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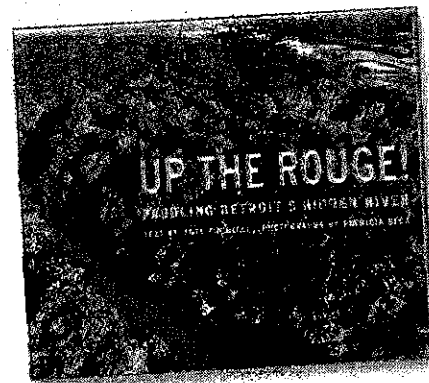
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Economic Club

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, who is exploring a 2010 run for governor, will be the guest speaker at the next Canton Economic Club luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 2. The event will take place at the Summit on the Park.

According to organizers, the main purpose of the Canton Economic Club is to introduce the community's business professionals to leaders in the areas of manufacturing, government, entertainment, health care and economics — topics Cox will likely touch on during his speech.

The cost for the luncheon is \$20. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (734) 394-5185.

Diversity meeting

All Plymouth-Canton community residents are invited to take part in a community-wide meeting to explore diversity in the area and how to create an inclusive future at 7 p.m. March 26 at the Canton Township Administrative building.

Join fellow residents in working groups to secure an inclusive future for Plymouth and Canton. Families, high school youth, neighbors and people of all cultures and religions are encouraged to attend.

This is an effort supported by Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion and the Ford Foundation.

To RSVP contact Nikhol Atkins at natkins@miroundtable.org or Stacey Stevens at (248) 331-7036 ssstevens@miroundtable.org.

Round 'em up

Five-year-olds don't have to wait until September to have their first school experience. In fact, Wayne-Westland school officials want them to have that experience now as part of the annual Kindergarten Roundup slated for 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, March 31.

The roundup will be held at all 17 of Wayne-Westland's elementary schools, including Walker-Winter in Canton. Parents will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet the principal and kindergarten teachers, discuss the curriculum and review registration materials.

Incoming kindergartners will get the opportunity to participate in an activity, visit their kindergarten classroom and receive a free school T-shirt to wear in the fall. They also will be given free backpacks, filled with school supplies, books and suggested activities to prepare youngsters for the first day of school.

For parents who can't attend the morning program, school offices will be open 6-7 p.m. that evening for registration only. If those times don't work, parents can call the school for an appointment.

Youngsters who will age 5 by Dec. 1, 2009, are eligible for kindergarten enrollment this fall. For more information, call the Instruction Department at (734) 419-2096.

Canton stimulus money to fix foreclosed homes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township will receive \$2.2 million as its share of \$244 million in federal stimulus money being sent to Michigan to purchase foreclosed homes that will then be sold to low- to moderate-income families.

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program is designed to put the foreclosed properties back on the tax rolls; boost property values,

which have seen steep declines; and reduce blight in neighborhoods.

"We haven't received the official letter that we've been approved, but we expect it to be coming out next week," said Rick Eva, township finance director. "The money won't be available until after April 1. But once we are certified, the clock starts ticking."

"We'll be able to purchase a foreclosed home, make the necessary

repairs and sell them to low- and moderate-income families," he added. "We will also help them obtain a mortgage. We plan on spending all the money. If we don't, it goes back to the federal government."

Gerry Martin, Canton's community services specialist, said the federal stimulus money must be spent within two years. In the federal application for the program, Canton officials said the homes to be pur-

chased would be in the eastern section of the township along the I-275 corridor.

"It's an older part of Canton and the home values are a little less than the rest of the township," Martin said. "A family of four with a moderate income of \$83,900 would qualify for the program."

Information can be obtained from Martin at (734) 394-5194.

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Cause and effect

Second Stage Players looks at frenzy over 1990s hate crime

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shannon McNutt knows the staging of *The Laramie Project* at other schools and different venues has been controversial because it deals with the murder of a young gay man in 1998 Wyoming.

But that didn't stop McNutt, who will direct the Second Stage Players in their production of *Laramie* starting next weekend, from taking on the challenge. The controversy, she maintains, arises from the message individual directors try to deliver; hers, she asserts, will be one that focuses less on our differences than on our similarities.

"There were some people who said, 'Oh, that play is so controversial,'" McNutt said. "But that's not my vision for it. In my vision, it doesn't have an agenda. This play raises so many questions and it doesn't even try to answer them."

The play is about the brutal 1998 beating and murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard, and the national media firestorm the killing created as the nation staged a sort of death watch until Shepard died five days later.

The aftermath of the beating sparked stories about hate crimes and "hate crime" legislation. The play examines all of that, and takes a critical look at the changes in Laramie.

But according to McNutt, the homosexual aspect of the play could be replaced by any other bone of contention — religion, ethnicity or cultural differences — and still do the same play.

"The play would be the same, it would still be about tolerance," McNutt said. "It's so powerful because it raises a lot of questions that make us look in the mirror and then doesn't answer them."

The job of posing the questions goes to the ensemble of actors assigned to play the characters. A dozen actors will play some 60 roles (ironically, the audience never meets Shepard, whose story is told more in the effect it has on Laramie).



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'Laramie Project' cast members Matt Galloway, played by Ryan Bardusch, Doc O'Connor, played by Timothy Thompson, and Rebecca Hilliker, played by Kyla Westmoreland.

Some 100 actors auditioned, but not before obtaining signed permission from their parents, a precaution McNutt used because of the material — and the language — used in the show. She sent warnings home with the students, and all the publicity for the production has included a parental warning.

McNutt edited most of the rough language out, though some was left in because it was key to particular characters.

All of that was attractive to the actors, who seem to like the idea of bringing so many characters of differing opinions to life.

Please see 'LARAMIE,' A9

SPRING PRODUCTION

■ What: Second Stage Players present 'The Laramie Project'

■ When: March 26-28 and April 2-4; all shows 8 p.m.

■ Where: DuBois Little Theatre, Canton High School

■ What's it about: The 1998 beating and murder of a young gay college student and the resulting media frenzy

■ Cost: All tickets \$10

■ More info: www.secondstageplayers.org or (734) 416-7514



Second Stage Players director Shannon McNutt talks about the cast's work on 'The Laramie Project.'

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Officials pushing 14.7-percent water/sewer increase

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township administrators have tweaked the numbers again, and are now proposing to the Board of Trustees a water and sewer rate hike of 14.7 percent.

That's down from a 16.9-percent increase recommended during a study session Tuesday. The difference this time around is administrators are proposing using \$500,000 of a \$12.4 million cash balance to lower the rate for customers.

"Our consultants told us in 2007 that we should have \$4.9 million in the water cash fund and \$6.9 million in the sewer cash fund," said Tim Faas, municipal services director. "Given the economic circumstances, we're comfortable with bringing down the cash fund to the absolute

DECISION TIME

The Canton Board of Trustees is expected to vote on the water and sewer rate increase at its regular meeting Tuesday. Board members are considering three rate alternatives. The meeting, which starts at 7 p.m., will take place at the Canton Administration Building.

minimum (\$11.8 million)."

During the study session, trustees were presented with three alternatives to consider before Tuesday's expected vote on a water and sewer rate increase. The highest of the proposed rate hikes, 16.9 percent, assumed operating expenses would be reduced by \$700,000 with no reduction in the cash balance in the water and sewer

fund. A second alternative was to increase rates by 12.5 percent, but would use \$1 million of the cash balance to pay for operations of the system. A third plan would drop the increase to 8 percent, with \$2 million taken from the cash balance.

Faas and Rick Eva, the township's finance director, are convinced that despite the economy and the possibility residents won't use as much water this summer — which would reduce revenue — usage will remain steady, as it has been the past few years.

"Next year there won't be \$500,000 to reduce the numbers down, so the increase will represent the true cost of operating the system," Eva said. "If you're using part of the fund balance, you're not ever paying the true cost of running the system."

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Library adds dozens of computers to meet demand

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On Thursday afternoon, Phil DeLong of Canton sat in one of the personal computer cubicles at the Canton Public Library because his computer at home wasn't working.

"Sometimes my computer is slow and I come here," said DeLong, 67, who only lives a mile from the library. "It's convenient, it's quiet and people are nice."

"I look at my bank accounts, my investments and -right now - the NFL draft," he said. "I could probably get along without my computer."

The computers at the library are in such high demand that on Friday 24 new computers were installed, giving the Canton library nearly 150 for patron use.

"Evenings and weekends, that's when we tend to have a concentration of people," said Eva Davis, library director. "The situation has gotten so bad in the adult area that some are going into the children's area and using the computers. We're having to tell them they are intended for kids or their caregivers because we're trying hard to create age-appropriate spaces in the library."

Davis is hopeful the new computers will ease some of the demand.

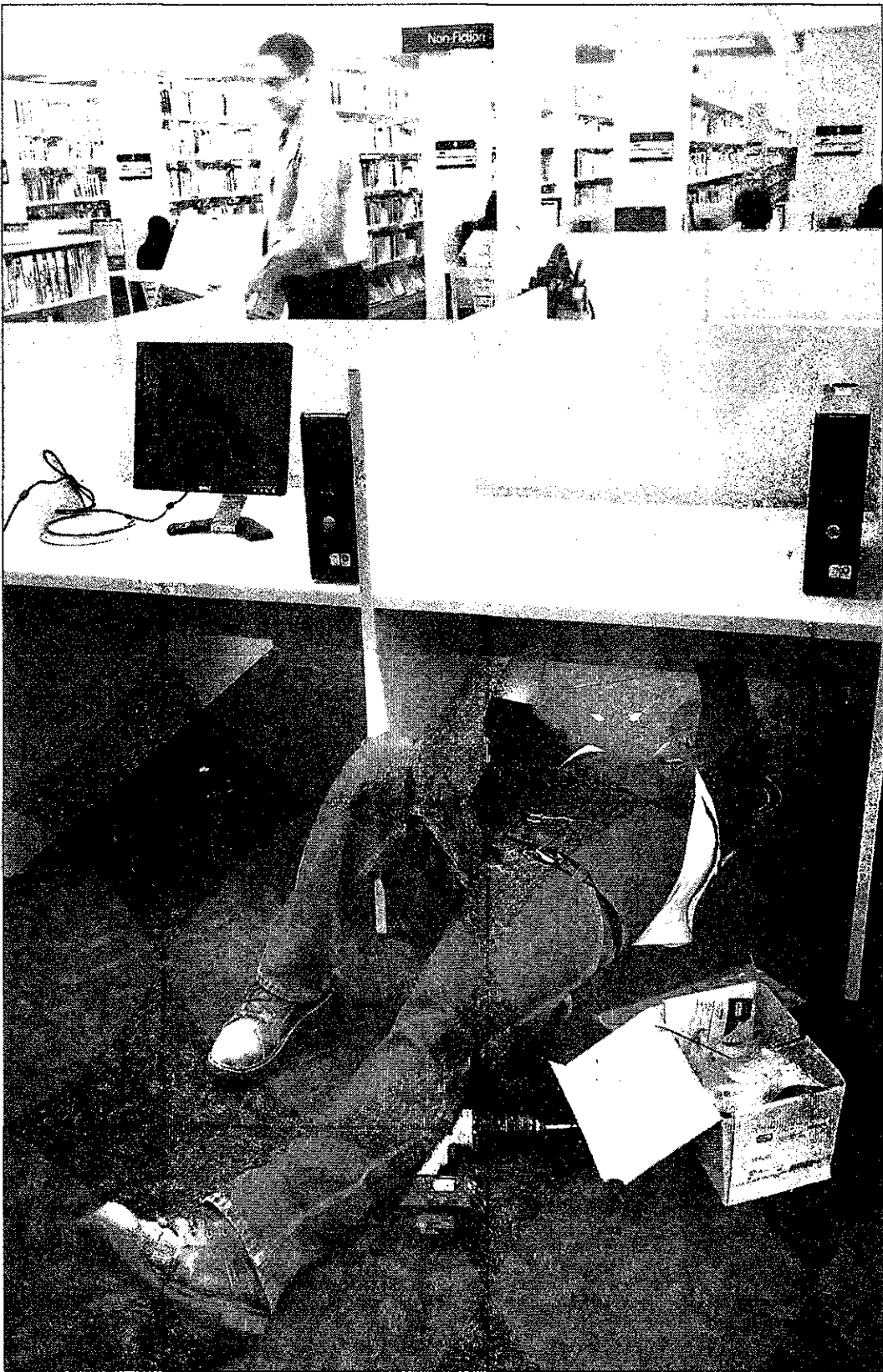
"Some may have a computer at home, but they may not have Internet access to save money during the current economic situation," Davis said. "For some, their computer may be broken or their printer is down and they come in with a flash drive to print something. We have regulars who don't have computers at home because they can come in here and use them."

"We're finding more people coming in to file for unemployment, to submit job applications and check their e-mail," she said. "Many people are taking online or distance-learning classes for job retraining or to obtain new skills."

The Canton Public Library is one of the few remaining that doesn't have a time limit to use the computers, though Davis suggests two hours to allow a proper turnover rate. And you don't need a library card to sit down and begin surfing the net. Those are major conveniences for Rich McCain.

"We have a computer at home, but it's always in use," said McCain. "(During the work day) I can stop in and find information I need on a company and go right to it. The computers here fit my needs to a great extent."

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Ron Looney, of Advanced Communications Inc., a Canton company, wires data cables for 24 new computer workstations at the library. In the background, Leo Papa, the Canton Library's information technology boss, unpacks new computers.

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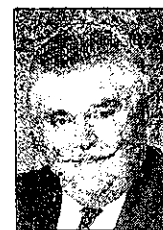
Local lawmakers push legislation to attract battery companies

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Canton lawmakers are in the forefront in passing state legislation that would make Michigan a leader in the production, development and commercialization of advanced battery technologies.



Slavens



Patterson

Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton Township) introduced a bill in the state House — which passed overwhelmingly — that will provide an additional \$200 million in

tax credits to companies that develop and build batteries in Michigan.

"I was talking to different auto dealers and they mentioned how they were able to quickly sell hybrid cars. They can't make them as fast as they're selling them," Slavens said. "I know there are many companies interested in working with the auto industry."

The plan gives an additional \$200 million in tax credits for companies involved in all aspects of advanced battery development. These tax credits would be spaced out over the next four years, which will provide a continued benefit for these new technologies and their development. The plan also will reward companies that support Michigan busi-

nesses by giving them priority in the awarding of the tax credits if they commit to using Michigan suppliers.

Meanwhile, state Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) is the co-sponsor of a similar bill passing through the Senate.

"To survive, we need to compete in this global economy," Patterson said. "Japan, South

Korea, India and China all produce batteries needed for electric vehicles. This legislation will level the playing field so we can be competitive while bringing jobs to Michigan."

Slavens and Patterson believe the final bill, which will be developed through compromise legislation, will create at least 40,000 jobs by 2020.

In January, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the first \$335 million in high-tech battery tax credits, which were the first of their kind in the United States.

Expanding the number of credits would allow Michigan to qualify for \$2 billion in federal stimulus money.

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Women get help in finding work

JVS, based in Southfield, will again sponsor its Women To Work program. The program, sponsored by Charter One Bank and offered free of charge, helps women who've been out of the workplace due to family responsibilities to re-enter the workforce. Men are also eligible for services.

Participants receive help with job-hunting strategies, resume writing and interviewing skills.

The information meeting will talk place on Thursday, April 23, from 9-11 a.m. and the program begins the following Tuesday, April 28, and meets twice weekly, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon for five weeks, ending May 28. Employment Specialist Judy Richmond of JVS, 29699 Southfield Road, Southfield, MI 48076, has additional information at (248) 233-4232.

"As usual we meet for the five weeks twice a week," she said. Richmond appreciates Charter One Bank's help: "We're grateful for that, obviously."

You need to have your schedule clear to participate in the five-week program. One week, participants will meet on a Monday due to a fund-raiser, she said, so schedules will be adjusted.

The job-seeking help is for women able to begin employment immediately.

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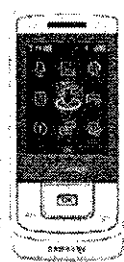
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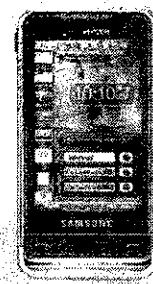
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EDUCATION



Middle school student Sydney Bartell creates her own custom 'pet rock' as part of New Morning School's 33rd annual auction centerpiece.

Disco dalliance

Fever rages for New Morning auction

Disco fever will reign when New Morning School hosts its 33rd annual auction Saturday, March 28 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Dancers can put on some platform shoes and strut their stuff under the disco ball, enjoy an elegant meal with open bar, and peruse the hundreds of offerings up for bid in the school's silent auction.

After that, bidders should get ready to bid on the packages in the school's renowned live auction. The live auction will include unique items such as getaways to Malta, Florida, Mexico and California; luxury ski and golf trips; local spa packages; and fine jewelry.

The huge silent auction features something for everyone, from sports memorabilia to children's items, electronics, original artwork, home improvement packages, and more. The "Disco Lounge" to enjoy a specialty martini bar,

raffle items, and disco dancing. Dancers should be sure to dress the part for a chance to win the auction's costume contest.

The local community is welcome to attend. Tickets can be purchased by calling (734) 420-3331 or at the school's Web site - www.newmorningschool.com. Tickets are \$75 per person and include seated dinner, dessert, open bar, and the silent and live auction portions of the evening.

The auction allows New Morning School to keep tuition affordable and make the school's program available to many different children. New Morning School focuses on individualized learning, small class size, and parental involvement. Children learn valuable life skills such as self-initiative, critical thinking, problem-solving, and responsibility for their own learning and behavior.

Deadline looms for Damaris scholarship

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue an education in this field.

Applications will be accepted March 24 through April 3, and the artwork will be juried April 6-24. The \$1,000 Damaris Fine Arts Award will be announced April 27.

Students artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally juried by architect, artist and sculptor Dennis Jones.

The Damaris Fine Arts Award was established in memory of Damaris (Dee) Schulte by her family: husband, Dick, sons, Philip and Mike. Schulte, an artist in her own right, had a Bachelor's Degree in Art and a Master's Degree in Art Education.

The award honors Schulte as an artist and recognizes the dedication and many contributions she made to the, including the creation of The Damaris Booklets, teaching art classes for the PCAC, writing the PCAC history and keeping its scrapbook and serving as a board member for seven years.

Dennis Jones, originally from Detroit, now resides in Plymouth. He is a licensed practicing architect, an educator and artist. He completed his formal education as an architect from the University of Detroit in 1983. He completed his Master of Fine Arts, in Painting, from Wayne State University in 1990. Since, he has exhibited his work extensively in the Detroit area and beyond.

Interested students should contact Debra Madonna of the Damaris Fine Arts

SCHOOL BRIEFS



Quilt karma

The Canton High School Chieftettes Pom Pon team recently received an e-mail thanking them for their participation in a community service project where they helped make quilts for military members overseas. Each Chieftette was given a 5x5 piece of denim and were allowed to design whatever they wanted. The denim pieces were then sent to the organizing group that creates quilts out these squares. The e-mail contained photos of the completed project. Chieftettes officials said they were "thankful that we can help our troops and hopefully provide some comfort to them while they serve our country."

Award Committee to set up an appointment to submit an application and portfolio. Applications are available at high school counseling offices or they can be downloaded at <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/damarisaward.pdf>.

Madonna can be reached via e-mail at clarion@storytellerdesign.com or by calling (734) 453-2781.

Sagear scholarship

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District senior who has overcome adversity with the Sandra Sagear - Rotary Scholarship. The group is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier.

They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community.

The recipient of this award will receive a \$500 scholarship. The award is named after Sandra Sagear a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School, who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio.

The application deadline is April 1, and the award will be announced April 24. For more information, contact Debra Madonna at clarion@storytellerdesign.com or visit www.storytellerdesign.com/sandrasagear.html.

Art featured in exhibit

The work of Lynn Gregg of Canton is part of the 45th annual Michigan Education Association/Michigan Art

Education Association Art Acquisitions Purchase Exhibition. The artwork, "Vintage Car," is a mixed media piece. The exhibition is designed to highlight the high caliber of art produced by artist-educator members in Michigan. There were 79 pieces selected from the 165 entries.

The exhibit is on display at MEA headquarters weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through May 4 (excluding April 10). The MEA headquarters is located at 1216 Kendale Blvd. in East Lansing.

Explore EMU

Prospective high school and transfer students will have a chance to explore Eastern Michigan University from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, March 28, at the EMU Student Center, 900 Oakwood Street, in Ypsilanti. The event is free.

The Explore Eastern program provides students with an opportunity to meet with representatives from various academic programs, housing, dining, career services, financial aid, scholarships and other areas. Campus tours of a classroom building, the Halle Library, the Olds-Robb Recreation and Intramural Building, and a residence hall room run every 15 minutes.

All students attending Explore Eastern will be able to apply for admission, free of charge — a \$20 savings. One high school senior who enrolls at EMU will receive 12 free credit hours of in-state equivalent tuition. One transfer student who enrolls will receive six free credit hours of in-state equivalent tuition.

To register for Explore Eastern or for more information, go to <http://www.emich.edu/explore/>

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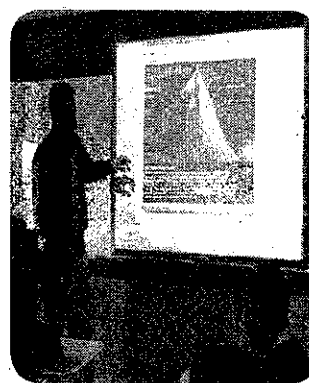
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Schoolcraft Dean's List

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Road rally

Leadership Canton's upcoming Road Rally fund-raiser will take place Saturday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rotary Clock in Heritage Park. Leadership Canton is raising money for First Step (www.firststep-mi.org), Open Door Ministry (www.opendoorfood-ministry.com) and Leadership Canton Alumni Fund.

The fee is \$35 per person and includes road rally, T-shirt, dinner and refreshments. The rally is limited to 30 cars, with 4-6 passengers per car (minimum of four people per car). There are still sponsorship, participant and sign maker opportunities available.

For more information about the event visit <http://roadrally.cantonchamber.com>, or contact Deb Zevalink at (734) 394-5188.

Fusion Festival

Orchestra Canton will present their second annual Fusion Festival, "From Canton to Canton - The Music of China", March 28-29 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The event, which is a partnership between different local ethnic groups, is a cultural collabo-



Gao

ration bringing together traditional music from the Far East with Western classical music. Special performances by the Chinese Folk Dance Troupe of Metro-Detroit Oriental Art School and Julie's Chinese School of Dance in Ann Arbor.

The Fusion Festival Concert on Saturday, March 28 at 8 p.m. will feature international guest artist and erhu master George Gao, who has been hailed as one of the most exciting, innovative and respected erhu masters today.

Tickets for the Saturday concert are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for children and can be purchased in person at the Plymouth Symphony office by calling (734) 451-2112. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.orchestracanton.org, or at the Village Theater box office one hour before each performance.

In addition to the Saturday concert, Orchestra Canton will host two workshops open to the public and free of charge, both held at the

Village Theater. There will be an erhu workshop featuring George Gao, who will demonstrate the various composition, playing and techniques of the erhu, and Celebration Youth Orchestra on Sunday March 29, at 2 p.m.

A dance workshop will take place from 4-6 p.m., Sunday, featuring local and area Chinese dance demonstrations.

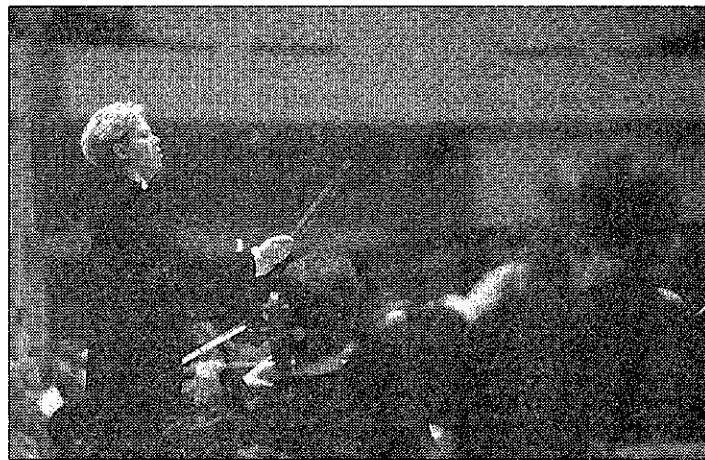
The Fusion Festival is being sponsored by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton and the Kresge Foundation, with additional support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Mom to Mom sale

Connection Church in Canton will hold its Spring Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, April 4, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission. Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just North of Michigan Avenue.

Mom-2-Mom sale

St. Thomas a' Becket



Feeding the community

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra will participate in Orchestras Feeding America, the first national food drive by America's symphony orchestras, on Saturday, March 28, from noon-8 p.m. at Emagine Theatre on Ford Road in Canton. "One In Eight" is the theme for the food drive as statistics show that one in eight Americans do not know where their next meal will come from. Please bring canned goods as well as boxed meals to Emagine Theatre on March 28 and have the opportunity to enter a drawing for tickets to "The Soloist" when it opens in April. Food may also be dropped off at the symphony office in downtown Plymouth, 470 Forest Place Suite 18, anytime between noon-5 p.m. March 24-26. The food will be donated to Gleaners. "We all are feeling the effects of this economic crisis, but we cannot let that stop us from helping our neighbors in greater need. Our orchestra's music uplifts people, but with this project we can do more to support the community that has supported us for over 63 years," said PCSO Executive Director Beth Stewart.

Church, 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton, will host its annual Mom-2-Mom sale from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March

28. There will be more than 70 tables and 30 racks, as well as a large item room. Admission is \$1. For more information, call (734) 981-1333.

Mom to mom sale

The Canton Newcomers will hold a mom to mom sale from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 28, at Summit on the Park. The sale will feature furniture, baby equipment, children's clothes, books, toys, maternity clothes, games and videos.

Admission is \$1, and 100 percent of proceeds will benefit seniors served by the Area Agency on Aging 1-C, located at 3850 Second Street, Suite #201, Wayne (www.aaalc.org).

For additional information about the sale and the Canton Newcomers, contact Jennifer Manriquez at (734) 844-7675, or visit their Web site at www.cantonnewcomers.org.

Flute duo

Husband-and-wife organ and flute duo Scott and Melissa Elsholz will be joined by renowned guest flutist Lauren Erickson in a varied concert of musical gems 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at St. John's Episcopal Church.

The program includes the famous G minor Flute Sonata by J.S. Bach, liturgical meditations by the renowned Taizé composer Jacques Berthier, two dances by living American composer Gary Schocker, and an exquisite suite of character pieces by the beloved English composer John Rutter.

Admission is free. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call Scott Elsholz, (734) 453-0190,

Ext. 16, or e-mail him at selsholz@stjohnsplymouth.org.

LWV scholars

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County announces a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded in June to a qualified United States citizen, male or female, college undergraduate.

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Additional information and the scholarship application can be found at the League's Web site at www.lwvwnw.org (click on 2009 Scholarship Application). Applications must be postmarked by April 17.

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St. Michael open house

St. Michael Christian School is hosting an open house and ice cream social from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2. The school offers 3-year-old Preschool through fifth grade classes including all day kindergarten and half day Young Fives. St. Michael Christian School, which provides a Christ centered education, is located at 7000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-9720 or visit www.stmichaelchurch.org.

Penn auction

The fourth annual "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn will take place Friday, May 8, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

This exciting evening includes hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner with your choice of entrée, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing. Tickets are \$85 and must be purchased in advance. Early Bird special - \$75 if purchased before April 15. For reservations, email tickets@friendsofthepenn.org; stop by the Penn Box Office during movie hours or call (734) 453-0870.

Home-buying seminar

Community Financial Mortgage Services and Remerica Hometown invite potential home buyers to attend a free seminar for First Time Home Buyers. The seminar will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at Community Financial located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

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When: Tuesday, March 24 at 6:15 p.m.

Where: E.J. McClendon Education Center
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Here is a prescription for health care

Michigan lawmakers have a full agenda and one of the key issues is health care reform. These efforts could not come at a better time. As the economy falters, more and more families are losing coverage and, unfortunately, are left on their own to search for solutions.

Last year, I opposed rate hikes from Blue Cross and legislative bills that stripped the Governor and Attorney General's Office of their traditional oversight roles, and would continue to do so in the future. Already this year, the Blues proposed a rate hike for more than 400,000 consumers who purchase individual health care coverage. For many, the increases would be more than 50 percent. As legislators begin the task of reforming the way people buy insurance, they need to find ways to preserve protections



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Make no mistake, Michigan's health care system is in need of reform now. Now is also the time that legislators should explore new and creative ways in which to lower costs and expand access to care.

The Attorney General's Office has long been involved in representing ratepayers and the public regarding health care costs. As lawmakers grapple with these issues, here is a list of principles to consider:

- Maintain the traditional oversight role of the Governor

for consumers. This can be accomplished while ensuring that Blue Cross remains stable and continues to stay true to its mission as the state's

and Attorney General. In 2007, the Blues sought a rate hike of more than 50 percent on one line of insurance. My office intervened, saving 220,000 seniors \$97 million initially, and another \$69 million each year thereafter. Consumers need a watchdog to keep rates in check.

- Shorten the time in which pre-existing conditions are excluded from coverage to six months for all insurers. Currently, if you are a diabetic, or a cancer patient, it takes one year for what is called your pre-existing condition to be covered by a commercial insurer, if you can obtain coverage. That exclusion of health insurance coverage needs to be cut in half, to six months, which is the rule that applies to Blue Cross. This change alone will benefit thousands of Michigan citizens, enabling them to get coverage more

quickly.

- Create a catastrophic health fund to provide coverage to those most in need. Here's how: Blue Cross has indicated it wants to purchase businesses that have nothing to do with insurance. Therefore, any legislation giving Blue Cross the ability to purchase more businesses should first include an initial licensing fee from the Blues of \$100 million. This fee would create a catastrophic health care fund to care for those who need it most. Each additional purchase of another company by Blue Cross should require that 20 percent of the price be deposited in such a fund. If this had been done four years ago, there would already be a \$200 million catastrophic health care fund.

- Take a page from Consumer Reports' play-

book. The legislature should mandate that the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation present an annual report that compares Michigan's health insurance costs with those of the rest of the nation. Let's find out how we stack up. By doing so, this report would shine a spotlight on what Michigan needs to do to make health care more affordable in the years to come.

Like nearly 70 percent of Michigan residents, I am a Blue Cross subscriber and depend on its viability for access to care. I believe a healthy Blue Cross is an important part of Michigan's economy.

However, my job, and that of the legislature, is to ensure that Blue Cross stays true to its mission. The Blues were founded during the Great Depression as a benevolent

and charitable non-profit to increase assure accessibility to health-care. No matter what changes are contemplated, that mission must not be diminished.

With unemployment at 11.6 percent, and more than one in four Michigan residents either uninsured or on Medicaid, the urgency for the legislature to act and increase the accessibility of affordable health care insurance for consumers has never been greater.

For a link to the letter from the Attorney General to state legislators, containing all ten points:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Letter_to_Legislators_from_Attorney_General_Mike_Cox_January_29_2009_265005_7.pdf

Mike Cox is the Michigan Attorney General. He lives in Livonia.

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Jamele Hage

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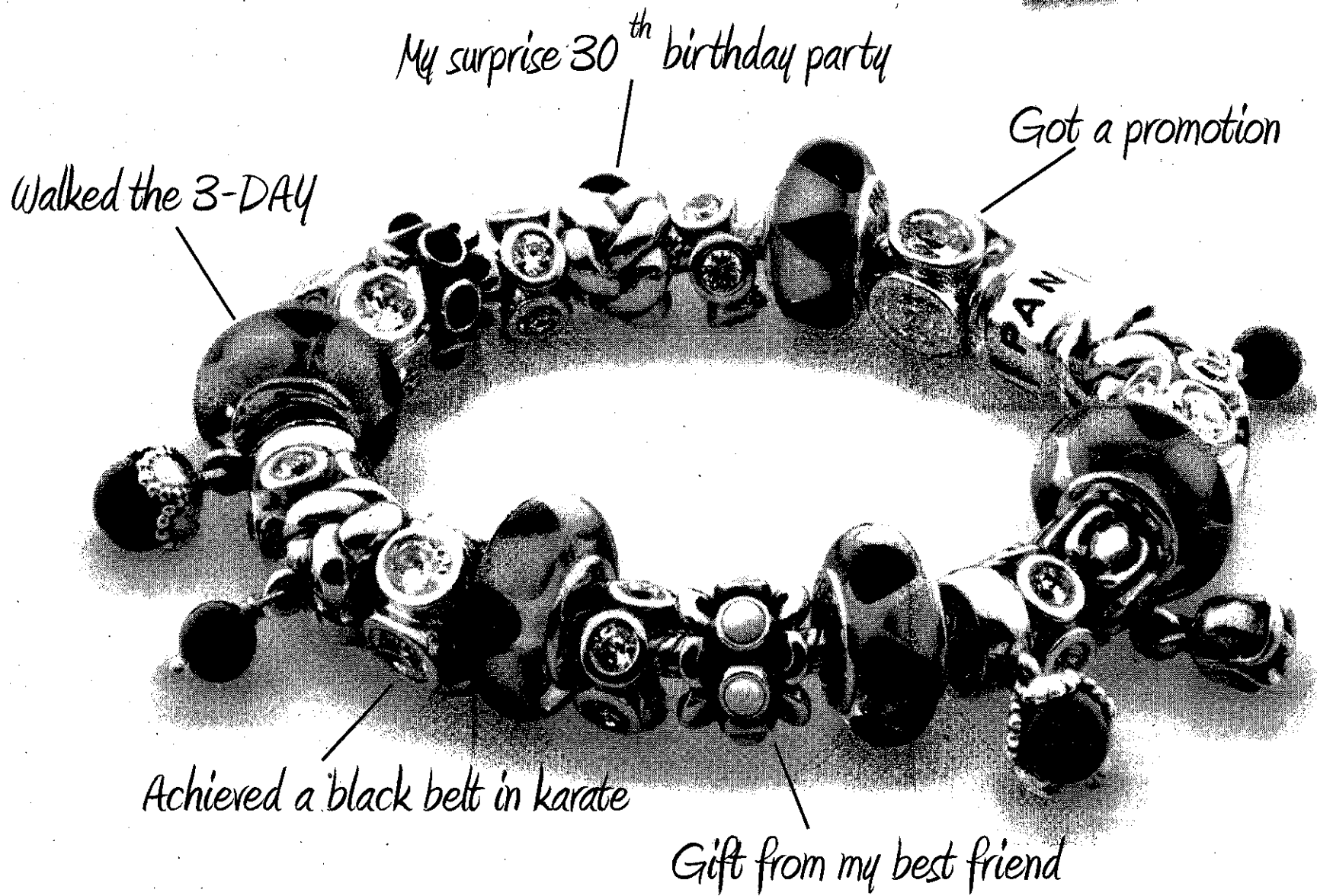
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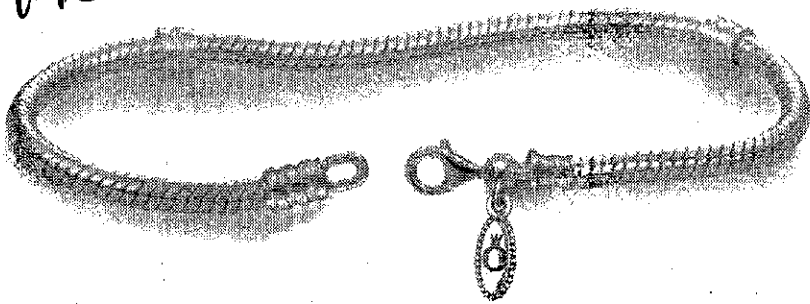
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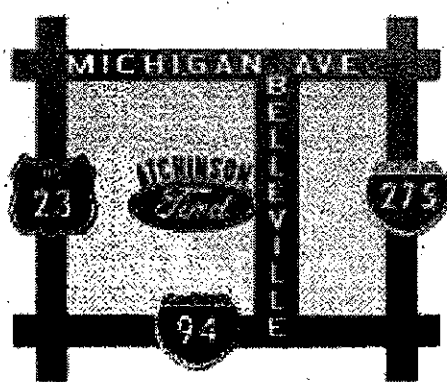
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Pie event hopes to take a slice out of cancer

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Geri and Ken Treflek opened their Grand Traverse Pie Co. franchise in Plymouth a year ago, they were only able to get in on the tail-end of the company's "Pie for the Cure" breast cancer fund-raiser for Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Still, the store raised about \$2,000 for the charity. And, having lost Ken's mother — a breast cancer survivor — to uteran cancer in August, the couple is looking forward to a full run in this year's fund-raiser.

"We definitely have an affinity for the cause," said Ken Treflek, who opened the store on Ann Arbor Road in April 2008. "There are so many deserving charities. There are so many places to turn and not enough resources to turn to all of them. This is a special charity for us."

The Trefleiks helped GTPC kick off its 2009 campaign — motto, "Save Lives, Eat Pie" — with an event Friday afternoon. The fund-raiser donates 50 cents for each nine-inch dessert pie sold through Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10.

A new addition this year to the "Pie for the Cure" fund-raiser are Apple Pie Fridays, sponsored by the Michigan Apple Committee, which will double donation efforts (\$1) on all nine-inch apple and apple crumb pies that are sold each Friday of the fund-raiser. Another addition, \$2 of each whole pie order placed online at www.gtpie.com, will be donated to the cause and pies can be shipped anywhere in the U.S.

Last year's campaign allowed Grand Traverse to write a check to Susan G. Komen for some \$25,000.

"What we're thrilled about is how much Susan G. Komen and their volunteers are into it now," said Denise Busley, who founded Grand Traverse Pie Co. in 1996 with her husband, Mike. "There are not too many people who have not been affected by this disease. It's really exciting to be partnered (with Susan G. Komen) for it."

Plymouth native Gail Demski is also excited to be taking part in the fund-raiser. Demski, a 1977 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, now owns a Grand Traverse franchise in Brighton. An eight-year cancer survivor, it was the disease that actually led to her owning a franchise.

"Right after I was cured, my hair had even grown back, I



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Geri Trefelik passes out "Pie For The Cure" to Glenda Richards, Cheryl Bejma, Suzanne Thebolt, Pat Aguayo and Arlene Rodriguez.

went in to the (Brighton) store buy a pie," said Demski, who bought the Brighton store in 2005. "The next day, I was working there."

Demski was diagnosed in 2001 at the age of 42. Nine days after the diagnosis, she had already had surgery. Despite the surgical removal of the lump, Demski decided

to undergo chemo and radiation therapy.

Her store took part in last year's fund-raiser, and she's excited to be doing it again.

"This means the world to me, because of what I've been through," said Demski, whose husband, Lou, was a member of the first graduating class from Canton High School in

1975. "I had to live the fear, and learn to channel the fear. It could have been a whole lot worse. So we're about that positive feed."

The Plymouth store drew a pretty good crowd for the kickoff Friday, including Nan Flood of Farmington Hills, a seven-year cancer survivor who traveled to Plymouth with



Geri and Ken Treflek own the Traverse City Pie Co. location in Plymouth Township.

a friend.

She said fund-raisers like this one, designed to raise awareness, contribute mightily to the recovery of women who win the fight.

"It used to be when you found out (you had cancer), you thought, 'This is pretty

much it,'" said Flood, who had no previous family history of breast cancer when she was diagnosed in 2001. "Now, there's so much hope, and it's because of these kinds of events."

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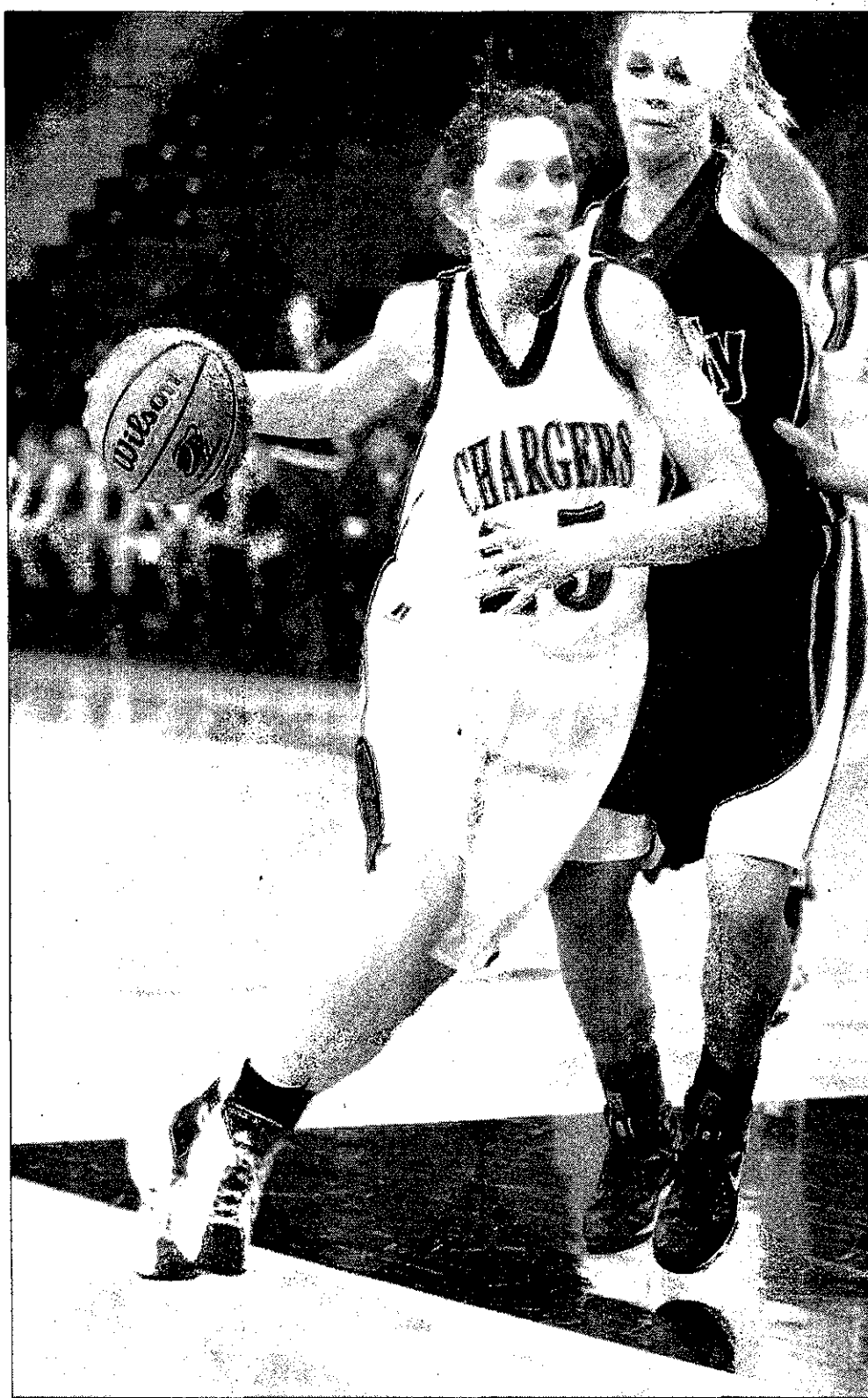
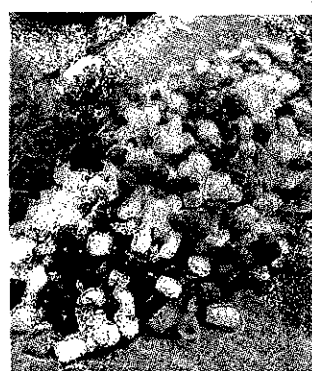
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HOMETOWN LIFE



TIM DOWNER

Former Canton High School standout Katie Cezat broke 31 school, conference and NCAA Division II records the past two seasons at Hillsdale College. She registered 28 double-doubles this season.

Lasting legacy

Cezat's accomplishments at Hillsdale won't soon be surpassed

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like bees to honey, defenders would buzz around Hillsdale College senior forward Katie Cezat in force during the Chargers' recently completed season.

Opposing players would shadow the 6-foot scoring dynamo, well, tighter than her own shadow.

But on most nights, it was Cezat who would do the stinging as she left defenders shaking their heads in frustration when the final buzzer sounded, victimized by a player whose combination of skill, instinct and smarts produced almost as many records as Motown in its hey-day.

When Cezat, a 2005 graduate of Canton High School, walked off a college court for the final time following the Chargers' 73-72 loss to Indianapolis in an NCAA Division II game earlier this month, she owned 31 school, conference or NCAA records.

Triple the pleasure

In a Dec. 13 victory over Ferris State University, the humble ex-Chief's stat line would have made Kobe Bryant envious: 36 points, 20 rebounds and 13 blocked shots.

"I'm not sure if we'll see

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RECORD-SETTING CHARGER



Cezat

Former Canton High School basketball standout shattered 31 school, conference and NCAA Division II records the past two seasons at Hillsdale.

Following are a few of her impressive marks:

- Set the NCAA DII single-season record for the most double-doubles (at least 10 points and 10 rebounds in a game) with 28, including 18 in a row;
- Led the Chargers to a 27-4 record and a No. 3 DII national ranking;
- Has been voted a two-time NCAA DII All-American; only 10 players nation-wide earn All-American status;
- Averaged 29.6 points and 16.8 rebounds this season;
- Against Ferris State on Dec. 13, she registered a triple-double with 36 points, 20 rebounds and 13 blocked shots;
- Record over 100 assists and 100 blocked shots this past season;
- Shot 81.7 percent from the free throw line her senior season and 55 percent from the field despite drawing consistent double-teams.

GAME WRAPS

Softball sweep

Sophomore pitcher Jess Irwin threw her third career no-hitter to high-light Madonna University's softball sweep Thursday of host Indiana University-Southeast in New Albany.

The Crusaders won the opener, 13-0, in five innings as Irwin (7-3) struck out 13 and walked only two.

Danielle Richardson and Tedi Johnston each had two hits and an RBI to pace the offense. Tara LaMilza also drove in two runs.

In the nightcap, freshman Hallie Minch (Garden City) improved to 7-1 on a four-hitter as the Crusaders (14-4) rolled to an 8-1 victory.

Minch struck out eight and walked only two in going all seven innings.

Johnston led the offensive attack going 3-for-4 with three RBI, while LaMilza went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Rachael Kethe also knocked in two runs while lead-off hitter Brittney Sero (Canton) also chipped in with two hits.

The loss leaves IU-Southeast at 7-13 overall.

22 in a row

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team had a few anxious moments during Thursday's NJCAA Division II National Tournament opener.

But April Goins scored 19 of her game-high 22 points in the second half as the Lady Ocelots won their 22nd in a row by downing Louisburg (N.C.), 66-46, at a game played at Illinois Central College in East Peoria.

Goins, saddled with first-half foul trouble, played the entire second half with three personals. She hit 10-of-20 shots from the floor.

Taylor Langham (Salem) added 13 points, while point-guard Brittany Collins finished with six assists and six steals. Sheray Brown grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Schoolcraft, 31-2 overall, led by only one at halftime, 24-23, before going to a match-up zone defense with 13 minutes to go in the game. The Lady Ocelots held a narrow 42-40 advantage with only 7:54 to go before going on a 14-2 run as coach Karen Lafata notched her 300th career win.

Paquita Wingate and Niesha Searles each scored 10 points for the Hurricanes, who fell to 27-4 overall.

Schoolcraft connected on a total of 28-of-67 shots from the floor (42 percent), but made 17-of-33 second-half attempts (52 percent). The Lady Ocelots shot only 8-of-17 from the foul line and outrebounded Louisburg, 47-44.

Schoolcraft moves into Friday's semifinal against 27-5 Pima CC (Ariz.). Game time is 8 p.m. (CST).

Ignition surf Wave into 1st

In what can undeniably be called its flashiest game of the season, the Detroit Ignition (9-7) clawed its way back into a first-place tie with the visiting Milwaukee Wave (9-7) on Friday night. Both teams are now 9-7 with just four games to play, and the Ignition locked up the head-to-head tiebreaker, four games to three.

The Wave jumped out to a 2-0 lead just over three minutes into the third, but the Ignition were quick to stall any momentum thanks to a three-point restart goal from midfielder Miki Djerisilo.

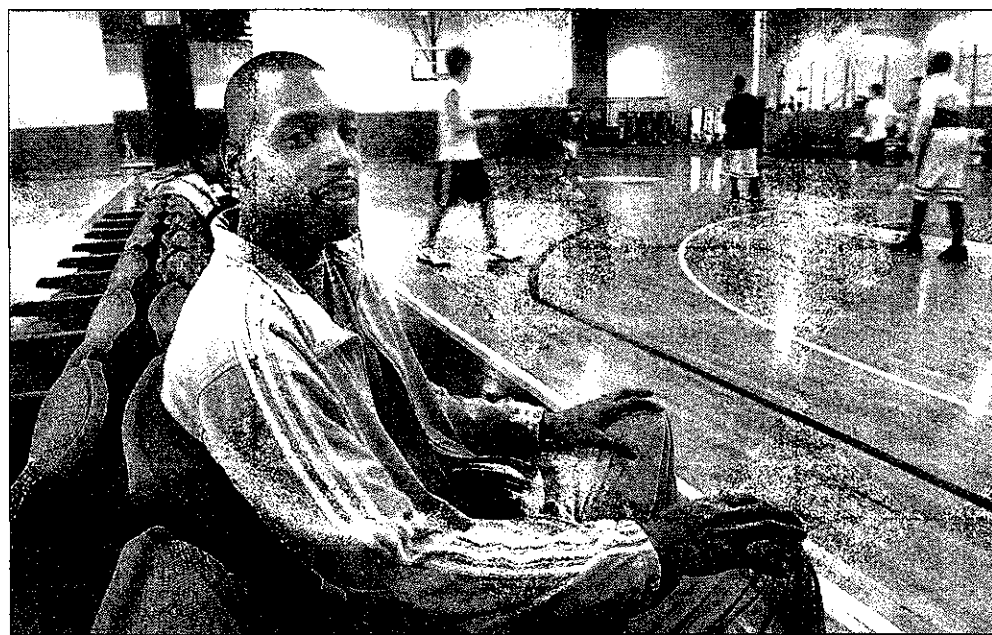
Just under three minutes later, Ryan Mack nailed another three-pointer for Detroit off a ball from Nate Craft. The two teams traded goals through the first three quarters, but the Ignition never lost their lead.

Team captain Kyt Selaidopoulos finished out the third quarter for Detroit with the third three-pointer of the match at 14:04.

Fans at Compuware Arena were treated to more than soccer in the game's final stanza. A bicycle kick by Ignition midfielder Drew Ducker four minutes into the quarter ended in true soccer fashion — without a shirt. Despite getting a yellow card for unsportsmanlike conduct, Ducker echoed the crowd's enthusiasm and celebrated all the way to the penalty box.

Josh Rife netted the final goal for the Ignition on Milwaukee's open net at 11:20, and paid homage to the night's green jersey theme with an Irish jig at midfield.

The Ignition return to action today 22 when it takes on the Chicago Storm (7-10) at Sears Centre Arena.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Miller has re-opened the 47,000-square-foot basketball facility on Haggerty Road in Canton and renamed it Center Court. The former warehouse was renovated into a state-of-the-art hoop site in 2006, but closed in May of 2007.

Bouncing back

First-class hoops facility back in business

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After collecting dust for close to two years, a 47,000-square-foot basketball mecca has found new life in Canton.

And local hoops enthusiasts can thank life-long round-ball aficionado Jeff Miller for resurrecting the warehouse-turned-basketball haven he's

named Center Court.

Formerly known as Basketball Planet, the massive hoops-based building, which is located at 7171 Haggerty Rd. just north of Warren Rd., was originally renovated into a state-of-the-art basketball facility in the fall of 2006. Equipped with four large courts — three college-sized, the other NBA-sized — and two smaller training courts, the setting was the

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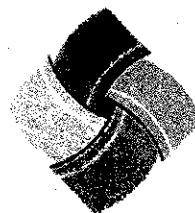
However, its doors were locked just six months after it opened and the building remained vacant until Miller breathed new life into it earlier this year.

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Bowl for the Cure is successful; Walker wins Senior Masters title

Despite a downturn in the economy, the Susan B. Komen Bowl for the Cure events recently were very successful.

Right now I don't have the amount raised, particularly with the most recent event held at Vision Lanes on Ford Road in Westland.

■ Meanwhile, the bowling leagues are winding down to the final stretch drives and I will try to get some information out on many of the big winners.

Most area bowling centers are starting to set up the spring/summer leagues at this time.

Check with your local houses and see what will fit in with your other summertime activities. Summer leagues can be lots of good fun for everyone.

■ Garden City's Larry Walker proved why he is a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame after winning the Metro Detroit USBC Senior Masters title at Classic Lanes in

Rochester Hills.

Walker took home the top prize of \$3,000 after qualifying 18th with a six-game total of 1,264.

He remained undefeated with victories over Sam Girgenti (St. Clair Shores) 411-389; Phil Horowitz (West Bloomfield), 452-385; Ed Austreng (Waterford), 433-393; Dwayne Griggs (Orion Township), 494-430; and David Maiorana (Rochester Hills), 459-389, en route to the championship match.

Walker again prevailed against Albert Amella III of Macomb 417-385 for the title. He averaged 218.3 for 18 games of competition.

"I've always wanted to win a Masters title and to win the Senior Masters ranks third among my bowling highlights - right behind being on Team USA and achieving the triple crown in the Michigan Majors," said the 52-year-old Walker.

Among the other area bowlers who reached match play and cashed in included: Tony Dadeppo, Troy, eighth; Ron Lechevalier, Livonia, 20th; Rick Eiermann, Garden City, 22nd; Steve Hubble, Westland, 22nd; and Larry Dagenais, Troy,

24th.

Tony Stipcak of Redford was the alternate in 33rd.

■ The Professional Bowlers Association announced plans to hold a World Series of Bowling, which debuts in August with the kickoff, Aug. 1-6, at Taylor Lanes.

The remainder of the series will be at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

The entire series will take place in the Detroit area.

It marks the first time for the PBA to spend an extended period of time in one city. The event figures to be a financial boon to Detroit with hundreds of competitive bowlers from around the world.

The seven PBA tour bowling telecasts will air on ESPN, bringing further exposure to Detroit, which boasts far more USBC certified bowlers (approximately 70,000) than any other city in the country.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame and the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached by e-mail: tenpinalley10@yahoo.com.



Super swimmer

East Middle School student Eric Li (center), a member of the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers, recently broke three records at the state meet held March 6-8 in Jenison. The Canton resident was competing in the 11-12 age group. Also pictured with Li are his coaches Andy Cebull (left) and Andrew Ciesielski.



Indiana-bound lacrosse player

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, Canton resident Chelsea Olson signed a letter of intent to play college lacrosse at Indiana Tech. Chelsea's parents - Jim and Kim - along with her high school coach Dave Medley (right) and Indiana Tech coach Karasek witnessed the signing. Indiana Tech is a four-year private university located in Fort Wayne, IN, where Olson plans to study criminal science. "Chelsea is a very consistent player both offensively and defensively," said Karasek. "She regularly forces turnovers and is great at ground balls."

CEZAT

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another player like Katie around these parts again," said Hillsdale head coach Claudette Charney. "When you watch her warm up before games, she doesn't wow you with her physicality or size, but her footwork is so good and she's so fluid, she's very difficult to defend. And her speed has improved so much since she's been here, she could easily be on the track team."

"After the GLIAC tournament, the Michigan Tech coach came up to me and said he's never coached against a player better than Katie. And one of the best things about her is the records don't mean a lot to her. She's more into making sure the team wins and making her teammates around her better players."

Cezat rose to prominence last year when she followed up two seasons of primarily serving in a reserve role by leading the conference in scoring and earning All-American status.

She also garnered the attention of opposing defenses, who game-planned not to stop the uncanny scorer and rebounder, but to at least contain her.

Nearly unstoppable

Judging by the numbers she posted this season for the 27-4 Chargers - Cezat averaged 29.1 points per game and 16.8 rebounds - they didn't game-plan long enough.

"Katie's first two years here, we had a lot of upperclassmen, so she had to wait her turn," said Charney. "For a lot of high school players, it's frustrating going from a high school star to coming off the bench. The biggest adjustment Katie had to make was at the defensive end of the court."

"But after her sophomore year, she worked extremely hard that summer because she knew her opportunity was coming and she wanted to make the best of it."

Cezat said she learned to deal with the constant double-teams she attracted on a game-to-game basis.

"Obviously, no one wants the extra attention I was getting on the offensive end," she said. "Sometimes, I wondered what it would be like to get single coverage again. It was frustrating. But then I learned to figure out where the help was coming from and to adjust accordingly. If it was coming low, I'd go high and vice versa."

Of all the records she set during her tenure at Hillsdale, one stands out as her most prideful.

"It's exciting for me to have the NCAA DII double-double record," she said, referring to the 28 games this season when she reached double digits in both scoring and rebounding. "I'm proud of that one because it's more than an offensive record."

Bright future

Prior to her record-shattering junior and senior seasons, Cezat's future was set. The 3.4 (grade-point average) accounting major has a post-college job aligned with a Southfield accounting firm that she's interned for the past two summers.

However, the accounting career may be put on hold if the opportunity to play professionally arises.

"Somebody from one of the WNBA teams talked to my coach about me," said Cezat. "If I did get drafted - they only draft about 30 players each year - I have to look everything over before I decided what to do."

WNBA or not, Cezat wants to continue to play basketball, even if it's in a pick-up league.

"I played some pick-up over at Lifetime Fitness (in Canton) the other day and it was kind of strange playing in low-key games like that after just playing in the NCAA tournament," she said smiling. "But I enjoyed it."

Unlike her final NCAA game, no one was keeping stats at Lifetime.

But it's almost a given that Cezat finished with a double-double.

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Fourteen-year-old Paul Baumgart soars in for a layup Thursday afternoon as Plymouth-Canton Wolfpack teammate Marcus Oden looks on.

BUSINESS

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who re-opened the business on Feb. 1. "I want to give kids a place that will keep them off the streets and give them something to do besides playing video games all day. I thought the original owners' vision was good, but I think poor management led to their demise."

Miller's basketball resume is impressive. The 47-year-old former high school star at Detroit Cass Tech played in college at the University of Detroit before playing professionally in Europe.

On a recent Sunday afternoon when the rhythmic beat of bouncing basketballs echoed through Center Court and fans filled the theater-quality seating, watching the non-stop action of an AAU tournament unfold, Miller's adrenaline was pumping.

"It's exciting to see the place full like that," said the West Bloomfield resident. "It gets me to thinking that we need another court. I love when this place is full because you can tell everybody appreciates what we've done, bringing this place back."

Marcus Oden loves Center Court, too. The Canton resident is the president of the Plymouth-Canton Wolfpack, a flourishing travel-basketball program that has recently grown from one to five teams.



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MARCUS ODEN

"One of the main reasons we've been able to expand is this place," Oden said, while standing in the Center Court lobby on Thursday. "Before this place opened, it was hard to get facilities for practices and games. Center Court has given a lot of kids an opportunity to play basketball in a first-rate facility."

"A lot of the kids come up here and play — not just when we have practices, but to play pick-up games or to just shoot around. It's a top-notch facility."

Center Court is far from one-dimensional, Miller proudly reveals.

"We have a work-out area that the adults can use when they drop their kids off," said Miller. "We have a lounge where you can watch games on TV and we set up a concession stand for

weekend tournaments.

"In the future, I'd like to add locker rooms with showers and more cardiovascular-type machines like treadmills and ellipticals. And, God willing, when he tells us it's time, I'd like to expand the facility."

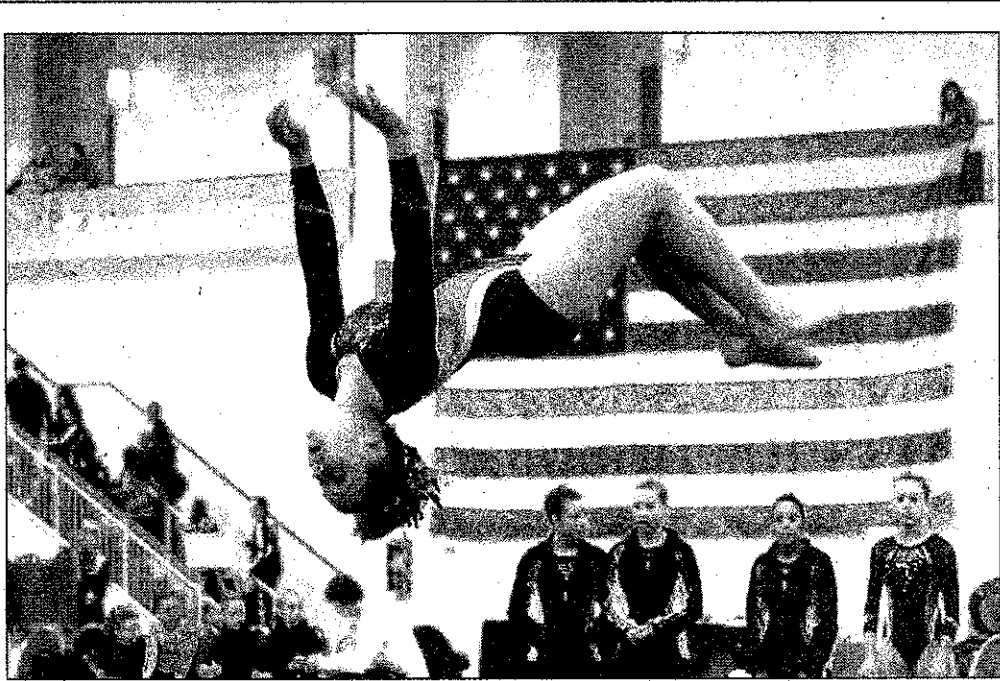
Miller said Center Court will eventually offer adult leagues.

He offers economical membership plans for students and adults.

"I'd like to eventually compete with Lifetime (Fitness)," he said. "Give them a run for their money."

For more information on programs offered at Center Court, visit its Web site at www.centercourtsports.net or call (734) 404-6301.

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TOM OZERANIC

Beaming with talent

Pictured above is Jacquelyn Bryden, a local 12-year-old gymnast who trains at the Ann Arbor-based Gym America. She won several honors in her age group at the 2009 Wolverine Classic Competition hosted by Gym America last weekend. Approximately 900 gymnasts from over 37 clubs attended the national-level competition. Jacquelyn competed as a Level 8 gymnast and won the vault (9.425) and floor exercise (9.35) and finished second in the all-around competition (37.025) and beam (9.250). Jacquelyn attends West Middle School and is coached by Claudia and Ed Kretschmer.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Canton football camps

Three Canton High School football camps will be held in June.

The Canton Chiefs Skills Camp for kids in grades seventh through ninth will be held June 8-11 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35. To pre-register, contact coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738.

The Canton Chiefs Wing-T/3-4 Football Camp for kids in grades 10th through 12th will be held June 16-18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$30. To pre-register, contact coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691.

The Canton Chiefs Fundamental Football Camp will be held for kids entering grades third through sixth June 22-25 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$75. To pre-register, contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173.

Prep lacrosse event

The 2009 Lacrosse Face-Off Classic will be held Saturday, March 21, at the PCEP turf stadium. The annual event, which will be hosted by the PCEP Lacrosse Athletic Association, will feature the following teams: Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Grosse Ile,

Tecumseh, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Lincoln, Hartland and Holt.

The tournament will consist of 25-minute scrimmages. There will be no admission fee and there will be a concession stand.

Salem baseball camp

Registration is still open for the annual Salem Baseball Camp, which will be held March 28 in the Salem gymnasium.

Sessions 3 and 4 will be held March 28, both for kids between the ages of 7 and 10. Session 3 will run from 9 a.m. to noon while Session 4 will go from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The \$25 fee includes a T-shirt and snack.

The camps will be run by the Salem coaching staff and members of the team.

For more information, call (734) 451-0761 or e-mail posler5@gmail.com.

YMCA programs

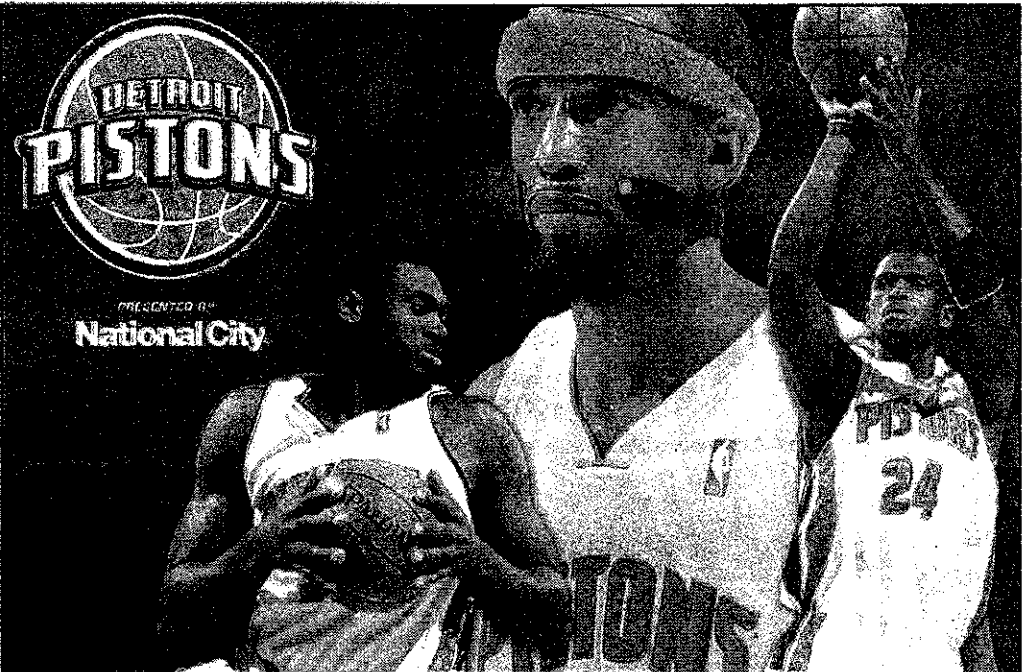
Plymouth YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are currently forming. The soccer leagues are for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 while the volleyball is for girls between the ages of

8 and 12.

The soccer session will run from April 6 through June 6. YMCA soccer is a great opportunity for children to learn the fundamental skills of soccer in a safe and fun environment. There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Saturdays. The program cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members. Individual memberships are \$39 yearly or family memberships are \$59 yearly.

The girls volleyball leagues session will run from April 20 through June 5. YMCA volleyball is a great opportunity for girls to learn the fundamental skills of volleyball in a safe and fun environment. There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Friday evenings. The program cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members.

All participants for both sports need a YMCA Youth Sports Reversible Jersey, \$15. Programs are filled on a first come-first serve basis. The registration deadline is March 27. Check the Web site at www.ymcadeloit.org or call the office at (734) 453-2904.



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Franklin lady cagers advance to Class A final

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With ice water in her veins, Briana Taylor delivered a moment that will reverberate up-and-down Joy Road for quite some time.

With no time on the clock in overtime in Friday's state Class A semifinal, and the game tied following her miracle putback at the buzzer, the 5-foot-9 senior from Livonia Franklin

calmly nailed the game-winning free throw to give the Patriots a mind-boggling 55-54 victory over Detroit Public School League champion Renaissance.

The crowd at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center erupted with a deafening roar as the Patriots mobbed Taylor as she was carried off the court by her teammates following the completion of an improbable

three-point play.

The win put the Patriots, sporting a 24-3 overall record, into their first-ever state basketball championship game against Benton Harbor (25-2). Game time is noon Saturday at EMU.

"At first I was really nervous because I missed the back end of a one-and-one," said Taylor, referring to a miss with 1:50 remaining in regulation and the Patriots ahead 47-40.

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'Up the Rouge'

Book reveals state of river

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Joel Thurtell and Patricia Beck knew only one thing for certain as they launched their canoe in the Rouge River. There was no turning back. The two *Detroit Free Press* staffers had undertaken the journey to tell the story of the neglected treasure and found the 127-mile long river jammed with fallen trees and branches.

It's probably safe to say Beck and Thurtell won't retrace their route from Zug Island to Nine Mile and Beech any time soon. They won't have to paddle through debris and step their way precariously over log jams because it's easier to turn to their book for a reminder of those five grueling days and 27.3 miles on the river.

Up the Rouge was recently released by Wayne State University Press. It follows the trip that came about after the co-workers approached their editors with an idea for series of articles on the state of the river; 2005 was the target year for the completion of two decades of government projects to make the river accessible for swimming and fishing. So far, \$1.6 billion has been spent in an attempt to clean up sites including Newburgh Lake in Livonia. Although the river and its tributaries run through Northville, Plymouth Township, Canton, Westland, West Bloomfield, Rochester Hills, Farmington, and the suburbs, the major part of the trip went through Detroit.

Thurtell had reported on issues surrounding sewage problems since becoming a reporter for the newspaper in 1984. He knew that as Detroit grew, sewage was dumped into the river. In 1940 the city built the wastewater treatment plant, but the problems never went away.

He and Beck worked together in the Oakland newsroom, first in Royal Oak then in Southfield where Beck lives. Beck's been a photojournalist for the paper since 1977. Her images capture the snapping turtles trying to survive amidst the trash. In 2002, they'd taken a short trip on the Rouge in Beverly Hills where Beck grew up. After weeks of planning they knew the river remained polluted.

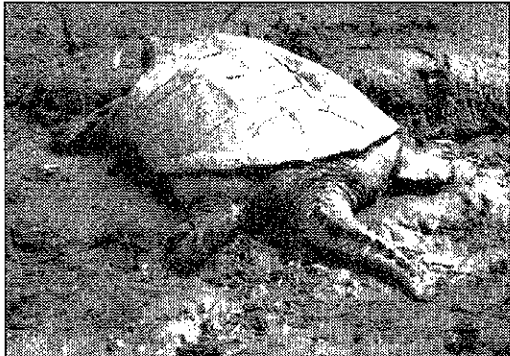
"We wanted to canoe through the big city," said Thurtell, who lives about a block from Tonquish Creek, the Rouge tributary in Plymouth Township. "We knew there would be more water there. After June it gets low. Why we picked the main branch is settlers came up the main branch. It's the most powerful branch of the river."

ABLE BOATERS

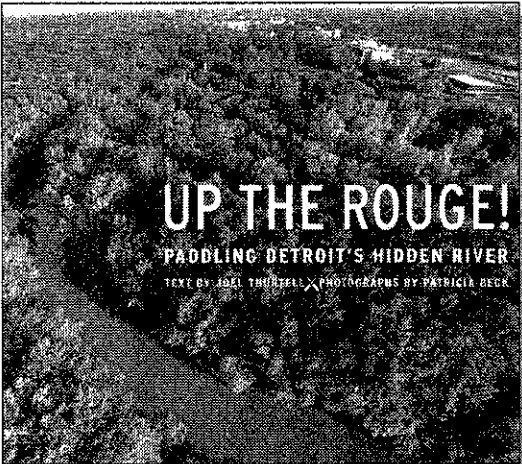
Both have a love of water even though it's sometimes shadowed by their history. Beck remembers in the early 1960s taking trips on her family's boat up the river, then afterwards having to get in the dinghy to scrub away orange residue. Joel's memories of growing up on Flat



PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BECK COURTESY OF THE DETROIT FREE PRESS



Patricia Beck and Joel Thurtell paddled past this snapping turtle sunning itself along the muddy bank of the golf course at Detroit's River Rouge Park. They guessed the reptile was 12 inches across.



Joel Thurtell and Patricia Beck chronicle their adventure up the Rouge River in a book recently released by Wayne State University Press.

look. They can scoot out from under you," added Thurtell. "You could be sucked down. Even though we wore life jackets there are people who drown wearing life jackets. I have a respect for log jams. There's an element of danger waiting."

Beck's photograph of one log jam shows fauna growing. Old tires, abandoned boats, a discarded television, and a golf ball gone astray show the dark side while a dragonfly and great blue heron hint at the beauty. All were shot with two 35mm cameras. Just in case of a tip over Beck protected both in waterproof bags when not in use.

The assignment was definitely challenging. It was "tricky" to not only take photos from a canoe but deal with the changing light as they passed under canopies of trees and back into bright sun.

"I'd like to do it again when it's clean and free of log jams," said Beck. "There were times you thought this could be northern Michigan."

RAISING AWARENESS

The two did draw attention to the plight of the river and in doing so won the Water Environment Federation's 2006 Harry Schlenz Medal for Public Education for the series of articles in October 2005. Today they've returned to their lives. Beck continues to shoot for the *Detroit Free Press* while Thurtell retired. He hasn't given up writing about the river though. Since the trip, he's learned more about the Rouge and toxic chemicals as evidenced by an article in the *Metro Times* December 2008.

Both are still glad they made the trip in spite of the frightening moments with barges coming straight at them.

"One of the reasons was to bring people where people can't go," said Thurtell. "We saw a bird no one else had seen in Wayne County in summer, turtles who always seemed to see us before we saw them. I encourage people to rethink how we deal with pollution. We spent \$1.6 billion and still can't swim in it or fish."

Like Thurtell, Beck wanted to draw attention to the river.

"The world is ours for a short period of time," said Beck. "We are its custodians. We have a responsibility to care for the environment for the next generation. Sewage is an intentional thing by city government. As explorers of the Rouge we needed to find out what was there and let people know."

Up the Rouge costs \$34.95 and is available at the Book Beat in Oak Park, local Barnes & Noble and Borders stores, and online at amazon.com, wsupress.wayne.edu and uptherouge.com. For information on a book signing May 23, at the Canton Historical Society, visit uptherouge.com. Earlier signings are April 1, for the Friends of the Detroit River in Trenton, and April 20 at Barnes & Noble, Allen Park.

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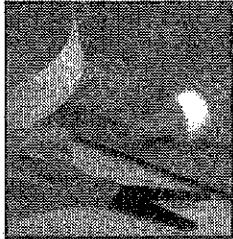
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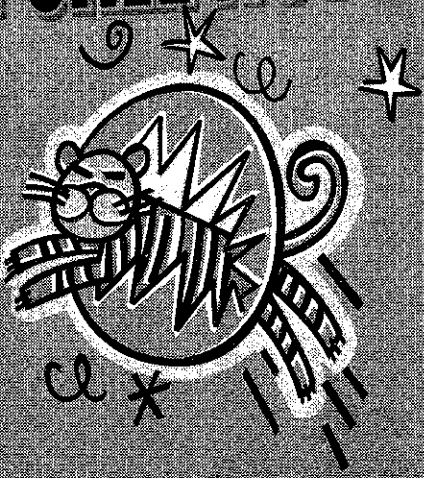
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MILESTONES



Smith-Reeg

Paula K. Reeg, of Northville, daughter of Judith Reeg of Livonia and the late Lowell Reeg, wed Jason E. Smith of Northville, son of the late Richard and Carol Smith of Nashville, Tenn. on Dec. 6, 2008 at The Little Wedding Chapel in Taylor.

The bride was attended by Shelley Kelley, matron of honor; and Patricia Hartman, bridesmaid. The groom was attended by Rany Belland, best man; and Russ Harding, groomsman. A reception followed at Alfocchino Restaurant, Farmington Hills.



Lupa-Kegebein

Lynn Lupa of Livonia and Tony Lupa of Farmington Hills announce the marriage of their daughter Lisa, to Bradley Kegebein of Royal Oak, on Jan. 17, 2009. Lisa is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. She teaches high school in West Bloomfield. Brad is a 2001 graduate of Country Day and a 2007 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He works as a personal trainer in Birmingham. They reside in Royal Oak.



Bonnell-Wright

Tom and Terese Bonnell of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Brandon Thomas Wright, son of Thomas and Sharon Wright of Belleville, formerly of Canton. The bride-to-be graduated from Grand Valley State University and teaches at Roosevelt Elementary School. Her fiancé graduated from Grand Valley State University and works as a network engineer with Consumer's Energy. The couple plan to wed in June 2009 at Old St. Mary's, Detroit with a reception following at Plymouth Manor.

Dupuis-Wendling

Michael and Wendy Dupuis of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Jonathon G. Wendling, son of John and Jeriann Wendling of Chesaning.

The bride-to-be graduated in 2006 from the University of Detroit Mercy's School of Dentistry with a doctorate degree in dental surgery.

She currently practices in Warren. Her fiancé graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in 2008, with a bachelor of science degree in business manage-



ment. He works for Johnson Controls. The couple plan to wed in May 2009 in New Lothrop.



Lea Carolyn Benedict

Craig and Laura Benedict of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Lea Carolyn Benedict. She was born Jan. 25, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins her sister, Kylie Benedict, 2, and grandparents Dean and Pam Benedict, and Fred and Cindy Ciantar, all of Canton.

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Birmingham Groves

Class of 1969

40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or grovesschool69@aol.com for further information.

Brighton High School

Class of 1989

Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Cass Technical High School

Class of 1959

50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion. Contact Kathy Nison at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynillu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klvingston@nu-core.com.

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Local women see progress in rights, room to improve

BY JULIE BROWN
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Dr. Gladys Beckwith was enthused Monday, March 9. The president of the Michigan Women's Studies Association had attended the premiere of a documentary *We Can Do It* on women's progress the night before in East Lansing.

The documentary was produced by the sister organization, the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame. It will be shown Sunday, March 22, on PBS Channel 56 in the Detroit area.

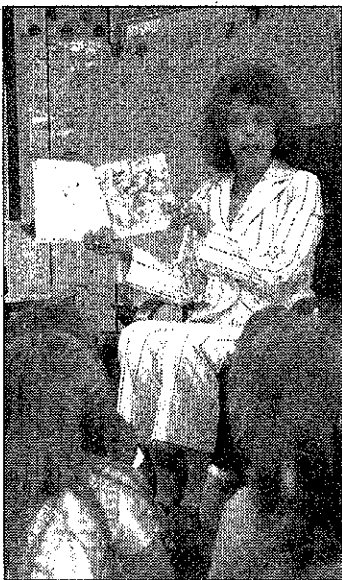
"We've made great progress, but there is room for improvement," the retired Michigan State University professor said of women's rights. She noted women's advancement in politics, business and lifestyles. "Women have more choices than they used to, but that doesn't mean the work is done. I think the next barrier we need to face is pay equity."

Beckwith also sees threats to women's choices on reproductive issues, and notes that single mothers especially face difficulties in this economy.

She believes Michigan stacks up well on progress with a woman governor in office, but noted fewer women are in the state Legislature than in the past.

"We are in such a terrible economic situation," said Beckwith, who taught in the American Thought and Language Department at MSU and earned her Ph.D. there in education.

She acknowledged some younger women think all battles have been won; the Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing



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Mickey Edell of Canton, a speech and language pathologist for the Plymouth-Canton school district, is past state president for the American Association of University Women.

involved young women in making the documentary.

"I believe that more and more young women are coming to realize that" obstacles remain, Beckwith said.

She and colleagues are proud of the *We Can Do It* women's movement documentary, with Gary May as producer, Lansing-area anchorwoman Sheri Jones as writer/narrator and Tammy Shabluck as executive producer.

"It's been a major project," said Beckwith, a Lansing resident. "We have worked on it since last summer. We're really pleased with it."

MAKING PROGRESS

Paula Bowman of Plymouth Township, president of the

League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, agreed women have made gains and have a ways to go.

"I would say exactly that," said Bowman, who also serves on the state board for the League of Women Voters. Bowman sees pay equity, equality in education and representation in government as issues for women.

"They still don't represent the percentage of women who are voting or eligible to vote. It's still not representative of the number of female citizens or female voters," Bowman said, citing restraints on education for girls and women. For women now in their 80s, it was unusual to graduate from college. Women in higher education were concentrated in fields like nursing and teaching.

Bowman's glad to see women advance in newer fields like engineering and business. "Not that it's all about money," she added with a laugh.

She watches a lot of area school board meetings for her LWV work, and notes decision-makers are often white men.

That's frequently the first stop on the political ladder.

"If you look at the school boards in our area, it's pretty amazing," Bowman doesn't question the men's qualifications, but wants to see balance.

"It takes a lot of courage for anyone to run for any office," she said.

Bowman has an administrative job in real estate in Washtenaw County, with the Reinhart Co. She's been there 35 years and started as a secretary when she couldn't get a teaching position, working her way up.

"Management was entirely men," she said of 35 years ago. "Now we have a significant number of women managers, I'm happy to say."

TEACHING VOTERS

She's also proud of the League of Women Voters, marking its 89th birthday this year. It was started to educate new women voters, rather than as a suffrage rights group. "Suddenly, we had this huge number of women that needed to be educated" after the con-

stitutional amendment took effect in 1920.

She's pleased the LWV fulfilled that responsibility and has become a trusted nonpartisan source of candidate information for men as well.

Mickey Edell of Canton is past state president of the American Association of University Women (2006-08), and a member of the Plymouth-Canton branch. "I certainly believe women have made progress," said Edell, a speech and language pathologist with the Plymouth-Canton schools. "Inequity still exists."

Edell cited pay equity and lack of women in political office.

She's pleased with national legislation, such as the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, recently signed into law by President Barack Obama. That allows women to proceed on a lawsuit with flexibility in the timeline. There's also a Paycheck Fairness Act, which has been passed by the U.S. House and not yet by the Senate, Edell said. She agreed it was discouraging that Hillary Clinton's presidential bid failed.

"It was a start. It should have happened years ago," said Edell, noting other countries have had women leaders. "We still need to continue that quest."

She agreed women should be encouraged to run for local and state offices as well. Edell's encouraged to see girls and young women pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering and math. "There's still a lot of work to be done to get young women involved in those fields."

Edell was aware of the *We Can Do It* documentary set for March 22 on Channel 56, but hadn't seen it. Recently for International Women's Day, she saw *A Powerful Noise*, telling exposes on women in Bosnia, Vietnam and Mali and their communities.

"That speaks to the global effort," she said.

As an educator, Edell believes it's important to be aware of Women's History Month; she's heartened to see college courses on women's contributions. "It is an area that has not been chronicled well," Edell said.



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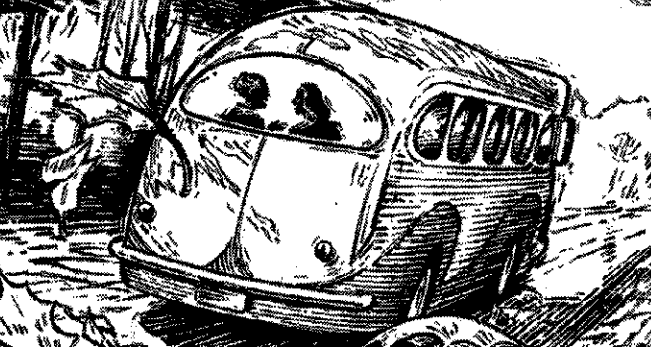
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MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Trinity Church is once again hosting a Mobile Food Pantry Saturday, March 28, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., west of Beck, Plymouth. Reservations can only be made Monday-Thursday, March 23-26, between 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To schedule a time for pick up on March 28, call (734) 459-9557.

The free food distribution is a way for the church to offer assistance in these trying economic times. This is the fourth food pantry that Trinity members will host.

NOTED AUTHOR

Reyna Grande, author of the novel *Across a Hundred Mountains* speaks and signs books 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in the Presentation Room at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Grande's book received critical acclaim in 2006 for its portrayal of the perils of immigration and crossing the U.S. border, the heartbreaking cycle of poverty and the fractured family ties and identities of those who make it to the other side. *Across a Hundred Mountains* was inspired by Grande's life. Her father left her to work in the U.S. when she was only a year old. Copies of her book will be available for sale.

This Meet the Author event is supported by a grant from the Schoolcraft College Foundation. For more information, call Ela Rybicka at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5685, or send e-mail to erybicka@schoolcraft.edu.

THEATER AUDITIONS

Inspire Theatre is holding auditions for the comedy *Father of the Bride* by Caroline Francke 6:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 6-7, inside Warren Road Church, at 33445 Warren Road, south of Venoy, Westland. Acting roles are available for 11 men and 7 women (all ages). For details, call (734) 751-7057 or visit inspire@inspiretheatre.com. Performances of *Father of the Bride* run June 5-6, and June 12-13.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The City of Farmington Hills is seeking artists to participate in Art on the Grand, a juried fine arts fair to be held July 17-19, in Memorial Park on Grand River next to Farmington Road in downtown Farmington. The fair is held in conjunction with the Farmington Area Founders

Festival which attracts more than 50,000 people annually. A small but elegant fair, Art on the Grand has enjoyed much success. The fine arts section also will feature entertainment and activities for children making it an attraction for families as well as art fans.

Artists in all media are invited to apply for a booth. The application fee is \$250 for the three days with no jurying fee. A prize award for "Best of Show" and two honorary "Mayor's Awards" are given each year. Interested artists should call the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1856 for information and an application form.

ZIMBABWE LECTURE

Everyone is invited (including men) to the American Association of University Women-Livonia Branch meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, in Livonia, to hear Ann Taber talk about her latest trip to Zimbabwe. Taber received an award from the Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women in December 2008 for her service in the troubled country of Zimbabwe over the past decade.

The women of the AAUW Livonia Branch, like Taber, have dedicated their time, energy, expertise, and compassion in numerous ways. They have been helping at the Women's Resource Center (now the Transitions Center) at Schoolcraft College averaging three hours a week each for many years. Members of the local University Women's group volunteer in schools, hospitals, food banks, domestic abuse shelters, homeless shelters, museums, gardens, libraries, television stations, prisons, churches, and a myriad of other places locally. AAUW members sew "Little Dresses for Africa," knit chemo caps for breast cancer patients, mentor young girls, visit Alzheimer's patients, donate to numerous charities and serve in countless ways.

The women leaders of AAUW of Livonia encourage everyone to participate in the renewed spirit of service. In the words of Martin Luther King Jr., "everyone can be a leader, because everyone can serve."

Besides helping others, AAUW members enjoy socializing. Every month there is an informative presentation. There are numerous opportunities available to members in areas including books, cards, international affairs, travel, sewing, eating out, and others. Any women who have an Associates degree or better are invited to join the Livonia Branch. The monthly meetings are 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.



An artist works in the Goldner Walsh greenhouse on a sketch.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Garden art

Goldner Walsh Garden & Home, along with Thursday Company of Art, will display and sell drawings and paintings done during winter in the Goldner Walsh greenhouse, 6-8 p.m., Friday, March 27, at the store, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Refreshments will be served. Free admission. (248) 332-6430

At English Gardens

Learn about the new varieties of roses, proper care, maintenance, planting procedures, insect and disease control, pruning and fertilizing in a free presentation, 1 p.m., Saturday, March 28, in all stores. Visit local English Gardens stores at 44850 Garfield at Hall in Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; 4901 Coolidge, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive in Dearborn, (313) 278-4433; and 155 Maple at Jackson, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

Mark your calendars

The Michigan State African Violet Society will hold its annual spring display and plant sale, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 4 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at

Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro, Ann Arbor. African Violets will be on display and available for purchase. Gesneriads will be available, along with supplies. For more information call (248) 698-3628 or e-mail to INGRIDBOWMAN07@comcast.net.

Farmington Garden Club

Mary Krzeckowski of the Taylor Garden Club will talk about efforts to make the Downriver area a butterfly-friendly zone at the Farmington Club's next meeting, Monday, April 6, at Spicer House in Heritage Park. She'll also offer advice on attracting butterflies to backyard gardens. Meetings start at noon with coffee and refreshments. For more information call (248) 473-0822 or visit farmingtongardenclub.com.

Livonia Garden Club

7 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. Joe Barson of Barson's Flowers, will give pointers on how to make beautiful containers for outdoor living spaces. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Susan Rakay at (734) 464-7915.

Koi symposium

The Michigan Koi & Pond Club presents a unique all-day convention with local vendors and lecturers from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at The Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. Taro Kodama of Kodama Koi Farm, Mililani, Hawaii, will be

the keynote speaker. Registration, open to age 16 and older, is \$30 for club members and \$35 for non-members through April 11. Add \$5 for registrations after April 11. Registration includes access to all vendors, lectures and a catered lunch. Lunch is not guaranteed for those who register after April 11. Doors open at 8 a.m.; the first session will start at 9 a.m. Mail checks, payable to Michigan Koi & Pond Club, to Bruce Modetz, 32525 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information call Ray Alexander at (734) 846-8588; Ron Kardynski at (734) 646-7606 or Bruce Modetz, (734) 673-4868.

Water solutions

Beth Rowley, owner of Landscape Beauty by Design, will offer practical, water-saving advice on mowing, fertilizing and watering your lawn at 7 p.m., April 21, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. She'll also talk about creative landscaping to save water. The program is free, although registration is required. (734) 397-0999.

Yard Scraps to Garden Treasure

Advanced Master Gardeners and composers Nancy Perry and Luann Davis of the Canton Garden Club, will talk about using inexpensive vermicomposting methods to enrich soil and reduce waste, at 7 p.m., April 22, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. Register for the free program by calling (734) 397-0999.

Should I buy energy-efficient or top load washing machine?

Please understand, as you read this column that as a talk show host on two different radio stations I must always watch what I say and write. The old saying, "don't bite the hand that feeds you" is always prevalent whenever I'm using brand names in my column. I refer to the several area businesses who are advertisers on my shows. These companies in the appliance industry have never given me a hard time or tried to influence me in



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what I have to say about the products they sell. There is no doubt that I make money from these advertisers and I try not to do anything to alienate them. Let me be clear the before you read further, Home Depot is not an advertiser with the Appliance Doctor.

Beverly writes: "Dear Appliance Doctor, read your article on Sunday in the *Observer and Eccentric*. Most helpful consumer advice I have ever received. I'm in the market for a washer/dryer and hoped to go energy efficient (Energy Star). I went to Home Depot today, took the article with me and had a good long conversa-

tion with the salesman who was knowledgeable.

"During my visit, a man came up to me and asked if I was going to buy a front-load. He told me he had never been as disappointed in his life as he was with his two-year-old energy efficient front-load. I let him read your article and he said it made great sense. They have a bad smell coming from their washer.

"Another salesman at Home Depot just happened to mention that his wife noticed a really bad smell in their washer, too. Who wants to wear clean clothes fresh out of the washer/dryer that smell? Unbelievable. Well, the good knowledgeable salesman showed me the LG brand front-load energy efficient washer. It has a small door in the lower front of the door panel. When you open the door there is a screw cap that you unscrew and out comes a plastic filter that you can clean easily — no brush bristles — looks more like a plastic scoop with slots.

"Salesman said this prevents the problem you speak about in the article. He made no mention of any water that would drain out or need to be drained out. The washer is built so that the wash drum tilts slightly back which he said avoids water drain problems. What do you think? The washer is LG model# Wm2016CN.

"If I have to clean a hard to get at filter and have water building up in my machine, then I'm not ready for energy-efficient! I'll just stick with a good quality top load. Please advise me as to whether you think this front door filter on the LG will do the trick to avoid a smelly filter and avoid a buildup of residual wash-water. Thanks for your report."

After some 20 years of writing this column never have I received the responses like I'm getting lately and this is all due to the articles on the front load washer with the smelly or mold problem. It's no wonder and all you have to do is go into your computer and google front load washer complaints. Beverly's letter to me refers to a column I wrote dated the last Sunday of February. I talked about a filter that some manufacturers have and that should be cleaned. Some people have written me, saying that once they found the filter and cleaned it, the odor problem disappeared. Can the cure be that simple? If it is, why don't all machines have a filter you can clean? If you would like a copy of that previous column, drop me a note. I'll send it to you. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twml.r.com



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JOAN CAROL STARKWEATHER STERN

Age 79, Of West Bloomfield. Passed into Glory on March 12, 2009. Married to Janet "Sally" Sawyer for 54 years. He is survived by Sally and their children, Daniel William Sawyer and Teresa Sawyer Divan, married to James Divan and mother of Erik, Kurt and Julia of Riverhead, NY. Before graduating from Wayne State Medical School, Buz was a fighter pilot and flight instructor in the U.S. Marines. Dr. Sawyer did his internship and surgical residency at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital. For the past eighteen years, with son Dan as business manager, he was president of Sawyer Medical Consultants, PC. Past president of Michigan Occupational Medical Association, Dr. Sawyer is listed in Who's Who in America. He was a soloist and choir member at Franklin Community Church and the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham where a Memorial Service was recently held. According to Dr. Sawyer's wishes, he was an organ donor to Gift of Life. A physician who cared deeply about his patients and a devoted husband, father and grandfather, he will be profoundly missed.

DORIS MARSHALL WEINBERGER

Of Encinitas, California, and formerly of Birmingham, Michigan died March 11 of age-related causes. She was 84. Mrs. Weinberger (nee Klass) was born in 1924, in the small town of Antioch, Illinois. She was her high school Valedictorian, and received BA and MSW degrees from the University of Chicago. She married Robert Marshall (1920-1988) in 1948, and they lived in Ann Arbor and then Birmingham, where he was minister of the Birmingham Unitarian Church for 22 years. They divorced in 1978. She worked as a clinical and psychiatric social worker in Michigan for almost 20 years, and was an active volunteer in many organizations. Mrs. Marshall travelled extensively. At age 62, she joined the Peace Corps in the Philippines and also travelled to Peru, Chile, Japan, Egypt, Greece, England, Italy and extensively in Israel and the United States. She met Arthur Weinberger on an Elder Hostel trip in 1999, and they were married on July 16, 2000. Together, they traveled to Alaska, Hawaii, China, Vietnam, Mexico and the Danube region, and continued to attend Elder Hostel programs. Mrs. Weinberger is survived by her beloved husband Arthur, who will turn 101 on July 18. She is also survived by her five children, Stephen, Barbara, Robert, John and Joy, and four grandchildren. Remembrances to the Nature Conservancy or Stand for Children.

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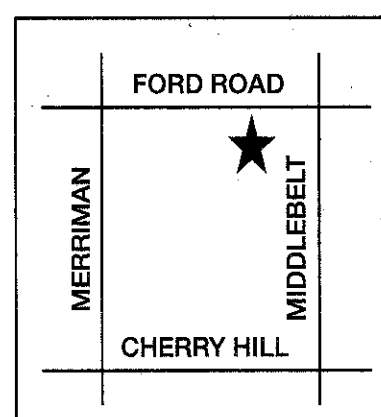
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Plymouth volunteer among Metroparks honorees

Seven area people were named "Volunteer of the Year" for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks at its 49th annual HCMA Recognition Dinner held on March 14 at Indian Springs Metropark Environmental Discovery Center. Giving freely of their time for the betterment of these beautiful parks, the volunteers all share a common passion for people, nature and the outdoors.

Michael Moss of Troy volunteers at Stony Creek Metropark, and is an active

member of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association. He donated countless hours raising money, planning and helping to construct the park's mountain bike skills area, which opened in 2008. Among his activities, Moss helped secure a \$5,000 donation from American Cycle and Fitness, and he, along with other volunteers, donated more than 800 hours to the project.

Chris Mykrantz of Brighton is a volunteer farm hand at the Kensington Metropark Farm Center. He is part of

the Kensington farm "family" working 450 hours last year. In addition to his volunteer time, he funded a pavilion at the farm.

Gary Peace of West Bloomfield and Ken Schang of Plymouth, both members of the West Oakland Camera Club, supported and sponsored the Metroparks/West Oakland Camera Club Photography Contest. Peace and Schang spent countless hours planning and organizing the contest, for which park visitors submitted some 600 images. The

West Oakland Camera Club's involvement helped attract SONY and Woodward Camera to provide cameras to contest winners.

Harry Richardson of Pinckney volunteers at Hudson Mills Metropark each spring during the maple sugaring season, where he keeps the sugar shack operating by tending the fire, collecting sap, boiling it and helping wherever needed. Richardson started volunteering in 2003, and gave more than 300 hours at the park during the last two years. Bernie and Inge Rovenskies

of Taylor volunteer at Lake Erie Metropark's Marshlands Museum and Nature Center, and are longtime supporters. They supplied baked goods and coffee for the monthly Crack O' Dawn Coffee Club walk. Along with their children and grandchildren, they helped build the park's eagle enclosure project, including contributing money and shrubbery.

"Our volunteers are not only our loyal helpers here at the Metroparks; they are also our valued friends and second family. We celebrate these

seven volunteers of the year as well as all of our devoted volunteers for their commitment, generosity, expertise and extraordinary attitudes," said Mike George, Metroparks chief of Interpretive Services.

During 2008, more than 2,600 volunteers contributed almost 25,000 hours to assist the Metroparks. Volunteer opportunities are available at the parks, and anyone interested in volunteering on a one-time project or on an ongoing basis should call the Metroparks Administrative Office at (800) 47-PARKS.

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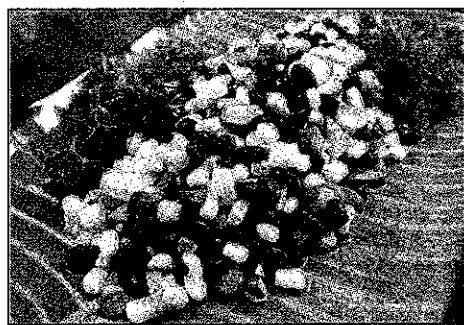
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For dessert, Jeanie Weaver combines raspberries with crumbled almond grappent bar.

Seminar touts benefits of plant-based diet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Back in the 1960s, Dr. Arthur Weaver used to pull a blackened lung from a bucket to shock participants at stop smoking seminars into quitting. Today he's mellowed and sticks to statistics when trying to convince an audience to change unhealthy habits.

On Sunday, March 29, he reveals the latest studies that add to a growing myriad of reasons for choosing a plant-based diet to reduce the risk for cancer, diabetes and heart disease. The afternoon-long session presents nutrition information, cooking demonstrations and exercise tips for a holistic approach to prevention.

Weaver spent more than 40 years as a cancer surgeon. During his career the causes remained elusive, but in the last decade studies increasingly show a link to eating animal products.

In addition to the March 29 event at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School in Plymouth, Weaver's Better Living Seminars offer a week-long Health Camp in Northern Michigan in early May to stop smoking, introduce exercise into daily routines, control stress and weight, and eat healthy by preparing vegetarian dishes. The

Plant Based Diet Seminar on March 29 concludes with a meatless meal.

"Most chronic diseases are lifestyle induced," said Weaver, 85. The Northville resident has been a vegetarian since birth. "At least 80-percent of cancer is preventable. About 1/3 of that is tobacco and alcohol related, the rest diet. Heart disease is mostly lifestyle. What people eat is very important to how they live and when they die. We know now it's what you put on your fork."

Natalie Weaver and her daughter-in-law Jeanie recently filled a table with dishes for getting started on the road to meatless eating. They suggest cutting back gradually by making food that not only tastes but looks good.

Black bean and corn salad, red pepper bean dip, golden rice, and asparagus soup tempt the eye as well as taste buds. The recipes come from several cookbooks resulting from the annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza at the church. The second week in November nearly three dozen vegetarians and vegans prepare everything from entrees to desserts. Last year more than 60 samples left guests wondering which recipe to try first.

"Everybody's so busy it has to be simple and quick," said 84-

year-old Natalie, Dr. Weaver's wife. The two have been giving their Better Living Seminars since the early 1980s. "We like to make it easy so they think, 'I could try that.'"

Laurie Novotny not only made one of the burgers from the Extravaganza, she entered an altered version in the Michigan State Fair last August and won third place for her Hamtramck Health Burger.

The Livonia woman is always looking for nutritious recipes to add to her semi-vegetarian menus, especially since she began studies to become a registered dietitian. The Madonna University senior grew up eating a steady diet of high-fat Polish food. At age 50 she's concerned with every aspect of health. Her brother died of juvenile diabetes at age 24, her mother of diabetes in mid-life.

She was determined her daughter, Anna, a college freshman, would avoid developing the disease by eating a semi-vegetarian diet.

"My favorite thing about the dietetics field is that you can keep the food you like and alter it to make it healthier for you," said Novotny. "I still get the flavor and taste I grew up with. I used oatmeal and nut meal for the burger then topped it with sauerkraut and presented it in a healthier format."



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Jeanie Weaver (left), Dr. Arthur Weaver, and Natalie Weaver are pictured with several of the dishes for the Plant Based Diet Seminar at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School in Plymouth.

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Although Novotny's burger is fairly quick to make, there are nights when frozen meat alternatives like Morningstar Farms Spicy Black Bean Burger make it easier to get to exercise class on time. Novotny and her husband Jim were introduced to the annual cooking and tasting events by Jeannie Weaver, their exercise instructor at the academy in Plymouth. Weaver organizes both events. Her classes infuse Pilates, strength training, balance and flexibility into a plan. She'll have

tips on reaching fitness goals.

"More people need to eat more plants," said Jeannie Weaver of South Lyon. "They need to put volume into their eating for fiber and so they won't be hungry."

The Plant Based Diet Seminar runs 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School, 15585 N. Haggerty, between Five Mile and Six Mile, Plymouth. The cost is \$15 each or \$25 a couple. To register, call (248) 446-9176 or (248) 349-5683.


Association sounds alert about diabetes

The American Diabetes Association will sound the alert about diabetes on American Diabetes Alert Day, March 24. The one-day call to action encourages those at risk for developing type 2 diabetes or those with loved ones at risk to take the Diabetes Risk Test and, if at high risk, to schedule an appointment to see their healthcare provider. The Diabetes Risk Test is available in English and Spanish by calling the Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or online at www.diabetes.org/alert.

The American Diabetes Association is leading the fight against the deadly consequences of diabetes and fighting for those affected by the devastating disease. More than 800,000 people in Michigan, nearly 6 million nationwide, are unaware they have diabetes. An additional 57 million Americans have pre-diabetes, which puts them at greatest risk for developing type 2 diabetes. Among the primary risk factors for type 2 diabetes are being overweight, sedentary, over the age of 45 and having a family history of diabetes.

African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders are at an increased risk as are women who have had babies weighing more than nine pounds at birth. Diabetes is a leading cause of death by disease and has no cure.

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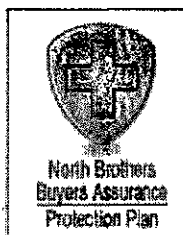
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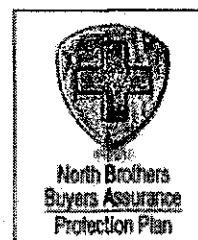
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Must have full knowledge of plant operation and possess excellent customer service skills. Willing to train candidate with some dry cleaning experience. Call 734-591-6166

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- 20 Layer
- 21 Hitchcock forte
- 23 Type size
- 24 Complained bitterly
- 26 Hole puncher
- 29 Boxcars, in dice
- 30 It has rings
- 31 More eager
- 33 Moon, in poetry
- 35 In a dither
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- 37 Pay as — go
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- 42 Exquisite
- 44 Rochester's Jane
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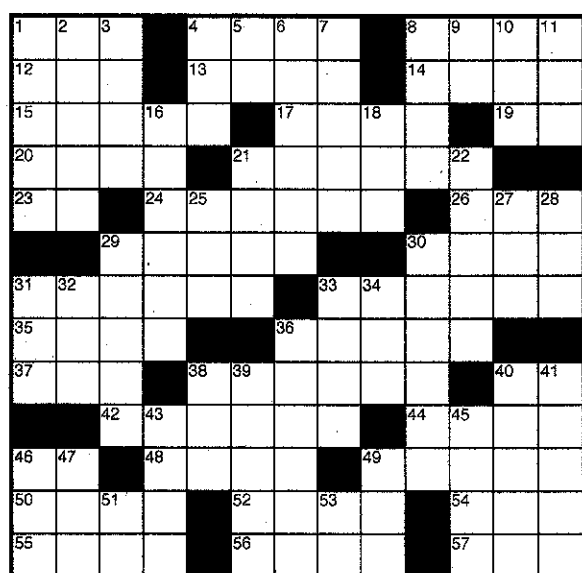
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- 11 — wrestling
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- 21 Ticket info
- 22 Harder to find
- 25 Cutting tool
- 27 Network
- 28 "He Got Game" director
- 29 Asian capital
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- 38 — been had!
- 39 Quit
- 40 Take the podium — Gurley
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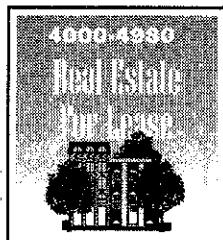
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Lincoln's MKZ offers a midsize luxury car at around \$36,000 that makes its customers feel like a million bucks without putting them in the poor house.

Although the Lincoln Zephyr sold well, this luxury sedan was reborn in 2007 as the MKZ, and a new, more powerful 3.5-liter V-6 engine. Lincoln also designed a new front end and now offers the MKZ in an all-wheel-drive model.

The MKZ is a plusher and more luxurious version of the Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan, which debuted around the same time. All three are, in turn, based on the Mazda6, though they all come with unique styling and different equipment. While the Fusion and Milan offer the optional all-wheel-drive system, the 3.5-liter V6 is exclusive to the MKZ. Adding more punch for the younger customers Lincoln is targeting, it installed Ford's new Duratec 35 V-6 engine teamed with a 6-speed transmission. This combo gets 19 per gallon city and 27 per gallon highway.

The MKZ provides a smooth, yet powerful, comfortable ride. It handles well around curves, but I wouldn't characterize it as ride as sporty like its rivals the Chrysler 300 and Nissan Maxima.

The smooth ride is enhanced by the MKZ's premium 6-speed automatic transmission. Making gear changes barely noticeable because of how

seamlessly the throttle control works with the electronically controlled transmission, precisely timing each transmission shift.

Lincoln also added to the regal look of the former Zephyr's exterior.

The people at Lincoln kept their classic design elements in place for the exterior design of the MKZ, while improving their traditional waterfall grille and adding new luster to the finish. This attention to detail gives the MKZ an identity of its own.

To make its drivers feel like they are traveling first-class Lincoln spared no expense on the interior of the MKZ.

You won't find any cheap plastic here - only real materials were used for the interior including wood, high-quality leather, satin nickel and chromed trim.

The car buyer has the option of choosing an instrument panel of contrasting trim in either wood or satin nickel.

The satin nickel interior gives the car a more modern appearance, appealing to the younger crowd. While the wood interior choices, include Dark Charcoal or Light Stone with Ebony wood or Sand with Figured Maple wood give the car more a classic and traditional feel, appealing to older car buyers.

The quiet interior of the MKZ's large structure plays perfect host for the industry's first THX II Certified sound system.



Lincoln brought the Zephyr back as the MKZ with a few changes. One thing remains the same, though: this car is still the cheapest way to get a Lincoln.

Although the sound system is optional on the MKZ, once a potential car buyer hears it in its full glory they'll have a hard time not upgrading to these premium sounds, which features surround-sound equal to most home entertainment systems.

The system features 14 speakers, including two subwoofers with 600 watts of power and a pristine sound processor. An MP3 audio input jack and factory-installed SIRIUS satellite radio come optional.

Lincoln also improved on the design of the Zephyr by providing more comfort, adding three feet of rear-passenger legroom. To achieve this roomy feel, Lincoln stretched the width of the chassis by 30 millimeters and the wheelbase by 55 millimeters.

To ensure drivers are always headed in the right direction, a DVD-based navigation system is available. This features a 6.5-inch-wide screen and text-to-speech technology with travel directions in English, Spanish or French.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration gives the MKZ four out of five stars for driver and front-passenger protection in a frontal crash. It gets five stars in the front and four stars in the rear for side-impact protection and four stars for rollover resistance.

Lincoln equipped the MKZ with the standard driver and front passenger air bags, seat-deployed side air bags. It also upped the ante with another safety feature, the full-length safety curtain.

The side-curtain air bag can help block glass splinters or other objects that could cause injury in a side impact.

Lincoln MKZ's two-row air curtains also feature "roll-fold" technology. So, if a passenger is resting their head against a window, the air bag is designed to slide between the glass and the passenger as it fills.

Lincoln hopes to pull in customers old and new with the MKZ, and by offering more power and a premium sound system option, I would say they are on the right track.

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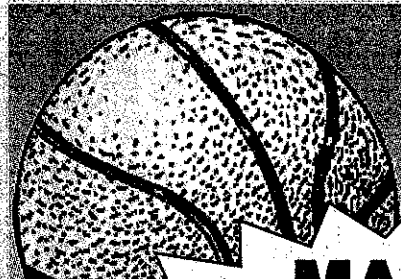
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\$12,437*	36mo... \$219*	
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29 MPG



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$18,390	60mo... \$173*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$190*	\$221* PER MO.
\$12,936*	36mo... \$199*	
	\$0 Down Payment	

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Stk. #90116

33 MPG



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$21,255	60mo... \$192*	PURCHASE
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\$13,910*	36mo... \$235*	
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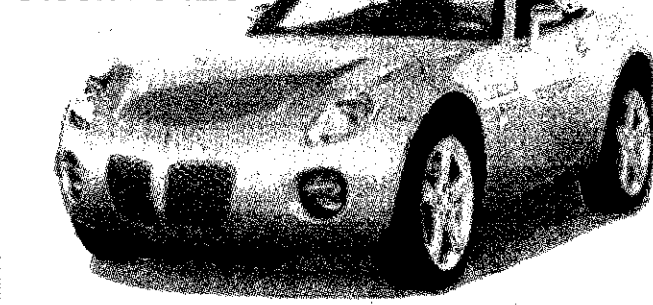
24 MPG



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
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NOW	48mo... \$316*	\$382* PER MO.
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\$25,995*	36mo... \$448*	
	\$0 Down Payment	

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Stk. #93035



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$26,390	60mo... \$289*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$309*	\$299* PER MO.
\$17,499*	36mo... \$359*	
	\$0 Down Payment	

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Stk. #95036



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$31,650	60mo... \$303*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$346*	\$373* PER MO.
\$19,995*	36mo... \$395*	
	\$0 Down Payment	

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Stock #95098



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$32,700	60mo... \$362*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$405*	\$409* PER MO.
\$25,571*	36mo... \$444*	
	\$0 Down Payment	

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Stock #95111



PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$38,345	60mo... \$418*	PURCHASE
NOW	48mo... \$471*	\$414* PER MO.
\$27,194*	36mo... \$539*	
	\$0 Down Payment	

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PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
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