Volume 117 Number 69 French submitted an artists
statement they sald beauti fully captured the spirt and character of Dee Schulte She spoke of being able to design project saying There s nothing as gratify ing as seeing someones face
light up because they tike light up because they like
what you did for them

- Board officer

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zation dedicated to buididng zation dedicated to builiding
shelters for the temporarily shelters for the temporarily
homeless has announced $\square$ appont

The Plymouth Yuca hosts Healthy Kids Day 24 pm Sunday at Plymouth
Sownship Park Towshnouth Township Police
Plat and Fire Departments will be on hand to discusss safety Idss can participate in Hula
Hoop and watermelon seed oopt and watermelon seed three legged race

Mesmerizing
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$2=\%$ Beast' headıng to Fisher Theatre. Arts, B1

. Fine Arts award | Lauren French a Canton |
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| High Schoo senor has been |


prize was
éstablished by famly mem bers in memory of Damaris (Dee) Schulte an artist and longtime volunteer and
board member of the board member of the
Plymouth Communty Council In granting the award the
PCACreconnes a Pcchool recognizes a high
schoo
dis played outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to in this field The competition was surred by Mark Wentzel a professor of art at Concordia Its French s second PCAC award She was an isbister Competition winner in the admitted to the fine arts pro gram at Western Michigan Unversity and hopes to enter the graphics art po gram next year judges called amazing

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Eggs-citing
Sergio Trojani of Plymouth, 8 , blows bubbles with the prize he received at the Plymouth Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt Saturday in
Township Park The Jaycees had raffles for scooters and other przes, and kus enved havno ther poture taken with the Easter Bunny.

## City

 derails underpass project
## BY HEATHER NEEDHA STAFF WPTTER <br> Staf Werter

Members of the Plymouth City Commission have sent a message as glarng as flashnng railroad crossing lights They want no part of the Sheldon Road rail-
road underpass project, at least not at tts inflated road underpass project, at least not at ths inflated
cost
Commissioners cited concerns about escalating project costs as well as concerns about CSX Transportation's level of parttcipation in the project
According to figures released by Wayne County, the cty's costs have risen some 43 percent, to more than $\$ 700,000$
"CSX (Transportation) has not signed up for the project," Plymouth Ctyy Manager Paul Sncock told
the commssion at Monday's meeting "It's hardly an he commission at Monday's meeting "It's hardly an
ndication that this project will move ahead m a tmely manner"
CSX Regional Vice President Tom Drake said that
ti is not true that CSX hasn't signed on "We've been signed on for months," Drake sad
from from his Livonia office Wednesday afternoon "We"l be very
ward

Mom gets probation in bomb threat

## BY BRAD KADRICH

Staf Writer
The Plymouth Township woman accused of phonngy in a bomb threat to December won't spend any tme in jal fter pleading no contest in Wayne County Crrcurt Court
Debbee Meer, whose chldren atten Isbister, had been charged with one bomb/harmful device, a felony that carres a possible penalty of four yea in prison and/or a $\$ 2,000$ fine Accordng to officalas in the Wayne
County Prosecutor's Office, she plead County Prosecutor's ofice, she plead this month She was placed on probatoon until April 2004 8 am Dec 9 , when an Isbister employee recelved a phone call telling her there was a bomb Plymouth Township police responded and swept
the building, but found no evidence of a bomb
$\begin{aligned} & \text { School Superntendent Jim Ryan } \\ & \text { made the decision not to close school }\end{aligned}$ for the day, although parents were allowed to remove therr children of they so desired A small number of parents

PLEASE SEE MOM, A9

M-14, Ann Arbor Road projects on tap as road construction season begins

By Brad KADRICH
STAFF WRITER
Drvers who travel westbound M-14 started seeng those orange construc-
tion barrels Wednesday mornng, as the tion barrels Wednesday mornng, as the
state got started on a $\$ 16$ million, two-

Federal dollars sought to fix ash problem By Jack gladden
Staff writer
US Rep Thaddeus McCotter, RLivona, has joined other members of in askng for federal help to combat the ash tree problem in southeastern The delegation sent a letter to $U$ Management and Budget Director Mitchell Daniels askng him to prompt-
ly support a request from the federal ly support a request from the federal
Department of Agriculture for $\$ 164$ meplion to combat the emerald ash borer, which has killed about five mil-

Please Se ASH, A4
month project to repar pavement
between Sheldon and Haggerty in $\quad$ The M-14 project is one of three $\begin{array}{ll}\text { between Sheldon and Haggerty in } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Michigan Department of } \\ \text { Plymouth Township }\end{array} \\ \text { Transportation projects scheduled to b }\end{array}$ Plymouth Township
This weeks construction is just the $\begin{aligned} & \text { Transportation projects scheduled to } \\ & \text { done within the township's boundaries }\end{aligned}$ begnnnng for township drivers, who are likely to be seeng those barrels in thei this construction season Construction sleep the rest of the year PLEASE SEE ROADS, A4


Car fire
A late-model ford Escort sits along the westbound shoulder of $\mathrm{M}-14$, fully ablaze as traffic slowly moves past A Plymouth Communty fire truck had justartrived on the scene and the blaze was extingusshed Firefighter Chris Mack sald the vehicle was engulfed in flames and heavily damaged, however no one was injured traffic was halted for about 20 minutes


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## Was Days Inn death payback killing?

## Police find suspect's daughter buried at his Belleville home

## Br HEACKKE GLADDEE AND HEATHER REDHAM SAAFF WRTITRS

A bizarre case of murder and sul-
cide took another clde took another twst Wednesday
when Bellevile police discovered the body of the murder suspect's own daughter Executng a search warrant at the
Bellevlle home of murder sust Themas Joseph Copperstone, police Thomas Joseph Copperston Copperstone, 19, dead in a frut cel-
lar that had been sealed off with concrete
Thomas Copperstone was a sus-
pect in the death of Jessica Louise pect in the death of Jesssca L Luuse
Smith, 23, of Canton, whose body was found Easter Sunday by a house keeper in a room at the Days Inn on
Michigan Avenue at I-275 Michigan Avenue at I-275 a Washtenaw was County field, apparently of a self-nnflected gunshot wound The warrant to search copperstones Belleville home was written by Copperstone addressed to his brother, in which Copperstone
accused Smith of killng his daugh-
ter A missing persons report had
been filed by Copperstone's ex-wife, been filed by Copperstones ex-wffe,
who sald the young woman hadn't
been seen been seen in months Belleville Pohce Chref Paul Davis
said ma press conference late sadd in a press conference late
Wednesday that after executing th Wednesday that after executng the
search warrant Wednesday, police made a grisly discovery With the help of cadaver-snuffing dogs, the
mummified remains of a young woman matching April Copperstone's descrption were discovered in a sealed-off fruxt cellar on
Copperstone's property on South Copperstone's property on
Biggs Street in Belleville
Davs des dined Davs described the body's resting
place to be "crpt-like" place to be "crypt-like" The body encased in layers of cement blocks
and had to be dug and had to be dug out wrth shovels
"We did recover a body, and we suspect that body met foul play," suspect that body met foul play,"
Davs sand Polce believe the body to
be that of Copperston be that of Copperstone, 19 Police
estmate that she had been dead estimate that she had been dead
snce Nov 12, 2001, as detaled in since
her for
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"Everythung he sald that was in the letter has proven to be true,"
Davs said, referrng to the letter

Copperstone had written to his
brother II the eletter, Copperst
provided som de brother In the letter, Copperstone
provided some details about what prapened to his daughter after she
hied ${ }^{\text {died }}$ "The let "The letter gave a chronological
scenario of what happened," Davis
said sald
The W The Wayne County Medical
Examiner's office is conductin Examiner's office is conductung an
autopsy to determine the cause of
death But ber death But, because the primary sus pects - Copperstone and Smith -
are both dead, the autopsy results are both dead, the autopsy results
could
ulsmal the case being closed "It will probably go down no the
files as a very tragc event" Dens files as a very tragge event," Davis said
"I have neverin my experience been "I have never in my experience been
around anythng like this today" It all began shortly after noon
Easter Sunday when Easter Sunday, when a Days Inn
housekeeper dscovered Smuth's house
body Police Capt Alex Wilson said
Smath body Poilice Capt Alex Wilson sald
Smuth had been shot five times,
three times woth three times with a 9 mm weapo
and twice with a 22 -caliber and twice with a 22 -calhber
Polce learned that the room Poikce learned that the room had
been rented Saturday afternoon by Copperstone, 47 Police sand he had
rented a room nine times in the past rented a rom sume times in the past
Wilson said Copperstone was not
accompanied when he rented the
room and Smith's famply room and Smith's family knew nothing about a relationship between the two Police issued a pubblic alert, ask
ing residents for help in locating ing residents fo
Copperstone Copperstone
Shortly after 4 a m Aprl 21, police receveved information from a Chelsea resident that Copperstone's
2002 Jeep Liberty was parked near 2002 Jeep Liberty was parked County
Wilson Wilson sad Canton sent detecUses over and located the vehicle Using a trackng dog, they discov-
ered Copperstone's body about 200 yards awpay He had one gunshot wound in the head, apparently self-
inflicted Police recovered a 9 mm inflicted Police recovered a 9 mm
automatic handgun and a 22 -caliber six-shot revolver They also $\stackrel{\text { recovered a purse be }}{\text { Smith, Wilson said }}$ Trooper Mike Zarate of the Ypsilanti Michigan State Polce post
confirmed that no sucrde note had confirmed that no succide note had
been recovered and that they are still nvesestigating why copperstone
decided to take his lyfe decided to take his life $\underset{1997 \text { graduate of Canton Hıgh a }}{\text { Canton polce beleve Sith, }}$

School and a computer science major at the Unverstry of Michigan
in Ann Arbor and Coperstone were in Ann Arbor, and Cop
intimately $n$ nvolved "We beleveve that they met in the
fall of 2001 at a bar where (Smith) fall of 2001 at a bar where (Smith)
was employed as a dancer," Canton police Sgt Todd Mutchler sald They seemed to have shared accordng to police "Copperstone had had a job involving computers and had access
to computers," Wilson sald to computers, Police conducted a search Smith's room at her parents' home and took her computer and a white
envelope wrth two $\$ 100$ bills in ti envelope with two $\$ 100$ bills
and ${ }^{\text {JJessica" written on it }}$ Copperstone had no known crmm-
nal record, accordno to nal record, according to Canton
Police Pohce
Servic 11 a m Frrday, Aprll 25 , at St Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church McCabe Funeral Home handled the
arrangements arrangements
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## Survey finds strong opposition to importing Canadian trash

By hugh gallagher
Staf witier
$\underset{\text { Angroup of }}{ }$ Untrong support for banning or strong support for banning or
at least hmiting importation of Canadinn trash to Michigan Five WSU students completed a project on importing Canadian waste as part of a technical communications
class On April 17 , the students class On April 17, the students
presented therr findings to Profess
class
Stes $\xrightarrow{\text { class }}$ Steven Stone of Livona presented the results of a survey of 327 people, includung 156 from Observer \& Eccentric readers,
that found 79 percent opposed that found 79 percent opposed
to importing Canadian waste, 78 percent favoring bannmpge all
Canadian waste and 6 per Canadian waste and 68 per-
cent favorng limiting foregn cent fav
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waste $\begin{aligned} & \text { Parr of the project was to } \\ & \text { approach a newspaper about }\end{aligned}$ approach a newspaper about
runnug a questionnaire on the
Issue In addtition to 80 ind1vidual responses recerved by the Observe \& Eccentrcc, 28
fourth grade students at fourth grade students at School and 48 muddle school students at Farmungton's
Dunckel Middle School filled out the questionnaire as a class project The WSU students also had frrends and other students fill out the questionnare
Many responses to the quesMany responses to the quesexpressing outrage over the
umporting of Canadian trash Importung of Canadian trash
A note by Tonda fourth A note by Tonda fourth
grade student Alle Guastella expresses some of the fervor, "Every day Toronto is bringing
130 trucks carryng 4,000


returnable bottles and cans
Under Michigan's deposit law, 97 percent of returnable bottles and cans are recycled in the state Ontario
have a deposit law Gov Jennifer Granholm spoke Monday before a Don't spoke Monday before a Don't
Trash Michigan rally in
Madison Heeghts in support Madison Heights in support of
several measures to limit importation of Canadian trash
In a letter dated Aprl In a letter dated Aprll 4 to
Stone, Granholm explained the Stone, Granhoom explained th
problems faced for Michigan
intensty of therr landfill
legislation in light of the
court's rulings and said she is court's rulings and sasd she 1s
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She wrtes that Michigan She writes that Michigan
can and will enforce current can and will enforce current
state laws that prohbbit certann
tems of soldd waste items of solid waste in land-
fills, such as motor oil and batterres "I have recently drected $t$ Envronmentmeal Qualtyy to
increase the frequency and intensty of heri land nspections to assure the pubnic that prohbbted titems are not entering Michigan's landills," she wrttes She also supports expanding
he bottle/con de nclude more depostit law to Juce and water bottles Stone said he apprectated the response from the governor and many other state officals, espectally Glegelhem,
with whom he had a long conversation



## Accepting New Patients...

## James Lee, D.O.

Family Practice Oakwood Healthcare Center


## ROADS

from page al started Wednesday mornng,
and MDOT officials say it and MDOT officials say it should continue through June
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Work
reparr, reparr, joint resealing gutter and shoulder reaplacement dran installation, diamond $\underset{\text { upgrade }}{ }$ grind guardral upgrades along the 2 21-mile
stretch of westbound $M-14$ stretch of westbound M-14.
According to MDOT official Accordng to MDOT officalals,
one lane will be closed contanuously durng be to dased conthroug
the duration of the project the duration of the project
Drivers will see two lanes Drivers will see two lanes
closed, and posssble closure of Sheldon Road ramps, on week-
nights and weekends nughts and weekends
While it's not a major pro Whyle it's not a major project,
Steve Mann sanship Supervisor Steve Mann said tit's stll a good
one "W'r're always happy to see
MDOT and Wayne County MDOT and Wayne County
come out and maintann the roads and make travel on them
more comfortable for our ress-more comfortable for our ress1-
dents," Mann said "Sprng dents," Mann said "Spring
always brings out the construc tion, and you have to put up
with the temporary aggrava-

## ASH

FROM PAGE AI
lion trees in the area That was good news to
Canton Township Supervsor Tom Yack
"If he's able to pull it off,
that's great', Yack said 'We've that's great,' Yack sard "We've
already lost 4,000 trees in Canton and that's just in the rights of way That doesn't
include those on prvate nnclude those on private prop-
erty, in parks or golf courses" erty, in parks or golf courses
Mcotter and other member of the delegation sent a letter to USDA Secretary Ann Veneman
the first week in March askng her to support an earlher request from Michigan Gov
Jennifer Granholm to provide Eennifer Granholm to provide
federal assistance Granholm federal asssistance Granholm technical assistance from the
USDA before the ash borer reemerges this spring borer reemerges this spring
"The emerald ash borer has
devastated local ash trees devastated local ash trees and
we need funding now we need funding now
McCotter said The mor
thons, but the long-term results The temporary aggravations
will be particularly noticeable wlll be particularty noticeable
along Ann Arbor Road when the summer's biggest project gets started next month MDOT will resurface Ann
Arbor Road from Canton Center to Napier The project isn tas detailed as the recon-
struction of struction of Ann Arbor Road t
the east, but ats stlll a major effort . but its still a major
Workers will remove approx
mately the top two inches of mately the top two inches of remannng surface and place to MDOT residenat enguneer ohn Sanford Some of the paperwork 1s still pending, but start on the $\$ 26$ millon project m late May "It's like a mid-term rehabilltation," Sanford sard "It's not a full-fledged reconstruction, but ect, erther" Sanford sand the project will at McClumpha, and brdge replacements at Fellows Cree nddge wow Creek. During ridge work, traffic will be

| is lost, the more trees are lost" <br> At the state level both State Sen Bruce Patterson (RCanton) and State Rep Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) have introduced resolutions in the House and Senate asking for federal assistance <br> Now that we have identrfied the problem," Patterson said, "we cannot stand ıdly by watching our quality of life and a great natural resource die "Michigan needs the technical and financial assistance from Congress and the USDA before it's too late" <br> LaJoy held a hearing in Lansing two weeks ago on the problem and said hes planning to hold a public hearing in Canton after the legislature reconvenes in another week <br> Six counties in southeast Michigan have been quarantined because of the problem Under the quarantine it is illegal to move ash trees, branches, lumber firewood and wood chips larger than one inch in diameter outside those coun thes |
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The quarantine area mcludes Macounties of Livnngston,
Monroe, Oakland, problem has and Wayne The Windsor and Yack sadd he has
heard that it has now shown up ${ }^{\text {in Toledo, }}{ }_{4}$ Ohio up some way, it's gong to go across the state', Yack said, 'It's hike
the SARS thang It's not just treatment, we need to eradicate He sadd the federal dollars would be particularly welcome
since the state already has its
hands full with ecan hands full with economuc
issues
"Im not sure what the money
would be used for" he would not sure what for", he said
Probably only part of it"
Like piratory syndrome) the emerald origunated in China It's thought to have entered the
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Dr. John Damiani, D.0.
...Announces the Opening of His New Office in Canton
Dr. Damianı is a board certfied urologist on staff at the Oakwood Annapohs Hospital He specializes in the dagnosis and treatment of problems of the urinary tract in men and women.

Dr. Damiam received his undergraduate degree from Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, CA and obtained his medical degree from the Pmladelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, PA.

He completed an internship in osteopathic medicme and general surgery residency at Detroit Osteopathic and Bi-County Hospitals in Detroit, and his urology traming at the University of Medicine and Dentustry of New Jersey

Dr Damiani's other office location is in the Downriver area where he has been on staff at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital and Oakwood South Shore Medical Center since 1995. Most insurances are accepted. To make an appointment call
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Pauline Migut Services for Paulne Migut,
82 , of Ann Arbor were Aprl 22 at St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Ann Arbor with the Rev Enc at St Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights Mrs Magut was born Feb 9, 1921, in Oriskany, H A, April 17 in Ann Arbor Mrs Mrgut was preceded in death by her husband, John, and brothers, Jose
Stanley Derwoyed
Surviars suclude daughter, Patricla A (Dennis) Mills of Ann Arbor, grandchildren, Darren Mills of Gibert, Ariz,
and Monica Mills of Denver, and Monca Gills of Denver,
Colo, son, Gary J (Maria)

Migut of Brighton, grandchil dren, Scott, Bran and Louse Derwoyed of Greenwood, S C Memoral contributions may
be made to ether the Ae made to elther the
American Cancer Soclety, the Alzhermer Assoclation or Llghthouse Hosppce Arrange Arrangements made by
Famly Funeral Home
Gary J. White
Services for Gary J White,
64, of Farmington Hills wer 64, of Farmington Fills were
held April 22 at the ThayerRock Funeral Home Burral was at Fort Custer National
Cemetery in Augusta, Mich Mr White was born May 15 1938, in Detrot and ded April


Julia W. Blankenship Services for Jula Blankenshup,
64, of Canton were held Aprl 23 64, of Canton were held Aprri
at the chapel of LJ Grffin Funeral Home with the Rev Jerry Yarnell officiating Bural was at Cherry Hill Cemetery
Mrs Blankenship was born Aug 20, 1939, in Detroit and died Aprrl 21 at Arbor Hospice
She worked as a housekeeper She worked as a houseke
in a retirement home Survvors include son, Cecil
(Ruth) Cuz dauhters (Ruth) Cruz, daughters,
Sandra Seever and Julra Sandra Seever and Julra (Errc)
Scott, and four grandchildren Scott, and four grandchildren
Memoral contributhons may
be made to be made to Arbor Hospice or
St Joseph Mercy Hospice St Joseph Mercy Hospice
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Chapel

Milton R. Kabel
Servces for Milton Kabel,
80, of Genoa Township were 80, of Genoa Township, were
held April 22 at Bell-Borek Funeral Home in Hamburg, with the
ating
$\underset{\text { Mr Kabel was born Jan 24, }}{\substack{\text { ating } \\ \text { M }}}$ 1923, in Detrott and ded April 18 at home He was plant
manager for Fischer Systems manager for Fischer Systems
Handling in Holly He retred in 1991 after 49 years of service He was a member of the in the U S Army He earned In the U Army He earned
the EA-ME Rubbon with four
Bronze Stars Bronze Stars, Good Conduct
Rubbon, World War II V1ctory Ribbon, World War II Victo
Medal and the American Theater Rubbon
Mi Kabel was preceded in
death by his sister, Helen
Wilson
Wilson $\quad$ Survivors include children Patrccivors (Lenard) Masuch of Glen Arbor, Carol (John)
Morrow of Chelsea, Mary Morrow of Chelsea, Mary
(Donald) Robertson of Baltumore, Ohio, Jon (Linda) of Linden, TMmothy (Patrcia) of South Lyon, Daniel (Teresa) of Las Olas, Callf, and James
(Ruth) of Austin Texas, 20 grandchhldren, and four greatgrandchildren be made to Hidden Springs Church and envelopes are available at Bell--Borek. Also
you can sign the guest book at you can silgn the guest book at
www bellborek com ATrangerenents made by Bell-
Borek Funeral Home

## FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to perod from April 16-22

- Tuesday, April 22 Residental rescue runs on Morgan, Haggerty, Landers and Maple, rescue run to a
public buildng on Ann Arbor Road
- Monday, Aprl 21 Residentalal rescue runs on
Northvile, Haggerty and Northnile, Haggerty and
Greennew, and vehicle accldent rescue run on Joy
- Sunday, Aprll 20 Residential rescue runs on
Quail Ridge Court puble Quail Ridge Court, public
building/school rescue run on Farrground, vehicle accident rescue run on Beck, north of Ann Arbor Road wrth special wash down, and sp
wres run on Beck
■ Saturday, April 19 Residental rescue runs on Five Haggerty, public
haggerty, public Five Mile
- Friday, April 18 -

Residentral I rescue runs on
Marc Trall, Northylle, Pactic Marc Tral, Northnile, Paccfic
and Brentwood, five commerand Brentwood, five commervehicle accident rescue run on Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon

MeThursday, April 17 Residentral rescue runs on
Cooldgge, Garland, Frwood, Cooldge, Garland, Firwood,
Haggerty, Jenner, Morgan Haggerty, Jenner, Morgan,
Newport and St Andrews Square, industrial rescue run on Halyard, and smoke invest ation on Northville Road

- Wednesday, April 16 Park, Orangelawn and Park, Orangelawn and
Northview, smoke mestig tion run on General, public buildng//school rescue run on Church, industrial fire run on
westbound $M-14$, west of $\mathrm{I}-275$, vehicle accident rescue run on vehicle accident rescue run on
Ann Arbor Road, east of Lilley with special wash down, and
Ann Arbor Road and Massey, and commercal rescue run on Beck
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## Walkathon to benefit Angelman research



The Angelman Syndrome Foundation National Walkathon, One Step Closer, will be held Saturday, May 17, rain or shine,
the many changes in ther he many changes in their
lives The boys, Spencer, 9 , and
Conner, 8 , love their sister and
. say she's "a lot of fun" "She has such a happy demeanor," Mary satd "She
loves people and she's very
fruendly" GETTING CONNECTED It took a couple of years for the Pierrards to connect with
other familes impacted by Angelman Syndrome Mary
sald they were hestant to meet
older chldren wrth the syn-
drome becuase eshe drdn't want to admet that Maddy would be that severely handicapped
Maddy's neurologist, Eleen McCormick of the Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders, suggested the
Perrards connect with familes and support groups through he Angelman Syndrome oundation
Once they
Once they met other famıglimpse of Maddy's future "You have to realize that tt's $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { "We hope to rasse money, b } \\ & \text { mostly raise awareness," Mary }\end{aligned}$


A family portrat shows the chi
Mary and dad Dave Peerrard
nationwrde on the same day and eventually we hope to have a walk ste in every state"
The local walk s the firs The local walk is the first Angelman Syndrome
Foundation walk in Michiga STEP UP

The Angelman Syndrome
Foundation National
Walkathon, One Step Closer
will be held Saturday, May 17,
rain or shme, startyng Chr rami or shine, startng at Christ
the King Lutheran Church on Farmngton Road, Just south of West Chicago in Livonaa Registration whll be 8-9 a m
and the walk will kick off at 9 $a \mathrm{~m}$ Walkers can select a 3
pre-register and receure to pre-register and recevve
sponsor forms for donations To pre-register, call ( 800 ) 432
6435 or e -mail Info@ angelman org Registration will also be held on the day of the event
Each walker who Each walker who rases at leas
$\$ 75$ will recerve a walkathon T $\$ 75$ will recerve a waikathon
shrrt All pledged donations
are are due on the day of the walk
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deductuble For deductible For more informa-
ton vsit the foundation's Web stte at www angelmanwalk.org
«We hope this will be the "We hope this will be the
first of many", sadd Mary who first of many," sato Mary,
is the coordinator for the Detrot area.
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Townshpp of
Canton 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michgan will accept Canton 1150 Canton Center S, Canton Michigan will accept
sealed bids at the ofice of the Clerk up to 300 pm Thursday
May 8 th 2003 for the following CANTON EMERGENCY
CANTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION
Bd forms may be prcked up at the Finance and Budget
Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (7734) ${ }^{\text {Den }}$ marked with the proposal name company name, address and
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| MOM | traced a call from Meer's home to the school at the tıme of the threat When police | When confronted with the phone records, Meier admitted calling the school, but mı- |
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| from page al | reportedly contacted Meier, she at first told them she had a | tually denied makng the threat |
| opted to do so | harr appointment at that time, |  |
| Township police workung | but police determined no such | bkadricheoe homecomm net |



## Spring

 Sincock recommended thecommission not participate in he underpass project The $\$ 96$ million underpass Supervisor Steve Mann sadd the
townshup has already agreed to pay more than its share of
underpass costs shared underpass costs shared by the cty and townshp
"I don't expect were gong to prck up the city's share," Mann sard "I'm dssapponted the city backed out, but the township
has already picked up more has already preked up more
than tss share It should have been a $50-50$ onshlt, but were
picking up two-thirds" pickng up two-thirds"
It will be up to the county to decide where to get additional
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Mann said, is in Wayne County's court 'We're stll committed to the
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Mann sad "We hope the project goes forward We've seen
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## OUR VIEWS City right to preserve history

Developers seeking to build on the histornc Daisy properysorgnanaly felt like they could keep the essence of that
history intact when they drew up plans for their condohistory intact when they drew up plans for therr condo-
minuum project minium project
Once they got
be so easy, nor would tit be cost-effective Here's to hoping they find some mdddle ground
Representatives who spoke to plannig comm Representatives who spoke to planming commissioners
sadd the old plant, which dates back to 1882, has several sald the old plant, which dates back to 1882 , has severa
different brick colorations which are unattractive to buy ers and have been sandblasted too many times, reducing the facade's remanning useful lifetume
The plan calls for 900 -square-foot condos, along with
three-story row houses two story townheuses and three-story row houses, two-story townhouses and one
story flats, ranging in price from $\$ 200,000$ to $\$ 400,000$ aprece Orginal plans, however, did not call for preserving the historic Dasys stie itself,
That left most cty officals wth a bad taste Plannngg
commissioner Rechard Moyer was the most outspoken, commissioner Ruchard Moyer was the most outspoken,
calling the issue a "deal-breaker' Most other commissioners stopped well short of that, while expressing the consensus that the Dasy essence should be saved
Reaction from residents at the plannngg commission
meetung was mixed, woth one sayng the histonc nature of meetng was mixed, wth one sayng the histonc nature of
the property needed to be preserved, and another ponting out that few, ff any, people would care
Planners, however, do care, and they should Plymouth
officals love to sell prospective buyers and busmesses on officials love to sell prospective buyers and busmesses on the histornc nature of their town, and it has,
a solid marketing factor for the communnty
However, developers worry that preserving the Dasy property, if it's possible to begin with, would be so costprohibitive as to price the resultung con
and houses out of range of many buyers
That may be so, but we think preserving at least a prece of that history so sut weot thank preservng at least a plece tightrope between preserving its past and preventing its future, in the form of tax revenue-generating develop-
ment
Ultumately, the development will be built Builders have ment
Ultumately, the development will be bult Builders have
already ndicated they'll bring back a plan that saves a already indicated they'll bring back a plan that saves a
portion of the Dassy plant While it may not be as much portion of the Dasy plant while it may no like, it should
as planners and cty commissioners would also be more than a few
memorial
Hopefully, for the sake of Plymouths sense of history, peace can be found somewhere in between

## AYP list doesn't offer true picture

The latest measurement of student achievement known as adequate yearly progress, or AYP, targets certaun publ While we understand the unversal and lofty goal that every chlld should be given the chance to succeed, we belheve the AYP method spelled out in the federal No Child Left Behind legislation unjustly burdens districts
that have consistently performed at or above state and that have consisten
Frrst, trackngg scores in every category on the Michigan
Educational Assessment Program test is standard practice Educational Assessment Program test is standard practice
and requred in every school with North Central Assocation and requred in every school with North Central Assoclation
accredtation Most public schools in Oakland and western accreditation Most public schools in Oakeand and western
Wayne County are NCA-accredted, so internal data is already being used to pinpoint areas of concern or to hone currncula. Still, school administrators throughout Oakland
County and most of western Wayne County breathed a County and most of western Wayne County breathed a
sigh of relief when therr schools didn't appear on the list sigh of relief when thei
as needing to improve
Their fears of landing on the list are justified
In school districts with consistently high ME
In school districts wrth consistently high MEAP scores,
one subgroup of scores could put a school on the list If one subgroup of scores could put a school on the hist if
only 945 percent of students in a normally high-performonly 945 percent of students in a normally high-perform
ing school opt to take the MEAP, the school is on the hist If one school does not increase MEAP scores from one year to the next, the school is on the list
Sanctions spelled out in the federal Sanctions spelled out in the federal legislation only
apply to Title I schools - those that recerve federal funding for special programming based on the number of students who receive free or reduced price lunches accordng to ther household income
So, again, we're left wondering what good the AYP
reports will do for the non-Title I schools reports will do for the non-Title I schools
We know what it will do The list will le snapshots of how schools are really doing

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World War li veteran Wilbur Wood tells ninth-graders at Plymouth High School about his experience as a part of the US miltary stationed in England dur ing the war The students were taking part in a program to record interviews with veterans

## Fred was decent

The Aprl 13 Observer reported the
death of a local busmessman, Fred death of a local businessman, Fred Mourad Some human refuse who weren't honday wth the intention of being the best that he or they could be chose to take Fred's money and his life What a tragedy
Anyone who dealt wth him knew Fred Anyone who dealt with him knew Fred you got to know him, you found out that best for him posssble If you got to know best for him possible If you got to know
him, you found out that he truly defined outstanding customer servce
Recently, my wfe left our veh Recently, my wife left our vehicle with him for repars Since the job would
requre an overnght stay, Fred gave requre an overnight stay, Fred gave her
his car to drive so that she wouldn t be inconvenienced We were happy to refer new customers to his business bec
we knew they would be happy The world is a lesser place today because of the loss of this fine man May God hold hum forever close May a specia
place in hell be found for his kuller

Mark F F Tooze
Plymouth

## Facts omitted

I must say I find it quite interesting how this whole OLGC school stuation
has become Father John Sullivan's fault, especally considering that all of the improvements to the school were made
after his arrval after his arrvva people into thinknng he made the changes, but Behn was in control of OLGC school for seven years before
Father John came, why wasn't anyth done then?
Mr Behn must have changed a lot in the past few years When I was at that
school for grades three through five once did I see him visting classrooms, nor did he know names and faces of the children In contrast, when I was a stu-
dent at West Middle School, with a student at West Middce School, whth a stuOLGC, the prncipal was always visible and took time to talk with students and Canton High School, which had about 2,300 students ${ }^{1}$
So many people are blaming Father the good he has done If he really wanted to close the school, why would he have turned the old church into more class angry parents' minds People just need to calm down and think about how unChristanlike they are beeng with all of these are making
Mr Behn will not be at OLGC school next year, somebody else will Deal with send home letters to parents insulting your boss and complanning that your con tract was not renewed for next year? No his contract
I think people should read the OLGC Parssh "UP Buldnng" article Mr Behn
wrote in 1999 In it, Behn says, among wrote in 1999
other trangs

## LETTERS

some parents for not visting the school on a regular basis, yet in the 13 years I
have been here, no pastor has been herr more "When Father John first arrived, $I$
was in the hosptal recoverng from back was in the hospital recovernng from
surgery He called or visted me daly, telling me all of the school news He greeted the students darly and was very
nisble $n$ my absence" ble in my absence" should not have to eat lunch in the classrooms He provided for additional gym
time and spent $\$ 9,000$ for the lunchroon tables" -"Father John was the first pastor to suggest any mprovements in the school
He remodeled the school office (before startung on the rectory) and made sure starting on the new wndows cut in the wall to provide for greater vsibility and security" must have changed in four years Im curtous to know who would stoop so low
as to invite outsiders (the Observer) in to as to invite outsiders (the Observer) in to
a parish family disagreement, and to a parish family dsagreement, and to
know just what you think a Catholic church 1s supposed to look like, Ms Kapp And yes, Emily Shmyr, my mother
is indeed the director of Rellgous is mndeed the Hirector of Religious "this man," Stan Olszewsk, is her husband
Peace be with you

Amy Olszewsk
Stand on principle
The artucle on the development of the
old Dasy property was interestung old Daisy property was interesting
Finally, the Plymouth City Counc Finally, the Plymouth City Council has
stood up for a principle There has been Stood up for a principle There has been
so little historc preservation done in the
Plymouth Plymouth area, and a long history is an
asset most other suburbs asset most other suburbs do not have
Yes, some of the orrgnal Daisy Arr Rufl factory should be preserved, especially since that was pert of the orcignal agree-
ment Stay firm, planing commsint ment Stay firm, planning commission

Plymouth

## Residents paying

Regardng the outdoor dannng 1ssue To $^{\text {a }}$ we quite blunt, fr II Ived outside the city
why cafes are open?
who live isue directly impacts those of us motorcycles late at $n$ Noise from cars and problems Imagine having your window open to get fresh air in the summer and havng to close it because almost EVERY night ALL summer long you get trred of the constant noise It gets real old fast
Our city police don't need to be busy Wur city police don't need to be busy public disturbances that wlll inevtably occur Besides, did the crty allocate add
tronal monies and manpower for our police? The rdea sounds great for "diners" at 11 pm , but the trade-off for city citizens 1 is one that I'm not eager to embrace
City residents are the ones having to Caty restidents are the ones havng to
deal with the rammfications of the new hours, not someone livng outside of th borders I sincerely doubt If they were
residents they would enjoy the late-night residentsess of city
uniquenes

We love livng here because of the close-knit neighborhoods and shared val get a drnk at late hours The current commission has done a lot of good governng the city However, this
decisson leaves the residents payng the price

## Police are professiona

In response to Mr Lavander's comwhat he had to do The joke is now on the kld , , sn't it I I wanted to answer your
questions regarding the incldent questions regardng the incident
Your first question was why dd th cop waste the tume to write the report in cop waste the tume to write the report in
the first place Well, if you knew anything about police work you d know that
an officer has to document all ncidents he is involved in If you've ever been to court you would know that documenta-
tion is a vial step in law enforcement Your next question was, "Had a bad Yay?" The officer involved is a tranned professional who cannot allow a "bad day" to get in the way of his judgment He
takes pride in his work and would not allow a "bad day' to enter into the performance of hiss duties
"Your next question was laughable
"How many people were shot, raped or
had a car stolen while he wrote this" I
am very happy and proud to report
NONE in our communnty It 18 because of officers like hum that we have the com-
muntry we have The city and township of Plymouth are very lucky to have the caliber of officers
that they have Belheve me, they could make more money in other communities It is people like you, Mr Lavander, who jump to judgment before you know wh 15 going on
harder
Next tume, maybe you will find out That is involved before you comment These are highly traned professionals
who do a thankless job and I , for one, an glad they are there job and I , for one, am:

Ray Yute
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## "Ouite honestly, I'm frustrated about the whole thing, too. Ithink (the city's) yote shows a lack of confidence in the

 process - and I don't blame them."- Lyn Bankes, county commissioner, on the underpass project


## Bizarre plans would gut state's MEDC program






Program test
The idea is to take $\$ 355$ mullion in MEDC operating money from the state's general fund, 14 milion the MEDC and $\$ 10$ million in
 tobacco settlement money that
funds high-technology projects funds hagh-technology project
That adds up to $\$ 60$ millon,
ust about enough to restore the just about enough to restore
cuts Gov Jennfer Granholm proposes makng in the
Michgan Ment Schofarsh1 program And it would leave the Program Ath around $\$ 65$ millhon
MEDC wrth
in Its 2004 budget, almost all of Phyl in its 2004 budget, almost all of Development Block Grant
D find Development Block Grant
funds earmarked to pass through to local government Make no mstake about tst, ff adopted, the net
ffect of thus proposal would be to gut the MEDC effect of thus proposal would be to gut the MEDC new jobs and helpmgg bussness growth in Michigan
Never mund that the MEDC was started by Never mind that the MEDC was started by
Republican Gov John Engler Never mind that MEDC has been recognuzed by Site Selection magane five years in a row as among the top 10 economic cevelopment outtits in the country Never spurred more than $\$ 72$ billon in prvate investment m Michigan, helped create more than 231,000 new, high-payngjobs in the state and micreased the
At a time when our economy is in the doldrum and Michgan's unemployment rate is at a nine-year high, why would anybody be crazy enough to
want to crupple the states very successful ecowant to cripple the states very successly two motives pathological enough to justrfy such selfmutilation are e ideology and politics Ideologically, look no further than the free-
market fanatics at the Macknac Center for Public Policy, who call the MEDC "Michigan's chief dispenser of corporate welfare", and want
the MEDC to be "ellmmated entrely" A curous the MEDC to be "ellminated entrrely' A curious Mrchigan businesses the MEDC helps each year gets any financial assistance, most get free help wth worker's compensation cost counselng, site
location services and worker recrutment and location servces and worker recrutment and
traning As vrrually every other state $n$ the
nation has an active and compettive economic
development program, entirely elmmnating the
MEDC would be like unnlaterally eliminating our MEDC would be like unnlaterelly elmmnating our nuclear weapons capability yust before ne
ing with the North Koreans about therrs Poltrcally, the idea 1s beguilng but dangerous
Plaunly, fat college scholarships for thousands of kds Plaunly, fat college scholarships for thousands of kds
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than helping Michygan's economy prosper by helpinan helping Michigans economy prosper oy help,
nhoseskess through the MEDC But some day,
thes scholarshps are going to be leavng those kids on scholarships are gong to be leaving
college and needing obs No MEDC, fewer good college and neednng tobs No MEDC, fewer good
jobss, no good jobs, those well-educated kads will be leavng Michigan to pursue their careers elsewhere A fascinating subplot in all thrs has to do wrth the
shenanigans now beeng performed by the Michigan shenanigans now beng performed by the Michigan
State Chamber of Commerce, certanly the most nafluental organzzation in the state in promotng
the interests of the business communty the interests of the businness communinty Amaznngly, the State Chamber 1s actively lobby-
ing legslators to elmminate the MEDC No less than mit legslators to elyminate the MEDC No less than
three chamber staff operatives have been meetng with key legslators to urge defunding of the agency
I called Jm Barrett, the president of the State I called $J m$ Barrett, the president of the State
Chamber, to ask what's going on, since so far as I Chamber, to ask what's gong on, stnce so far as
know the chamber board of durectors has not taken an official postiton
"How come", asked Barre
"How come", I asked Barrett, "the state's leadng
pro-busness organzzatoon s actuvely lobbyng aganst pro-business organuation is actuvely lobbyng aganst
the man pro-busness agency in state government?"
"The "The Mrochigan Chamber is advocating reduc-
thons in tovernment spending" Barrett tespondtions in government spending," Barrett respond-
ed "We don't support increasing state taxes or fees, so it would be irresponsible not to cut spendmg, includng that of the MEDC" "Does, that mean youre supportting the propos-
al being made to gut the MEDC?" al beng made to gut the MEDC?" from spectific legislatoros,", parried Barrett He
refused to say f any of refused to say if any of his chamber staffers were actually lobbyng leggsators
It looks to me as though the
whatever reaspns - is in the middle of sayng one thang and dongng another But that's what tends to happen when you mux rieology wrth poltics One
wonders what the businesses that contrnbute to the chamber's budget thank about what's goong on In any event, the plot to cripple the MEDC is a
bad In bad idea and should summarly be killed
FYI Gov Granholm has proposed a 20 -p FYI Gov Granholm has proposed a 20-per-
cent cut in MEDC funding, which seems to me reasonable in light of current economic condtions Let the record also show that $I$ serve as the
vice chair of the MEDC's Executive Committee, vice chair of the MEDC's Executive
so I have a stake in this argument
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## 'Beauty and the Beast' mesmerizes audiences

## LINDA ANN CHOMIM

aura Dysarczyk gets as big a kick out of the kds in the audience as they do watchnng
her dance across the stage as a dmner plate One of the most magical moments in Disneys Beauty and the Beast 1 shen the Guest The song sets the table for a meal scen on the first act of the Broadway-style musical out a young prnce doomed by a spell Ther Theatre in Detroit
The hghts are high and you can see the kids aces," satd Dysarczyk, who grew up seeng ters "It's the cartoon they've seen for years and t's come to life"
Of all the stops on the tour Dysarczyk 1 s and family who ve bought tickets for the sho the Fisher Theatre She grew up in Canton reaming about the day she'd be dancing on stage there - even if 1 t is as a plate
"My dance teacher, Joanne Zavsa
oanne's Dance Extension in Canton, took us o theater all the tme and my mom took me
well", Dysarczyk said "T'd seen bits of the well," Dysarczyk sadd "I'd seen bits of the

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years ago my family went and saw it downtown ${ }_{\text {II }}$ just loved it My mom bought me the and play $1 t$ and dance"
Dysarczyk does more though than dance in the show Not bad for someone who started out playng one of the mice in the Plymouth
Canton Ballet Co's Nutcracker Of course, Dysarczyk tramed wrth the best She studied Dysarczyk tramed with the best She studied

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Considered among the world's most tantalizng, Thal cussine offers a unique blend of tastes Despite location between
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from these countrres have on 1 t, That cuisine retanas sungularity Descrbed as nostril-flarng and tongue-searnge, 1 't's frequently consid
ered fast food Neither is accurate "Actually, Thai natives who've lived in the US for some time, now order Thas food mild or meduum," sald Lawan
Chandruang, who with her husband Adirek, opened the 70 -seat Bangko Adirek, opened the 70-seat Bangkok
Bistro on Troy at the end of March 2003 The couple also owns Bangkok Bistro
Cafe in Troy and Bangkok Express in Cate e in Troy
Southfield
The ch
The characterstic taste of Than food
comes from an aromatic mixture of comes
salt, pepper, garlic, basil and Thai pe salt, pepper, garic, basi and Thay pep
pers, pounded together "If someone orders a dish prepared mild," Lawan sadd, "we add one Thal pepper, for meduum, two peppers, and three for
Addtionally, herbs, spices, clantro,
ginger root, galangal from the ginger ginger root, galangal from the ginger
famly, lemongrass and kaffir lime. (both leaf and frut) are widely used to further enhance aromatic qualities Lemongrass, with the appearance of
grass, smells minty and has a


Shrimp and Thal eggplant (left) and Panang curry with beef are among the fayortes at Thal Bistro on Shrord Road in Canton
like taste The fragrance of kaffir lime of the lquad to make a clear and slghtleaves boosts citrus elements and adds ly brown broth refreshnng astringency Coconut milk, which creates a smoot Nam pla (fish sauce, which provides creamy base, , , as another essential that $\begin{array}{ll}\text { ent, critical to Than,-ness It's made } & \text { blends other Than ingredients together } \\ \text { curry dishes or desserts For a satay, }\end{array}$ from lengthy salt fermenting of small peanut butter, coconuts milk and Tat fish, followed by extraction and boilng $\begin{aligned} & \text { peanut butter, coconut milk and That } \\ & \text { chll paste are the mam sauce ungredients. }\end{aligned}$
maximum enjoyment
"Than food that's served in the US today orggnated in the palace of the kngs of Sam,", Lawan sald "These are
elegant dishes and not at all like the elegant dishes and not at all like the
foods eaten by commoners of that time" A truly authentic Thar meal consists of steamed rice served with many different
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same tyme $m$ what Amercans conslder
family style This makes Tha fame tyme style This makes Than food especrally sutable for a large group eating out
together and defintely removes it from together and defintely
the fast food category To maximize engoyment of the different tastes and textures and to gann
appreciation of the harmony of tastes take a spoonful of one dish with some fragrant basmati rice, then a spoonful of
fonother dish with more rice Doing this another dish wrth more rice Doing this
drives home the fact that Thai cuisme is drives home the fact that Thal culsme
unique and not merely a regional adapunique and not merely a regional adap
tation of Chinese or Indian cookng TYPICALLY THAI
Among typical Thal appetzers, Tod Mun Pla is a fried spicy fish cake, served Goong is a fred shrimp cake, served wrth sweet peanut and chall sauce

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## The thoughtful sounds of Michael King



the Detrout music scene His history ncludes projects with Liz Larn, queen of the 2
Detroit Music Awards Detrort Mustc Awards Best Instrumentalst winner, Kng has had musical endeav
ors wrth Atlantic and MCA

He worked wMi publishing producer Puth well-known the development of Kings album One by One by One recorded with has former band recorded whth his former band
Rebel Heels Hes worked wnth
Howling Diabolos, Stewart

Francke, Barbara Payton and Jesus Jones King has sold more than alloum is Michael King. Motion The songs feature live drumming and layers of prano

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delic gutar work But it's the sad and always smart lyrical story telling, and emphasiss
melody, that best describe melody, that best describe
Kngs music Lynces such as
"He
"Heaven leave a light on
How, I am late"
"If all hife is takng cover, I'd
rather be donsered dont don't know if you see me at all "This record to me was inspired by the sense of motion
in people slives," sad King in peoples lives," sald King
about the connection, or lack of connection He describes his fans, and potental new listeners, as pro
gressive college students and gressive college students and
beyond The more mature gen eyation meght be reminded of
ent Genessis,
Simon
"It's for
"IIt's for people who like music off the beaten path," he
said $\stackrel{\text { sald }}{\text { Mot }}$ Motoonalso oncludes trance
world beats that can be heard in the song Late Other songs such as Coldiffe artfully tangent into a melodic, sometimes spacey in a Davd Lynch move Michael King doesn't do it
alone His band includes other fellow metro Detroit artists Percussionist Eric Wilhelm has worked with Mitch Ryder and
George Clinton Saxaphonist Johnny Evans played with Howlin' Dablos Bass gutarist Peter Lewton played with Sun
209 Keyboardst Dale Grisa is also a composer and worked with Shella Lands and Stewart Francke
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Danny Cox has played on more than 100 CDs and worked with Alexander Zonyc and Bob
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## Hilberry ends season with dramas, Bonstelle presents musical



In 'The Cherry Orchard,' playwright Anton Chekhov takes the audience to turn-of-the-century Russia where arstocrat Madame Ranevsky tries to save her family's orchard

BY Nicole STAFFoRD
STAFF WRITER
Blar Anderson, charr of Wayne State Universty's's theatre depart-
ment, wanted to close the Hilberry ment, wanted to close the Hilberry sic drama
"We wanted to celebrate the longevity of the program", he eadd of
the graduate student theater "So we the graduate student theater "So ,
tried to pick the best of the best' tried to pick the best of the test
Theres's no question that Tenness Willams' A Streetcar Named Dessir a gaze at aging southern belle
Blanche DuBois, and Anton Chekhovs The Cherry Orchard, a Russlan arstocrat's attempt to save
the family orchard at the turn of the the famuly orchard at the turn of th
century, qualify as elte classics Three remainnng performances of
cent A Streetcar Named Desire remain at
the Hilberry, and The Cherry Orchard runs through May 17 Orchara runs through May 17
At the Bonstelle Theatre, Wayne State Universty's venue for undergraduate students, the classic musical Sweet Charity contunues April $25-27$ ventures in love of Charty Hope
Valentine a dance hall hostess Valentine, a dance hall hostess who
always grves her heart to the wrong always gives her heart to the wrong
man The orignal Broadway produc thon was nommated for 12 Tony awards with Bob Fosse winnng for
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- Anton Chekhov s The Cherry Orchard 8 pm . Friday, April 25 , May 9 and 16, 8 pm Saturday, April 26 May 10 and 17,8 pm Thursday May 1 and $15,2 \mathrm{pm}$ Saturday, May 10 and 172 pm Wednesday April 30 - Tennessee Willams A Streetcar Named Desire -8 pm Saturday May 3, Thursday, April 24 and May 8


## CLASSIC MUSICAL AT BONSTELLE

What: Hit musical Sweet Charity
When: 8 pm Friday Saturday, April $25-26,2 \mathrm{pm}$ Sunday, April 27
Where: Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave Detroit Tickets: General admission, \$14, students seniors faculty and alumn, $\$ 11$ children age $6-12 \$ 6$, call the box office, (313) 5772960


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## 'Nunsense' is habit forming for Farmington Players

| BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN <br> STAFF WRTTER <br> Marcia Peterson struts across the stage singing "I just wanna be a star" Dressed in street clothes the actress looks like she could be rehearsing any one of the Broadway-style musicals so popular with community theaters these days <br> Then Peterson and the rest of the cast go backstage to put on therr habits and vells <br> That's when the absurdity begins as the talented nuns from Hoboken, New Jersey reveal their plight in song 52 of the women in the convent have died from botulism after eating Sister Julia Child of God's vichyssorse The five remaining nuns were able to bury all but four who are temporanly at rest in the freezer They decide to put on a talent show to rasse money to pay for the arrangements <br> "It opens with Mother Superior using her clicker to get people's attention," said Emily McS weeney, director of Nunsense, the Dan Goggun's musical opening Friday, April 25, at Farmungton Players Barn Theater in Farmington Hills "It sets the tone A lot of people who went to Cathole school remember scenes like this with a stern Mother Supenor We wanted to mantain the decorum of a nun |
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The Farmington Players production of Nunsense features Eluzabeth BBibk (left) as Sister Mary Amnessia, Cynthia Tupper as Sister Mary Regina, Angela Boufford as Sister Mary Hubert, Megan King as Sister Mary Leo, and Marcla Peterson as Sister Robert Anne

For them to be modest at all trmes and never lose that dignty My sister-mn-law in Chicago is a
Donmican nun. I know them as Dommencan nun. not just as nuns
women and Even today in their crvilan Clothngg after the changes writ Vatcan In in 1968 there ${ }^{\text {things }}$ Focusing on the decorum of
things they won't do"
nuns while they speak nonsen- humming," sadd MCSweeney sical lines is what's made Nunsense popular for 20 years It's all upbeat. There's not one
That and Gogun's mustc The
quet That and Goggin's music The
Farmington Players liven up $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { quet moment m mhow" } \\ \text { Characters like Sister Mary }\end{gathered}$ ther production with a three- Amnesia keep the musical prece band, and dancing cho- $\quad$ rolling along
reographed by Lucy Kovac
'She fell on her head and reographed by Lucy Koviac
"Theres not a song anyone $\begin{gathered}\text { She fell on her head and } \\ \text { can't remember her real name }\end{gathered}$ will know but they'll walk away She's a little ditzy but very

NUNSENSE
What: Farmington Players perform Dan Goggins musical comedy about five surviving members of the Sisters of Hoboken convent

When: 8 pm Friday-Saturday April 25-26 May 23 and Thursday-Saturday May 8-10 and 1517 and 2 pm Sunday. May 4 and 11

Where: Farmington Players Barn Theater 32332 W 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
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ndearnng, sald Elizabeth Biblk, the Berkley resident playng Sister Mary Amnessa. sings opera I studied opera in Marne and it's kndo of nice to lend the acting and opera Goggn's Nunsense score is
favorte of
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well The North Farmington High School student plays not exactly the most talented of the bunch ' King recently
sung in a musical at school "I like the convent humor in the cookng scenee, the funny
jokes,' said King ' Each in Jokes', sald King 'Each song 1 s
a different style - 50 s , '60s, country, opera" And don't forget gospel,",
adds Angela Boufford who smgs Holer Than Thou Boufford plays Sister Mary Hubert, second in command after Mother Superior
'It's always good when It's always good when you
can throw a luttle gospel into Catholc show', sads Boufford who works in Bloomfield Hills Catholic to enjoy Nunsense," adds Cynthua Tupper who assumes the task of playng
Mother Superior "It's gong to Mother Supenor "It's going to years in parochalal school but
the audience doesn't have to the audience doesn't have to be
Catholic to laugh at some of the Catholic to laugh at some
nonsenscal things they do. Playng a role in Nunsense is
another story another story
'The costumes are not that
easy to move min" sadd Tupper easy to move in,"sapd Tupper
"They're hot You put them on and you're 25 pounds heaver It's given me a new respect for

## Champion expresses herself on ice



BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER
A few years ago, Olympic
skater Sasha Cohen watched the 1968 film version of Romeo \& Juliet and was in awe over
the musce
'I knew when I watched it that someday I wanted to skate
to that music," Cohen sard to that music," Cohen sald
Cohen will get her wish when she skates solo to the music in Champions On Ice
May 2 at Joe Louis Arena May 2 at Joe Louis Arena
'This is a special performance because the musicicis so amazing to me" Cohen sald
Cohen 18, will skate with Cohen 18, will skate w
other pros including other pros including
Michelle Kwan, Elvis Stojko Vladimir Besednn and Victor
Petrenko The show Petrenko The show gives
Olympic skaters more freedom to express therr creativ1ty without the pressure of compettition
'This is my fift tour, $\mathrm{t}^{\text {t's so so great to be relaxed }}$ on the cee without worryng
about scores" Cohen about scores," Cohen said
The show includes the solo The duow inciudes the solo finale involvng the entre cast
"Beng around all these great skaters is so inspirnng, it's just
fun to watch," she sald fun to watch, she sand
One of skatng's brghtest new stars, Cohen is one of only
a few women hopngg to
become the first to land a
quadruple Jump at the
out that she has a acomplished the ump several times - - uust
not at the Olympics y not at the Olympics yet
A serious back injury in 2000 set her back a year, but She rebounded to make the US Olympic Team She placed
fourth in Salt Lake Crity and at the 2002 World
Championships, and third at
the 2003 US Nationals She knows she's a role mode for young skaters nationwide and offers this advice to them
Keep a reality check as to Keep a reality check as to
whats really mportant in life Cohen sald "If you arent dong well, take a look at the events
happening around the world happening around the world there's more mportant thmings don't do it for anyone but you
self"'
It's her own determantion
It's her own determination
hat makes her succeed, not the ${ }^{\text {w }}$ ards of others
"I still have a lot to learn an shows like Champions on Ice with so many great people Th mussic is great, the costumes
are fun and well all see some are fun and well all see so
really great new things"

CHAMPIONS ON ICE
When: 730 pm Friday May 2
Where: Joe Louls Arena, Detroit Tickets: $\$ 30 \$ 65$ at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets or call (248) 645-6666 Performers. Michelle Kwan Irna Slutskaya Timothy Goebel Evgenı Plushenko Elvis Stokko Sasha Cohen Victor Petrenko Michael Weiss Philippe Candeloro Surya Bonaly Rudy Galindo Nicole Bobek Oksana Kazakova and Artur Dmitriev Naomi Lang and Peter Tchernyshev Shae Lynn Bourne and Victor Kraatz Ellzabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow Dan Hollander Irina Grigorian Vladimir Besedin and Oleksyy Polishchur Ann Patrice McDonough Tatana Totmıanina and Maxim Marinin


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Lea Kurka, (left), as Regina and Sidede Onyulo as Owuor in the film, Nowhere in Africa; running this weekend at Detroit Film Theatre

## Films on Jewish experience abound with festival opening

In addition, the annual
Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festrval opens Sunday, Aprl 27 with four films at United Artists
Theatres in Commere Theatres in Commerce Township Sunday's lineup
includes a screening of The Sky is Fallung wrth Isabella Rossellin1
This year's This year's festival features 32 fims and runs through May 88
whth screenings at four venues For a screenng schedule or brochure, call (248) 432-5577
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## OSCAR-WINNING FLLM

What: Nowhere in Africa the true story of a family who fled Nazi Germany for a remote farm in Kenya When: 7 pm and 945 pm Friday Saturday April $25-264 \mathrm{pm}$ and 7 pm Sunday April 27 Where: Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave Detroit Tickets: Adults, $\$ 6.50$ seniors students and DIA members, $\$ 50$ call ( 313 ) $833-3237$ or visit www dia org/dft

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Actor Dustin Hoffman
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## 'Confidence' packed

 with plot twists and style By Nicole staffordThere's much to like about Confidence The plot keeps you guessing The film has an
edgy modern tone that feels a bit like Pulp edgy, modern tone that feels a bit like $P$
Fictoon
Buts But it's Dustun Hoffman that makes
Confidence worth seemg
Move-goers haven't seen Hoffman in a film
for quite some time And they 11 likely be surfor quite some time And they ilikely be sur-
prssed by his role in Confidence, which opens
Frday Friday
Hoffma Hoffman plays The King, an eccentric, articu-
late crime boss whose ablity to terrorize and late crime boss whose abilyty to terrorize and
intimidate others is subtle, precise and realistic We meet The King through Jake VIg, played
intimiat
by Edward Burns, a veteran high-style by Edward Burns, a veteran high-style grfter
who serves as the film's narrator Jake learns who serves as the film's narrator Jake learns
that his latest mark was The King's accountant, so sets up a meeting and offers to repay hm
The King has other plans for Jake and his The Kng has other plans for to repe and him
crew - the biggest con job theyve ever pulled crew - the biggest con job they've ever pulled
The mark is a wealthy banker with tees to organized crime
Jakes crew members are played by Paul
Gramatth, Bran Van Holt, Donal Logue, Gramatt1, Brian Van Holt, Donal Logue, Luis
Guzman and Rachel Weisz Andy Garcia plays FBI agent Gunther Buta Although the con is a complex one that revolves around a corporate bank loan, comput-
er money transfers, off-shore bank accounts and er money transfers, off-shore bank accounts and
US Customs, ti's how grfters observe and use
human behavor that makes the film interesting human behavoror that makes the film interestng
The best scene in Confidence, which was The best scene in Confidence, which was
drected by James Foley (Glengarry Glen Ross), directed by James Foley (Glengarry Glen Ross),
captures how Jake and crew gann the confidence of a bank vice president over dinner and
drnks
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The plot ending ann't sheer surprise, and the
film's characters, aside from Hoffinans, are


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## Don Giovanni steals the heart of MOT audiences



By LIIPd AnN Chomin
Staff wiriter
"You can't resist a magnettc,
chansmattc seducer, can you?" charnsmattic seducer, can you
asks Dand DIChuera almost
tauntngly tauntingly
The Michigan Opera Theatre mpresarno 1 s turnngg
on the charm to lure audiences
to the Detro to the Detrott Opera House to
see Mozart's Don Glovanni see Mozart's Don Giovannı
Saturday, April 26, to Sunday, May 4 But he doesn't have to For more than two centurnes,
the story of the legendary the story of the legendary
womanizer has raised intrigue Womanizer has rased intrigue
Barione Gmo Quilico and Brazilan tenor Paulo Szot
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charmang predator
"It's one of the great maste preces, a combunation of must-
cal genus that Mozart poured cal genus that Mozart poure
ma and the way he brngs
together musical and comic
 elements,", sadd DIChiera
"There's a bit of supernatural by bringngg to life a statue that
drags Govanni to hell There's
a tremendous amount of erotya tremendous amount of erott-
cism Don Glovann, even by
today's standards, is still contoday's standards, is still con-
sidered risque It deals wth
subject matter of seduction subject matter of seduction
"The Don Juan figure, on
whom Mozart based Giovan

It's one of the great masterpieces, a combination of musical genius that Mozart poured in and the way he brings together musical and comic elements.'

Davu D,Chera
Michigan Opera Theatre
is the most memorable female predator $n \mathrm{n}$ literary history
People ere always acsuated
by the De Juay fisure" by the Don Juan figure"
Kyle Ketelsen would still rather peley Leporello, Don
Govanni's man servant Glovann's man servant This
is the suxth is the sixth time the Wisconsin
bass-bartone has played the bass-barttcne has played the
character who myects subtle character who imjects subtle
comedy into the devastation
left behind by Do left behnnd by Don Govannı
Ketelsen grew up in Iowa Ketelsen grew up in Iowa
listening to his mother's opera
recordings butt recordngss but it wasn't untll
high school when his chorr high school when his choir
director encouraged him to director encouraged him to
enter vocal competitions that
Ketelsen considered Ketelsen considered a career
on stage After high school, he






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 York Cty Opera.
"I grew up hearng these tunes and not recognizing
them as opera," sadd the 31them as opera," sald
year-old Ketelsen "I'm Glovannirs traveling compan-
ion More importantly, Im 1o. More importantly, Im
part of Glovannı hamself, Grovanni wrth a consceence,
more morals and less more morals and less courage
I love the role of Leporello Who wouldn't want to be the clown of the show, to be comic
relef and endear yourself to relef and endear yourself to
the audience? $I^{\prime}$ m given the the audnence ${ }^{\text {P }}$ Im given the
tools by Mozart to steal the show"

DON GIOVANIII
What: Michigan Opera Theatre performs about legendary about legendary When: Saturday, April 26, to Sunday, May 4 Performances 730 pm Wednesday. 8 pm Friday-Saturday. 2 pm Sunday Where: Detrot Opera House, 1526 Broadway Tickets: $\$ 18$ - $\$ 105$, call (313) 237-SING Groups of 20 or more. (313) 237-3409

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## Spotlight Players present comedy

By LINDA ANN CHOMM
STAFF WITIER
Mary Lynn Kuna doesn't have time to feel sad about
the Spothght Players' last the Spothight Players' last
production, A Funy Thng Happened on the Way to the
Forum opening Friday April Forum opening Friday, Apri
25, at the Watertower Theater in Northville Shes too busy making preparation
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Summit on the Park in Canton The communtry center will be the temporary
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1950s Beverly Hills home rejuvenated for 2003

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surface, death looks both inescapable and permanent However, we should not be fooled by the external appearance of death For death affects only our bodies At the core of our being is ourbimmaterial soul, the eternal spirt which we share with our Heavenly Father Although we tend to identify ourselves with our earthly bodies, the Easter message reminds us that this is a mistake Our physical bodies are nothing more than transient shadows through His prophets It is about His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ as to His humanity, He was born a through His prophets It is about His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ as to His humanity, He was born a
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And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. R.S.V. John 10:28


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| The 50 year class reunion for Royal Oak High School now Dondero High School is being held on May 172003 at Red Run Golf Club Please contact etther Roy Van Zandt at (248) 549 3863 or Sthriley (Winter) Morse at (248) 3535396 |
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| That also guarantees another home game for the Whalers |  |
| Game 6 is scheduled for 730 |  |
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| Compuware Arena If necessary, |  |
| Game 7 will take place at |  |
| Kitchener Monday All games will be broadcast at Talk Radıo |  |
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| 1310 WXDX. |  |

Plymouth's first two-game losing
streak of the playoffs Whalers coach Mike Velluccı used an old coaching axxom when describng his team's approach to the next two or three "Hey; we"ll just take them one at a tume," he sald
Plymouth has outshot Plymouth has outshot
Kitchener $85-49$ in the gamen, but Rangers coach Pete games, but Rangers coach Pete
DeBoer sald his team's approach
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5 "If we wn our home games, we
know we win the serves" know we win our the semes,", he sadd "We won't come out any different in the next game Shots on goal don't really mean anythng
We've had just as many scorng chances as they have the serres" The winner of this seres will Toronto-Ottawas series for th Toronto-Ottawa series

## Crusaders go

 2-2 on diamond
## by brad monastier and paul beaudry

STAFF WRITERS
Madonna and Cornerstone are two top softball contenders for first place in the Wolvernie-Hoosier Athletic
Conference Last weekend, they met on the damond for a parr of games, but solved little as to who will carry the first-place crown this season
MADONNA $\begin{gathered}\text { The two teams split a Saturd } \\ \text { doubleheader, wrth Madonna } \\ \text { wnnnng the first game, } 5-0,\end{gathered}$ doubleheader, wth Madonna
wnnnnt the first game, $5-0$,
before losing the nghtceap, $3-0$ It was more of the same on with Tri-State, drubbing the Thunder in the opener, 10-2, but getting nupped in the second, 2-1 Madonna pitcher Jennifer Tenyer pitched a brillant game in getting the win over Cornerstone ( $17-9,10-4$
WHAC) in the
Madonna pitcher Jennifer Tenyer $\begin{aligned} & \text { opener she went } \\ & \text { the distance strik- }\end{aligned}$ pitched a brilliant game in getting $\begin{aligned} & \text { ing out six batters, } \\ & \text { allowng one hat }\end{aligned}$ the win over Cornerstone (17-9,
10-4 WHAC) in the opener. and issuing no
walks Kathryn Day
and Mary and Mary
Warchuck each had two hits for the Lady Crusaders in the
win, while Sarah
Golob drove in 1 In the second game, it was Cornerstone's turn to blank Madonna, pickng up a 3 -o wn warchuck plcked up tw
of Madonna's four hits in the game, but was left stranded on base each tıme
Cornerstone's Tracy Patterson got the win on the
mound, striking out one and walkng one in seven innings of work

Golob

LaRose goal ties series for Whalers By Brad Monastiere
STAFF YiTITR BY BRAD MONAS
STAF Yirter
For the second-straght game, a winner wasn't decided in the OHL Western
Conference finals until the final two min utes But the result was one that had
Plymouth Whalers fans giddy whth excte-

OHL PLAYOFFS
ment $\quad$ Forward Chad LaRose backhanded in a beautfful goal whth 127 left in the thrird period to liff the host Whalers to a
thrilling 3 -2 wn over the Kitchener Rangers at Compuware Arena. The win thes the best-of-seven sernes at two games apiece, with
tonght at Kitchener tonght at Kitchener
In Game 3, the Whalers appeared to have scored a gool just as tume exprred in the third period that would have sent the
game into overtime But the officials game into overtume But the officials
ruled the puck ddd not cross the goal line before the game ended LaRose made
sure no such revew was necessary this sure no such revew was necessary this
tmme L LaRose scored his nimth of the playtume LaRose scored his ninth of the play-
offs off a perfect setup from Karl Stewart, Plesse see whalers, D6

Spring break is one thing, but this is silly


Trio leads All-Observer volleyball squad By brad emons
STAFF WRTIER
Mike Hughes' final season as Livonia Mike Hughes final season as Livonia most memorable in his 26 years
Yes, the $49-8-3$ record made
Yes, the $49-8-3$ record made tt fun, no doubt Activties Assoclation, including the Western Activties Association, including the Western
Divsion crown, along wrth a Divsion I dstrict
championship, didn't hurt ether championship, didn't hurt ethe
But Hughes, who bows out of coachng with
$765-254-81$ mark with the Chargers, couldn't have asked for a better farewell
"The kds played and played, they improved consistently all year long," sald Hughes, who guided Churcthili to a regonal final and was no of the most pleasant and most enjoyable teams I've ever coached They were funny and
they had a good tume They enjoyed playing and they had a good time They
I enjoyed coaching them"

PLEASESEE VOLLEYBALL, D2

 Salem's Mandy Bradiey delivers a serve in action from last season.
Bradiey was one of three Plymouth-Canton area players named to Bradley was one of three Plymouth-Canton area players named to Bradley was one of three Plymouth-Canton ar
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## Pre-Race Events Punlic Invited

- June 18th \& 19th -Starting at 900 am , and continuing throughout the day - Great Race Registration and Technica Inspections at the Holiday Inn, 6 Mile and 275
- June 18th - Roush Collection Open House, 11851 Market Street, Livonia, $530-900 \mathrm{pm}$ - June 20th - Great Race Trophy Run, from the Livonia Holiday Inn, to Michigan International Speedway, to Livonia City Hal ars will leave the Holiday Inn beginning at 900 am and return to City Hall beginning at 345 pm
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## Madonna baseball team splits twinbill with Tri-State



In the second game, Tr1-
State got three runs in the State gnt three runs in the sec-
ond innug and held on for a 3 2 wn
The Thunder used three
ptchers woth starter John The Thunder used three Kimmerly (1-4) prckng up the
vctory He worked the first 4. victory He worked the first 41
innings before guvng way to minnngs before givng way to
Ryan funkhouser and Todd Baby, each gong 11 mnings The loss went to MU Junior
nght-hander Chris Behrns $(1-$ nght-hander Chris Behrns (13), who gave up three runs
(one earned) on four hits in one earned on four hits in
five mnnngs Dan Duffey and
Adam Kline (Redford CC) finAdam Kline (Redford CC) finished up
Catcher went 2 -for-3, Odom wth-3 an RBI single in the fourth The Crusaders added another run in the fifth on a double by Miller, a single
by Cole, a walk to Joe Greene by Cole, a walk to Joe Greene
followed by Woodruff's followed by Woodruft's sacr1-
fice fly But Funkhouser got out of
the mnnng when the inning when he fanned
sterling Mintzer and got Craig sterling Mintzer and got Craig Grant Klinedinst had two of
Tr-States four hits Tr-State's four hats Splitsville again On Saturday, Madonna
divided a doubleheader with divided a doubleheader wth
Indiana Tech at Ford Field,
winning the nightcap 9 , winning the nightcap, 9-8,
after losing the opener, 14-2 after losing the opener, $14-2$
The Warrors, who captured
two of three durng the week-
end sernes, improved to $31-11 \mathrm{I}$
overall and $16-4$ in the WHAC overall and $16-4$ in the WHAC
After falling behind in the second game, $7-1$, the Crusaders ralled for four runs in the sxth and three runs in game was called due to dark-
Matt Rugley (RU) went 3-for-5 to lead the Crusaders, while Joe Green added a hut and two RBI Lead-off hitter went 2 -for- 4 wth an RBI and two runs scored Relievers Mark Cole
(Redford CC) and Adam Kline (Redford CC), the winning pitcher, combined for three strong inmings in relef on the
mound Roy Rabe (Livonia mound Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) started for the
Crusaders and worked the first four innings
Indana Tech exploded for Indiana Iech exploded for the opener before crusing to the $14-2 \mathrm{wnm}$
Zach Hosier
Zach Hoster and Malcom Henderson each drove in three
uns for the $W$. Turner went 3 -for- 4 wth RBI in the wn
Madonna's Marıo D'Herın (Redford CC) belted a two-run homer to provide Madonna
whth its only offense of the
game
Joel Hallday, who didn't get out of the opening inning, took out of the
the loss

## Salem boys sweep past Canton


mnnngs Salem's Steve Cox -
the teamm leader in runs batted m last year - drove in two to
spark the Rocks His RBI sngle spark the Rocks His RBI sngle
in the fiff innng proved to be the difference in the contest
Nate Krumwede prcked upa Nate Krumwede picked up a
pari of hits and scored a run as ${ }_{\text {well }}^{\text {par }}$ of
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Salem bats heated up to the Salem bats heated up to the
tune of five runs in the second tunne of ive runs in the second
big wn
Mike Antich got the rally started with a bases-loaded dou-
ble that drove in two Two batters later, Drew Parllng followed
the suit with a bases-loaded single, that also brought home two runs Coxs sacrice fly drove in
the fifth and final run in the bar$\underset{\text { Antuch and Dylan Tobin each }}{\text { rage }}$ Ant three hits in the second game to lead the Rocks


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Wilhams, Solash, Sam Manees, Scott George, 930 6)
The Shamrocks were fourth in the 3,200 relay wrth Doot,
Step, Workng and Schniender Step, Workng and Schneider
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George, Manees, 9 30 6).
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## BREAK

## FROM PAGE D1

(Actually, some area teams now travel as entire groups to
some of those southern spots to tram and stay sharp) And what tradittionally actually has turned out to be a timeout for almost two weeks Some athletes take off before school lets out, so ADs and coaches, fearng more defec-
tions, don't schedule anything two days pror to Good Friday. And they often wonder how
many will make it back in time mony wilm make the manday after (which
for the this year falls on April 28) I've heard stories of promı-
nent team members skipping out of events even before spring break begms, puttung their seasons and coaches in a difficult predicament
Thus, this 2
season may become the silliest of all-tume
The usual March ranouts an early April snowstorm, wped out nearly seven valuable
days of scheduling this spring days of scheduling this sprng
Throw in sprng break week, semior proms, semior trips and semior skip days, honors and
graduation magts, the wndow to schedule shrrinks even more Obvously, the only solution is to jam mas many events into a school baseball team, already faced with several makeup dates, will have to play 16 So much for practice Who needs it, right?
I don't want to pant a broad
brush and say that all school athletes treat spring sports as a joke, because there are many who take therr sport seriously They use the break to
improve and get better mprove and ges bett that send when they take their kads out of school early, muss games
and disrupt the team, is becom ing more and more a serious problem. It puts the coaches in a bad situation
And what a terrible message that is sending
But the schools go right along, appearing powerless to confront the issue.
I'd continue the normal scheduling of league games through sprng break and let
the chips fall where they may the chpss fall where they may,
you have to use JV players you have to use Jy players
when varsty players defect, so when
be $1 t$
Than
Thank God there's no fall break, and when winter break swimming and hockey seasons don't shut down for a week.
I've taken three trips to Kansas in three years in midMarch and I've gotten the same response when askng the local
about how to do they handle about how to do they handie
high school sports durng the
${ }^{\text {sprngy }}$ "Why wouldn't you schedule "Why wouldn't you schedule
sports durrng spring break?" sports durng sp,"
Sounds like a novel hdea
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Brad Emons is sports editor for the Brad Emons is sports editor for the
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| CRISADERS | the second game, postung a 2 |
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| FROM PAGE D | win |
|  | Thunder (21-14, 9-11) on a |
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| out nine batters while walkng | The Crusaders tattooed |
| just one | three Thunder pitchers for a |
| MU splits with Tri-State | total of 18 hits -10 of them |
| The Crusaders brokc open a | Kurtz (9-9) |
| 2-2 tie with a par of runs in | Mary Warchuck led the |
| the fifth mnning, then scored | parade by gong 4 -for-4 with a |
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| rcy-shortened wn in the | three RBI - two con |
| opener of the doubleheader | on a double in the sixth inning |
| Tri-State turned the table in | - and Krystle Shna was 3 -for |


first as Warchuck sngled, and errors to load the bases Stace Sexsmith grounded out to short, scorng Warchuck with the first run
But Tr-State got two back
in the fifth as Brockert, who reached on a smgle, wound up scorng the tyng run on a wild sngle to plate Sara Piper Emily Cunningham led Madonna by
 hits Rohm went 3 for 4 to lead Tri State



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the Observer, he has more tme for bowing and bikng I Just hope you guys the those bowling bags down real good, a runaway way would not be good. There ere others who ride and
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| and center Chrs Thorburn, Plymouth was able to light the lamp enough to the up the series | Paul Drew The first |
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| a season-high for the Whalers "They trapped us in the third | LaRose's stick about 10 front of the net |
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the experience from last year to know how to get the job done"

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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Plymouth's Chris Thorburn (19) and Kitchener's Michael Richards (18) battle for position during Tuesday's
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> CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TRUSTEES AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION APRIL 15, 2003
A jont meetung of the Board of Trustees and the Plannung
Commssion of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, Commission of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday,
April 15.203 at 4600 Summit Parkway Supervisor Yack alled
the meeting to order at $704 p \mathrm{~m}$ and led the Pledge of Allegarance the meetung
to the Flag
Board of Trustees Members Present Bennett Burdzak,
MLLaughln Zarbo Krchgatter Yack Shefferly Members Absent
None
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Absent None Staff Prese Absent None Staff Present Aaron Machnik, Jeff Goulet, Judy
Bocklage Tom Casar, Bob Belarr Also Present Tm Cronin Motion by Bennett seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda aspesencen Motron cartued y near Planning
Item 1. Infrastructure 5 year Plannung Update. Tom Casarn
presented the five year projections for the proposed presented the five year projections for the proposed
Roadfintersection Imporoements and the proposed Water Man
proeects It was noted the projects for 2000 are unfunded at this
Item 2 General Land Use Planning \& Comprehensive Plan Update There was discussson about as the communnenty matures
Und use plannng gets tougher Needs and efforts for the and use planning gets tougher Neds and efforts for the the
comprehensve plan were dscussed Jeff Goulet revewed the Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives that reminded the
Board and Commission of the need to provide sufficient relability to serve existing and future development
Item 3. Ford Road - Long Term Objectives. Trustee Zarbo
presented a concept to develop a business plan for Ford Road goal of the business plan would be to create a strategic, integrated en 4 plan for Ford Road
Update on the Admunistration BuIding and other Pubbic
Buildings. Admminstration building is on schedule and withun budget
Discussion of Commercial Development west of Canton
Center. The general discussion ndcated that line would be held on commercal development west of Canton Dischssion of In-Fill Projects. Tabled for discussion at
another study session Update on Ford/Ridge Park. There 1 a a master plan for the
development of this ste The estmated cost to develop is in the 8 millon dollar range Development will be held off pending a Update on Summit Splash Park. Will be located east of the
Summit, north of the Parkway Target completion date will be Tee Ordmance Mr Joe Bloch addresed the Boar indicating has interest assısting in a plan for the propert located at the Ford Road and 1275 He ndicated he neede with the site
Massage Ordunance Mr Cronin presented a review of the
ordinance process meludung and the need for revisons based upon lack of regulation by the State of Michigan and changes to hichigan law The public was given an opportunity to express of this Ordnance will be place on the next public meeting
Sewer Study/Capacity. Mr Casari presented the prelmmnary
result of the model showng sewer capacty He indicated more mformation with meternnge equipment nee
assess the future needs of the communty
ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, Supported by
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Joan Dawknns says almost all her business today is referrals from satisfied customers

## How to select a good agent to help you sell, buy (and avoid the bad apple, too)

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Perhaps more important, how do you avo the stnker? Be wary of guarantees and outlandish
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Smuth should know He was a
years orwo real estate firm for 10
"You need to make sure you feel comfor
able wnth style and able with style and how you interact,"
Smith said of intervewing prospective ${ }^{\text {agents }}$ "The first question is one that warms t person up - are you in my marketplace
How many have you listed sold? If owswer is zero, that doesn't mean theyre unqualfied. If it 1 is zero, there may be some
(sales) in other areas they can talk about

## MARKETING PLANS

"Then you get into hardball questions," ing do you do? 'd be lookng for what an agent does other than the MLS contacts whth other brokers, public mailngs Do they have a data base of people lookng for
propertes like mine? And don't discount new agents just because theyre new, Smith added
"They're enthuslastic But make sure they're spending enough time in the indus
try to market effectively" try to market eafectively, officer of Metropoltan Consoldadated
Association of Realtors, also is for Assoclation
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don't know any Realtor who would say don't know any Realtor who would say that

- If that came out of someone's mouth, Id be leery," he sald
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tits not gongs to be the broadest exposure, he said
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Everyone should be clear on agency and commissions
"It certanly is a question a savvy buyer or senller should have if a broker doesn't
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entrre process, Baczkowski said entire process, Backzowsk said He said hew would first get a sense from lawn signs what real estate offices are active where he's sellng or lookng to buy He then would call at least three brokers for references on agents, then interview
those agents before settling on a represen tative
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Ask specific, ponted questions,
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servce provders?' he added
Joan Dawkns, a 20 -year veteran and
Joan Dawkns, a 20 -year veteran and
assocate broker whth RE/MAX on the
Trail, Plymouth, treats personal references
like gold
"The best way to get a good Realtor is
word-of-mouth from friends and relatives," word-or-mouth from frenens and relative
she said "Most people like to refer an she sald Most people like to refer an
agent who has done a great job in every
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saln a
In In addition to a good reference, a good
marketung plan, good communcation, good information and good vibrattions, the professional dessignation of Certutified Residental Specialst should carry weight
wth prospective clients, Dawknns added
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least you know you're gettung a Realtor with experience and good traming" Folks lookngy for a Realtor need to know about experience, people skllls and aval--
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"Ask for references and call a few of those people", she sald "How do you know someones honest When a Realtor says ${ }^{\text {"I think a }}$ a Realtor needs an (office) team o keep themselves out in the field dong what they do best - listing and selling," Rea
said "If someone's dong a lot of busness, sade "If someone's dong a lot of busmess,
they're probably not unethical If they were, they wouldn't last" Sharon Whitfield of Bloomfield Hills
recently had a sour real recently had a sour real estate experrence. rushed," she said "If yourre a a frrst-tume buyer or seller, you should always consult an
attorney There's so many thungs thrown at attorney Theres so many things thrown at
you in a hurry, 1 t's hard to understand 1 tall" For information on filing a complant aganst a real estate agent, call the state of Michigan consumer and industry services To verfy a hicense or disciplinary action, call (517) 241-9427
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## 2003 Cadillac Escalade Provides Security and Luxury

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Theress no better prospect than takng a Cadillac
Escalade for a trpp through the Upper Midwest when Escalade for a trip through the Upper Midwest when
the snow is falling and wnter wnds are swrimg The eight passenger sUV Is huge, high off the ground and sure-foted, and the feelng of securtyty tprovdes dnver
and passengers is matched only by the 2003 Escalades and passengers is matched o
luxurnous creature comforts
That's the ample good news But along wth the coddilng and coconnng come some not--nexexpected craw-
backs as well scallade ndes and handes too losesy, it gets atrocous mileage, and operating the eehided vanl-
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Lstung at proes statring at $\$ 50,795$, Fscalade is the is tryng to recapture some of fods past which once agan hayl of trs enture promuct liseup cadillac says that
Escalad appeats to younger byyers 2001 "Most appealing Luxury SUV" award from JD Power \& Assocatess a renowned evaluator of customer satisfact
No doubt the Escalades's cabn scored huge with con-
sumers The front, madde and rear seat tevels each have sumers The fint, middia an enser seat eeves ead have
ther own climate controls, ensurng maximum comfort even for family members whose internal thermostats diverge widely Heated mad-level seats that reclme are a
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my two teenagers to pass the hours my two teenagers to pass the lours aucky watching
Lord of the Rengs The newly avalable XM Satellte Radoo was an assolute delight How many places can you find hour after hour of must from the tortured but
sgguficant Seventes or a contmuous program of fam


2003 Cadillac Escalade is loaded with luxurious creature comforts
ly-oriented humor from old Bll Cosby routines to smip-
pets from Laugh-In? We never even got to the point of $\begin{aligned} & \text { medung front-seat dual-level arrbags for driver } \\ & \text { and passenger-sensing system so the airbag knows }\end{aligned}$ pets from Laugh-In? We never even got to the point of
playng a CD on the Escalades Bose-equipped audo sys-
whether to deploy Huge arrows on the side murrors tha tem--how nineties would that be?
Minor complants about the interior include the fact that buttons and knobs bearing only icons are so numerous that they could overwhelm many drivers' ability to description wuth many switches would be a brg help And while Bulgari is certanly a gold-plated brand, placmg one of trs clocks on the center console seems redundant, with a larg
the dashboard
For 2003 , in addition to makng the cabin even more dlang and performance A new four-channel electromic-brake-control system replaces a three-channel hydraualic
control, providng benefits such as more stable, concontrol, prondung benefits such as more stable, con-
trolled ABS stops--as illustrated by the necessity for quick brakngo on a snow-covered stretch of Intesstate 94
recently near Jackson recently near Jackson
The robust six-liter Vortec 6000 engne in the all-
wheel-drive version lends Escalade 345 horsepower, wheel-drive version lends Escalade 345 horsepower,
more than any other SUV, and remarkable prckup for such a huge vehicle Another pleasant surprise is Escalade's surning ratho of just 39 feet, very tught for a
mammoth SUV and handy when you re poorly navgatmammoth SUV and handy when you re poorly navgat-
ing unfamilhar city streets
The 2003 Escalade also features safety enhance
whether to deploy Huge arrows on the side murrors that blink along with front and rear turn signals are a useful touch GM also has added power-adjustable feature to the brake and accelerator pedals for the new model year A ctrikng advantage at ught in Escalade is the high-
nttensity discharge headlamps, which drench the road mtensity discharge headiamps, which drench the road
ahead wnth smulated daylght, GM says Escalade is the only SUV to carry these lamps as a standard feature Yet, for all that functional aplomb, Escalade doesn't necessarly turn heads the way some of Cadyl's new
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nde overall seems more truck-lke than It should ride overall seems more truck-like than it should With fuel efficiency on a 900 -mile round trip to
Wisconsun that averaged only about 15 miles a gallon even on the Interstate system. Escalade requred way even on the interstate system, Escalade requred way fuel-tank cap was back on, it sure was a nice vehicle to climb back into
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