilling.

Some members of our community have said they don't like the wording of the May 2 proposals. So why vote for it? If I did vote yes for a proposal that was controversial, then I would be a fool knowing that controversy is a seed for deceit and deception.

Mike Horvath, former president of the school board, wrote an article well worth consideration. There is no logic related to deficit spending and continuing to build unnecessary and lavish structures.

Think about the proposal and truth with factual evidence, as over the long haul we will all be in a dream world if we listen to solipsisms. To quote philosopher Dr. William James, the methods of chauvinistic solipsists bears no fruit in my world, as my world demands truth and shuns the errors associated with controversy. Vote NO on May 2 for the school proposals -- it will force reform.

Charlie Page
Canton

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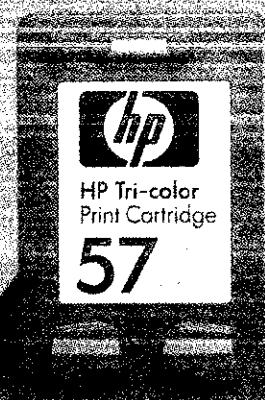
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Bookstock provides a home for books, support for reading

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

The annual Bookstock sale at Laurel Park draws hundreds of shoppers, from bargain scavengers to treasure hunters, and everyone who walks away with a purchase supports literacy programs.

Some shoppers want to resell their cheap finds and others are in search of something extra hidden away in the pages of family heirlooms. All the profits support the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy and the Oakland Literacy Council helping thousands of children and adults learn to read.

Volunteers hear countless inspirational stories from patrons who have found obscure books that have sentimental value and other savvy shoppers who know the true worth of used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records selling for pennies, according to Irma Glaser, co-chair of the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy in Bloomfield Hills.

One man last year bought a record, Glaser said, recounting how proud he was to show her the book he purchased was valued much higher by experts.

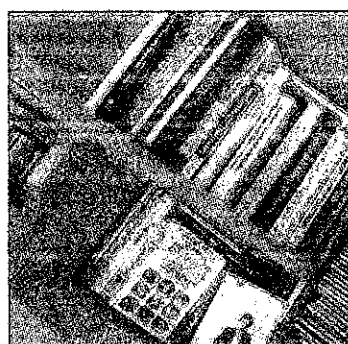
"I told him, 'You got a bargain. Come again,'" said Glaser, a West Bloomfield resident. "This is a wonderful way of raising money and it ties into literacy so well."

Most books sell for \$1; some items go for \$2-\$5 and the exceptional "beautiful" books are priced individually.

HELPING HAND

Each dollar raised goes to DJCL sponsoring reading programs for students in kindergarten through third grade in Detroit and Oakland County public schools, as well as OLC, which helps adults who read below the eighth-grade level.

Bookstock was launched four years ago to replace the annual book sale at Tel-Twelve Mall sponsored by the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Detroit Chapter for more than 50 years. The women of that group were aging and decided it was time to stop.



A wide array of material will be available this weekend during the sale.

Not wanting the effort to die away, Roz Blanck, a West Bloomfield resident, took the lead role and enlisted volunteers throughout metropolitan Detroit to launch Bookstock. "Without their (Brandeis women) good will and mentoring we couldn't have done it," Blanck said.

"It's all volunteer-driven," said Blanck, who co-chairs Bookstock with Jodi Goodman, also of West Bloomfield.

Every year the amount of money raised increases and last year the nonprofit group earned more than \$50,000.

Each of the donated books came from "somebody's house," Blanck said, adding that the process of collecting the books, sorting them for the sale and setting up the sale is daunting.

"It's not worth it as a fundraiser in and of itself," said Blanck, calling it a "labor of love" to give all these books, records, CDs and DVDs "second lives."

"We're recycling all these books for educational and enjoyment purposes," she added. "For a buck it's worthwhile. You can't even get a cup of coffee for that. It gives you more enjoyment for so little money."

CIRCLE OF GOOD WILL

And the circle of good will continues when the money is given to help others learn to read. Hundreds of volunteers give their time to help others master fundamentals.

"We have one volunteer who is in her 70s and she attended the elementary school in Detroit that she volunteers at," said Glaser.

The money provided by

Bookstock is DJCL's major source of funding, according to Beverly Phillips, public relations coordinator for the Jewish Community Council in Bloomfield Township. DJCL is a project of the council.

DJCL literacy volunteers go to elementary schools in Farmington, Southfield, West Bloomfield, Ferndale, Oak Park, Walled Lake, Detroit and Royal Oak, as well as other the metropolitan Detroit districts.

The funds raised from Bookstock allow DJCL to employ a part-time coordinator who oversees the schools' needs for more than 400 volunteers; to conduct training sessions for tutors and to hold book drives for the schools and students served.

"We serve as an umbrella organization for Jewish synagogues and temples and organizations in recruiting and training their members to serve as literacy volunteers," said Phillips, a Farmington Hills resident.

"Some go to schools two or three times a week, because they get such satisfaction knowing what a tremendous difference they're making in the lives of the students they reach," Phillips said.

"We're impacting hundreds and hundreds of students in the schools we serve," she said. "Some are high school students who do this after their school day ends. Many are just retired citizens who want to give back to their community. We're always looking for more volunteers."

LEARNING ENGLISH

Of the money raised from Bookstock, \$5,000 goes to the Oakland Literacy Council in Pontiac, which recruits and trains volunteers who help adults to read and speak English.

"We have basic American born reading students who are learning to read and foreign born students who are learning to read and speak English," said Cathryn Weiss, executive director of Oakland Literacy Council.

"It's another outreach activity that paralyzes our organization and we appreciate the financial contribution as well."



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Volunteer Phyllis Levy of Oak Park sorts through the children's books as she works with other volunteers preparing for this weekend's Bookstock Used Book & Media Sale at Laurel Park Place.

Weiss said.

Detroit Free Press columnist Rochelle Riley is honorary chair. Bookstock is presented by The Friends of Literacy, a group of area literacy and educational organizations.

Sponsors include Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy; Jewish Community Council; Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield; Hadassah, West Bloomfield; Oakland Literacy Council; *Detroit Jewish News*; Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit, West Bloomfield; The National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, Southfield; CBL & Associates Properties Inc.; American ORT; Hillel Day School, Farmington Hills and other Jewish nonprofit organizations. For more information, call the Bookstock hotline at (248) 291-1235 or visit www.bookstock.info.

BOOKS BY THE THOUSANDS

What: Bookstock, the area's largest used book and media sale, with thousands of donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records.

When: Sunday, April 30, through Sunday, May 7.

Hours: The sale runs from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Where: Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall.

Who: Hundreds of volunteers from the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy and the Oakland Literacy Council.

Why: Proceeds benefit Detroit area literacy and education projects.

Specials: The pre-sale is from 8:45-11:45 a.m. April 30. There is a \$10 admission charge for the pre-sale only. On the last day of the sale, May 7, books sell for half-price.

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Vote for Jackson

I met school board candidate John Jackson through the Plymouth/Canton Marching Band Boosters organization. We have worked together at volunteer activities and I have found John to be a hard worker and a dedicated individual. John always referred to Plymouth and Canton as "one." I learned that this is a result of John's unique perspective of having been a resident of both Canton and Plymouth. This big picture, unifying quality, is important to the school board and the challenges that lie ahead.

I encourage you to contact John and learn more about his ideas for our schools (www.electjj.com). If you share his values and views, consider voting for John Jackson for the school board on Tuesday May 2.

Karl Zarbo
Canton Township trustee

Deed proposal was symbolic

In one of your recently published letters, the writer accused Canton Trustee Todd Caccamo of being irresponsible because of his proposed restrictive deed for Fellows Creek Golf Course. I respectfully disagree. According to Trustee Terry Bennett, such a measure would not have been cast in stone, but could easily have been rescinded, if necessary, at any time. Thus, Caccamo's proposal would not

have tied the hands of future trustees, nor hurt the general Canton populace. It was merely a humanitarian symbolic gesture that would have helped alleviate the residual trauma felt by hundreds of people who had seen their quality of life potentially slipping down the drain.

Larry Binstock
Canton

A hometown jewel

Much attention has been given to the anticipated opening of the IKEA facility, a true economic asset. Another community asset, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, has been open since late in 2005. Short term, it will probably not reap the spectacular benefit of IKEA. But long term, it should reward the Canton community in a similar measure both culturally and financially. This gem of a facility is a treasure and our residents should be proud of it.

Since its opening, many have enjoyed an extremely varied array of productions. Musically, we have been presented with works from the fields of folk, country, jazz, blues, gospel and rock, as well as an assortment of classical styles and Broadway favorites. My wife and I have experienced the pleasant voice of folk singer Matt Watroba, the rhythms of the Christa Grix jazz harp, the beauty of The Spotlight Players' rendition of To Climb Every Mountain, the virtuosity of principals from The Detroit Symphony in

chamber recital and other classics by The Plymouth Symphony and our own Orchestra Canton. We have even listened to the quirkily delightful sounds of Civil War brass instruments played by The Dodsworth Saxhorn Band.

In addition, we have been enriched by nonmusical productions that go from light-hearted humor to works which could be labeled as high art. We will never forget the Saturday Night Live-style of humor provided by Capitol Steps or the silliness of a classic like The Man Who Came to Dinner, another Spotlight production. In a serious form, the dramatization of the epic poem John Brown's Body will remain in our memory for a long time. The same can be said for the extraordinary tongue-in-cheek performance of Plymouth's Gillian Eaton as Mrs. Shakespeare.

Add to these, college glee clubs, community dance groups, various school productions, magicians, story tellers and on and on. All of these enhancing our communities' culture and expanding the horizons of young and old and, I might add, at family friendly pricing.

With this in mind, my wife and I thank Supervisor Tom Yack and his colleagues, both past and present, on the Board of Trustees for their vision and perseverance in bringing this wonderful facility to Canton. We also salute them for the inclusion of vestibule and lobby space for the exhibition of artworks of local, regional

and national artists. In addition, we convey gratitude to Ann Conklin, head of leisure services for Canton, Jennifer Tobin, impresario for the theater, and all their associates for the day-to-day operation of this beautiful building.

Over the months since it opened, as we depart the theater for home, my wife makes a statement which I think is a fitting close to what has been said. It goes something like "This is great and it's only five minutes from home." I invite others to use this jewel so that they can say the same.

Ray VanHoeck
Canton

Appreciates support

On April 1, Relieving Orphans Suffering Everywhere (R.O.S.E.), a local nonprofit group held a fund-raiser at the Super Bowl in Canton. We had a great time and the Super Bowl and its staff were fantastic. We had more than 50 bowlers show up from the surrounding communities to help us raise money for the orphans.

We would also like to recognize the generous individuals and businesses from the area that donated many prizes: Parisian, Laurel Park Place,

Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Bailey Pub & Grille, Metro Repair & Maint. Co., Super Bowl, Brackney Chiropractic Health Clinic, Westland Mall, TGI Friday's, Palermo Pizzeria, Canton 6, Back Home Bakery, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, State Sen. Laura Toy, State Sen. Bruce Patterson, Livonia Councilman Joe Laura, Cardwell Florist, LaShish, Dairy Queen, Roses Restaurant, Sanders, Art Is In Market, Ford Factory Tour, TC Gators, Godiva Chocolates, Mrs. Fields, WNIC Radio 100.3, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, Valassis, and Family Video.

A special thanks to the Observer & Eccentric for covering our organization and our event.

The local area is lucky to have such generous and community friendly businesses. Thank you for everything.

Tara Brackney, Doris Bryant, Mark Garrison, Cindy Kreis, Tom Kreis, Mike Laginess, Lesley Lee, and Bobbi Radeck
R.O.S.E. board of directors

Significant differences

Thank you to the League of Women voters and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for hosting a

forum for the school board candidates last week.

What an incredible school district we live in! I find it heartening that during the whole discussion at the forum, our only concerns about the future of the district are the budget and overcrowding. We didn't spend any time talking about failing MEAP scores, student safety, dangerous facilities, high dropout rates and so on, because those are not issues in the Plymouth-Canton district.

There are some that may complain about the perceived "sameness" of the candidates. That perception is a direct result of how well the district is performing.

I believe, however, that there are some significant differences among the candidates. I am the only one who is asking the difficult questions. How are we going to manage the budget? What is the total effect of the bond? The district is laying off 11 teachers due to budget concerns next year. How, then, will we staff the 83 new classrooms included in the bond?

These are questions that should be answered before the vote May 2.

Larry Martin
Plymouth Township

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 02, 2006

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, on Tuesday, May 02, 2006, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time the following will be voted on:

Two (2) Members of the Board of Education
Terms ending June 30, 2010

and

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 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 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 expenses.)

YES _____ NO _____

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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 therefore, 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 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 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 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.

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YES _____ NO _____

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Precinct 5	Bird School	220 N. Sheldon Rd
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor Tr
Precinct 7	Living Word Church	46500 N. Territorial Rd
Precinct 8	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14951 Haggerty Rd
Precinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Rd
Precinct 10	Fiegl School	39750 Joy Rd
Precinct 11	First Baptist Church	45000 N. Territorial Rd
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Rd
Precincts 13 & 16	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 W. Ann Arbor Rd
Precinct 14	Isibster School	9300 N. Canton Center Rd
Precinct 15	First United Methodist Church	45201 N. Territorial Rd
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Applications for absentee ballots for Plymouth Township registered voters may be obtained at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building #3, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number 354-3224. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 29. On Monday, May 1, qualified voters shall receive their ballots, and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Police arrest fourth suspect in ATM heist

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A fourth suspect in a Canton ATM robbery is awaiting preliminary examination at the 35th District Court.



Ashley

Eric Michael Ashley, 24, of River Rouge, was charged April 15 with accessory after the fact and receiving and concealing stolen property, both five-year felonies. He pleaded not guilty and was released after paying 10 percent of a \$20,000 bond.

Police said Ashley held some of the \$170,000 stolen March 30 from a LaSalle Bank ATM machine on Michigan Avenue. Eric James Rigley, his wife, Jennifer Renee Rigley, and Lee James Madera, all of River Rouge, appeared in court for their April 21 preliminary examinations after being charged with embezzlement and larceny.

All three exams, along with Ashley's exam, were adjourned at the request of their attorneys and are re-scheduled for May 5 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Immediately following the robbery, Jennifer Rigley had reported to police she had been assaulted and locked inside the ATM machine. After chasing down several leads, Canton Police and the FBI began to suspect she may have been involved in the robbery.

"Ashley knew what had happened, and that the money was stolen, and accepted it anyway," Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said. "There's no indication that he was promising anything in return."

More than half the money

was recovered when Madera and the Rigeys were arrested, but some \$80,000 was missing.

"What they spent it on depends on who you ask. We have statements that say they spent the money on drugs, women and booze,"

Pomorski said.

Madera and Rigeys face up to 20 years in prison if convicted. Jennifer Rigley was also charged with filing a false police report.

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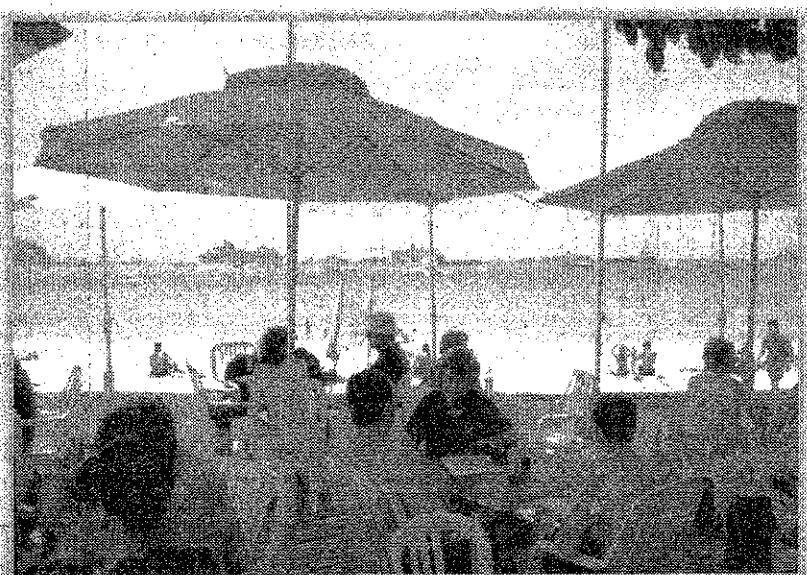
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Weaver committed to keep district sound

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER



Weaver

in Tuesday's school election. He is a Westland resident and pastor of the Abundant Life Church of God in Canton Township.

Weaver has served as board secretary and is completing his second year as its president. He decided to seek a second term to continue helping keep the district financially solvent.

Weaver credits the district's

While Frederick Weaver jokes that he could be one vote away from losing next Tuesday's election to a write-in candidate, he talks like a man ready for another four-year term on the Wayne-Westland school board.

"It's a labor of love, and I want to thank the public for their continuing support. I appreciate every vote of confidence I receive," said Weaver. Weaver is seeking a second four-year term on the board

administration in its ability to rein in expenses and hang onto some of its budget surplus. The cost containment began four years ago and as a result, Wayne-Westland is in better shape than some neighboring school districts.

"I have to give kudos to the administration," he said. "Because of their diligence in preserving the district's finances and being careful with expenses, Wayne-Westland is one of the few districts that has any money left."

"We've had to cut significantly into our funds, but because of the administration

working diligently to save every penny, we will be able to stay afloat for the next two years."

But that may not be the case by the end of the 2007-2008 budget year.

"It's a tough situation," he said. "If things don't change by 2007-2008 and we don't get a miracle, we'll be out of money and we'll have to borrow to meet payroll."

The problem stems from the state's financing of public education. While the state will give districts at least \$175 more per student in the new budget year, it doesn't cover the increased costs of doing

business, especially the cost of health care and retirement.

An example is the recently approved high school curriculum. Its passage means a need for more mathematics teachers, and more staff, "but there's no talk about who's going to pay for it," he said.

Weaver estimates that the state is shortchanging the Wayne-Westland Community Schools \$600-\$800 per student because of freezes and proration of the state school aid payment.

"It's definitely frustrating and even more frustrating when you see the inward workings," he said. "No one in Lansing wants to take the bull by the horns to give districts more funds to work with."

"They're saying it'll be another five years, before the state turns around economically," he added.

"I'm thinking that at some point, if things don't get better, we'll see districts brought together just for survival."

He also stresses that residents shouldn't confuse the money being used to improve schools with general fund money. Work like the gym expansions at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High schools are being paid for with money from the

district's sinking fund.

"It's important they know that the money is designated, it can only be used for the purposes the community set up - improving our buildings and grounds," he said. "We're restricted in how we can spend them."

Weaver is proud of the unity the board has developed under his leadership and likes "how we've come together."

"Everyone on the board is working diligently," said Weaver. "It's something I wanted to accomplish as president, to not have sides and to have everyone work together."

Under his leadership, the board staged its first Project 180 Can Do! in 2004 for residents in the Jefferson Barns and Lincoln elementaries' attendance areas and is preparing to present Project 180 Too, a May 13 program for parents throughout the district.

"As president I wanted to do something unique, something the school board had never done before," he said of Project 180.

"We're in the schools, showing our support, but this is something we've done on our own."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Topographic Surveying Services**. These services will cover the following:

Spring 2006: Eriksson, Farrand, Fiegel, Field, Hoben, and Hulsing Elementary Schools and Pioneer Middle School.

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Specifications can be obtained by sending a fax on a company letterhead Attn: Rich Houdek of Grissim Metz Andriese at (248) 347-7005. For additional information contact Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2006 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE: Topographic Surveying Bid, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AND THE CITIES OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, INKSTER, ROMULUS, WAYNE AND WESTLAND, County of Wayne: NOTICE is hereby given that a General Wayne-Westland School Board Election will be held in parts of the Township of Canton, and parts of the Cities of Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Romulus, Wayne and Westland on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates for the following office will be voted upon: **One (1) Board of Education Member to serve a four (4) year term; term to expire June 30, 2010.**

List of polling place locations -

Township of Canton

School Precincts	Locations
02 C	Tri-City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon Road
15 C	Walker-Winter School, 39932 Michigan Avenue
28 C	Agape Christian Center, 45081 Geddes Road

City of Dearborn Heights

School Precincts	Locations
04001	Hicks School, 100 Helen Avenue, Inkster, MI

City of Romulus

School Precincts	Locations
06 R	Rudgate Clubhouse, 7040 Shawnee Drive

City of Wayne

School Precincts	Locations
01 WA	Senior Activity Center, 3500 Sims Avenue
02 WA	Senior Activity Center, 3500 Sims Avenue
04 WA	Taft-Galloway School, 4035 S. Gloria
05 WA	Taft-Galloway School, 4035 S. Gloria
06 WA	Hoover School, 5400 Fourth St.
07 WA	Hoover School, 5400 Fourth St.
08 WA	Roosevelt-McGrath School, 36075 Carrier

City of Westland

School Precincts	Locations
01	Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson
02	Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
03	Stottlmyer School, 34801 Marquette
04	Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh Road
05	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
06	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
08	Patchin School
09	Jefferson-Barns School, 32150 Dorsey
10	Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
11	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
13	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
17	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
22	Westland Meadows Club House,
24	30600 Van Born Road
26	Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan
28	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise Ct.
34	Dyer Social Service Center -
36	Senior Wing, 36745 Marquette
38	Dyer Social Service Center -
39	Senior Wing, 36745 Marquette
40	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant.

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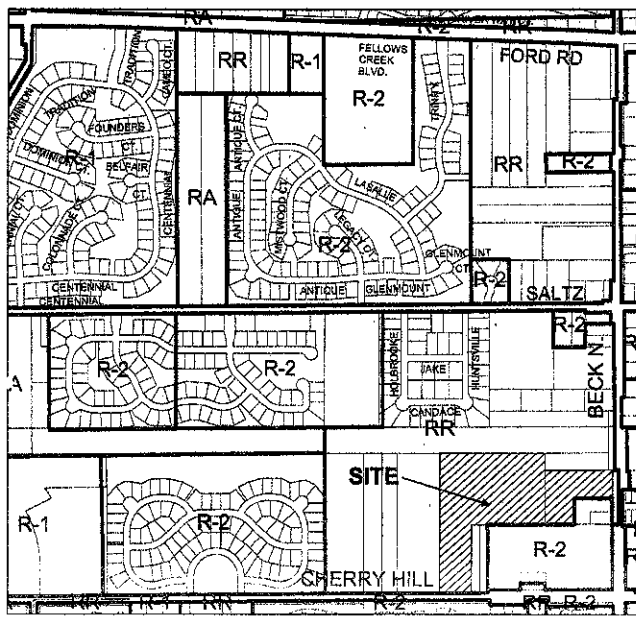
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 1, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

KAILAS PROPERTY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 068 99 0007 002, 068 99 0011 704, FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and west of Beck Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 27, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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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* 734-961-0300

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5049	Gildon	Household Items
4034	Sims	Household Items

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

2023	Henderson	household
2015	Hiavacek	household
4016	Multi-Rac family	household
4039	Murray	household
4162	Trammell	household

Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313-277-2000

1486	Klingensmith	Household Items
228	Davis	Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Livonia*30300 Plymouth Rd*Livonia*734-522-7811

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
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5049	Bacon	Household goods
4027	Bahu	Household goods
7116	Cook	Household goods
6011	Farrar	Household goods
3071	Fossett	Household goods
3082	Height	Household goods
3078	Roop	Household goods
5057	Siders	Household goods
5039	Winer	Household goods
7093	Cecil	Household goods

Shurgard Storage of Westland*36001 Warren* Westland*734-326-6000

2036	Dunlap	Household Items
1118	Gibson	Household Items
5060	Gross	Household Items
5132	Hellwig	Household Items
3116	Hendon-Jenkins	Household Items
1292	Pullen	Household Items
3196	Tolbert	Household Items

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9118	Pappert	household
5054	King	household

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Shurgard Storage of Ann Arbor * 2500 S. Industrial Hwy; Ann Arbor; *734-973-2212

1058	Rose	Household
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FY2006 CDBG ACTION PLAN AND REPROGRAMMING

On May 9, at 7 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the CDBG Advisory Council recommendations for the FY 2006 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2006 CDBG program. The project and project funding recommendations are: First Step, \$31,925; Growth Works, \$6,670; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, \$7,901; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$1,710; Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Canton Township Sheldon School site improvements, \$122,910; First Step Building Acquisition, \$20,000; CDBG program administration, \$69,741; Affordable Housing Contingency, \$100,000; Teen Center outreach program, \$1,350; Human Services Center building improvements, \$5,000. The FY 2006 CDBG allocation is \$373,707. Included in the public hearing is the request to reprogram FY 2003 Housing Lot Purchase funds (\$8,600) to FY 2005 Affordable Housing Contingency. The reprogramming neither cancels an old project nor creates a new project. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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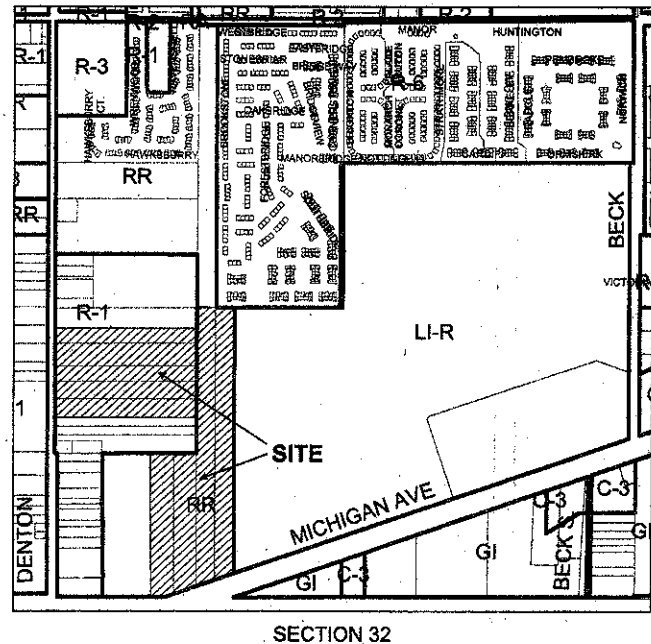
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INTREPID COMMUNITIES REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 127 99 0002 000 (4857 DENTON), 127 99 0003 000 (4913 DENTON), 127 99 0004 000 (4985 DENTON), 127 99 0005 000 (5011 DENTON), 127 99 0006 000 (5111 DENTON) FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND PARCEL NOS. 127 99 0017 000, 127 99 0018 002 (48880 MICHIGAN AVE.), 127 99 0019 000 (48708 MICHIGAN AVE.), 127 99 0020 000 (48630 MICHIGAN AVE.) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and east of Denton Road.



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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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An open letter to DFCU Financial MEMBERS

We are extremely disappointed to learn that a small group of members has submitted a petition to recall our Board of Directors, which is a reckless and irresponsible act that is **putting our credit union, our money and our jobs at risk**. This small group of people is led by former employees and board members who want to take us back to the days when the credit union had huge financial losses and wasted millions. **Many of us have been part of the DFCU Financial team for a long time and can speak firsthand of what it was like to work under the previous board and management team – and we don't want them back.**

We, the employees of DFCU Financial, believe in and fully support our Board of Directors and management – and we say this of our own free will.

As employees who work hard each day to earn your trust and meet your financial needs, we hope you will take a moment to read how we feel about this risky and dangerous proposition. Below is just a sampling of what some of us have to say:

I am a longtime employee of DFCU and have never been more proud to be a part of this organization as I am today. I feel secure as an employee and a member under the leadership of the CEO and the current Board of Directors. I know firsthand the integrity, due diligence and effort that is put into each decision and I am confident that every decision made is in the membership's best interest.

Barb Agius – 29 years

I drive 150 miles round trip. My husband said I'd never last when I took the job. People are surprised I would drive so far and I tell them I enjoy my job so much and the way the credit union is run, that the drive is worth it when you're happy.

Jacquelyn Kusler – 4 years

Thanks to the CEO and the current Board of Directors, DFCU Financial has become a strong, healthy and successful business, both for members and employees. The CEO and the Board are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to this organization.

Susan Paplin – 17 years

With more than 16 years of service here at DFCU, plus 13 years of service at National Steel FCU, I can say that this Board of Directors and management team have done and continue to do a very good job of operating the number 1 credit union in the state.

Tim Flaim – 16 years

Several years ago I considered leaving the company. I was dissatisfied with certain self-serving individuals, who always put the members' interests **last**. Reluctantly, I stuck around and **I'm glad I did**. Under new leadership, things started changing. Members were again "Job 1." Employees were treated with respect. With the members' needs always in mind, services and branches were expanded. I won't be leaving DFCU any time soon.

Charlene Soderquist – 14 years

I have to say after working for other credit unions, this is the most efficient company I have ever been a part of. Under this leadership, we always look for ways to better serve our members or for what services we can improve upon. Striving to be our members' one and only financial institution. To meet the financial needs of *all* our members.

Angela Valentine – 6 years

After I hired in on June 1, 1998, I wondered if it was a good move on my part. There was talk of the NCUA taking control of us because of gross financial mismanagement. We were on our way down. I decided to stay on for a few years, get some experience under my belt and go somewhere more secure. I was recently *offered* a position elsewhere and turned it down. I can't think of a better place to be. I work with the BEST of the best! What a difference eight years can make!

Steven Prinz – 8 years

We aren't only employees of the credit union; we are members as well. We care deeply about the future of our jobs, our money and our credit union.

When the time comes to vote to recall our Board of Directors, we implore you to vote NO. By doing so, you guarantee that the credit union you have come to depend on will continue to be here – and we'll still be here – to serve you and protect your money.

Most sincerely,

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Fun gala raises more than \$90,000

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Ninety thousand dollars and still counting. Karen Sanborn is delighted to report that

Madonna University students can count on at least that much in scholarship money.

The gala on April 21 at Laurel Manor in Livonia did more than raise money

though. Guests experienced a little bit of Hollywood that night from the time they stepped onto the red carpet.

"It was just such a nice event," said Sanborn, the uni-

versity's new marketing director. "There were students involved in every aspect. From the moment they walked in there were students posing as paparazzi taking their photos.

One of the students Vince Zambo (a scholarship recipient) talked from the heart about how important scholarships are and thanked the people for making scholarships possible.

"Students in the Lyrical Theatre ensemble performed West Side Story selections."

The 20 live auction items, including a one week stay at an abbey in France, raised more than \$20,000.

Sister Damascene goes over the grand prize of the Benefit Auction, \$2,000 worth of jewelry, with 'Mrs. Hollywood,' Cari Mitter, who works in the Food Service Department at Madonna.

Among the 100 silent auction items were photographs of the Detroit Pistons.



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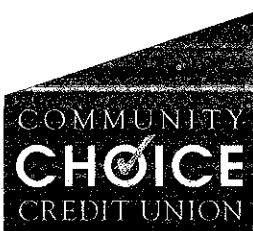
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Participants browse the tables of goodies out for the silent auction before the start of Friday nights Madonna University Benefit Auction.



Madonna University professor William McMillan looks over some of the sports items on the table for the silent auction during the Benefit Auction.

Back Pain?

Southfield, MI - According to a recently released back pain relief report, most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat, others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back pain relief techniques vary. But thanks to a free report, local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do. To get a copy of the free "Back Pain Relief Report", call toll-free, 1-888-744-2225. (Toll-free, 24 hour recorded message)

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Cooking fires are still most common

We don't normally think that starting an unwanted fire in the kitchen is a good thing to do. Most of us will not throw a kitchen cloth onto a burning stove, intentionally help spread a fire from a pan to the cupboards or add additional oxygen to get the fire going faster, but that happens in this country far too often. Let's take a look at how we can use some safety sense in the kitchen to reduce our chances of having an unwanted fire.

Fire Safety
Lt. Tom Klurski

Cooking is the leading cause of fires and civilian fire injuries in the United States. Two out of three reported home cooking fires start with the range or stove and usually when food, grease, rags, bags, cabinets, curtains or other common household items ignite. In 2001 alone, there were over 117,000 home fires involving cooking equipment. These cooking fires resulted in 370 civilian deaths, 4,290 civilian injuries and about \$453 million in property damage. And those statistics reflect just those fires that were reported. Who reading this is guilty of having an unwanted kitchen fire and not reporting it?

The main reason cited for kitchen fires is inattention. Whether leaving the room, or leaving the house with the stove on, this action can cause plenty of damage. Often at

home, our attention is diverted for a short period by the doorbell, phone, radio, television, children or a pet. Other times after cooking has started, we forget about it. Once started, the fire can easily spread beyond the initial pot to other combustibles in the area.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind when cooking:

■ Never leave cooking unattended, and monitor food in the oven.

■ Wear short sleeves or tight-fitting clothes, to avoid loose clothing coming into contact with hot objects.

■ If your clothing catches fire, remember the "Stop, Drop and Roll" behavior to put the fire out.

■ Keep kids away from the cooking area by setting up a 3-foot area around the stove where kids should avoid. Keep them close enough to watch, but away from hot objects.

■ Use oven mitts when handling hot cooking items.

■ Don't cook when you are tired, or have taken medicine to help you sleep.

■ If a pan of food catches fire, do not use water. Slide the lid over the top and shut off the heat to the burner.

■ If there is a fire in the oven, shut off the heat to the unit and keep the door closed.

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Tom Klurski is a lieutenant who handles public information for the Livonia Fire Department.

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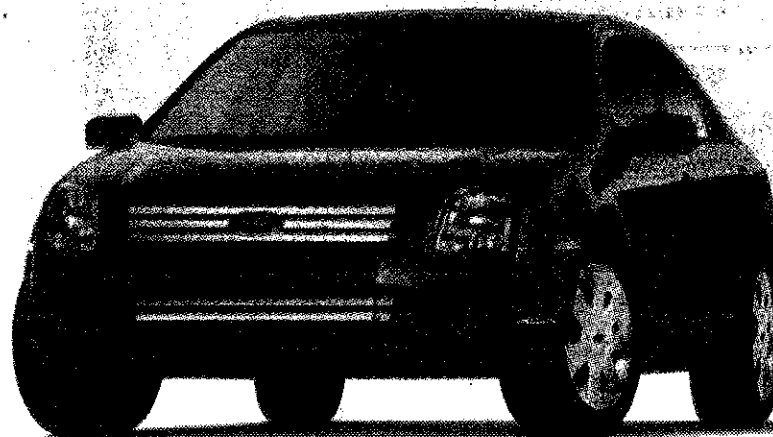
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It's not too late to help 'Christmas' volunteers

It's not too late to sign up to help turn Saturday into Christmas Day for five Canton homeowners. Saturday, Canton's Christmas in Action will provide free home repairs for elderly, disabled and low income homeowners.

Volunteers can register from 7 to 10:30 a.m. at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road. After they register, volunteers will be taken by shuttle to their assigned work sites, where house "captains" will coordinate duties.

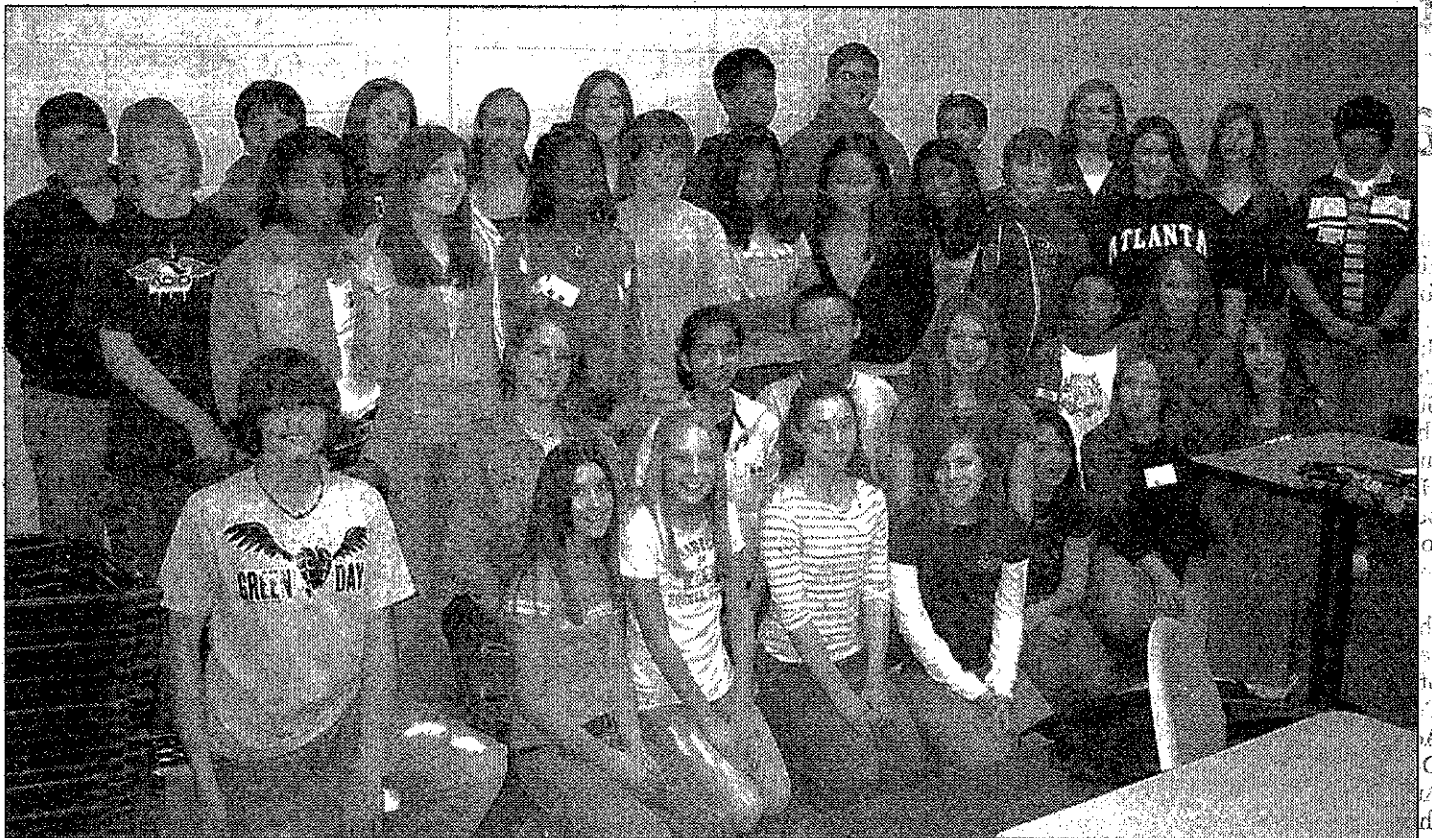
Repairs being done April 29 will range from simple but critical plumbing and painting, to putting on a new roof and siding, laying new flooring, and pouring a new concrete driveway. All repair costs are spon-

sored entirely through donations from community businesses, churches, schools, civic groups and individuals.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear appropriate work clothing and shoes, and to bring tools such as rakes, brooms, shovels and garden shears. The work will take place, rain or shine, but in the case of severe weather, the event will be rescheduled for Sunday, April 30.

Canton's Christmas in Action chapter is composed of an eight-member board, chaired by Jim Cisek, and is endorsed by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

For more information on CIA, call (734) 844-8900 or visit the Web site at www.christmasinactionwayne.com.



Youth Leadership Canton

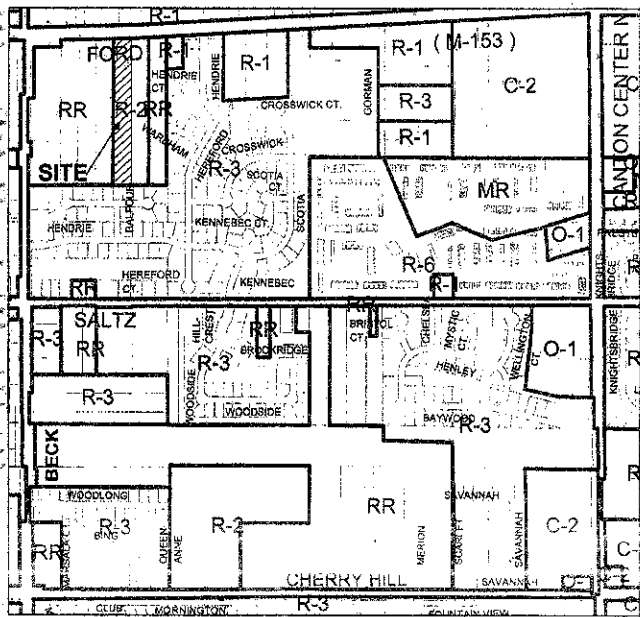
Thirty-five eighth grade students from the Canton community recently completed the Youth Leadership Canton program. The students graduated during a ceremony two weeks ago at Summit on the Park, and were honored for their achievements of the last six months, which include a nature retreat, a community service day and a public safety day. The program is designed to help the students develop their leadership and citizenship skills. Applications for the next Youth Leadership Canton are now available at Plymouth-Canton school counseling offices and the Canton's Supervisor's office. The program is open to all Canton residents who will be in the eighth grade during the 2006-07 school year. Applications are due on Wednesday, May 3. For more information, call (734) 394-5188.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 1, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

LABANA FAMILY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 062 99 0010 000 FROM TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Beck Road.



SECTION 16

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PO Box 30204 Lansing, MI 48909

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Summit on the Park Ash Room, 46000 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 06-82-0035-P Under Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Livonia Builders, 4952 Dewitt, Canton, Michigan. The applicant proposes to excavate, place fill and utilities in wetlands, place storm sewer below the Green Drain, and construct a retention pond within 500 feet of the drain for developing the site into a condominium development to meet the demand for housing in Canton Township. The project site is east of the intersection of Saltz Road and Beck Road. The proposed wetland excavation of 53 cubic yards for the construction of the retention basin will impact an area of 0.024 acres. The proposed wetland fill for roadway and lot development will use 662 cubic yards of material and impact an area of 0.739 acres. Storm sewer and sanitary sewer will be placed beneath the wetland fill. A 24-inch diameter storm sewer will be placed 3 feet beneath the Green Drain. The proposed retention pond will have 0.37 acres of permanent water level, require the excavation of 11,050 cubic yards of upland, and outlet to the Green Drain through a 150-lineal foot ditch constructed in uplands. Off-site mitigation is proposed. The project is located in T2S, R5E, Section 16, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CIWPIIS, or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-2793, by calling 586-753-3862. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30105 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WENDY FITZNER
PERMIT CONSOLIDATION UNIT
LAND AND WATER
MANAGEMENT DIVISION
517-373-9244

Date: April 21, 2006

NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS-APRIL 18, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, April 18, 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** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, Lajoie, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Conklin **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Deed Restriction for Fellows Creek Golf Course Trustee Caccamo stated the Request for Board Action (RBA) that he submitted for approval for a deed restriction for Fellows Creek has been brought to his attention that it may not be legal or feasible. However, the RBA states the reasons set forth as to why Fellows Creek should not be sold are as follows: To preserve affordable family recreation, Preserve open space, Protect the environment, Preserve the quality of life, Protect local property values, Demonstrate sound fiscal and Township Planning Trustee Caccamo stated Fellows Creek should be deed restricted so any sale of Fellows Creek in the future is limited to keeping it as a golf course. Nancy Drake, 2118 Fairway Cir., stated her concern is to preserve open space. Robert McCausland, 17258 Hilltop View Dr., Northville Township, stated he would like to see the Board vote in favor of a deed restriction. Robert McCausland would like to keep the golf course a golf course and to provide extra insurance for the residents. Jim Aaron, 2178 Fairway Court, stated the golf course needs a cart path and the entire course needs to be modernized. Fran Roe, 1815 Pebble Creek, stated it is difficult to get issues resolved with the golf course manager. She stated an example related to dead pine tree removal. Ms. Roe stated she might feel more comfortable if the Township operated the golf course. Dan McCausland, 328 Haggerty Road, stated he is in disagreement with not imposing the deed restriction. Anthony Cauchi, 7410 Hillsboro, stated he believes the Township assets belong to everyone in the Township and is not in favor of the deed restriction. Supervisor Yack inquired from the Board if they were in favor of engaging an attorney for research of the deed restriction. Bennett: No Caccamo: Yes Kirchgatter: No Lajoie: No McLaughlin: No Yack: No Zarbo: No Other: Supervisor Yack stated there will be a joint study session with the Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188 **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin at 8:59 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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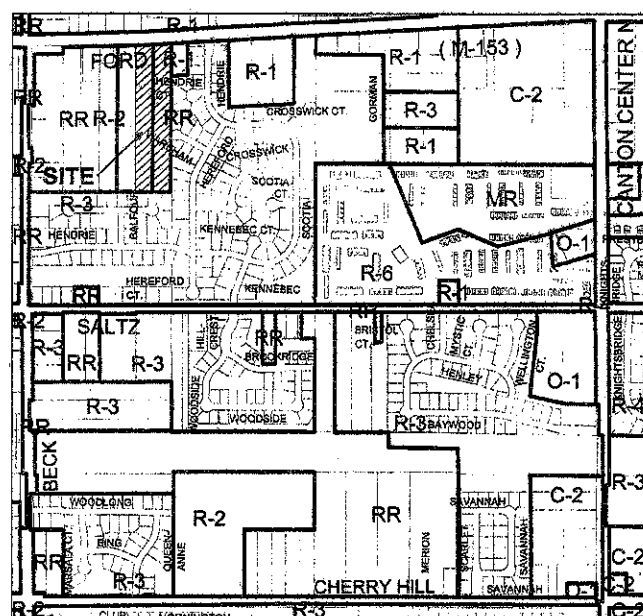
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DAILEY PEARSON REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 062 99 0008 000 (46705 FORD ROAD) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND PARCEL N O. 062 99 0009 000 (46885 FORD ROAD) FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Beck Road.



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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (May 15th, 2006), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

Janice Davenport, B33	10x15	Lamps, sofa, plastic totes, end tables, rugs
Mohammed Nasir, D127	5x10	Restaurant Equipment
Larry McCullough, D134	5x10	Microwaves, rubber totes, Xmas tree, misc
Macarl Deruso, E171	10x20	Misc. Household goods
Hester Barksdale, I316	10x15	Misc. Household goods & Collectibles

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH The City of Plymouth Liquor Management Ordinance

Plymouth City Commission
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
Monday, May 1, 2006-7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING- To request transfer of Tavern License into the City of Plymouth for a new business-Grape Expections, 567 Forest Ave.

The PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held at the regular City Commission meeting on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The Hearings will be held at the Plymouth City Hall at 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

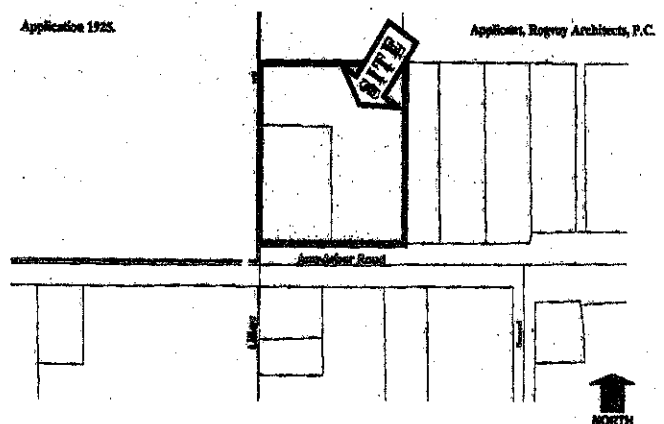
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, May 3, 2006
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting **Special Land Use Approval** for a bank and restaurant with drive-through windows in a Proposed Commercial Development in the Ann Arbor Road Corridor District (ARC), on Tax IDs R-78-060-99-0027-002 & R-78-060-99-0025-000, (property addresses are 42350 Ann Arbor Road and 42370 Ann Arbor Road) pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 14.2-3(n)



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-060-99-0027-002 & R-78-060-99-0025-000

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-463-3840. TDD users: 800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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Former trustees, Olympic stars among those receiving honors

Canton recently honored more than a dozen individuals and community groups for their extraordinary contributions to the community during 2005, including John Burdziak and Robert Shefferly, both former township trustees, who were inducted into the Canton Hall of Fame. They were both recognized for their longtime service to the community.

Burdziak, who served on the board for 13 years, also served on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Recreation Advisory Committee, Downtown Development Authority and is currently on the Tax Board of Review. He has also volunteered for a number of community organizations.

Shefferly, a resident of Canton for more than 30 years, also served on numerous boards and commissions, including 16 years as a trustee. He also volunteers for many special events, including Relay for Life, Senior World Series, Volunteer Picnic and numerous Leisure Services events.

Several individuals were also given Community Achievers awards, including Olympic silver medalists Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, who captured the hearts of many Americans with their ice dancing performance earlier this year in Torino, Italy. The ice dancing pair do their training at Arctic Ice in Canton.

Christmas in Action organizer Jim Cisek also received the award. He led about 200 volunteers last year, who helped do needed home repairs for seven Canton families. The group will



Shefferly



Burdziak

again fix up a number of Canton homes this Saturday. About a half dozen people and one local organization received Community Supporters awards, including Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo and the Canton

Newcomers. Others to receive the award were Nathaniel Gibson, Kriss Rautio, Tim and Tamara Smola, Denise Staffeld, and Patrick Williams.

Zarbo, who is currently serving a four-year term on the Canton Board of Trustees, is vice president of the Lions Club, and also involved with the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Canton Library, and others. He also made the initial contact with IKEA, which will open a store in Canton on June 7.

Gibson is a member of the Youth Volunteer Corps and is a longtime community volunteer. Rautio is a longtime community supporter, and has served on the Canton Community Foundation Board for a decade.

Tim and Tamara Smola, who own Central City Dance, have donated their time and talent to promote the performing arts in the community. For five years, they have volunteered their time to provide many hours of entertainment for the Canton Relay for Life and hosted

their own team, raising thousands of dollars. Their "Christmas Spectacular" at the Village Theater has become a Christmas tradition for many families with all performances selling out.

Staffeld, an active member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce for many years, is currently serving as vice president and will become president next year. She volunteers for the Liberty Fest, Adopt a Road program, Special Olympics and at Canton Schools, and was the recipient of the 2004 Business Person of the year award and the 2005 Athena Award.

Williams served as president of the Pickwick Village Homeowners Association and during his tenure he helped levy a special assessment to raise money for much needed improvements including landscaping, playground equipment, park pavilion and signage. He is also an active member of the Canton Lions Club and has served as a director and vice president.

The Canton Newcomers have been supporting the community for many years. Among other causes, the group has donated canned goods and toiletries to the Salvation Army Food Bank, participated in Canton's Make a Difference Day, donated time and supplies for Christmas in Action and made donations to Habitat for Humanity. Canton Newcomers continues year after year to be a tremendous supporter of the Canton Community.

All of the recipients were recently honored at a ceremony at Canton's Summit on the Park Community Center.

DFCU bank bid ends, but protest continue

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Monday's announcement by the DFCU Financial Board of Directors to stop the not-for-profit credit union's bid to become a for-profit mutual savings bank is not stopping an effort by angry credit union members to remove the board.

DFCU, formerly known as Dearborn Federal Credit Union, voluntarily pulled its application based on member feedback and misinformation that circulated through the process. Credit union members were to vote on the proposal to convert into a bank by June 21.

In a statement, DFCU board chairman Howard Lowman said the management's goal was to educate credit union members about the conversion before they voted, but limitations in the regulatory process made it "impractical" to fully inform members.

"Further, the result has been unnecessary confusion and concern among our members," Lowman said. "We look forward to returning DFCU to its normal business operations of providing highly personalized service and day-in and day-out good value."

The DFCU board advocated

the change in legal structure to raise capital and expand services in the metro Detroit market in an effort to maintain long-term competitiveness. The institution's officials said the conversion would allow DFCU to sell stock, but members would retain voting rights and services would not change.

A number of credit union members voiced skepticism about the proposal, primarily because they feared it would lead to a decline in member services. They formed a group, DFCU Owners United, to inform fellow members about their concerns. During recent informational pickets, the group collected more than 1,700 signatures from members to call a special DFCU board meeting. Only 500 signatures were needed, according to the institution's by-laws.

In a statement, Linda Malec, a former DFCU board chairwoman and spokeswoman for DFCU Owners United, said she was pleased the credit union yanked its application to become a bank.

"This was a significant first step, but members want more," Malec said. "Prior to and during the voting process, the credit union failed to explain how member-owners

would benefit.

"We have been stonewalled at every turn in our request for information about the due diligence process and to learn whether the decision for conversion was based on the personal interests of the directors, officials and employees of the credit union."

Malec added the protest group continues to hear from members who still want to recall the board of directors. At the special board meeting, yet to be scheduled, participating credit union members may vote to remove the board.

DFCU has 160,000 members and 11 branches, including locations in Livonia, Garden City and Canton. DFCU also operates an educational, student-run branch at Livonia Franklin High School.

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APRIL

Concert

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

Rummage sale

Toys, clothes, books, small appliances, shoes, boutique (fine clothes) and more 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April

28-29, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly. Proceeds benefit missionary projects. Call (313) 937-3170.

Lighthouse cafe

Cards, board games, ping pong, specialty coffees, snacks, music 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 28, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Cost is \$5 payable at door. Free child care provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Mom to Mom sale

Gently used or new items at deep discounted prices, includes clothes, toys, music, books, shoes, games, video games, and baby items such as car seats, cribs and strollers 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at St. John Bosco, 12100 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and I-96, Redford. \$1 admission. Call (313) 937-9690.

Plant swap

9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at Kenwood

Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Call (248) 476-8222.

Dance

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, presents a dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 29, at Divine Providence Church Hall, 25335 W. Nine Mile, between Telegraph and Beech Daly, Southfield. \$12 admission fee. Proper attire. For information, call (248) 390-7771.

Blood drive

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

Lay caregiver series

Adjusting to changes within the family system, a workshop to help families cope with potentially damaging effects of predictable life stressor 2:30-4:30

p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29877 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10. To register, call (248) 474-4701.

Health fair

Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, 29066 Eton, Westland. No charge. Blood pressure, family practice doctors, optometrist and more. Join us for an afternoon of healing, mind, body and spirit. Call (734) 721-2557.

David Phelps concert

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

Leadership and self-deception

Lecture series with Rev. Dennis Skiles began 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, and continues to May 31, at Unity of Livonia,

28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760.

Wine, cheese and theology

Evenings of conversation asking the question, Is there a place for the church in the 21st century? 7 p.m. Wednesdays to May 31, at Church of Our Savior, Presbyterian U.S.A. 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. Rev. Jim Faile leads the discussions. The public is invited. The church holds worship and Sunday School 10 a.m. Sundays. For more information, call (248) 626-7606.

UPCOMING

Free spaghetti dinner

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

Prayer breakfast

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

Interfaith symposium

When Strangers Become Neighbors: The Emerging Religious Landscape of Metropolitan Detroit - Implications for Workplace, Civic Arena, Educators, Media and Faith Community, guest speakers include Ralph William, professor in the English Language and Literature department at University of Michigan; Kurt Metzger, director of research for United Way for Southeastern Michigan 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, May 4, in the McGregor Center & Auditorium at Wayne State University, Detroit. Program begins with Metzger, share the latest data. Williams then delivers a keynote on what this change means and how we move from tolerance to appreciation. Following an overview of William Bridges' Transition Framework, workshops offer best practices and discussion of how this challenge is being dealt with in our faith communities, city government, schools, the workplace and the media. An added benefit of the symposium will be the 6th Interfaith National Day of Prayer which takes place immediately following the symposium in Wayne State's Gullen Mall. Cost is \$20, \$10 seniors and students. For information, call (313) 567-

6225 or visit www.nccj-mi.org.

Rummage/bake sale

Pre-sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 4 (\$2 donation for adults), Big Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 5, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 6 (no charge), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Grief recovery seminar

And support group in cooperation with Hospice of Michigan, begins 9 a.m. Sunday, April 30, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, continues for 13-weeks, at Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive. No charge. For information, call (734) 941-1511 or visit www.griefshare.org.

Laugh out loud

Fun with the 321 Improv Comedy team 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Tickets 5. Free child care provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Choral festival

Metropolitan United Methodist Church hosts its second annual choral festival from May 5-7, by presenting three evening concerts and a series of workshops for vocalists, conductors, and ensembles of all levels, at the church 8000 Woodward (five blocks north of West Grand Blvd., Detroit. Opening night performance is 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. with Tapestry Vocal Ensemble, Detroit Concert Choir, and Metropolitan Festival Soloists and Choir. Workshops, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 6, focus on performance and vocal techniques. Amy Chivington, director of the Otterbein Children's Chorus, leads a workshop for children's choirs. Several youth choirs perform 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, including the Southfield High School Chorus. The final concert is 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at 7 p.m. and will feature Mendelssohn's beloved oratorio and testament of faith, "Elijah." Performing this much-loved choral masterpiece are baritone Daniel Washington, soprano Elaine Linstedt, along with the combined choruses of Birmingham First Presbyterian, Detroit Archdiocese, St. James Episcopal, and Metropolitan Festival Soloists and Orchestra. Tickets for each musical performance are \$15, \$35 for three-day pass. Students can get a discounted rate of \$12 for individual performances with college identification. Workshops \$5, includes materials. Free lighted and supervised parking available. To purchase tickets or register, call (313) 875-7407 ext. 324 or visit www.metroumc.org.

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Memorial Service of Phyllis Reid to held Saturday April 29, 2006 at 11:00'clock at Ward Presbyterian Church Ms Reid pass away March 1,2006 is survived by brothers William J. Floyd, and sister Joyce Reid.

LORRAINE J. BRICKMAN

Age 87, April 17, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Frank. Dear mother of Nancy (W. Stephen) Lawrence, Mark Brickman, Lois (David) Balsillie and Bruce (Lona) Brickman. Also survived by seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one sister, Cordelia Hayes. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

GERALDINE THOMAS

Age 74, of Westland, April 23, 2006. Beloved wife of Paul Thomas. Loving mother of Judith (Bruce) Austin. Dear grandmother of Kevin (Mary Beth) Naegel. Also leaves five great grandchildren, one brother, Stephen (Marilyn) Talaga, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Memorial donations to Arbor Hospice would be appreciated by the family. To leave a message of condolence for the family, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

CHARLES P. WERTHMAN

Charles Paul Werthman, 56, of Plymouth, MI and Englewood, FL, died Thursday, April 20, 2006. He was born March 4, 1950, in Detroit, MI. To Charles R. and Lillian J. (Hermann) Werthman. Charles moved to Florida recently from Michigan, where he retired as a plant manager for plastics manufacturing. He is survived by his three siblings, Sister Linda Werthman, RSM of Silver Spring, MD., Eugene (Rita) Werthman of Pickney, MI, and Ms. Claire Werthman of Conyers, GA; one aunt, Claire Mushen of San Juan Capistrano, CA, and his two beloved cats, Buncie and Rustee. Charles is predeceased by his beloved wife Doris Steinhauer in December 2005. Englewood Community Funeral Home and Cremation Services have been selected to handle the arrangements.

NORMA JEAN QUALMANN

Age 85 of Rochester Hills April 23, 2006. Loving wife of the late Ralph. Dear mother of Marcia (Bob) Gilliland, Molly Navarre R. Lynn Qualmann, Julie Qualmann and the late C. Roger Qualmann. Sister of: The late Roland L. Braun. Grandmother of Gaike and Eli Qualmann, Bob and Andy Gilliland, Nick and Jesse Navarre. Norma Jean was active in her church, was a cub scout den mother, active in girl scouts, substitute school teacher and also employed by Gow's gift shop in Troy. Retired to Asheville North Carolina in 1989. Returned to Michigan in 1991 upon spouses death. Memorial service Thursday, April 27, 2006, 11:00am at First United Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livernois, Troy. Arrangements in the care of the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

DOLORES GREYERBIEHL

Age 79, April 22, 2006, of Rochester Hills. Born July 11, 1926, in Pigeon, MI. She was married to Donald on May 16, 1953, until his death in October 2002. Dear mother of Deborah (Mark) Schneider, her one and only child. Grandmother of Christian, Kati, and Evan. After graduation, she went to cosmetology school and worked at Cora's Beauty Shop in Bad Axe until her marriage to Donald. Mrs. Greyerbiehl was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Rochester, and a resident of Rochester for 45 years. She worked as a baker at Adams High School from 1976 until 1988. Dolores moved to Davisburg in the fall of 2003. The family will receive friends at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, Thursday, 2-5pm and 7-9pm (Rosary at 7:30pm). Mrs. Greyerbiehl will lie in state at St. Daniels Catholic Church in Clarkston, Friday, 9am, until time of Mass at 10am. Graveside services at St. Francis Borgia Cemetery in Pigeon, MI, Friday at 3pm. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

IRVING L. BURNS

Age 78, of Gladwin, MI and previously of Livonia, MI, passed away on April 22, 2006. Irving was born in Underhill, Vermont, on May 11, 1927 to Clark & Margaret (Roberts) Burns. He was a Computer Analyst for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn and retired in 1987. He was a United States Marine and served in WWII. He is survived by wife, Valois (Frye-Wilcox) Burns of Gladwin, MI; daughter, Leslie Kimble, Roanoke, VA; son, David (Cathy) Burns, Livonia, MI; son, Allen Burns, Novi, MI; daughter, Victoria (Mark) Tondreau, Livonia, MI; and their mother, Anata McCarthy, Novi, MI; also, step-children, Marlene & Jack Starr, Gladwin, MI; Darlene Hobbs, Gladwin, MI; Marlene & Judy Wilcox, Gladwin, MI; Pamela & Marty Muma, Gladwin, MI; Loren & Toni Wilcox, Gladwin, 24 grandchildren & ten great grandchildren, and brother, Everett Burns, Vermont. He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother & two sisters. Memorial service was held April 26, 2006 at Hall Funeral Home in Gladwin, MI. Memorial contributions to donor's favorite charity.



MAUREEN THERESA O'CONNOR

Age 64, of Plymouth, died April 23, 2006. She was born September 29, 1941, in Detroit. She is survived by her husband, Jon C.; her children, Jon (Suzanne) O'Connor, Colleen (Matthew) Otto, and Kevin M. O'Connor; her grandchildren, Emma and Meghan O'Connor, and Truth and Freedom Otto; her brothers, Jack (Fran) Quinn, Dick (Penny) Quinn, and Jim (Chris) Quinn; and her sister-in-law, Barbara Quinn. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Joseph and Michael Quinn; and her sister-in-law, Terry Quinn. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Friday 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday 1-9pm. Rosary 7pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, the Michigan Humane Society, or the Humane Society of Huron Valley.



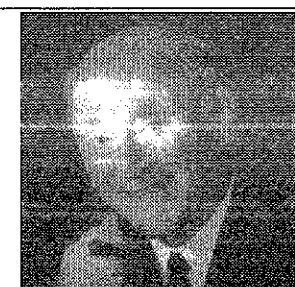
ANN KRYSA SIMS

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. 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.



LILLIAN M. DAVIDS

Age 91 of Salem Township. Dear wife of the late John. Beloved mother of Karen (Michael) Wagner. Loving grandmother of Melissa Wagner. Dear sister of Harry Ryba, Virginia Bostwick, Bernice Marquardt, Theresa (Joe) Godlewski, Claire Poole and Marie Ryba. Visitation was held Tuesday April 25, and services Wednesday April 26 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Interment United Memorial Gardens. To leave a message of condolence, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



GEORGE A. SHAIIB

Age 94, April 22, 2006, in Naples, Florida. Owner of Whitlam Label Company. Beloved husband of the late Marie. Dear father of George (Kathy), Rachel Gill (the late Michael), Edward, James (Diane), Richard (Theresa), John (Christine), Robert and Michael (Brent). Loving grandfather of Stacie (deceased), Scott & Shannon, Matthew & Melissa; Lynn & John Mair, Elizabeth; Marie, James; Jeanette & Andrew Hollander, Lindsey, Edward (deceased); Michelle, Richard; and Emily. Great-grandfather of Anthony, Cameron, Brendan, Ethan, Charlie, Lindsey, Brother of Harriet, the late Olga, and Sue. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Thursday 2-9 pm, with Scripture Service Thursday 7:30 PM. Funeral Mass Friday 11 AM at Annunciation Church, 1265 Parkway, Detroit. Visitation at church begins Friday 10 AM. Memorial Tributes to Hospice of Naples or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROBERT A. SCHUELE

Age 41, of Birmingham, died suddenly on April 20, 2006. An active man, Mr. Schuele loved golf, sailing and travel, however, Rob derived his greatest pleasure spending time with his wife and three daughters. Mr. Schuele was the President and owner of Air Systems of Royal Oak, Michigan. Mr. Schuele was born June 13, 1964, in Royal Oak, Michigan. He attended Lahser High School and later Purdue University where he graduated from the College of Mechanical Technology. He remained an enthusiastic "boiler maker" fan throughout his life. Known for his tremendous charisma and great sense of humor, Rob was a larger than life presence in the community. Mr. Schuele was an entrepreneur, self-starter and career handyman. He enjoyed adventures, surrounding himself with his many loyal friends, and was an involved parishioner at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham. He will be deeply missed by all those whose life he touched. Mr. Schuele is survived by his wife of 16 years, Lori, and his daughters, Halle, Hannah and Emma. He is also survived by his parents, Bob and Nancy Schuele, his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Elaine and Don Spidler, sisters, Joanne (Joe) King and Susan (Bill) Ridenour and many other loving relatives and friends. Funeral at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Thursday 11am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Memorials appreciated to Robert A. Schuele Memorial Scholarship Purdue Foundation, University Development Office - Alumni Center, 403 West Wood Street, West Lafayette, Indiana 47907-2007. Arrangements Lynch & Sons Funeral Home.

GEORGE W. ENGELHARDT

Age 85, April 25, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Frances. Loving father of Gary (Gail), Lynne (Larry) Haggart and Janice Bass. Dear grandfather of Kathy (Michael) Radtke and Alexander Haggart. Great grandfather of Isabel Radtke. Sibling A.J. Engelhardt. Funeral Service 11 AM Friday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia. Visitation Thursday 3-9PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to Shriners Hospital for Children. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rggharris.com

WARD JAMES HAIDLE

Age 45, of Carefree, Arizona, passed away on April 20, 2006. He was born in Royal Oak, Michigan and resided in Arizona the last three years. He is survived by his wife, Diane; daughter, Sara; son, Joe; parents, William James and Virginia Haidle of Birmingham, Michigan; sister, Susan (Fran) Schmidt of Germany and Jane Sigers of Birmingham, Michigan. Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 13, 2006, 11am at St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to MDAnderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77201 (www.mdanderson.org/gifts) or Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014. (www.hospiceofthevalley.org)

WILLIAM J. DENVERS JR.

Age 82 of Westacres in West Bloomfield. Date of death April 21, 2006. Beloved partner, beloved friend, beloved man. Veteran U. S. Army WWII. Bill was a man of many interests. After earning his law degree from the University of Detroit, Bill worked for the Chrysler Corporation. During his time at Chrysler, he served as President of the Michigan Insurance Adjusters Association. He left Chrysler to become a partner in the Royal Oak law firm of Buchanan, Martin, Bromley and Devers. He then moved on to become a member of the Anderson and Green law firm located in Lansing, Michigan. In 1966, Bill was recruited by James Hill esq. to join the Ford Motor Company's Office of General Council. While with Ford, Bill was the President of the Michigan Bar Association's Sectional. He retired from Ford Motor Company, 1986. In addition to his professional activities, he was active in his community as well. He served for many years on the West Bloomfield Library Board as well as the West Bloomfield Planning Commission. Additionally, he served on the Selective Service Board during the Vietnam War. Bill's true love and compassion was for his neighborhood, Westacres! Along with his many friends and neighbors, Bill donated his time and efforts to help the Westacres Association to be a strong and vital force. As a member of the board and unofficial legal council, he worked to help preserve the association's heritage. Predeceased by parents William Sr. and Emily and wife Marion Lois. Dearest brother of Ruth LaCroix Bradenton, Florida. Dearest father of William III (Deborah), Janet, Paul, Katie, Mark (Margaret, and Ruth Ellen (Gary). Proud grandfather of William IV, Emily, Katey, Kevin, Sarah, Elizabeth, Carolyn, Marcus, Avance, and Jacob William. Funeral mass was held at Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church, 3725 Erie Dr., Orchard Lake. Tuesday 10 am (Instate 9:30 am). Interment All Saints Cemetery. Friends visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 340 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake (3 blks. S. of Maple Rd). Sunday 2 pm. to 8pm. Monday

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Rabbi Sherwin Wine

Humanistic Jews hold annual conference this weekend

Humanistic Jews from across North America will meet April 28-30 in Cambridge, Mass., for the Society for Humanistic Judaism's annual conference. Kahal B'raira Congregation hosts the weekend-long event for adults, young adults and teens. This year's theme is "Thinking Outside the Box: Building, Growing and Inspiring Humanistic Jewish Communities."

Among the featured speakers are Heeb magazine editor-in-chief, Joshua Neuman; Rabbi Sherwin Wine, the founder of Humanistic Judaism; and authors Catherine Reef and Mitchell Silver.

Wine, a Birmingham resident, is also founder of The Birmingham Temple of Farmington Hills, the first Humanistic Jewish congregation in the world.

Rabbi Wine will deliver a talk on Hamas and Israel, just weeks after the installation of the new Palestinian cabinet led by Hamas. Coinciding with the 150th anniversary of the birth of Sigmund Freud, author Catherine Reef will discuss how she developed a literary portrait of a man whose Jewish heritage shaped his identity and who lived according to humanistic Jewish values.

"Not your grandpa's klezmer," Klezperanto will lead Saturday's evening of music and dancing.

Liz Pacheco will lead a drumming circle.

Longtime leader of the society, Rabbi Miriam S. Jerris, will receive the Sherwin T. Wine Lifetime Achievement Award. It was established in 2003 in honor of Rabbi Wine's 75th birthday.

Rabbi Jerris was the national president of the society prior to becoming SHJ's first executive director from 1980 to 1995. She is currently the society's community development coordinator.

Formed in 1969, the Society of Humanistic Judaism is the national outreach vehicle for the humanistic movement. It includes more than thirty congregations, communities and havurot in North America, each with rabbinic and/or lay leadership and serving more than 2,500 families.

Humanistic Judaism embraces a human-centered philosophy that affirms the power and responsibility of individuals to shape their own lives independent of supernatural authority. It maintains that ethics and morality should serve human needs, chiefly the preservation of human dignity and integrity.

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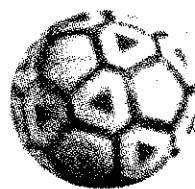
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2006 Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field Meet

Canton boys, Salem girls defend city titles

Balanced effort keys Chiefs' victory

Please see Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field results on Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Gatorade and ice-cold water quenched the Canton boys track team's thirst Tuesday afternoon at the Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field Meet.

But it was redemption for an early-season loss that satisfied the Chiefs' hunger.

Canton captured its sixth consecutive Bolger/Mangan title at the P-CEP varsity stadium by racking up 80 points to outdistance runner-up Plymouth (65). Salem finished third with 30 points. An April 6 dual-meet setback to the Wildcats helped fuel the winners' competitive fires, according to Canton coach Bob Richardson.

"That loss was a big wake-up call for our kids," said Richardson. "They did not like the feeling they felt that day and they have been extremely focused ever since."

"I'm happy for our seniors, who have helped us win this meet since they started high school, but it was a total team effort today. Everybody - the throwers, jumpers, sprinters, hurdlers, middle-distance guys, long-distance guys - all gelled and were on the same page today."

Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell said his team's

chances of earning its first Bolger/Mangan championship decreased when several members of his squad headed south last week for spring break.

"I'm disappointed we didn't do better," said Britnell. "I'm not surprised that Canton won because they had 40 kids at practice last week and we had 16. Plus, they've really been coming on since we beat them."

The conditions for the meet were typical for Michigan in late April: partly sunny skies, windy and temperatures in the 40s. The gusting breezes failed to slow down Canton's Cyrus Azizi and Eric Piowar, two of the Chiefs' most-productive performers. Azizi anchored two first-place relays (800- and 1,600-meter), won the 400-meter dash and was nipped at the wire by Plymouth's Sean Dillon in the 800.

"Cyrus had a huge day," said Richardson. "He's one of several guys who provide this team with great senior leadership."

Piowar's personal-best effort of 11.0 tied for first in the 100-meter dash with Plymouth's D.J. Coleman. The sophomore also won the 200 (22.7) and played a pivotal role on two first-place relay teams.

Richardson also noted the performance of first-year



Salem's Adam Kashoro clears the high-jump bar during Tuesday afternoon's Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field Meet at the P-CEP varsity stadium.

high-jumper Eric Thornton, who placed first with a leap of 6 feet, 5 inches, and took a run at Brad Waidmann's school record of 6-7.

"I've been trying to get Eric to come out with us since he was a freshman," said Richardson. "This past winter, I told him, 'Just try it for a couple of weeks and if you don't like it, that's fine.' Well, he decided to try it and now he's caught the track bug."

"At first, he couldn't get past 5-10, but then he did 6-0, 6-2, 6-3 and now 6-5. The exciting part is that Eric has only been high-jumping for about a month, so he still has a lot to learn about technique."

Plymouth was hampered by the disqualifications of its 400-meter relay unit,

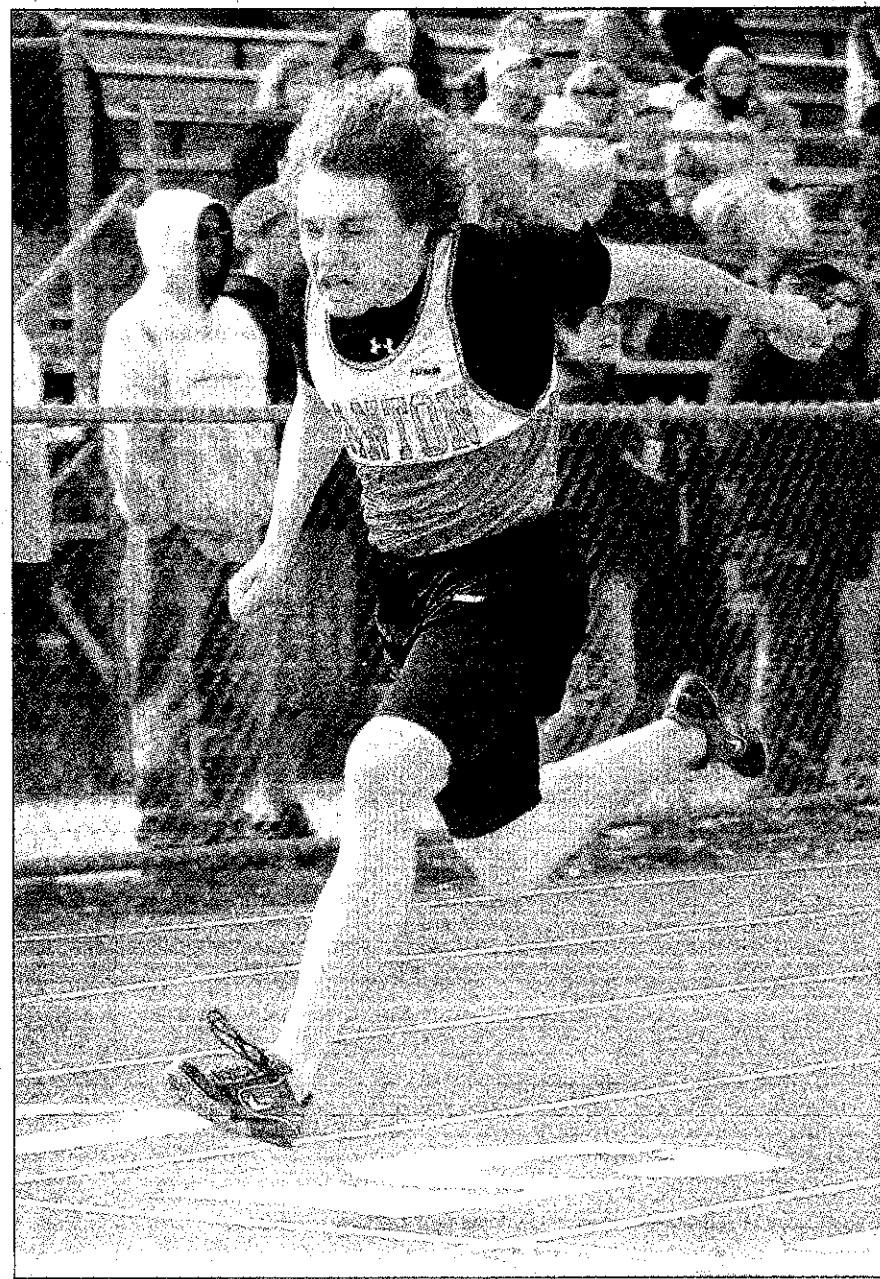
which dropped the baton in turn three, and miler Anthony Scaparo, whose first-place points were wiped off the board.

"We had several kids that ran very hard, especially Sean Dillon, D.J. Coleman, Rico Tyus and Josh Le Duc," said Britnell. "Plus, Josh had his personal-best in the discus."

Salem's brightest performers were Baze Efrelov, who won the 110 hurdles in 15.3, and Jimmy Walsh, whose 4:45.7 in the 1,600 provided the Rocks with 10 first-place points.

Canton dominated the relays, winning three of four, and the field events, winning four-of-five competitions.

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Canton sophomore sprinter Eric Piowar tied for first with Plymouth's D.J. Coleman in the 100-meter dash at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field Meet. Piowar, who also placed first in the 200-meter dash, helped the Chiefs defend their title.

Seniors lead Rocks to winner's circle

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The girls version of the Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field Meet traveling trophy won't be traveling anywhere for at least 364 more days - and first-year Salem coach Julie Montgomery couldn't be happier.

The Rocks successfully defended their Bolger/Mangan title Tuesday afternoon by churning out 72.5 points - 14.5 more than runner-up Canton. Plymouth placed third with 44.5.

While Montgomery emphasized that the victory was a team effort, she directed well-deserved praise in the direction of seniors Brittany Lockhart, Dana Eldred and Allison Janda, who combined to contribute 40 points to the Rocks' winning total.

"It was a good night for our

entire team," said Montgomery. "A lot of the girls ran very well and we had a lot of PR's. Brittany Lockhart, Allison Janda and Dana Eldred had outstanding meets for us. They all showed great determination and leadership."

"I felt pretty good coming into the meet because Salem had won it the last few years. But I wasn't sure what to expect from the other teams. It was very close between us and Canton through three-quarters of the meet. I never felt totally comfortable."

First-year Canton coach Chris Imber was satisfied with his team's effort.

"I thought the girls ran better than I expected them to," said Imber. "It was a group effort today - everybody contributed in their own ways. Salem just has a couple more people than we do

right now, which is really what matters when it's over. They put it away after the two-mile."

Lockhart made her presence felt early and often, winning the 100-meter dash (12.5), 100 hurdles (15.2) and 300 hurdles (46.1).

She also earned second-place points behind Plymouth's Brittany Petty in the long jump with a leap of 16-0.50.

Eldred finished second behind Lockhart in both hurdles events.

The medal stand was Janda's home-away-from-home for much of Tuesday as she raced to first-place showings in the 400- and 800-meter events along with anchoring the Rocks' gold medal 1,600-meter relay foursome.

"Allison also had an excellent split for our 3,200-meter relay team," Montgomery said.

Salem's other first-place indi-

vidual efforts were turned in by Allie Vraniak (9-6 in the pole vault) and Hannah Cavicchio (12:01 in the 3,200-meter run).

Ashley McClellan was a double-winner for the Chiefs, notching wins in the shot put (27-9.75) and discus (89-8). Canton's Becky McCormack won the 1,600-meter run in 5:35.8.

Among those shining for Plymouth were Stephanie Okolo, who won the long jump in 16-1.50 and 200-meter dash in 27.4. She also finished second in the 100-meter dash (12.8). The Wildcats' other first-place performer was Brittany Petty, who turned in a golden effort in the high jump (5-0).

The Chiefs broke the tape first in three of the four relays.

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Late comeback sparks Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem senior right fielder Bill Leddy has launched his share of majestic, eye-opening hits over the course of his high school career.

But none of Leddy's tape-measure shots were any bigger than the seeing-eye single he punched through a drawn-in infield to give the Rocks a come-from-behind 8-7 victory over visiting Westland John Glenn Monday afternoon.

PREP BASEBALL

Salem, which trailed 7-1 in the bottom of the sixth, improved to 4-6 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. The Rockets dropped to 2-6 and 0-2, respectively.

Trailing 7-4 in the bottom of the seventh, the Rocks' first four hitters - Josh Ritter, Dan Cassidy,

PLEASE SEE **BASEBALL, B4**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Rachel Wade has been a steady, four-year contributor to the Canton softball team. Her diamond talent has earned the smooth-fielding, hard-hitting second baseman a scholarship to Ferris State University.

College softball is next step for Canton's Wade

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Richard Wade had a unique idea eight years ago when his then-10-year-old softball-playing daughter, Rachel, decided to try hitting left-handed on a full-time basis.

Instead of taking Rachel to the batting cages every day to sharpen her new swing, Richard Wade decided to bring the batting cages to Rachel.

"My dad put a tarp, a mattress and a batting tee down our basement and I practiced hitting down there," recalled Rachel Wade, Canton's four-year letter-winning second

baseman. "I wasn't a very good hitter when I was young, but thanks to taking a lot of swings down my basement, I slowly got better."

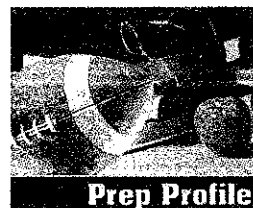
"Everything is still down there and I still use it at least 20 minutes a day to work on my swing."

Richard Wade's investment in the tarp, mattress and tee has paid huge dividends for

Rachel, whose sweet swing and golden glove have earned her an athletic scholarship to play softball at Ferris State University beginning next fall.

"Rachel is one of our best slap

PLEASE SEE **WADE, B4**



Prep Profile

GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 206
SALEM 213
April 24 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner, 41; Ashley Bint, 50; Sarah Walls, 53; Lexi McFarlane, 62; Amand Dobos and Danielle Lesniak, 64 each.
Salem scorers: Ashley Smith, 40 (medalist); Alyssa Mastic, 51; Kate Rzetelny, 56; Emily Patton, 66; Crystal English, 74; Amanda Barnett, 86.
Churchill's dual meet record: 2-1 overall, 2-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 194
PLYMOUTH 219
April 25 at Fox Creek
Stevenson scorers: Chelsea Bathurst, 45 (medalist); Abbey Wolfe, 46; Priyanka Joshi, 53; Chrissy McHenry, 54; Lauren Geiger and Julie Francisco, 63 each.
Plymouth scorers: Liz Anderson and Patricia Burns, 53 each; Amanda Kerr, 55; Elaine Lafayette, 58; Madeline Salvaggio, 67; Melissa Miller, 73.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 3-0 overall, 2-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; Plymouth, 2-2 overall.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 27
Southfield Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 28
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.
Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
Milan at Salem (DHS), 10 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 27
Plymouth at Ann Arbor Huron, 4 p.m.
PCA at Huron Valley Lutheran, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 28
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
Plymouth at Saline Tournament, TBA
Canton at Chelsea Invitational, 9 a.m.
BOYS TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, April 27
Northville at Plymouth
at PCEP JV track, 3:45 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Salem, 5:30 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 28
Salem at J.D. Immercraft Invite, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
Salem, Canton at Holly 9/10 Relays
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, April 27
Plymouth at Northville, 3:45 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Northern, 3:30 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 28
Salem at J.D. Immercraft Invite, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
Plymouth, Canton at Livonia Stevenson Invite, 9 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Friday, April 28
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Canton at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
Canton at Novi Tournament, TBA
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 24
Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 28
Ann Arbor Pioneer at Canton, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Friday, April 28
Salem at W.L. Northern, 3 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Thursday, April 27
PCS at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all doubleheaders)
Saturday, April 29
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Ilitch Ballpark, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 30
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all doubleheaders)
Friday, April 28
Madonna vs. Huntington College (Ind.) at Ladywood H.S., 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.
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Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.

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Late-starting Chiefs tie Chargers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

By the time the Canton girls soccer team found its groove Monday night against Livonia Churchill, it was too late to pull out a victory.

Stymied by the Chargers' physical style of play, the Chiefs had to settle for a 2-2 tie in the Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over match played at Churchill. Canton, which is ranked 10th in the latest Division 1 Coaches Association poll, is now 4-2-1 while Churchill stands at 4-0-3.

"They disrupted us most of the game and we didn't really find our rhythm until the last 20 minutes or so," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "We turned up the offensive pressure at the end of the game, but we couldn't finish."

"Our goalie, Kelsey Bailey, played outstanding with seven saves. Kelsey Zemanski and Emily Baracy also played well for us."

Churchill scored first on Hannah Otto's goal mid-way through the first half. Canton took a 2-1 lead into the half thanks to goals from Ali Lindow and Laura Daniels. Both Canton goals were assisted by Becci Houdek.

Otto accounted for the game's final score with an unassisted goal four minutes into the second half.

Stephanie Turner played well in net for the Chiefs.

W.L. NORTHERN 4, SALEM 0: Highlights were few for the Rocks, who were playing their first post-Spring Break game.

"We just didn't play well — we were very lethargic for some reason," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Northern won just about all of the 50/50's and it looked like they wanted it more than us."

"The only positive was the return of Kristin March and Andrea Gasparotto, who were coming back from injuries. I thought they both played well and it was nice to have them back."

STEVENSON 5, PLYMOUTH 0: Alana Lavery and Kate Howe tallied two goals apiece Monday, lifting Livonia Stevenson (6-1-2) to a WLAA crossover victory over the Wildcats.

Alley King also scored for the Spartans, who led 3-0 at intermission. Assists went to Howe, Kat Griffith, Victoria Slavin and Amber Sharp.

"Alana (Lavery) was 'on' tonight, maybe her best game of the season," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "Ally King also played well in the middle."

"I'm played the way we came out tonight. It was a good way to start the second half of the season. We came out motivated and on a mission. By half-time we had restored our confidence after the Northville game (a 5-2 loss on April 12)."

Shaina O'Connor and Brittany Vella combined on the shutout in goal for the Spartans.

"Plymouth's goalkeeper Brittany Warner is easily one of the best in the conference, but all five of our goals were good goals and well-placed," Pinta said.

PCA kickers thump Oakland, 3-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The balance of power in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference girls soccer standings shifted dramatically Tuesday afternoon following Plymouth Christian Academy's 3-0 victory over Oakland Christian.

The win — PCA's first-ever against Oakland — improved the Eagles' record to 5-0 overall and 5-0 in the MIAC. The Lancers, who received honorable-mention recognition in the most recent Division 4 state rankings, dropped to 2-2 and 2-1, respectively.

"After the first couple of minutes, our girls just dominated the game," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "The play was at our end of the field for most of the game."

Lauren Beckett scored the game's all-important first goal when she secured a pass from Abby Lorion and booted the ball into the corner of the net.

"Scoring first was extremely important, especially because we had never beaten Oakland before," said Bob Lorion.

Abby Lorion gave the Eagles a 2-0 cushion with 26:44 left in the game when she converted a shot from just inside the 18-yard box after taking a pass from Peggy Abraham.

Meghan Polera added an insurance goal with 1:54 left. She was assisted by Karen Cleary.

PCA goalie Sara Ross stopped the only shot that managed to get through the Eagles' air-tight defense.

"Defender Jalese Debiassi played a great game for us," said Lorion. "Her job was to mark their top scorer and Jalese really shut the girl down."

The Eagles' schedule doesn't get much easier as their next contest is slated for Monday against Birmingham Roeper at Birmingham Groves High School. Roeper was ranked 10th in the latest Division 4 coaches poll — a list that may include PCA if it can manage to win one more big game.

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BOLGER/MANGAN RESULTS

BOLGER/MANGAN MEMORIAL TRACK & FIELD MEET Tuesday at P-CEP Varsity Stadium BOYS RESULTS

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 80; 2. Plymouth, 65; 3. Salem, 30.

Discus: 1. Steve Paye (C), 147-4; 2. Joe Zugaj (C), 130-2; 3. Gerald Lou (P), 122-10; 4. Josh Le Duc (P), 120-10.

Shot put: 1. Ryan Jonik (C), 45-9; 2. Shaun Bailey (P), 44-4.25; 3. Wardell Fuqua (C), 42-11.75; 4. Steve Paye (C), 42-5.

Pole vault: 1. Ryan Langdon (C), 12-0; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 12-0; 3. Nate Sherwood (P), 11-6; 4. J.P. Truesdell (S), 10-6.

Long jump: 1. D.J. Coleman (P), 20-11.25; 2. Okemdi Oparaeke (C), 19-9.50; 3. Josh Butler (C), 19-4.75; 4. LaBroderick Caldwell (P), 19-2.25.

High jump: 1. Eric Thornton (C), 6-5; 2. Cameron Scharchburg (P), 5-10; 3. Andy Rossow (C), 5-8; 4. Steve Paye (C), 5-8.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Kyle Wallath, Justin Huey, Anthony Scaparo, Sean Dillon), 8:36.7; 2. Canton (Ryan Dugan, Josh Hurst, Phaltiel Whitlock, Eric Zech), 8:45.3.

110 hurdles: 1. Baze Efremov (S), 15.3; 2. Nate Gholston (P), 15.5; 3. Nick Plescia (P), 16.7; 4. Cameron Scharchburg (P), 17.1.

100 dash: 1. (tie) D.J. Coleman (P) and Eric Piowowar (C), 11.0; 3. Dalton Walser (C), 11.3; 4. LaBroderick Caldwell (P), 11.5.

800 relay: 1. Canton (Eric Piowowar, Dalton Walser, Andy Rossow, Cyrus Azizi), 1:33.0; 2. Plymouth, 1:34.5.

1,600 run: 1. Jimmy Walsh (S), 4:45.7; 2. Dan Kapadia (S), 4:48.9; 3. Alex Lumley (S), 4:49.4; 4. Matt Lewandowski (P), 5:00.

400 relay: 1. Canton (Eric Piowowar, Dalton Walser, Jordan Raiford, Ocie Lewis), 45.9; 2. Salem, 47.1.

400 dash: 1. Cyrus Azizi (C), 52.8; 2. Andy Rossow (C), 53.6; 3. Andrew Manuel (C), 53.7; 4. Josh Le Duc (P), 54.20.

300 hurdles: 1. Nate Gholston (P), 41.90; 2. Baze Efremov (S), 42.0; 3. Nick Plescia (P), 43.8; 4. Pete Boucher (C), 44.3.

800 run: 1. Sean Dillon (P), 2:04.3; 2. Cyrus Azizi (C), 2:04.6; 3. Phaltiel Whitlock (C), 2:06.1; 4. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:08.1.

200 dash: 1. Eric Piowowar (C), 22.7; 2. D.J. Coleman (P), 22.8; 3. Rico Tyus (P), 23.0; 4. Dalton Walser (C), 23.4.

3,200 run: 1. Anthony Scaparo (P), 10:29.0; 2. Jimmy Walsh (S), 10:30.0; 3. Dan Kapadia (S), 10:37.0; 4. Pat Slavens (P), 10:38.0.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Andy Rossow, Phaltiel Whitlock, Andrew Manuel, Cyrus Azizi), 3:36; 2. Salem, 3:49.

GIRLS RESULTS

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 72.5; 2. Canton, 58; 3. Plymouth, 44.5.

Discus: 1. Ashley McClellan (C), 89-8; 2. Ashley White (S), 76-1; 3. Schulz (P), 74-8; 4. Samantha Oliver (S), 70-8.

Shot put: 1. Ashley McClellan (C), 27-9.75; 2. Alyssa Sciera (C), 27-1.25; 3. Samantha Oliver (S), 25-8.50; 4. Victoria Brotz (S), 24-7.

Pole vault: 1. Allie Vranjak (S), 9-6; 2. Katie Hale (P), 7-6; 3. Alexa Van Vleet (S), 7-0; 4. (tie) Julie Hersey (P) and Ambrose (P), 6-6.

Long jump: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 16-1.50; 2. Brittany Lockhart (S), 16-0.50; 3. Dana Eldred (S), 15-6; 4. Alexa Van Vleet (S), 14-7.50.

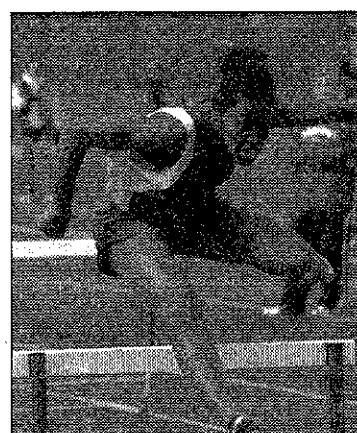
High jump: 1. Brittany Petty (P), 5-0; 2. Izabela Paszkowska (C), 4-11; 3. Shaakira Haywood (P), 4-9; 4. Megan Matheny (C), 4-9.

3,200 relay: 1. Canton, 10:25.4; 2. Salem, 10:38.1.



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Plymouth's Cam Scharchburg placed fourth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.1.



Salem's Brittany Lockhart won the 300-meter hurdles at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan Memorial Track & Field meet with a time of 46.1. She also captured the 100-meter hurdles crown with a clocking of 15.2.

100 hurdles: 1. Brittany Lockhart (S), 15.2; 2. Dana Eldred (S), 16.8; 3. (tie) Brittany Petty (P) and Katrina Cope (S), 18.1.

100 dash: 1. Brittany Lockhart (S), 12.5; 2. Stephanie Okolo (P), 12.8; 3. (tie) Toria Davis (C) and Oshia Lewis (C), 13.2.

800 relay: 1. Canton, 1:53; 2. Plymouth, 1:56.

1,600 run: 1. Becky McCormack (C), 5:35.8; 2. Pam Bhullar (P), 5:44.1; 3. Marisa Carpinelli (S), 5:44.9; 4. Hannah Cavicchio (S), 5:47.2.



Canton's Simone Joyner (left) takes the baton from Oshia Lewis during the 400-meter relay. The Chiefs placed first with a time of 52.8.

400 relay: 1. Canton, 52.8; 2. Plymouth, 53.4.

400 dash: 1. Allison Janda (S), 1:02.1; 2. Janet Hanchett (P), 1:04.2; 3. Kim Heaney (S), 1:04.7; 4. Jennifer Thomas (C), 1:04.8.

300 hurdles: 1. Brittany Lockhart (S), 46.1; 2. Dana Eldred (S), 51.7; 3. Izabela Paszkowska (C), 53.2; 4. Meghan Howard (C), 53.5.

800 run: 1. Allison Janda (S), 2:28.9; 2. Kelli

Bargowski (C), 2:30.1; 3. Jackie Beeler (P), 2:38.3; 4. Jennifer Thomas (C), 2:41.1.

200 dash: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 27.4; 2. Toria Davis (C), 28.1; 3. Linda Ling (S), 29.0; 4. Byers (C), 29.1.

3,200 run: 1. Hannah Cavicchio (S), 12:01; 2. Becky McCormack (C), 12:04; 3. Pam Bhullar (P), 12:09; 4. Molly Slavens (P), 13:06.

1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 4:23; 2. Canton, 4:29.

OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD LEADERS

**OBSERVERLAND TOP 10
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DISCUS

Steve Paye (Canton), 147-4
Robert Pennywitt (Redford Union), 135-7
Joe Zugaj (Canton), 133-7
Gerald Lou (Plymouth), 130-0
Matt Shileikis (Redford Union), 128-9
Derek Bradford (Plymouth), 119-11
Ryan Jonik (Canton), 113-5
Jeff Chapman (Canton), 109-11
Jim Crabill (Salem), 105-3

SHOT PUT

Matt Shileikis (Redford Union), 48-1
Joe Zugaj (Canton), 46-2.25
Ryan Jonik (Canton), 46-1
Shaun Bailey (Plymouth), 45-1.50
Mo Saiddi (Salem), 43-6
Wardell Fuqua (Canton), 42-11.75
Steve Paye (Canton), 42-7.75
Gerald Lou (Plymouth), 41-10
Robert Pennywitt (Redford Union), 38-1

HIGH JUMP

Eric Thornton (Canton), 6-5
Andy Rossow (Canton), 6-2
Cam Scharchburg (Plymouth), 6-0
Steve Paye (Canton), 5-9
Ryan Waldmann (Canton), 5-6
Rico Walker (Redford Union), 5-6
Jace Bearden (Salem), 5-6
Adam Kashoro (Salem), 5-6
Justin Floyd (Redford Union), 5-4

LONG JUMP

LaBroderick Caldwell (Plymouth), 20-9
D.J. Coleman (Plymouth), 20-7.50
Okemdi Oparaeke (Canton), 19-9.50
Josh Butler (Canton), 19-8.75
Dequan Williams (Redford Union), 19-7
Scott Dreaver (Salem), 19-3
Adam Somers (Canton), 19-2.50
Baze Efremov (Salem), 18-11
Mo Saiddi (Salem), 18-7
Eric Piowowar (Canton), 17-10.25

POLE VAULT

Ryan Langdon (Canton), 12-6
Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 12-0
Ben Ambrose (Plymouth), 12-0
Nate Sherwood (Plymouth), 12-0
Rob Lindman (Canton), 11-3
Jason Hyde (Salem), 11-0
J.P. Truesdell (Salem), 10-6
Brian Rakovitis (Canton), 10-0
Chris McGinnis (Canton), 10-0
Adam Kibner (Redford Union), 8-6

110 HURDLES

Nate Gholston (Plymouth), 15.43
Steven Brown (Redford Union), 15.5
Baze Efremov (Salem), 15.6
Tim Belcher (Canton), 16.6
Nick Plescia (Plymouth), 16.9

100-METER DASH

Jared Owens (Redford Union), 10.77
Eric Piowowar (Canton), 11.0
D.J. Coleman (Plymouth), 11.0
Dalton Walser (Canton), 11.3
Dequan Williams (Redford Union), 11.6
Ocie Lewis (Canton), 11.9
Adam Kashoro (Salem), 12.0

Mo Saiddi (Salem), 12.0

1,600-METER RUN

Jimmy Walsh (Salem), 4:48.5
Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth), 4:52.03
Eric Zech (Canton), 4:53.8
Brian Chambers (Garden City), 4:54
Alex Lumley (Salem), 4:55.0
Dan Kapadia (Salem), 4:56.5
Josh Hurst (Canton), 4:58.3
Patrick Slavens (Plymouth), 5:02.03
Ryan Dugan (Canton), 5:07.1
Jeremy Moliner (Canton), 5:09.0

300-METER HURDLES

Steven Brown (Redford Union), 41.5
Nate Gholston (Plymouth), 41.9
Tim Belcher (Canton), 43.0
Cyrus Azizi (Canton), 43.1
Baze Efremov (Salem), 43.8
Nick Plescia (Plymouth), 43.8
Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 44.2
Pete Boucher (Canton), 44.3
Bill Turner (Canton), 46.6

800-METER RUN

Cyrus Azizi (Canton), 2:00.2
Phaltiel Whitlock (Canton), 2:02.5
Sean Dillon (Plymouth), 2:04.3
Kyle Wallath (Plymouth), 2:05.5
Alex Lumley (Salem), 2:11.0
Scott Zech (Canton), 2:11.3
Jimmy Walsh (Salem), 2:15.0

200-METER DASH

Jared Owens (Redford Union), 22.6
Eric Piowowar (Canton), 22.7
D.J. Coleman (Plymouth), 22.8
Rico Tyus (Plymouth), 23.0
Dalton Walser (Canton), 23.4
Andrew Manuel (Canton), 23.7
Andy Rossow (Canton), 24.1
Yourrye Wilson (Redford Union), 24.6
Dezmond Latham (Redford Union), 24.7
Stephen Telenko (Salem), 25.1

3,200-METER RUN

Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth), 10:29.0
Jimmy Walsh (Salem), 10:30.0
Dan Kapadia (Salem), 10:37.0
Charles Wolfe (Canton), 10:37.50
Pat Slavens (Plymouth), 10:38.0
Duncan Spitz (Canton), 10:48.7
Kyle Clinton (Canton), 11:03.7

400-METER RELAY

Plymouth, 44.22
Canton, 45.0
Redford Union, 45.2
Salem, 47.5

800-METER RELAY

Canton, 1:32.8
Plymouth, 1:34.0
Redford Union, 1:39.5
Salem, 1:39.8

1,600-METER RELAY

Canton, 3:29.2
Redford Union, 3:33.2
Plymouth, 3:39.0
Salem, 3:55.3

3,200-METER RELAY

Plymouth, 8:29.6
Canton, 8:33.5
Salem, 9:15.7

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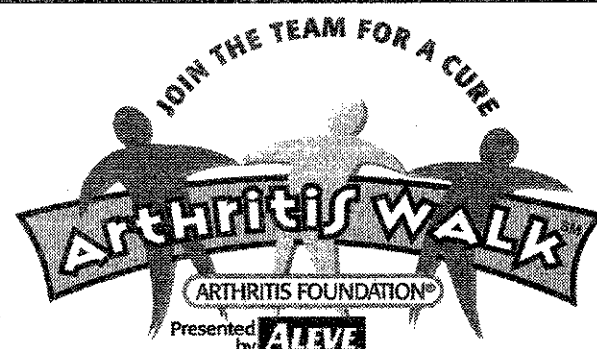
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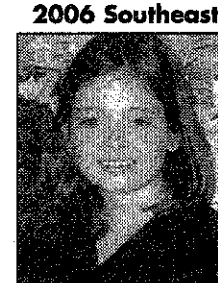
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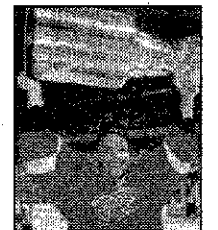
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BASEBALL

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Dana Lorber and Kevin Weingrot – strung together singles to cut the deficit to 7-6. With one out, senior second baseman Kyle Kelly tied the game with a single.

After Joe Maltese was intentionally walked to load the bases, Leddy followed with a soft, shoulder-high line drive that barely eluded the outstretched glove of John Glenn shortstop Nathan Lopez.

"I was surprised they intentionally walked somebody to get to Bill," said Salem coach

Dale Rumberger. "He's a great senior leader and our best hitter. He hit over .600 during our trip to Cincinnati over spring break. Bill's the one I wanted to hit in that situation."

"If we would have played better defensively earlier in the game, we wouldn't have needed the comeback to begin with. I thought (Salem starting pitcher) Josh Ritter pitched a good game. He just didn't get a lot of help behind him."

Cassidy earned the mound victory for Salem after working a near-perfect seventh in relief of Ritter, who yielded just five hits in six innings. Ritter struck out five without walking a batter.

Jerry Smith took the loss after giving up four hits and the intentional walk in just one-third of an inning. John Glenn starting pitcher Shawn Dunford sparked over the first five innings, yielding just one hit and an unearned run while striking out five.

"Salem is a very tough team that kept fighting the entire game," Glenn coach Matt Howton said. "I give them a lot of credit."

The Rockets struck first when Lopez, who had doubled and advanced to third on a passed ball, scored on Ryan Sharpe's ground-out. They extended their lead to 4-0 in the third when Smith laced a two-run triple before scoring on Jeff Girgen's sacrifice fly.

Salem made it 4-1 in its half of the third when Mike Marek scored on Brad Way's groundout.

John Glenn tallied three runs in the top of the sixth on an error and Sharpe's towering two-run home run to left field.

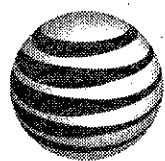
The Rocks' comeback was ignited in the bottom of the sixth when Weingrot unleashed a two-run shot over the left-center field fence. Marek then doubled, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on Kelly's sacrifice fly.

Weingrot finished 2-for-4 with four RBI. Kelly was 2-for-3 with a pair of singles.

Smith went 2-for-4 with a triple and two runs scored for John Glenn.

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WADE

FROM PAGE B1

hitters, and she can hit with power," said Canton coach Jim Arnold, who inserted Wade into the Chiefs' starting line-up at the beginning of her freshman season. "She has exceptional speed, too, and she has a great glove. Once she learned the footwork that was required to play second, it came instantly for her."

"Rachel is an outstanding captain for our team. She keeps everybody loose with her sense of humor, but she's very focused as well. She's been a valuable asset to the Canton softball program over the past four years."

GLOVE STORY

Wade, who carried a career batting average of close to .400 into this season, said the toughest adjustment she had to make her ninth-grade year was moving from the outfield to second base.

"I had played outfield my whole life before I got to Canton," Wade said. "When the ball would get by me in the outfield, I'd chase it all the way to the fence. Well, the first game I played second base for Canton, a ball got by me and I chased it all the way to the fence. It didn't take me very long to learn that I wasn't supposed to do that any more."

The Chiefs will be counting on Wade's power stroke more than ever this season as Arnold moved her from the second slot in the batting order down to the run-producing No. 3 spot.

"Rachel is so smart that I let her decide whether or not to bunt, slap or hit away," said Arnold. "She's great at looking at the way the defense is aligned and making the right decision."

Wade said the highlight of her high school career was playing on last year's highly ranked squad, which won its first 30 games. This year's team is well on its way to a similar start after carving out a 5-0 mark through Monday.

"I think we're going to do well again this year," said Wade. "We lost some really good players, but we have a lot of good ones back, too."

EASY CHOICE

Along with Ferris State, Wade was recruited by several other colleges, including the University of Wisconsin.

"I even got a letter from Notre Dame," she said, smiling. "I'm going to keep that envelope forever."

"I visited Wisconsin, but it was too big for me, plus I wanted to stay closer to home. I liked everything about Ferris right away. It's the perfect size for me."

Wade, who has built a solid 3.0 grade-point average at Canton, said she was drawn to Ferris by the potential for instant playing time and by the fact that the school has a strong program in neonatal nursing, a career she would like to pursue after college.

"The coach told me that freshmen have an opportunity to play right away just like everybody else on the team," she said. "They said if I work hard, I could play a lot my first year."

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Strong pitching leads Canton past Pats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton senior pitcher Shawn Little was A-OK Monday afternoon — with an emphasis on the “K.”

The strong-armed right-hander struck out 13 Patriots in the Chiefs' 6-4 road victory. Little, now 3-1, yielded eight hits and three earned runs to help improve the Chiefs' record to 7-4 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

“Shawn threw very well again today,” said Canton coach Scott Dickey. “His off-speed stuff was really working. He walked five, but they didn't really hurt him because four of them came with two outs.”

Canton's offensive attack was paced by senior shortstop Justin Latin (2-for-5, two RBI), senior catcher Tarik Khasawneh (2-for-3, two RBI) and junior third baseman Jon Puskar (2-for-4, 2 runs scored).

PREP BASEBALL

D.J. Tracy led Franklin with two hits and a pair of RBI. Drew Thompson chipped in with a pair of safeties, including a run-scoring double.

Joe Horning worked the first 4.2 innings and took the mound loss for Franklin.

Canton never trailed after scoring a pair of first-inning runs on RBI singles by Khasawneh and Kyle Gring.

“Offensively, I thought we executed very well today,” said Dickey. “As in games earlier this season, we didn't take advantage of opportunities to break open the game, but it didn't hurt us. We executed a suicide squeeze and we had three or four sacrifice bunts, so we handled the bat well.”

PLYMOUTH 3, WAYNE MEMORIAL 2: Plymouth's Bryan Stotz outduelled the Zebras' Justin Collop in a game that was scoreless until the seventh inning.

The Wildcats (6-6) broke the ice with three runs in the top of the inning when Ronnie Goble and Matt Barrera singled and scored on Garrett Rebain's one-out, two-strike triple up the right-center field gap. T.J. Downey singled Rebain home with the eventual game-winner.

The host Zebras (1-7) mounted a serious rally in their half of the seventh when they strung together a single and three walks to make it 3-2. However, Stotz got out of the jam when Drew Kaleto lined out to center field and the next batter popped out to second base.

“This was a fantastic high school pitchers' dual from two top pitchers in the WLAA,” said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. “Bryan Stotz did an outstanding job of matching a very good pitcher in Justin Collop. We had a game plan to try and take pitches early in the game to see if we could get Collop tired by the late innings. Our assistant coach, Ben Kosmalski, was

instrumental in putting this plan together and — fortunately for us — it worked out today.

“This was a big win for us after a disappointing weekend at the Milan tournament. I feel for Wayne. I was talking with coach Garcia before the game and he mentioned that they have lost five one-run games already this year. I'm sure the pendulum will swing the other way soon for their team.”

BELLEVILLE 9, PLYMOUTH 5: On Saturday in the opening game of the Milan Invitational, the Tigers' Jeff Price rocked a walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning to seal the victory. Alex Harvey suffered the pitching loss for the Wildcats after throwing six strong innings. Nate McManus yielded Price's game-winning blast.

“This was a tough loss,” said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams, whose team led 5-4 heading into the bottom of the seventh. “We had a chance to slam the door, but just couldn't make

some routine plays and get the ball over the plate in the bottom of the seventh.”

Josh Sparkman earned the pitching victory for Belleville.

Plymouth, which outthit Belleville 8-6, received two hits each from Harvey, Matt Barrera and Ronnie Goble. Phil Sullens was the lone Tiger with two hits.

Belleville led 3-0 until Plymouth knotted the contest with a single run in the fourth and two in the fifth. After the Tigers grabbed a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the sixth, Plymouth rallied with two in the top of the seventh.

GRANDVILLE 12, PLYMOUTH 1: Grandville's Ryan Lind tossed a one-hitter at the Wildcats, who hurt their cause by committing seven errors. Brandon Winowiecki took the loss for Plymouth, which dropped to 5-6.

“I was not pleased with our defensive effort in this game,” said Adams, “but you have to take your hat off to Grandville.

They were one of the best defensive high school teams I have seen in a long time. It was a good experience to face an opponent of that caliber. It helps us see where we need to go as a team.”

Grandville (8-0) was paced offensively by Bobby Poll (three hits) and Sam Russell, who drilled a home run.

B'HAM BROTHER RICE 7-16, CANTON 4-5: The Chiefs dropped the opener despite solid pitching from junior righthander Caleb Lerner (5.3 innings pitched, eight hits, five earned runs) and junior southpaw Kyle Gring.

Canton led 4-3 before the Warriors jacked a pair of late home runs. Chris Woudstra, Tarik Khasawneh, Justin Latin, Shawn Little and Jon Puskar accounted for the Chiefs' five hits. In the nightcap, the Warriors scored 12 runs in the first inning and three more in the second. Little went 3-for-3 and Corey Lewis contributed an RBI double for the Chiefs.

Cats' Ostrowski tosses second no-hitter

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Based on her performance Monday afternoon against Wayne Memorial, Plymouth junior pitcher Claire Ostrowski did not lose her edge over Spring Break last week.

The junior flame-thrower tossed her second no-hitter of the season Monday in the Wildcats' 8-0 trouncing of visiting Wayne Memorial.

Ostrowski, who now has four no-hitters over the past two seasons, struck out 11 Zebras and walked just two.

“Claire was definitely on the top of her game again today,” said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. “She seems to be accelerating and getting better every time she goes out there. She sets high expectations for herself and challenges herself every game. She's fun to watch.”

Ostrowski received the only offensive support she would need when the Wildcats scored a single run in the first. Plymouth (6-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division) tacked on four insurance runs in the fourth and three more in the fifth.

Abby Monit took the loss for the Zebras, surrendering 12 Plymouth hits — four of which came off the bat of freshman second baseman Beth Heldmeyer, who contributed two RBI and three stolen bases. Madison Dresser (3-for-4), Ostrowski (2-for-4, triple), Erin Rodes (RBI double) and Kim Klonowski (double) also swung the bat well for the winners.

“Kim would have had a lot more hits, but they put their outfielders back on the warning track when she hit,” said Canfield.

Canfield said Heldmeyer made a spectacular play in the top of the first to make it possible for the no-hitter.

CANTON 12, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 4: The Chiefs (5-0, 2-0) exploded for nine runs in the bottom of the first inning before coasting to an easy victory over the Patriots (5-3, 0-2). Sarah Anthony earned the victory by throwing a complete-game five-hitter.

Anthony struck out one and walked two.

“It was nice to score nine in the first because we were able to get a lot of players an opportunity to get in there,” said Canton coach Jim Arnold. “We're hitting the ball very well so far.”

Led by Brittany Scero's 4-for-4 effort, the Chiefs banged out 16 hits. Anthony helped her own cause by going 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Rachel Wade also swung a hot bat, contributing three hits and two RBI.

Kim Topulewski suffered the mound setback for the Patriots.

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SALEM 8, JOHN GLENN 1: Melissa Leach hurled a complete-game five-hitter for the Rocks, who improved their record to 4-3 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA and 1-1 in the Lakes Division. Leach struck out 12 and walked just one.

The game was Salem's first since returning from a Spring Break trip to Florida.

“We got a lot accomplished on spring training,” said Salem

coach Bonnie Southerland.

“We just need to put it all together now. I'm very confident with our pitching. Melissa Leach was right on today.”

The Rocks rebounded from a 1-0 deficit with two runs in the fourth, three in the fifth and three in the sixth. Christina got things rolling in the fourth when she walked, advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on a double off the bat of Abby Pairitz. Deonna Szawara followed with an RBI double to give Salem a lead it would never relinquish.

Kait McKinley led off the fifth with a double and Emily Pitcole reached on an error, setting the table for Maureen Bohr, who laid down a perfect bunt that score both baserunners. An overthrow allowed Bohr to score on the same play and give Salem a 5-1 advantage.

The Salem sixth was highlighted by a two-run double by Pitcole. Courtney Davis then singled to bring home the Rocks' final run.

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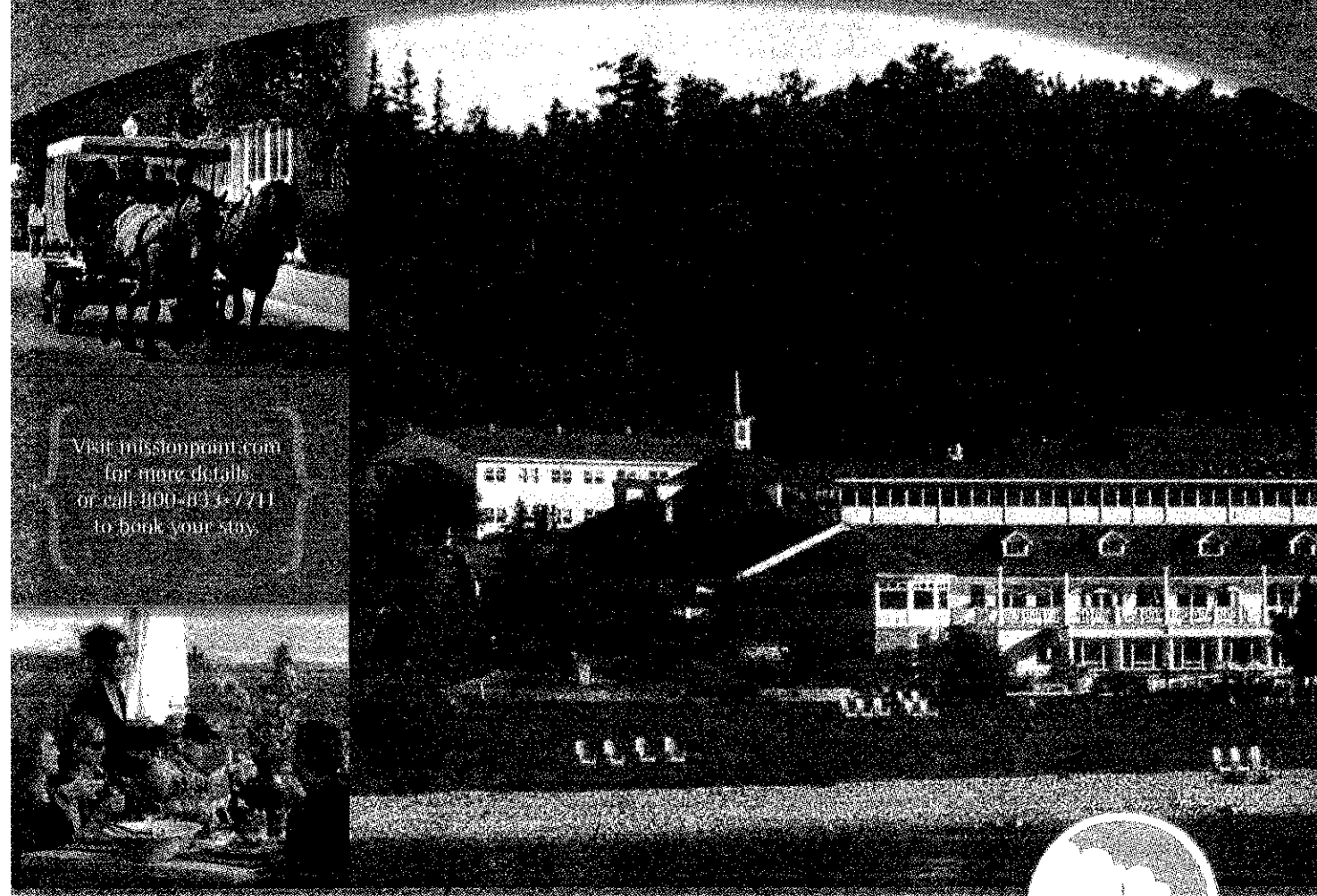
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Plymouth-Canton-Salem attacker Johnny Groat, pictured above in a game earlier this season, had a big game in the Warriors' victory over Walled Lake Unified Monday afternoon.

Warriors still perfect after 20-3 victory

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team continued its season-long roll Monday afternoon with a 20-3 shellacking of Walled Lake Unified. The victory improved the Warriors' record to 6-0. Walled Lake dropped to 0-7 with the setback.

Jeff Ruark and Mitch French both had big games for the winners, netting four goals each. French also added two assists while Ruark added a single helper.

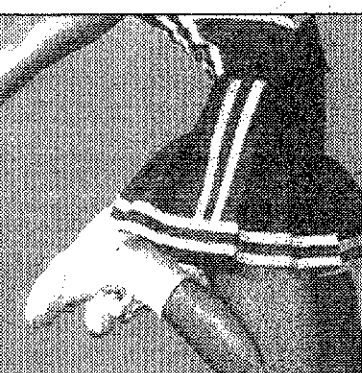
Other goal-scorers for PCS were Johnny Groat (three), Ray Gilmore (two), John Savino

(two), Josh Shifferd (two), Alex Caryl (two) and Joey Underwood. Notching assists were Savino (three), Underwood, Nick Cote, Shifferd, Ryan Gubert, Nick Thompson and Devin Murphy.

The Warriors led 5-1 after one quarter, 16-1 at the half and 18-3 with 12 minutes left. PCS outshot Walled Lake, 43-13, and won 20-of-26 face-offs.

The Warriors return to action Thursday when they travel to Ann Arbor Pioneer to take on the Pioneers in a match set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

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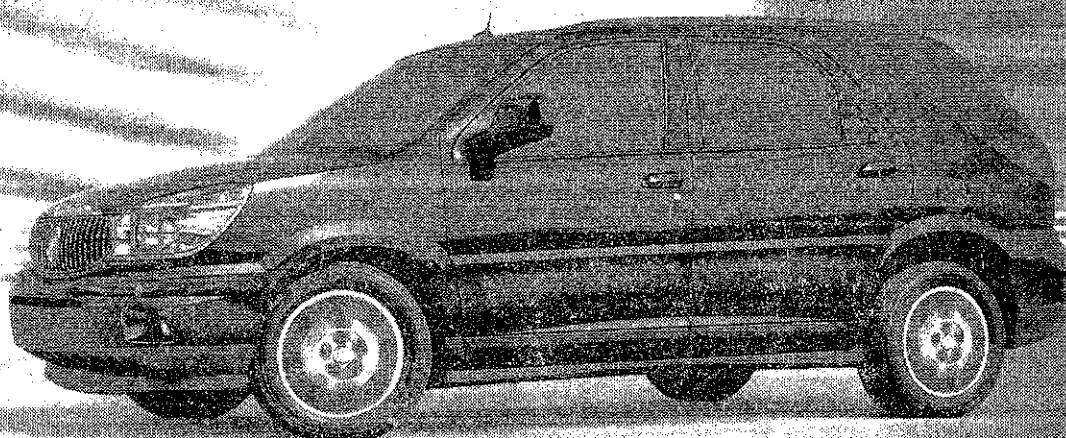
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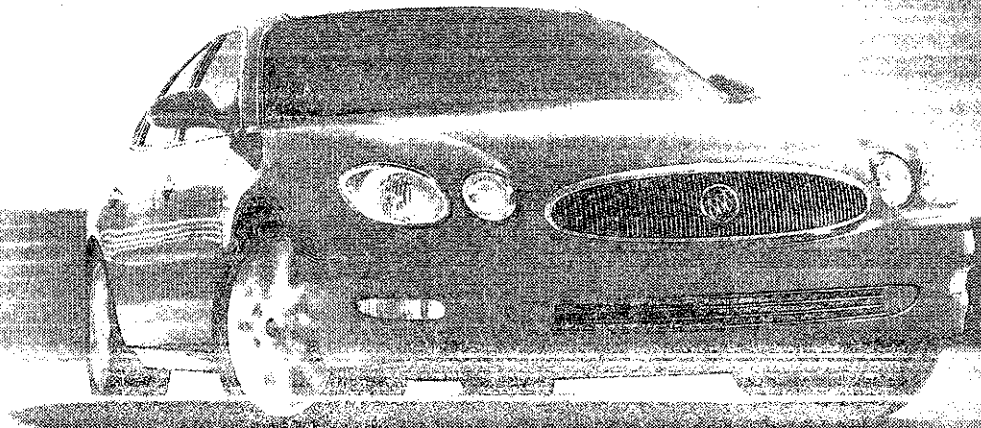
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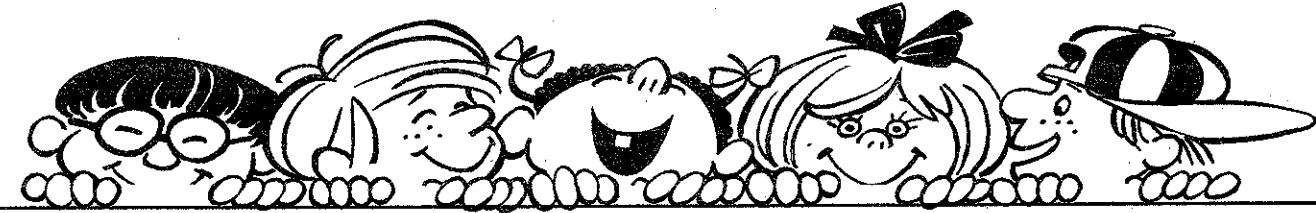
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MU hitters split two doubleheaders

Madonna University's baseball team split a pair of week-end doubleheaders with Aquinas, on Saturday at home and on Sunday in Grand Rapids.

After winning 11-4 in Saturday's opener, a victory featuring home runs by Jason Barbeau (2-for-4, three RBI) and Manny Alvarado (1-for-2, two RBI), the Crusaders were nipped 13-11 in a slugfest.

Aquinas scored eight runs in the fourth to seemingly break the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tilt open. But the Crusaders chipped away at that big lead and made things interesting with four runs in the eighth and two more in the ninth.

MU actually came very close to a dramatic come-from-behind victory. A pinch-hit grand slam attempt by John McCracken and a potential game tying blast by Todd Kalmbach both fell just short.

For the Crusaders, Ben Ramsey led the attack with three hits in four at bats and his 10th and 11th home runs of the season. Alvarado collected three hits and two RBI.

Aquinas' hitting attack featured a five-for-six day by third baseman Ryan Bertoia and the second homer of the doubleheader for catcher Matt

Spitzley.

On Sunday, it was a similar formula. Madonna won the five-inning opener 13-3, sparked by a seven-run first inning and pitcher Greg Spanel's complete game effort. Barbeau homered again, Canton's Kevin Entsminger went 2-for-3 with two RBI and Todd Kalmbach went 2-for-3 with three RBI.

But the Saints bounced back, just as they did the previous day in Livonia, this time scoring twice in the bottom of the ninth to seize a 6-5 triumph. A double by Matt Soergel proved to be the difference as Aquinas improved to 23-16 overall and 6-6 in the WHAC.

Three players had two hits each for the Crusaders (24-18-1, 10-2), including Tony Luttmann (Farmington), Dave Herrick (Livonia Churchill) and Kyle Fedorka.

Meanwhile, a scheduling conflict with visiting Ohio Dominican forced the cancellation of Wednesday's non-conference doubleheader. The game will not be made up.

The Crusaders will be back in action Saturday when they host Indiana Tech in a pair of pivotal WHAC games with MU's magic number for their second straight outright conference title at two games.

MU softball team drops four straight

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The weather Saturday mirrored what is going on with the Madonna University softball team.

Riding a wave of success in recent weeks, the Crusaders entered the doubleheader with Cornerstone at Madonna University Field seemingly doing no wrong - with a 28-5 record and widespread publicity about what is becoming a record-breaking season.

On Saturday, a warm, sunny afternoon turned cool and damp by the time it was over and the Crusaders also lost that warm feeling, dropping both games of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference twinbill, 5-2 and 1-0.

"Maybe the girls were too pumped up," lamented Madonna head coach Al White about how his team seemed to make more mental mistakes than usual. "That's what I told them in the (post-game) huddle. We have to focus on every pitch, every inning."

Examples of those mental miscues referred to by White included a baserunner getting tagged out trying to take an extra base after she was sacrificed to second and a batter being overly anxious at the plate in the seventh against Golden Eagles pitcher Leah Gruppen (who pitched back-to-back complete-game victories).

Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the seventh, sophomore Lynzee Smith (Garden City) ripped a line-drive single to left. But instead of making Gruppen work in hopes of building on the Smith hit, the next batter (freshman Danielle Richardson) swung at the first offering and hit a lazy fly ball to left field.

Senior Stacey Sexsmith then singled, sending Smith to third, but Gruppen retired the next two batters to clinch her eighth-hit shutout and improve to 20-10 on the season.

There was another wasted opportunity in the sixth. The Crusaders had runners at first and third after singles from sophomore Heather Richardson (Canton) and senior Erin Brockert. But White sent up sophomore Christina Finch to pinch-hit for freshman Mary Kate Setta - who had singled in her previous at bat - and Finch fanned. Gruppen then got sophomore Livonia Ladywood alum Stephanie Day to line out to second.

"I was looking for a fly ball," said White, about his decision to pinch hit for Setta. "Finch is a power hitter, more so than Setta."

The inability to score spoiled an outstanding effort from Madonna junior pitcher

Shannon Noder, who went the distance, giving up just five hits and striking out seven. It was her first loss in seven decisions, but White emphasized that she deserved a better fate.

"She pitched a great game, the girl deserved more than what we gave her," he said. "We're struggling to score runs right now. We have been for about two weeks."

For the Crusaders, who dropped to 28-7 overall and 8-5 in the WHAC, the biggest hit of the game was a triple to right-center by Day in the second. She was stranded there when Smith smashed a one-hopper to Cornerstone third baseman Lauren Jones, who threw across the diamond for the third out of the inning.

All of the other MU hits were singles, delivered by seven different batters. For Cornerstone (20-16, 10-6), junior Abby Benthem went 2-for-4 and senior Emily Knudson went 2-for-2.

Cornerstone scored in the second when Gruppen walked and circled the bases on a double to right by senior Barb Korpi.

In the first game, the Golden Eagles scored three runs in the seventh against Madonna pitcher Brockert (16-5) to break a 2-2 tie and go on to the 5-2 win.

Madonna freshman Heather Godfrey went 3-for-4 in the contest, while freshman Alison Grant and Smith each registered two hits.

Swept again

The Crusaders' offensive attack did not perk up Sunday in Indiana as White had hoped. The squad dropped its second doubleheader in two days when they lost 4-2 and 1-0 on Sunday to host Indiana Tech.

In the opener, Madonna managed just three hits, including doubles by Little, Danielle Richardson and a homer by Heather Richardson. But the Warriors scored two runs each in the fourth and fifth innings against Brockert (16-6).

Indiana Tech senior designated hitter Candy Couch doubled and tripled in three at bats, driving in two runs to spark the Warriors.

A pitching duel between MU's Noder and Indiana Tech senior Ashley Williams came down to the Warriors scoring a single run in the fourth on a base hit by junior Melanie Crandall.

Noder (6-2) went the distance, giving up just four hits and striking out seven as she deserved a better fate. The Crusaders collected five singles against Crandall, two from Brockert, but they couldn't effectively string them together.

The double defeat dropped Madonna's record to 28-9 overall and 8-7 in the WHAC.

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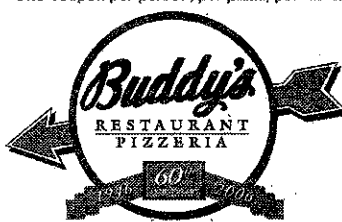
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

SIEDLACZEK LAUDED

Salem graduate Jamie Siedlaczek, currently a freshman golfer for the Lewis University golf team in Romeoville, Ill., recently was presented with the Brother David Delahanty Student Athlete Award in recognition of academic excellence.

Siedlaczek earned a gold medallion for having a cumulative grade-point average between 3.75 and 4.00.

The award is named in memory of Brother David Delahanty, Lewis University president from 1982-87 and an enthusiastic supporter of the school's athletics programs.

CHIEFS CAMP

The Canton Chiefs summer baseball camp still has a few openings. The camp will be held June 19-23 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Canton varsity baseball field. The cost of the camp is \$100.

Registration forms for the camp can be obtained at the Web site www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com or by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144.

PHS BENEFIT NIGHT

The Plymouth High School athletic department will be holding its "Benefit Night" Friday, May 19, at 9 p.m. at Boulders Restaurant & Lounge, which is located on Ann Arbor Rd. between Sheldon and Main streets. The cover charge will be \$6, with all proceeds being donated to PHS athletics.

The 70s classic country rock band "Whitewater" will be performing.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The Plymouth High School Volleyball Camp will be held July 24-26 in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. The camp will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

All female volleyball athletes in sixth through 10th grades are invited to attend.

The cost of the three-day camp is \$65.

For more information, contact Kelly McCausland at (734) 223-1737 or kmccausland019@yahoo.com.

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.

CANTON GOLF OUTING

The 4th Annual Canton Chiefs Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, June 10, beginning with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start at Fox Hills Classic course in Plymouth Township.

For more information on the event, call (734) 467-8148 or (734) 981-9385.

FOOTBALL COMBINE

The All-American Football Combine for high school players in grades 9-12 will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 14, at All-American Sportsplex in Auburn Hills.

Players will be tested in the 40-yard dash, vertical jump, bench press, 20-yard shuttle, 3-cone 'L' drill and various position drills. Participants will receive a full report of their scores and have the option to have them forwarded to college football programs.

For more information, call (248) 333-3929 or visit www.all-americanfootball.com.

WILDCAT BOOSTERS

The next Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club meeting will be held Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in room 401 of Plymouth High School.

All parents of current players and parents of incoming freshmen players are encouraged to attend the meeting.

YOUTH GOLF

Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center will serve as one of 105 national qualifying sites for the 2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt competition. The event, a free golf skills competition for kids between the ages of 7 and 14, will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at Fox Hills.

More than 35,000 youngster throughout the country are expected to compete in the DC&P. Winners from each local event will have the opportunity to compete in regional championships and possibly represent their hometowns at the national championship in October.

For more information, including a complete schedule and registration form, visit www.TheGolfChannel.com.

ANN ARBOR RUN

Online registration is open for the 33rd annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run, presented by Comerica Sunday, June 4.

The featured race is the RRCA Michigan Half-Marathon Championship. Other runs include 10K and 5K run and walks. All races follow picturesque Huron River Drive to the finish on Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor.

Runners can run the river, enjoy the post-race carnival atmosphere, then take the family a block down Main Street to sample the offerings of the Taste of Ann Arbor Festival. Proceeds benefit the Champions for Children Campaign, spearheading fund raising for the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

Honorary chair Tyrone Wheatley will walk the 5K in support of the fund. Complete information is available at www.dexterannarborrun.com.

TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 7
W.L. CENTRAL 1
Tuesday at W.L. Central

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Clay Bartlett, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2 singles: Pete Bartlett (S) def. Eric Hammon, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Blake Foster (S) def. Brad Yanalunas, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Jovan Acutt, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Dave Geick-Pawel Kargol (S) def. Casey Johnson-Mike Rivamonte, 6-4, 6-0; No. 2: Alex Poe-Jake Burnstein (S) def. Brian Hurd-Benji Dell, 6-4, 7-5; No. 3: Yoshi Hirabayashi-Brian Indianer (WLC) def. Cam Loftus-Kevin Steinman, 6-1, 6-7 (7), 5-7; No. 4: Steve Van Dusen-Matt Benson (S) def. Dan Friedman-Ilya Klayman, 7-5, 6-4.

SALEM 7
W.L. NORTHERN 1
Monday at Salem

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated San Hau, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Pete Bartlett (S) def. Will Farwell, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Blake Foster (S) def. Greg Watson, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Brad Thomas, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Pawel Kargol-Dave Geick (S) def. Andy Sanders-Matt Rolhoff, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Bob Bell/Tim Esper (WLN) def. Cam Loftus-Alex Poe, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Jake Burstein-Kevin Steinman (S) def. Kenny Harthun-Nick Seth, 6-1, 6-3; No. 4: Steve Van Dusen-Matt Benson (S) def. Jeff Brody-Nick Muraca, 6-2, 7-6(4).

LIVONIA STEVENSON 8
PLYMOUTH 0

Monday at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Chris McConnelly (LS) defeated Don Zhang, 6-4, 7-5; No. 2: Gino McConnelly (LS) def. Luc Lucaj, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Ricky Roman (LS) def. Dan Jeong, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Ian Petty (LS) def. Clint Korpalski, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Jay McConnell-Mike Horgan (LS) def. Dave Snyder-Brett Kavulich, 6-1, 6-4; No. 2: Chris Stojanov-Manesh Potluri (LS) def. Doug Eggleston-Kevin Welch, 7-5, 7-5; No. 3: Mike Carpenter-Yash Chauhan (LS) def. Anoop Gopal-Nick Mazzocco, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Wes Dwight-Dan Greco (LS) def. Erik Korpalski-Brad Yergenson, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.
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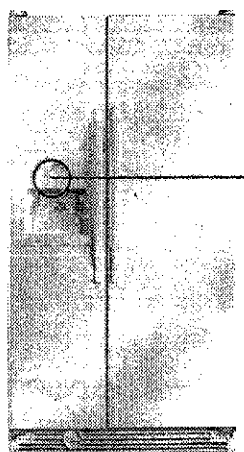
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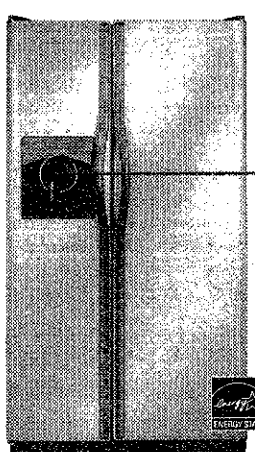


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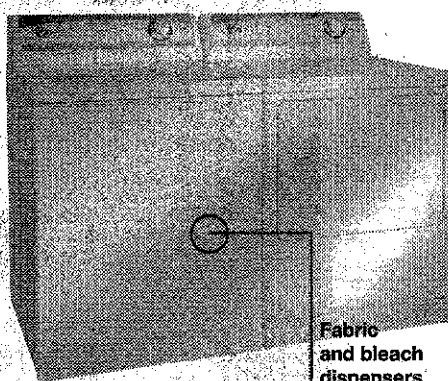


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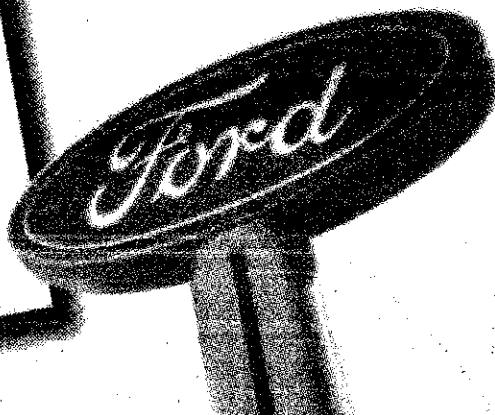
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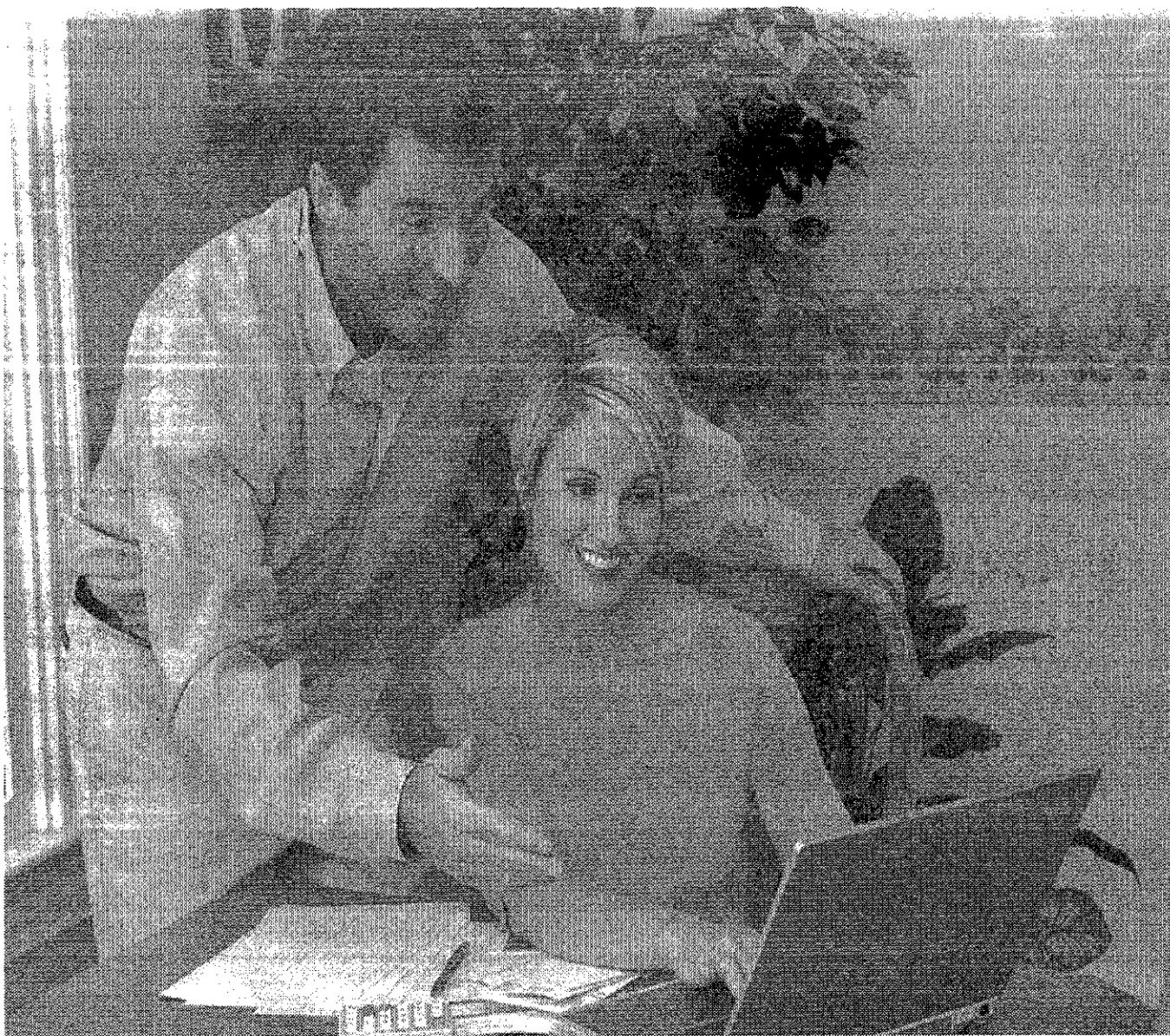
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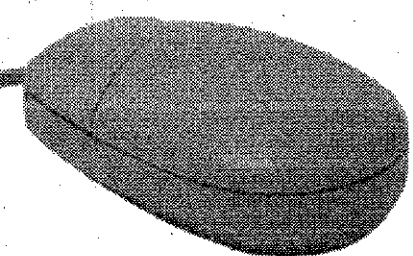
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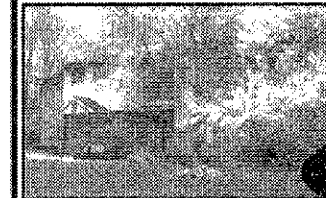


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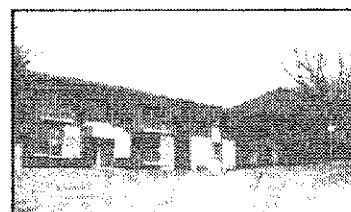
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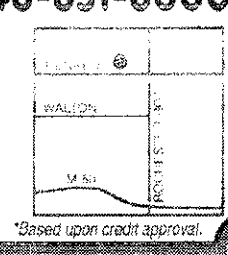
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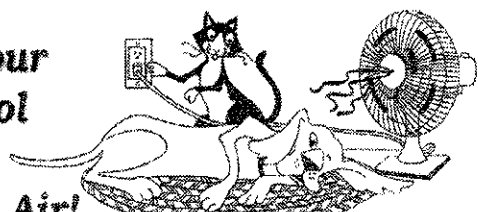
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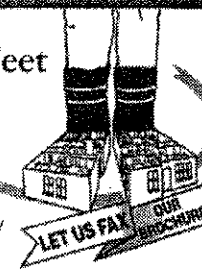
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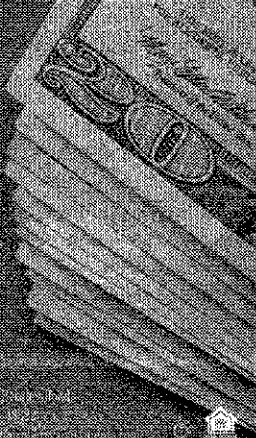
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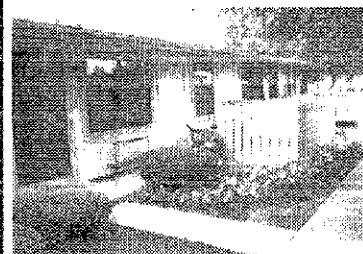
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WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

If you've been working, not job hunting, you may not know how to identify a company suited to you. The whole face of looking for a position has changed in the last 10 years, even the last five, observes Penny Morey. There's been a huge shift in how people look for work and how companies look for people. Based in Boca Raton, she established and serves as managing director of the Human Capital Services (staffing) area of CBIZ Inc., with offices in 38 states and \$4.027 million in revenues.

CULTURE
Susan Goldenberg, president of the privately-held St. Louis-based Ingenium Partners Inc., conducts general, broad-based retained executive search with four recruiters. She advises beginning by assessing a company's financial situation, strategy and growth strategy. But go deeper, obtaining answers to these questions:

- What is the company's culture?
 - Who will be qualified and successful in such a company?
 - How will I fit in?
- Goldenberg points out that technical qualifications don't assure

success. You must qualify a company's culture. Find out who the CEO is, she states. How are decisions made? Who are the leaders? How do you become one? What are the career paths of people who've come in and moved from here to here? What is the company's career tracking mechanism? She mentions the importance of asking questions of people other than the HR person, whose potential selling capacity may leave critical information unaddressed. Morey adds that you must go beyond a recruiter to determine if the company is good for you.

Research whether the company is bureaucratic, entrepreneurial, flexible, if it uses flextime and treats employees well, Goldenberg suggests. Morey reminds you to watch for attractive benefits; beware of rewards that go out only to favorites or recognition that's spotty. She also advocates determining whether a company listens to its employees and shows that the feedback makes a difference. Does the organization use frequent employee satisfaction surveys? What does it do to measure performance? How often do reviews occur?

FULL LIVES
Morey recommends investigating what good companies will do to retain you during the upcoming employee shortages intensified by the retirement

of the baby boom. Expect little in manufacturing, she says, because of the industry's declining numbers. Health care and IT are competing much more aggressively: We're seeing open communication, meaningful work, the tried and true.

The newer trend is the opportunity to balance life, Morey continues. Employees stay motivated in companies with a flexible work environment. You have to be aware that companies that claim to be flexible may not be, particularly if family first means careers second in the eyes of management, she notes.

Like Goldenberg, Morey maintains that interviewing throughout the company is essential. Assess the commitment to balance to determine whether it truly wants people to live full lives. Are people who seek balance still treated with dignity and respect? Notice that increased vacation time rewards employees and families. Are same-sex domestic partner benefits an option? Does tuition reimbursement extend to personal interests? One of her clients covers flying lessons or scuba diving (but not the insurance) of up to \$2,000 per year. This type of policy makes people feel valued, she explains. It supports not just what they do here but what they want to do with their lives. Are incentives liberal, enabling you to choose time off over



Susan Goldenberg, president of the privately-held St. Louis-based Ingenium Partners Inc.,

using the company wellness center? If you haven't been networking, you may be caught short, Goldenberg indicates. This is your chance to renew old and build new ties. If you're a woman who meets the qualifications, you have an advantage in open, honest cultures.

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Auction Sales **7080**

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Rummage Sale/ Flea Market **7080**

LAHSER HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Sat. April 29, 8-1pm. 3456 Lahser Rd., btwn Square Lake & Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Bag sale Noon-1:00pm.

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

36520 12 MILE ROAD between Drake and Halsted. Fri., Apr. 28, 9-10:00; Sat., Apr. 29, 9-10:00 to noon. Sat. is \$2 bag day. Adult & children's clothing, household items, small appliances, tools, toys, books, holiday decorations. Much more. Church office 248-848-1750.

Redford Aldersgate Church Annual Spring Rummage Sale

April 28-29, 9-2pm. 10000 Beech Dale, Plymouth & W. Chicago.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL RUMMAGE SALE

April 28 & 29, 9am. 16360 Hubbard Rd., Livonia. Btwn. 5 & 6 mile.

TROY-First United Methodist Church

6363 Livernois, btwn Square Lake & S. Blvd. April 29, 8-1pm. \$2 bag sale at 11:00a.

7100 Estate Sales **7100**

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AUTHENTIC ESTATE SALE

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS

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ESTATE SALE GALLERY

3977 Ford, Lincoln Park, 10,000 sq.ft. show room. Furniture, estates wanted, cash or consignment. 586-823-7270

DETROIT-HUGE ESTATE SALE/JAMMED PACKED.

Deskey Dresser, Bertoia chair, deco items, mod accessories, full length Beaver Fox coat, vintage clothing, tons of books, art, lighting, large Chinese Deco rug, oriental, sterling, vintage toys, lots of furniture & decorative items. 87 Camaro, T-Tops, V-8, low mile/tuned, Florida car. Too much to list! 8287 Evergreen, Btwn. Treman & Joy. April 27-30, 10-6pm.

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ROYAL OAK ESTATE SALE BY NANCY

April 27-29th, 10-4pm. 2428 Glenview, btwn 12 & 13 Mile, E. of Woodward, enter off W. Webster. Home & contents for sale. Quality furniture, antique dining room set, collectible glassware, gold/silver/costume jewelry, books, purses, country collectibles, kitchenware & household misc.

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COMMERCE TWP. Pine Cove Villas Sub Sale

off Richardson, W. of Union Lake Road. April 27 & 28, 8:30-3; Apr. 29, 9-4.

DEARBORN Garage/moving sale. Thurs, Fri. & Sat. 8 am-4pm. Lots of furniture, linens, antiques, video games, collectibles and household. 16001 Andover, S. of Michigan, W. off Greenfield in historic Springwells Park.

DEARBORN - Estate & Garage sale. Tools galore, fishing equipment, something for everyone! 27th-29th, 9-6pm. 3355 Willow, corner of Pine, Outer Dr & Southfield area.

DETROIT - Huge 30,000 sq. ft. warehouse/garage/yard sale. Everything imaginable! Tools, hardware, housewares, equipment, trucks, trailers, more. S. off Finkel btwn Livernois and Linwood. Fri & Sat. 9-5pm

FARMINGTON MOVING!

22642 Power Rd. Everything must go! Sat., April 29, 9am-5pm. Bikes, baby supplies, clothes, lots of treasures!

FARMINGTON HILLS - "Moving sale" Sat 4/29, 10am-5pm. Furniture, snow thrower, skis, comp. equip. & much more. 29506 Hamlock Ave. West of M'belt btwn 10 & 11 mile.

FERNDALE - Hipster Sale 2.0 - 8 Friends, 40 years of Stuff! Saturday (4/29) 8-dusk, Sun (4/30) 9-5 256 Pearson.

GARDEN CITY Multi-Family

Estate Stove, Gas Dryer, Full bedroom set, computer desk, Estate Sale items. 6336 Henry Ruff, N. of Ford. April 27 & 28 only. 9am-4pm.

CLAWSON - Thurs-Sat., 8am-3pm. Many books, crafts supplies, clothes, furniture, great variety. 352 Gladwin, btwn 13 & 14 Mile, off Main St.

LAKE ORION - Sub Garage Sale. Rolling Meadows, Sat. May 6, 9-4pm. Baldwin/ Maybee Rd. Over 35 homes in sub. Follow yellow signs.

LIVONIA Sat. April 29, 10-5pm. Crafts, baked goods, yard tools, new & gently used clothing, small appliances, furniture and home good, jewelry, kids stuffs books and videos. 18555 Heatherline, Woodbury Park Sub, 7 & Newburgh.

LIVONIA - HUGE SALE!

Furniture, clothes, toys, electronics & household items. Thurs-Sat. 9-4pm. 15565 Nola Cir., N. of 5, W. of Newburgh.

LIVONIA Garage Sale - 14182

Cardwell, North of I-96, West of Inkster. Thurs. 4/27 to Sat. 4/29, 9am to 2pm.

Livonia "GOOD STUFF GOOD BUYS"

April 27, 28, 29, 9 to 5. 30425 Lyndon, at Henry Ruff between Middlebelt & Merriman, 5 Mile & I-96.

LIVONIA - Thurs-Fri-Sat., 9-5pm. Furniture, dishes, misc. household. 33415 Cindy Street, W. off Farmington Road, S. of West Chicago.

LIVONIA Multi-Family Garage Sale & Girl Scout Cookie Booth

Thurs-Sat. 4/27-4/29, 29th-30th. (S. of 5 Mile & W. off of Middlebelt). Come and visit our annual sale! Loads of items!

LIVONIA 35625 Elmira St., 1 b.k. S. of Plymouth, 2 bks W. of Wayne, follow signs.

May 4-6, 8-6pm. Antiques, Retro 50's & 60's items, furniture, craft items, collectibles, household, new items, jewelry, 30 yrs. accumulation!

LIVONIA Patio set, like new treadmill, ladies full figure clothing, misc. Sat. 4-29, 9-5pm. Sun., April 30, 9-3. 19110 Fairfield, 6 mile & Farmington

LIVONIA

Thurs., Fri., Sat., 8am-6pm. 15681 Huff, W. of Newburgh btwn 5 & 6 Mile. Many good things!

LIVONIA - Antiques & vintage Coca-Cola tent sale. Furniture, signs, glassware, Coke machines & more! 9535 Wayne Rd., just S. of W. Chicago. Thurs-Sun. 8am-late. Don't miss it! (734) 674-2021

LIVONIA - GARAGE SALE

April 27-28-29 & May 4-5-6, 8-4pm. 15073 Nola, 5 Mile & Newburgh. Toys, tools, baby items, misc. House for sale!

LIVONIA - 45s, books, 7 1/2 A shoes, stuffed animals, baseball cards, etc. April 28 & 29 10-4pm. 14751 Harrison, S. of 5 btwn Middlebelt & Inkster

LIVONIA-Multi Family garage sale

Baby/toddler clothing, toys household items, April 28 & 29, 9-4pm. 15636 Foch, N. off of 5 Mile, W. of Inkster.

LYON TWP NEW HOPE CONGREGATION GARAGE SALE

April 29-30 9:00am. 29218 Lyon Oak Dr. (N. of Grand River between Old Plank & Napier). 248-491-4996

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

GARAGE SALE - April. 28-29, 9am-5pm. Antiques, Vornado Foosball (like new), Martin Acoustic Electric Guitar (like new), Furniture, Household items of Good Stuff W. Snell Rd. N. of Tenken, W. of Rochester Rd.

NO EARLY SALES!

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NOVI Three Family Garage Sale - Saturday, April 29th, 9am -3pm. Everything under the sun! 25740 Abbey Drive, off Beck at 11 Mile.

NOVI-CHURCH YARD SALE

with clothes. Fri. & Sat. 4/28 & 4/29, 9am-4pm. Novi United Methodist Church on 10 mile at Meadowbrook Rd.

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Household items, trestle table, cherry desk, stepper, weight bench, tools, propane heaters, 3' pump, go-kart, American Girl stuff, bunk beds, tons more! Apr. 27-29, 9-5. 850 Carpenter, 8 Mile & Center St.

OAKLAND TWP - 6 miles N. of downtown Rochester, E. off of Rochester Rd., E. on Buell. Thurs-Sat., 9-5pm. 2636 Quail Run + others!

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ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 25, 5'7", shoulder-length medium blonde hair, bright green eyes, outgoing, fun, loves fitness, outdoors, boating, cycling, camping, concerts, auto racing. Seeking active, fit, caring man who appreciates the same. ☎953694

SEXY

REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS
DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5'10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. ☎548938

GOOD LOOKER

Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, old-school music, and fun times. Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laughter, good times and LTR. ☎725001

LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests. ☎759316

GREAT COMPANION

SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart. 62-70, ☎633527

ASIAN MAN WANTED

Pretty, blue-eyed blonde, 55, plus-sized, warm and bright, seeks intelligent, handsome man for dating. Troy area. ☎827007

SOMEONE TO SHARE FUN

SBF, 49, looking for a SBM, 53-63, N/S, who loves comedy clubs, movies and sports, to share a lot of fun. No games please. ☎949586

ONE GOOD WOMAN

BBW, SWF, attractive, compassionate, down-to-earth. Enjoys movies, comedies, long walks, romantic evenings and more. Seeking employed SM, 38-55, to do and share things together. Must like pets. ☎947175

CALLING ALL CYCLISTS

SF, a young 44, nice-looking, in great shape, seeks athletic man, 25-55, for cycling, hiking, outdoor activities. ☎945242

ISO GOOD FRIEND?

Possible relationship? Read on. SWF, 47, N/S, enjoys cooking, dining out, art museums, plays, reading, and traveling. Seeking honest WM, 42-57, N/S. ☎857253

SEEKING COMPANION

SWF, 42, queen-sized, outgoing, enjoys walks, music, life, open to new ideas. Looking for SM who wants to do things together. Must be employed and like pets. ☎909140

FRIENDS FIRST

SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎933970

ENJOYS

THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, loves music and dancing, stays physically active, would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 56-68, N/S. ☎672174

REFINED

AND FULL OF LIFE

Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing, theater, family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit, 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. ☎652360

PETITE & SEXY...

SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1", 105lbs, NS. Seeking healthy SBM, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. ☎912553

SOULMATE SEARCH

Attractive 42-year-old, looking for soulmate, sincere, great SOH. Seeking gentleman, 35-50, no game players. ☎930545

LOOKING FOR FUN

SBF, 47, desires to meet independent man, 50-60, for lots of fun. You must know how to treat a lady. All calls answered. ☎807166

SEXY

SBF, 18, Taurus, N/S, seeks a reserved HM, 18-20, N/S, who loves hiking, fishing, movies, diving out. ☎945821

MARRIAGE MINDED...

Nice-looking, warm-hearted, sincere, 37, employed. Looking for the same qualities in a single male, 35-43. ☎940077

CHEER

ON THE HOME TEAM

Widowed WJF, 56, N/S, loves life, cruising, walking, reading, concerts, football, baseball, and basketball. Seeking adventurous WM, 55-66, N/S. ☎938734

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YOU BE MR. RIGHT?

Are you a big, tall, handsome man? DWF, 47, very attractive, loving, fun, seeks SWM to share life together. ☎443339

A GOOD & TRUE FRIEND

Share with this DBCF, 65, N/S, honest, fun, enjoy outings, breakfast, lunch, dinners? conversation, good, old-school, down-to-earth friendship, sincerity. ☎905535

LOOKING FOR ME?

SWF, 5'6", 130lbs, 64, great SOH, N/S, enjoys life, dining, dancing, holding hands, music, boating, quiet times, etc. Seeking a SW/HM, N/S, sincere and humorous. ☎901378

HAPPY & SECURE

DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. ☎669606

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎891247

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER

SWF, 49, 5'5", full-figured, brown/brown, romantic, lovable, humorous, likes entertaining, traveling, family time. Seeking SM, 40-56, N/S, social drinker ok, who puts God first in his life, for possible LTR. ☎861408

SHALL WE DANCE?

I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎812098

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A GOOD FRIEND

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ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 24, mother, brown/brown, 5'4", likes skating, skiing, dancing, dining out, good talks, life's simple pleasures. Seeking compatible, caring, SM, to enjoy the good times, friendship and possible LTR. ☎920771

NATURAL BBW

SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-60, who is open-minded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. ☎924352

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share his interests and more. ☎600106

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 125lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. ☎922242

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

WORTH A CALL

SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

HAPPY DAD

Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with. ☎715711

I DON'T ASK MUCH

Male, 43, looking for a petite WF, 19-46, who enjoys the outdoors and the simple things in life. ☎952290

LIFE IS TOO SHORT...

not to share it with someone. SWM, 50, Italian descent, Scorpio, N/S, no children, seeks WF, 46-55, to connect with. ☎935694

A BIT ABOUT ME...

SBM, 34, 5'10", 170lbs, employed, sexy, nice person with a good heart. Seeking a SBF, 25-27, who enjoys shooting pool, travel and much more. ☎946734

CALL ME AND SEE

DWM, 45, 5'9", 140lbs, father, N/S, N/D, employed, honest and fun, likes music, movies, bowling, family/friends, more. Looking for SWF with similar interests and qualities. ☎950678

TAKE A CHANCE

SM, 18, 6'1", 162lbs, would like to meet female, 19-29, for likes to have fun, for dating, possible relationship. ☎953812

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

MUSCULAR GUY

SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, college grad, enjoys working, reading, travel, dancing, sports. Seeking outgoing SF, with similar interests, for friendship and more. ☎431926

LIFE IS BEST SHARED

SM, 53, tall, 230lbs, muscular, brown hair, enjoys weekend getaways, snuggling, quiet romantic times, motorcycling, simple fun. Seeking SF, 25-55, slender, sweet and sociable to share the special times. ☎955106

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

SEEKING LITTLE LADY

SBPM, 57", great SOH, enjoys movies and cooking. Seeking a short female, 4'-5'6", for romance, possibly long-term relationship, age/race open. ☎947184

ANY INTEREST?

SBM, 43, 5'10", 185lbs, D/D free, drama free, in great shape. Seeking a single female, 40-60, age/race open, for laughter, fun time and maybe more. ☎947366

SENSE OF HUMOR

SWM, 42, 6', blue eyes, smoker, with daughter (14), loves bike riding, reading, rock and symphony music. Seeking WF, 30-42, smoker, to share quiet evenings, for LTR. ☎947720

KIND, HONEST, SINCERE

DWM, 37, 6'3", brown/brown, telemarketer, with son (13), N/S, loves traveling, hiking, camping, swimming. Seeking woman, 30-40, to join me. ☎948259

HELLO

SBM, 41, Cancer, N/S, works 2 jobs, loves movies, picnics, jogging. Seeking BF, 25-40, N/S, with big legs, who won't break my heart. ☎949316

LOOKING FOR YOU

SBM, 35, fit, very attractive, enjoys playing sports, going to movies and reading. Searching for a female for friendship, possible LTR. ☎950310

SEE FOR YOURSELF

Employed, secure SM, 37, active, fit, not into games, looking for a fit, fun, commitment-minded female, honest and real, to share talks, casual dates and then who knows? ☎951261

AWAITING YOUR CALL

76-year-old retired attorney, would like to meet a lady, 60-65, to share dinners, talks, simple times. ☎945823

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎855207

BIG THREE ENGINEER

Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, very laid-back, family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, and going to the gym. Seeking SF, 20-45, race open, H/W proportionate, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎822912

LET'S TALK

SBM, 58, 5'10", medium brown complexion, brown eyes, mustache, medium build, 190lbs, enjoys fishing, movies, music, sports, dining, cooking, travel. Seeking A loving lady for friendship and more. ☎952241

OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY

DWM, 64, 5'11", 190lbs, self-employed, N/S, socially drinker, great SOH. I am looking for the right lady to spend time with, get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship. ☎891796

NICE GUY

SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back. ☎708126

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

NOT ALL THE GOOD ONES...

are taken. SBM, 34, 6', 185lbs, athletic build, very attractive, Leo, N/S, D/D-free, no kids, no drama, seeks older, sophisticated, attractive WF, 40-55, game-free. ☎945644

ALL-AMERICAN GUY

SWM, 24, 5'8", brown/green, Leo, N/S, hard-working, enjoys clubbing, playing pool. Seeking a cool WF, 20-26, N/S, to hang out with. ☎945680

SPRING & SUMMER...

are just around the corner. SBM, 26, 6'1", 185lbs, clean-cut, down-to-earth, Leo, smoker, seeks woman, 18-43, to share quality time with. ☎944431

LET'S DANCE

SBM, 50, 5'7", 180lbs, N/S, fun-loving personality, likes ballroom dancing, quiet times, traveling. Seeking active SF, 28-45, slim-to-medium build, race unimportant, kids ok, for friendship or more. No games. ☎946417

LOOKING FOR YOU

SBM, 23, 5'9", 240lbs, solid build, outgoing, open-minded. Looking I love Looking to meet a SF, 21-40, who is independent, likes to try different things and is open-minded. ☎946749

ISO NEW FRIENDS

SBM, 28, 5'8", 160lbs, independent, self-sufficient, Libra, smoker, seeks honest, mature woman, 18-31. If you like what you hear, give me a shout. ☎948971

GREAT LISTNER

SBM, 19, 6', soul searching eyes, pretty smile, dimples, clear skin, full lips, Taurus, smoker, enjoys rainy days, beaches, shopping, and playing football. Seeking sexy woman, 18-23. ☎947819

LET'S TALK

BM, 28, 5'7", medium build, likes bowling, travel and more. Looking for BF, 21-35, who likes to have fun. If that's you, call me. ☎953792

KIND, HANDSOME

SWPM, 53, 6', 220lbs, light smoker, social drinker, looking for one good woman. Please call. Troy area. ☎864792

TRUE GENTLEMAN

SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. ☎912726

POSITIVE PERSONALITY

Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion, 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, fun-loving, seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe more. ☎514300

WANTED...

single full-figured WF, 45-65, who believes in Jesus Christ, sought by DWM, 62, 5'10", 175lbs, clean-shaven, brown/brown, N/D, for LTR. ☎954253

SECURE

WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. ☎828139

SIMPLE REQUEST

WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with. Age open. ☎833911

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER

SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎869189



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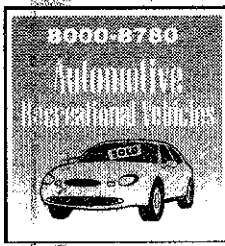
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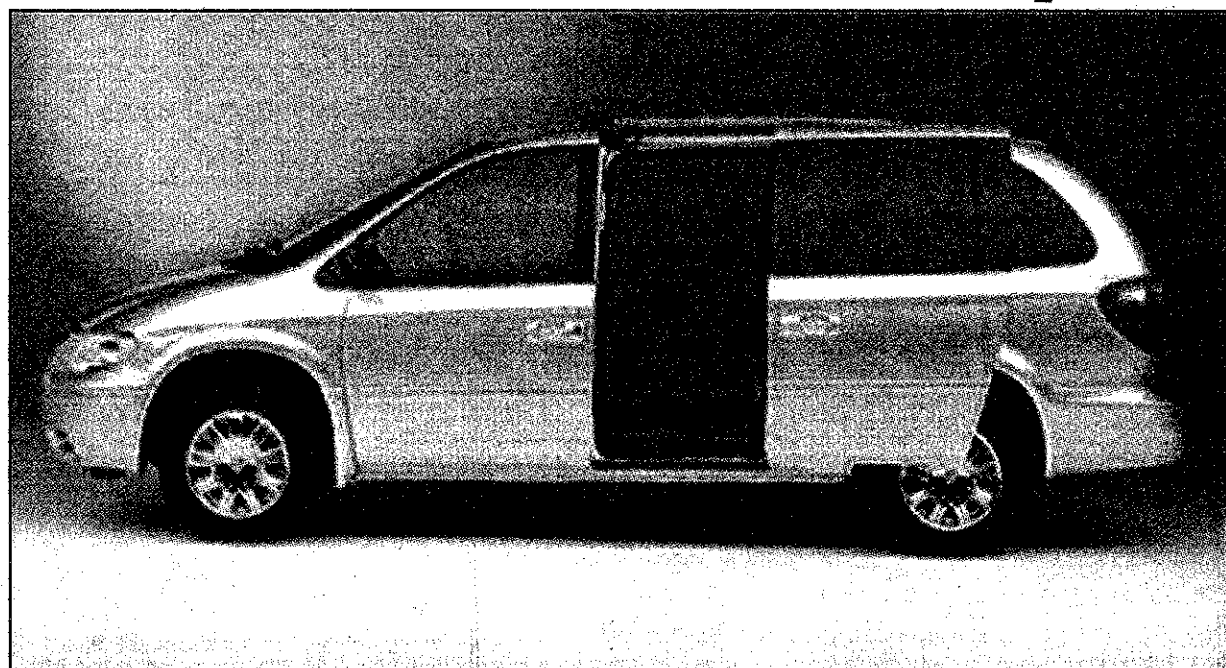
BY DALE BUSS

With General Motors flirting with bankruptcy, Toyota in line potentially to create more net automotive jobs in Michigan than the Big Three during the next few years, gas prices headed back toward \$3 a gallon, and hybrid sales losing some of their steam in part because of dubious fuel-economy claims, this is already proving to be a topsy-turvy year in the U.S. automotive market.

So it's probably not a big stretch, then, to throw out a prediction that — if realized — would represent yet another remarkable and unanticipated development as 2006 unfolds.

Here it is: The minivan will make a comeback. There are a few reasons I'm pretty sure I'll be proven right. First, it's become very clear by now that gasoline prices well above \$2 a gallon, maybe even \$3, are going to be a long-term fixture of the U.S. economy. At that level, great fuel efficiency becomes more than just an optional consideration for most American car buyers — it becomes a necessity. And that portends a sure and accelerating decline in sales of sport-utility vehicles, which not only deliver, but also have come to represent, poor fuel economy. Sure, most big trucks are gas hogs as well, but at least they deliver big-time on the utility promise. And with the proliferating number of crossover vehicles and compact SUVs, you get somewhat better fuel economy — but the usefulness of utility vehicles diminishes greatly as they get smaller and lighter. Moreover, while the economy is booming, there are some indications that a certain pragmatism and frugality has endured today out of its roots of the last few years. And so maybe more people really will care more about how their primary household vehicle serves them than whether it looks imposing enough sitting in the driveway.

Leading the way in this mini-renaissance of the minivan will be my favorite, the Chrysler Town & Country. Our family leased a Town & Country Limited a few years ago, and based on that experience, it has always remained among my favorite overall vehicles. It was very difficult, then, to beat the Town & Country's total package, which included reasonable power and very good fuel economy for the driver; tremendous convenience features including power doors all around; the best overall space, com-



The Town & Country gets 25 mpg on the highway and 18 mpg in the city.

fort and convenience for the most passengers; and the potential for the biggest empty space for hauling cargo.

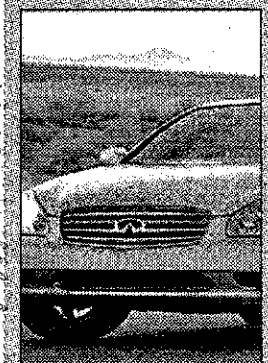
And that was three years ago. Today's 2006 Town & Country Limited is a far cry better because of a variety of enhancements that reached fruition with the 2005 model-year vehicle. Based on those improvements, I'd still give the Town & Country Limited the nod over competing, and improving, van offerings including the Honda Odyssey, Nissan Quest, Toyota Sienna and anything that Ford or GM offer. Apparently, more Americans are agreeing with me already. Sales of the whole Town & Country line last year increased to more than 190,000 vehicles across the United States last year, up strongly from sales of around 140,000 in 2004. Even more impressive was that the Town & Country's surge came amid an overall slide in U.S. minivan sales in 2005 of about 2%, down to about 1.11 million, part of what many experts have noted has been a steady, slow slide in this country for minivan sales overall.

For why I like the Town & Country even more now than a few years ago, start with the styling: It's the same! Chrysler knew better than to alter much a styling concept that retains its relevancy over time, a sleek and uncomplicated wedge that will fit in anywhere but also maximized the vehicles capacity to carry human and non-human cargo. Its raked wind-

shield, rising roofline and beltline help it slip through the air, and there are just enough touches just for design's sake — such as pronounced wheel arches — that Town & Country retains a bit of pizzazz. The performance of the 3.8-liter, V6 engine that powers the vehicle has always been more than adequate by my book. It's pretty smooth and provides more than enough punch. Fuel economy is great by the standards of any vehicle that can haul around seven people comfortably: 25 miles a gallon on the highway and 18 in the city. Most SUVs with the same people-hauling capacity can't touch that. And the point is that, in Town & Country, the people are more comfortable. Second-row captain's chair seating includes highly variable reclining, which suits picky and sleepy teenagers just fine. And the third row is roomy enough for three adults. There are plenty of cupholders and other amenities, and a DVD player (finally) in the ceiling. The features that Chrysler added to Town & Country two years ago also come up big in my book. That includes headrests that nicely snap down into the seat back for great rear visibility for the driver as well as Stow 'N Go, a cargo-compartment configuration that cleverly hides away all seats for a completely flat compartment behind the driver's seat. For suggested retail of \$37,650, give me a Town & Country Limited over just about any SUV.

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Accessorize spring salad

You waited, and waited and waited. Those long cold winter evenings just dragged and the chill just kept hangin' round like a rodent in the garage. It just wouldn't leave.



Kitchen Kapers

Ken Abramczyk

But the days rolled by and soon, spring arrived, and you were greeted with frost on the windows in the morning and more snowflakes. . . . OK, we'll try it again: *Soon spring arrives*. And now it's time to prepare that spring salad.

Forget about iceberg lettuce. That stuff is bland and nutritionally useless. Why not live a little and make that salad a little edgier with romaine, Boston or bibb, or spring mixes with mesclun or frisee?

Greens are the key and a solid foundation to a great salad. Sure, you can use your traditional carrot-green pepper-cucumber-tomato mix in the salad, and it will be sufficient. But why not take it a step further?

We love fresh strawberries or dried cherries on the salad with mandarin oranges to add some wonderful sweetness to the plate.

I've found that if I add enough variety in the salad, then I'll eat more of it, and fill up on that rather than some fattier dish that I might prepare for a meal.

Sugar snap peas really add a sweet zip to the salad. (Be sure to check the snap peas for freshness before buying, because they can become bitter if they are old.)

I've got sorrel that sprung up in the garden earlier this month and it adds a bitter lemon flavor to the salad, which might sound strange, but it makes a great contrast and balance to the other flavors.

Then there's the nuts. Pine nuts are great, but expensive, so you may want to try walnuts. Toast them with some cumin, chili powder and sugar and you've got a crunchy flavor with a little heat.

Add a little feta or bleu cheese, then top it with balsamic vinegar and oil, mixed with your favorite dried herbs or Italian seasoning, and you've got a tremendous salad. In a few weeks, you can add some steamed asparagus, which will be in season here.

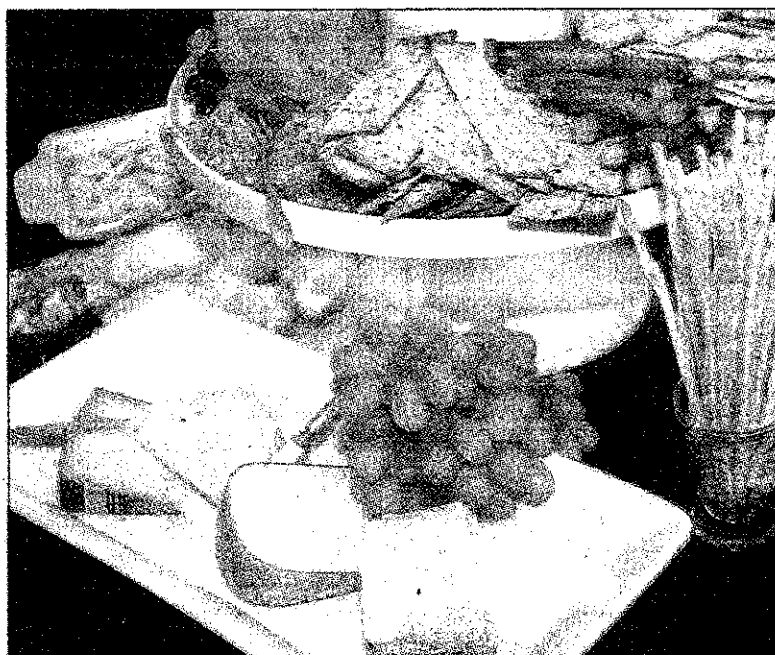
This recipe is probably my favorite. But you can make your own with your own variations and put your personal stamp on it.

SPRING SALAD

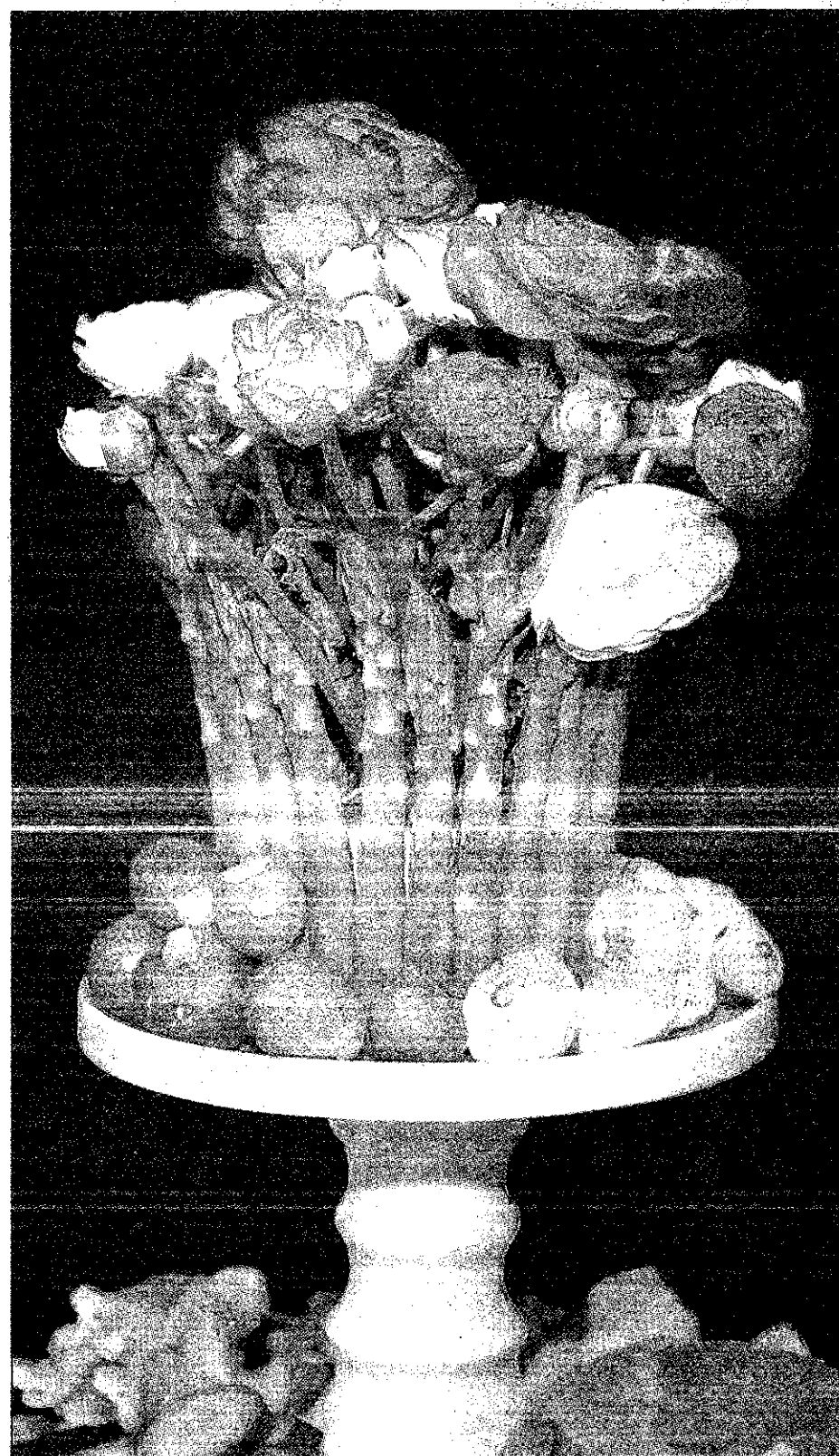
Boston or bibb lettuce
Romaine lettuce
Green leaf or red leaf lettuce
OR
Spring mix (buy in package at store)
1/2 each, green and red peppers
1/2 cucumber
2 tomatoes, wedged, or 12 cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
1/2 carrot, skin peeled, then carrot peeled into salad
4-8 strawberries, sliced
1 mandarin orange, peeled and divided into segments
1/2 cup dried cherries
8-12 snap peas, sliced
Walnuts, toasted
Bleu cheese or feta cheese
Balsamic vinaigrette (mix balsamic vinegar with oil and water, and Italian dressing, salt and pepper.

Toss together the greens, then add remaining ingredients except for last two items. Toss, then serve with nuts, cheese and dressing on side.

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Designer Tablescapes 2006 will showcase approximately 20 table designs.



Alternative designs for entertainment and casual living will be featured.

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Designers style table settings in Bloomfield Hills

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing like a boost of inspiration from a *fabulous* interior designer. That's why Designer Tablescapes 2006, a new fund-raiser for The Children's Charities Coalition, is sure to be well-attended.

Slated May 10-14, the event will showcase table settings created by more than 20 area designers inside a newly constructed, 10,000-square-foot French manor on Vaughan Road in Bloomfield Hills.

A preview gala with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, silent auction and live entertainment by jazz violinist Sonia Lee is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10.

"That's the best part - you can take home an idea for your own table," said Gigi Nichols, event volunteer and public relations director for The Community House in Birmingham. "I'm sure with these designers that you'll see a little bit of everything because they are so creative."

If the table stylings of designer John Amato

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TABLE THAT

What: Designer Tablescapes 2006, a showcase of interior designer table settings to benefit The Children's Charities Coalition.

When: Preview gala with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and silent auction, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10. Self-guided tours run 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 12-13 and 1-5 p.m. May 14.

Where: New French manor home built by Uznis Construction and located at 630 Vaughan Road, Bloomfield Hills. Valet service provided at preview. Additional parking with shuttle service available at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Township.

Tickets: Preview, \$100-\$150. Guided tours, \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call (248) 333-0826.

Avoid these mistakes when shopping for a camcorder



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Last week we looked at the dos and don'ts of buying a notebook PC. I'm still in a shopping mood, so let's tackle another product category that's fraught with confusion: camcorders.

Walk into your friendly neighborhood electronics superstore and you're likely to find a dizzying array of models for sale, most priced between \$300 and \$1,000.

That's a mighty big range. What features should you look for in a camcorder, and how much should you expect to pay for them?

For starters, limit your scope to MiniDV models, which record video on inexpensive digital tapes. These afford the best possible

video quality and allow for easy transfer to your PC for editing.

Surprisingly, the same cannot be said of DVD-based camcorders, which record video on small discs you can pop right into your set-top player for quick viewing.

That's the only real advantage to this category. DVD camcorders tend to be pricier and bulkier than their MiniDV counterparts, and the discs themselves can hold only 30 minutes of DVD-quality video apiece (vs. 60 minutes for MiniDV tapes).

Plus, if you want to view a recorded DVD in your player, you have to "finalize" it - a time-consuming process that renders any

remaining space unusable.

It's difficult to transfer DVD video to your PC for editing, and because the images are compressed, some quality is lost in the process.

In short, I genuinely dislike DVD camcorders, and for most users I don't recommend them.

TECH SPECS

All digital camcorders have an image sensor, known as a CCD, that's used to capture video. The size and corresponding



Camcorders like Canon's new ZR700 offer impressive digital video capabilities, but they can't take the place of your digital camera.

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Look at statistics of scary subjects

The world always seems so scary. As a kid, I remember fearing communist nuclear bombs. Fear of AIDS entered our consciousness in the 1980s. Now we have terrorism.

If you think there's nothing to be afraid of, it either means you know something others don't, or they know something you don't.

Media coverage can make fears grow by leaps and bounds. There's a fine line between preparing the public that something bad could happen and creating sensationalized, undue fear.

It seems like many times that line is obscured by the bottom line. Fear gets people's attention. We've seen such situations recently in the animal world.

By now just about everyone has heard of Avian influenza, or the bird flu.

(The disease sounds like the answer to the question "How did the bird get south for the winter?" That pun gets less funny as the disease gets more scary.)

I believe some of what makes the disease so scary are the alarming terms used to describe it, as when experts say it could become a pandemic.

People react like a scene from a situation comedy, with someone shouting in a crazed fervor, "It's a pandemic! What will we do?" This is awful! (pause) Um, what's a pandemic?"

A pandemic is a human disease (such as a flu) that passes quickly globally, because there is little immunity in the worldwide population. This is a situation where the disease passes from one person to another.

Avian influenza is *not* a pandemic. It is, however, zoonotic. ("It's zoonotic! What will we do?" This is awful—"You get the idea.")

Zoonotic means a disease that can be passed from animals to people. The most famous example of this would be rabies.

People and domestic birds can catch bird flu from infected wild birds.

The flu virus occurs naturally in wild birds, with a variant that is deadly to domestic fowl.

It can be deadly to people as well. According to the World Health Organization, as of April 6, there have been 192 reported cases of bird flu in the world and 109 fatalities.

For all the talk about this disease, these numbers aren't especially high. Most of

the people affected have been involved directly with birds in some manner.

(By the way, if poultry is properly prepared, it is safe for consumption with regards to bird flu, according to the WHO Web site.)

WHO still feels the world is ill-prepared for the possible pandemic. To become a pandemic, the virus would have to alter itself to become able to be passed between people without the bird involvement. Many experts believe this is very possible.

According to the Web site of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Avian influenza spreads to people and healthy birds the same way, by either direct contact with an infected bird, or contact with contaminated feces or secretions.

Segregating pet birds from wild birds would be very wise, albeit there have been no cases of Avian influenza in the United States.

Poultry and egg operations tend to be very controlled situations, with animals heavily protected from outside contamination. The USDA is closely monitoring the situation, and, as of now, there is little to fear from this disease.

But in the future — who knows?

GREENIES

Some dangers affect only the critters, such as those awful, terrible, evil evil evil treats from hell known as Greenies!

I can't tell you enough about what I read about these online!

Depending on the source, anywhere from 13 to 40 dogs have died, or have had to have surgery, because of those devil Greenies!

Each of them seems to have numerous online forums in which the terrible story of the surgery is recounted, or in which the animal is eulogized by the grieving owners, usually ending with an impassioned plea to never ever give your pet a Greenie.

My sympathy goes out to all these individuals. Their stories break your heart, as few things hurt as deeply as losing a beloved pet.

That said, Greenies remain pretty safe when used properly.

I once read a fascinating statistic that if you took one commercial flight every day, it would be 20,000 years before you were on a flight that had a significant incident. I am unsure if the math is right, but the point is true.

Although we think of flying as dangerous and, yes, scary, the people who do it have made it the safest mode of travel. When something bad happens, however, it's a huge, splashy story, demanding

intensive news coverage.

Fear decreases with each time you fly safely, and with each day that goes by without an incident.

According to its Web site, since 1998, Greenies has sold 750 million treats. That's 750,000,000. Thirteen to 40 animals have had reported severe problems. The statistics are low, but to those affected, statistics don't matter.

One of them was a miniature dachshund in New York City who choked to death on the treat.

The owners are asking for millions in compensation.

The company claims the animal was allowed to swallow the treat unsupervised, and the owners should have followed the instructions on the bag. The owners claim the instructions failed, and the treats are dangerous.

Now a class-action suit of 10 more people from across the country has been filed against S&M NuTec, maker of Greenies, and an attorney whose old English sheepdog died has petitioned the FDA to investigate the treats.

The lawsuits are practically a pandemic.

With that much legal wrangling in front of them, the company must be in trouble. Not so much.

On April 13, the *Kansas City Star* reported that Mars Inc., the company which brings us M&Ms, is about to acquire S&M NuTec. It sees pet treats and snacks as the fastest growing segment of its business.

It doesn't seem to be afraid of the product at all.

That's the point when it comes to Greenies. They aren't deadly little killing machines, or a suicide pill a doggy spy might bite into when captured by the enemy.

They are treats that are pretty safe most all of the time when the right size is bought, and the animal is observed while chewing it.

If your dog chokes a lot on anything, or tries to swallow everything quickly, avoid Greenies.

If you decide to try them, ask the seller about getting the right size.

Of course, our chain of clinics no longer carries them.

I guess we just got scared.

Dr. Brad Davis is medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, 48135. Mail questions and comments there. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show *Animal Talk*. Visit the Web site at www.AnimalTalkRadio.com. E-mail questions or comments to brad@animaltalkradio.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

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.

Native shrubs

Native Trees and Shrubs for the Home Garden, a free outdoor workshop, is scheduled 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority Native Landscape Education Site, 3910 W. Webster in Royal Oak.

The event is presented by SOCWA ecological gardening volunteers. Space is limited, and advance registration is required. Call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150.

The program will include walking tours to observe the growth pattern of 20 species of native shrubs and small trees, as well as demonstrations of composting and natural mulches. Biodiversity for the health of the plants and the Rouge River will be emphasized.

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.

Conifers for Michigan Gardens, by Saguaro Plants owner Ben Woloskie, will be the topic April 30. Spring-flowering Epimerals, by Saguaro Plants owner Anna Ornelas, will be the topic May 7.

Bonsai club

The Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan will meet 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 5598 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. The meeting will be a Mugho pine workshop with bonsai master Vance Wood of Detroit. Cost is \$50 to participate, free to watch. The number of trees is limited; call Anita at (248) 634-7615 for reservations. Visitors are welcome at the club's meetings, which usually take place the last Sunday of each month at Goldner Walsh. Admission is free.

For more information, call Bill Struhaar at (586) 795-0065 or visit www.fourseasonsbonsai.org.

Designing garden

Good Earth Landscape and Interior Design announces Designing Your Garden From the Inside Out, a class at the Clarkson Community Education Center, 6595 Waldon.

The class will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, May 1-29, or 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 4 through June 1. Participants will design a small garden using the view from a favorite window at their home.

Cost is \$95. Bring snapshots of different views of the area from inside your house and from the outside area of the garden. Materials needed are a sketch pad, drafting and colored pencils, erasers, standard plastic slot guides for drawing circles and triangles, and a drafting slot guide. Register by phone, (248) 623-4321; by fax, (248) 623-4555; or in person at the center.

Herb study group

Coleen French of French Garden Creations will demonstrate making herbal soap for the Matthaei Evening Herb Study Group Monday, May 1. The program will take place at 7 p.m. in Room 139 at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N Dixboro, between Plymouth Road and Geddes, in northeast Ann Arbor. The public may attend.

Requested donation \$2. Parking is free and plentiful. For detailed directions, visit <http://www.sitemaker.umich.edu/mbgn>.

a. French, author of *Herbal Possibilities* and co-author of *The Soapmaker's Cook Book*, will show how to make soap using a crockpot. She'll share tips and small samples from the night's batch.

French will bring her scented and herb products, in time for graduation, birthday, wedding and Mother's Day gifts. She has soap wrapped in duct tape for a Father's Day gift.

To subscribe to her free monthly e-mail with recipes, hints, and tips on growing and using herbs, e-mail her at coleenfrench@power-net.net.

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.

Container gardening

Representatives from Four Star Greenhouses will conduct hands-on workshops on container gardening at English Gardens stores Wednesdays, May 3-24, and Thursdays, May 4-25. The workshops will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesdays in the Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200) stores, 1 p.m. Wednesdays in the West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506) and Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) stores, and 10 a.m. Thursdays in the Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900) and Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500) stores.

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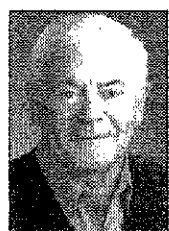
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Appliance Doctor will test front loader

I have done a lot of things in Michigan in helping to assure that consumers get a fair shake when dealing with the Major Appliance Industry. I'm not going to list all of



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

those things in this column because that's not my style. If you are interested, you can go to the Google thing on the computer system and type in Joe Gagnon The Appliance Doctor. It will tell you enough.

What it won't tell you is the position I've taken starting about eight years ago on the front load washers.

There is no doubt in the mind of many readers of this column or listeners of the radio shows that I don't care too much for them.

The real twist to the story comes now: I'm having one delivered to my house. I'll tell you about this turn of events later in this column.

Front loaders have been in use for the past 40 years. This is how they came about:

The energy department in Washington met with the manufacturers, and they agreed that the only way to save water and energy consumption was to design a new front loader. The manufacturers said that all washing machines in the near future would be front load and that top loaders would be a thing of the past.

I was very angry at the forced removal of choice to the American consumer and the huge increase in price of a simple washing machine. I was right. (If there is any doubt, try shopping for a new washer and see how much they cost.)

I was screaming about all the service problems encountered by the new owners of the Maytag Neptune front loaders. Consumers were calling me right and left and describing mold and odor problems that wouldn't go away and Maytag wasn't working very hard at solving their problems.

I was given a line a mile long by Maytag and dealers that there was no problem, only to find out that a class action suit evolved and Maytag finally

admitted to its errors.

The result of all this is that Maytag just about destroyed its dependability reputation, which was rock solid for the past 100 years.

In their efforts to climb that long hill now, they tell me that the Maytag Neptune front loader today is the best in the business. I personally will soon find out.

I agreed that huge savings would be realized in water and energy use, but my old-fashioned logic disagreed that you could get clothes cleaner in a front loader.

The analogy I use is, you can't wash your hands in a cup of water and get them clean. I will soon find out if I'm right or wrong.

I also read many comments on different Web sites where homeowners complained about wash ability.

And now comes an appliance retailer who wants to put into my home a set of a Maytag front load washer and a dryer. He wants me to test them for a year and not even charge me any money for the products.

I have agreed to do so, but because of my ethics stand, I will be paying \$100 a month to

use his products. My 30-year old top loader is going to go to charity.

I informed the dealer that I would report on all aspects of this new front loader without hiding any truths such as how much service I need on it.

He seems to be full of confidence as to how well it will hold up.

By the way, there's another thing about front loaders I don't like. I have to bend down every time I load or unload the washer, so I have to change my opinion on that factor. I'll use this as an exercise for my bad back.

As insight for radio listeners, I am very pleased with my move to Ann Arbor's Talk Radio 1600 WAAM. The phone lines are jamming.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 25. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

HOME CALENDAR

Facility tour

The Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority is celebrating Earth Day by offering free tours of the Material Recovery Facility on Coolidge, between 14 and 15 Mile. See what happens to recyclables after they leave your home. The tours will take place 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday, April 27. They 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.

Sensational room

Learn how to create a "designer" room of your own, and make a tired room look sensational, in 10 Steps to a Sensational Room, a class offered Thursday, May 4, at The Community House in Birmingham. Cost is \$25. The class will be taught by Renea M. Lewis, owner of Design By Choice. It will explore how to place furniture, lighting, fabrics and accessories in creating an exciting room. To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

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 (Thursdays, April 27 to May 18; cost is \$80) and Simple Curtain (Thursdays, May 11-25; \$60).

Pet first aid

Sheehy Animal Hospital, 18790 Middlebelt 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.

Schoolcraft College

Interior design and decor are among the subjects of Continuing Education

& Professional Development classes from Schoolcraft College this spring. For information, call (734) 462-4448, visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

The schedule includes: Interior Design I, eight weeks beginning Tuesday, May 9 (cost is \$125, senior cost is \$100); Floral Design II, eight weeks beginning Wednesday, May 10 (\$158, senior cost \$126.40; or \$169, senior cost \$135.20); Interior Design II, eight weeks beginning Thursday, May 11 (\$137, senior cost \$109.60); Decorative Home

Painting, eight weeks beginning Thursday, May 11 (\$106, senior cost \$84.80); and Styling Techniques for Your Walls, four weeks beginning Thursday, May 11 (\$67, senior cost \$53.60).

Recycling 101

The Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) has scheduled two Recycling 101 workshops for residents of its member communities (Berkley, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak and Troy).

The free workshops are scheduled 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, at the Huntington Woods Library; and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center. Registration is required. Class size is limited, so sign up early.

To register, or for more information, e-mail socrra@socrra.org or call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150. Participants will have the opportunity to tour SOCRRA's Material Recovery Facility in Troy on the Saturday after the first workshop (May 13).

Get organized

Learn techniques for getting and staying organized in Help! I've Gotta Get Organized!, a class offered Thursday, May 11, at The Community House in Birmingham. Cost is \$22, plus a \$10 materials fee payable to the instructor in class. To register and for more information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. The class will be taught by professional organizer Debi Weinstein, owner of the Farmington Hills-based business I've Gotta Get Organized.

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.

TABLES

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are any indication of the novel and trend-setting ideas that will be on view, visitors are sure feel charged up about their spring and summer entertainment plans.

"We're trying to do something a little edgy, something a little more fashion-forward," said Amato, a resident of Huntington Woods and designer with Rariden Schumacher Mio in Birmingham.

Amato and his design partner from the firm plan to create a cocktails tablescape a la New York City's famous Hudson Hotel. The Ian Schrager hotel, designed by Philippe Starck, blends the old with the new and is wildly popular with young trend-

setters. The hotel even made an appearance on the HBO television show *Sex in the City*.

"But you'll see a wide variety of tables just because of the variety of designers participating," Amato added.

Other slated exhibitors include: Jeffrey King Interiors, Jeffrey VanCleaf of Kevin McManamon Design Consultants, Beth Glaub of Perlmutter-Friewald, Petrella Designs, Maddalena Design, Stephen Knollenberg, Richard Daniels & Associates, Tom Verwest of TVI Interiors, P J Whiteheads, Kelter Schwartz Design, Linda Golden of Socially Yours Design, Roger Moule Design, Maxwell-Ross Associates, Edward Postif, Joseph A. Keenan, Frech, Gerych's Graziela, House on Main and Tiffany Florist.

All tables will be located on



John Amato of Rariden Schumacher Mio in Birmingham is among the interior designers participating in Designer Tablescapes 2006.

the first floor, and the designers will be on hand at the gala preview to discuss their work and share their expertise.

But, all in all, the event's table designs will be well within the reach of the non-design-

er, said Amato.

"The whole idea is that this is fun," he said. "We want to show people that they can do it, too."

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resolution of the CCD play a major role in video quality. Bigger is better.

Low-end camcorders, those priced under \$500, generally have 1/6-inch CCDs. Spending extra will net you a 1/3- or 1/4-inch CCD. What's the advantage? The bigger the CCD, the better the camcorder will perform in low-light environments like indoor birthday parties and school auditoriums.

Without sufficient light, low-end camcorders tend to produce grainy images — not what you want when recording those magical family moments. If you plan to shoot a lot of indoor video, it's worth investing in a camcorder with a bigger sensor.

I also urge you to look for a model that includes a microphone jack — though these are surprisingly few and far between.

As any seasoned videographer will tell you, audio is half the battle in creating good video, and most built-in microphones fall short of perfection. Ideally, you should have the option of plugging in an external microphone. And look for an accessory shoe, which gives the mike a place to rest atop the camcorder.

CAMCORDERS AREN'T CAMERAS

Many buyers mistakenly believe that a camcorder can take the place of a digital

camera — not surprising, given the way manufacturers shamelessly promote this idea.

For instance, here's what the Canon Web site says about one of the company's latest models: "The ZR700 lets you leave your digital still camera at home."

Sure, if your digital still camera was made in 1996.

Most camcorders (including the ZR700, which I recently tested) take dreadful, low-resolution snapshots that are only marginally better than what you get from a cell phone.

They'll do in a pinch, or on a blog, but don't leave your real camera behind if you want print-worthy photos.

Another common misconception, one I touched on briefly last week, is that you can use a camcorder's USB port to transfer video to your PC. After all, USB ferries photos from your digital camera, so it stands to reason your camcorder would work similarly.

Nope. The vast majority of camcorders require a FireWire (also known as i.Link and IEEE 1394) connection. Not all PCs and notebooks have the right port — check with your manufacturer if you're not sure — but you can easily add one if yours doesn't. Hit your local computer store to find a suitable expansion card.

So why the heck do camcorders even have USB ports? Ironically, they're for transferring those aforementioned crum-

my digital photos.

Camcorder manufacturers even supply a USB cable for that task, but don't bother giving you a FireWire cable for transferring video. Crazy!

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

A few final thoughts before you plunk down your credit card:

If you're a tripod user, look for a camcorder that loads tapes from the side rather than the bottom. Otherwise you'll have to remove the camcorder from the tripod every time you need to swap in a new tape.

Always, always, always keep a charged spare battery on hand. Most camcorders will give you an hour of shooting, at best, before running out of juice.

Finally, if you've never edited video before, start with Microsoft's impressive (and free!) Windows Movie Maker 2.1 (tinyurl.com/3fpo4). It's easy to learn and surprisingly capable.

But beware: If you want to burn your movie masterpiece to a DVD, you'll need third-party software.

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Perennial plant swap set for Saturday

A Spring Perennial Plant Swap will take place Saturday, April 29, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman in Livonia.

Coffee, doughnuts and muffins will be served 9 a.m. The swap will run 9:45-11 a.m.

The event is free. No money will trade hands for plants or refreshments.

For more information, call Audrey at Kenwood Church of Christ, (248) 476-8222.

Check in at the registration table.

Drive around to the back of the church.

In case of bad weather, the swap will take place in Fellowship Hall, at the door on the south side of the building.

Bring any plant, bulb and seeds you think someone would want.

Cuttings aren't recommended, as they often won't survive.

Label the items with as much information as possible, such as the name (both com-

mon and botanical, if known), day or night bloomer, sun, partial shade, shade.

Wooden popsicle sticks or plastic strips cut from gallon water jugs can be used for labels.

Have plants divided into individual portions or sections before the swap.

Plastic bags, plastic containers and other objects can be used instead of flower pots.

Pre-package seeds — in labeled envelopes, for example.

Have bulbs, corms, rhizomes, etc. dried and cleaned of most garden soil.

Put them in paper bags so they will be easier to handle.

Bring zip-lock bags, paper towels, pen, paper, and boxes or grocery bags to carry items home.

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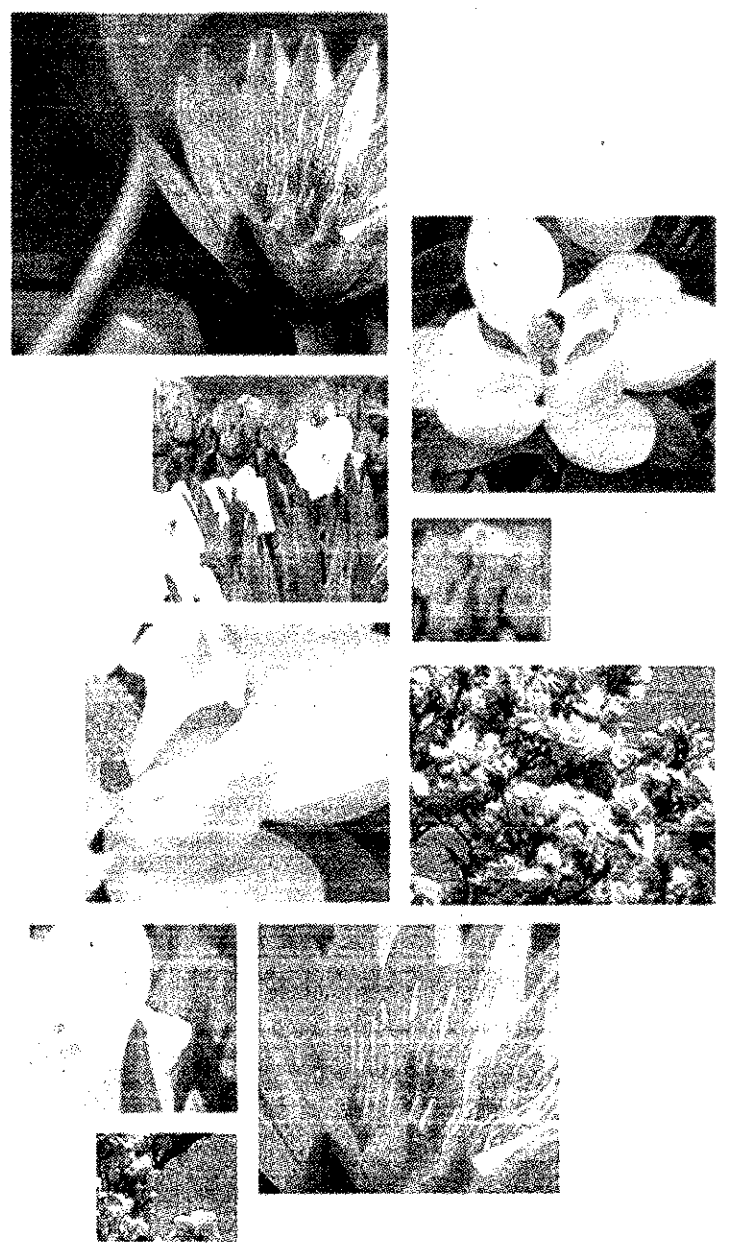
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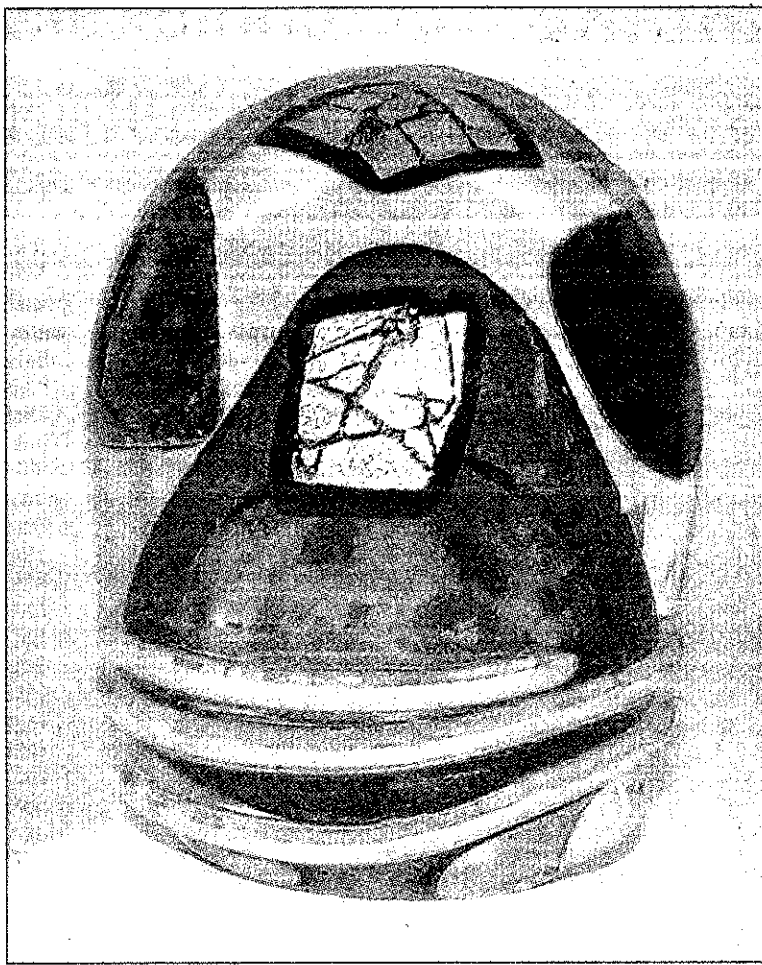
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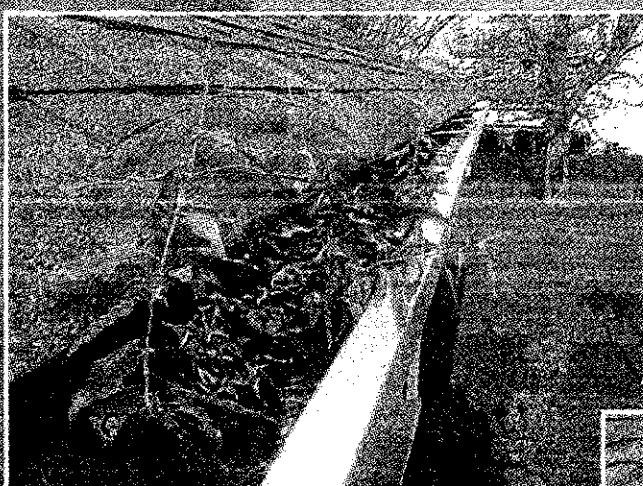
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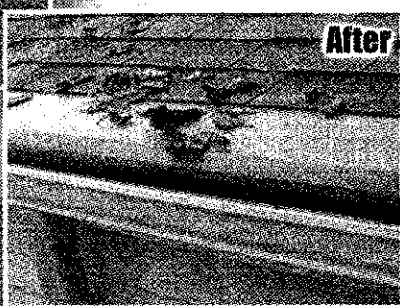
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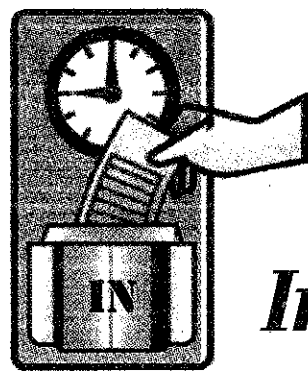
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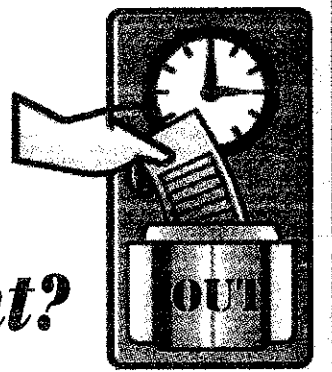
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Spring brings sweet Vidalia onions

BY DANA JACOBI
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Thanks to today's system of shipping, almost every kind of fresh produce is now available year round, from strawberries to asparagus. Still, a sure culinary sign of spring is the arrival of the year's new crop of sweet Vidalia onions from Georgia.

These days, different varieties of onion, harvested at different times of the year, come to our local markets from Georgia, California, Oregon, Texas, Oregon, Washington state, Hawaii and even Chile.

But because I will never forget my first taste of a just-picked Vidalia onion, literally dripping with dewy juice, I swear that eating one fresh and locally harvested is a special experience that is lost once they sit for a few months.

And Vidalias are just reaching stores now.

All sweet onions are milder and more succulent than the thicker-skinned, brown or yellow varieties known as storage onions. A high natural sugar level (6-15 percent) is what makes them a stand-out compared to the harder storage onions, which contain just three to five percent. Also, the higher water content in sweet onions dilutes the pungency of the sulfur compounds that make onions seem to have a "burning" taste. And, for some people, this reduced pungency makes sweet onions easier to digest.

I once made onion soup using only sweet onions. It was sweet to the point of being inedible, as if I had poured sugar into the pot. But using this quality to advantage, sweet onions are perfect for making onion confit, also called onion jam or marmalade. Usually, this condiment of

caramelized, meltingly tender onions requires long cooking, lots of oil and frequent stirring.

Instead, benefiting from the moisture in sweet onions, this version lets the oven do the slow work of gently softening and then browning them.

Balsamic vinegar softly balances the sweetness in the onions, and a touch of herbs adds aromatic flavor. Serve them with chicken, pork, or with fish, especially halibut or sea bass.

ROASTED SWEET ONION CONFIT

- 1½ pound Vidalia or other sweet onions (3 medium)
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- ¼ teaspoon ground allspice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground pepper
- 4 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- ½ cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- ½ teaspoon sugar

Preheat the oven to

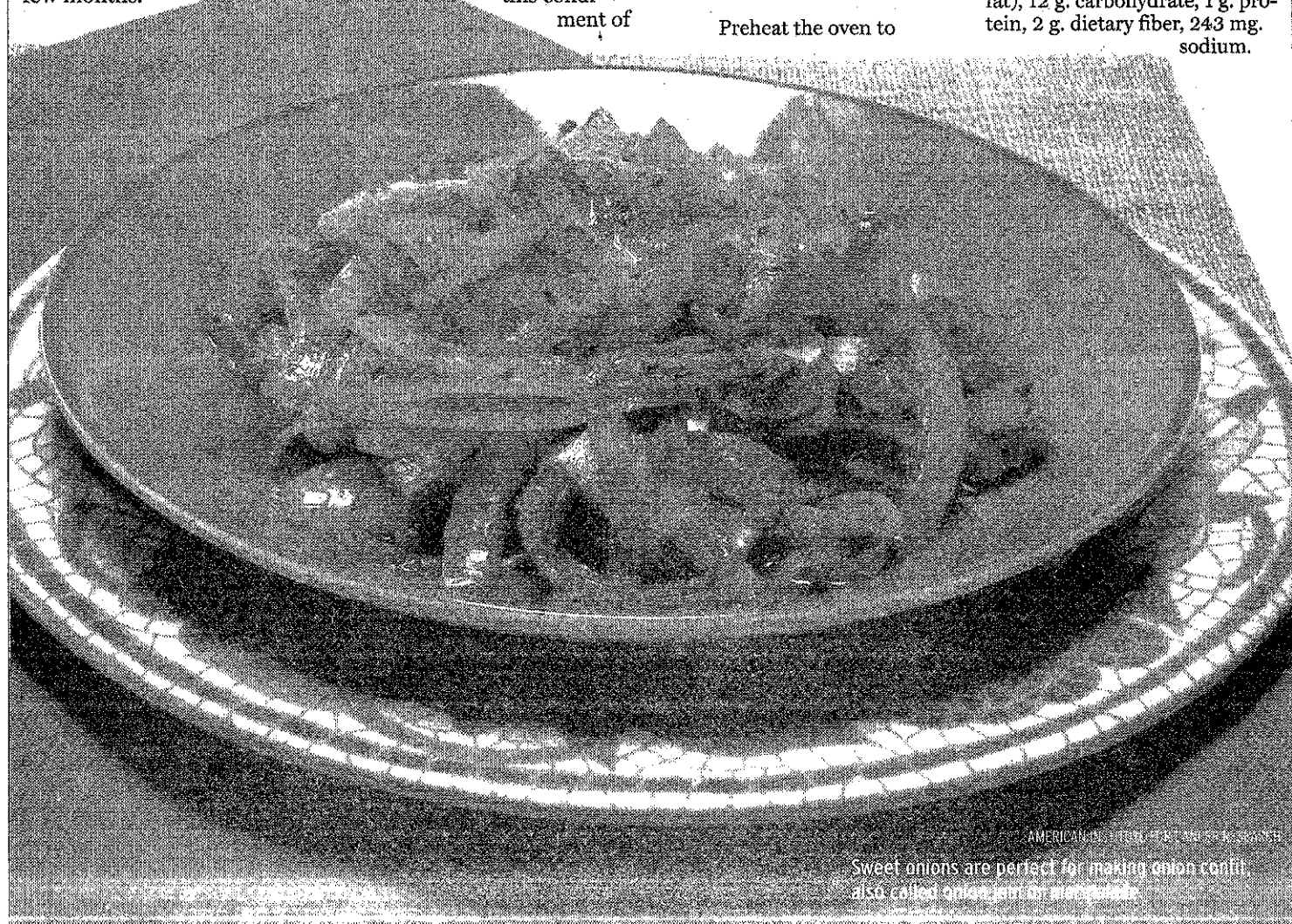
350°F. Coat an 8-inch x 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray and set aside.

Cut the onions so they are in bite-size, manageable lengths for eating with a fork. Place them in a mixing bowl. Add the oregano, allspice, salt, pepper and vinegar. Toss, using a fork or your fingers, until the onions are evenly coated. Add the oil and toss again. Arrange the onions in the prepared baking dish. Pour in the broth. Cover the pan with foil.

Bake the onions 60 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with the sugar. Bake 30 minutes longer, or until the onions are soft and browned, and most of the liquid has evaporated. Cool completely.

Serve with roasted or grilled meats and poultry, or with fish. These onions keep, tightly covered in the refrigerator, for up to 5 days.

Makes 3 cups or 6 servings.
Per serving: 72 calories, 2 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 12 g. carbohydrate, 1 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 243 mg. sodium.



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FOOD 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.

Grapevine

Here is a schedule of classes from the Grapevine School of Wine:
Summer Barbecue Wines, 7 p.m. June 20, Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, \$32;
Register on line for any of these events at www.grapevineschoolofwine.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 on line at www.communityed.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.

Students can enter area recipe contest

Detroit-area students can receive a \$100,000 prize for college tuition, as part of a 12-city, public service recipe competition, which will be making its way to the Detroit area on May 11.

High school students ages 13 to 18 can submit recipes for the most nutrient-rich cafeteria lunch they can develop, including a main course, fruit or other healthy dessert, and to wash the meal down, their favorite variety of vitaminwater®.

Entries can be submitted on-line at www.freelunchmoney.com and three area students with the best recipes will be invited to present their creations live in front of three judges - Boss Bailey of the Detroit Lions, Chef Don Yamauchi of Tribute in Farmington Hills, along with nutritionist Gail Posner of West Bloomfield.

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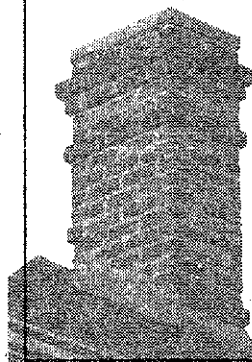
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2004 Bored Doe (from the Goats Do Roam Wine Co., South Africa) \$14

2002 Spellbound \$15

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Meet Arrowood and the man behind the winery

More than 30 years ago, Richard (Dick) Arrowood was the first winemaker and, as a matter of fact, the first employee at Chateau St. Jean Winery in California's Sonoma Valley.

He created some of California's first vineyard-designated chardonnays from the Robert Young vineyard, as well as Durell and Belle Terre vineyards. As a result, the quality and fame of Robert Young chardonnay became so well known that eventually the vineyard designated its chardonnay as the Robert Young clone.

According to Arrowood, it was his late harvest Johannisberg Rieslings that put Chateau St. Jean on the map. Prior to that, consumers looked to Germany for the lusciously sweet and delicious dessert-style rieslings.

ARROWOOD THE WINERY

In 1986, while continuing to make Chateau St. Jean wines, Arrowood and his wife and partner, Alis Demers Arrowood, founded Arrowood Vineyards and Winery in the Sonoma Valley, near the town of Glen Ellen. At first, Alis ran the new winery until Dick could join her full time.

The Arrowoods' approach to winemaking remains the same today as 20 years ago — to



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produce varietal wines from the great vineyards of Sonoma County. "Sonoma County's diverse viticultural areas such as Russian River Valley, Alexander and Dry Creek Valleys and Sonoma-Carneros give us the quality fruit we need to produce great wines," Arrowood said.

In 2000, Arrowood was beginning to tire of monitoring the bottom line while continuing to make wine. When Robert Mondavi offered to purchase Arrowood Winery, relieving him of financial responsibility and retaining him to make the wine, Dick Arrowood jumped at the chance. At that time Arrowood said, "I'm getting out of the administrative and bureaucratic baloney and going to get better grapes and make better wines. It's exciting. There isn't another winery out there that I would want a strategic alliance with."

In a recent phone conversation with Arrowood, he explained that his 4½-year association with the Mondavi

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family was great. "They treated me very well," he said. The problem was that when Constellation Brands purchased the Robert Mondavi Winery, it sold Arrowood Winery to Legacy Estates, which filed Chapter 11 within eight months. The good news is that Dick Arrowood remains at Arrowood and continues to make great wines.

When we talked, Arrowood told us about plans to build a new winery, Amapola Creek, in Sonoma Valley, south of Arrowood Winery.

There, he will make about 3,000 cases of cabernet sauvignon, syrah and zinfandel from the 20 acres of vineyard already planted on the property. He plans to sell the wines to local restaurants and direct to consumers.

"I made some cabernet from the 2005 harvest for Amapola Creek," he said, "but it will not be released until 2008." More good news is that for the last four vintages, 2005, '04, '03

and '02, Arrowood wines are of highest quality, so buy with confidence. "Red wines from 2005 will be rich and full with good structure, very much like the cabernets from 1994 and 1997," Arrowood said.

WHAT TO BUY NOW FROM ARROWOOD

2004 Arrowood Chardonnay \$29. You'll find yourself reaching for a second glass of this wine with its peach, apricot and tropical fruit flavors. It boasts superb balance with just the right touch of French oak, full and generous.

2001 Arrowood Merlot \$42 is what all merlots should be. Dark cherries and black raspberries blend in a harmonious and generous wine that lasts long on the palate.

2002 Arrowood Cabernet Sauvignon \$42 is a complex, structured cab that is drinkable now, yet ageable. Black currant, cassis, grilled meat characters and mellow tannins round out an outstanding pour.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally-respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and *Troy* residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

Here's moo shoo pork, simplified

BY DANA JACOBI

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Stir-fries are a great way to put all the elements of a healthy meal into one dish. You do not even need a recipe or a wok, just a colorful combination of vegetables and tofu, or another protein, and a large, heavy frying pan.

In Asia, the home of stir-frying, the whole point of these quickly-cooked dishes is to provide intense flavors while cooking quickly, thus saving on expensive cooking fuel. And, as rice is the main part of an Asian meal, a stir-fry is a topping-like garnish whose juices can soak into, and flavor, the rice. Stir-fries are also served with noodles made of wheat, rice, or mung beans.

When it comes to the accompanying starch, Moo Shoo Pork is in an entirely different category. Traditionally, the stir-fry is wrapped inside thin, delicate pancakes. The pancakes, which are difficult and time-consuming for most Westerners to prepare, are made with white rather than whole-grain flour. But, since a stir-fry is a stir-fry whether it's wrapped or not, there is no reason why a home-cooked Moo Shoo pork can't be served with noodles or rice. And brown rice is a great option, providing the extra health benefits of a whole grain, but taking no longer to cook than white rice. Critically important for stir-fries is cutting the ingredients to the right shape

and in even sizes.

This takes a little time, but is well worth it. You will appreciate the difference in the harmony of textures and flavors, compared to irregularly-cut ingredients that sometimes turn out either over- or under-cooked. (The small amount of chopping needed is actually quite therapeutic after a hectic and stressful day.) Also important is to first cook the ingredients that take the most cooking time, adding those that become tender quickly toward the end.

PORK AND MUSHROOM STIR-FRY

- 4 dried black or shiitake mushrooms
- 3-6 ribs bok choy
- 1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon rice wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon grated or minced ginger
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic, or more, according to taste
- ½ (8-ounce) can sliced bamboo shoots, drained
- 10-12 ounce lean pork cut very thin
- 1 cup mung bean sprouts
- ½ cup chopped scallions, (white and green)
- 3 cups cooked brown jasmine or basmati rice

In a small bowl, cover the mushrooms with hot

tap water and soak until soft, 20-30 minutes. Squeeze the mushrooms dry. Reserve 2 tablespoons of their soaking water. Remove and discard stems. Cut the mushrooms into very thin strips and set aside.

Cut green tops of bok choy into thin strips. Cut the white stalks into 2-inch lengths, then into thin strips. There should be about 1 cup greens and 2 cups of the white part.

Combine the reserved mushroom liquid with the soy sauce in a small bowl. Stir in the vinegar, cornstarch, sugar and ginger. Set the sauce aside.

In a wok, heat the oil over high heat until very hot. Stir-fry the bok choy, then add the garlic, mushrooms and bamboo shoots. Stir-fry 30 seconds. Add the meat and stir fry until the meat looks white.

Add the sauce. When it starts to thicken, add the bean sprouts. Season with ground pepper, if desired. When the meat is cooked through, spoon the stir-fry over the rice on a serving platter. Top with the scallions and serve. Makes 5 cups or 5 servings. Per serving: 383 calories, 10 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 58 g. carbohydrate, 19 g. protein, 7 g. dietary fiber, 151 mg. sodium.



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Make Over Your Man

Novi firefighters model
the latest menswear

■ By Wendy White

Every year, the International Women's Show is loaded with coupons, cosmetics, clothing and collectibles for gals.

This year's show promises to serve up some candy as well — eye candy, that is, as Novi firefighters shed their uniforms, to model the latest in men's fashion from Oakland Marshall Field's.

Women are invited to gather around the Fashion Stage at 7 p.m. on Friday to check out these brave guys, who will be decked out by Select Personal Shoppers from Oakland Marshall Field's.

You've got two perfect excuses to stop and stare — number one, you'll be able to help your hubby shop for Spring, and better yet, you'll be helping the U of M Trauma Burn Center's "Kid's Burn Camp," where children who've survived devastating burn injuries enjoy outdoor activities and friendship.

According to Kriss McLeod, assistant

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Novi Firefighters Men's Fashion Show
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Firefighters hang up their hoses to model the latest menswear from Oakland Marshall Field's. The fashion show benefits the U of M Trauma Burn Center's Kids Burn Camp.

store manager at the Oakland Marshall Field's, the message for men's fashion this Spring is a clean, sophisticated look based on a neutral color palette of whites, beiges and browns.



PHOTO BY DAVID REED

Novi firefighter Andy Copeland axes winter garb in favor of a Clairborne suit in a neutral shade, with Dockers shoes. Fellow Fireman Paul Mullett pairs Lucky jeans with a white Calvin Klein sweater and untucked Calvin Klein shirt, and Johnson & Murphy shoes. All clothing from Oakland Marshall Field's.

What's on the List

You're Wearing That?

Deborah Tannen, author of the best-selling book *YOU'RE WEARING THAT? Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation*, will speak at the Troy Hilton at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11 at a signature Mother's Day event for mothers and their adult daughters. Why do moms and their daughters critique each other on the "big three" — hair, weight and clothes — all while longing for one another's approval and understanding? The mother-daughter relationship is often the most important and difficult relationship in a woman's life. Tannen will share real-life stories and practical advice about untangling the knots daughters and mothers so often get tied in. An Evening with Deborah Tannen" is presented by

Providence Hospital, and produced by Metro Parent Magazine. Tickets are \$20-\$40. Call Metro Parent Magazine at (248) 398-3400 or visit www.metroparent.com.

Mother-Daughter Brunch

In honor of Mother's Day and Breast Health Month, the Women's Health Boutique of Livonia will host a free Mother-Daughter Brunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 6. Participants will be treated to a free meal, along with advice on personal training and custom fitted breast prostheses.

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Many remember Meredith Baxter from the '80s sitcom *Family Ties*. The actress has starred in countless plays, films and made-for-TV movies. Recently, she added skin care specialist to her resume. Meredith Baxter Simple Works is a cruelty-free line of beauty products that supports the Meredith Baxter Fund for Breast Cancer Research. Baxter will visit the International Women's Show May 4-7 in Novi to demonstrate Simple Works, sign autographs, and give away samples and prizes. In the meantime, she shares her favorite picks with PINK.

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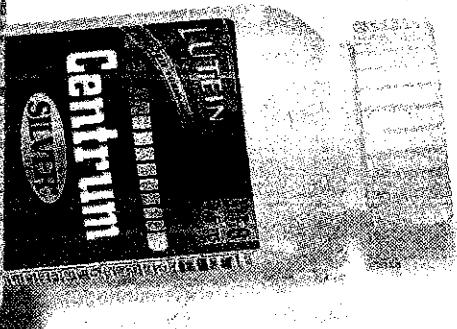
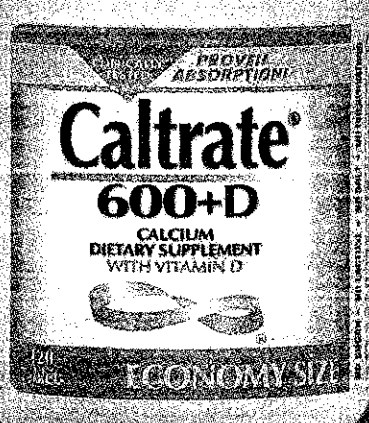
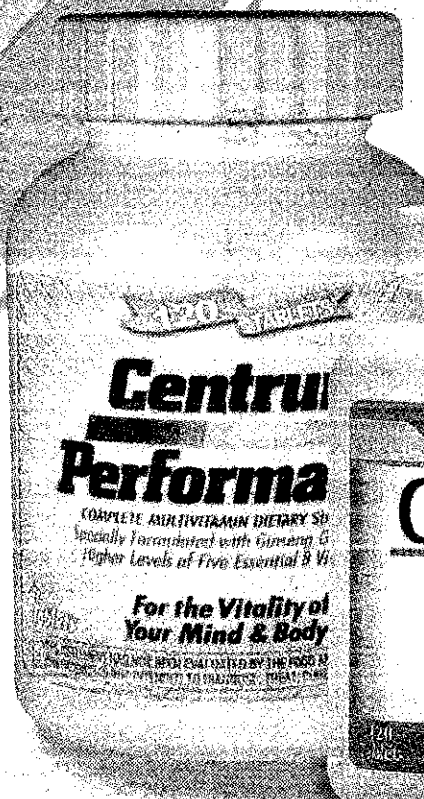
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