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## City OKs new dog ordinance

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth City Commission passed the second and final reading of a new dog ordinance, the result of concerns expressed by residents when a red-nose pit bull moved into their Jener Street neighborhood.

The new ordinance details the definition of a dangerous dog, including one that bites or attacks without provocation, and exceptions, such as a dog that attacks a trespasser or someone who provokes or torments the dog.

Former Plymouth resident Bob Darden of Ann Arbor, a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Association of Pure Bred Dogs, encouraged the commission to consider a tiered system that would push dogs into a dangerous category if they continually get loose or bark, as well as escalating ticketing and fines for the dog owner.

However, most commissioners felt there were enough steps through the court system to address concerns.

"I think this is a good first attempt," said Commissioner Ron Loiselle. "We can review this in six months if we need to tweak it. This may not be the best solution, but we never know until we try it out."

Commissioners voted 6-1 to pass the new ordinance, with Mike Wright the dissenting vote.

"I'm not comfortable this represents our best effort," Wright said. "I'd rather do this right than rush it."

The change in the local law began when Jener Street residents circulated two petitions urging the Plymouth City Commission to ban pit bulls and toughen the vicious dog ordinance.

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Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Moran questions a witness as defendant Jean Pierre Orlewicz looks on during Orlewicz's trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

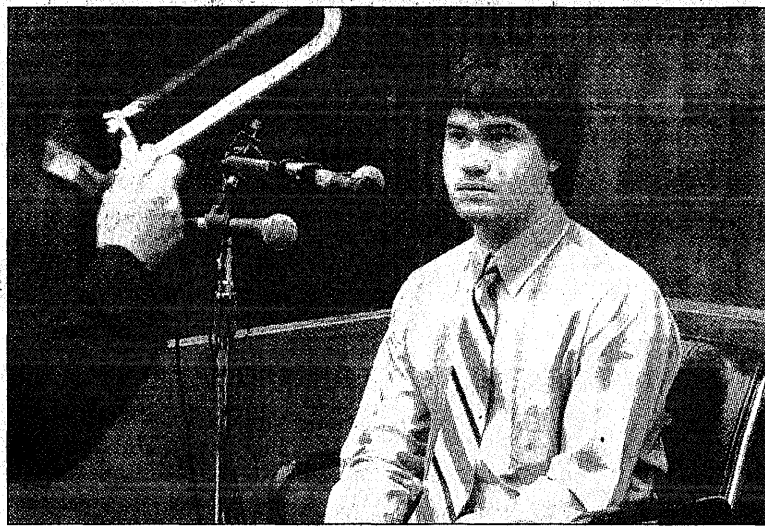
## Forensic scientist: Blood evidence ties Plymouth teen to beheading

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A day after the most gripping, explicit testimony in the beheading trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz — a graphic description of the murder Wednesday by former co-defendant Alexander Letkemann that had observers weeping and forced Judge Annette Berry to break to give jurors a breather — prosecutors on Thursday went about presenting forensic details they say connect Orlewicz to the homicide.

A string of witnesses on the trial's fourth day presented evidence of blood and tire and shoe prints prosecutors say link the Plymouth Township teen with the brutal killing.

Orlewicz is charged with first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a body. He faces life in prison without parole, if convicted. Letkemann had faced



Alexander Letkemann of Westland, a former Livonia Churchill student, describes the killing of Daniel Sorensen during testimony in Wayne County Circuit Court Wednesday.

the same charges, but pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in exchange for a sentence of 20-30 years in prison for his testimony.

Jennifer Dohring, a forensic

scientist with the Michigan State Police crime lab in Northville, testified Thursday she took at

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## City, school district wrestle with budgets

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As many governmental entities move toward the end of the current fiscal year June 30, it appears the City of Plymouth and Plymouth-Canton Schools are moving in different directions as they prepare general fund budgets for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

While one is projecting fund balance increases, the other is looking at ways to keep from using its surplus to balance the budget.

Plymouth is looking at a projected \$2.02 million budget surplus as it

heads to the new fiscal year, which begins July 1. And, as officials plan to administer a \$7.72 million general fund budget for 2008-09, they expect the fund balance to increase to nearly \$2.06 million at the end of the budget year.

In fact, the five-year projection has the city's bottom line improving each year, finishing at \$2.47 million in the 2012-13 budget year. That doesn't include the \$550,000 budget stabilization fund, which can only be used for emergencies. However, Finance Director Mark Christiansen remains reserved.

"Although we are projecting

increases in the general fund balance, they are not all that solid," said Christiansen. "Not like the increases in the past couple of years."

As city commissioners begin their annual budget sessions Monday, they'll get positive, but cautionary, news from City Manager Paul Sincock.

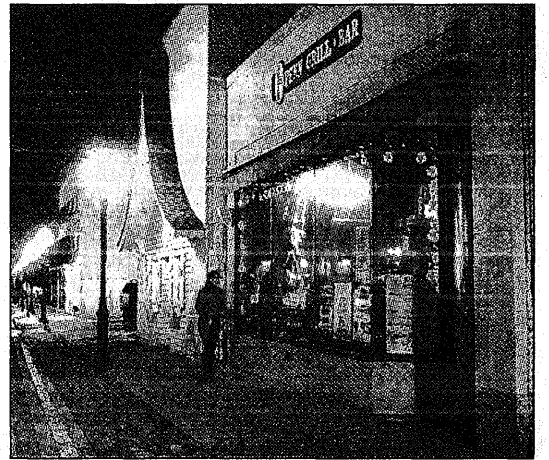
"We're pleased to propose a small millage rate decrease of 1.6 mills, that's approximately a 1-percent cut in our tax rate," Sincock said, "and a two-year total cut of about 9 percent, or 1.42 mills, in our overall budget. The 2009-10 budget will have an expected millage increase that's due to voter

approval of street bond issues.

"We also have a number of challenges, namely the dwindling personal property tax assessments which have gone from \$80 million to about \$25 million over the past six years," he said. "Also, decreases in residential assessed values will most likely begin to have serious impacts on the city next year."

Just a few blocks down from City Hall, PCCS administrators at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center on Harvey Street are looking for ways to eliminate a projected \$4.1 million budget

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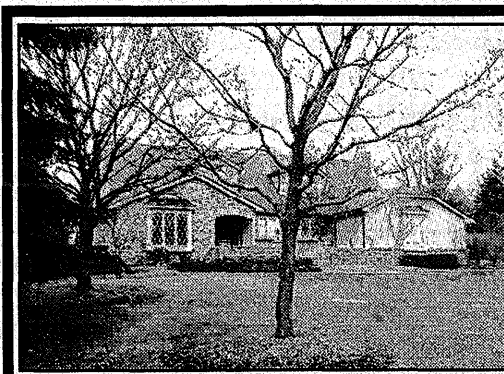
Plymouth officials are threatening the owners of the Penn Grill with revocation of its liquor license.

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Author, photographer at luncheon

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library join the Friends of the Canton, Northville and Novi libraries in presenting author Loren Estleman and photographer Monte Nagler at the annual Book and Author Luncheon, May 14 at Fox Hills Country Club.

The two have recently collaborated on "Amos Walker's Detroit", a collection of photographs of Detroit areas found in Estleman's popular Amos Walker mystery series.



Nagler

The mystery and western novels of Loren Estleman have been translated into dozens of languages and are read around the world. He has received eighteen national writing awards from such organizations as the Private Eye Writers of America, the Western Writers of America and Popular Fiction Monthly. In 1987, the Michigan Foundation of the Arts presented him with its award for literature. In 1997, the Michigan Library Association named him the recipient of the Michigan Author's Award.

Fine art photographer Monte Nagler has won numerous awards. His work is found in many private and public collections including the Detroit Institute of Arts; the University of Michigan Museum of Art; the Dayton Art Institute; the Grand Rapids Museum of Art; the Center for Creative Photography and the Brooklyn Museum.

The Book and Author Luncheon is open to the public; tickets are \$25. They can be purchased at any of the participating libraries, including the Plymouth District Library. For more information, call 734-453-0750, Ext. 242.

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King of the auction

The Plymouth Symphony League's annual dinner auction and benefit will feature Steve King and the Ditties playing big band music from "The Fabulous Forties" 6 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Laurel Manor (39000 Schoolcraft Road) in Livonia. The PSO's annual dinner/auction benefit features an evening of fine dining, dancing and the Plymouth Symphony League's "fun"-raising auction for music lovers of all ages. There will also be silent and live auctions, with items ranging from Detroit Tiger box seat tickets with meal coupons and parking to cultured pearl and diamond earrings. Tickets are \$85 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office by phone at (734) 451-2112, by visiting the secure on-line box office at www.plymouthsymphony.org or in person at 470 Forest Place, Suite 18.

The Plymouth District Library presents the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau Evening Lecture Series. Monday, April 21 at 7 p.m. topic to be announced. Contact the PCAC one week before the lecture to hear the topic. Held at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.

Pilates trainer

On Friday, April 18 Pilates Director of Education and Senior "Teacher of Teachers" of the United States Pilates Association Brett Howard comes to Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio in downtown Plymouth Friday, April 18.

The prestigious master trainer will be holding a workshop for Pilates instructors focused on knee injuries.

"We were getting phone calls back the same day it was announced," said Jaime White,

owner of Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio. The workshop filled up so quickly that Howard will be doing private training April 17 and April 19 to fit in as many interested clients and instructors as possible. Fifteen instructors from Chicago, Ohio and throughout Michigan will be in attendance for the workshop.

For more information, contact White at (734) 459-1547 or pilateteacher@hotmail.com. Core Sport is located at 829 Penniman Ave in Plymouth.

Jazz band

The 16-piece Blue Steel Jazz Band brings a mix of old and new ballads and swing tunes to a performance at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth 7 p.m. Monday, April 14. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m.; admission is \$3.

For more information, visit www.penntheatre.com on the Web or call (734) 453-0870.

Parks beckon winter-weary residents

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Spring didn't arrive a minute too soon for friends Wendy Distelrath of Plymouth Township and Amy Redd of Livonia, sitting on a blanket with their kids, all home-schoolers, at Plymouth Township Park Monday.

Amy has John, 1, plus Sean, 7, and Ethan, 5. Wendy, accompanied by 13-year-old daughter Anne, also has Patrick, 7, and Max, 4. "I have two other girls, but they're not with me," she said.

"It's very uplifting," Redd said of the sunshine. "A light at the end of the tunnel kind of feeling. It was a relief after that winter."

Wendy wore shorts to the park. "Just to play," she said of her visiting. "It's so close to my house."

"I definitely had an urge to go to a park, too," Redd said. "My kids are loving it."

Nearby was Kristin Jones of Livonia, who grew up in Plymouth and whose parents remain there. She was with son Jordan, 2, and her twin sister, Jenny Heeren of Northville, and Jenny's daughter, Emilee, 1.

"We love it," Heeren said. "It's nice to be outside and not cooped up inside. It was a long winter, yes."

Her sister added: "It's just nice doing other things with the kids."

Jennifer Wichmann of Salem Township played with kids Sophia, 3, and Isabella, 9 months. "It's just beautiful today," she said. "Too long," she added of winter.

"Too many gray skies," Melissa Zabkiewicz of Plymouth Township and husband Mike brought their

daughter, Madelin, 19 months, to the park. "It's a long time coming," she said of spring. "I wish it happened all year round," her husband added.

Phillip Reed, currently of Plymouth Township, was with sister Mary Goins, her husband and their kids, his girlfriend and her mom and mom's kids. "It's getting nicer out," Reed said.

"It's not as warm as Georgia," where she now lives, added Mary Goins, who lives about 45 minutes from Atlanta. Her three kids, ages 8, 5 and 2, were at the park, along with one on the way.

Goins' husband is in the Army and has served in Kuwait. Phillip, her brother, will be in the Army as of June. "It's nice to come visit home," said Mary Goins.

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ON CAMPUS

Wayne State

Wayne State University School of Medicine presented the degree of Doctor of Medicine to Jennifer Anne



Foess

Foess. She is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and graduated with High Distinction from the University of Michigan in 2003 with a bachelor of science degree in anthropology-zoology. She is a first-year resident physician in the Department of Family Medicine at Oakwood Hospital.

Foess is the daughter of David and Barbara Foess of Canton.

Shipman scholarship

Kathryn A. Falvey of Plymouth has been selected by the University of Michigan

as a recipient of the prestigious Sidney J. and Irene Shipman Scholarship.

Kathryn graduated from Ann Arbor Fr. Gabriel Richard High School in May 2007 and began her studies in the School of Nursing at U-M this past fall.

At Gabriel Richard High School, Kathryn was a member of the National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was also a four-year member of both varsity basketball and soccer teams and the captain of each team during her senior year. Kathryn is the daughter of Joseph and Anne Falvey of Plymouth.

Olivet College

Heather Michalsen of Plymouth was among 231 students named to the Olivet College 2007 fall semester Dean's List.

To make the Dean's List, a student must be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Ashland University

Plymouth resident Emily Hoernschemeyer was given a College of Arts and Sciences Scholar Award at Ashland University.

Hoernschemeyer, a freshman majoring in creative writing at Ashland University, is a 2007 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Catherine Hoernschemeyer of Plymouth.

Lawrence Tech

Six students from Plymouth - Luigi D'Abate, Nathan Guideau, Steven Lent, Matthew McLeod, Matthew Showalter and Bryan Zochowski - were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2007 semester at Lawrence Technological University.

To be named to the honor roll, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the term.

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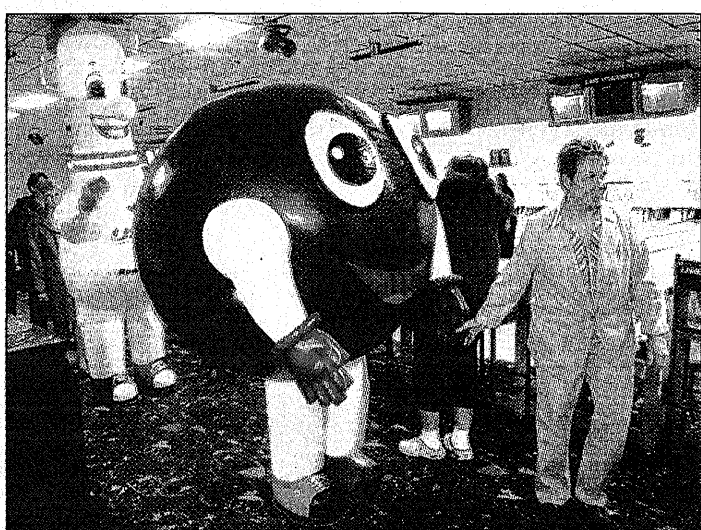
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# Let's roll!

Women bowlers kick off national championships with flair

TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

She was off-key but too excited to care. While dancing in the middle of the aisle at Super Bowl on Ford Road, a participant in the women's championships of the United States Bowling Congress changed the words of the Sister Sledge classic, "We Are Family," to "We are women bowlers." The championships, an 88-day tournament, began Thursday night with dozens of women and USBC officials packing the bowling alley for the event's opening ceremonies. Super Bowl, which doled out \$300,000 on facility improvements, has been transformed into a women's championships hub with various shops set up featuring jewelry and souvenirs. At the official USBC store, mini bowling pin sets are for sale along with kids T-shirts that read: "What happens at Grandma's, stays at Grandma's." With teams from all over the country, including Florida, California, New Mexico, Minnesota, Kansas and Ohio, many of them had group names that included the words "divas" and "ladies." Others had more playful monikers including Pinheads, Happy Rollers, and Mixed Nuts. Alisa Dillard, of the Philadelphia-based Mixed Nuts, said this was her third



Bonnie Garska leads mascots Striker (Mary Beers) and Kingpin (Gary Richards) through the crowd at the opening of the tournament.

year competing in the event. "This is very good stuff," she said. "It's exciting just to be able to have fun with the girls." Marian Kirby of Saginaw felt the same. "This is my first year competing and it has truly been a nice experience," she said. Just before the mass first-ball roll, singer Larry Johnson, who performed a medley of Motown songs, entertained the participants. As some women danced with their arms around each other, others snapped their fingers, posed for pictures or sang along to snippets of "My Girl" and "The Tracks of My Tears."

Linda Stansell, a Canton resident, is a member of a team based out of the Holiday Inn Express in Canton and said she was excited to be apart of the festivities. "This is wonderful and a great opportunity for Canton," she said. When asked if she was bowling to win, Stansell made a slight pause and but her teammate, Tina Lounsbury, chimed in quickly and said, "We're out to win!" while pumping her fist in the air. The championships will feature more than 7,000 teams and is expected to churn \$40 million into the area.

# Rabbit shelter hops closer to grant

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Midwest Rabbit & Rescue Rehome in Plymouth has moved to phase two of a national contest that could result in a \$1-million makeover of the group's Plymouth shelter. The rabbit rescue on Holbrook received enough support in the online contest sponsored by Zootoo.com to finish sixth in voting of the more than 1,000 shelters that participated. The top 20 shelters will be visited by representatives of Zootoo to determine which will receive up to \$1 million for a facility makeover. The second-place winner will receive \$10,000. The remaining 18 will each be given \$5,000.

"It's pretty exciting and happening so quickly," said Debbie Toudaian of Midwest Rabbit & Rehome, the only rabbit shelter in the national contest. "The best thing that's come out of this is the awareness about the shelter. We've had a lot of adoptions." The non-profit shelter has about 100 volunteers who help care for about 150 rabbits, with an annual budget of \$17,000. Organizers are looking for people to adopt rabbits as well as volunteers for the shelter. Zootoo will send a crew to film the Plymouth shelter April 24 to help determine its worthiness for the top prize. "We'll be looking at the physical conditions of the shelter, meeting with managers and staff, review the

policies and procedures and assess the community support and involvement," said Zootoo spokesperson Renee Lane. Lane said finalists will be recognized May 15 during the Humane Society of the United States Animal Care Expo in Orlando May 15. The winner will be announced within a week of the event. "This promotion was designed to increase animal awareness, support and funding for every shelter across the country," said Lane. "With increased awareness, we're hoping there will be an increase in adoption rates, donations and volunteers."

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## LIQUOR

FROM PAGE A1

Mayor Phil Pursell said it doesn't matter to him whether it's nonrenewal or revocation, he wants the Penn Grill to clean up its act.

"I can only hope the Penn Grill has gotten the message, and pending the outcome of the LLRC and the full commission on the (April) 21st, I hope it won't be business as usual," said Pursell, "because if it is, it won't be business at all and we'll go for revocation."

Pursell admitted that the LLRC, which holds its annual review of the city's Class C liquor license holders in April, may have to move those reviews to earlier in the year.

"We may have to review outstanding tax bill or other questions the LLRC has on any establishment by March first so we can have a recom-

mendation to the full City Commission by the first meeting in March," said Pursell. "That way, we won't have any problem with renewal or revocation."

Meanwhile, the owners of the Penn Grill have issued an e-mail blast asking Friends of the Penn Grill for support.

"We have immersed ourselves in the Plymouth community by contributing time and/or money to most charitable organizations in Plymouth," read the e-mail. "For some reason (and we don't know if there is a prejudice against us) the city wants to revoke our license to do business in Plymouth. We urge you TODAY to e-mail and let the local papers and city council as well as (Police) Chief (Wayne) Carroll and City Manager Paul Sincock know what you think of the Penn Grill. Only through your support will the true feelings about the Penn Grill be known."

## BUDGETS

FROM PAGE A1

deficit for the 2008-09 fiscal year. Interim Superintendent Ken Jacobs said he's asked elementary, middle school and high school administrators to dig deep and suggest cuts of \$1 million at each level.

"Our administrators have done a good job," said Jacobs, who declined to list the possible cuts until they are finalized in time for Tuesday's school board workshop meeting. "Some things were recommended that perhaps weren't

possible or legal to do, but I'm encouraged we'll be at or close to that."

Jacobs acknowledged the district, according to its contract with the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, will give layoff notices to teachers by the end of this month.

"I can't give you a number, but it's not going to be anything drastic," Jacobs said.

While the West Bloomfield and Southfield school districts plan to privatize services such as busing and food service, Jacobs said there are no plans to take that route in Plymouth-Canton to ease budget woes.

# Thespians get 'Seussical' for musical

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

He may be a beloved children's author, but Dr. Seuss is moving up to high school - Wayne Memorial High School to be exact.

His storybook characters like Horton, Cat in the Hat and the Grinch will come to life on the stage of the school's Stockmeyer Auditorium in the Theatrical Guild production of *Seussical* Thursday-Saturday, April 17-19.

"I wanted to chose a play that had a variety of characters, a lot of plays don't have a lot of male roles," said director Katie Sullivan. "I liked this play because it has a lot of animal characters that aren't necessarily gender specific. People also ask if we chose this because of the movie, but we chose the play early on in the school year. It wasn't until only a few weeks before *Horton Hears a Who!* came out that we realized there was a movie."

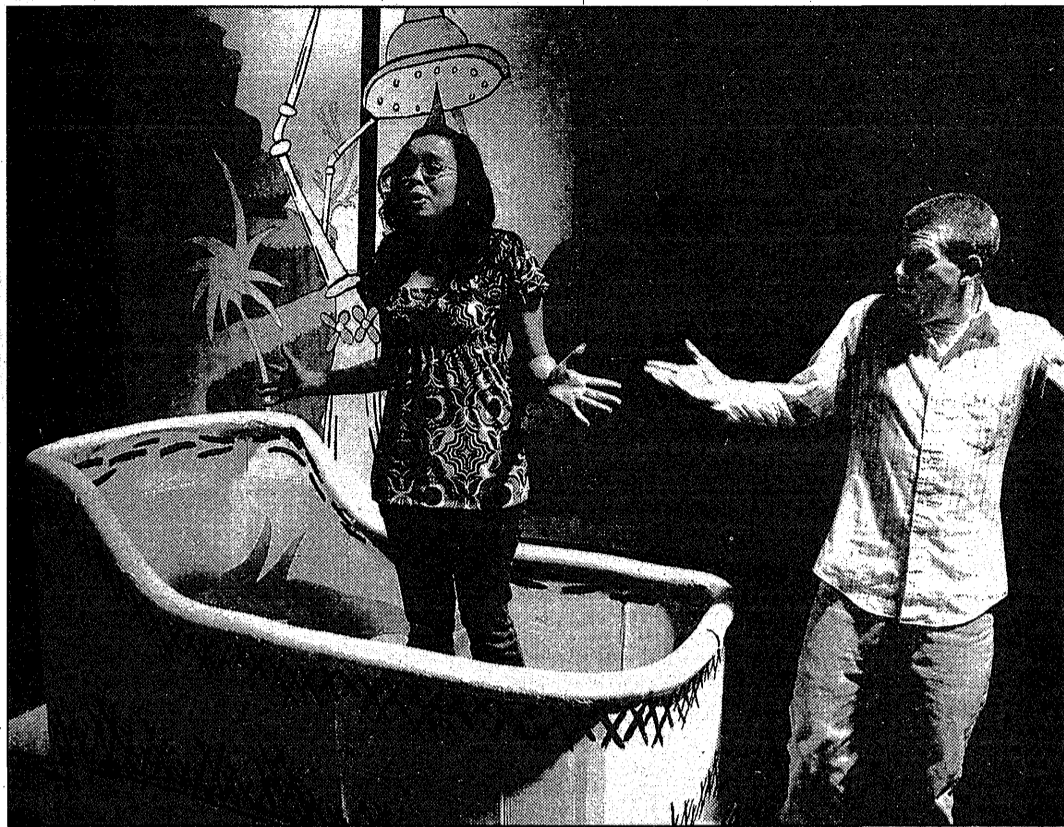
A cast of 25 students appear in the production which centers around Horton the Elephant's efforts to save his friend JoJo and the other inhabitants of Who. It also features characters from many other Seuss books, including *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz*, *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* and *I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew*. The infamous Cat in the Hat as an outside observer is narrator and devil's advocate throughout the show.

### REPRESENTATIVE

Erin Downey has worked with Sullivan in creating two backdrops - one for the Jungle of Nool and the other for Whoville - that were painted during the spring recess. Sullivan normally rents the backdrops, but found nothing that would go along with what the group is doing.

Downey also is helping with the costumes which, in the case of the animals, will be representative.

"They won't be dressed exactly as an animal," said



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Kim Chau as JoJo and Doug Malcolm as Cat in the Hat rehearse the song, 'It's Possible,' from the musical 'Seussical,' which is being presented April 17-19 by the Wayne Memorial High School Theatrical Guild.



Alyssa Lucas as Sour Kangaroo sings 'Biggest Blame Fool' about Horton during a scene from 'Seussical.' Rebecca Smith (right) plays as the sloth.

Sullivan. "The birds will wear boas for their feathers and the owl may have big eyes and dress in colors representative of it."

"Horton won't have a trunk, and he'll wear a mailman's uniform. A mailman must be trustworthy and honest and that's what we're looking for in Horton."

For Tirrell Davis, who plays one of the Wickersham Brothers in the Jungle of Nool, dressing as a monkey will mean brown clothing.

"It's one of the roles I came out for," said the Wayne High senior who also appears as a cadet and fish in the production. "The other roles are good roles. There's some for singing, some for dancing, but the

monkey can do both ... and I can give it attitude. Monkeys are playful and sneaky. I try to work that mischief into the role."

You can't miss Aretha Franklin in Sour Kangaroo. That's who Alyssa Lucas based her character on. It has a R-E-S-P-E-C-T attitude and is very social. She "technically" plays two people, Sour Kangaroo and her baby, a hand puppet that she works with during the show.

"It has feelings, I like making it move and showing emotions," said Lucas who is appearing in her fifth high school play although she's been in community theater since age 5. "I can do a lot with the role."

### 'NOTHING LIKE ME'

Briana Dewyer plays Mayzie LaBird whom she describes as selfish, "nothing like me."

"I'm crazy and funny, but not selfish," said Dewyer. "Mayzie is sassy, she's fun, she's so crazy. I think of the movie *Mean Girls* when I think of her. It's going to be great playing her."

This is Dewyer's eighth - and last - show. A senior, she said that while it's sad, her four years with the guild "has been journey where I meet a lot of great people."

She added that playing an animal is "definitely difficult."

"You're an animal, but not an animal," she said. "I have to walk like a bird, but still be human. It's difficult, but it's fun."

By the time the curtain goes up on opening night, the cast will have spent eight weeks rehearsing. Initially, they've practiced five hours a day four days a week, but starting this week, they're doing five days with two weekend technical rehearsals.

"We're rehearsing a little bit more than the average, but because it's so technical we added extra technical rehearsals and an extra week of rehearsals," she said. "The show is oriented around the technical aspects because the set pieces move in and out."

"This is going to be a ton of fun," she added.

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: Copper Creek Condominium, Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the Copper Creek Condominium Association as described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefore by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing held April 22, 2008.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 2008, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center South, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the special assessment roll.

TERRY BENNETT, Township Clerk

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# Invest for the long term, avoid volatility of the market



Money Matters  
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**Q: Dear Rick: The recent economic news has been negative (employment numbers and the Bear Stearns situation) yet the stock market has risen. Why?**

**A:** When it comes to short term gyrations of the market, anything and everything can happen. Sometimes good economic news causes the market

to tumble while bad news sends the market climbing. That is why I tell investors not to make decisions based upon what is currently happening in the market. Investment decisions should be based on long-term goals and objectives.

In understanding the market, it is important to recognize that the stock market is always

looking forward while economic numbers are always looking in the rear view mirror.

It would be great if by looking at a variety of indicators we could project short-term volatilities in the market. To be able to time the market would be great and very rewarding. Unfortunately, it can't be done. The stock market is not con-

trolled by one or two factors, but by numerous forces making it impossible to accurately predict how the market will react at certain points in time. The history of the market is that it overreacts over the short run but that it is much smoother sailing over the long run. If you want to be successful as an investor, you can't fall for the fool's game of

trying to predict what will happen to the market over any day, week, month or even a year.

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

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Jane Poulton, senior director for China development for International SOS, will present at this free session.

Attendees will leave with the tools to effectively manage globally mobile employees in China, with a deeper understanding of the current health care landscape in the country and will be able to take advantage of a networking opportunity to discuss key medical and safety issues with industry leaders and peers.

Anyone who manages, oversees or directs the development of medical, health or safety programs for employees in China, especially executives in the areas of medical and occupational health, HR, employee benefits, risk and safety and travel, are encouraged to attend.

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# Advocates spread autism awareness

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An estimated 1.5 million Americans are living with autism spectrum disorders, a group of developmental disabilities that start to show up in children as young as 3. Now local families have new resources for dealing with the issues surrounding the disorder, which has no single known cause and no cure.

The Autism Society of America's Oakland County Chapter is donating \$8,000 worth of books to local public libraries around the county on various aspects of autism. According to Rochester Hills resident Lisa Kowalski, the mother of an autistic son, the need was great.

"We've done this project before, but on a much smaller scale," she said. "We targeted a few of the libraries and gave them a smaller budget. This time, it was full out. Because the incidence rate has climbed so dramatically. It's now one in 150 children born today. And Oakland County and the metro Detroit area is one of the hot spots in the country."

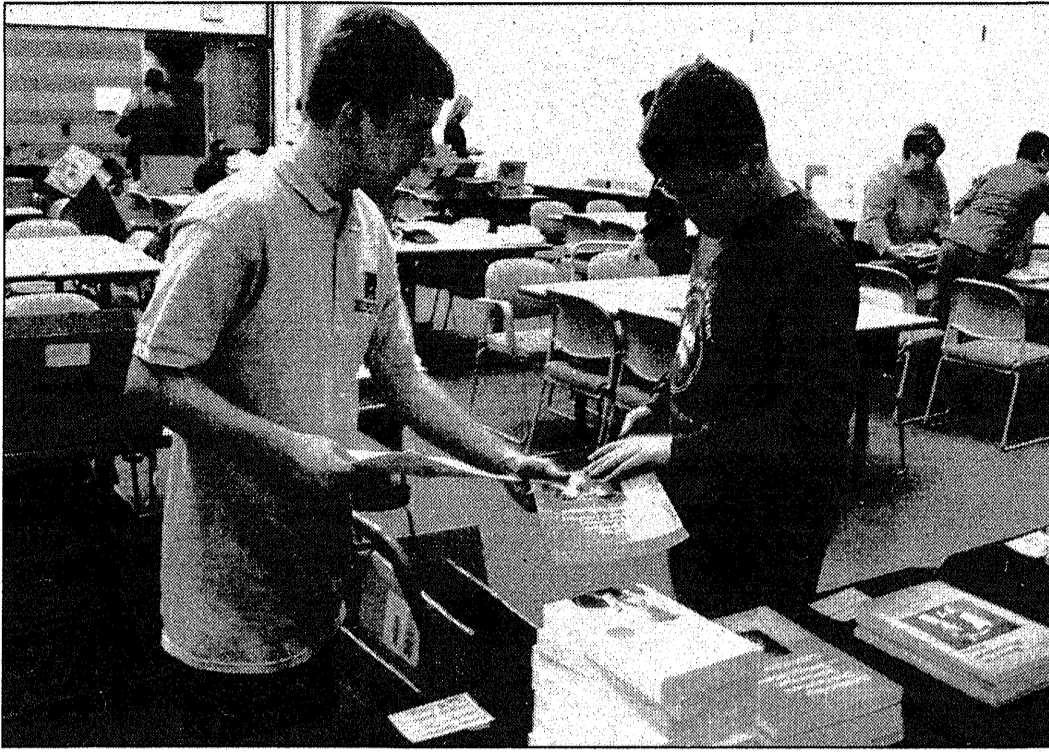
### GETTING WORD OUT

When Kowalski's son was first diagnosed, the library was where she turned for information.

"We decided that our Oakland County public libraries were one of the best ways to get information to the general public about autism, so we decided to use them as our vehicle to inform the public," she said. Each participating library received an extensive book list to choose from and a \$300 budget. Topics included advocacy, diet, parenting strategies, public awareness, school- and medicine-related titles and stories for children and young adults.

Mary Wilson, youth services manager for the Rochester Hills Public Library, said the donation will fill a need in the collection.

"We hadn't really bought much for older kids to read about autism themselves, like a story with a character with autism," Wilson said. "The kids can kind of relate the story that



Seventeen-year-old Jason Kowalski (left) sorts books April 5 with his brother, Aaron, 14, a Van Hoosen Middle School student with autism. All the books were donated to Oakland County libraries to boost their collections on topics related to autism.

they're reading to something they themselves are experiencing."

In addition, books were purchased for parents and other caregivers.

"What we're finding is more and more parents are looking for material they can either read to a sibling or share with a sibling, or just read more about autism themselves," she said.

Wilson also said it was nice being able to discuss the books with Kowalski. "A lot of these are put out by small publishing houses and they don't get reviewed," she said.

### 'EVERYONE KNOWS SOMEONE'

Each library chose the books they wanted, "based on their collection and the needs of their community," Kowalski said. "Some of the books that we're offering in this wave are not just for kids with autism. Some of them are special education, hygiene books, for teens and preteens. ...

"It seems nowadays everyone knows someone with autism. It's a neighbor's child or an aunt's ... so the general public needs to know about autism."

Funds for the project were

raised through the chapter's annual golf outing, which is held the Monday after Labor Day at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

"It's a wonderful event. This year it looks like we're going to exceed the \$1 million amount for just this outing," Kowalski said. "And those funds have been put to use in many ways."

On April 5, chapter members got together to fill the

book orders and deliver them. Kowalski pointed out that thanks to library inter-loans, all the books ordered will be available countywide to library patrons.

"From start to finish, families affected by autism are doing this as volunteers," she said.

For more information, visit [www.autismsocietyofamerica.net](http://www.autismsocietyofamerica.net) or [www.asaokland.org](http://www.asaokland.org).

### AUTISM WORKSHOP ON TAP

Actress Jenny McCarthy will be the speaker for "Living with Autism," Wednesday, April 16, at the Troy Hilton, 5500 Crooks. The day begins with a continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m., followed by breakout sessions.

You can ask questions of breakout session facilitators, including medical experts from Henry Ford Health System, Oakland University's School of Education and the Kaufman Children's Center. Cost is \$95 for general admission or \$125 for general admission with CEU credits. For tickets, or information, visit [www.metroparent.com](http://www.metroparent.com) and click on the events link.

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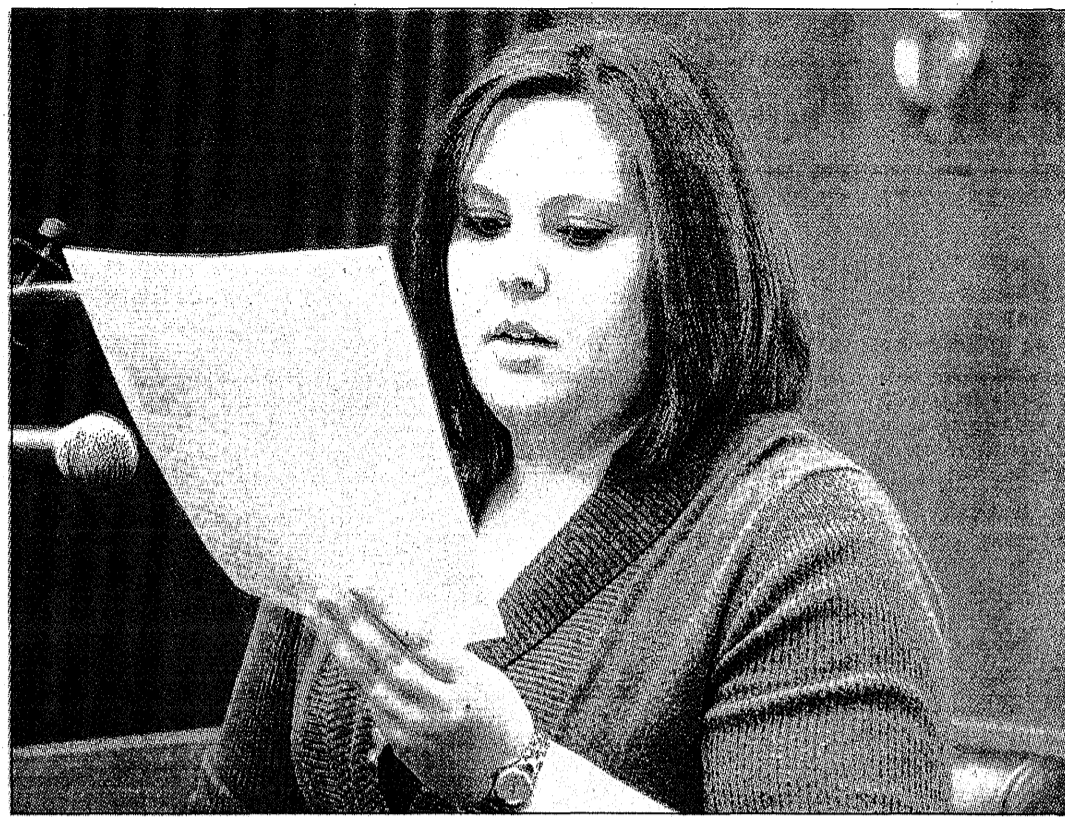
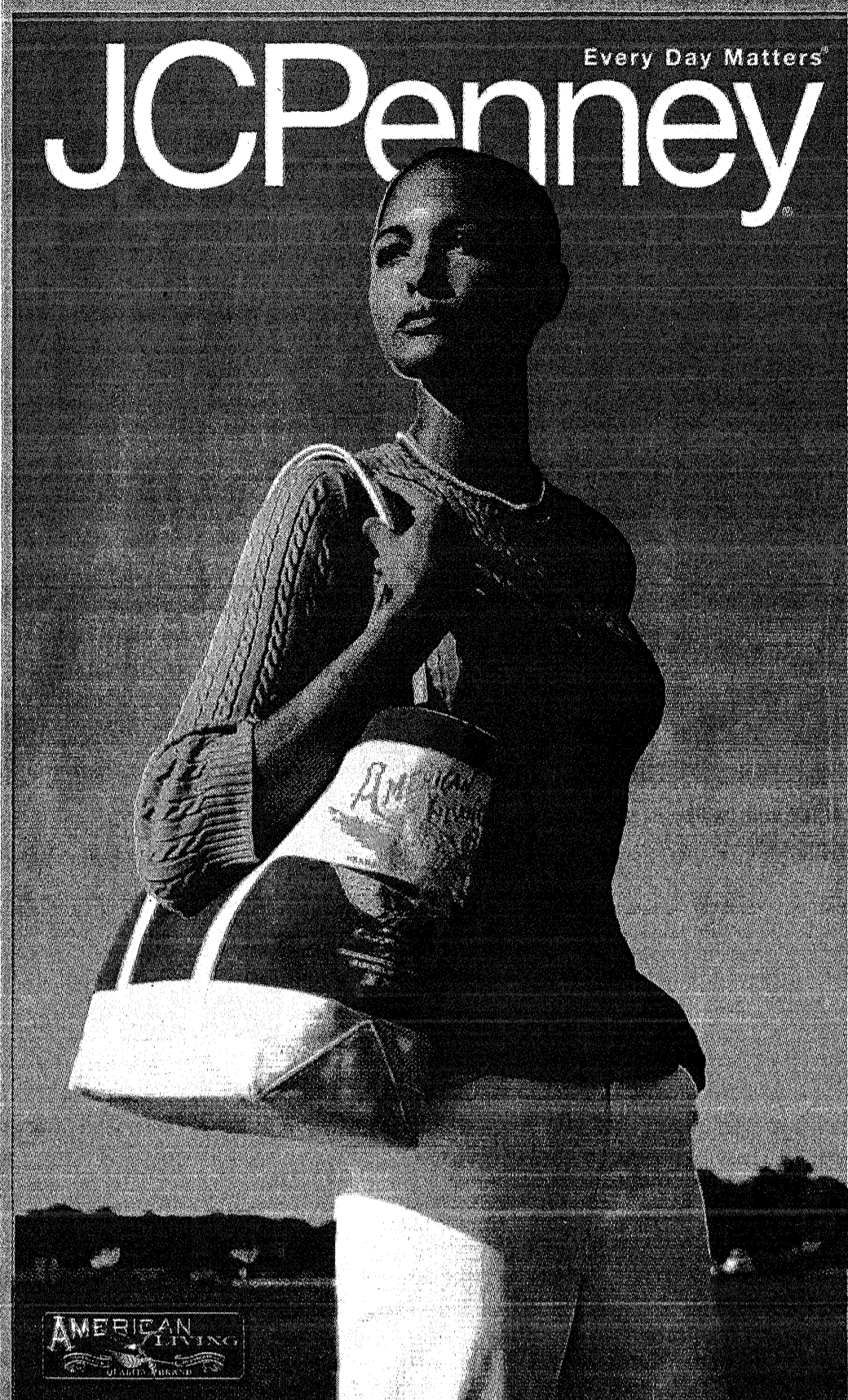
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Breanna Milowe of Redford, the girlfriend of murder victim Daniel Sorensen, reviews a statement during her testimony.

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least nine blood samples from stains found in the garage where the murder allegedly took place.

Dohring, who said she'd investigated some 20 murder scenes, said she felt some dirt and debris covering the garage floor may have been put there to disguise the scene.

"There was so much dirt on the floor it looked in my opinion like someone may have swept it in to try and cover up the stainage," Dohring testified, though she admitted on cross-examination, "I can't say for sure."

Fellow forensic scientist Andrea Halvorson, who works in the MSP DNA unit in Northville, said she tested blood samples found on Orlewicz's Chevy S-10 and in the Canton garage, and compared them to samples taken from Sorensen's head and body. The samples matched, Halvorson testified.

Guy Nutter, a trace evidence examiner in the same MSP lab, said he compared casts made of tire tracks and footprints found at the Northville Township field where

Sorensen's body was discovered with imprints he made from shoes found at Orlewicz's Plymouth Township home and the rear tires on Orlewicz's truck. Those, too, Nutter testified, were a match.

More testimony about Orlewicz's state of mind came from teenagers within his own circle of friends.

At least three of them heard Orlewicz talking several days before the death of Daniel Sorensen about his desire to get away with murder, according to testimony on the fourth day of the Plymouth Township teen's trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Three friends said from the witness stand Thursday they heard Orlewicz say, "I wish I could kill someone" on Saturday, Nov. 3, just days before police say Orlewicz stabbed and beheaded Sorensen in the Canton garage belonging to Orlewicz's grandfather.

Levi Webb, 18 of Westland said Orlewicz made the statement to him standing in the driveway of another friend's house where several teenagers had gathered to hang out that Saturday.

"I said, 'You know you can get life in prison for that,' and he said, 'I know, I just wish I could get away with it,'"

Webb testified. "I said, 'That's messed up,' and I walked away."

The statement was overheard by at least two other members of the group, including Sean Gaikowski, at whose Livonia house the gathering was held. Both Gaikowski and 14-year-old Kevin Carrier, a Livonia Churchill freshman, said they also heard the remark.

The teens admitted on cross examination they never heard Orlewicz mention Sorensen's name, and Carrier said he "didn't take him seriously."

Another friend, Adam Duwe, testified Orlewicz had started "pushing" (Sorensen) away friendship-wise a couple of years ago, when Orlewicz found out Sorensen's claims to mob connections weren't true. Duwe testified Sorensen also owed Orlewicz \$400, an unpaid debt Duwe testified angered Orlewicz.

Duwe also said Orlewicz owned a .38-caliber revolver, which he said he "watched JP load and unload a couple of times, and play Russian Roulette a couple of times."

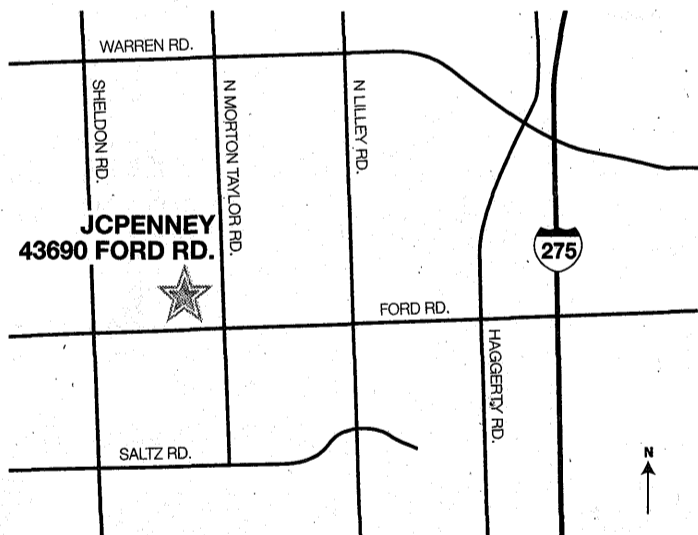
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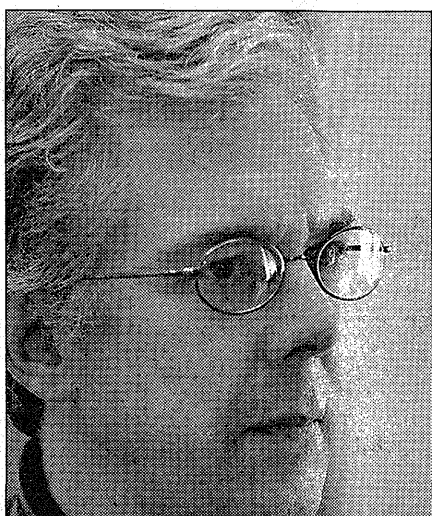
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## LETTERS

### Officials should 'get on board'

Every week we read in the newspapers about how the American worker needs to "get on board" with the global economy. If they want to keep their jobs, they will have to accept lower wages, less fringe benefits and higher co-pays on the benefits they do keep.

The time has come for our own government to "get on board" with the global economy. They, too, may have to accept the same bitter pill that the rest of us have had to swallow. Increasing taxes on those who can least afford it is not a valid solution. No one wants their wages to be cut, but if that is the cost of survival, so be it. Those who don't want to accept this harsh reality will have to step aside and let others, who are willing, step into their shoes.

Ken Champagne  
Canton

High interest rates encourage savings. Low interest rates encourage borrowing and spending. We are in the current economic mess because of too much borrowing and spending. It's time for America to start saving and investing. Our savings rate as a percentage of our after-tax income has been negative for the past several months. The last time that happened was just before the Great Depression.

A strengthening dollar encourages people to increase their savings and investments. A weakening dollar encourages people to spend. We don't need to spend more money in buying trinkets from the rest of the world — that is why we need to keep the dollar strong and interest rates firm.

What we need to do is take our strong dollars and invest it (not spend it) at home and abroad to take advantage of the economic growth around the world. What we are really doing is just the opposite — we are just spending money buying stuff from all over the world which stimulates economic growth in all those other countries without benefiting us here at home. Having more trinkets does not make us richer. Investing in a business that

manufactures goods or provides a service does make us richer.

The U.S. economy (as with most capitalistic economies) is very resilient and self-correcting. It'll get rid of its excesses and reach equilibrium on its own. Lower interest rates in the face of rising deficits and inflation only prolongs the agony that only a severe recession can cure.

When you have a shopaholic in your household, the most compassionate thing you can do is take away all their credit cards, let them struggle through their debts and emerge debt-free and more competitive to face the world. Giving them cheaper credit cards (which is what lowering interest rates does) is no act of compassion.

Raghu Raghunathan  
Plymouth Township

### Right time for part time

In a drive to pursue a more efficient and economical state Legislature, a bipartisan group, Turn Michigan Around (www.TurnMichiganAround.com), is circulating petitions to place a proposal for a "part-time" Michigan Legislature on the ballot.

At least 39 other states function adequately with part-time legislatures. In fact, the only two states in the past year that faced a government shutdown were Michigan and Pennsylvania, both with no restrictions on time in session. The current ballot proposal limits the number of days the Legislature can be in session to 100 per year and requires regular sessions to be concluded by May 31, providing stability for the 500-plus school districts that need to have budgets in place by June.

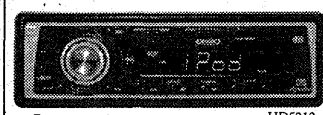
Setting limits on the number of days in session and establishing an end of session date can improve overall legislative performance in Michigan by requiring lawmakers to focus their efforts on important issues.

Even though some Michigan lawmakers have expressed an interest in a part-time Legislature, it's unlikely that such a proposal could pass in the Legislature. However, Michigan citizens can give this proposal a fair consideration by signing the petition to place it on the ballot.

Linda Fields  
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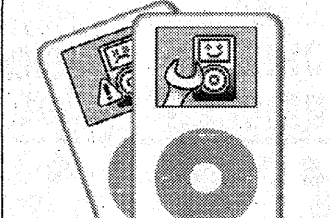
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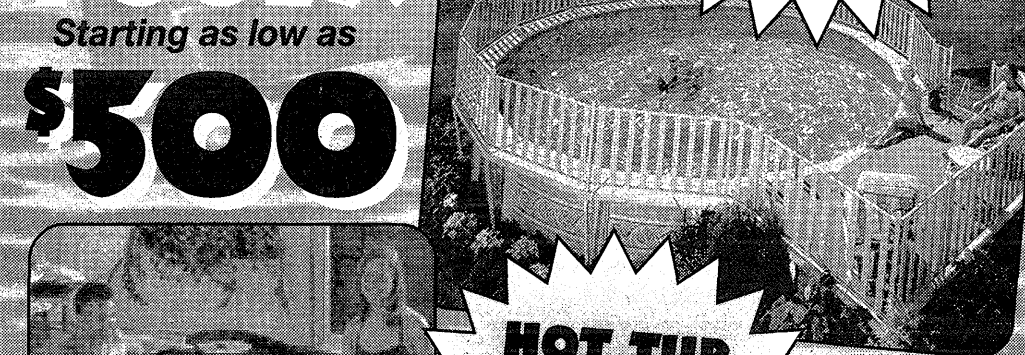
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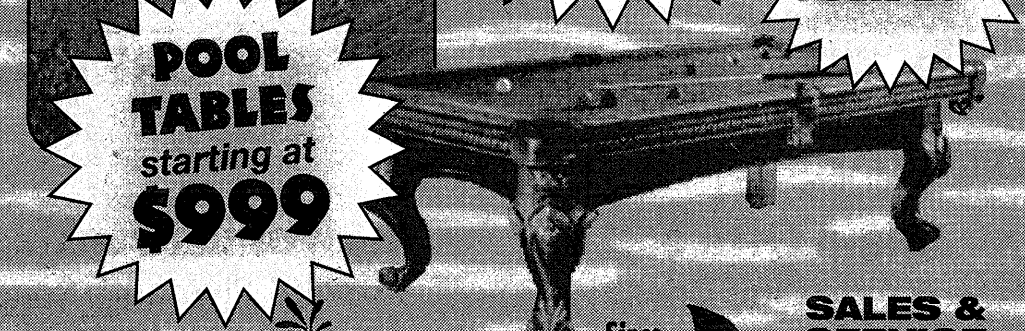
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## Special 'K'

### Plymouth's Klonowski clouts 2 HR's in rout

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Stacey Klonowski turned the Plymouth High School softball field's batter's box into her own personal launching pad Friday afternoon.

The Wildcats' sophomore shortstop put on a fireworks show, blasting two home runs over the center-field fence and knocking in five runs to lead Plymouth to a 10-1 rout of Livonia Churchill in the season opener for both teams.

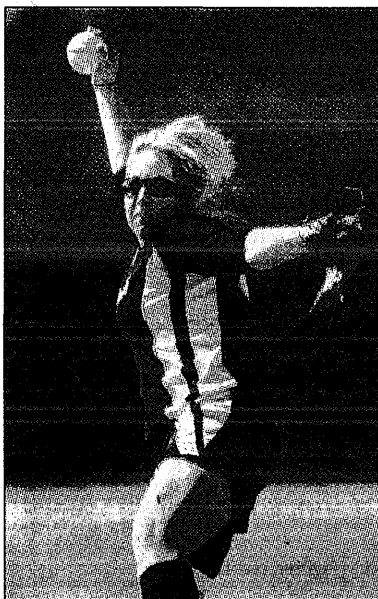
"Stacey's definitely making a name for herself," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "Overall, the team played to win today and they backed it up with a great performance."

The Wildcats, who outthit Churchill 9-3, scored five in the first, one in the second and four in the third. The Chargers pushed across their lone run in the fourth.

Ally Ciotti earned the win for the Wildcats, limiting the Chargers to five base-runners in five innings. Natalie Hiser suffered the mound setback for Churchill as she struck out five and walked one.

"Ally was very consistent today," said Canfield.

Joining Klonowski on the hit parade were Amy Bondy (2-for-2, RBI), and Jessica Cicirelli, who went 2-for-3 with an RBI double.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Ally Ciotti tossed a three-hitter at Livonia Churchill Friday afternoon.

## Spotlight on middle school sports



JEFF MARCERO

Runners from Pioneer and East Middle School are pictured competing in a middle school cross country jamboree last fall as part of a three-week clinic that was offered. Cross country may become a middle school sport this fall if a proposed plan is approved by the Plymouth-Canton school board.

## CHANGES ON THE HORIZON?

### If OK'd, proposal would revamp middle school sports menu

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bump-set-spike could be replaced by escapes, reversals and pins in middle school gyms throughout Plymouth and Canton next season if a proposed plan to revamp the communities' middle school sports menu is approved by the Plymouth-Canton School Board later this spring.

If given the thumbs-up by the board, a four-pronged proposal that was developed by a committee that includes co-middle school athletic directors Roche LaVictor and Clint Smiley would:

- replace boys volleyball with

wrestling, which is currently offered as a two-week clinic;

- add boys and girls cross country as official sports beginning in the fall (cross country was offered for the first time last year as a three-week clinic);

- increase the pay-to-play fee for each student from \$60 for each of the first two sports to \$75 (the third and fourth sports are free for students); and

- institute gate entry fees of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students at all middle school athletic events.

"Right now, they're all proposals, so the cement hasn't hardened yet," said LaVictor,

Please see **CHANGES, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Coach Mike Pantaleo works with Faris Abraham during a wrestling clinic at Discovery Middle School.

### WHAT'S ON THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MENU?

Following is the list of sports

that would be offered at the five Plymouth-Canton middle schools if a proposed plan is approved by the Plymouth-Canton School Board:

- September-October: girls basketball; boys and girls cross country;

- November-December: girls volleyball; wrestling (would replace boys volleyball);

- January-February: boys basketball;

- March-April: boys and girls swimming; and

- May-June: boys and girls track.

## Pass Master

### Hewerton gives playoff-bound Ignition big assists

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How do you think you'd adjust if you packed up all your belongings and your dreams, left your home, your family, friends and a solid job for a place thousands of miles away where you didn't speak even one word of your new country's language?

Probably not as well — or as quickly — as Detroit Ignition forward Hewerton Moreira did when he moved from Santos, Brazil, to San Diego in September of 2004 to pursue a professional indoor soccer career with the now-defunct Sockers of the Major Indoor Soccer League.

Three and a half years later, the decision has proven to be a bountiful one for Hewerton, who has blossomed into a rising star in the MISL this season.

Heading into next week's league playoffs, the energetic, crowd-pleasing forward has registered a career-best 77 points, which is second on the team only to Jamar Beasley's 82.

"The most difficult things about leaving Santos at first was learning a new language and leaving my family," the personable 5-10, 185-pound Hewerton admitted in perfect English Thursday morning, following an Ignition practice at High Velocity Sports. "When I moved to San Diego, I didn't know any English."

**Moving east**  
After the Sockers folded following the 2004-05 season, Hewerton

Please see **HEWERTON, B2**



GREGORY SHAMUS

Hewerton Moreira has enjoyed a break-out season for the Detroit Ignition. The native of Santos, Brazil, has registered 77 points heading into the 2008 MISL playoffs.

## Canton LAX team upends two foes

Canton's boys lacrosse team opened its inaugural season with a bang this week with a pair of 14-2 victories.

On Thursday, the Chiefs outplayed Salem by 12 thanks to three-goal nights from Kyle Dunleavy and Matt Rogers. Three Canton players — Joey Underwood, Jake Underwood and Scott Wisniewski — each scored a pair of goals while Ryan DelCol and Mark Barath each tallied one.

On Tuesday, Canton dominated Tecumseh thanks in large part to Jake Underwood's four goals. Other key contributors were Joey Underwood (three goals, three assists), Jason Avedesjan (two goals) and Barath, who tallied the team's historic first goal.

Mac Ganzak, Ryan Dunleavy and Dakota Dark-Bird spearheaded the Chiefs' defense and goalie Justin Scott stopped eight Indian shots.

### MU signs cager

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry announced the signing Thursday of Southgate Anderson guard Jon Jaciuk, an All-Mega Conference selection who averaged 11 points, six assists, four rebounds and three steals per game.

"He's a true 'gym rat' in that he loves to be in the gym working to get better," Henry said. "He sees the floor very well and will help ease the loss of some of our guards from this past season."

Jaciuk, a four-year member of the honor roll at Anderson, plans to study nurs-

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## Sidelines

### Pitch, Hit & Run

The Canton Sports Center will host the 2008 Aquafina Pitch, Hit & Run competition on Saturday, April 19. The free program for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held at the Canton Sports Center Complex, which is located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave.. Registration will run from 9:30-10 a.m. followed immediately by the competition.

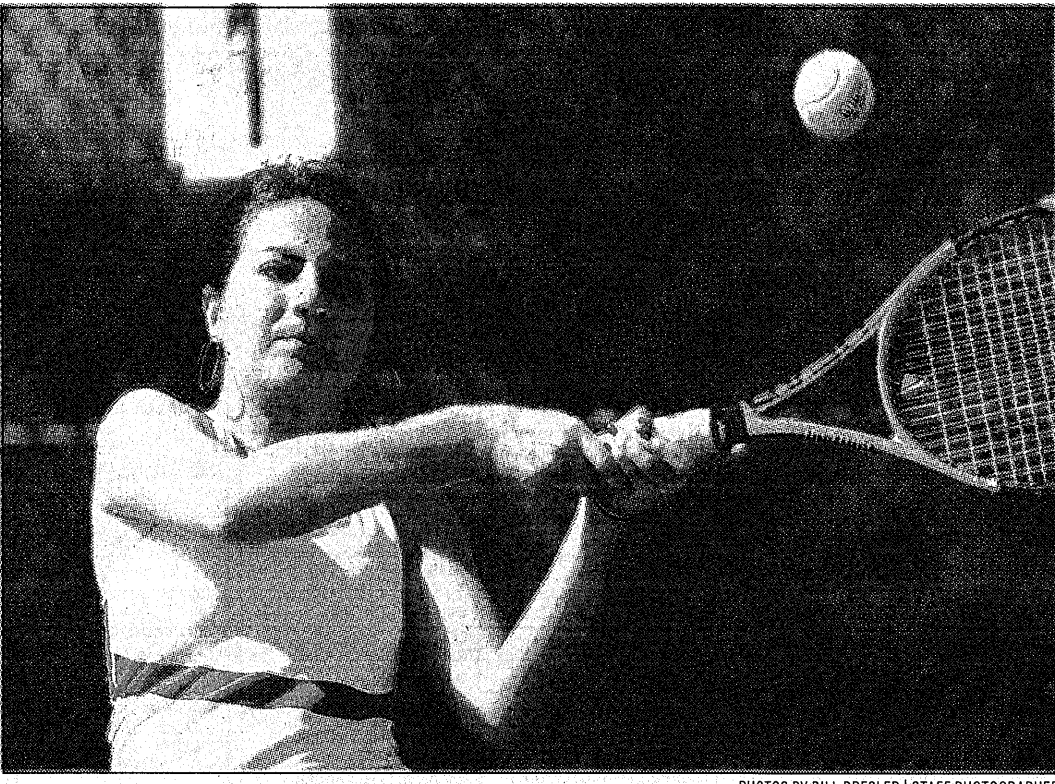
Youngsters will compete in three contests: pitching, hitting and running. For the pitching competition, participants will be tested by throwing strikes to a designated "strike zone" target. The hitting competition will allow kids to hit a ball off a stationary tee while the run will time participants as they run from second base, touch third and run home.

A combined score will determine the winner in each age group and ultimately who moves on to the sectional round of the event.

All participants must provide a copy of their birth certificate in order to compete. Entrants will only be allowed to compete in one local qualifier and are not permitted to use metal cleats during the event.

More information, visit [www.csc.canton-mi.org](http://www.csc.canton-mi.org); or call (734) 483-5600.





Canton No. 1 singles player Ashley Madau defeated Plymouth's Lauren Strahm, 6-3, 6-1, in Friday afternoon's season-opening match.

## Chief netters rally to edge Plymouth

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a "wind-win" situation for the Canton girls tennis team Friday afternoon against cross-campus rival Plymouth. Playing in a gusting breeze, the Chiefs overcame a 3-1 deficit in singles matches to pull out a 5-3 triumph over the Wildcats. It was the opening match for both teams. "It was an excellent start for us," said Canton coach Barb Lehmann. "I thought the girls from both teams did a great job of dealing with the wind." The contest was the first girls tennis match at the Park in 19 months. The sport was shifted from the fall to the spring as a result of the gender-equity sports season lawsuit.

**CANTON 5 PLYMOUTH 3**  
**FRIDAY AT PLYMOUTH**  
**No. 1 singles:** Ashley Madau (C) defeated Lauren Strahm, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Kylie Mackenzie (P) def. Janelle Burdiss, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Whitney Askew (P) def. Janelle Karimemi, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Chelsea Craig (P) def. Johanna Alexander, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Gunjan Malhotra-Katie Schwenn (C) def. Ellen Mitchell-Shannon O'Guinn, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 2:** Amy Provost-Vicki Chen



Plymouth No. 2 singles player Kylie Mackenzie defeated Canton's Janelle Burdiss 6-2, 6-1 in Friday's season-opening match.

(C) def. Radika Patel-Jessica Brace, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 3:** Emily Misko-Jessica Reed (C) def. Mahela Ashraf-Kreeya Avimukta, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 4:** Megan Leung-Kathleen Marcinkowski def. Claire Marchesano-Gina Matar, 6-2, 6-0.  
**DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Canton 1-0; Plymouth 0-1.  
**NORTHVILLE 8 SALEM 0**  
**FRIDAY AT NORTHVILLE**  
**No. 1 singles:** Haley Johnston (N) defeated Tracy Lytle, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 2:** Joanne Weber (N) def. Allie Carpenter, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Ursula Cauffiel (N) def. Liz McKinley, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Jessica Yu (N) def. Linda Ling, 7-5, 6-1.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Laura Taylor-Kristin Randall (N) def. Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 2:** Abby Grayek-Sabrina Mascielli (N) def. Katie Fletcher-Emma VanHoor, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Valerie Juan-Maudie Smith (N) def. Rebecca Michael-Bethany Haller, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Breanna Connett-Sarah Koupef (N) def. Amanda Emmons-Alex Lamb, 6-4, 6-1.  
**DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Northville, 1-0; Salem, 0-1.

# Mer-'C', Mer-'C'

## Canton baseball team rips Kalamazoo Central, 18-0

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kalamazoo Central's baseball team could have used its most famous alum — New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter — Thursday afternoon against Canton. Even Jeter's presence probably wouldn't have stopped the Chiefs, who scored 13 first-inning runs before finishing off a three-inning, mercy rule-shortened 18-0 victory in their home opener. The winners sent 19 batters to the plate in the opening frame, which may have lasted longer than the Maroon Giants' long bus ride from Kalamazoo. The victory improved Canton's record to 2-1. The way Chief pitching ace Ben Vaughn (1-0) was throwing, one run would have sufficed. Vaughn tossed a three-inning no-hitter, striking out five while allowing just one batter to reach on an error. The flame-throwing right-hander has not yielded a hit in six innings of work this season. Several Chiefs excelled at the plate against a pair of over-matched KC pitchers. The biggest blow was a third inning grand slam off the bat of sophomore Alex Dixon, who defied a gusting incoming wind and easily cleared the 355 sign in left-center field. Other plate stars for the winners included senior Mike Flis, who went 2-for-2 with a pair of RBIs; Ryan Neu, who ripped three hits, scored twice and knocked in a run; William Tidwell, who walked twice, scored three runs and laced an RBI single; Nick Tomilenko, who had three hits, three runs and an RBI; Dan Stoney, who had a pair of hits;

### PREP BASEBALL

and Mike Madias, who registered three walks, an RBI and a run scored. Twenty-nine of the 35 Chiefs who batted reached base either by a hit, walk or hit batsman. **SALEM 10, WAYNE MEMORIAL 4:** On Friday at Salem, the Rocks broke open a close game with five runs in the sixth inning to win their season opener. The Rocks appeared on the verge of blowing this one wide open when they plated five runs in the first. However, the Zebras rallied with four unearned runs — one in the third and three in the fifth — to reduce their deficit to 5-4. Salem outhit Wayne, 9-2, however, the winners committed four errors. Junior right-hander Joe Posler earned the win, yielding just two hits and one walk while striking out six in 4.2 innings. All four runs Posler gave up were unearned. "It was like three different games," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "We started and ended well, but the errors killed us in the middle. "The nice thing is if we would have made those errors last year, we probably would have lost. But the guys hung in there today." Ryan Collop suffered the loss for the Zebras, tossing five innings of six-hit ball. Brent Patterson pitched the sixth for Wayne. The hitting stars for Salem were Sam Ott (2-for-3, two RBI), Dana Lorber (2-for-4), Dave Loos (2-for-4), Chris Kordick (1-for-4, three RBI) and Posler (2-for-4). **PLYMOUTH 10, CHURCHILL 6:** On Friday at Churchill, the Wildcats

overcame a 5-2 deficit with eight runs in the fourth inning before holding on to defeat the Chargers. Plymouth improved to 3-0. Senior Kyle Sanders was the pitching star for the winners. The rightly relieved starter Matt Priebe in the third and earned the win by limiting the Wildcats to one run and six hits over the final five innings. "Kyle came in and picked our team up when we needed a lift on the mound," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "He worked his way out of a couple of jams and came up big in the seventh when they brought the tying run to the plate with two outs. "Offensively, we manufactured some runs in the fourth and got them out of sync a little, which led to a big inning for us. I was impressed with the way Brad Lineberry hung in there against their lefty pitcher. He had a very nice day at the plate." The big hitters for Plymouth were Lineberry (3-for-4, three RBI), Priebe (2-for-3, two RBI) and David Harvey (2-for-4, two runs). Tyler Bledsoe paced the Charger hitters with three hits and two RBI. **CANTON 11, W.L. NORTHERN 3:** On Friday at Northern, senior right-hander William Tidwell limited the Knights to two hits over four innings to earn the victory. Tidwell walked two and struck out two. Jeff Grimes took the loss for the Knights. The Chiefs scored six first-inning runs to give Tidwell plenty of early support. Leading the hitting charge were Ben Vaughn (three hits, two runs, two RBI), Matt Barylski (two hits) and Kevin Delapaz (two hits). Canton (3-1) outhit Northern, 10-5.

## Salem freshman hurler states her 'K'ase

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Freshman jitters? Not for Salem pitcher Briana Lee, who led the Rocks to a pair of opening-week wins over Dearborn (13-5 on Thursday) and Wayne (11-0 on Friday). Lee struck out 12 and walked five in a complete-game performance against the Pioneers. She led 10 Zebras through four innings before fellow freshman Heidi Schmidt closed the mercy rule-shortened game out with a scoreless fifth. Offensively, the Rocks have been balanced from 1-9 in the batting order, according to coach Bonnie Southerland. "What's nice is that every single one of my starters has a hit so far,"

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said Southerland. "We are hitting well, but we know this league has some excellent pitchers yet to come." The Rocks laced 10 hits against Dearborn. The biggest rip was Mary Johnson's bases-loaded triple in the third that scored Lee, Christina Parsons and Kelli Janiczek. Emily Pitcole enjoyed a memorable opener, going 4-for-5. Lizzy McCloud contributed a two-run single. The big hitters in the victory over Wayne were Mary Cox (2-for-3, three RBI) and Schmidt, who drilled a two-run single. The Zebras managed just one hit. **CANTON 2, W.L. NORTHERN 0:** On Friday at Canton, Chief senior

pitcher Hilary Payne spun a complete-game two-hitter against the Knights. The game was the season opener for Canton. Northern slipped to 4-1. Payne struck out 13 batters — three in the top of the seventh when she worked out of a no-outs, runners-on-second-and-third jam. "Hilary pitched great and I thought we played very well defensively," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "They tried a lot of bunting and slapping, but our defense was fired up. "We hit the ball, just not with authority. We left too many runners on base." The Chiefs scored the contest's only two runs in the fifth when Samantha Partain and Amy Dunleavy walked then scored on singles by Miranda Rysdorp.



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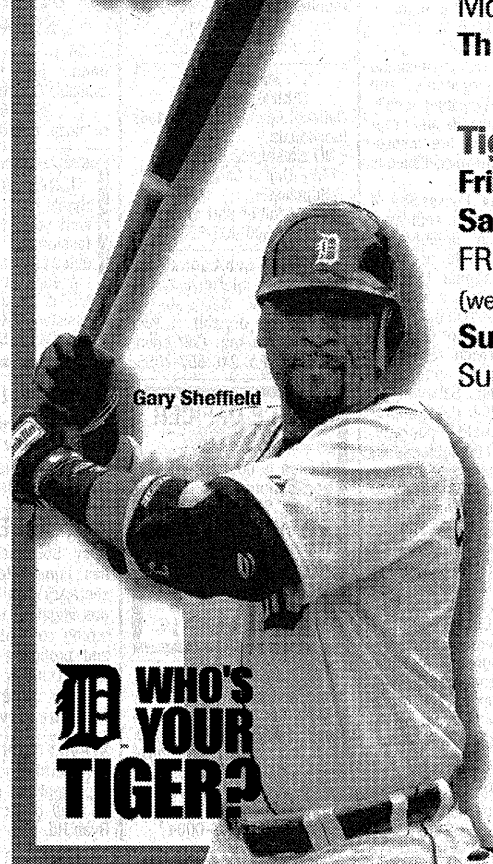
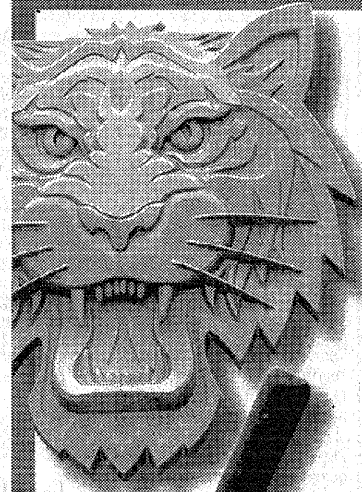
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### APRIL

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**National Healthcare Decisions Day**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, St. Mary Mercy Hospital is welcoming the public throughout the day in the hospital's South Lobby at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia, with free information about advance care planning and advance directive forms, information about medical bracelets, organ and bone marrow donation, and more. For information, visit [www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org](http://www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org).

**Eat Your Way Thin**  
6 p.m. Wednesday April 16, at Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd, Livonia. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C. No charge. Limited to 30 guests. Reservations required, call (734) 756-6904.

**Genetically modified foods**  
Allergies, digestive problems, headaches, personality changes, and other unexplained health problems may be caused from genetically modified foods 3 p.m. Friday, April 18 with Dr. William Karl, D.C. at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth, between Merriman and Farmington. To reserve a seat, call (734) 425-8588.

**Health screenings**  
Free and low cost preventive tests during Project Healthy Living 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 18, at Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. Includes hearing, vision, height and weight, blood pressure, bone density, and tests that are more specialized such as stroke screening, blood panels, CA-125 for women, and PSA for men. Botsford health professionals offer counseling and referrals. Age 18 years or older. Transportation available to Farmington/Farmington Hills residents, 55 or older or handicapped, call (248) 473-1864 at least 24 hours ahead. No pre-registration except for Heart Health Screenings, Echocardiogram, Abdominal Aorta Screen, or Electrocardiogram. To register, call (800) 541-8110. The 22 panel Blood Test requires a 4-hour fast. For information, call (248) 473-1822.

**Social for Teens/Young Adults**  
Teens and Young Adults with Autism and Asperger Syndrome are invited to come and enjoy a fun filled night of video games, socializing, floor hockey, basketball and more 7-11 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. Anastasia Activity Center in Troy. Contact the Autism Society of America Oakland County Chapter for more information at (248) 393-3131 or send e-mail to [chapterinfo@asaokland.org](mailto:chapterinfo@asaokland.org).

**Blood drive**  
6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 21, in the Conference Center at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Walk-ins welcome, but appointments encourage to prevent lengthy waits. Visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) with the sponsor code DMC and choose the HVSH drive.

**Detox: Is it Right for You?**  
6:30 p.m. Tuesday April 22. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C. No charge. Reservation required. Call (734) 756-6904.

**Divorce support group**  
Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle and/or her partner Wade Jackman of Jackman & Kasody present an overview of the divorce process, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

**CPR class**  
For family and friends, presented by Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 23. Cost is \$10 and includes a class manual, two wallet cards and a barrier device. Reserve a seat at (248) 473-3100.

**Women remembering women**  
Deadline for reservations for second annual Evening Tea is Friday, April 25. Event is 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Italian American Banquet Hall, 39200 W. Five Mile, Livonia. Call or leave a message for Diana at (248) 915-8221, Sherry at (248) 798-0635, or send e-mail to [4627officestaff7@hcr-manorcare.com](mailto:4627officestaff7@hcr-manorcare.com). Provided by Heartland Hospice.

**Cuisine for a Cause**  
Benefits Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Health System, one of 10 metro Detroit charities. A wine-tasting reception will be held 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Ford Conference and Event Center, Dearborn with live auction, more than 60 premium wines and a strolling supper prepared by Opus One. Tickets \$100. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (313) 876-9237.

**Diabetes fund-raiser**  
Women in business holding a vendor/craft event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Gallimore Elementary School, 8375 N. Sheldon, between Warren and Joy, Canton. Admission \$1, proceeds from admission, bake sale, raffles benefit American Diabetes Association. For details, send e-mail to [entertainingu@gmail.com](mailto:entertainingu@gmail.com).

# Healthy planet, healthy people



Last year's Earth Day Expo offered locally grown organic produce.

## Earth Day Expo offers alternatives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The flower children of the late 1960s envisioned an energy-conserving planet free of pollution and kind to animals. It's taken 40 years but the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center and Oakland University are reviving their idealism by inviting environmental and health-conscious exhibitors to share the latest information on the connection between planet and people at the Earth Day Expo Saturday, April 19, on the campus in Rochester.

The day kicks off at 10 a.m. with Hike for Discovery, a fund-raiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and ends at the expo, which is 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details, visit [www.hikefordiscovery.org](http://www.hikefordiscovery.org) or call (248) 582-2900.

Expo visitors can learn about the green movement and healthy living at outdoor and indoor exhibits including hybrid vehicles, a mini farm market with organic and locally produced food, presentations on green building, renewable energy sources such as solar and wind, meditation, and yoga. A representative of La Vida Local ([lavidalocalonline.com](http://lavidalocalonline.com)) talks about making local eating a reality. La Vida Local offers a variety of Michigan products. Locally produced foods conserve fuel while organically grown lettuce helps keep the environment safe by eliminating pesticides and fertilizers which drain into waterways.

"We're trying to make the connection between having a healthy planet and the effects on people's health," said John Batdorf, executive director of Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center in Oxford and a Rochester resident. "We're a fish in water and the water's our environ-

ment. Anyone who doesn't get the connection between the earth and our health ask them to hold their breath for a few minutes."

Paul Krause is going to share his information on health and nutrition. The Troy resident is a pharmacist and owner of the Medicine Cabinet in Southfield. He also serves on the board of directors of VegMichigan, the nonprofit that promotes the benefits of not eating meat for the sake of health, the environment and animals. Every day Krause fills prescriptions to treat the high blood pressure and cholesterol of patients who should be making lifestyle changes instead to improve their health. Krause became a vegetarian after he was diagnosed with a cardiovascular blockage. Fourteen years ago he decided against angioplasty in favor of vegetarianism and exercise. From 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13, he'll represent VegMichigan ([vegmichigan.org](http://vegmichigan.org)) at the Great American Meat Out in Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest.

Krause speaks on Diet and the Environment at the Earth Day Expo at 1 p.m. sharing a wealth of statistics about farm animals who excrete 130 times more than the entire human population polluting the soil and water. He says, 50 percent of all water goes to raise animals for food, 1/3 of all energy.

"Not eating meat is the single most important (thing people can do for the planet and ourselves)," said Krause. "Forty percent of cancer is caused by what we eat. Eighty percent of cancer can be obliterated by what we eat and do, not smoking, exercising. People are getting breast and prostate cancer because animals are being injected with hormones. Cardiovascular disease results from eating animal products packed with saturated fat and cholesterol."

Robert Jarski agrees with Krause that avoiding meat and dairy products is a good way to prevent and reverse heart disease. He speaks on the topic at 2 p.m. The Oakland University professor spent two of his sabbaticals working with Dr. Dean



**EARTH DAY EXPO**  
When: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 19  
Where: Oakland Center at Oakland University, 2200 Squirrel Road, Rochester  
Cost: Free. Visit [www.earthdayexpo.org](http://www.earthdayexpo.org) for details and directions, or call (248) 693-1021

Ornish at University of California, San Francisco, on a trial that found nutrition, exercise, stress management, and group support could reverse blockages in arteries. Jarski eats fish but no meat, jogs every other day, meditates every day. He regularly enjoys walks near his home on the Paint Creek Trail in Rochester Hills.

"This is probably where heart disease treatment is going," said Jarski, director of the complimentary and wellness program at Oakland University. "Heart disease is caused by a lot of environmental factors such as the way we live our life. We expect to be able to drive to the doorstep of our workplace instead of walking 6 miles like they do in France."

"We need to live in a clean environment that facilitates good health instead of causing heart disease and cancer. As I see them they're inseparable."

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# Activists promote clean environment to reduce health risks

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Italia Millan lives her life by the adage Think Globally, Act Locally. She and other members of the Sierra Club Rochester Ecos Group will be passing out materials on their clean water and air campaigns at the Earth Day Expo on April 19 at Oakland University.

"We want to promote renewable, cleaner fuels, no more coal factories. They greatly pollute the air and that affects our health," said Millan, chairwoman of the Rochester area Sierra Club. "We want people to be their own environment protection group to become activists in their community. Humans have a great impact on the environment, the fuels we use, the chemicals we use in our

household or for personal care, the cars we drive, the way we dispose of things, the materials we decide to buy, even the groceries we buy have an impact on our environment's health and ultimately our health and other species too."

Millan and her husband Donald Hughes are vegans and walk regularly with their two dogs.

"We try to recycle at home as much as we can, try to use less packaging, and buy bulk so we don't have a lot of packaging," said Millan. "We try to use household products with natural and organics to protect our health and the health of our animals. We don't use pesticides on our lawn or water the lawn and wash the car with a bucket."

"If you get involved with a local group you can have an impact on

your community. Talk to your neighbors about issues. There's so many ways you can get involved."

For more than 30 years Upland Hills has been promoting renewable energy as a way to heat, cool and light its ecological center in Oxford. According to John Batdorf, the executive director, the Michigan Energy Demonstration Center receives funding from the state to educate the public about energy.

Batdorf's personal life mirrors his professional. He rides a bike whenever possible instead of driving a car. He's a vegan who eats only organic foods. He's seen to it that only biodegradable serving ware will be used at the expo.

"We'll have some cool stuff outdoors: a wind turbine, a blokart (for land sailing), clothing and per-

sonal care products," said Batdorf of Rochester. "We'll talk about using nontoxic materials in products and clothing, if you put something on your body, it gets in your body. We're really trying to be as broad as we can to offer alternatives. The rap on the environmental movement was you were told to be cold and in the dark. We're trying to say nature is abundant and we want to do things in step with it."

"I keep finding when it's healthy for me, it's healthy for the environment. We have a choice of using machines to do things for us or use our own muscles, to choose to walk and ride bikes. Not only is it good for the planet and health but makes for a nicer community."

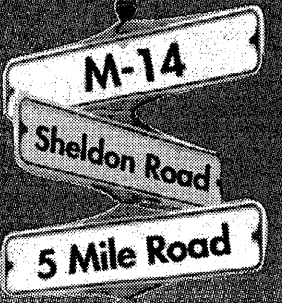
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## Staying alive

### Polish choreographer preserves culture

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Polish children of all ages love Mrs. Marzec. Even though the Livonia dance teacher can be a task master, she makes learning about their heritage fun.

A special celebration on Sunday, April 20, should be no exception as Suzan Charuba Marzec celebrates 20 years of passing on Polish folklore dancing as well as the customs and traditions of the land where her father was born. The afterglow follows the annual recital of the PNA Centennial Dancers children's group and adult Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Marzec estimates she's taught more than 2,000 children and adults the regional dances and language in classes subsidized by the Polish National Alliance (PNA). In addition to the weekly sessions, Marzec holds Polish cultural classes in October for Polish Heritage Month and in summer offers a Polish camp.

Dancers from Farmington Hills to Garden City, Plymouth and Canton travel to the studio to learn more about their heritage that includes the decorative Easter egg art known as pisanek.

"My biggest compliment is their children are dancing with me," said Marzec of students from her early days as a teacher. "This is the third generation now keeping their heritage alive. Their grandmas and grandpas aren't there any more to practice all the customs. I teach them about the costumes from the region they're dancing. I have maps to find out where their roots are from so they have a sense of ownership, an understanding."

Marzec was one of the first Americans to earn a degree from Marie Currie Slowdoska University in Lublin, Poland in 1992 and teach the authentic dances back here. That's one of the reasons she was asked to choreograph the Centennial and Radomianie dancers for a scene in the film, *The Polish Wedding*. Marzec tries to keep as much of Polish culture alive as possible. In back of the studio, her two-year-old business, Simply Polish, offers pottery, amber jewelry, glass ornaments, and Cui-paga sticks from the mountain areas. Marzec uses the sticks to attract boys to Polish dancing. They become excited about learning how to jump over the stick as part of the dance.

Marzec started dancing at age 4 with the Polish Roman Catholic Union dancers in southwest Detroit and has performed for Pope John Paul II as well as around the country. As a choreographer she attended her first World Festival of Polish Folkloric Dance in Rzeszow in 1993 as a choreographer. She returns to the Polish city in July to march in the parade with her dancers.

Twirling around the studio in a Lowicz costume



Hand-painted eggs from Poland available in the store at Simply Polish in Livonia.

Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia dances in her studio.

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Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia displays a glass Polish Santa Claus Christmas ornament.

from central Poland, she talks about the oldest national dance, the Polonez. Marzec performs the dance with her husband, Ken, as part of Radomianie. Their son Greg, 13, dances on the program with Centennial.

"It opens official ceremonies, weddings, and dates back to the 1500s" said Marzec. "It teaches girls to be feminine, to walk around with a lot of pride. It's exciting for me to watch a little one that comes in in a shell with no eye contact and then a year later they're smiling and can talk to people."

Kathy Miszak says her daughter Katrina was kind of shy when she started dancing at age 4. After watching her first recital the Livonia woman was so inspired by folkloric dancing she joined the adult group, Radomianie, which was just forming.

"It's actually quite challenging," said Miszak, an accountant for a law firm in Bloomfield Hills. "It was very fun because I was also doing costumes at the time. Having Katrina involved was a good family outlet for us. You don't find too many things parents can do together with their children."

"It helped her find that tie back to her family

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#### POLISH EXTRAVAGANZA

**What:** PNA Centennial Dancers annual recital featuring the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble  
**When:** 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 20, Afterglow at 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Tickets:** \$9 in advance, \$10 at door. Call (734) 525-2880



Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia shows some of the hand-painted Polish pottery available in her store.

## Horseback riding good for body, mind

No one really knows when therapeutic horseback riding began. It has been written that the Greeks would send wounded soldiers out on horseback excursions to expedite their recovery. British hospitals are said to have done the same during World War II.



Len McCulloch

In the U.S., The North American Riding for The Handicapped Association has more than 400 accredited riding programs. Integrating horse riding into therapy programs began in the U.S. some 30 years ago at a farm outside of Grand Rapids.

In addition to the proven benefits from a physical therapy standpoint, for children and adults with orthopedic and ambulation problems, the emotional and psychological benefits have been well-demonstrated.

Improvements in self-esteem, self-confidence, attention and concentration are but a few.

It has been shown that a walking horse, with a seated rider, exercises and rehabilitates injured body parts of a human by providing similar muscle movement which one would acquire by walking on the ground. Balance and strength are also enhanced for the rider. An individual with gait problems or paralysis of the lower half of the body can gain much physical rejuvenation from riding on a walking horse. Side-walkers and a lead-walker typically accompany the new rider until they are no longer needed and the person can manage the horse by him/herself.

There is also a tremendous psychological benefit to mastering things much bigger than ourselves — and horses certainly fit the bill. Many orthopedically and physically challenged children involved in therapeutic horse riding have been heard commenting: "Well maybe I can't walk so good and sometimes I need that wheelchair, but I can ride a horse!"

Also, newspaper accounts have told former White House Press Secretary James Brady, who was shot in the head during the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan, found horse riding to be an important component in his physical and personal recovery.

Most therapeutic riding schools are staffed with volunteers who facilitate the safety of the disabled rider. The display of their dedication and conviction to the therapeutic effectiveness of uniting horse and man is extraordinary and, in itself, a testimony to the therapeutic effect of this form of rehabilitation. Youngsters and adults stricken with muscular dystrophy, paraplegia, traumatic brain injury and mental illnesses are but a few of the populations who can benefit.

For several years, I have been treating people with traumatic brain injuries. I have found a wonderful riding school in Mason called C.H.U.M. (Children and Humans United in Movement). The facility is owned and operated by a physical therapist. I have sent about a half a dozen patients over the years and, combined with other treatment modalities such as psychotherapy, cognitive therapy and traumatic brain injury rehabilitation, have found that they have all benefited. The clinical results have been very good.

You see, when a person sits on a walking horse, the person gets the same muscular-skeletal workout as if walking on the ground. And for those with depression and self-esteem problems, there is nothing like a vigorous workout and the increased confidence from riding (under close supervision and always with a helmet) atop a horse.

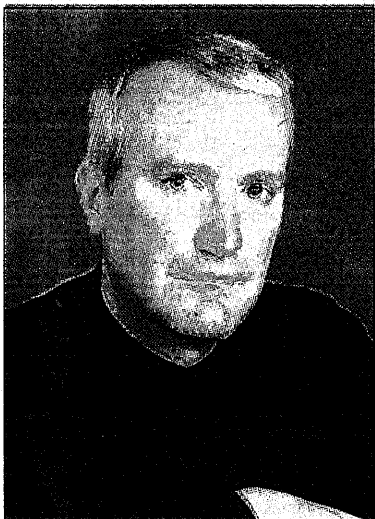
I will never forget the power I personally felt when I rode English-style in a jumping class and was frequently finding myself in mid-air with all the power and majesty of a horse underneath me, as joined together we would hurdle fences!

I further wonder if some of the benefits of therapeutic horse riding for so many disabled individuals comes about because it offers them the opportunity to master their own aggressive impulses by controlling the powerful and often aggressive appearance of a big, muscular horse. Probably so! What an accomplishment for the able-bodied person, let alone those of our fragile, timid, survivors of catastrophic injuries.

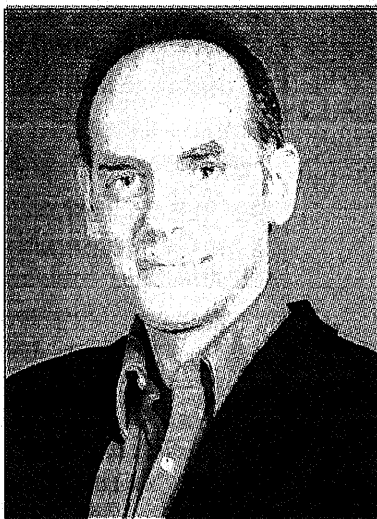
Resources: The book, 'The Man Who Listens to Horses' by Monty Roberts available by calling (888) U2-MONTY. Also, Children And Humans United In Movement (C.H.U.M.) at (517) 204-0974.

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association and credentialed in brain injury, mental health, social work and addictions. His column 'Our Mental Health' has been running six years in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and elsewhere with 90 publications to date. He can be reached about his writing at (248) 476-9329.

## Composer sets potter's words to music



Baritone Stephen Lusmann sings a cycle of songs with words written by eccentric potter George Ohr.



Pianist Logan Skelton performs his Ohr Songs as part of the Wednesday Noon Concert Series April 16, at Schoolcraft College.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Logan Skelton finds George Ohr so fascinating he's written a cycle of songs to accompany the writings of the eccentric potter in the 1800s and early 20th century.

The University of Michigan piano department chairman began working on the music a number of years ago. On Wednesday, April 16, he and baritone Stephen Lusmann perform the Ohr Songs as part of the music department's Wednesday Noon Concert series April 16, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Skelton says because Ohr's work is so unusual and the fact he wrote words, it's like a window into his life, the life of an artist.

"He was a revolutionary artist," said Skelton. "At that time ceramics were basic forms in standard shapes produced by teams, kind of a factory operation. He tried

#### NOON CONCERT SERIES

**What:** Pianist Logan Skelton and baritone Stephen Lusmann perform Skelton's original composition set to the writings of eccentric potter George Ohr  
**When:** Noon Wednesday, April 16  
**Where:** VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia  
**Admission:** Free, but donations at the door help fund student scholarships. For information, call the college's music department at (734) 462-4403

to make every single piece different. He experimented wildly with glazes and forms and materials. It was unlike anything that had ever been done. He developed this

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because her father was Polish and I'm half Polish. I wasn't raised with the customs so for me it was finding where I came from."

Kristal Greniuk grew up in Standish with the customs and traditions but as an adult moved away to practice dentistry.

She kept her heritage alive by going to Polish festivals and dances where she eventually met husband-to-be John Wioncek.

Both are second generation Poles who wanted to share their Polish roots with daughters Katrina and Elena.

"When the kids came along we started getting away from the festivals," said Dr. Kristal Greniuk-Wioncek who as director of the Centennial Dancers coordinates performances at festivals and churches such at



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Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia shows some of the aids she uses to teach Polish culture to students as they begin their classes.

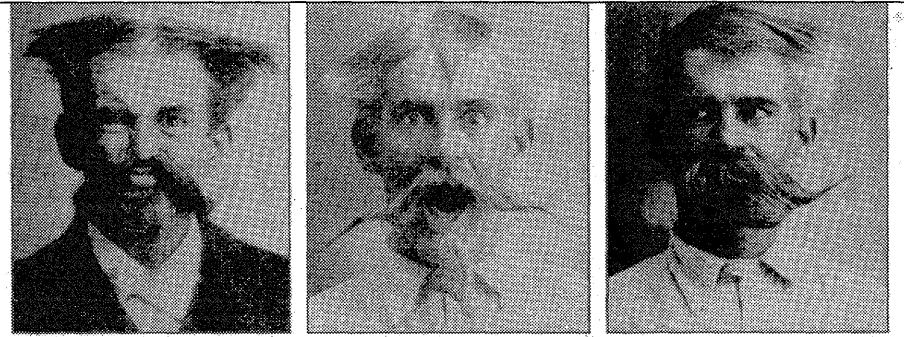
St. Edith and St. Aidan. Every Fourth of July the children march in parades in Plymouth and Northville. On May 23, they'll dance a pregame routine at Polish American night in Comerica Park. The Centennial Dancers

have become our new Polish family. My dad speaks Polish but never taught us Polish," said Wioncek who started her Dental Smiles practice in Livonia 13 years ago. She is vice president of the National Dental Medical Association, an organization of Polish physicians and dentists who promote their Polish heritage.

"It's a good clean activity, not really competitive like sports. It's a family activity."

Wioncek and her mother went with Katrina, at age 10, to dance in the international festival. Katrina, now age 13, returns to the festival in July with Marzec. Katrina and Wioncek take Polish language classes together once a week at the studio.

"Suzan gives 150-percent to the kids," said Wioncek. "She has a rich history of touching kids' lives."



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George Ohr was an eccentric ceramic artist who created thousands of one-of-a-kind pots.

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eccentric persona to draw attention to his artwork. He never sold his work unless you would buy them all. He said it was like selling individual lines of a Shakespeare play."

At the end of his life Ohr instructed his family not to sell the pots for at least 50 years and when they did to select a reputable art dealer. The family respected his wishes, selling the entire 7,000 pots to an antique dealer from New Jersey in 1968. Ohr, who often referred to himself as the Mad Potter of Biloxi, died in 1918.

Skelton characterizes one of the piano interludes as demonic, mimicking the whirring of the potter's wheel.

"I felt there were different aspects to his personality. He was into kind of Barnum and Bailey self-promotion," said Skelton.

"These were heartfelt writings about what it means to be an artist. The expression of the very experimental pieces is found in three piano interludes, the self promotion and circus kind of atmosphere is in the style of circus music or kaleidoscope."

Skelton started collaborating with Lusmann for the performances after hearing the U-M associate professor of voice sing. Lusmann has sung leading roles with major opera houses and toured with the New York City Opera under conductors and directors including Leonard Slatkin, Franco Zeffirelli and Gian Carlo Menotti. The two recorded the CD, An American Circus, to the poetry of E.E. Cummings two years ago. This fall they perform a concert of the Ohr songs sponsored by the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art in Biloxi.

Skelton lived in Ohr's hometown of Biloxi, Miss., where he became interested in playing piano at age 5 after his older brother started taking lessons. Skelton went on to earn his master's degree from Eastman School of Music, and doctorate from Manhattan School of Music.

Last fall he played several concerts in Romania, one of them in Bela Bartok's hometown near the Hungarian-Romania border. He has performed concerts in the United States, Europe and Asia and is a frequent guest pianist at

prestigious music festivals such as Gina Bachauer, Eastman, Hilton Head Island, and the Prague International Piano Master classes where he is a member of the artist piano faculty and Associate Director.

His recordings include nine discs of solo and chamber music, and a 10th with composer/pianist William Bolcom on two pianos. He has been on the faculties of Manhattan School of Music, Southwest Missouri State University and is currently Director of Doctoral Studies in Piano Performance at U-M.

"I'm sort of a slow bake composer," said Skelton. "I find myself going back to it regularly. He was always making signs and promoting himself. Some of the text was taken from his signs, some from letters, some from writing he would inscribe on pots."

One of Skelton's favorite Ohr pots is in the Smithsonian. "It's about creating art, how art lives on and the person disappears and fades. He ends by saying I am the potter who was. It's beautiful and distinctive writing."

Skelton writes the majority of his music in summer and then puts on the finishing touches throughout the year. "That's what Mahler used to do," said Skelton. "He was basically a conductor by profession. It takes uninterrupted time to percolate when you're coming up with ideas."

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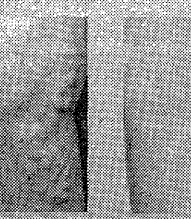
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# Spotlight Players' musical comedy is a family affair

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Len Fisher is enjoying every minute of directing the Spotlight Players' upcoming production of *Company* at The Village Theater in Canton. Besides laughing his way through the Stephen Sondheim comedy about a charming New York bachelor, Fisher is spending time with his children Elizabeth, 23, who plays one of the lead character's three girlfriends, and son Benjamin, 18, who runs the lighting.

The comedy was first staged in 1970 and won several Tony Awards. It was revived on Broadway in 2006. Spotlight Players cast members include Roy Sexton of Saline playing Robert, the bachelor.

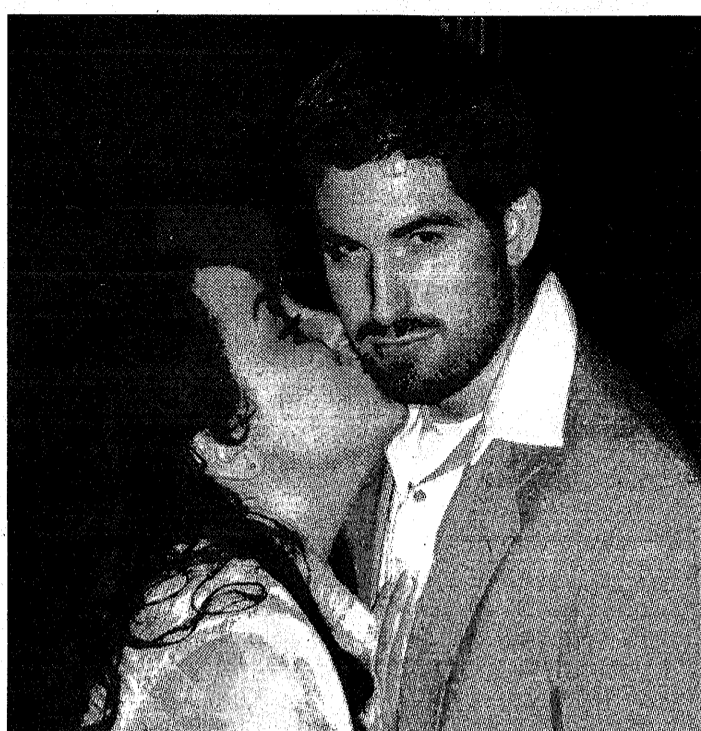
"We've worked together every show I can drag them into," said Fisher of Westland. "Elizabeth auditioned for the show and the staff did not know she was my daughter and was chosen based on her talents. They had at least 50 people audition to fill the cast of 14 people."

"The story is about a 35-year-old bachelor with married friends and something missing from his life. Commitment is missing so at his birthday party he reviews all the relationships in his life but it's musical comedy."

Len Fisher started acting in high school in Ohio and has been involved with Flint Youth Theater and productions in Michigan, Ohio and Minnesota.

He's been directing for 25 years and leads his own Westland based community group, Inspired Theater.

"I'm really excited about the talent in this production," said Fisher. "The audience will love the music, the story, the acting. They will walk out of there very entertained."



Allison Sorrano and Matt Cameron play a couple getting a divorce in the Stephen Sondheim musical comedy opening April 25 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS WILLIAMS



Elizabeth and Benjamin Fisher are enjoying working with their father Len on the Spotlight Players' production of *Company*.

### THE SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

**What:** Present the Stephen Sondheim musical comedy, *'Company'*

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 25-26, May 2-3 and 9-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27 and May 4

**Where:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

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**Livonia Franklin Class of 1969**  
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**Livonia Stevenson Class of 1978**  
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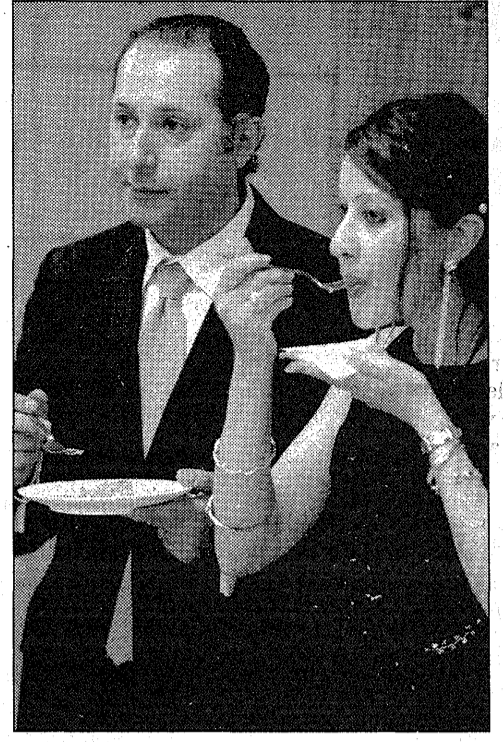
**Plymouth-Canton high schools Classes of 1988**  
Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact cepclas-1988@yahoo.com for more information.

**Romulus High School Class of 1958**  
A 50-year class reunion Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Lakes of Taylor, 25505 Northline, Taylor. For details, contact Al Preis at (734) 697-0092, Janet Miller at (734) 697-7483 or Terry Bird at (734) 697-4232.

**Royal Oak Kimball Class of 1988**  
A 20-year class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. For more information please go to www.kimball1988.myevent.com to register.



Sam Fink of West Bloomfield, and his wife, Babe, sample some of the smoked salmon pastrami and swiss cheese prepared by the culinary arts students during the strolling diner program of the 2008 Vista Gala at Schoolcraft College.



Samer, left, and Valerie Georges of Ferndale enjoy some of the food prepared by the culinary arts department during the 2008 Vista Gala at Schoolcraft College.



Culinary arts student Danielle Tiefenbach arranges trays of desserts before the start of the strolling dinner for the 2008 Vista Gala at Schoolcraft College.

# VisTa Gala raises \$5,000 for Schoolcraft College

The VisTa Gala at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center April 5 raised about \$5,000 for the school's culinary arts program.



Jodi Capello of Novi, left, and Teri Bowen browse some of the appetizer selections offered by the Schoolcraft College culinary arts program during the 2008 VisTa Gala.

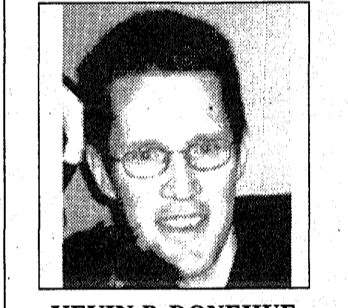
The black-tie optional event attracted 225 guests who sampled gourmet food and participated in a silent auction. The menu featured Montreal beef with caramelized onion and roadhouse barbecue sauce; smoked cod cake with wilted greens and mustard aioli; wood grilled rack of lamb with rosemary sauce; sushi; sea bass, rock shrimp and lobster in light pastry with chervil, glazed cucumber and caviar sauce; corn and shrimp bisque; pan-seared Hudson Valley duck foie gras and assorted chocolate desserts.



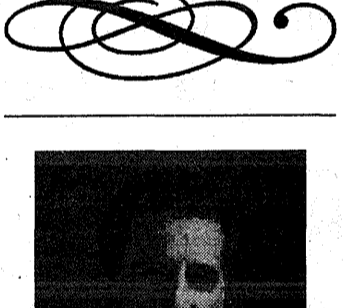
Culinary arts student Marguerite Anderson, left, prepares inside out sushi rolls as fellow classmate Nichole Sobecki prepares deep fried tofu pockets for the strolling dinner during the 2008 VisTa Gala at Schoolcraft College.

All dishes were prepared by the award-winning Schoolcraft culinary arts students, under the supervision of executive and certified master chefs. Auction items were donated by Allie Brothers Uniforms; the Culinary Arts Department; McCormick Distilling Co.; Chef Brian Polcyn of Schoolcraft; Scottie's Kitchen; Solterra Wine; and WineStyles. Cadillac Coffee Co., d/s events, Steve Petix Formal Wear and National Wine & Spirits Corp. contributed to the event.

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**KEVIN P. DONEHUE**  
Age 38, of Redford, March 23, 2008. Dear son of the late Frank and Marge. Loving brother of Patti (Dennis) O'Connell, Tom (Paige), Mike (Rose), Brian (Sharon), Bob (Andie), Dan (Lisa). Cherished fiancé of Deanna Kokocinski. Beloved uncle of eight nieces and five nephews. Graduate of Madonna University and longtime employee of AAA Michigan. In Kevin's honor, please consider organ donation.



**JOHN ANTHONY MOLLICA**  
Age 84, born May 27, 1923, passed away on March 28, 2008 in Henderson, Nevada. Formerly a resident of Rochester Hills and Sage Lake, Michigan, John is preceded in death by his wife Patricia and his eldest son, John Robert, who passed away weeks earlier on February 11, 2008. John was a decorated World War II U.S. Marine who fought in Germany and survived the battle of Iwo Jima, Japan. After the war, John received top honors in completing his Engineering degree at General Motors Institute in Flint in 1949, and worked at the Oldsmobile Forge Plant in Lansing. He later accepted a position at GM World Headquarters in Detroit becoming one of their youngest executives at the age of 31. He made his mark at GM in 1955 with his work on precedent setting wage assignments for GM Canada and later Europe. In 1971, he was promoted to Director of Wage Administration and Labor Economics before retiring in 1980 carrying that title, as well as Assistant Director of Labor Relations for GM Worldwide. John is survived by his children: Stephen, Carolyn Dellerba (David), Margaret "Maggie" Zarbano, Philip (Joanne), Patricia "Maria", and Christine Carver (Donald), 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, who wish to honor him with our eternal love, gratitude and affection. A funeral mass celebrating his life, and the life of his son, John Robert, will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at St. Casimir Catholic Church, 815 Sparrow Avenue in Lansing, Michigan. Donations can be made to Catholic Charities of Michigan in John's name.

**ARLENE M. TURNER**  
Age 85, April 8, 2008. Loving wife of Albert F. Turner, retired from General Motors Photographic. Beloved mother of Linda (Gordon T). Totty. Grandmother of Gordon M. (Karen) Totty and Stephanie Totty. Visitation and services were held on Friday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: schrader-howell.com



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**RUTH S. SPITZNAGEL**  
Passed away on March 7, 2008 in Encinitas, CA after a brief illness. She was born Nov. 1, 1917 and married to Frank R. "Bob" Spitznagel in 1945. They resided in Birmingham for 35 years before retiring to Encinitas in 1987. Ruth leaves a legacy of love and friendship and is survived by her husband, their three children, Pamela Alfinito of Northridge, CA; Rob Spitznagel of Lake Forest, CA; and Doug Spitznagel of La Cañada, CA; as well as seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Interment was at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, Ft. Loma, CA.

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**Kaylee Michelle Brown**  
Ian and Christy (Frederick) Brown of Orange Park, Fla. (Ian from Tulsa, Okla. and Christy from Redford, Mich.) announce the birth of their baby girl, Kaylee Michelle, on March 26, 2008. Kaylee weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth. Kaylee's grandmother is Laura Frederick of Redford.

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# Show pampers ladies to raise money for diabetes research

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cyndi Wasunyk's watched her nephew struggle with juvenile diabetes every day since he was diagnosed with Type 1 at age 3. Now a fifth grade student at Gallimore Elementary, Evan Piontek is doing better after receiving a pump to deliver his insulin continuously, but still Wasunyk is working for a cure.

On April 26, the Canton woman hosts a fund-raiser to raise money for the American Diabetes Association for research so one day Evan is free of the disease that can cause kidney failure, blindness and even death.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, at Gallimore Elementary, 8375 N. Sheldon, between Warren and Joy, in Canton.

Admission is \$1, with proceeds from the bake sale,

raffles and admission to the vendor/craft show going to ADA.

Wasunyk is a stay at home mom who runs a Taste of Home Entertaining decor business selling items like serving bowls at parties.

"My nephew, my mom dealt with diabetes. It's pretty prevalent in the family," said Wasunyk. "Now he's (Evan) really regulated, but still struggling to cope with this disease, watching everything he eats. His sugar goes low and he gets cranky, going through things kids shouldn't have to go through."

Wasunyk's daughter Kendall, 4½, doesn't have diabetes, but she reads books to the little girl so she understands what Evan is going through. And she hopes Kendall never has to face the disease so for a third time she's putting on a show to raise

money for charity. The first two times it was with a networking group, Metro Detroit Home Business Network. Autism and breast cancer organizations were the beneficiaries.

Wasunyk's sister Karen Piontek helped her connect with ADA for the latest show. Piontek organizes a walk every May for the ADA at Gallimore.

"We need help to find a cure," said Wasunyk who's expecting 20 vendors and crafters for the show. "It's a mix of home party vendors and a mix of women who created their own businesses."

It's kind of a pampering event for women with a Mary Kay representative, Avon, Bath and Body Shop, Taste of Home Entertaining decor. Some are friends, a lady who created her own massage business."

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# Stamp show coming to Plymouth

The 39th annual Plymouth show, sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club, takes place 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Central Middle School, 650 Church St. at Main, Plymouth.

Admission and parking are free. For information, visit [www.plymouthshow.com](http://www.plymouthshow.com).

The exhibition presents more than 2,800 exhibit pages. A panel of accredited American Philatelic Society (APS) 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 in Connecticut against winners from 30 other national shows.

Again this year, the club holds Stamps in Your Closet session on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Experienced collectors and dealers will help identify and

provide guidance on a collection's worth.

A 40-dealer bourse will offer stamps, covers and supplies for new and experienced collectors.

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

The club is offering a cachet cover saluting the 100th anniversary of Ford Model T automobile.

# Students sought for Italian American Club scholarships

The Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from high school students who are of Italian ancestry and reside in Southeast lower Michigan.

Candidates must have completed their junior year of high school in the spring of 2008, have a B average in all classes and have taken the ACT or SAT exams.

All candidates must com-

plete an education scholarship application by July 31. To obtain an application, call (734) 953-2664.

A total of \$10,000 will be awarded with a minimal award of \$1,000 for top 10 finalist.

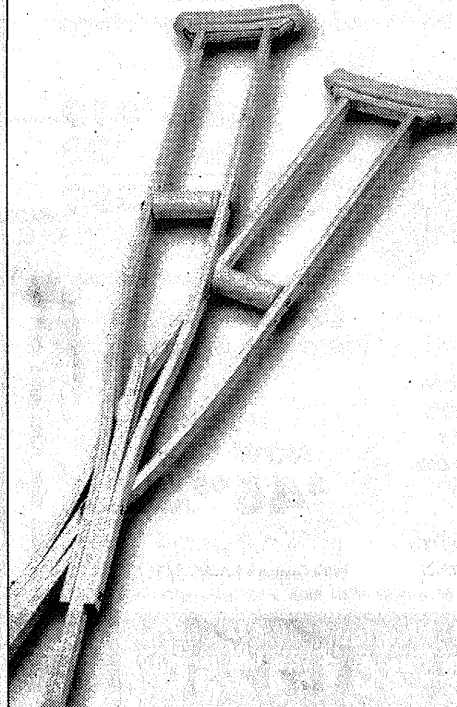


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# Hooray, I'm in Hollywood

## Groves graduate finds success making movies

BY GREG KOWALSKI  
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

There are a surprising number of Groves and Seaholm High School graduates working in Hollywood these days, said Adam Szykiel.

He should know. He is one of them. A 1996 Groves grad, Szykiel said, "It's always good to see people from home." But it's also good to see your name attached to the credits of a major Hollywood movie.

Szykiel wrote the film *Made of Honor*, which was produced by Sony Corporation and will premiere on May 2. He wrote the first draft of the film in just a few weeks in 2003, but things move slowly in the world of film production and it has taken until now for it to hit the big screen.

"It seems like a lifetime ago," Szykiel said. "I sold it the week that the Iraq war started. I thought at the time, 'Who will care about my little screenplay?'"

The producers at Sony did and gave it a big-production

treatment. *Made of Honor* star Patrick Dempsey, who most recently starred in the hit *Enchanted*, and noted director and actor Sydney Pollock, who directed the classic *Tootsie*.

"I was always interested in making movies," Szykiel said. Growing up in Beverly Hills (Michigan, not L.A.), he used to draw his three younger sisters into home movie productions he made.

"Even as a little kid he and his friends would film stuff on the neighborhood," said his mom, Lynne Szykiel. "He was very entertaining, very funny," she said. That humor is reflected in *Made of Honor*, a romantic comedy about a Tom Bailey, who is in love with his best friend, Claire. But he has a fear of commitment and refuses to accept that he should propose to Claire. When Colin, a rich Scotsman proposes to Claire, Tom has to stand by and lose her as she chooses him to be her maid of honor.

At Groves, Szykiel wrote some school plays, but had his eyes set on Hollywood. After graduating high school, he enrolled in the University of Southern California Film School.

"I learned the craft of movie making," he said. And, "I was

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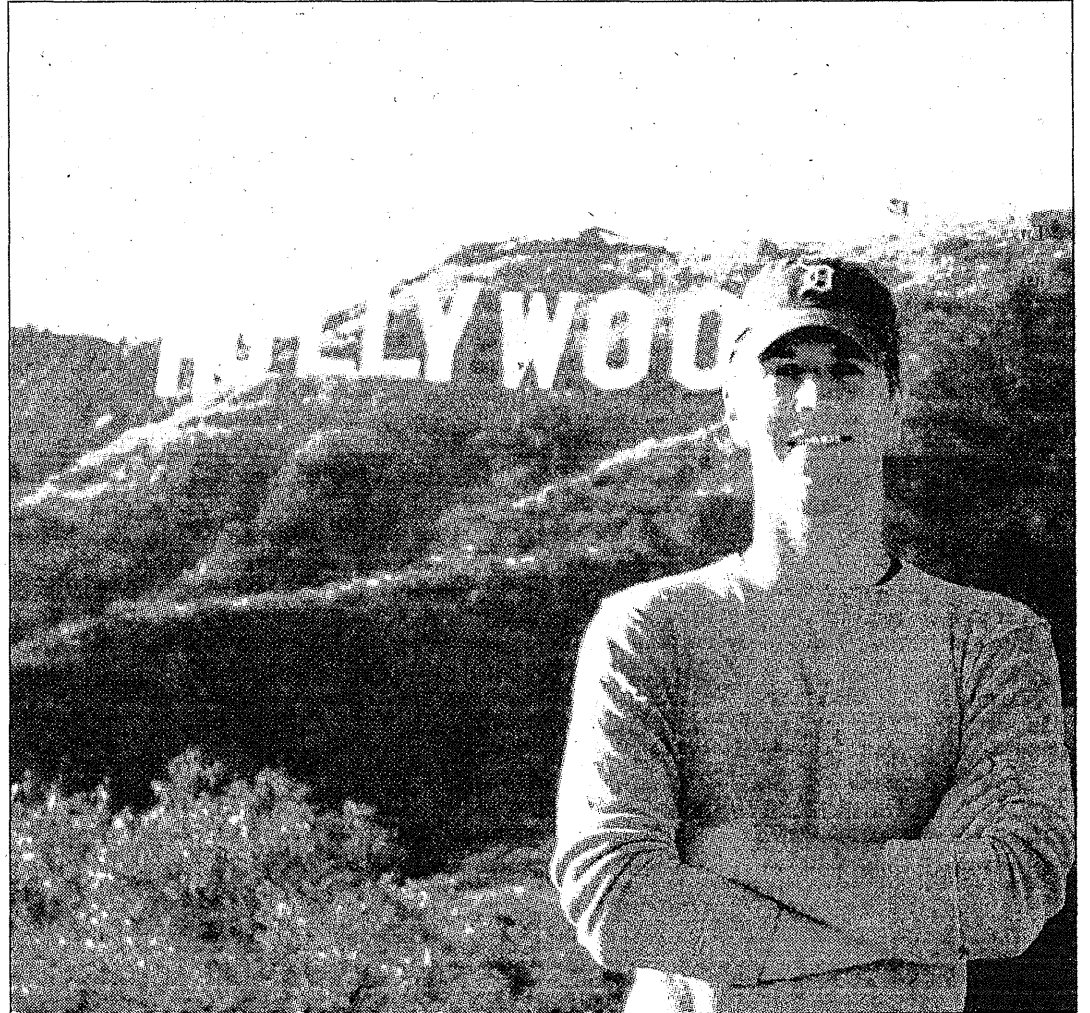
With Szykiel's writing talent and their connections, *Made of Honor* became a reality.

Life in Hollywood is "very exciting," Szykiel said. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Ellie Knaus, and has been working on other film projects, most recently in Toronto.

It's a world removed from the hallways of Groves. But some things haven't changed.

"What makes me glow with pride is that Adam remains unchanged by his success," said his dad, Vito. "Through all of this he is still that smiling kid whose first love and passion is his family and friends."

Speaking of pride, Vito and Lynn will attend the film's premiere in New York.



The 'D' on Adam Szykiel's hat fills out the last letter of the famous Hollywood sign where Adam has found success as a film writer.

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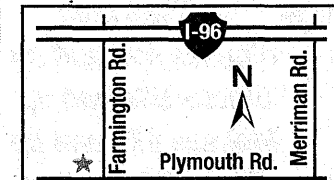
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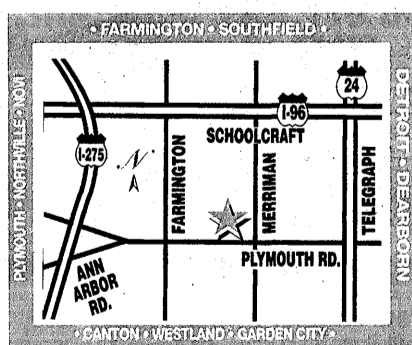
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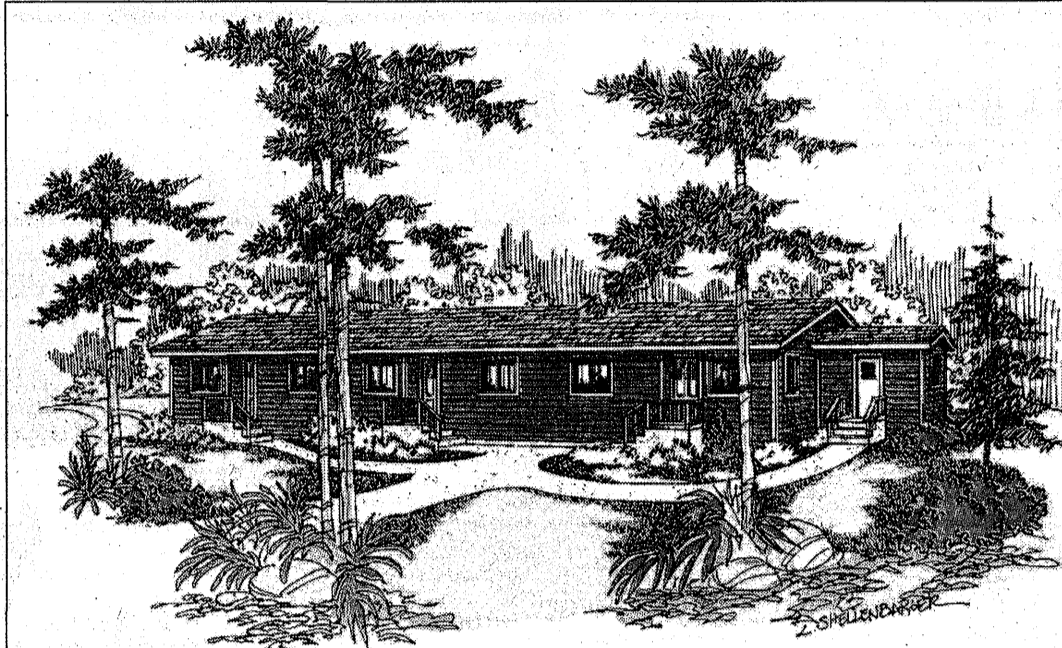
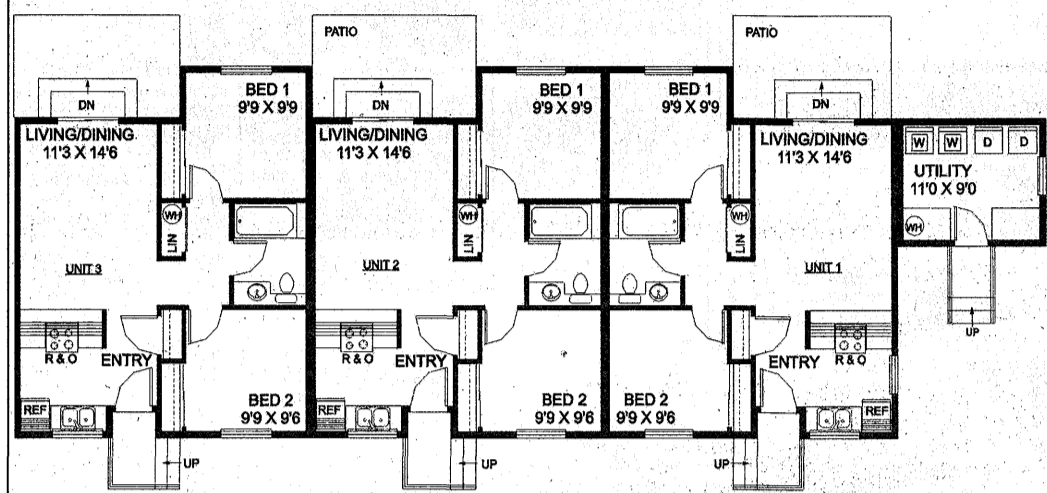
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## Aberdeen design features touches of Scottish thrift

ABERDEEN (405-31)  
OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 83'-10" X 29'-0"  
LIVING: 642 square feet/per unit  
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The Aberdeen (405-31) is a triplex, ideal for the narrow, long lot. Each unit contains 642 square feet. These units were designed to sit on the property in such a manner that a parking area could be located in front of the units. Unit 1 is on the right end. The kitchen is to the right of the entry. There is a window over the sink, with another window in the end of the room. A refrig-

erator and range/oven completes the kitchen. Behind the cabinets is the living room/dining room. This area has ample space for sofa and chairs along with a dining table.

The units contain two bedrooms with wall closets. The linen closet for the two rooms is located across from the full bath. There are windows in each bedroom.

Unit 2 is the reverse of unit 1. The bedrooms on the right share the same wall as unit 1 bedrooms. Unit 3 is exactly the same as unit 2.

This triplex combination is ideal for a multi-unit complex. It does not come with individual garages, but each triplex has its own utility room with two washers and two dryers. There are tables for folding.

These units are compact

and would be economical to build. They have been designed with economy and low rent in mind. With the smaller square footage, it allows landlords to set lower rents and still make a profit.

These units would be ideal for narrow lots, as they could be turned lengthwise with the parking area still available. The back of each unit has its own patio and the yard area could vary.

This design is one of many triplexes and duplexes available. With the growing need for housing, many landlords are building two and three units together. Plans for this type of housing are more in demand and are now more available.

For a study plan of the ABERDEEN (405-31), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424

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#### BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Design Build" course on Tuesday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS of Builders Professional Services Group, will teach

techniques that lead to a well managed, full service building or remodeling business with increased profits and maximized customer satisfaction.

He will also discuss the benefits of implementing a design/build strategy and how to make it successful.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for

guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Selling to the CAPS Generation, the New Gen X" (Certified Aging-In-Place) on Wednesday, April 16, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite

100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builders Professional Services Group, will instruct attendees on how to communicate and interact with this exciting and evolving population and how to do business with one of the fastest growing market segments. Registration fees are \$15 for SMC members, \$25 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan mem-

bers and \$50 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI

Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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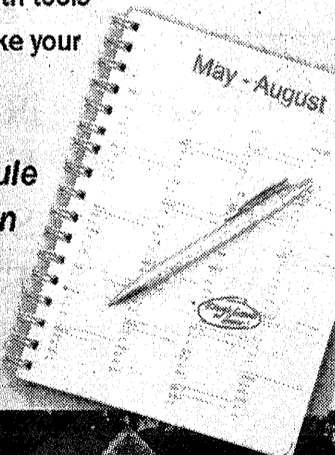
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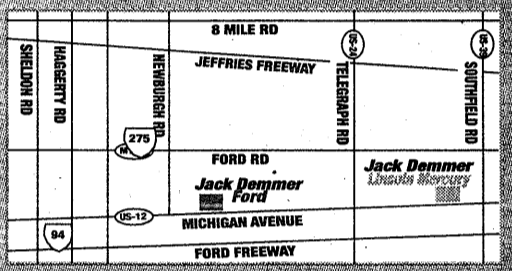
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