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# Snafu could hamper IKEA opening

### Canton officials blindsided by timing of 1-275 project

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

For months, Canton Township has been planning for traffic management surrounding the June 7 IKEA opening. Everyone has known there will be far more cars than usual in and around Canton. And everyone has known that the traffic situation, for at least part of the summer, will require patience. But they didn't know that a state road project would be starting this week, possibly turning inconvenient delays into miserable traffic jams.

The project is an eight-mile, \$3 million resurfacing of I-275, from M-14 at the north to Ecorse Road at the south. Both the northbound and southbound lanes will be impacted. The timing of the project completely caught Canton officials off guard.

We didn't even know this was coming," said Municipal Services Director Tim Faas. "It was after the board meeting last week, and I was surfing the Web, and saw it on the Michigan Department of Transportation Web site. I was shocked."

In addition to being shocked, Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he's also confused about why this project would start at the same time that Canton is expecting additional traffic to and from the IKEA store at Ford and Haggerty.

"We've been working with MDOT since it was announced

that IKEA was coming here," Yack said.

In fact, some of the MDOT road improvement projects, such as the widening of ramps at Ford Road, were done so that the community would be better prepared for the nearly 2 million annual visitors the new furniture store will attract.

"Generally speaking, MDOT has been very good to work with as we prepare for IKEA," Yack said. "But how this happened without us being prepared? I don't know.'

Yack added that it's possible MDOT is such a large agency, the department in charge of the maintenance project did not know that this is one of the worst times the project could have been planned.

Often, municipalities are

notified when major projects are being scheduled, but not always, Yack said.

MDOT is aware of the potential problems with the timing of the project, said MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi. Further, he said that MDOT had been in contact with the township's department of public works, but in the future MDOT will contact Yack's office "even for the smallest maintenance projects so that hopefully this won't happen again," Morosi said.

In the meantime, MDOT is trying to make the project, which will begin this week, weather permitting, easier for Canton to deal with.

"We've decided to alter the schedule a little bit, and will only do work and have lane

closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., including weekends," Morosi said. Additionally, there will be no lane closures during the weeks surrounding the IKEA

"We're very keenly aware of IKEA and the projects around that section of Canton," Morosi said. The original plan was for the project to be completed during daytime hours.

The project is intended to extend the life of the pavement. Although the road is in decent shape now, the resurfacing should keep it in driveable shape for another 5-7 years, Morosi said.

Faas said the project is scheduled to last until September, but Morosi said he anticipates an earlier completion.

The project even took by



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Orange barrels on I-275 were almost the first warning of the project.

surprise State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, who is the chairman of the house transportation committee.

"I didn't know until this morning," LaJoy said Monday. "I called everyone and their brother with MDOT. The timing of this project just won't work. It's nice to get the work done but there is no way to do it while IKEA is opening."

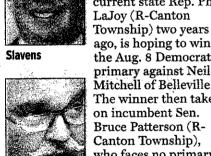
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# Slavens challenges **Patterso**

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

In a move most political pundits predicted would occur in due time, **Plymouth-Canton Community** Schools Board of Education President

Mark Slavens of Canton entered the 7th Senate District Slavens, who lost to current state Rep. Phil



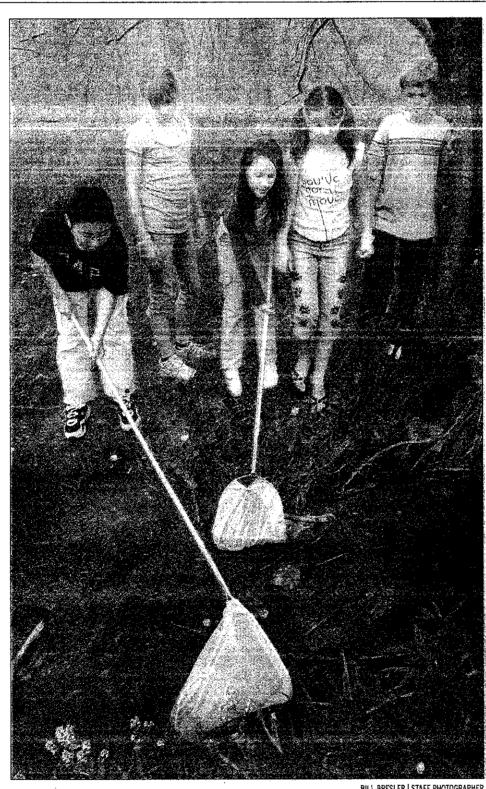
ago, is hoping to win the Aug. 8 Democratic primary against Neil Mitchell of Belleville. The winner then takes on incumbent Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township), who faces no primary challenge, in the Nov. 7 general election. We need a change in the Senate to get this state going again," Slavens said.

"I'm a can-do person, and I can provide the leadership that can get this state moving again. I'm going to Lansing to fight for working families, single people, seniors and our children." Slavens, who has been hammering

the state Legislature for years to increase the foundation grant for Plymouth-Canton Schools, said education will be a priority, but not his single issue, if elected.

"My top priority for the state and the 7th District will be jobs," said Slavens, who is an attorney. "I've run

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**Discovering a river**Eric Huang, Jackie Jones, Victoria Kinsler, Naomy Horobet, and Alex Hastings look for wildlife in the stream behind Tonda Elementary. They were among the Tonda fifth-graders who participated in a Rouge River monitoring project. Huang caught a frog. Please see story on page A3.

## Finance director bids farewell to Canton

STAFF WRITER

Canton Township Finance Director Tony Minghine hears it all the time: Canton has become an excellent place to live, work and do business. And that makes the decision to walk away a tough one. Minghine, 43, will leave his position with Canton - after

almost 10 years to the day from the date he was hired - to accept a position as chief financial officer for the Michigan Municipal League in Ann Arbor. "This job will basically be all the things I love

about the job I have with Canton," Minghine said. "I've always enjoyed getting involved in some of the bigger policy issues. That's one of the main functions of what they do over there." The MML is a nonprofit organization which

serves some 500 cities and villages in Michigan. "MML does a lot of lobbying, they do insurance, training, and

a variety of services for cities and villages," Minghine said. What appeals to him is that he'll have a hands-on opportunity to get involved with policy issues that will affect communities all

Minghine's last day on the job is officially July 19, but he'll be done working at the end of June, when he will take some vacation time before he starts his new job.

Minghine said he wasn't seeking another position. "I just got a call out of the blue while I was on vacation over Easter," he said, adding that because the township is in the process of a restructuring, which resulted in the elimination of 11 staff positions, he wishes the call would have come a year from now.

"The timing couldn't be worse here. And I feel terrible about that. Ideally, I'd have the chance to be here for the restructuring and make sure the organization is running fine," he said. "But this is when the opportunity came, and I feel it's the right thing

On Monday, Minghine informed Township Supervisor Tom Yack of his intention to leave. The township will begin a search for a new finance director, more than likely by the end of this week, Minghine said.

"The reality is they will find a good person to be here. This will be a very sought-after position. If you do what I do, there aren't a lot better places to be," Minghine said.

According to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, the township will use hiring consultant Career Direction to help find Minghine's replacement. He said the township will develop some criteria as to what they are looking for, and the company will help locate some candidates that could fill those needs. The township will also advertise the job opening in various trade publications.

The job probably won't be filled any time soon. "If we get someone on board by Oct. 1 we'll be doing pretty

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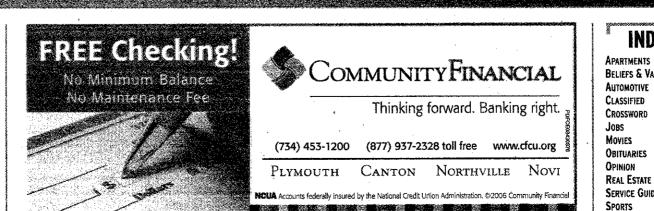
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#### **Coming Sunday**

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#### Correction

The list of Turnaround Achievement Award winners was inadvertently left out of our coverage of those awards in the Sunday, May 14 Observer. The following students were honored:

Jalen Pruzak, Hoben Elementary School: Cameron Smyth, Bird Elementary School; John Kelly and Christopher Maironis, Central Middle School; Dominique Williams, Discover Middle School; Kleopatra Kristo and Cody Schoenborn, East Middle School; Damon Ahigren, Pioneer Middle School; Sarah Hayes, Michael Price and Matthew Stewart, Canton High School; Lindsey Juras, Nicole Svec and Andy Wang, Plymouth High School; Britni Glover, Matthew Goins, Adam Hammel, Fatima Saad and Robert Smith, Salem High School.

#### Mongolian Bargeque coming

Popular chain eatery, BD's Mongolian Barbeque, signed a lease to occupy a 5,574-squarefoot restaurant in the Canton Shopping Center at the intersection of Ford and Lilly roads, in Canton, the center's owner and property manager, Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services,

Inc., announced this week.

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BD's Mongolian Barbeque is a Ferndale-based "create-yourown stir fry" restaurant with more than 25 locations in the U.S. and one in Mongolia. The Canton location is expected to open sometime later this sum-

The lease brings the 72,000-SF Canton Shopping Center to 98 percent occupancy, says Richard Broder, Broder & Sachse president. Other tenants include Sears Hardware and Chuck E Cheese.

#### New officer

The Canton Police



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Department recently hired Joe Mullally as a new police officer. Mullally was hired to fill one of several openings created by retiring officers.

Mullally, a 24-year old Canton resident, completed his associates degree at Schoolcraft College and received his MCOLES certification from Wayne County Regional Police Training

Center in November of 2005. Candidates for the Canton Police Department go through a vigorous testing process that

includes written and physical agility tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations and an extensive background check. To find out more about opportunities at the department visit www.canton-mi.org.

#### Carwash benefits vets

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 Plymouth/Canton will hold a car wash 9 a.m. -4 p.m., Sunday, May 21 at the Main Street Car Wash on Main Street in Plymouth. All proceeds will be used by Chapter 528 to help veterans.

#### Fellowship gathering

Canton Lighthouse Aglow International invites all women to join them at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, June 3 at St. Joseph's medical center on Palmer and Canton Center roads for food, fellowship and a good word on "What is God asking you to do?" For information call Rochelle at (734) 981-6908.

#### **Book signings**

Cheryl Martin of Canton, an award-winning poet and published poet/writer/photographer, will be holding two book signings in May.

Martin will appear at the Canton Public Library 7 p.m. May 18 and at the Book Cellar and Cafe in Plymouth 3-6 p.m. May 20.

Martin's book, "Woman Reclining," will be released in May, and she'll also have her Haiku Chapbook "Feathers In Flight" available, as well as her Children's Haiku Booklet, framed poetry, and poetry bookmarks for sale. She will be featured at the Book Cellar and Cafe alongside poet Mark Davio who will be selling his book "Seasons of the Heart."

For further information regarding Martin's classes or book signings, call (734) 397-1626 or e-mail at peroinc5@comcast.net.

#### Dog walk

The 4th Annual Tails & Trails Charity Dog Walk, normally held in September, will be held on Saturday, June 3, at Heritage Park in Canton. Registration/check-in begins at 9 a.m. and the event will begin promptly at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

Along with the new date, the event will also feature new entertainment and a new designated charity: the Humane Society of Huron Valley. This is a pledge event with 100 percent of the pledge dollars collected by participants going to HSHV. This annual event is one of the Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club's major fundraisers and allows them to sponsor community programs throughout the year.

Activities for the day will include agility and obedience demonstrations by Canine Training & Sports Center of Canton, a pet care seminar courtesy of Michigan Vet Specialists, vendor booths with pet-related products, food concessions and contests for owner and dog alike to participate in, with lots of prizes to be awarded. A variety of local rescue groups will also attend. Emcee for the day is Channel 7's Skycaptain Dennis Neubacher.

Registration is \$15 per dog in advance or \$20 the day of the event. Walk-ups are welcome, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged and the first 150 registered dogs will receive a free goody bag. Current vaccination records must be presented at time of check-in.

For more information or to request a registration form, visit www.pckiwanis.org, email info@pckiwanis.org or call Carol at (734) 451-3500. Anyone interested in being a vendor or sponsor should contact the Kiwanis Club for more details or visit their Web site at www.pckiwanis.org.

### River Day celebration

Canton's annual River Day will be held from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at Flodin Park, located on the southeast corner of Saltz and Morton-Taylor roads.

River Day will take place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages, including residents, students and scout troops are

encouraged to participate.

This year participants will be able to choose from a number of different activities including guided nature walks, building birdhouses, planting of native plants, shrubs, and bulbs, removing a silt fence, river cleaning efforts, and streambank stabilization.

The event will also focus on educational topics such as the removal of invasive species and a living science exhibit with live bats will demonstrate how important they are to our environment.

All volunteers will receive a T-shirt, donuts and drinks for breakfast, and a barbecue lunch. Volunteers should come dressed for the weather, and jeans and boots should be worn.

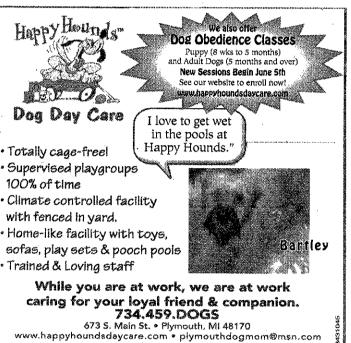
Volunteer registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the parking lot of Flodin Park. Scout troops planning to participate need to call Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150 so the proper number of badges/patches can be ordered.

For more information please call Public Works at 394-5150.

#### Brunch with a board member

Plymouth-Canton Schools Treasurer Rich Ham-Kucharski will host a brunch to meet with constituents of the district from noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 28 at Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth.

He will discuss current district issues, the budget, and any school related topic.



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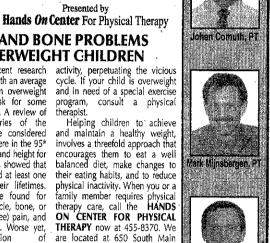
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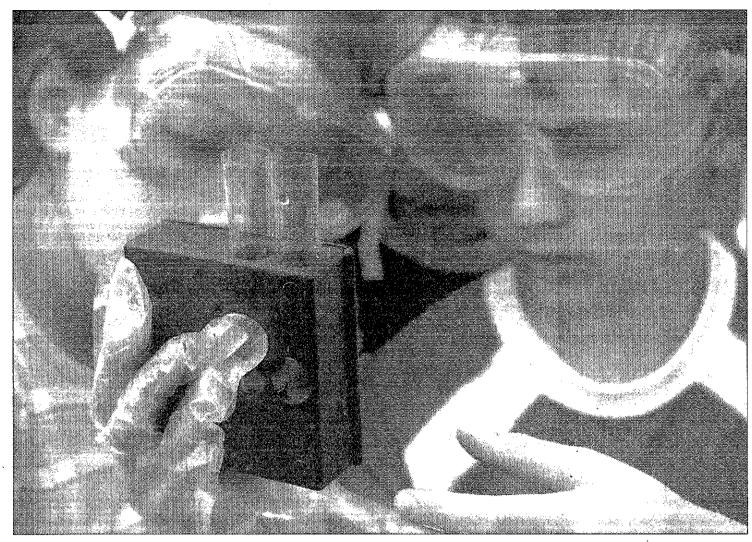
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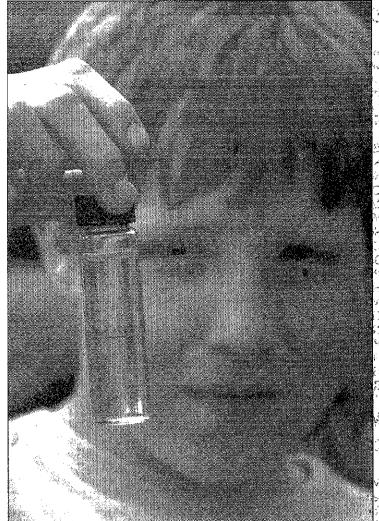
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# Bugs' life

### Students monitor Tonda's natural habitat

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When 10-year-olds Robyn Lowes and Grant McKinney wander around the field behind Tonda Elementary in Canton, it's not unusual to find a lot of mosquitos and even a snake, or two.

But, that's actually a good

Fifth-graders at Tonda last week also found frogs, fish and various species of birds at the natural habitat behind the school as part of a monitoring project along the Rouge River watershed sponsored by the Friends of the Rouge.

"In the spring, there are a number of schools and organizations that monitor the

watershed," said fifth-grade teacher Becky Leiting. "We look at the pH level, the water velocity, the air and water temperature and what kinds of animals it attracts.

"We don't have a lot of time in our curriculum to talk about the environment, so it's really good to spend a couple of days where we go out and really talk about it, and make the kids understand how important it is to take care of what we have," said Leiting. "It's not going to be here if we don't take care of it."

McKinney, who lives in the Tonda neighborhood, frequents the habitat.

"I saw a red-winged black bird, a regular blackbird and definitely lots of mosquitoes.

and birds eat them," said McKinney. "Sometimes when I go with my friend, we see frogs jumping into the river. One time we found a snake.

"The wildlife can keep on living there undisturbed so they can evolve naturally, without any interference from us," he said.

While most homeowners abhor weeds, Lowes said in the habitat they're beneficial.

"Lots of weeds in the water is really good, it's shelter for the animals," she said. "It (the habitat) helps us learn about the wildlife and how we can help them, and how we can help other places we find that are like that

Scott Robertson, who teaches fifth grade at Tonda, said the ways than one.

"It ties in nicely with the third-grade curriculum about habitats, fourth grade about water and fifth grade about the environment around them," said Robertson. "And, it's not only in Tonda's back yard, but the back yard of the kids, because most of them live in the community. It gives them a sense of ownership.

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Clockwise from top left: Katie Adams and Connor Cauvet check the pH level of the river water. The results were close to normal. Charlie Streslick checks the clarity of water sampled from the stream. Adding a few drops of phenolthaline solution to river water gives you a color that can be compared to a

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# Road to Lansing

### Open 20th House seat draws a crowd for August primary

**BY TONY BRUSCATO** STAFF WRITER

There will be August primaries to determine who will succeed term-limited state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) in Lansing the next two years.

The crowded list — five Republicans and a trio of Democrats — is intriguing, both for the names and faces it includes, and at least one it doesn't.

The candidates will face off in partisan primaries to see which two candidates will meet in the Nov. 7 general election to represent residents in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, a portion of Canton Township, Northville Township, Wayne and part of Northville.

Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo jumped in after Plymouth Mayor Pro Tem Phil Pursell decided to drop out. Abbo lists among his supporters state Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township), who was championing Pursell. "As a certified public

accountant with more than 30 years of business experience, 14 years of experience in local government as the Northville Township supervisor and as a trustee. I believe I'm uniquely qualified to address Michigan's ongoing fiscal challenges," Abbo said. "Strengthening education and our economy will be my top priorities."

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Pursell, who announced earlier this year he was seeking the position, said there were a number of factors that forced him to drop out.

"I just don't have the time to dedicate to it that I thought I would," Pursell said. "My family and my business come first. I don't have any regrets about pulling

Among the challengers on the Republican ticket is Stewart's wife, Plymouth Historical Museum Director Beth Stewart.

Among the surprise names on the Republican side is Vorva. Not former state Rep. Jerry Vorva of Plymouth also a former Plymouth city commissioner — but his 31year-old son, Jason.

"I remember doorbelling with my dad when I was 13 when he was running for the city commission," Vorva said. "I've always been interested in politics. I don't think those people who have a huge interest in the status quo or special interest groups will make the necessary changes. I'm not taking any contributions from individuals or PACs (political action committees). I'm not going to have anyone tell me I can't say something."

Also seeking the nomination on the Republican ticket are Don Schnettler of Plymouth Township and T. Cortez Spann Jr. of Wayne.

Included in the Democratic primary are Joanne Lamar and Joe Hawver, both of Plymouth Township, and Marc Corriveau of Northville, who ran unsuccessfully against Stewart two years

Bill Ballenger, editor of the newsletter Inside Michigan Politics, said he's not too surprised so many candidates came out of the woodwork to seek an open seat.

"I don't think it's that surprising the number of candidates on the Republican side," Ballenger said. "Beth Stewart is probably considered the favorite, at this point.

"Democrats, generally speaking, think this is going to be a good year for them, and you see them running where otherwise you would think there wouldn't be that much interest," he added.

"The only thing I can figure is they evidently believe lightning could strike and a tsunami could come and have a Democratic landslide, sweeping one of them to victory."

In a total contrast, there will not be a primary in the 21st House race to represent most of Canton Township. Incumbent Phil LaJoy (R-Canton Township) will be seeking his second, two-year term. He will face Democrat Al Sinis of Canton in the November general election.

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my own business for over 20 years, and I know you need a stable government. The incumbent has not served the people in the 7th District well. and that's reflected in how poorly the job market is in the 7th District.

"We need to be investing in education, and that's not taking place," he added. "We need to invest in the life sciences and high-tech jobs, alternative energy and the 21st Century Jobs Fund to strengthen Michigan."

Patterson, who served in the state House before being elected to the redistricted and open 7th District Senate seat by beating former state Rep. George Mans four years ago, is considered the favorite by political analyst Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics.

"Unless Patterson has made some enemies, it's going to be a medium-range longshot,

Ballenger said of Slavens. "Slavens is known for being on the school board, but that isn't far-reaching. It's hard to imagine Patterson is weaker than when he won an open seat."

Slavens knows the odds, but said his experience against LaJoy will be a benefit to him.

"I was a first-timer and I learned a lot of things about running a campaign," Slavens said. "I wouldn't be running if I thought I was going to lose. I have every intent on winning."

Patterson did not return a phone call seeking comment.

The battle for 35th District Court judge will be a three-way race. Incumbent Judge Ron Lowe will meet James Plakas of Northville and Brian Stacey of Plymouth in the Aug. 8 primary.

The two candidates with the highest vote total will meet in the November general election for the right to serve the next six years on the bench.

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#### DIRECTOR

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good," Yack said. Minghine said his successor should have mastered the art of being tough and fair, and solution-based, Minghine said. But the rewards are phenomenal, he added.

'What makes me the most proud is that in the 10 years since I have been here, I think we've continued to raise the profile of the community, and the services and

the facilities," Minghine

"We're bigger and better and stronger, and I'd like to think I had some small part of that."

Yack agreed.

"He's done a fine job for us. He's a young guy with lots of skills. There are always opportunities out there for someone like him," he said.

Staff writer Kurt Kuban contributed to this story.

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p.m. A fashion accessory as unique as you are. Teen Tuesdays: at 3 p.m. Hang out in Teen Place, make a craft, play a game, use the

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

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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Kids' Beginning Internet: May 20, 2 p.m. or May 23, 5 p.m. Basic Internet skills and safety for 2nd and 3rd graders.

Kids' Advanced Internet: May 20, at 3 p.m. or May 23, at 7 p.m. Internet site evaluation, search tips and research help for 4th and 5th graders.

Fun Night: May 31, at 7 p.m. Kids, ages 5 to 12 years old, and their parents are invited to gather 'round the campfire under the stars and enjoy stories, crafts and games.

#### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

Register for adult programs starting one week in advance by calling (734) 397-0999. Computer classes are free to library cardholders however, a \$5 no-show fee will be assessed if you do not cancel 24 hours prior to class time.

M PowerPoint II: May 18, at 9:30 a.m. Tricks to make your presentations more visually interesting.

MS Word III: May 23, at 9:30 a.m. Insert graphics, art, create envelopes, mail merge documents.

#### **DEATHS**

Mildred C. Foege

Foege, 92, of Canton, died May 13.

Mary (Roeder) Hayes · Hayes, 74, of Plymouth, died May 1.

Eugene W. Preston

Preston, 76, of Bloomfield Hills, died

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# Local mechanic's book can help motorists save on fuel costs

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Getting more miles out of a tank of gas has become a sort of passion for Michael Cox. As a mechanic, he often sees the mistakes drivers make, and what it costs them in terms of fuel efficiency, especially now that gas in hovering around the \$3 mark.

So he decided to write a book, *The 10% Solution*, to help motorists improve their gas mileage.

"I was just trying to wake people up," Cox said of the ebook, which is offered free on his business' Web site. "Our driving habits are horrendous. Everyone's in a hurry to get somewhere."

Many car owners feel a sense of rage and helplessness as they spend more and more of their family budget to buy fuel, Cox said, adding that most drivers believe the situation is out of their hands and have no option but to pay the dictated price.

Truth of the matter, Cox said, is that they do have options, and if drivers are going to save any money, it's a result of their

own behaviors.

"You can't control what insurance costs, or what gas costs, and you can't really control what repairs and maintenance cost. But you can really make a difference when it comes to getting better gas milesge." Cox said

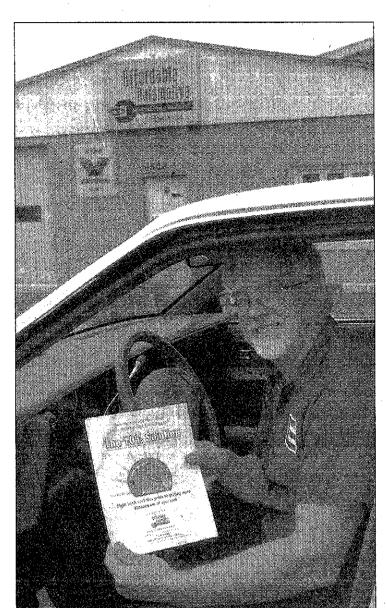
mileage," Cox said.

Most people have no clue what it costs to keep a car on the road, according to Cox, who said the average car owner pays more than 52 cents per mile, just to operate a car. They can cut at least part of that expense by combining trips and watching how they behave behind the wheel.

"The number one mistake people make when they're driving is accelerating too fast and driving too fast," he said.

"That's terrible for your mileage."

It's also terrible for the environment and does nothing to



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reduce America's dependence on foreign oil, he added.

"We don't pay attention to the environment," Cox said. "We're smart enough to use the Earth's treasures more carefully than we do now."

The other part of controlling costs associated with driving is maintenance, Cox said.

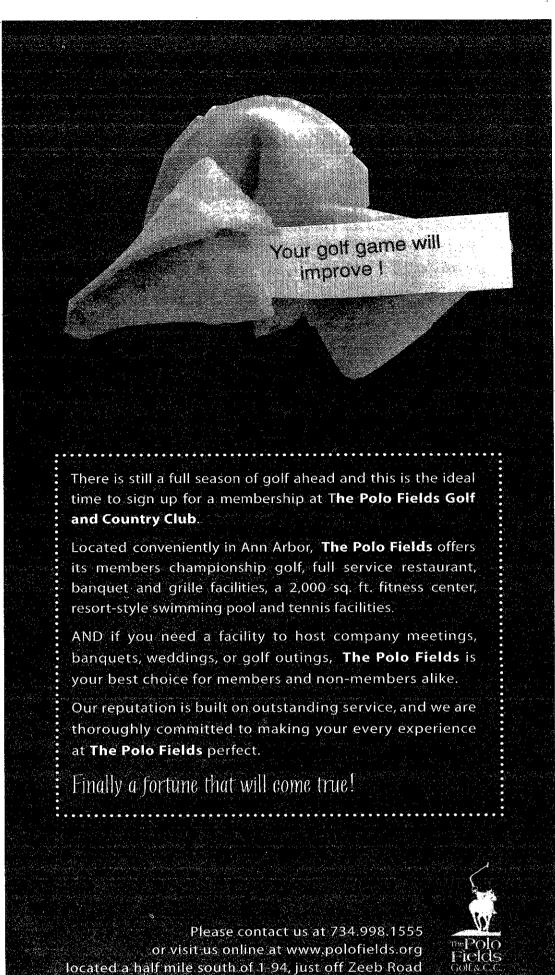
"It's nearly impossible to budget for a major repair because it happens with no warning," he said. "But maintenance is something that you can predict, and will save you money in the long run."

Poor maintenance is also a safety issue, Cox added.

"Have you ever been broken down on the side of the road? It's not the safest thing to happen, not just for you but for the other drivers who could run into you."

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# Supplier of the year

#### Recognized by GM, Shiloh thrives in tough times

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Earning an award like the General Motors Supplier of the Year distinction is certainly an honor any time a company can earn it. But in these times, with the challenges that the automotive industry is facing, James Keyes is even more proud that his employer, Shiloh Industries, earned it in 2005.

"It recognizes exceptional quality, delivery and technology, as well as meeting cost targets," said Keyes, senior vice president of advanced technologies at Shiloh.

At the top of his list is quality. Shiloh shipped millions of steel parts last year and none were returned as defective, he added. General Motors recognized 85 companies with the prestigious award, out of a total of 3,500 suppliers worldwide. General Motors accounts for about 40 percent of the company's revenues. The remaining 60 percent comes from DaimlerChrysler, Ford,

Nissan and Toyota, Keyes

Even though Shiloh has locations in Ohio, Georgia and Tennessee, as well as Mexico - areas which have been deemed by other Michigan manufacturers as being more attractive due to lower wages, fewer labor unions, and a different state tax structure - the company has not considered closing the Michigan offices and production center, located in Canton near Haggerty and Koppernick roads.

"As long as they're building cars here, we'll be here," Keyes said. "We have to be here to be competitive."

Part of the economics of proximity is purely shipping costs. But also the ability to respond quickly to nearby customers makes the southeast Michigan facility more profitable than it would be if it were relocated outside Michigan.

You're losing logistics by not being where your customers are," said Marketing Manager David Craig.

"Everything would have to go on a truck or train to get here, and these are big, heavy items."

But the cost of living in southeast Michigan requires the company pay higher wages to its Canton workers than it does to their southern counterparts. And the state's single business tax significantly - and negatively impacts the company's bottom line. Compensating for either of those economic factors isn't easy, but in this economic climate, when the automotive industry is struggling, it's required a tremendous effort to keep the bottom line solid, Keyes said.

"That's why the award really meant something to us," Keyes said. "We're doing OK, and to able to meet the expectations of our biggest customer, that's very important."

Shiloh Industries started out as a little tool and die manufacturer in Shiloh, Ohio, where it is still headquartered today. Through the years it grew, and in 1997



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Marketing Manager David Craig and Plant Manager Patricia Glover walk through Shiloh Industries in Canton.

opened its Canton sales and engineering facility on Haggerty Road in the township's industrial corridor.

Shiloh has 15 wholly owned subsidiaries located in Ohio, Georgia, Tennessee, Mexico and Canton, with approximately 1,990 employees. The company's annual sales are approximately \$650 million. Shiloh is a leading manufacturer of engineered welded blanks, complex stampings and modular assemblies. The Canton Division employs approximately 100 hourly and salaried people.

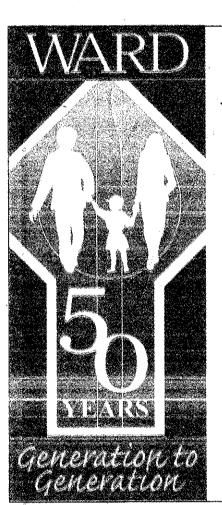
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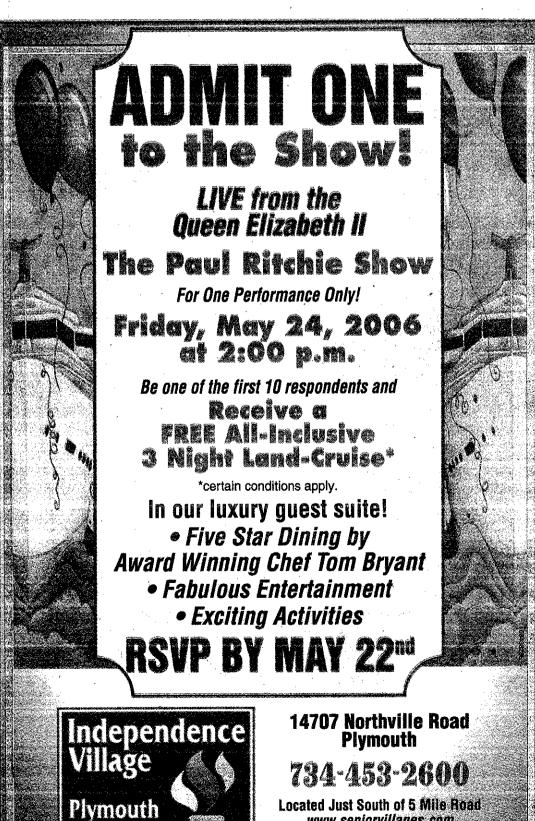
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# GM, Meijer team up to promote flex fuels

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

With gasoline prices reaching into the stratosphere of \$3 a gallon, the state, a major retailer and one of the Big Three automakers are pooling resources to promote the use of alternative fuels

around Michigan. A partnership between the state, General Motors and Meijer is putting their collective clout behind the construction of 20 new E-85 ethanol blend gas stations at existing Meijer stores around the state.

The state has around 1,800 E-85 flex-fuel and

hybrid vehicles in its fleet.

"We welcome the introduction of ethanol to Michigan," Director of the Michigan Department of Management and Budget Lisa Webb Sharpe said. "We believe that as more stations come online, the price of fuel will be reduced through competition."

GM spokesman Dave Barthmuss said there's a demand for the new fuel beyond the cry at the

"There are 1.5 million E-85 GM vehicles on the road now, 200,000 in the country," he said. "We're going to put another 400,000 on the road in

E-85 vehicles can run on either normal unleaded

gas or the ethanol mixture, which is only 15 percent normal gasoline. Right now, there are nine GM product lines that offer the option in pickup, SUV and sedan configurations.

"Combined with the other industry options there are five million (E-85) cars on the road in the U.S.," Barthmuss said. "We have to make sure they have access to that fuel."

As for the ethanol itself, he said the state's agriculture business can only stand to benefit. While the most common understanding of ethanol is that it is a corn-based product, it can be made from a wide variety of crops.

The South American nation of Brazil, which has been working on energy independence for more than a decade, has switched over to E-100 gasoline (100 percent ethanol) that's generated from its cash crop, sugar.

GM's part of the partnership with the state and Meijer is promotion. Starting with Super Bowl XL and the Olympics and on through the rest of this summer, the automaker has run promotional spots on television and radio and in print touting the benefits of ethanol-mixture gasoline vehicles.

Meijer store gas stations will install E-85 pumps at locations deemed to be closest to the largest concentrations of flex-fuel vehicles; the determination of where those will be has yet to be made.

## **County welcomes family business, military** appreciation and new shipping options

#### A FAMILY AFFAIR

When Three Generations opened its doors in Livonia last month, the consignment furniture and accents shop signified the fulfillment of a longtime ambition for Gail Murdock of Livonia and her mother Carolyn Givens, of **Plymouth**.

"My mom and I always wanted to open a resale shop," said Murdock. "Every time we'd go on vacation, we loved going to resale shops."

After years of talking about it, they made that dream a reality. with help from Murdock's daughters Kimberly and Kristy rounding out the third generation of owners.

Murdock describes the store's varied selection as upscale and unusual. Much of the store is stocked with furniture, to suit all tastes and styles. "We're trying to please everyone," she said. She and Givens embarked on

their business venture in November. After obtaining the proper permits from the city, Murdock said "we decided to go

Choosing Livonia was an easy decision, she said. "I wanted it to be close to home."

The store sells items on consignment. Items are often priced at half of the value for which they were sold as new items. Though the price also reflects the condition of the item, and the seller's expectations.

With so much furniture com-

What's in Store

ing in, Murdock said, she's always thinking of new ways to redo rooms in her own home. She often looks at new items coming in and thinks "I want that."

"We get a lot of nice stuff," said Murdock. "And we meet a lot of nice people. It's a fun job."

Three Generations is located at 33849 Five Mile in Livonia's Civic Center Plaza. The store is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the store at (734) 524-3384.

#### FOR THE TROOPS

Rally's restaurant in **Redford** is serving up more than burgers this spring. Part of Checkers Drive-In Restaurants Inc., Rally's serves as a drop-off site for care packages meant for service men and women who will remain overseas during the Fourth of July holiday.

During May - Military Appreciation Month - and beyond, Rally's has joined with Operation Gratitude and America Supports You for the Patriotic Drive. The donation drive was created to show appreciation to U.S. Troops

Collections will continue through June 14. Drop off care packages to Rally's of Redford, located at 11610 Inkster Road.

#### SHIPPING SHAPE

Nankin Hardware & Hobby of Westland has added a new instore UPS shipping service which will allow customers to "ship where they shop."

By partnering with Package Express Centers, a Tennesseebased company, the local store will offer package processing and shipping services for the first

Customers can choose from UPS ground and air to international services, all at a reduced rate. New automated software will make the process easy and quick - under 3 minutes for ship ments. The store also offers free package tracking and a 50 cent just discount on the first package customers choose to ship from the

Nankin Hardware & Hobby is ... located at 35101 Ford Road in Westland, Store hours are 8 a.m. . \* to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to ad 4 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 722-5700 for more information.

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

### 'Click it or ticket' in safety belt program

Local police agencies, sheriff offices and Michigan State Police will soon increase enforcement efforts focused on driving safety belt use to 95 percent in Michigan, in conjunction with the start of the summer travel season.

A statewide Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click It or Ticket safety enforcement mobilization begins May 22 and runs through Memorial Day holiday weekend, ending June 4.

Safety belt enforcement is expanding because the state's goal is to reach 95 percent safety belt use, a 2 percent increase from last year's record high of 93 percent.

The combination of strict

safety belt enforcement and targeted advertising has consistently proven effective in increasing safety belt use, both nationally and at the state level. After adding five counties to the mobilization last year, safety belt use in Michigan increased from 90.5 percent in 2004 to 92.9 percent in 2005. This rise in belt use is linked to a decline in fatalities. The number of traffic deaths in Michigan fell from 1,159 in

percent drop. Safety belt enforcement zones are conducted on roadways where crash problems are prevalent or belt use is low. Special, portable "safety belt

2004 to 1,129 in 2005, a 2.6

enforcement zone" signs will alert motorists they are entering an enforcement area. One officer will serve as a spotter who will radio unbelted motorist information to nearby marked patrol cars or motorcycles that will pull over offending motorists.

Michigan law requires all drivers and front seat passengers to be buckled up and children under age 4 be in an approved child safety seat. It also requires passengers 15 and younger to be buckled up in all seating positions.

A daily listing of safety belt enforcement zone times and locations can be found at www.michigan.gov/ohsp.



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# Commission moves forward on mental health authority Officials call vacant

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Commissioner Philip Cavanagh (D-Redford) wants to settle the question of who runs the county's mental health programs before the state legislature acts to cut anywhere from \$30 million to \$50 million from mental health funding.

"It has always been the underlying question of who drives the agency, whether it's the 12-member board or the (county) CEO and his administration," Cavanagh said in an interview last week. "Even under the previous county executive it was a point of contention."

He said the county has had 10 Mental Health Agency directors in eight years.

Cavanagh is the chair of the county commission's Task Force on Mental Health. The second of three hearings on proposals for creating an independent mental health authority will be held 3-5 p.m. Wednesday at the Livonia Civic Center.

The Community Mental Health Agency is operated by a 12-member board. Six members are appointed by the county executive, six by the mayor of Detroit. The agency is operated as a county department and funded by federal and state Medicaid money and county matching funds.



Cavanagh

contracts with five MCPNs (Metro Community Provider Network) to deliver mental health services to 40,000

county residents. Two years ago Sens. Beverly Hammerstrom (R-Temperance) and Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) spon-

sored a bill to withdraw funding from the agency unless the county created an independent authority. Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed the legislation.

Cavanagh said the county could be liable for as much as \$228 million for failing to spend state and federal fund-

These are through various things like accumulating a fund balance, socking away \$30 million in risk reserve and the Feds are saying if you're not going to spend it, give it back," Cavanagh said.

Hammerstrom said Friday that under House legislation, the county could lose \$50 million in state funding and under Senate legislation it could be \$35 million.

"I don't think Sen. Johnson will back off from that," she said.

#### **FICANO'S PLAN**

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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. C-06-02

#### AMENDMENT TO WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE

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

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

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

#### WATER RATES Consumption Rates. The Consumption rate shall be

\$2.36 per 1,000 gallons.

Paragraph A of Section 73.050 of the Water and Sewer System Ordinance entitled "Sewer Disposal Use Rates" is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### SEWER SYSTEM RATES

A. Sewer Disposal Use Rates Such rates shall be levied on each lot or parcel of

land, building, premises now or hereafter having any connection with the sewers of the system. Such rates shall be billed along with the water bill and shall be based on the quantity of water used therein (if there is such a meter).

The sewage disposal rate shall be \$3.06 per 1,000 gallons of metered water. The sewage disposal rate, during the billing months of September, October and November shall be reduced by Twenty-five (25%) percent.

#### SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

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

#### SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

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

#### SECTION 5. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

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

#### SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

#### SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.

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

#### SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 9th day of May, 2006, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk

Introduced: Adopted: Effective:

May 9, 2006 July 1, 2006

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the board to 13 members with the county executive appointing the extra member.

Mr. Ficano supports a local solution," said Teresa Blossom, spokeswoman for the Mental Health Agency. "We are in a quandary with a six-six board. In Oakland County L. Brooks Patterson appoints all the members of the mental health board."

Blossom said the legislation passed two years ago was punitive."

We pay all the bills. We put up the money," she said.

She said Ficano has made "significant progress" in reforming the system and problems related to billing and service.

"A state survey was made of 129 consumers and 127 expressed satisfaction with the service they received," she said. "In her veto message, the governor said the issue of governance is a key issue. Ficano wants the system to be the best it can be."

Hammerstrom said a 13member board can't be formed without changing the current legislation.

"The issue isn't the size of the board ... it's a power thing and it's not about the county executive, it's about mental health," Hammerstrom said.

She said she is disappointed that Granholm has been "silent" about the current legislation.

"She doesn't want to get into a fight with Ficano, but she worked to create a health authority. She was able to broker a deal," Hammerstrom said. "It's just an indication that mental health is not as important as physical health."

#### **DIRECTOR DISAGREES**

Recently Richard Visingardi, the agency's interim director appointed last year to replace Patty Kukula, was put on administrative leave for his health. In press

reports he has complained that he is being forced out of office because he disagrees with the county executive over how much money the agency could lose.

Visingardi's contract with the county expires in June and Blossom said he will be on leave until the end of his contract.

"Medicaid laws and funding have gotten very complicated," Cavanagh said. "Interim director Richard Visingardi said it no longer behooves the county to have this layer of government. You need an authority to manage this. The state is saying you're at 13 percent administration and they say next year you'll be at 7.5 percent. They say this is where you should have been at and this is what you're going to give you."

Cavanagh said he supports Visingardi's idea of reducing the number of MCPNs from

Cavanagh said his committee will not change the composition of the board, as thatis a state law.

"I understand the county's line, we're putting in the match and the city isn't but a huge majority of the clients are from the city," he said. "My committee will talk about

that and the committee could make a recommendation to the legislature. But the enabling legislation isn't going to do anything to the structure.

Cavanagh said he expects the public hearings to be wide open and expects to hear from affected unions, mental health advocacy groups and others.

"Three weeks from now the committee convenes again and decides on the enabling legislation. Two weeks ago the question was will we have an authority, now it's how will it be structured," he said.

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# house fire 'suspicious'

Canton public safety officials are investigating a "suspicious" fire which destroyed an abandoned house during the afternoon of May 16.

According to public safety reports, dispatchers received a call at 4:43 p.m. on May 16, regarding a house that was on fire in the 300 block of South Canton Center Road. A fire engine returning from an unrelated incident was on the scene immediately. Upon arrival

firefighers reported visible smoke and further investigation indicated significant fire within the house. The fire was quickly extinguished with no reported injuries.

The house, which was previously abandoned and scheduled for demolition, sustained significant damage from the fire. Canton's fire investigation team was called to the scene and determined the origin was suspicious in nature.

# Hipple headlines benefit golf tourney

Eric Hipple, popular former Detroit Lion®s quarterback, remembers the tremendous support he received from others following the death of his son, Jeff, in 2000.

Returning the favor by helping bereaved families from the area and throughout the country, Hipple will be Honorary Chairperson of The Compassionate Friends Charity Golf Outing Saturday, June 10 at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.

The charity event, a special tribute to all children who died too soon, includes a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m., with Hipple present, and a charity dinner at 7 p.m. at which he will speak.

"This is one of the ways in which I'm trying to help others like myself who have had a child die," said Hipple. "The Compassionate

Friends is an inspiring organization dedicated to helping those across the United States who have been devastated by the death of a child within their families." All proceeds from the golf outing, the eighth-annual

Steve Herrick/Brian McLean Golf Classic, will be used to offset expenses of the upcoming 29th National Conference of The Compassionate Friends July 14-16 in Dearborn.

The conference, which is expected to draw up to 1,500 people, will feature 114 workshops, a complete sibling

program, sharing sessions, butterfly release, and Sunday morning's seventh-annual "Walk to Remember." Among

the keynote speakers will be Chet Szuber of Harrisville, who received the extraordinary gift of his daughter's heart, even as he grieved her

A pre-conference professionals day will be held Thursday, July 13 for those who work with families before, during, and after the death of a child. More than 1,000 are expected for the two-mile Walk to Remember Sunday, July 16, where the names of as many as 10,000 children will be carried.

The Compassionate Friends is a national self-help support organization for families that have experienced the death of a child. There are nearly 600 chapters serving all 50 states, including 19 in Michigan.

Call (734) 765-8401 (evenings) or (313) 496-7548 (daytime) to receive a registration brochure for the golf classic, created to honor the memories of good friends Steve Herrick of Livonia and Brian McLean of Westland, both of whom died of pancreatic cancer in 1999. There are a limited number of foursomes and early registration is suggested.

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# **MEDC** chief touts 'good news' for state economy

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Jim Epolito, president and CEO of the Michigan **Economic Development** Corporation, kicked off the Livonia Business Expo last Thursday by sharing "a lot of good things you never hear about."

"Business activity has increased dramatically and no one talks about it," Epolito said. "USA Today reported that Michigan is pulling out of its slump."

Epolito, the retired president of the Accident Fund and former Blue Cross/Blue Shield executive, was appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm last year to replace Don Jakeway to head the MEDC.

He brought an upbeat message to a full house at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Business Expo Kick-Off Luncheon at Burton

"Livonia is very blessed with the economic growth it has," Epolito said.

He cited Alpha Stamping, Quicken Loans and Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program as examples of Livonia's healthy economy.

He said the rest of the state is moving in the right direction by working to secure Michigan's base in the automobile industry by bringing in more research and development while diversifying in new directions.

"We have a two part strategy," Epolito said in an interview after his speech. "The primary part of the governor's plan is to retain and grow the base, get business to consolidate within Michigan, and that's all businesses, dominated by the manufacturing sec-

"What we're seeing is that we're still manufacturing at levels that we were previously, if not more, but we're doing it with a lot more automation, a lot less people and a lot higher skilled workers.

He said the state wants to retain that base. At the same time the MEDC is working to attract new businesses.

The 21st Century Fund is to diversify and be a catalyst to diversify the economy in



**Epolito** 

Michigan is four areas: alternative energy, advanced manufacturing and automotive, life sciences and homeland security and

defense," he said. But he warned the future is not in the large industrial complexes of the past.

To suggest that at some point we'll bring in a plant with 5,000 employees that pays \$30 an hour is not realistic," he said. "About 60 percent of what we do in outreach to small businesses.

Recently Republican gubernatorial candidate Richard DeVos has been critical of the MEDC and talked about eliminating it if he is elected. Epolito said Michigan is in stiff competition with other states which have used the Michigan model for attracting businesses.

"I think the MEDC was created in '99 by then governor John Engler and John Engler at first blush was not invested in economic development or the economic development corporation, but he learned the hard way that if you stand on the sidelines and don't engage you will lose business," he said.

On Friday, Epolito was scheduled to leave on a trip with Gov. Granholm to Asia. Granholm and Epolito will be discussing investment in Michigan in Japan and Korea, then Epolito will travel on to

"A trip to Japan last year bore fruit for Michigan," he

"There are lmost 600 Asian companies in Michigan. Many came from that trip. It's a matter of building on relationships that we have here. No tax payer dollars were used to finance the trip, it is all corporate dollars."

Epolito left his audience with an admonition.

"We are the worst adversaries of our state," he said. "Be an advocate of the state where you live."

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### Department honors outstanding firefighters

The Canton Fire Department held its 7th Annual Awards Ceremony this month, and recognized more than 30 firefighters and seven civilians.

Capt. Dennis Draplin was named this year's Firefighter of the Year, in recognition of the integral role he played in the designing and construction of Canton's third fire sta-

One of the other traditional and envied awards is the department's Ironman Award, which recognizes the number of fire and medical services runs made by the department's hardest working firefighter.

This year firefighter Ryan Swick earned the title, for participating in more fire and EMS incidents during the 2005 year than any other firefighter.



Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, left, and Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher, right, presented firefighter Ryan Swick with the department's Ironman Award.



At left, Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher, right, presented Capt. Dennis Draplin with the department's annual Firefighter of the Year award.



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#### **OUR VIEWS**

# MDOT dropped ball on I-275 project

Motorists who regularly travel I-275 through Canton have probably noticed all the dreaded orange barrels that have been placed along the busy expressway. Some time this week, those orange barrels will be accompanied by construction crews, who will begin a \$3 million resurfacing project on both northbound and southbound lanes from M-14 south to Ecorse Road. So it could be a frustrating summer for commuters who rely on I-275 to get to and from work.

Perhaps the only people more distressed by the sight of the barrels than those commuters are Canton officials, who were as surprised as anyone else to see them start popping up last week.

It's not that Canton officials aren't happy that the Michigan Department of Transportation is doing the work, because the project is expected to extend the life of the road for another five-seven years. It's just the timing of the project. In less than three weeks, IKEA will have its grand opening, which will bring thousands of new visitors to Ford and Haggerty roads. The vast majority of those visitors will rely on I-275 to get there.

Canton officials maintain nobody ever told them about the resurfacing project. Even state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, who is head of the House transportation committee, was caught off guard by its timing. He found out Monday after getting a call from Canton Supervisor Tom Yack

What is most puzzling about this is LaJoy and Canton officials have been working closely with MDOT to make things smoother once IKEA opens. The ramps from I-275 have been widened and lanes added to Ford Road. It really sounds like one hand of MDOT didn't know what the

other hand was doing.

Of course, MDOT officials deny any such thing. According to Rob Morosi, the agency's spokesman, Canton officials in the Department of Public Works were informed of the project. He also said MDOT is keenly aware of how the project could create problems with the opening of IKEA.

Somehow that rings a bit hollow, considering Canton officials have been planning a fairly elaborate traffic control program for IKEA's June 7 opening. Now they will have to go back to the drawing board and add a new contingency into a mix that is already complicated, considering the fact that Ford and Haggerty is already one of the most congested and dangerous intersections in the country.

IKEA's is not only a huge event for Canton, it will also have a huge economic impact on the state. MDOT should have done a little better job with its homework.

# Race offers pathway to breast cancer cure

Seize the opportunity now to step up the pace in finding a cure for breast cancer during the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday, June 10.

Supporters of the cause in the metro area — Oakland County residents send more to the walk/run than any other county — have traveled a long road since its inception. But the journey isn't over. Consider that in 2003, according to the National Cancer Institute, 213,000 women discovered they had breast cancer.

It's an equal opportunity disease, with 1,300 men receiving the same news that year.

Yes, the figures are daunting, but the Komen Foundation is right: One person can make a difference.

If in no other way, funds from the benefit race go in part to educate women about the need for early detection. It makes a difference; the five-year survival rate is 95 percent with early detection.

Last year, \$926,500 of the funds raised stayed in the community, while \$295,400 went to the Komen Foundation. This is Michigan's largest benefit race. The site of this year's run/walk is Comerica Park, with the route for the competitive 5K run winding on Woodward Avenue from the Fisher Freeway to Warren. There also is a one-mile walk. Registration and sponsorships, both individual and group, are now being accepted by going to Web site www.karmanos.org, or by phone at (800) Karmanos. The day will include a survivors and memorial celebration at 8 a.m.; the competitive run kicks off at 9 a.m. Runners and walkers will find 20 bands and other musical performers scattered along the route. A children's area will offer games and surprise visitors.

Organizers are suggesting that participants "make a day of it" by attending the Detroit Festival of the Arts following the race. However, one sponsor for the national Race for the Cure, New Balance shoes, notes that the race will never be over until a cure is found.

There's no looking back now. By joining the race June 10, walkers and runners keep in stride the focus on finding a cure, one step at a time.

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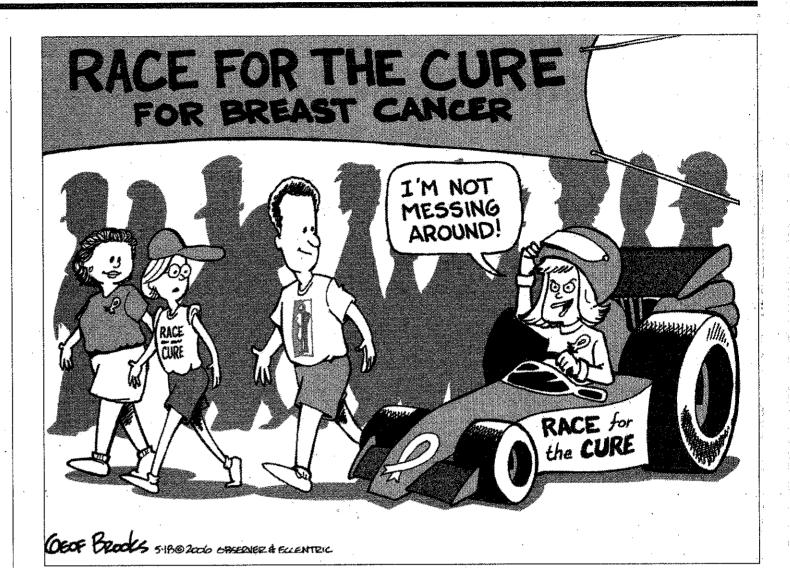
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#### Stick to governing

I read that Canton's planning to install a rusting sculpture at Ford and Canton Center. It's going to represent a celebration of Michigan being a rust belt state, and Canton's diversity, and it will only cost \$25k (or more).

I really like the people in Canton's government, but I think you guys got a little rust on the brain on this one. I'd just as soon not pay to celebrate Canton's diversity or any other PC term. Just keep us a great place to live, and you won't have to advertise.

But if you want to celebrate with something rusty, you can celebrate our "neighborliness," and you can borrow my old rusty lawn mower to put at Ford and Canton Center – for free.

Tom Salapatek

#### Car

IKEA, like Cabela's, needs its own little corner of the world because they are both tourist attractions where shopping is optional.

Worrying about traffic

With the exception of a giant plaster Big Boy, Canton seems to be open to all takers. Michigan Avenue would have been a good place for Canton to hide IKEA, not an overly crowded Ford Road. I live at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Trail, and I'm afraid I will see increased traffic that far away due to this shopping experience.

When I lived near Philadelphia we had an IKEA. Stopping in once a year is all that is needed. But in Canton they will have it and its traffic in their face everyday. I don't know.

Dick Ford
Plymouth Township

#### It's an eyesore, not art

It stands outside the La-Z-Boy store on Ford Road near Lotz Road. It is called "The Charioteer." It is made out of metal and concrete. It doesn't look like a chariot. It looks like a badly made plow. You could buy it for \$10,000. If you do, please let us all know because we could use a good laugh.

Tom Yack, if I am not mistaken, has repeatedly asserted he has a vision for Canton or of Canton. This rusting metal hulk gives me a nightmarish impression. On its metal frame is welded a human face that looks like a cross between a death mask and a mannequin.

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I believe tax dollars were used for it. Taxes are supposed to pay for our common defense. This time they appear to have been used to attack our sensibilities. Hard-earned dollars have been used by the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton to display objects that if you put in your front yard would earn you a tidy little fine.

Melissa McLaughlin is a trustee, is on the planning commission and is the head of the DDA.

This metal contraption is, to me, the outward expression and manifestation of the totality of the benefits that the DDA has brought to Canton in that it is horrific, inept, inappropriate, wasteful and ugly. It's the municipal version of leaving

an old washing machine in the yard.

I, unlike those DDA members I know of, live in the Downtown Development Authority area. We need sidewalks from the La-Z-Boy store to Haggerty Road but we got a publicly funded eyesore. If this really were art and worth a look, wouldn't it be in an art gallery instead of left on the side of the road with a price tag on it?

You can't put a car for sale in your yard in Canton without being harassed but the local government can display the twisted visions of anyone skilled at taking government handouts with impunity.

g government handouts with impunity Well, the elections are coming.

#### Alfred Brock Canton

#### Make the tough choices

I'm writing to share my thoughts on the recent bond vote. Now that it's behind us, I hope the school board and management of the PCCS will adopt a mind set of true creativity in managing the school district's finances. Asking for more money from the public should be the last resort. When the district leadership can clearly articulate a long list of creative solutions that have already been put in place, the public may be more receptive to spending more.

The perception I have is that sports and arts programs are seen by the district leadership as being equal to the core mission of the education of children. In hard financial times, this cannot be the case. Tough choices must be made. All things in a school district's budget are not of equal value. Much of the bond request was for sports and arts related programming. If we are truly in a financially troubled situation, we should be seeing evidence of this in real changes to all non-classroom activities.

We cannot afford to have any sacred cows in the budget. Perhaps sports programs can no longer exist in their current state. Theaters and swimming pools are luxuries that should never ever be compared to classroom-related needs. How creative can we be with scheduling existing facilities and resources in and around Plymouth and Canton? I ask the leadership to really make tough choices that will be obvious for the average voter to see. Real action is easy to demonstrate to the public. While you may not be popular, you will be seen as actively engaged in solving problems.

I also ask the board to really take an honest look at the long-term viability of Central Middle School. Does upgrading this very old facility even make sense? I wonder what the value of the property would be if sold or leased with the students moved elsewhere? I don't live near the building, but I do recognize that the building has a place in the downtown Plymouth landscape. However, if times are tough financially, all options for generating revenue and reducing long-term expenses must be on the table. We either have a problem or we really don't. The proof is in the actions we see not in the words we hear.

Don Turner Canton

#### No coincidence

Thank God both bond proposals lost in the recent election. The committee that requested too much in these dire times ought to be replaced by people who know the economic situation. It's no coincidence that so many houses are up for sale.

Joseph G. Zukas Canton

#### Committee thanks

We would like to thank the members of the Citizens' Election Committee for all their hard work during the recent bond election. Many days, evenings and weekends were spent away from work and families sharing information with the public about the bond.

Although we are disappointed with the results of the vote, we are proud of our committee's efforts and integrity. Our committee membership consists of dedicated volunteers with various ties, past and present, to the P-CCS district including parents of current students and graduates, former teachers, district alumni and members past and present of the Housing Committee, Community Council, Bond Steering Committee and school board.

In addition, we are represented by current building principals, MEA administrators and district administrators. This group collectively has tens, if not hundreds, of years of leadership experience and the proven ability to work honestly and diligently for the children of our community. We would also like to wholeheartedly thank the members of the Plymouth-Canton community who supported our efforts with their actions and votes in favor of the bond.

It may be our job again someday to promote another bond and we will do everything we can to make an even more compelling case for your vote with continued honesty and forthrightness. After all the events of the past several months, one important issue remains: How do we as a district address our growth and the educational needs of all of our students? As we go forward, we as a committee vow to keep our focus on what is most important.

Kary Amin and Nancy Eggenberger co-chairs, Citizens' Election Committee

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#### QUOTABLE

"The good Lord gave cancer to me for a reason, whether it's to walk the walk of my son, or for a better understanding of what this experience is. I need to be there and learn from it and help a lot of people along the way. ..."

- Canton resident Jan Jacobs, who, along with her son, was recently diagnosed with skin cancer, about Relay for Life

# All-Stars show future just may be in pretty good hands

ong ago, in a land far, far away (OK, it was only northern Oakland County), when I was a sports writer, I used to hear all the time how we spent too many column inches elevating athletes to deity status and precious little ink writing about students' academic achievements.



Brad Kadrich

I never believed that to be true, and I still don't. The sports section gets its own section front, and therefore a seemingly more prominent place in the paper, so I understood the perception.

That comparison came back to me when our general manager mentioned it at the breakfast ceremony we had last week honoring our 2006 Academic All-Stars at the

Livonia Marriott, while more than two dozen of the 40 or so students read through the special section detailing their accomplishments.

It's hard to sit in a group like that and not feel better about the future. These kids are going to be our future – our doctors, our engineers, our journalists, our captains of industry and our humanity.

It's easy to look at this generation, the "me" generation, and wonder if they get it, wonder about their commitment to the future, their interest in carrying on. I think most older generations think that about younger generations. I can hear my grandmother's voice in my head: "These kids today ..."

Then you sit with Anna Malecke, a senior at Mercy High School who chairs that school's Human Relations Council. That's important because the school got embroiled in controversy when the administration decided to cancel a concert by R&B artist Ne-Yo over some questionable lyrics in some of his songs.

Mercy students had won the concert as part of a seat belt promotional campaign and most, including Malecke, were looking forward to the concert. When the questionable lyrics issue came up, Malecke threw herself into the middle of the controversy, recommending along with the Council that the administration cancel the event.

A young woman who stands firm in her beliefs, Malecke knew she was subject to – and actually got – some flak from her fellow students, but she felt strongly her convictions.

"I was excited, too, about a concert at our school, a chance to dance," said Malecke, who also serves as assistant editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper, *Newsprint*. "But we're a Catholic school and (the lyrics) just didn't match our values."

Xiwen Wang of Canton, a senior in Plymouth High School's first graduating class, decided it wasn't enough to try to get into just one of the country's most prestigious universities. She's thinking about half a dozen of them, including Michigan, Harvard and Yale.

She's planning on studying economics and business, not to make herself rich, but to "improve people's lives," she said. She wants to study the inner workings of the world economy, knowledge of which probably eliminates her as a potential political candidate but probably ups the chances of the world becoming a better place.

Wang, a National Merit finalist, an AP Scholar with Distinction and a Presidential Scholar candidate, recognizes society, for better or worse, pays a lot of attention to athletes as heroes. She thinks the hero worship should be maybe a little closer to home.

"I think in pop culture there's a proliferation of attention for athletics and physical feats," said Wang, who is National Honor Society secretary and volunteers teaching computer skills to senior citizens. "On the local level, we should strive to recognize goodness. We should foster an atmosphere where kids can look up to (good students) as role models."

There were plenty of those in the room. The lowest grade among them was an A-minus. They're headed to some pretty good schools, many going to U-M. Others are going farther away: Jessica Erlingis of Westland, a senior at Ladywood, wants to study meteorology at the University of Oklahoma; Erica Brown of, Livonia, a senior at Stevenson, is headed to medical school either in Pittsburgh or Arizona; Yiyang Lu of Canton considered, among other schools, Northwestern University's Honors Program in Medical Education or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

I can remember my grandmother telling me 30 or 40 years ago the world was "going to hell in a handbasket."

Since I was probably 10 at the time, I never could quite figure out how the entire world would fit in a handbasket, even if I knew what a handbasket was. Thirty-something years later, I know what a handbasket is and I wonder – with our country locked in a war of choice in Iraq and gas at \$3 a gallon – what Grandma, who died in 1985, would think now.

If she could have been with me at the Academic All-Stars ceremony, and could have spent some time with these bright young people, the same thought may have occurred to her that came to me.

Maybe the future isn't in such bad hands after all.

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#### LETTERS

#### A better way

Reading your paper's editorials, articles and the letters to the editor about the votes on the two PCCS bond proposals was indeed enlightening. People voted yes and no for a variety of reasons. Meetings with people will give the superintendent a flavor of why both were turned down, but it will never explain why. For each of us it was a complex issue and decision.

As the board and administration begin to discuss "where do we go from here," a very simple decision tool is already available to them. The 2003-04 Facility Committee did some very good work in clearly defining a facility need and a facility want and then applied specific criteria for prioritizing those needs and wants.

The board and administration need to use this tool to develop their next bond proposal. This committee clearly said that a facility "need" is, among other things, one that is a "must have," required to meet federal and state law and court-ordered changes and federal, state and Board of Education mandates, required to protect the facility infrastructure and required to support projected student enrollment (new buildings, additions to existing buildings, facility upgrades to maximize space utilization in older buildings or buildings, presently used for non-K-12 education).

A facility want, among other things, directly supports educational goals and objectives but considered non-mandates (e.g. adequate buses to support field trips); does not directly support educational goals and objectives; makes every-day educational experience easier, more comfortable; upgrades; or considers physical needs of students (e.g. covered walk ways between the high schools).

Why? Using an evaluation process would simply allow the board/administration to put some meaningful structure around their decision-making process and force them to explain why an item is a need or a want

Most of the work on needs and wants has been done by the 2003-04 Facility Committee. Use the information they provided to make your decisions in an open dialogue so the public has a clear understanding of board/administration thinking and rationale.

Our electorate is smart. Mixing an "up" in new millage rates with a "down" in millage rates for old bond issues is not part of the decision process. The taxpayers will get the down in the millage rates for the old bond issues whether the new one passes or not.

Old millage rates and new bond issue millage rates are independent variables. They are not linked to a vote of yes or no. Don't mislead the public as you have in the last two millage elections. There is a better way!

Roland J. Thomas Jr.

past president, PCCS Board of Education
Plymouth

#### Devastating blow

It was a devastating blow to learn the bond issues were defeated in the school election. We

have a community that is growing, and there is no doubt that it is a place where people want to live and raise their children. This is valuable property,

but for how long?

I know the defeat will have consequences for our students that will be felt by all members of this community. Drive by several of our schools, and note the portables that house the students we cannot fit into the school buildings. Yet, even in the winter, they have to don coats and boots to come into the main building for art and music, both of which are taught on carts in the middle of busy commons areas.

A community with overcrowded schools, old and deteriorating infrastructures and amenities will not likely maintain its value. Schools are one of the most important aspects of a community. They reflect what the people of that community value, and what they see as priorities.

It's difficult for me to accept the notion the defeat was due to the tough economic times. Indeed these are tough times, and we have all had to learn to cut back. However, education, if it is as important as so many claim it is, should not be an area where we get skimpy and, dare I say it, greedy.

To defeat the bonds because one of them didn't provide a school where you thought it should go is beyond greedy. It's putting the needs of a whole community of children behind your personal wants. Miller Woods may be the last of its kind. I am continually disheartened to see old trees being cut down to build new, expensive homes, particularly in Plymouth Township.

Unfortunately, due to the defeat of the bond, it is likely that this treasure will have to be sold to raise much-needed funds. We can't blame the school board for this decision.

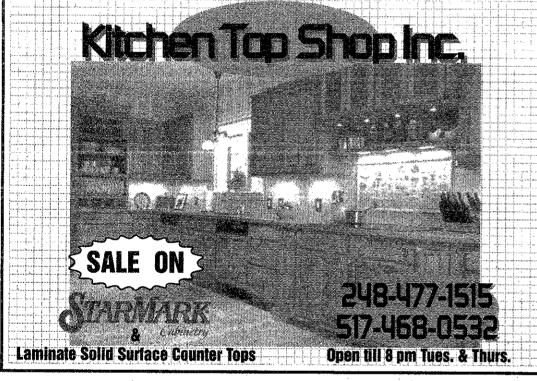
The cost of the bond was a reasonable price to pay. The yearly cost to homeowners was much less than the monthly cost of paying for, or even filling the gas tank of, one of the many large SUVs that seem to dominate our community roads and driveways.

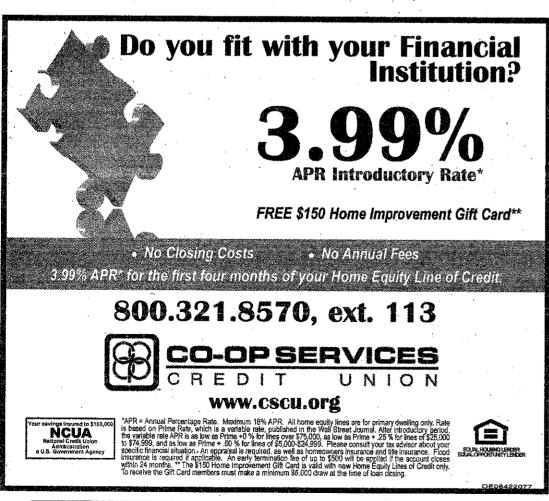
When you think about the larger picture, passing this bond was the right thing to do for kids and for our community. I applaud all those who worked so hard to inform and educate this community regarding the bond.

The Board of Education, one of the most cohesive and productive boards that this district has had in place for some time, worked hard and put in long hours planning and educating the community about the issues we face.

Dr. Ryan, an outstanding leader and someone I cannot say enough positive things about, put in hours and then some, to get the word out, and make himself available to answer questions, and he did so honestly and openly, regardless of what the Vote No campaign members might have you believe. His agenda is open to the public, and is about what is best for the school district he works so hard to maintain and promote.

Susan Gamble Plymouth

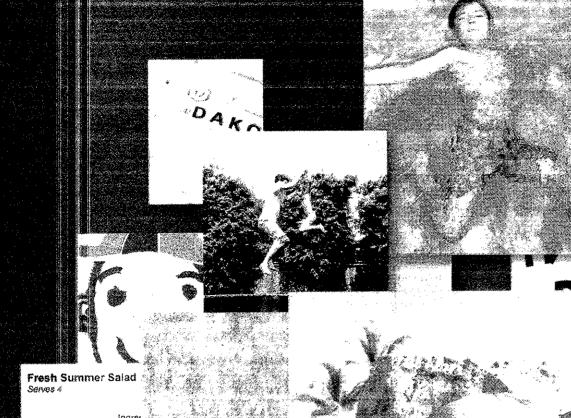




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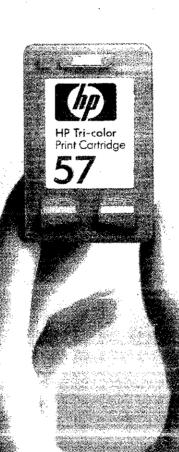






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# China trip part homecoming for local trio

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Joe Tseng's April trip to China was an eye-opener.

"The last time I was there was 1982," said Tseng, a Westland dentist who lives in Farmington Hills. He noticed the modern buildings in the cities he visited while traveling with his sisters, Irene Tseng of Livonia and Nancy Chapman of Plymouth Township.

Joe Tseng was born in China and moved to Taiwan as a baby. He moved to Michigan at age 10, while his sisters were born in the U.S.

The three wanted to visit their aunt in China, who's in her 80s. "She lives in the city of Tianjin which is a port city of Beijing," he said. They went to Beijing and then to Tianjin, roughly a two-hour car ride. "Then we flew to Shanghai."

The three found China a lot different, although the two sisters had visited more recently. "It changed a great deal from the last time I was there," he said. "Everything's marketdriven."

The country is communist in name only, he said. Tseng saw American fast-food restaurants and even Century 21 real estate. "I was surprised to see that," he said.

He didn't have language problems among the Mandarin speakers, with relatives as translators. In hotels and airports in China, local people spoke English.

Tseng did some shopping, finding knockoffs of Rolexes and other designer items. "You had to ask for them," he said, noting the government is cracking down on that.

Cars, some manufactured in China, were the biggest change since the early 1980s. There

were packed expressways. "It's like driving in L.A. during rush hour," he said. They rode in small taxis manufactured in China by a company represented at this year's auto show in

He found Shanghai extremely modern. There were upscale shops and an impressive skyline. Tseng didn't visit the Chinese countryside, noting there's still much poverty there.

They took a high-speed train to the airport, traveling 200 mph for the seven-minute trip. The three enjoyed visiting their

"It was nice," Joe Tseng said. "She's still doing well. It was nice seeing her." Her husband is 90 and still getting around.

The aunt has two married daughters who live on their own within walking distance of their mother. "I consider them condos," he said of their accommodations, which were comfortable, but not large by U.S. standards. The travelers stayed in modern hotels, which were impressive.

He liked the breakfasts, both Eastern and Western, at the hotels.

"Everyone had a cell phone, everyone," he said. Tseng carried a cell phone and never had a dropped signal. He was even able to text message wife Terri and daughter Lauren, 16, back home from the top of the Great Wall in Beijing.

The three traveled from Good Friday to the Sunday after Easter, and would like to return to China when they have more time. Joe Tseng agreed Americans often have limited understanding of China and its people.
"They need to go over for

themselves, see what kind of country it's turning into," he



Joe Tseng of Farmington Hills and cousin Zeng Lingli in Shanghai. Lingli is working in Shanghai. Her hometown is Chongging (Chungking) in Sichuan Province where Tseng's father was from.

Nancy Chapman agrees. The homemaker and her husband went to the country in 2001 to pick up their adopted daughter,

"It was enjoyable just to see the cities," Chapman, whose sister Irene is a dentist, said of the 2006 trip. "The city is very, very crowd-

Their late mother had written some memoirs, and Chapman didn't find much that was current on China at the library other than a recent children's history series.

"China has changed a lot even in the last five years." She remembers seeing wood scaffolding on buildings five years ago.

Chapman noted the lack of religious freedom and would like to know more about that. Her grandfather and uncle were cler-

"It's changing obviously from the capitalistic point of view," she said, echoing her brother's views. The Chinese are building a lot of apartments for the middle class.

"They want to create a subur-



Irene Tseng of Livonia, a local dentist, and her aunt's husband Shen Zhi-hong. This was taken in Tianjin during a visit by Irene Tseng and two siblings.



Nancy Chapman of Plymouth Township (right) visits with her aunt and aunt's husband in Tianjin. Chapman and her husband were in China in 2001 and she

#### Crafters sought for Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College

The 2006 Schoolcraft College Fall Craft Show is seeking a variety of crafters for the Nov. 11 and 12 event. All handmade crafts are eligible, including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather, graphics and woodcarving.

Crafters interested in applying should contact Marjorie Lynch at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008, or

www.schoolcraft.edu/fou ndation for an application. With a wide variety of crafts represented among 150 crafters, this is one of the premier venues in the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000.

The show is juried, and crafters are asked to submit photographs of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show. Crafters are encouraged to apply by June 2 to qualify for prime space.

The fee for a 12-feet by 12-feet space is \$100; a 10-feet by 10-feet space costs \$70; an 8-feet by 9feet space is \$55; and there is a \$55 fee for an 8-feet by 4-feet hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electric-

### **Schoolcraft Foundation** holds golf tournament

Golfers will meet at Walnut Creek Country Club Monday, June 5, for the Schoolcraft College Foundation Golf Classic. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. In addition to 18 holes of challenging golf, golfers will help råise funds for student scholarships and for instructional initiatives.

Individual golfers can register for \$250. The price includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, access to the driving range and putting green, use of the locker room facilities and services, lunch, complimentary on-course beverages, a banquet dinner, awards, prizes and a silent auction in the clubroom. Golfers also can enjoy a two-minute chair massage, provided by message therapy students at Schoolcraft.

Individuals or organizations can become a sponsor, with packages ranging from \$350 for hole sponsors to \$1,200 for a president's club sponsorship. Several of this year's auction

items exhibit Schoolcraft

themes. The "cop for a day" package features a day at the Policy Academy, with a spin or two on the precision driving course, practice shooting in the fire arms training simulator. learning defensive tactics in a redman ultra padded suit and visit to the Michigan State Police crime lab.

The winner of the motorcycle package receives a series of motorcycle basic rider classes, and the culinary package winner will welcome Bruce Konowalow, director of the culinary arts department, into their home for a three-hour cooking

Other auction items include a framed and autographed Steve Yzerman Red Wing Jersey and a Plymouth Whaler game pack. Lastly, a Chelsea package includes tickets to the Purple Rose Theatre, a gift certificate to the Common Grill and a onenight stay at the Chelsea Center Tourist Home.

For more information or to register, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008.

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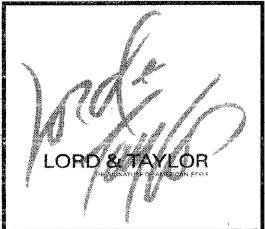


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#### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -May 9, 2006

Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to appoint Clerk Bennett as chair in the absence of Supervisor Yack. Motion carried by all members present. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Clerk Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call

Members Present: Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo, Kirchgatter, Yack Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda McLaughlin Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of April 12, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes of April 18, 2006. Motion carried by all members present.

Payment of Bills Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Expenditure Recap for May 9, 2006 General Fund 101 \$ 455,445.34, Fire Fund 206 47,781.98, Police Fund 207 196,731.10, Summit Operating 208 42,716.91, Street Lighting 219 18,511.39, Cable TV Fund 230 723.98, E-911 Utility 261 1,700.30, Auto Forfeiture(wwa) 267 Federal Grants Fund 274 0,575.71, Auto Theft Grant 289 94.55, Downtown Dev. Auth. 294 17,983.01 Cap Proj-Road Paving 403 3,382.00, Golf Fund 584 51,863.08, Water & Sewer Fund 592 914,827.35, Trust & Agency Fund

Construction Escrows 702 18,490.00, Post Employ. Benefits 736 729.75, Total All Funds 1,789,534.22 PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF FY2006 CDBG PROGRAM Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. for approval of FY2006 CDBG Program. Motion carried by all members present. There was no public discussion in favor or opposition of the approval of FY2006 CDBG Program. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. for approval of FY2006 CDBG Program. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to accept the recommendations of the Canton CDBG Advisory Council for the FY 2006 Community Development Block Grant program and to forward said recommendations to the Department of HUD as the Canton FY 2006 Final Statement:

Activity	Funding	Account
First Step	\$31,925	274 666 822 2006
Growth Works	\$ 6,670	274 666 821 2006
Neighborhood Legal Services	\$ 7,901	274 666 825 2006
Volunteer Coordinator	\$ 6.500	274 666 705 2006
Wayne-Metro CAA (rent assistance)	\$ 1.710	274 666 828 2006
Teen Center Outreach Program	\$ 1.350	274 666 827 2006
Program Administration	\$69,741	274 666 810 2006
Affordable Housing Contingency	100,000	274 666 972 2006
First Step Building Acquisition Plan	\$20,000	274 666 818 2006
Sheldon School Site Improvements	\$122,910	274 666 971 2006
HSC Bldg Improvements (walls)	\$_5,000	274 666 975 2006
TOTAL:	\$373,707	= 1 2 000 D TO 2000
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I further move to approve reprogramming of remaining funds (\$8,600) from FY 2003 vacant lots purchase (274 666 971 2003) to FY 2005 Affordable Housing Contingency (274 666 972 2005). Motion carried by all members present. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY WAY FINDING GROUND SIGNS DIRECTING MOTORIST TO AND FROM IKEA. (PSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to grant Special Event Status for the IKEA Grand Opening starting June 7 for a period up to 3-weeks and to approve installation of way finding signs. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR NASCAR FAN DAYS. (MSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Lajoy to approve special event status for Wal-Mart's Nascar Fan Days to be held on June 15, 16, or 17, 2006 at Wal-Mart, 39500 Ford Road, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. AUTHORIZE SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH AGREEMENT HUNTINGTON BANK. (LSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to approve the sponsorship in the amount of \$10,000 for Huntington Bank, 801 West Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48084 and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the agreement. Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. SECOND READING - AMENDMENTS TO CODE OF ORDINANCES PART 1, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED UTILITIES, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED RATES AND CHARGES SECTIONS 74-81, 74-82, 74-85 AND 74-84. (FBD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to remove from table for a second reading, adoption and publication the attached ordinance amending the Charter Township of Canton Code of Ordinances Part I, Chapter 74 entitled "Utilities", Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II entitled "Rates and Charges", Sections 74-81, 74-82, 74-83 and 74-84, to implement the water and wastewater rate study. The amended ordinance will be published on May 18, 2006 and be effective upon publication. Motion carried by all members present. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, AMENDMENT TO UTILITIES ORDINANCE, CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 74 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED RATES AND CHARGES, SECTIONS 74-81, 74-82, 74-83 AND 74-84 PROVIDING FOR A NEW WATER CONNECTION CHARGE BASED UPON METER SIZE, TO PROVIDE FOR WATER CONNECTION, TOWNSHIP TAPS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE FOR WATER CONNECTION-TOWNSHIP TAPS FOR DEFINED DUPLEXES. TO REMOVE RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNITS (REU'S) AS A BASIS TO COMPUTE WATER CAPITAL CHARGE TO BE REPLACED BY A WATER CONNECTION CHARGE BASED UPON METER SIZE, TO PROVIDE FOR CLASSES OF WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS, TO PROVIDE FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT RATES WITH A SEWER CAP FOR RESIDENTIAL CLASS CUSTOMERS FOR SPRINKLING SYSTEM AND IRRIGATION USAGE DURING DEFINED SUMMER MONTHS, TO PROVIDE FOR NEW SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE BASED UPON METER SIZE, TO REMOVE RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNITS (REU'S) AS A BASIS TO COMPUTE SEWER CAPITAL CHARGE TO BE REPLACED BY A SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE BASED UPON METER SIZE, TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER TO PROVIDE FOR A WATER COST OF SERVICE CHARGE, TO DELETE THE WATER CAPITAL CHARGE, TO REVISE THE MINIMUM WATER CONSTRUCTION CHARGE, TO REVISE WATER FRONT FOOTAGE CHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR THE WATER CONNECTION CHARGE, TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR SEWER TO PROVIDE FOR A WASTEWATER COST OF SERVICE CHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISIONS TO MINIMUM SEWAGE BILL, TO DELETE THE SEWER CAPITAL CHARGE, TO REVISE THE SEWER FRONT FOOTAGE CHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR THE SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE, TO REVISE BILLING PRACTICES FOR WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, TO PROVIDE FEES FOR THE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION METERS, TO REVISE REGULATIONS AS TO ACCESS TO METERS; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION II RATES AND CHARGES Ordinance Chapter 74 is hereby adopted to amend Part I, Chapter 74, Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II entitled Rates and Charges to read as follows:

generally. The rates and charges for water service shall be as follows: (1) Consumption rates. The consumption rate shall be as set forth in section 74-83. The minimum water bill per reading cycle, or any part thereof, shall be for a minimum of 5,000 gallons. (2) Debt service charge. In addition to the consumption charge, a debt. service charge will be assessed which consists of a connection charge and a front footage charge as follows: a. Connection Charge. The connection charge shall be set forth in section 74-83. Connection charge for unusual or other conditions shall be determined by the Township Board. b. Front footage charge. In addition to the capital charge, there shall be a front footage charge as set forth in section 74-83. However, the front footage charge shall be waived in those instances where the township incurred no cost in the design, easement acquisitions, or installation of the water line along the frontage of the property, and in those instances where the water line is installed as part of a special assessment district. All water charges shall be paid in full prior to the actual installation. Corner lots will be exempt from front footage charges on the lesser frontage road only. (3) Water connection, township

Subdivision II. Rates and Charges Sec. 74-81. Water charges

taps. The minimum size for all water services is one inch. Irrigation systems shall be connected to the meter via a one inch line. Irrigation systems shall be connected to the domestic service in all cases except for developments or projects with a general or common area owned or controlled by a subdivision, condominium or other legally constituted landowner association or its equivalent, which has no building on such general or common area. In those instances a separate irrigation tap shall be permitted (4) Water connections, applicant taps. An applicant wishing to make his own water tap, shall first obtain the necessary township permit and pay the appropriate charges as set forth in section 74-83. The payment includes the township furnishing a water meter and inspecting the meter installation. Additional inspection charges, where applicable for the installation of the water service, will be based on an hourly rate after review of construction plans by the township engineer. The applicant will furnish and install materials specified by the township. (5) Fire lines. Fire lines will have a meter for detecting water usage other than fire suppression. Fire lines will have backflow preventor devices and shall be approved by county for cross connection prior to installation. Fire lines serving fire suppression systems shall connect directly to the public main. Domestic services shall not connect to fire lines. The charges for such fire lines shall be as set forth in section 74-83. The township will supply the meter detection unit and inspection after installation of the meter by a contractor Construction plans shall be submitted to the township engineer for approval prior to installation. (6) Duplexes. A duplex is considered a two unit dwelling regardless of where located. A one inch service shall be provided for each unit unless the duplex is part of a larger multiunit dwelling complex where the landowner association or its equivalent is responsible for payment for water usage, when a two inch service is required. (7) Water charges during building construction periods. Water charges during building construction for all uses shall be as set forth in section 74-83. (8) Classes of water and sewer accounts. There shall be the following classes for water and sewer accounts: a. Residential Class: Dwellings used primarily as a domicile such as single family homes, detached condominiums, duplexes, and the like where each dwelling unit is serviced by one meter including irrigation systems that service their common areas. b. Multiple Class: Multiple dwellings such as apartments, condominiums, townhouses and the like where one meter services more than one dwelling unit.

Commercial Class: Establishment involved in a commercial enterprise, business or service including social, charitable, governmental, religious or educational functions including irrigation systems that services their common areas. Sec. 74-82. Sewer charges generally.

The rates and charges shall be as follows: (1) Sewage treatment rates. The charge for sewage disposal shall be computed and paid on the basis of 100 percent of the water consumption used, except residential class customers will be granted a sewer cap set forth in Section 74-83 for sprinkling system and irrigation usage during summer usage months. Summer usage month period is defined as May 1 through September 30th. An industrial waste charge (IWC) will be added to commercial and industrial users based on meter size, and, where applicable, industrial surcharges will be applied, as such charges are billed to the township by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department. The rates shall be as set forth in section 74-83. (2) Minimum sewer bills. The minimum sewage disposal bill per reading cycle shall be as set forth in section 74-83 plus other applicable charges. In the case of a bimonthly bill, the minimum sewage disposal charge shall be as set forth in section 74-83 per unit, plus other applicable charges. (3) Sewer debt service rates. The debt service charge shall consist of the following a. Connection charge. A connection charge, which shall be as follows: The connection charge shall be set forth in section 74-83. The connection charge shall be based on water meter size. Connections charges for unusual or other conditions shall be determined by the Township Board. b. Front footage charges. In addition to the connection charge, there shall be a front footage charge as set forth in section 74-83 per front foot of property service by the sewer line. However, the front footage charge shall be waived in those instances where the township incurred no cost in the design, easement acquisitions, or installation of the sewer line along the frontage of the property, and in those instances where the sewer line is installed as part of a SAD. All sewer charges shall be paid in full prior to the actual installation unless otherwise provided by the township board. Corner lots will be exempt on the lesser frontage road only. (4) Sewer connection charge. a. A connection charge as set forth in section 74-83 shall be assessed for properties provided a connection at the property line. b. Where the township incurred no cost for design, easement acquisition, or installation of the sanitary sewer lines, the connection charge shall be waived. However, an inspection fee for each connection as set forth in section 74-83 shall be collected for all connections of six inches or less. c. A minimum inspection fee as set forth in section 74-83 shall be collected. Inspection fees on larger connections shall be determined after review of construction plans and based on actual inspection time. d. The minimum connection size for commercial buildings shall be six inches, with a clean out provided every 100 feet, and a four foot diameter manhole provided every 400 feet. (5) Special storm sewer projects. In all storm sewer projects initially financed by the township, the cost assessed to and paid back by each property owner shall be determined pursuant to the following equations: a. Cost = (26 + (0.5 - Flow)) - (Distance)(1)(2)Percentage of Cost (%) = (26 + (0.5 Flow)) Distance/(26 + (0.5 Flow))Flow)) (Distance)Assessed Cost = Percentage of Cost (%) \_ Total Project Cost b. In the equation in subsection (5)a, the terms are defined as follows: 1. "Flow" is the amount off runoff generated by a specific parcel of property expressed in cubic feet per second. "Distance" is how far a specific parcel of property is from the

location of discharge to a county drain, natural watercourse expressed in feet. 3. The symbol" "denotes the summation of equation (1) for all properties in the drainage district. Township not obligated to finance sewers. Nothing this section shall be construed to require the township to finance any portion of a storm or sanitary sewer unless in its sole discretion such project would be deemed necessary and in the best interest of the township. Sec. 74-83. Schedule of rates and charges. (a) Water rates and charges. Water rates and charges shall be as follows: (1) Consumption rate: \$2.26 per 1,000 gallons. a. In addition to the consumption charge, there shall be a water Cost of Service charge per reading cycle, or portion thereof, based on meter

Meter Size	Bi-Monthly <u>Customers</u>	Quarterly Customers
1"meter or less	\$ 3.50	\$ 5.25
1.5	7.88	11.82
2.0	14.00	21.00
3.0	31.50	47.25
4.0	56.00	84.00
6.0	126.00	189.00
8.0	224.00	336.00
10.0	350.00	525.00
Water construction	charges Minimum	

onstruction charges: Minimum water construction charge: \$150.00 times meter ratio factor. (3) Water front footage charge: \$17.51 per foot of property serviced by the water line. (4) Water connection: The water connection charge for township taps and applicant taps shall be based on meter size:

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

\* Ratio factor is the ratio of the flow area of the water meter to the flow area of a 1" meter. (5) There shall be installed on all fire line systems a detector check and a three-fourths-inch by-pass meter. The three-fourths-inch by-pass meter shall be purchased from and inspected by the township and installed by the owner. The charge for the three-fourths-inch by-pass meter and township inspection shall be \$300.00. (b) Sewer rates and charges. Sewer rates and charges shall be as follows: (1) Sewage treatment rate: \$3.30 per 1,000 gallons of the water used or per 1,000 gallons of metered sewage flow. Sewage disposal charges for residential class customers with a 1" or less meter shall be capped at 60,000 gallons per reading cycle or any part thereof during summer months, as defined in Section 74-82-1. For residential class customers with water meters larger than 1", this cap shall be computed by multiplying the 60,000 gallons times the ratio factor listed in Section 74-83 (a) 4; i.e., for a 2" meter the cap shall be 60,000 times ratio factor of 4.0 = 240,000 gallons. a. In addition to the consumption charge, for customers connected to the sanitary sewer system there shall be a wastewater Cost of Service charge per reading cycle, or portion thereof, based on meter size:

Meter Size	Bi-Monthly <u>Customers</u>	Quarterly <u>Customers</u>
1"meter or less	\$ 5.20	\$ 7.80
1.5	18.26	27.39

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2.0	32.46	48.69
3.0	73.06	109.59
4.0	129.88	194.82
6.0	292.22	438.33
8.0	519.50	779.25
10.0	811.72	1,217.58
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In addition to the consumption charge and wastewater Cost of Service charge, there shall be an additional fixed charge for customers with tile drains connected to the sanitary sewer system per reading cycle or portion thereof set forth as follows:

Bi-Monthly Quarterly Customers Customers

4.36\$ 6.54 (2) Minimum sewage bill: a Minimum sewage disposal bill if connected to the Township water system, per reading cycle: \$16.50 plus the fixed charge for customers with tile drains connected to the sanitary sewer system. b. Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to the Township water system, per quarterly reading cycle: \$123.75 plus applicable fixed charges. c. Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to the Township water system, per bimonthly reading cycle: \$82.50 plus applicable fixed charges. (3) Sewer front footage charge: \$22.06 per front foot of property serviced by the sewer line. (4) Sewer Connection: The sanitary sewer connection charge shall be based on meter size:

Meter Size	Ratio $Factor *$	Connection Charges
1" meter or less	1.00	\$ 2,864
2.0	4.00	11,455
3.0	9.00	25,773
4.00	16.00	45,819
6.0	36.00	103,093
8.0	64.00	183,277
. 10.0	100.00	286,371

\*Ratio factor is the ratio of the flow area of the water meter to the flow area of a 1" meter. For new wastewater customers not connected to a public water system, the connection charge shall be based on an equivalent water meter size for comparable users. (5) Inspection fee: \$50.00. (6) Industrial waste charge (IWC) rates: TABLE INSET

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3/4	,			7.12	
1				11.86	
1 1/2				26.09	
2				37.95	
3			,	68.78	
4				94.87	
6				142.30	
8				237.17	
10			,	332.03	
12				379.47	
14				474.33	
16	,			569.20	
18				664.07	
20				758.93	
24				853.80	
30				948.67	
36				1,043.53	
48				1,138.40	
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(7) Industrial surcharge rates. The following industrial surcharges will be charged when billed to the township by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department: a. Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) in excess of 275 mg/l...0.219 b. Total suspended solids (TSS) in excess of 350 mg/l...0.351 c. Phosphorus (P) in excess of 12 mg/l . . . 4.546 d. Fats, oils and grease (FOG) in excess

Sec. 74-84. Water billings; water meters. (a) Billing generally; payment of bills; collection of delinquent charges. Bills for water and sewage disposal shall be billed as directed by the township board. All bills shall be payable on or before the due date. A penalty equal to ten percent of any unpaid current charges shall be added to any bill not paid on or before the due date. Customers whose bills are unpaid on the due date may be forwarded a shut off notice. and if the bills are not paid within 15 days after the date of the shut off notice, the customer's service shall be turned off without further notice. An additional charge of \$100.00 will be charged to the customer for involuntary disconnection and \$100.00 for reconnection. Both charges must be paid prior to the resumption of service. Charges for water supply and sewage disposal services as set forth in this article shall constitute a lien on the property served. On or before October 1, of each year, the township clerk shall deliver to the supervisor a certified statement of water and sewer disposal charges six months due and unpaid, including a \$100.00 service charge. The supervisor shall place such delinquencies, including the \$100.00 service charge, on the next general tax roll and the same shall be collected as part of the general township taxes. (b) Annual removal and reinstallation of irrigation meters. There shall be a charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for shutoff and removal of irrigation meters and a charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for testing and reinstallation of irrigation meters. (c) Shutoff and turn-on service charge. If the township receives a request from a customer to discontinue service, there shall be a \$15.00 shutoff service charge. At such point when a request is made to reinstate the service, there shall be a \$15.00 service charge for turn-on. (d) Meter reading. Residential water accounts will be read quarterly. Commercial accounts will be read bimonthly unless designated otherwise by the township board. (e) Service charge for resealing meter. A service charge of \$100.00 will be charged to reseal an open bypass on those meters that have bypasses. Water usage that did not register on the meter during the open bypass period will be estimated based on previous usage and/or the usage of similar users. (f) Estimation of use when meter fails to register. The official water meter for billing purposes is the meter located inside the residence, building or meter pit. If a water meter fails to register as a result of a mechanical failure, the township shall have the authority to estimate the quantity of water on which the billing is made until such time as the meter is repaired or replaced. The estimated water use shall be based on previous usage and/or the usage of similar users. (g) Access to meter. The owner or lessee of the real property which is a water service customer shall provide access inside the owner or lessee's building to an authorized representative of the township for the purpose of examining, repairing, updating or replacing the water meter or other remote reading equipment so that such equipment is operating properly. Failure to provide access inside the building to the township within seven days after the township has made a written demand to the owner or lessee for such access shall constitute a misdemeanor. (h) Tampering with or removing meter. Tampering, damaging, changing, rerouting, removing or by-passing the water meter by persons other than township personnel is strictly prohibited and would constitute a misdemeanor SECTION 2. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE. The balance of Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 74, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all

rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance. SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof. SECTION 5. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE. This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto. SECTION 6. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS. Portions of the Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 74 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Ordinance becomes effective on the 18th day of May, 2006 after publication of the second reading. This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the 9th day of May, 2006 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, TERRY BENNETT, Clerk Introduced: April 25, 2006, Published: May 4, 2006, Adopted: May 9, 2006,

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# Tiger fans again singing Artie's tune

BY PAT MURPHY

With the Detroit Tigers off to their best start in ages, a Southfield musician anticipates another comeback.

Artie Fields is confident the team's winning ways will lead to a resurgence in Go Get'em Tigers, the song he wrote for the 1968 World Champions and the team's battle cry for decades.

"I've already received a call from one radio station," Fields said last week as the Tigers flirted with first place in the Central Division of the American League. "And I expect others."

While fans are cautiously optimistic, Fields says interest in baseball seems to be the highest it's been in years.

His own interest in the Tigers goes back to his days at Fordson High School in Dearborn and Wayne State University where he studied music. When World War II broke out, Fields went into the Navy and was assigned to the USS Lexington, the fabled aircraft carrier.

"Everything I've ever done has involved music," he said. Even in the Navy, he was rated as a musician. But his most important job was that of a radar operator.

Fields is writing a book about his experiences on the Lexington which was involved in some of the most historic battles in the Pacific.

After the war, Fields organized his own band and played

some of the New York jazz clubs. When he returned to Detroit, he again formed a band and played the night spots. His favorite Detroit area gig was at the Bowery Night Club.

"It was a dump," he said, "but it attracted the best musicians."

It was in the 1950s that Fields got interested in, and proficient at, writing advertising jingles. He eventually founded his own production company, that he estimates has produced more than 9,000 demos or commercials.

Thus it was a natural, Fields said, referring to his being approached to write a song for the Tigers. "I had this music background," he said, "and I was an avid baseball fan."

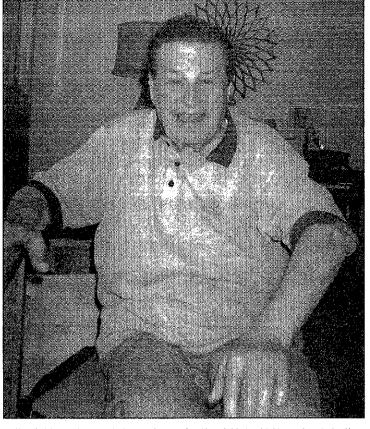
He wrote the song toward the end of the 1967, when the Tigers were lost the pennant in the waning days of the season. The next year as the Tigers improved, his song caught on.

"It was on every radio station," he said, especially when the Tigers came back to win the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Although the lyrics are almost four decades old, Fields said they apply today as the Tigers play good baseball, and fans respond.

'We're all behind our baseball team," the song begins, while urging the Tigers to "bring the pennant home where it belongs."

Pennant? Well, that might be too opti-



Artie Fields wrote "Go Get 'em Tigers" for the 1968 World Champion Detroit Tigers. He is confident the team's recent winning ways will lead to a resurgence in the song.

mistic, Fields agrees. But with the Tigers winning, baseball is fun again - and all things are possible.

Fields, a Southfield resident for almost 50 years, has deep roots in the community. He was on the Southfield Board

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of Education during the late 1960s, and his wife, Janie, now deceased, was the city's Woman of the Year in 1982.

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#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of District-Wide Maintenance Uniforms for the 2006-07 school year. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to Tom Seales in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2960. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on or before 2:30 p.m., Monday, June 5, 2006. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the

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

# Chamber planning annual grub crawl

Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township will be co-hosting Canton's 5th Annual Grub Crawl on Tuesday July 18, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Participants are still being sought.

Grub Crawl is a great opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their establishment as well as promote Canton's diversity. Some of the restaurants that have already signed up include Applebee's, Back Home Bakery, Bailey's Pub and Grille, Central City Diner, Four Friends Bar and Grill, Rose's Restaurant, The Rusty Nail, Shark Club, T.C. Gator's and T.G.I. Fridays.

"The Grub Crawl is truly an event for the community and businesses. It's really important that we continue to have functions that include our entire community, and the Grub Crawl gives us this opportunity," said chamber president Dianne Cojei.

Sponsorships for this event are still available.

Last year more than 400 people attended the event. If you are interested in becoming a participant of the Grub Crawl or to find out more about sponsorships, please contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-

#### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-May 4, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present:

Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo Staff Present: Director Conklin, Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Public Art Discussion PRESENTER: Ann Conklin, Leisure Services Director ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS: Debbie Bilbrey Honsowetz, Recreation and Facilities Manager Ken Thompson, Artist Other groups invited to attend include: Planning Commission, DDA, Leisure Services Advisory Committee, Cultural Commission, and the Public Art Committee. The focus of the meeting was an educational presentation about Public Art by artist Ken Thompson from the Midwest Sculpture Initiative. Mr. Thompson has been commissioned to create the permanent work of art to be placed at the TCF Bank site in the DDA District. Midwest Sculpture Initiative is also facilitating the eight piece temporary outdoor sculpture exhibit for the DDA which will be in place for one year beginning in May 2006. Mr. Thompson's presentation was followed by the unveiling of the maquette for the bank site.

Yack, Supervisor — Terry G. Bennett, Clerk — Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular

#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for District-Wide Waste Disposal and Recycling Services. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions should be directed to Tom Seales of the PCCS  $\hat{ ext{M}}$ aintenance Department at (734) 416-2960. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS - E.J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 5, 2006. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of District-Wide Mop Service & Supplies. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to Tom Seales in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2960. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on or before 3:00 p.m., Monday, June 5, 2006 at which time, the bids will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

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

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188

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Item 5. REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION OF LOCAL BODY OF GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE "ROBERT SNYDER MEMORIAL" AS A NONPROFIT IN THE COMMUNITY FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING APPLICATION FOR A "CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE" TO THE BUREAU OF STATE LOTTERY. (CLERK) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy approve the request from the "Robert Snyder Memorial, 45576 Baldwin Court, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, 48187; asking that the organization be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license is considered approved. Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. SECOND READING, AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCE REGULATION OF OPERATION PARKING, AND SPEED OF VEHICLES ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY CHAPTER 70, SECTION 1, SECTION 70-4. (CLERK) McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to remove from the table for the second reading of the amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Canton Charter Township, Michigan, to extend enforcement by the Charter Township of Canton of the Uniform Traffic Code, Michigan Vehicle Code, and Motor Carrier Safety Act upon Locations that are part of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Chapter 70 Section 1, Section 70-4, Regulation of Operation, Parking, and Speed of Vehicles on School District Property with publication and effective date of May 18, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REGULATION OF OPERATION, PARKING, AND SPEED OF VEHICLES ON SCHOOL **DISTRICT PROPERTY** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CANTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN, ENFORCEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, AND MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT UPON LOCATIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. Section 70-4 is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Canton: Section 70-4. Regulation of Operation, Parking, and Speed of Vehicles on School District Property. (a) Purpose and intent. Public Act 175 of 1958, MCL 257.961, as amended, authorized municipalities to adopt ordinances governing the operation, parking without fees, and the speed of motor vehicle vehicles upon properties of any board of education, school district or community college district situated within the municipality upon receiving a resolution from the board of education, school district or board of trustees of the community college district over whose property the ordinance shall apply requesting the adoption of such ordinance. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools enforce traffic, parking, and misdemeanor ordinances by municipal authorities. (b) Enforcement of Uniform Traffic Code, Michigan Vehicle Code, and Motor Carrier Safety Act upon School District property. The provisions of the Uniform Traffic Code and the Michigan Vehicle Code, adopted as provided in Section 70-1, and the Motor Carrier Safety Act, adopted as provided in Section 70-2, are hereby made applicable to the property of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. (c) Speed limits on School District Property. The Township Board may by resolution establish the speed limit for motor vehicles on school district property. A decrease in the prima facie speed limit of 15 miles per hour on school district property shall be binding when adequate sings are duly posted giving notice of the reduced speeds. (d) Revocation. The Charter Township of Canton will revoke this Ordinance upon receipt of a resolution of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District requesting such revocation. SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who

violates any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment for up to ninety (90) days. Every violation shall be considered a separate offense. SECTION 3. REPEAL. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof. SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended. SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 9th day of May, 2006, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk Introduced: 04-25-2006 Adopted: 05-09-2006 Published: 05-18-2006 Effective: 05-GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN FOR CANTON AUTO SALES PARKING LOT EXPANSION. (MSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for special use and site plan for Canton Auto Parking Lot Expansion. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. CONSIDER GULICK PROPERTY SPLIT. (MSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to approve the property split for parcel 086-01-0002-000, Gulick property, as shown on the attached survey dated 02/08/06. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. CONSIDER ADDITIONAL HOME ELEVATIONS FOR WESTCHESTER VILLAGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT. (MSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to approve Amendment #1 to the Westchester Village Planned Development Agreement to add 8 new home models to Exhibit "C" of the document. Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR L. GEORGE'S CONEY ISLAND. (MSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for the site plan for L. George's Coney Island. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 5. CONSIDER PANKO FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT. (MSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to accept the Planning Commission's decision to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan, changing the land use designation on parcel no. 033-99-0002-000 from Medium Density Residential to Local Shopping (Office Use Recommended.) Motion carried by all members present Item 6. CONSIDER THE PAYMENT OF YEARLY MAINTENANCE FEES FOR EXISTING ESRI (ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.) SOFTWARE. (MSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to authorize the payment to ESRI for Maintenance and Support from March 2006 to March 2007, for a total cost not-to-exceed of \$11,502.74. Funds are available in the 2006 Budget for Planning Services capital account, #101-853-977-0000, Engineering Services account #101-447-740-0000, Leisure Services account # Account #101-270-956-0000, Cost center L00065-0000-0307 and Public Safety account #207-301-818-0000. Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. PROCUREMENT CARD PROGRAM. (FBD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for the procurement card program. Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. BUDGET AMENDMENT - WATER & SEWER FUND - WATER BILLING

DIVISION - LOCKBOX FEES. (FBD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Water & Sewer Fund, Water Billing Division for 2005 lockbox services: Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance #592-000-699-0000 \$6.300 Increase Appropriations:

This budget amendment increases the Water Billing Division budget

Contracted Services-Water Billing #592-560-818-0000

from \$395,312 to \$401,612, and the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$30,751,940 to \$30,758,240. Motion carried by all members present. Item. 9. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE COTS AND CHAIRS. (PSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to approve the bid from FrontLine Medical, PO Box 712, Brighton, MI 48116 in the amount of \$23,022, for the purchase of ambulance cots and chairs. FY2006 Fire Capital Outlay 206 336 977 0000 (Cost Center P00055 0000 0000). Motion carried by all members present. Item 10. CONSIDER PURCHASE EMERGENCY RESCUE WATERCRAFT. (PSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of an AVON Emergency Rescue Boat and accessories from West Shore Fire Inc., 6620 Lake Michigan, Dr., Allendale, MI 49401 in the amount of \$5501. FY2006 Fire Capital Outlay 206 336 977 0000 (Cost Center P00055 0000 0000.) Motion carried by all members present. Item 11. AWARD RENTAL OF TENTS, TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR 2006 LEISURE SERVICES SPECIAL EVENTS. (LSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to award the bid for the tents, tables and chairs for the 2006 Liberty Fest to American Rentals, Inc., 4901 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI 48906 in an amount not to exceed \$24,058.50 from Recreation Division Equipment Rental account #101-691-940-0000 and award the bid for tents, tables and chairs for 2006 Special Events to Ace Canvas & Tent, Inc., 5644 West Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48209 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 from Recreation Division Equipment Rental account #101-691-940-0000. Motion carried by all members present. Item 12. AMEND CONTINENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT. (LSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to authorize the amendment to the Continental Services contract for the operation of Pheasant Run Golf Club for one year. Motion carried by all members present. Item 13. APPROVE STUMP REMOVAL FOR FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB. (LSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to approve the transfer of \$25,000 from Account #101-285-970-0000 Tree Fund Planting to Account #101-285-930-0000 Maintenance and Repair Tree Fund. I further move to award the proposal of stump removal at Fellows Creek Golf Club to Fellows Creek Golf Club of Canton, 2938 Lotz Road, Canton, MI 48188 in the amount of \$25,000 to be taken from Tree Fund Maintenance and Repair Account #101-285-930-0000. Motion carried by all members present. Item 14. APPROVAL OF MCACA GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION. (ACSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to authorize the application to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for a grant for \$15,000 towards the expense of the FY 2006-2007 Reaching UP - Reaching OUT"performance series at the Village Theater and in the DDA and Township parks, and further authorize a cash match of \$21,000, to be paid from ticket receipts; \$9,550 from the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities; \$10,000 from Leisure Services; and \$45,000 from the Downtown Development Authority, for a total project cost, including an in-kind contribution of \$55,968, of \$156,518. Motion carried by all members present. OTHER: There will be no study session on May 16, 2006. ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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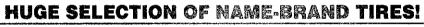
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# 2 LOCATIONS

Hines Park Lincoln Mercury in Plymouth and Quality Care Tire and Service Center in Canton are joining forces for a

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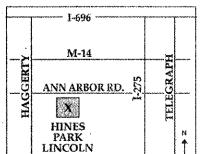
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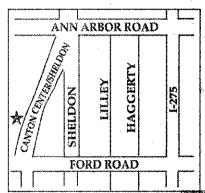
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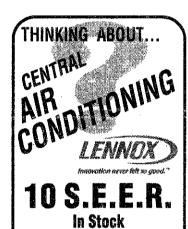
Charity golf A summer days worth of fun never helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Clu in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, extension 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities website, www.mtocgolf.org.and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

#### Diabetes support

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation, "Diabetes and Neuropathy Pain Management" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 in the hospital's auditorium. Guest speaker is Timothy Wright, M.D., Pain Management, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge for the meeting, and pre-registration is not required. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 5 Mile and Levan in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961.

#### Republican women meet The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club takes place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25 at the Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile in Livonia Speakers will be state Sen

Laura Toy, state Rep. John Pastor and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox. There is a \$15 charge for the dinner, which includes lasagna, salad, dessert and beverage. Visitors and guests are welcome. For reservations,



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#### Food choices

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#### Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. June 1, with guest speaker Tom Zielke, Jr., talking about "Preserving the Cemeteries in Marion Township." There's a help session at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. The public is invited. For details, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

#### Fashion show

The Women of North Farmington present its Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon Extraordinaire at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 19 at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce Township, Cash bar, Door prizes, raffle; tickets are \$40, proceeds go to charity. Call (248) 788-9672 for tickets. Fashions presented by Cold Water Creek of Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

#### St. Mary's classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is sponsoring a presentation titled, "Menopause and Sleep Apnea: Detection and Treatment," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 7. Speaker will be registered sleep technologist Scott G. Wolk, RPSGT, EMTP, Sleep Center Coordinator, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge, but registration is requested. For more information or to register, visit www.stmarymercy.org on the Web or call (734) 655-1100. St. Mary Mercy hosts a community open house called "Kaleidoscope of Care" 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 4. All events are free and will take place on the hospital grounds at 5 Mile and

### Mercy hosts its annual Cancer

Levan. On the same day, St. Mary Survivors' Celebration, as well as the ground-breaking for the hospital's new cancer center with a reception and speaker noon-1 p.m. in the hospital's South Lobby

#### Creative writing workshop

The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop, "Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet?" 3:45-6:15 p.m. Saturday, June 24 in the community room of the Madison Heights Fire Department headquarters, 31313



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Hospice training Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting. patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

#### Safe driving program

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Association of Retired Persons offers a two-day program. "AARP Safe Driving," 12:30-4:30 p.m. May 23-24. Attendance at both sessions is required. It's an eight-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists age 50 and older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8950.

#### **Ann Arbor Women**

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 16th-annual Tables and Tea event, displaying elegant and whimsical table settings designed by club

members and local retailers. The event takes place at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw (between Devonshire and Hill) 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 4. Tickets go on sale in mid-May at the Club and at some designated places around town. Tickets will be available the day of the event at the Club. For more information, call Linda Atkins, (734) 741-8032.

#### Home tour

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 54th-annual Home Tour, beginning at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 19. Ozone House has been designated the recipient of a portion of the event's revenue. Tickets go on sale in April at the City Club and in designated places around town. Tickets will also be available the day of the event. For more information and updates, call Sylvia Stetz, (734) 878-9044.

Summer internships Want to gain valuable knowledge through internship experience while being immersed in a vibrant creative setting? If so, the Ann Arbor Art Center is the place for you. Applications are now being accepted for internships during summer 2006 at the Ann Arbor Art Center. Internships include positions in Education, Exhibitions, the Gallery Shop, marketing, graphic design, special events, development and operations. All internships at the Ann Arbor Art Center are unpaid. Additional detailed descriptions of all internships available can be found at www.annarborartcenter.org, To apply for an internship, forward all resumes to info@annarborartcenter.org with "Internship" in the subject heading. Alternatively, mail a resume and

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#### Literacy Council tutors

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#### Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

#### CLUBS

#### Rotary A.M. The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth

A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

**MOPS** meet MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their 3

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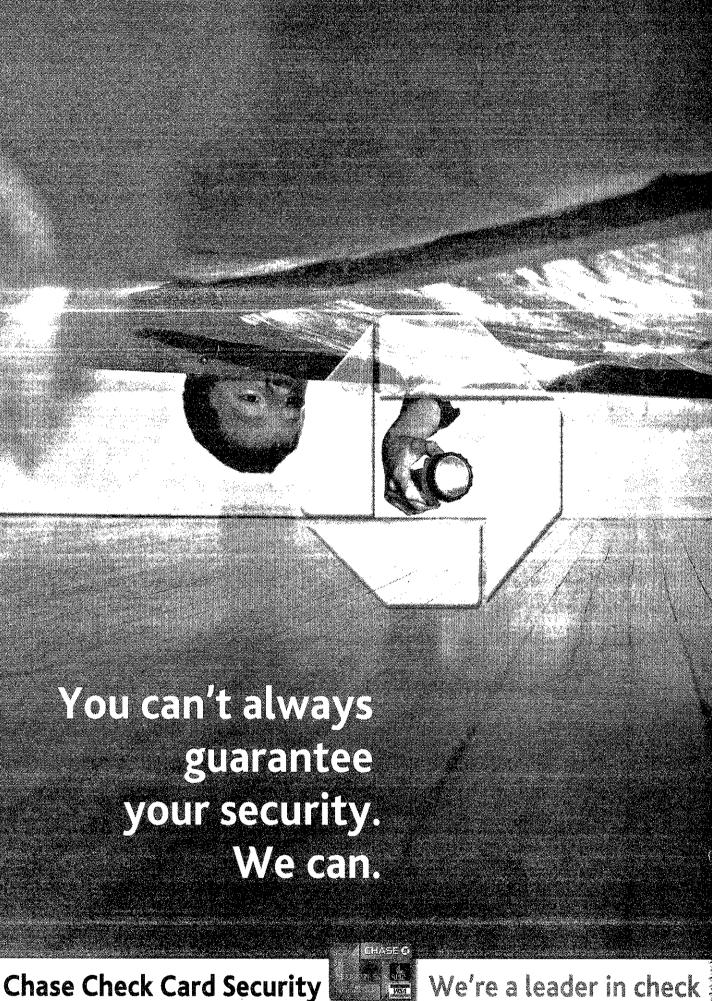
mothering. It presents speakers on abild and family issues, has smallequipped for the important task of group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

#### Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Martina at (734) 464-0481.

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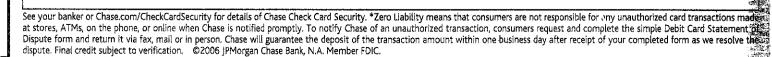
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancesters who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further informa-



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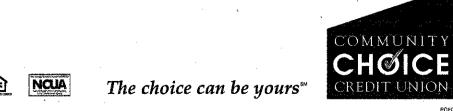


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# Alcohol a key factor in boating accidents, fatalities in state

According to the most recent statistics released by the U.S. Coast Guard drinking and driving is a safety concern that is not limited to Michigan roads. In fact, says the Coast Guard, alcohol was involved in more than half (51 percent) of all boating fatalities in Michigan during 2004, well above the national average of 33 percent.

By comparison, alcohol was a factor in 37 percent of Michigan highway fatalities during the same year, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

Part of the problem, say law enforcement officials, is that boating is often strictly viewed as a recreational activity and some of its more serious obligations can be overlooked. This is especially true during summer holiday periods such as Memorial Dan, Fourth of July and Labor Day, when organized water activities bring large numbers of boaters into close proximity.

"Boating is supposed to be fun," says Sgt. Dan Toth of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Marine Division. "People spend a lot of time and effort to get a boat on the water only to have tragedy strike because they failed to follow some basic safety rules."

According to Toth, more than 80 percent of the drownings and fatal boating accidents that occur each year are due to reckless operation, alcohol use and/or not wearing a Personal Flotation Device. He recommends that all new boat owners – including those using jet skis for the first time – take a boater's safety class. If you were born after Dec. 1, 1978, it's mandatory.

Michigan law prohibits anyone from boating while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It is also illegal for the owner of a vessel to allow anyone else to operate that vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs. A first

#### SAFE BOATING TIPS

Take a safe-boating class.

Anyone who operates your boat should complete a class. Classes are now offered through many schools, local sheriff's department marine divisions and diverse groups such as the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Red Cross. For a partial list of locations, call your local DNR office or go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.

at the start of each season and each time you leave the dock. Depending on its size, all boats must have some type of readily accessible PFD aboard for each person. For more information, obtain a copy of the DNR's Michigan Handbook of Boating Laws and Responsibilities online at: http://boat-ed.com/mi/handbook/.

Be watchful of old pilings, sandbars and other hazards on the Great Lakes, as this is expected to be another low-water year. Plot you routes using a GPS (Global Positioning System) if possible to keep known obstructions pinpointed. Pay attention to restricted boating areas still in effect for lakes Erie and Michigan. Check with the Coast Guard for specific areas: www.uscg.mi/.

■ Equip you vessel with a marine radio or cell phone for emergencies and to keep track of the weather. Always head to post immediately if threatening weather approaches. Always have a compass onboard.

offense is a 90-day misdemeanor with a \$500 fine. A second offense can yield up to one year in jail and \$1,000 fine. Boating privileges are also sanctioned.

Michigan law also requires that all vessels be equipped with a PFD for each person on board. Passengers under the age of six must wear a PFD at all times when riding on the open deck of any ves-

sel. Each person, regardless of age, riding on or towed behind a personal watercraft must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II or III personal flotation device.

More than half (63 percent) of the 676 persons who died in U.S. boating accidents last summer were not wearing a life jacket.

"Wearing you PFD when having fun on the water should be as much of a habit as buckling your safety belt every time you drive your car," says Gary Bubar, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services traffic safety consultant. "They are you best defense against drowning – the largest single cause of boating deaths – should you become involved in a boating accident."

According to Coast Guard data, collisions with other boats or fixed objects, and falling and out of the vessel accounted for 66 percent of the 143 incidents recorded during 2004. Careless and reckless operation, as well as operator inattention or inexperience, were cited as major pre-crash factors.

Fishermen and other small boat operators should be especially vigilant in wearing PFDs – open motorboats, kayaks, canoes, rowboats and jet skis were involved in 82 percent of the marine fatalities registered nationwide in 2004. More than half (57 percent) of the fatal accidents involved capsizing or falling overboard, which often happens when someone stands up or moves quickly in a

small boat.

PFDs not only keep you afloat after a mishap, but can't help protect you against deadly hypothermia or lowering of the body's core temperature, and also provide some protection against internal injury in boating collisions and falls. They are required for all children under age 6 while on an open deck area, and for all operators of PWCs, as well as water skiers.

# Equipment makes voting easier for disabled

New voting equipment, designed to make casting a ballot easier for voters with disabilities was introduced last week in Lansing by Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land.

The equipment is expected to be put into use for the August primary election.

The equipment allows voters who have a physical disability or are blind, visually impaired or otherwise unable to mark a ballot in the usual way to do so on a special voting system. Called an AutoMARK, it resembles a fax machine with a large flip-up screen and attachments includ-

ing headphones.

At least one of the voting systems will be available for use in each of the state's polling locations for the Aug. 8 primary election as the result of a contract that is expected to be approved today by the State Administrative Board. The devices complement Michigan's optical scan voting system.

"We are at the beginning of a new era in voting for people with disabilities," said Land. "This technology is intended to remove obstacles to voting for members of Michigan's disability community and to ensure they are given the same opportunity for access and participation as other voters on Election Day."

Once approved by the Stat Administrative Board, the state will execute a \$34 million contract with Election Systems & Software to receive approximately 4,300 of the AutoMARK voting systems and associated ballot programming. Costs are covered under the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002. HAVA mandates that states must have a compliant accessible voting system in place for individuals with disabilities for federal elections in 2006.

The state invited bids on the accessible equipment contract in November and received responses from four companies. The AutoMARK system was selected after an extensive evaluation process involving more than 80 representatives from the disability community and local election officials. AutoMARK was the favorite of both groups and was cited for is accessibility and ease of use.

Depending on their needs, voters may cast their votes without assistance using the screen, Braille keypad of foot pedal. They may also use magnification and contrast features on the screen, headphones with an audio function, a wand or personal sip/puff tube to assist in marking the ballot. When the ballot is completed, it is scanned and is stored with all other ballots. Voters maintain the privacy of their ballot throughout the process

The plan to provide technology that has been designed specifically for members of the disability community in the voting booth is the first such endeavor in state history. According to the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns, 1.9 million of the state's approximately 10 million residents have disabilities.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/sos.

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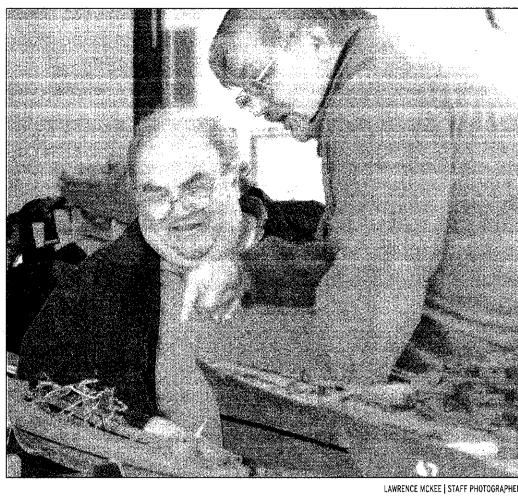
Six miles of Hines Park (Hines Drive) will be closed every Saturday for people of all ages to walk, run, skate or cycle safely. The No. 1 concern of skaters, cyclists, runners and walkers is motor vehicle traffic.

Saturdays in the Park began May 6 and continues 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Saturday through Sept. 30. Hines Drive

will be closed from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive.

Parking is available at Hines Park-Warrendale Picnic Area (west of Outer Drive) and Hines Park-Nankin Mills Picnic Area (Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail).

For more information on this or any Wayne County Parks program, call (734) 261-1990.



#### **Boat lovers**

Andrew Paris, of Canton, talks to West Bloomfield resident Frank Conklin about his passion for making scale model war ships. The two men were among a number of model ship enthusiasts that gathered Saturday for the West Bloomfield Regatta, organized by the Michigan Scale Model Boat Club. Among the hand-crafted scale models displayed were fishing boats, sailing vessels and military ships. The event also included an obstacle course demonstration. The club is made up of about 40 boat enthusiasts from across Michigan and a few from

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Michigan. Johnson has been actively involved in the Christian Businessmen's Committee (CBMC) since 1956. He has held many positions of leadership in CBMC including

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ers in various fields of ministry. "Paul Johnson has lived his life selflessly for others," said Dr. Bruce Fong, president of Michigan Theological Seminary. "He has had a worldwide impact for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is a man of great integrity and his life exemplifies the choicest of

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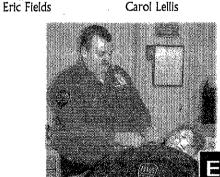
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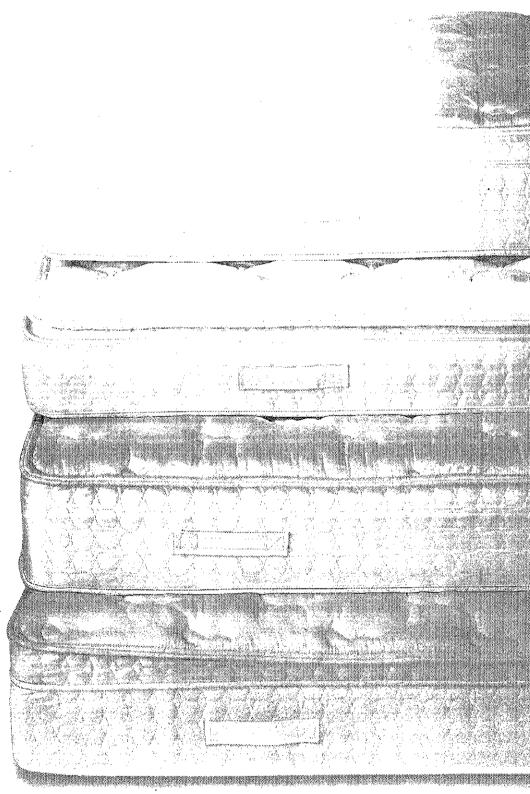
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#### MAY

#### Annual May fair

Rides, games, Vegas, bingo, beer tent, live entertainment, softball tournament, May 18-21, at Our Lady of Loretto, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford, Call (313) 534-9000.

Feather bowling 6:15 p.m. Friday, May 19, bus leaves

Ward Presbyterian Church parking lot in Northville for the Cadieux Cafe." Tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation, a deli tray and pop. Call (248) 374-5920.

#### Breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, á Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christians faiths 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20, Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford, across from Kmart, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. This is a monthly meeting. The next is scheduled for Saturday, June 17.

#### Citizens for Peace

Hold a time of prayer open to the community 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Open to church and community friends. Spring retreat, Get on board on your fast track to inner peace. Love donation. Open to church and community friends. To RSVP, call (734) 459-7231.To RSVP, call (734) 459-7231.

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

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Kensington Metro Park Saturday, May 20. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. Lunch break at your expense half way through ride. The group meets every Saturday morning at various locations. For a schedule or information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920. The next ride is 10 a.m. May 27, Newburgh Point, Hines Drive, west of Newburgh Road.

#### Luncheon/fashion show

New spring reflections 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 450000 N. Territorial. between Sheldon and Beck. Devotional presented by Ann Dorries, fashions by Fashion Bug. Tickets \$8, includes lunch with dessert. Call (734) 455-2300 or send e-mail to office45@fbcplymouth.org.

#### Concert

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia conclude its 2005-2006 Concert Series 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, with a special concert featuring director of music and concert organist, Mark Lohmeyer, at the church's 34 rank Casavant pipe organ and the Christ Our Savior Festival Choir singing some of their favorite anthems from this past year. Lohmeyer will play Totentanz or Deathdance by composer William Albright. This piece is played by the feet alone on the pedalboard of the organ. You will be able to watch the performance of this very intense piece on the projection screens. The concert is free and open to the public with a freewill offering being taken. Christ Our Savior is at 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830.

Kindergarten/Pré-school Round-up 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, May 22, at Our Lady of Loretto, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 532-4764.

Lighthouse cafe

7-10 p.m. Friday, May 26, cards, board games, pingpong, specialty coffees, snacks and music, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. \$5. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Spring retreat

Speaker presentations by Bobby Michaels (www.bobbymichaels.com or

www.musicianaries.org), special music times and small group discussions with free time to gold, take a side trip to Saugatuck, or enjoy recreational opportunities and bonfires, May 26-28, at Marantha Bible and Conference Center on the shores of Lake Michigan near Grand Rapids. Pre-registration required. Cost is \$185 and includes bus transportation, meals/snacks and accommodation at Marantha. Call Ward Presbyterian Church for details and to register, (248) 374-5920.

Memorial Day picnic Noon to 5 p.m. Monday, May 29, at Rotary Park on Six Mile, between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia. Cost is \$5 and includes hamburgers and hot dogs (grilled between noon

and 2 p.m.), and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass to complement the meal and join us for sun, food, games, fellowship and fun. For information, call Ward Presbyterian Church

#### at (248) 374-5920. Memorial Day picnic

Monday, May 29, a joint effort by Bethany Suburban West and Single Place Ministry. Cost is \$5 and a dish to pass. For details, call (313) 996-8644 or (248) 349-0911.

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

continues to May 31, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760.

Wine, cheese and theology

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

#### **UPCOMING**

Praise and worship concert

Featuring a reunion of the praise and worship band Crossfire 7 p.m. Friday. June 2, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville, Ice cream social follows in Knox Hall. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

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9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford, Call (313) 255-6330.

Monthly dance Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization to provide peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Cost is \$10, includes refreshments, Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734)

#### Dinner and concert

261-5716.

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass 7 p.m., Thursday, June, 8 (dinner at 6 p.m., \$6 per person), at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon. Call (734) 455-2300 for tickets and information. Vacation Bible school

Fiesta! Join us 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 12-16 for 5 fun filled days of high energy, Christ-centered activities, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Fee is \$25, and includes Tshirt. For more information, call David Conrad at (734) 425-5950.

#### Preschool program

Begins 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, June 12-15, and runs weekly through July 17-20, for ages 3-5, at Mt. Hope Preschool, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Cost is \$80 per week, \$70 for second child, and includes snack. Special rates if parents assist in classroom. Topics include dinosaurs, kids in the kitchen, underwater adventures, on safari, and fun with science. Call (734) 261-9540.

#### Summer fun

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

#### Sock hop

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization to provide peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 16, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford, Cost is \$15. includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

#### Crafters wanted

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

#### Learner's Bible study

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

Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Donuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

#### Bible study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

#### School registration Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is

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

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

#### **Purpose Driven Life** Members, friends and neighbors of St.

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

#### Gathering for seniors 50 years and

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

#### Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard,

Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison, Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call

#### (734) 261-1455. **Church activities**

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

#### Scripture from scratch

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

#### Kabbalah classes

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

#### **Eucharistic adoration**

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

#### Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470. Unity of Livonia

Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays,

#### at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760. Shabbat services

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

#### Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville, The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families ome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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#### **Trinity Episcopal Church** Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.,

Wednesday service 6:15 p.m. - Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville, Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

#### Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org.

#### **English classes**

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

#### Scripture from scratch If you've always wanted to learn about

the Bible from square one, here's square one 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road. Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950 to register.

#### Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia) is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

#### Services

St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional

worship services are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday School hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

#### Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45-degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

#### Bible talks 4 p.m. Sundays, at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call

#### (734) 728-9157.

#### Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

#### The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, story telling, games, cooking, music and art,,, and a small theater complete with popcorn making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary serviice at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

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#### Worship services

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

#### Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster, is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this costfree, 30-minute class, wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional). For more information, call the church office, (313) 937-1199.

#### Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Proverbs, breakfast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the American Table, Eight Mile, Farmington. come when you can, leave when must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

#### Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional.

#### Call (734) 421-7620. Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville, Call (734)

#### 699-3361. New contemporary service

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month; at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

#### Prayer group

Join us 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

#### Women of the Word Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, Women

of the Word, studies the Book of Luke, entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5 For more information, call (248) 348-7600. New modern-style worship

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#### "Die Fledermaus" in New York Čity Author of "From Merny's Kitchen" Her passion was cooking, cookbooks and family. Survived by her husband Richard G. Williams; daughters Isabelle W. (Steven) Clark, Martha W. (Ryan) Ross, and son Edgar A. (Tracey) Williams II; and five grandchildren. Memorial service at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Friday, May 19, 2006, at 11am. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Children's Hospital of

MARYNELL ANDERSON WILLIAMS

Passed away suddenly on May 16,

2006. Born in Peoria, Illinois, May

15, 1932. Preceded in death by par-

ents, Isabelle and Edwin J. Anderson

(formerly of the Detroit Lions), and

sister Suzanne A. Stanglein. Raised in

Bloomfield Hills, she attended Kingswood School Cranbrook and

Finch College in New York City, was

a former member of Tau Beta

Association, Junior League of

Birmingham, MI, Women's National

Farm and Garden - Bloomfield Hills

Branch, Oakland Hills Country Club,

and Christ Church Cranbrook. While

in school, Marynell enjoyed acting

and participating in plays, especially

musicals. Majoring in opera, she

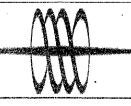
played the part of Prince Orlofsky in

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Age 92, lifelong resident of Canton, died May 13, 2006. She was born June 18, 1913, in Canton, in the same house in which she died. She was a homemaker, and lived and worked on the farm. She was a former member of the Farm Bureau. She also worked at the Daisy Air Rifle Factory and worked in the office at Willow Run during World War II. She was a member of St. John Neumann Church in Canton. She loved being with her family, traveling, and gardening. She would rather be outside than inside, and was even mowing her grass as late as last fall. She is survived by her daughters, Catherine Foege, Mary (Richard) Perlongo, and Rita (Frank) Thompson; and her grandchildren, Verona Perlongo, Paul Perlongo Thompson, Thompson, and Patrick Thompson She is preceded in death by her husband, Albert, Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 16, at St. John Neumann Church. Memorials may be made as Mass Offerings or to Angela Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



MARY (ROEDER) HAYES Age 74. With great sadness, we announce the death of a dear wife, beloved mother, wonderful and nurturing grandmother and great-grandma. Mary Hayes passed away May 1 2006, peacefully, at her home in Plymouth (after losing her courageous battle with Lymphoma) surrounded by her loving family. Mary was born April 1, 1932, and married James W. Hayes on May 9, 1953. She was a lifelong homemaker and a resident of Plymouth for the past 37 years. Mary is survived by her husband, Jim: daughters Cheryl (Shannon) Kelley of California, Sharon (John) Heslip of Grand Rapids, Gail (Louis) Denski of Brighton, son Jim T. (Shannon) Hayes of Howell; grandchildren Steven, Sarah, Nick, Ryan, Josh, Izzie, Gabby, and Annie; great grandchildren Chaise and Tobias; sister Shirley (Bob) Dueweke; brother David (Ester) Roeder. Preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Eva Roeder, sister Dorleene, and brother, Gerald. Funeral arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Services were held at The First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, The Reverend Skimins officiating. Burial will take place in the courtyard of the church at a later date. Gifts in Mary's memory may be made to a charity of



#### PAUL J. SCAGLIONE

Age 84, May 15, 2006. Beloved husband of Alberta "Bea." Loving father of Lucinda F. Smith (Stephen R.) of Lake Orion, MI, Brenda L. Ward (Larry A.) of Pemberville, OH and Paul J. (Dreama) of S. Amherst, OH. Dear grandfather of 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He worked with Giffels Associates in Detroit where he headed up their Power & Utility Design Department for 30 years before retiring in 1990. Visitation Thursday 2-4 & 6-9 PM at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. Twelve Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills. Funeral Friday, Instate 10:30 AM, service 11 AM at West Bloomfield United Methodist Church, 4100 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield 48323. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church or Odyssey Health Care of Detroit, 26111 Evergreen, Suite 301,

Southfield, MI 48076. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

#### THERESA P. SHEEDY

Age 84, of Plymouth, died May 15 She was born November 19, 1921, in Hewittsville, Illinois. She is survived by her children, Theodore E. (Margaret) Sheedy, Janet (Gerald) Johnston, and Julie (Christopher) Higgins; 2 grandchildren; 4 greatgrandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Theodore A. Visitation Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan, Thursday 2-9pm. Interment in Oak Hill Cemetery, Taylorville, Illinois. Memorials may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind or the March of



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Tom Hanks stars in the Sony Pictures' suspense thriller 'The Da Vinci Code.'

# Fictional 'Da Vinci Code' collides with official church teachings

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

David Conrad fears that even though The Da Vinci Code is billed as fiction, there will be those who take it for fact when the movie arrives in theaters on Friday, May 19. He had the same feeling after reading Dan Brown's novel by the same title when it came out in 2003, so he put together a series of four presentations in September 2004 to set the record straight. On Wednesday, May 17, Conrad was scheduled to revisit the subject at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia where he directs the faith education programs.

Discrepancies in Brown's book leave little doubt the work is fiction. Brown himself says he wrote the story that begins with a murder in the Louvre Museum in Paris to explore "certain aspects of Christian history." While the characters are fictional, the artwork, architecture, documents, and rituals all exist. There was a second century sect known as the Gnostics who claimed to possess secrets that went beyond the faith proclaimed by the Christian church. Gnosticism comes from Gnosis, a Greek word meaning knowledge.

"The book created curiosity, questions about history and theology," said Conrad of Livonia.

"By looking at history it can help us appreciate who Jesus is and come to the realization that early church history is not

a murky mess. We can know something about Jesus, Mary Magdalene and Christianity in its early years by looking at records available to us.

"There is archeological evidence. Gospel texts can help provide evidence. Four gospel texts were composed between 35 to 60 years after Jesus' time on earth.

Conrad timed the May 17 presentation to enlighten movie goers before they entered the theater to see the Sony Pictures movie starring Tom Hanks. Conrad plans to see the movie himself.

"At some level people do take the novel seriously," said Conrad. "Characters in the book are being presented as legitimate scholars so people who don't know better or about the historical and theological evidence, they might be taken in. People are very curious about matters of faith. They're searching for truth. The topics presented in the novel resonate with people because they're searching, looking for answers."

Karen Buddenborg is going to see the movie just because "there's so much talk about it." She planned to attend Conrad's presentation at St. Aidan Catholic Church where she is a member.

"The Da Vinci Code appeals to people's sense of reason," said Buddenborg. "It has a feel almost like a true story so it can be misconstrued.

Conrad says Christians must realize the relationship that exists between faith and reason

# Nominees sought for history teacher of the year

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is seeking nominations for the annual Michigan History Teacher of the Year Award. The Institute, in partnership with Preserve America, inaugurated the award in 2004.

The History Teacher of the Year Award is designed to promote and celebrate the teaching of American history in classrooms across the United States. It honors one exceptional K-12 teacher of American history from each state and U.S. territory. The selection of the state winner in based upon several criteria, including: experience in teaching American history; evidence of creativity and imagination in the classroom; and close attention to documents, artifacts, historic sites and the other primary materials of history.

The state winner will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and will be in the running for the National History Teacher of the Year award to be selected this fall. His or her school library will receive a core archive of history books and materials.

The deadline is May 31. For more information, contact Gordon Andrews, Michigan coordinator, at (269)674-4709 or gandrews@portageps.org.

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Lieberman is an English professor at the University of Illinois and poetry editor for the University of Illinois Press. He has published 14 collections of poetry, and three volumes of literary criticism. His most recent book is Carib's Leap: selected and new poems of the Caribbean from Peepal Tree Press of Leeds, England. His works have been widely anthologized.

The reading is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by The MacGuffin, the national literary magazine housed at Schoolcraft.

### Bicyclists invited to leisurely trip along Rouge

The Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan Dearborn will host "Pedaling with the Current," a familyfriendly bicycle tour along the Rouge River 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 3.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, contact Rick Simek, EIC program supervisor, at (313) 583-6371.

Participants should bring their bicycles for a leisurely tour along the new Rouge River Gateway Greenways Trail, which runs

through the campuses of Henry Ford Community College and UM-Dearborn, and includes parts of Wayne County and City of

Dearborn parks. Participants may choose to stop at a number of activity stations that will be set up along the path at various locations to explore river-related issues like water-quality testing aquatic-creature sampling, organic gardens

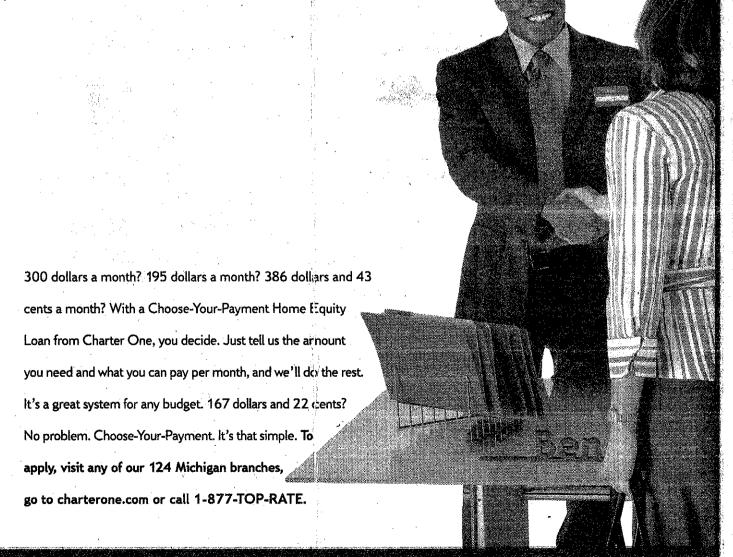
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The Salem boys tennis team stroked its way to a school-record 11-0 dual-meet record this season. Pictured (front row from left) are Lawrence Washington, Blake Foster, Cam Loftus, (back row from left) Steve VanDusen, Alex Poe, Dave Geick, Pawel Kargol, Pete Bartlett and Neil Bakshi.

# STRING MUSIC

### Hard work leads to Salem netters' record-setting season

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

It's only fitting that the Salem boys tennis team's courts are just a long lob shot from Joy Rd.

After all, the Rocks' recent journey to the top of the Western Lakes Activities Association standings has been a non-stop joyride for the past six weeks.

While the journey has been fun for the deep and talented squad, it hasn't been a leisurely stroll down Easy Street. Salem had to knock off peren-

nial powerhouses Livonia Stevenson (5-3 on April 26) and Northville (5-3 on May 5) to earn its championship title and 11-0 dual-meet record.

"This team is a lot like the Pistons everybody works hard every practice and every match," said Salem coach Bill Nelson, who has served as either an assistant or head coach at Salem for the past 23 years. "When they fall behind, they know what it takes to dig it out.

"I've had some very good teams at

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#### **REFUSE TO LOSE**

Salem's boys tennis team has chalked up several significant accomplishments this season. Among the most noteworthy are:

11-0 dual-meet record, which put it atop the competitive Western Lakes Activities Association.

5-3 victories over Livonia Stevenson and Northville, both of which have owned the WLAA's top spot over the past several years;

■ Two Rocks - No. 3 singles player Blake Foster and No. 4 singles player Neil Bakshi - have compiled perfect 20-0 records; and

Salem placed first in the Essexville-Garber Invitational and second at the Woodhaven invitational tournaments.

# Baptist's 2 goals pace 'Cats' win

When it came time to pick out an early graduation present for her senior teammates Monday night, Plymouth's Clare Baptist decided to chip in on something money can't

The junior forward tallied two goals to help lead the Wildcats to a 5-2 victory over Salem in a game played in drizzly conditions on the P-CEP varsity stadium turf.

The high-scoring triumph lifted Plymouth's record to 7-8 overall. More significantly, it was the first varsity girls soccer victory for the Wildcats over a fellow P-CEP team.

"It was nice to be able to help the

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seniors get a win over Salem before they graduated," said Baptist, who netted the Wildcats' first and fourth goals. "They beat us pretty bad last year, so it felt good to finally beat

"On my first goal, I got behind their defense and ripped the ball at the net. I didn't even think on the second one I just spun around and kicked it."

Plymouth was also bolstered by the strong offensive showing of senior mid-fielder Stacy Dillon, who rang up two goals and an assist. Dillon is playing her first season for Plymouth after transferring from South Carolina last

Stacy has been a great addition to our team," added Baptist. "She's a great player and she helps us keep possession of the ball."

For the youthful Rocks (3-6-2), the loss was another in a season that has been filled with growing pains.

"I thought we played well early and put a lot of pressure on Plymouth," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We generated four corner kicks in the first five minutes, but we couldn't finish.

"At the other end, I think Plymouth

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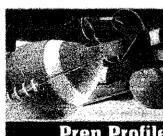
# Okolo jumps on fast track to success

STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Okolo is the friendliest, most-personable 16year-old you'd ever want to meet — unless you happen to line up next to her seconds before a 100-meter dash.

At that point, it's all business for the Plymouth High School track-and-field standout, who collects school records like most of her fellow stu-

dents collect CD's. "Right before a race, I get very focused and try not to look around at the other runners," said Okolo, a sophomore. "The start of a race is so important. I just focus on the finish line and tell myself it'll be all over in just a couple of seconds.



"I try to stay low and keep my head down for the first three to five seconds of the race. If I stand straight up early in a race, it slows me down."

#### TOP OF THE LIST

Judging by the frequency that her name appears in the current Observerland Best Track Times listing, Okolo has been doing a very good job of staying low. As of Tuesday, the 10th-grader was fourth in the 100 (12.8 seconds), ninth in the 200 (27.4) and second in the long jump (16 feet, nine inches), an event she didn't even attempt until early this

"Stephanie is a classic sprinter," said Plymouth coach John Dunn. "She not only runs the 100 and 200, but she anchors our four-by-100 and four-by-200 relay teams.

"As an athlete, she has really matured since her freshman season. She's willing to work harder this year compared to last and she's grown into the sport more. Stephanie-seems very determined to do well and to get better, and I expect a lot more from her during her junior and senior years. Okolo currently owns school records in the 100, 200 and

long jump — and the impressive list may grow by one event

"I'm considering moving her up to the 400 next year," said



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth sophomore Stephanie Okolo has been a standout sprinter and long-jumper for the Wildcats' track-and-field team this spring. In the fall and winter, Okolo was a member of the school's junior varsity PLEASE SEE OKOLO, B2 cheerleading squad.

# **Downey throws** gem at Patriots

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth baseball coach Chuck Adams referred to Tuesday's 3-0 victory over Livonia Franklin as "The T.J. Downey Show." Based on Downey's final line score, the show was a documentary on effective pitching.

#### PREP BASEBALL

Downey threw a one-hitter at the Patriots. who suffered their ninth consecutive setback. The senior struck out seven and walked three to improve his record to 3-3.

With the win, the Wildcats raised their marks to 9-13 overall, 5-9 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 3-5 in the WLAA's Western Division. The struggling Pats dipped to 6-19.

"T.J. pitched a great game," Adams said. "He had a good fastball and a good curveball, which allowed him to keep their hitters off-balance throughout the entire game. He worked backwards a lot, too, throwing curveballs when he was behind in the count and fastballs when he was ahead."

The Wildcats scored once in the first inning and twice in the second. Freshman Ronnie Goble delivered the game's biggest blow, a two-run double in the second frame. Sean Sciba's double was the lone hit for Franklin.

The game was delayed one day due to wet weather.

Plymouth returns to action Friday when it makes a cross-campus trip to Canton. The opening pitch is set for 4 p.m.

#### McKee signs

Canton senior soccer player Erik McKee recently signed a letter of intent to play collegiate soccer for Georgetown (Ky.) College, an NAIA school that plays in the Mid-South Conference.

McKee was a two-year All-Western Lakes **Activities Association** performer. The talented defender also earned All-Observer honors following his junior and senior seasons.

#### Albion awardees

A trio of Canton gradu ates was honored recently by the Albion College women's track-and-field team:

■ Erica Stoney, the daughter of Matthew and Susan Stoney of Plymouth, earned a fleece jacket as her sec-3 ond varsity award;

■ Carrie Oleszkowicz, \* the daughter of Mark and Cynthia Oleszkowicz of Plymouth, received a certificate for her first varsity award; and

■ Jacquelyn Williams, the daughter of Julie Willoughby of Albion, earned a fleece jacket for her second varsity award. Williams ran a leg on the school's record-setting 400-meter relay team during the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships.

The Britons posted a 4-2 dual-meet record and placed third in the twoday MIAA league championship meet with 122 points.

#### **Badminton tourney**

The Northville Parks & Recreation Department will be sponsoring its Fifth Annual Midwest **Badminton Tournament** June 2-4 at the Hillside Recreation Center in Northville.

The event's "World Class Badminton Experience," which is set for Saturday at 1:30 p.m., will feature some of the United States' top badminton players, including Halim Haryanto of Orange County, Calif.; Kevin Han of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Raju Rai of Orange County, Calif.; Eric Go of Orange County, Calif.; and Erin Hois of Downer's Grove, III. Singles matches for the event begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

**Contact Northville** Parks & Recreation Athletic Supervisor Joe Barberio at (248) 449-9947.

#### Baseball camp The Canton Chiefs sum-

mer baseball camp still has openings. The camp, which is for kids aged 7 and up, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 19-23 at the Canton varsity baseball field.

The cost of the camp is \$100. Registration forms for the camp can be obtained at www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com or by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144.

scored goals on their first five shots. That's not all (Salem net-minder) Jill Slabey's fault. It's a team thing.

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"Probably the thing we need to improve on the most is to shoot the ball more. We need to go to the goal and take more shots. A lot of times we get opportunities, but we hesitate, and then the opportunity is gone. Give credit to Plymouth, though. They played very well tonight."

Baptist scored off an assist from Dillon 10 minutes into the contest. The Wildcats doubled their cushion 52 seconds before halftime when Dillon took advantage of a 1-on-1 opportunity to knock the ball past Slabey to make it 2-0.

Two minutes into the second half, Dillon displayed the ball-dribbling skills that earned her a soccer scholarship to Coastal Carolina University, a Division 1 school located in South Carolina. She secured possession of the ball 40 yards out, wove through the heart of the Salem defense then launched a left-footed laser from the left hash mark that curved over Slabey's outstretched hands and into the upper-right-hand corner of the net.

"Stacy was playing mid tonight, so we were asking her to do more defensively," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "But she's also capable of doing some amazing things offensively, too."

Tara Duncan converted a penalty kick with 34:01 left to bring the Rocks to within 3-1. They nearly dented the lead even more less than a minute later, but Wildcat goalie Brittany Warner went high in the air to suffocate a twisting corner kick.

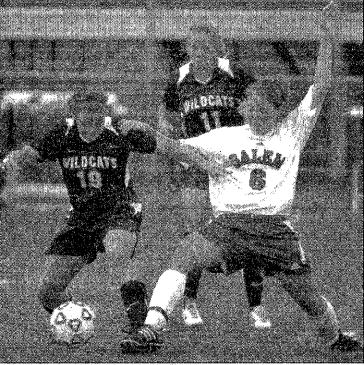
The right-footed Baptist left-footed in a rebound shot from 15 yards away to put Plymouth ahead, 4-1, at the 27:29 mark.

Even the ultra-talented Warner was no match for Salem forward Kelly Adsit's high, hard bender from 20 yards out, which made it 4-2 with

Plymouth ended the match like it started when Chelsea Quinlan hammered home a goal from in front of the net after controlling a pass from Val Klemmer.

"Hopefully this win will give us momentum heading into the final part of our schedule," said

Nora praised the play of Duncan, Sara Stanislawksi and Jill Behrman. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108



Plymouth's Clare Baptist (left) and Salem's Miranda Evers battle for possession of the ball during Monday night's cross-campus showdown.



# Chiefs 6th in primer for D1 Regional meet

In a primer for Friday's Division 1 Regional meet, the Canton boys track team placed sixth at the Jackson Northwest Last Chance Invitational held May 13 in Jackson.

Grand Ledge ran away with the invite's top honors, racking up 85 points. Finishing just ahead of Canton (45.5 points) were runner-up Adrian (53), Chelsea (51), Jackson (50) and Jackson Lumen Christi (48).

"This was the first time we've run in this meet and I was very impressed with the level of competition," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. For the past dozen or so years we've competed in the Troy Athens Relays on this weekend, but they were canceled a couple of weeks ago. The people at Jackson Northwest were kind enough to let us in their meet at the last minute, and I'm glad they did. It was a very well-run event."

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The Chiefs received a pair of first-place efforts: Cyrus Azizi won the 400-meter dash in 50.6 and their 1,600-meter relay foursome of Andy Rossow, Phaltiel Whitlock, Tim Belcher and Azizi broke the tape first with a 3:29.0

Also earning points for Canton were: Steve Paye (fourth in the discus, 136 feet); Eric Thornton (fourth in the high jump, 5-11); Andy Rossow (tie for sixth in the high jump, 5-9); Ryan Langdon (third pole vault, 11-11); Rossow (fifth in 400, 52.0); Tim Belcher (fourth in 300 hurdles, 42.9); Whitlock (sixth in 800, 2:04.9); and Azizi (fourth in 200, 23.1).



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#### **OKOLO**

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Dunn. "She has a lot of potential in that event and that's an area we've been weak in. Stephanie ran a 1:06 quarter-mile for us last week and she jogged the first 200. I think if she worked at it, her time would be down around a minute-flat in no time."

Dunn said his star sprinter's outgoing personality traits match her athletic abilities.

"She's such a good kid," Dunn said. "She's very enthusiastic and boisterous. I've never heard anybody say a negative thing about her. Her teammates love Stephanie because she's so easy to get along with."

#### GIVE ME AN 'O'

Okolo generates cheers on a year-round basis at Plymouth High School. In the spring, she's cheered for her track accomplishments. In the fall and winter, she cheers for the Wildcats' football and basketball teams.

"Being a cheerleader helps me for track because I'm always stretching and it helps with my flexibility," she said. "I'll run on the weekends with my sister (Karen) during the summer and I ride my bike a lot, but I don't run competitively during the offseason."

Okolo said graduating from middle-school track-and-field (she ran for West Middle School) to the high school version was a major step.

"It's so much more serious at the high school level," she said. "In middle school, I think I ran every event at least once. Now, it's more specific and we're taught more technique. In middle school, I ran for the fun of it. This is still fun, but it's more serious at the same time."

#### **WELL-ROUNDED PERSON**

Okolo is a stellar student, having studied her way to a 3.3 grade-point average through the first half of her high school career.

"It would be nice to get a scholarship for track some day," she said, "but I'm only a sophomore, so I haven't thought about it too much yet. If I could pick a college right now, I'd choose Michigan State."

Okolo was born in the United States, but her family tree is rooted in Nigeria, the country where her parents were born.

"My family has gone back to Nigeria three times to visit my relatives," she said. "It's fun because I get to see my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins."

There are at least two meets remaining in Okolo's sophomore season — Friday's Division 1 Regional meet at the P-CEP varsity stadium and the Western Lakes Activities Association meet the following week.

Dunn said there's a good chance his talented 10th-grader's schedule will grow by one meet depending on what happens

"Stephanie has a good chance of qualifying for the state meet in the long jump," said Dunn.

#### **SHOWCASE OF SPEED**

What: Division 1 Regional boys and girls track-andfield meet

When: Friday - field events begin at 1 p.m.; preliminaries for running events set for 3:30 p.m.; finals scheduled to start at approximately 6:30 p.m.

■ Where: P-CEP varsity sta-

Who: 16 teams - Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Detroit Cass Tech, Dearborn Fordson, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn High, Detroit Cody, Detroit Western International. Garden City, Redford Union, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn.

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#### **GIRLS TRACK TIMES**

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Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 5-4 Brittany Petty (Plymouth) 5-2 Meghan Liwienski (Stevenson) 5-0 Kara Piorkowski (Stevenson) 5-0 izabela Paszkowska (Canton) 4-11 Mya Hall (John Glenn) 4-11 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 4-10 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 4-10 Alex Serowkey (Ladywood) 4-10 Mandy McManus (Plymouth) 4-10 LONG JUMP

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POLE VAULT Allie Vraniak (Salem) 10-0 Maria Winkler (Stevenson) 9-6 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 9-2 Jackie Demers (Churchill) 9-2 Eren Ural (Churchill) 8-8 Meghan Powers (Franklin) 8-8 Michelle Blackstone (Stevenson) 8-6 Jennifer Olmstead (Churchill) 7-8 Katie Hale (Plymouth) 7-8 Heather Daniels (Wayne) 7-8 **100-METER HURDLES** 

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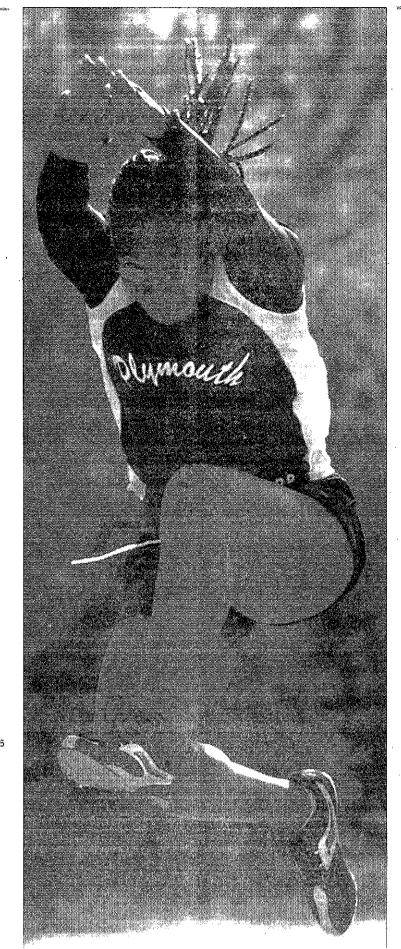
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Plymouth freshman Jill Morton has played a key role in the Wildcats' success this season both with her long-jumping skills and sprinting ability.

#### **BOYS TRACK TIMES**

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#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Livonia Franklin 10:42.5

PREP BASEBALL Friday, May 19 Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m. Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 20 Plymouth at Milford (DH), 11 a.m. Lakeland at Salem, 11 a.m. PREP SOFTBALL Friday, May 19 Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 20 Canton and Salem at Madonna Invitational, TBA

Sunday, May 21 Canton and Salem at Madonna Invitational, TBA **BOYS TRACK & FIELD** Friday, May 19 Division 1 Regional at P-CEP Varsity Stadium **GÍRLS TRACK & FIELD** 

Friday, May 19 Division 1 Regional at P-CEP Varsity Stadium **BOYS TENNIS** Friday, May 19 Division 1 Regional Tournament, 8 a.m. **GIRLS SOCCER** 

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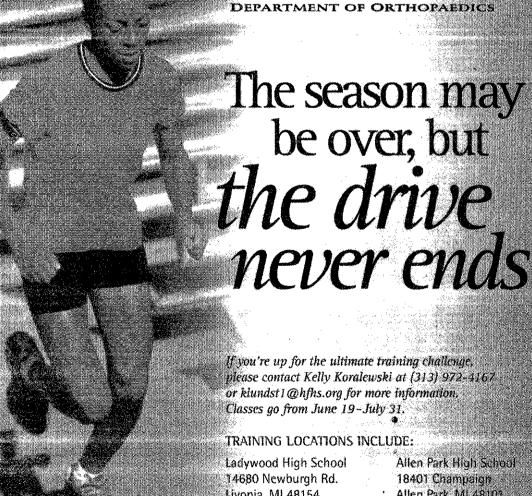
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S.H. Utica Ford at Plymouth, 7 p.m. **BOYS LACROSSE** Thursday, May 18 Saturday, May 20 Mattawan at PCS, 7:30 p.m. UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES W-LEAGUE Friday, May 19

Mich. Hawks vs. Ft. Wayne Fever at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7:30 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.



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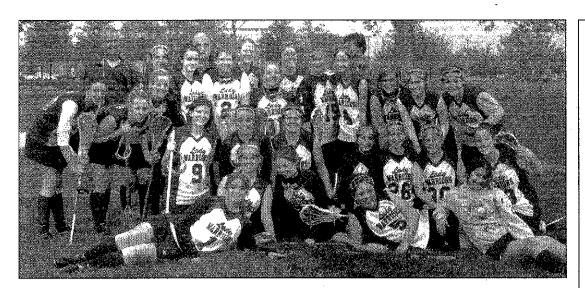
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The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team is enjoying a successful inaugural season. Pictured (front row from left) are Caitlin Andrews, Sara Tiderington, Kate Spangler, Lauren Medley, Samantha Weidendorf, (second row from left) Jillian Miller, Kristen Schwan, Laura Burton, Rainey Warner, Katy Russel, Edra Burris, Ashlie Forchione, (third row from left) Megan Early, Sarah Palczynski, Alex Rabe, Nicole Sheldon, Stephanie Matusiak, Jessica Murray, Heather Duncan, Kayla Coleman, Sarah Pursell, Morgan Franke, Angel Lucas, (top row from left) coach Dave Medley, Arielle Pietron, coach Gary Schwan, Amy Coleman, Lauren Not pictured is Kaytlin Moore.

## Lady Warriors thump Bedford

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team ousted Bedford, 13-1, Monday night in a game played at Heritage Park in Canton. The game was the Lady Warriors' lone home game of the season.

Scoring for PCS were Morgan Franke (three goals), Heather Duncan (two), Sara Tiderington (two) and Kate Spangler (Plymouth). Angel Lucas, Amy Coleman, Arielle Pietron and Kaytlin Moore

each tallied one goal a piece. The defense was paced by Rainey Warner, Nicole Sheldon and Lauren Patterson.

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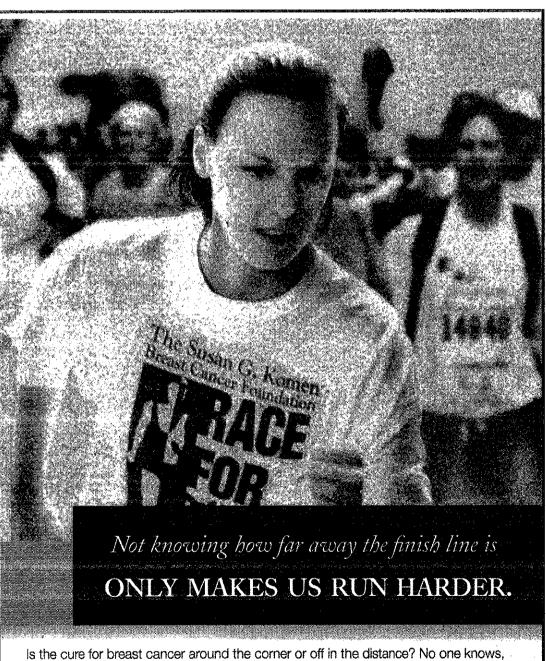
The Lady Warriors went 1-1 at the Holt Round-Robin Tournament on Saturday:



Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Heather Duncan (15) scored on this shot against Temperance-Bedford Monday night at Heritage Park. The Lady Warriors won,

PCS avenged an earlier loss by defeating the host Rams, 7-4, in the opener. Notching goals for PCS were Spangler (Plymouth), Duncan (Canton), Ashile Forchione (Canton) and Franke. Kate Russell (Salem), Sarah Palozynski (Plymouth), Patterson (Canton) and Laura Burton (Salem) provided strong defense in the winning cause.

In the second game, the Lady Warriors dropped a 7-3 decision to Brighton. Duncan, Sara Tiderington (Salem) and Stephanie Matusiak (Plymouth) scored for PCS. Strong play by Edra Burris (Salem), Alex Rabe (Salem) and Jillian Miller (Canton) kept the Lady Warriors in the game, according to coach Dave



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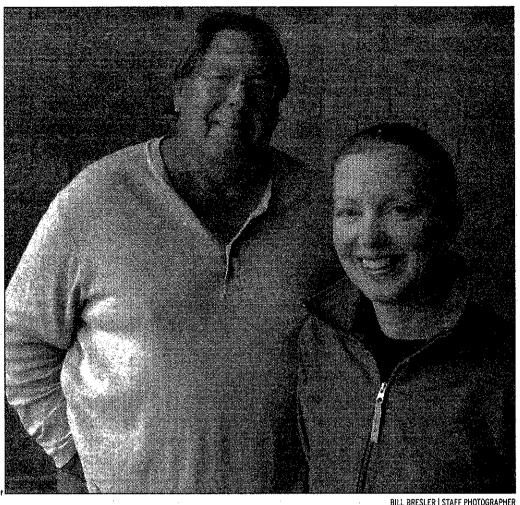
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Salem head tennis coach Bill Nelson and assistant coach Lin Ware have led the Rocks to an 11-0 dual-meet record this season.

#### TENNIS

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Salem over the years, particularly the 1996 team. But overall, this one is the most solid from top to bottom. I can't even remember the last time we beat Northville. If we did before this year it was a loooong time ago."

#### **BEYOND EXPECTATIONS**

Senior captain Blake Foster said he figured the Rocks would be good this season but not this good.

"I thought we would be improved over last year because we had a lot of seniors coming back and our No. 1 singles player, Lawrence Washington, had improved a lot since last year," said Foster, who was 20-0 at No. 3 singles heading into Tuesday's rain-delayed WLAA conference meet. "I just didn't know how we would match up against Northville and Stevenson. When we beat Stevenson, I knew we were good because Stevenson had already beaten Northville."

Nelson credited several of his players' year-round dedication to the sport as the primary reason for the Rocks' resurgence.

"Eight of the kids played over the winter at the Huron Valley Tennis Club in Ann Arbor," said Nelson. "(Assistant coach) Lin Ware's husband, Mike, is the pro out there and he set something up so that the boys could play on Friday nights during the offseason. I think that helped a lot."

#### YOUTHFUL TALENT

Only a sophomore, Washington has handled the pressure that goes with the No. 1 singles spot with poise and success, compiling a 17-3 mark against many of the elite players in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Lawrence has lost about 20 pounds since last year, so he's as quick as a cat out there now," said Nelson. "Last year, he would stay back on the baseline and play a power game. He still has the power game this year — but he's a lot quicker, too.

"His dad told me before the season that Lawrence worked extremely hard on his game ever since last season ended. They have some courts across the street from their house and Lawrence's dad said that Lawrence would play from the time he got up until it was dark."

Like every successful high school tennis team, the Rocks have benefited from strong play from their doubles players. The No. 1 duo of captain Dave Geick and Pawel Kargol has racked up a 17-3 mark while the No. 3 tandem of Jake Burnstein and Kevin Steinman has meshed to the tune of a 9-1 overall mark (6-0 in the WLAA) since they were paired together just over three weeks

been senior Pete Bartlett, who is 16-4 at No. 2, and junior Neil Bakshi, who is 20-0 at

"It seems like we've grown more confident with every win," said Bakshi. "We're at the point now where we expect to win every time we step on the court."

#### **DOUBLES DEPTH**

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"And our No. 4 doubles team (Matt Benson and Steve Van Dusen) has lost just twice," Nelson said.

The Benson-Van Dusen duo's biggest win was a 6-3, 6-4 triumph over Stevenson's Wes Dwight and Dan Grecco.

Despite their perfect league dual-meet record, the Rocks need to win the conference tournament to ensure the overall championship, something they haven't done since 1979.

The conclusion of the conference meet was pushed back to Wednesday due to wet weather.

"It would be nice to win the conference meet, but even if we don't, this has been a special season," said Nelson. "It's been a fun ride."



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# Patriots can't solve Plymouth's Ostrowski

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

To help offset Plymouth's robust offense, Livonia Franklin's outfielders played a few steps in front of the warning track during Tuesday afternoon's Western Lakes Activities Association divisional showdown at Plymouth.

The defensive strategy worked as the Wildcats managed to score just

Unfortunately for the Patriots, they didn't have an answer for Plymouth starting pitcher Claire Ostrowski, who struck out seven and yielded just three hits in the Wildcats' 1-0 victory.

"Claire did a great job, as usual," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "She was throwing exceptionally hard today."

The win improved Plymouth's record to 16-4-1 overall, 11-2 in the WLAA and 8-2 in the Western Division. The Patriots slipped to 11-12, 5-9 and 3-7, respectively.

"Defense and pitching set the tone for us today," said Canfield. "Offensively, we hit the ball hard, but most of the time it was right at peo-

The game's lone run was scored in the fourth when sophomore catcher Madison Dresser singled and scored on Kim Klonowski's double. Danielle Bondy, Klonowski and Erin Rodes paced the winners' 10-hit attack with two hits a piece.

Heather Jaroh (double), Alyssa Bonsall and Jaleece Lavine recorded the Patriots' hits. Jaroh was the only Franklin base-runner to reach second base.

Kim Topolewski went the distance on the mound for the Patriots. She struck out five and did not walk a batter

Klonowski sparkled in the field as well as the plate, according to

Canfield.

"Kim made two great plays in the first inning," she said. "On the first one, she jumped as high as she could to snare a line drive. Then she went deep into the hole on a grounder between short and third and threw the runner out with an off-balance throw."

#### **CANTON CLASSIC**

Plymouth finished 2-0-1 in the eight-team, rain-shortened Canton Classic Saturday.

lassic Saturday. "The girls played phenomenal all

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day," said Canfield. "I've never seen them play at such a high caliber."

In the opener, the Wildcats slammed Belleville, 8-2, behind the offensive exploits of Klonowski (4-for-4, four runs) and Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-4, three RBI).

Ostrowski shut out the Tigers over the first two innings while notching one strikeout. Ally Ciotti earned the victory after working the final five innings, giving up two hits and three walks.

Plymouth, which outhit Belleville 9-2, scored four runs in the first, one in the third, two in the fifth and one in the seventh.

In the second game, Plymouth edged Summerfield, 4-1, behind Ostrowski's three-hitter. The Wildcats scored a pair of runs in the first before adding a pair of insurance markers in the seventh. Summerfield's lone run came in the fourth.

Ostrowski struck out 10, walked two and yielded just three hits for Plymouth, which managed just five hits of its own off freshman hurler Rachel Ratiff.

Ostrowski (2-for-3, two RBI), Rachel Juco (double), Erin Rodes (double) and Klonowski (1-for-2, walk) supplied the Wildcats with all the firepower they needed at the plate.

"Both pitchers did a nice job," said Canfield.

In the finale, the Wildcats tied Northville, 4-4. Plymouth led 4-1 in the seventh when the Mustangs took advantage of the wet conditions to push across three runs.

"It started pouring in the seventh inning and Claire had a hard time gripping the ball," said Canfield.
Two Wildcats ripped fence-clearing

Two Wildcats ripped fence-clearing home runs: Klonowski, who delivered a two-run shot in the fourth, and Erin Ondusky, who drilled a two-run homer in the sixth. Lauren Stemberger also had a big day at the dish, going 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles.

Ostrowski struck out four while yielding five hits and four walks. Based on the tie-breaker rule,

Northville and Canton qualified for the championship games since they gave up the fewest runs in their respective divisions. The final game was postpone, however, due to poor weather.



#### **Victorious Indians**

The Michigan Indians won the 2006 USSSA Michigan Bulls Pre-Season Tournament in Dearborn May 6-7. The title earned the Indians a berth in the USSA National Tournament, which is set for this summer in Oklahoma City, Okla. The Indians downed the Mississauga (Ont.) North Tigers, 6-5, in the championship game. Pictured (front row from left) are Kevin Delapaz (Plymouth), John Jakubik (Plymouth), Tyler Rusin (Canton), Joel Seddon (St. Clair), Matt Willner (White Lake), Zack Cisek (Canton), Kevin Bechard (Trenton), (back from from left) Greg Lenhoff (manager), Adam Forster (Belleville), Nathan Gendron (Plymouth), Matt Schaeffer (Plymouth), Kyle Sampson (Belleville), Jeremy Shay (Garden City), Marty Mitchell (Dearborn) and Jeff Dundas (coach). Not pictured is Lance Fortney (Wolverine Lake).

# Warriors' late rally short

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team tallied three late goals Saturday against Rockford, but they weren't enough as the Rams escaped with a 10-6 victory.

The loss dropped PCS to 9-4 while Rockford improved its mark to 9-6. "We played hard throughout the

game," said PCS coach Mike
Costello. "If we could have thrown
out the second quarter (when the
Warriors were outscored 3-0) we
would have been all right. It was our
best game against a Top 10-caliber
team."

Johnny Groat paced the Warriors' offense with three goals. Josh Shifferd, Nick Saia and Mitch French also found the back of the net for PCS.

Nick Cote chipped in with two assists while John Savino was credited with one helper. "It was nice to see Josh Shifferd

and Nick Saia score goals - they

really helped our midfield," said Costello. "Johnny Groat, John Savino, Pat Goulet and Mike Cooley all played well at midfield.

"Nick Cote filled in at midfield and was just outstanding. He played hurt, too, and still gave us a gutsy effort."

for PCS in the rain-soaked contest.

Rockford, the 12th-ranked team in the state, led 4-2 after one quarter

Chris Sorensen recorded 14 saves

the state, led 4-2 after one quarter and 7-2 at the intermission. The Rams took a 9-3 advantage into the final Table Property of the Property

The Rams outshot PCS, 27-18, and won the groundball battle, 35-33.

The Warriors return to action tonight when they host Ypsilanti Lincoln at 8 p.m. at the junior varsity stadium located just south of Plymouth High School. PCS will host Mattawan on Saturday in a contest set to commence at 7:30 p.m.

#### **SPORTS SHORT**

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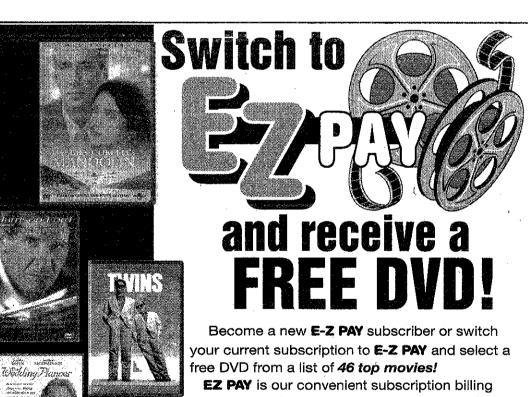
The Wolverine All-Stars will be holding tryouts for the 2006-07 cheerleading season on Saturday beginning at noon. A non-refundable \$25 tryout fee is due at the time of the tryouts and will be applied toward each cheerleader's team fees or the annual registration fee.

Private tryouts throughout the month of May can also be arranged.

This will be the first year that the Wolverine All-Stars will compete in the field of highly competitive cheerleading. The team will be coached by Pam St. John, who has coached at the University of Michigan for the past 23 years.

The Wolverine All-Star Cheer Gym is located at 3460 Ellsworth Road (between Carpenter and Platt roads) in Ann Arbor. To arrange a private tryout, or for more information, contact St. John at (734) 395-8496; or e-mail St. John at pstjohn@umich.edu.

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# Crusaders advance to NAIA Super Regional with 8-1 win over Tech

The Madonna University baseball team made history Friday night in Indianapolis, becoming the first men's team in any sport to capture a NAIA regional title, defeating Indiana Tech 8-1 in the championship game at Marian College (Ind.).

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The Crusaders (34-19-1), who were a perfect 4-0 in regional games this week, used a combination of solid starting pitching and a slugging offense to advance to this week's NAIA Super Regional in Chicago.

With the win, the Crusaders move on to face St. Xavier in a best of three series. The winner will earn a trip to the NAIA World Series.

In the Region VIII championship clincher, Madonna got on the board early with a lead-off home run from Canton native Kevin Entsminger (Redford Catholic Central) to take a 1-0 lead.

The Warriors came back to score in the top of the second after a walk and error allowed Shawn Placie to reach third and later score on a wild pitch by MU starter Ryan Bardoni.

Madonna regained the lead in the third when Entsminger walked to lead off the inning and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Tony Luttman.

While the Crusader bats warmed up, Bardoni kept the Warriors at bay, going the final seven

innings without allowing another run and striking out seven.

The Crusaders added a run each in the fourth and fifth innings, including a solo home run by designated hitter Dave Herrick

(Westland/Livonia Churchill) to give MU a 4-1 advantage through five.

In the sixth, former Warrior Ben Ramsey (later named regional player of the year) dealt a decisive blow, launching his second home run of the tournament over the left field fence, a threerun shot, expanding the Madonna lead to 7-1.

MU began celebration of their regional title after Bardoni got Todd McKillip to ground to

Jason Barbeau for the games final out.

#### **SEMI-FINAL RECAP**

The Crusaders advanced to the NAIA Region VIII championship game after a 7-5, 10-inning victory over Bethel College at Kaufman Field in

MU got on the board first scoring twice in the second innings on a two-run single by Todd

Madonna padded the lead in the third when Gary VanAllen scored on a sacrifice fly by Barbeau and Entsminger scored on a wild pitch

### **MU's Haeger** upbeat about team's chances

STAFF WRITER

Two extremely hot college baseball teams are headed for a collision at this week's National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Super Regional in Chicago.

But when the dust settles from the best of three series, Madonna University head coach Greg Haeger likes the chances of his guys getting past the other guys from St. Xavier and moving on to next week's NAIA World Series. The opener is set for 4 p.m. (ET) on Thursday.

"We had St. Xavier twice at our place early in April and we took two out of three," Haeger said. "They're a very good baseball team, they're traditionally a top team in the NAIA and we haven't seen two of their pitch-

"But I like our offense better than theirs and I like what our pitching staff is doing."

He really likes his team's chances at the NAIA Super Regional because of huge contributions made by Observerland products at the NAIA Region VIII playoffs.

Pitching a shutout in the regional opener was senior pitcher Derek Dufrane (Belleville).

Earning a win over Bethel with five-plus innings of onerun relief was senior Scott Miller (Farmington Hills).

Coming through with a leadoff homer to set the tone for the Crusaders in Friday's 8-1 clincher against Indiana Tech was Canton native and Redford Catholic Central alum Kevin Entsminger.

Clubbing three homers throughout the rain-soaked but successful week was junior outfielder Tony Luttman (Farmington).

"He (Luttman) is another driving force," said Haeger, still enjoying MU's 4-0 run last week to emphatically claim the Region VIII championship played at Marian College in Indiana.

Madonna (34-19-1) rolled over Indiana Tech in the regional title contest with the same kind of formula that has helped turn the Crusaders into a force since early April.

From Entsminger's home run right on down the lineup, the Crusaders - as has often been the case this season - featured a top-to-bottom offensive barrage.

For example, there were round-trippers by Westland's Dave Herrick (Livonia Churchill) and former Warrior Ben Ramsey (WHAC and

Region VIII Player of the Year). Augmenting that was stellar pitching, this time from Ryan Bardoni, and defense.

If those components of Madonna's game keep working, the Crusaders should prove very tough for the Cougars (31-24). Meanwhile, Haeger knows his team is sharp and on-task. He noted how the Crusaders weren't bothered by numerous rain delays at the regional and took care of business when they finally saw the field.

"This is a very focused group of kids," Haeger said. "To the ballplayers' credit, they did have to sit around a little bit. But once they were able to play, they did what they had to do."

That being said, Haeger plans on coaching at the Super Regional with the kind of urgency such a matchup deserves. If that means making quick pitching changes, or any other move, so be it.

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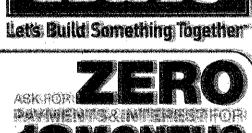
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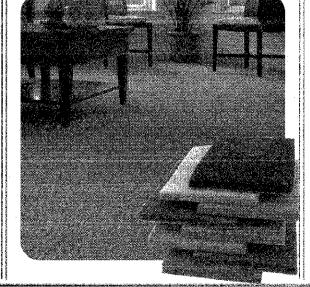
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Anyone interested in trying out for the team should contact director Elise Metric at director@gemsskatingteams.com. The Gems' Web site is

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#### YMCA SPORTS PROGRAMS

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

Other upcoming YMCA programs include:

Summer baseball —

Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants need a YMCA youth sports reversible

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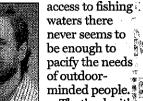
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#### **COACHES NEEDED**

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

### DNR's plans to sell land alarms some

ccess - or lack thereof - is an issue that never disappears, especially here in southeastern Michigan. Whether it's access to a hiking area, access 🕃 to a spot to pick mushrooms, access to a birding area, access to



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of outdoorminded people. That's why it's alarming to many residents in southeastern Michigan to learn that plans

are in the works

by the Michigan

hunting land, or

Department of sco Natural Resources to sell off close to 600 acres of parkland in %2.5 Commerce Township - part of the Proud Lake State Recreation Area.

The sale is part of the state's "Land Consolidation Strategy," in 🕾 which the DNR is looking at state-owned lands that lie outside the boundaries of state parks, state recreation areas and state game areas for potential sale. Lands to be offered for sale are supposed to be lands with marginal or limited recreational .e. and environmental value.

The money garnered from these sales of such lands is to be and used to purchase additional state we land parcels adjacent to the boundaries of existing state lands. The goal, the state says, is "no net loss" of state-owned land.

That sounds like a pretty good ... plan, especially for areas in northern Michigan where large tracts of open forestland remain. But here in southeastern Michigan, where farms and forests have been paved and developed, there isn't much openland left. What remains of forestland, grassland, and wetlands in southeastern Michigan should be protected at all costs.

The 600 acres in Commerce Township doesn't appear to fall into the category of disposal. According to Randy Ston of the group Save Out State Land, access is readily available to the parcel along Wise Road between Union Lake Road and Carroll Lake Road. It is also, "the headwaters of the Huron River, Ston said.

Save Our State Lands is holding a public meeting to discuss the potential sale of the land beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at the Multi-Lakes Conservation Club, 3860 Newton Road, between Commerce Road and Oakley Park Road in Commerce

Township. Ston says state Rep. David Law will be in attendance, along 4 with township officials. Call Stonger at (248) 363-6811 or Ellen Smith: is: at (248) 363-2592 for more information about the meeting and or visit

www.landchoices.org/SaveProud{ Lake.htm.

The DNR states that it is committed to the conservation, and protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's nat-7 ural resources for current and and future generations." If that's true, 156 the DNR should take a serious 452 look at the parameters it is using sec. in this land consolidation strate-

It should make a concerted effort to maintain and increase state land available to people living in the most populated section of the state and do everything it can to provide access to see the limited natural resources that remain here.

A 600-acre parcel of wildland acisn't a big chunk of land in northern Michigan where there are millions of acres of state and wo federal land. But in southeastern Michigan, where public land is at a premium, 600 acres is huge.

The tract in Commerce Township is not the only piece of: state land that will be put up for sale here in southeastern Michigan.

To learn more about the state's

land consolidation strategy, visit the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Click on the Land Consolidation link on the right side of the home page. (Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report • -> their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)





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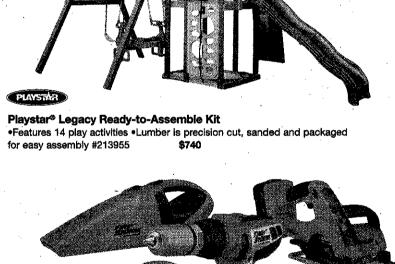
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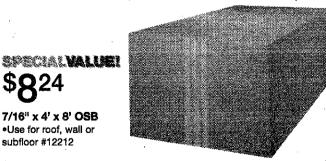












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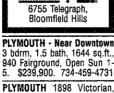
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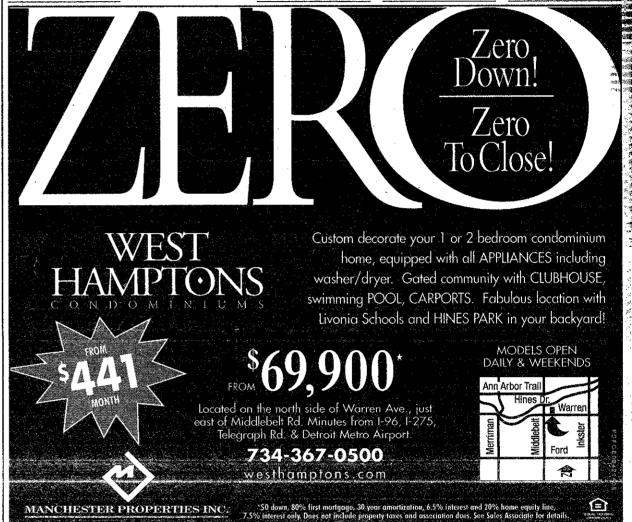
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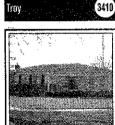
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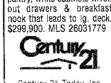
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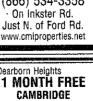
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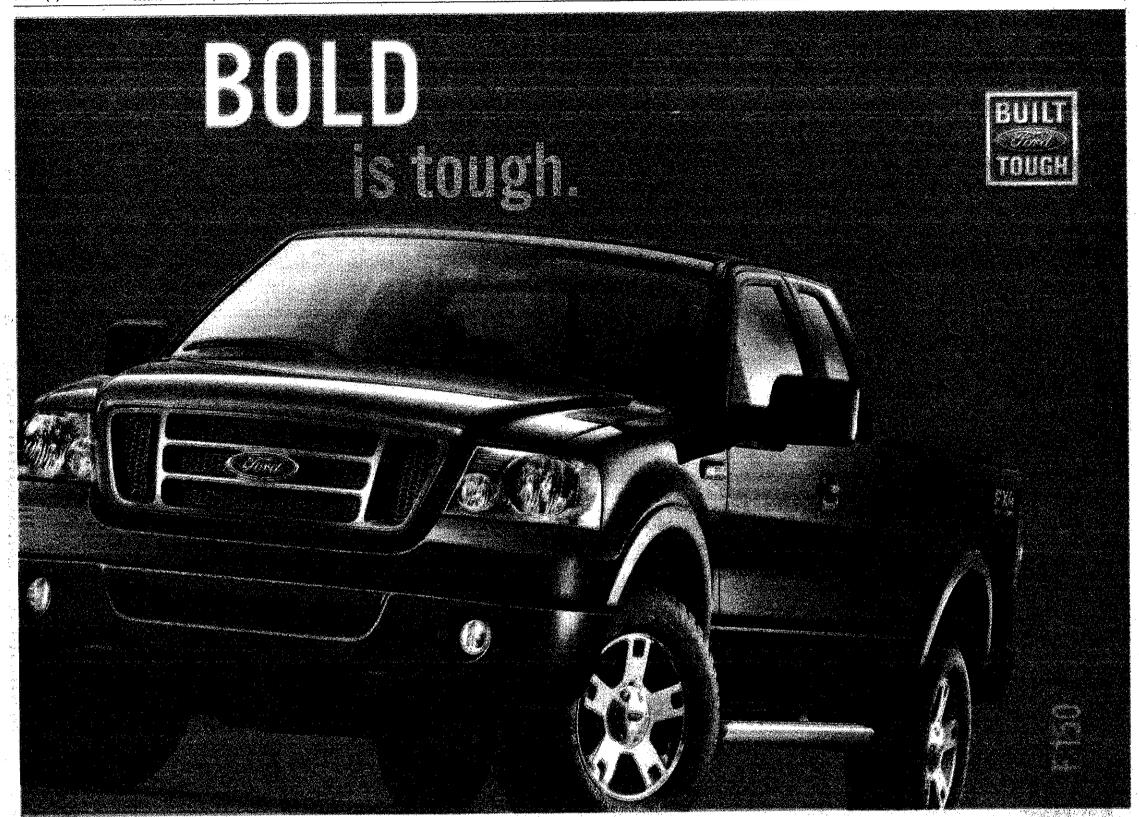
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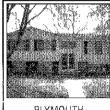
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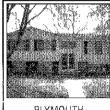
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At 78, engineer R.J. (Bob) Brown works 50 to 60 hours per week at R.J. Brown Deepwater Inc., a Houston subsidiary of Technip USA. He's a submarine pipeline deepwater expert. "I develop innovative ways to design and install deepwater pipelines," he says. "There are lots of ways to install them. I'm improving the technology used to tow pipelines on the seabed." He's talking about 9,000 to 10,000 feet below sea level. In early May, he presented a paper about it at the Offshore Technology Conference in

Is this man an anomaly? The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that in 1967, the first year categorized by age 70 and older, 1.228 million people in the cohort were working. This figure almost doubled in 38 years, to 2.347 million, in 2005. In 1935, Social

Security was instituted, with no regular retirement age. Since that time, older people have been enjoying both improved health and life expectancy.

The Web site of the National Academy of Social Insurance, a nonprofit, non-partisan organization, states that "life expectancy at age 65 (in 1935) was 12.5 years. Today, it is 17.5 years, and by 2030, it is projected to be 19 years." Companies and individuals, meanwhile, have been colliding over age discrimination, enforced retirement and an economy that exacts higher and higher prices for the same lifestyle or less. Some people keep working.

Octogenarian Earl Swanson of St. Paul, Minn., was working 42 to 45 hours on a five-day week at Quality Metals, a steel warehouse. "My wife asked me to cut it down to three days per week," he says. Now he works ten and one-half hour-days every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

"I started out doing safety but moved into purchasing," he explains. "We buy coils, bring them in, flatten them and cut them. We order paper and vinyl, and I put it away on the shelf. I can pick up 70 to 80 pounds. I'm 5' 6". I'm not a big man."

Roger Croudy, turning 71 in May, owns New Era Barbers in Plainfield. N.J., where he clocks 60 hours on the job each week. He's owned for 41 years, and, eight years prior, sheared in another shop. Spirited background talk comes through the telephone.

WHY WORK?

"I feel better when I'm working," Swanson, the purchaser, states. "In the (Minnesota) winter, you can't get outside that much. Working is good for your mind and it's good for your health." Croudy has been trying to sell his business, but the right buyer hasn't come along.

But for these three, work isn't just about money. It's an integral part of life. Human nature amuses Croudy. He hears guy-talk, the equivalent of conversation among women in the beauty shop of "Steel Magnolias." Croudy does get away from it all, though. He loves to fish.

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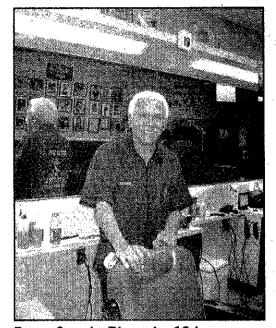
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Roger Croudy, 71, works 60 hours a week in his shop, New Era Barbers.

that I should be retired and relaxing," Swanson states. "I think I'm afraid to retire, because I think you lose a lot of your mobility and your thinking power. If I keep working, I don't sit in the chair and doze off. I enjoy work. My wife says that I can't wait to get up and leave the house. The crew comes at 7:00. I start at 5:30."

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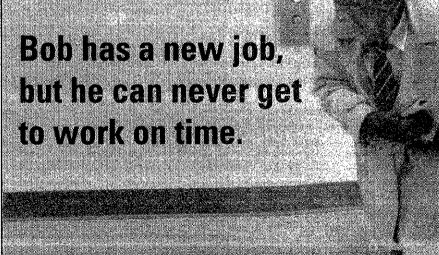
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All-sub garage sale-Lakes of Northville 6 Mile/Winchester (1 Mile West of Haggerty). Saturday, May 20, 8am-3pm

BERKLEY 1405 Dorothea. block N of Catalpa, 1st block W of Woodward, May 19, 20 21, 9am-3pm. Great stuff! BERKLEY Fri. May 19 & Sat

May 20, 10am-4pm. Furni-ture, clothes, household items reat variety, 891 Columbia great vanety, 65, 65, 65, N. of 11 mile, W. of Woodward BERKLEY One Day Only

Sat., May 20, 9am-3pm 1221 Catalpa. HUGE SALE Cond, Microwave Computers. Furniture Pictures, Lots of dishes kitchen goods & sma appliances. Great for cot tages, college or first homes. Must see!! BEVERLY HILLS

23035 Nottingham Dr., Nottingham Forest Sub. Sat., May 20 only, 9am-4pm BEVERLY HILLS Fri. & Sat. 9 32340 Arlington W. of Greenfield, N. Beverly. 4 family,

oldies furniture crib glass pictures silver linen jewelry. BEVERLY HILLS Fri. & Sat., May 19-20, 9-5. Subdivision Garage Sale

in West Beveriv Hills, bordered by 14 Mile (Saxon) & Beverly, Evergreen Southfield Roads. BEVERLY HILLS Furniture household, books, craft misc. črib, stroller, Duolo tovs

Matchbox, clothing. Thurs. & Fri., 9am-4; Sat., 9am-? 32381 Norchester, S off 14, W of Southfield Rd. BEVERLY HILLS: CHARITY GARAGE SALE For St. Owen Mission Work, Great selection of new & used items. Lov household prices Hailmark, and more. May 19 & 20, Fri., 9-3; Sat., 9-1,

22750 King Richard. BIRMINGHAM - Thurs.-Sat. May 18-20, 8am-? Kids toys. housewares, furniture, tools, etc. 775 West Maple Road, W.

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Manchester - Pembroke Derby THE VILLAS S. of Maple, E. of Adams

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Dr. May19-20, 9-5pm **BLOOMFIELD HILLS** 

Woodward. Home furnishings more! Fri. & Sat., 10am-4pm 5210 Longmeadow

BLOOMFIELD Homes, 3 Great Sales - Fri. & Sat., 9-4pm. Furniture, girl's antiques. books household items, bikes. N side of Long Lake, just W of Lahser in Stillmeadow Sub. **BLOOMFIELD HILLS** Antiques,

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS-Ooh baby. Clothes, toys and more. May 20, 8-4pm. 3793 Millspring, btwn. Wattles & Long Lk. **BLOOMFIELD** Moving/Garage

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Sale. Toys, tools, some fur-nishings, etc. May 19 & 20, 10-5, 6860 Castle Dr., 2 blocks W of Franklin, S off Maple. BLOOMFIELD TWP. chairs, antiques, wicker, bed-

ding, other household items, clothing, & books. 6129 Lantern Lane, Foxcroft Sub. BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE

Kitchen cabinets, appliances furniture, toys, golf clubs, household misc. Sat. 5/20/06, 8 am-Noon. 733 N. Cranbrook (N. off Maple) CANTON BROOKSIDE SUB SALE, Cherry Hill & Lotz., May 18, 19, 20, 21. Baby, house-hold & yard items, bikes,

clothing. Lots to choose from CANTON - Bridgemont Park Subdivision Garage Sale Thurs-Sat, May 18-20, 9am-4pm. Canton Center Road & Warren, 6824 Bridgemont Drive, Canton 48187. 734-453-1496

CANTON - COMMUNITY

YARD SALE MAY 19TH AND 20TH 9:00 am - 5:00 pm COLLEGE PARK ESTATES 1074 Mott Road Canton Off Ridge, Bet Geddes and US 12. Between CANTON - PEBBLE CREEK

Condominiums Garage Sale. On Palmer, btwn. Lotz & Hannan Rds. May 18,19,20, Thurs.-Sat. 9am-5pm CANTON - PICKWICK SUB-WIDE GARAGE SALE

E. of Lilley, N. of Ford Rd. Thursday-Saturday May 18-20, 9am-5pm.

CANTON 2 Family Garage Sale - 1 Day Only! Sat., May 20, 9-4pm. Furniture, office sup housewares and more 48441 Inveraray, Canton SE Cherry Hill/Beck Rd.

CANTON 3 Family garage sale, household, clothes, misc. 49164 Poppleton, S. off Warren, E. of Ridge Rd. May 18 &19, 9-4:30pm. CANTON Echo Forest Sub-Wide Garage Sale. South side

of Palmer, between Lilley and Haggerty (May 18-20) 9am 4pm. Nearby subs also partic ipating.

CANTON MAYFAIR VILLAGE SUB-WIDE SALE! Thurs.-Sun. May 18-21, 9am-5pm. S. of Joy, E. of Sheldon.

CANTON MEADOW VILLAGES SUB

SALE, Beck & Geddes Rds., May 18, 19, 20. 9-5. CANTON MULTI FAMILY SALE

18-20. S/Palmer, E/Cantor Center. Patio, furniture, misc. snorkel, equip. & clocks.

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Parkwood Estates, 2 block

north & south and 4 blocks east & west of Saltz & Lilley Rds., May 18-20. PINEWOOD SUB SALE May 18-19-20, 9-4pm. E. of Beck, S. of Cherry Hill. Come

for great stuff! CANTON SATURDAY ONLY! 5/20. 9am-3pm. 815 Foothi Rd (Brookside-Lotz & Cherry Kids' clothes, books DYS. Excellent Condition. YUGIOH cards, Beanig

babies, Lego sets, Lincoln Logs, Hot Wheel Road set. Sub Wide Garage Sale. Forest Trails Sub in Canton, South of

Joy and West of Sheldon, May 18, 19 and 20th, 9am-5pm. CANTON Wildwood Springs Sub Sale, May 18-19-20, 9 Cherry Hill & Palmer.

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9:00am - 6:00pm

CLARKSTON Annual Deerwood Sub Garage Sale. Saturday, May 20, 8-4. Off M-15, 1 mile North of I-75. CLARKSTON

Stone Meadow Sub Sale. Thurs, May 18,-Sat, May 20th. 9-5pm. Clintonville . & Maybee Rd. CLARKSTON TWO SUB

GARAGE SALE- Gemini Landing and Spring Meadow. Clintonville and Maybee. May 18-20th 9am-5pm. CLINTON TWP. BRIDGEWOOD SUB SALE 70 Homes. 17 Mile, btwn Garfield &

Hayes. May 19-20, 9am-5pm DAVISBURG Community Wide Sale! 5-19 & 5-20, 9:30-3:30pm. Mill Pond Park
(In Downtown Davisburg)

DEARBORN HTS 7100 Plainfield, E. of Inkster, S. of Warren, Clothes, baby items, toys, furniture, and much more. May 18-20, 9-5pm.

**DETROIT** University District Sale: Antiques. Vintage lewelry and clothing, collectibles, art, dolls, quilts, household items and much more. Saturday, May 20, 11AM until 5PM -18455 Wildemere between 6

and 7 Mile Roads. DETROIT- Huge 30,000 sq. ft. warehouse/garage/yard sale Everything imaginable! Tools hardwares, housewares, equipment, trucks, trailers, new & used. 14459 Wilde-mere, S off Fenkel bwtn Livernois and Linwood, Fri 8

FARMINGTON A SUB-WIDE SALE

May 18,19,20, 9-4pm. Farmington Oaks Sub, E. o ington Oaks Sub, E. of Farmington Rd, btwn 8 & 9 Mi. **FARMINGTON - SUPER SALE!** Sat.-Sun., May 20-21, 9-5pm Furniture, collectibles, linens

household, clothing & much more. 22533 Lilac, N. of Grand River, E. of Orchard Lake. FARMINGTON AAUW Yard Sale, collectibles

household goods, books, toys. 33868 Glenview, W. of Farmington Rd at the Grand River/ Shjawasee Intersection. May 18, 9am-5pm FARMINGTON FINE ARTS Estate Sale - 50 yrs. collecting. Paintings, pottery, jewel-ry, decor, authentic Native

American art, Kachinas, Navajo rugs. Books and media. Fri.-Sat., May 19-20, 10am-4pm. 3071 Shiawassee, Farmington. Tak 30715 Shiawassee east from Orchard or 9 Mile west from

Middlebelt, follow signs. Cash Visa/MC/Amex/Discover. NO children, 248-476-0507 Farmington Hills - 15 plus Homes, Meadowhill Estates, 9

Mile & Halsted, SW corner. Thurs. Fri., Sat., May 18,19,20. 9-5. Kids & household. FARMINGTON HILLS - 21430

Parker, May 19-20, 9-5pm. Tools, furniture, antiques, LP's, 45's, a/c's, wood shelving, Roland piano, Bosch table saw. 248-476-0938 table saw. FARMINGTON HILLS

Canterbury Commons Sub Wide Sale. May 18, 19, 20, 8am. Off 13 Mile btwn Orchard Lake & Farmington Rds. FARMINGTON HILLS Forest

Park Subdivision Garage and Tent Sale - 20+ Families. May 18-20, 9am-5pm, S of 9 Mile W of Inkster, E of Middlebelt Something for everyone! FARMINGTON HILLS Fri.-Sat.

May 19 & 20 - 9 to 5pm Great stuff priced to sell snowblower, bedroom set kitchen, sporting goods, misc items. 35950 Congress, S of FARMINGTON HILLS GARAGE SALE

9 Mile & Tuck Roads Household goods & children's

items. May 18,19,20, 10-4pm FARMINGTON HILLS Garage moving sale. Antiques, col lectibles, jewelry, furniture, dishes,etc. May 19-20, 10-5pm. 23717 Springbrook Dr. S. of 10 mile, W. of Middlebelt. FARMINGTON HILLS

Huge 2 Family Garage Sale May 18-21, 10-4pm. 21240 Farmington Road. FARMINGTON HILLS HUGE

MOVING SALE!! Girl's bed-room sets, misc. furniture and household items. 30 years of stuff... ALL MUST GO! FRI/SAT/SUN. 5/19-5/21 PHI/SAI/SON., 5/19-5/21, 9am-4pm. 35208 Savannah Court, Farmington Green Sub. Turn in on Valley Forge, East off Drake/North of 12 Mile Rd.

FARMINGTON HILLS Huge Neighborhood Garage Sale 9am-5pm. Forestbrook Estates Sub., South of 12 Mile, West of Inkster Rd.

FARMINGTON HILLS Huge d sale! Proceeds to benefi Troop 45. 34157 W. 9 Mile, btwn Farmington Rd. & Drake. LP records, office suppiles, bousehold items, soorting goods. May 18-20, 9-4pm.

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** Independence Hills Sub.Sale (N. of Grand River, E. of Drake). May 18-19-20, 9-6pm Office, tools, furniture, house hold, clothes, toys & jewelry

FARMINGTON HILLS May 18-20, 9am-3pm, 38943 Plumbrook. Furniture: antique home; film & digita items, fabric, misc. **FARMINGTON HILLS** 

Multi-Condo Garage Sale May 18-20, 9am-5pm. Hillside Condos, off Drake, 1/2 mile N. of Grand River. FARMINGTON HILLS Thurs.

Sat. Huge Sub Sale. Tools clothes, toys, furniture designer dresses/bags, snowblower, piano, crib. AVID tires, antiques/ collectibles Farmington Square, 9 Mile, Halsted. 248-471-1321 FARMINGTON HILLS- Biggest & Best Moving Sale! 4-car garage filled: Silver, furniture/patio/pool, household

goods, toys/sports & lots more! May 18-20, THUR-SAT (9-4pm), 30705 E. Huntsman Dr., btwn 13 off Drake Rd. btwn 13 &14 Mile, Wes FARMINGTON HILLS- May 20

& 21, 9-5pm. 28336 Sever Oaks Dr., 12 Mile & Drake Furniture, roll top desk & FARMINGTON HILLS- TUP-PERWARE, Manager stock -reduced prices. Only Thurs May 18-May 20th. 9-5pm.

**FARMINGTON HILLS:** KIMBERLEY SUBDIVISION GARAGE SALE 18-20, 9am-4pm.

31056 Applewood Ln., Ram-blewood Sub, 48331

Mile & Middlebelt Rds. **FARMINGTON HILLS:** WESTBROOKE MANOR Homeowner's Association

Annual Garage Sale
Fri. & Sat., May 19 & 20,
8am-5pm, S of 13 Mile, W. of Orchard Lake Rd. FARMINGTON Huge Estate Garage Sale! Great Stuff! Antiques, New and used Designer high-end Furniture Designer nign-enu rumune for home and office, Home accessories, art, rugs, light-ing, Kids' stuff, Miscellaneous and Junk. 33432 Oakland, NW of Grand River and

Farmington Rd. T Sunday, 9am-sundown. FERNDALE 3 Family Sale, Sat.-Sun., May 20-21, 8am-4pm. 149 East Breckenridge,

2 streets north of 9 Mile, East FERNDALE-NW 9 BLK SALE. Sat. & Sun. May 20-21, 8-6pm. Rain June, 3-4. W. Louiston, N. to W. Oakridge,

btwn Woodward & Pinecrest

Furniture, collectibles, design

er items & usual. FRANKLIN Historic Franklin Village Garage Sale: 26065 Carol Ave; 14 Mile/Franklin; May 20, Sat. Only. 8am-4pm. Weight bench and dumbbells KitchenCraft bathroom cabi fixtures, rugs, books, bab boy clothes, linens - much more, some vintage!

GARDEN CITY May 20th Cherry Gilman, hetween Middlehelt/Inkster DVD/VCR, Clothes, Books, Sport Equipment, Dishes, Luggage.

GARDEN CITY- Thurs.-Sat. 10-5pm. Large multi family 32991 Rosslyn , S. of Ford, W of Venoy, Furniture, clothes tools and much more! HUNTINGTON WOODS

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SALE! 27717 California Dr. off Southfield btwn 11 & 12 Mile. May 15-20. Furniture tools, & antique radios, beach toys, lawn equip.& more. LIVONIA - 2 Separate Houses

Tons of fishing tackle, 200+ lures, 25+ rod & reels, lots hand tools, taxidermy mounts (ducks & fish). Riding mower misc lawn implements. pieces of antique oak furni ture, 2 newer slot machines, 2 leather saddles, leaded glass WWI & WWII bond posters large quantity of old books & magazines, LP records, bee mirrors. Thurs.-Sug., 9-6pm Laurel St., first street E. o Wayne Rd, S. of Plymouth. LIVONIA - HUGE SALE!

May 17-20, 9-5. Furniture, household, books, clothes, misc. 37793 Northland, N. of Mile, W. of Newburgh. LIVONIA - Multi-family Garage

Sale. Something for everyone Sat.-Sun., May 20-21, 8-5pm 31874 Bretton, btwn 7 & 8 Mi btwn Farmington & Merriman LIVONIA - STONELEIGH

VILLAGE ANNUAL SUB SALE May 20, 9am-4pm, N. off Schoolcraft, between Levan & LIVONIA - TEACHER SALE

Books, borders, bulleting boards, & more! May 18-20 9am-5om. 17210 Loveland, 6 Mile & Farmington Rds. LIVONIA 18325 Loveland, E of Farmington, S. of 7 Mile Thurs.-Sat., May 18-20, 9

5pm. 30 vr. accumulation

some old, some new LIVONIA 18585 Merrimai btwn 6 & 7 Mile. Thurs-Sat. 9am-5pm. Antique wagon, butcher block, stove, boys clothes/ toys, cradie, misc items. (248) 474-4521

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LIVONIA 34072 Fonville, N/7 & W/Farmington. Windridge Village. Thurs. & Fri., 9am-2pm. Baby items, clothes. Thomas items, exercise blke. Papasan chair and more!

LIVONIA 5 CONDOS, Hunter's Grove Ct., May 19 & 20, 9am-5pm, 1 block N of 5 Mile, E of Newburgh, Good stufft LIVONIA 9230 Colorado (off

W. Chicago, btwn. Farmington

& Merriman). Thurs., Frl. Sat. 9-4. Tons of stuff! Toys, housewares. Toddler girl housewares. Toddler gir clothes & shoes. Lots of misc LIVONIA ANNUAL HIDDEN PINES SUB located W. of 7 Mile & Merriman. Many homes May 19,20,21 15, 9-5 Something for everyone!

LIVONIA Burton Hollow Sub 35501 Wood St. May 18-19 & 20. 9-4pm. Children toys, car top carrier, holiday items, pictures, frames, etc. LIVONIA Burton Holloy

Woods Sub, N. of 6 Mile, E of Farmington. May 18-20th, 9am-4pm. Multi-Families -lots of stuff including plants, furniture, books, kids & adults clothing & toys. LIVONIA Clothes from new born to plus size, many household items, many tools

misc. items. Berwyck,St. btwn 5 Mile & Lyndon. Fri. Wed., May 19-24, 9am-5pm. LIVONIA Country Homes Estates Sub-wide Garage Sale. N. of 5 Mile between Levan & Newburgh. Thu Sat, May 18-20, 9am-5pm

LIVONIA Estate/Garage sale. 15071 Flamingo, S. of 5 Mile, W. of Henry Ruff. Sat. only, May 20, 8:30-4pm. Furniture, tools & household

LIVONIA GARAGE SALE Fri. & Sat., 9-4pm. 38020 Five Mile, E. of Haggerty, W. of Newburgh. Weight equip., fur niture and lots, lots more!!!! LIVONIA GARAGE SALE

Due to this week's bleat weather forcast, Our garage sale has been cancelled. Rescheduled to run on Thurs 4pm. 18600 Haggerty Rd, btwn. 6 & 7 Mile Rds.

LIVONIA Garage Sale! 31608 Bennett. Sat. & Sun., 9am-8pm. Whirlpool wash/dryer \$300, set great condition double & single bed w/mattress: furniture,computer printer, monitor, exercise equipment; clothing toys, videos, games and much more; Make an offer! LIVONIA Hune 5 Family sale

Newburg & Ann Arbor Trail. Whispering Winds Condo. Furn., appliances, clothes, etc. Thurs-Sun, May 18-21, 9-5pm LIVONIA Huge Multi-Family Sale! May 19-20, 9am-5pm. Bedroom, Dining Room & patio sets, Kids' items, curtains, etc. A lot of EVERY-

LIVONIA Huge Multi-Family Sale! Thurs.-Sun., 10am-5pm 19416 Bainbridge, 7 Mile & Merriman. Kids, household, collectibles, antiques.

S. Pivmouth, 1 blk, E. Levan

LIVONIA HUGE SALE! Patio furniture, dishes, wall furnace, glass shower doors, weed whacker, some furni-ture, too much to list! 31370 Puritan, btwn 5 & 6 Mile Rd 25, 9-5pm. No early sales!

LIVONIA May 18-20, 9-4pm. 29682 Robert, N. of W. Chicago, W. of Middlebelt. Collectibles, furniture & misc. household.

LIVONIA May 18-20, 9am-5pm, 28032 Buckingham, btwn inkster & Middlebelt, off 96/Schoolcraft. ofas orill, baby stuff, toys household goods, furniture much more!

LIVONIA May 19'& 20, 9-5pm 14188 Rambiewood, Btwn Farmington Rd. & Levas, N. of Schoolcraft. Furniture, little bit of everything.

LIVONIA May 19-21, 9-5pm 15460 Brookfield, btwr Farmington & 5 mile.Girl's & Ladie's clothes. Shabby Chic furniture, misc, crafts, col-LIVONIA Multi Family - Baby

& toddler items, household goods & much more! 18996 Norwich, W of Farmington, S of 7 Mile. May 18-20. LIVONIA Multi family sale!

Furniture, exercise equip., office, books, collectibles, clothing. 9611 Fairfield, btwn Chicago, May 18-20, 9-4pm. LIVONIA Multi Family. Sat

May 20, 9-5pm. 31767 Middleboro, W. of Merriman, N. of Schoolcraft, Something for everyone!! LIVONIA Plants, hosta, fern, Bleeding Heart, ground covers, plus misc. 17550 Mayfield, 6 &

Farmington, Fri. & Sat. 9-5. LIVONIA Sat. May 20, 10-4pm, 37771 Amerbein, off

Newburgh, btwn School-

craft & Plymouth Rd.

LIVONIA- Borm set, kitchen items & more! Good stuff-stop by! Thurs.- Sat. May 18-20th, 9-4pm. 9043 Laurel. Wayne Rd & Ann Arbor Trail.

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LIVONIA-**BURTON HOLLOW SUB GARAGE SALE** OVER 40 HOMES! Sat. & Sun., May 20 & 21.

LIVONIA- Moving/Garage Sale. May 19-20, 9-2pm. 19044 Wayne Rd (just S. of 7 Mile Rd.) Household, kids, Harley items, ladies size 8 & 10.

LIVONIA: HUGE

9am-5pm. S. of 6 Mile, W.

of Farmington Rd.

MULTI FAMILY SALE 18210 Manor Lane, W o Newburgh btwn 6 & 7 Mile. May 18-20, 9-4. Household, Little Tikes, collectibles, estate items toys, crib, etc. DO MISS! No Early Birds!

LIIVONIA Frii-Sun, 9-4pm, 28887 Hathaway, S. of W. Chicago, E. of Middlebelt. Furniture, books, housewares toys, tons of Avon and more. **MADISON HEIGHTS 5 FAMILY** SALE - Kids' clothing! Sports, household, and misc. Items. May 20-21, 143 E. Kalama

(S/Lincoln, E/John R) 9am-

NORTHVILLE GARAGE SALE 402 YERKES, N of 7 Mile & W of Northville Rd. - Fri. & Sat., 5/19-20, 9am-4pm. Furniture, Clothing & Accessories Clothing & Accessories, Books, Home Goods, & More NORTHVILLE 3 Family sale, lot of estate & antique items. Friday, May 19 & Sat. May 20. 8-6pm, 212 S. Rogers, btwn

NORTHVILLE Colony Estate Subdivision Garage Sale. Fri., May 19 & Sat., May 20, 8am-6pm. Between 5 & 6 Mile, E of Bradner, W of Winchester. home goods, baby/children clothes, kitchen items, sports equipment, etc. Rain or Shine!

Northville Colony Estates Fri. & Sat. May 19 & 20, 8:30-7. Gigantic Subdivision Garage Sale. 6 Mile W. of Haggerty. NORTHVILLE Downtown

Historic Northville Saturday, 5/20, 7:00am- 5:00pm. 109 North Rogers St., off Main. Multiple Families & Estate Items. All proceeds donated to "THE 3 DAY WALK" for Breast Cancer Research. NORTHVILLE

Neighbors Multiple Family Garage Sales. Fri., 5/19 & Sat., 5/20, 10am-5pm Furniture, Ciothes, Toys, Household, EVERYTHING! Can't miss! Stonewater Sub., 6 Mile/Beck, 48277 Manorwood,18164 & 18167 Mission Pointe. Question? aluckyauction@yahoo.com NORTHVILLE RIDGE SUB SALE Can't miss this event!

Something for everyone! May 19th & 20th, 9am-5pm. S. side of 6 Mile, W. of Ridge Rd. NORTHVILLE. MULTI-FAMILY MAY 18, 19, 20, open 9am. 16850 Brooklane Blvd., SE corner of 6 Mile & Sheldon.

VILLAGE ASSOCIATION Thurs, Frl., Sat., May 18,19,20, btwn 10am-4pm. Off Haggerty btwn 5 & 6 mile on west side of Haggerty. NOVI - May 18-19-20, 9-50m 21894 Worcester Drive, W. of Taft, btwn 8 & 9 Mile. Some

NORTHVULE: WOODSIDE

urniture, households & a lots of everything. NOVI 22691 Foxmoor Royal Crown Sub., off Taft Rd. between 9 & 10 Mile, enter on White Pines, take 1st left Thurs., 5/18-Sat., 5/20, 9am-5pm. Lots of home decor

NOVI 45235 Courtview Trail. Sat., 5/20 ONLY, 9am-4pm Dunbarton Pines Sub. 9 Mile projection HDTV audio/video eguip., games, misc.

NOVI 5/18-5/20 10-4pm. Moving Sale: Pool table, TV washer/dryer, sofas & more 24404 Roma Ridge Dr., Mile & Beck, Roma Ridge Sub. NOVI Dunbarton Pines Sub Annual Garage Sale. Fri.-Sat.

May 19-20, 9am-4pm. Nine Mile & Taft, NOVI Garage Sale, Orchard Hills Sub. May 19-20, 9-4. Meadowbrook & 10 Mile.

NOVI- Maples of Novi Sub Sale. Novi & 14, May 18-20, 9-5pm. 41616 Monterey Dr. Trunk, tables, dishes, glasses, linens, collectibles, something for everyone! NOVI-5/19 & 5/20, 9-5

43021 Oxford Ct., Chase Farms Sub. 8 Mile & Novi Rd Cherry desk/credenza, black grey laminate desk & book-cases, household & misc. NOVI. DEERBROOK Sub. S. of 9 Mile. W. of Meadowbrook

May 18, 19, 20, 8-5pm.

NOVI. DUNBARTON PINES **SUB SALE.** 9 Mile & Taft. Collectibles, toys, Southwest items, Jewel Tea dishes household goods. May 19, 8-5pm. May 20, 8-noon. 44530 Louvert Ct., off of Midway. OAK PARK- Garage/Estate

Sale. May 19-21, 10-7p. Electric wheelchair, medical supplies, new/used gift items. 24601 Manistee, off 10 Mile. OAKLAND LITTLE TIKES MOVING SALE - Thurs.-Sat. Large playhouse items - baby,

children's toys & clothes 1785 Braemar Rd, Oakland

Twp., Orion Rd /Clarkston Rd.

OAKLAND TWIN LAKES SUB Rochester Road, N. of Buell. May 19-20, 9-5pm.

Garage Sales

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OAKLAND TWP -Oakland Farm Sub Sale. W. of Rochester Rd., btwn Snell & Gunn. May 18 & 19, 9-4pm. May 20, 9-3pm.

OAKLAND TWP/ROCHESTER Garage & Sub sale. Fri. & Sat., 5/19 & 20, 9am-4pm. Blonde wood entertainment CRT, kids bike cart, stainless gas grill, children's clothes/ toys, stereo. Oakland Farms Sub. 4110 Ridgeside Dr. NW Rochester Rd./ Snell

PLYMOUTH - Peco aluminum pom-pom Christmas tree w/accessories, Gone with the Wind lamps, vintage linens, hats & bottles, antiques, many collectibles, baby items. Fri.-Sun., 9am-? 41141 Ann Arbor Road, park on Marilyn. PLYMOUTH - Fri.-Sat, May

19-20, 9-4pm, Ridgewood Hills Sub, 48420 Normandy Court East, btwn Beck & Ridge. Furniture, clothes kids & adults, shoes, misc. PLYMOUTH - May 18,19,20, 9am-4pm. Household, 2 kitchen tables, Little Tykes, kid's items. 45050 Turtlehead,

Ann Arbor Road & Sheidon. PLYMOUTH - May 18-21, 9am-7pm. Monster Garage Sale! Over 5000 items. Tools, Stop by to meet Monster Truck Driver "Shelley" from Aces High, 10589 Homestead Lane, North Territorial/Godfredson.

PLYMOUTH 30 Year Clean Sweep! Household goods, tools, books, plants, etc. May 20 &21, 9-4pm. 546 N. Harvey St. at Farmer.

PLYMOUTH 41327 Greenbrian Lane, Lakepointe Sub, S of 5 Mile, W of Haggerty, Fri., May 19, 9am-5pm; Sat., May 20, 9am-4pm. Great sale incl.
misc. household & garage
items, collectibles, beer & bar
items (signs & mirrors, etc.) baseball cards, advertising tins. 300+ records & cas-settes, huge matchbook accumulation plus lots of kids stuff incl. Rescue Heroes & much morel All items are from clean, smoke-free home. This is a sub-wide sale, don't miss it! No early sales.

PLYMOUTH Fellows Creek Dr. off Ann Arbor Rd., W of Ridge May 20, 8-3pm. Baby, exercise equip, lawn & living furniture, golf clubs. Huge Sale! PLYMOUTH

Fri., Sat., Sun., Furniture, household, cooking accessories, misc. items. 9am-5pm, 358 Maple. PLYMOUTH GARAGE SALE Fri. & Sat., 10-5pm. Many household items, no junk! 13524 Canterbury Ct., Territorial & Sheldon.

PLYMOUTH Garage Proceeds benefit The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society!! 957 Simpson Street Fri/Sat 19/20, 8am-5pm. Kids clothes, sporting goods household items (doubles from recent marriage) games. Raffle for local restaurant gift certificates!! PLYMOUTH

Lake Pointe Sub-Wide Sale. May 19,20,21, 8am-5. S.W. corner of Haggerty & 5 Mile. PLYMOUTH Hills - Kenwood 600w auto amplifier w/speaker, weigh machine, furniture,

19th and 20th 9am-4pm. PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HUGE ALL-SUB GARAGE SALE Ridgewood Hills. Saturday May 20 - 9:00 to 4:00 porth mile west of Beck, just before Ridge Road.

REDFORD, 19368 Wakenden. N. of 7 Mile, W. of Beech Daly. Lots of treasures, May 18, Noon to 6pm. May 19, 9-6, May 20th, 9-1. To benefit St. Catherine's Golden Oldies. REDFORD- May 18-20, 10-

Telegraph & Beech Daly off of

clothing, children's furniture.

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ROCHESTER HILLS Annual 3 Sub Garage Sale (Rochester Glens, Avon Hills Sycamores) btwn Avon and May 20, 9-4pm. **ROCHESTER HILLS** Country

Club Village Sub Sale. May 18-20 9-5pm M59/Rochester Rd. Take E different homes daily ROCHESTER HILLS

Deer Run Sub Sale, May

18,19,20, 9am-4pm, off Avon,

btwn Livernois & Old Perch.

ROCHESTER HILLS Meadowbrook Valley Sub Sale N. of Avon, between Crooks and Adams. Lots of houses! Sat., May 20, 9am-4pm ROCHESTER HILLS-Street wide on Tamm Ave, 2

streets S. of Auburn, off or

Several homes (6 or more).

ROCHESTER HILLS/OAK-LAND TWP Crossings of Oakland Annual Sub Sale May 18, 19 & 20, 8am-5pm. ROMULUS Kitchen light fix-

ture, trac light, electric space heater, air cleaner, extra equip. Deck swing, baby equip, Assorted fabrics, women's clothes shoes & more. Sat.-Sun, 9-6pm. 38611 Westvale. Wabash/Cogswell Rds. ROYAL OAK Huge Yard Sale Collectibles, misc. Thurs., Fri., May 18 & 19, 9-4, 413 W. Houstonia , 12 Mile & Main

SOUTH LYON LONGABERGER BASKET SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 20, 10:00am-4:00pm. CASH ONLY! Between 9 Mile & 10 Mile, off Rushton Rd. Watch for signs!

St., W of Main, N of 12 Mile.

Garage Sales

SOUTHFIELD Moli Family Sale. Escape the traffic jam! May 19 & 20, 9-6pm. Edgemont Dr., S. of 10 Mile, btwn Inkster & Beech.

SOUTHFIELD Rummage Sale St. David's Church, 16200 W. 12 Mile Rd. W. of Greenfield, N. side of street. Thurs. 5/18, 9-3 full price. Fri., 5/19, 9-3 half price. Sat. 5/20, 9-Noon \$5 bag.

SYLVANIAKE CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE Fri. & Sat..

TROY Huge Raintree Sub Sale! May 19 & 20, 9-4, N. of Big Beaver, W. of John R., E. of Rochester, S. of Wattles.

TROY - 2 SUB SALES EAST LONG LAKE ESTATES

Fri.-Sat., May 19-20, 9-4pm E. of Rochester Road, N. of Long Lake. TROY 2 LG. SUBDIVI-SIONS, Crescent & Forest Creek, Sat., May 20, 8am-

3pm. Enter South Blvd., Crooks & Coolidge. 5652 Whitehaven, Sylvan Glen Sub, enter off quare Lake. 20 yrs. accumutation Furniture, household,

decorator items, auto/ audio parts must go! Fri. & Sat, May 19 & 20 TROY ESTATE SALE Everything must go. May 19-20, 9am-? No early Birds. 2104 Lancer Dr., turn W. on Babcock off of Coolidge.

TROY Fox Hall Subdivision Garage Sale. NW of Crooks & Square Lake. Saturday, May

TROY SOMERSET

NORTH SUB SALE.

Thurs.-Sat., May 18-20, 9-5pm. E. off Coolidge,

1 blk. N. of Big Beaver. TROY SYLVAN GLEN SUB SALE Friday-Saturday May 19-20, 8am-4pm. Long Lake & Livernois.

TROY-GARAGE/ESTATE SALE

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WAYNE GLENWOOD HEIGHTS SUB-WIDE SALE, and several moving sales. Newburgh & Michigan. 9-5, May 18,19,20. WEST BLOOMFIELD Fri. May 19, 9-5 & Sat. May 20, 9-2. 4600 Arrowhead Rd. Off Pontiac Trail, Furniture, keyboard, recess lights & house-WEST BLOOMFIELD Infant,

6250 Willow Ct., 9-4pm. Willow & Hiller area. Westland Ravencrest Condos Thursday - Saturday May 18, 19, 20 9-4 PM

toys, clothes, household, misc. Thur-Fri. May 18 &19.

Cherry Hill WESTLAND - NORTH CREEK **ESTATES SUB WIDE SALE** May 18-21, 9am-6pm. S. of Joy on Newburgh, just past car wash

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SALE, Saturday May 20th, 9am to 4pm. Willow Creek Apartments, on New-burgh, between Ford & Cherry Hill. (724) 739,0690 WESTLAND May 19 & 20 th 9-4n.m., 34435 Deborah Ct. (off Wildwood and Cowan) Multi family garage sale.

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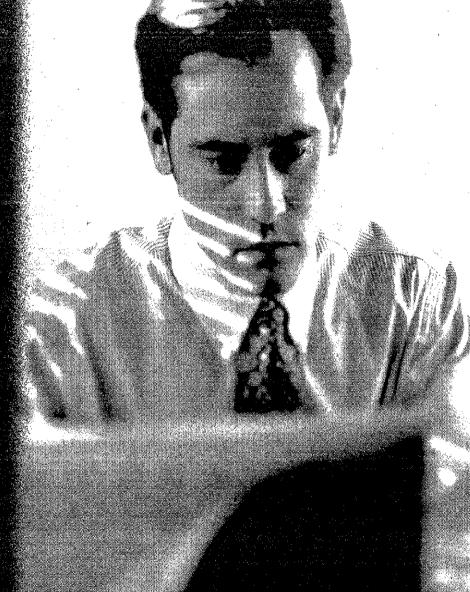
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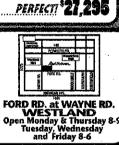


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# The New 2007 Yukon

Advertising Feature

### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

General Motors workers, managers and executives are tired of taking it -the criticism of their products and of their business acumen, the speculation about the future of the company and about the jobs of thousands of its individual workers.

So, increasingly, they re fighting back —with words, yes. But also, much more important, with products. And the new, 2007 GMC Yukon is a case in point. This vehicle is going to help GM tremendously in holding onto its market share in the large-SUV sweepstakes where, despite higher gas prices, the company still makes its bread and butter.

First, though, about the fighting-back words that we re hearing increasingly from GM. Just last month, in a speech to the Swiss American Chamber of Commerce, for example, GM Vice Chairman Bob Lutz had one of those I m mad as hell, and I m not going to take it anymore! moments. Or at least he spoke as if

Now all of our regions will be operating as one company going forward, Lutz said, after explaining how GM has streamlined its product-development process and aligned its planning and manufacturing capabilities under global auspices. And that will show in our improved product lineup. In fact the process has already begun. The products we ve recently introduced, and the ones to come in the short term, are the best we ve ever introduced.

This might have been where Lutz began bragging, as he had many times before, about the Yukon and other new and improved vehicles that are pouring out of GM s pipeline these days. But instead, Lutz took a bit of a detour and noted that its hard to get people to realize that, indeed, the products GM is fielding now are the best that it ever has manufactured and

Lutz went on to recount, by name, some of the criticism that GM has been fielding lately, ranging



The 2007 Yukon gets an impressive 21 rnpg on the highway and 15 mpg in the city.

from President Bush's comment that GM is going to have to learn to compete to comments from autoindustry securities analysts, journalists and others that amounted to one thing: GM just isn t making the vehicles it needs to make if it's going to get American consumers excited again.

Then, Lutz went on to list some of our awful. boring products, as he put it tongue-in-cheek, and see just how unpopular they are. He cited the new Chevrolet HHR, for which the company has raised sales forecasts twice, now up to about 132,000 ayear. He cited the Chevrolet Impala, which just overtook the Nissan Altima as the third-best-selling car in the

And there was more. Lutz also mentioned three hot GM models, including two brand-new vehicles, that are completely sold out: Chevrolet Corvette, and the new Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky two-seaters.

Then, Lutz said, what GM is most proud of are its big new, fullsize sport-utilities like the Yukon. After reciting some criticism that GM has taken about staying married to such large veyicles, Lutz said, We went ahead and launched our new SUVs anywy. Let's see, he tweaked, how they re doing:

Among the data that Lutz shared was that GMs year-to-date share of the large-utility segment, including Yukon, was 67.5%, up 8.6 points from a year ago. And that the average transaction price versus last year's models was Yukon, up \$6,700, and Escalade, up

So we re selling more of them, for more money, Lutz said. The pundits will say that s just because they re brand new, but well see, because we think these. are the best SUVs that have ever lived.

I don't know if I, personally, would go that far, but; having spent several days driving around the 2007 Yukon, I m not at surprised how enthusiastically American consumers are embracing them.

For one thing, there s the ride, which is more like a car and less like a truck than the old models. Yukon now rides on a new frame whose sections include some that are hydroformed steel —formed with highly pressurized water —for improved stiffness with less weight. A power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering system provides crisp response. The vehicle is actually wider by more than three inches in front and one inch in the rear, enhancing stability and lowering the center of gravity. Even the standard wheels are bigger —18 inches versus 17 inches. All of that adds up to a betterriding vehicle than the Yukon it replaced.

So do improvements in the powertrain. The version I drove had the 5.3-liter Vortec V8 which features GM s new displacement-on-demand system, which shuts off half the cylinders under light load for improved fuel economy. Though that s the mode I was driving in practically the entire time I had the vehicle, there was always plenty of power. And the mileage on the 2007 Yukon was an impressive 21mpg on the highway and 15mpg in the city.

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# Great food, **Great fun**

### Wine event raises scholarship funds

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

Keith Doorenbos has not spent, in his words, much time tasting Michigan

That's why the Farmington Hills resident tried different varieties of wines from 80 wineries from the Midwest and Ontario Thursday at the Great Lakes Great Wines Walk Around Tasting at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute in Farmington Hills.

"It's a fabulous event," Doorenbos said. "There's a great selection and variety here. I haven't spent a lot of time with Michigan wines, but I'm getting a chance to taste a lot of the local wines."

The event drew more than 200 guests to try the wineries' wines and taste foods from country clubs, restaurants and OCC's Culinary Studies Institute. Darlene Levinson, the event's organizer and OCC instructor, estimated the event would raise about \$10,000 for scholarships and help finance trips for culinary competi-

"All of the chefs give their best for this event," Levinson said. "Every one of them. We're really proud of the (OCC) graduates, and the food they create for this event is awesome."

Doorenbos enjoyed all the food, and liked the fresh shrimp spring rolls with nuoc cham sauce, created by executive chef Doug Ganhs of OCC's Culinary Studies Institute. "That sauce was fabulous," he said.

Artie Doorenhos, Knith's wife enjoys the Culmary Studies Institute and has tuner there with mends, the couple takes in the Orchard Ridge campus with everything from walking their dog to enjoying a classical harpist there and supporting the event was a way of giving back to the community, they said.

Deborah Hoover and her husband Craig Seiferd, both of Canton, sampled the foods and wines, reviewing a list of the winners decided by 21 judges earlier that day. "I'm trying to become better educated about wines," Hoover said, "We want to learn about and buy better wines, and learn more about the Michigan wines.

"We're tasting and trying different ones, and my husband is taking notes. But more than anything, we're having a good time."

"I don't see a lot of local wines, but to see all of these wines in one place is a unique experience," Seiferd said. "We're looking for the wine that is the 'pearl in the oyster.'

Seiferd concluded that the event was "really all about the food."

All of the restaurants featured OCC culinary graduates, including Steve Allen, chef and owner of Steve & Rocky's in Novi; Eric Voight, pastry chef at Tribute in Farmington Hills; David Howell, executive sous chef at Detroit Athletic Club; Denise Caurdy, executive chef of the Travis Point Country Club in Ann Arbor, and Andrew Sayes, chef de cuisine of the Ritz Carlton Dearborn.

Others were Ted Teeter, executive chef at PF Changs in Troy; Mark Dixon, executive chef of the Dearborn Country Club; Tariq Hanna, pastry chef of the Motor City Casino, and Denise Whipple, chairwoman of Traveling Tea Time. OCC's booths had foods from Ganhs, executive chef Kevin Enright and executive pastry chef Roger Holden.

Chefs use the event to socialize with their culinary colleagues.

"We see a lot of friends," said Randall Smith, executive chef at the Walnut Creek Country Club and part-time instructor at OCC. Smith, who worked with Master Chef Milos Cihelka at the former Golden Mushroom, competed on the same team with Ganhs at the 1996 World Culinary Olympics. "It's kind of a social event for us. When we hear about the event, we look at the calendar, and if there's no parties (to cater), we'll be there."



Garden buffs will take in the natural beauty of this spring and summer's blooms at the upcoming walks and

# Go take a walk

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

he month of May is probably the most critical one for gardeners.

The last frost hits - in theory anyway - on or about May 15. It is also the time when weeds are pulled, debris is raked and soil prepared. Novice and master gardeners alike pack the greenhouses, which stand to make hay while the sun shines.

But it is also time to mark the calendars for when your favorite local garden walks are scheduled. It is a chance to meet neighbors and get ideas for your own yard or pick up a little advice.

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# The reinvented Napster puts free music on the Web

apster was all over the news a couple of weeks ago, and with good reason: It's giving away music. Well, sort of. You probably remember Napster as the "service" that launched a thousand lawsuits by enabling people to swap MP3 songs over the

Internet. After nearly being litigated out of existence, Napster was reborn as a legitimate online music store. A pretty good one, too. In 2005, Napster made another

> itself, becoming the Internet's first music-subscription service. For a flat monthly fee you could download all the songs you wanted. In the months that followed, AOL, Rhapsody, Virgin Digital and Yahoo

Madonna-like move at reinventing

all followed suit. Now Napster is back to giving it away. Well, sort of.

Visitors to the company's newly overhauled Web site (napster.com) will find a music lollapalooza, a mammoth library of songs, artists, playlists and more – all free for the listening.

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There are catches, of course. For starters, you can't download the songs unless you're a paid subscriber; you can only stream them to your PC.

Plus, each song can be played only five times; after that, you have to buy it outright (songs cost 99 cents each, which is typical of online stores) or become a subscriber.

In my book, those are reasonable limitations. Not much different from the free crab samples you get at Costco: You get a good taste, but if you want more,

No, the real hitch is that the free songs sound about as good as AM radio. Napster does this on purpose so listeners won't make bootleg digital record-

PLEASE SEE MAPSTER, DS



The new Napster Web site is home to more than 2 million songs. all of which you can listen to free of charge. There are catches,

# Chef produces documentary on Taiwan

See related recipe inside today's hometownlife.com.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Tofu. Either you love it or you don't. Many food lovers don't enjoy tofu's soft texture, but if you try stir frying the extra firm tofu, it takes on a different texture and flavor.

Keith Famie, chef turned Survivor turned documentary maker, sautés the tofu in olive oil, adding dried oregano and basil to one side of it, then flips it, adding soy sauce and deglazing the pan.

Famie adds that flavor with stir-fried vegetables in a wok for a Taiwanese-style dish. "I was never a big tofu fan, until I cooked it

like this," he said.

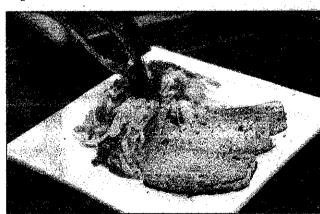
Famie discusses Taiwanese cooking in a new documentary, A Taste of Taiwan, scheduled to be broadcast at noon Sunday, May 21, on WDIV-TV. Famie traveled to Taiwan last year to create that documentary.

Famie of Novi once owned Les Auteurs and worked at Chez Raphael and Forte.

Famie is a local chef who shot to national prominence five years ago on the CBS television show Survivor II: The Australian Outback. Since Survivor, he has written cookbooks and produced food documentaries for the Food Network and WDIV.

Famie was approached to do the show by the Taiwanese government, Taiwanese try to distance themselves from mainland China,

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The event benefits projects of the sisterhood.

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is needed. The owner's manual will have the specific

size and type of spark plug needed. If you don't have a copy of the owner's manual, manuals can often be found on the Internet. You can also simply take the

spark plug along and match it to the new

Be certain that when you reinsert the spark plug that you don't overtighten it.

Another often overlooked item is the air filter. A dirty air filter keeps the air, needed to proper burn gasoline, from your engine. This results in poor engine performance and poor fuel economy, and can cause premature wear on your engine.

Again, consult the owner's manual on how to change or clean (it depends on the type of filter on your engine) the air filter. Most small engines have no sort of oil fil-

ter. It is imperative that the oil be kept clean for long engine life. It's a good idea to change the oil at least once a season, preferably in the fall. If you didn't change the oil in the fall, do it now. Run the engine for a few minutes before

changing the oil. This warms the oil and makes it drain from the engine easier than when it is cool. On most engines there is a drain plug (a small, square-headed bolt) near the base of

the engine. Remove this plug over a drain

pan of some sort, and let the oil flow out. When the engine is drained, replace the plug and add new oil. It is usually added at an oil fill tube near the top of the engine.

The tube will usually have a cap with a picture of an oilcan on it.

Again, the owner's manual will give you much-needed information on changing the

Please dispose of the old oil properly. Many service stations, in particular Meijer gas stations, have courtesy oil drops. Never pour waste oil into storm sewers.

For safety's sake, look over the lawn equipment for any parts that appear loose or broken. Tighten or replace them as nec-

If you aren't comfortable doing repairs yourself, have the tool repaired by a person qualified to do the work. Don't forget to check blades for wear and damage.

As a final note, avoid wearing sandals or open-toed shoes, wear eye protection and wear hearing protection when working with power tools.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident.

Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@ comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, 5 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

# Symphony League tour features 5 homes

The Plymouth Symphony League, in honor of the 60th season anniversary of the Plymouth Symphony, will present its spring home tour, Estates and Unique Homes of Plymouth, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21.

Three spectacular homes in the city of Plymouth and two estates in the township will be featured.

The event is the major fund-raiser to support the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 when bought on the day of the tour. For tickets, or more infor-

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mation, call K.C. Mueller at (734) 455-0075 or (734) 368 4959 (cell), or Jo Swerc at (734) 451-5596. Visit PlymouthSymphony.org for information about the symphony.

Residences on the tour are: A house, in the Hough Park area, that was the first home of the daughter of the man for whom the park was named, the founder of

Plymouth's Daisy Manufacturing (air rifle). The home is open to the public for the first time to honor the 60th anniversary of

■ A house that is more than 9,000 square feet and overlooks the fairways of the Plymouth Township Hill Top Golf Course. The home uses a geo-ther-

mal heating system, and a tankless water heater with recirculating lines.

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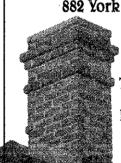
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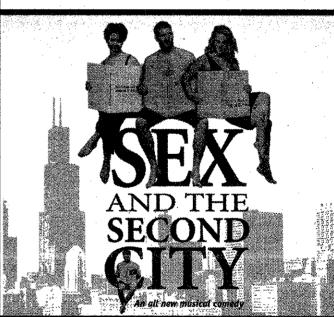
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Why shouldn't you be in on what Interior Decorators know?

Recherché is the place you start! Whether you're looking for a new dining set, or an original oil on canvas. Recherché will likely have something for you to consider. How about a 72" round table made from a rare mahogany with a unique ribbon grain? Or if your dining area is better suited for a traditional extension table – how about one made with satin banding. These are just a couple of samples.

Need a breakfront or a china cabinet to compliment your existing table? Recherché is the place to look first. Do you like the rich look of the Chippendale chairs pictured in this ad? Don't place an order anywhere until you check out what Recherché has to offer. Do you prefer contemporary? Check out the glass on glass dining table made by Fox Fire before you over pay for one that would pale by comparison.

Whether you're searching for a vintage



The beautiful 72" round table features the striking ribbon grain of Sepele mahogany on a Duncan Phyle pedestal. The chairs are mahogany. In the background is a vintage mahogany breakfront with curved glass.

dining table or you prefer new, Recherché is no ordinary store. When it comes to previously owned furniture, Recherché is meticulous about the condition, uniqueness and quality. They are very selective so that you don't have to spend your time rummaging through estate sales, thrift stores, or the internet, looking for a 'diamond in the rough.' Even better, Recherché carries both new and used items, and most home projects need both.

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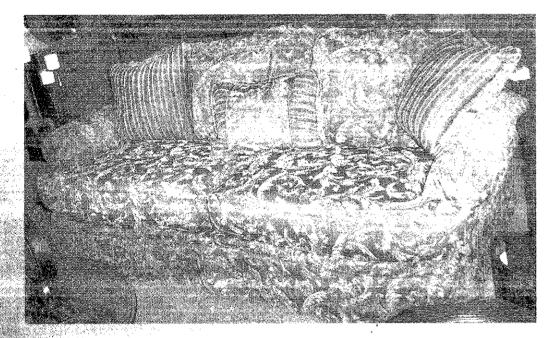
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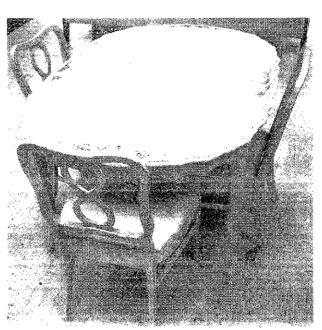




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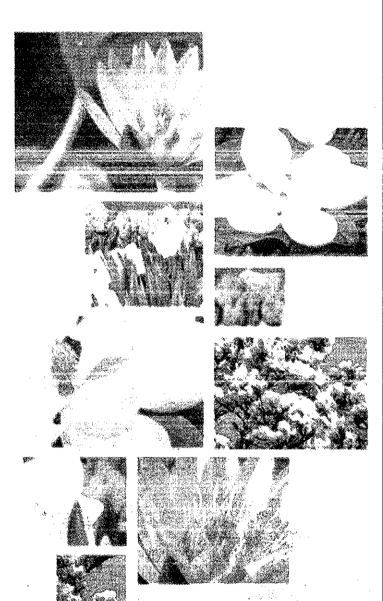
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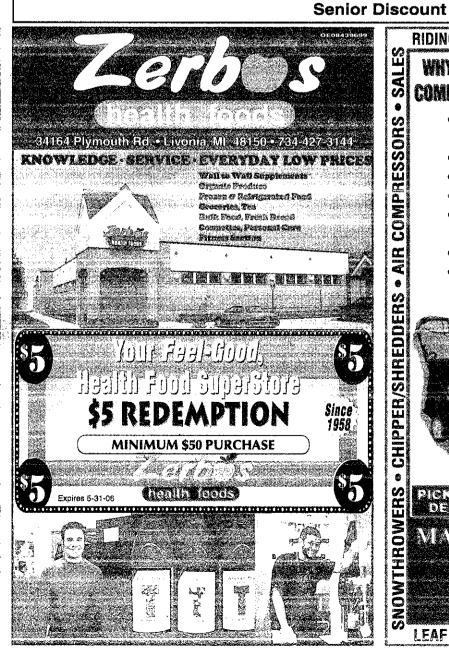
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### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

Michigan Orchid Society

Glenn Decker of Piping Rocks Orchids will be the featured speaker at the Michigan Orchid Society meeting 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits in Birmingham.

The public may attend. Decker will talk about the orchids of Peru and phragmipedium kovatchii. He is a renowned speaker who has traveled extensively in the wild to see paphiopedilum and phragmipedium orchids. Naturescaping

The Stories Told by Native Wildflowers: Naturescaping for Woodland and Meadow Environments, a presentation by Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority volunteers, will take place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 20, at the Franklin Historical Museum, Kirk at 13 Mile, just east of Franklin Road. For a flier or to register, call (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com. Topics will be selecting and planting wildflowers, and their historic uses and ecological values. A walking tour of the site will follow.

Sale, auction

The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will sponsor a Plant Sale and Silent Auction 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 26, in the tent behind Meadow Brook Hall. Meadow Brook Half is on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Use the Adams Road entrance.

Plants will be donated by garden club members and will feature a large variety of perennials, roses, shrubs, herbs and other garden-related items, including antique chairs used as decorative

The public may attend. For more information, call (248) 887-1983 or (248) 608-

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, May 26, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus off Adams in Rochester. The topic will be Gifts From the Garden:

What Should I Plant This Summer? Guest speaker will be certified master gardener Jenny Depa-Karl, owner of Sleepy Hollow Herbs, a business she operates from her small farm in Armada.

Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call (248) 608-

0485 or (248) 310-8793, or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org. Free lectures

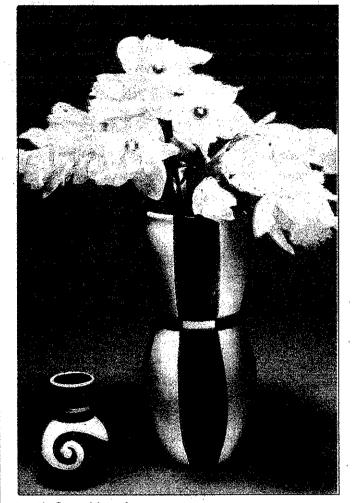
Saguaro Plants, 470 W. Five Mile in Whitmore Lake, presents free lectures 1 p.m. Sundays at the nursery Each lecture lasts about one hour. Dress for the weather. For more information,

call (734) 449-4237.

Choice Trees for Ash Replacement, by Saguaro Plants owner Ben Woloskie, will be the topic May 21. Bonsai Basics, also by Woloskie, will be the topic May 28. Seed packet giveaway

Flower seed packets and a spring activity sheet will be given away (while supplies last) to children visiting Kids Castles Sunday, May 21, in Art Van Furniture stores in Southfield (call (248) 569-3770), Westland (call (734) 425-9600), Novi (call (248) 348-8922) and Shelby Township (call (248) 566-1490), and on 14 Mile in Warren (call (586) 939-

Kids Castles are supervised play areas in select Art Van locations.



### Art for the home

Visitors to Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills this weekend will see such creative items as this ceramic piece by JoAnn Aquinto of Eastpointe. More than 100 artists from across the country and Canada are expected to show their works at the event, Saturday-Sunday, May 20-21, at the shopping center, on the northeast corner of Adams and Walton. Art works in a wide variety of media will be presented. Entertainment for all ages will also be featured. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free. Extra parking will be available at Rochester High School at Walton and Livernois, with round-trip shuttle bus service for \$1. Now in its third year, the festival is sponsored by Creative Arts Council, a nonprofit art group. For more information, call (248) 689-8734 or visit FineArtFestival@aol.com.

### NAPSTER

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ings, but I still wish the audio quality was better.

You get what you pay for, I guess. Buyers and subscribers are treated to CD-caliber play-

The free-play tunes don't sound that bad, especially when you consider that most other services - including iTunes and Yahoo - limit you to 30-second snippets.

There are other compelling reasons to visit Napster.com, including the way-cool Narchive - an online forum where music fans can share thoughts, experiences, and even photos of their favorite (or not-so-favorite) artists.

I particularly like how easy Napster makes it to share tunes. For any song you hear, there's a Web link you can copy and paste into an e-mail, Web page, blog or whatever.

For instance, suppose I just heard a really killer track off Brendan Benson's Alternative to Love. I could e-mail you a link to that track; all you'd have to do is click it to hear the song in its entirety.

Dude, that rocks.

For the record, Napster wasn't the first service to offer free plays; Rhapsody recently started letting nonsubscribers stream 25 songs per month, and at CD quality.

My advice. Use them both.

And consider becoming a subscriber, especially if you own a compatible portable player. I've been stuffing my Creative Zen Vision: M with songs from AOL's Music Now service, and I just couldn't be happier.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including How To Do Everything with Your Palm. Handheld, 5th Edition, and 101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

# Book helps family, junior carpenters build projects

Looking for the perfect gift for Father's Day? Kid's Carpenter's Workbook delivers five fun. family-friendly projects that walk you through the simple steps to building them.

Author Mark Clement is a carpenter and

home improvement expert who has designed projects that require common do-it-yourself

For those who want to take the simple projects to another level, he also includes Parent Carpentry Corners with information on enhancing some of the projects' details for the more advanced DIYers.

"I've been building these kinds of projects for years," Clement said. "I always dreamed of building projects with and for my family.

"Now that I am the proud dad of my daughter, Alexis, that dream is coming true. We build projects together that I hope you and your family will enjoy as much as we have."

Kid's Carpenter's Workbook is designed to introduce youngsters to the basics of using tools and building simple how-to construction proj-

Each project includes Skill Builders to help children advance their skills through simple car-

pentry exercises, and keep even the youngest kid carpenters engaged in the job site.

The book also features suggestions for related activities for children to tackle during the process, drawings of each project for even younger carpenters to color, and pages that extend every project into a learning activity for the family.

Projects in Kid's Carpenter's Workbook are: Kid's Toolbox, Lemonade Stand, See-Saw, Stepup Stool, and Sandbox.

Kid's Carpenter's Workbook is available wherever books are sold, or from publisher CenterLine Media for \$12.95 at www.KidsCarpentersWorkbook.com.

Kid's Carpenter's Workbook is the children's companion to Clement's The Carpenter's Notebook, a novel about a man who discovers the life lessons his father learned through simple projects on his job sites.

Clement is a regular contributor to Good Day Philadelphia, and the former executive editor of Tools of the Trade magazine, a recognized leader in tool and how-to information for building pros. He spends most of his free time renovating his 100-year-old home in Ambler, Pa..

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Here is a summary of some of the garden walks or tours:

■ Indian Village, six homes, three gardens, one carriage house, five churches and two schools open for tours, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 3, \$13 advance, \$18 day of tour, (313) 922-1736, www.historicindianvillage.org

Open Days, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, featuring private gardens in Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Pleasant Ridge, Troy, and public gardens at Congregational Church of Birmingham in Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook House & Gardens in Bloomfield Hills and Meadow Brook Hall Gardens in Rochester, \$5 per garden visit, six for \$25, www.gardenconservancy.org, 1-888-842-2442

■ Summer Garden Walk, 1-4 p.m., Sunday June 11, **Huntington Woods. \$8** advance, \$10 day of tour, (248)

🖪 Franklin Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 6-9 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 14, the 21st annual event features six private gardens, artists at work in the gardens during the tour, a salad luncheon and garden vendors on the green. \$10 advance, \$12 day of tour, franklingardenclub.org, (248) 626-8293

Sylvan Lake, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 17, third annual walk features the Owl House, a 1900s kit home, house with country art, and three lakefront homes, tickets \$10 for groups of 10 or more, \$12 prior to the day of the walk, \$15 the day of the walk, Sylvan Lake City Hall, Blossoms of Birmingham and Detroit Garden Works,

(248) 681-8624 or (248) 681-2750, www.sylvantour.com

Greenmead (Livonia), Friends for the Development of Greenmead present its 17th Annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 24, featuring seven gardens and yards of homes throughout Livonia. Proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village. Tickets \$9 advance; \$10 day of the walk. Purchase at any of the Livonia libraries, Civic Center Library Gift Shop (library is located on Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road, immediately east of the Civic Center), Greenmead office, just west of Newburgh and south of Eight Mile) and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. For information, call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855.







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# Stir up some creamy tomato soup

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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) -Making soup and baking bread shouldn't result in multiple physical injuries. But then, cooking is the least of tasks having a child has complicated.

It was supposed to be a simple lunch, bread and soup with a friend, all timed just right for my 1/2-year-old's nap. Of course, that timing relied on my ability to get the bread in the oven and the soup on the stove before rocking Parker to

The timing worked, but I was a bit surprised by the bloodshed and bruises involved in it.

8:30 a.m. - Breakfast eaten and dishes cleaned. Parker insists I read Dr. Seuss' The Foot Book three times end-toend. Left foot, right foot, foot, foot, foot. Oh how many feet we meet. Please make it stop.

Falling behind already, I plop Parker on the island counter and gather my bread ingredients: whole-wheat flour, oat bran, ground flax seeds, rolled oats, sesame seeds, salt, sugar, water, yeast and olive oil in a big, heavy glass bottle.

Parker helps by grabbing fistfuls of flour and tossing them in the air. They gently sprinkle down onto our increasingly perturbed (and formerly orange) cat. Not wanting to discourage any interest in cooking, I try to direct his hands over the bowl. Bad idea.

With a squeal, Parker flails his arms. More flour everywhere, the cat runs off and the big, heavy bottle of olive oil gets knocked over. Miraculously, it doesn't break -

or break any bones. It lands on top of my bare foot. Parker wasn't the only one squealing. 10:30 a.m. - The cat has

been dusted off and the bread is rising. We made a quick run to the grocer for ingredients. Plop Parker back on the counter (this time in a corner so he's hemmed in) and gather the soup fixings.

Keeping one eye on him and another on my chopping doesn't make for good knife work. A nice clean cut removes the tip of my left index finger, nail and all. Thankfully, the soup is red anyway.

No sooner am I bandaged and back at the cutting board albeit cutting a bit more slowly - than Parker discovers the spice cabinet just above the counter where he is sitting.

These, too, are stored in heavy glass bottles.

Foolishly, I indulge him, letting him pick them up, clumsily remove the corks and sniff. It's just so cute.

Suddenly, spices in heavy glass jars are flying. I'm yelling, grasping for him, the jars, anything to make it stop. Dried basil and onion powder are everywhere and Parker thinks it's hilarious.

One of the jars whacks me on the forehead and I feel that warm sting of swelling. Swell!

11:15 a.m. - The spices have been cleaned up, the bread is baking and the soup is on the stove. The house is quiet except for the creak of the rocking chair my great-grandmother, my grandmother and my mother used to lull their children.

Parker is curled in my arms, eyes drooping. The cat is asleep in a patch of sun next to

And the fingers and toes and the forehead and mess and the noise and inane rhymes all seem to have made for a pretty good dav.

Note: This recipe works equally well with regular and fat-free half-and-half (the latter produces a lower-fat ver-

### **CREAMY TOMATO SOUP**

2 tablespoons olive oil 1 large yellow onion, diced 4 cloves garlic, minced 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves 28-ounce can crushed tomatoès 6 oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes. roughly chopped

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1 cup regular or fat-free half-

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan over a medium-high heat. Add the onion and saute, stirring often, until just tender, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and thyme and saute another 2 minutes.

Add the crushed tomatoes, sun-dried tomatoes and balsamic vinegar. Bring to a simmer, stirring frequently. Reduce heat to low and stir in the baking soda. Add the half-and-half, stir well and bring to a simmer. Do

Use an immersion blender to puree the soup in the saucepan. Alternatively, use a ladle to carefully transfer the soup, in batches if necessary, to a blender and puree until smooth. Return to pan. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Makes 4 servings.

### TASTE CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com or fax (734) 591-7279.

Indian Cooking

Incorporate the principles of Ayurveda, an ancient Indian science of health and well-being, at the following classes at 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays: Delectable Chicken Curries, May 18 and Vegetables the Indian Way, June 1; (248) 203-3800 or online at

www.communityed.net. Rustic chef

First rustic chef competition, noon, Saturday, May 20, at Maybury Farm (Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck) in Northville, students compete using mystery ingredients, 2 p.m. plating for judges, \$4 admission to farm, (248) 374-0200.

**Weight Watchers** 

Tim Cikra, Weight Watchers's chef, offers tips on how to prepare unique spring entrees at Weight Watchers centers in the Detroit area at the following seminars: 8:45 and 10 a.m., Saturday, May 20, 1906 S. Rochester Road, Rochester; 10 and 11 a.m., and noon, Friday, May 26, 28157 Schoolcraft, Livonia; 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., and Tuesday, May 30, 815 E. Big Beaver, Troy. To learn more about Weight Watchers, visit www.8883florine.com or call 1-888-3FLORINE.

Beginning series Valerie Wilson teaches vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes, learn about tofu, tempeh, seaweed vegeta-

bles and miso, 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, \$120 for series, \$30 per class, class is held in Garden City, visit www.macroval.com or call (734) 261-2856.

Middle Eastern cooking

Summer 2006 series of healthy cooking classes by Valerie Wilson, 6-9 p.m., June 14 and 21, \$60 (\$30 each class), and Middle Eastern cooking, 6-9 p.m., Friday, June 23, \$30; class is held in Garden City, visit www.macroval.com for details or call (734) 261-2856.

Thai cooking

Learn to make pad Thai, chiang rai eggplant and hot and sour soup, 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 19, instructed by Lawan Chandruang and her husband Adirek, who own Bangkok Bistro in Troy and Sterling Heights, \$30, The Community House, 380 S.Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Summer salads

Take herbs and vegetables and turn them into salads and learn how to use leftover barbecue in "salad" sandwich ideas, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, instructed by Julie Diurich. The Community House, 380 S.Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Wine classes

Summer tasting of wine regions in series of four sessions at 7:30 p.m., instructed by Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna, with the following classes scheduled: sauvignon blancs, Thursday, June 8; ABC (anything by Chardonnay), June 15; Mediterranean Region Wines, June 22; All American wines, June 29, \$28 each session, \$98 for all four, The Community House, 380 S.Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Grapevine

The schedule of classes from the Grapevine School of Wine includes Summer Barbecue Wines, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, \$32: Register online at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613.



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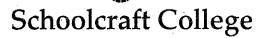
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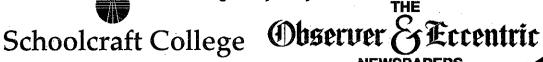
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but still there is an "enormous" Chinese influence in the cooking, Famie said.

"Taiwan is a melting pot, but it is influenced by the Chinese and the Dutch," he said. "You go to different (Chinese) provinces and you'll see different styles. Taiwan is a world of its

In the documentary Famie raves about a pan-smoked cod, cooked over lavender leaves, flour, sugar and salt. That mix is browned, and the cod placed on cooking tongs above it.

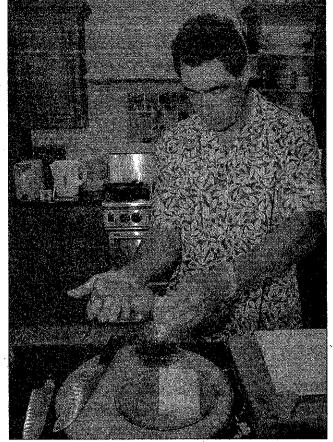
Famie remembers seeing dumpling stations in which Taiwanese cooks created more than 20 different types of

"My philosophy on stir fry is use ingredients that you can put in a small bowl at one time," Famie said. Cutting them the same size also ensures they will be cooked uniformly.

He adds Shanxi vinegar, created from sorghum, barley and peas with a rich hearty flavor.

Famie will never forget the visit to a monastery and prayer session by 500 Buddhist monks that began at 4:30 a.m., just before the sunrise. They chanted for an hour, Famie said.

ship, it will touch your soul," Famie said. and other ingredients.



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"It doesn't matter what God you wor- Famie will deglaze the tofu with fresh orange juice, shanxi vinegar

### TAIWANESE-INSPIRED VEGETABLE STIR FRY WITH HERB-CRUSTED

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### Stir fry mixture:

10 pea pods, cut in large pieces 2 large stalks broccoli flowerets ¼ head Napa cabbage, chiffonade (thin slices)

1 red bell pepper, julienned (cut into thin pieces)

½ bunch cilantro, washed, then chopped

10 shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and julienned

10 fresh oyster mushrooms, quar-

1 leek, julienned and washed

1 cup bean sprouts 1/2 stalk lemongrass, center part,

chopped fine 1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger 2 cloves garlic

2-inch piece medium-sized julienned daikon radish 1 cup sea beans (optional)

1 cup fiddle heads (optional) ½ cup toasted hemp seeds (optional, can be obtained at

adventurechef.com) Peanut oil for wok cooking

### For the tofu:

8½ inch thick slices extra-firm tofu

I tablespoon dried basil 1 tablespoon dried oregano ¼ cup olive oil

### Stir fry sauce:

1/2 cup Shanxi vinegar (look for it at specialty stores or Asian markets)

1 orange, juiced ¼ cup soy sauce

1 tablespoon honey Mix these entire ingredients together well.

Cook 1 pack Chinese egg noodles (about 2 cups of cooked noodles). Set aside.

In a large sauté pan on high heat, add olive oil and when hot, brown tofu on one side. Once browned, turn ever and sprinkle with dried herbs. When both sides are brown, add/2 cup soy sauce and gently turn back and forth while the soy deglazes. Once this is done, take out of pan and toss noodles in very quickly and put pan aside.

In hot wok (you could be heating the wok the whole time you are preparing the above step), add peanut oil (Make sure you don't add vegetables until the oil smokes. Because of the quantity, Famie suggests doing the wok cooking procedure twice or use two woks.)

While the vegetables are cooking, you should be working the wok with a wooden spoon to ensure the vegetables are cooking quickly and thoroughly. When this is done, add half of the liquid to the wok and toss. (When adding the liquid, pour it around the sides so it comes in contact with the hot surface first.)

To assemble, on a plate place equal amounts of tofu, some noodles and spoon the stir fry vegetables over tofu and vegetables, then drizzle some of the cooking liquid and top with toasted hemp seeds. Makes four servings.

Recipe courtesy of Keith Famie. "This is a very simple recipe to make quickly," Famie said. "Ideally, you must use a wok.'

# Garlic pork tasty with tomato, basil

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chinese takeout is a favorite way to eat. Tasty and easier than cooking at home, we think.

Not necessarily so, say Leeann and Katie Chin, a mother and daughter team, who run a catering company based in Los Angeles. They present a convincing case for doing it yourself, in your own kitchen.

In a feature in the April issue of  $Cooking\ Light$ magazine, they offer a series of recipes for creating simple, authentic-tasting dishes easily even without a wok. Here's one to try that's full of flavor and low in fat. Serve it with fiery chili sauce on the side.

GARLIC PORK WITH TOMATO AND BASIL 12 ounces pork tenderloin, thinly sliced

2 teaspoons cornstarch

¼ teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper 3 tablespoons cold water

2 tablespoons oyster sauce

1 teaspoon sugar 1 teaspoon Sriracha (hot chili sauce)

2 teaspoons peanut oil

2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic 2 cups chopped seeded plum tomatoes (about 3 toma-

3/4 cup chopped fresh basil

1/4 cup chopped green onions (about 2 onions)

2 cups hot cooked brown rice

Combine pork, I teaspoon cornstarch, salt and ... pepper in a small bowl, tossing to coat.

Combine water, oyster sauce, sugar, Sriracha and &

remaining 1 teaspoon cornstarch in a small bowl. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over mediumhigh heat. Add minced garlic and pork mixture; saute 3 minutes or until the pork is done. Add chopped tomatoes; saute 1 minute. Add cornstarch '8

mixture: cook 1 minute or until thickened. Add

basil; stir to combine. Remove from heat, and

sprinkle with onions. Serve with brown rice. Makes 4 servings (serving size 1 cup pork mixture and /2 cup rice).

Nutrition information per serving: 257 cal., 6.2 g total fat (1.6 g saturated), 21.2 g pro., 28.5 g carbo., 2.9 g fiber, 55 mg chol., 294 mg sodium.



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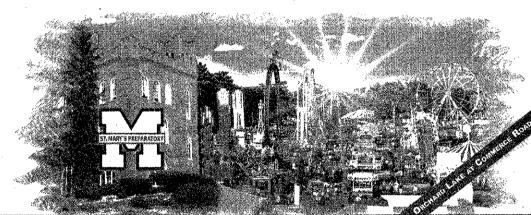
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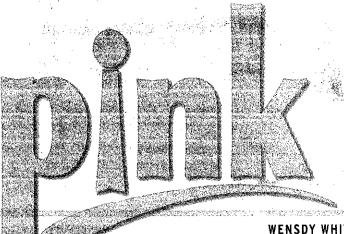
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# Nothing to Wear?

Book offers a cure for your closet By Wensdy White

It happens to all of us, perhaps on a daily basis. We open our closet to jampacked racks of clothing, but find absolutely nothing to wear. How, after spending so much money on clothes and accessories, can this possibly happen? Ask Jesse Garza and Joe Lupo.

Dubbed the "style SWAT team," Garza and Lupo have helped people hone their wardrobes for more than a decade through their company Visual Therapy Luxury Lifestyle Consulting. Now, they've condensed their expertise into the book Nothing to Wear? A 5-step Cure for the Common Closet. When Garza and Lupo recently visited Marshall Field's Somerset for a style seminar, PINK caught up with them for some much-needed advice.

### What inspired your book?

Joe: We have long realized there are certäin patterns and formulas that help people pinpoint their style, edit their wardrobe and

define their look. We thought, why not share it with everyone?

Why is this problem so common? Jesse: We don't have a lot of time to focus on pulling our wardrobe together. We become reactive instead of proactive. We look in the closet and it's a mess, so we rush out and spend

Is it a matter of organization?

money buying new things.

Joe: The whole process is organizing. No matter what size your closet is, by the time you're finished with this process it's going to be easy to get dressed in the morning.

Should we start by getting rid of things?

Joe: We tell people to ask three questions about every piece of clothing in their closet: Do I love it? Is it flattering? Is it the image that I want to put out there? If the answer is 'no' on any of those things you need to get rid of it.

I recently had a baby and don't fit into any of my old clothes. Do I keep them? Jesse: Review your wardrobe and keep your greatest hits, but get rid of the things you know even if you do lose the weight, you're over Also as a mother, look at the book and zero in on what your style is, because sometimes women like to reinvent a little bit.

Joe: It's important to invest in a few things that will make you feel good right now. It will inspire you to lose the weight and work harder at it.



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