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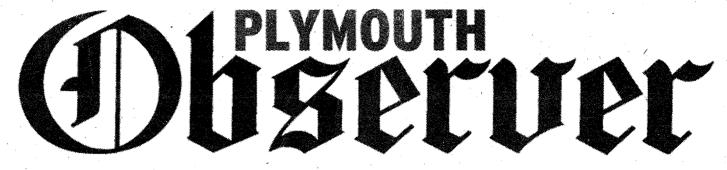


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CCTV system leads to arrest

A closed-circuit television system Plymouth Township Police have made available to local businesses paid off in the arrest of three suspects charged with stealing thousands of dollars worth of scrap metal from a Plymouth Township business last week.

The three suspects were arrested after being seen on video allegedly trying to steal the metal from Haggerty Metals. Fortunately for the company, it had been outfitted with the CCTV system rigged up by officials at ASC Security Systems.

The system triggered an alarm on ASC computers, and company officials were able to alert the township's dispatchers about the crime in progress

"We want to catch these guys in the act," Police Chief Tom Tiderington said. "It's making us more efficient. We want to use technology to better protect our community

Doug Billingsley, one of the owners at Haggerty Metals, said last week's robbery was the latest of several in which thieves have made off with as much as \$50,000 worth of materials.

"We've been hit constantly, that's why we put the system in in the first place," Billingsley said. "We were able to see (with the system) where there are loopholes where (thieves) are getting in."

That's the whole purpose of the system, paid for in part by a federal grant. The system, first installed at the Lake Pointe Soccer Park on Haggerty, gives dispatchers 24/7 access to sites where the system is installed.

"This is an example of the technology in action," Tiderington said. "The same group was seen a week or two earlier helping themselves to someone else's property. With the video, we can charge them with those crimes, too."



Pioneer students Caitlyn Baumer, Kaitlyn Bunyak and Marissa Williams watch classmates help out with the science show.

Reinforcing Newton's laws Actors bring science to life for students

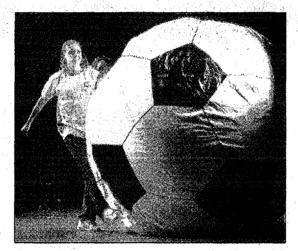
BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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

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

"It's a way to inspire young people to get involved in the fields of science and technology, said Candi Hall, 21, one of three professional actors who performed on a concert-like stage, giving the new wave lessons on Newton's theories. "Careers in engineering and technology are growing at a rate three times faster than all others right now, but kids' interest in going into these fields is declining. We want to get them pumped up about science and show them it can be fun.'

Hall and her fellow actors led students in cheering for classmates and teachers who participated in the demonstrations. Students, wearing



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

Velcro jump suits, vaulted onto a wall to demonstrate inertia. Go-carts powered by carbon dioxide and driven across the stage illustrated action and reaction. Teachers, wearing padded suits, participated in "extreme wrestling" to demon-

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We'll never forget'

Local student 'shocked' by rampage

STAFF WRITER

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

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

for class. It was then Zaccone started receiving bits and pieces of information about the shooting rampage that left 33 people dead, including the gun-

man who took his own life. "We started getting word from other students," Zaconne said Wednesday morning from his dorm room at Virginia Tech. "The class started at 10:10 and they locked us in until the class ended at 11:50. We

the duration of that class. "They locked us down and let us go at about the time they got the e-mail giving the OK," he added. Zaccone said he also received a call from his mother, Lisa, when she got word of the shootings that

looked up the news online and stayed online during

killed 32 people. "As I was figuring out what was happening, my mom gave me a call in class to see if I was OK," Zaccone said. "She was relieved."

Zaccone said after leaving the physics lab, he went back to his dorm room and watched television news. "I was shocked and didn't believe it at first." Zaccone

said. "It didn't hit me until five or six hours later." Zaccone said he attended the Tuesday gathering with President Bush to remember the victims.

"I kind of think there's nothing we can do about it, but I worry about how this will affect our school and our academics the rest of the year," Zaccone said. "It's something we'll never forget, but hopefully we can move on." Zaccone said despite the shootings, he doesn't feel

unsafe on campus and plans on continuing his studies at Virginia Tech. "I kind of feel like this is a one-time incident,

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

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Incumbents have ideas for meeting school district's challenges

Ham-Kucharski: Radical change to address budget

BY TONY BRUSCATO

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

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

"I was very disappointed in the core team's recommendations," he said. "I could take two-thirds

PLEASE SEE HAM-KUCHARSKI, A4



the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

Slavens: District must address structural deficit

BY TONY BRUSCATO

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

Slayens is one of six candidates running for two, fouryear seats on the board in the May 8 trustees election. "The No. 1 reason I'm running is because I believe

we're on the right track with regard to measurement of academic performance and improving academic performance," Slavens, of Canton Township, said.

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Mark Slavens (right) seeks a third term on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

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Cops recover stolen property

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Detroit police recovered more than \$100,000 in equipment stolen from Mark J. Baldwin and Associates landscaping and design company in Plymouth.

Baldwin reported to Plymouth police a door to his warehouse at 498 Farmer St. was kicked in sometime between April 13-16, with two dump trucks, two trailers and a Bobcat loader were stolen.

"Mark received a call from a woman in Detroit who stated she found the Bobcat

in the backyard of her parent's vacant home," said Plymouth Det. Lt. Al Cox. "It looked like someone attempted to paint it, but you could still see the business information on it."

Cox said Detroit police also recovered both dump trucks and one of the trailers in southwest Detroit neighborhoods.

"It made it interesting for a couple of days," said Baldwin, whose landscaping business is getting into high gear for spring. "One of those dump trucks alone cost \$50,000."

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Earth Day, Waste Day events planned

Plymouth Township officials, with a boost from a foundation grant from DTE Energy, celebrates Earth Day Saturday by planting 80 trees in and around the woodlot located on the new township hall property at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road.

Volunteers are needed to assist with planting the bare root trees, purchased from the non-profit Global ReLeaf.

"The project is perfect for high schoolers in need of community service hours and anyone interested in helping

enhance the urban forest in Plymouth Township," said Susan Vignoe, the township's Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator.

Registration for the treeplanting starts at 9:30 a.m., with a tree-planting demonstration at 10 a.m. Volunteers should bring shovels, gloves, neighbors and friends. Lunch will be provided.

Waste Day

Plymouth Township and City of Plymouth officials have

scheduled their annual joint Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Compuware Sports Arena on Beck.

The event is open to city and township residents only, and a driver's license will be required.

According to Vignoe, some acceptable wastes to be dropped off include paints/stains, automotive fluids, batteries, computer equipment, propane cylinders, fertilizers and pesticides. Among the unacceptable items are smoke detectors, tires, radioactive materials, PCBs, ammunition and fireworks and medical waste.

A full list of acceptable materials can be viewed on the township's Web site at www.plymouthtwp.org/Comm unity/SpecialEvents/HHWDay 2.htm

For more information, call the township at (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4, or the City at (734) 453-7737.

Film series targets peace, justice issues

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

The idea that people who know the depth of problems facing their world will have a better chance of solving them is behind the series of films that will be coming to Madonna University later this month.

The Michigan Citizens for Peace is offering its fourth series of movies at Madonna University's Kresge Auditorium starting April 27.

The first movie, "Iraq in Fragments," is a documentary about life in that embattled country as seen through the

eves of Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds. Future films in the series will examine water rights, the global coffee business, America's prisons and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

All of the films will appear courtesy of the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights, which is also running the films at venues in Royal Oak and Shelby Township.

Colleen Mills, president of Michigan Citizens for Peace, said she used to attend the movies at a church in Royal Oak when she was approached by the human rights group about setting up a location on the west side.

"They wanted to expose more people to the issues," she said. "Sister Nancy (Jamroz) at Madonna was at the Nagasaki Day event in 2004 and suggested bringing the program to Kresge Hall."

Sister Nancy said the school has a Peace and Justice Committee and they've had screenings of movies before, but in an informal and unstructured way. The readymade schedule of films from the coalition fit nicely with the school's values.

She said she hoped people think more about the world around them.

"I hope people look at cur-

rent issues and realize there are just ways to handle them and just solutions to our problems," Sister Nancy said.

Attendance ebbs and flows depending on the topic of the film. Sister Nancy said the movies get at least 20 people, but some of them have drawn more than 100 to Kresge.

So far, Mills said more and more people are attending the programs and they're thanking her and the organization for bringing topics to their attention that aren't getting a lot of play on the six o'clock news.

"These are issues people aren't hearing about in the regular media," Mills said.

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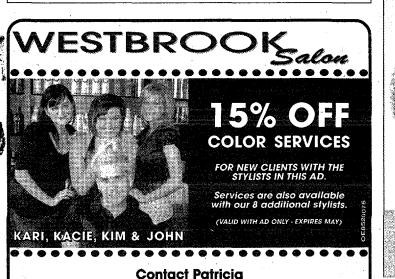
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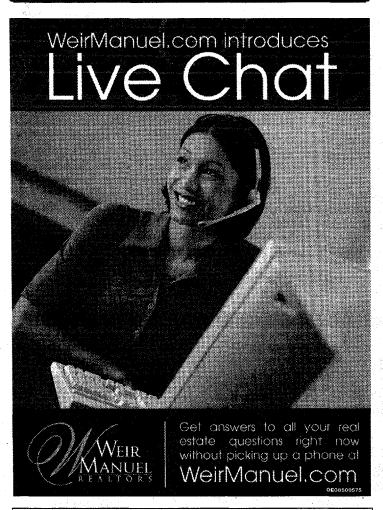
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Rummage sale cancelled

The April 21st rummage sale at the Plymouth Salvation Army, unfortunately, has been cancelled due to lack of vendors.

For more information, call the Salvation Army, (734) 453-

Miller Woods walks

"The Friends of Miller Woods will be conducting spring flower walks on two Sundays, April 29 and May 6. Tours will be at 2, 2:30 and 3 p.m. each day.

The flowers, such as Dutchman's breeches, trout lily, trillium and wild ginger, will be at peak season. Come and enjoy a leisurely Sunday walk. Miller Woods is on Powell Road just east of Ridge Road in Plymouth Township.

For more information about the woods and its location. check the group's Web site at www.millerwoods.com

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

The 2007 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Breakfast for Plymouth, Salem and Canton high schools takes place 6 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, at each of the respective schools.

Organizers are in great need of breakfast casseroles, potato dishes, fruit bowls, baked goods or monetary donations. Anyone interested in making a donation can contact one of the following chairpersons as soon as possible:

- Plymouth High School: Valerie Sanchez Lucco, vsl@wowway.com
- **■** Canton High School: Cindy Fry, tcmcf4@yahoo.com or Marianne Turner, mdt89@comcast.net
- Salem High School: Suzanne Zabowski, sunique7@aol.com

Stamp show

The Plymouth Stamp Show, set for April 28-29, will feature some 2,800 pages of exhibits, 40 dealers from the U.S. and Canada, U.S. and U.N. and Nordica post offices, seminars, society meetings, "Stamps in your Closet" and a youth pro-



Pinewood prowess

The Plymouth YMCA Adventure Guides held their 19th-annual Pinewood Derby, and Miranda Peterson, 8, of Bird Elementary School came in first place with her car, "Bullet." The YMCA Adventure Guides program motto is "Friends Forever," and it brings parents & their children together in a structured program of campouts and many other fun activities throughout the year. For more information regarding the program and how to participate, e-mail Josh Landefeld at jlandefeld@ymcametrodetroit.org or call (734) 453-2904.

The Plymouth Stamp Show is a qualifying show for the American Philatelic Society's annual champion of Champions competition. It takes place 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Central Middle School, 650 Church (at Main) in downtown Plymouth.

The show is sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club. Admission and parking are free. For more information go to the Web at http://mywebpages.comcast.n et/wssc/plymshow.htm or call (734) 699-1026.

Scrapping 4 Inclusion

Laurie A. Stasiuk, of LRS Artistic Escentuals, Inc. is sponsoring a Scrapping 4 Inclusion Charity Crop 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at the VFW Post 6695, 1426 Mill in Plymouth.

The mission of Scrapping 4 Inclusion is to combine one of the fastest growing hobbies in North America with the need for creating awareness and raising funds on behalf of The Bubel/Aiken Foundation, which provides services and financial assistance to promote the full integration of children with disabilities into the life environment of those without. Cost is \$50 per person (\$30

of which is tax-deductible) and includes 3-4 feet of dedicated scrapbooking space; use of vendors' tools; door prizes; lunch and dinner; raffles; vendors on-site for shopping convenience and free demonstration from vendors.

Bubel/Aiken Foundation or ways to get involved visit their Web site at www.bubelaiken.org. For more information on Scrapping 4 Inclusion please visit their web site at www.scrapping4inclu-

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Volunteers and auction/raffle donations are still needed for the event. Anyone interested in volunteering, making a tax-deductible donation or have any questions, contact Laurie A. Stasiuk at (734) 446-1034 or

events@getstamping.com

Marching band events

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosts an informational meeting Thursday, April 26, for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2007 Marching Band program. This is just one of many band program events scheduled for April:

■ Marching Band Recruitment: The recruitment meeting is designed for incoming freshmen who are currently eighth graders, but is open to any high school student in the district. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers enjoying pizza, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. Interested students and their parents should report to Plymouth High School's band room at 7:15 p.m. April 26.

Winter Guard and Winter Drumline: The 2007 Open Winter Guard and the Winter Drumline are gearing up for their run at a national title. Both teams comprised of over 80 high school performers performed at the Winter Guard International (WGI) events held in Dayton, Ohio. The Open Guard will compete April 12 - 15. The Winter Drumline will compete the following weekend in Dayton.

Fall Color Guard Workshops: Individuals who are interested in joining the Color Guard for the 2007 Plymouth-Canton Marching Band should plan to attend a four-day workshop prior to auditions 6-9 p.m. May 7. The workshop will run 4-6:30 p.m. April 30-May 3 in the Plymouth High School band room.

For more information, contact Color Guard Instructor Jennifer LeSeth at pcmbguard@aol.com

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution -Northville/Plymouth chapter meet 6-8:45 p.m. Monday, May 21, at the Plymouth District Library.

The program will feature details about genealogical research. The library is located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Trot for Animals

Maybury Farm in Northville hosts its first "Trot for Animals" Saturday, May 12. Participants can take part in three different areas: the Trotter Trail, a 5k walk through the fields at Maybury Farm; the Rooster Run, a 5k run through the Maybury Farm fields; and the Bunny Walk, a quarter-mile walk around the barns.

Registration takes place at 9 a.m.; cost is \$15 per person. Those who raise \$50 get free registration; those who raise \$100 get free registration and a Maybury Farm water bottle; those who raise \$200 get free registration and a Maybury Farm T-shirt.

For more information or an application, call (248)374-

Showcase Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 15th-annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Inn at St. John's. Admission is \$10 at the door

and includes complimentary food, free beverages and a chance to win over 70 door prizes. Attendees are also invited to help honor Plymouth Service Clubs Volunteers of the Year and the Student Citizen Scholarship Award winners during a short

recognition ceremony held in the Atrium at 6 p.m. This year's event will feature over 70 booths and more than

20 restaurants including Compari's, 1999 Tavern, Five, E.G. Nick's, Station 885, Bennigan's, Fiamma Grille, Hilton Garden Inn, The Inn at St. John's, Independence Village, Laurel Manor, Dilly Dally Deli, Panera Bread, Omelet & Waffle Café, Little Bros. Burgers, Mother's Pizzeria, Jet's Pizza, Fleming's, Crawford's Kitchen, Zack's of Plymouth, Zappatos Mexican and more.

This year, attendees will be able to vote for their favorite pizza, restaurant and booth, for a chance to win a 19-inch television.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, LaSalle Bank and Main Street Bank. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

Rock Shoppe classes

The Rock Shoppe, 6275 Gotfredson, offers the following classes:

Container Gardening — A free class on how to design a container garden 10 a.m. Saturday, April 21. This class will be taught by a Master Gardener.

■ Stone Veneer Siding Installation - A free class on installation of stone veneer siding 10 a.m. Saturday, April 28.

Register on-line at rscustomerservice@gmail.com or call 734-455-5560.

Therapy seminar

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church hosts an educational seminar addressing the physical problems of hips, knees and feet 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16.

Dr. Angelo Sorce will cover the latest technologies and current surgical techniques in hip and knee replacement surgery and arthritis. Dr. Allen Mehler of the Michigan Foot and Ankle Center, St. Mary Hospital, will discuss foot problems, especially those relating to diabetes. Physio-therapy associates will cover post-surgical care of the hip and knee.

Lunch will be served at noon for a donation. To reserve a seat or for more information, call Doris, (734) 453-9730.



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'Joyful' celebration feature area's top dancers HAM-KUCHARSKI

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BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

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

"It will be a showcase featuring many of our area's top

dance teams, studios and schools," said Sue Dver, a marketing manager at Canton's Village Theater.

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

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

near the Village Theater in the future.

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

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

"We're praying for warm

weather," she said. For more information about the event, call (734) 394-5300, extension 8.

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of them and throw them out for their lack of creativity ... lay off teachers and increase staff size. Wrong answer.

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

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

"It was like a big lightbulb went off when I asked to expand our walking radius from one mile to 11/2 miles," Ham-Kucharski said. "That will save us a quarter of a million dollars and I haven't touched a single teacher, I haven't touched a support program and I haven't cut transportation. It's something simple that we could have done and had more impact if we had

done it a couple of years ago." Ham-Kucharski said he'd keep varsity sports, but would turn freshmen and junior varsity competition into intramural activities to save money.

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

Ham-Kucharski's most "creative" solution could be asking the 1.100 teachers in the district to take a "one-time reduction" of 6 percent from their paychecks, and eliminate the annual step pay increases.

"Our teachers, compared to the districts around us, get paid considerably more at almost every level," said Ham-Kucharski. "That is the bulk of our structural deficit, and we've shied away from it. We need to look at a correction.

"For the first year alone, if we just got the salary reduction, we would actually have a \$2 million surplus in the budget next year," he said. "(And by eliminating the step increases), that's \$1.9 million guaranteed added to our budget every year, and growing because their salaries grow over time. Plus, the incremental impact on our health care and retirement

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

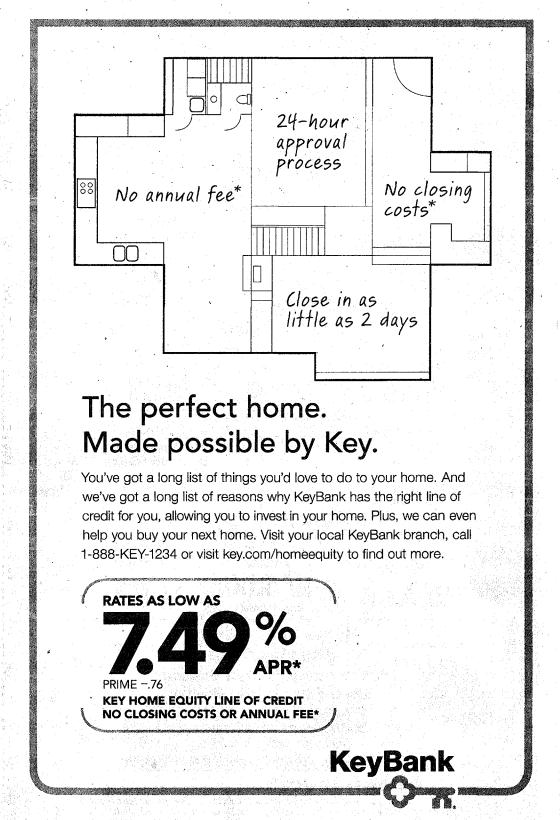
a new superintendent. '(Superintendent) Dr. (James) Ryan has been good for relationships, but he hasn't been strong enough for us," Ham-Kucharski said. "I've been looking for more strength in leadership over the last couple of years, and he doesn't do

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

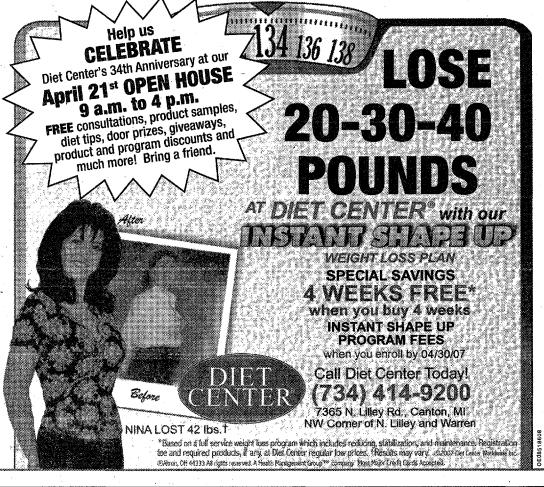
The other candidates running for the school board include Nancy Eggenberger, Kurt Heise, Bruce Koldys, Larry Martin and Mark Slavens.



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"That should always be our No.

1 goal. "I also want to add my experience with regard to hiring a new superintendent," he said. "Judy (Mardigian) and I are the only two board members who have been on a full superintendent search, and I think my experience will be helpful."

It's no surprise to anyone who has been paying attention that this year's budget slashing will cut to the bone of what Slavens wants to achieve. He said unlike the \$8 million in cuts the past three years, the next round will be painful.

"A lot of the recommendations are in instruction, where most of the budget is," said Slavens. "I've asked to look at administrative cuts, cuts in finance, cuts in technology and cuts in purchase services. We're 80-90 percent personnel, so unfortunately this round of cuts will start to affect the classroom. I don't see much alternative."

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

overall budget plan.

"The No. 1 thing we have to figure out is what exactly our structural deficit is," Slavens said. "It's hard to predict because you've got to estimate how many students you're going to get, what the perpupil funding is. And, as you know, that's a moving target.

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

When it comes to cuts, Slavens said he wants to make as many decisions as he can that don't affect classrooms. A parent of two students who play high school sports, Slavens said one of those decisions could involve an increase in pay-to-participate.

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

"I've always believed in small class size, but unfortunately

one of the biggest ways to save money is by cutting staff, so that's going to potentially increase class size," he said. "I've asked administration

which is less harmful to our students, if we got rid of the LEAP (Literacy Early Achievement Plan) program or adding an additional student per classroom. From the response I've gotten back, it's less harmful to add one student to each classroom. With that type of advice, that's what

I'm leaning to right now." Slavens, who even before his terms on the school board was lobbying Lansing for more equitable per-pupil funding for Plymouth-Canton, said now isn't the time to give up.

"I still believe that as a school board you must be an advocate for the district, and the school board needs to continue its advocacy with Lansing in advocating for adequate funding and more equitable funding with regard to this school district," he said.

The other candidates vying for the school board include fellow incumbent Richard Ham-Kucharski and challengers Nancy Eggenberger, Kurt Heise, Bruce Koldys and Larry Martin.

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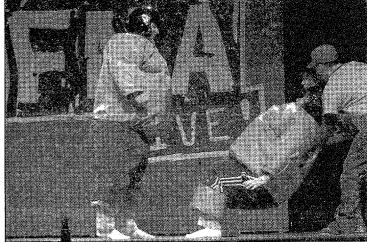
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"Science at school is boring, but when I come to something like this, it's more entertaining, said 15-year-old Shannan Ward of Canton Township, who attends Discovery Middle School. "I like how they demonstrated the laws by using teachers. It makes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

For 14-year-old David Nymberg of Canton, hip-hop, videos and live demonstrations are much better than classroom studies.

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

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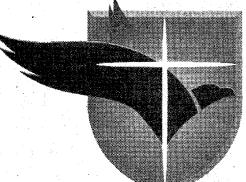
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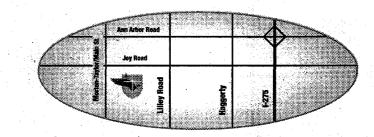
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any families are making plans for their children to attend college. While there are many things to consider if your child goes away to college, many families are so busy they tend to

overlook fire safety. Since January 2000, there have been 108campus-related fire deaths across the country, with 81 percent of them occurring in off-campus housing. In addition to those unfortunate deaths, countless other have been injured, lost their housing, personal belongings and school work in fires. When selecting a school, make an informed decision about your child's well-being and ask these questions when you are visiting campuses:

- How many fires have occurred on campus in the past five years?
- Are residence halls equipped with an automatic
- fire sprinkler system? Does every student's dorm room have a smoke

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these measures are very important, there are many other lifesaving pieces of information

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along to your college-bound children, since many of them have never been away from home for so long before. These include:

- Teach them how to use a fire extinguisher, and the importance of an early call to the emergency dispatcher to ensure a quick response.
- Be sure the smoke alarms in their rooms are kept in proper working order.
- Make sure your kids know what to do when smoke/fire alarms are sounded, and have them take all alarms seriously.
- Stress the importance of pre-planning what to do in an emergency, and practicing

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the plan, to make it more permanent when things get stressful.

- Don't smoke or use candles in dorm rooms.
- Don't leave cooking items unattended on burners and keep a tight-fitting lid next to the pan you cook in. Also, use a timer to remind you of food in the oven or on the stove.

Some of the contributing factors leading to the offcampus fire fatalities often include: lack of automatic fire sprinklers, missing or disabled smoke alarms, careless disposal of smoking material and alcohol.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

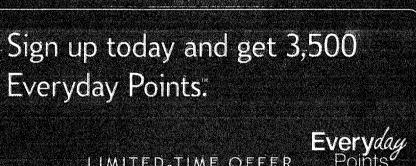
tion, they find that money may be tight at that point in time, thus they miss out on taking advantage of an IRA contribution.

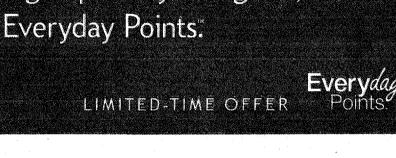
Now that most of us have our tax returns done, why not look at whether you should convert your existing traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. This transaction can have great benefits in the fact that as opposed to money growing tax-deferred, it will now grow tax-free. Using 2006 tax returns, you can guesstimate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

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

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

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OUR VIEWS

City's hard work fixes budget

The long-term financial forecast for the City of Plymouth no longer includes a budget deficit.

City officials couldn't say that at any point in the past five years, a fact for which we criticized them fairly frequently. We wondered why they didn't see the budget crisis coming and how they would handle it once they did notice it.

Turns out they handled it just fine, thank you very much. The revised budget outlook put together by finance director

Mark Christiansen shows a surplus of some \$288,000 next year, and still at some \$56,000 by 2011. It's gotten good enough that city officials felt comfortable enough to propose an 8-percent cut in the millage rate, despite the loss of stateshared revenue, loss of taxable value from the AT&T facility on Ann Arbor Road and other obstacles.

That's pretty good work when you consider five years ago the first year of the five-year plan projected a \$1.1 million deficit, which ballooned to \$2.4 million in the fifth year.

All of which begs the question: How'd they do it?

Did they raise taxes? Not directly, although they tried to a few years ago but voters turned them down. They have raised some fees (garbage collection) and scaled back some services (snow plowing), but the impacts have been negligible, judging by the lack of complaining you hear from residents.

What they've done, basically, is slice and dice their budget. They got some help in the form of health care costs edging downward due to changes in co-pays and prescription drug costs, but they also made a million dollars in cuts, reduced staff and, essentially, sucked it up and got the job done.

Primarily through early retirements and natural attrition, the city whittled its full-time work force from 59 to 42 employees, who immediately went about the business of picking up the slack for the 17 positions that were lost over the years.

Have there been bumps? Sure. When AT&T bought Cingular, they didn't need equipment in their Plymouth facility, which cost the city \$13 million in taxable value. A bond passed 10 years ago to fix Plymouth's roads ran out of money with fewer than half the roads fixed, and the only sensible way to get it done now is to pass another bond.

The city tried a quick fix a few years ago with the failed attempt to raise the city's tax ceiling back to 15 mills. When that failed, city commissioners and city officials rolled up their sleeves and went to work the old-fashioned way.

And the city is better off for it.

Breen, Broderick, Fausone are best

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

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

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

Each candidate has something to contribute to the college's mission and choosing from such a qualified group of candi-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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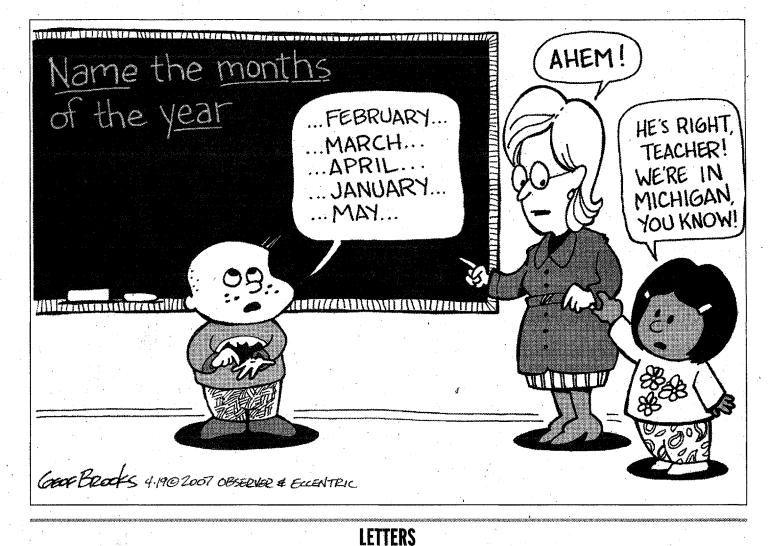
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Keep third AD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Plymouth High Football Booster

Keep Ham-Kucharski

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

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

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

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

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

I sincerely believe the burden must be shared, not borne by the least of thee. That is why I proposed that every elected official now serving in Lansing return 50 percent of his/her after-tax salary to the State Treasurer. Recently, I wrote my personal

check for the first installment.

Last week I read about another person who has chosen to lead, to be bold. His name is Richard Ham-Kucharski. Richard

is a member of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Trustees. He has served ably during his first term. In fact, he has brought steady, creative, even visionary leadership while discharging the duties related to the position of trustee.

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

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

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

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

Bruce Patterson State Senator

Balking at regionalization

I read your article on the pull-outs that will have a detrimental affect on the regionalization of the fire service in western Wayne County ("Pull-outs douse regional fire plan," Plymouth Observer, April 1).

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards suggests that, "If they're not talking personnel reduction, then it's not worth talking about. There would have to be a combined cut of \$6 million among all the departments to come down to our current rate per-resident. The idea is flawed all the way around."

The \$6 million can quickly be accounted for when you consider the repetitious cost of ordering fire apparatus for communities that are in close proximity. For example, an aerial or ladder truck can cost nearly \$1 million. Does it make sense for each community to exist independently purchasing one aerial per city or would a reduction in purchasing because of a regionalized fire department make more sense?

What will happen if the governor cuts revenue sharing to departments that have not combined services (which is what she has proposed)? Will the \$15,000 have been worth it then? Furthermore, if Plymouth Township is more interested in manpower reduction they are willing to sacrifice service and public safety for the almighty dollar.

Public safety departments are a joke when considering the level of ALS services and the speed at which the Westland Fire Department assembles crews at a fire scene. Why wouldn't the Plymouth Township residents deserve and demand the same services as the Westland residents? Lastly, why no comments from the Plymouth Community Fire Department? Not the command ... the guys on the line doing the job. Seems like the guys on the front would have an idea of what they need to safely affect the task at

hand.

If you go to other regions of the country you will find that fire departments are county-wide. Each city that occupies a small square mileage does not operate its own police department, fire department, local government, etc. These areas make the Detroit metro area look like we are operating in the dark ages. Why are we still balking at combining our services?

Dave Papandrea

Keep Sawchuk

I just want to express my feelings toward the PCEP layoff of Terry Sawchuk.

Terry is why Plymouth sports are what they are today. He is all about kids and building great athletes as well as students and good citizenship.

If Plymouth loses Terry it will be a great loss to the Plymouth athletic program. Terry's commitment to our students is unmatched in the park.

PCEP would be doing a great disservice to our students if they move forward with laying off Terry Sawchuk.

Cathy Skotzke Senior Class Rep

Plymouth Football Boosters

Greatest generation Brokaw's book is based on the WW II

exploits of what he identified as the "greatest generation." My generation of baby boomers also fought a war, the Vietnam war, where we won every battle and the country (the politicians) lost the war by failing to fund the efforts of the former Republic of South Vietnam. We were actively engaged from 1965 to

1972, limited engagement from 1972-73 and the South Vietnamese fought alone from 1973-75. In 1975 Congress failed to fund the war and without monies the Republic of South Vietnam fell and the communists took over. Furthermore, there was a "bloodbath" in

Southeast Asia as a direct result of this activity. Unfortunately in Vietnam, much like the current war on terror, only the military fought the war. The country sat on the sidelines and didn't "demand" victory like they did in World War II! My belief is that a true and accurate

review of history would demand babyboomers are truly the "greatest generation" based on their impact on today's American society ... just for example the computer, the Internet, wireless phones and on and on! Roger Kehrier

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"We want to catch these guys in the act. (Technology) is making us more efficient. We want to use technology to better protect the residents of our community."

Tom Tiderington, Plymouth Township Police Chief, on the closed-circuit television system used to help catch thieves

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When times get tough, Michiganders bear down

y wife, Kathy, and I have a cabin way up north, in the Upper Peninsula. Like most summer places, it needs some work every now and then. For us, "then" is

Two weeks ago, a big-time blizzard hit the U.P. It spawned 48 inches of snow in four days, and the waves on the south shore of Lake Superior were reportedly 20 feet high. Oldtimers called it the worst spring storm in

on wh cal

Power

The carpenters working on our place were OK when the storm hit — the cabin was pretty much closed in and they had heat. But when quitting time came, they were more than ready for a beer and a bowl of hot soup. So they piled into their trucks and mushed their way down the snow-covered road back to town.

Then, a couple of miles down the road, they came to an enormous hemlock blown down right across the road, blocking their

They didn't complain. They didn't wring their hands in fear. They didn't shake their heads, knowing they deserved better. They didn't whine. They didn't blame somebody else, not even Lansing.

No. They put on their mackinaws and gloves, stepped back into the driving snow, got out their chain saws, cut the tree and cleared the damn road.

That's what we Michiganders have always done when the weather gets bad ... or times get rough. We bear down! And that's exactly what we need to do right now to weather the economic storm and get on to a brighter Michigan.

Personally, I hold with President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who told the nation during a far worse economic crisis that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." We're so taken up with today's current economic gloom and doom that it's hard to realize there's plenty of potential right here ... if we only have the sense to recognize it.

That's why a recent publication, *Great Lakes Strengths: A Time for Real Regional Growth*, was such a spring tonic for me. Published by the Michigan-based accounting firm, Plante & Moran, the report provides in considerable detail the reasons to push aside our self-inflicted negativity and get optimistic about Michigan's future.

One telling anecdote has to do with a conference of senior executives held in 2005.

Speaker after speaker wailed about the

awful state of our economy and our dim future.

Nobody realized that three big-shot entrepreneurs from California were in the room — 'til one was asked what they thought.

"We feel like we've died and gone to heaven," the executive said. Their corporation had recently relocated to the Great Lakes area. They found an employee base with a tremendous work ethic, where it was easy to find workers with the necessary skills.

Not only was their workforce dependable, reliable and local, but workers focused on their jobs, no matter the weather. "What we found here is we don't worry if we hear 'surf's up," the executive said.

Ed Parks, a retired Plante & Moran managing partner, put the case for optimism this way: "The base of entrepreneurs, the base of knowing how to run small- and mediumsized businesses, there's a lot of that in the Great Lakes area. These genes are born in these small towns; they have created a lot of white-collar and blue-collar jobs over the years." That's why he's optimistic.

Think about it: Michigan has a lot of durable, distinctive assets that equip us very well to compete against other parts of the world — assets that can't be moved to some other place at the whim of a big corporation's board of directors.

Everything starts with the Great Lakes. They hold a fifth of the world's entire supply of fresh water, and offer remarkable environmental and recreational opportunities that provide a magnificent quality of life right at our back door.

Our universities are among the best in the world. Our community college system is flexible and adaptive. If we nurture them and use them wisely, they give us the ability to attract, nurture and retain the single most important asset in the world: talent.

Any company in trouble needs to mount a sustained investment program in its distinctive competitive assets. Michigan has loads of 'em. All we need to do is bear down to get our financial house in order to generate the funds to start investing in what we've got to offer. Once that's done, just like the carpenters in the U.P., we'll clear the obstructions out of the damn road ... and be on our way.

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

f nothing else, you've got to admire Richard Ham-Kucharski's political pluck.

In an area where previous school board elections have been controlled by teachers, Ham-Kucharski, seeking re-election to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Trustees, suggests teachers take a 6-percent pay cut, plus elimination of their step-and-level increases, in order to fix the district's burgeoning budget woes.

With the handling of the election being split among all the clerks and not just with the school dis-

trict, and the increasing power of the absentee voting bloc, teachers don't control the election the way they once did.

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

\$120 million bond proposal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

And that's assuming you'd have games to get them into. Ham-Kucharski's premise that the district could go independent and thus schedule anyone they wish is, at best flawed.

"There are so many benefits to a league structure," said Mark Hage, the athletic director at Churchill High School in Livonia. "I think other teams would probably be discouraged by the Michigan High

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

School Athletic Association from scheduling a game against such a program. I don't know if (other schools) would schedule you if you didn't follow the same parameters."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Stamp club hosts 38th annual Plymouth Show

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Admission and parking

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

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

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

New this year, the club

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

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

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

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

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

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

State universities square off over funding proposal

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

He said that he agrees that the big three are different. "They are distinct, but

there are 15 universities and





each is distinct from the other. Michigan State is as distinct from Wayne as Wavne is from Michigan," he said. "Wayne is an urban university, more part-time students than full time and has a low graduation rate."

Hollins said the big three universities each have a medical school and support major research operations that incur costs but also provide significant returns.

He said the big three bring in about \$1.3 billion a year in federal research money. Wayne State accounts for about \$220 million annually.

"We get funding from the state and we leverage that money to bring back more money to the state," he said.

He cited as an example a National Institutes of Health Perinatology Research Branch established at Wayne State to do research on infant mortality and premature birth. Wayne State was awarded the branch in 2002.

"We landed that with \$3 million from the state and it's grown to \$20 million a year from the federal government. But it benefits all the universities in the state that do research on parenting," he said.

Hollins said Wayne beat out Yale University for the

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

In one bill last year, when all 15 were in the bill, funding for the three was about 56 percent of the budget for higher education," he said. "If you split the three out, I don't envision that 56 percent going up. It's not about money, it's about accountability. There's a perception that we produce what can't be produced at the other universities.'

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

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

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

"This is about money," he He said the big universi-

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

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

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

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

Rosine said the other 12 universities account for twothirds of Michigan public university students.

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

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

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

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

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

STAFF WRITER

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

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

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Suzi Terebelo

Shaarey Zedek

Sisterhood

deliver a punch," said

of the Congregation

Her appeal is to all ages. "As it was, my sister saw her speak at a recent graduation in San Francisco and she said Dr. Ruth not only connected with the older members of the audience but with young people as well," said Terebelo, who is cochair of the event along with fellow Southfield resident Jami

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

It is also be biggest annual fund-raiser for the synagogue's sisterhood, a charitable organization which supports camp scholarships and college outreach programs and recently helped refurbish portions of the synagogue's Southfield facili-Woman's World runs 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, between 11 Mile and Telegraph roads. Dr. Ruth will speak at noon with lunch immediately following. The gift boutique is free; luncheon tickets are \$45. A sexual therapist with a doc-

torate in education from Columbia University, Westheimer began her pioneering radio program, "Sexually Speaking" in September 1980.

Her quick wit and unblushing style have continued to make her a much-sought lecturer and television guest. The German-born Westheimer subsequently gained new respect for her equally frank discussion of the toll taken on her immediate family by the Holocaust.

For tickets and further information on Woman's World, call Laynie Langnas at (248) 357-

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Opera singers to perform Seven Last Words of Christ oratorio

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

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

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

McDonald has performed with Arbor Opera Theater. He is on the voice faculty at

Marygrove College in Detroit and serves as pianist, composer and choir director at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield.

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

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

There is no charge for the concert.

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

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

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APRIL

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

J.O.Y. meetina

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

luncheon dish to share. Retreat for widowed

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Deadline is April 20 for Opening New Doors, a retreat for widowed only which takes place April 27-29, at St. John's Retreat Center, Plymouth. Speakers and group discussions. Fee is \$140 per person for double, \$160 for single. Call (586) 939-5219, (248) 478-1084, or (586) 566-2557 to register. Concert

Proud 2B American Tour 7 p.m. Saturday, April 21, doors open at 6 p.m., at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The concert includes comedian. Nazareth: illusionist, Jarrod Mac, and recording artist, Ashley Reynolds. Tickets \$5, family of three or more \$15, and available by calling (248) 374-7400.

Monthly meeting

For Bethany Suburban West Saturday, April 21, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road on the north side of the street, Garden City, All separated, divorce and singles welcomes. For details, call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths...

Gospel concert St. John Lutheran Church in

Farmington Hills hosts a free gospel concert by the International Gospel Center's Voices of Deliverance 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at 23225 Gill Road, between Grand River and Freedom

Road. Call (248) 474-0584 for details. Folk concert

Featuring Cincinnati-based national touring performer Joe Jencks and Michigan singer songwriter Robin Lee Berry 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Mama's Coffeehouse, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Jencks (www.joejencks.com) has shared the

stage with folk luminaries including Pete Seeger, Holly Near, John McCutcheon, Utah Phillips, and Pat Humphries.

Berry started a professional career in the folk clubs of East Lansing in the late 1970's. A few years of touring with small children brought her home to Northern Michigan to put roots down and to perform, write music and record three CD's. After 20 years of performing in clubs and festivals Berry is currently recording in her own home studio and raising children while building exotic cedar furniture (www.robinleeberry.com). Tickets are \$12, \$10 seniors and teenagers, 12 and under free. For

more information, visit www.mamascoffeehouse.org. Herbs of the Bible

Presented by Jane Riddle, Lodi Farms 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. No charge, but call for reser-

Jazz evening Musician Darron McKinney perform

vations (734) 421-7259.

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

Religious leaders breakfast

The Freedom Institute for Economics, Social Justice and Political Empowerment is pleased to announce Dr. Martin Luther King's Executive Staffer and civil rights activist, Rev. C.T. Vivian as keynote speaker for 2007 Religious Leaders Breakfast 8:15 a.m. Thursday, April 26, at Cobo Center during Freedom Weekend VI. Vivian, along with local panelists, discuss The Political Influence of the

Tickets available online at www.freedomweekend.info, at the registration desk at Cobo Center, or at the Freedom Institute office by calling (313) 533-3035.

Rummage sale

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

Rummage sale

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

Benefit concert

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

Rummage sale

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

Mom to mom sale

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

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Redford Aldersgate Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford (between Plymouth and West Chicago). **Blood drive** The Red Cross will hold a blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic

Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, ext. 309. Livonia youth choir concert 3 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Christ Our

Savior Lutheran Church, 14175

Farmington, north of 1-96, Livonia. No charge but a freewill offering will be taken, Call (734) 522-6830. Mercyaires concert

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

dents. Hidden Secrets film

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

UPCOMING

Teen dating film

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

information, call (734) 728-3440.

Rummage sale

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

Saturday everything is half price. **Grief counseling** Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St.

Mary is sponsoring an eight week

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

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Concert of prayer

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

Bridal fashion show

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

Worship dancers

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

Concert

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

Prayer breakfast

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

Friday, April 27. Tables of 10 available. Real estate seminar

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

ONGOING

Preschool registration

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

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more information. **Depression recovery**

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

Sunday services

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

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

Alpha sessions

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

Worship services

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

Bible study

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

Farmington Women Aglow

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

Worship services

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

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

Classes

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, line at

http://www.northridgechurch.com/Wom

en/. Tiny Tots Preschool

Open registration began March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Recovery program Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday

evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebratcrecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study

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

Sunday service

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

Scripture study Board the Starship Evangelize, seek-out

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

Worship service All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. wor-

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

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HYMAN CHESSIN, PHD

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

JOSEPH S. NICHOLS

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

Church, Mancelona, Michigan. **CHAD LONDON**

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



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

Maple, Birmingham

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

Gardens, Livonia,

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



be made to the family

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

NORMAN L. KELLMAN

HELEN EDNA RENNELL

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

HAROLD SCHLEGEL

Madison Heights, MI., 48071.

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

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

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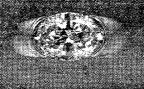
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'Golden Goal' propels Ignition into MISL final

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

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

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

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

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

Canton's Kyle Gring is greeted by his teammates after stroking a grand slam in the fourth inning of Monday afternoon's game at Plymouth.

EGRAND' OPENING

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

But it was one long ball - senior

Kyle Gring's towering fourth-inning

Plymouth chopped a 4-0 deficit to

4-3 with three unearned runs in the

two-out blast plated Ryan Neu, Dan

Stoney and Brad Barath to pave the

bottom of the third before Gring's

grand slam — that sealed the

Wildcats' fate.

PLEASE SEE IGNITION, B2



goal that earned the first-year team a berth in Saturday's Major Indoor Soccer League's championship game. Marojevic scored the game-winner just 80 seconds into the sudden-death

On the day they ran 26.2 miles in Boston another marathon was taking place Monday in the Lakes Division girls softball opener

In a three-hour, 14-inning affair, the host

Stevenson (2-3, 1-0) trailed 3-2 after Salem (0-1, 0-1) took the lead in the top half of the 14th on single by Liz Thomas, a sacrifice bunt by Kelly Behr and an RBI single by

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Stevenson, which

from junior Jamie Johnson, who worked all 14 innings to pick up the victory. She scattered 10 hits, walked one and struck out

out of steam," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "But she said she was OK. She just kept on smiling and was having a

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

Witherspoon said of the 13 left on base. It

after being off from spring break. Half of our

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

runs in the opening inning. Vaclavek went 3-for-7 with a double and two RBI, while Hollandsworth contributed

Behr paced Salem with four hits, includ-

The Rocks scored a run in each of the first

PLEASE SEE GRAND, B4

Stevenson edges Rocks in marathon

between Livonia Stevenson and Salem.

Spartans earned a 4-3 victory over Salem thanks to Kristina Vaclavek's one-out, gamewinning RBI single scoring Lauren Brueck.

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

> hadn't played in 13 days, got a sterling pitching performance

"After 10 innings I thought she might run

good time."

fanning four. 'We stranded quite a few runners,"

was the longest game I've ever coached. It was a fun game to coach. "I guess we needed the extra playing time

girls came back just yesterday (Sunday)."

ing a double. Cox added two hits.

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

BY ED WRIGHT

STAFF WRITER

Canton's baseball team proved it

Monday afternoon as the Chiefs suc-

cessfully executed a number of sacri-

was proficient at "small ball"

fice bunts and suicide squeezes

against host Plymouth.

The Chiefs won, 10-6, in the WLAA Western Division opener for both teams.

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

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

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

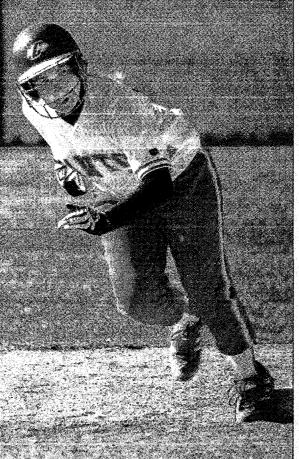
Anthony faced just 15 batters in four innings of work, striking out four while yielding one hit and one walk. Payne retired all nine batters she faced, five with strikeouts.

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

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

"She made plays on two hard-hit balls that were just outstanding," he said.

shortstop during the opening four innings.



Chiefs' 10-6 victory.

respectively.

Western Lakes Activities

The triumph improved Canton's

record to 5-3-1 overall and 1-0 in the

Association's Western Division. The

Wildcats slipped to 1-4 and 0-1,

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

London is next foe for surging Whalers

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

The series features the two top teams in the Ontario Hockey League. London (50-14-1-

3, 104 points) finished first overall in the OHL during the regular season, with Plymouth (49-14-2-3, 103 points) one point behind at second overall. London and Plymouth played

four games during the regular season, with the Whalers winning three of the four meetings. Game 2 is set for Friday at 7:05 p.m. at the

Compuware Sports Arena; Game 3 will return to London on Monday while Compuware will be the setting for Game 4 on Tuesday. If necessary, Game 5 will be hosted by London on

Thursday, April 26; the Whalers would host Game 6 on Saturday, April 28; and Game 7 would be played in Plymouth fans can watch all Whalers road playoff

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

Calille excels

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

winning time was 49.02. Over 20 teams from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana participated in the event, including MSU, the University of Michigan, Notre Dame, Eastern Michigan **University and Central** Michigan University.

Calille is a member of the Lansing Community College track-and-field team and is being recruited by several Division 1 track-and-field programs.

MU golfers 4th St. Francis (Ind.) cap-

tured the two-day **Madonna University** Invitational women's golf tournament held Saturday and Sunday at the Golden Fox in Plymouth.

St. Francis had a twoday total of 407-416-823 to finish ahead of Aguinas College, 419-421-840; Siena Heights 426-454-800; and the Crusaders, 471-458-929.

Jessica Morse of Aguinas was medalist with a 199 total on rounds of 98 and 101 (plus 55) on the par-72, 6.024-vard layout.

MU's Ashley Laws (Wayne Memorial) took sixth with a 96-109-205, followed by teammate Danielle Elswick (Wayne), who was 10th with a 112-103-215.

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

Field hockey camp

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

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

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

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

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

Know-wind situation

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

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

She barely stepped over the line and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rachel played well." The Spartans' defense was anchored by senior Liz Tokarsky.

We outshot them and controlled 90 percent of the game," Pinta said. The loss drops the Rocks to 2-1 over-

all and 0-1 in the division. PCA 4, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 1: On Tuesday at Plymouth Christian, the Eagles took a big step toward repeating

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

George Tomasso Canton coach

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

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

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

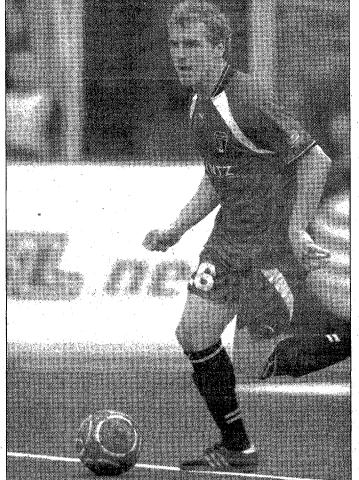
Polera doubled the winners' advantage to 2-0 early in the second half when she scored off an assist from Lorion.

After OC cut the PCA's lead to 2-1, Jalesa Debiasi's unassisted goal made it

Lorion closed the scoring when she converted a penalty kick. Sara Ross shined in goal for the

Eagles, stopping seven shots. The Eagles peppered Oakland's goal-keeper with 16 shots.

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



Detroit's Nate Craft advances the ball up the field during Sunday's MISL semifinal game against Milwaukee.

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to 4-0.

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

Defender Joe Hammes cushioned the Wave lead to 6-3 with a two-point goal at 3:24 of the second frame. Marojevic then banked a three-point goal in off a Wave defender at 11:23 to tie the contest at 6-6.

After a scoreless third quarter, Wave forward Todd Dusosky scored to make it 86 at 11:13 of the fourth quarter. Ignition rookie forward Worteh Sampson knotted the contest at 8-all just seven seconds later.

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

Marojevic made short work of the Wave in the suddendeath session as he beat netminder Brett Phillips with a two-point goal just 80 seconds after the first kick.

Ignition goalkeeper Sanaldo stopped 23 of 27 shots and earned his first two playoff victories of the season.



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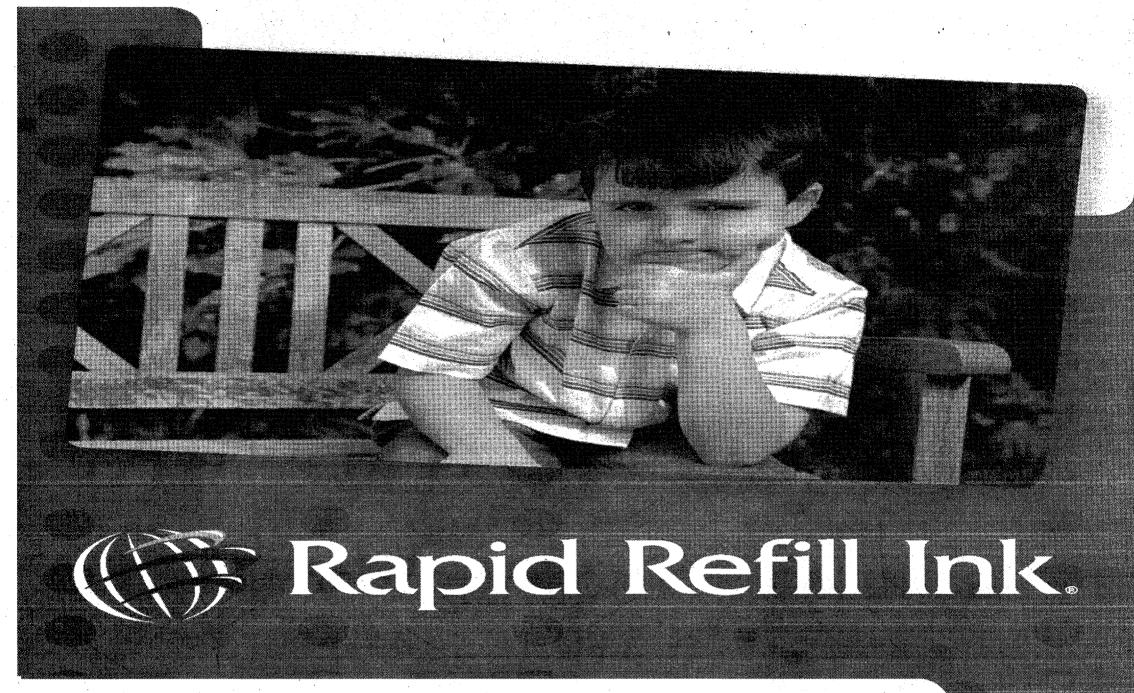




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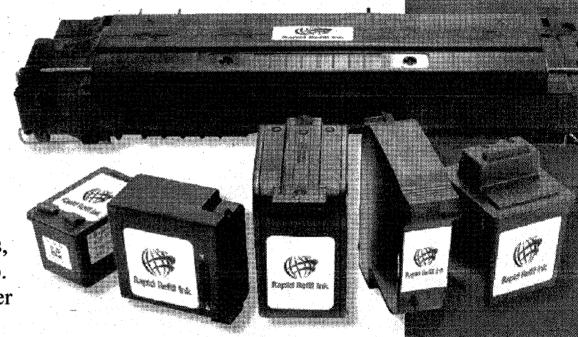


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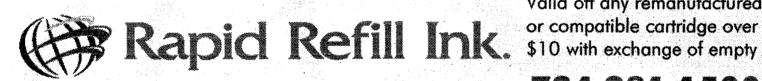
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"On Sunday against Brother Rice, we weren't getting a lot of big hits with men on base, so it was nice to get one today," said Canton coach Scott Dickey, referring to Gring's grand slam. "One of our goals this season is to win the division, so it's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

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

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

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

Junior Dan Nadratowski suffered the mound loss for the Wildcats after giving up four runs (three earned) in two innings.

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

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

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

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

He then scored on Gring's long flyout.

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

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

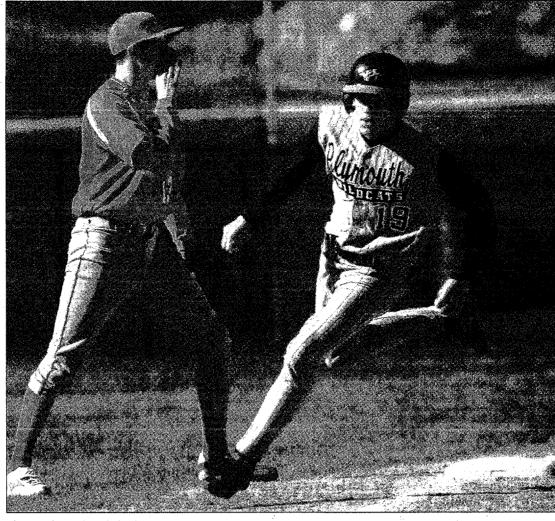
Goble then plated Garrett Rebain with a sharp single to center to make it 4-3.

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

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

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

Goble added an RBI hit in



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Plymouth pinch-runner Matt Barrera rounds third before scoring one of the Wildcats' six runs during Monday's WLAA opener against Canton.

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

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

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

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

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

across the winning run. Locklear also starred on the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Posler gave up one run on six hits.

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

Stevenson starter Matt Tuttle went 6.1 strong innings before giving way to brother Mike in relief. Mike Tuttle, who have up one run on two hits and a walk, took the loss.

B'HAM BROTHER RICE 10-6, CAN-TON 0-5: On Sunday in a makeup of a doubleheader that was washed out on Friday, the Warriors broke open a 1-0 game in Game 1 with five runs in the sixth inning before adding four in the seventh to

win going away. Canton junior right-handed pitcher William Tidwell (1-1) worked the first 5-and-twothirds innings, yielding six hits, one walk and five earned

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

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

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

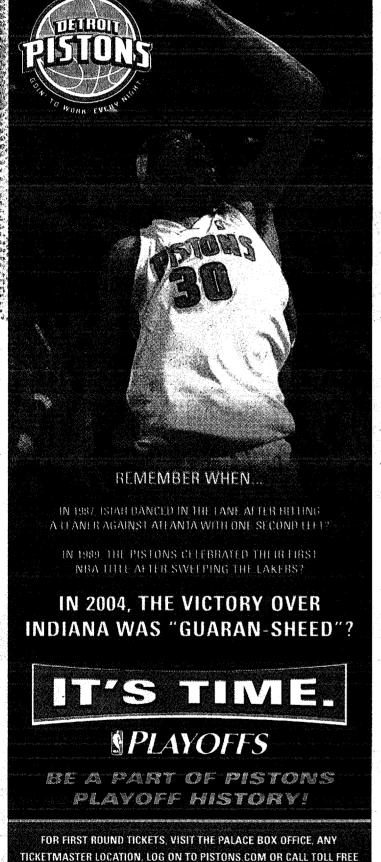
AGAPE 5. HV LUTHERAN 4: The Wolverines recorded a walkoff victory when Donald Mullett's single scored his brother Mark in the bottom of the seventh inning Tuesday afternoon at Griffin Park in Canton. With the score knotted at 4-all, Mark Mullett led off the final frame with a walk. He stole second and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

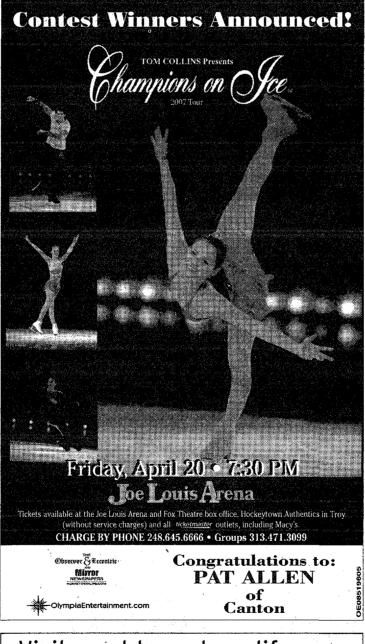
Ty Majeski earned the win for the Wolverines (2-0), tossing a complete-game five-hit-

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

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

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





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4024 - Shatoya Gray - 2 Mattresses, 3 Portable TV, Couch

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 1045 – Matthew Stiffler – Upholstered Chair, Dresser, Misc Items

2041 - Shirley Black-Wells - Couch, Microwave, 3 TVs

6020 - Ray Wallace - Bike, Clothing, Misc Items

7006 – William A Dandrea – Clothing, Misc Items, Golf Clubs 8007 – Mary Dickerson – 20 Boxes, Bed Mattress, Bed Boxsprings

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Rocks look for return to the glory days

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

"Melissa is pitching very well

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

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

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

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

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

Returning juniors include

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

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

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

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

Southerland said Walled Lake Central and Livonia Stevenson will be the teams to beat in the WLAA Lakes Division. She gave a nod to Canton as the favorite to win the Western Division.

CANTON

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

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

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

Also earning captaincy roles

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

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

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

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

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

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

year starting outfielder.

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

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

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

Providing depth will be sophomores Miranda Rysdorp (outfield), Shelby Anthony (middle infield) and Ali Taylor (second base); and promising freshman pitcher Amy Dunleavy.

SPORTS BRIEFS

PITCH, HIT & RUN

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting the Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run competition Saturday, April 21, at the Canton Sports Center, which is located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave. in Canton. Registration for the annual event begins at 10 a.m. with the competition set to start at 10:30 a.m.

The event is free for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 14 years old. All participants must provide a copy of their birth certificate at the competition.

Each participant will compete in three contests: pitching (they will be tested by throwing a base-

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ball at a designated "strike zone" target); hitting (each youngster will hit a ball off a tee and be scored on distance and accuracy); and running (each participant will be timed running from second base, to third and then home). Each participant may only compete in one local qualifier. No metal spikes are allowed.

For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

SPECIAL SECTION

Student-athletes who were selected for the All-Observer winter sports teams will be honored in a special section that will be published Sunday, April 29.

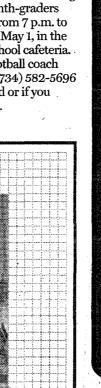
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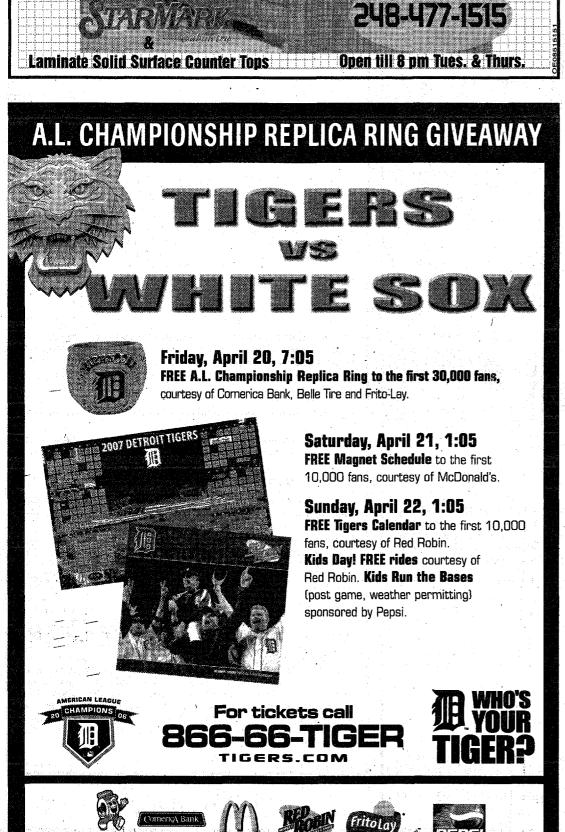
The section — which will include photos and briefs bios that will focus on the honorees — will be included in every section of the Observer as well as on-line at www.hometownlife.com.

WILDCAT FOOTBALL

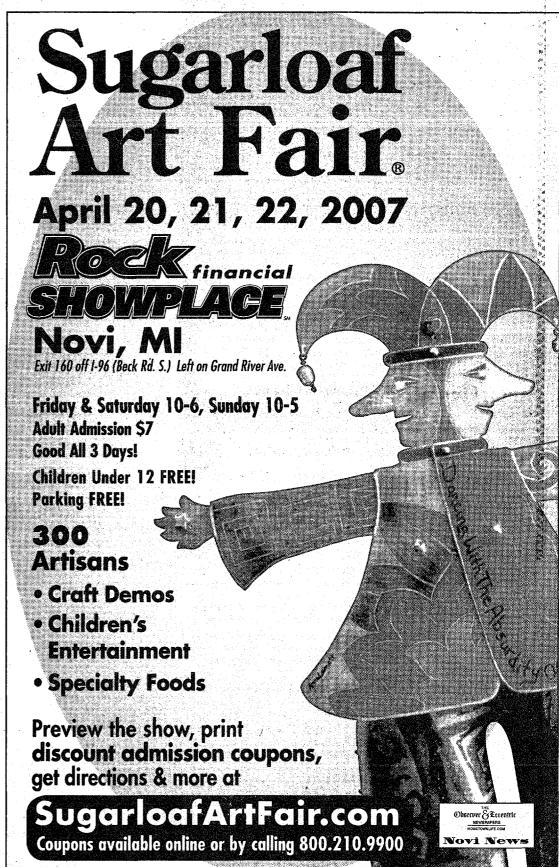
The Plymouth Wildcat football program will be holding an important informational meeting for all incoming ninth-graders and their parents from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

Contact head football coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 if you cannot attend or if you have any questions.









OLSM hands PCS lacrosse its 1st loss

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

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

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

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

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

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also credited with helpers. PCS outshot the visitors, 28-20, and won 10-of-12 faceoffs.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT 6, PCS LADY WARRIORS 4: On Friday, PCS dropped to 2-3 following a hard-fought loss to Liggett in a game played at University of Liggett High School.

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

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

No 'break' for Salem, Canton runners

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

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

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

deserved a reward.

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

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

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

BREAK INVITATIONAL Saturday at Ypsilanti (following are Salem's medal winners) Long jump: 3. Jace Bearden, 19 feet, 3.5

Manuel, 3:43.5. 9TH/IOTH GRADE Crabill, 39-1.5; Pole vault: 3. J.P. Truesdell, 10-0; 4. Justin Kane, 8-6; 5. Derek Draplin, 7-6; **Discus:** 4. Mo Saaidi, 114-1; 6. James Crabill, 104-4; **Shuttle hurdles:** 3. Mike Charara, Mike Giles, J.P. Truesdell, Scott O'Connor, 1:12.5; 800 relay: 2. Adam Kashoro, Jace Bearden, Zach Gaskell,

Kevin Cope. 1:36.8: 1.600-meter run: 5. Eric Volstromer, 4:58.5; 7. Alex Volstromer, 5:07.9; 400 relay: 2. Derek Lindstrom, Mo Saaidi, Brandt Thomas, Adam Kashoro, 47.7; Sprint medley: 2. Josh Edelbrock, Derek Lindstrom, Zach Gaskell, Brandon Goble, 4:03.1; 300 hurdles: 6. J.P. Truesdell, 45.3; 3,200 run: 1. Rob Curtis, 10:30.0; 2. Kevin deBear, 10:32.1; 6. Craig Cowing, 11:24.5; 1,600 relay: 3. Stephan Telenko, Kevin Cope, Brandon Gobie, Justin

CANTON-NOVI CATHOLIC CENTRAL-ANN ARBOR PIONEER TRI-MEET Saturday at Pioneer (following are Canton's placers)

Kane, 3:50.7.

High Jump: 1. Eric Thornton, 6-6; 4. Okemdi Oparaeke, 5-4; Pole vault: 1. Chris McGinnis, 12-0; 2. Ryan Langdon, 11-6; 3. Joe Massel, 11-0; 400 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel, 52.4; 1,600 relay: 2. Josh Etim,

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The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

PIRATE RELAYS Saturday at Pinckney FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Pinckney, 122; 2. Saline, 98; 3. Grand Ledge, 83; 4. Canton,

(following are Canton's placers) **High jump:** 2. Tosin Adedeji and Gage Hermann, 9-8; **Pole vault:** 3. Gage Hermann and Eddie Koelzer, 8-6; Shot put: 4. Kyle Winconek and Alessandro Miri, 57-7; **Discus: 4.** Kyle Winconek and Alessandro Miri, 151-9; **Long jump:** 4. Tosin Adedeji and Donnie Watkins, 29-9; **4-by-mile:** 3. Josh Osinski, Zack Spreitzer, Jon Peck, Kyle Clinton; 3,200 relay: 3. Keith Zech, Josh Osinski, Jon Peck, Kyle Clinton, 9:30.9; 400 relay: 3. Mark McMichael, Nick Austin, Eddie Koelzer, John Mosely, 53.3; 800 relay: 3. Ryan Randall, Gage Hermann, Eddie Koelzer, Mark McMichael, 1:47.5; Coed throwers 400 relay: 2. Hakala, Miri, Borot, Winconek, 1:02; Shuttle hurdle relay: 2. Tosin Adedeji, Donnie Watkins, Nick Austin, Jordan Wisniewski, 1:17.9; 1,600 relay: 3. Scott Zech, Keith Zech, Josh Hurst, Ryan Randall, 3:57.1; Co-ed sprint relay: Edge, Moseley, Banks, Wisniewski.

WRESTLING FUND-RAISER

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

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

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

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS-APRIL 10, 2007**

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

Expenditure Recap for April 10, 2006

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	General Fund	101	* *	599,269.62
	Police Fund	207		204,452.08
	Street Lighting	219		18,152.31
	Public Improvement	245		75.00
	Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267		1,790.13
	Auto Theft Grant	289		67.50
	Cap Proj-Road Paving	403		843.00
	Golf Fund	584		24,353.16
6	Construction Escrows	702		896.90
	Fire Fund	206	V .	90,992.76
	Summit Operating	208		41,310.83
e.	Cable TV Fund	230	:	4,435.37
	E-911 Utility	261		35,187.54
i	Federal Grants Fund	274		4,923.90
-	Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	19,110.76
•	Bldg Auth Construction	469		2,360.00
	Water & Sewer Fund	592		476,081.10
i.	Post Employ. Benefits	736		54,939.21
	Total - All Funds			1,579,241.17
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PUBLIC HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SUNDAY SALES AND OFFICIAL PERMIT FOR DIFFERENCE IN HOURS OF OPERATION TO BE OPENED BETWEEN 11:00 AM AND NOON FOR SALE OF FOOD REQUEST FROM MARIACHI, LLC, (PART OF PARCEL #061-99-0003-703) AT 1759 CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON TOWNSHIP, CANTON, MI 48187, WAYNE COUNTY. (CLERK) Motion by Yack, supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. for a Class "C" Liquor License for Sunday sales and extended hours permit for Mariachi LLC, at 1759 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present. There were no public comments either in opposition or in favor of this Class C Liquor License issuance. Mr. Scott Edwards, attorney for the Gomez's, stated no alcohol will be sold before noon on Sundays. Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to close the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. for a Class "C" Liquor License for Sunday Sales and extended hours permit for Mariachi LLC, at 1759 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin the approval for a Class "C" Liquor License for Sunday sales and extended hours permit for Mariachi LLC, "above all others", at 1759 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present.

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

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

Item 3. PURCHASING COOPERATIVES. (FBD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following purchasing cooperatives: State of Michigan, Macomb County, Oakland County and U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance. These agencies have met the formal bidding requirements of Canton as stated in policy F:15 and required by the Board of Trustees. Motion carried by all members present.

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

*WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Andrew Andre, has requested site plan approval for J.C. Penney to be located on Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon Roads, identified as part of tax EDP # 040-99-0006705; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Andrew Andre, to approve the site plan for the proposed J.C. Penney, conditioned upon relocation of shrubs from the detention basin to the area west of the parking lot and foundation landscaping beds as appropriate and subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any additional conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

Professional Consultants Transfer to Fund Balance #101-853-808-0000 101-959-999-0000

(5,000)

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

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

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Item 4. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WATER METERS AND METERING CONTROL DEVICES FOR 2007. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to accept the bid from Etna Supplies Company and approve a purchase order not to exceed \$851,680.00 and authorize the Public Works Department to purchase 500 one-inch water meters, 500 5/8 x 3/4 -inch water meters, 200 twoinch compound meters, 2 three-inch meters, 2 four-inch compound meters, 1 six-inch compound meter, 2100 Radio Read Transceiver Units (MXU), and associated support control equipment during the 2007 calendar year. Funding to come from FY2007, Account #592-000-111-0003. Motion carried by all members present.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

> THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

LEGAL NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PUBLIC TEST OF THE M-100 OPTIC SCAN

VOTING SYSTEM FOR THE

MAY 08, 2007, ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M-100 Optic

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Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for the Tuesday, May 08, 2007, School Election. For further information contact the Clerk's

> Marilyn Massengill, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

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GUY T. BREMMER, 140 S. Harris, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, Plaintiff

ERICA ANN FRANCIS, Defendant

TO: ERICA ANN FRANCIS IT IS ORDERED:

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

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

Dated: March 21, 2007 Publish: April 19, 26 and May 3, 2007

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

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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

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

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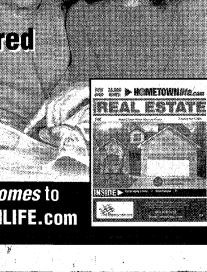
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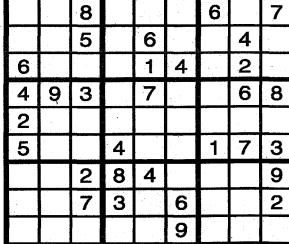
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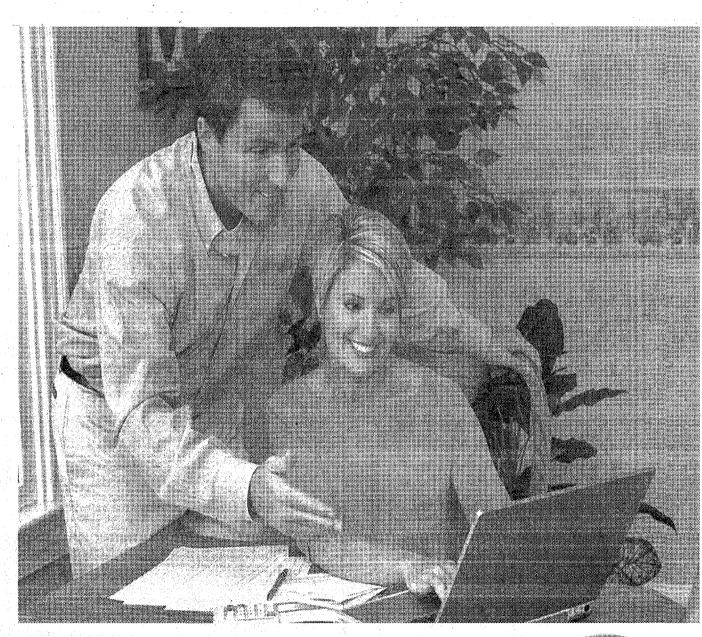
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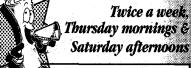
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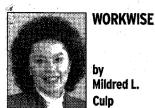
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Weller of Dallas, Tex., wants to know why the online application process is "cold and

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

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

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

Adler further states that response is discouraged because of:

-- difficulty in getting to a site or a particular posting;

job but you treat them like dirt."

-- overall lack of user-friendliness; and -- ineffective market targeting. He also remarks that sites reflect disrespect, that "people want to buy your

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

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

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

MISINTERPRETATION Barfield comments that automatic responses are discretionary and readily available. She doesn't use them, "because many people can't read what you're saying and interpret that response as a level of

interest. Then they continue to try to communicate. It's generally the ones you're not interested in." She points to a lack of social skills: "People don't know you're being polite."

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

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

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

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

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

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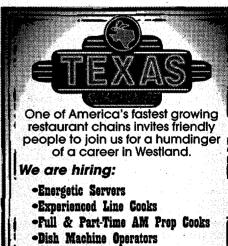
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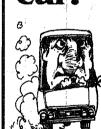
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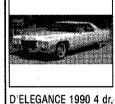
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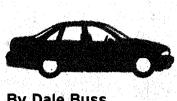
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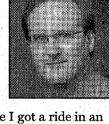
Hybrids, including Ford Escape, push into mainstream

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By Dale Buss



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

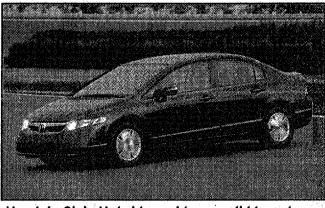
What's especially significant about the Escape's success is that, along with Prius and Civic for example, it's considered a robust "full hybrid" that depends heavily on the electric battery and motor to propel the vehicle, as contrasted with "mild hybrids" like some pickups that GM has introduced.

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

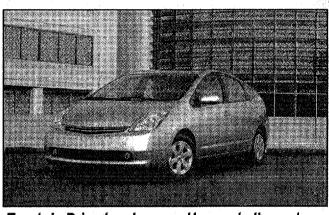
That leaves a sliver – but a significant one – for the rest of the industry as it tries to meet rising consumer interest in hybrids. Honda's Civic Hybrid by far is the best-selling model outside of Toyota, having notched about 31,000 sales last vear.



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



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



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



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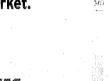
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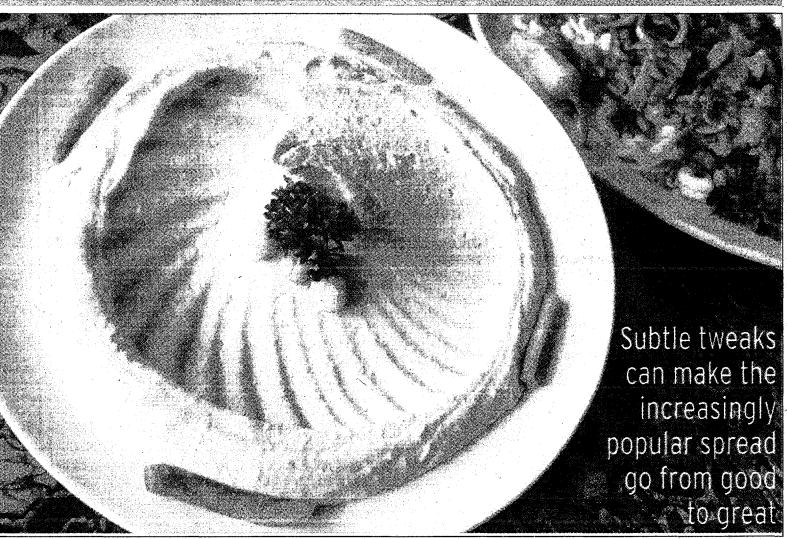
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At LaMarsa, a new restaurant in Farmington Hills, hummus is served plain (as pictured), or topped with lamb, chicken or sauteed pinenuts. It is also used to flavor wrap sandwiches.

A surprise secret ingredient makes for sublime hummus

BY MICHELE KAYAL FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

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

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

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

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

Here's the breakdown:

THE CHICKPEAS

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

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CLASSIC HUMMUS

(Start to finish: 15 hours, 20 minutes active) 1 cup dried chickpeas 1½ teaspoons baking soda, divided

1 teaspoon kosher salt ¼ cup fresh lemon juice

2 medium cloves garlic, mashed until smooth with a pinch of salt in mortar and pestle 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus additional

The night before you plan to make the hum-

mus, place the chickpeas in a pot and cover with 4 cups cold water. Add 1 teaspoon of baking soda and stir gently. Cover pot and refrigerate overnight, or about 12 hours.

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

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

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Stay safer with right passwords

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

If you're like most people, you probably use the same password for all your online activities. Let me see if I can guess what it is:

Your pet's name

Savvy

Rick

Broida

Your child/grandchild's name

Your date of birth

The last four digits of your Social Security number Did I come close? If so, a hacker can

gain access to your data in less time than it takes to read this sentence. Even if your preferred password is a bit more sophisticated, like "betty456" or "bigdogwoodtree," it's easy pickings for somebody armed with the right tools

(by which I mean software that's freely available online). In case you think I'm overstating the issue, there's an article you should read: 'How I'd Hack Your Weak Passwords' (http://tinyurl.com/36m94o). The author, a program-

words and the ease with which a determined hacker can The problem, he says, isn't with online banking sites or your company's network, which tend to have extremely robust security measures in place. It's with those miscellaneous other sites, the ones where you, say, send greeting

mer, identifies some of the methods used to crack pass-

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

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

CHOOSING SECURE PASSWORDS

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

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

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

Thus, "TECHSAVVY" would become "T3CH54VVY," while "ILOVEPICKLES" would become "1L0V3P1CKL35."

Those passwords are about as secure as they come, and they're easy to remember as long as you memorize the vowel substitutions. My colleague Gina Trapani at Lifehacker.com recom-

mends choosing a "base password" that you can modify easily to use at different sites: "For example," she writes, "you could use your base

password with the first two consonants and the first two vowels of the service name. Say your base password is 'asdf.' Then your password for Yahoo would be ASDFY-HAO, and your password for eBay would be ASDF-

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

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

PASSWORD MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

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DSO's 'Prelude to Summer' spotlights table design

PRELUDE TO SUMMER: TABLESCAPES AT THE ALGER HOUSE

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

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

Tablescapes Tours will be 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, including book signings by Author Mary Carol Garrity. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Where: The Alger House at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. For tickets, information: Visit the DSO box office or call (313) 576-5154. The event supports education and outreach programs for the DSO.

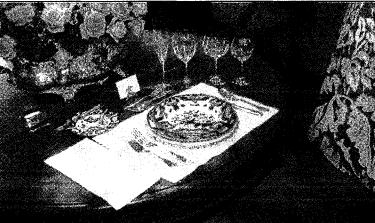
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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



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

comes to the symphony."

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

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

Kimberly Peterson, a Birmingham resident and designer

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TABLESCAPE

FROM PAGE D1 coordinator for the event, came up with the idea to focus on tablescapes. "I did this for Lighthouse Community Development a couple of years ago," she said. "I enjoyed it so much. I love working with the

designers. I love what they do

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

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

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

said Clancy.

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

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

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

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

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

Eames exhibit celebrates creativity

STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

Charles' interest was architecture and Ray's

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

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

They married the next year, and opened

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

should be uniformly yellow inside.

Drain the chickpeas, retaining

ture, then refrigerate both until well

peas in food processor. Add salt and

and light in color. The puree should

be thick, but not so thick it rides up

moves freely. Transfer the puree to

the processor blade. To thin the

puree, add cooking water 1 table-

a fine mesh sieve set over a bowl.

With a rubber spatula, force the

puree through the sieve. The skins

of the chickpeas will be left behind

in the sieve. Discard skins. Rinse

and dry the food processor bowl

chickpeas to the processor bowl.

With the blade running, add garlic

and tahini. Scrape down sides once

or twice, and adjust salt and lemon

smooth, and again with blade run-

add cooking water I tablespoon at a

time until the desired consistency is

reached. Serve drizzled with olive

oil. Makes about 3 cups.

ning, drizzle olive oil and process

very well. If mixture is too thick

and blade. Return the pureed

to taste. When the mixture is

spoon at a time until the puree

chilled, about 2 hours. Place chick-

lemon juice. Process until smooth

the cooking water. Let the beans

and water cool to room tempera-

RECIPE

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

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

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

Elsewhere in the exhibit is an "exploded" version of the chair, presenting the individual parts. Other Eames chairs are also on display.

Their materials include fiberglass and rubber; wire mesh, Naugahyde™, burlap and steel tubing.

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

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

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

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

The frontal view of the lounge chair reveals the elegant and comfortable resembles a

first-baseman's glove. The chair has three curved pivwood shells with a rosewood veneer, and is padded with black leather upholstery filled with

down and duck

feathers.

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

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

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

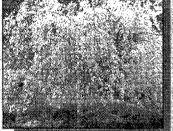
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beans), hummus connoisseurs insist on dried for their dense, nutty flavor and complex texture. They are available at natural foods stores and in the ethnic aisles of most grocers.

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

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

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

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

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pressure cooking, the other method of speeding the cooking.

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

THE PUREEING

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

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

THE TEXTURE

Pick up several brands of hummus from the grocer and you'll chunky and almost chewable to as light and smooth as whipped cream. At some level, this is a

matter of personal preference. But the texture most connoisseurs strive for falls somewhere in between — a smooth but hefty paste free of bits and bumps.

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

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

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

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

The balance of lemon juice, garlic, tahini (a peanut butterlike spread made from sesame seeds) and salt comes down to

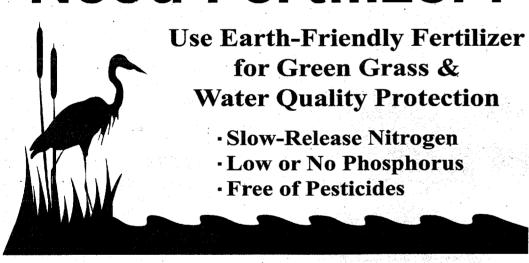
individual taste. Some chefs like more lemon, some less. Some love the buttery sesame flavor of tahini, some downplay it. Some like a garlicky

bite, some like it tamed. Tahini also is available raw and roasted, though traditional recipes call for raw. Roasted tahini will have a deeper, smoother

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

sun-dried tomatoes and olives. Others even substitute cashew butter or another nut butter for the tahini.

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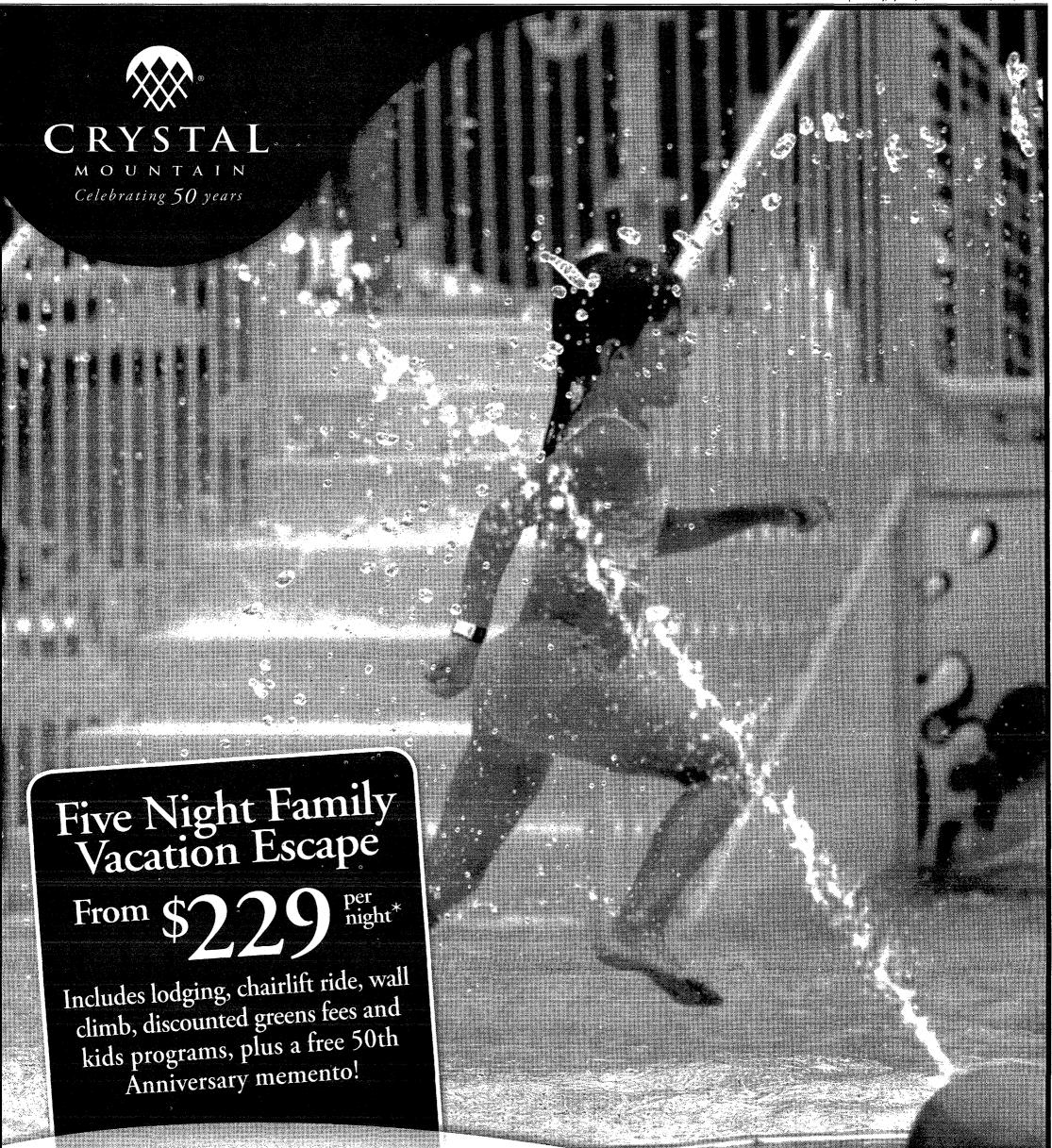
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Fashioning Hope

Grace Centers hosts runway event to benefit homeless families

In many ways, the Grace Centers of Hope Boutique is like any other thrift store. It is stocked with clothing, coats, shoes and toiletries, all donated by the community. But everything in this boutique is free.

Men, women and children at the Pontiac shelter may take anything they need from the neatly arranged racks and shelves, provided they're living up to their commitment to get clean.

"Everything you see in this boutique was all donated," said Dr. Pam Clark, who runs Grace Centers of Hope with her husband, Pastor Kent Clark, and their family. "Everything we don't use here goes to our thrift stores."

One recent Thursday morning, Pam and her daughter, Shannon Grace Clark, helped 8-year-old Stevanna sort through girls clothing to find outfits her size. Stevanna left wearing a sparkly pink skating dress and carrying a bundle of new outfits, including a navy blue raincoat with polkadot lining.

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

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

A CAMPUS OF HOPE

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

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

The Grace network also includes a The Gracie House Children's Home, four Rescued Treasures thrift stores, and its Shopping with Grace
The Grace Centers of Hope
Boutique is in need of the
following items for men, women

- Summer clothes, all sizes
- Spring jackets

and children:

- Underwear
- Socks Proc
- BrasPajamas, all sizes
- Sandals for adults
- Shower shoes (flip-flops)Women's shoes, sizes 7-10

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

anchor, Grace Gospel Fellowship Church.

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

"The big plan is to make healthy citizens," Clark explained. "As far as I know we are the first homeless 'campus' in the United States"

A BEACON OF HOPE

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

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

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

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



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

Women Helping Women

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

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

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

A SHOW OF HOPE

Grace Centers of Hope is the oldest and largest shelter in Oakland County, sustained with no help from the government. Its largest fund raiser for the Women and Childrens' programs is an annual fashion show luncheon. Grace residents join professional models on the runway, showing spring fashions from Somerset Collection. Stevanna and little William will walk the runway in children's clothing from Lord & Taylor.

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

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

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

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Farrell Reis Offers Organic Colour

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

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

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

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

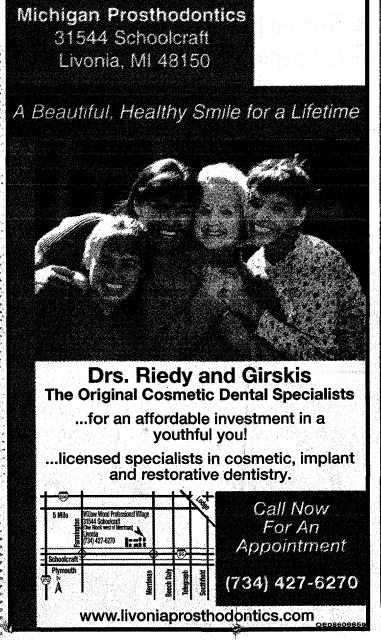
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Mainstream Boutique opens in Westland

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

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

— Christy Breithaupt





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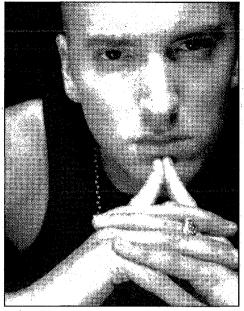
Performing are: modern rockers The Go, rapper Trick Trick, electronic mainstay DJ Godfather, the gospel group God's Army, blues legend Alberta Adams and Friends.

jazz musician Alexander Zonjic and guitarists Jeff Grand, Jim McCarty and Bobby East.

The awards are hosted by MC Serch, who is a former member of the rap group 3rd Base and the host of the VH1 reality show Ego Trip's The (White) Rapper Show.

Every year, the DMA honors legendary musicians and others in the industry. This year, special attention goes to Baker's Keyboard Lounge in Detroit, which is the oldest jazz club in the nation.

Appropriately, Alberta Adams -



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known as Detroit's Queen of the Blues and a Baker's performer - will also be honored.

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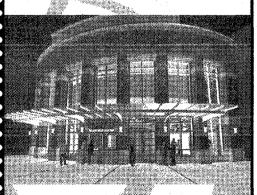
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The Go is more popular in Hollywood than in its hometown of Detroit. The band's fourth CD could change all of that.

Going to The Go

Check out one of Detroit's best at the Magic Stick

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The band performs on Saturday, April 21 at The Magic Stick, located in the Majestic Theatre complex, in Detroit. Make an evening out of it by having dinner first at the Majestic Cafe, then meander upstairs to see

the band that ${\it Maxim}$ magazine praises. Creem magazine called them "a dirty-rock ensemble leading the crusade against the mundane mass of ditties that have been flooding the air-

waves for the past 30 years." Like the Creem crew, I'm so tired of forgettable powerpop bands claiming to be punk, and the

contrived heartache of emo bands. I like rock that's sexy and powerful or at least honest. So thankfully we have The Go. On April 21, the band is celebrating its

fourth, 14-track CD with a great title, Howl on the Haunted Beat You Ride.

The Go is vocalist Robert "Bobby" Harlow, (doesn't that name just scream rock star?), guitar/bass player John Krautner, drummer Marc Fellis and guitarist James McConnell.

They've been around since the late 1990s, back when Jack White was in the band. They're still friends, but don't think The Go sounds like White. And that's a good thing. We already have The White Stripes, we don't need a repeat. The Go is its own.

The music is reminiscent of late



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1960s/early '70s raw rock — think Kinks and the Stones. It's sexual, energetic, and nothing whiny about it. Even their softer songs like Love And If We Try isn't wimpy. It's flower power with melodic guitar and whistling. The song Get Me Free with its steady rhythm will remind you more

of Foghat with sensual energy.

This isn't pop music for 13-year-old

They have the shaggy hair, and cool swagger like good rockers should. Musically, there's arguably no tighter band in Detroit at the moment. They are pure garage rock - correctly blending rhythmic, R&B into their stripped down sound. To say the music is reminiscent of the early '70s sounds insulting, but it's not. That's just the vibe their sound emanates, but again The Go owns its sound.

McConnell even plays a vintage 1970s Gibson Marauder guitar which to most people doesn't mean a thing. But music aficionados will know that

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Michael York
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See 'Camelot' while the magic lasts

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Lerner & Loewe's Camelot transports audiences to medieval times, and straight for King Arthur's enchanted kingdom.

The lavish production, showing this month at Detroit's Fisher Theatre, is best expressed through a sweeping score, sparkling cos-

tumes and superb acting. It is directed by Glenn Casale. Star of stage and screen,

Michael York is the righteous King Arthur of England. With more than 40 years as an actor he made his film debut in Taming of the Shrew and enchanted audiences alongside Liza Minelli in Cabaret. More recently, he appeared in all

three Austin Powers movies,

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and served as a guest voice on *The Simpsons*.

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CAMELOT

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CAMELOT

FROM PAGE E4

When we first meet the king, he is coyly sneaking around the forest, eager to get a look at his bride, Guenevere — portrayed by the

stunning Rachel York.

The two meet by accident as Guenevere attempts to escape her arranged marriage, and they — quite providentially — fall in love.

But a warning from the wizard Merlyn, proves foreshadowing. "One cannot escape fate," he said. "It will hap-

As happy as the royal couple may seem, the audience awaits that moment when Sir Lancelot will inevitably come between them.

And his arrival does not disappoint. James Barbour's French-accented, fiercely self-important take as a knight in shining armor encompasses the theater with the song C'est Moi. He is first mocked by the queen. All it takes, though, is one magical, heroic deed to win her fickle, young heart.

But in this rendition, the knight and his queen do not carry on with a love affair. Their feelings for one another become evident in Camelot.

They share just one fleeting moment set to the song If Ever I Would Leave You. An ill-timed kiss - caught by the king's mischievous son Mordrid

becomes the downfall of this age-old love story. The production is based upon the novel The Once and Future King by T.H. White.

The costumes show a colorful array of rich fabrics. From velvet leggings and boots to flowing empire waist gowns, each character is carefully outfitted for the period. Special effects like rolling fog in a forest and the vast, detailed archways of the castle create a believable Camelot.

While there is talk of the round table, the audience never sees one.

But there is plenty of swordplay woven around the overall message, which is one of justice not war.

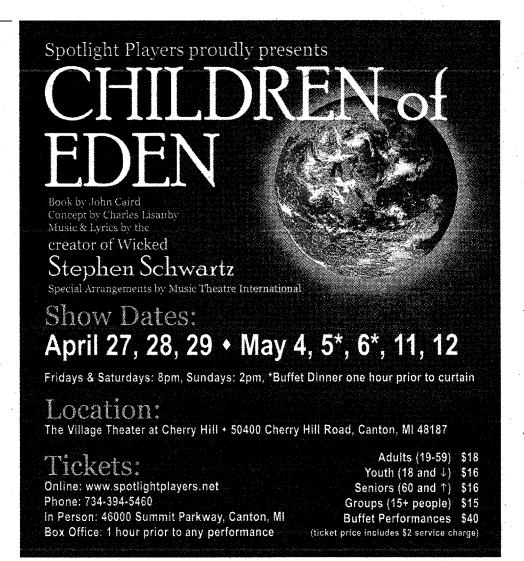
Arthur hopes to gather his Knights at the Round Table to promote peace, to "build rather than destroy." He sets up a court system, a jury. And ultimately must choose between those ideals and his queen.

Both Michael York and Rachel York give phenomenal, soaring performances in Camelot.

Highlights include the title song Camelot, and their playful duet on What Do the Simple Folk Do? Comic relief is amply provided by King Pellinore, played by Time Winters.

Camelot is part of the Broadway in Detroit series.

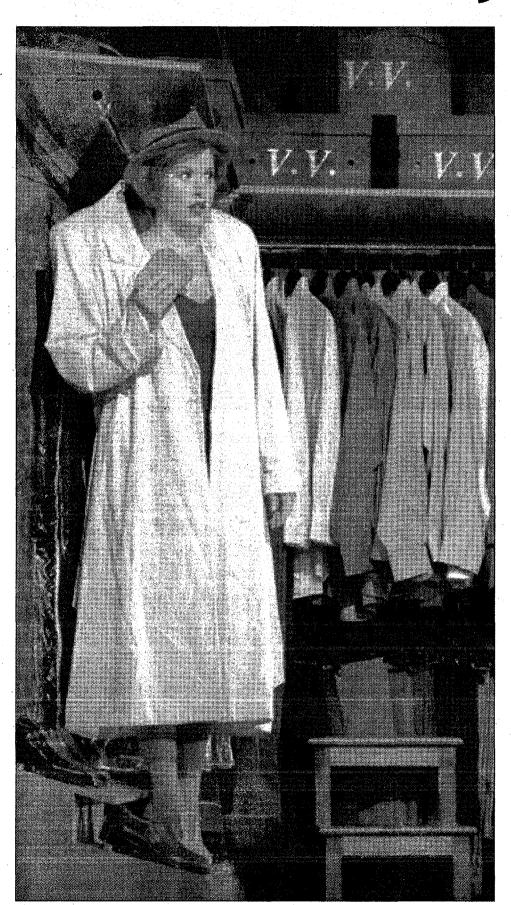
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Unforgettable



See star of stage and screen Molly Ringwald in the title role of Charity Hope Valentine in "Sweet Charity," running May 1-20 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

Molly Ringwald stars in 'Sweet Charity'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Though she claims she was never really a dancer, it's hard to picture actress Molly Ringwald without thinking of that defining '80s moment where she kicks up her boots to the song We Are Not Alone in the Brat Pack classic The Breakfast Club. It's still a go-to move – just check YouTube.

SWEET CHARITY

from May 1-20.

Blvd., Detroit.

What: Tony-nominated musical starring

Molly Ringwald as Charity Hope Valentine,

a dance hall hostess who gives her heart

to the wrong man. The show was inspired

by the film Nights of Cambiria (1957) by

Federico Fellini and, later, a book by Neil

p.m. Saturday-Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Sunday,

Where: Fisher Theatre, at 3011 W. Grand

www.broadwayindetroit.com, www.ticket-

master.com, or charge by phone at (248)

645-6666. Groups of 12 or more, call (313)

More information: Call (313) 872-1000 or

visit www.broadwayindetroit.com.

Tickets: From \$38-\$78. Buy online at

Performances: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2

But the star of stage and screen said when gearing up for her leading role in the touring musical *Sweet Charity*, she spent most of her time work-

ing on the choreogra-

Starting a year in advance, Ringwald went to the gym regularly. "It's kind of exhausting," she said, calling in April 5, from a tour stop in Pittsburgh. "But it's a fun show too."

Sweet Charity is a
Tony-nominated
musical drawn from
the 1957 Federico
Fellini film Nights of
Cambiria. In its many
incarnations, the
story has been adapted by Neil Simon and
reworked for the
stage and screen by
the legendary Bob
Fosse. Director
Walter Bobbie

brought it back to Broadway in 2005.

In it, the cherry-haired star of such '80s treasures as *Pretty in Pink* takes the reins as Charity Hope Valentine, a dance hall hostess who's looking for love.

"It was offered to me and it was a part I had always been interested in playing," said Ringwald.

She had been offered the part before – but the timing just wasn't right. She said she was either pregnant or had just given birth to daughter Mathilda, now 3, and wasn't ready to take on such a physically grueling role. Ringwald is on stage nearly every moment of the show.

She even received an offer to replace Christina Applegate in the Broadway production but turned it down. "I didn't want to do the replacement thing. I had done that with *Cabaret*."

Instead Ringwald opted for her first tour, complete with its intense schedule. "You're always picking up and going somewhere," she said. "That part of it is challenging. It's great to be able to travel and see new places."

The story of *Sweet Charity* is among Ringwald's favorites.
She saw the movie, directed by Bob Fosse, at age 10.

"Something drew me to the character," she said. "It always stayed in my head." Ringwald had experience

with Fosse's famous moves before, having played the lead as Sally Bowles in *Cabaret*. But

she wouldn't draw many parallels between the two characters.

"Both are very charismatic," she said. "But they're pretty opposite. Charity is very light and Sally is very dark. I think Charity is guileless where Sally is very cunning."

By taking on the life of a taxi dancer named Charity, Ringwald steps into a role that's been reinvented many times. In 1970, Shirley MacLaine earned the Golden Globe for her performance in Sweet Charity. It's a story that has

"I think it has all the elements," said Ringwald. "Charity is so great. There is something very moving about her. She can't sort of get ahead. She keeps trying and she keeps getting thrown in the river. But she never loses faith. That's very moving.

"Also, there is great music in it. Music everyone knows. As soon as the orchestra starts playing (the opening notes to *Big Spender*), everyone gets really excited."

Big Spender is her favorite number in Sweet Charity, and one she doesn't even sing. "I always get to watch it from the wings," said Ringwald. Other notable songs include If My Friends Could See Me Now and Where Am I Going?

PLEASE SEE RINGWALD, E10

Larry McCray plays more than the blues

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

He beat out Eric Clapton and Jeff Beck for a blues guitarist award, but let's get to that later.

Larry McCray is blunt: People who are expecting to hear only old blues when they see him live will be disappointed.

But, he's also wrong.

The crowd wouldn't be disappointed when they hear McCray break

away from standard blues, a genre where he is a master. His music also strays into rock, reggae and jazz, which he plays just as beautifully.

Musically it seems, there isn't much McCray can't do. See him live and there's hardly a person in the audience not grooving to his precision guitar. McCray wins over his audiences with ease — when he can get people to come out.

"Michigan is a difficult audience," McCray said. "When they come, they love it, but it's hard

to get Detroiters out to shows. It's always been that way."

And that's ironic in the Motor City - a town known for music.Getting people to come to live shows is a complaint musicians

from every spectrum fret about. Things aren't like that for McCray

when he plays in New Orleans, South America or in Europe. There, the houses are packed.

Metro Detroiters can hear McCray play before he leaves for a European tour later

this spring.

On Friday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. McCray, who lives in Davison but is an international musical hero, headlines at Rockin' For Justice, a concert that benefits The Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders (MACED).

Now back to the Clapton

Years ago, McCray gave up a steady paycheck at GM's Saginaw Steering Gear to pursue his dream of playing the blues

his way - with a hard rockin' edge that he honed to razor sharp precision.

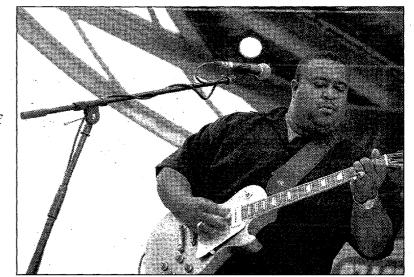
He plays honest blues. Born of the salty sweaty of his days on the assembly line and the strong work ethic he developed as a member of UAW Local 699.

In 2000, he was honored as the Orville Gibson Male Blues Guitarist of the year beating out numerous nominees, including living legends Eric Clapton and Jeff Beck.

This concert will be McCray's first Detroit-area appearance in over a year. It will mark the release of his sixth CD and latest recording on Magnolia Records titled Larry McCray.

The event includes a buffet, cash bar and silent auction, plus the concert. Also performing are The Paisley Fogg and New York singer/songwriter Rob Taube.

It's an energetic evening with fabulous food and top-notch entertainment," said David Birchler, an MACED board member. "The staggering number of children with special needs who are shifted to the juvenile and adult correctional systems is heartbreaking. This is



Larry McCray headlines at "Rockin' For Justice," hosted by the Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders (MACED).

what motivates us to raise the necessary funds to make a real difference.

Birchler also performs with the Paisley Fogg, a band that performs 1960s rock.

MACED, the oldest children's mental health advocacy organization in the nation, was founded in 1957 by a group of parents, mental health professionals and educators who recognized the need to speak on behalf of children with emotional disorders.

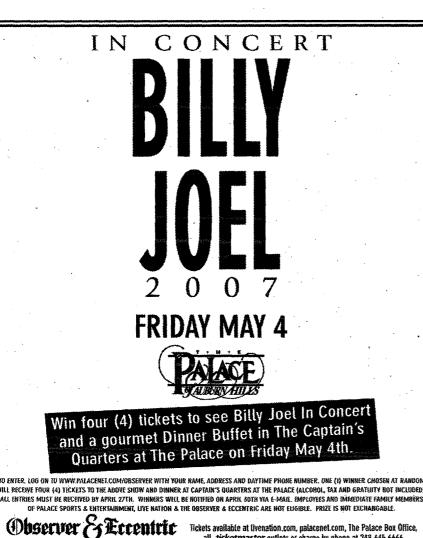
For more than five decades,

the agency has spearheaded broad-based public initiatives for improving children's mental health care and educational programs.

The concert is at The Baldwin Theater in Royal Oak, 415 S. Lafayette. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the concert begins at 7:30

Ticket are \$25 to \$450. For more information or to purchase tickets, call MACED at (248) 433-2200.

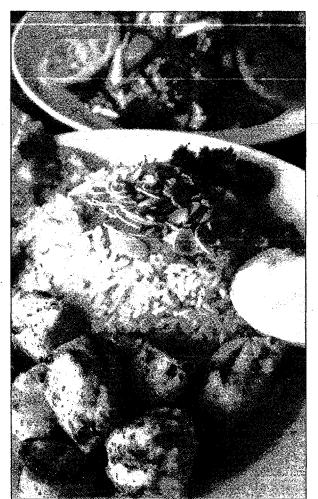
Hear McCray's music at myspace.com/larrymccray.



all ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at 248,645,6666



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LaMarsa's Shish Tawook (charbroiled marinated chicken kabob) is served with fragrant rice pilaf and Fattoush salad.

LaMarsa

Restaurant adds Mediterranean flavor to Farmington Hills

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

LaMarsa might be small, but the food is big on flavor.

The new Mediterranean restaurant opened in Farmington
Hills on Feb. 23 with a ribbon cutting ceremony
officiated by Mayor
Vicki Barnett. While its
humble size and lack of
a liquor license may
discourage large parties
or long-distance visits,
it's the perfect place for a
casual dinner or business
lunch.

LaMarsa is named for a place on the coast of Tunisia where the world's three religions live together, said Fadhel Gannouni, who opened the restaurant with longtime friend Adel Ahmed.

Ahmed worked as an award-winning chef for the prime minister of Egypt before coming to America and spending 13 years as chef at LaShish, a chain of Middle Eastern restaurants in Metro Detroit. Gannouni also worked at La Shish.

"We decided to open our own restaurant," Gannouni said. "We want to get the American people to try the foods and see the culture, and we try

to present it in a good way."

LaMarsa's logo is very similar to LaShish's, featuring green script underlined by a shish

kebob, but the similarities end there. Ahmed created a new menu for LaMarsa, blending Egyptian, Tunisian and Lebanese cuisines, result-

Lebanese cuisines, resulting in unique twists on traditional favorites.

The restaurant is simply decorated, and seating is limited to two tables, five booths and stools at the juice bar, but if you can't find a chair, no worries. LaMarsa does a brisk takeout business, offering its full menu to go with party trays and catering available.

If you choose to dine in, service is fast and friendly and prices are rea-

sonable. Plus, there are many nice touches that will leave you full and satisfied.

Selections start with raw juice cocktails like the Cobra (carrot, orange, beet, radish and apple) and Potassium Broth (carrot, celery, spinach and parsley). If you prefer something on the sweet side, fruit smoothies blend strawberries, banana and honey with your choice of orange, mango, papaya and carrot juices.

Traditional fare includes favorites like Hummous, Baba Ghannooj, Spinach Pie (all \$5.49) and Kibbee Nayee (\$9.99) for appetizers.

Or, try Starter Combos, Mixed Maza and Falafel Plates for a variety of samplings to share.

Entrees include Lamb Chops (\$16.99), lamb and beef Shish Kabobs (\$13.99) and Salmon Gallaba (\$14.99) to name just a few.

Vegetarian dishes at LaMarsa are marked with a green circle, and there are many to choose from, including Koshary (\$9.99), a traditional

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LAMARSA

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Egyptian dish that starts with layers of pasta, rice, lentil and chick peas; and Stuffed Grape Leaves (\$6.99).

Many meals have vegetarian variations, including the Mousaka. A favorite of mine, I was at first disappointed that the dish lacked its trademark layer of bechamel sauce on top, but the perfect blend of spices made it crave-worthy, and much healthier.

In fact, it's the taste of LaMarsa's dishes that sets the restaurant apart from competitors

Beckie Thompson, of Livonia, enjoyed the Shish Tawook (marinated chicken kabobs, \$13.99) she ordered on a recent visit.

"The chicken was very flavorful," she said. "You can tell they put a lot of time into the flavor of the food."

LaMarsa's menu is rounded out with wrap sandwiches, kids selections and desserts like Baklava, Rice Pudding and Omo Ali, a French bread cooked with sour cream, milk, honey and mixed nuts.

LAMARSA

35558 Grand River Ave., in the Muirwood Square Plaza, Farmington Hills. (248) 615-1900

Menu: Traditional Mediterranean Cuisine includes appetizers like Hummous, Fattoush, Tabbouli, \$5.49-\$9.99; traditional dishes, many with vegetarian variations, served with fries or rice and soup or salad, \$8.99-\$16.99. Wrap sandwiches, combo and party trays, a kids' menu and fresh fruit and vegetable juices and smoothies also are offered.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week.

Some nice touches that warrant a return to LaMarsa include the fragrant rice pilaf garnished with slivered almonds, and the fact that entrées come with a choice of signature soup like Crushed Lentil and Lamb Chili, or a specialty salad like Fattoush at no additional charge, instead of the usual "dinner salad."

Plus, the pita bread and garlic butter brought promptly to the table ensure the hungriest diners get a quick and delicious start.

Just make sure you grab a breath mint from the candy dish on the way out.

Trout dinner offered in Canton

Two avid fly anglers will be offering a Trout Bum dinner at their winery in Canton.

Kathy and Darryl Nowacki will offer some of their Rising Trout chardonnay with a rainbow trout and ginger sauce, ginger fried rice, and Select Riesling Ice Wine with a Heavenly Lemon Dessert at 7 p.m. April 25 at Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery, 8515 N. Lilley.

Guests also can win a Cabela's 4-weight fly fishing combo in a drawing April 30.

Dinner will be catered by Ginger Restaurant. Reservations are limited to 24 and must be made by 5 p.m. April 23. Call (734) 354-WINE (9463) for information.

Don Yamauchi, executive chef at **Tribute** in Farmington Hills, has announced a three course "Prix Fixe" dinner menufor \$50.

Yamauchi's special Tribute "Amuse Bouche" will be served evenings and will include:

■ Warm Porcini Mushroom Flan with frisee, bacon,

Roquefort cheese, truffle cream, pumpkinseed oil and raisin toast.

■ Organic Farm Raised Chicken with trumpet royal, salsify, chicken confit spring roll, chicken glace, sweet chili essence.

Chocolate Pave with banana anglaise, blackberry coulis, dark chocolate sauce, and menthol mint.

Tribute is located at 31425 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake

Road in Farmington Hills. Tribute serves dinner Tuesday through Saturday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. For reservations and information, call (248) 848-9393.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH AND SHOW

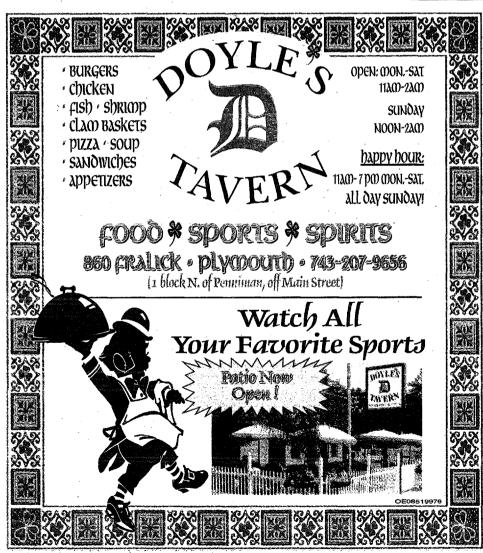
The Gem Theatre in Detroit and adjoining Century Grille Restaurant are offering a special Mother's Day brunch and show package.

Respect: A Musical Journey of Women makes the perfect

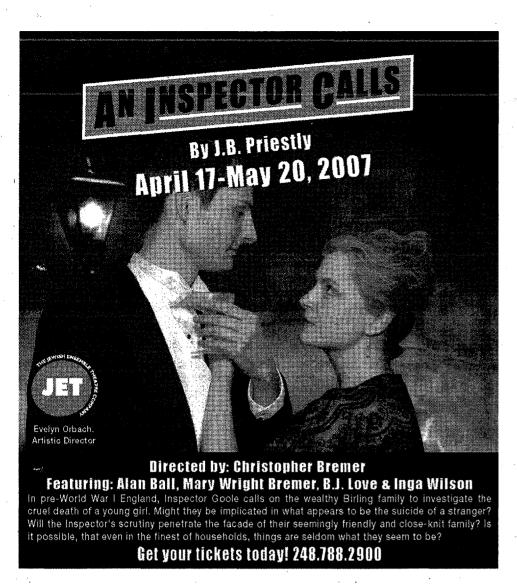
Mother's Day event for moms, daughters, and families. A celebration of the history of women through popular songs from 1900 to today, Respect will take mothers, grandmothers, and daughters on a journey down memory lane with such songs as My Man, Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey, Que Sera Sera, The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Where The Boys Are, I Enjoy Being A Girl, I Am Woman, I Will Survive, Hero, RESPECT, and other songs.

The Grille's brunch will feature a selection of breakfast items, breads and pastries, lunch and dinner entrées, salads, a carving station, an omelet station, and other items. Guests 21 and older will also receive a complimentary mimosa or Bloody Mary.

Tickets for Respect: A
Musical Journey of Women, are
available for \$39.50 for shows,
at 2 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday,
May 13. Century Grille
Mother's Day Brunch costs \$35
and is available from 11 a.m. –
5:30 p.m. Tickets to both the
show and brunch are \$74.50.
Call (313) 963-9800.









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Ringwald has been a singer and actress since childhood.

"I was a singer in my father's jazz band. I started doing community theater for fun with my brother and sister. (Shows like) Alice Through the Looking Glass and Oliver, whatever was going on in our small town. I grew up in Sacramento."

At 10, she snagged her first professional role as Kate in a production of *Annie*, thanks to her strong singing voice. That experience later led to movies. By 13, Ringwald said, she was "kind of hooked."

Though avid fans might remember her as the precocious young Molly Parker in *The Facts of Life*, Ringwald broke through in now-famous teen movies written by John Hughes. As love-sick Samantha Baker in *Sixteen Candles*, Ringwald began her transformation into the '80s

teen queen that girls envied and boys adored.

She said she wasn't sure how the success of films like *Pretty in Pink* and *The Breakfast Club* have impacted her overall career.

"They were good movies," she said. "I certainly didn't expect them to have the huge impact they've had, in retrospect. But they were good movies. It's kind of crazy."

While she doesn't watch them now, Ringwald said she may watch them again when Mathilda is old enough to appreciate them.

Ringwald has always been able to move seamlessly from stage to screen. Moving to New York City, she found a plethora of good roles on- and off-Broadway, and a chance to return to the stage.

As for what's next, Ringwald said she's planning a long vacation following the tour. She'll spend the summer in Europe.

So catch her while you can. Sweet Charity runs May 1-20.

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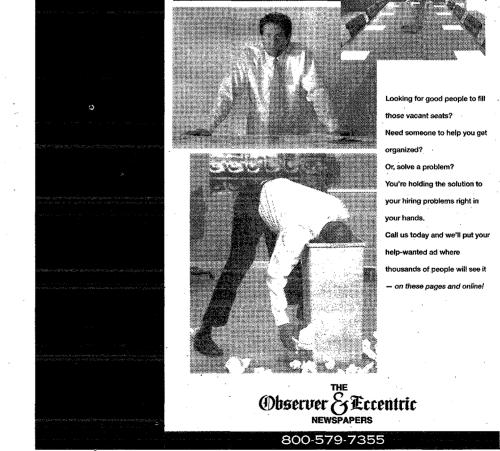
it's a guitar that most rock bands nowadays don't use. It's one of those instruments left behind in the 1970s.

The CD is on sale at www.cdbaby.com/cd/thego. For ticket information visit www.majesticdetroit.com or www.the-godetroit.com

Also playing that night is Sid Hartha and The Pizazz. Doors open at 9 p.m., 18 and over only. It will be the best \$8 you've spent all year.

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For an expanded calendar list with additional listings for May, visit the Get Out! calendar online at the Filter Entertainment section at www.hometownlife.com.

ART EXHIBITS

Art-is-in-Market

Featuring abstract watercolor expressionist David McIntosh, this artist-in-residence exhibition runs through April 25. Laurel Park Place Mall, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia, call (734) 432-

Cranbrook Art Museum

The 2007 Graduate Degree Exhibition runs April 22 through May 11, at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays

Detroit Institute of Arts

Let Him Remain a Landscape Painter. Detroit Institute of Arts' annual Dr. Coleman A. Mopper Memorial Lecture, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the museum. Dr. Colin B. Bailey, chief curator of the Frick Collection in New York City, will discuss Renoir's landscape paintings The talk is free with museum admission. Friday Nights at the DIA, music in museum's Rivera Court, 6:30 and 8 n.m., guided tours of Highlights of Europe and America, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, and 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Eastern Michigan University

Art Department Honors Exhibition, April 23-27, with a reception 4-6 p.m. April 23, at Ford Gallery, Ford Hall, north of Cross Street at Normal Street, Ypsilanti, call (734) 487-0465.

Michigan Library and Historical Center What is Work? youth photo exhibition, young people between 10 and 18 asked to photograph people, places and things that represent work, opening reception 2 p.m. April 28, exhibit runs through May 4, library rotunda,

702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing, (517) 353-9834. Flint Institute of Arts

After Lewis and Clark, The Forces of Change 1806-1871, paintings, drawings and prints by artists who accompanied explorers, including Meriweather Lewis and William Clark, as they encountered the unexpected and unique subjects of the American West, through April 29, 1120 Kearsley, Flint, (810) 234-1695, flintarts.org.

The Henry Ford

The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design will run through April 29 at the museum in Dearborn. The exhibit will feature more than 30 objects from the creative design partnership of Charles and Ray Eames, the duo who revolutionized the world of furniture design in form and function. Call (313) 982-6001, visit www.thehenryford.org.

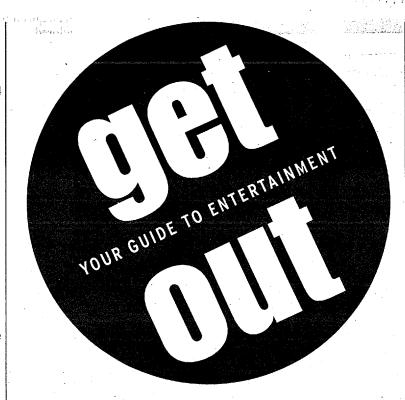
ART GALLERIES

Artcraft Gallery

Texture Reflections, Alan Casadei, through April 28, 32410 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248)

Beauty (Salon)

Paintings by Mark Sengbusch, runs through



April 27, B. Gallery, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046.

Habitat Gallery

35th Annual International Glass Invitational, April 21 through May 19, opening reception 8 p.m. April 21, 4400 Fernlee, Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590

Lawrence Street Gallery

Alice Frank's multimedia solo exhibition runs through April 28, at 22620 Woodward, Suite A Ferndale www.lawrencestreetgalley.com, (248)

Lemberg Gallery

Susan Goethe Campbell, Book, Not Book exhibit, through April 28, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

Oakland University Art Gallery

Oakland University 2007 Senior Thesis BA in Studio Art Exhibition, April 20 through May 20, opening reception 5-7 p.m. April 20, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005 or www.oakland.edu/ouag.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Main Gallery features Luzhen Qiu: Installation, one-woman installation which transforms the gallery into a unique theatrical space; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or www.pccart.org.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Mino Watanabe-Dunning, paintings, April 23 through June 16, reception 6-8 p.m. June 1, First Floor Gallery; also Rochester K-12 Art Show, April 23 through May 12, Main Gallery, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

paulkotulaprojects

Ann Mikolowski, Works on paper, through April 21, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, www.paulkotula.com, (248) 544-3020.

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Dee Ann Segula, encaustic paintings (painting molten beeswax and pigment to a surface), exhibit through April 29, Joann Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.

River's Edge Gallery
Amy Chenier, Tim Burke and photography of Elaine Redmond, meet the artists 6-10 p.m. April 20, through May 12, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.

Spring Gallery Stroll, 6-9 p.m. April 27, participating galleries are Designhaus, 111 W. Second; Eugenia's Hair/Gallery, 212 S. Third; Hermitage Gallery, 235 Main; Haig's of Rochester, 311

Main; The Silk Worm, 400 Main; The Private Bank, 440 Main; Paint Creek Center for the Arts. 407 Pine: Catching Fireflies, 203 E. University, For more information, (248) 651-4110.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery

Outpost, photographs by Tim Davis, John Lehr and Michael Vahrenwald, exhibit runs through April 28, 700 Livernois, Ferndale,

University Art Gallery

Michigan Collects Ruth Weisberg, a 40-year retrospective of the Southern California painter and printmaker, runs through April 27, all at 210 Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

University of Michigan-Dearborn

Collecting Glass: The Early Years at U-M-Dearborn, studio art glass collection, through May 11, public reception 5-7:30 p.m. April 20, Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, (313) 593-3592.

ART. ETC.

Oakland Community College

11th Annual Student Art Exhibition, artists' reception, 5-7 p.m. April 19, exhibition runs April 19 through May 23, free, OCC's Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 942-3355.

Call for artists

Juried fine arts show, Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats Aug. 31 through Sept. 3, entries must be postmarked by April 30, arts application at www.artbeatseasts.com. artists' inquiries at (248) 975-8812.

AUDITIONS

Birmingham Musicale

Betty J. Hixon Saxophone/Clarinet Award, open to high school graduates between ages of 18 and 22, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Big Beaver Road (east of Adams, west of Coolidge), Troy, for information and application, (248) 375-

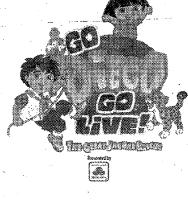
Birmingham Musicale

Dorothy K. Roosevelt Piano Award, high school graduates between ages of 18 and 22. 10 a.m. May 12, University Presbyterian Church, 1385 S. Adams (north of Hamlin), Rochester Hills, for information and applica tion, (248) 375-9534.

BLUEGRASS

Oakland Community College

Rhonda Vincent and The Rage, 7:30 p.m. May in a a company at a section of



ON STAGE

Diego and Dora are delighting young audiences in "Go, Diego, Go Live! The Great Jaguar Rescue." The show runs through April 22, at Detroit's Fox Theatre. Tickets are \$18.50-\$40.50. Call (248) 433-1515.

4, \$20, Student Center Arena, Highland Lakes campus of Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 341-2270.

BOOKS

Borders

Kevin Davis, author of Defending the Damned, discusses and signs books, 7 p.m. April 26 at 34300 Woodward (north of 14 Mile, Birmingham (248) 203-0005, book available at Borders, Amazon.com or www.kevinadavis.com

CHORUS

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Marygrove College, 4 p.m. April 22, Sacred Heart Chapel of the Madame Cadillac Building, concert is free and open to the public, featur ing Marygrove College Chorale, the Hartford Memorial Baptist Church Choir, organist Joanne Rickards Clark, harpist Lydia Cleaver and baritone Carl Clendenning, 8425 W. McNichols in Detroit, www.marygrove.edu or call (313) 927-1254.

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Ravi Shankar, 8 p.m. April 21; Andre Watts, 3 p.m. April 22, at Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward (313) 576-5111 www.detroitsymphony.com

University Musical Society

Los Folkloristas, 4 p.m. April 22, at Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, call (734) 764-2538 for tickets, www.ums.org

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

The Roaring '20s, the PSO's annual POPS con cert and benefit auction, 6 p.m. April 20, Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia, \$75, \$35 for children, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

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Club Bart

Big Lake Trawler, April 22; Jason Croff with Annie Palmer and the Hungry Tummy Project, April 24; The Orbitsuns, April 25; Carl Cafagna Jazz Jam Session, Acoustic Kool-Aid, April 29; all at 22726 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (248)

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Detroit Dance Collective

Michigan Trilogy II Concert, 8 p.m. April 20, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Main Theater, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$22 general, \$18 students and seniors, (313) 943-2354, www.dearbornfordcenter.com. . .

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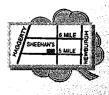
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'Black Book'

Film depicts tale of intrigue in Nazi-occupied Europe

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Acclaimed director Paul Verhoeven returns this month, but his latest film doesn't include any hint of the sci-fi surrealism that American audiences might

Black Book, opening this weekend at the Detroit Film Theatre, stands light years from his Hollywood blockbusters like RoboCop, Basic Instinct and Starship Troopers.

Set in 1944 Holland and inspired by true events and people, the film marks . Verhoeven's triumphant return to his roots - in the same vein as his 1977 classic Soldier of Orange.

Black Book follows the tumultuous life of Rachel Stein (Carice van Houten), a beautiful Jewish singer who desperately works to escape Nazi occupation during World War II. At 29, van Houten demonstrates a character with great strength and depth.

From the onset of Verhoeven's simple, silent credits, we meet the lovely brunette as she teaches students at a Jewish kibbutz in 1956. She encounters an old friend, Ronnie, who sends her thoughts streaming back in time. The wide-eyed redhead asks her: "How did you end up here?" From there, Verhoeven carries the audience along on a thrilling journey filled with mystery, intrigue, mistaken identity and betrayal.

During the war, Rachel is separated from her family and living in a secret room where she is forced to memorize Bible verses, and recite them in exchange for food. When that rural home is bombed, she finds herself on the run. With an opportunity to escape, Rachel seeks help from a compassionate attorney, Mr. Smaal, who gives her money and jewels to start a new life. She signs her name in a little black book, and later boards a boat heading for freedom in Brussels.

But the boat is ambushed and Rachel is the sole survivor.

Verhoeven keeps the plot speeding along, mimicking Rachel's fight to sur-

With nothing left to lose, she joins the Dutch Resistance, first working in a soup kitchen, a cover for the operation.

She is instructed to dye her hair blonde. Soon. Rachel is assigned to assist Hans Akkermans (Thom

BLACK BOOK

When: Showing at 7 p.m. April 20-21; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 22.

Where: The Detroit Film Theatre, inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave.. Detroit. Entrance is on John R, north of

Tickets: \$7.50. visit www.dia.org/dft. More information: Call (313) 833-4005

> Hoffman) to smuggle firearms onto a train. There, while trying to conceal her true identity, she meets Ludwig Muntze (Sebastian Koch), a leader in the Gestapo. Members of the Resistance reunite her with Muntze, where she begins to work as his assistant - all with the secret goal of helping to free a group of captured

Resistance fighters. She unexpectedly falls in love with Muntze, and believes he is a good man in spite of his wartime allegiance.

Verhoeven masterfully plays on themes of good and evil throughout Black Book. He provides enough twists and suspenseful moments to keep the audience guessing and eager to see how it all plays out.

Characters appear in dark shadows or stiff uniforms, giving little hint to their true nature. Nothing in Black Book is black and white.

Verhoeven basks much of the film in dingy colors, muted greens and blues. Only the opening and closing scenes reveal bright sunlight, and the clarity of blue water and sky.

With the appearance of the film alone, he suggests that Rachel has survived her darkest time. The story itself is perfectly woven, a testament of Verhoeven's long

In true controversial fashion, movie goers can expect to see a few unflinching nude scenes. Both male and female characters are shown without clothing. As daring as Sharon Stone may have seemed in Basic Instinct, van Houten will surely surpass her as bravely baring all on screen.

The film follows a variety of languages Dutch, German, English and Hebrew and is shown with English subtitles. It runs 135 minutes.

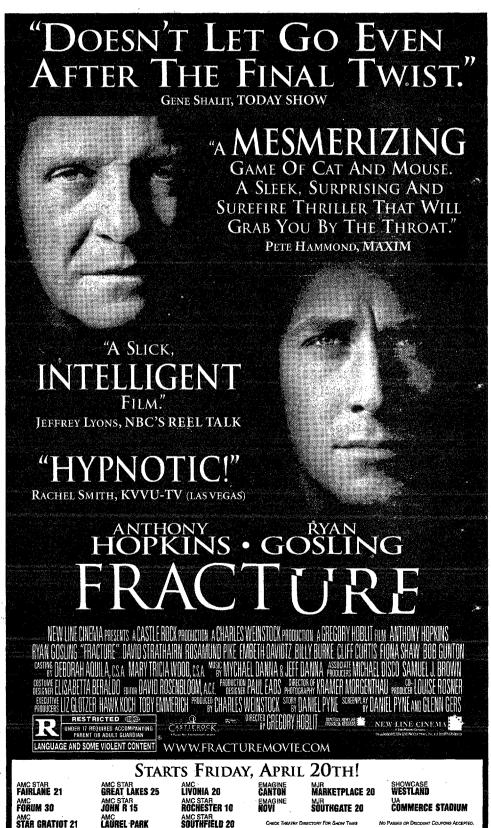
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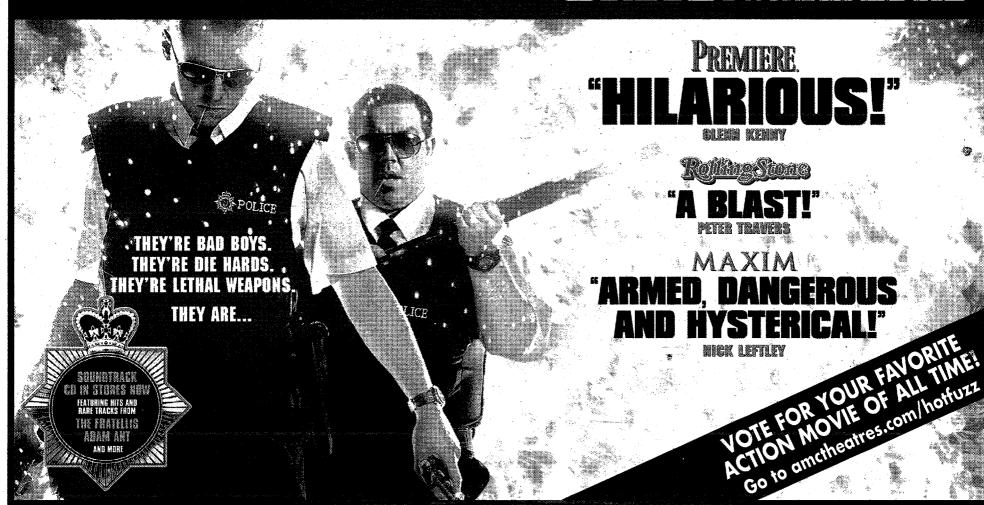
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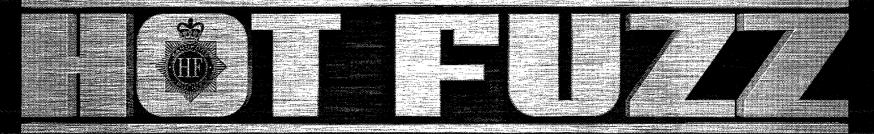
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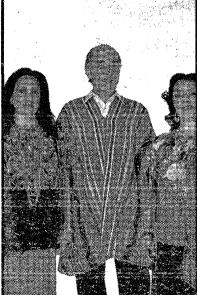
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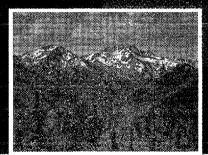
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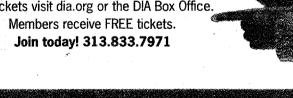
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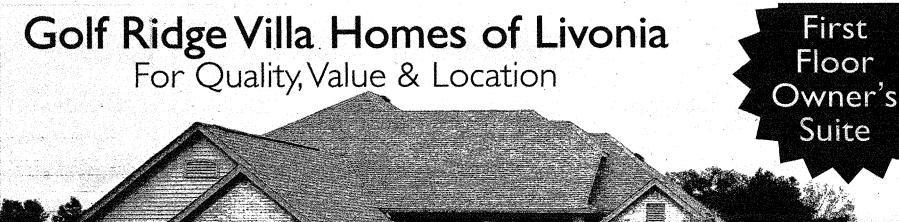
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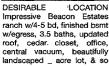


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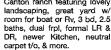
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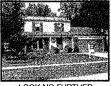
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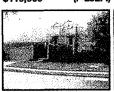
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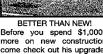




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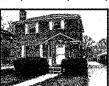


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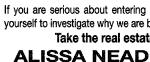




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A great home improvement project for the warmer months is taking care of your deck.

Use mild spring weather to get your home shipshape

(NAPSI)-Warmer spring temperatures naturally make most homeowners think about the summer season ahead. This spring, don't just think about it. Use the milder weather to get your property in tip-top shape so you can relax once the sunny days arrive.

"Spring is the perfect time to tackle the little fix-up projects you don't want to hassle with when the weather's nice," says Jim Rocchetta of Handyman Connection, one of the nation's largest home improvement companies. "Plus, you'll have your home looking great before you and your friends head outside for those backyard get-togethers."

Start with the deck or patio. Clean weathered deck boards with a biodegradable deck cleaner. Replace worn boards. Check railings for looseness or wear, and repair them if needed. Then ensure that your deck looks great all summer by protecting it from mildew and water damage with a high-quality finish and preservative.

Once the deck is done, Rocchetta

suggests inspecting the exterior of your home for signs of mold or mildew growing on wood, vinyl or aluminum siding. There are many effective and easy-to-use EPA-registered products for killing mildew, cleaning away the discoloration and protecting surfaces from future growth.

While you're checking the outside of your house for mildew, also be on the lookout for cracks or holes in siding or foundation walls. Repair the damage now before it gets worse.

Even though you aren't using them yet, don't forget about your air conditioners. Check for leaks, clean the filters and have necessary service performed before the mercury rises. "A quick check of your home's insulation and window seals is another good way to keep your airconditioning units operating at peak efficiency," says Rocchetta.

This spring, check the drainage around your home. When spring showers arrive, take advantage of the opportunity to inspect gutters and drainage tiles. A visual inspection on a rainy day will quickly reveal problems.

Finally, spring is a great time to gear up for big summer projects by taking a quick inventory of your toolbox, Rocchetta suggests. Do you have a good hammer, tape measure, wire cutters and a utility knife? How about screwdrivers and wrenches? You'll need them in various sizes and shapes for different applications. Do you have plenty of electrical tape, screws, nails and wood glue? Are your drills and saws in good working order? "Do-it-yourselfers should also make sure they have a good first-aid kit handy," Rocchetta adds with a grin.

Jim Rocchetta is vice president of Marketing for Handyman Connection, a nationwide network of home improvement and repair contractors. For more information, call (800) 88-HANDY or visit Handyman Connection online at www.handy-

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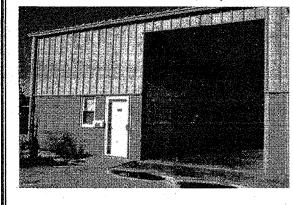
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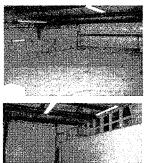
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124,900 Redford - 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Brick Bungalow, 2 Car Garage, Fin. Bsmt, Lrg. Deck, Many updates.

99,000 Inkster - 3 Bdrms, 2 Bath Bungalow, Lots of Major Updates; Roof, Siding, Most Windows, New patio, and Fin Bsmt. 77,500 Wayne - 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Ranch, Located in a great neighborhood, Big Master Bedroom, 2 Car Garage

259,900 Farmington Hills - 2 Bdrms, 3 baths, Fin Basement w/full Kitchen and Bath.

244,900 Ffat Rock - 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Baths, New Construction! Unfinished loft above 2.5 car garage.

219,900 Livonia - 2 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Newer Construction, 2 Story Grt Rm w/fireplace and view of pond.

218,900 - Canton 3 Bdrms, 2.1 Bath Detached Condo w/ 1st Floor Master Suite, 2 Story Foyer and Open Floor Plan. All Appl. and 1 Year Home Warranty Inc.

181,900 West Bloomfield- 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Townhouse Style Condo w/Garage and full Bsmnt, Privt entry, All Appl, Immed, Occ. 164.321 Ann Arbor - 2 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths, 2 Story Condo w/ Fin Bsmt, Freshly Painted, new Carpet, Windows, Doorwalls, Furnace and CA.

159.900 Plymouth Two. - 2 Bdrms. 2 Baths. Sky lights in kit and Master bdrm. Lots of upgrades, Grt Rm w/Cath ceilings.

134.900 Southfield - 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Sharp Ranch style condo. Common Pool, large basement storage.

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NOVI STATOURDO In gated comm, 2 stry GR w/bridge & loft above, 2 way FP, kit w/ss appl's, limestone firs, 3 car gar w/800 sq ft office above, p. fin bsmnt. MLS# 27054986 248-347-3050



An exquisite lakefront masterpiece! Luxury upgrades T/0, spectacular fin walkout, extensive landscaping & lake views from every wndw! MLS# 27058175 248-347-3050



COMMENCE ST.200,000

CATED LAKE FRONT COMMUNITY. Stunning "like new" lake front on commerce lake, luxurious vaulted mstr suite w/private BALCONY, granite kit. MLS# 270,335B6

248-360-1425



NORTHVILLE \$895,000
Remodeled w/granite in bths & fresh pnt'd t/o; hw firs; maple cabs w/granite cnters & ss appl's; 16 acre woods; mstr ste w/WIC's 2 FP's; p. fin w/o MLS# 27045073 248-347-3050



HAMBURG \$7750,00 On scenic Huron Rvr w/700' of water frontage. Renovated! Energy efficient & maint. free. New grantle t/o, hw fir in FR, remodeled bths. MLS# 27057042 248-347-3050



Backs 15th hole of golf course. 1st fir mstr stesun rm w/hw fl. Fin w/o. Bmnt w/wet bar gourmet kit w/granite counters, impeccably maintained. MLS# 27052807 248-347-3050



CANTON S595,000
Great Canton Location With 4 Splits Available For Country Homesites Or Could Possibly Be Made Into Site Condo For More Homes, MLS# 27029843 734-453-6800



Custom features, slate fir porch, crwn midngs, 2 stry foyer & GR rm. Kit Wgranite cnters, Sub 0 refrig, upgrade appis & maple Cabs. w/o bsmnt MLS# 27046431 248-347-3050



MOV \$425,000 Backs woods w/w-o bsmt. Hw firs t/o. 9' ceilings, paved walks & patio, 3 car gar, 42" maple cabs, crwn midg, clubhouse w/tennis cts, pool & beach. MLS# 27053516 248-347-3050



4 BR 4.5 ba home. Grmt kit w/ 42" maple cabs, Corian c-tops & B/I SS appls. All BRs have baths. Fin LL w/kitchenette, bath, rec rm, 2nd FR & more MLS# 27053328 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$450,000.

Pack Your Bags. Great 3 BR in pristine condition.

Large 1st fir master, 3.1 baths, beautiful fireplace between kitchen & great room. Gorgeous settling.

MIS# 27047069 248-646-1800



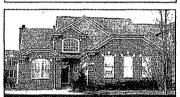
YONS \$389,900
Cape cod in golf comm. Paved walks & patios, hw
firs Vo, fresh paint int, 2-stry GR w/fp kit w/maple
cabs & 3.5 car gar, jack & jill bth priv bckyrd
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GANTON \$375,000
Gourmet kit w/HDWD flr, dble oven & custom Igts.
Custom in-ground heated fiberglass pool w/low
maintenance chlorine generator (35k value).
MLS# 27056626



Immediate occupancyl Gourmet kit w/cherry cabs w/granite cntrs & ss appls, hw firs t/o, loft/fr on 2nd lev, 2.5 car gar, untin bsmnt w/bath rough ins MLS# 27056503



Designer Perfect! Impressive upgrades thru-out! Gourmet kitchen, 1st fir mstr, finished lower level, end unit wypremium location & private entrance MLS# 27058217 248-347-3050



New! 2 stry foyer, hw firs, 3 car gar, hi-eff hwh, iron stair spindles, upgraded light fixtures t/o, dim shingles, unfin daylight bsmt w/bth rough-ins MLS# 27052684 248-347-3050



2-st foyer w/HDWD, gourmet kit w/island & crwn mldg, 2 st 6R w/FP 1st fir master w/cathedral ceil & WiC, glam BA w/jetted tub & dble sinks. MLS# 27054179 734-453-6800



4 BR, 2.5 Bath Col backing & siding to commons. Lg kit w/island (appls incl). FR w/gas FP & soaring 2-story cigs. Dual staircase. Lots of bay wndws. MLS# 27051546 734-453-6800



1st fir mstr ste & 3 car garage on prem lot! 4 BR 2.5 BA, full bsmt w/RIP, egress. Paver patio/court. New carpet 11-06, ext paint 9-06. Don't wait! MLS# 27056805 734-453-6800



FARMINGTON HILLS \$279,000
Designer perfect detached ranch condo w/
impressive upgrades thru-out! Great rm w/fpl,
library, 1st fr mstr, fin lower level & att 2 car gar.
MLS# 27030028 248-360-1425



NOVI \$2263,000 Stunning ranch! Open fir plan w/vaulted great rm, wet bar, gourmet kit w/cherry cabs, hrdwd firs, vaulted mstr w/glam bth, 3/4 acre & custm deck. MLS# 27059424 248-347-3050



CANTON \$226,900 Gourmet kit, Sub 0 fridge, 6-burner viking range, dbl wall oven, prof SS hood, cherry cabs & Corian cutrs. Updates incl bths, Pella windws & French drs MLS# 27042415 248-347-3050



Kit w/new fir & celling fan, frml LR w/ceiling fan, FR w/HDWD & nat fireplace, huge 12x12 lib/den w/drwl to deck, HDWD firs t/o entire 2nd fir. MLS# 27049052 734-453-6800



4 BR, 2.5 Ba home. Private BY backs to stream. Updated kit w/ new hdwd firs. Open FR w/ nat FP & B/I bookselves. BRs are large. Endless updates! MLS# 27053139 734-453-6800



New construction, includes gourmet kitchen w/ granite & stainless, hardwood floors, glamour bath w/granite & ceramic. MLS# 270158406 734-453-6800



3 BR 2.5 Bth home w/new fin bsmnt. Many updates! Prof landscaped newer deck. Novi Schools. Great loc. Also for lease w/mls MLS# 27054272 248-347-3050



Last one left in sub, price drastically reduced. 4 BR, 2.1 BA, 2430 sq ff w/almost an acre lot. Must see to believe! MLS# 27031767 734-453-6800



Home backs to woods! Newer roof shingles, deck 1st fir Indry, HW firs, Newer HWH, C/A, fam rm of kit w/FP, front porch, Mstr ste w/updated bith. MIS# 27044949 248-347-3056



Home sits on 1/2 acre & has over 100 ft of Rouge River frontage. Vaulted ceilings & gas FP in Lr. Mstr ste has Irg BA w/garden tub & sep. shower. MLS# 27053209 248-879-3400



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2-3 BR end unit Ranch. Grmt kit w/ upgraded maple cbnts, granite c-tops & new appls. 1st fir mstr. 2story GR. Over \$24,000 in interior upgrades. MLS# 27049725 734-453-6800



Updates Galore Thru-out! Hrdwd Firs Great Rm W/ Frpi, New Kitchen w/eat-in nook, Full bsmt, 2 car garage, New Vinyl siding, & Andersen Windows. MLS# 27058359 248-347-3050



Barely Lived In End Unit w/ many Upgrades! HW Firs, Crwm Midngs T/O, Upgraded White cabs, FP, Upgraded Appls, Jet Tub In Mstr, & WiC in 2nd BR, MLS# 27058204 248-347-3050



Model W/Island Kit, FP & Cath Ceiling In Great Rm, Mstr Bth W/Shower & Tub. 3 Car Gar. 1/2 Acre Backing to Woods. Home Fin Early Summer. MLS# 27051328 248-347-3050



33 BR ranch, part fin bsmt, kit w/wht cab, grdn wndw, snk bar & corian. GR w/vlt clgs, FP, fr paint, new crpt. Appl, assoc w/park, pool, tennis ct.



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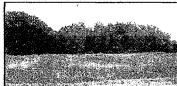
Luxury Plus! Great Rm w/2-way gas Frpl, Kitchen w/ eat-in nook, Doorwall to Deck, Hrdwd firs, Appliances Included, Dual mstr suites & Att 2 car Garage.



Sharp & updated 3 BR, 2 BA Brick ranch. Updated kit w/new hdwd fir, custom cbnts & B/I appls. Fam Rm w/nat FP Updated baths. Newer wndws. MLS# 27051460 734-453-6800



Spacious Kit w/Oak Cabinets, Cntr Island Snack Bar, Andersen Windows Vo, New Roof & Carpet, Fin Bsmt w/Poss 4th BR & Full Bath, Mstr Ste w/WiC. MLS# 27055043 248-347-3050



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PLYMOUTH \$184,900 Very well maintained 3 BR Brick ranch, Updated kitchen, HDWD firs t/o. Spac FR w/FP & newer carpet, New windows t/o. Full bent also under FR. MLS# 27051044 734-453-6800



Priced to sell today! 2 BR, 2 BA condo. Grmt kit w, upgraded raised panel conts, granite c-tops & S/S appls incl W/D. Mstr w/BA & 2-way FP. LR w/gas FP. MI.S# 27050477 734-453-6800



Priced to sell today! 2 BR, 2 BA condo. Grmt kit v upgraded raised panel conts, granite c-tops & 5/ appls incl W/D, Mstr w/BA & 2-way FP. LR w/gas FP, MLS# 27050485 734-453-680



3 BR Brick Ranch, Pottery Barn Kit W/Ceramic Tile Firs, Cnters & Backsplash, SS Appls. Fam Rm W/fp. Attached Gar P. Fin Bsmnt HW Fir Many Updates! MLS# 27051419 240-347-3050



Wow! 1225 sq Plymouth brick ranch features 3 BR, FR WFP, finished basement w/rec room & 2+ garage. New roof, furnace, carpet, paint & more. MLS# 27003724 734-453-6800



GANTON \$152,000

Bright, Neutral end unit w/cath cellings, 2 Br, 2 bath, DR, Kit, Gr-FP, Southern Exposure. Mint & Clean! Ready, Set, Move!



Colonial w/newer Roof, Furn & C/A. 2 Remodeled crmic Bth W/6' Jacuzzi Tub. Kit W/eat-in Area. Loft Upstairs Can Be 4th Br, Japanese Maple in landscape MLS# 27060529 248-347-3050



CANTON \$150,000

Half duplex w/open floorplan, eat-in-kit w/dcorwall to deck w/hot tub, FR w/wet bar & FP. Formal DR, master suite w/double closets & ceiling fan.

MLS# 27046515 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$148,900
Attractive 3 BR cradled among mature trees.
Pleasing corner location. Maint free ext. w/ newer roof, furnace, central air. 2.5 car garage. Super valuel MLS# 27046572



New Condo W/loads Of Upgrades Incl. Window Treatments, Light Fixtures, Crpt, Paint, Cath Ceillings Mst Bth & Wic, Kit W/upgraded Appls & Deck Off Grt Rm. MLS# 27058301 248-347-3050



D31(01)
Great curb appeal! Open & airy floor plan, neutral décor t/o. Florida room w/glass block wind, fin LL w/ rec'l lights, updated kit, in-law quarters.
MLS# 27056155 734-453-6800



4 BR 1 Bth On Almost 1/2 Acre. Redone Kit & Bth. Office W/mstr BR. Fla rm Fr w/Fp. Updates: Shingles, Insulation, Vnyl Siding, Glass Bik Wins & Furn. MLS# 27048881 248-347-3050



BR house w/lots of updates including: furna ter htr, 1st fir win, kit fir, freshly painted, fin bsn nore! Home warranty incl. 5# 27058447 734-453-68



Value Plus! Frmi Living Room, Gas Frpl, Frmi Dining Rm, Newer Kit, Appliances inc., Finished Bsmt, New Windows, Patio w/shed, Community Pool & Tennis. MLS# 27054665 248-347-3050



Shows like a Modell Kit W/new Cabs, Corian Cntrs & Snk Bar. LR open to DR, Vinyl Windows, Jet Tub Ir BA. Mstr Ste W/wic & Vanity Area. Att 1 car gar. MLS# 27051894 248-347-3050



One Half (1/2) Acre Buildable Lot. Prime Location. Close To All freeways. Wooded At The Back Of The Lot. Farmington Public Schools. MLS# 27022986 248-347-3050



Light & bright upper ranch condo w/pretty views. 2 bedrooms, fireplace, appliances. Backs to Syms Park! Virtual Tour @ cbschweitzer.com. MLS# 27046382 248-360-1425



Fantastic Ranch! Features 3 BR, updated kitchen w/ wood laminate fir, newer furn, AC, roof, ext doors, carpet, paint, driveway & more! Move right in! MLS# 27054097 734-453-6800



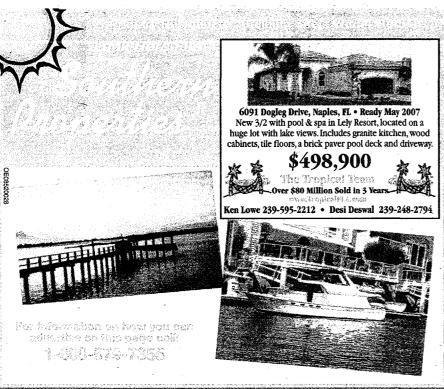
Spacious Ranch end condo w/garage. 1 BR 1 BA, huge rooms w/updates. Ready to move in now!! Close to shopping, parks, library. Park like setting. MLS# 27051034 734-453-6800



Very clean, move-in ready, adult co-op. 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA Ranch unit w/finished basement. New carpet '06 Large patio enclosure w/carpet & mini blinds. MLS# 27053795 734-453-6800



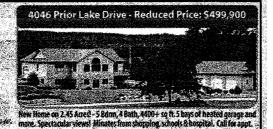
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are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton 2394 Brookfield St 170,000 41569 Conner Creek Dr 279,000 4065 Cornerstone Dr 46.000 1541 E Lakeview Ln 183,000 44690 Heather Ln 270,000 41629 Larimore Ln 195.000 44809 Leslie Ln 205,000 1953 Lone Wolf Ln 183,000 48408 Manor Bridge Dr 46.000 380,000 270 Merion Dr 47608 Scenic Circle Dr S 235,000 4411 Southbridge Dr 46.000 41078 Southwind Dr 112,000 41535 Wayside Dr 185 000

Farmington 33105 Cloverdale St 155,000 23812 Farmington Rd 243.000 22803 Manning St 188.000 23215 Prospect St 195,000 Farmington Hills

21624 Albion Ave 103,000 32740 Balmoral Knls 199 000 27465 Elsworth St 265.000 32205 Old Forge Ln 213,000 33970 Old Timber Rd 250 000 29539 Omenwood Ave 305,000 21715 Orchard Lake Rd 125,000 39316 Plumbrook Dr 275,000 21995 River Ridge Trl 235,000 21914 S Brandon St 196,000 585,000 32434 Sandstone 38430 Saratoga Cir 195,000 23111 Springbrook Dr 206,000 29521 Sylvan I n 218,000 22831 Tulane Ave 101,000

30475 W 14 Mile Rd 28587 W Nine Mile Rd 21025 Willow Ln **Garden City** 29202 Barton St

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25525 Collingwood Dr 95,000 1106 Fountain View Cir 136,000 26200 Great Plains Dr 295,000 61125 Greenwood Dr 126,000 26929 Johns Rd 165,000 205 Maplewood Ct 110,000 Westland

34231 Algonquin St 90,000 32883 Anita Dr 174,000 7616 Arcola St 96,000 35839 Castlewood Ct 106,000 638 Darwin St 163,000 829 Fairlane St 140.000 33662 Fernwood St 124,000 38500 Jill Dr 5923 N Globe St 229,000 112,000 5631 N Linville St 96,000 2012 N Marie St 89,000 5875 N Walton St 125.000 1538 Northgate St 128,000 35256 Pardo St 138.000

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kit w/nook; 42" cherry cabs, 2 car garage, commons area w/gazebo. Priced to move fast!
(jgeme) \$280,000



MUST HURRY PLYMOUTH

Completely remodeled, nearly 2000 sq ft, kit w/42' cherry-finish maple cabs, all new appl, FR w/ fireplace; formal DR; rec rm; Huge mas-ter w/ 2 WIC's & updated bath. Other updates include: powder room, windows, landscaping & cedar deck. 4beds/2.1baths, Close to downw/township taxes. (igeri) \$259,900



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FR w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace, LR & DR
w/bay windows, kit w/nook, granite & Corian,
hardwd flrs, 4 beds/ 3.1 baths, master suite
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study, freshly painted t/o, extra deep basement
w/bath rough-ins, dual staircases & three seasons room. \$525,000 (jglar)





1ST FLOOR MASTER! NORTHVILLE Backs to woods & offers a spectacular 2 story great room w/2 way fireplace to gourmet kit, 42" maple cabs, granite and ss appl's, 5 bed/4.1 baths, fin daylight LL w/family room, bat, office, 5th bdrm and huge workshop, finished showroom 3.5 car garage w/epoxy floor and hot/cold water. \$725,000 (jgoak)



THIS ONES A BEAUTY! Nicely upgraded. Includes: cabs, ceramic tile flrs, chair rail, crown molding & faucets. Huge FR w/fireplace, formal DR w/ bay & LR, 4bed/3.1 baths, Master w/vaulted ceiling, bath

& WIC, side entry garage w/fin walls & built-in cabs & counters, basement w/full bath. Brick

er walkways & patio(jgsho) \$274,900



Beautiful family bed/2baths, upda /2baths, updates include new roof tear-off,
windows and main bath. Hardwood
ring throughout, re-faced kitchen cabs, central air, new humidifier, 3 car tandem garage, deck backs to creek. (jgleb) \$209,000

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- Marshall Mandell, RE/MAX Classic, of Farmington Hills, top listing and selling team; top team;
- Paul Endres, RE/MAX Properties, of Allen Park, top listing & selling individual; top individual agent; national award; top transaction sides in the U.S. for an individual agent:
- Eddie Mallad, RE/MAX Team 2000, of Dearborn Heights, top office average volume; top office average transactions; top office average commissions; top office total transactions;
- William Currier, RE/MAX In The Hills, of Bloomfield Hills, Children's Miracle Network individual;
- Carol and John Vitale and Vince Sancimino, RE/MAX First of Clinton Township, Children's Miracle Network office.

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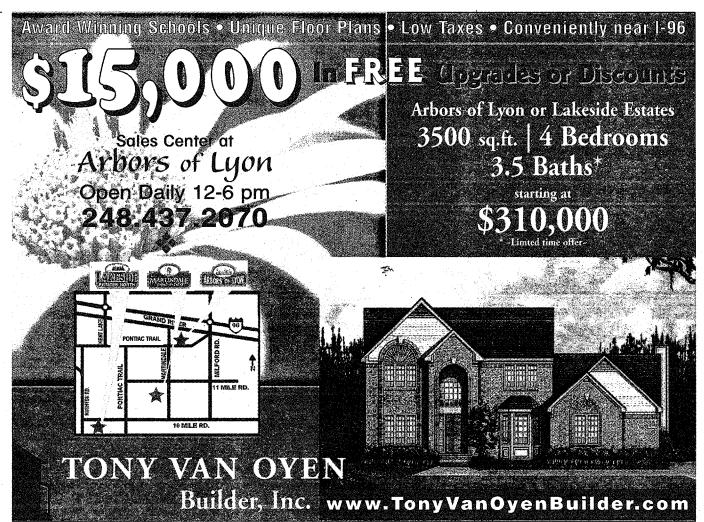
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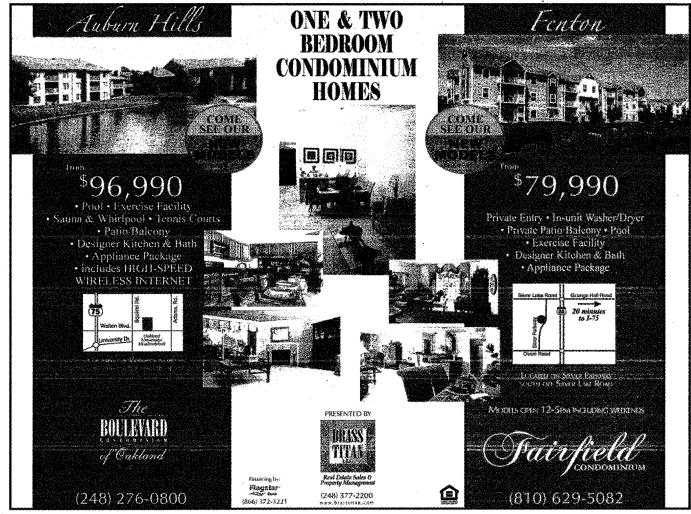
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A. There are communities that are particularly designed for equestrian communities. They obviously require specific types of restrictions to deal with the maintenance of horses, the protection of same and issues regarding the cost of maintenance. This is but one form of community association development in the form of condominiums. However, because it is a relatively new concept, you are best advised to hire an attorney who



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has had experience with equestrian communities. An issue to consider is, by local ordinance, there are often limitations on the number of horses that can be maintained and restrictions and covenants relating to manure and vector control.

Q. I am looking for investments in southern Europe and understand that Spain is a great opportunity. What do you know?

A. I can tell you that Barcelona, Marbella, in the Costa De Sol along the Mediterranean and Granada are burgeoning in development of new high rises including apartments for purchase. Valencia is also a city with tremendous magnetism in terms of the modern architecture and Madrid has traditional development in the city as well as the suburbs. The best opportunities, in my opinion, would be in the Barcelona area because of the international commerce with proximity to France and Italy from which a number of visitors frequent. The economy seems to be burgeoning, the

transportation system is excellent both in terms of the roadways and the rail system and the trade opportunities are excellent.

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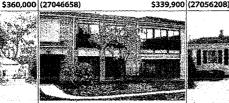
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