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Local student
'shocked' by rampage

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

John Zaccone's freshman year at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va., was winding down in normal fashion until Monday morning.

The 18-year-old computer science major from Canton Township, a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School, was getting ready for his physics lab shortly after 10 a.m. when he noticed only a handful of students showed up for class.

It was then Zaccone started receiving bits and pieces of information about the shooting rampage that left 33 people dead, including the gunman who took his own life.

"We started getting word from other students," Zaccone said Wednesday morning from his dorm room at Virginia Tech. "The class started at 10:10 and they locked us in until the class ended at 11:50. We looked up the news online and stayed online during the duration of that class."

"They locked us down and let us go at about the time they got the e-mail giving the OK," he added.

Zaccone said he also received a call from his mother, Lisa, when she got word of the shootings that killed 32 people.

"As I was figuring out what was happening, my mom gave me a call in class to see if I was OK," Zaccone said. "She was relieved."

Zaccone said after leaving the physics lab, he went back to his dorm room and watched television news.

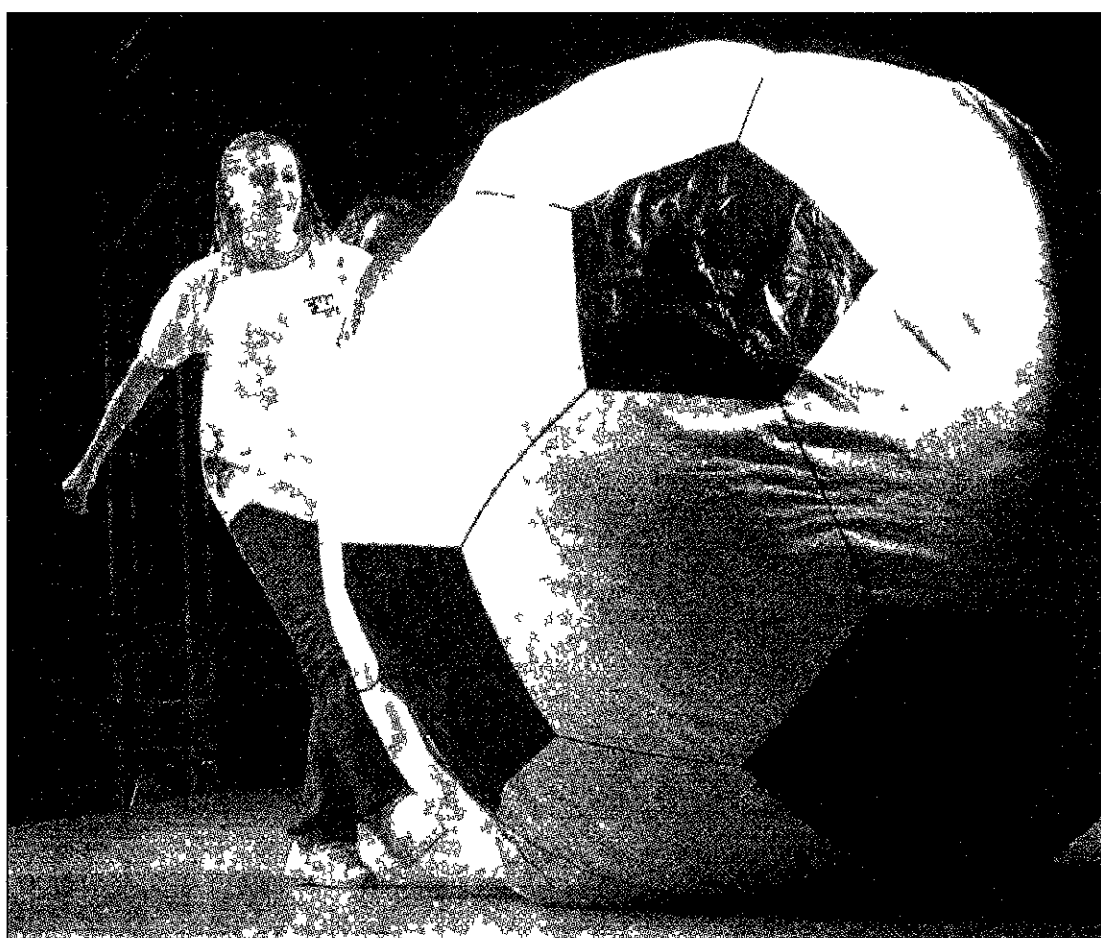
"I was shocked and didn't believe it at first," Zaccone said. "It didn't hit me until five or six hours later."

Zaccone said he attended the Tuesday gathering with President Bush to remember the victims.

"I kind of think there's nothing we can do about it, but I worry about how this will affect our school and our academics the rest of the year," Zaccone said. "It's something we'll never forget, but hopefully we can move on."

Zaccone said despite the shootings, he doesn't feel unsafe on campus and plans on continuing his studies at Virginia Tech.

"I kind of feel like this is a one-time incident, where a crazy person went nuts," Zaccone said. "Blacksburg is a safe, small community. It's a shame it happened here. I don't think this kind of thing will happen twice."



Soccer player Emily Hahn kicks an oversized soccer ball to help illustrate Newton's law of Force=Mass x Acceleration

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Reinforcing Newton's laws

Actors bring science to
life for students

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

With a mixture of hip-hop, music videos and live demonstrations, nearly 1,500 Plymouth-Canton eighth-graders learned Monday about Sir Isaac Newton's three laws of motion and the universal law of gravity at Central Middle School.

The show — named *FMA Live!* after Newton's Second Law of Force=Mass times Acceleration — was created and paid for by Honeywell and NASA, and has been seen by 116,000 students nationwide.

"It's a way to inspire young people to get involved in the fields of science and technology," said Candi Hall, 21, one of three professional actors who performed on a concert-like stage, giving the new wave lessons on Newton's theories. Careers in engineering and technology.

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Pioneer assistant principal Ben McMurray illustrates the well-known law of physics: For every action, there is an equal chance of encountering a pie-in-the-face.

Verdict near in Armstrong murder trial

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Along with DNA and forensic evidence, jurors in the Andre Marcel Adams murder trial have heard from a woman that said the Ypsilanti man confessed to the killing and a Canton



Adams

man who claimed Adams beat and raped him two months before the murder of his neighbor, Robert Lee Armstrong, 46. Adams, 34, is charged with first-degree murder in Armstrong's April 15, 2006, death. He's accused of killing Armstrong, who was dressed as a woman the night of his death, with a flashlight after having sex with him in his College Park mobile home on Mott Road.

The trial, which began Monday, is before Judge Thomas E. Jackson in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Experts have testified that Adams left bloody fingerprints on the murder weapon.

However, defense attorney Charlotte Steffen-Ramirez has claimed that the two men shared a sexual relationship and that Armstrong was still alive when Adams left his home the night he was killed. Steffen-Ramirez called four witnesses Wednesday, including Armstrong's brother-in-law Dennis Edward Duff, who she tried to characterize as a murder suspect because of his distaste of Armstrong's cross-dressing lifestyle.

After Steffen-Ramirez rested her case, the jury began deliberations Wednesday afternoon, which they were scheduled to resume Thursday morning.

Dee Boner, 38, said Adams arrived at her home outside of Indianapolis the morning after Armstrong's murder and confessed to murder.

"He admitted to me that he had killed someone," said Boner, who dated Adams from February to May 2006 and said he had been a "nice guy" before making his confession. "My kids loved him."

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Incumbents have ideas for meeting school district's challenges

Ham-Kucharski: Radical change to address budget

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Richard Ham-Kucharski said it's time to make some radical changes to address the worsening budget problems facing Plymouth-Canton Schools.

As an incumbent candidate for one of the two four-year seats on the Board of Education to be decided May 8, Ham-Kucharski believes he can make creative differences in addressing the budget woes. "I was very disappointed

in the core teams recommendations," he said. "I could take two-thirds of them and throw them out for their lack of creativity. Lay off teachers and increase staff size. Wrong answer."

"We saw we had a very nice fund balance, and the administration recommended relying on that quite a bit, so we leveraged it," said Ham-Kucharski. "I've been a little more creative in the budget than my peers. I have some ideas of things we need to address soon."



Richard Ham-Kucharski

Ham-Kucharski said his ideas on transportation, athletics and teacher salaries could save the district millions of dollars, and avoid budget cuts that could affect the classroom.

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Slavens: District must address structural deficit

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education Vice President Mark Slavens believes there have been some good advances made during his eight years on the school board, and he wants to be around to continue the progress.

Slavens is one of six candidates running for two, four-year seats on the board in the

May 8 trustees election.

"The No. 1 reason I'm running is because I believe we're on the right track with regard to measurement of academic performance and improving academic performance," Slavens, of Canton Township, said. "That should always be our No. 1 goal."

"I also want to add my experience with regard to hiring a new superintendent," he said. Judy (Mardigan) and I are the



Mark Slavens (right)

only two board members who have been on a full superintendent search, and I think my experience will be helpful."

It's no surprise to anyone who has been paying attention

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**Coming Sunday
in Health**



Organ donation focus of
film fund raiser

Caregiver's conference

Several public service programs and local agencies have joined together to provide a caregiver's conference from 5:30-9 p.m., April 30 in the grand ballroom at Summit on the Park in Canton. Information will be provided on respite and home health care, housing, medical needs, support groups and public benefits. Conference workshops will cover end of life issues, health and legal aid, prescription drugs and living arrangements. The conference is free, but reservations are encouraged by calling the Canton Senior Program at (734) 394-5485.

Earth Day fund-raiser

In honor of Earth Day, April 22, Evolve yoga studio (7986 Lilley Road in Canton) will host a donation-only yoga class to benefit the Holliday Nature Preserve Association. Yoga teacher Qi Qi Zhou-Das has generously donated her time to teach the class, which will be

held from 1-2 p.m. There will be no fee for this class but your donation will help us support the Holliday Nature Preserve Association. All of the donations will directly impact efforts to preserve and improve the Holliday Nature Preserve in Canton and Westland. For more information, call (734) 454-9642.

Spotlight Players

Spotlight Players is presenting the show *Children of Eden*, April 27-29, May 4-6, 11-12 (Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.) at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. *Children of Eden* was written by Stephen Schwartz who wrote the music for *Wicked*. This musical is based on the first 9-1/2 chapters of the Book of Genesis. Tickets are \$15-\$18. For tickets or information call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.spotlightplayers.net.

Mom boat show

On Saturday April 21, from noon to 2 p.m., the Michigan

Scale Model Boat Club will be demonstrating several types of radio controlled model ships at Canton's Heritage Park located at 1010 S. Canton Rd. directly behind the Canton Township Hall. For more information about the event, visit the group's Web site at www.michiganmodelboats.com.

Mom to mom sale

Children's clothes, toys, books, videos, maternity clothes, and more will be sold at 30 tables when the Canton Newcomers (found on the Web at cantonnewcomers.org), a social, civic and charitable group host their public Mom 2 Mom sale from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., April 21 at Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway). Several home-based businesses will be on hand, including Bilingual Fun, Arbonne International, Tastefully Simple, Creative Memories, Jockey Person to Person, Lia Sophia and Tupperware.

Admission is \$1. For more information about the sale call (734) 699-7398.

Ladies Literary event

The Ladies Literary Club will hold its annual scholarship fund-raiser, Second Time Around, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., April 28 at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, located on Wayne Road between eastbound and westbound Michigan Avenue. Lots of good used household items and homemade baked goods will be for sale. All proceeds go towards scholarships,

which are awarded to Wayne Memorial and John Glenn students.

For more information about the Ladies Literary Club, please call Darlene at (734) 595-3479.

Rockettes show

The 2007 Salem Rockettes pom squad will present their show "Living Our Dream" at 7 p.m., April 27-28 at the Gloria Logan Theatre for the Performing Arts at Salem High School. The show will feature both the varsity and junior varsity squads. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door.

Perennial exchange

Canton's Council for Community Excellence (CCE) will hold its second annual Perennial Exchange from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 5 at the historic Cherry Hill School, located on Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road. The event is open to the public and is an opportunity to exchange plants, meet other gardeners, and share garden designs and ideas.

In order to participate in the exchange, gardeners will need to thin out their extra perennials and place them in a bag that is clearly labeled. Tables will be set up at the event to place perennials. You do not need to bring a perennial in order to participate in the exchange.

Door prizes will be awarded every half hour and winners will receive prizes donated from Obstbaum Orchards, The Home Depot, Summit on the Park, and Pheasant Run Golf Course. For more information on the CCE perennial

exchange please call (734) 394-5164.

Leadership Canton applications

Leadership Canton applications are now available for the 2007-2008 class. The eight-month program is designed to ensure a continuing source of skilled and motivated leaders for the community.

Participants will meet one Friday a month from October through May. Each day-long session will address a specific community topic and will include guest speakers, tours of area facilities, and extensive interaction with other participants.

Leadership Canton is limited to 25 participants, who will be selected by the Leadership Canton Steering Committee, based on a completed application. The cost is \$800.

For more information or to obtain an application, call Deb Zevalink at (734) 394-5188 or the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. You can also download an application at www.leadershipcanton.com.

Rally4Canton

Canton's second annual Rally4Canton charity road rally is scheduled for Saturday, May 12. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Cady-Boyer Barn Fund, Senior Prescription Matching, and the Leadership Canton Alumni Fund.

The cost to participate is \$35 and includes a T-shirt and entry into the IKEA Finish Line Party. There is a limit of

30 cars with 4-6 people per car. There are also various levels of sponsorships available, ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

A road rally is a game played by a group of people who pit their intelligence and problem-solving skills against each other to solve puzzles, drive to the destination specified in the puzzle, and obtain a clue to the next puzzle.

The route is in Canton, and the final destination is a location where participants socialize and eat while scores are tabulated, and winners announced.

For more information, visit the Web at www.rally4canton.com, or call Deb Zevalink at (734) 394-5188.

Destination Theatre

auditions

Destination Theatre will hold open auditions for *High School Musical*, the stage version of Disney's blockbuster original movie, at 7 p.m., May 1-2 in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Callbacks will be at 7 p.m., May 3. Audition details and character descriptions can be found on the Destination Theatre Web site, www.destinationtheatre.org. Performances will be on the main stage at the Village Theater July 27-29, and Aug 2-5.


Please direct any questions to Patrick Persons at personsp@yahoo.com.

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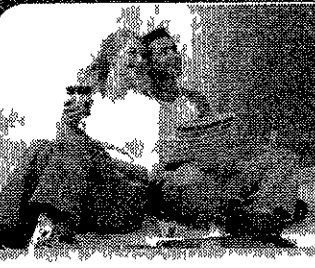
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Monit: Skills to help resolve upcoming issues

Skip Monit is ready to serve four more years on the Wayne-Westland school board because he still has goals he wants to achieve.

First elected to the board in 1999, he has served as its president and treasurer, each for two years, and one year as vice president.

Monit is a 1969 graduate of John Glenn High School. He attended Michigan State University from 1969 to 1973 and Henry Ford Community College from 1975 to 1980. He has been employed by Sensormatic/ADT for 27 years in project management.

Monit currently is treasurer of the city of Wayne's Save Our Streets ballot question committee. He is a six-year member of the Wayne Democratic Club, a member of the Wayne Baseball Association, including 15 years as board member and eight years as treasurer, and a member of the Wayne Memorial High School Band Boosters for seven years, including two years as president.

Married, he and his wife, Kathleen, have two sons — Justin and Sean — and a daughter, Gabrielle.

In addition to goals he still wants to achieve, Monit said he is running for a third term on the Wayne-Westland school board because "I foresee that there are upcoming issues that I would like to help to resolve."

"I retain the drive and ener-



Monit

children who received their entire education in the Wayne-Westland schools, I have acquired a familiarity of how the schools operate at the ground level."

In addition to his eight years as a board member, Monit has attended numerous Michigan Association of School Boards conferences which provide speakers and seminars "that deal directly with important school issues."

He also has attended MASA classes in school board knowledge and have achieved three levels of certification — certified board member, Award of Merit and Award of Distinction — and earned an Advocacy Skills certificate. "These skills allow me to bring an educated background in school board knowledge to the position, in addition to the vast amount of experience attained over the years," he stated.

When asked what he sees as the role of the school board in public education, he stated that the main role of the school board in public education is to set policy for the district.

"The school board has to

gy necessary for this position," he responded to questions provided by the *Observer*. "Due to the fact that I have three

make the hard decisions of how to spend money to provide the best education for our students," he stated. "I see the role of the school board as being that of a 'watchdog' that assures the right decisions are made and carried out. The school board oversees the big picture of district operations, without becoming involved in micromanagement."

When asked what services he thought Wayne-Westland could share with other districts, he stated that there are four services that are common to all school districts — busing, food services, maintenance and janitorial.

"In theory, they could all be shared, if the situation was warranted. In reality, what is most sensible, is to share management of these services without seriously impacting the actual manpower, he stated.

After all, the amount of services required do not change greatly, so a reduction in manpower only serves to lessen the quality of education provided to the students.

When asked about the new high school curriculum and whether its passage should have included the money to cover its implementation, Monit said he understands that the purpose is to better prepare students for college, but worries about students who aren't interested or capable of attending college.

These students need to be able to prepare themselves for

Dashairya: Board needs experience, leadership

Bhagwan Dashairya is no stranger to elections. Since 1983 he has run for such offices as mayor of Dearborn, Wayne County Commissioner, Westland City Council and most recently governor.

A management consultant, the Westland resident is making his first bid for the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, hoping to unseat one of two incumbents — Martha Pitsenbarger and Skip Monit.

He holds two bachelor degrees — one in mathematics, physics, chemistry from Allahabad University and one in mechanical engineering from Banaras Hindu University, both in India — a master of business administration in business management from Davenport University and a master of science and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Mississippi.

He has served on the Westland Economic Development Commission, Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development Corporation and currently is on the Provider Advisory Board of the Detroit Wayne County Health Authority.

He has had extensive involvement in community organizations. Locally, he has served on numerous advisory groups, including the Wayne-Westland Superintendent Advisory Board and Building Improvement Team and the White House Conference on Indo-US Relations.

Married, he and his wife, Urmil, have three children — sons, Deepak and Rasiv, and daughter, Kirah.



Dashairya

When asked why he is seeking a seat on the school board, Dashairya responded that "the board needs someone who has education, experience and the right leadership to understand the problems and provide the right solutions."

I have that education, experience and the leadership to solve the problems and give back to the society," he stated.

When asked what he sees as the role of the school board in public education, he stated that it is "to make appropriate decisions to solve problems. Strategic directions are important."

When asked what services he thought Wayne-Westland could share with other districts, he stated that "all services and needs have to be analytically justified with a fresh mind."

When asked about the new high school curriculum and whether its passage should have included the money to cover its implementation, Dashairya said "Education is every child's right, but it carries responsibility with it."

"One has to survive in the global environment," he added.

When asked what one thing he would like to change about public education, Dashairya said he would "like to index the budget process."

"Every position has to be justified related to priority and relative importance to the mission of the educational system," he responded.

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A 21-year-old Canton man testified that Adams raped and beat him in a Livonia hotel in February 2006. Police arrested Adams in a nearby department store. He was charged with aggravated, but not sexual, assault in that case.

Canton Detective Kenneth Robinson testified that when Adams was arrested in October 2006 in Las Vegas he signed a statement alleging that he had sex with, but didn't kill, Armstrong.

According to the statement, Adams said he saw Armstrong on the street and offered him a ride in his rented vehicle. Armstrong, who was dressed in a skirt and pantyhose and

was carrying a purse, then suggested they go to his home.

Adams, who admitted to officers that his memory was foggy from being high on ecstasy and marijuana, said he left the trailer after having intercourse with Armstrong. Suzy Melfi, Armstrong's sister, who testified Monday, said she doesn't believe the defenses claim that Adams and her brother were in a

relationship, but admitted that family members didn't know of his cross-dressing.

"It wouldn't have bothered me," she said. "His business was his business."

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NEWTON

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are growing at a rate three times faster than all others right now, but kids' interest in going into these fields is declining. We want to get them pumped up about science and show them it can be fun.

Hall and her fellow actors led students in cheering for classmates and teachers who participated in the demonstrations. Students, wearing Velcro jump suits, vaulted onto a wall to demonstrate inertia. Go-carts powered by carbon dioxide and driven across the stage illustrated action and reaction. Teachers, wearing padded suits,

participated in "extreme wrestling" to demonstrate how force is determined by mass multiplied by acceleration.

All three of Newton's laws were exemplified simultaneously when a futuristic hover chair, with a teacher on board, collided with a gigantic cream pie.

Science at school is boring, but when I come to something like this, it's more entertaining," said 15-year-old Shannan Ward of Canton Township, who attends Discovery Middle School. "I like how they demonstrated the laws by using teachers. It makes me want to learn more about science."

For 14-year-old David Nymberg of Canton, hip-hop, videos and live demonstrations

are much better than classroom studies.

The laws of motion make more sense now, Nymberg said. And it's more fun to learn this way.

Janet Kahan, the district's K-12 curriculum coordinator for science and math, said the Honeywell/NASA program fits in with the district's curriculum on teaching science.

"Our science program is activity-based," Kahan said. "Students have to engage to see what really happens. We don't think it's enough to read and memorize it, then be tested on it."

"One thing a show like this does is call attention to the usefulness of these ideas," she added.

'Joyful' celebration will feature area's top dancers

BY KURT KUBAN
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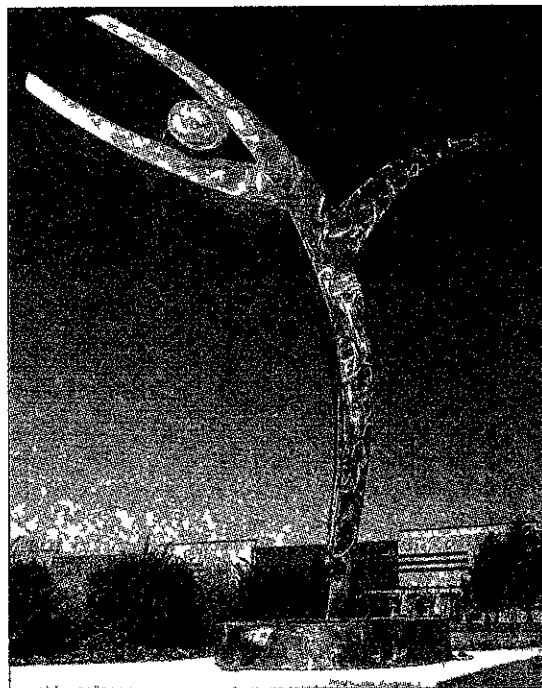
In honor of National Dance Week, Canton Leisure Services and several local dance studios will come together on Saturday to feature some of the best dancers the area has to offer. The event, Joyful Dancer Celebration, will run from 1-3 p.m. in the parking lot outside of Canton Cinema (43555 Ford Road) near the Joyful Dancer sculpture.

"It will be a showcase featuring many of our area's top dance teams, studios and schools," said Sue Dyer, a marketing manager at Cantons Village Theater.

Several Canton and Plymouth dance studios will participate in the event, including Children's Dance Theatre, Dance Extreme, Dance Connection, Metro Dance, and Canton Premiere.

According to Dyer, it is a free performance to draw attention to the sculpture, which was recently purchased by an anonymous donor for the township and will be placed near the Village Theater in the future.

After the performance, the participating



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The Joyful Dancer sculpture is located in the parking lot of Canton Cinema.

dancers will then head inside to watch the movie, *Mad Hot Ballroom*, which follows the journey of a group of inner city school kids who learn the art of ballroom dancing.

Because it is an outdoor event, Dyer said organizers have their fingers crossed.

"We're praying for warm weather," she said.

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SLAVENS

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that this year's budget slashing will cut to the bone of what Slavens wants to achieve. He said unlike the \$8 million in cuts the past three years, the next round will be painful.

"A lot of the recommendations are in instruction, where most of the budget is," said Slavens. "I've asked to look at administrative cuts, cuts in finance, cuts in technology and

cuts in purchase services. Were 80-90 percent personnel, so unfortunately this round of cuts will start to affect the classroom. I don't see much alternative."

Slavens said board members need to address the structural budget deficit as part of the overall budget plan.

The No. 1 thing we have to figure out is what exactly our structural deficit is," Slavens said. "It's hard to predict because you've got to estimate how many students you're going to get, what the per-pupil

funding is. And, as you know, that's a moving target."

The second step is getting from our administrators their plan for cutting the structural deficit," he said. "Until I know that exact amount and how much we have to cut each year, it's difficult to say exactly what we're going to do. On the whole, I agree with what (Superintendent) Dr. (James) Ryan has proposed (for cuts) thus far."

When it comes to cuts, Slavens said he wants to make as many decisions as he can

that don't affect classrooms. A parent of two students who play high school sports, Slavens said one of those decisions could involve an increase in pay-to-participate.

"I absolutely believe that our No. 1 goal is academic achievement, so if I can keep some dollars in the classroom by asking parents to pay for that, I think we may have to take a look at it."

I've always believed in small class size, but unfortunately one of the biggest ways to save money is by cutting staff, so that's going to potentially

increase class size," he said. "I've asked administration which is less harmful to our students, if we got rid of the LEAP (Literacy Early Achievement Plan) program or adding an additional student per classroom. From the response I've gotten back, it's less harmful to add one student to each classroom. With that type of advice, that's what I'm leaning to right now."

Slavens, who even before his terms on the school board was lobbying Lansing for more equitable per-pupil funding for

Plymouth-Canton, said now isn't the time to give up.

I still believe that as a school board you must be an advocate for the district, and the school board needs to continue its advocacy with Lansing in advocating for adequate funding and more equitable funding with regard to this school district," he said. The other candidates vying for the school board include fellow incumbent Richard Ham-Kucharski and challengers Nancy Eggenberger, Kurt Heise, Bruce Koldys and Larry Martin.

HAM-KUCHARSKI

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"It was like a big lightbulb went off when I asked to expand our walking radius from one mile to 1-1/2 miles," Ham-Kucharski said. "That will save us a quarter of a million dollars and I haven't touched a single teacher, I haven't touched a support program and I haven't cut transportation. It's something simple that we could have done and had more impact if we had done it a couple of years ago."

Ham-Kucharski said he'd keep varsity sports, but would turn freshmen and junior varsity competition into intramural activities to save money.

"Freshman and JV are cut sports, so only a certain number of students can participate," Ham-Kucharski said. "If we change to an intramural program, any student can participate and the cost would be dramatically less. We could reduce the pay-to-participate fee and have volunteer coaching. I would estimate we would save a half-million dollars."

Ham-Kucharski's most cre-

ative solution could be asking the 1,100 teachers in the district to take a "one-time reduction" of 6 percent from their paychecks, and eliminate the annual step pay increases. Our teachers, compared to the districts around us, get paid considerably more at almost every level," said Ham-Kucharski. That is the bulk of our structural deficit, and we've shied away from it. We need to look at a correction.

"For the first year alone, if we just got the salary reduction, we would actually have a \$2 million surplus in the budget next year," he said. "And by eliminating the

step increases, that's \$1.9 million guaranteed added to our budget every year, and growing because their salaries grow over time. Plus, the incremental impact on our health care and retirement costs."

Along with balancing the budget, one of the biggest tasks in the upcoming year for the Board of Education will be the

selection of a new superintendent (Superintendent) Dr. (James) Ryan has been good for relationships, but he hasn't been strong enough for us, Ham-Kucharski said. I've been looking for more strength in leadership over the last couple of years, and he doesn't do that."

"We need a superintendent that is very strong," added Ham-

Kucharski. "No matter how we go forward with cuts, this is going to be a very difficult time, and that person will need to have the strength to stand up and take the shots."

The other candidates running for the school board include Nancy Eggenberger, Kurt Heise, Bruce Koldys, Larry Martin and Mark Slavens.



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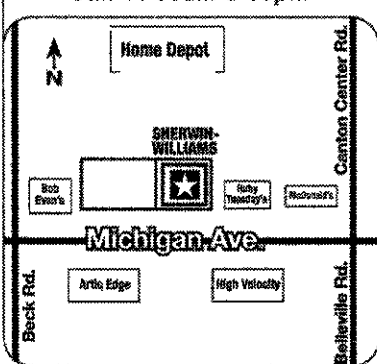


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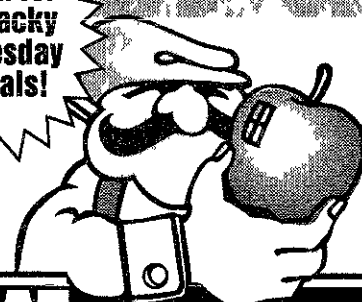
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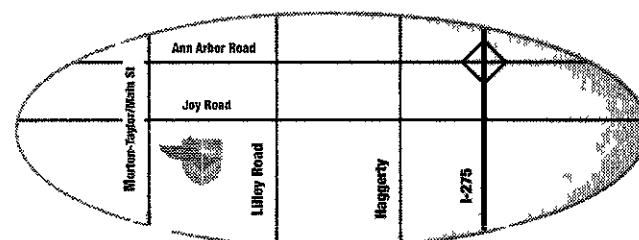
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Tom Kiurski

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Preparing for college can be a stressful time, and it can also bring out many emotions. Amidst the vast sea of paperwork that must be filled out, visits to make and packing that needs to be done, it is also important to take the time to make sure your children's safety is given a high priority by the college they plan to attend.

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

Handling your taxes should be a 12-month-a-year job

The April 15 deadline has come and gone (or I should say the April 17 deadline this year) and the majority of us have filed our 2006 tax returns. Thus, we can forget about taxes for another year.

Wrong! Unfortunately, too many of us do put our tax return in the filing cabinet and then forget about taxes until next year's return is due. That is almost as bad as those people who let the tax tail wag the dog and think that the goal is to lower their taxes as opposed to maximize their worth. The reality of the situation is that there is a middle ground that we all need to find.

It would be nice if we only had to worry about taxes once a year. It certainly would make things simpler, however that is not the reality. Taxes are a 12 month a-year job and it's something that you and I always need to be aware of because, as I've always said, the goal is not necessarily to lower your taxes, but to be smart with taxes. After all, it is not more patriotic to pay more taxes than you have to. I believe there are things that everyone should be doing now to make the next tax season easier and to make sure you are letting the tax laws work for you as opposed to against you.

What makes doing our tax returns so difficult is that most of the time we can't find the right information to complete the returns. All too often, too many people panic because they can't locate their W-2 or 1099 or they can't find their cost basis for a sale. I believe that the simple way to prevent this is for everyone to set up a tax record-keeping system. You should begin to save all the receipts you will need to help you do your 2007 tax returns. Any record-keeping system should be simple and easy. It does not have to have a lot of bells and whistles; it just has to work for you.

You need to have the discipline so that, when you receive canceled checks, you sort through them and keep



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

the ones that will have tax implications in a separate file. If you are charitable in nature and you make charitable contributions, you should always attach the canceled check to the confirmation letter you receive from the charity. If you charge your contribution, you should save a copy of your charge card statement in your tax file. A good record-keeping system not only will save you money by allowing you to take all the deductions you are entitled to, but it will also save you a lot of grief and last minute rushing around in April!

This is a great time of year to start obtaining the basis for all your investments. You should look at your portfolio and if you do not have the cost basis on an investment held in a taxable account, you should start the process now of obtaining the basis. This certainly will save you grief and aggravation next tax season. And remember that your cost basis is only necessary for your non-IRA investments. Many companies, such as Schwab and Vanguard, provide cost basis on investments held in IRAs, but that is not needed to prepare your taxes.

Most people made their 2006 IRA contribution over the last month. My thought is that you should not wait until March or April 2008 to make your 2007 IRA contribution. Why not start a program to do it now? After all, if you make a 2007 IRA contribution now, it is going to grow an extra year tax deferred or tax-free. You do not have to make your entire contribution now, although that would be beneficial. You can start a program where you are investing on a monthly basis. In many cases when people wait until the following year to make their IRA contribu-

tion, they find that money may be tight at that point in time, thus they miss out on taking advantage of an IRA contribution.

Now that most of us have our tax returns done, why not look at whether you should convert your existing traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. This transaction can have great benefits in the fact that, as opposed to money growing tax-deferred, it will now grow tax-free. Using 2006 tax returns, you can guesstimate where you will be in 2007 and this should help you make the decision whether you should convert or not.

When you purchase investments throughout the year, it is important to not only select the right investment, but to put that investment in the right part of your portfolio. In other words, should it go into your tax-deferred account or your taxable account? Where you are individually with taxes helps you make this decision. After all, in most cases you want to defer ordinary income, not capital gains income.

I would love it if we had an easier tax system and one that is relatively automatic and routine. Unfortunately, our tax system is the exact opposite. It is not simple, in fact, it is complex and confusing. Our tax laws are not routine in the fact that what is good for me may not be good for you and what made sense last year may not be good this year. The reality is you always have to look at your individual situation and make decisions that are good for you. Therefore, don't just put away your tax return and forget about it for the next 12 months. Use it as a tool to help you keep more money in your pocket where it belongs. Good luck!

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Meeting to showcase resources for parents, students

The Detroit Regional Chamber, the DTE Energy Foundation, WXYZ Channel 7 and the Detroit News are sponsoring a live town hall meeting to air 8-9 p.m. today, April 19, on Channel 7. The prime-time program will showcase innovative and effective resources for preparing students to succeed in the 21st century and will further the dialogue about the importance of a high-quality education in the knowledge economy, a conversation started during the Chamber's Mackinac Policy Conference last year.

Schools and parents need to place much greater value on

education by embracing innovation and raising expectations if we're going to compete in the global economy," said Detroit Regional Chamber Chairman and former Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer.

The program will feature a panel of education and business experts including:

- Dennis Archer, Detroit Regional Chamber Chairman of the Board
- Carol Goss, The Skillman Foundation President & CEO
- Mike Flanagan, Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Sharif Shakrani, Michigan State University Professor

■ Nolan Finley, Detroit News Editorial Page Editor. An audience comprised of parents, students, community activists and business leaders will have an opportunity to actively participate.

The shows key objectives of empowering parents and improving education are in line with the Foundations mission of supporting educational programs that make a difference, said Anthony F. Earley Jr., DTE Energy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

DVD copies of the town hall as well as a Web site with additional resources, will be available to parents and students.

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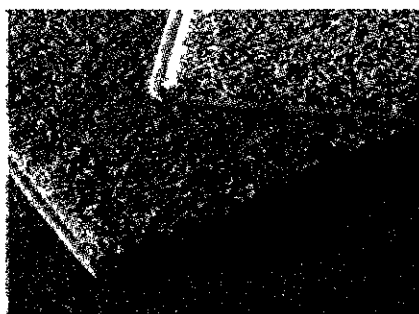
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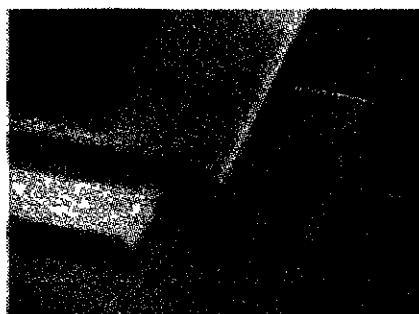
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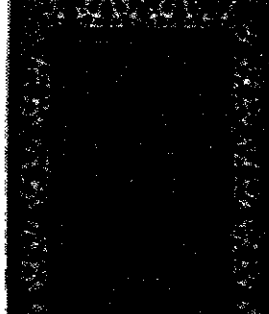
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OUR VIEWS

Oakwood should focus on plan B

The verdict is in. The residents of Canton do not want a hospital at the corner of Beck and Geddes. That has been made clear now at two highly contentious public hearings, most recently at the marathon Planning Commission meeting April 2 at the Village Theater.

As much as Oakwood Healthcare Systems officials did to try and convince residents otherwise, the residentially zoned vacant 88 acres at Beck and Geddes is not the place to build a 650,000-square-foot, four-story hospital.

Certainly there are some in town who felt Oakwood's plan was a good one, but that probably had more to do with the perception that Canton needs a first-class medical campus and hospital to be a "complete" community.

Some argued that the hospital would have been an institutional use and was perfectly acceptable for a residential area, but people need to ask themselves if they would want to live next to a building twice the size of IKEA. Despite what Oakwood was saying, the project certainly would have added traffic and noise to an area of upscale homes.

So what's next?

According to an official in the Canton Planning Department, Oakwood can still go before the township Board of Trustees and hope they get a more favorable outcome. That seems highly unlikely, however. Several board members, including Supervisor Tom Yack and Trustee Todd LaJoy, have already gone on record saying they do not support the plan. Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, who is also a member of the Planning Commission, already voted against the proposal.

At the last Planning Commission meeting, Oakwood attorney Bryan Amann said the health care giant might even look outside of Canton if they didn't get their way. But that was probably a scare tactic. After the meeting, Oakwood's David Ippel said, "We have a love relationship with Canton."

If that is truly the case, Oakwood should forget about Beck and Geddes, and begin looking for a site that is more suitable for the type of campus they are envisioning. If they find such a site, they will be welcomed with open arms.

Breen, Broderick, Fausone best for Schoolcraft board

Every candidate for the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees has high praise for the community college. They used words like jewel, gem, and cutting edge to describe the expanding community college on Haggerty Road in Livonia.

And each candidate was eager to bring his or her special expertise to helping run the college that will be a key factor in providing relevant education for the 21st century workforce.

Five candidates are competing for three six-year positions on the board in the May 8 election. Board members do not receive compensation for their service.

Each candidate has something to contribute to the college's mission and choosing from such a qualified group of candidates is difficult.

But we believe that incumbent board members **Mary Breen** and **Brian Broderick** and Schoolcraft Foundation board member **James Fausone** are the best choices.

Breen and Broderick have been part of the college's success. They have supported Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress in his careful management of the college's resources and in his vision to push the college toward health and technical education. They have successfully developed college property to provide capital for new buildings without putting the college in debt.

Breen has a long history as an educator who understands the college's special place in the education process and retains a real enthusiasm for what the college is accomplishing.

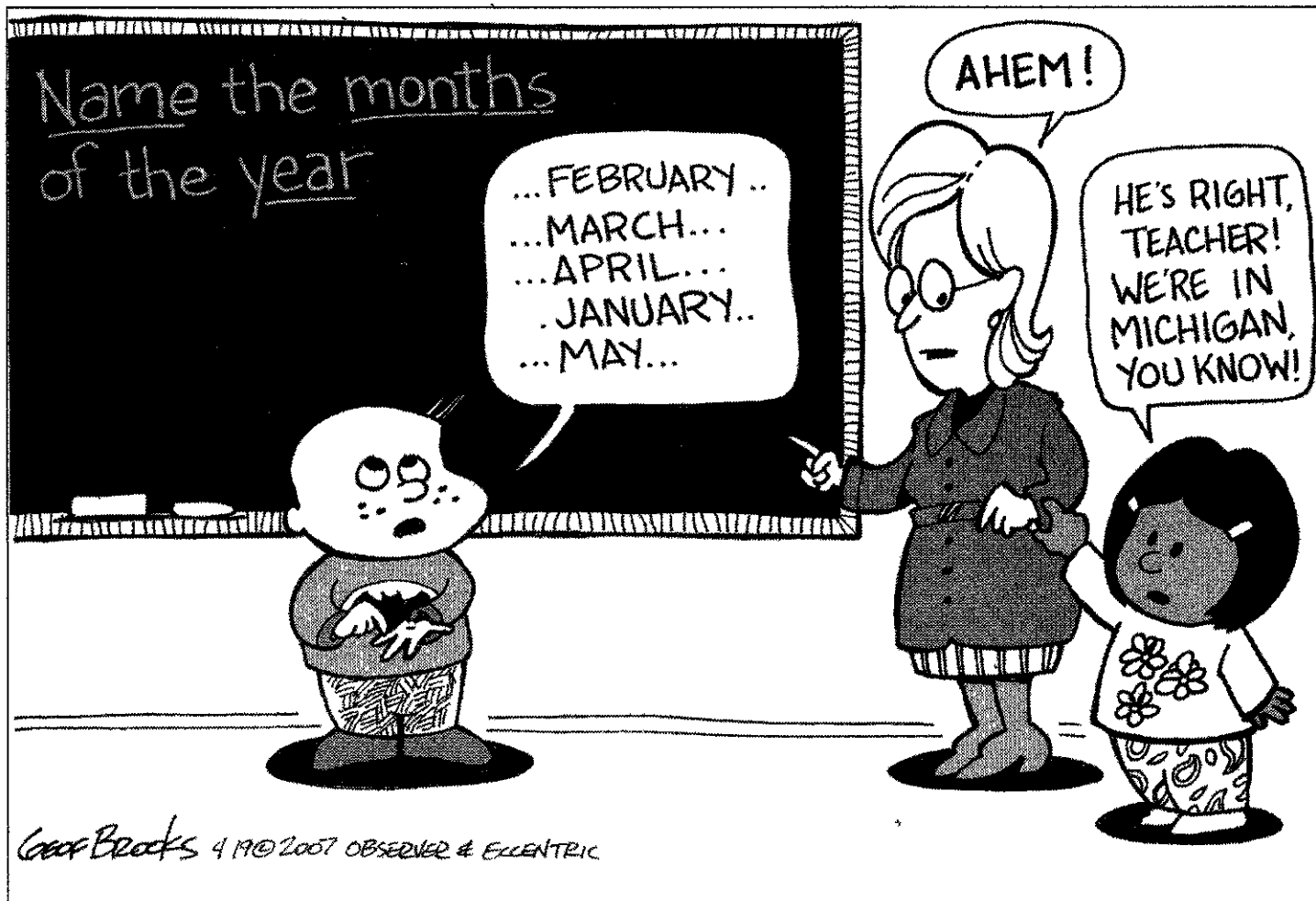
Broderick is a lawyer with a solid understanding of the college's budget situation and the need to find ways to replace the loss in state funding without burdening students.

We respect the candidacies of Ron Randall and Joan Gebhardt.

Randall worked for more 30 years at Schoolcraft, ending his career as the college registrar. He obviously brings a lot of understanding of the college's history. Gebhardt has a long history as an educator and strong political ties. She was appointed in December to replace former board member Kevin McNamara.

But it is Fausone who brings the most interesting ideas to the table. The Canton attorney volunteered to serve on the college's foundation board. He is supportive of the college's direction but critical of its marketing and its use of technology, even as it moves to take a leadership position in technical education. He seems to have a strong grasp of both budgetary and educational issues. In a strong field, he emerges as the best choice.

We urge voters to cast their ballots for Breen, Broderick and Fausone.



Geoff Brooks 4/19/07 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

LETTERS

Keep three ADs

I am writing to implore the Plymouth-Canton Community School Board of Education members to keep the Plymouth High School athletic director in place to assure the safety of our young people participating in sports.

In fact, the removal of Plymouth's AD will not just threaten Plymouth High School students, Canton and Salem athletes will suffer, too.

Really now, how can two people oversee three schools on 300 acres with 250 coaches, multiple programs, facilities, fields, over 3,000 student athletes, huge numbers of boosters and fans — and succeed?

Athletics are dangerous, so is hiring the wrong coach, not planning for and supervising sporting events or — because of no resources and time — allowing facilities, equipment and fields to fall into disrepair.

The outrageous expectations placed on two athletic directors could cost so much more that is dear to us than the savings from a salary of \$83,000. I don't want our district to be hable and have our reputation ruined for even one injury or accident because of such a small sum of money. Our athletes and community deserve better!

Actions like this open the gate to the slow chipping away of athletic programs at all levels and schools, shortly followed by the removal of other after-school opportunities offering our young people a place to belong, a reason to show up to school and a place to develop character, friends and skills that are inherent in non-classroom-based activities from athletics to arts.

I believe it is imperative to retain the current status of three athletic directors at our high schools and look for other ways to save money.

Jennifer Tobin
Plymouth High Football Booster

Supports Ham-Kucharski

Times are tough in the state of Michigan. Obviously, that isn't news to any of us, nor is the fact families in our community are facing difficult choices.

Neighbors have lost their jobs, businesses have been leaving Michigan. More than a few of us know friends who are unable to sell their homes and there are those worse off as they face mortgage foreclosures.

Michigan's population is shrinking, youngsters are moving away in search of better opportunities. Educational systems from elementary school to public universities are being asked to train traditional students and re-train those who have been forced to change careers. These are daunting tasks.

It is because of the many challenges we face we must make solid decisions, not simply go along with the flow, drifting with the tide. From the governor's office to the local school board, *leaders* must be chosen, not followers.

Recognizing the financial distress faced by so many taxpayers, I have sought to make the right choices, I have resisted the easy path of raising taxes and fought off the temptations of just going along to get along.

I sincerely believe the burden must be shared, not borne by the least of thee. That is why I proposed that every elected

official now serving in Lansing return 50 percent of his/her after-tax salary to the State Treasurer. Recently, I wrote my personal check for the first installment.

Last week I read about another person who has chosen to *lead*, to be *bold*. His name is Richard Ham-Kucharski. Richard is a member of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Trustees. He has served ably during his first term. In fact, he has brought steady, creative, even visionary leadership while discharging the duties related to the position of trustee.

His most recent demonstration of leadership was manifest in the proposal to have all educators now in the system voluntarily sacrifice a portion of their most recent pay raise. He knows that it will be a sacrifice, but by doing so, Richard has calculated that the children — our children and grandchildren — will not be forced into larger classes with fewer course offerings and greater sacrifice on their part.

His proposal makes sense and it helps the children, while not asking too much from the adults. Teachers are parents and responsible leaders in their own right. I am confident they will do what is right and accept the sacrifice proposed.

Since my wife and I moved into our Canton home in 1976, I have been a proud supporter of the school district. Our three children are each graduates of the system. I know how important a quality educational opportunity is to future success in life. That is why I have decided to endorse the re-election of Richard Ham-Kucharski, that is why I will be voting to keep Richard Ham-Kucharski on the PCCS Board of Trustees.

I hope you join me when you cast your vote Tuesday, May 8, or when you fill out your absentee ballot (as so many of us senior citizens are prone to do) and mark an 'X' for Richard Ham-Kucharski.

Bruce Patterson
State Senator
Canton

Vote for Fausone

On May 8 voters will have the opportunity to select three individuals to serve on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees. There are five individuals competing for three seats. Very few voters will know all the candidates. Absent personal knowledge voters should consider a variety of factors when casting their vote. Is the college headed in the right direction? Has the candidate demonstrated an interest in the college? What special or unique qualifications does the candidate bring to the board? What special perspective does the candidate possess?

I believe Jim Fausone should be elected to this important position for the following reasons:

1) Jim believes Schoolcraft is headed in the right direction. Jim is committed to enhancing accessibility, affordability, innovation and excellence.

2) Jim has served on board of the very important Schoolcraft College Foundation. Jim is "connected" to the college. He understands Schoolcraft as an institution.

3) Jim's longtime public service as a board member of the Canton Public Library has provided Jim with important "board experience." He understands the responsibilities of a board member and is committed to Schoolcraft. His training as

an attorney will assist him in making decision-making.

4) Jim Fausone would bring a special perspective to the Schoolcraft Board. He would be able to address the needs of the Canton community. When elected he will be the only Canton resident on the Livonia-dominated board. For too long Canton has been under represented on the Board of Trustees. (Canton represents a third of the district).

Jim Fausone would be an outstanding addition to the Schoolcraft Board. He is committed and dedicated to Schoolcraft. His service would not be temporary or used as a stepping stone to higher office. Jim is willing to make a long-term service commitment to Schoolcraft.

Tom Yack
Canton Supervisor

Listen to residents

To the Canton Township Board of Trustees:

Just a few words concerning the proposed location of Oakwood Hospital on Geddes Road.

1. Traffic is already building on Geddes Road between Denton and Beck and will continue to do so as planned residential areas develop.

2. We presently have sounds from overhead air traffic for Willow Run and do not look forward to increased noise of medical helicopters at all hours of the day.

3. We do not look forward to the sounds of sirens also at all hours of the day.

4. I feel that Singh is attempting to increase profits because homes are not selling and sale of the land would bring in income to his corporation with little regard for the present homeowners.

5. Why not consider locating the hospital on nearby Michigan Avenue presently in a state of redevelopment it so badly needs and affords easier access by ambulances and patients.

6. Finally, I am sure you are aware that there is a growing trend for taxpayers to lose confidence in elected public officials who should be considering the will of the people they were elected to represent. I am concerned that when it comes to money, all the meetings and concerns demonstrated by residents will be disregarded by the leadership for the sake of income for Canton Township.

Ron DePentu
Canton

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"We had no money, no books, no staff and no furniture. We started from scratch but we wouldn't let this fail. John was decent and honest to a fault. The whole community is richer for him having been here."

— Canton dentist James Gillig, commenting on the passing last week of longtime Canton resident John Schwartz

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Athletic program shouldn't bear brunt as board eyes budget fixes

If nothing else, you've got to admire Richard Ham-Kucharski's political pluck. In an area where previous school board elections have been controlled by teachers, Ham-Kucharski, seeking re-election to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Trustees, suggests teachers take a 6-percent pay cut, plus elimination of their step-and-level increases, in order to fix the district's burgeoning budget woes.

With the handling of the election being split among all the clerks and not just with the school district, and the increasing power of the absentee voting bloc, teachers don't control the election the way they once did.

It's certainly a bold, if impractical, idea. Still, suggesting teachers bite the bullet that way is either political savvy or suicide for Ham-Kucharski, no stranger to out-of-the-box thinking. Ham-Kucharski was the one board voice last May speaking out against the size and scope of the \$120 million bond proposal.

Some are suggesting Ham-Kucharski is aiming at the 'tighten your belt' voters who turned down both bond proposals in fairly convincing fashion. Others are saying he's just being a contrarian. Still others are whispering he's plain nuts.

Whichever is true, the teacher-pay-cut idea isn't the only one Ham-Kucharski is floating. He is also suggesting, albeit less stridently, the school district turn its athletic program upside down by turning all levels below varsity (junior varsity, freshman and middle school) into intramural sports.

Ham-Kucharski figures the move would save the district a half-million dollars, at least partially by moving from paid to volunteer coaches for those sports, plus all of the associated costs with having to run actual varsity-level sports.

Freshman and JV are cut sports, so only a certain number of students can participate," Ham-Kucharski said. If we change to an intramural program, any student can participate and the cost would be dramatically less. We could reduce the pay-to-participate fee and have volunteer coaching."

The problem with this plan is OK, there are all kinds of problems with this plan. First of all, there aren't that many kids who would play in intramural programs, especially if you're charging the pay-to-play fee.

And, while it's true there wouldn't have to be player cuts, larger teams would simply make it more difficult to get more kids into the actual games.

And that's assuming you'd have games to get them into. Ham-Kucharski's premise

that the district could go independent and thus schedule anyone they wish is, at best, flawed.

"There are so many benefits to a league structure," said Mark Hage, the athletic director at Churchill High School in Livonia. "I think other teams would probably be discouraged by the Michigan High School Athletic Association from scheduling a game against such a program. I don't know if (other schools) would schedule you if you didn't follow the same parameters."

And even if you could get other schools to schedule you, the development of varsity-level players would be horribly stunted. Plymouth-Canton athletic programs have developed a reputation for excellence, particularly in recent years.

The district is already putting that reputation at risk with its decision to lay off Plymouth High School athletic director Terry Sawchuk. While budget problems are being blamed for Sawchuk's release, the clashes between him and Canton High School AD Sue Heinzman are no secret. Sawchuk's removal solves both problems.

But it creates another, potentially disastrous, problem: Dividing his work between Heinzman and Salem High School AD Tom Willette. The plan so far is to have Heinzman handle girls' sports for Plymouth, while Willette handles the boys' sports.

The thought made Hage, the Churchill High School athletic director, cringe.

An athletic administrator's job is 60-70 hours a week as it is, and now you're asking (Heinzman and Willette) to take on another 35 hours a week," Hage said. It's not humanly possible. I can tell you this, if they were to ask me to do that, I would immediately look for another position in another district. Just the magnitude of the job is just not possible."

In a district where money is scarce, board members and administrators are going to sacrifice athletics for academics, if it comes to that. My point is this: Athletics affect academics. There are certainly student-athletes who would drop the 'student' part if it weren't for athletics. Sports are the only thing keeping some of these kids in school at all.

Ham-Kucharski earns points for thinking - and not being afraid of voicing - things others won't say. For that, his fellow board members have developed a habit of turning a deaf ear to his ideas.

While that's not usually a good thing, in this case, the athletic program will be better off.

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Brad Kadrach

Tainted picture

Since being elected to the Plymouth-Canton school board in May 2006, I have encountered numerous amazing things occurring in our district. MEAP scores are growing by leaps and bounds. The district has gained statewide recognition for academic excellence. This solid schooling foundation is something I am extremely proud to have my children be part of.

Amazing academic feats have been accomplished with funding that has decreased annually when compared to state mandates. The district has a statewide reputation for delivering a world-class education on a shoestring budget.

That's why I have been shocked and dismayed by the former school board members and their criticisms of the current board and the administration and all of the efforts put forth by this dynamic team of educators.

Recently, a letter was sent in by an old school board member who suggested he knew how we could balance the budget and have passed a bond. In fact, I have encountered several of these previous school board members who sarcastically suggest they are more in touch with the needs of the community than anyone else.

As far as the bond is concerned, I am sad we failed to make our case to the community. However, I personally called over 2,000 voters to ask their opinion on the bond months before the day of the vote.

I would have liked nothing more than to argue the positive aspects of the bond in a public forum. There were two problems. First, and most important, no district official can legally ask anyone to vote 'yes.' Secondly, there were no opponents that attended all of the workshops and researched all of the information. Without being able to be an advocate and without a worthy opponent, there could be no debate.

In the last month, the focus of the school board has shifted to the budget. It could be easily balanced by making class sizes huge and removing the very programs that have led the district to excellence. We are looking at creative cost-saving measures that will stay out of the classroom and preserve the academic learning environment for as long as possible.

Since 1999, the administration has added millions of dollars to the fund balance every year under the direction of the senior members of the school board. This means even with reductions in finance and additional state mandates that surpassed financial additions, the district found ways to cut the budget and put millions of extra dollars in the bank.

I appreciate all of the parents, volunteers and educators who help make our district outstanding. As far as the critics who offered to 'help' the district, I will smile and listen to whatever they have to say. But, the community can find comfort in the thought that when it comes to making cuts in the budget, I will turn to the team of 24,000 experts - the parents, teachers, students and administrators - who are part of our district, not just one school board member who wasn't re-elected.

I would like to ask the writer who criticized the school board and offered his 'magical solu-

LETTERS

tions to our bond and budget issues to take his own advice into consideration. Several years ago, the voters spoke particularly loudly to you, too.

Dianne Gonzalez
Plymouth-Canton school board trustee

Terrible IKEA experience

I recently had the most humiliating customer experience of my life at the IKEA store in Canton. As first-time customers of IKEA, my wife and I made a \$993 purchase, consisting of a bedroom storage unit and a mattress. The following day, I returned the defective, unused \$279 mattress because the length was several inches short. IKEA customer service refused to accept the mattress, saying they do not accept 'opened' bedding. We argued back and forth until they called security to have me removed from the store.

I then contacted IKEA headquarters, who investigated the matter. They determined the manufacturer had in fact mislabeled the mattress with the incorrect dimensions. The Canton store called to tell me I could now bring the defective mattress back to the store for a replacement. I asked them to deliver the replacement to my house and pick up the defective one, since I was thrown out of the store on my last visit. They refused.

We have concluded IKEA is not serious about customer satisfaction. When a customer spends nearly \$1,000 on their first visit to your store, wouldn't you go that extra mile so that customer stays with you for a lifetime? We will never shop at IKEA again and we will go out of our way to share this story with all our friends.

John M. Vraniak
Plymouth

Vote for incumbents

We, the people, have a great opportunity to retain a number of excellent public servants in the school elections next month. I write with hopes to encourage participation in the process by my fellow citizens.

In our Plymouth-Canton school district, School Board Vice President Mark Slavens will be getting my vote. He has proven himself over the years and has been a visible presence throughout the district. My children's education is the better for his service; I intend on showing my thanks by casting a ballot for Mark Slavens.

At the same time that we vote in our district, the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees will also be on the ballot. Incumbents Brian Broderick and Joan Gebhardt are very well-versed in higher education and are exemplary public servants.

In addition to voting in favor of Mark Slavens, I will also vote to keep Brian Broderick and Joan Gebhardt guiding Schoolcraft College in a positive direction.

Renee Allen
Plymouth

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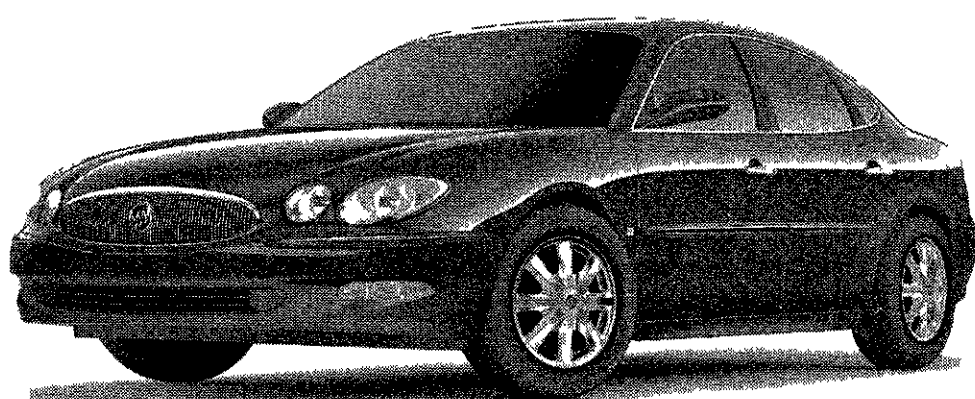
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Stamp club hosts 38th annual Plymouth Show

The West Suburban Stamp Club holds its 38th annual 'Plymouth Show' 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Central Middle School, 650 Church St., Plymouth.

Admission and parking are free.

The exhibition with more than 2800 exhibit pages is the largest stamp show in Michigan. A panel of accredited American Philatelic Society judges will determine the exhibition award levels.

The Plymouth Show is a qualifying national show in the APS 'World Series of Philately'. The grand award winner will be able to compete in the August Champion of Champion exhibition at STAMPSHOW 2007 in Portland, Ore., against winners from the 30 other national shows. The grand award winner will also receive a framed duck drawing by noted wildlife artist Larry Hillard. In addition to the grand award, a reserve grand award, the customary five levels of medals and numerous special awards will be presented.

On Sunday afternoon, an APS judges critique will take place. Exhibitors can ask judges questions regarding their awards and receive constructive help on how to improve their exhibits. This is also an opportunity for future exhibitors to learn the ins and outs of exhibiting.

New this year, the club will hold 'Stamps in Your Closet' sessions on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The sessions will be patterned after the successful APS national 'What's in Your Attic' program. Experienced collectors and dealers will help identify and provide guidance on the collection's worth.

In conjunction with the show, the club is offering for sale a multicolored cachet cover saluting the 2006 American League Champion Detroit Tigers. Each cover will have one of last year's 39-cent baseball slugger commemorative stamps, with a special show cancel picturing an old English D next to the date circle.

Collectors can purchase the covers at the show or by mail for \$2 each. To order by mail, send a check or money order plus a No. 10 SASE to WSSC, c/o Diane Gorney, Box 700049, Plymouth.

A 40-dealer bourse will offer stamps, covers and supplies for both new and experienced collectors. The dealers will come from nine states and Canada.

The United States, United Nations and Nordica postal administrations will be on-site during show hours to sell their current stamp and postal stationary issues.

A donation raffle will award a used 1847 Franklin (Scott No. 1), a 65-cent Zeppelin (Scott C13) or a 50-cent Baby Zepp (Scott C18) to three lucky collectors.

State universities square off over funding proposal

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

A coalition of Michigan universities has been organized to oppose a proposal by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to split off the big three universities – the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University – from the higher education funding bill.

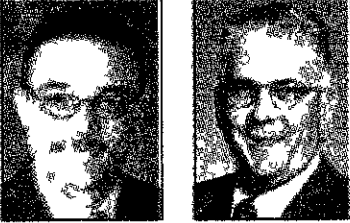
But Harvey Hollins III, WSU vice president for community and governmental relations, argues that the three research universities are significantly different than the other 12 Michigan public universities.

'What's doing this is the economy and what we're saying to the legislature on state funding is that we are concerned they are comparing apples to oranges,' he said in an interview Friday.

Seven universities have united to form The Education Alliance for Michigan (TEAM). The schools are Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Ferris State, Grand Valley State, Oakland, Saginaw Valley State and Western Michigan.

Greg Rosine, vice president of legislative affairs for Western Michigan University, was in Lansing Tuesday to lobby legislators to oppose the proposal.

He said that he agrees that the big three are different. 'They are distinct, but there are 15 universities and



Hollins said Wayne beat out Yale University for the center.

He denies that the proposal is a 'money-grab' by the big three.

In one bill last year, when all 15 were in the bill, funding for the three was about 56 percent of the budget for higher education,' he said.

If you split the three out, I don't envision that 56 percent going up. It's not about money, it's about accountability. There's a perception that we produce what can't be produced at the other universities.'

Rosine said there was no reason that the big three couldn't be held accountable within the same funding bill.

'We think their arguments are specious. Whenever anyone says they want to be held accountable, hold on to your pants,' he said.

Rosine said that going through the appropriations committee is an indication that the proposal is about funding. He said that by separating the big three from the other universities, they will be able to ask for a larger share of the funding.

'This is about money,' he said.

He said the big universities already receive more money. He said Wayne State currently receives \$8,700 per student while Western receives \$4,800.

'And they have a 32 percent graduation rate,' he said of Wayne State.

But Hollins argues that Michigan is competing with other states for research dollars and recognizing the difference between the big three and the other universities will help in that competition.

'We want maximum output in all 15 universities,' he said. 'We're different apples. We don't say the work of the other 12 is insignificant. What they do is significant.'

Rosine said the other 12 universities account for two-thirds of Michigan public university students.

'We have two-thirds of the students and the focus should be on funding students not funding the institutions,' he said.

Significant changes have been happening at Wayne State's urban campus in Detroit. Hollins said the 900-plus residence hall has been a step toward moving Wayne from its traditional commuter college image.

Hollins said that the university's success will depend on Detroit's ability to rebound. He said as the city becomes more trendy, singles and empty nesters will be drawn to living in the city and that the university area will be the major beneficiary.

Wayne State recently broke ground for a retail and residential development on the old Vernor Ginger Ale property on Woodward

Dr. Ruth to liven up 'Woman's World'

BY WAYNE PEAL
STAFF WRITER

She's a heavy hitter despite being on the small side of 5 feet and the far side of 70.

Dr. Ruth Westheimer, the woman who delivers her frank sexual advice with a grandmother's twinkle, will be the featured speaker Tuesday, May 8, during Congregation Shaarey Zedek's Woman's World 2007 in Southfield.

'Last year, we had (*In Her Shoes* author) Jennifer Weiner and that was such a hit that we wanted to bring in someone who could top that or at the



very least really deliver a punch,' said Suzi Terebello of the Congregation Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood.

Dr. Ruth, famous for her own television and radio programs as well as her numerous appearances with David Letterman, Jay Leno and Regis and Kelly, more than fits the bill.

Her appeal is to all ages. 'As it was, my sister saw her speak at a recent graduation in

San Francisco and she said Dr. Ruth not only connected with the older members of the audience but with young people as well,' said Terebello who is co-chair of the event along with fellow Southfield resident Jami Fishman.

Women's World is billed as a girl's day out for women of all ages. It not only features the luncheon but a daylong gift boutique focusing on Israeli-made goods.

It is also the biggest annual fund-raiser for the synagogue's sisterhood, a charitable organization which supports camp scholarships and college out-

Opera singers to perform Seven Last Words of Christ oratorio

The Friends of the Opera of Michigan present the nonprofit's annual Easter concert featuring Theodore Dubois oratorio, *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia.

Quinto Milto of Livonia serves not only as the artistic director of FOTO but is baritone for the performance with soprano Karin White, tenor Shawn McDonald, and the Lapeer County Concert Choir conducted by Jennifer Davis and accompanied by pianist Nancy Tazzia.

White most recently was the soprano soloist with the Manistee and Plymouth symphonies. She has also appeared with the Michigan Opera Theater and Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan.

McDonald has performed with Arbor Opera Theater. He is on the voice faculty at Marygrove College in Detroit and serves as pianist, composer and choir director at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield.

Milto graduated from the G. Rossini Conservatory of Music in Italy. He has sung in Europe and throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The *Seven Last Words of Christ* was originally performed in 1867 at Saint Clotilde in Paris where Dubois was choirmaster. Each word or section is a musical setting of one of the seven final sentences or phrases uttered by Jesus as recorded in the Bible.

There is no charge for the concert.

For more information, call (313) 582-0997 or (248) 476-4700.

The performance will be repeated April 29, at Immaculate Conception Church in Lapeer.

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APRIL

Garage sale
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday April 19 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday April 20 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday April 21 in the Archbishop Brunett Activity Center at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia Admission \$1 \$10 grab bag on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Most items free will offering also Special Treasures priced items Includes household items tools books games toys electronic toys/games/equipment and clean gently used children's clothing and baby items Please note no strollers allowed For more information call (734) 464 5973

JOY meeting
The JOY Builders (Just Older Youth ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. Friday April 20 and every third Friday of the month for lunch fellowship and fun at Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads Livonia Call (734) 464 0990 All are welcome to join us There is no charge although we ask that you bring a

luncheon dish to share
Retreat for widowed
Deadline is April 20 for Opening New Doors a retreat for widowed only which takes place April 27-29 at St John's Retreat Center Plymouth Speakers and group discussions Fee is \$140 per person for double \$160 for single Call (586) 939 5219 (248) 478 1084 or (586) 566 2557 to register
Concert
Proud 28 American Tour 7 p.m. Saturday April 21 doors open at 6 p.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville The concert includes comedian Nazareth illusionist Jarrod Mac and recording artist Ashley Reynolds Tickets \$5 family of three or more \$15 and available by calling (248) 374 7400

Monthly meeting
For Bethany Suburban West Saturday April 21 at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road on the north side of the street Garden City All separated divorce and singles welcomes For details call (734) 513 9479 Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths
Gospel concert
St John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills hosts a free gospel concert by the International Gospel Center's Voices of Deliverance 6 p.m. Sunday April 22 at 23225 Gill Road between Grand River and Freedom

Road Call (248) 474 0584 for details
Folk concert
Featuring Cincinnati based national touring performer Joe Jencks and Michigan singer song writer Robin Lee Berry 8 p.m. Saturday April 21 at Mama's Coffeehouse Birmingham Unitarian Church 38651 Woodward Bloomfield Hills Jencks (www.joejencks.com) has shared the stage with folk luminaries including Pete Seeger Holly Near John McCutcheon Utah Phillips and Pat Humphries Berry started a professional career in the folk clubs of East Lansing in the late 1970's A few years of touring with small children brought her home to Northern Michigan to put roots down and to perform write music and record three CDs After 20 years of performing in clubs and festivals Berry is currently recording in her own home studio and raising children while building exotic cedar furniture (www.robinleeberry.com) Tickets are \$12 \$10 seniors and teenagers 12 and under free For more information visit www.mamascoffeehouse.org

Herbs of the Bible
Presented by Jane Riddle Lodi Farms 6:30 p.m. Wednesday April 25 at Faith Lutheran Church 30000 Five Mile Livonia No charge but call for reservations (734) 421 7259

Jazz evening
Musician Darron McKinney perform

Christian and contemporary jazz 7-9 p.m. Thursday April 26 in the Activity Center at St Aidan Parish 17500 Farmington Livonia Tickets \$5 at door (ID's checked) In addition to the concert there will be refreshments including wine beer soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres The dance floor will be open For details call (734) 425 5950

Religious leaders breakfast
The Freedom Institute for Economics Social Justice and Political Empowerment is pleased to announce Dr Martin Luther King's Executive Staffer and civil rights activist Rev C.T. Vivian as keynote speaker for 2007 Religious Leaders Breakfast 8:15 a.m. Thursday April 26 at Cobo Center during Freedom Weekend VI Vivian along with local panelists discuss The Political Influence of the Church Tickets available online at www.free-domweekend.info at the registration desk at Cobo Center or at the Freedom Institute office by calling (313) 533 3035

Rummage sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday April 27 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday April 28 (bag sale at 12:30 p.m. Saturday) at St Andrew's Episcopal Church on Hubbard road between Five Mile and Six Mile (first traffic light west of Merriman) Livonia For more information call (734) 421 8451

Rummage sale
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday April 27 and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday April 28 in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile between Newburgh and Haggerty Livonia There will be a \$2 bag sale on Saturday Call (734) 464 0211

Benefit concert
Vocalist Mark Tisdell and pianist Phylis Bengary perform 8 p.m. Friday April 27 at St Andrew Catholic Church 1400 Inglewood Rochester The cost is a free will donation The annual benefit concert raises funds for Angels Place a nonprofit providing residential and community based services for adults and children with developmental disabilities in Wayne Oakland and Macomb counties Special guest is Barbara Oga a flutist and instructor at Oakland University For more information call Barbara Urbel at (248) 350 2203 or send e-mail to burbiel@angelsplace.com

Rummage sale
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday April 28 at First United Methodist Church 6448 Merriman Garden City There will also be a bake sale by the church's youth group

Mom to mom sale
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday April 28 at Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh roads Livonia

Rummage Sale
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday April 28 at Redford Aldersgate Church 10000 Beech Daly Road Redford (between Plymouth and West Chicago)

Blood drive
The Red Cross will hold a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday April 29 in the Parish Hall at St Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Livonia Walk ins welcome For information call (734) 464 1222 ext 309

Livonia youth choir concert
3 p.m. Sunday April 29 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington north of I 96 Livonia No charge but a freewill offering will be taken Call (734) 522 6830

Mercyaires concert
Mercyaires a Mercy High School student choir gives a concert 3 p.m. Sunday April 29 at Mt Hope Congregational Church 30330 Schoolcraft Livonia Songs are designed to entertain people of all ages Tickets \$7 adults \$5 youth/students

Hidden Secrets film
Debuts 7 p.m. Monday April 30 a new feature length movie that explores just how explosive it can be when your past becomes your present Livonia 20 19500 Haggerty Livonia and Commerce Township Stadium 14 3033 Springvale Drive Walled Lake Tickets now available at www.FathomEvents.com or at present ing theater box offices for \$9 For a complete list of theaters visit the Web site

UPCOMING

Teen dating film
A video dealing with the subject of teen dating violence will be shown 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday May 1 at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour 29425 Annapolis Road Westland The video is titled It Could Happen To You Into the Light Combating Teen Dating Violence Refreshments will be served For more information call (734) 728 3440

Rummage sale
Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh roads Livonia will be holding a Rummage Sale fundraiser Pre sale is 5-8 p.m. Thursday May 3 (admission \$2 per adult) Big Sale takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday May 4 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday May 5 admission free Saturday everything is half price

Grief counseling
Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary is sponsoring an eight week

grief counseling workshop From Grief to New Hope beginning 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday May 3 in the St. Mary Activity Center (lower level of the church building) 18200 Merriman between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia No charge and open to the community It will be presented by Cathy Clough director of New Hope Center for Grief Support Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses To register call Jim King the Director of Youth and Outreach Ministry at (734) 422 0010

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Concert of prayer
The Senior Choir of St Michael Lutheran Church Canton presents Somebody's Praying Me Through by Gary Rhodes and Karla Worley 5:30 p.m. May 5 and at 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the church sanctuary (700 Sheldon) to commemorate the National Day of Prayer For information call (734) 459 3333 All are welcome

Bridal fashion show
And luncheon 12:30 p.m. Saturday May 5 at Meadowbrook Congregational Church 21355 Meadowbrook Road north of Eight Mile west of I 275 Novi For information call (248) 348 7757

Worship dancers
The Earth to Eternity Ensemble a group of worship dancers will be featured at the 10 a.m. service of the Anglican Church of Livonia Sunday May 6 The church meets weekly at the Livonia YMCA 14255 Stark If you have never witnessed worship that combines dance with praise music you are in for a special treat when the troupe choreographed by Christina Eby performs its unique art form during the service For more information call (248) 442 0422

Concert
Fort Street Chorale & Chamber Orchestra perform Bach's B minor Mass 3 p.m. Sunday May 6 at historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church 631 W Fort at Third Detroit Tickets \$15 Group rates and patron seating available Free secure parking Call (313) 961 4533 or visit www.fortstreet.org

Prayer breakfast
Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast 7:15-9 a.m. Thursday May 10 at St Mary's Cultural Center 18100 Merriman between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia Guest speaker is Paul Maier professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University Tickets \$15 \$10 students and available by calling Sally Butler at (248) 476 9427 or visit www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org by Friday April 27 Tables of 10 available

Real estate seminar
1-4 p.m. Saturday May 12 at Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia No charge This seminar covers buying and selling a home attaining a residential mortgage and refinancing appraisals homeowners insurance for primary residence investment vacation and vacant homes remodeling new construction and home inspections All presenters are members of Newburg United Methodist Church or friends of the church For more information call (734) 422 0149 or send e-mail to rodney@newburgumc.org

ONGOING

Preschool registration
Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3-4 and 5 by Dec 1 Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org For information call (248) 374 5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org

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Depression recovery
Trapped by depression? Depression Recovery Program began 7 p.m. Tuesday March 20 at Cherry Hill Church 33144 Cherry Hill Road Garden City You can be happy again! Call (734) 673 5917 for more information

Sunday services
Dan Strength who was installed March 4 as church pastor is leading services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God) 11663 Arcola one block west of Inkster road

on Plymouth road Sunday School is at 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study takes place 7 p.m. Wednesdays For more information call (734) 425 6360

Alpha sessions
Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions which began 6-9 p.m. Thursday March 29 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Includes a free dinner each week Alpha is a low key friendly fun and pressure free class Free child care available during class To register call (248) 374 5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org

Worship services
Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 427 1414 Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org

Bible study
7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St Michael the Archangel Parish 11441 Hubbard south of Plymouth road Livonia The current study is the Gospel of St John For more information call (734) 261 1455

Farmington Women Aglow
Meets from 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads For more information call Linda Boone at (248) 476 1053

Worship services
Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter Westland Contemporary music and casual dress Children church and nursery Call (734) 254 0093 Donuts and coffee served

Kids night
Activities include games crafts mission projects and seasonal events 5:30-7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road The program is free and open to all children kindergarten through sixth grade Light supper included Call (734) 421 7620

Classes
NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday March 8 at the church 49555 1800 Territorial Plymouth Choose from a self-defense class Scrapbookng Mops Bible studies cooking and nutrition quilting book club and much more Register on line at http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/

Tiny Tots Preschool
Open registration began March 14 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

Recovery program
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts habits and hang ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors) meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional) 7 p.m. praise and worship 8 p.m. small group discussion 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts) Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374 7400 For information visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

Bible study
The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday Feb 5 at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level 18100 Merriman Livonia No charge The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King the church's director of youth and outreach ministry For information and to register call (734) 422 0010

Sunday service
All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 27475 Five Mile one block west of Inkster Livonia For more information call (734) 422 1470

Scripture study
Board the Starship Evangelize seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study The Book of Numbers - 10 a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church 19120 Purlingbrook Livonia For information call Mary Rice at (734) 522-1095

Worship service
All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter Westland Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world For more information call (734) 721-0800

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HYMAN CHESSIN, PHD

Of Waterford April 16, 2007 at 86 years of age Loving husband of Betty for 65 years Beloved father of Vicki (Duane Powell) Chessin of Alma Wendy (Michael Wisniarek) Chessin of Troy, Roger (Freda) Chessin of Troy and Russell Chessin of Warren Dear brother of Newton (Jean) Chessin of FL and the late Louis Chessin Caring grandfather of Lane Chessin Powell Robin Brittney Chessin Krista Ellise Chessin and Alexa Chessin Wisniarek Dr Chessin was a retired research chemist who held many patents in the chrome plating industry He had a lifetime appreciation of the arts classical music the opera and jewelry making He was currently volunteering at the DIA as he had for the last 15 years A memorial service will be held Tuesday April 24 2007, 5pm at the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Hwy Southfield In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Planned Parenthood or The Hy Chessin Voluntary Fund at the Detroit Institute of Art Arrangements entrusted to Coats Funeral Home, Waterford To send a private condolence to the family select questbook at www.coatsfuneralhome.com

JOSEPH S. NICHOLS

Age 90 went to be with his beloved wife Marie on Friday April 13 2007 He was born on June 9, 1916 in Toledo Ohio and married Maria Kunkosky on June 27, 1936 Joe was manager of manufacturing for Eonic Inc specializing in precision cams Joe & Marie lived in Rochester Hills until his retirement and then made their winter home in Homassess Springs Florida in 1981 Together they enjoyed entertaining, golfing, travels and their many friends Joe was an avid garden club member In 1999 Joe and Marie moved permanently to their summer home on Finn Lake in Mancelona, Michigan Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ursula Niciejewski and his dear wife of 68 years Marie He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law Mary Anne and Claude Roux of Mancelona four grandsons and families two great grandchildren one great-great-grandson and brother Stanley and family Services were held Wednesday, April 18 at St Anthony Catholic Church Mancelona, Michigan

CHAD LONDON

Age 32 of Metamora, formerly of Rochester died suddenly on April 13 2007 Beloved husband of JulieAnn Loving father of Blake and Luke Dear son of Ginny London of Clarkston and Jack (Sherry) London of Rochester Grandson of Lillian Norvell of Waterford and the late Ralph T Norvell, Bernice Marshall and Sam London Son in law of Brenda and Larry Durkin of Attica Chad was employed by Durkin and Company Contractors Inc and was a member of Camp 24 Hunting & Fishing Club in Curran MI Funeral services Thursday 11:00 AM from St. Clements of Rome Catholic Church in Romeo Interment Guardian Angel Cemetery Friends may call at the Lake Orion Chapel Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home (248 693 8336) after 7:00 PM Tuesday, with suggested visiting hours Tuesday 7 to 9 PM, Wednesday 2 to 5 PM and 7 to 9 PM Memorials may be made to the London Children Education Fund Reflections may be shared with the family at www.sparksgriffin.com



LUCILLE G. LAPOINTE

Mrs Alexander J Lapointe of Birmingham Michigan died on April 15 2007 She was born Lucille Eleanor George in Saginaw Michigan the daughter of Paul and Lucille George a widely known family in that city On July 25, 1942 Lucille George became the wife of Alexander J Lapointe an outstanding scientist and chemical engineer, making significant contributions to the chemical and automotive industries Mrs Lapointe held various positions as a Librarian at Hoyt Public Library in Saginaw and Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham She was particularly interested in cultural, artistic, and educational enterprises a collector of art objects rare books and first editions She was a long time member of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer of Birmingham She is survived by a nephew Paul E Troup of Saginaw, Michigan and a niece Lynn Hone of Laurel Maryland Visitation Wednesday 1pm until the time of the service at 2pm at Oakwood Memorial Mausoleum, 5950 Gratiot Rd Saginaw, Michigan where entombment will follow beside her husband and parents Funeral arrangements handled by Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors 248 435 0660 Memorial gifts may be made to the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 1800 W Maple Birmingham

DORIS M. REMINGTON

Age 90 April 15 2007 at William Beaumont Hospital Troy She was a resident of Redford Twp and was born on January 28 1917 in Leslie, MI to the late Henry and Ruth Clickner Richardson She was predeceased by her husband Jack Remington Doris was a member of the Redford Senior Community Center She is survived by son Larry (Gloria) Remington granddaughters Sherry (Tim) Juuhl and Pam (Matt) Havens and great grandchildren Luca, Mike, and Noah Visitation will be on Thursday April 19th, 5pm-9pm at the Sterling Heights Chapel of the Obarzanek Funeral Home, 33250 Ryan Rd (N of 14 Mile Rd) Funeral services will be on Thursday 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home Private cremation will take place at Meadowcrest Memorial Crematory, Detroit Dons remains will be placed next to her husband at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia

ALICE C. HEWITT

Age 89 passed away March 21, 2007 Beloved wife of the late Jack Loving mother of Barbara (Bob) Goers, Carol (Nick) Lynch, Joyce (the late Ron) Schultz and Janet (David) Pugh Dearest grandmother of nine, great grandmother of 14 and great-great grandmother of one, Sister of Leo LaCoy Jr Aunt to many nieces and nephews Member of the Sault St. Marie Chippewa Indian Tribe Visitation and Funeral Services were held at the Harry J Will Funeral Home 25450 Plymouth Road, Redford Memorial contributions may be made to the family

NORMAN L. KELLMAN

Age 86 passed away April 12 2007 with his family by his side after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease Norman and his wife Betty moved to Plymouth in 1946 where they raised seven children He loved to take his kids and their friends to ball games picnics swimming ice skating and fishing He was especially noted for his spontaneous family road trips Norman was a kind man Norman served his country during World War II in the European Theater of Operations with the 314th Infantry Regiment receiving two Purple Hearts He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Disabled American Veterans and the 314th Infantry Association of World War II Norman also played flute and was a member of the Detroit High School All City Band Michigan High School All State Band National Guard Band and Plymouth Symphony Band He was also a Cub Scout Cub Master and Civil Defense Block Captain He is survived by his wife Betty Kellman children, Timothy (Dianna) Kellman Patricia (Kenneth) McDonald Charles (Daniel) Davis Kellman Robert (Lori) Kellman, Keith (Leslie) Kellman, Barbara (Jeff) Whitmore and Elizabeth (Earl) Heard Jr eleven grandchildren six great grandchildren and one great great grandson also survive A celebration of his life was held on Wednesday at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth Memorial contributions may be forwarded to the 314th Infantry Association of World War II, Inc c/o Tim Kellman, 1013 Louise Street Ypsilanti Michigan, 48197

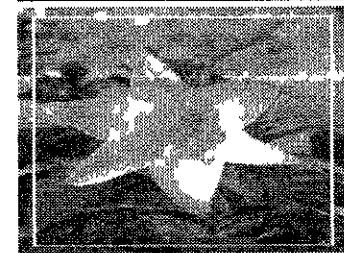


HELEN EDNA RENNELL

Age 86 of Birmingham Michigan passed away at the home of her son, Dale on April 6, 2007 after an extended illness She was preceded in death by her husband James Earl Rennell of Birmingham and parents Leo and Opal Swindler of Troy MI one brother and four sisters She is survived by four sons Jim Rennell Cookeville, TN, Jerry Rennell, Clarkston MI, Dale Rennell, Warren MI and Dean Rennell Phoenix, AZ, two brothers, Jerry Swindler of Cape Coral FL and Glenn Swindler of Lady Lakes, FL, thirteen grandchildren sixteen great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren She was a past president of Elkettes Clawson/Troy, MI and a member of Providence Baptist Church in Cookeville TN She was cremated and her ashes will be interred in a memorial service that will be held at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery 621 West Long Lake Troy, MI at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 10, 2007 Friends are invited to join with the family for this memorial service In lieu of flowers it was her wish that any donation be sent to St John's Hospice 1471 E 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights MI, 48071

HAROLD SCHLEGEL

Passed away on March 29, 2007 Beloved husband of Theta father of Earl and Darlene (Lamp) Chuck and Patricia (Blevins) seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and a WWII war veteran



CALENDAR

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Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160.

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

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Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full-gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on

Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Scripture studies

From 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

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Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro. The Cookie Lady followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m. Thrift store is open from 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.

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 be 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) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia

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

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue 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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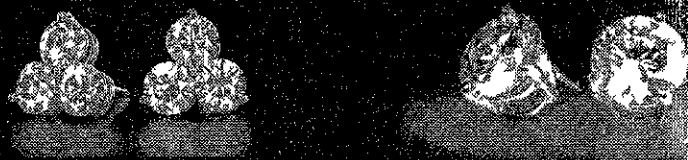
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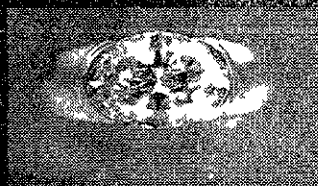


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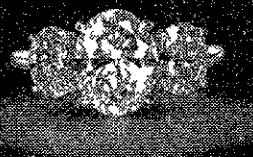
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The technology-rich VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia will host the Michigan Foodways Chef Challenge on 7 9 30 p.m. Saturday, April 21. This first-class chef competition will include a strolling dinner, beverages, and dessert for guests.

Five chefs will compete in crafting an authentic Michigan-themed meal in the state-of-the-art VisTaTech Center. As the chefs prepare the cuisine, a live video and audio feed of the challenge will be simulcast throughout the evening into the reception area for guests to view. Alexander Zonjic, internationally known flutist and host of the Smooth Jazz V98 7 Morning Show, will emcee the event.

Participating chefs are Aaron Cook, CEC, Executive Chef, Schoolcraft College; Chunyi Hou, Second-year student, Schoolcraft College; David Koshizawa, Executive Chef, Asian Village, Detroit; Jeff Mellas, Executive Chef, Portofino Restaurant, Wyandotte; Brandon Taylor, Sous Chef, Asian Village, Detroit.

Judging will be based on overall food presentation and taste. Celebrity judges include Sylvia Rector, food writer for the Detroit Free Press, Shawn Loving, CEC, of Loving Spoonful, and Eric Villegas of Restaurant Villegas and Fork in the Road.

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Tickets are \$100.00 per person. \$50 of each ticket is tax deductible. Proceeds will benefit Michigan Humanities Council's development of the Michigan Foodways exhibit and Schoolcraft College.

For more information, contact Sharon Common at Schoolcraft College at 734-462-4463. Tickets available by calling 517-372-7770 or by visiting <http://www.michigan-foodways.org/support/chefchallenge.shtml>.

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'Golden Goal' propels Ignition into MISL final

Captain Novi Marojevic's sudden-death goal against the Milwaukee Wave Sunday afternoon propelled the expansion Detroit Ignition into the Major Indoor Soccer League's championship game Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Ignition will take on the Philadelphia KiXX.

After the two teams split the first two games — Milwaukee captured the opener before Detroit came back to win Game 2, 10-8 — a series-deciding 'Golden Goal' format kicked in. Following a brief intermission after Game 2, a sudden-death overtime session lasted just 1 minute and 20 seconds before Marojevic's series-win-

ning shot.

Sunday's dramatic semifinal matchup was played before the ninth consecutive sellout crowd at the Compuware Sports Arena, according to Ignition officials.

Saturday's championship contest will be broadcast live nationally on VERSUS Network.

In Game Two, Wave defender Lovelace Ackah started the scoring 42 seconds into the opening frame with a two-point goal. Milwaukee forward Anthony Maher then put one past Ignition netminder Sanaldo at 10:25 to extend the Wave lead.

PLEASE SEE IGNITION, B2



Detroit Ignition captain Novi Marojevic reacts triumphantly to his goal that earned the first-year team a berth in Saturday's Major Indoor Soccer League's championship game. Marojevic scored the game winner just 80 seconds into the sudden-death overtime.

DETROIT IGNITION PHOTO

Sidelines

Caillie excels

Dave Caillie, a 2005 graduate of Canton High School and past captain of the Chiefs' boys track team, won the 400-meter sprint at the Michigan State University Spartan Invitational Track Meet held April 14. Caillie's winning time was 49.02.

Over 20 teams from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana participated in the event, including MSU, the University of Michigan, Notre Dame, Eastern Michigan University and Central Michigan University.

Caillie is a member of the Lansing Community College track-and-field team and is being recruited by several Division I track-and-field programs.

MU golfers 4th

St. Francis (Ind.) captured the two-day Madonna University Invitational women's golf tournament held Saturday and Sunday at the Golden Fox in Plymouth.

St. Francis had a two-day total of 407.416.823 to finish ahead of Aquinas College, 419.421.840, Siena Heights, 426.454.800, and the Crusaders, 471.458.929.

Jessica Morse of Aquinas was medalist with a 199 total on rounds of 98 and 101 (plus 55) on the par-72, 6,024-yard layout. MU's Ashley Laws (Wayne Memorial) took sixth with a 96-109-205, followed by teammate Danielle Elswick (Wayne), who was 10th with a 112-103-215.

Other MU scorers included Lisa Rodriguez, 130-120-250, and Kassi Jacob, 133-126-259.

Field hockey camp

The annual Livonia Ladywood Blazer Field Hockey Day Camp will be held Saturday, June 23, at Ladywood High School, which is located on Newburgh between Schoolcraft and Five Mile in Livonia.

The camp, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and costs \$50 per participant, will introduce future high school players to the sport of field hockey as well as promote enthusiasm for the game. An emphasis will be placed on learning the basic fundamentals of the game and teaching proper techniques of the skill sets used to play, including dribbling, driving, shooting, passing and stopping.

The first half of the day will focus on skills with the second half set for team play and small-sided scrimmages.

All campers will need to bring shin guards, a mouthpiece, a water bottle, a field hockey stick (some will be available to sign out at the camp) and a sack lunch. Rubber cleats are also recommended.

Registration forms can be picked up at Ladywood High School. Call (734) 751-9790.

Stevenson edges Rocks in marathon

On the day they ran 26.2 miles in Boston, another marathon was taking place Monday in the Lakes Division girls softball opener between Livonia Stevenson and Salem.

In a three-hour, 14-inning affair, the host Spartans earned a 4-3 victory over Salem thanks to Kristina Vachek's one-out, game-winning RBI single scoring Lauren Brueck. Stevenson (2-3, 1-0) trailed 3-2 after Salem (0-1, 0-1) took the lead in the top half of the 14th on single by Liz Thomas, a sacrifice bunt by Kelly Behr and an RBI single by Mary Cox.

The Spartans tied it in the bottom half of the inning on Amanda Pason's RBI single scoring Janice Hollandsworth.

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Stevenson, which hadn't played in 13 days, got a sterling pitching performance from junior Jamie Johnson, who worked all 14 innings to pick up the victory. She scattered 10 hits, walked one and struck out seven.

After 10 innings I thought she might run out of steam,' Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. 'But she said she was OK. She just kept on smiling and was having a good time.'

Losing pitcher Melissa Leach went 13.1 innings, allowing 15 hits and a walk while fanning four.

'We stranded quite a few runners,' Witherspoon said of the 13 left on base. 'It was the longest game I've ever coached. It was a fun game to coach.'

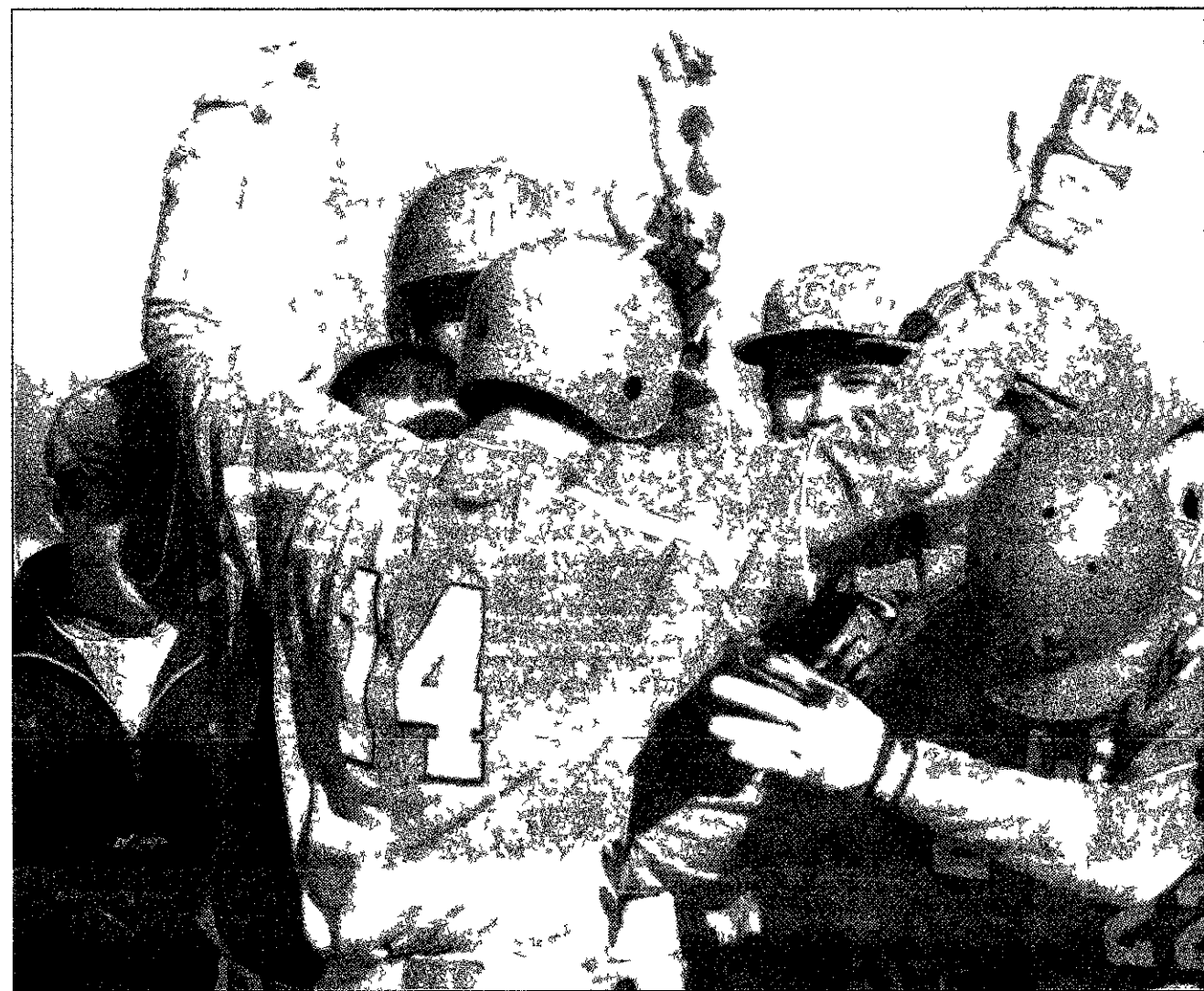
'I guess we needed the extra playing time after being off from spring break. Half of our girls came back just yesterday (Sunday).'

Brueck went 4-for-6 with two runs scored to lead the Spartans, who tallied a pair of runs in the opening inning.

Vachek went 3-for-7 with a double and two RBI, while Hollandsworth contributed two hits.

Behr paced Salem with four hits, including a double. Cox added two hits.

The Rocks scored a run in each of the first two innings.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Kyle Gring is greeted by his teammates after stroking a grand slam in the fourth inning of Monday afternoon's game at Plymouth. The Chiefs won 10-6, in the WLAA Western Division opener for both teams.

'GRAND' OPENING

Gring's slam lifts Chiefs over Wildcats in Western Division opener

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's baseball team proved it was proficient at 'small ball' Monday afternoon as the Chiefs successfully executed a number of sacrifice bunts and suicide squeezes against host Plymouth.

But it was one long ball — senior Kyle Gring's towering fourth-inning grand slam — that sealed the Wildcats' fate.

Plymouth chopped a 4-0 deficit to 4-3 with three unearned runs in the bottom of the third before Gring's two-out blast plated Ryan Neu, Dan Stoney and Brad Barath to pave the

Chiefs' 10-6 victory.

The triumph improved Canton's record to 5-3-1 overall and 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Wildcats slipped to 1-4 and 0-1, respectively.

PLEASE SEE GRAND, B4

Anthony and Payne pitch in to shut out Plymouth, 5-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton pitchers Sarah Anthony and Hilary Payne combined to put the spring brakes on Plymouth's offense Monday afternoon in both teams' Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division opener.

The hard-throwing duo limited the Wildcats to just one hit in the Chiefs' 5-0 triumph in a game played in windy conditions at Plymouth.

'I thought the key was our pitching today,' said Canton coach Jim Arnold. 'I was going to let Sarah throw three innings, but she was doing so well, I kept her in for four. Hilary throws so hard, it took Plymouth a while to get used to her velocity. They both did a fine job mixing up their pitches.'

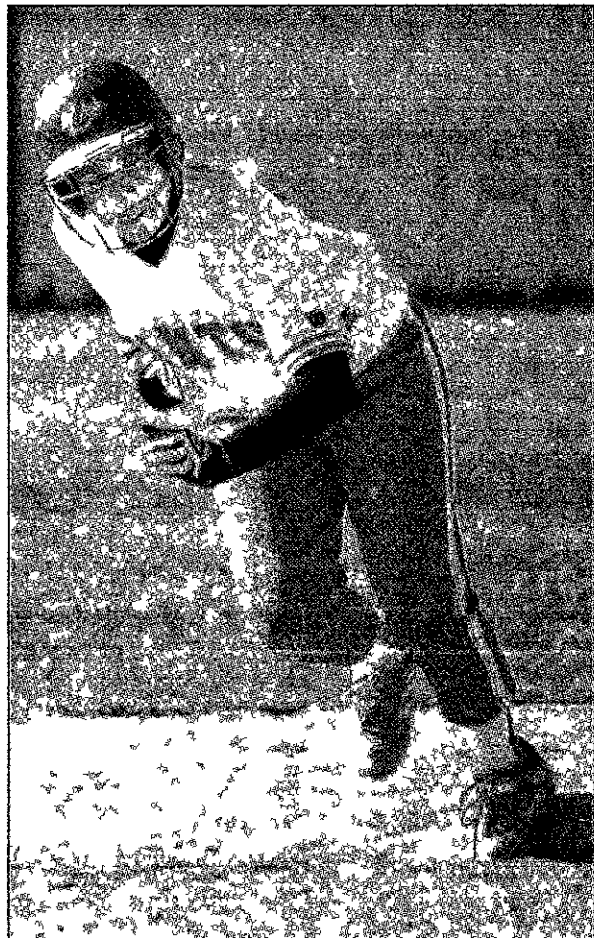
Anthony faced just 15 batters in four innings of work, striking out four while yielding one hit and one walk. Payne retired all nine batters she faced, five with strikeouts.

Canton, which outlasted its host 7-1, scored four runs in the fourth and one in the fifth. Leading the offensive charge for the winners were senior Mary Kate McWhirter (2-for-3, two RBI), sophomore Shelby Anthony (1-for-2, two RBI) and senior Kim Beaudoin (1-for-3, RBI).

'I thought we were a little nervous the first few innings, being it was our first game and everything,' Arnold said. 'We hit the ball pretty well considering we haven't played in a while. Overall, I was impressed with our performance.'

Arnold praised the play of Shelby Anthony's defense at shortstop during the opening four innings.

She made plays on two hard-hit balls that were just out-standing,' he said.



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Canton's Stephanie Sadek uses second base as a starting block as she takes off for third during the Chiefs' 5-0 victory over Plymouth Monday afternoon.

London is next foe for surging Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers will play the London Knights in a best-four-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference Final playoff series beginning tonight at the John Labatt Centre in London.

The series features the two top teams in the Ontario Hockey League. London (50-14-1-3, 104 points) finished first overall in the OHL during the regular season, with Plymouth (49-14-2-3, 103 points) one point behind at second overall.

London and Plymouth played four games during the regular season, with the Whalers winning three of the four meetings.

Game 2 is set for Friday at 7:05 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. Game 3 will return to London on Monday while Compuware will be the setting for Game 4 on Tuesday.

If necessary, Game 5 will be hosted by London on Thursday, April 26, the Whalers would host Game 6 on Saturday, April 28, and Game 7 would be played in London.

Plymouth fans can watch all Whalers road playoff games on WhalersVision at the Compuware Sports Arena's Ginopolis on the Ice Restaurant. The restaurant will be offering food and drink specials during the broadcasts. Reservations can be made by calling Ginopolis on the Ice at (734) 453-4455. Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.



Know-wind situation

'Cats, Chiefs battle to 1-1 draw in breezy conditions

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Monday night's Plymouth-Canton girls soccer match had a wind blown look to it.

With gusts as strong as 30 miles per hour blowing out of the north, the two P CEP rivals battled to a 1-1 draw in the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division opener for both teams.

Not surprisingly, the game's two goals were scored with the wind at the striking team's back.

The Wildcats struck first when Val Klemmer fed a perfect pass to Kasey Webb, who rocketed the ball into the back of the net to make it 1-0.

"That was a nice play by Val," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "She hit Kasey at the top of the box and Kasey drove it. It was a nice shot."

The Chiefs knotted things up at 1-all with 5:27 to play when Maggie Maloney scored an unassisted net-finder.

"We had good structure in the box as the ball went forward," said Canton coach George Tomasso, describing Maloney's game-tying effort. "Maggie wound up getting open for a shot, she hit a good ball in, the wind took it in a funny direction, it hit the post and went in the goal."

"We got a little bit lucky there at the end, but to the girls' credit, they stayed with it and never gave up."

Canton scored its goal with Plymouth's standout goal keeper Brittany Warner standing on the sidelines following a bizarre sequence that unfolded at the 13:20 mark of the second half. During a stoppage of play, Warner hustled over to the Wildcats' bench to get a swig of her water bottle. While doing so, she inadvertently stepped across the sideline, drawing a 10-minute yellow card.

The Chiefs scored with two minutes left in Warner's unusual penalty.

She barely stepped over the line and

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the referee saw it," said Neschich. "It's a rule and he called it. I've never seen it happen in all the years I've been coaching."

Brittany Warner had played an outstanding game up to that point, so, obviously, that was a key event in the game," said Tomasso.

STEVENSON 4, SALEM 1 Victoria Slavin provided the offense with two goals and one assist as Livonia Stevenson scored an impressive victory Monday night over host Salem.

The Spartans, now 3-2 overall and 1-0 in the Lakes Division, jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead as Jamie Chandler scored from Slavin followed by Slavin's goal from Chandler.

We played against a nasty win the first half - 30-35 MPH winds - but I was impressed the way we scored a couple of goals," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "The second half the wind died down and we were able to settle the ball a little bit more."

Slavin's goal 10 minutes into the second half on an assist from Taleen Mergian made it 3-0. Mergian capped the scoring for the Spartans with 25:21 remaining on an assist from Kaitlyn O'Hara.

Salem's Kelly Adsit spoiled goalkeeper Rachel Simari's shutout bid with just 35 seconds remaining with a rifle shot from 35 yards out.

She really cranked it, it was a good one," Pinta said. "Overall I thought Rachel played well."

The Spartans' defense was anchored by senior Liz Tokarsky.

We outshot them and controlled 90 percent of the game," Pinta said.

The loss drops the Rocks to 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the division.

PCA 4, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 1 On Tuesday at Plymouth Christian, the Eagles took a big step toward repeating

'We had good structure in the box as the ball went forward. Maggie wound up getting open for a shot, she hit a good ball in, the wind took it in a funny direction, it hit the post and went in the goal.'

George Tomasso
Canton coach

as champions of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference when they outplayed Oakland to improve to 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the MIAC.

"We didn't play with a lot of composure in the first half, but once the girls calmed down, they played much better in the second half," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "It was an up-and-down game and we capitalized on our opportunities."

The Eagles led 1-0 at the half thanks to Jenna Misch's goal at the 15-minute mark of the first half. Misch was assisted by Meghan Polera.

Polera doubled the winners' advantage to 2-0 early in the second half when she scored off an assist from Lorion.

After OC cut the PCAs' lead to 2-1, Jalesa DeBiasi's unassisted goal made it 3-1.

Lorion closed the scoring when she converted a penalty kick.

Sara Ross shined in goal for the Eagles, stopping seven shots. The Eagles peppered Oakland's goal-keeper with 16 shots.

The Eagles will look to take another big step when they travel to Roepert on Friday. Oakland, Roepert and PCA entered the season as the teams to beat in the MIAC.



DETROIT T. IGNITION PHOTO
Detroit's Nate Craft advances the ball up the field during Sunday's MISL semifinal game against Milwaukee.

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to 4-0.

Ignition defender Bill Sedgewick countered with his first goal of the post season — a three pointer at 14:29 — to cut the Wave's lead to 4-3.

Defender Joe Hammes cushioned the Wave's lead to 6-3 with a two-point goal at 3:24 of the second frame.

Marojevic then banked a three-point goal in off a Wave defender at 11:23 to tie the contest at 6-6.

After a scoreless third quarter, Wave forward Todd Dusosky scored to make it 8-

6 at 11:13 of the fourth quarter.

Ignition rookie forward Worteh Sampson knotted the contest at 8-all just seven seconds later.

The former Madonna University star then registered his second goal of the fourth quarter — and the eventual game-winner — at 12:49 to force the 'Golden Goal' Game 3.

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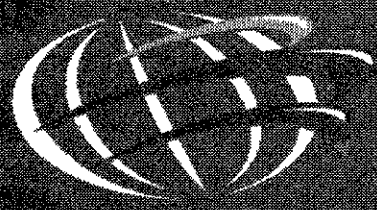
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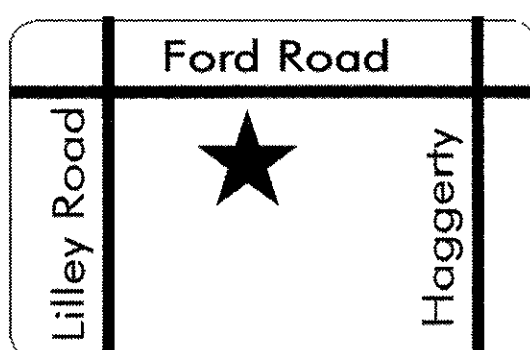
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On Sunday against Brother Rice, we weren't getting a lot of big hits with men on base, so it was nice to get one today said Canton coach Scott Dickey referring to Grings grand slam. One of our goals this season is to win the division, so it's always important to win the first one.

One thing I was disappointed in today was the four physical errors we made. We have to cut that number down.

I thought we came out a little tight today and we fell behind early, said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. Then after we battled back, they got that grand slam that put us right back in a hole. I like to play small ball, too, but it's hard to do when you're down five runs.

Canton junior left-handed pitcher Erik Wright improved his record to 3-0 by yielding one earned run in six innings. Wright, who also went 2-for-4 at the plate, gave up five hits three walks and struck out five before giving way to Dan Milus to start the seventh. Junior Dan Nadratowski suffered the mound loss for the Wildcats after giving up four runs (three earned) in two innings.

Stoney went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the winners while Gring finished 1-for-2 with five RBI. His first inning sacrifice fly drove Plymouth center fielder Ronnie Goble to the warning track in right-center

field. Barath had a productive day, reaching base three times on a hit-by-pitch, walk and bunt single.

Goble led the Plymouth offense with two hits and a pair of RBI.

Canton jumped to a 1-0 first-inning lead when Stoney reached on an error, stole second and advanced to third on a Barath bunt.

He then scored on Grings long flyout.

The Chiefs padded their lead to 4-0 in the second when William Tidwell scored on a wild pitch, Blaine Paden crossed the plate on Neu's perfect squeeze bunt and Wright scored on Stoney's two-out single.

Plymouth put three on the board in the third. With one out, Ben Kosmalski reached on an error and scored on Brad Lineberry's triple. After the next batter grounded out, Lineberry scored on the Chiefs' second error of the inning.

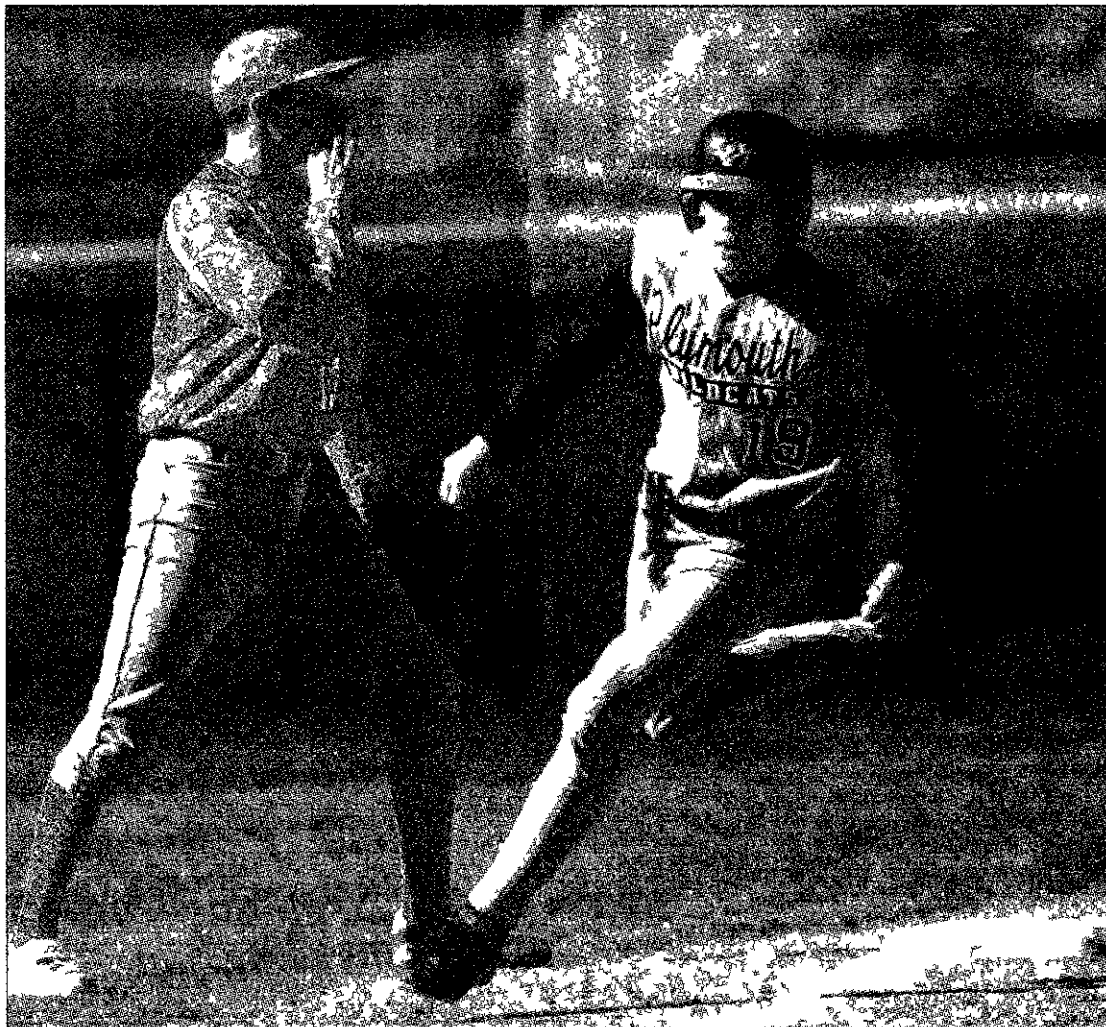
Goble then plated Garrett Reban with a sharp single to center to make it 4-3.

Paden, the Chiefs' senior catcher, doused the Wildcats threat when he threw out Goble trying to steal second.

After Canton went ahead 8-3 on Gring's homer, Plymouth cut the gap to 8-4 in the bottom of the fourth on Kosmalski's RBI groundout that scored designated hitter Kyle Sanders.

Canton tacked on a pair of insurance runs in the sixth on Barath's RBI bunt single and a doubleplay groundout.

Goble added an RBI hit in



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Plymouth pinch runner Matt Barrera rounds third before scoring one of the Wildcats' six runs during Monday's WLA

opener against Canton.

the seventh for Plymouth, which loaded the bases before Milus ended it with a strike out.

PLYMOUTH 7, A A HURON 6. On Tuesday at Plymouth, the Wildcats scored twice with two outs in the bottom of the seventh to record the dramatic victory.

We had lost four in a row coming into this one, so it was nice to quell the losing streak, said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams.

With the Wildcats trailing 6-5 heading into the bottom of the seventh, junior outfielder David Harvey led off with a walk before stealing second. After the next two Wildcats were retired, Ronnie Goble hit a ball that found the short-stops five-hole, allowing Harvey to score.

After Goble stole second and third, Tyler Locklear beat out an infield single to push

across the winning run.

Locklear also starred on the mound. After relieving starter Dan Nadratowski with one out and two on in the third, the senior right hander notched the victory by limiting the River Rats to three hits over the final four and two-thirds innings. He also struck out four.

Tyler did a nice job of keeping the ball low and he showed some good velocity, said Adams.

Offensively, the Wildcats were paced by Goble (2-for-4, two RBI, three steals), Matt Priebe, RBI double) and Kyle Sanders (single, walk).

SALEM 5, STEVENSON 4. In the WLA-Lakes Division opener Monday, the host Rocks (1-3, 1-0) rallied for four runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat Livonia Stevenson (1-2, 0-1).

Dave Hales, who went 2-for-4, had the game-winning RBI

scoring Joe Posler, who doubled in two runs during the seventh-inning rally.

Sam Ott also knocked in two runs for Salem, while Heath Parling scored twice. Kyle Powell also scored a run.

Dan Cassidy, in relief of starter Joe Posler, worked the final inning to pick up the win. Cassidy gave up two runs on two hits as Stevenson took a 4-1 lead.

Posler gave up one run on six hits.

Nick Plinka went 3-for-3 with an RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases for the Spartans. Andy Jones added a double and two RBI. Dan Rozek knocked in the other run.

Stevenson starter Matt Tuttle went 6 1/3 strong innings before giving way to brother Mike in relief. Mike Tuttle, who have up one run on two hits and a walk, took the loss.

B'HAM BROTHER RICE 10-6, CANTON 0-5. On Sunday in a make-up of a doubleheader that was washed out on Friday, the Warriors broke open a 1-0 game in Game 1 with five runs in the sixth inning before adding four in the seventh to win going away.

Canton junior right-handed pitcher William Tidwell (1-1) worked the first 5-and-two-thirds innings, yielding six hits, one walk and five earned runs while striking out two.

"I thought William pitched great," said Dickey. "Brother Rice was ranked No. 1 in the state in one poll and No. 4 in the coaches' poll, so they're legit."

Ryan Neu rapped out a pair of hits for the Chiefs.

Canton led 5-3 in the nightcap before the visiting Warriors rallied for three in the sixth. Ben Vaughn (2-for-3, RBI), Tidwell (1-for-2, two RBI) and Blaine Paden (1-for-3, RBI) paced the Chiefs' hitting attack.

AGAPE 5, HV LUTHERAN 4: The Wolverines recorded a walk-off victory when Donald Mullett's single scored his brother Mark in the bottom of the seventh inning Tuesday afternoon at Griffin Park in Canton. With the score knotted at 4-all, Mark Mullett led off the final frame with a walk. He stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch before coming home on his brother's hit.

Ty Majeski earned the win for the Wolverines (2-0), tossing a complete-game five-hitter.

Majeski struck out eight and walked five. Ryan Jones suffered the loss for Huron Valley Lutheran.

The hitting stars for Agape were Scott Molnar (2-for-3, three steals, two RBI), Donald Mullett (2-for-3, RBI), Jared Miller (2-for-4), Ethan Walker (2-for-4, run) and Jack Anletner (2-for-4, run, two RBI).

Huron Valley seized a 2-0 lead with a pair of second-inning runs before Agape stormed back with four in the third. The visitors tied the game at 4-all with two in the top of the seventh before the Mullett brothers delivered their heroics.

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Rocks look for return to the glory days

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem softball coach Bonnie Southerland is counting on a pair of D's — defense and depth — to lead the Rocks to great heights this season.

"I'm comparing this year's team to our 2004 team," said Southerland. "They have that much ability and depth. The talent is there. There isn't a weak spot on this team defensively. We have four pitchers who can throw and throw well. There are some very good pitchers in our league, so we're just going to have to find a way to put the ball in play."

Missing from last season are key graduated starters Maureen Bohr, Danielle Dipietro and Deonna Szawara.

Leading the returning cast of players are senior pitcher Melissa Leach, a three-year starter who will serve as the Rocks' No. 1 hurler to start the season.

Melissa is pitching very well

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right now and mixing it up," said Southerland. "She will also see some at bats this season."

Another key returner is captain Kart McKinley, the team's starting senior shortstop.

Kart has worked exceptionally hard this past year and has increased her range," said Southerland. "She is swinging the bat with conviction. She is very relaxed and her swing is smooth."

The Rocks' other two seniors are captain Kelly Behr, an outstanding center fielder and solid hitter, and Liz Thomas, the starting right fielder who has a strong arm, great instincts and above-average quickness.

All four of my seniors are strong in their positions, Southerland said. "There's no question they want to leave this program on top."

Returning juniors include

Abby Pauritz, who will pitch and share first-base duties with junior Kristen Warnick, and Amanda Emmmons, who will contribute at second, third and behind the plate.

A pair of returning sophomores are Emily Pitcole, who will be the team's No. 1 catcher, and Christina Parsons, who will start in left field.

Newcomers include junior Liz McCloud, sophomores Emily Meade, Kelly MacDonald and Mary Cox, and freshman Mary Johnson, who will catch and play second.

"We are way ahead of where we were at this point last year," said Southerland. "Our goals have been set higher than in the past, so we know what we have to do. Comparing this team to the 2004 team is just the beginning. Going farther is what we are truly looking for."

Southerland said Walled Lake Central and Livonia Stevenson will be the teams to beat in the WLAA Lakes

Division. She gave a nod to Canton as the favorite to win the Western Division.

CANTON

A trio of talented senior captains will lead the Chiefs' quest to match or improve on last year's 28-5 record, which included their fourth consecutive District championship.

Four-year starting shortstop Lauren Delapaz will be the catalyst for coach Jim Arnold's squad, both in the field and at the plate. Delapaz, who hit .392 as a junior, has already earned an athletic scholarship to Eastern Michigan University.

"Lauren has been a leader here since Day 1," said Arnold. "She is a great softball player and a great leader. The younger kids really look up to her and they want to play as well and as hard as Lauren does. I don't think there is a better softball player — or a better athlete — around."

Also earning captaincy roles

are seniors Alyssa Johnson, a multi-talented center fielder who will notch her third varsity letter following this season, and four-year letter-winner Sarah Anthony, who will pitch and serve as a utility player for the Chiefs.

"Alyssa is a very solid player," said Arnold. "She is a great outfielder who really takes command out there."

Sarah is one of those players who can do it all. She'll pitch for us as well as play third and first. She can play a lot of positions and she can play them all well.

All three of our captains will do a good job of making sure the rest of the team remains focused and on track.

The Chiefs' strong contingent of seniors also includes Kimmy Keppen, a first and third baseman who, according to Arnold, "has a great glove and hits with power," Stephame Sadek, an outfielder/second baseman with good speed, catcher-third baseman

Kim Beaudoin, Mary Kate McWhirter, a catcher/infielder, Laura Ditzler, who will serve as the Chiefs' lead-off hitter, and Abby Skrypek, a two-year starting outfielder.

The team's junior class is led by hard-throwing left-handed pitcher Hilary Payne, who led Canton's mound crew as a sophomore.

Hilary throws extremely well," said Arnold. "She's throwing 61 or 62, which is up from last year. We brought her in Monday against Plymouth in the fifth inning and they had a hard time adjusting to her speed."

Canton's other junior is first-year varsity outfielder Nicole Rago, who will provide a heavy dose of speed to the Chiefs' offense and outfield.

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Novi News

OLSM hands PCS lacrosse its 1st loss

Orchard Lake St. Mary's handed the Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team its first setback of the season Saturday, 4-1, in a game played at the Plymouth High School junior varsity stadium.

The Eaglets never trailed after jumping out to a 4-0 advantage in the first quarter. They led 5-3 at the half and 6-3 with 15 minutes to play.

Senior captain Jared Ruark was the offensive sparkplug for the Warriors (4-1), tallying two goals and an assist. Devin Murphy scored the other goal for PCS.

The Eaglets outshot the Warriors, 25-17, and won 7-of-12 faceoffs. PCS goalie Justin Scott recorded 11 saves.

PCS 7, TECUMSEH 4. On April 12, the Warriors received two goals and three assists from Devin Murphy as they outlasted Tecumseh in a game played at the Plymouth High School junior varsity stadium field. Nick Cote and Connor Martin also found the net twice for the winners. Jared Ruark registered a goal and an assist while Danny Norris and Cote were

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also credited with helpers. PCS outshot the visitors, 28-20, and won 10-of-12 faceoffs. **UNIVERSITY LIGGETT 6, PCS LADY WARRIORS 4:** On Friday, PCS dropped to 2-3 following a hard-fought loss to Liggett in a game played at University of Liggett High School.

"We were missing half of our team due to spring break, so I knew this would be a tough game, but I also knew it would be a great opportunity for our young team," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "Even though we lost, the results were very encouraging. I see many of our new players showing potential and development, especially Emily Cox, Lauren Miller, Jennifer Herzfeld, Chelsea Olson and Megan Burke."

Lauren Ebersole, Heather Duncan and Kate Spangler netted two goals a piece for PCS. Defensively, the Lady Warriors were paced by Stephanie Matusiak, Kaytlin Moore and goalie Nicole Rotell.

No 'break' for Salem, Canton runners

While many of their peers were basking in the hot Spring Break sun on Saturday, members of the Salem and Canton boys track-and-field teams participated in a series of meets.

The Rocks took part in the Ypsilanti Spring Break Invitational, a non-team scoring event that also included teams from Saline, Ypsilanti, Detroit Communication and Media Arts and Ann Arbor Huron.

It was a low-key meet that was intended as a fun reward for the kids who worked hard over the break week," said Salem coach Kyle Meteyer. "And because of the less-than-warm weather we had over vacation, the kids who worked hard over break definitely

deserved a reward.

A lot of our athletes were on vacation, so this meet kept track and field alive for those who didn't leave for the tropics."

Several Canton varsity athletes competed in a triangular meet with Ann Arbor Pioneer and Novi Catholic Central. That meet was also non-scoring.

A number of Canton underclassmen traveled to Pinckney for the Annual 9th/10th Grade Pirate Relays. The Chiefs earned 76 points to finish behind first-place Pinckney (122), Saline (98) and Grand Ledge (83).

YPSILANTI SPRING BREAK INVITATIONAL Saturday at Ypsilanti (following are Salem's medal winners)
Long jump 3 Jace Bearden 19 feet 3 5

Inches High jump 1 Jace Bearden 5 11 Shot put 5 Mo Saadi 40 11 5 8 James Crabill 39 15 Pole vault 3 J P Truesdell 10 0 4 Justin Kane 8 6 5 Derek Draplin 7 6 Discus 4 Mo Saadi 114 1 6 James Crabill 104 4 Shuttle hurdles 3 Mike Charara Mike Giles J P Truesdell Scott O Connor 112 5 800 relay 2 Adam Kashoro Jace Bearden Zach Gaskell Kevin Cope 1 36 8 1,600-meter run 5 Eric Volstromer 4 58 5 7 Alex Volstromer 5 07 9 400 relay 2 Derek Lindstrom Mo Saadi Brandt Thomas Adam Kashoro 477 Sprint medley 2 Josh Edelbrock Derek Lindstrom Zach Gaskell Brandon Goble 4 03 1 300 hurdles 6 J P Truesdell 45 3 3,200 run 1 Rob Curtis 10 30 0 2 Kevin DeBear 10 32 1 6 Craig Cowing 11 24 5 1,600 relay 3 Stephan Telenko Kevin Cope Brandon Goble Justin Kane 3 50 7

CANTON-NOVI CATHOLIC CENTRAL-ANN ARBOR PIONEER TRI-MEET Saturday at Pioneer

(following are Canton's placers)
High jump 1 Eric Thornton 6 6 4 Okemdi Oparaake 5 4 Pole vault 1 Chris McGinnis 12 0 2 Ryan Langdon 11 6 3 Joe Massel 11 0 400 dash 1 Andrew Manuel 52 4 1,600 relay 2 Josh Etim

Josh Godwin Marcus Sylvester Andrew Manuel 3 43 5

9TH/10TH GRADE PIRATE RELAYS Saturday at Pinckney

FINAL STANDINGS 1 Pinckney 122 2 Canton 98 3 Grand Ledge 83 4 Canton, 76

(following are Canton's placers)

High jump 2 Tosin Adedeji and Gage Hermann 9 8 Pole vault 3 Gage Hermann and Eddie Koelzer, 8 6 Shot put: 4 Kyle Wincone and Alessandro Miri 57 7, Discus 4 Kyle Wincone and Alessandro Miri 151-9 Long jump 4 Tosin Adedeji and Donnie Watkins 29 9 4-by-mile: 3 Josh Osinski Zach Spreitzer Jon Peck Kyle Clinton 3,200 relay 3 Keith Zech Josh Osinski Jon Peck Kyle Clinton 9 30 9 400 relay 3 Mark McMichael Nick Austin Eddie Koelzer John Mosely 53 3 800 relay 3 Ryan Randall Gage Hermann, Eddie Koelzer Mark McMichael 1 47 5 Co-ed throwers 400 relay 2 Hakala Miri Borot Wincone 1 02 Shuttle hurdle relay 2 Tosin Adedeji Donnie Watkins Nick Austin Jordan Wisniewski 117 9 1,600 relay: 3 Scott Zech Keith Zech, Josh Hurst Ryan Randall 3 57 1 Co-ed sprint relay, Edge Moseley Banks Wisniewski

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS-APRIL 10, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday April 10 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan 48188 Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7 00 p m and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Members Absent Bennett Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro Director Conklin Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of March 27 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Minutes of April 3 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as amended with one bill removed due to improper invoicing. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for April 10, 2006

General Fund	101	\$	599 269 62
Police Fund	207		204 452 08
Street Lighting	219		18 152 31
Public Improvement	245		75 00
Auto Forfeiture (wvva)	267		1 790 13
Auto Theft Grant	289		67 50
Cap Proj Road Paving	403		843 00
Golf Fund	584		24 353 16
Construction Escrows	702		896 90
Fire Fund	206		90 992 76
Summit Operating	208		41 310 83
Cable TV Fund	230		4 435 37
E 911 Utility	261		35 187 54
Federal Grants Fund	274		4 923 90
Downtown Dev Auth	294		19 110 76
Bldg Auth Construction	469		2 360 00
Water & Sewer Fund	592		476 081 10
Post Employ Benefits	736		54 939 21
Total - All Funds			1,579,241 17

PUBLIC HEARING 1 PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SUNDAY SALES AND OFFICIAL PERMIT FOR DIFFERENCE IN HOURS OF OPERATION TO BE OPENED BETWEEN 11:00 AM AND NOON FOR SALE OF FOOD REQUEST FROM MARIACHI, LLC, (PART OF PARCEL #061-99-0003-703) AT 1759 CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON TOWNSHIP, CANTON, MI 48187, WAYNE COUNTY (CLERK) Motion by Yack supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7 04 p m for a Class "C" Liquor License for Sunday sales and extended hours permit for Mariachi LLC, at 1759 N Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188 Canton Township Wayne County Motion carried by all members present. There were no public comments either in opposition or in favor of this Class C Liquor License issuance. Mr Scott Edwards attorney for the Gomez s stated no alcohol will be sold before noon on Sundays. Motion by Zarbo supported by McLaughlin to close the public hearing at 7 07 p m for a Class "C" Liquor License for Sunday Sales and extended hours permit for Mariachi LLC at 1759 N Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188 Canton Township Wayne County Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin the approval for a Class "C" Liquor License for Sunday sales and extended hours permit for Mariachi LLC "above all others" at 1759 N Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188 Canton Township Wayne County Motion carried by all members present.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1 **SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S "MOPS" SALE.** (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs for Calvary Baptist Church's (43065 Joy Road) MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers' Sale on Saturday May 5th 2007. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. APPOINTMENT TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin that the Canton Township Board of Trustees appoint Dave Wisniewski to serve on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton for a four year term ending April 10 2011. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. PURCHASING COOPERATIVES (FBD) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve the following purchasing cooperatives State of Michigan Macomb County Oakland County and US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance. These agencies have met the formal bidding requirements of Canton as stated in policy F15 and required by the Board of Trustees Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR. Item 1 CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR J C PENNY. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for the site plan for J C Penny. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for J C Penny**

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor Mr Andrew Andre has requested site plan approval for J C Penny to be located on Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon Roads identified as part of tax EDP # 040 99 0006705 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 Andrew Andre to approve the site plan for the proposed J C Penny conditioned upon relocation of shrubs from the detention basin to the area west of the parking lot and foundation landscaping beds as appropriate and subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any additional conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WRESTLING FUND-RAISER

The Canton High School wrestling team will be hosting its 4th Annual Canton Chiefs Wrestling Money Auction on Saturday, April 21, at the Woodlands of Van Buren. The event will run from 6 p m to midnight.

The \$100 tickets include dinner, an open bar and a chance to win \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$3,000. There will be a live auction, money boards, a 50/50 drawing, raffles and giveaways.

For more information, call (734) 582-6885.

Item 2 CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION PROJECT (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to authorize the contract for the public notification project to North Arrow Technologies and Rivers Edge GIS in an amount not to exceed \$5 000 with funds from Planning Services Professional Consultants account #101 853 808 0000. I further move to approve the following budget amendment for this contract: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations

Professional Consultants	#101 853 808 0000	\$ 5 000
Transfer to Fund Balance	101 959 999 0000	(5 000)
Total		\$ 0

This budget amendment increases the Planning Services Division budget from \$619 951 to \$624 951, decreases the Transfers Out Department budget from \$3 034 207 to \$3 029 207 and does not change the General Fund budget total. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. CONSIDER REIMBURSING WTUA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$334,802 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DTE POLE RELOCATIONS AT THE PROPOSED LOWER EQUALIZATION BASIN EXPANSION PROJECT. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to authorize issuance of a check in the amount of \$334 802 (account No 592 000 158 1000 Construction in Progress WTUA) to WTUA for the relocation of existing overhead DTE utility poles on the proposed Equalization Basin Expansion site. Motion carried by all members present.

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Item 4 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WATER METERS AND METERING CONTROL DEVICES FOR 2007 (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to accept the bid from Etna Supplies Company and approve a purchase order not to exceed \$851 680 00 and authorize the Public Works Department to purchase 500 one inch water meters 500 5/8 x 3/4 inch water meters 200 two inch compound meters 2 three inch meters 2 four inch compound meters 1 six inch compound meter 2100 Radio Read Transceiver Units (MXU) and associated support control equipment during the 2007 calendar year. Funding to come from FY2007 Account #592 000 111 0003. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 5 CONSIDER WASTEWATER EXEMPTION FOR SYSCO FOODS OF DETROIT, LLC AT 41600 VAN BORN ROAD (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve the SYSCO Foods Services of Detroit LLC application at 41600 Van Born Road and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Wastewater Exemption Application. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 6 APPROVAL OF GENERIC UPGRADE - ASSISTANT TREASURER. (TREASURER) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to adopt the recommendation from the Merit Commission to approve a generic upgrade for the Assistant Treasurer's position from Salary Grade 7 (\$54 000 \$70 199) to Salary Grade 9 (\$65 291 \$84 877) (account 101 253 7050000 Salaries). This generic upgrade is to be effective and retroactive to January 1 2007. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 7 AWARD BID FOR VENDING SERVICES. (CLS) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to award a five year contract for vending services to Roman Vending 6421 Commerce Dr Westland Michigan 48185. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 8 A REQUEST TO TRANSFER ALL STOCK FROM LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE, INC (A TENNESSEE CORPORATION) IN 2006 CLASS "C" LICENSED BUSINESS, LOCATED AT 39605 FORD ROAD, CANTON, MICHIGAN, 48187, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, THROUGH THE TRANSFER OF 1,000 SHARES FROM EXISTING STOCKHOLDER CBRL GROUP, INC TO NEW STOCKHOLDER, LRI HOLDINGS, INC. (DELAWARE CORPORATION) (CLERK) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve the request from Logan's Roadhouse Inc (A Tennessee Corporation) to transfer all stock in 2006 Class C Licensed Business located at 39605 Ford Road Canton MI 48187 Canton Township Wayne County through transfer of 1,000 shares from existing stockholder CBRL Group Inc to new stockholder LRI Holdings Inc (A Delaware Corporation). Motion carried by all members present.

Item 9 SALE OF PROPERTY (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin that the Canton Township Board of Trustees approve the sale of parcel 135 99 0001 703 to POCO in the amount of \$550 000. Further that the purchase agreement be made part of the record. Motion carried by all members present.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT Anthony Cauchi 7410 Hillsboro stated he would like to encourage Trustee Zarbo to write the letter to the Public Service Commission in regards to the invoicing of the cost to move the DTE utility pole.

OTHER Supervisor Yack stated there will be a study session on Tuesday April 17 2007 at 7 00 p m at the Administration Building First Floor Board Room 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan 48188.

ADJOURN Motion by Zarbo supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8 15 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 Approval.

LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC TEST OF THE M-100 OPTIC SCAN VOTING SYSTEM FOR THE MAY 08, 2007, ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M 100 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 10 00 a m on Tuesday April 24 2007 at Plymouth Township Municipal Office 9955 N Haggerty Road Plymouth MI 48170 for the Tuesday, May 08, 2007 School Election. For further information contact the Clerk's Office. Phone #354 3224.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Manilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road
Canton MI 48188
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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO 07 58 DO
Court Address 101 E Huron Ann Arbor MI 48107 Telephone (734) 222 3001

GUY T BREMMER 140 S Harris Ypsilanti, MI 48198 Plaintiff

v
ERICA ANN FRANCIS Defendant

TO ERICA ANN FRANCIS

IT IS ORDERED

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for Divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 19 2007. If you fail to do so a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Plymouth Observer for three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Dated March 21 2007

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF ACCURACY TESTING FOR VOTING MACHINES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment for voting to be used for the May 8 2007 School Election. The AutoMark ballot marking machines for the handicapped voters will also be tested at that time. The test will take place on Monday, April 23 2007 in the Commission Chambers in City Hall 201 S Main Street, Plymouth MI at 1 00 p m.

This test is open to all interested persons and City Hall is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible. For further information contact the Clerk's Office at 734 453 1234 ext. 234 or 225.

Linda J Langmesser CMC
City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FY2007 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On April 24 2007 at 7 p m in the Board Meeting Room first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan there will be a public hearing on the CDBG Advisory Council recommendations for the FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2007 CDBG program. The project and project funding recommendations are: First Step, \$30 100, Growth Works, \$6,500, Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, \$7 650, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency \$1,600, Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator \$6 500, Canton Township Leisure Services cross trainer \$1 275, HelpSource Teen Parenting Program \$1,499, HelpSource Adult Day Services \$1 000, Summit Community Center accessible doors \$30 000, CDBG program administration, \$69 400, Affordable Housing Contingency \$150 000, Human Services Center building improvements \$58 636, construction contingency \$10 000. The FY 2007 CDBG allocation is \$374,160. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 (734) 394 5194.

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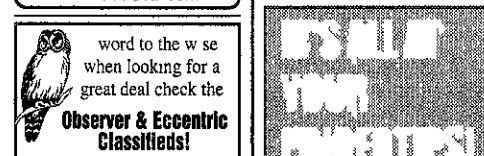
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carpeted but it's fireplace
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te counter tops Maple cab-
nets updates galore L m
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bath 1100 sq ft full unfi-
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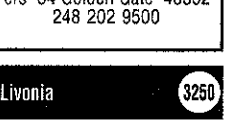
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ACROSS

- 1 Medicine chest item (hyph)
- 5 Drop — line
- 8 Any minute
- 12 Tall vases
- 13 Upper limb
- 14 Broad
- 15 Puffin cousins
- 16 Zoologists
- 17 Helm position
- 18 Organic compound
- 20 Computer key
- 22 Stirred up
- 24 Meadow murmur
- 27 Language with clicks
- 30 Ship or plane parts
- 32 Wine valley
- 33 Happy hour site
- 34 Viking name
- 35 Unusual thing
- 37 Ms Bombick
- 38 Kingsley of Species

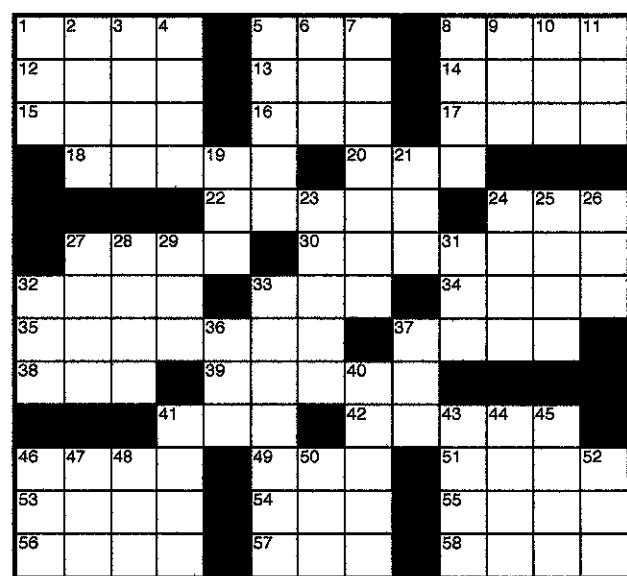
DOWN

- 1 Sine — non
- 2 Loyal
- 3 Fluids
- 4 Furtive whisper
- 5 Polynesian tongue
- 6 Goof up
- 7 Hobbyist
- 8 Clean the deck
- 9 Tanker cargo
- 10 Sonnet kin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ROE RACER EEO
ISSUE TETHERS
OHMS KAI
POPULAR THEM
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NECK SNACK TE
TREE EMENDED
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PAYLOAD TWEAK
EYE ALIVE LIE
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SUDOKU

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T E P W H O O V E R
Y L O U I K O L L C
S D L D G H C K T E
A S K E N N E D Y D

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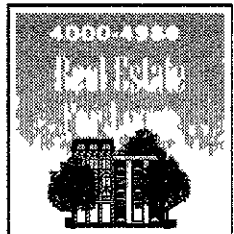
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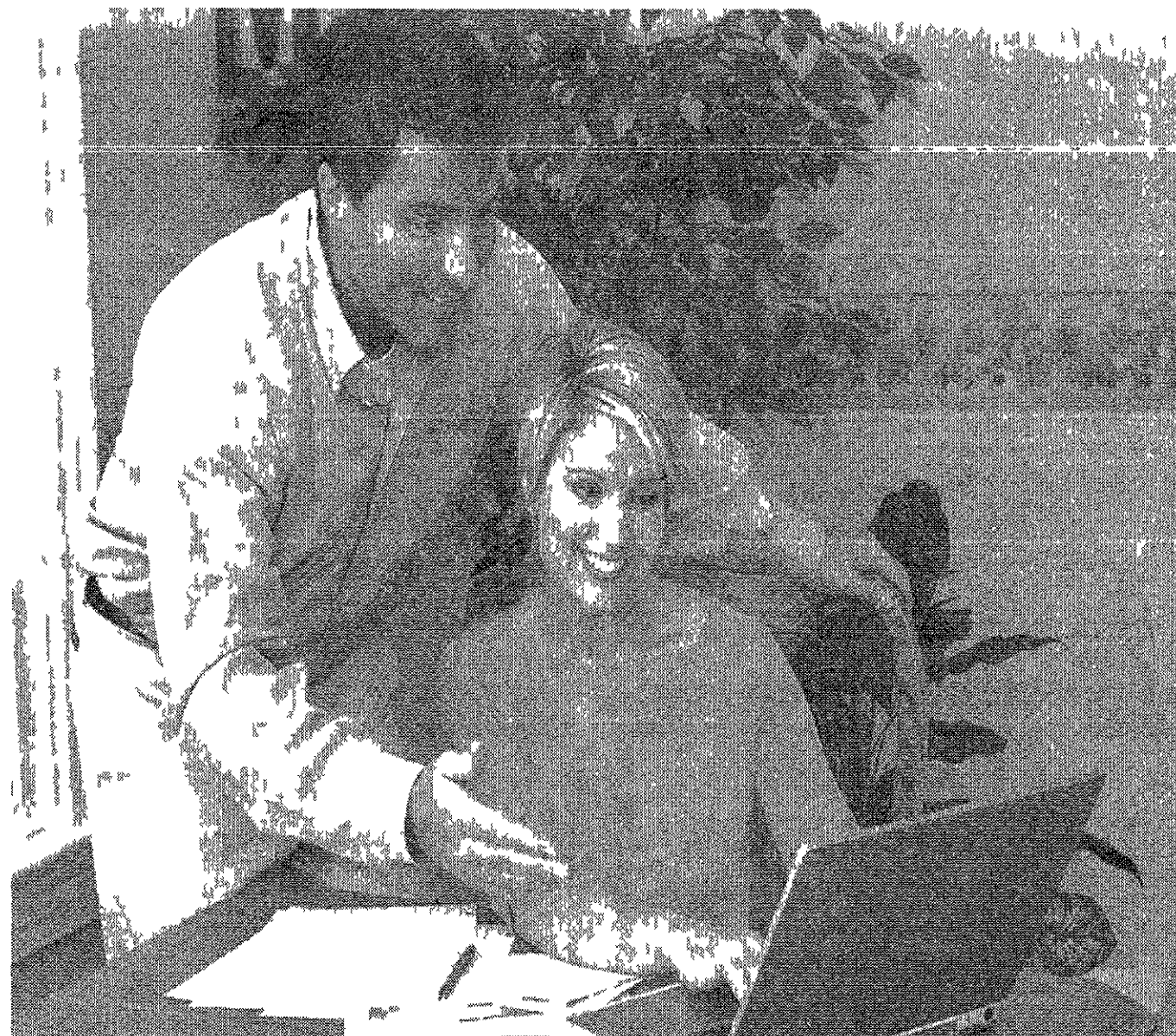
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'LEAVING APPLICANTS IN THE DARK'



WORKWISE
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Kate Weller of Dallas, Tex., wants to know why the online application process is "cold and

impersonal," discouraging loyalty from the git-go. She e-mails, "What has happened to common courtesy? When an applicant submits an online application, he/she has no way of knowing if that application has been received. It is easy to generate an automated response, such as 'application received,' but employers do not do this, leaving applicants in the dark. Often there is no phone number in the job posting, leaving the applicant unable to confirm the receipt of the application. Neither do employers send 'thanks-but-no' e-mails. It really is a no-brainer to set up the automated responses."

QUALITY

Her sentiments resonate with Lou Adler of Irvine, Calif.'s The Adler Group Inc., which specializes in developing recruiting programs involving the Web, networking and cold calling. He observes that "companies have not developed the appropriate messaging and backend support (incorporating) basic kindness and basic customer service."

Further, he maintains that "the way good people look and the way companies find them are diametrically opposed

People don't use online tools the way you expect. If you post a boring job description, they can't find it." He indicates that a little logic on a company's part would improve applicant response.

Adler further states that response is discouraged because of
→ difficulty in getting to a site or a particular posting,
→ overall lack of user-friendliness, and
→ ineffective market targeting.

He also remarks that sites reflect disrespect, that "people want to buy your job but you treat them like dirt."

Angela Barfield, client relationship manager at CBIZ Human Capital Services in Los Angeles, views the situation very differently. She manages the Western Region's online recruitment, which spans 17 industries. Barfield maintains that searches for positions paying less than \$40,000 are particularly difficult for companies, "because the newest generation has never experienced a lack of opportunities. They haven't experienced a recession where they had to keep their jobs and compete for them. They have no sense of scarcity. They're very lackadaisical, because more will be there tomorrow. Candidates are difficult to find, no-shows in interviews exceed 50 percent, and there's a glaring lack of accountability in the entry-level candidates because of ready access to jobs."

Is Barfield too harsh? Not according to Adler's informal poll of 100. A full 90

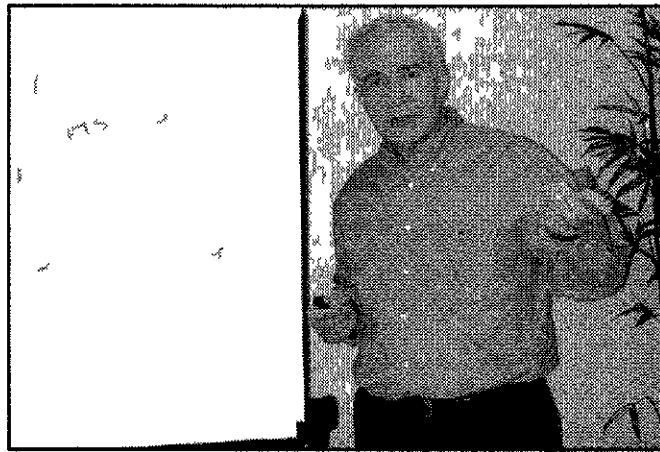
percent of participants take what he calls "the cynical view" - that applicant quality is declining on the major job boards, that that's one of the reasons they don't respond to applications. He recommends other channels, and states that recruiting lags behind other business processes.

MISINTERPRETATION

Barfield comments that automatic responses are discretionary and readily available. She doesn't use them, "because many people can't read what you're saying and interpret that response as a level of interest. Then they continue to try to communicate. It's generally the ones you're not interested in." She points to a lack of social skills. "People don't know you're being polite."

She and Adler agree that some companies choose to respond, but, Adler states, "Generally, the (responses) are cold and poorly written. Sometimes they get spammed out. It's unfathomable how companies can say they're talent-focused but their methodology of response is archaic. Companies haven't thought through who their customer is and how you serve them."

"They cannot even send you a thank-you note for applying?" he asks. If the problem is misinterpretation, how about writing a very clear acknowledgment,



Lou Adler of The Adler Group Inc., in Irvine, Calif., maintains that companies can do a better job of recruiting, regardless of the methods they use.

stating that this is an automatic response to let the person know he's part of the group of people applying for the job. If people misunderstand, clear things up for them! Anyone who goes to the trouble to find a posting and reply to it deserves at least that much.

More than that, how about a follow-up that explains that another person has been hired, the position has been scrubbed or that it's been left unfilled? Technology can do just about anything. Otherwise, this may well prove to be one of the many instances in which it's still best to interact person-to-person.

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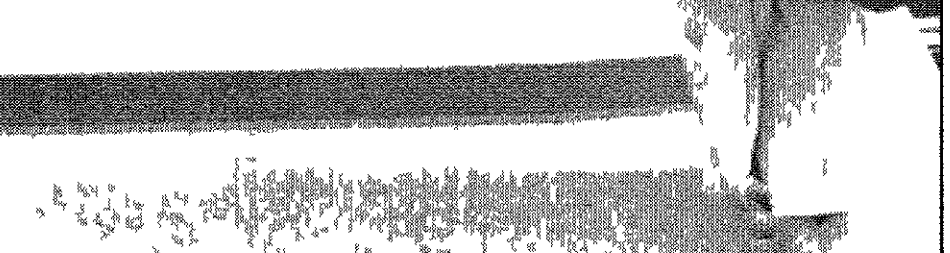
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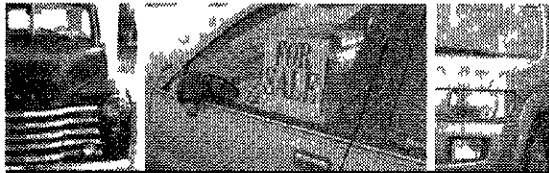
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Hybrids, including Ford Escape, push into mainstream

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By Dale Buss

I'll never forget the first time I got a ride in an automobile with a hybrid power train. It was a Honda Insight owned by Stanford Ovshinsky, the genius industrialist who founded Troy's Energy Conversion Devices Inc. Rightly proud of the fact that his scientific insights of a half-century earlier eventually had led to the invention of the type of batteries that helped power the little two-seater, Ovshinsky drove me to lunch.

It would be akin to Alexander Graham Bell personally making the first phone call you'd ever heard.

And the experience of riding in a tiny vehicle that didn't sound and feel like a car with a conventional internal-combustion engine was as exotic as is Ovshinsky and his science. The strangeness of the ride in the Insight included fancy dashboard graphics that displayed what was happening under the hood involving the transfer of energy to and from the huge battery, electric motor, brakes and gas-powered engine.

Fast-forward to today. Now, in reviewing vehicles, I routinely hop into a hybrid car or SUV practically without thinking about the difference in how they're propelled compared with their conventional counterparts. I've gotten used to the idea of the car starting with a simple tick instead of a roar, of reversing the vehicle noiselessly, and of accelerating up to a few miles an hour with practically no sound at all.

The lack on the dash of egregious reminders of under-hood power transfers – in favor of more modest gauges on the instrument panel and options on the navigation screen – reinforces the fact that the hybrid driving experience has become mainstream indeed to American motorists.

All that has happened in less than five years. Led by Toyota's Prius compact sedan, Ford's Escape SUV and Honda's Civic subcompact, hybrids are a

routine fact of life in today's automotive market. Nationwide registrations for new hybrid vehicles rose to 255,000 last year, a 28% increase alone from 2005, according to R. L. Polk & Co. The percentage gain was actually the second-lowest year-to-year increase since 2000, but it is hard for any phenomenon to grow five years down the road at its same initial explosive pace.

The concept didn't diminish last year in people's minds even when gas prices went down for awhile, says Lonnie Miller, director of industry analysis for Southfield-based Polk. But the public may be in somewhat of a wait-and-see mode because of other technologies also becoming available.

Nevertheless, Miller expects the category to reach an annual sales rate of 300,000 units by the end of this year, a total that is about what a single assembly plant typically puts out in a year. And a Polk poll last year of more than 700 consumers showed that more than half believed, strongly or somewhat, that every vehicle sold today should have a hybrid version offered. And nearly half supported paying for fuel-efficient technology now so that later generations can benefit.

Among the Big Three, Ford is the clear leader in the hybrid race, befitting the company's strong position as a 'green' trailblazer for the industry. A hybrid version of the Escape SUV bowed in 2004, followed by its companion Mercury Mariner hybrid in 2005, and in 2006 the two models sold almost a combined 23,000 units.

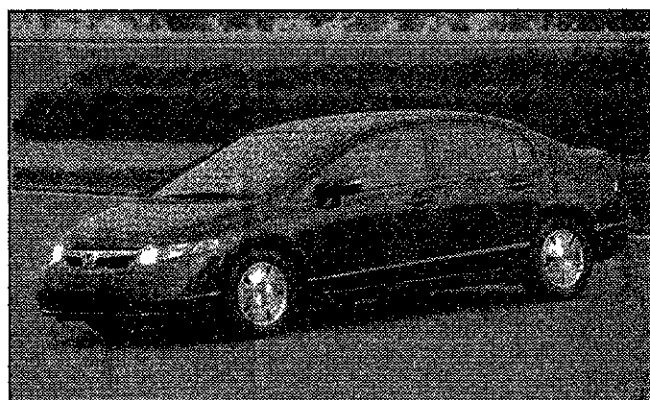
What's especially significant about the Escape's success is that, along with Prius and Civic for example, it's considered a robust, full hybrid that depends heavily on the electric battery and motor to propel the vehicle, as contrasted with 'mild hybrids' like some pickups that GM has introduced.

But by far, Toyota's Prius is leading the charge largely because it is very popular in California and is favored by state programs to encourage fuel savings by commuters. Prius sold more than 100,000 units alone in 2006, and Toyota Camry Hybrid and Highlander Hybrid were the industry's second- and third-best-selling models. Overall, Toyota expects 2007 sales of its Toyota and Lexus hybrids to exceed a quarter million units alone.

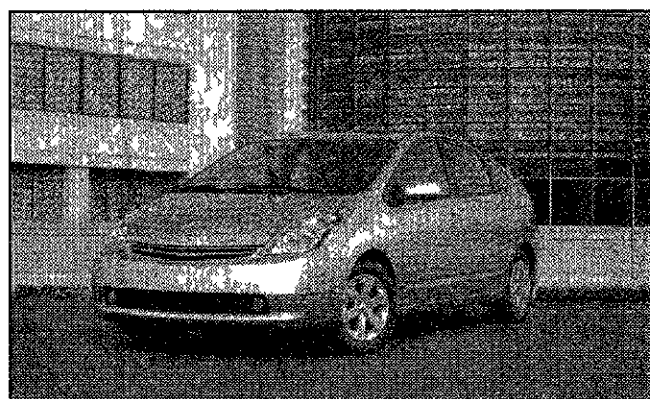
That leaves a shiver – but a significant one – for the rest of the industry as it tries to meet rising consumer interest in hybrids. Honda's Civic Hybrid by far is the best-selling model outside of Toyota, having notched about 31,000 sales last year.



Ford's Escape Hybrid is the Big Three offering with the most robust ratio of electric to internal-combustion



Honda's Civic Hybrid provides a solid brand name and chart-topping fuel economy for green-minded consumers.



Toyota's Prius has become the unchallenged trailblazer in the U.S. Hybrid market.

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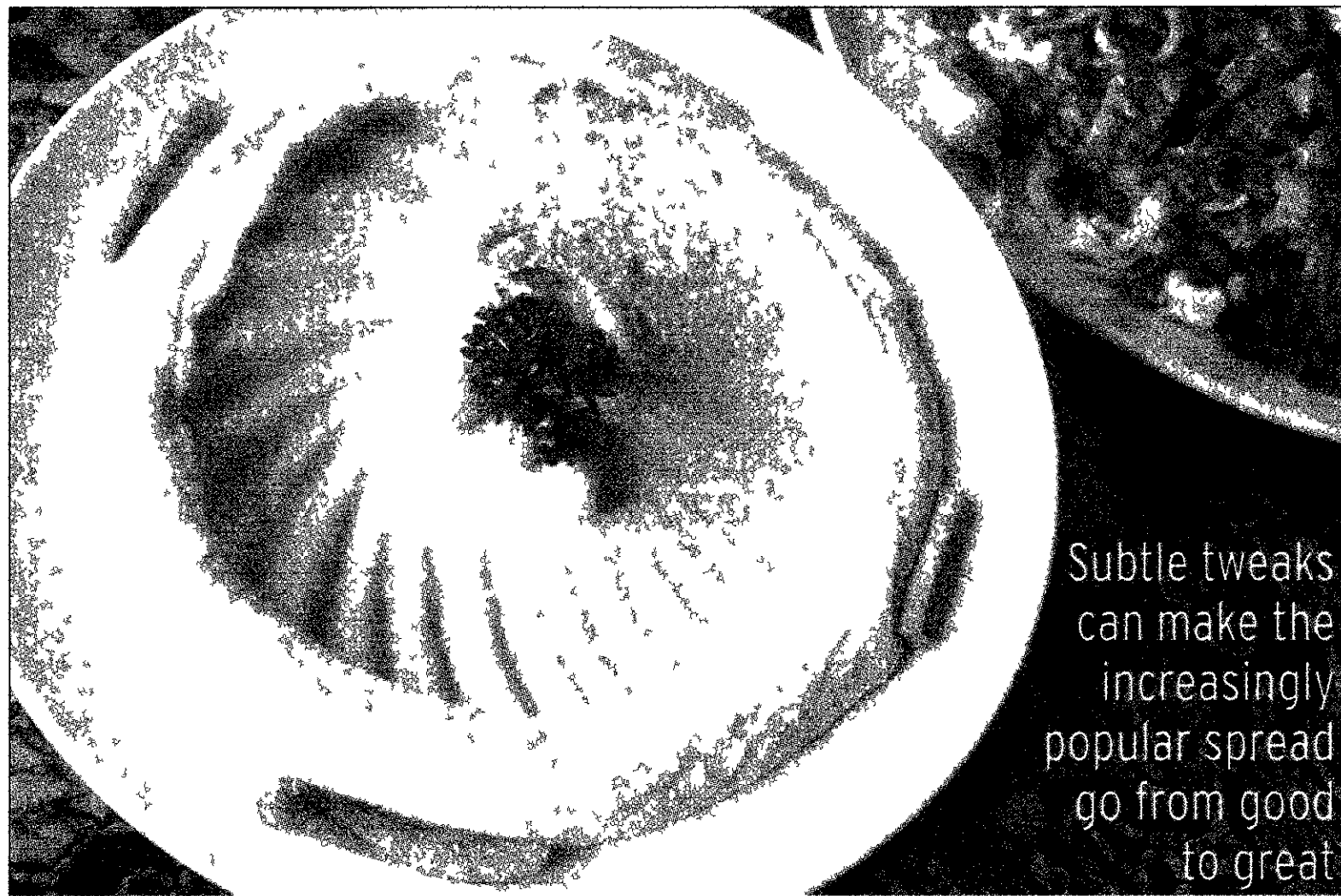
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Subtle tweaks
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At LaMarsa, a new restaurant in Farmington Hills, hummus is served plain (as pictured) or topped with lamb, chicken or sauteed pinenuts. It is also used to flavor wrap sandwiches.

A surprise secret ingredient makes for sublime hummus

BY MICHELE KAYAL
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

You'd think creating the perfect hummus would be easy. After all, it's just a simple but rich puree of chickpeas, tahini, garlic and lemon juice.

But it's the subtle tweaks that can make the increasingly popular spread go from good to great — and hummus makers are notoriously secretive about giving up their recipes.

"If you go to any place that sells hummus that's good, it would be easier to get their children than to get their recipe," said Yehuda Pearl, chairman of Astoria, N.Y.-based Blue & White Foods, which markets Sabra brand hummus. And don't ask him for his recipe, either.

But it is possible to put together a sublime hummus by employing a little bit of science and a little extra effort.

Turns out that complexity is based not just on good ingredients but also specific techniques. How specific? Even the temperature of the chickpeas matters. But once you make it the right way at home, it may make you wonder how you ever will go back to the plastic tubs sold at the grocer.

Here's the breakdown:

THE CHICKPEAS

Though most home cooks are more familiar with canned chickpeas (also called garbanzo

CLASSIC HUMMUS

(Start to finish: 15 hours, 20 minutes active)

1 cup dried chickpeas
1/2 teaspoons baking soda, divided
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
2 medium cloves garlic, mashed until smooth with a pinch of salt in mortar and pestle
1/2 cup tahini
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, plus additional for serving

The night before you plan to make the hummus, place the chickpeas in a pot and cover with 4 cups cold water. Add 1 teaspoon of baking soda and stir gently. Cover pot and refrigerate overnight or about 12 hours.

Drain chickpeas and rinse well. Cover again with 4 cups cold water. Stir in remaining 1/2 teaspoon baking soda.

Bring to a boil, uncovered, over medium-high heat. Immediately reduce to a gentle simmer. Cook, skimming the foam and stirring occasionally, 45 minutes. Spoon out a few chickpeas and cut in half. If the center of the bean reveals a hard, white node of starch, continue cooking another 15 to 30 minutes. Cooked chickpeas

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DSO's 'Prelude to Summer' spotlights table design

PRELUDE TO SUMMER:

TABLESCAPES AT THE ALGER HOUSE

When: A Preview Gala and Auction will be 6:30-10 p.m. Thursday, April 26, including musicians, a house tour, wine and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets: \$175/\$325 per person.

Breakfast and Designer Presentation: 9 a.m. Friday, April 27, including a tour. Tickets: \$60 per person.

Tablescapes Tours: will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, including book signings by Author Mary Carol Garrity. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

Where: The Alger House at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For tickets, information: Visit the DSO box office or call (313) 576-5154. The event supports education and outreach programs for the DSO.

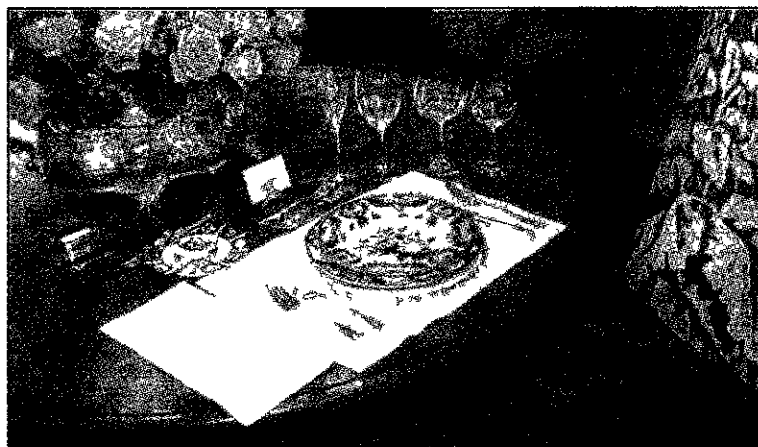
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Fine dining appeals to the sense of sight, as well as taste — just ask any interior designer about the importance of a well-crafted table.

For the first time, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council has coordinated a design event that celebrates summer-themed tablescapes. Prelude to Summer Tablescapes at the Alger House is set for April 26-28 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The event will serve as the DSO's major annual fundraiser for 2007 and supports its education and outreach programs. Organizers aim to bring in about \$100,000.

"We thought tablescapes would be a good thing to try," said Ellie Tholen, publicity chairperson for the event. "We have in recent years (held events) on the West side. We thought maybe we'd try the East side since all of metro Detroit



Perimutter-Freiwald Inc. is just one of the area design firms involved in Prelude to Summer Tablescapes at the Alger House, a benefit for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

comes to the symphony."

There will be 16 professional designers participating, and a new focus on young design students, coming from Grosse Pointe high schools and the International Academy of Design and Technology in Troy.

"It's a wonderful way for designers to show off their talents," said Debra Patrich, president of the DSO Volunteer Council.

Kimberly Peterson, a Birmingham resident and designer

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Stay safer with right passwords

Passwords are a part of life these days. Virtually everything you do online requires one, whether it's checking your e-mail, getting a bank balance, or uploading photos to a digital album.

If you're like most people, you probably use the same password for all your online activities.

Let me see if I can guess what it is:

- Your pet's name
- Your child/grandchild's name
- "Password"
- Your date of birth
- The last four digits of your Social Security number

Did I come close? If so, a hacker can gain access to your data in less time than it takes to read this sentence.

Even if your preferred password is a bit more sophisticated, like "betty456" or "bigdogwoodtree," it's easy pickings for somebody armed with the right tools (by which I mean software that's freely available online). In case you think I'm

overstating the issue, there's an article you should read: "How I'd Hack Your Weak Passwords" (<http://tinyurl.com/36m94o>). The author, a programmer, identifies some of the methods used to crack passwords and the ease with which a determined hacker can bypass them.

The problem, he says, isn't with online banking sites or your company's network, which tend to have extremely robust security measures in place. It's with those miscellaneous sites — the ones where you, say, send greeting cards or post messages to a bulletin board.

You probably don't worry as much about security at those sites, as they don't have any of your crucial information. Ah, but if a hacker can pilfer your password from one of them, now he has the same password you use for, say, Bank of America or PayPal.

Fortunately, this is an easy problem to remedy. By following a few simple rules (and changing any existing passwords that don't obey them), you can make your online experience significantly safer.

CHOOSING SECURE PASSWORDS

There are countless ways to create robust passwords. Ideally, they should be at least eight digits long and include a mixture of letters and numbers.

If you want something simple to remember like your name, just put numbers in between each letter. Here's what rickb would look like: r1i2c3k4b5.

Personally, I'm a fan of taking an ordinary word or two and replacing the vowels with lookalike numbers.

Thus, "TECHSAVVY" would become "T3CH54VVY," while "ILOVEPICKLES" would become "1LOV3PICKL35."

Those passwords are about as secure as they come, and they're easy to remember as long as you memorize the vowel substitutions.

My colleague Gina Trapani at Lifehacker.com recommends choosing a "base password" that you can modify easily to use at different sites.

For example," she writes, "you could use your base password with the first two consonants and the first two vowels of the service name. Say your base password is 'asdf.' Then your password for Yahoo would be ASDFY-HAO, and your password for eBay would be ASDF-BYEA."

You can read her excellent article on the subject here: <http://tinyurl.com/ppdpy>.

This method also satisfies the requirement you now know to be crucial: Using different passwords at different sites. That way, if one happens to get compromised, the others stay safe.

PASSWORD MANAGEMENT

Of course, having different passwords for different sites can pose a definite organizational challenge. How do you remember which password you used at which site?

If you decide against the aforementioned base password method (which more or less solves the problem), there are two programs that can manage — and even create — passwords for you.

The first is KeePass (<http://keepass.info>), a free, "open-source" (meaning community-supported) password manager. The second is RoboForm, which goes the extra mile by actually filling in your password whenever you visit a site. It's free as well, though there's also a "pro" version that includes a few extras.

If you have trouble keeping tabs on your passwords or just want a surefire way to generate new ones, you can't go wrong with either program.

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coordinator for the event, came up with the idea to focus on tablescapes. "I did this for Lighthouse Community Development a couple of years ago," she said. "I enjoyed it so much. I love working with the designers. I love what they do with tablescapes."

Festivities kick off with a gala preview and auction on April 26. Bidders will have an opportunity to receive a one-of-a-kind DSO experience. A chance to conduct the orchestra, to be seated among the orchestra, or receive a free flight and stay in Paris.

Dan Clancy, of Franklin-based Perlmutter-Freewald, Inc. will serve as guest speaker for the breakfast presentation on April 27. He will lecture on the topic of personal style. Tours through the Alger House are set for Friday-Saturday, April 27-28.

Clancy said his team has taken on the largest tablescape and the design encompasses one whole room, the library. Designs were inspired by a dozen 18th century tapestry chairs, on loan from a friend. "The rest fell into place,"

said Clancy.

The designers are building their own table. Place settings, arranged on a blue Italian silk tablecloth, will feature an array of Royal Crown china and fresh flowers. On the wall the designers will hang two large, restored 18th century paintings on loan from a chateau in France.

"We wanted to complement the room," he said. "It's over-the-top and stylish."

Clancy has been involved with the DSO Volunteer Council's fund-raisers since 1968. It's been a three-month endeavor to prepare for the Prelude to Summer event.

The Alger House was selected for its scenic lakeview. Rooms will contain one or more tablescapes, as arranged by participating designers, who are donating their efforts. Tours will flow from room to room along all three levels of the Tudor-style home. "It's a great place for people to come see a variety of presentations," said Peterson, adding that materials range from high-end to affordable.

Patrich said a table's presentation can set the mood for an entire evening.

Eames exhibit celebrates creativity

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

A current exhibit at The Henry Ford in Dearborn is a celebration of a collaboration.

The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design, continuing through Sunday, April 29, presents furniture and other pieces by Charles and Ray Eames.

The display brings smiles, not just in recognition of the famous chair, but also in appreciation of what went into that design and others by the creative couple.

Objects designed by the Eameses, notes and sketches convey their supportive relationship, and the energy of their limitless interest and inventiveness.

The Eameses recognized the human element, making affordable luxury for the average consumer. The iconic chair is comfortable, cupping and cradling the body, as well as stylish and sophisticated.

Charles' interest was architecture and Ray's was art.

"It's very, very hard to differentiate how they worked," said Marc Greuther, curator of industry of The Henry Ford.

Charles Eames and Bernice Alexandra (Ray) Kaiser met at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills in 1940. At the time, he was a teacher and head of the industrial department, and she was a student.

They married the next year, and opened their own office.

The lounge chair came about through the couples' experiments with molded plywood furniture design.

The chair and matching ottoman consist of curved plywood shells padded with black leather upholstery. Rubber shock mounts were used for connections. The original rosewood veneer was discontinued because of environmental concerns about 15 years ago.

The chair was introduced on the live TV show *Home* in March 1956 and has been continually manufactured by Herman Miller ever since.

The exhibit features a segment of that program, including Charles and Ray talking with host Arlene Francis and a clip demonstrating how the chair is put together.

Elsewhere in the exhibit is an 'exploded' version of the chair, presenting the individual parts.

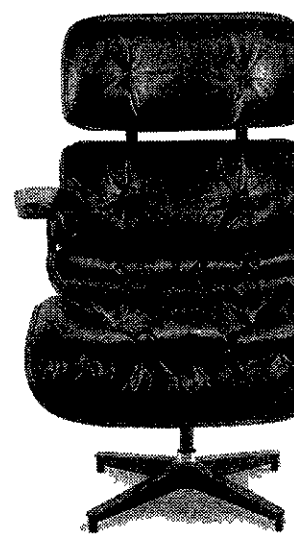
Other Eames chairs are also on display. Their materials include fiberglass and rubber, wire mesh, Naugahyde™, burlap and steel tubing.

Among the other furnishings is a child's chair from the mid-1940s that is light enough for a youngster to move with one hand, a little hand can fit through the heart-shaped cutout in the back. Toys are featured too.

The U.S. Navy commissioned the Eameses to make plywood products for World War II. On display, these include leg splints, stretchers and a lightweight pilot seat with a parachute for a cushion.

Charles also designed a full-size glider assembled out of plywood.

He worked with director Billy Wilder on the movie *The Spirit of St. Louis*, directing the construction of the replica of Charles Lindbergh's plane.



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The frontal view of the lounge chair reveals the elegant and comfortable design that resembles a first baseman's glove. The chair has three curved plywood shells with a rosewood veneer, and is padded with black leather upholstery filled with down and duck feathers.

The exhibit notes that Eames furnishings are seen in movies and on TV, including the show *Frasier*.

In *Frasier*, Frasier's taste in furnishings (featuring an Eames chair and ottoman) clashed with that of his father, Martin (a green recliner). Martin Crane's chair and clips from the program are in the exhibit.

In a scene from the last episode, Martin snuggles into Frasier's Eames chair. "I would have been OK with this," he says happily.

Hours at The Henry Ford 20900 Oakman Blvd. are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. For admission prices and other information, visit www.thehenryford.org or call (313) 982-6001.

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should be uniformly yellow inside.

Drain the chickpeas, retaining the cooking water. Let the beans and water cool to room temperature, then refrigerate both until well chilled, about 2 hours. Place chickpeas in food processor. Add salt and lemon juice. Process until smooth and light in color. The puree should be thick, but not so thick it rides up the processor blade. To thin the puree, add cooking water 1 tablespoon at a time until the puree moves freely. Transfer the puree to a fine mesh sieve set over a bowl. With a rubber spatula, force the puree through the sieve. The skins of the chickpeas will be left behind in the sieve. Discard skins. Rinse and dry the food processor bowl and blade. Return the pureed chickpeas to the processor bowl. With the blade running, add garlic and tahini. Scrape down sides once or twice and adjust salt and lemon to taste. When the mixture is smooth and again with blade running, drizzle olive oil and process very well. If mixture is too thick, add cooking water 1 tablespoon at a time until the desired consistency is reached. Serve drizzled with olive oil. Makes about 3 cups.

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beans), hummus connoisseurs insist on dried for their dense, nutty flavor and complex texture. They are available at natural foods stores and in the ethnic aisles of most grocers.

Experts generally favor domestic chickpeas over those from Mexico or elsewhere, but it can be difficult to tell the origin of beans sold in bulk. Look for uniformly colored beans that are not too small or gnarly. And try to buy them from a shop with high turnover.

Prior to cooking, dried chickpeas always are soaked in cold water overnight. This part can't be rushed. But it turns out that adding just a bit of baking soda to both the soaking and cooking water can reduce the cooking time and produce a better hummus.

That's because baking soda creates an alkaline environment that allows water to penetrate the chickpeas more easily. It also improves the consistency of the hummus.

And adding a little baking soda to the water is far easier than

pressure cooking, the other method of speeding the cooking.

The best way to check whether the chickpeas are fully cooked (with this method, it takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour) is to cut one in half. When the inside is a uniform yellow and free of hard, white starchy bits, mission accomplished.

THE PUREEING

Though some cooks puree their chickpeas while still warm and very soft, many pros swear by chilling their beans first. Turns out science backs them up. Making hummus is a bit like whipping heavy cream — the colder the better.

The starch crystals in the chickpeas break down more easily when they are warm, so pureeing warm chickpeas often results in a starchy paste. hummus.

THE TEXTURE

Pick up several brands of hummus from the grocer and you'll find a variety of textures from chunky and almost chewable to as light and smooth as whipped cream. At some level, this is a matter of personal preference. But the texture most connois-

seurs strive for falls somewhere in between — a smooth but hefty paste free of bits and bumps.

Palatable means not having to pick things out of your mouth," said Juvenino Avila, a chef instructor at New York's Institute of Culinary Education.

And that means getting rid of the tough outer skin on the chickpeas. Professional-grade food processors can pulverize those skins, but home cooks will almost always have to remove them. Some people remove the skins one bean at a time. If that's your style, enjoy.

For the rest of us, a faster and just as effective method is to puree the chickpeas with skins on, then force the mash through a fine mesh sieve. The puree will ooze through the mesh, but the skins will stay behind.

Whipping olive oil into the resulting puree the same method used to create the mayonnaise-like dip aoli, lightens up the hummus and smooths out the texture. Mashing the garlic also helps produce a smoother result.

The balance of lemon juice, garlic, tahini (a peanut butter-like spread made from sesame seeds) and salt comes down to individual taste.

Some chefs like more lemon, some less. Some love the buttery sesame flavor of tahini, some downplay it. Some like a garlicky bite, some like it tamed.

Tahini also is available raw and roasted, though traditional recipes call for raw. Roasted tahini will have a deeper, smoother flavor.

Many traditionalists won't eat hummus without mixing in a half-teaspoon each of cumin and ground coriander. Less traditional cooks sometimes swirl in a tablespoon of pesto or chopped sun-dried tomatoes and olives.

Others even substitute cashew butter or another nut butter for the tahini.

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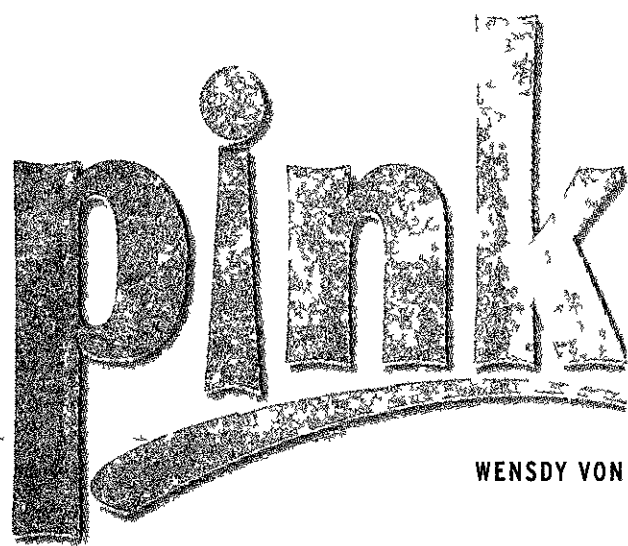
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Fashioning Hope

Grace Centers hosts runway event to benefit homeless families

In many ways, the Grace Centers of Hope Boutique is like any other thrift store. It is stocked with clothing, coats, shoes and toiletries, all donated by the community. But everything in this boutique is free. Men, women and children at the Pontiac shelter may take anything they need from the neatly arranged racks and shelves, provided they're living up to their commitment to get clean. "Everything you see in this boutique was all donated," said Dr. Pam Clark, who runs Grace Centers of Hope with her husband, Pastor Kent Clark, and their family. "Everything we don't use here goes to our thrift stores." One recent Thursday morning, Pam and her daughter, Shannon Grace Clark, helped 8-year-old Stevanna sort through girls' clothing to find outfits her size. Stevanna left wearing a sparkly pink skating dress and carrying a bundle of new outfits, including a navy blue raincoat with polka dot lining.

Grace Centers resident Amber Perry also browsed the racks that day with her 20-month-old son William, but she didn't select a single item.

"I have more than enough clothes," she said. "I've gotten everything I need already."

A CAMPUS OF HOPE

Grace is made up of a series of facilities and programs designed to help homeless people get back on their feet. Shelter, meals, jobs, child care, therapy, church services and life skills are all provided strictly through charity.

The most basic service is a 30-day emergency shelter, but the main focus is on long-term housing and rehabilitation. Residents are asked to stay for at least a year, living and working at Grace Centers and receiving the support they need to break the cycle of homelessness and drug addiction. Those who succeed may enter a two-year after program at Little Grace Village, a nearby street in Pontiac where volunteers have completely restored single-family homes.

The Grace network also includes a The Gracie House Children's Home, four Rescued Treasures thrift stores, and its

Shopping with Grace

The Grace Centers of Hope Boutique is in need of the following items for men, women and children:

- Summer clothes, all sizes
- Spring jackets
- Underwear
- Socks
- Bras
- Pajamas, all sizes
- Sandals for adults
- Shower shoes (flip flops)
- Women's shoes sizes 7-10

All items not set aside for the boutique are transferred to Rescued Treasures thrift store locations in Waterford Twp., Sterling Heights, Pontiac and Warren, operated by Grace Centers of Hope. To drop off items or schedule a pick-up, call (586) 997-9942.

anchor, Grace Gospel Fellowship Church.

Pastor Kent Clark said the average age of homeless people in the United States is 8, and 20,000 Michigan children are in foster care. Grace Centers aims to help women raise their own children in a stable environment.

The big plan is to make healthy citizens, Clark explained. As far as he knows, they are the first homeless campus in the United States.

A BEACON OF HOPE

Amber Perry entered Grace Centers of Hope five months ago after hitting rock bottom. She had left her infant son with a stranger and disappeared for five weeks, so messed up from drugs she didn't even know it was wrong.

"I looked at it as I was getting a break," she said. "I didn't think I abandoned my son. Now I know I did."

At Grace, Perry helps out in the day care, and works at Rescued Treasures. She also takes classes on the Bible, co-dependency, addiction and practical skills like computers.

"I'm getting in every parenting class I can to try and become a better mom," Perry said.



Dr. Pamela Clark (standing) and her daughter Shannon Clark, help Stevanna, 8, find a new dress in the Grace Centers of Hope boutique.

Women Helping Women

What: The 9th annual fashion show raises money for rehabilitation programs for homeless women and their children at Grace Centers of Hope. When: Saturday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. - silent auction preview, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., luncheon and fashion show featuring a success story from a Grace Centers of Hope resident. Doris Biscoe and Ruth Spencer host. Where: Royal Park Hotel, 600 University Dr., Rochester. Information: Tickets, \$75. Visit www.gracecentersofhope.org.

So far Perry has lost 50 pounds, and shed a heavy load of hopelessness. Her goals are simple - to get married, return to school and "live a positive life without all the negative drama. Above all, she wants a place of her own."

"I want a lease with my name on it so nobody can tell me you gotta go," she said. "I want to be the one to say 'You gotta go.' This is my place. I dream about it every night."

A SHOW OF HOPE

Grace Centers of Hope is the oldest and largest shelter in Oakland County, sustained with no help from the government. Its largest fund raiser for the

Women and Children's programs is an annual fashion show luncheon. Grace residents join professional models on the runway, showing spring fashions from Somerset Collection. Stevanna and little William will walk the runway in children's clothing from Lord & Taylor.

The ninth annual Women Helping Women will be held Saturday, April 28 at the Royal Park Hotel. Proceeds from the show help maintain 150 beds for women, and kids that would otherwise end up in foster care.

"We give them everything they need and then some, but it's not us," Pam Clark said. "It's people who give to Grace Centers of Hope."

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In the Land of Women

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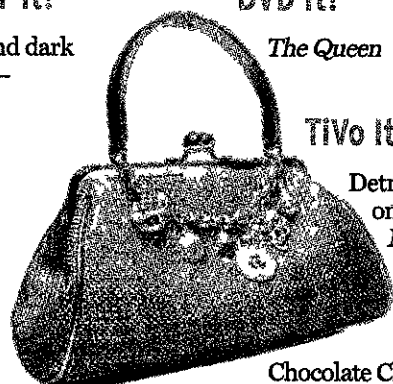
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Glenda Gies charm bag from High Wire Girls, Royal Oak & Novi



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Chocolate Chunk 'n' Caramel Drizzle corn at Dale & Thomas Popcorn in Royal Oak

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Do It!

See Molly Ringwald in Sweet Charity at the Fisher Theater May 1-20

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Pati Dubroff Hosts Dior Master Classes

Book a day of beauty as Christian Dior hosts National Celebrity Makeup Artist Pati Dubroff on May 10 at Macy's Somerset. Dubroff, one of Hollywood's most sought-after makeup artists, has worked with famous faces like Naomi Watts, Jennifer Aniston, Sandra Bullock and Sharon Stone.

She'll share beauty secrets and tips with Metro Detroiters during three master classes at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Dubroff will greet guests, and demonstrate Dior favorites like Skinflash and Capture Totale skin care, Rouge Dior lip color and Diorshow mascara. Registration, \$110, includes a \$100 gift card to be used at the Dior counter, and a \$10 donation to the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital. Call (248) 816-4120.

— Wensdy Von Buskirk

Farrell Reis Offers Organic Colour

Eco-friendly clothing and accessories are all the rage, and now your hair can be organic too. Farrell Reis Salon in Birmingham recently announced it is the first in Michigan to offer Organic Colour Systems. The hair dyes and permanent waves are ammonia-hydroxide-free, meaning they're healthier for clients and salon employees alike.

Research has shown ammonia-based colors can cause headaches, foggy eyes and nausea, and according to Farrell Reis, the chemical is just as unhealthy for hair. But OCS, imported from England, is free of corrosive ingredients, meaning clients can get color more often while preserving the integrity of their hair. Stylists can use it to do things not previously possible, such as putting brown straight over blonde hair without using a red filler. Best of all, everyone at Farrell Reis can enjoy an atmosphere untainted by fumes.

"We're kind of in on the ground floor with this organic system," Reis said. "The products have been used in Europe for five or six years, but Americans are far behind in that regard."

Farrell Reis Salon is located at 544 N. Old Woodward Ave. Call (248) 646-1066.

— Wensdy Von Buskirk

Mainstream Boutique opens in Westland

A new boutique is bringing high style to the West Side. The idea behind Mainstream Boutique, the newest fashion haunt in Westland, is that you don't have to spend a fortune to look like you did. The boutique, which opened in January, offers shoppers hip, new clothes at deeply discounted prices — often less expensive than outlet stores, says co-owner Paula Cooper.

The store has something for everyone — from juniors to 4x and from lingerie to eveningwear. Currently racks are stocked with the latest from popular Home Shopping Network designers like Suzanne Sommers and Patti Labelle. Some picks for spring include silk halter dresses by Maggy London, organza dresses perfect for summer weddings by Bella Blue and lovely locally made jewelry by Elizabeth Hoskins. Mainstream Boutique is located at 6519 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Call (734) 595-8600.

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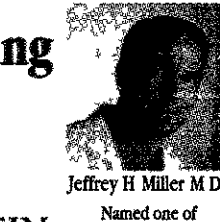


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