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# Voters deliver double whammy on bonds

**BY TONY BRUSCATO** STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools voters sent a clear message to the Board of Education they aren't willing to raise taxes to pay for \$120 million in district-wide improvements by soundly defeating two bond proposals Tuesday.

With results still unofficial, residents in six municipalities defeated a request for \$95.4 million for building expansions, a new middle school in Canton and a Career and Technical Education (CTE) center at the high school park by a vote of 7,609 to 7,340.

The second proposal for \$24.8 million to build

a theater and a varsity soccer field at P-CEP, a swimming pool at Plymouth High School, an auxiliary gym at Salem High School and improvements to the baseball and softball fields at Canton High School lost 8,598 to 6,064.

"I'm shocked," trustee Joanne Lamar said shortly after the results were displayed on a large screen at the Board of Education offices. "I really thought people understood the needs of the district. A middle school was sorely needed in Canton, and a CTE center would have been a benefit to so many students in the future. "I think people are finally going to see the real

PLEASE SEE BONDS. A5

## Gonzalez, Sneideman earn board seats

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Dianne Gonzalez said she's already got some big challenges to overcome after winning one of two four-year seats Tuesday on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

Gonzalez was the top finisher among eight candidates with 4,581 votes, ahead of secondplace finisher and newly elected board member Steven Sneideman, who received 4,278 votes.

Gonzalez, whose campaign included speaking out against the two bond issues worth \$120 million for upgrades and renovations in the district, said her top priority will be to gain the respect of current board members when she

begins her term in July.
"I think the hardest thing for me is to establish a rapport with different members of the school board who didn't endorse me because I

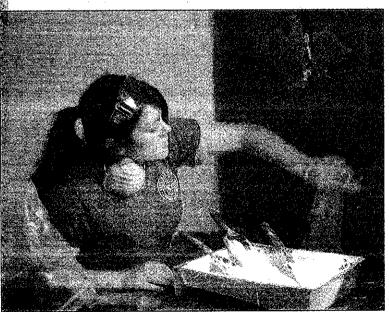
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Volunteers Dan Hall (left) and John Connoly build forms for a new driveway at the Lilley Road job site Saturday.

# Lending a helping hand

Volunteers make home repairs for those who can't



Adrienne Cercone cleans woodwork before painting at one of the Sheldon Road

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

It had been a while since the sun had shone as brightly on Gary Griffis's house. But last weekend the weather was perfect and bright for the more than 40 volunteers who showed up, with paintbrushes, rakes and tools in hand, ready to work on his home on South Lilley in Canton.

The workers were volunteers with Christmas in Action, a program which makes home repairs for senior citizens.

Griffis contacted Christmas in Action as the result of what most folks would call a bad day.

'It all started with the ordinance department - when they came to write me a ticket," Griffis

He'd been in poor health for

about three years, and eventually had a leg amputated. The condition of his home got away from him, and when it got bad enough that he was going to be cited for blight, he was out of solutions to the problem

"The officer suggested I call Christmas in Action," Griffis said. So he did.

Griffis couldn't help but to be excited as the backhoe dug the trench where his new driveway would be by the end of the day.

By 9:30 a.m., volunteers had torn down an old garage, and were preparing to pour the footings for the new one. Chippewa Construction provided a team of skilled tradesmen to help the volunteers. Workers tore out the kitchen floor to lay a new one,

PLEASE SEE HOMES, A6

# Trout will be plentiful during fishing derby

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

This weekend, a Canton tradition will signal the official beginning of springtime in Michigan. Canton's annual fishing derby will draw some 900 children, who will circle the ponds at Heritage Park, fishing rods in hand.

"It's really one of my favorite events," said Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates.

"It brings out families, and the kids come out with their parents and grandparents. It's just a joy

The Canton tradition began 23 years ago, when Heritage Park was newly developed.

We needed a way to showcase these great ponds, and thought of all kinds of events," recalled Dates. "A natural idea was a kids' fishing event."

Traditionally it's been held the first Saturday of May, but the date was decided partly due to trial and error. "We've had our share of mistakes." Dates said.

Like one of the early years when the township held the event twice - once in the spring and once in the fall. The spring event was just fine. But by the fall event in September, the ponds had warmed up, and had become too warm for the rainbow trout the township had stocked in the pond.

'Unfortunately the fish died, and were washing up on the sides of the pond," Dates said. "That didn't go well."

This year, the township will stock the pond with approximately 1,500 rainbow trout of various sizes. The cost is just \$3 per child.

The derby will be at Heritage Park on May 6. 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 ses-The first is from 8:30-11:30 a.m. for children age 12 and under and the second, from noon until 3

p.m. is for children 1 and under. 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.

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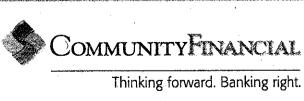


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## **Coming Sunday** in Health



Doctor offers tips on how not to become a patient

#### Color district meeting

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, along with the Downtown Development Authority, is offering an informational meeting regarding Canton Color Districts. The meeting will be held at 8 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. All Canton Business are invited to attend.

At this meeting, there will be discussion about the chamber and DDA's partnership in promoting Canton's Ford Road. retail corridor. Other topics that will be covered are Canton's summer events including the public art exhibit, the Liberty Fest parade, the summer jazz concert series, and the grand opening of IKEA, which is scheduled for June 7. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-

#### Homeowners Advisory Council

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council at 7 p.m. on May 8, in the lower level of Canton Township Administration Building. Ron DuPrey of Kramer-Triad Management will be the guest speaker. Topics will be insurance and contracting. Mr. DuPrey has a wealth of valuable information for condo and homeowners and will answer questions as time permits.

#### Canton actor featured

Canton resident Brandon Edwards will be featured in the upcoming production of The Wizard of Oz at the Novi Civic

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Center on Thursday-Saturday evenings, May 18-20, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees, May 20 and May 21, at

2 p.m. The entire cast and crew will number more than 100. The key members of the cast will appear at the Wizard Tea and Brunch on Sunday, May 21 from noon-1:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Tickets are \$10.

Tickets are now on sale for \$18 at the Parks Desk in the Novi Civic Center. Group sales prices are \$15 (20 or more). There will be a special student price of \$10 for the 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 18 performance. Tickets should be purchased in advance to ensure space. For Wizard Tea and performance ticket information, call (248) 347-0400.

#### Beth Stewart to speak

Canton Lighthouse Aglow International invites all women to join the group at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 6, at St. Joseph's Medical Center on Palmer and Canton Center roads for food, fellowship, and a good word on "How do you know it's God?" Guest speaker will be Beth Stewart. For more information, call Rochelle at (734) 981-6908.

#### Golf outing

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The Canton Community Foundation's Annual Golf

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#### Chamber breakfast

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its government relations breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday May 19, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for breakfast is \$7 per person, which includes a full buffet breakfast, beverages, guest speaker presentation, and roundtable discussion.

The breakfast will feature guest speakers from the township who will discuss current road construction planned for this summer. In addition, guest speakers will cover the community events planned for spring and summer 2006.

"The Good Morning Canton breakfasts provide an important opportunity to keep Canton business owners and Canton residents informed about what is going on in their Community," says, Dianne Cojei, President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Following the speaker presentations, guests are invited to remain for the roundtable sessions, which feature special interest groups such as Canton Public Safety, as well as government officials. The roundtables are an excellent opportunity for guests to speak one-



#### **Blankets of love**

The eight members of Girl Scout Troop 905 of Canton, who are all in high school at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, recently delivered more than 60 hand-made fleece blankets to Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. The delivery was the culmination of many hours of work for these girls as they completed the service project portion of their Silver Awards. In addition to many prerequisite awards and badges, the girls were each required to plan and carry out a service project that involved at least 30 hours of work. Seven of the girls decided to make these soft blankets for the children who end up in the hospital, including some who had friends in the hospital. "I wanted to make blankets for the kids to get their minds off of being sick in the hospital and this way they could have something to cuddle up to," said Girl Scout Farah Syed. The troop will be honored at the Girl Scouts of Huron Valley Gold Award Ceremony in Ann Arbor on May 16, and then within their own Plymouth-Canton Cluster on June 2.

on-one with local officials regarding hot topics in the community.

For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

#### Food drive

The Plymouth Salvation

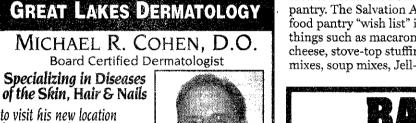
Army, the United Way and local U.S. Postal Service letter carriers team up for their annual Letter Carriers Food Drive Saturday, May 13.

Anyone who wishes to donate should place non-perishable food items in a bag near their mailbox. The letter carriers will then deliver the food to a local food bank or pantry. The Salvation Army's food pantry "wish list" includes things such as macaroni & cheese, stove-top stuffing, cake mixes, soup mixes, Jell-O,

powdered drinks, peanut butter and jelly, popcorn, oatmeal,

#### Open house

The Plymouth Salvation Army and the YMCA Tiny Tots Preschool host an open house 10-11 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m. and 6-700 p.m. Wednesday, May 17 and again 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24. The Plymouth Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road. For information tion, call (734) 453-5464.



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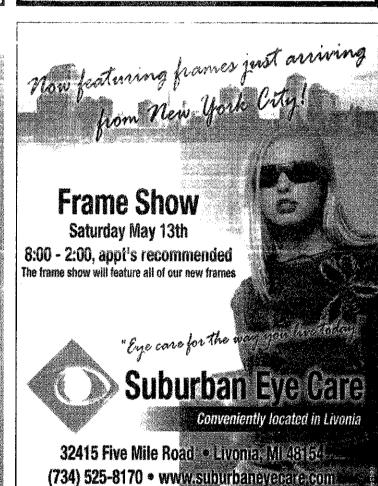
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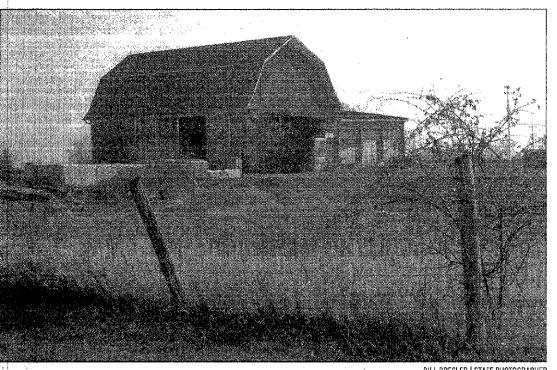
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Historical preservationists and Canton officials were unable to raise enough money or interest to save this Civil Warera barn located on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

# Losing a piece of history

## Civil War-era barn scheduled for wrecking ball

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

The Canton Historic District Commission and Canton Historical Society did all they could to save the historic barn located on the grounds of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Since December, the historians tried to raise funds to move the barn, which dates back to the Civil War, to Cherry Hill Village.

But in the end, there just wasn't enough interest -- or financial support. As a result, Canton will lose yet another piece of its proud agricultural history when the barn is demolished, probably sometime this summer.

Canton Township Clerk
Terry Bennett, who is also a
member of the historic district
commission, said a sluggish
economy and a struggling
automotive industry affected
the scope of the donations they
were able to get. The group
was trying to raise \$120,000 to
move the barn, but only
received commitments for
\$25,000.

25,000. "People were still donating, but instead of getting \$5,000 at a time we were getting \$1,000," she said. "There just didn't seem to be a huge rallying of folks. We didn't feel that in a short amount of time we were going to be able to raise the rest of what we needed."

The barn, currently located at the corner of McClumpha and Joy roads, was constructed on the site in the early 1900s, but contains some timbers from a barn that was built in the pre-Civil War era. According to the historical society, the barn was constructed by farmer Aruna Cady, who died in 1911. Several barn experts have inspected the barn and determined it is a "raised basement" barn with a "gambrel" roof, which has four sides and is quite rare.

The barn is also all that is left of the Rotary School Farm, named in 1970 after the Plymouth Rotary raised \$20,000 to operate a school farm and rural life center. Thousands of Plymouth-Canton students took bus trips to the farm until it closed in 1981 because of economic cutbacks.

The school district bought

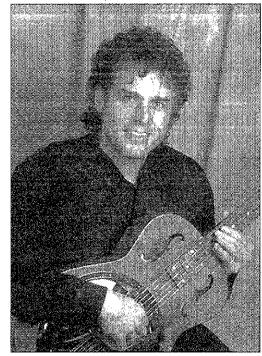
the property and barn in 1967, and has used it to store road salt and lawn equipment. District spokesman Frank Ruggirello said the barn has become inadequate for the district's needs, however. The district will build a larger storage facility on the campus, and will also build tennis courts for Plymouth High School where the barn now sits.

Ruggirello said the district has put off demolishing the barn to give Canton officials enough time to raise money so it could be moved, but it is now apparent that isn't going to happen.

"June 1 is kind of the day we set. But we're going to allow them to go in and take anything of historical significance. I understand there is some old farm equipment in there. We're going to give them all the time they need," he said. "We don't want this to turn into a sour point with the community."

Ruggirello said the district still hasn't put the demolition project out to bid, so it should take a few months before anything happens.

"It's too bad it couldn't be saved," he said.





## The two sides of Guy Louis

Well-known family and school entertainer Guy Louis will perform two distinct musical sets beginning at 8 p.m. on May 11 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Louis, who has been performing his popular Chautauqua Express musical programs for more than 20 years, will begin the show with some of his finest original material supported by a dynamic multi-media presentation. Louis's alter ego, Mr. Blue, will then perform an energized second set that will feature the nine-piece Phoenix Brass Band. The evening will conclude with a tally of votes from the audience to determine which performer is the ultimate champion. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at Summit on the Park Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office is open one hour prior to each performance. For more information about the theater and to view the complete schedule, please visit www.canton mi.org/villagetheater/index.asp.

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The Plymouth Symphony is offering a special on entertainment books as part of its annual fund-raiser. Patrons who buy a 2007 Entertainment Book get a 2006 book for free. The books offer 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and

The 2006 book can be picked up now at the Plymouth Symphony office, next to the Cozy Café in downtown Plymouth, or call (734) 451-2112 or Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 2007 Entertainment Book will be

available in August.

The entertainment book offer is \$20, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

#### Blood drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts a blood drive for the American Red Cross 2-8 p.m. Thursday, May 18.

Appointments can be made, but walk-ins are also welcome. The Plymouth Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 453-5464.

#### Fashion show

First Baptist Church of Plymouth presents "New Spring Reflections" luncheon and fashion show 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 21.

A devotional will be presented by Ann Dorries, and the fashion show by Fashion Bug. The \$8 ticket includes lunch with dessert, an inspirational devotion and the fashion show.

For tickets or more information, contact First Baptist Church of Plymouth by e-mail at office45@fbcplymouth.org or call (734) 455-2300. The church is located at 45000 N.
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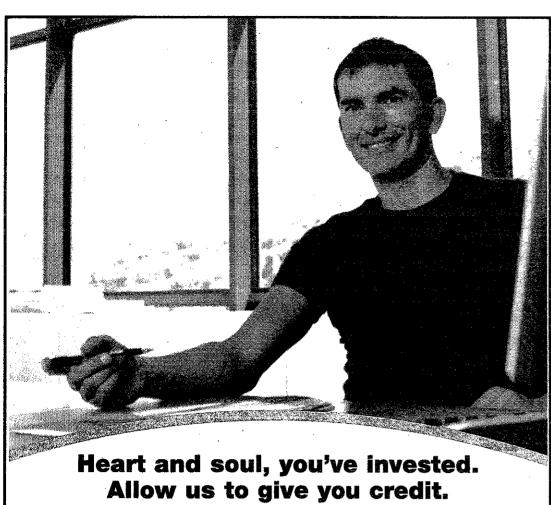
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Stylist Laura Cogo cuts Jacqueline's hair, watched by brother Connor, and mom Karen McGraw.

# Remembering what it was like

Girl, who once lost hair, donates to Locks of Love

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

It took 8-year-old Jacqueline McGraw three years, but she finally did it. She grew her hair long enough just to have it cropped off, right above her chin.

"I wanted to do this because I know what its like to lose your hair," Jacqueline said, holding the 12-inch ponytail, which was just a moment earlier cut from her head.

Her dark blond locks were sealed into an envelope and mailed to Locks of Love, a program which makes wigs of human hair, then donates them to children who have lost their hair for medical reasons.

Jacqueline knows what it's like to lose her hair because it happened to her just three years ago. At the age of five, she was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor. After spending 11 hours in surgery to have it removed, and spending five weeks in the hospital, she needed a year's worth of therapy to re-learn to walk, talk and even eat. She's been doing well, and despite having to enteh up with other girls her age, she's getting excellent grades at



Stylist Laura Cogo finds that Jacqueline McGraw's hair is long enough to qualify for Locks of Love. She donated 12 inches to the organization.

Plymouth Christian Academy, where Jacqueline attends the second grade.

"She's our miracle girl," said her mother Koren McGross But the hardest part was losing her hair.

"They shaved half her hair off," said her mother. And she had to keep her hair shorn because doctors had put in a shunt (a relief valve to allow for drainage and keep pressure from building on the brain).

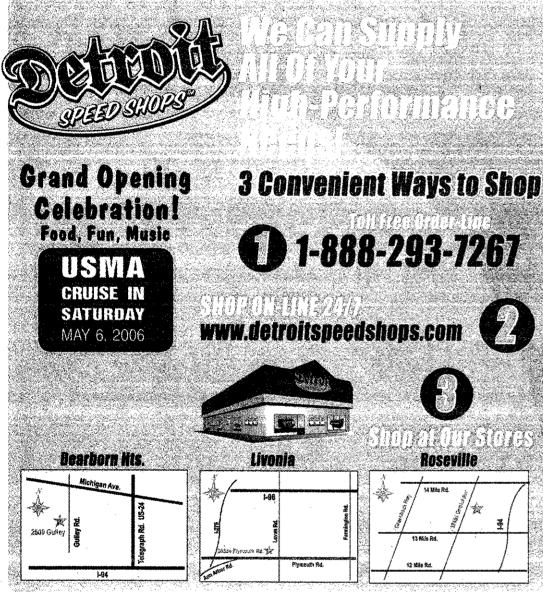
"We looked all over for hair 1983 pieces but couldn't find any for children with shunts," McGraw

Knowing that losing her long hair (Jacqueline is very much a) "girlie girl," said her mother), 🕬 her family would not allow mirrors in her hospital room, ADBA and Jacqueline didn't know here hair had been shaved off until they took her to have it cut at 1018 Fantastic Sam's on Ford Road in Canton. Three years later, the very same salon, a participating Locks of Love salon, offered the girl a free hair cut as part of her donation.

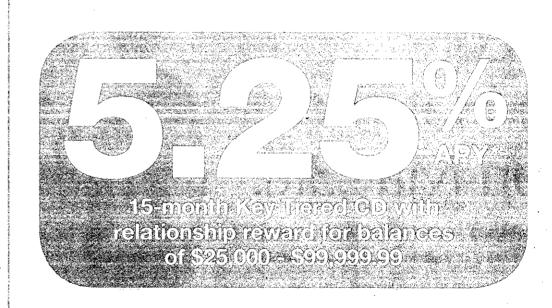
Jacqueline smiled - though no. sometimes nervously throughout her haircut, but her mother wasn't doing quite

"I admit it. I'm going to miss her long hair," Karen McGraw sald. "But I'm just so very proud of her"

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strains put on the district, and that's very devastating," she added. "And if people are complaining about redistricting and overcrowded schools now, what do you think we're going to get in the future? I'm really disappointed for the kids'

#### SEEKING ANSWERS

Board President Mark Slavens was more philosophicallabout the defeat.

I'm surprised. I thought the first bond would definitely pass," Slavens said. "I'm disappointed, but accept what the voters had to say. If I had to guess (why), it would have to be the economy. The board will have to get with the administration and look at where we go next."

Proposal 1 passed in Canton Township (4,254-3,693) and in the city of Plymouth (792-653). However, that wasn't enough to overcome Plymouth Township voters — from where much of the resistance came from residents upset the bond proposals didn't include an elementary school constructed on 40 acres of district-owned

property known as Miller Woods — who voiced their opposition soundly by turning down the first proposal 2,883-

None of the six communities which make up the district including Northville, Salem and Superior townships passed the second bond proposal.

"I think this opens a big opportunity for the district to really take a good, hard look at optimizing facilities across the district and reducing transportation costs," said Nancy Conzelman, one of a handful of people who consistently spoke out against the two proposals. "I don't think they should go out for a bond until they can figure out how to pay for additional operating costs.

"When the Northville (Schools) bond failed, someone said the district was acting piggish," she added. "I think this bond was piggish. The district needs to focus, with laser accuracy, at what they absolutely need."

#### **SPENDING CONCERNS**

Former school board President Mike Maloney of Plymouth Township said he knew the vote would be close, and wasn't surprised by the results.

"I consider this to be a refer-

#### **HOW THEY VOTED**

Here's a look inside the numbers in the Plymouth-Canton Schools' two-question bond proposal election Tuesday:

	Proposal 1		Proposal 2	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Plymouth	792	653	678	753
Canton	4,254	3,693	3,497	4,287
Northville Twp	98	222	80	228
Plymouth Twp	2,113	2,883	1,744	3,155
Salem Twp	61	120	48	132
Superior Twp	22	38	17	43

endum on the current board and administration, and the questions that concerned citizens have been raising aren't just seen as an issue by just a few people," Maloney said. "I think a majority of the community is concerned about the deficit spending and the lack of planning. I hope the board takes this to heart."

Included as part of Proposal 1 was the reimbursement of \$2.3 million to the general fund budget for the land on Cherry Hill Road, west of Canton Center Road, in Canton Township for a proposed new middle school. The result could mean more drastic cuts for the 2006-07 budget that was estimated to be in the red by approximately \$6 million.

"The number one priority is not getting the reimbursement of the \$2.3 million," Supt. Jim Rvan said. "We only have until April 2007 to do that.

"The board was holding off to see what kind of cuts they'd have to make, and without the money the budget is going to look radically different," he added. "What budget reductions do you make, whether it's increasing class size, which cause teacher layoffs ..."

#### **RESPECT VOTERS**

The defeat of the two bond proposals was a different feeling for Ryan. During his nearly 30 years in education, he was instrumental in passing a millage proposal in Taylor as an assistant principal, two others while superintendent in Reed City and Waverly, as well as the \$109 million proposal in Plymouth-Canton in September 2004 by a 70-per-

cent margin. "I respect the voters' decision," said Ryan, who has a self-imposed "no whining" phi-

losophy anytime something doesn't go as anticipated. "I trust the community knows what's best for us, and at this time they just didn't think this was best for us. I don't know if it was the economy, or whether it just wasn't a good package we put out there."

One school board trustee who wasn't surprised at all by the outcome was Richard Ham-Kucharski, who from the beginning voiced opposition to the two bond proposals and voted against both.

"As the vote got closer, people were telling me, more and more, that the things they saw in the bonds didn't make sense to them as needs at this point," Ham-Kucharski said. "We've seen the slowdown in housing and the automotive layoffs that affect our community. There have been a lot of indicators

this is a downward trend, and that this community is starting to feel it."

Municipal clerks reported higher-than-normal turnouts for the election, with Plymouth Township at nearly 25 percent, Plymouth almost 24 percent and

Canton Township at 15 percent. After voting against the bond proposals at West Middle School, Teresa Rokash of Plymouth Township said it was just too much money.

"I think we're getting in over our heads with more schools. We can't afford it," Rokash said. "I'm worried about the welfare of the schools we already have. They've been telling me we're going bankrupt in two years for 10 years now, and I don't think we can afford the upkeep of anymore schools. I just don't want us to go bankrupt."

Nick Hytinen, who voted at St. John Neumann in Canton Township, said he checked "no" on both proposals.

"I don't think they need it," Hytinen said. "With the three high schools they're duplicating and triplicating things. They need to work within their budget more, instead of asking us for more money."

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### **BOARD**

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didn't endorse the bond," Gonzalez said. "That will be mybiggest challenge."

Gonzalez said she's prepared to help develop a new bond measure voters can back, in part so the district can recover \$2.3 million for the general fund budget. The money was used to pay for the land for the proposed middle school in Canton Township, which was turned down by voters.

"I think we asked for too much ... we're going to have to come back with something that is better and stronger, Gonzalez said. "I think we'll have to be more precise with what we ask for. We can't ask for more, but exactly what we

The district has until April



Gonzalez



2007 to recover the land cost through a bond proposal. Sneideman also acknowl-

Sneideman

edged the district will eventually need to propose another bond proposal, but he has no time frame in mind for going back to voters.

"I think we have to listen to the people and take a look at what we do next, and come back with something different," Sneideman said. "I think there probably are still things people think we need that were in the bond, but it wasn't structured the right way, or maybe it was just certain parts

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#### **HOW THEY FINISHED**

Here's how the candidates for two four-year seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education finished in Tuesday's election:

CANDIDATE	VOTES
Dianne Gonzalez	4,581
Steven Sneideman	4,278
John Jackson	3,366
Cheryl McKoy	2,510
Larry Martin	1,991
John Nichols	1,876
Mark Christensen	1,815
Brandon Hynes	1,612

they objected to.

that is, and if it's something we think a smaller bond will help us achieve," he added. "Maybe

people are saying to us it's not worth going back just to get the money.

Sneideman said he believes there were several factors that contributed to the bond defeat. not the least of which is the downturn of the local econo-

my.
"They're probably worried how to pay their bills, let alone a small increase in their taxes," he said. "There was a lot of negative press in the last few days, which I believe created indecision in

their minds."

Finishing behind Gonzalez and Sneideman were John Jackson with 3,366 votes; Cheryl McKoy with 2,510; Larry Martin with 1,991; John Nichols with 1,876; Mark Christerson with 1,815; and Brandon Hynes with

Leaving the board in July will be trustees Joanne Lamar and Carol Saunders, neither of whom sought re-election.

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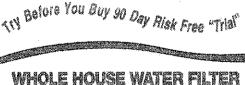
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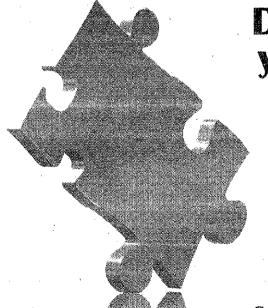
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#### A job well done Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro congratulates Civilian of the Year PSSO Robin **Bush during the Canton Police** Department's 20th Annual Awards & Citations Ceremony last week. Bush has been a dispatcher for



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Nick Boyd and Greg Zinn trim overgrown vines in the back yard of the Lilley Road home.

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## HOMES

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repaired and replaced vinyl siding, and teams of teenagers with rakes and shovels and work gloves were cleaning up Griffis's yard.

His was one of five homes the volunteers worked on throughout the Canton com-

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Shaun Ryan Williams, a senior at Churchill High School, was pretty chipper for having woken up at 7 a.m. on a Saturday. He got involved with Christmas in Action through ALPHA (Alternate Learning Program for the High School Adolescent), a program for troubled teens, he said. Even though he was on the job site to fulfill a community service requirement, he found himself enjoying the experience much

more than he thought he would. "It's not just the grade," he said. "I love doing this. I'm giving back what I have received in my life, and I'm helping someone else."

Inside the house, Linda

Cunningham of Plymouth Township was painting trim in a bedroom. Cunningham and fellow members of the Plymouth Canton Breakfast Kiwanis Club participated last year, during Christmas in Action's debut year, and they returned this year.

"If everybody could do this all the time, what a difference it would make," Cunningham said.

Canton's Christmas in Action chapter is composed of an eightmember board, chaired by Jim Cisek, and is endorsed by the Canton Township Board of Trustees. CIA is a registered nonprofit organization and all donations are tax-deductible. For more information on CIA, call (734) 844-8900 or visit the Web site at www.christmasinactionwayne.com.



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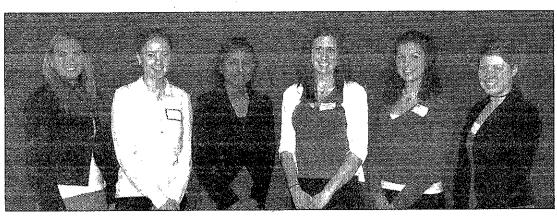
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## Salem senior wins DAR state contest

Salem High School senior Kathryn Girskis, representing the local Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, won the Michigan Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Scholarship contest and was honored during the recent State Awards Day Luncheon in Lansing.

State Rep. John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township), attended the luncheon and presented Girskis with a framed Certificate of Special Tribute from the Ninety-Third Legislature, signed by Governor Granholm.



Kathryn Girskis, Salem High School; Bethany Marie Walker, Agape Christian Academy; Naila Ashraf, Plymouth High School; Ann Katherine Leiting, Canton High School; Mary Elizabeth Baharozian, Churchill High School; Lindsey Marie Pyle, Huron Valley Lutheran High School; and Allison Greene, Ladywood High School earned Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Awards.

The DAR Good Citizen Contest was started in 1934 to recognize a graduating senior who personified the four qualities of a DAR Good Citizen: Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism. This year nearly 500 Michigan high schools chose students to submit entries to their local D.A.R. Chapters for judging.

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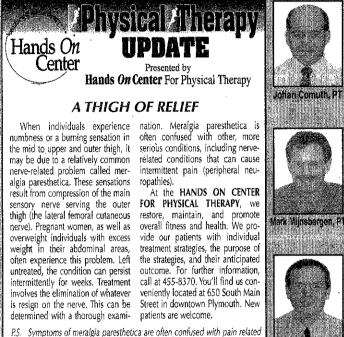
The 54 chapters forwarded

their chapter winner to the state level competition. The top 10 finalists were invited to the State Awards day, where Girskis was introduced as the state winner. Her entry is now being judged at the district level.

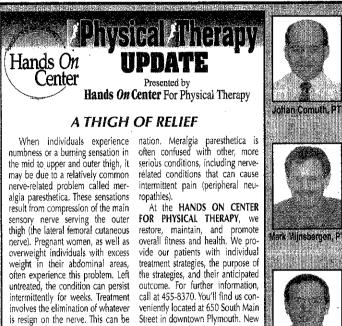
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter honored their seven local Good Citizens at a special reception on Presidents Day in February. In addition to

Girskis, they included Bethany Marie Walker, Agape Christian Academy; Naila Ashraf, Plymouth High School; Ann Katherine Leiting, Canton High School; Mary Elizabeth Baharozian, Churchill High School; Lindsey Marie Pyle, Huron Valley Lutheran High School; and Allison Greene, Ladywood High School.





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BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Spring has sprung and Canton residents are ready for sure signs that summer's on the way - a perennial exchange, and a farmers market, two events making their debuts this year in Canton.

The perennial exchange is being sponsored this weekend by the Canton Council for Community Excellence. The event was a natural for the council, which was formed to help keep Canton beautiful, according to the exchange's chairman, Raymond Rolak. Throughout the year, the council works on its comprehensive awards program for property owners with unusually pretty homes and businesses, signage at the township's gateways, and

"We thought this would be a nice new program," Rolak said. "There are a lot of new residents in Canton and we have clay soil which makes it hard to grow perennials. Because gardeners are humanistic people, they like to help new gardeners when they thin out their perennials every three to five years."

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He said gardeners who wish to bring plants to share should bag their plants when they thin out their perennial beds. The council will set up tables for

the event. Even those people who don't have plants to exchange are welcome, Rolak said.

"There are always benevolent gardeners who will give you some," he said.

The event will be held May 6, rain or shine, and gardening experts will be on hand to answer questions. Retired educator and arborist Marsh Wied

will answer questions about tree replacements, past president of the Master Gardeners Association Bill Gravett will be available to answer questions about perennials and annuals, and the Detroit Rose Garden Club members will also attend to answer questions about

The exchange will be at the historic Cherry Hill School, located on Cherry Hill at Ridge, from 9 a.m. to noon May 6.

The farmers market will be later this summer, and is scheduled to take place two days, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Aug. 5 and Sept. 16. at the Bartlett Travis house on Ridge Road, just north of Cherry Hill.

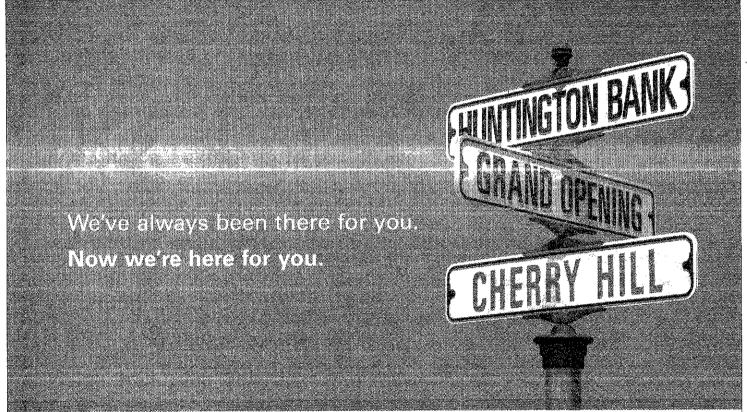
"We are always looking for what kind of programs we can put on in Cherry Hill Village, especially the Bartlett Travis house," said Bob Dates, recreation supervisor. "The farmers market is an idea that's been floating around for a couple of summers."

Especially since there are so few farms left in Canton, residents welcome the opportunity to buy produce from gardener neighbors and local farmers, Dates said.

The township is also is seeking vendors who are interested in selling homemade jams, jellies, honey, baked goods and flowers. "We're not looking for crafters or businesses, but we are looking for people who want to sell garden items and vegetables," Dates said.

There will be a fee for venders (less than \$10) and vendors may either bring their own tables or use the town-

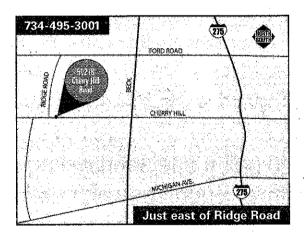
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## Fore! Angela Hospice golf outing swings into action

and business friends will once again head to the greens for the organization's annual golf outing benefiting programs for terminally ill patients and their families. The outing moves to Western Golf and Country Club in Redford this year, for the 18th annual event to be held Monday, June 5.

The event begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m., 18 holes of golf with carts, box lunches delivered to the carts, a dinner celebration, dessert, and mini silent auction following golf.

We're looking forward to a great outing at Western," said Alice Barringer, Development Manager. "We have a limit of 144 golfers, so individuals who

## Splendor of East highlights dance

The Council of Asian Pacific

largest performance-based celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in Michigan. In its fifth year, Splendor of the East has entertained and educated guests year after year. With this year's theme "Cultural Gems of the East: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" the audience will get a taste of vibrant and lively Asian cultures.

The main attraction of the evening will be Powerdance. A wonderful blend of movement, light and emotion, Powerdance demonstrates the complex varietv of modern Asian dance. Among other forms, the unique dance company is able to exemplify the magic of black light theater, a genre which is unique in the Philippines as conceived by Douglas Nierras, Powerdance choreographer and

on sale at www.capa-mi.org or via the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center Box Office and range in price from 7pm. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more info, e-mail info@capa-mi.org.

The Ford Community and Performing Arts Center is Dearborn 48126.

## Barbershop chorus performs

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society is preparing to perform their annual show around the theme of an old radio show at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia.

Tickets are \$15, \$13 for students and seniors, and available by calling (734) 453 0574, or by sending mail to Robert Schuessler, 7732 Embassy Drive, Canton, MI 48187.

The concert includes songs from the "glorious days of radio" as well as traditional barbershop tunes ranging from spirited "up tunes" to romantic, patriotic and gospel as performed by the Renaissance Chorus in four part barbershop a capella style.

Alchemy, a guest quartet, will be featured along with a young men's ensemble from Franklin High School in Livonia.

On Monday, May 22, the chorus is inviting male singers to join them for a guest night. Anyone interested in becoming a member may attend the event at 7:30 p.m. in Kirk of Our Saviour Church in Westland. Formal training is not required and prospective members do not have to sight read music. If you have an ear for music, you can sing barbershop.

For more information, call Mark Pritchard at (734) 422-7468 evenings.

Golfers can register in foursomes or as individuals at a

price of \$200 per golfer. Packages for business partners and corporate sponsors are also available.

"There are many ways for individuals to show their support for this event," said Barringer. "Our volunteers are busy in the community helping to get the word out about all this event has to offer."

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All" Raffle is one way that volunteers are garnering enthusiasm for the event. For the price of \$20 a ticket, this raffle offers one winner the chance to win a myriad of prizes including a Tigers suite for 18, rides in helicopter and B-17 bomber, gift certificates to restaurants, malls, and more.

Volunteers are also busy signing up local businesses and individuals to sponsor hole signs on the course. Businesses can sponsor a sign

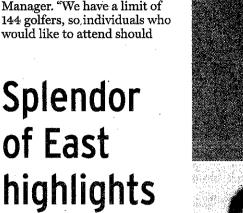
This event will help fund Angela Hospice programs not covered by insurance reimbursements. Since 1985, Angela Hospice has been providing home hospice services to patients throughout Southeast Michigan. Angela Hospice also offers specialized programs for terminally ill children, a prenatal hospice program, and a dedicated hospice care center, which provides a home-away-from-home for hospice patients.

To learn more about supporting the mission of Angela Hospice and the annual golf outing, call (734) 953-6018 or log on to

www.angelahospice.org.

Volunteers George Veach of Wayne and Kevin Bullock of Canton are part of the committee helping to plan Angela Hospice's 18th Annual Golf





Americans (CAPA) presents its brightest and most lively spectacle to stage, "Splendor of the East 2006" this year, starring Powerdance, a modern jazz dance company direct from the Philippines, 7 tonight at Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.

Splendor of the East is the

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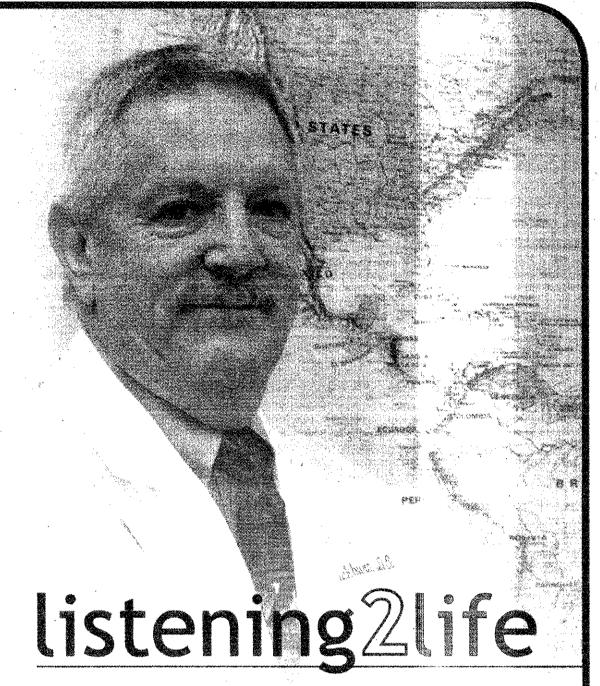




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## Thursday, May 4, 2006

#### **OUR VIEWS**

# **Board must find** right bond offer

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan spent most of the last several months literally going door-to-door trying to sell the district's two-part, \$120 million bond issue.

Despite Ryan making some 75 meetings with civic organizations, homeowners associations and municipal boards, voters told the district in Tuesday's election they aren't buying, turning down both parts of the bond equa-

Now comes the really hard part, and it's also a two-part question: 1) figuring out why voters turned them down and 2) deciding what step to take next.

One tendency would be to think voters decided the \$109 million they gave the district in September 2004 was enough, but the problem probably isn't that simple.

It would also be easy for the district to blame late-election newspaper stories pointing out the objections of some critics of the bond issue. That, likewise, would be too easy a target. It's unlikely the last-ditch effort of the critics turned a close election into a double loss.

Truth be told, while those could be contributing factors, there are probably many more pieces to this election puzzle, including - and perhaps biggest of all - the state's stumbling economy.

The other fact is, despite Ryan's omnipresence on this issue, district officials couldn't convince voters the need was real, at least not real enough to spend more tax dol-

Figuring out why voters said "no" will be a critical component for answering Question No. 2: What's next? We believe Ryan should begin conducting meetings similar to those he used to sell the bond to try to ascertain voters' moods. And here's one small suggestion: Get him some help. Good as he is, Ryan shouldn't be the only one out selling the district.

The board now faces a tough decision: When to go back to voters, and what to ask for. Clearly there's a need, particularly for more elementary classroom space and another middle school. Finding a balance between "needs" and "wants" that is palatable to voters will be the board's most crucial near-term decision.

Blaming their critics or the press for Tuesday's loss is misguided and, frankly, the easy way out. District officials have too much hard work ahead of them to waste their time on the blame game, particularly when at least some of it resides in the mirror.

Board members and administrators would do much better to expend their energy determining what went wrong and how to fix it.

## Parents must deliver life-saving message

Parents have a lot to do when it comes to prom and graduation season now upon us. Besides making sure the cat doesn't lie on the prom dress laid out on the bed, there's making sure there's enough food for the open house after graduation.

But there's one thing that's more important than gowns, and maybe even grades. Unfortunately, what ought to be a top priority - making sure our teens stay safe during and after the festivities by not consuming alcohol — is often forgotten or tacitly ignored by parents.

The results can be tragic; no parent should have to bury a child. Sadly, even those children of ours who don't drink are threatened by riding in the cars of those who do. No parent can be complacent about alcohol use by teens, an issue heightened at this time of year.

There are the legal issues. It's illegal for anyone to drink under age 21, and doing so can result in hefty fines and time off of work for parents to attend court. The experience can be emotionally draining.

But it's also illegal for parents to allow alcohol consumption by teens at parties in their homes, or to rent hotel rooms for teen parties. Doing so can lead up to a \$500 fine and 93 days in jail. Many community coalitions are running campaigns titled, "Parents who host lose the

Ultimately, however, parents have to answer the central question: Why is it so important for teens to drink? According to some experts, teens aren't social drinkers; they drink to get drunk. Parents must ask themselves why their teens think they have to get drunk.

The answer may lie in the first step to prevention: setting an example. If parents drink responsibly, i.e. not when driving, teens will understand that consuming alcohol needn't consume their lives. That subtle deterrent is more positive and more effective than a one-shot lecture this month. Teens need to understand what alcohol use does to a young mind. They need to know the consequences of use.



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#### **Cut luxuries first**

In response to Mr. Yack's comments in your article from April 27, I must say optimism is not nearly as expensive as ignorance or arrogance. Mr. Yack was warned repeatedly about impending economic contractions and begged to make proactive reductions in spending - all to no avail. Also, I have repeatedly said that we must begin any cost reductions with things before we cut people and basic government services. Canton has been shown to be lean in personnel in comparison to other local communities while being obese in lavish accouterments.

Also, Mr. Yack's figures are fictitious at best. The overhead expenses attributed to the building department are absurd and were admitted to be incorrect, yet financial decisions that devastated the lives of township employees were gleefully made without regard to the true facts. The obscene pay raises for politicians, the car allowances and other luxuries are preserved while basic township services, township employees, and the citizens they serve, suffer while getting stuck with the

**Todd Caccamo** Canton

#### Lower truck weight limits

I would like to commend the realization of the need for traffic volume improvements at Ford Road and Beck ("Intersection at Ford and Beck slated for safety improvements," April 27).

However, with all of the residential building permits and overall development in that area over the last five to nine years, I must ask, What took you so long? Did the planners expect these new residents to ride bicycles? Canton is not alone in the seeming lack of any foresight in road improvements. Why does it seem standard practice to approve a tall pile of development permits, but then wait until after the critical population mass is in place, to then inconvenience everyone, playing catch-up after luring them in the first place.

If money is an issue for the state and communities, I would like to ask a simple question of the three elected representatives mentioned in the article. I have written to Gov. Granholm, State Sen. Patterson, and also spoken personally with Representative LaJoy (who sits on the State Transportation Committee) about any serious consideration to lower the state's allowable truck weight limits to the national average. None have ever responded. I firmly believe the fact of our state's roads being rated consistently in the bottom five of the nation, and our truck weight limits among the highest to be no mere coincidence. Please spare me the "extreme Michigan winter" or the "it's not the weight of the truck-but the weight-per axle" alibi. If weight-per-axle were such a valid scientific measurement, why have so few states adopted it? Are Michigan winters any worse than say, Minnesota whose roads consistently rank much higher?

The article mentioned the continual need for road infrastructure improvements for the state to attract new business and industrial development. You don't think businesses think twice about locating to a state where employees and supply trucks must add 30-75 percent to their normal commute or delivery time during traffic

cone season?

This is a simple 2-5 year experiment the state can implement with the swipe of a pen at no financial cost, and evaluated for its overall effectiveness. It could even provide an added source of revenue for the communities policing the lawbreaking. haulers.

Save our roads and bridges - lower our state truck weigh limits!

**Gary Salata** 

#### MCRI's time has come

The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative is an amendment whose time has come. Even though the media and even our governor seem to ignore the facts, we need this amendment now, more than ever.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 simply states, people will not be discriminated against because of their race, color or ethnicity. Yet, that is not how it has been

I've lived through this part of history. We have been successful with integration. Most young people don't even understand what it was like to not have multi-cultural friends. We see people of all colors and races in our schools, restaurants, at the mall and in our churches.

But in the workplace and in college admissions, this merge did not take place properly. Laws were made to give preferential treatment to minorities, including foreigners. Affirmative action in employment assured that minorities would get preferential hiring to help them "get a leg up" if you will, in the marketplace. It was meant to be a temporary fix until those people could get "up to speed" and become able to compete on a level playing field.

After 42 years, we have a permanent dependence on preferential treatment. This has created a permanent discrimination situation against white people. Some consider this to be "politically incorrect" to say this. But it is the truth.

With the massive movement of foreigners into this country by both legal and illegal means, and with the outsourcing of jobs, our job market is becoming tight. Unemployment is rising. With our current practice of racial preferences, these newcomers will receive priority treatment making whites at the very back of the line in all situations.

This is discrimination in its most basic form, against the white population. The concept that all white people are rich and born with a silver spoon in their mouth is simply archaic. We have had two generations of white men who have experienced discrimination. They have given so minorities could flourish. I am not saying that was wrong, but it is now time to have true

We must truly embrace the Civil Rights Act of 1964. No one should be discriminated against (or gain a preference) because of the color of their skin or their ethnicity. No one.

Please vote for the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative in November. Let us finally rid ourselves of discrimination in all forms and live together in peace.

Peg Robichaud

#### Time for a change

Tom DeLay is out. He's thrown in the

towel. He's beating the band (to the exit). But have no fear. For all those folks in Texas wondering what America will do

without Tom DeLay's rabid attacks on liberty and freedom, we have a savior. Who is he? He's Thaddeus McCotter. By his own account, McCotter has voted

between 80 and 90 percent of the time along with Tom DeLay. The other day I received a brochure in the mail from McCotter. He seemed to spare no detail in assuring me that he would continue his career in the manner to which he has become accustomed. After all — Michigan voters will most likely send him back to Washington to stand up for all the things that Tom DeLay once stood for. War. Unemployment. Debt.

I think it's time for a change, but it seems that my fellow citizens do not. They are comfortable with Thaddeus bringing home tens of millions of dollars from Washington for our fine municipal leaders to spend. Thaddeus McCotter has seen to it that we are showered with federal dollars. Spending representatives like McCotter are driving this nation deep into debt. While McCotter looks out for central Texas, who is going to be looking out for southeast Michigan?

Affred Brock Canton

#### Gas gouging

If the typical oil company earns nine cents a gallon and the government takes some 45 cents, why do we rant and rave about the oil interests' gouging? Why is there never a protest concerning the greedy behavior of government units that are the unconscionable impediment to more reasonable pricing, and a deterrence to oil company exploration and development?

Reports on oil companies' success find that the gouging of the gas users' money ranges close to the 4 percent-on-investment level. We are chasing the wrong big dog with the stone! Two iced teas, almost too weak to enjoy at most restaurants, cost me four bucks. And I can still get a whole gallon of gas for three, and probably considerably less in the coming weeks. In the case of the price of a gallon of oil, it seems that if a culprit exists, it is the government that takes 500 percent as much as the oil sellers earn.

In what direction do we spit now? **Neil Goodbred** 

Livonia

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"In recent decisions, the DWSD system, vital as it is, has received challenges from suburban communities who have no say in its ownership. This will not be solved by legislation or litigation, but only by cooperation."

- Judge John Feikens, on efforts to gain more say in the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

## Dithering on high gas prices won't make drop of difference

agging on high gas prices here? Try California's. I can speak from personal experience; my wife, Kathy, and I just returned from a quick trip to California where we attended a wedding. The lowest price we saw driving back from Monterey to San Francisco was \$3.27 a gallon, and in a couple of out-of-the-way places it

Well, it's nice to find some reason to be grateful we live in Michigan. But gas isn't cheap anywhere and, not surprisingly, the high gas prices in recent weeks have unleashed a

blizzard of inane quick-fix ideas from a raft of politicians who should know better.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm supports the idea of capping oil industry profits as a way to reducing gas prices. It's not clear to me exactly what the economic reasoning is behind this idea (also advocated by U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow), but I can

understand the reflex instinct to do something when Exxon-Mobil announces an \$8.4 billion quarterly profit, fifth largest of any public company in history.

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Not to be outdone, GOP gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos wants the state to stop collecting the sales tax on gas whenever the price goes above \$1.95 a gallon. Now DeVos is a businessman who ought to know something about supply and demand. Since the underlying reason for high gas prices is that the worldwide supply is insufficient to meet rising demand, DeVos needs to explain just how artificially capping the price reduces demand.

Not only that, but his suggestion would cost the state nearly \$300 million in tax revenue. How would he make that up? Stop funding Michigan State University?

There were even more silly suggestions coming out of Washington. The Bush administration offered a "gas tax holiday," in which consumers would get a rebate check for \$100. Democrats, predictably, want to repeal some tax breaks big oil got last year and add a windfall profits tax on the oil companies.

Naturally, both parties completely failed to explain how their schemes would reduce gas prices ... mainly because they wouldn't. Sigh.

Also last week, the president asked Congress to give it authority to raise fuel economy standards for cars for the first time in 20 years. In the past, the auto companies have blasted the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards as arbitrary and counterproductive.

But it will be a topic of conversation when the CEOs of Ford, General Motors and DaimlerChrysler meet the president May 18.

Don't expect any of them to have had a revelation. Chrysler President and CEO Tom LaSorda says gas prices will have to hover around \$4 a gallon for at least a year for consumers to change If we are serious about doing something about oil prices, first of all, the auto industry ought to endorse - and the U.S. Congress should pass - an ethanol bill that's been kicking around for years.

I have three modest reactions to all the dither-

If we are serious about doing something about oil prices, first of all, the auto industry ought to endorse - and the U.S. Congress should pass an ethanol bill that's been kicking around for

That bill would require all new cars to be engineered to run on a mixture of ethanol and gas. Brazil has been doing just fine on ethanol for a few years now, and America ought to follow suit.

Second, although everybody recognizes that America is addicted to oil, nobody's been willing to do anything about it. Around four years ago, I joined with some pretty good economists in designing a federal laboratory — to be located in Michigan — to develop alternative energy sup-

We thought it might be named to honor Congressman John Dingell's half-century in the House of Representatives, and we solicited support from the auto industry. Needless to say, it was like jogging through molasses, and the idea died stillborn.

The baby should be revived. Michigan is the home of more smart auto engineers than any place in the world. What both our state and nation need is a long-term, Marshall Plan-style program aimed at radically reducing our dependency on oil, imported or domestic.

It would cost a lot of money over a long period of time, but imposing a \$1 per gallon "Freedom Fuel" tax would finance it.

Would the politicians go along? Don't hold your breath. One thing you can depend on is that politicians in a democracy like ours will avoid doing anything far-sighted until the crisis is hard

So we'll muddle along, awash in inanities from both the right and the left, while gas prices remain high and probably will go higher.

And if — make that when — gas hits \$4 and stays there, the people will start modifying their driving and car buying habits and we'll start doing what we should have been doing years ago.

That will be the right medicine — but it will be far more painful and cost far more than it would if we begin now. Or, as you might say, a gallon's worth of prevention is better than a barrel's cost of cure:

So think about it.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economic and education issues in Michigan. He can be reached at ppow-

## Catching first fish is worth a million dollars in memories

verybody's got them - million dollar memories, the kind we wouldn't trade for any-\*thing. I acquired one of mine at Heritage Park on a perfect May afternoon when my son Jon was 3 years old. If I close my eyes, I can still smell his hair and I can see his proud face as he pulled his first fish - which was no bigger than a key chain - out of the pond.

That million dollar memory came by way of Canton Township's annual fishing derby, held the first Saturday in May.

As luck would have it, Jon's experience came out of one of the least expensive programs the township has to offer. Last year, some 924 children fished in the derby. They pay \$3 each, and the township was able to lock in Wal-Mart as a sponsor, so the program is self-sustaining (Canton buys

the fish for about \$2,400). But not every experience comes along so

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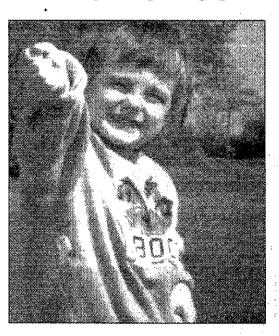
affordably.

Some Canton residents have criticized the township for investing in (or subsidizing, depending on how you look at it) its recreational programs and facilities. The gripes I hear most are about the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and Pheasant Run golf course. They're called extravagant and unnecessary by people who say government has no business providing those services, which would be best provided by private enterprise. These are folks whose million dollar memories probably won't be made at a golf outing, or when their schoolage children sing on stage at the theater, or at an awards banquet at the Summit. And that's OK, but be fair when dishing out criticism.

I suppose these programs would be extravagant if the township's vision didn't include recreation at its core. In the state that regularly holds the dubious honor of being home to one of the country's fattest cities (Detroit ranks in the top five frequently), and during a time when it's well-known that children don't get enough physical activity at school, where they are fed warmed-up junk food for lunch, investing in health and recreation is not an unwise extravagance.

The tremendously busy award-winning library, the theater, Canton's acres and acres of parks, its golf courses, the Summit, and programs like the fishing derby are all just pieces of a bigger picture. And the township has grown in size and taxable value because of not in spite of - the vision. So the bottom line is, well, the bottom line. The township can afford the programs, and may in fact need them in order to continue to grow its tax base.

It's been argued that Canton residents pay higher taxes than township residents in neighboring communities do. That's fair enough. In Plymouth Township, the total operating mill-



Carol Marshall's son, Jon, at age 3, after catching his first fish from the pond at Heritage Park.

age is 3.27 per \$1,000 SEV, according to a survey by the Conference of Western Wayne. In Canton, the rate is 8.85. In Van Buren, the operating millage is 9.49. A survey of all townships in southeast Michigan puts Canton in the middle of the pack when it comes to its tax rate. But then you have to look at bang for your buck, and the services provided in return, which none of the other townships provide to the extent that Canton does.

In the wake of recent layoffs in the building and inspection department, there are people who would argue that the township is cutting essential services while it continues to spoonfeed a fat leisure services division. But I have faith. Leisure services programs continue to grow because there is a demand for them. And if it turns out the building and inspection department has been cut too deep following the reduction in staff to half its former size, the township will call back enough employees to provide the level of service township residents have come to expect (or so said two trustees I talked to after the reductions were approved).

It's a wonderful thing to take for granted essential services – not every community can. When I think of quality of life, I see Canton residents as being in an enviable position. You can take for granted your safe, clean streets and excellent schools and well-appointed library. And you can take for granted your affordable tax rates. But I hope you also take for granted the host of recreational opportunities available to you. After all, you're paying for

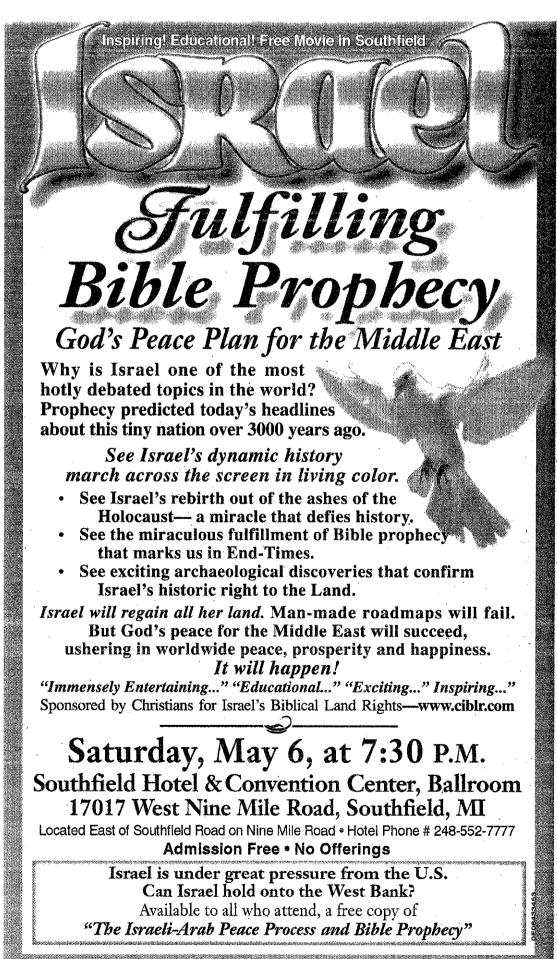
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Student volunteers Millie Li of Canton, Jason Baker of Westland, and Plymouth YMCA staffer Jenny Roszel pack goodie bags for the marchers.

## Walkers flood Hines Drive to aid March of Dimes

BY DOUG JOHNSON CORRESPONDENT

Beth and John Russell of Canton were among the 2,500 walkers who gathered Saturday at Nankin Mills recreation area in Hines Park for the March of Dimes fundraiser, WalkAmerica.

On John's shoulders was Maggie, 2½ years old and one of the miracles of neonatal care at the University of Michigan and research funded by MOD.

The Russells are MOD ambassadors, willing spokespersons for the March of Dimes which funds research and programs for babies born

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too soon and/or too small. "We walk in memory of our twins (Joshua and Julia) who were stillborn at 21 weeks, and in honor of Maggie," Beth

Russell said. Another Canton resident, UAW president Ron Gettelfinger, spoke to the crowd and led the walkers who were blessed with near perfect weather.

"I really like the March of Dimes," Gettelfinger said after finishing the walk. "This is a great opportunity for us to give back to the community. Anything to help premature babies. It's great to take part in

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Gettelfinger also marched Sunday in the WalkAmerica event in Detroit at Hart Plaza. There were also walks at Metro Beach and in Troy Sunday.

The Westland WalkAmerica event stepped off promptly at 9 a.m. and many of the walkers made it for the full six miles about three miles from Ann Arbor Trail and Hines to just past Newburgh Road (Sumac Pointe) in Livonia and back.

Another walker, Jen Alessi from Farmington Hills, was there with her two daughters, Kailey, 7, and Nicole 3, and husband Larry.

"I have walked the six miles the last two years myself. Both of our children were helped by the March of Dimes," she said.

Lisa King of Westland, who was with the Ford Customer Service Division team, had a special reason to walk. 'I was actually a preemie

baby when I was born," said King, who weighed about three pounds at birth. She has a girlfriend in Ohio who participates in WalkAmerica every year.

"It was a beautiful day," King said Saturday at her first WalkAmerica. "It turned out to be a pretty awesome day."

The local walk was headed by MOD event coordinator Lesley Nadeau. She said about 100 volunteers and corporate sponsors like Ford, Pepsi, and Flagstar Bank and organizations like UAW made a smooth event possible.

"There are lots of families today and everyone is enjoying the great weather and walking for a great cause."

Among the people helping with the opening ceremony were two Grant Elementary fourth-graders, Livonia residents Ryan Deloge and Emily Crombez, who sang the national anthem a capella.

Walkers pay a fee and get pledges to raise money for the charity. It is possible to come to the event and just walk to show support.

An arc of baby pink and baby blue balloons greeted the crowd at the staging area. Lots of walkers were pushing babies in strollers or pulling them in toy wagons. Most were done with the walk by 11 a.m.



John and Beth Russell, with daughter Maggie, march. The Russells, a March of Dimes Ambassador family, live in

Cheryl Southern of Royal Oak, a FedEx staffer in Novi, was there with daughter Melissa, also a Royal Oak resident and nursing assistant at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, The younger Southern has worked with newborns.

"It was great," Cheryl Southern said of WalkAmerica in Hines Park. "We had a lot of fun." Some of her colleagues dressed as paparazzi for the day and others as celebrities.

She helped at a checkpoint, passing out water, snacks and Mardi Gras beads. "That always puts a smile on the kids' faces, said Southern, whose employer is among event sponsors.

"You feel good that you can help them," she said, adding that this year, her third for WalkAmerica, had the best weather.

"And the turnout was really good," Southern said. "We had good volunteers from the company. We always have fun."

Founded in 1938 under the leadership of Franklin Delano Roosevelt to fight polio, the March of Dimes today works to prevent birth defects and premature births. About 500,000 babies are born too soon each year in the U.S., about one out of eight.

The southeastern Michigan March of Dimes headquarters is at 27600 Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed

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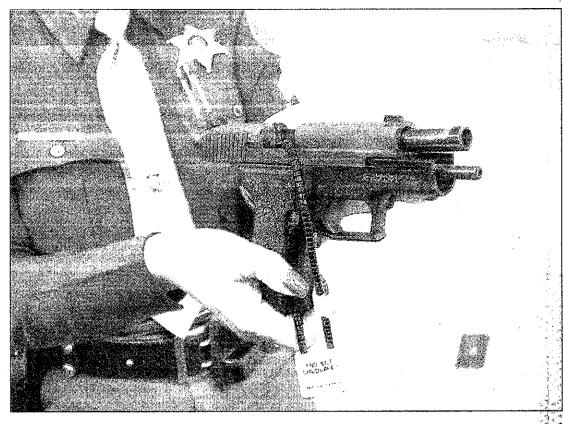
"Unfortunately, we know that if a child gets their hands on a weapon, the consequences can be tragic. We hope that getting these gun locks out to responsible gun owners will help prevent that kind of community heartbreak," Sheriff Warren Evans said.

This past weekend, a three-year-old Detroit boy, Joseph Link IV, was critically injured after apparently shooting himself with a family gun he found beneath a mattress. Each year in the United States dozens of children are killed by the accidental discharge of a firearm. In most cases, the child was playing with an unsecured loaded gun he or she found in their home. Although the sheer number of deaths may be relatively

small, they are all preventable, according to

"These are all avoidable tragedies," said Evans."We are providing these trigger locks so families can be safe from intruders and so parents won't have to worry about their own children's natural curiosity."

Evans said his office is distributing the locks in conjunction with Project ChildSafe, a nationwide program whose purpose is to promote safe firearms handling and storage practices among all firearms owners. Project ChildSafe recently donated the gun locks to the Sheriff's Office. Starting today, the gun locks are available at the following Sheriff's Office locations: Road Patrol Office, 3100 Henry Ruff, north of Michigan Avenue in Westland, phone or (734) 721-2222; Administration Building, 1231 St. Antoine near Greektown in downtown Detroit, phone: (313)



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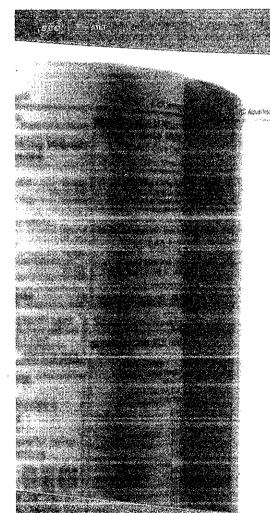


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#### **Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings** - April 25, 2006

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:03 p.m. in closed session to discuss pending litigation. Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Margaret Debler with Johnson, Rosati, LaBarge, Aseltyne & Field, P.C. Closed session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to move from closed session to open session at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The American Legion Post 32 Honor Guard posted flags in a ceremony for Trustee Caccamo. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Minutes of April 4, 2006. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2006. Motion carried unanimously. Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments: Dan McCausland, stated Trustee Caccamo will be leaving Canton to serve in the Marines for the next year. Mr. McCausland stated although Trustee Caccamo will not be serving his community he will be serving his country. Master Gunnery Sergeant Morris presented Trustee Caccamo with the encased flag. Trustee Caccamo stated he appreciates the support from the community. Paul Pan, 3092 Greenwich Court, stated he has found discrepancies in the manner in which the assessing department accesses property. Supervisor Yack stated he would look into it. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for April 25, 2006 General Fund 237,610.54 40,286.96 Fire Fund Police Fund 73,163.24 19,276.43 Summit Operating Cable TV Fund 512.78Twp Improvement 6,378.50 E-911 Utility 261 360.50 Auto Forfeiture(wwa) 2671,257.86 Federal Grants Fund 2743,597.62 Auto Theft Grant 2,673.16 Downtown Dev. Auth. 294281,004.90 Golf Fund 58429,085.66 Water & Sewer Fund 592482,333.86 Construction Escrows 702 22,522.45 Post Employ. Benefits 41,306.91 1,241,371.36 Total - All Funds

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. SET THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM CHI DATE AND ADDRESS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM CULINARY VENTURES, INC., (PARCEL #71-060-99-0003-708), CANTON, MICHIGAN, 48188. (CLERK)

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing date for a Class "C" Liquor License on May 23, 2006 with publication date of May 11, 2006 in the Canton Observer for Culinary Ventures, Inc., LLC., 44314 Cherry Hill Road, (Parcel ID# 71-060-99-0003-708), Canton, Michigan, Wayne County, with Sunday Sales Permit, Official Permit for Difference in Hours of Operation to be open on Sundays between 6:00 a.m. to 12 noon for the sale of food. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR MAYFAIR VILLAGE I AND II SUBDIVISIONS REQUEST TO CREATE STREET LIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ON MAY 23, 2006. (CLERK). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for the Mayfair Village I and II Subdivisions Street Lighting Special Assessment District for May 23, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. Motion carried

unanimously. Item 3. APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE CULTURAL COMMISSION. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the appointments of the following people to the Cultural Commission. Terms will commence immediately and expire on the appropriate dates: Darian Moore term expires 12/31/ 06, Timothy Smola term expires 12/31/06, Jim Blough term expires 12/31/07, Sandy Gillig term expires 12/31/07, Godfrey Aguwa term expires 12/31/08 Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (CIP) FOR WATER, SEWER AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the MSD CIP Budget Worksheets for 2006 and the projects tentatively scheduled for 2007. Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR METALTEC EXPANSION, MODIFICATION TO LANDSCAPING AND SITE REQUIREMENTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the amended resolution for the site plan for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Expansion. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Expansion WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Jim Cummins, has requested site plan approval for the Metaltec Steel Abrasive Expansion to be located on Joy Road between Old Haggerty Road and Ronda Drive, identified as tax EDP # 002-99-0004-000; and, Metaltec Steel Abrasive Expansion File: 002-SP-013(b) Section 1 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, including modifications to omit sidewalk and curbing for the road frontage and add interior curbing to the north side of the park lot and to permit road frontage landscaping to be located throughout the site and conditioned upon addition of brick across the front of the building and irrigation to the road frontage buffer area, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Jim Cummins, to approve the site plan for the proposed Metaltec Steel Abrasive Expansion subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR FRANK'S NURSERY REDEVELOPMENT (BORDER'S/PETCO). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Frank's Nursery Redevelopment (Border's/Petco). Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Nursery Redevelopment (Border's/Petco) WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has requested site plan approval for the frank's Nursery Redevelopment located on the southwest corner of Ford and Morton Taylor Roads (Parcel No. 057-99-0001-710); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL with the requested modifications to the landscaping requirements as requested, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the site plan for The Frank's Nursery Redevelopment located on the southwest corner of Ford and Morton Taylor Road; and also subject to all other regulations of the Township. Item 3. CONSIDER FINAL PDD AND SITE PLAN FOR CHERRY HILL VILLAGE PLAZA. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for final PDD and Site Plan approval for Cherry Hill Village Plaza. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final PDD and Site Plan Approval for Cherry Hill Village

Plaza WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Final Planned Development District and site plan approval for Cherry Hill Village Plaza located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Ridge Road within the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District (Tax ID #:072-99-0021-000); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District; and recommended APPROVAL,; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Final Planned Development District and Site Plan for Cherry Hill Village Plaza located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Ridge Road within the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District (Tax ID #: 072-99-0021-000); and subject to all applicable regulations of the Township. Item 4. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR COMFORT SUITES HOTEL. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for site plan for Comfort Suites Hotel. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Comfort Suites Hotel WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Robert Warner, has requested site plan approval for Comfort Suites Hotel to be located on Haggerty Road between Ford and Hanford Roads, identified as tax EDP # 047-99-007-001; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and

made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner. Mr. Robert Warner, to approve the site plan for the proposed Comfort Suites Hotel subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 5. ESTABLISH MERS RETIREMENT WINDOW. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to establish the MERS Retirement Window for the Non-Union, ASFCME and

TPOAM employees meeting the minimum age and years of service criteria of either age 55 with at least 15 years of service or age 50 with at least 25 years of service and, to approve the MERS Resolution establishing the window period of May 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006 during which time eligible employees would be able to retire with a 2.8 pension multiplier. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. APPROVE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF REDUCTIONS. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following staff reductions within the Municipal Services Department: Deputy Building Official, (2) Building Inspectors, Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Mechanical Inspector, Neighborhood Coordinator, (2.5) Clerical Positions, Engineering Project Coordinator, and Engineering Intern to be effective no later than June 30, 2006. Be it resolved having the Board approve the Early Retirement Program (ERI), then every attempt will be made to coordinate the layoffs with the early retirements in order to have as few layoffs as possible. Employees scheduled for layoff will be given full consideration to fill vacancies created by the early retirements. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo, LaJoy Motion carried. Item 7. CONSIDER REORGANIZATION PLAN. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to that the Canton Board of Trustees approve the reassignment of four Ordinance Officers/Site Inspectors from Municipal Services to the Department of Public Safety. Further, that the Board approves the attached Administrative and Community Services Department reorganization plan. Roll Call Vote Ayes: Bennett, LaJoy, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo Motion carried. Trustee Caccamo left the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Item 8. CONSIDER AWARDING GAGLIO P & R CEMENT THE 2006 SIDEWALK REPAIR CONTRACT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the 2006 Sidewalk Repair Program in the amount of \$347,905 plus a 10% contingency amount of \$34,791 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$382,696 with the option to extend the 2007 Sidewalk Repair Program based on satisfactory performance along with Add Alternates 1 (Metro Act) in the amount of \$23,675, and Add Alternate 2 (Emergency Sidewalk & Drive Approach Repairs) in the amount of \$19,838 (\$10,000 from account # 592-441-933-0000, and \$9,838 from account # 592-441-935-0000) to Gaglio P & R Cement. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve an amount of \$9,900 for Canton Township to provide construction inspection services and to open a separate purchase order. This total amount of \$9,900 shall be subtracted from the contract with Gaglio P & R Cement and authorize finance and budget to subtract any additional costs based on the per day rate of \$450 for an inspector day if the contractor exceeds the number of specified inspector days in the ntract. Motion carried by all members present. Item. 9. CONSIDER AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO SOIL AND MATERIALS, INC. (SME) ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE COPPER CREEK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept the proposal submitted by Soils and Materials Engineers, Inc. (SME) to provide professional engineering services in the form of pavement rehabilitation design for the Road Paving Special Assessment District for Copper Creek Condominiums for an amount not to exceed \$6,255 (Account No. 403-506-803-0000) and to provide

inspection at the rate of \$525 for an 8-hour day. Motion carried by all members present. Item 10. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF LEISURE SERVICES STAFF APPAREL. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJey to approve the purchase of staff po shirts and jackets for Leisure Services staff from Ashworth, Inc., 2765 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, CA 92008 in an amount not to exceed \$7,255.50 and charge the expense to: Canton Sports Center account #101-755-740-0000, \$1,032.00 Senior Citizen Program account #101-672-722-0000, 192.00 Recreation Division - Special Events account #101-691-742-\$1,200.00 Recreation Division - Enrichment account #101-691-742-2000, \$1,050.00 Recreation Division - Youth Development account #101-691-742-3000, \$ Summit on the Park account #208-757-722-2000, \$2,012.50 Village Theater account #101-760-740-0000, \$ 496.00 Parks Division account #101-270-722-0000, \$1,033.00 Motion carried by all members present. Item 11. AUTHORIZE BUS TRANSPORTATION PURCHASE ORDER. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept the bid for bus services from Trinity Coach located at 1100 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI, 48192, for an amount not to exceed \$24,816, of which \$10,716 will come from account number 101-691-860-1000; \$5,640 will come from account number 101-691-860-3000; and \$8,460 will come from account number 101-691-860-0000. Motion carried by all members present. Item 12. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF TRAINING TRACKING SOFTWARE. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase of training software in the

amount of \$3,000.00 from 101-750-977-0000 (Capital Outlay Equipment for CLS) and \$3,422.25 from 101-220-952-0000 (

Training Academy Fund) from PRO-ductivity Solutions, LLC

located at P.O. Box 2, Sewicley, PA, 15143, for the total amount of

\$6,422.25. Motion carried by all members present. Item 13. FIRST READING, AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGULATION OF OPERATION, PARKING, AND SPEED OF VEHICLES ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY CHAPTER 70, SECTION 1, SECTION 70-4. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce the first reading of the amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Canton Charter Township, Michigan, to extend enforcement by the Charter Township of Canton of the Uniform Traffic Code, Michigan Vehicle Code, and Motor Carrier Safety Act upon Locations that are part of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Chapter 70 Section 1, Section 70-4, Regulation of Operation, Parking, and Speed of Vehicles on School District Property with publication on May 4, 2006 and table for Second Reading on May 9, 2006 and effective date and publication of May 18, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REGULATION OF OPERATION, PARKING, AND SPEED OF VEHICLES ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CANTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN, TO EXTEND ENFORCEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, AND MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT UPON LOCATIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. Section 70-4 is hereby added to

the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Canton: Section 70-4. Regulation of Operation, Parking, and Speed of Vehicles on School District Property. (a) Purpose and intent. Public Act 175 of 1958, MCL 257.961, as amended, authorized municipalities to adopt ordinances governing the operation, parking without fees, and the speed of motor vehicle vehicles upon properties of any board of education, school district or community college district situated within the municipality upon receiving a resolution from the board of education, school district or board of trustees of the community college district over whose property the ordinance shall apply requesting the adoption of such ordinance. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools enforce traffic, parking, and misdemeanor ordinances by municipal authorities. (b) Enforcement of Uniform Traffic Code, Michigan Vehicle Code, and Motor Carrier Safety Act upon School District roperty. The provisions of the Uniform Traffic Code and the Michigan Vehicle Code, adopted as provided in Section 70-1, and the Motor Carrier Safety Act, adopted as provided in Section 70-2, are hereby made applicable to the property of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. (c) Speed limits on School District Property. The Township Board may be resolution establish the speed limit for motor vehicles on school district property. A decrease in the prima facie speed limit of 15 miles per hour on school district property shall be binding when adequate sings are duly posted giving notice of the reduced speeds. (d) Revocation. The Charter Township of Canton will revoke this Ordinance upon

receipt of a resolution of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District requesting such revocation. SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment for up to ninety (90) days. Every violation shall be considered a separate offense. SECTION 3. REPEAL. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof. SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the \_\_\_day of \_\_\_, 2006, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk Introduced: 04-25-2006 CONSIDER RESOLUTION - HUNTING AREA CONTROLS. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution requesting a public hearing by the Department of Natural Resources to inquire into the need for a special local hunting control in Canton Township: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAW DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION R E S O L U T I O N HUNTING AREA CONTROL WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan has become aware that problems exist concerning hunting and the discharge of firearms in all Canton Township areas; and WHEREAS, such hunting and discharge of firearms problems consist population growth and related safety issues regarding population growth; and WHEREAS, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, Part 419, as amended, requires that the Department of Natural Resources conduct a public hearing and such investigations as are deemed necessary prior to recommending a local hunting area control on problem area. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Board does hereby request

Department of Natural Resources to hold a public hearing to inquire into the need for a special local hunting area controls in all areas of Canton Township, Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan. Motion carried by all members present. Item 15. CONSIDER AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR FIRE REVIEWS. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the contract for Fire Prevention Plan Reviews to Fire Safety Consulting Inc. Further, I move to authorize the Township Clerk and Township Supervisor to execute the Fire Plan Review Services Agreement on behalf of Canton Public Safety. Motion carried by all members present. Item 16. CONSIDER WAIVING THE BID PROCESS AND PURCHASE OF FIVE 12-LEAD EKG LIFEPAK DEFIBRILLATORS. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to waive the bidding procedure due to a sole source and approve the purchase of the 12-lead LIFEPAK defibrillator/ monitor system from Medtronic Emergency Response System, 11811 Willows Road NE, PO Box 97006, Redmond, WA 98073-9706 at a cost of \$60,790.38 which includes a trade-in value of \$20,000. Fire FY2006, Capital Outlay Account #206 336 977 0000. (Cost Center P00055 0000 0000). Motion carried by all members present. Item 17. CONSIDER AWARDING TOWING CONTRACT: (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the contract for Towing Services to Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix, Westland, MI 48185, for a period of 4-years beginning May 1, 2006 at the following yearly prices: 1st year \$75 tow and flat bed tow and \$14 daily storage rate 2nd year \$85 tow and flatbed tow and \$15 daily storage rate 3rd & 4th year \$95 tow and flatbed tow and \$16 daily storage rate Police FY2006, Acct # 207 301 818 0000, (Cost Center P00049 0000 0000) Contract to expire May 1, 2010. Motion carried by all members present. Item 18. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 16-SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA), (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following capital reprogramming in Fire Y2006 Capital Outley Account# 206 336 977 0000: Item #10 Fire Engines (\$4300) Item # 1 Air Packs \$4300 Further, I move to the purchase of 16 Self Contained Breading Apparatuses (SCBA) from Pressure Vessel Testing, 34740 Gratiot Ave. Clinton Township, MI 43035, in the amount of \$69,040. Fire FY2006, Capital Outlay Account #206 336 977 0000. (Cost Center P00054 0000 0000). Motion carried by all members present. Item 19. FIRST READING-AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 74 CTION 74-83 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to introduce the first reading and publish on May 4, 2006 and table the attached amendatory ordinance Chapter 74, Utilities, Section 74-83, to implement the water and wastewater rate study. The second reading and adoption of the amended ordinance Chapter 74, Utilities, Section 74-83, Schedule of Rates and Charges will be on May 9, 2006 at the Board of Trustee's meeting with publication on May 18, 2006 and be effective on May 1, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT TO UTILITIES ORDINANCE, CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 74 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED RATES AND CHARGES, SECTIONS 74-81, 74-82, 74-83 AND 74-84 PROVIDING FOR A NEW WATER CONNECTION CHARGE BASED UPON METER SIZE, TO PROVIDE FOR WATER CONNECTION, TOWNSHIP TAPS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE FOR WATER CONNECTION-TOWNSHIP TAPS FOR DEFINED DUPLEXES, TO REMOVE RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNITS (REU'S) AS A BASIS TO COMPUTE WATER CAPITAL CHARGE TO BE REPLACED BY A WATER CONNECTION CHARGE BASED UPON METER SIZE, TO PROVIDE FOR CLASSES OF WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS, TO PROVIDE FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT RATES WITH A SEWER CAP FOR RESIDENTIAL CLASS CUSTOMERS FOR SPRINKLING SYSTEM AND IRRIGATION USAGE DURING DEFINED SUMMER MONTHS, TO PROVIDE FOR NEW SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE BASED UPON METER SIZE, TO REMOVE RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNITS (REU'S) AS A BASIS TO COMPUTE SEWER CAPITAL CHARGE TO BE REPLACED BY A SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE BASED UPON METER SIZE, TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER TO PROVIDE FOR A WATER COST OF SERVICE CHARGE, TO DELETE THE WATER CAPITAL CHARGE, TO REVISE THE MINIMUM WATER CONSTRUCTION CHARGE, TO REVISE WATER FRONT FOOTAGE CHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR THE WATER CONNECTION CHARGE, TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR SEWER TO PROVIDE FOR A WASTEWATER COST OF SERVICE CHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISIONS TO MINIMUM SEWAGE BILL, TO DELETE THE SEWER CAPITAL CHARGE, TO REVISE THE SEWER FRONT FOOTAGE CHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR THE SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE, TO REVISE BILLING PRACTICES FOR WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, TO PROVIDE FEES FOR THE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION METERS, TO REVISE REGULATIONS AS TO ACCESS TO METERS; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION II RATES AND CHARGES Ordinance is hereby adopted to amend Part I, Chapter 74, Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II entitled Rates and Charges to read as follows: Subdivision II. Rates and Charges Sec. 74-81. Water charges generally. The rates and charges for water service shall be as follows:

Consumption rates. The consumption rate shall be as set forth in section 74-83. The minimum water bill per reading cycle, or any part thereof, shall be for a minimum of 5,000 gallons. (2) Debt service charge. In addition to the consumption charge, a debt service charge will be assessed whi ch consists of a connection charge and a front footage charge as follows:

a. Connection Charge. The connection charge shall be set forth in section 74-83. Connection charge for unusual or other conditions shall be determined by the Township Board.

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Memory Collage: May 9, 4 p.m. Make a Mother's Day gift. Bring pictures and momentos to include.

■ 2/4 Open Mic: May 13, 2 p.m. Check out the vibe in our Open Mic, hosted by Sean Fitzgerald.

Teen Tuesdays: 3 p.m. Hang out in Teen Place, make a craft, play a game, use the computer.

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

#### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

Register for adult programs starting one week in advance by calling (734) 397-0999. Computer classes are free to library cardholders however, a \$5 no-show fee will be assessed if you do not cancel

24 hours prior to class time. MS Word I: May 9, at

9:30 a.m. Basic word processing terminology and skills. PowerPoint I: May 11, at

9:30 a.m. Create multimedia presentations. ■ Internet II: May 13, at 10

a.m. Learn effective Web search techniques.

■ Brown Bag Book Discussion: May 11, at noon. Bring your lunch and join some lively conversation. The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by

Carson McCullers Evening Book Discussion: May 15, at 7 p.m. Gather with other readers to discuss The Color of Water by James McBride.

What's new @ your library. Here's a partial list of materials just in at the library. To

■ *All U Can Eat* by Emma

Adult Fiction

by The Flaming Lips Feels Good by Take 6 see the whole list, visit ■ Show Your Bones by Yeah, http://catalog.cantonpl.org/ftli Yeah, Yeah

■ Return to the Sea by Islands

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b. Front footage charge. In addition to the capital charge, there shall be a front footage charge as set forth in section 74-83. However, the front footage charge shall be waived in those instances where the township incurred no cost in the design, easement acquisitions, or installation of the water line along the frontage of the property, and in those instances where the water line is installed as part of a special assessment district. All water charges shall be paid in full prior to the actual installation. Corner lots will be exempt from front footage charges on the lesser frontage road only.

Water connection, township taps. The minimum size for all water services is one inch. Irrigation systems shall be connected to the meter via a one inch line. Irrigation systems shall be connected to the domestic service in all cases except for developments or projects with a general or common area owned or controlled by a subdivision, condominium or other legally constituted landowner association or its equivalent, which has no building on such general or common area. In those instances a separate irrigation tap shall be

permitted. Water connections, applicant taps. An applicant wishing to make his own water tap, shall first obtain the necessary township permit and pay the appropriate charges as set forth in section 74-83. The payment includes the township furnishing a water meter and inspecting the meter installation. Additional inspection charges, where applicable for the installation of the water service, will be based on an hourly rate after review of construction plans by the township engineer. The applicant will furnish and install materials specified by the township.

(5) Fire lines. Fire lines will have a meter for detecting water usage other than fire suppression. Fire lines will have backflow preventor devices and shall be approved by county for cross connection prior to installation. Fire lines serving fire suppression systems shall connect directly to the public main. Domestic services shall not connect to fire lines. The charges for such fire lines shall be as set forth in section 74-83. The township will supply the meter detection unit and inspection after installation of the meter by a contractor. Construction plans shall be submitted to the township engineer for approval prior to installation.

Duplexes. A duplex is considered a two unit dwelling regardless of where located. A one inch service shall be provided for each unit unless the duplex is part of a larger multi-unit dwelling complex where the landowner association or its equivalent is responsible for payment for water usage, when a two inch service is

required. (7) Water charges during building construction periods. Water charges during building construction for all uses shall be as set forth in section 74-83.

Classes of water and sewer accounts. There shall be the following classes for water and sewer accounts: Residential Class: Dwellings used primarily as a domicile such as single family homes, detached

condominiums, duplexes, and the like where each dwelling unit is serviced by one meter including irrigation systems that service their common areas. Multiple Class: Multiple dwellings such as apartments, condominiums, townhouses and the like

where one meter services more than one dwelling Commercial Class: Establishment involved in a commercial enterprise, business or service including charitable, governmental, religious or educational functions including irrigation systems

that services their common areas. Sec. 74-82. Sewer charges generally. The rates and charges shall be as follows:

Sewage treatment rates. The charge for sewage disposal shall be computed and paid on the basis of 100 percent of the water consumption used, except residential class customers will be granted a sewer cap set forth in Section 74-83 for sprinkling system and irrigation usage during summer usage months. Summer usage month period is defined as May 1 through September 30th. An industrial waste charge (IWC) will be added to commercial and industrial users based on meter size, and, where applicable, industrial surcharges will be applied, as such charges are billed to the township by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department. The rates shall be as set forth in section 74-83.

Minimum sewer bills. The minimum sewage disposal bill per reading cycle shall be as set forth in section 74-83 plus other applicable charges. In the case of a bimonthly bill, the minimum sewage disposal charge shall be as set forth in section 74-83 per unit, plus other applicable charges.

Sewer debt service rates. The debt service charge shall consist of the following:

Connection charge. A connection charge, which shall be as follows: The connection charge shall be 74-83. The connection charge shall be based on water meter size. Connections charges for unusual or other conditions shall be determined by the Township Board.

> b. Front footage charges. In addition to the connection charge, there shall be a front footage charge as set forth in section 74-83 per front foot of property service by the sewer line. However, the front footage charge shall be waived in those instances where the township incurred no cost in the design, easement acquisitions, or installation of the sewer line along the frontage of the property, and in those instances where the sewer line is installed as part of a SAD. All sewer charges shall be paid in full prior to the actual installation unless otherwise provided by the township board. Corner lots will be exempt on the lesser frontage road only.

Sewer connection charge.

A connection charge as set forth in section 74-83 shall be assessed for properties provided a connection at the property line.

Where the township incurred no cost for design, easement acquisition, or installation of the sanitary sewer lines, the connection charge shall be waived. However, an inspection fee for each connection as set forth in section 74-83 shall be collected for all connections of six inches or less.

A minimum inspection fee as set forth in section 74-83 shall be collected. Inspection fees on larger connections shall be determined after review of construction plans and based on actual inspection time.

The minimum connection size for commercial buildings shall be six inches, with a clean out provided every 100 feet, and a four foot diameter manhole provided every 400 feet.

Special storm sewer projects. In all storm sewer projects initially financed by the township, the cost assessed to and paid back by each property owner shall be determined pursuant to the following equations: a. Cost = (26 + (0.5 \_ Flow)) \_ (Distance) (1)(2)Percentage of Cost (%) = (26 + (0.5 Flow)) Distance/(26 + (0.5 Flow))Flow)) (Distance)Assessed Cost = Percentage of Cost (%) \_ Total Project Cost

In the equation in subsection (5)a, the terms are defined as follows:

"Flow" is the amount off runoff generated by a specific parcel of property expressed in cubic feet per second.

"Distance" is how far a specific parcel of property is from the location of discharge to a county drain, natural watercourse

expressed in feet. The symbol" "denotes the summation of equation (1) for all properties in the drainage district.

Township not obligated to finance sewers. Nothing this section shall be construed to require the township to finance any portion of a storm or sanitary sewer unless in its sole discretion such project would be deemed necessary and in the best interest of the

Sec. 74-83. Schedule of rates and charges. Water rates and charges. Water rates and charges shall be as follows:

(1) Consumption rate: \$2.26 per 1,000 gallons.

In addition to the consumption charge, there shall be a water Cost of Service charge per reading cycle, or portion thereof, based on meter size:

	Bi-Monthly		Quarter
Meter Size	Customers		Customers
1"meter or less	\$ 3.50	•	\$ 5.25
1.5	7.88		11.82
2.0	14.00		21.00
3.0	· 31.50		47.25
1.5	7.88		11.82
4.0	56.00		84.00
6.0	126.00		189.00
8.0	224.00		336.00
10.0	350.00		525.00
(2) Wat	er construction	charges:	Minimum wat
construction charge			ctor

Water front footage charge: \$17.51 per foot of (3) property serviced by the water line. Water connection: The water connection charge for

township taps and applicant taps shall be based on meter size:

	Ratio	
Meter Size	Factor *	Connection Charges
1" meter or less	1.00	\$ 1,519
2.0	4.00	6,077
3.0	9.00	13,673
4.0	16.00	24,308
6.0	36.00	54,694
8.0	64.00	97,237
10.0	100.00	151,927
* Ratio factor is	the ratio of the flow ar	ea of the water meter to the

flow area of a 1" meter.

(5) There shall be installed on all fire line systems a detector check and a three-fourths-inch by-pass meter. The threefourths-inch by-pass meter shall be purchased from and inspected by the township and installed by the owner. The charge for the three-fourths-inch by-pass meter and township inspection shall be

Sewer rates and charges. Sewer rates and charges shall be as follows: (1) Sewage treatment rate: \$3.30 per 1,000 gallons of the water used or per 1,000 gallons of metered sewage flow. Sewage disposal charges for residential class customers with a 1" or less meter shall be capped at 60,000 gallons per reading cycle or any part thereof during summer months, as defined in Section 74-82-1. For residential class customers with water meters larger than 1", this cap shall be computed by multiplying the 60,000 gallons times the ratio factor listed in Section 74-83 (a) 4; i.e., for a 2" meter the cap shall be 60,000 times ratio factor of 4.0 = 240,000 gallons.

In addition to the consumption charge, for customers connected to the sanitary sewer system there shall be a wastewater Cost of Service charge per reading cycle, or portion thereof, based on meter size:

	Bi-Monthly	Quarterly
Meter Size	Customers	Customers
1" meter or less	\$ 5.20	\$ 7.80
1.5	18.26	27.39
2.0	32.46	48.69
3.0	73.06	109.59
4.0	129.88	194.82
6.0	292.22	438.33
8.0	519.50	779.25
10.0	811.72	1,217.58
<b>b.</b>	In addition to the cons	

shall be an additional fixed charge for customers with tile drains connected to the sanitary sewer system per reading cycle or portion thereof set forth as follows: Bi-Monthly Quarterly

Customers

Minimum sewage bill: Minimum sewage disposal bill if connected to the Township water system, per reading cycle: \$16.50 plus the fixed charge for customers with tile drains connected to the sanitary sewer system. Minimum sewage disposal bill if not

Customers

connected to the Township water system, per quarterly reading cycle: \$123.75 plus applicable fixed charges. Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to the Township water system,

per bi-monthly reading cycle: \$82.50 plus applicable fixed charges (3) Sewer front footage charge: \$22.06 per front foot of property serviced by the sewer line.

Sewer Connection: The sanitary sewer connection charge shall be based on meter size:

Ratio

Meter Size	Factor	Connection Charges
1" meter or less	1.00	\$ 1,519
2.0	4.00	11,455
3.0	9.00	25,773
4.0	16.00	45,819
6.0	36.00	103,093
8.0	64.00	183,277
10.0	100.00	286,371
*Ratio factor is the	ratio of the flow area	a of the water meter to the

flow area of a 1" meter. For new wastewater customers not connected to a public water system, the connection charge shall be based on an equivalent water meter size for comparable users.

Inspection fee: \$50.00. (5)Industrial waste charge (IWC) rates TABLE INSET:

Meter Size (inches)	Rates (\$/month)
5/8	4.74
3/4	7.12
1	11.86
1 1/2	26.09
2	37.95
3 ,	68.78
4	94.87
6	142.30
8	237.17
10	332.03
12	379.47
14	474.33
16	569.20
18	664.07
20	758.93
24	853.80
30	948.67
36	1,043.53
48	1,138.40

(7) Industrial surcharge rates. The following industrial surcharges will be charged when billed to the township by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department:

Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) in excess of 275 mg/1...0.219

Total suspended solids (TSS) in excess of 350 mg/l... 0.351

Phosphorus (P) in excess of 12 mg/l  $\dots$  4.546 Fats, oils and grease (FOG) in excess of 100 mg/l  $\dots$ 

Sec. 74-84. Water billings; water meters.

Billing generally; payment of bills; collection of delinquent charges. Bills for water and sewage disposal shall be billed as directed by the township board. All bills shall be payable on or before the due date. A penalty equal to ten percent of any unpaid current charges shall be added to any bill not paid on or before the due date. Customers whose bills are unpaid on the due date may be forwarded a shut off notice, and if the bills are not paid within 15 days after the date of the shut off notice, the customer's service shall be turned off without further notice. An additional charge of \$100.00 will be charged to the customer for involuntary disconnection and \$100.00 for reconnection. Both charges must be paid prior to the resumption of service. Charges for water supply and sewage disposal services as set forth in this article shall constitute a lien on the property served. On or before October 1, of each year, the township clerk shall deliver to the supervisor a certified statement of water and sewer disposal charges six months due and unpaid, including a \$100.00 service charge. The supervisor shall place such delinquencies, including the \$100.00 service charge, on the next general tax roll and the same shall be collected as part of the general township taxes.

(b) Annual removal and reinstallation of irrigation meters. There shall be a charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for shutoff and removal of irrigation meters and a charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for testing

and reinstallation of irrigation meters. (c) Shutoff and turn-on service charge. If the township receives a request from a customer to discontinue service, there shall be a \$15.00 shutoff service charge. At such point when a request is made to reinstate the service, there shall be a \$15.00 service charge for

(d) Meter reading. Residential water accounts will be read quarterly. Commercial accounts will be read bimonthly unless designated otherwise by the township board.

Service charge for resealing meter. A service charge of \$100.00 will be charged to reseal an open bypass on those meters that have bypasses. Water usage that did not register on the meter during the open bypass period will be estimated based on previous usage and/or the usage of similar users.

Estimation of use when meter fails to register. The official water meter for billing purposes is the meter located inside the residence, building or meter pit. If a water meter fails to register as a result of a mechanical failure, the township shall have the authority to estimate the quantity of water on which the billing is made until such time as the meter is repaired or replaced. The estimated water use shall be based on previous usage and/or the usage of similar users.

Access to meter. The owner or lessee of the real property which is a water service customer shall provide access inside the owner or lessee's building to an authorized representative of the township for the purpose of examining, repairing, updating or replacing the water meter or other remote reading equipment so that such equipment is operating properly. Failure to provide access inside the building to the township within seven days after the township has made a written demand to the owner or lessee for such access shall constitute a misdemeanor.

(h) Tampering with or removing meter. Tampering, damaging, changing, rerouting, removing or by-passing the water meter by persons other than township personnel is strictly prohibited and would constitute a misdemeanor.

ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE.

The balance of Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 74, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance.

VIOLATION AND PENALTY. SECTION 3. Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

CONSTRUCTION SECTION 5. ORDINANCE. This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all

existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto.

SECTION 6. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING  $\mathbf{OF}$ CONFLICTING SECTION 6. SECTIONS. Portions of the Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 74 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect.

N 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.
The Ordinance becomes effective on the SECTION 7. , 2006 after publication of the second reading.
This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 and was ordered given publication in the

manner required by law. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TERRY BENNETT

Its: Clerk

Introduced: April 25, 2006 Published: May 4, 2006 Adopted: Effective Upon Publication:

OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will be no Board study meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 as there is a Plymouth-Canton, Westland, and Van Buren School Election. There will be a Joint Board Study Session with the LSAC, DDA, Cultural Commission, Planning Commission on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Walnut Room, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan, 48188. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 11:24 p.m. Motion carried by all members present . - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor -Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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## Authors, literary events at Ann Arbor Book Festival

The Third Annual Ann Arbor Book Festival, May 10 through 13, features a wide variety of events.

Hear an international cookbook author discuss her culture while you enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Go behindthe-scenes and see how books are preserved and repaired. Attend an author reception and rub elbows with your favorite writers while you enjoy light refreshments. Reserve your spot for a Literary Symposium and learn how storytelling applies to teaching.

And, then there are the scores of authors that will be participating in this year's festival. Among them are:

■ Former Ann Arbor resident Charles Baxter, currently with the University of Minnesota, who will be

appearing on the Ann Arbor Anthology panel 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Rackham Amphitheater, 915 E. Washington St. Baxter has written four novels, four collections of short stories, three collections of poems and a collec-

tion of essays on fiction.

American journalist Bob
Greene, best known as an
award-winning columnist for
the Chicago Tribute. His new

book And You Should Be Glad: A True Story of Lifelong Friendship, is a highly personal and moving true story of memory and friendship when one of four best friends is diagnosed with a fatal disease.

Mike Leonard, from the Today Show, with his new book The Ride of Our Lives: Roadside Lessons of an American Family, a touching and hilarious account of a

month-long road trip with his parents and children.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo, whose numerous fictional works include Mohawk, The Risk Pool, Nobody's Fool, Straight Man and Empire Falls. He also wrote the screenplay for the award-winning HBO production of Empire Falls.

■ University of Michigan graduate and Wall Street Journal columnist Sam Walker, whose new book Fantasyland tells the story of his experiences during a year in the fantasy baseball league trying to build the perfect team.

■ Cathleen Falsani, a columnist for the Chicago Tribune, will be interviewing folk/rock guitarist and singer/songwriter Bruce Cockburn. Cockburn has recorded over 25 albums and written songs, ranging from folk music to jazz-influenced rock to rock-and-roll, which often reflected his religious beliefs. Falsani's recent book, The God Factor: Inside the Spiritual Lives of Public People, features interviews with a variety of noted personalities dissecting issues of faith, ethics and personal spirituality.

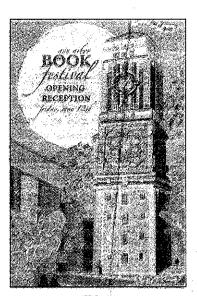
All this, and much more, is on tap as part of the Third Annual Ann Arbor Book Festival May 10 to 14. Visit the Web site often for the latest information. www.aabookfestival.org.

The most visible event is the Street Festival 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 13, centered on North University Street between State and Fletcher streets. Numerous authors will be on hand to autograph their books. Displays, readings, panel discussions, presentations and other such activities are planned for the various pavilions, stages and indoor venues. The main pavilions are Children's, International, Lifestyles, Poetry, Comics, Library, School, and Body/Mind/Spirit. Several agent-author presentations related to book publishing and marketing your book are slat-

A couple of events have been scheduled leading up to the testival. Mike Lupica, sports columnist at the New York Daily News and an ESPN commentator, will appear 7 p.m. Monday, May 8, at Nicola's Books, 2513 Jackson Road. Lupica will be reading from his new young adult novel Heat, a coming-of-age novel about baseball.

May Bsisu, author of *The Arab Table*, will appear 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the newly opened LaShish Restaurant, 2370 Carpenter. Bsisu will take diners along a warmly personal path through the exciting culinary territory of Lebanon, Sudia Arabia, Egypt and Syria. Reservations are required. Sign up online at www.aabookfestival.org or call (734) 369-3366.

The University Of Michigan Library Conservation and Preservation Lab, in Room 3202 Buhr Building, at 837



Green St., will host tours 3:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, May 12.
Attendees will see paper washing, bookbinding, and other procedures that conserve or repair valuable books.
Shannon Zachary, also known as "Dr. Book," will be on hand to talk with attendees who have items they wish to conserve. There is a \$5 charge at the door.

The general public is welcome to attend the free Opening Author Reception 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, at the downtown Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Light refreshments will be served. The 2006 Michigan Notable Books will be featured.

The Literacy Symposium 4:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, features the Cygnus Storytellers, discussing how the storytelling process applies to teaching narratives to students in kindergarten through 12th grade. This special presentation for parents, teachers, media specialists and other professionals requires on-line pre-registration at www.aabookfestival.org, or call (734) 369-3366. The fee is \$25. Staff development credit is available for teachers of the Ann Arbor Public Schools district.

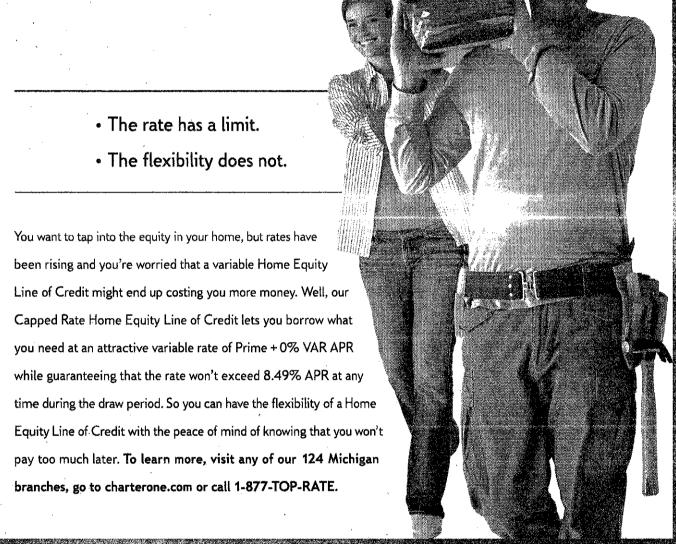
Back by popular demand this year is the Bookstore Crawl, May 1 through 13. To participate, pick up a Bookstore Crawl Passport at a participating bookstore or library in and around Ann Arbor. Visit the stores and libraries listed on the passport and receive a stamp at each location. After you visit half of the shops, turn your passport in for a small prize. Or visit all the shops on your passport to be entered in a grand prize drawing. Passports may be turned in at the Information booths at the Saturday street festival, or through Friday May 12 at Nicola's Books, 2513 Jackson Road, or Shaman Drum Bookshop, 313-315 S. State St.

The Ann Arbor Book Festival was created in 2003 to promote reading, writing, and literacy. The Book Festival is presented in association with the Ann Arbor District Library, The Ann Arbor News, Borders Books and Music, Edwards Brothers, The Exclamation Point. KatMalda Design, Michigan Humanities Council, Michigan Radio, Shaman Drum Bookshop, The State Street Area Association, Thomson-Shore Printers, and WEMU 89.1-FM.



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# An open letter to DFCU Financial

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 and our jobs at risk.** 

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:

If our Board is recalled, our future and that of our members WILL be jeopardized. I encourage all employees and members to think long and hard before taking this drastic step. Do you want revenge, or do you want to maintain the success we are experiencing today? Save our Board!

Kelly Kidwell – 16 years

Life at DFCU Financial is better under the management we have now, which means employees are happier and the service we provide to the membership is greater. I can only hope that members will conclude that recalling the Board of Directors will have a profoundly negative impact on devoted, caring and happy employees like me. VOTE NO!

Steven Schulman – 14 years

We don't want our Board or our CEO to be removed from their obligations. We want to continue to grow, as we have been in the last six years, so we can offer more job opportunities and branches to serve our members in the ways in which we have grown accustomed.

#### Lynn Wall - 11 years

We're not just afraid of losing our jobs, but of destroying a great business that WE have been such a part of. We as members and employees are counting on the rest of our membership to do the right thing and take a moment to VOTE NO: NO CHANGE – NO RECALL.

Cheryl Stephenson - 22 years

In my years of service, I have always been proud of DFCU Financial for their commitment to our members. That will never change because as an organization, it is what we are all about. The current leadership made this organization what it is today: a strong viable financial institution that continues to grow and prosper. I do not feel that changing the current Board is good for DFCU Financial. Nothing will be gained, and much could be lost.

#### Teri Golles – 12 years

The current strength of the credit union is based on the people who are here and the decisions made in the last five years. To see the job accomplished by our CEO and our team, all you have to do is look at where we are today. This kind of success doesn't happen by accident. To remove those responsible for this success is reckless and the results will be catastrophic.

### Cheryl M. Nelson – 3 years

I am proud to be a part of such an outstanding company. I was here when our CEO started, and I can honestly say that since he has arrived, our company has taken a turn for the better and it continues. You can see it in the branches; you can hear it in the members' voices. The growth we've achieved is incredible and an accomplishment to be proud of as an individual and an organization.

Rachael Shepherd – 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 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,

DFCU Financial Employees

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# Auction to benefit station

New Liberty Bank will present the 88.1-FM Radio Auction, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday,

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

Area businesses still have time to support the student radio station by donating an item. Station volunteers are contacting businesses for donations. Businesses benefit from the exposure they receive while the item is up for bid. Most importantly they help a very worthwhile program.

"The generosity of Plymouth-Canton businesses is overwhelming," said Bill Keith, Station Manager, "They receive so many requests for donations and each year they're willing to help us. We're so thankful for the support we receive."

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

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

Anyone with an idea for the auction can contact the station at (734) 416-7732. Businesses willing to display an auction flier can also contact the sta-

"Most importantly, we hope people will tune in and listen to the auction," said Keith, "It's a fun event to listen to and the

Ryan Alloway was busy taking bids during last year's WSDP 88.1-FM auction to benefit the student run radio station serving Plymouth-

Canton schools. students work so hard."

They can also listen to the auction via the station's live web feed at www.881TheEscape.com. The

Web site will also feature a complete list of auction items. Last year the station raised

just about \$11,000 and this year they've set their mark at \$15,000.

New Liberty Bank has served as the title sponsor of the 88.1FM Radio Auction for three years. Michael Weaver, president and chief executive officer of New Liberty Bank, said sponsoring the radio auction was a good fit.

The auction is also supported by half-hour sponsors, including Canton Computers, Rep. Phil LaJoy, Blackwell Ford, Sen. Bruce Patterson, Community Bank of Dearborn, Central City Dance, AJM Software, Plymouth AM Rotary, Tom Yack, Tom and Linda Kelly, Joanne Lamar, Dairy Queen of Canton, Approved Mortgages, Community Financial, and the Plymouth-Community Arts Council.

# recalls heyday of Detroit-area TV

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Author Tim Kiska took local folks on a trip down memory lane Tuesday, keeping a lunch audience at Fox Hills Country Club informed and entertained with reflections on Detroit television.

"I grew up here in town so I watched all this stuff as a kid," said Kiska, who grew up in Warren (near Eminem's house) and spoke Tuesday at a Friends of the Library lunch for Plymouth, Canton, Northville

and Novi libraries. The former TV critic for The Detroit News decided a few years ago to write From Soupy to Nuts: A History of Detroit Television.

Kiska, a Grosse Pointe resident, recalled being at the News in 1990 when Channel 7 abruptly canceled Kelly & Co. He realized Detroit was losing its last locally produced daily show not involving news.

part of our culture," he said. Since those early days, TV is more homogenized, Kiska said, looking pretty much the same throughout the country.

"I thought "This was a big

He recalled how the Evening News Association, which owned The Detroit News, got Channel 4 on the air in 1947, broadcasting from the top of the Penobscot Building.

"Everybody had to be coated in this purple makeup," he said of the broadcasts, transmitted to a convention hall not far

away. Channel 2 came along shortly after that.

When Soupy was king: Author

Channel 7 had topnotch programming for years, Kiska said, giving much credit to an executive, John Pival, whom he characterized as drunken and crazy. "But he had this brilliant eye for talent."

Pival saw the potential in a minor Cincinnati DJ, who became Soupy Sales and a star of his own show. The same exec later brought in newsman Bill Bonds, along with sportscaster Dave Diles and movie host Rita Bell. Bell was at a Wrigley's supermarket event when she was tapped by Pival.

Kiska said Bonds is a "firstclass newsman" who covered an Anchor Bay tornado for radio with great professionalism. Kiska believes Sales' show essentially saved ABC.

"Back in those days, you could do pretty much anything on TV" if you remained clothed and didn't curse. He recalled a weekly polka show as well as the Lady of Charm who sometimes wasn't so charming on or off air. She, for example, objected to her broadcast being interrupted for news of Queen Elizabeth giving birth.

George Pierrot's travel programs were popular, and the host had credibility along with lots of video. Pierrot helped keep the Detroit Institute of Arts going in the 1930s by showing travel footage for a nickel, Kiska said, and later used that to parlay his way into TV success. At one point, he appeared nine times a week on two separate stations.

Channel 4 was dominant in news coverage in the 1950s and well into the 1960s, the author said. "I think the riots changed a lot of that" coverage, said Kiska, now with WWJ radio and a journalism faculty member at the University of

Michigan-Dearborn.

Then-Mayor Jerome Cavanaugh of Detroit enjoyed good press relations, and local station general managers kept riot coverage off the air initially, showing a Tigers-Yankees pennant game with smoke in the background.

When NBC's national newscast came on, however, there was riot coverage that 1967 summer day. News coverage was stronger after the 1967 riots, he said.

Kiska characterized local weatherman Sonny Eliot as well-read and noted his experiences as a World War II German prisoner. Kiska's disappointed that local TV is gone with large corporations buying stations. The new owners also tossed a lot of tape.

'Cable is doing it a lot better," he said of such programs as movie hosting, travel and others. Local TV is expensive to produce. "It just doesn't make good business sense."

Kiska punctured an urban myth, that a boy swore strongly at Bozo for having lost a contest. "I think it's a lot less local," he said of current TV. "We just" don't have that connection that we used to have."

He was introduced by Canton Public Library program coordinator Marcia Barker, who recalled a family gathering reminiscing about TV via Kiska's book. "It's a very good party book to have," said Barker, who added her memories of talk show host Lou Gordon and Eliot who "brought their own philosophy

"I thought it was very reminiscent, interesting," said Judy Morgan of Plymouth, a Plymouth Friends of the Library board member.

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

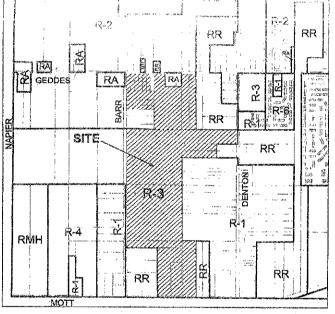
PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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 15, 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:

ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 121 99 0012 000 (49875 GEDDES), 121 99 0013 000, 121 99 0014 000 (4330 DENTON), 121 99 0015 001 (4400 DENTON), 121 99 0015 002 (4540 DENTON), 121 99 0024 002, 121 99 0025 000, 121 99 0026 000, 121 99 0027 000, 121 99 0028 000, 121 99 0029 000, 121 99 0030 000, 121 99 0032 000, 121 99 0033 000 (4005 BARR), 121 99 0034 000, 121 99 0008 000 (4605 BARR), 124 99 0001 000 (5275 BARR), 124 99 0002 000 (5305 BARR), 124 99 0003 005 (50200 MOTT), 124 99 0004 000 (49900 MOTT), 124 99 0010 000 (49850 MOTT). Property is located south of Geddes and west of Denton Roads. (Second Public Hearing.)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, May 11, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



Grandview Estates 121-PDD-006

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF HEARING Mayfair Village I and II Subdivisions Street Lighting Special Assessment

NOTICE is a hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, to all property owners in the proposed district described below and to all other interested persons:

That a petition for the formation of a special assessment district for the installation and maintenance of streetlights has been filed with the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, pursuant to Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended (MCL 41.289b).

2. That hearing on the said petition concerning the necessity of said improvement and the formation of this special assessment district will be held before said Board of Trustees at the Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road S., Canton, Michigan 48188, on the 23rd day of May. 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

3. That any property owner or other person interested in said proceedings may appear at said hearing, file objections to the entire petition or any part thereof, and be heard on said objections.

4. That the proposed special assessment district is located in the Charter Township of Canton and is described as 97, Pages 7-11 and lot numbers 229-468, Mayfair Village II Subdivisions, Liber 97, Pages 77-79, Register of Deeds, Wayne County, Michigan.

5. That said petition and the estimated costs and expenses of said assessment are filed in the office of the undersigned at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, and may be examined at any time during the regular business hours of said office, prior to said hearing.

6. That any property owner or other interested person who fails to appear and object to said petition or to the formation of the proposed special assessment district at the time and place of said hearing may be deemed to have waived his right to object under Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended (MCI

7. That proposed layout of actual streetlight placement can be viewed in the Office of the Township Clerk between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. AFTER INSTALLATION, MINOR VARIATIONS MAY OCCUR IN THE LAYOUT BECAUSE THE ACTUAL PLOTTING OF LIGHTS HAS NOT BEEN FIELD TESTED BY DETROIT EDISON.

> TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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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 bousehold goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bad. The sade will be us the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 Lamps, sofa, plastic totes, end

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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

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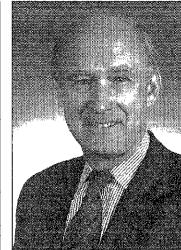
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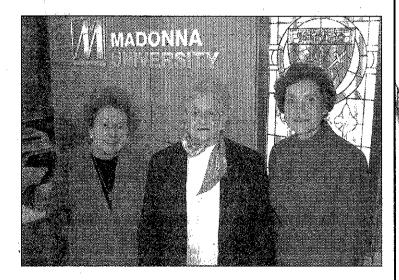




Sister Renetta Rumpz



John E. Marshall



1951 graduates: Gertrude D. Bonk, Lorraine R. Ciak and Mary Joan Kaminski-

## Leaders lauded at 59th Madonna commencement

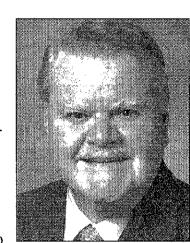
Madonna University's 59th commencement takes place 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at in Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Approximately 832 graduates will join the Madonna University alumni ranks, with 610 students receiving a bachelor's degree, associate's degree or certificate, and the remainder earning a master's degree.

Honorary doctorate degrees will be bestowed upon '67 alumna Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz; The Kresge Foundation President and CEO John E. Marshall, III; and Ford Motor Co. President and COO James J. Padilla. Distinguished alumna awards will be given to the following members of the first class of lay women, 1951 graduates: Gertrude D. Bonk, Lorraine R. Ciak and Mary

Presiding over the commencement ceremonies will be Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation will be given by Bishop John M. Quinn, auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of Detroit and Madonna University trustee. The mace bearer will be Osvaldo Rivera, director of the

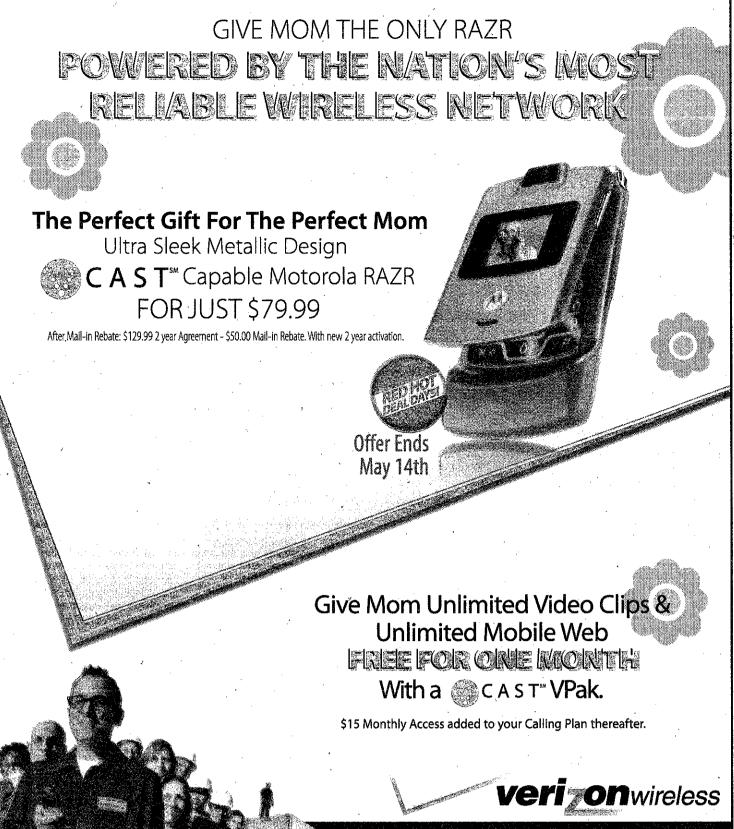
office of multicultural affairs. All graduates and their families are invited to attend the Graduation Mass, which will be celebrated 7 tonight in the Presentation Chapel at the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse (36800 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia). The celebrant will be Bishop Moses B. Anderson,



James J. Padilla

auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of Detroit and former Madonna University trustee. A reception hosted by Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, will be Dining Room immediately following the Mass.

Madonna University offers more than 70 career-oriented majors for men and women, including innovative programs in e-commerce, fire science, forensic science, sign language studies and sport management. Twenty-two master's degree programs are available in the diverse areas of business, clinical psychology, education, health services, hospice education, liberal studies, nursing, pastoral ministry and teaching English to speakers of other languages. Madonna University's main campus is at Levan and I-96 in Livonia, with satellite campuses in Orchard Lake and Southgate.



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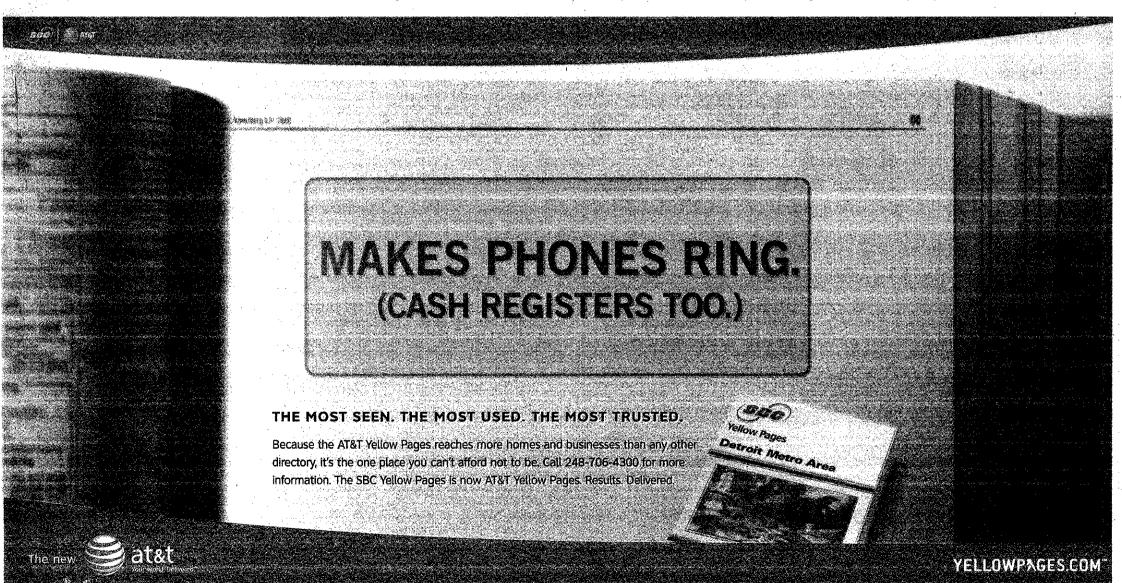
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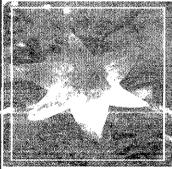
### ANTHONY FARELL (FRATTARELLI)

Age 73, of Canton, April 30, 2006. Beloved husband of Peggy. Dear father of Daniel (Tracy), James (Michelle) and Jeffrey (Amanda) Dear grandfather of Megan, Anthony Esme, Alex, Adam, Eleanor and Mary. Memorial gathering of family and friends will be held at their home on May 7, 2006 from 1-4PM Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI. To leave a message of condolence for the family, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



DONALD O'KEEFE.

Suddenly April 27, 2006 at his Highland Beach, Florida, winter home. Survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Shirley, and his beloved sons, Brian (Robyn), Daniel (Kathy), and Thomas (Mary). He will always be remembered by his 8 grandchil-dren, Cullen, Kieran, Quinlan, Caolinn, Jimmy, Teddy, Elise and Christina. Also survived by his brother, Kenneth (Patti) and sister, Anne (David). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 3:00-8:00pm Scripture service Thursday 7:30pm Funeral Mass Friday 11:00am at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 10:00am. Rite of Committal Pine Lake Cemetery Memorial tributes to St. Elizabeth Briarbank Retirement Home or The American Heart Association. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



DONNA M. BOLAM

St. Johns, MI (formerly of Brighton and Howell, MI), passed away Monday, May 1, 2006, at the age of 70. She was born March 30, 1936, in Detroit, the daughter of Julius Oliver and Lula Mae (Horney) Lowe Donna was a homemaker and her life's joy was spending time with family and friends. She was an avid reader, enjoyed sewing, playing euchre, listening to music and playing her piano, taking trips to the casino, and spending time sitting in the sun. On April 15, 1955, Donna married Robert Bolam in Detroit, and he survives her. Also surviving are two daughters, Karen (Mark) Crosby of St. Johns, MI; Cindy (Gary Holmes) Bolam of Commerce Township, MI; two sons, Robert Steven (Pamela) Bolam of Howell, MI; Michael William (Susan) Bolam of Hartland, MI; seven grandchildren, Christine, Michael, Tyler, Jacob Andrew, Alex, and Amanda; two brothers, Edwin Lowe of St. Johns, MI and Nelson (Laurie Shipley) Lowe of Westland, MI. Funeral services will be held 11:00 am Friday, May 5, 2006, at Keck-Coleman Funeral Home, St. Johns, MI 989-224-4422 . Interment will follow at Mt. Rest Cemetery. Memorials may be made to U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr., CCGC 6-303, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0944.

#### DOROTHY LOWE (WENSKO)

Age 75, April 27, 2006. Beloved mother of James, Joseph and William Fr. (Elizabeth). Dear grandmother of Victoria and Nathan. Sister of Martin (Beverly) Wensko and Barbar Jones. Former wife of William R. Lowe Sr. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at 1:00 PM at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Road, Garden City. A special thank you to Bill and Bev Wensko and Barbara and Kari Jones Families and all the staff at Garden City Hospital for their tireless care, devotion and dedication to our beloved mother with much love and gratitude. The Lowe Family. Cremation Society of Michigan in charge of arrangements. (313) 839-4100





JUNE ELNORA FINNEGAN Age 86, of Tecumseh, died Monday, April 30, 2006, in her home. She was born June 14, 1919 in Richwood, Ohio, to William Noel and Carrie (Rosebrook) Yarrington. On November 12, 1938, she married John M. Finnegan, who passed away in 2003. She is survived by a brother, Robert Yarrington, and a sister, Donna Allmand; four children; Carol Lambe of Port Huron, Arlene Bettega of Tawas, Norma Cser of Centerville, Ohio, and John Finnegan of Canton; 10 grandchildren, Jennifer Lambe, Jocelyn Brumwell, Jeremy Lambe, Deemer, Joseph Bettega, Gerald Bettega, Norman Croff, Richard Croff, William Croff. Jonathon Finnegan; and 14 greatgrandchildren. June was honored for her 50 years in Girl Scouts. She enjoyed hiking, weaving, basket making, quilting, origami, and gardening. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at the Tecumseh Chapel of Couture-Handler Funeral Homes. Interment will be private at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Girl Scouts in the donor's area. Condolences may be offered to the family at: www.couture-handler.com

#### LOUISE DEVOR

Age 92, May 3, 2006 of Birmingham. Mother of Catherine Devor of Birmingham and Sally Lowrey of Dayton, Ohio. Grandmother of Lisa Jasinski. Memorial Service, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Saturday, May 6th at 3:00pm. Visitation after service until 6:00pm. Tributes may be mad to the Salvation Army, Attn: Bed & Bread





MICHAEL GEORGE PAPAY

Age 39, of Plymouth, lost his battle with esophageal cancer on April 30, 2006. He was born April 25, 1967, in Cleveland, Ohio. He was a very fine Journeyman Wood Model Maker in the automotive prototype industry, as well as a wood craftsman. He is survived by his beloved wife, Robyn Papay (nee Laird); his parents, Bernard and Mary Papay; his siblings and best friends, Charles, Terrance (Gloria), Patricia (Gregory) Riley, Sarah (David) Lawien, Margaret (Richard) Gubert, and Virginia (Eric) Barringer; his nieces and nephews, Heather Gubert, Paula Papay, Jennifer Subert, Michael Sarowski, Elizabeth Riley, Mary Barringer, Leah Barringer, and Eric Barringer, Jr.; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Thursday 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



PATRICIA ELIZABETH **GILLOW** 

Passed away on May 2, 2006 at the age of 41. She resided Minnesota for almost 15 years, and is formerly of Birmingham, Michigan. Beloved wife of Kirk W. Clowser, they married on January 2, 1999 in Naples, Florida. Dear mother of Skylar Alexis Gillow. Loving daughter of Robert H. Gillow and Judith A. Gillow. Sister of Lynn (Lee Rosenthal) Gillow and Carol (W. G.) Gillow-Giles. In 1982, she grad-uated from Kingswood School Cranbrook then from DePauw University in 1986 where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She also a received a MBA from University of Michigan in 1991. She worked at Guidant Corporation in St. Paul, Minnesota for nearly 15 recently, as a Manger. She was a years, most recently, as a Compensation Manger. She was a dedicated tri-athlete and marathoner. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Christ Church Cranbrook (www.christchurchcranbrook.org) or The Little Traverse Conservancy (www.landtrust.org);

#### RICHARD JACOB FLIPSE, JR.

Age 64, of Plymouth, died April 30, 2006. He was born June 17, 1941, in Kalamazoo. He graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1960. He came to the Plymouth community in 1976, from Kalamazoo. On May 20, 1978, he married his beloved wife, Patricia. He worked in maintenance for the Plymouth-Canton School System. He was a member of the Elks Lodge #1780, and the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. He loved to travel and was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his sons, John R. (Sarah) Flipse of Houston, TX, and Daniel É. (Cynthia) Flipse of Cuero, TX; his grandchil dren, Lauren, Anna, Aundrea, Carlena, and Luzy; his brother, Wayne (Jill) Flipse of Kalamazoo; his sister, Karen (Orrin) Schroeder of Kalamazoo; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral from First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth, Friday 11am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10:30am. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday 1-9pm. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or the Salvation Army.

#### THERESA MCLAUGHLIN, April 29, 2006 age 73. Loving moth-

er of Kevin (Laura), the late Maureen, and Colleen (Andrew) Whisler. Dearest grandmother to Meryl, Alex and Erich. Private Family Services. Please celebrate Theresa's life by donating to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105. 1-800-822-6344 or visit: www.stjude.org.

Please sign guestbook at: www.neely-turowski.com.



VICTORIA F. GOAD 75, April 30, 2006, of Farmington

Age 75, April 30, 2000, or 1 mills. Hills. Loving mother of Herman Goad. Cherished grandmother of Shane and Jessie. Dear sister of Agnes Kneeves and Frank Linhart. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Memorial service Saturday, May 6, 2006, at 2pm, Heeney -Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., between 9 and 10 Mile Rds., Farmington, 248-474or heeney-sundauist.com Family will receive friends from 1pm until time of service at 2pm.

#### WAITER A. HALL

Age 92, of Plymouth, died April 30, 2006. He was born May 6, 1913, in Knox County, Indiana. He came to the Plymouth community in 1945, from Northville. He was a pioneer of Aichigan Bell working as man and service representative for the company for 40 years. He was a member of Ward Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, Margaret E.; his son, Larry (Josephine) Hall; and his grandchildren, Stephanie and Gregory Hall. A memorial service was held Wednesday, May 3, at Ward Presbyterian Church. Memorials may be made to the Ward Presbyterian Deacon Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

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#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

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

#### MAY

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, 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 sharing 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 media. The 6th Interfaith National Day of Prayer 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 13weeks, 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 Prespyterian 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 masterwork are baritone Daniel Washington, soprano Elaine Linstedt, along with the combined choruses of Birmingham First Presbyterian, Detroit Archdiocesan, 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. **Quilt show** 

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington, north of 1-96, Livonia. Members display everything from very old quilt to quilts in the process of completion. Suggested donation is \$5. All proceeds go to Shoes for Children, an orphanage in Mongolia, and the Early Childhood Program at Christ Our Savior. For more information, call (734) 522-6830.

**Bicycling group** 

10 a.m. Saturday, May 6, meet at Nankin Mills Administrative offices parking log on Hines Drive, east of Farmington, Westland, Ride geared toward the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome to participate. The group will ride every Saturday morning at various locations until weather turns cold again. All riders must wear a helmet. For schedule or information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920. 25th anniversary

4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, service followed by a banquet, at Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, 41415 W.

Nine Mile, Novi. For information, call (248) 349-0565 or (248) 919-0808. Special worship service

Three graduating seniors from local

high school - John Beresford, David Bernard and Matthew Landry - perform classical and sacred music on the organ, piano, trumpet, and saxophone during the Sunday Evening Worship Service at 7 p.m. on May 7, at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. Each of them plays regularly in the Ward orchestra and each has won various prizes, awards and scholarships in solo and ensemble competitions during their high school careers. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

Three-day mission

Rev. Bruce Nieli, CSP, a well-known Paulist priest and evangelist who enjoys an outstanding national reputation as an inspiring and humorous Catholic speaker and missionary, conducts a May 8-10, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish located on the southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth roads, Livonia. Open to all interested persons. Services begin at 6 p.m. with private confession followed by 7 p.m. evening devotion and an informal reception. The focus of the mission is Responding to the Holy Spirit in our lives, in our church, and in our world. Free babysitting services provided in St. Michael's School for children 4 and older, with games, movies, and other supervised activities available. Rev. Nieli has been deeply involved in national Catholic evangelization for

more than 30 years. He has served as Director of Evangelization for the Dioceses of New York City and Austin, Texas, as well as the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. A noted columnist in the Catholic press, Rev. Nieli has served as a draft writer for Papal talks on Parish Life for Pope John Paul II. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Lifeworks

Series continues with Rev. Dick Bonk talking about Creating and Recreating Relationships 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

**Bicycling group** 

10 a.m. Willow Metro Park. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels welcom. All riders must wear a helmet. Lunch break at your expense half way through ride. The group meets every Saturday morning at various locations. For a schedule or information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Family game night

6-8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. Cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Come and join fun and fellowship. Games and cards are provided but you are welcome to bring your own games and teach someone how to play a new game. If you have any questions, call Linda Bodnovits at (734) 425-5653.

Leadership and self-deception Lecture series with Rev. Dennis Skiles 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

Summer fun

Two sessions from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3:30 p.m. begin June 12 and continue weekly through week of Aug. 21, at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. Each week children will engage in activities including the sciences, math, health, music, arts, and exercise. For ages 4-10 (children who are 3 but have been enrolled in preschool are welcome. Cost is \$60 per week and includes T-shirt, snacks and field trip fees. Call (734) 981-0286.

Crafters wanted

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

#### ONGOING

School registration Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is

accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-2007 school year, at 9600 Leverne, Redford, After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information. Bible study

Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. On Sunday Family Worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

Purpose Driven Life Members, friends and neighbors of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren during Lent. Small groups will meet at homes in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon on Wednesday evenings during Lent. All faiths are welcome. Call (248) 349-3140 for more information.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. First we enjoy a wonderful lunch together then we fellowship with some games and stories.

Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to ." noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m., at 25350 W. Six Mile. Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Scripture from scratch No previous Bible study required, began 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. The units include the New Testament (April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, and Gospels (May 16, 23, 30 and June 6). Each session includes video presenta; tion, small and large group discussions. Be one of the first 10 to receive the participant's manual for \$5. After that, the cost is \$10. To register, call (734) 425-5950.

Kabbalah classes

Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center, the classes began 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5595 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students. Call (248) 855-6170, ext. 1 or send e-mail to BCTC770@aol.com.

**Eucharistic adoration** 

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331. Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-

Unity of Livonia

Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

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The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

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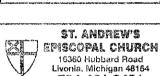
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## Shopping around: Cars, cash, jewels featured in Wayne County

**NEED FOR SPEED** 

Detroit Speed Shops opened a new, state-of-the-art outlet in

Livonia this week. Located at 36534 Plymouth Road, the store carries a fullystocked retail and wholesale parts showroom - featuring high performance accessories from manufacturers like Edelbrock, Holley and Mr. Gasket.

The outlet boasts a newly remodeled 9,800 square foot retail showroom and warehouse. The Livonia store also features a Customer Performance corner which allows visitors to experience the latest Play Station racing games, DVD's and more.

To celebrate the grand opening of the new Livonia store, owners will host a party and car show - with more than 200 vehicles on display - in conjunction with United Street Machines. The event is set for Saturday, May and will include refreshments. It is open to all. Additional Detroit Speed Shops locations include stores in Dearborn Heights and Roseville.

Regular store hours at Livonia's Detroit Speed Shops outlet run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (888) 293-7267 or visit the Web site at www.detroitspeedshops.com.

#### **GOING GREEN**

After nine years of experience in the field of finance, Jason Hunter has opened a branch office of Waddell & Reed Financial Services in Plymouth.

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## New Grow Zones being developed in Hines Park

In collaboration with the Wayne County Department of Environment, Wayne County Parks will develop four additional grow zones this year at selected locations throughout Hines Park.

All project in part by a grant from the Clean Michigan Initiative -Rouge Watershed Nutrient Reduction Program.

The first of the four new grow zones began work on April 29 at Nolar Bend Park, in Dearborn Heights at Inkster Road and Hines Drive. Volunteers met at the site at 9 a.m. to help construct the new grow zone with Wayne County personnel from Parks and the Department of Environment.

Grow Zones filter out excessive nutrients that come from fertilizers, goose droppings, and road debris. Grow Zones increase natural floodwater storage capacity by creating additional places for water to infiltrate into the ground. Over 40 different species

native to southeast Michigan will be planted including Eastern Red Cedar, Redbud, Big Bluestem Grass and Wild Geranium. They will be maintained and cared for by volunteers and the Wayne County Parks maintenance staff. Signs will be placed at each site to designate them as "Grow Zone" sites. These projects are part of the watershed wide effort announced by the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Advisory Council, earlier this year, to promote 2006 as The Year of the Grow Zone.

The next scheduled Grow Zone planting project will take place on May 6 at the Bennett Arboretum site in Northville Township in Hines Park. Volunteers will plant a variety of native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees. Remaining Grow Zones include Ford Road and Outer Drive in Dearborn Heights for May 24 and Nankin Mills in Westland to be planted at a date to be determined this fall. For volunteer and/or general information, contact Noel Mullett, Wayne County Department of Environment-Watershed Management Division at nmullett@co.wayne.mi.us or

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#### **JEWEL OF REDFORD**

Murray's Jewelry, located in Redford Township, announced last week it will soon be closing its doors for good. Owner Barry Murray has decided to retire.

For 36 years the store, locat-

ed within a Murray's Auto Parts store, has fostered a reputation as the go-to place for jewelry. Shoppers seeking out close-out deals and sale prices on watches, rings, gemstones and more can stop in, while the merchandise lasts. Murray said he anticipates the jewelry store will continue to liquidate its merchandise for the next four-to-six weeks.

Once it's gone, Murray's Discount Auto Parts will

expand its operation throughout the building. Murray's Jewelry is at 27207 Plymouth Road in Redford. A second location, at 23400 Allen Road in Woodhaven, will also close.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@hometownlife.com or call (734)



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# Chiefs secure WLAA lead with win over 'Cats

STAFF WRITER

No Payne, no gain.

Bolstered by the solid pitching of sophomore lefty Hillary Payne, two highlight-reel defensive plays and an efficient use of base-runners, Canton's softball team stayed atop the Western Lakes Activities Association Western

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Division standings Monday afternoon with a 5-3 victory over cross-campus rival Plymouth.

Payne, who did not allow an earned run, scattered six hits, struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Plymouth starting pitcher Claire

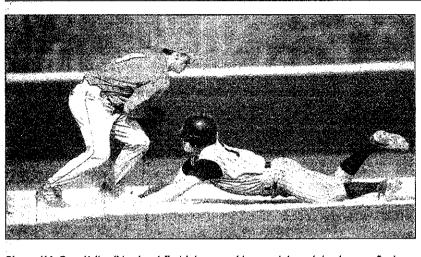
Ostrowski pitched well enough to win, limiting the Chiefs to three hits over six innings. However, Ostrowski and the Wildcats were victimized by two walks and four errors, all of which led to Canton runs.

With the win, Canton improved to 5-0 in the division. The Wildcats slipped to

The game's pivotal play unfolded in

the bottom of the fifth when the Chiefs put runners on second and third with one out. With the score knotted at 3-3 and the Wildcats' infield pulled in, Canton clean-up hitter Lauren Delapaz ripped a scorching line drive to the glove side of Plymouth freshman second baseman Beth Heldmeyer, who laid out and

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B3



Plymouth's Ryan Valle slides head-first into second to complete a stolen base as Canton second baseman Chris Woudstra gets a handle on the ball.

# **Big 3rd inning propels Canton past Plymouth**

STAFF WRITER

After leading Canton 1-0 following two innings Monday afternoon, Plymouth's baseball team soon found itself behind the "eight" ball.

The Chiefs pushed eight runs across the plate in the third to secure a lead they would never relinquish on the way to a 9-6 victo-

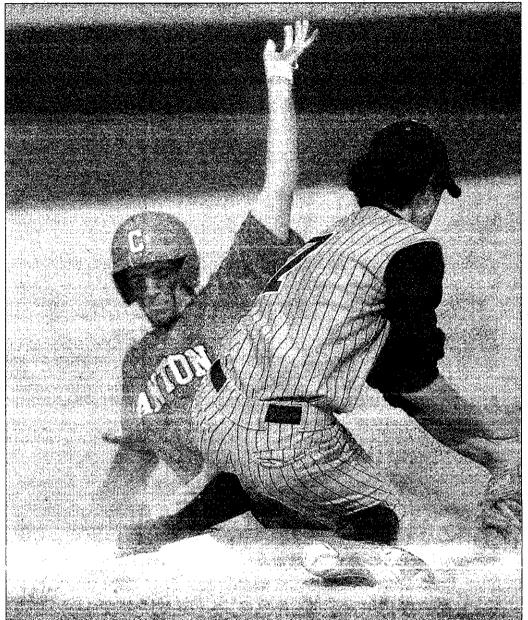
With the win, Canton improved to 9-6 overall and 3-1 in the Vestern Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Plymouth slipped to 7-9 and 2-2, respectively.

Both teams' coaches agreed the error-plagued game won't be rebroadcast on ESPN Classic anytime

"When (Plymouth coach) Chuck Adams and I talked after the game, we both agreed that it was a sloppy game," said Canton coach Scott Dickey, whose team trails Western Division-leading Northville by one game. "We were both expecting a 2to-1-type of game, and we weren't expecting so many errors."

The teams combined for seven neiding miscues – tne Cniers com mitted four, the Wildcats three.

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B4



Canton's Shawn Little slides safely into third base before Plymouth's Brandon Winowiecki can apply the tag during Monday afternoon's cross-campus clash between the two P-CEP rivals. Canton won 9-6 thanks to an eight-run third inning.



Canton resident Chris Merbler, 13, holds the potential world-record walleye he reeled in Sunday while fishing with his dad on Lake Erie.

# Nobody does it 'bait'er

## Canton teen hooks record walleye

STAFF WRITER

The split-second he felt the first tug on his fishing line Sunday afternoon, Chris Merbler knew that whatever had wrapped its jaws around his perch-colred crawler was a whopper.

However, the 13-year-old Canton outdoorsman had no idea that the fish he had enticed to clamp onto his bait in the middle of Lake Erie was a potential world record-sized walleye.

"It felt heavy right away and it pulled out a lot of line, so I knew it was big," recalled Merbler, who, along with his dad Ron, was participating in the Lance Valentine Walleye 101 Fishing School. "It took me about a minute and a half to bring it in, which is longer than it normally takes."

Once it was netted and weighed, the walleye tipped the scales at 9.8 pounds, which is considerably heavier than the 8.5-pound specimen currently listed on the International Game Fish Association Web site as the largest ever caught by someone 16 years old or younger.

"It may take the IGFA a couple of months to decide if my walleye becomes the new world record for junior anglers," said Merbler. "We have to fill out some paperwork and send them a photo of the fish. Then they talk to the people who weighed it and saw me catch it."

Merbler said his prize catch is presently on ice, but it will soon be mounted and showcased in his family's Canton home.

"It would feel really good if I get the world record because I've been trying to get the record for about two-and-ahalf years," said Merbler, a seventhgrade student at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The walleye was caught in 30 feet of Lake Erie water, not far from Rattlesnake Island, Merbler said.

## Churchill set to defend title at 36th Observerland Relays

STAFF WRITER

Two things always remain constant during the first Saturday in May – the Kentucky Derby and the Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays.

The 36th running of the Observerland meet will not be at Churchill Downs, but on 8900 Newburgh Road, site of Livonia

Churchill High School. This year's meet doesn't appear to possess a Secretariat, Affirmed or Seattle Slew, but it does feature a number of worthy title

contenders along with a few dark horses.

"This year there is no dominant team; many can compete," said Churchill's lead trainer, coach Rick Austin, whose team captured the 2005 title for the first time in 16 years. "You're always concerned about Canton, but Stevenson is also a good team if they put it together. And both Farmington and Northville have a little bit

Admission: \$5 (adults); \$3 (students).

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Baze Efremov will be looking to hurdle the competition at Saturday's Observerland Relays, which will be held at Livonia Churchill.

#### **36TH OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD RELAYS**

Host school: Livonia Churchill, 8900 Newburgh Road (between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy Road).

When: Saturday, May 6.

Field events: start at 3:30 p.m. (pole vault, high jump, long jump, discus, shot put). Running events: start at 6:30 p.m. (6,400-meter relay, 110 hurdles, distance medley, 800 relay, 1,600 run, 3,200 relay, 100 dash, sprint medley, shuttle hurdle relay, 400 relay, 1,600 relay).

Participating schools: Livonia Churchill (defending champion), Livonia Clarenceville, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Lutheran High Westland, Garden City, Redford Union, Redford Thurston, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, Northville.

## Pitch, Hit & Run

A record 103 youngsters between the ages of 7-14 participated in the annual Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run competition April 22 at the Canton Sports Center. The top three finishers from each age group will advance to the sectional competition June 3 at the Dearborn **Heights Community** Center.

The local winners were: Ages 7-8: 1. Cameron Stella (563 points); 2. Dante Toppi (518); 3. Ronnie Dance (479).

**Ages 9-10:** 1. Brandon Waack (667); 2. Sean Stanners (583); 3. Quinn Lutkenhoff (564). **Ages 11-12:** 1. Evan

Rinke (598); 2. James Bushaw (594); 3. Nick March (588). ■ Ages 13-14: 1. Matt Windle (890); 2. Tom

Windle (888); 3. Collin

#### Hammerstein (587). Salem netters win tourney

The Salem boys tennis team captured the Monroe Trojan Classic Saturday by compiling 22 points. Racking up unbeaten records for the Rocks were: Lawrence Washington (No. 1 singles); Pete Bartlett (No. 2 (No. 3 singles); Neil Bakshi (No. 4 singles); Pawel Kargol-Dave Geick (No. 1 doubles); Jake Burnstein-Kevin Steinman (No. 3 doubles); and Steve VanDusen-Matt Benson (No. 4 dou-

### Miller contributes

Baldwin-Wallace College (Ohio) senior Lisa Miller, a graduate of Canton High School, recently assisted Fairview Park's Youth **Advisory Commission** (YAC) in determining how well a new recreation center would be utilized by the young people in

the community. Miller, along with two other Baldwin-Wallace College students, tallied the results of the professional survey commissioned by YAC under the direction of Baldwin-Wallace psychology professor Lisa Green.

The survey examined a number of areas, including students' perception of parent supervision to hours of television viewing. Based on the results, Miller and her fellow B-W classmates suggested that a volunteer coordinator should be stationed at the new rec center. They also made several other recommendations during a presentation before Fairview Park officials. Miller is majoring in psychology and business administration.

#### Coach needed

The Plymouth Wildcats are looking for a varsity cheer coach. For more information, contact Plymouth Athletic **Director Terry Sawchuk** at (734) 582-5700.

# Salem's Smith wins playoff with birdie

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Salem senior Ashley Smith rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt from just off the green on the first playoff hole to earn medalist honors at Monday's 21-team Brighton Invitational at Oak Pointe Country Club.

Smith was paired in the playoff with Ann Arbor Pioneer's Elise Swartout and Beth Neigebauer, all of whom fired

five-over-par rounds of 76. Smith, who will take her talents to Grand Valley State in the fall, is 5-0 in playoffs during her illustrious high school career.

"Ashley absolutely crushed her drive on the playoff hole," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "She then hit it just over the green and onto the back fringe with her second shot. The other two girls had long par putts. The fringe was cut low, so Ashley decided to putt her third shot



Smith

it, and she rolled it right in."

The Rocks finished near the middle of the pack in the team competition by compil-

ing a 394 score. Joining Smith in the scoring column were senior Katie Rzetelny (96), Anna Ross (106) and Alyssa Mastic (116). Christine Garland and Emily Patton carded 120s. "I was pleased to break 400 as

a team," Wilson said. "We improved by over 20 strokes from our first tournament earlier in the year in Grosse Ile." Pioneer grabbed first in the

team standings with 324. Dexter and Temperance Bedford tied for second at 341.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 207 CANTON 271 April 28 at Hilltop G.C.

Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner (medalist), 44; Ashley Bint, 49; Lex McFarlane and Tanaya Karnik, 57 each; Theresa Nutten, 58; Amanda Dobos, 64 Canton scorers: Nicole Burdiss, 63; Cheisea Osborn, 65; Molly Motley, 70; Kara Gregory, 73; Paige McBain, 76; Emily Kenny, 78. Churchill's dual meet record: 4-1 overall,

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 198 PLYMOUTH 212 April 27 at Hickory Creek Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner, 36 (medalist); Ashley Bint, 48; Sarah Walls

and Theresa Nutten, 57 each; Danielle Lesniak, 60; Lex McFarlane, 68. Plymouth scorers: Liz Anderson, 48: Amanda Kerr and Melissa Miller, 53 each: Patricia Burns, 58: Katy Ingramhan and Madeline Salvaggio, 62 Churchill's dual meet record: 3-1 overall, 3-1 WLAA.

On Tuesday, Smith earned a medal at the rain-drenched Ann Arbor Invitational, which was played at the University of

Michigan Golf Course. Smith's 82 was good enough to place her in the top 10, but not quite low enough to stay with first-place finisher Shannon Warner of Livonia Churchill.

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of everything. We're not as deep as last year, but we still can win some races.

"This year our sprints should help us out. We're just not as deep as we have been in the

distance events." Canton coach Bob Richardson has been to the winner's circle four of the five

past Observerlands. Last year his team was edged by Churchill for the title, 81-77. Livonia Stevenson placed a

close third with 72.

'You've got to score in every event if you're going to win," Richardson said. "We have a very strong lineup. Our field events are extremely strong. We have three fine throwers. Our sprints and middle distance are also pretty strong.

"But Churchill and Stevenson are going to be very tough to beat. We lost to Plymouth in a dual meet and we barely squeaked by (Livonia) Franklin. CC is also very strong, too, and has had great programs.

Canton's lead jockey is fourth-year varsity performer Cyrus Azizi, a versatile senior who sets the pace for the Chiefs. Azizi has drawn interest from such schools at Eastern Michigan and the University of Detroit Mercy.

"He can go anywhere from the 200 (meters) up to the 1,600," Richardson said. "He's done the hurdles, too. He's been asked before to run the highs.

"I've never had a more versatile athlete in Canton history. It takes four to replace him. I've been writing his name in the lineup for four years. And to top it off he's just a great kid, very personable. He's not only a fine athlete, but a good stu-

Other valuable pieces to the Canton puzzle are Andy Rossow, a 6-foot-2 high jumper who also runs the relay events, and middle-distance standout Phaltiel Whitlock.

Meanwhile, one of Churchill's go-to guys is defending Division I state pole vault champion Ryan Santa, who also anchors the Chargers' 4 x 100-meter relay and competes in the hurdles.

Churchill also boasts two of the area's top distance performers in senior Timothy Howse and sophomore Brandon Grysko, along with middle distance performer David St.

Amant. The odds on Stevenson making a bid for its first Observerland title since 1980

remain high. On April 25, the Spartans ended Churchill's nine-year run of Livonia City Meet crowns, only to lose two days later in a dual meet to the host Chargers,

"We're not in bad shape, but we have a couple of questionable kids with injuries," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "Nana (Adomako) leads off our (sprint) relays and he tweaked a hamstring last week. "We have a decent amount of

depth, more than in the past. We think we can be competitive in most events. There are four or five events where you want to be first or second." Shaw said filling out the line-

up card is one of the keys to putting his team in position for the home stretch.

"It's a different kind of meet because the distance events are basically at the beginning of the meet and the sprints are at the end," he said. "We just have to pick and choose the events we want to go after. We want to give a kid like Matt Rzepka a chance to run the open mile, but to do that he has to be fresh."

A relative newcomer to the meet, Plymouth High, could surprise under first-year coach Kurt Britnell. This is the first Wildcat senior class to compete in the Observerland meet. Last year Plymouth scored 19 points, but is expected to be more of a factor on Saturday.

"Our goal since these kids have been freshmen is to be competitive, just outwork the other guy and don't let that be an excuse," said Britnell, who previously served as an assistant for the Wildcats. "We think we can compete and have a chance at everything. I don't know if it would be a shock to anybody if we did well."

The Wildcats are led by senior Sean Dillon (distance), sen-

ior Josh Le Duc (relays-discus) and sophomore Ben Ambrose (pole vault).

"The only thing we lack in is 400 guys, that's where we're the 37 weakest," Britnell said. "But I think we can make up for it with our sprinters and distance

guys." There could be some other surprises as well - a la 2004

Derby champ Smarty Jones. Don't be surprised if there's a photo finish.

"It's going to be a close, exciting meet," Richardson said. "It's one of those meets we look forward to every year because it's asshowcase meet for the whole area. Our kids get so pumped up because it's one of the high points of the year."

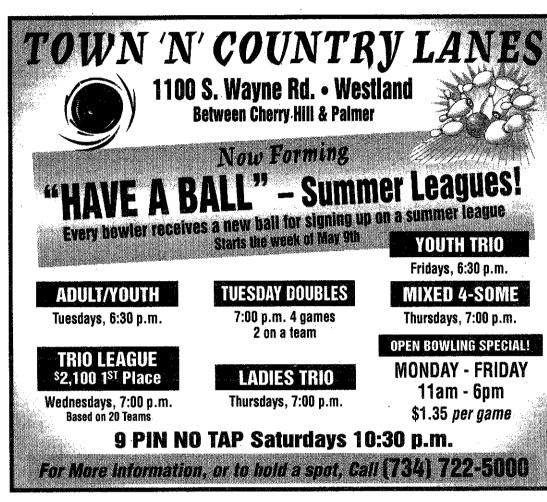
Farmington High is 5-0 in dual meets and boasts a quality was sprint team that includes Stephen Byars, Tim Wasmer, Phillip Champion, Solomon Tucker and Stephen Champion. 15 Jason Heist is a competitive hurdler, and the Falcons have a 45. solid group of throwers.

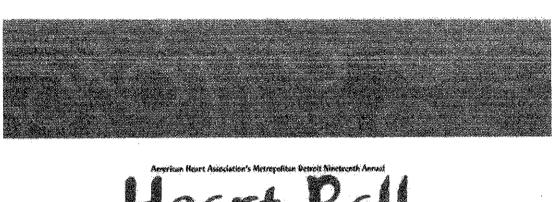
"We're more excited about Observerland this season than we have been in a number of years," coach Chip Bridges said. "We've been pretty good the last four or five years, but we don't have any meets next week until Saturday. We have three days to get ready for it and all next week to recover. It's the first time we've been able to run Observerland and not have to worry about how to use people. 33

"I think our sprint relays should be competitive. I think we can put together a couple good distance relays, too. In the throwing events, while we don't have that one guy who's dynamite, we do have three solid guys."

Farmington Harrison is good in the sprints as always. Cameron Murphy is a first-rate agr hurdler, and Chris Pyant leads a throwing team that will compete for the shot put and discussifi

"If we're healthy by Saturday, 🤏 we should do real well," coach John Reed said. "I expect us to do well in the sprint relays and hurdles. We could put together a pretty good field-event team. We're looking forward to the meet and planning on trying to





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speared the ball. However, when Heldmeyer sprang to her feet and tried to double-up Canton's Brittany Scero at third base, her low throw eluded third baseman Lauren Stemberger and rolled out of play, allowing both baserunners to score.

"Beth is a phenomenal second baseman and she made a great play just to catch the ball," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "When I saw her setting up to try and throw to third, I yelled for her to hang onto the ball, but she tried to get the double play. That's a throw that, once she gets more varsity experience, she won't

make in the future. "Claire pitched well, but she walked two - and both of the girls who walked scored - and we had two crucial errors that Canton took advantage of."

The Wildcats drew first blood in the second inning when freshman Erin Rodes delivered a clutch, two-run, pinch-hit single with two outs, scoring Kim Klonowski and Heldmeyer.

"I put Erin in there because she's more of a power hitter than Amy Bondy (who was scheduled to hit) and I have a lot of confidence in her," said Canfield. "She's only had one start in the field this season, but she couldn't have come through any better than she

Canton retaliated quickly by pushing across three runs in the bottom of the second. The left-handed-hitting Scero plated the tying and go-ahead runs with an opposite-field double that scored Payne, who had reached on an error, and Alyssa Johnson, who had walked.

Plymouth drew even at 3-3 in the top of the third when Danielle Bondy, who had reached on an error and advanced to second on Madison Dresser's sacrifice bunt, scored on Klonowski's second of three hits.

Payne was brilliant over the final four innings, holding the Wildcats to three base-runners. She was backed by a pair of incredible defensive efforts: In the fourth, shortstop Kate McWhirter ranged deep into the hole to rob Heldmeyer of a hit: and with one out in the seventh, Chief left-fielder Krista Holcomb went horizontal to make a diving catch of a sinking shot off the bat of

Stemberger sparkled defensively at the hot corner for the Wildcats.

Scero reached base all three times she batted, finishing 2for-3 with two RBI and a run scored. Klonowski (3-for-3) was the lone Wildcat with more than one hit.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Thursday, May 4 Baptist Park at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 5 Salem at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m. Northville at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 6 Salem at Milford, 11 a.m. Canton at Farmington Tourney at Ford Field, 9 a.m. Franklin Road at PCA, 1 p.m. PREP SOFTBALL Thursday, May 4 Inter-City Baptist at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 5 W.L. Northern at Salem, 4 p.m. Canton at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. routh at Northville, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 6 Salem Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Lutheran Westland at PCA, 1 p.m. **BOYS TRACK & FIELD** Thursday, May 4 Salem at Westland John Glenn, 3:30 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Canton, 5:30 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Western, 3:45 p.m. Friday, May 5 Salem at Harrison Hawk 9/10 invite, 3:45 p.m. Saturday, May 6 Observerland Relays at Livonia Churchill, 3 p.m. GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Thursday, May 4 Westland John Glenn at Salem, 3:30 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial, 3:30 p.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6 Observerland Relays at Livonia Churchill, 3 p.m. **BOYS TENNIS** Friday, May 5 Salem at Northville, 4 p.m.

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Canton at Troy Athens, TBA

Detroit Country Day at Plymouth, 11:30 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF

Friday, May 5

Livonia Franklin at Salem

at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.

Canton at Northville, 3 p.m.

Wayne Memorial at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

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Friday, May 5

at Woodhaven Classic, 8 a.m. **GIRLS SOCCER** 

## Wildcats take 1-of-3 at Saline Invitational

Plymouth's softball team went 1-2 at Saturday's Saline Invitational Softball Tournament.

The Wildcats dropped their first two contests - 8-0 to the host Hornets and 4-3 to Division 2 power Wayland Union — before rebounding to oust Ann Arbor Huron, 5-1, in their third and final game of the afternoon.

Junior right-handed pitcher Claire Ostrowski tossed a onehitter in the victory over the River Rats, striking out six while walking just two. Beth Heldmeyer (3-for-4, double), Kim Klonowski (3-for-3, three RBI), Ostrowski (3-for-3, double) and Amy Bondy (2-for-4) made an impact at the plate for the winners.

Wayland Union, which is ranked No. 7 in Division 2, scored a pair of runs in the top of the seventh innings to upend the Wildcats in game No. 2. Ostrowski pitched well, yielding just five hits and four walks while whiffing four. Offensively, Heldmeyer laced

#### PREP SOFTBALL

two hits and Erin Ondusky contributed a two-run double.

Senior third baseman Lauren Stemberger provided the lone highlights in the opening-game setback to Saline. going 2-for-2 at the plate.

STÉVENSON 10, SALEM 0: Lauren Brueck went 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored Monday as host Livonia Stevenson (8-4, 2-2) took five innings to mercy the Rocks (4-6, 1-3) in a WLAA-Lakes Division encounter.

The Spartan's collected a total of 10 hits with Danielle Wozniak going 2-for-3 with two RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Amanda Alpert added a two-run double in the bottom of the fifth inning. Winning pitcher Jamie Johnson allowed just four hits, walked one and struck out

Salem's Melissa Leach, who struck out three and walked three, suffered the loss.

**TENNIS RESULTS** 

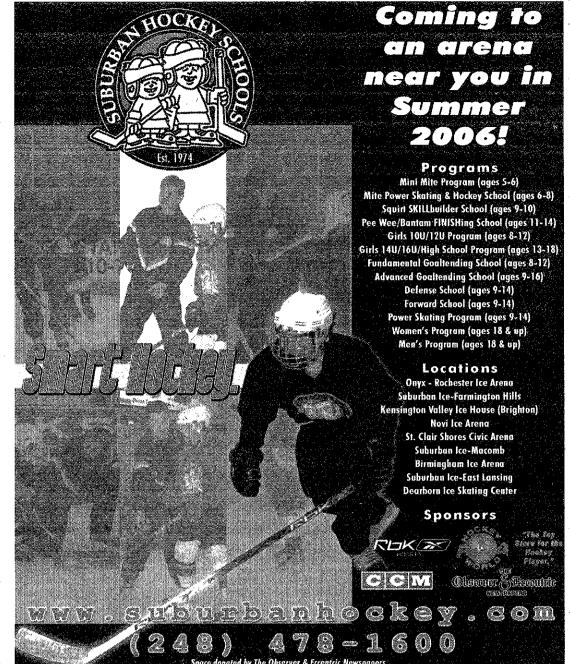
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May 1 at Franklin No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Derrick Martinez, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Pete Bartlett (S) defeated Brandon Filipiak, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Blake Foster (S) def. Tony Semonick, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-0, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Pawei Kargoi-Dave Geick (S) def. Feras Ackail-Zack Shaver, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Joe

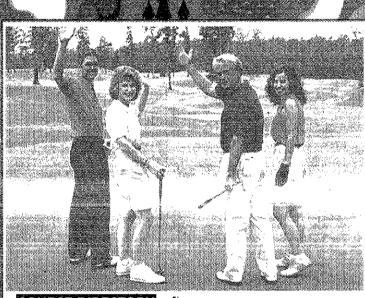
Fenner-Justin Adams (LF) def. Cam Loftus-Alex Poe, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Jake Burnstein-Kevin Steinman (S) def. Ron Perian-Steve Trapp, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Steve Van Duesen-Matt Benson (S) def. Kevin Jaksim-Nat Warrick, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1, 6-4 Dual meet records: Salem, 6-0 WLAA; Franklin, 1-7 CANTON 8 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN O

April 28 at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Eric Szydlowski (C) defeated Tim
Smolen, 6-1, 6-4; No. 2: Mike Keesy (C) def. Alex
Colosimo, 6-0, 6-1; no. 3: Nathan Larimore (C) def. Mike Hensel, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Ryan Hollingsworth (C) def. Dan Rice, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Alex Marinica-Mike Darouie (C) def. Brad Noyes-Nikhii Kalothia, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Alex Badu noyes Hamil Halotina, 6-2, 6-0, No. 2. Alex Fabiszewski-Greg Wareck (C) def. Nolan Langlois-Brandon Nikula, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Nirusan Loganathan-Tom Williams (C) def. Shawn Murphy-Frank Toarmina, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: David Kang-Cory Hurst (C) def. Justin Samland-Cliff Palac. 6-0. 6-2. Glenn's dual meet record: 0-5 overall, 0-4 WLAA.







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# Super seventh leads Spartans over Rocks

team was in "seventh heaven" Monday afternoon during the latter stages of its Western Lakes **Activities Association Lakes** Division showdown at Salem.

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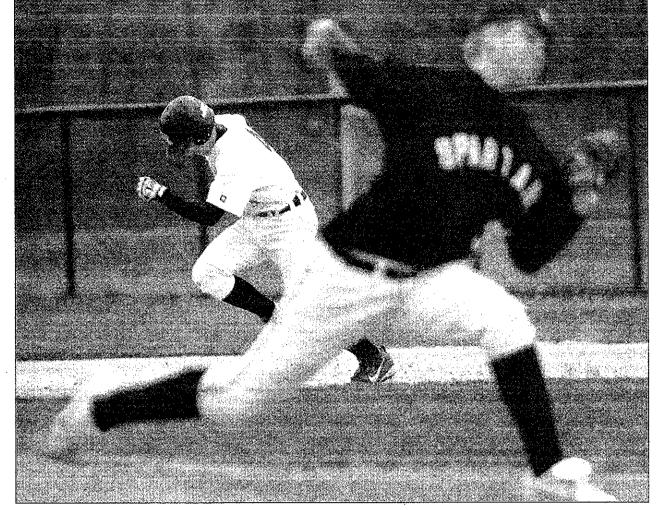
The Spartans scored seven runs in the seventh inning to blow open a close game and win going away, 14-4. The victory was the eighth consecutive for Stevenson, which improved to 10-4 overall and 5-0 in the Lakes. The host Rocks slipped to 5-10 and 2-2, respectively.

Matt Tuttle earned the mound victory for the Spartans, throwing a complete-game six-hitter. Tuttle struck out five and walked two.

Stevenson trailed 3-1 after three innings, but grabbed the lead for good with four runs in the top of the fourth. Salem reduced its deficit to 5-4 with a run in the bottom of the frame, but the Spartans sealed the win with a pair of sixth-inning runs and the monstrous final inning.

Larry Klemczak paced the winners' 16-hit attack by going 3-for-5 with two RBI and three runs. Also contributing to the Spartans' productive day at the plate were Luke Knochel (2-for-3, two RBI, two runs), Ben Schroeder (2-for-4, four RBI, two runs) and Nick Plinka (2for-3, RBI). Tony Pounders and Andy Jones both went 2-for-4 with a run scored for Stevenson.

The majority of Salem's offensive highlights were provided by Bill Leddy (2-for-3, RBI) and Jon Pomorski (2-for-3, two runs).



Salem's Steve Pydyn accelerates towards second base as Livonia Stevenson's Matt Tuttle delivers a pitch during Monday afternoon's Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division showdown. The Spartans won, 14-4, to remain unbeaten in the division.

Three of Canton's errors came in the first inning and helped Plymouth secure an early 1-0 lead.

The Chiefs erased their defensive woes in the third when they sent 12 batters to the plate. When the red clay had settled, Canton had racked up eight runs, two of which came on junior Brad Barath's twoout double. Chris Woudstra, Shawn Little Blaine Paden and Jon Puskar also contributed clutch hits to the offensive explo-

The Wildcats reduced their deficit to 8-4 in their half of the third thanks in large or part to Brandon Winowiecki's two-run home run. Both teams added single runs 🕬 in the fifth and Plymouth added one in the

"It was nice getting the big inning, but I was disappointed we weren't able to put the game away with more runs after that orbic inning," said Dickey. "Plymouth is a good-" hitting team, so we knew they were capable of coming back at any time."

Little, a senior, tossed a complete-game nine-hitter to earn the victory. He struck out six and walked two.

Plymouth starting pitcher Bryan Stotz suffered the loss after hurling three-plus innings. Nate McManus did a nice job of quieting the Chiefs' bats after taking over for Stotz in the fourth.

Woudstra and Paden stroked two hits a different stroked two hits a differe piece to pace Canton's 10-hit attack. Tyler Locklear joined Winowiecki in the roundtrippers' club when he blasted a solo shot in the fifth. Locklear also added a double out and finished 3-for-4.

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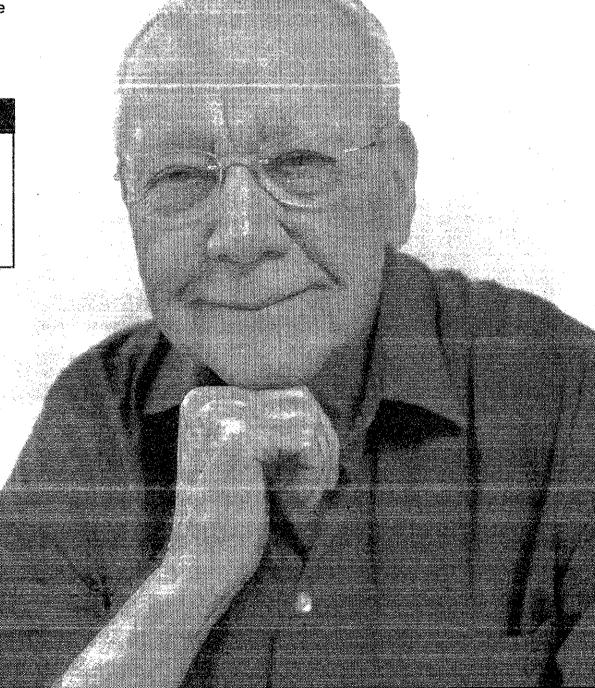
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## Poor half dooms Rocks in 3-3 draw

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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem may have been better off Monday night against Walled Lake Western if it could have skipped halftime and just played 80 straight minutes of soccer.

The Rocks lost their 2-0 halftime advantage and their momentum in the final 40 minutes of Monday's 3-3 draw with the Warriors. The tie coach Joe Nora's squad with a 2-3-2 mark.

"We played very well in the first half, but our second half

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was kind of weak," said Nora. "Western picked their play up in the second half and we didn't match their energy."

Sophomore forward Taylor Carlson and junior forward Kelly Adsit scored first-half goals for the Rocks. Adsit also found the back of the net in the second half. Sophomore midfielder Katie Shull contributed two assists to the Rocks' cause.

PCA 2, B'HAM ROEPER 1 (shootout): The Eagles secured their hold on first place in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a thrilling victory at Roeper Monday afternoon. Plymouth Christian, which improved its overall and league records to 6-0, outscored Roeper 4-3 in the shootout. The Roughriders dropped to 5-2 and 3-1, respectively.

"The conference has to take note of Plymouth Christian now after this win," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "The girls are having an outstanding year. They showed a lot of perseverance tonight. They could have had a letdown after the win over Oakland Christian last week, but they didn't."

Karen Cleary gave PCA a 1-0 lead 8:32 into the second half when she scored off an assist from Megan Polera. Roeper knotted the game at 1-1 when it converted a free kick with 15 minutes left in regulation.

Both teams converted 3-of-5 shots in the first round of the shootout, necessitating a sudden-death segment. Jalese Debiasi, Sarah Roth and Brooke Williams scored for

After Sara Ross stuffed the Roughriders' first suddendeath attempt, Cleary scored the game-winner.

"It was a team effort all the way around today," said Lorion. "They all came together when 🖁 they had to."

# Warriors drop third straight in lacrosse

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team suffered its third consecutive defeat Monday when it dropped a 9-5 decision to Northville. The visiting Warriors slipped to 6-3 while the Mustangs improved to 5-4.

"We were sluggish most of the game," said PCS coach Mike Costello. "Our offensive movement just stalled. We need to change a few things to get things going again."

Costello praised the play of senior goalie Chris Sorensen, who racked up 18 saves.

"Chris stood on his head for us," Costello praised. "He kept us in the game. Ray Gilmore had another outstanding game, too. I wish he could play a couple more years."

Trailing 1-0, the Warriors earned the lead in the second quarter thanks to goals from Gilmore and John Savino, who was assisted by Mitch French. The Mustangs strung together three straight goals to claim a 4-2 advantage before Johnny Groat and French scored to knot the game at 4-4 mid-way through the third period.

Following a Northville goal, PCS evened things up again at 5-5 on a French goal with 3:07 remaining in the third. However, the Mustangs tallied the final four goals to cruise to the win.

Gilmore and Joey Underwood (two) notched

assists for the Warriors. Northville outshot PCS, 34-23 and won the ground ball battle, 30-29.

A.A. PIONEER 16, PCS 1: The host Pioneers led 10-1 at the half and 14-1 after three quarters. Alex Caryl scored the lone PCS goal, which was unas-

Pioneer, which improved to 9-1, outshot the Warriors, 35-9.

The Warriors return to action Friday when they host Walled Lake Unified at 8 p.m. at the P-CEP junior varsity sta-

PCS LADY WARRIORS 5, BEDFORD 2: Scoring for the Warriors were Kristen Schwan (Salem), Amy Coleman (Salem), Sara Tiderington (Plymouth), Morgan Franke (Plymouth) and Heather Duncan (Canton).

Defensively, PCS was paced by Laura Burton, Rainey Warner, Edra Burris; and goalies Caitlin Andrew and Samantha Weidendorf.

#### **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

#### **PLYMOUTH YMCA YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS**

The Plymouth Family YMCA is currently accepting registrations for its spring soccer program. Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers, referees and anyone else needing more information should call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

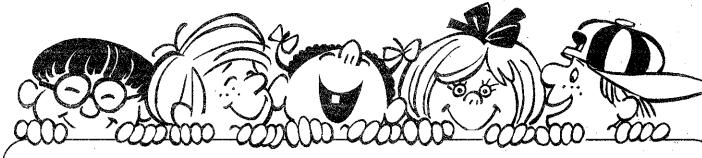
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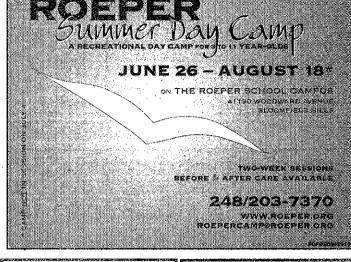
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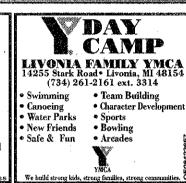
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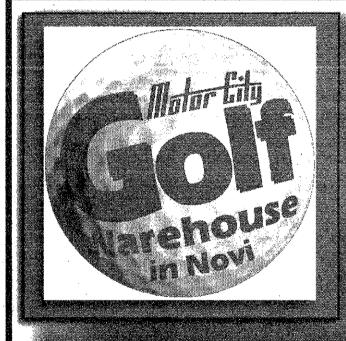
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# Young Chief runners 10th at Holly

Freshman and sophomore members of the Canton boys track team placed 10th at the Holly 9/10 Relays held Saturday at Holly High School.

The Chiefs compiled 10.5 points in the 24-team competition, which was won by Milford (79 points). Midland Dow (73.5) was the runner-up followed by Flushing and Pinckney, who tied for third with 56.

Scoring points for Canton were the pole-vaulting duo of Chris McGinnis and Chris Jahoda (tied for fourth with an effort of 19 feet) and the 800-meter relay squad of Eric Piwowar, Dalton Walser, Jordan Raiford and Ocie Lewis, who placed third with a time of 1:36.6.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 18th, 2006 for the following:

#### FLEET CARD FUELING SERVICES 2006

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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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

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-Canto JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

MAY 11, 2006

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Daniel McCausland of IMAC Properties, 2011 Lotz Rd., Canton, MI 48187 representing IMAC Properties, for property located west side of Lotz Road between Lotz Road and

I- 275, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Section 32, regarding navigational tower. Zone R-2.

Parcel 051-99-0041-000 (Building) (TABLED FROM MAY 12, 2005)

William Applegate, 50899 Hanford, Canton, MI 48187 for residential property located at 50899 Hanford, south side of Hanford Road between Ridge and Napier Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance, Article 2.00, Section 2.03, b, 1, side setback and Section 2.03, a, to allow an accessory structure to remain on a newly created vacant lot. Zone R-1 Parcel 027-99-0005-009

(Planning)

Michael S. Furnari of Fairview Land Development, LLC, 1220 W. Auburn Road, Suite C, Rochester Hills, MI 48309 representing John T. Sarnecky, 41601 Cherry Hill, Canton, MI 48188 for vacant residential property located at 451 N. Lotz Road, west side of N. Lotz Road between Cherry Hill and Lotzford Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance, Article 26.00, Section 26.02, minimum side yard setback. Zone R-6

052-99-0016-708 Parcels 052-99-0016-709 052-99-0016-710

(Planning)

Brett and Debbie Wasil, 3210 Herbey, Canton, MI 48188 for residential property located at 3210 Herbey, west side of Sheldon Road between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.03, accessory structures and uses. Zone R-1

Parcel 107-99-0022-000 (Building)

Approval of the March 9, 2006 Minutes

Approval of the April 13, 2006 Minutes Publish May 4, 2006

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction May 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

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#### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the Township of Plymouth:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, must be cut and destroyed on or before the 10th day of June, A.D., 2006. And every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the township that such weeds have been destroyed within three days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned shall be liable to the imposition or the penalties set forth in Ordinance Number 64, of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner or to the occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School Tax Roll, of any lands on which noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain methods of treating and eradicating such noxious weeds and a summary of the provisions of this section. Failure of the township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided in this chapter or any debt created under this chapter.

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ACTION:

Request Approval of a Special Land Use

DATE OF HEARING:

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 7:00 P.M. TIME OF HEARING:

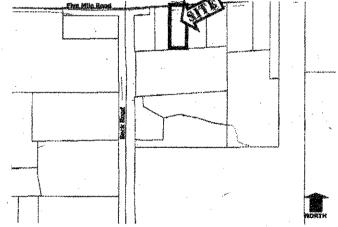
PLACE OF HEARING:

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 outdoor seating in a

General commercial District (C-2), on Tax ID R-78-010-99-0015-000, (property address is 47325 Five Mile Road) pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 13.2-5 Applicant, Dwayne Roi. Application 1922,

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-010-99-0015-000. Property address is 47325 Five Mile Road.



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) 453-3840. TDD users: (800) 849-3777 (Michigan Relay Services).

> KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary Planning Commission

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#### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY <u>OF DRAFT PARKS AND</u> RECREATION MASTER PLAN & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is Hereby Given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Plymouth Commission on Monday, June 5, 2006, at 7;00 p.m. at the Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The public hearing is being held to receive comments and consider the adoption of the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2006-2011.

A Recreation Master Plan assists the City in identifying recreation needs within the community. The plan will serve as a guide for maintaining, improving and expanding facilities. Recreation Master Plan assists the community in determining its goals and needs, if approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), it also qualifies the community for recreation grants, which are administered through the MDNR Grants Administration Section. The proposed Master Plan includes a community description, an overview of the administrative structure of the City, an inventory of existing facilities, a basis for action and finally recommended goals, guidelines and capital improvements for the next five years.

The hearing is intended to provide an opportunity for interested citizens to express their opinions regarding the aspects of the proposed Recreation Master Plan.

Copies of the proposed City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2006-2011 will be available for review at the City Hall and Plymouth Cultural Center and available online at the City of Plymouth website at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us on May 5, 2006.

Linda J. Langmesser City Clerk

Publish: May 4, 2006

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of the Single amuy Cluster Housing (Previous Approval has expired)

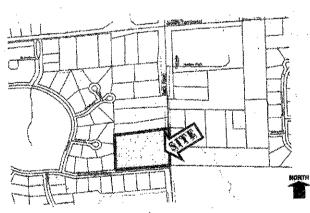
Wednesday, May 17, 2006 DATE OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M. TIME OF HEARING:

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the previous Cluster Housing Approval for the subject property has expired and the Applicant, Marcello Scappaticci, is therefore petitioning the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township for a new Approval of the Single Family Cluster Housing Option for parcel 037-99-0001-000 pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The property is located on the northwest corner of Beck and Edinburgh. (Property address is 12731 Beck Road).

Application 1921.

Applicant, Marcello Scappaticci



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-037-99-0001-000 Property address 12731 Beck Road

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 734-453-3840, TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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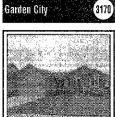
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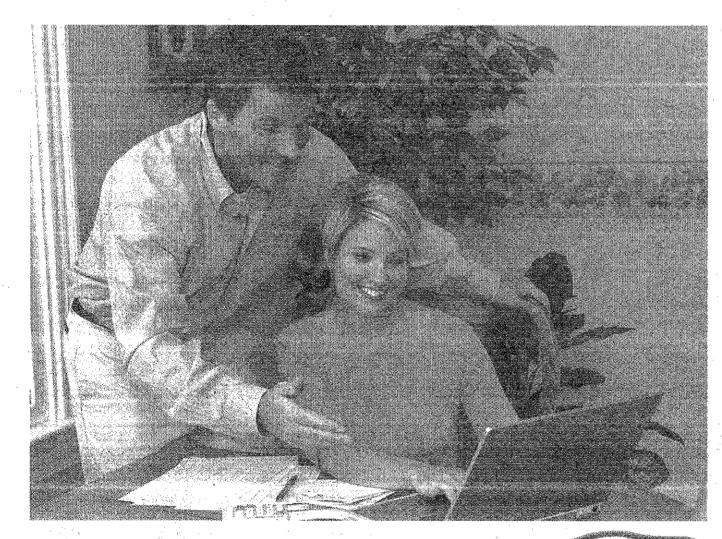
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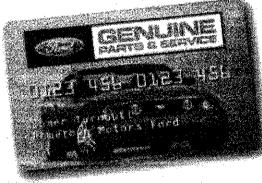
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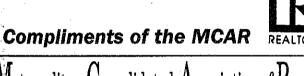
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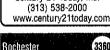


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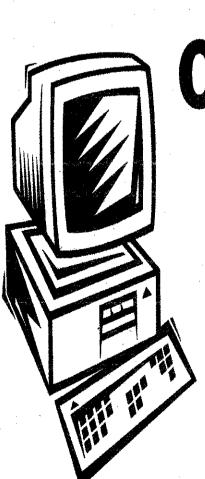
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## Madonna softball squad sweeps two from Indiana Tech

It was Senior Day at Madonna University, but sophomores carried the Crusaders to Saturday's doubleheader sweep over Indiana Tech.

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With the wins, MU improved to 32-11 overall and 10-9 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, while clinching a spot in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Region VIII tournament (which begins May 10).

In Madonna's 8-2 win in the

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL** 

opener, senior pitcher Erin Brockert went the distance for the victory. She gave up just three hits and one walk while striking out eight. She also went 3-for-4 at the plate with an RBI.

But Brockert had plenty of help from three sophomores. Catcher Stephanie Day

(Livonia Ladywood) doubled, singled, and drove in three

runs. Canton's Heather Richardson, who played right field in the game, contributed two hits and scored twice and third baseman Christina Finch made her presence known with a 3-for-4 outing, knocking in two runs.

Grand slams by Richardson and freshman catcher Alison Grant sparked the Crusaders' 9-1 victory in the nightcap.

Richardson (2-for-4, three runs, four RBI) struck in the fourth, breaking a 1-1 tie.

Grant capped off the victory against the Warriors (24-24 overall, 9-11 in the WHAC) with a grand slam in the sixth.

Brockert went the final 3.2 innings for her second win of the season, upping her personal mark to 19-7.

MADONNA 4-14, HUNTINGTON 0-0:

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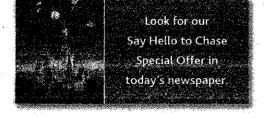
the Crusaders ended a four-game

losing skid, 4-0 and 14-0. In the opener, senior pitcher Erin Brockert got back on track. She earned the victory, hurling five shutout innings and allowing just three hits while striking out five. The win upped her personal ledger to 17-

The top of the lineup did the damage for MU, with two hits each for Heather Godfrey, Heather

Richardson (Canton) and Brockert. In the nightcap, shortened to five innings due to the mercy rule, the Crusaders scored early and often in improving to 30-9 overall.





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tackle the

question of how work skills apply in environments outside of the office.

Peter Handal is chairman, president and CEO of Dale Carnegie Training, a management training company based in Hauppauge, Long Island, serving 75 countries and operating in 28 languages. "We don't draw a distinction between working and serving in the community," he states. "I genuinely feel it's the same. Human relations principles remain the same, as do people-specific skills. Communicating, being a leader, convincing people of your views . . . it's the same as in business." He points out, however, that skills geared toward profit and loss may lie fallow.

Tom Ingrassia, president of Tlingrassia Entertainment, a Boston-based entertainment management company serving performing artists, is a former business school dean. He says that while communication skills transfer everywhere, the nature of the work you're engaged in and the nature of your community involvement will determine

transferability. He's found that the advising skills he used in academe fell into place not just in business but "in community organizations, where people aren't quite sure how or where they fit in, what their skills are," he says. "So do time management and project management skills.'

Kenneth Sole, social psychologist at Sole & Associates Inc., in Durham, N.H., maintains that "groups and teams can become more than the sum of their parts." He finds technical skills, such as software engineering, trailing in transferability, because of less demand, to social skills. If you can resolve conflict and develop effective alliances of all kinds, you are skilled in much of what the community needs. Sole maintains that a person with solid team-building skills "will also know how to throw a better dinner party." MODIFICATION

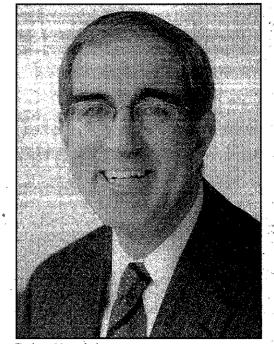
Just how well do some of these skills transfer -- without modification? Sole thinks that support skills, those which "contribute to the capacities of others," must be custom-built. Wholesale transfer won't work." Handal says that a sense of urgency developed in the workplace might cause problems in the community, where "endeavors aren't motivated by profit." In other words, you may need to draw upon reserves of patience. "Things

don't happen as fast," he explains.

Ingrassia says that you must be evervigilant, because situations vary. Being too businesslike can be off-putting. You may need to finesse. "However," he concedes, "many of these activities could use a good, sound dose of business practices."

What clues should alert you to the need to modify a skill? You may not be putting yourself in the other person's shoes, indicates Handal. In the community, you may be thinking in business terms, where a poor performer might sacrifice a yearend bonus. Some of those terms are completely irrelevant. For example, in the nonprofit, discuss instead "how poor performance would (forestall) accomplishing the mission of the organization," Handal advises.

Ingrassia indicates that you must pay attention to customer behavior. He shifted from an rigid daily work schedule requiring time management to one that required adaptation to a different "sense of time lines -- more difficult to pin down to outline what needs to be done," he explains. "I have had to take my strong organizational and time management skills and modify them so that I actually start working on a project/task before meeting with the entertainer to discuss what needs to happen for a particular



Peter Handal

interview, concert or event to work smoothly and successfully. Essentially, I now often work backwards -- arranging details and then telling the individual involved what their role is."

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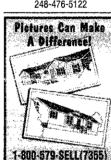
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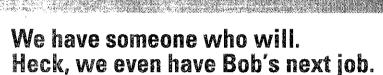
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Furniture, garden tools, toys, accessories & more! GARDEN CITY Charity Garage Sale. Baby girl clothes, table chairs, toys, etc. . May 5,6,7, Fri., Sat., Sun., 10am-6pm, 28976 Barton. 313-570-2029

GARDEN CITY One of a kind GIFT BASKETS & FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS Mothers Day & Baby Gifts & more. 1 day only! Saturday, May 8th, 11:00 a.m. - ? NO EARLY SALES - 5822 Cardwell, N. of Ford, 3 blks W Inkster GARDEN CITY All items must

gol Baby clothes, baby items, teen girl clothing & items, household misc., toys. 30485 Dawson, 9-4. May 4-6. LAKE ORION GARAGE SALE

Keatington Sub., 2466 Armstrong Court (Waldon& Joslyn). Fri/Sat., 5/5-5/6, 9am-5pm. Desk, crib, toddler bed, clothes, car seats, wedding dress, misc.

LAKE ORION-Preserve Sub Annual Sale .Over 100 homes participating. Baldwin & Waldon rd. May 6, 9-4pm. DON'T MISS!

City-Wide Garage Sale 9:30am-3pm turday, May 6 68 Homeowners Selling Their

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LIVONIA

LIVONIA - Tops Garage Sale household goods, collector's items, furniture, something for everyone. 12403 Cardwell, 3 blocks W. of Inkster 3 blocks N. of Plymouth Road.

LIVONIA - 25 Family Golfview Meadows/ Burton Valley Sub Sale. Sat., May 6, 9-5pm, Enter at Wayne or Country Club. E of Levan, southside of 6 Mile.

LIVONIA Sat., Sun., May 6 & 7, 9am-4pm, 18525 Levan, S of 7 Mile. Misc. items.

LIVONIA Garage Sale, may 9am-4pm. 16564 Country Club & 6

Mile, Furniture, books, kids' & adult clothing, toys, bikes, and much more! LIVONIA 29084 Sunnydale, E of Middlebelt btwn 5 & 6 Mile Rds., Thurs., May 4-Sat., May

6, 9am-4pm. Furniture, jewe ry, lots of misc! Good stuff! LIVONIA THE MOTHER OF ALL GARAGE SALES - Selling our mother's 92 years of possessions. Antiques, retro and modern; furniture, clothing household goods and so much through Saturday, 9am to 5pm at 31025 Dorais, Livonia, north of 5 Mile, west off of Merriman

LIVONIA 14911 Marsha, S. of 5 Mile & W. of Newburgh, off Jamison. May 4,5,6, from 9am-5pm. Misc items & furniture.

LIVONIA - Thurs.-Fri., 9am-3pm. Someone's trash is another one's treasure! Multifamily sale. Kid's stuff, holi day items, kitchen tables, misc household items. 32260 Meadowbrook, S. of 5 Mile. btwn Merriman & Farmington, 4 houses from the rec center.

Garage Sales

LIVONIA - ANNUAL SALE May 5-6, 9am-5pm. Multi-Family. 35963 Dover, W. of Wayne, S. of Ann Arbor Trail. Lots of misc.

LIVONIA - Tanglewood Subdivision Garage Sale Fairway Street. S. of Lyndon, E. of Levan. May 4-6, 9am-5pm.

LIVONIA GARAGE SALE

Fri. & Sat., May 5 & 6, 9009 Lionel, W. or Wayne, S. of Ann Arbor Trail. Enter onto Grandon. Ant-Iques, Blue Delst, Cuckoo clocks & more LIVONIA YARD SALE

18505 Deering St., off 7 Mile, btwn Inkster & Middlebelt. Thurs.-Tues. Lots of baby stuff and More! LIVONIA- Kingsbury Heights & Renwick Park Subdivision sale. S. of 6, W. of Levan Thurs.-Sat., May 4-6, 9-5pm

Several families, great stuff!!

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Rescue. 35504 Parkdale, W. of Wayne Rd., 2 blks. S. of Plymouth. Thurs.-Sat., 9-6pm LIVONIA: WOODCREEK

FARMS SUB 27 HOMES! E. of Farmington btwn 5 & 6 Mile - May 4,5,6 9am-4pm NORTHVILLE Antiques, clocks furn., china. Lots of goodies! 5/4 & 5/5 9-5pm 44711 Galway, 8 Mile/Center area

NOVI 22513 Cranbrooke, N of 9, W of Haggerty, Sat. May 6, 9am-5pm

Tools, antiques, doil furniture, knick-knacks, more. 39865 Villagewood, May 6 & 7, (rain dates next weekend).

**DAK PARK** - Huge Garage Sak. Household items, toys, clothes, misc. Sat.-Sun, 9-7pm. 13120 Rosemary Blvd. N. of 9 Mile, E. off Coolidge.

OAK PARK YARD SALE 23871 Moritz, off Oak Park Blvd. & 696. 2 families, May 4-6, 10-4pm.? Exercise equip. & many other items!

PLYMOUTH Huge 4 family sale. May 4-6, 9-5pm. Junior/women's, babies/kids household goods, furniture. 11119 Academy Ct. E. of Beck off McClumpha N. of Ann Arbor Rd

**PLYMOUTH** May 4-5 775 Auburn Pool equipment & Beanle Bears PLYMOUTH Garage/Estate Sale

60 year accumulation! Everything will be sold! Sat, May 6, 9-4. 1310 Hartsough. PLYMOUTH- 4 family annual sale. 1302 Maple St., May 5, 9-4pm. Sheldon Rd. & Ann Arbor Trail. Priced to sell!

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REDFORD HUGE, SALE! Stove & other appliances, too much to list. Rain or shine, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 16103 Wakenden.

Sat., May 6, 9-5pm. Baby fur-

niture, tools, teen clothes, surprises, Party Lite. 16710 Garfield, next to golf course. REDFORD - St. John's Lutheran Church Garage Sale May 6, 9am-2pm, 13542 Mercedes, 1 blk E. of Inkster.

S. of 96. Comm. kitchen sup nlies, household & kid's items ROCHESTER HILLS

Whispering Willows Sub Sale. Sat, May 6, 8-5pm. Some homes open Thur. & Fri. S. of Hamlin, W. of Livernois. **ROCHESTER HILLS** 

Eddington Annual Sub Sale. May 4, 5 & 6, 9am-4pm, N, of Hamlin, E, of Rochester. RARGAINS GALOREUL ROCHESTER HILLS 364 Huntington Ct., N of Hamlin, W of Rochester Rd,

Off Drexeigate. Fri. & Sat. 8:30am-3pm. ROCHESTER HILLS: HUGE

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Alexander. Antiques galore furniture, household, books Collectibles: Retired Party Lite Longaberger & Holiday items ROYAL OAK Multi-Family 2922-6 N.Vermont, S. of 13, W. of Campbell. ANTIQUES including 1930's stove, Appliances, household items ciothes: women's: 6-1-including Vintage, Christmas.

**ROYAL OAK** Saturday, May 6, 9am-2pm. 419 Virginia, N. of 11, E. of Main. Estate items, furniture, ROYAL OAK ESTATE SALE

Housewares, furniture, tools antiques, clothes. Fri-Sat, 9-4 4102 Grandview. 1 blk. E. of Woodward, S. of 14 Mile. SOUTH LYON

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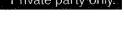
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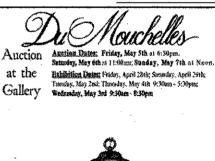
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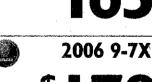


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BY DALE BUSS

Don't count on great things yet. But the situation may actually be looking up for at least one of GM's oldest and most important brands: Pontiac.

Pontiac's actual sales overall keep slipping: They're down nearly 10% on an annualized basis so far this year, and the 438,000 Pontiacs sold in 2005 were down from sales of 475,000 in both 2003 and 2004.

But there's clearly a brand revival going on in terms of Pontiac's new products and marketing. Pontiac's showroom traffic is up about 20% compared with a year ago, according to CNW Marketing Research. "That's actually an incredible increase considering

that, while they have some new products, for the most part they're a mainstream brand," says Art Spinella, president of Bandon, Ore.-based CNW. Even more remarkable is that about 40% more

women are entering Pontiac showrooms this year. And the average age of this year's Pontiac shopper has plummeted to 41 years old, compared with 54 last year, CNW says.

Pontiac's geography is improving along with its demographics. GM has always sold far better in the Heartland and the Northeast than on the southern and western coasts, but now the brand is demonstrating new spunk in some of the nation's most progres sive markets. Sales last year were up 19% in San Francisco and 12% in Los Angeles, for example, while also rising 8% in Houston and 3% in Miami.

That bodes especially well for our future, because these increases come before we've had a lot of significant volume for many of our new products," says Mark-Hans Richer, Pontiac's marketing director.

Of course, based on the actual sales results so far, not just showroom hopefulness, Richer's strategy leaves plenty of room for doubt. And some other longtime guardians of the brand remain skeptical.

"GM doesn't have enough time, money or smarts to reinvent Pontiac," says Jim Wangers, the retired GM executive who built Pontiac's muscle-car era and who had an office in Warren, Mich., for many years. 'They've got to recapture what the brand was.'

And Wangers is joined by a chorus of other critics who maintain that GM has undercut all of its brands over the last few years by emphasizing price discounts



The 2006 Pontiac Solstice

to move vehicles. But GM Chairman Rick Wagoner has vowed to break GM's rebate addiction

"Revive Pontiac" stayed on General Motors' to-do list for decades. Even as its other brands became nondescript and GM's market share tumbled, its executives always believed they could create excitement around Pontiac again, just as they had in the musclecar era of the Sixties.

And now finally - even as GM itself continues to crumble -- Pontiac is enjoying a genuine rebirth in its products, its marketing, its brand image and its showroom sizzle. Its Solstice two-seater is one of the hottest sellers in the U.S. market. Pontiac has created buzz-building tie-ins with hip properties ranging from Oprah to Google. And surveys show the brand is appearing on more young consumers' shopping lists.

'It hasn't been the coolest thing to have a Pontiac in your driveway for a while," admits Richer, who has been leading Pontiac's rebirth as its marketing director since 2004, and its advertising director before that. "Our job is to re-establish that feeling."

For Richer, success in rebuilding the Pontiac brand has hinged on a crucial twist compared with earlier renaissance efforts that only paid lip service to the brand's long-time "Excitement!" motto.

'It would have been far easier for us just to be retro and do what the Sixties Pontiac was," he says. "But people forget that, back then, Pontiac was a very progressive brand. So we're trying to move it into a

new space and still be true to what we've been."

Pontiac's strategy is premised on "creating social acceptance" for the brand, Richer says. That starts with exciting products such as Solstice, which is still available only in limited quantities but also creates a halo for the brand. There's also the sporty G6, which just became available in a convertible as well; the

fusion": aligning Pontiac with other brands that are already cool.

ence members in late 2004 was just the first gambit. Pontiac vehicles also have figured heavily in plot lines on The Apprentice and Survivor reality-TV shows. New TV ads invite viewers to "Google Pontiac," doubling initial online searches on the brand. Pontiac is going on a concert tour with Virgin for the second consecutive year, and the U.K.-based record label selects all of the music for Pontiac ads.

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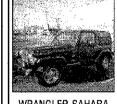
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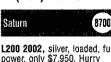
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#### **MOTHER'S DAY MENU**

Here is a Mother's Day menu (or other family gathering) suggested by the daughters and daughters-in-law of Betty Fleming: Fresh Tomato Salad Veggie Pizza **Tennessee Pumpkin** 

Bread Steamed Broccoli and Cauliflower Oriental Pot Roast **Cherry Pie** 

#### FRESH TOMATO SALAD

A Fourth of July picnic favorite. "Add a slice of watermelon and a burger from the grill and you've got yourself the best of summer," writes Rayleen Morgan of Livonia.

3 or 4 large ripe tomatoes, cored, seeded, cut into chunks (or use cherry or grape tomatoes and halve or leave them whole) ½ pound mozzarella cheese,

cut into chunks 1 bunch fresh basil, coarsely chopped, or 1 tablespoon

1 cup Italian salad dressing 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

Mix together: tomatoes, cheese, basil, salt and pepper. Pour dressing over top of mixture (add more if desired). Cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes before serving. Top with oregano. Makes about 6

Recipe courtesy of Rayleen Morgan of Livonia.

2 Remarks nankanes of most cheese

2 8-ounce packages crescent

% cup mayonnaise 1 envelope Hidden Valley Ranch dressing

Dill weed Your choice of veggie toppings

Unroll crescent roll dough and press into a 15-by 10-inch cookie sheet so that it creates a one-piece pizza crust.

Bake at 375 degrees Fahrenheit for 12-15 minutes until brown. Cool. Mix cream cheese, dressing mix and mayonnaise. Spread over cooled crust. Sprinkle with dill weed. Add toppings. Refrigerate at least two hours before serving.

Toppings can be cauliflower, carrots, olives, alfalfa sprouts, mushrooms, celery broccoli, radishes, cheddar cheese. green pepper or green onions.

Recipe from Diane Vieth, sister of Sharon Fleming.

More recipes on Page D6.

OMETOWN

'Just holding Grandma's stained recipe card for apple crisp caused me to feel like I was 7 years old again, sitting next to her in her kitchen...' Rayleen Morgan writes in a cookbook, Our Favorite Family Recipes.

# eals and memories



Betty Fleming (in front, third from left) enjoys the company of and cooking with her daughters and sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. Standing with her are Jaclyn Fleming (from left), Patty Riggio, Andrea Fleming, Vanessa Riggio. Mariah Morgan, Rayleen Morgan, Roxanne Riggio. Nancy Fleming and Sharon Fleming. The dishes are veggle pizza, cherry pie, fresh tomato salad and Tennessee pumpkin bread.



Betty Fleming hasn't changed the recipe that won her the Michigan cherry pie competition

# Betty Fleming: Still a cherry pie queen

STAFF WRITER While the children and grandchildren of Betty Fleming have

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

incorporated generations of memories in a cookbook for her, you don't have to look far to see where they got their culinary interests.

You just have to look back. About, oh, 50 years or so.

Betty McKelvey was the Michigan cherry pie queen of

Beyer Hospital in said.

> Betty Fleming still makes fruit pies for family gatherings.

And she, well, she still remembers her interest generated by her mother, Doretha McKelvey. "My mother cooked at

> Ypsilanti and cooked for school camps," Fleming When she was 16

and a senior in high school, Fleming entered a cherry pie baking contest. "I loved to cook and at that time, had dreams of

being a home economics teacher," she said. She won at the county level. "I won that and went to Grand

PLEASE SEE PIE, D6



Rayleen Morgan, Betty Fleming's daughter, compiled recipes for the book from family members.

# Family dedicates cookbook to grandmother

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

fter Doretha McKelvev died in 1997, her granddaughter, Rayleen Morgan, inherited her recipe

Going through it, Morgan relived fond childhood mem-

"Just holding Grandma's stained recipe card for apple crisp caused me to feel like I was 7 years old again, sitting next to her in her kitchen, Grandpa seated next to me in his T-shirt and overalls, Grandma standing beside me, apron covering her house dress, with a steaming pan of apple crisp in one hand and a spatula at the ready in the other," Morgan writes in a cookbook, Our Favorite Family Recipes.

"There were hundreds of recipes," Morgan said in an interview. "It was a heavyduty, military green box, and the recipes were written on torn butcher paper, a brown paper bag, an envelope, a napkin or an old newspaper."

And there were a lot of comments on them, almost as if she knew a granddaugh-

PLEASE SEE COOKBOOK, D6

# These handy tips improve your computing experience



Savvy

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hen you've been a computer geek – sorry, technology professional – for most of your life, you pick up a few handy shortcuts. Allow me to share my favorites.

# E-MAIL YOURSELF

Need a fast, hassle-free way to move a file from one computer to another? Simple: E-mail it to

For instance, if there's a work document you want to review over the weekend, just send it from your office e-mail address to the one you use at

This is also an excellent way to make a quick

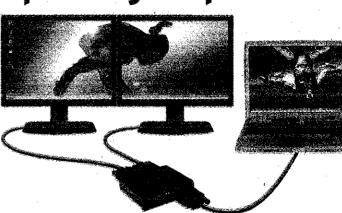
and dirty backup. After hours or days of slaving over, say, a Word or Excel file, I'll often send it to one of my Web-based e-mail accounts - you know,

just in case. Free services like Gmail (gmail.google.com) and Yahoo (mail.yahoo.com) are ideal for these purposes. They give you a generous helping of storage space, and they're accessible from any PC.

# THE RIGHT RESOLUTION

You know that spiffy new LCD monitor on your desk? There's a good chance you're running it at

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# Reader shares front loader experiences

ois writes: "I read Joe Gagnon's column just now; please forward this to him. I moved after 36 years of washing clothes clean in a top loader, and was told that I must get the front loader for efficiency - not realizing that they didn't fill up completely



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Indoors to make sure that there was nothing wrong with the machine. I have spent so much time watching my clothes rolling around, checking to see whether they were moving so that different areas were

"I actually

called Great

getting soap! "I can only assume and hope that the companies are correct. I am very interested to know what Mr. Gagnon thinks

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"By the way, why doesn't he ask Maytag to give him a pedestal for his machine? I did that after having my machine for a few months; it makes it so much more comfortable to use, and you can see the clothes much easier. I also don't drop them on the floor anymore when I remove them!"

Thank you so much for reading the column about the new front loader coming into my home. I will give little updates on what we think of it in many future columns and we will learn together.

Your comments are an example of many questions that have been posed to me for the past eight years and show why I have such a negative attitude on front load washers.

Bending over and dropping the clothes is going to be an everyday occurrence for millions, especially when manufacturers remove the top loader from the market. I can also assure you that some citizens will risk falling and, it is hoped, not suffer a broken hip.

I've expressed my feelings about washing a load of clothes in such a small amount of water and getting a wash better than you would in a top loader. They tell me that front loaders do it better. We'll see!

Your looking at the clothes washing through the glass window in the front door reminds me of the days when microwave ovens first came

Back then, I just couldn't cook anything without watching it, but the novelty wore off after a while. I'm sure the same will happen with the front load washer as well.

The pedestal has been a point of controversy, as some consumers are complaining that the washer shakes too much when placed on it. I've heard that some retail dealers aren't selling them anymore. Then again, some people like you have no problem with it at

I would ask you to compare

your water and electricity bills, as I will be doing. The big selling tool by dealers in moving many of these new type products is the fact that they save vou money. They put that in writing and so far no one has proven them wrong.

As you know from reading my column, I am putting all of these facts to the test. I also have an assistant tester by the name of Valorie who also has been washing clothes for 36

Between both of you ladies, I should be able to get some feedback that honestly informs the readers. Stay tuned.

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. 28. Do you have a guestion 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.

## **GARDEN CALENDAR**

Hill & Dale Garden Club

The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at the Heritage Park Visitor Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11

Kip Smith will present the topic, Herb Mixtures and Vinegar. The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Scawly at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

Plant freaks

Joel Miller, nursery manager at Goldner Walsh Nursery, will present Today's Plant Freaks, Tomorrow's Garden Treasures, a talk about unusual landscape ornamentals, I p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

Admission is \$10. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call (248) 332-6430. Plant exchange

The Royal Oak Garden Club will host the Community Perennial Plant Exchange 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Mahany/Meininger Community Center, 3500 Marais in Royal Oak. The free event will take place rain or shine. For more information, call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540. Tables will be provided to display plants. Bring your extra plants labeled and in pots or plastic baggies. Plants cannot be sold; only traded or given

A master gardener to answer questions, and free handouts will be avail-

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. Spring-flowering Ephemerals, by Saguaro Plants owner Anna Ornelas, will be the topic May 7. Optimizing House Plant Growth Potential: Basic Care and Beyond, also by Anna Ornelas, will be the topic May 14.

Container gardening

Representatives from Four Star Greenhouses will conduct hands-on workshops on container gardening at English Gardens stores Wednesdays, May 10-24, and Thursdays, May 4-25. The workshops will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesdays in Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200), 1 p.m. Wednesdays in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506) and Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100), and 10 a.m. Thursdays in Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900) and Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500).

Gardening

Gardening classes offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning (CL2) include Plant on the Shady Side, Thursday, May 4, and Ask a Master Gardener, Monday, May 8, both at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center.

Cost for the May 4 class is \$21 for Dearborn School District residents and \$23 for non-residents. Cost for the May 8 class is \$19 for Dearborn School District residents and \$21 for non-resi-

To register and for more information, or for a complete list of CL2 courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the publication now through mid-October.

The popular programs are at the hisaM toric, but unheated, 1890s barn and als display garden at Great Lakes Roses 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township, seven miles south of Belleville.

Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 7 hours. Dress for the weather. For information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

The schedule includes Buck Roses from Iowa (1 p.m. Sunday, May 7, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, May 8) and Rose Planting Demonstration and Soil Preparation (1 p.m. Sunday, May 14, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, May 15). Admission is free. Reservations aren required.

Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours and takes place rain or shine  $\gamma_{\rm SN}$ Dress for the weather. For information, visit

www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

Griffith Buck developed winter-hardy, disease-resistant roses that have the fa Learn what makes the roses so specials and how you can enjoy them in your in garden. Colorful slides of the more T than 70 varieties in the Lindleys' colocilection will be featured. The program on planting and soil arg preparation will start in the barn with a brief slide lecture about how to prepare a rose bed. It will continue in the garden, with Roger digging and Nangye

talking about how to plant potted and bare-root roses. Garden Club of Dearborn

The Garden Club of Dearborn meets, A. I noon to 1 p.m. the second Monday of iw the month at Mitchell Hall at First Hall Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brady in Dearborn.

Art and Antiques to Add Year-round I Interest to Your Garden will be the [130 topic May 8. For membership information or a list

ing of programs and speakers, call Judy Henn at (313) 278-9396. Ford house

The Royal Oak Garden Club will go on field trip to the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe for a house and garden tour 9:45 a.m. to noon Tuesday, June 13. Cost is \$7, or \$6 for seniors (above age) 60). Advance registration and pay-

Participants may car pool from Royal Oak or meet at 1100 Lake Shore Roads: in Grosse Pointe Shores. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540. For more

ment are required by Monday, May 80%

information about the house, visit http://www.fordhouse.org.

Szerlag to speak Nancy Szerlag, author of Perennials for Michigan and Annuals for Michigan, will present Hot New Plants and Cool Tools for 2006 at four Art \* Van Furniture stores. Guests will receive special discounts

and a gift (while supplies last).

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reservations. The event will take place Tuesday, Max-16, in Waterford; Thursday, May 18, in -Shelby Township; Tuesday, May 23, inod Livonia: and Thursday, May 25, in Royal; Oak; at 7 p.m. each day.

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# **HOME CALENDAR**

# 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

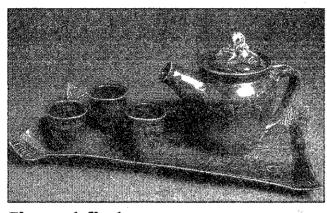
#### www.communityhouse.com. Mollycoddie

Mollycoddle will have a Grand Opening Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at 663 S. Eton, south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Coolidge and Woodward in Birmingham.

Call (248) 645-5303, visit www.moilycoddle.com.

The store carries items for the home that have the warmth of Old World Europe. They include handbags, tumbled marble tiles that are ready to hang or that can be used as chasters, ceram ic tile magnets, custom address signs, and photos taken in Europe and printed onto cloth canvases in a way that gives them the appearance of unframed oil

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# Fine art finds

These functional ceramic pieces by Carole Berhorst of Bloomfield Hills are an example of the distinctive works available at the Birmingham Fine Art Festival. The event, celebrating its 25th anniversary, will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 14, at Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. Shain Park is at Merrill and Bates, south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Woodward Avenue. Admission is free. The festival is hosted by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber. For more information, call the BBAC at (248) 644-0866 or visit its Web site, www.bbartcenter.org.

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Scrapbooking Convention will take place Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Now in its seventh year, the convention is one of the largest scrapbooking events in the country. It will feature classes, vendors and door prizes. A Sneak Peek Party is scheduled 7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, and crop parties 6:30 p.m. to midnight May 11 and 12. Show floor hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To register and for more information, visit www.megameet.com. **Designer Tablescapes** Designer Tablescapes 2006, a showcase

May 11-12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 13.

of interior designer table settings to benefit The Children's Charities Coalition, will take place Thursday-Sunday, May 11-14, in a new French manor home built by Uznis Construction in Bloomfield Hills. The house is at 630 Vaughan, east off Lahser, between Long Lake and Lone

Self-guided tours will 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.

Tours are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the

Parking with shuttle service available at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake Road in Bloomfield

Call (248) 333-0826.

Preview gala with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and silent auction 6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10. Preview tickets are \$100-\$150. Valet service provided at the previev

Ask A Designer

Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design will host its first Ask A Designer event Saturday-Sunday, May 6-7, at all four stores (Southfield, (248) 353-9880; Troy, (248) 649-2070; Novi, (248) 344-0880; and Lakeside, (586) 843-2000).

The special event offers customers an opportunity to receive advice from Gorman's interior design consultants at no obligation. The one-on-one consultations are available on a walk-in basis or by appointment.

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# Atlas Peak focuses on mountain cabernet

apa Valley is sandwiched between the Vaca Mountains on the east and the Mayacamas Mountains on the west. It's divided into more than a dozen sub-regions or appellations, some of which are part of the valley floor and five of which are in the mountains on either side of the valley. Within the Mayacamas

Mountains are Mount Veeder, Diamond Mountain and



while Howell Mountain and Atlas Peak are within the Vaca Great wines

on Wine come from valley floor vineyards, but Ray and Eleanor there are definite advantages to Heald mountain locations, especially for

growing red varieties.

The long cool growing season, above the summer fog, allows for intense fruit, concentration and structure, so admired in great red

In 1987, Atlas Peak Winery was founded in a joint venture with the noted Chianti producer Marchese Piero Antinori.

He was impressed with the 1,200-acre property and planted it to 500 acres of vineyards, primarily sangiovese, the principal grape variety of Chianti, and cabernet sauvi-

The vineyards stand between 1,400 and 1,800 feet above sea level with Atlas Peak rising above the

#### RETHINKING SANGIOVESE

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Several wineries have dropped sangiovese because it never established a strong market in competition with more popular varieties like cabernet sauvignon, merlot, zinfandel and syrah.

In 2002, winemaker Darren Proscal and vineyard manager Tony Fernandez joined Atlas Peak Winery and together shifted emphasis from sangiovese to cabernet sauvignon grown in several Napa Valley mountain vineyards.

The first fruits of their labors is the 2002 Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon \$38.

Aged for 12 months in 85 percent new French oak barrels, this wine has concentrated blackberry, blueberry and plum aromas and flavors with notes of tobacco leaf and vanilla in a powerful rendition. Try this big boy with a grilled steak.

This is the first in a series of Atlas Peak Winery mountain-grown cabernets to be released during

In addition to the Atlas Peak appellation cab, look for others with Mount Veeder, Spring Mountain and Howell Mountain appellations on the label.

For Proscal this is the culmination of a three-year journey getting his first Atlas Peak cabernet from vineyard to bottle.

"Patience was the first virtue I had to learn while waiting for these grapes to ripen perfectly," he said.

"The grapes ripen slowly high above the valley floor, and this is what makes mountain cabernet so special. Walking the rows with vineyard manager Tony Fernandez, we coaxed these grapes to optimum maturity."

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.

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#### **WINE PICKS**

If you're looking to get on some wine lists for rare California wines, **Paul** Hobbs is a winery to consider. The following wines. are worth buying wherever you find them.

2004 Paul Hobbs Russian River Valley Chardonnay \$45 was crafted from four vineyards, each in the cooler, southern part of the Russian River Valley.

Citrus and crème bruléelike aromas add definition to apple and peach notes. with underlying minerality. It was aged 11 months in 58

2004 Paul Hobbs Richard Dinner Vineyard, Sonoma Mountain Chardonnay \$65.

percent new French oak.

An outstanding wine is distinguished by its finish and this wine's outstanding length only adds to the intrigue of its aromas and creamy texture.

2003 Paul Hobbs Michael Black Vineyard, Napa Valley Merlot \$75 is the swan song of what has been an outstanding run from this vineyard since 1991, considered by many critics,

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including us, to be one of California's top merlots. Don't miss it.

2003 Paul Hobbs Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$75 is powerfully built with dark fruit aromas and flavors enhanced by notes of chocolate and coffee. It was aged 21 months in 64 percent new French oak.

2003 Paul Hobbs Hyde Vineyard, Carneros Cabernet Sauvignon \$100. The Carneros region may be best known for chardonnay and pinot noir, but there are microclimates like Hyde Vineyard where seductive cabernets originate. This is one of them and it will cellar well for many years.

2003 CrossBarn Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$43. In the Bordeaux first growth tradition, CrossBarn is Hobbs' true second label. The price is right to experience the Paul Hobbs "touch" creating a wine of delightful fruit and wellbalanced structure. If a retailer doesn't stock wines we recommend, ask that they be ordered from the distributor or order them direct from the winery.

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# **BROIDA**

the wrong resolution. Unlike traditional tube-based monitors, which look equally sharp at any resolution, LCDs are designed to operate in a single, "native" resolution. If Windows isn't set accordingly, your screen will look fuzzy.

The most common scenario: users who upgrade to a new LCD but neglect to set Windows to the proper resolu-

tion. Fortunately, it's easy to do. First, check your LCD's manual to determine the native resolution - 1,204x768 and 1,280x1,024 are the most common.

Next, right-click in an open area of the Windows desktop, then choose Properties from the pop-up menu that appears. Click the Settings tab, then adjust the screen resolution slider until the numbers match the LCD's native resolution.

Click Apply and see if your screen doesn't get a whole lot sharper. Admittedly, everything may get a bit smaller as well (if you moved to a higher resolution), but you'll get used to it.

#### **MULTIPLE MONITORS**

Speaking of monitors, two are significantly better than one. Imagine keeping a Web browser open on one screen while you work in your word processor on another. Or using your second monitor for an always-running photo slideshow.

The possibilities are endless and once you've tried two screens, you'll never go back to

Windows XP makes it simple to implement such a setup. All you need is a second monitor and a video card that supports

This so-called "dual head" capability is built into many desktops and notebooks; check with your manufacturer to see if yours is among them.

If not, there are options. Desktop users can upgrade to a video card that supports multiple monitors. Desktop and notebook users alike can plug in a Matrox DualHead2Go (matrox.com), a \$169 gizmo that splits your computer's video signal in two.

Then there's MaxiVista (maxivista.com), a \$20 program that turns any other computer on your network into a second monitor. (One common scenario: using your notebook alongside your desktop.)

#### **KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS**

Every time you take your hand off the keyboard and reach for the mouse, you're squandering precious seconds.

Nearly everything you can do with a mouse, you can do with your keyboard instead - and often much faster.

When filling out online forms, for instance, use the Tab key to quickly move from one field to the next. Press Shift-Tab if you need to return to a previous field.

Speaking of online forms, just hit Enter when you're done. It's the same as clicking Go, Done, Submit and other "I'm finished" buttons. This works with search éngines, too: Type your search terms and hit Enter.

Become a master of the Control (a.k.a. Ctrl) key. In Microsoft Word (and many other programs), after selecting an image or some text, you can press Ctrl-X to cut (or Ctrl-C to copy) and Ctrl-V to paste.

Ah, but don't you need your mouse to select text for cutting and pasting? Not if you hold down Shift and press the arrow keys. Now try the same method with Ctrl-Shift.

Use Ctrl-A to select all the text in a document. Then you can apply font or size changes. Not happy with the results? Ctrl-Z is the keyboard equivalent of clicking Undo.

Most users neglect the Windows key. Press Windows-D to instantly minimize all open windows and Windows-E to open an Explorer window.

My all-time favorite keyboard shortcut? Alt-Tab (hold down Alt and repeatedly press Tab), which cycles through running applications. Have some favorite computer

tips of your own to share? Send 'em my way and maybe I'll publish them in a future column! Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld, 5th Edition, and 101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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Wegetarians or any vegetable fans can appreciate the combination of ingredients in this ragout. The pleasing balance of spicy and sweet - flery hints softened with raisins' fruitiness borrows from the imaginative cuisine of Morocco.

This recipe is one of the lively excursions that are increasingly made by cooks happy to venture beyond national boundaries and wide oceans, in search of different tastes and traditions.

# MOROCCAN VEGETABLE RAGOUT WITH RAISINS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cups pearl onions, peeled and halved 2 medium carrots, cut into/einch thick slices (about 1
- % fennel bulb, cut into%-inch thick slices (about% cup)
- 4 cup all purpose flour
- Cinnamon stick (about 2 inches)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- I large pinch saffron threads, crushed 3 medium red or Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cut
- into3/4-inch dice (about 2 cups) 1 cup vegetable broth
- 2 cups raisins

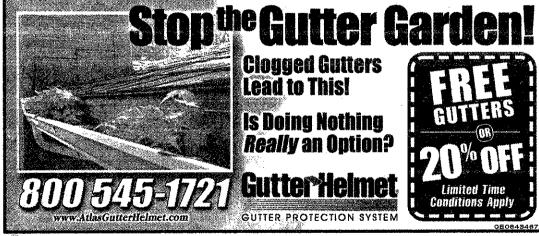
# **VEGETARIAN**

- 2 cups (16 ounces) cooked or canned chickpeas, drained
- 2 small summer (crookneck) squashes, halved lengthwise, and cut crosswise into/z-inch thick slices (about 1/2 cups)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh marjoram 1 small fresh tomato, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds, toasted (optional)

Heat the oil in a large, heavy stockpot over medium-low heat. Coat the onions, carrots and fennel with flour and saute in the oil until golden brown. Add the cinnamon stick, cumin, ginger, saffron, potatoes, vegetable broth and raisins; cook about 10 minutes. Add chickpeas, squash, marjoram and tomato; cover and simmer until squash is tender, about 8 minutes longer.

To serve, transfer ragout to a serving dish and sprinkle with toasted almonds, if desired. Serve with grilled pita or other flatbread. Makes 8 serv-

Nutrition information per serving: 330 cal., 6 g total fat (1 g saturated), 0 mg chol., 7 g pro., 66 g carbo., 7 g fiber, 330 mg sodium. AP recipe developed by the California Raisin Marketing







STAFF WRITER

Cinco de Mayo marks the day Mexico

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and, of course, food.

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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.

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Open on Mother's Day In response to overwhelming requests, this year The Lark restaurant, 6430 Farmington Road in West

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The full menu will be offered, as well as appropriate special dishes from Chef Kyle. Mothers will also receive a favor from Mary Lark and a rose from Jim Lark.

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Brunch and show The Gem & Century Theatres and Century Grille are offering Mother's

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9 ounces Portabello mushrooms, stems removed, sliced/-inch thick

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2 (8-inch) whole wheat tortillas, cut into 6 wedges

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1 teaspoon olive oil ¼ cup crumbled cotija cheese (queso anejado), found at specialty stores including such Mexicantown shops as Algo Especial Market, 2628 Bagley, (313) 963-9013, and La Carreta

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Combine the remaining 1/4 cup TABASCO® Green Sauce and white beans in a food processor and process until smooth. Sauté bell peppers in olive oil just until tender.

Spread 1 tablespoon bean purée on each tortilla wedge and top with 1 teaspoon bell pepper. Add3/4 of an ounce marinated mushrooms to each wedge and sprinkle with 1 teaspoon cheese. Bake wedges for 5 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned and cheese is melted. Serve immediately.

#### www.tabasco.com HOT BEAN TOSTADAS

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 cup chopped onion 1 cup chopped celery 2 large cloves garlic, chopped

can (15 ounces) red kidney beans, rinsed and drained

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teaspoon mild chili powder Chopped peppers of choice, seeds removed

1 teaspoon ground cumin 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro 6 (6-inch) corn tortillas

Toppings: shredded lettuce, chopped seeded fresh tomatoes and chopped peppers

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion, celery and garlic. Cook and stir 8 minutes or until softened. Add beans and tomatoes. Stir to blend. Add chili powder and cumin; stir. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thickened.

While bean mixture simmers, place tortillas in single layer directly on oven rack. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until crisp. Place one tortilla on each plate. Spoon bean mixture evenly over each tortilla. Top with lettuce, tomatoes and peppers.

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FRESH SALSA 1 cup canned tomato juice

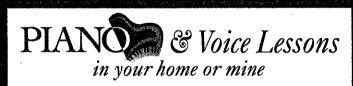
1-1/2 fresh tomatoes 1/2 raw, chopped onion 2 tablespoons fresh, chopped cilantro l minced Jalapeño 1 minced Serrano

1-1/2 teaspoons salt 1 clove chopped garlic

⁄₀ teaspoon sugar

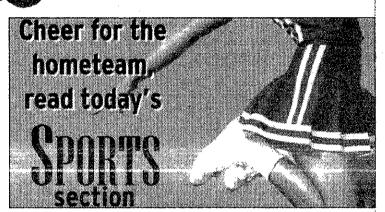
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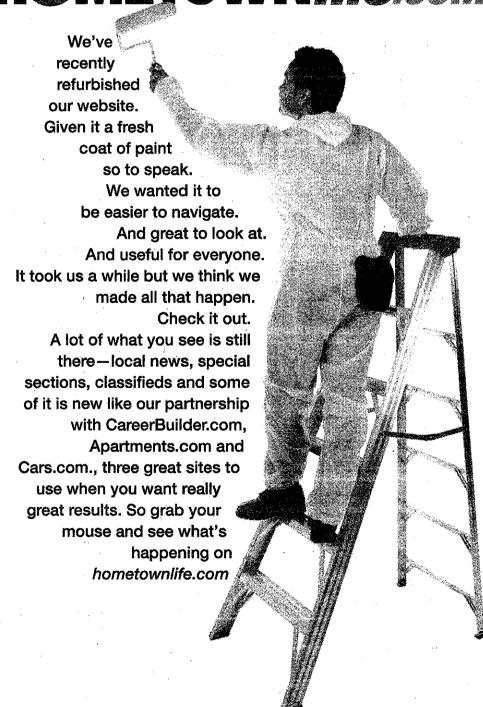
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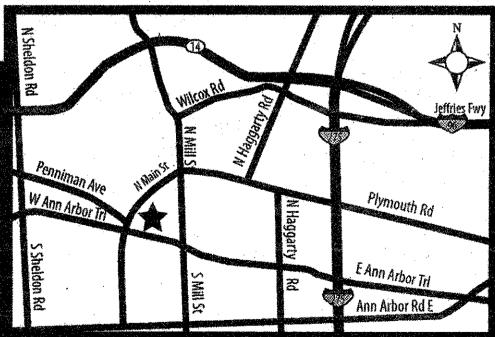
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#### TENNESSEE PUMPKIN BREAD

¼teaspoon baking powder 1 teaspoon baking soda ¼ teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon cinnamon

½ teaspoon nutmeg ⅓ cup shortening ⊸1¼ cup sugar

2 eggs 2 cups mashed pumpkin ी⁄₂ teaspoon vanilla

⅓ cup water 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans (if desired)

Grease regular loaf pan (9-by 5. by 3-inches), or use a nonstick çoated pan and don't grease.

In bowl stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Set aside.

In a mixing bowl, cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs (one at a time) beating thoroughly after each addition. Stir in pumpkin and vanilla. Stir in dry ingredients in four additions. alternately with water until just smooth. (Don't overbeat!) Fold

Bake at 350 degrees F for 45-55 minutes. Makes one loaf.

(Note: Vanessa prefers 1 teaspoon of cinnamon, because "you can never have too much cinna-

Recipe from Vanessa Riggio of Livonia, handed down by Betty Fleming, her grandmother, and Doretha McKelvey, her great-grandmother.

#### STEAMED BROCCOLI AND CAULIFLOWER

1 head of broccoli 1 head of cauliflower

Wash both broccoli and cauliflower with water. Cut up into small pieces (or larger if desired).

Add water to cover halfway up a pan and put in microwave for 5-7 minutes on high. Check to see if the vegetables are tender. If not, cook 2-3 minutes more, checking for desired texture.

Drain water from vegetables.

## From Nancy Fleming.

ORIENTAL POT ROAST 4 pounds chuck roast 1 teaspoon garlic salt ∝½ teaspoon mustard ¼ teaspoon pepper

2 tablespoons vegetable oil % cups water

¼ cup soy sauce 1 tablespoon honey 1 tablespoon vinegar 1 teaspoon celery seed ½ teaspoon ginger

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Combine garlic salt, mustard and pepper. Rub into both sides of the meat.

Heat oil in heavy skillet. Add meat and brown both sides of Combine all other ingredients.

Pour over meat, cover and bake at 325 degreeş Fahrenheit for about 2 hours. If using Crock-Pot or slow cooker, put all ingredients in

cooker and cook 8-9 hours on medium. Remove roast. Thicken juice with 2 tablespoons cornstarch and 4 cup water. Add a little at a time and cook and stir over medium heat until thick. Serve

over warm noodles or with

mashed potatoes. (Note: Ingredients can be doubled if more gravy is desired.) This recipe, contributed to the book by Nancy Fleming, is an old-time favorite that Betty Fleming received from an old neighbor many, many years ago.

#### WINNING CHERRY PIE

Plain Pastry: 2 cups sifted flour ¾ teaspoon salt <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup shortening 4 to 6 tablespoons cold water

Sift flour and salt together and cut in shortening, until it resembles commeal. Add water, using a small portion at a time, until mixture will hold together. Divide into 2 parts. Roll out on a floured board to desired size.

Cherry Pie Filling: No. 2 can red tart cherries 2 tablespoons cornstarch 1 cup sugar ⅓ teaspoon salt

Drain juice thoroughly from the cherries into a saucepan. Blend cornstarch with 2 or 3 tablespoons of juice and pour into remaining juice. Place over heat and cook, stirring constantly until mixture boils and thick-

Turn cherries into lower pie crust and pour the cooled thickened juice over them. Bake in hot oven at 450 degrees Fahrenheit for 10 minutes, then 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 25 minutes.

Betty Fleming writes, "I no longer make by own filling these days, but rather I like to use Comstock Cherry Pie Filling (30ounce can).

ter or two would be reading the notes decades later: "Very, very good. Try it sometime.'

After she looked at the recipe box, Morgan, of Livonia, talked about the recipes and the memories at family gettogethers with her sister Patty Riggio of Livonia, and sisters in-law Nancy Fleming of Belleville, married to brother Dan, and Sharon Fleming of Plymouth, married to brother Bob.

Patty is married to Ron Riggio, and Rayleen is married to Rick Morgan.

They enjoyed the warmth exuded from the memories of their grandmother.

With their children, most of whom are now teenagers who are now interested in cooking. the women thought a gift to Betty Fleming (Rayleen and Patty's mother and Nancy and Sharon's mother-in-law) with family recipes spanning four generations, would make a wonderful Christmas gift.

The project began last summer as family members compiled a list of about 100 recipes

that were family favorites. "These were all recipes we enjoyed as children," Morgan said. "Everyone loved cheesy potatoes, which is what we had every Easter, and green bean casserole, every Thanksgiving."

#### **GENERATIONS**

Betty Fleming continued her mother's culinary tradition. She won a statewide cherry pie competition in 1952. That tradition has spanned

daughter of Ron and Patty Riggio, and a ninth-grader at Stevenson High School in Livonia, wants to be an executive chef and attend Kendall College in Chicago. Vanessa enjoys cooking

generations as Vanessa, 15,

because "it's fun and you get something great to eat." She said she wants to be a chef because "people will always be hungry and will always be getting something to eat.'

Vanessa isn't daunted from challenges in the kitchen as she has made pastries like cakes and tiramisu, and even lasagna for 30 people.

Her grandmother (Betty Fleming) also has inspired her.

"I've watched her make pies and cakes, and she's really creative," Vanessa said.

"She's an excellent cook," Fleming said of her granddaughter.

Many of the recipes were introduced in the book as how the in-laws were introduced into the family or a recipe was a favorite at a family gathering. When Sharon married Bob

Fleming, she brought Porcupine Meatballs to family gatherings. Now she is always asked to bring them, because they've been such a big hit that and her layered Jell-O, Morgan said.

Nancy Fleming used to camp with Rayleen years ago and she would make a Crock-Pot spaghetti sauce. She still makes that sauce for her family.

"That's one of my favorites." Nancy said. "It's easy to make. I taught my son (Scott) how to make it."

The Oriental Pot Roast is another favorite, and is a sug-

gested meal for a Mother's Day or other family gathering.

"You can do that in the Crock-Pot and that comes out wonderful," Nancy said.

#### **FAMILY AFFAIR**

Much of the book was initiated through Rayleen's efforts, then her sister and sisters-inlaw contributed, and then their children added material.

Soon the project evolved to extended family members, such as other relatives (mothers of the sisters-in-law and others). When those individuals attended family gatherings, they brought a dish.

We were asking for recipes that Nancy made that she got from her family, and round and round it went," Sharon

Morgan said the list started with 100 recipes that were family favorites. Each person was assigned recipes based on her attachment to the recipe.

(Vanessa submitted the Tennessee Pumpkin Bread, as when she was a child she used to spend the day learning it from Betty Fleming.)

Soon they had plenty of recipes, and they went to work on creating the book.

"It got to be so that it was a really, really big project," Morgan said, "Once we got going, it wasn't surprising that we soon had over 200 recipes for the book."

Everyone had a format to follow and e-mailed Morgan the recipes. Morgan put them together in a book format, designed a cover with photos of Doretha McKelvey, Betty Fleming, daughters, and Fleming's grandchildren.

The children and grandchildren presented Betty a copy of the book at Christmas. She was

"It looked so wonderful and the cover and book looked so professional," Fleming said. "I was just overwhelmed. It was more than I ever expected.

"It's passing on a wonderful legacy to my grandchildren and hopefully they will pass it on to their children. I hope it will pass onto generations to come."

How will the family spend Mother's Day?

Usually the group gathers at Morgan's home. They used to go out, but the crowds were so big and the meal so expensive, they decided to get together at someone's home, Morgan said.

"We keep the menu simple so none of the moms have to do much cooking, usually marinated chicken breast," Morgan said.

The men grill, and that dish is accompanied by Italian Potato Salad, rice pilaf and a cold veggie tray.

Betty Fleming brings fruit pies, the favorites of the daughters and daughters-inlaw. Rayleen and Pat like peach, Nancy blueberry and Sharon cherry.

To buy a copy of OurFavorite Family Recipes, email priggio@peoplepc.com.

Have you or someone you know put together a family or school cookbook with plenty of family heirloom recipes or favorites? Let us know about it for a future food story. E-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net, or write to Ken Abramczyk, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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Rapids, and won at that (state) level," Fleming said. "This was really a big event and it made all the newspapers and many magazines.'

And she still has an article in which she is the cover photo of a Michigan Farmer magazine. She also has Free Press articles, one of which lauds her for her

"shrewdness" in baking a great cherry pie.

The cherry pie contest was a big deal. Contestants traveled to an all-expenses trip to Chicago in February 1953 for the National Cherry Pie competition.

"It was my first train ride," Fleming said.

Contestants were decked out in cherry earrings and necklaces, she said.

The contest took place in the ballroom of a large hotel "much like the Pillsbury baking contests are, with ranges and work stations set up all around the ballroom for girls from every state in the United

At that time Fleming lived in Belleville (where she still

resides). She didn't win the competition. A contestant from Alabama did, and gave some of her award-winning pie to Mamie Eisenhower.

Fleming still uses the same cherry pie recipe today. "I've never changed it," she

Others remember the contest, too. Sometimes, they are

total strangers. Three years ago, her son, Bob Fleming, needed a ride from a shuttle service at one of

the local car dealerships while

his car was in for repair. The driver asked if he lived in Plymouth. Bob replied yes, and the driver said he lived in Denton, a small community near Belleville.

"Maybe you know Ed and

Doretha McKelvey," Bob said, telling him about his grandparents.

"Yes I knew them and played with their kids," the man said as he drove. "So those are your grandparents, and where do you fit in the family?" he asked. "I'm the son of Jerry and

Betty. I'm Betty's son," Fleming The driver then slammed on the brakes.

"You're the son of the cherry pie queen of Michigan?" he asked Fleming.

"I thought maybe he would ask me for the autograph," Bob said, remembering the story.

"The legacy lives on. It was really a huge event for Denton and the city of Belleville."

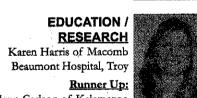
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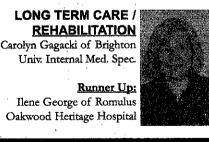
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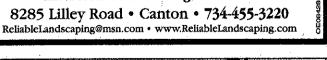
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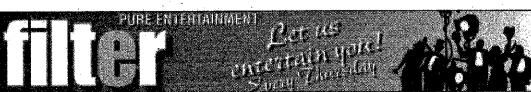






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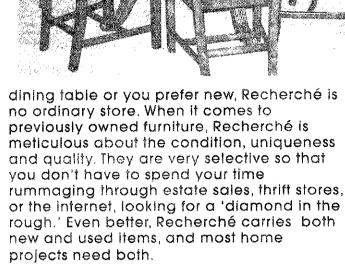
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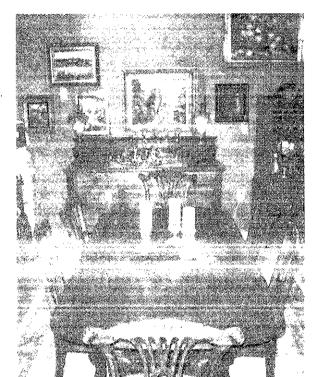


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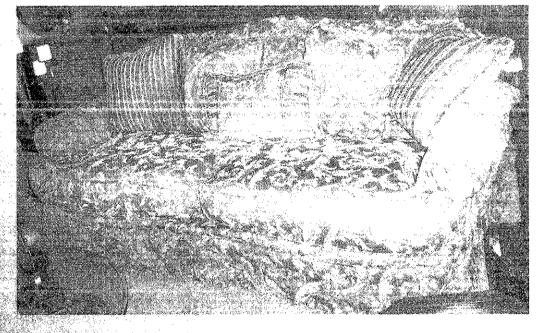
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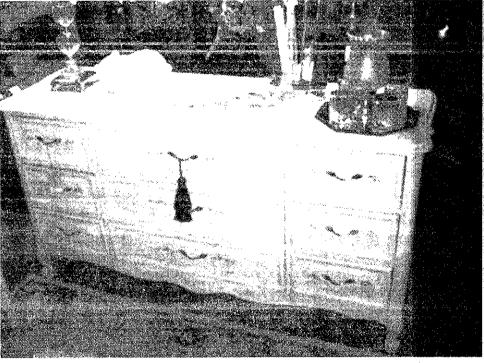


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This beautiful sofa offers a traditional look with current colors & patterns. The mixed patterns of the pillows provide the perfect finish.



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# Women Helping Women

Fashion show raises funds to heal homeless **By Wensdy White** 

ingle women and their children are the fastest growing homeless population, and Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac is the only place in town where they can stay together for more than two weeks while getting help with addiction and abuse. Each year, Grace Centers stages the Women Helping Women Fashion Show and Luncheon to raise money for its Women's Program. We called its founder, Dr. Pamela Clark, to find out more.

#### What are characteristics of a female homeless person?

The clientele I see usually use drugs. The numbers we're seeing with heroin in this state are unbelievable. Younger and younger women, more middle class, white, some even affluent, highly intelligent females are hooked on heroin. It seems to be the up-and-coming addiction.

#### How do these women relate to men?

Usually male addiction codependency — is a women's worst and first addiction. They want approval from men. Men introduce them to the crack,

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heroin, alcohol. They use drugs to keep the man or get the man. When the relationship is destroyed they go to the addiction to dull the pain.

What about their children? Many leave their children. We help them get their children back. We now have a fos-

#### How do you rehabilitate the women who stay with you?

ter care home for kids.

We have a one-year rehabilitation program. They start in a dorm and progress to semiprivate rooms. They're in classes every day. Professionals teach the classes and deal with relapse prevention, parenting, money management, 12 steps it's all related to life skills.

#### You also have a two year after-care program?

Yes. We've beautifully restored about 14 houses nearby, and they live in these homes. We are in the process of buying the next street over, and we will help women purchase these homes. Half of my after-care patients are in college. I've had women go from prostitution to college in a year.

#### Will we hear success stories at Women Helping Women?

Katrina will tell her story about homelessness, prostituting, how she lost all her kids.

### Women **Helping Women**

- **Lunch & Fashion Show**
- 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 6 m Royal Park Hotel, Rochester ■ The event includes lunch, a raffle, silent auction and
- fashion show. Tickets, \$75, benefit the Women's Program at Grace Centers of Hope.
- Call (248) 334-2187, or visit www.gracecentersofhope.org

She stayed and got her kids back and is now married and in her own home. I think it's her fourth year.

# Women from the program will be modeling, right? Yes. They'll be side-by-side

with professional models and you may not even be able to tell the difference! These ladies get to have their hair done at Red Door Salon at Saks, and wear clothes from the Somerset Collection. They're really going to go first class. We try to lift their horizons and teach them you can go to college, you can get a job and hold a job.

# So there is hope?

Yes, there is hope, and it's at Grace Centers of Hope.

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**Be a Yoga Goddess** Yogini Lisa Paskel will lead

women on a path of yoga practice, dharma, sharing and exercises designed to help you reconnect with your inner beauty and strength. The Goddess Workshop will be held 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, May 12 at the Yoga Shelter in the Orchard Mall, 6363 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield. Cost is \$40. Watch for more workshops at Yoga Shelter's new location, 108 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Call (248) 538-0200 or visit www.yogashelter.com.

You're Wearing That? Deborah Tannen, author of the bestselling book You're Wearing That? Understanding Mothers

and Daughters in Conversation, will speak at the Troy Hilton at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11 to help mothers and their adult daughters relate. Tickets are \$20-\$40. Call (248) 398-3400 or visit www.metroparent.com.

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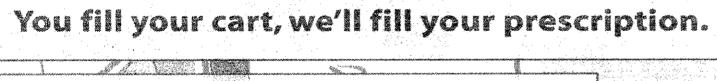
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