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Penn auction

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

The evening includes hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner with your choice of entrée, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing. Tickets are \$85 and must be purchased in advance. For reservations, e-mail tickets@friendsoft-hepenn.org; stop by the Penn box office during movie hours or call (734) 453-0870.

Republican dinner

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee,

which serves Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland, hosts a fund-raising



Weiser

Lincoln/Reagan Day dinner Thursday, April 30, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The evening's featured speaker is Michigan Republican Party Chairman Ron Weiser and the keynote speaker is Tim Skubick of Michigan Public Television's *Off the Record*.

The doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$90 per couple and a table of 10 is \$450.

Weiser, founder of the real estate company McKinley Associates, retired as the CEO and chairman in 2001 to become the U.S. ambassador to the Slovak Republic. Since his return from the foreign service in 2005 he has been actively involved in political campaigns and nonprofit work.

Skubick is anchor and producer of the weekly public TV series *Off the Record*. He has anchored this weekly public TV series since 1972 and is the longest serving member of the state capitol press corps. The show is seen on Michigan Public Television stations and has an audience of 100,000 viewers each week.

For more information or to buy tickets, contact Pattie Coughlan at (248) 474-3525 or Coughlanlvn@att.net, or Carl Berry at (734) 354-6075 or xcop97@wowway.com.

Going greener



Great weather drew some 90,000 visitors to last year's Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth, prompting organizers to add a third day to this year's fair.

Expanded fair hits downtown Plymouth

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One might think it would be tough to top a first-time, two-day festival that drew some 90,000 visitors and promoted a cause that has since grown into a huge mainstream hit.

But Dianne Quinn and Raychel Rork are gonna try.

The organizers of Plymouth's Green Street Fair are bringing back an expanded version of the fair that blew into town last year and became such a big success. The fair, now a three-day event, runs May 1-3 in downtown Plymouth.

"It was super busy, so we felt like we could expand both the size and the length for our second year," said Rork, the daughter half of the mother-daughter organizing team. "It's a lot easier for people coming from all over to set up these great displays."

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RAYCHEL RORK

The event brings together companies, nonprofit organizations, artisans, live music, workshops and speakers. Attendees are, obviously, encouraged to learn the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services. It

showcases local and national businesses displaying, demonstrating and selling on-site.

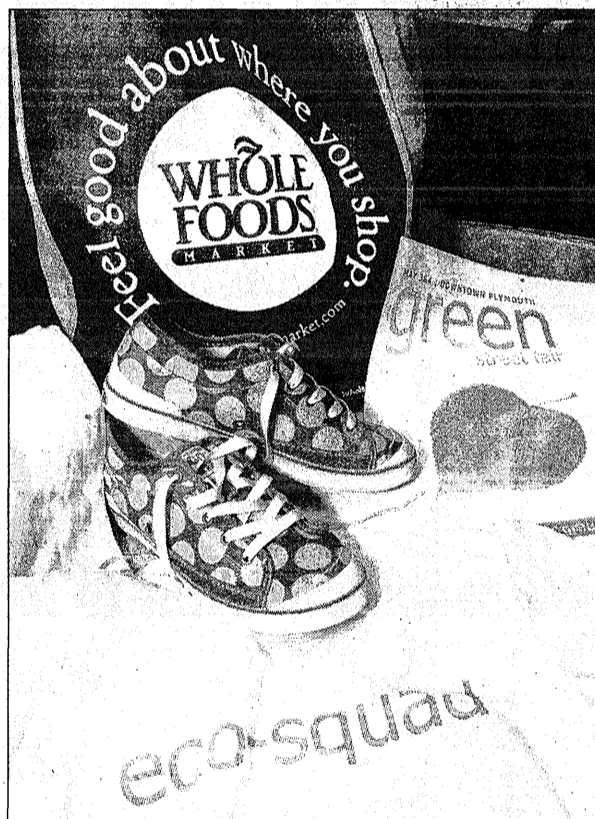
According to Rork, this year's fair will feature a few new things, among them:

- A "green" magician performing a green Earth magic show in Kellogg Park;
- A "Recycling 101" area — an interactive display teaching the basics regarding what should or shouldn't be put in recycling bins;
- Organic cooking demonstrations by the Art Institute of Michigan focusing on organic ingredients; and
- A petting farm in Kellogg Park, with "lots of cute little farm animals, something new for the

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GREEN STREET FAIR

- **What:** Plymouth Green Street Fair
- **When:** Friday-Sunday, May 1-3
- **Where:** Downtown Plymouth
- **Why:** Bring together companies, nonprofit organizations, artisans, live music, workshops and speakers to encourage folks to learn the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services.
- **Details:** A full schedule and more information is available at www.greenstreetfair.com.



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Plymouth's Green Street Fair spotlights eco-friendly products such as these sneakers made with recycled tire tread and canvas shopping bags to replace paper and plastic at the checkout. This year's fair is May 1-3.

Appeals flood review boards

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A sharply declining housing market brought a surge of appeals, almost all from residential property owners, to Plymouth Township's Boards of Review this year.

The township's two boards handled 533 appeals, 484 regarding residential property, up from 411 (320 residential) last year, a report issued earlier this month said. The boards granted 246 of those appeals, all but seven on residential parcels, and the lowering of state equalized values resulted in a reduction of more than \$3.2 million in total taxable value.

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said he knew of only one complaint about the boards' process.

"I thought it went very well this year," Edwards said. "In the past we've had complaints about not being heard, and we've had none of those."

Edwards said he hadn't taken a close look at the numbers, but that many of the residential appeals were likely from developers regarding their vacant lots.

Howard Meyer, who lives on 10 acres on North Territorial, made the complaint to which Edwards referred.

"I don't really have a lot of faith in the board when it comes to correcting their errors," Meyer said.

Meyer said the state equalized value of his property went up by \$146,990 this year, to a total of more than \$400,000. But much of his acreage is a wetland that can't be developed, he said, and thus shouldn't be worth that much. The state equalized value, or SEV, is considered to be half of a property's market value.

The taxable value of Meyer's property went up by a little more than \$8,000, to about \$198,000.

Meyer also said assessment records showed the square footage of his house had jumped by 1,214 square feet, to 3,727 square feet. He said his house, a geodesic dome, hasn't been enlarged and couldn't possibly include that much space.

Meyer said he hasn't been informed of a final review board decision, but that he expects to take his case to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

"I don't expect to see any satisfaction

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Plymouth area makes Web site's Top 100 for second year

BY MATT JACHMAN
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An Internet-based resource for people around the country who are relocating has recognized the Plymouth area for the second straight year.

The Plymouth community — the city and the township together — was named one of the top 100 places to live Tuesday by RelocateAmerica.com. The area also made the list in 2008.

The Plymouth area joins Rochester Hills and Hudsonville as the three Michigan communities on the list, which was whittled from more than 1,800 nominees.

"We all knew the Plymouth

community was a great place, but it's special when somebody from the outside looks at 1,800 communities and recognizes" Plymouth and Plymouth Township, said Richard Reaume, the township supervisor.

A press release said feedback from residents and local leaders, plus statistics on crime, education, employment and more in the nominated communities, were studied before selections were made.

Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, filled out a questionnaire for the study, which was a new element in the selection process. The questions, Graff said, touched on public

safety, parks and recreation, community events, the economy and leaders' vision for improving the community.

"It's exciting that they've put more (criteria) into the process and we're still able to be in the top 100," Graff said.

Concern about the nation's economy and housing market led RelocateAmerica.com to look at the list with a "different lens" this year, said Steve Nickerson, president of TrueV New Media, which operates the Web site.

"We concentrated on the outlook for future growth and ability to rebound in the communities that we selected," Nickerson said.

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"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Fiddlers in church

Tickets are now available for the final concert of the season at St. John's Episcopal Church.

"The Saline Fiddlers," takes place 6 p.m. Sunday, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. Tickets are \$7 for adults and free for all children under 18. Every one needs a ticket for entry. Purchase in advance through St. John's church office at (734) 453-0190 or cbyrd@stjohnsplymouth.org

Career seminar
Keller Williams Realty in Plymouth hosts a 59-minute Career Seminar for anyone who's ever thought about a career in Real Estate.

The seminar is designed to show why now is a great time to get into real estate, with answers to questions about commissions, costs and what it takes and the potential to succeed. It takes place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth.

For more information and to reserve a seat, call (734) 459-4700.

Senior party fund-raisers

The PCEP Senior Party Committee is inviting diners to dine out for "a wonderful cause," supporting the senior party by din-

ing out at one (or more) of the area restaurants which have agreed to donate 20 percent of the purchases made during a specific time and date.

Carvel Ice Cream fund-raiser is Thursday, May 7 (on Ford Road); there's a planning meeting for parents of current juniors Monday, April 27 at Salem High School at 7 p.m., in the Media Center (Need chairpersons for next year); and planning meeting for 2009 party Monday, May 4 (Salem High School at 7 p.m., in the Media Center).

Volunteers are needed for the night of party - contact pcep-senior-party@comcast.net

To volunteer or for questions, contact pcep-senior-party@comcast.net

Hike for Hope

The New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts a Hike for Hope Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Maybury State Park (Eight Mile entrance, one mile west of Beck Road, car fee of \$6), 20145 Beck Road in Northville, a fun-filled family time walking or running and remembering loved ones.

A registration fee of \$15 per person or \$25 per family will be charged prior to the event and \$20 per person or \$30 per family the day of the event; donations from sponsors can be obtained by walkers. Registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. The hike will be followed by a "Time of Remembrance," complimentary pre-race "fueling" of fruit, bagels, and juices.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville. The non-profit agency provides grief support services for adults, children, and teens through groups, seminars and other resources. All groups offered by New Hope Center are provided free of charge and the agency relies on individual and community support for its funding.

For more information about Hike for Hope or to participate, volunteer, or be a business sponsor, please call the New Hope office at (248) 348-0115 or visit the center's Web site at www.newhopecenter.net

Shred day

Community Financial is inviting local residents and small business owners to protect confidential information and shred their documents at the credit union's Plymouth branch from 12:30-3 p.m. Saturday, May 2. The special event is being hosted in partnership with Shred-it, an on-site document destruction company. The Shred-it truck will be available in the branch's parking lot located at 500 S. Harvey.

Shred-it provides a secure location where documents are shredded into fine confetti.

The shredded documents are then securely baled for recycling and turned into a variety of paper products.

For more information, visit the credit union web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

Veterans scholarship

The Plymouth Business & Professional Women's Club is seeking women veterans who need education assistance in order to pursue a better job or new career in civilian life.

Veterans must be able to demonstrate financial need. Preference is given to women who are the primary supporter of their household. They must have a Plymouth address and be formally accepted into a college program or vocational/technical program. If already in college they must have a minimum GPA of 2.8.

BPW also looks for women who will support the objectives of BPW:

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Fair attraction

Madonna Society of Future Teachers Officer Cynthia Richter of Plymouth waits with her portfolio to talk with a recruiter at the education job fair at Madonna University in Livonia. Representatives from 10 area school districts, including the first Cyber high school established in the U.S., took part in a job fair hosted by the College of Education at Madonna University. The job fair brings in recruiters from local districts to meet exclusively with students in Madonna's highly-regarded teacher education program. Despite the economic downturn and reports of teaching jobs drying up outside of Michigan, Madonna education faculty and students were pleased to see that the number of local school district representatives had not decreased from last year. Participating recruiters said they are always impressed with the quality of the University's teacher candidates.

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Family fun

Plymouth area families are invited to join the Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors 11 a.m. May 2 for a morning of fun and creativity at Creatopia Paint-it-Yourself Pottery in Plymouth.

At this final Family Fun event of the Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors 2008-2009 season, families will gather to create memories and priceless works of

art as they paint their own pottery. Anyone can participate. Advanced registration is required.

Creatopia Pottery is located at 924 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Cost is \$5 studio fee per person plus the cost of pottery piece.

RSVP To Eileen Ganster by April 25 at president@plymouthnewcomers.com or (734) 737-0385.

PLAV car show

PLAV Post 166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia, will hold a combination open house and car show noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23.

The general public is invited (bring your cameras) with special emphasis on owners of "oldies" and car club members. For additional details contact Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031.

Rock Shoppe classes

The Rock Shoppe on Gotfredson Road in Plymouth will host the following installation classes. Come join us and learn to create a

beautiful outdoor living space. A free lunch will be served between classes.

- Brick paver class, May 16, 10 a.m. - Free Class on Brick Paver Installation is offered by the Rock Shoppe at 6275 Gotfredson Road in Plymouth. Come listen to the experts from Allan Block demonstrate the step by step process of installing a brick paver patio, sidewalk or driveway. Create that outdoor living area you have been dreaming of. Free design help will be available. This class will be followed by a free lunch and a second class.
- Retaining wall and pillar installation, May 16, noon - Free Class on Retaining Wall and Pillar installation is offered by the Rock Shoppe at 6275 Gotfredson Road in Plymouth. John Kerr, the Allan Block expert, will demonstrate the step by step process of installing retaining walls and pillars. Free design help will be available.

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Tutman speaks at library luncheon

Four local organizations — the Friends of the Canton, Northville, Novi and Plymouth libraries invite the public to their upcoming Book and Author Luncheon.



The annual event will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 11:30 a.m. at Fox Hills Golf Club. Tickets are \$25.

WDIV morning correspondent and author Paula Tutman will be the featured speaker. Her first novel, *Deadline!*, is a mystery set in Baltimore and utilizes many of the author's experiences as a crime reporter in the early 1990s. Released by the publisher last summer, *Deadline!* has been presented at the National Press Club's Annual Book Fair and the author will appear next month at the Ann Arbor Book Fair and Book Expo America in New York City.

For print and audio excerpts, author background and book ordering, visit deadlinethebook.com. A sequel has been written, *Deadline! Second Block*, and is expected to be published later this year.

Tickets for the luncheon are available for purchase at any of the participating libraries.

Fox Hills Golf Club is located at 8768 N. Territorial Road, west of Plymouth.

Appeals court delays Orlewicz hearing

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jean Pierre Orlewicz's request for a new trial is still going to be heard. There just may be some new ears listening.

Acting on a request from Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office, the Michigan Court of Appeals has intervened in Orlewicz's case. The request came after Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow closed hearings in February to listen to testimony about Orlewicz's mental state.



Orlewicz

That closed hearing, which featured testimony from a doctor who interviewed Orlewicz before the first trial, was requested by Orlewicz's attorney, Elizabeth Jacobs, who said afterward

the doctor's testimony may not be heard in a potential new trial.

"There's no reason to taint a jury panel, which is what happened the first time," she said at the time.

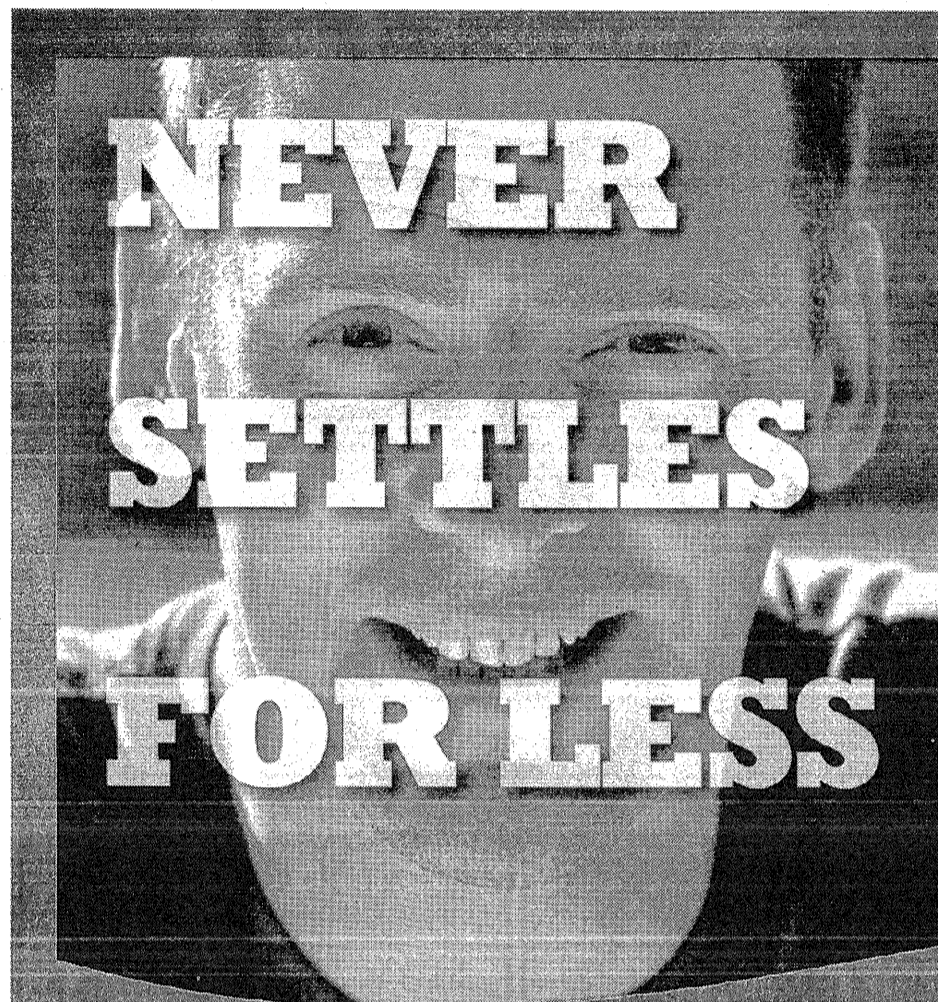
Orlewicz, of Plymouth Township, was convicted last spring of killing and beheading of Daniel Sorenson of River Rouge, then trying to hide the victim's identity by burning his fingers and his body and disposing of the head in the Rouge River.

The crime was carried out in the garage at the Canton Township home of Orlewicz's grandfather. Orlewicz

was convicted in large measure due to the testimony of Alexander Letkemann, a Westland teenager who admitted to helping dispose of the body and testified that Orlewicz planned the murder. Orlewicz testified the killing was done in self-defense.

Morrow got the case when original trial Judge Annette Berry was disqualified over strong language she used in sentencing Orlewicz following his conviction.

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EDUCATION

Grandparents get grand honors from kindergartners

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Inspired by her grandparents and their positive influence on her, teacher Kim Harrigan helped Bird Elementary School students honor their own grandparents on Thursday.

Harrigan's kindergartners danced and sang to *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, an alphabet-teaching story in song, then joined their visiting grandparents for snacks, photographs and tours of their classroom.

"I thought it was wonderful," Lucille Eaton, great-grandmother of kindergartner Alexis Nadell, said of the performance. She liked the way the students danced, she said. Eaton, of Novi, has two grandsons who also attended Bird. "It was delightful," said Joy Yambor of Horton, Mich., grandmother of kindergartner Ella Workman.

It was the seventh annual grandparents day for Harrigan, an 18-year teaching veteran in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. She recognized her three living grandparents, Maxine Harrigan of Livonia and Joe and Dorothy Siwarski or Northville, who



Bird Elementary School kindergartners sang and danced their way through a tribute to their grandparents on teacher Kim Harrigan's seventh annual Grandparents Day celebration.

were in the audience.

"I feel blessed, very blessed, to have you," Harrigan said, looking at the three.

Both the Harrigan and the Siwarski grandparents were a big part of her life as she was growing up, and they remain

close, Kim Harrigan said. Both sets lived a few houses from each other in Detroit, she said, and there were a lot of family visits to that street.

"They're just the most loving people on this Earth," she said. When the late Bill Harrigan

retired as a Greyhound bus driver, he and Maxine moved to a farm near Manistee, and Kim Harrigan remembers many visits there, having fun with cousins and helping the grandparents with chores. "They taught me about work ethic," she said.



No Grandparents Day would be complete without the family photo.

Kindergartner Ella Workman of Plymouth seems to be building similar relationships.

"He loves me," Ella said of Tom Workman, her paternal grandfather. "He goes on trips with me. Colorado was our last trip."

"She's just a special kid," said Plymouth resident Workman of Ella. "She's very creative. She's

well behaved." Ella, who played the letter "H" in the skit, said she also enjoys going out to eat with her grandfather.

Grandmothers Mary Jo Workman and Joy Yambor also attended Thursday; grandfather Steve Yambor had to work.

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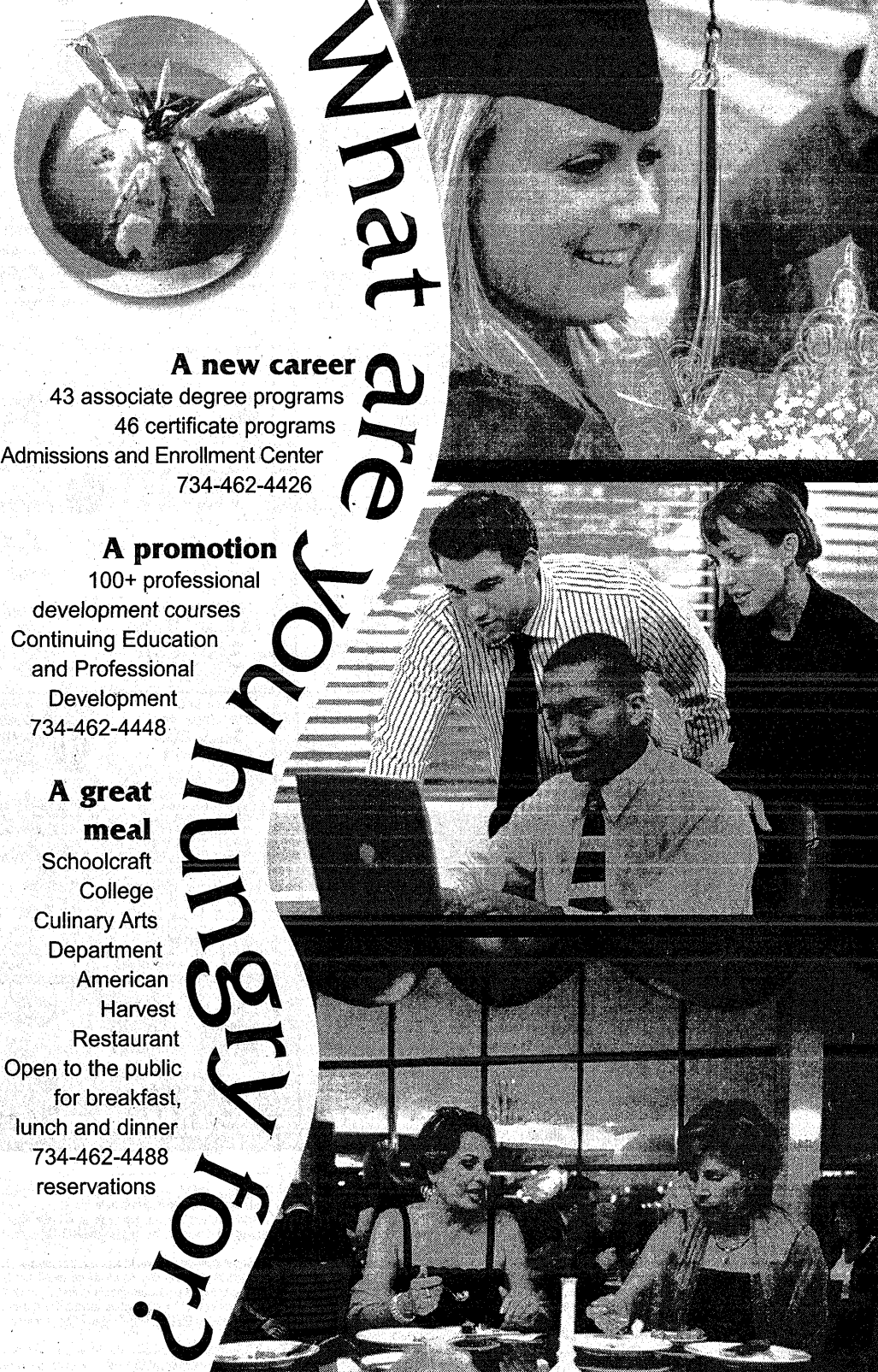
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East returns to Science state final

East Middle School is returning to the state's Science Olympiad tournament for the eighth consecutive year Saturday, May 2, at Michigan State University.

More than 500 high school and middle school teams competed at the Science Olympiad regional competitions during February and March. Ninety-six advancing regional teams will be competing in the 27th Michigan State Finals. East Middle School is one of 39 middle schools returning from last year.

These young people, their coaches and teachers represent a strong dedication to science education and have worked

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hard all year to meet the competition of their peers and win.

Forty-six competitive events will be held in various locations on the MSU campus. Some events are, Robo-Cross, Crave the Wave, Science Crime Busters and Forensics (SCI type events), and a variety of events in between.

State Champions and runners-up teams will go on to the National Science Olympiad Tournament at Augusta State University, Augusta, Georgia on May 15 and 16.

Phi Beta Kappa

Allison Janda of Plymouth

has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest honorary scholarship society, at Bucknell University.

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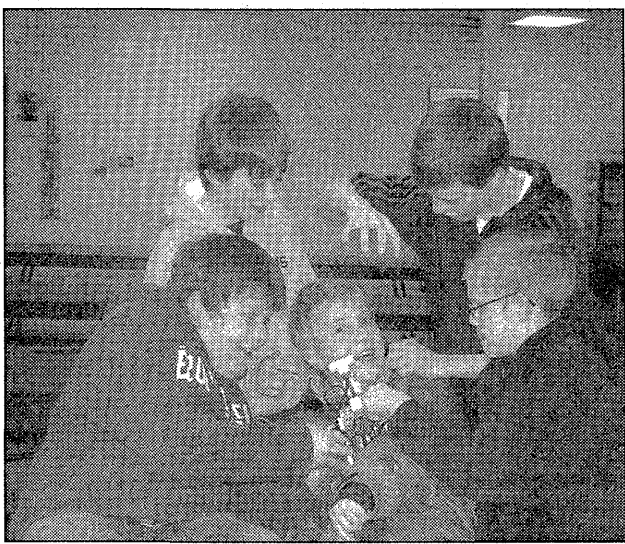
The daughter of David and Elizabeth Janda of Plymouth, Janda is a 2006 graduate of Salem High School. A member of the Class of 2010, Janda is majoring in Economics and Chemistry.

Boston University

Kaley C. Ronayne, a resident of Plymouth, has recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Fall semester.

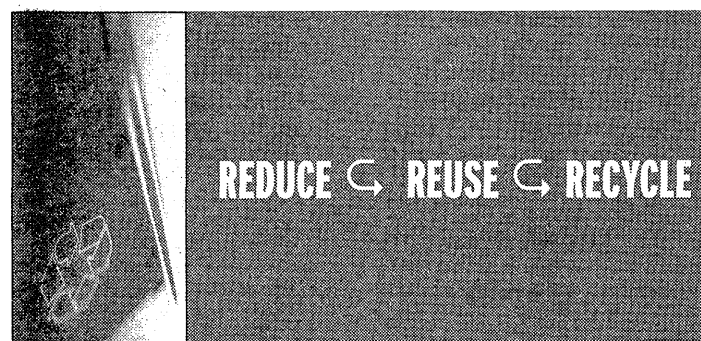
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PCA Gigabots rule

Plymouth Christian Academy's sixth-grade robotics team, the Gigabots, recently qualified for the World Championships of Robofest to be held May 9 at Lawrence Technological University. The Gigabots qualified on April 4 during a competition held at Canton Charter Academy. The team is comprised of (back row from left) Carson Moutsatson, Gregg Manni, (front row from left) Zack Eisen, Kyle Lemieux, and Isaac Middleton. They were one of two PCA teams part of the school's robotics club, coached by Joe Lemieux, Terrence Crown, and Jan Eisen. The club uses MindStorms robots from Lego to teach the students science, technology, engineering, and math principles and how to apply them in a fun, creative way. The Gigabots robot was named Clawinator, which would pick up a colored ball with its claw, determine what color it was, and then place the ball into a bucket depending upon the color of the ball. For a video of the robot in action visit www.schooltube.com.



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Patterson's phishing bill breezes through Senate

A bill sponsored by State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) that is pushing tougher punishments for Internet crimes sailed through the senate on Thursday.



Patterson

In particular the legislation targets phishing, or fraudulently acquiring personal information over the Internet. Phishing is a unique form of identity theft where criminals use e-mails or pop-up ads to lead consumers to counterfeit Web sites

designed to trick recipients into divulging financial data such as credit card numbers, account usernames, passwords and social security numbers. Because the criminals hijack the names and logos of reputable banks, e-retailers and credit card companies, they convince consumers to respond.

If Patterson's bill becomes law it would increase to a maximum of 10 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines from the current five years and \$25,000. The bill also would allow the attorney general or the Internet provider file civil actions against the phishing site operators.

Postal carriers hope to help fill pantry

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Salvation Army food pantry can always use a little help.

It's going to get some assistance when letter carriers in Canton and Plymouth - as part of the nationwide effort by the National Association of Letter Carriers - replenish the cupboards with collections from businesses and residents during the annual food drive on Saturday, May 9.

Last year, Canton postal carriers collected 19,000 pounds of non-perishable food from residents on their routes, who left bags and boxes of food at the mail box. Plymouth postal carriers collected 19,600 pounds.

"We were so amazed and grateful that people opened their hearts," said Lois Fritz of Livonia, a Canton Post Office letter carrier who is one of several organizers for this year's effort. "Even the people in the poorest of neighborhoods gave so generously. I think when



Don Marek and Tina Gramer helped Plymouth postal carriers bring in some 19,600 pounds of donated food for the Plymouth Salvation Army's food pantry in last year's food drive.

people have gone through this themselves they know how important it is."

Laurie Aren, family and community ministries coordinator for the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, said her caseload is up 110 percent from last year.

"I have 8-10 appointments a day, with newly unemployed people uncertain about how

they're going to pay their bills," Aren said. "We encourage them to keep up on their utilities and we will help them with the food."

Dan Marek of Plymouth, a letter carrier from the Plymouth Post Office on Beck Road, has been coordinating the Plymouth Post Office effort the past four years.

"Every year we've contin-

ued to increase the amount of food we bring to the Salvation Army," Marek said. "The community constantly steps up to the plate and helps out the food pantry."

"The fortunate thing is we're increasing the amount of food we collect," he said. "The unfortunate thing is we're having to give that much away - plus more - because of the economy."

Fritz and Marek say donations will also be collected at the post office and by carriers on their routes from those who can't participate May 9.

Fritz said postal carriers decided several years ago to collect food for the Plymouth Salvation Army because it helps people in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

"People feel very committed to the community and wanted to bring it closer to home by knowing they were helping people in their community," said Fritz.

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Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

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In addition to the spectacle vision aids, Dr. Smith offers training to help people accomplish their daily activities. Visual aids help patients use their remaining vision to its fullest capacity while rehabilitative training improves the patient's ability to carry out necessary independent activities.

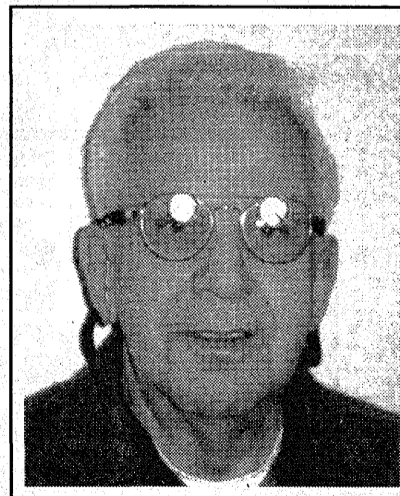
Of course, safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further loss.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. Patients often end up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free

devices that are easier to use.

Mr. J.S. struggled with macular degeneration. He came seeking help with reading, driving and watching TV. Dr. Smith made him three pair of glasses. "I use the pair for TV the most," he said.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it.



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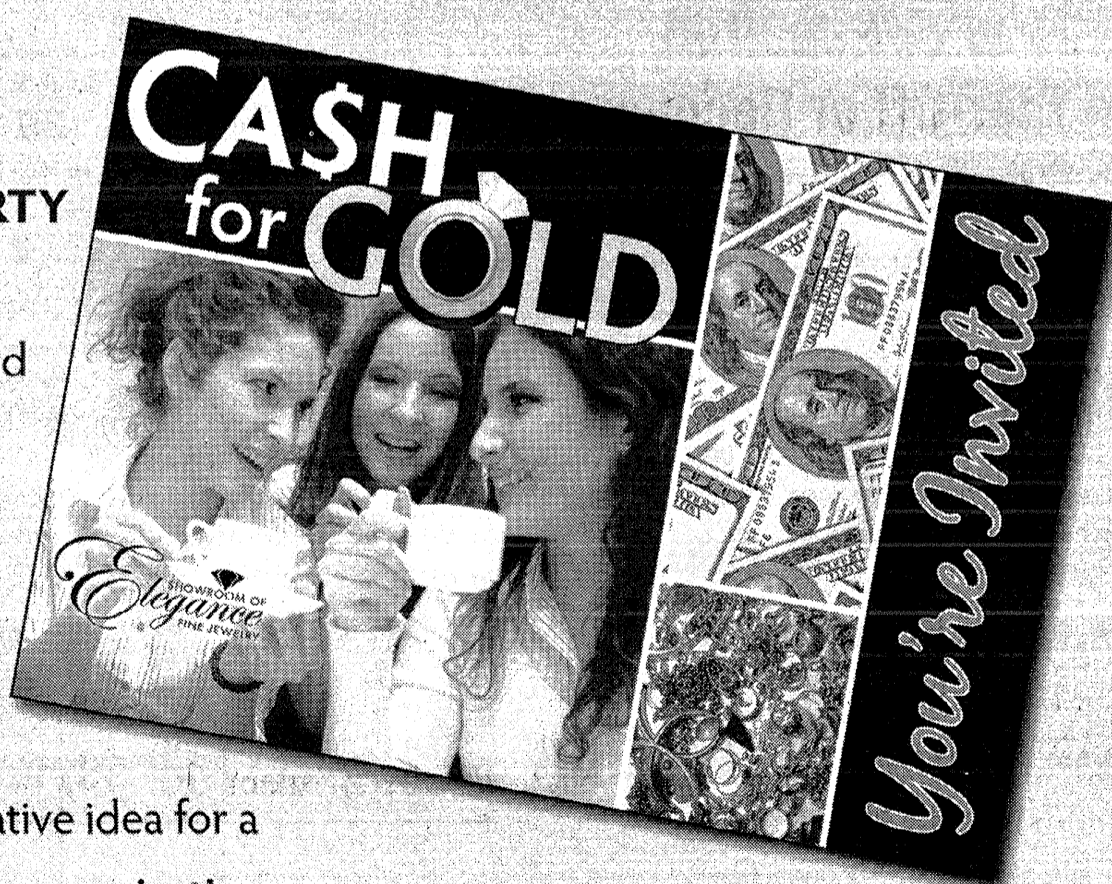
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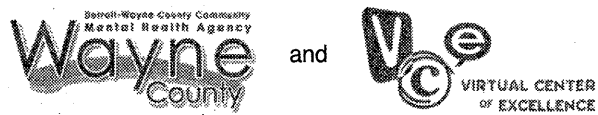
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Retired U.S. ambassador to speak at prayer breakfast

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ken McMullen believes the Livonia Prayer Breakfast is unique in how it unites the community. The event is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year.

"I don't know of another event like this, where you pull together the city, the press, Livonia public schools, city officials and the public, and focus on the most important thing in their lives," said the chairman of the prayer breakfast committee. "It represents the heart of the city."

David Rawson, a retired U.S. ambassador to Mali and Rwanda and currently a professor of political economy at Spring Arbor College, will be the keynote speaker at the breakfast May 7 at Laurel Manor.

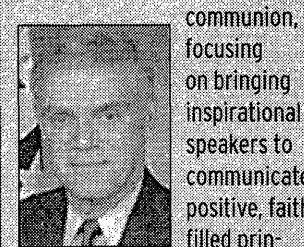
The committee chose Rawson, after receiving a recommendation from Bill Bullard, who acts as a national liaison for the breakfast committee, McMullen said. "(Rawson) is an expert in Third World politics and economics, and he has a heart for the people," McMullen said.

Rawson, who is also a visiting professor of political science at Hillsdale College, served as U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Mali from 1996-99, and to the Republic of Rwanda from 1993-96. He joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1971, serving in Rwanda, Mali, Senegal, Madagascar and Somalia as well as various postings in the United States.

Under a grant from the U.S. Institute for Peace, Rawson is now exploring the Rwandan case in international humanitarian intervention. He has been chair of

LIVONIA PRAYER BREAKFAST

What: Initiated in 1975 by an ecumenical group of citizens, the Livonia Prayer Breakfast celebrates its 35th year and continues as a voluntary spiritual communion, focusing on bringing inspirational speakers to communicate positive, faith-filled principles that will inspire people to think globally and act locally.



Rawson

This year's speaker is David Rawson, former U.S. ambassador to the republics of Mali and Rwanda.

When: 7:15 a.m. Thursday, May 7
Where: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 students. For information and tickets, call (248) 476-9427 or visit www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org.

the United Nations Advisory Group on the West African arms moratorium and consultant to the Partnership To Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa.

His father, Dr. A. Perry Rawson, of Addison, Mich., established a hospital in central Burundi.

Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit Friends of Kibimba Hospital.

As a result of political strife and civil war in recent years, the hospital was nearly closed, but a local church there has revived the ministry.

Today, the 100-bed hospital staffs full clinical and surgical services. A group of Americans previously associated with the hospital

is helping to channel equipment, medicines and financial support.

The prayer breakfast also features music.

Music coordinator Jerry Smith, who has organized the music for the event for the past 15 years as a committee member, chose Classical Bells for this year's breakfast.

Smith wanted to feature instrumental music for this year's event. Classical Bells features members who are active in musical programs throughout metro Detroit as everything from choir directors to soloists. Classical Bells performs at St. Matthew's Baptist Church on Six Mile and will travel to Europe this summer.

"They are local, they are successful, they have a reputation that is excellent and they've been performing for 25 years," Smith said.

"We try to find a professional quality with a group or individuals that can build a rapport with the audience," Smith said.

Prayer breakfast audiences are appreciative and good listeners, Smith said, so he tries to build on that when he and the committee discuss musical groups to perform at the breakfast. "We've used high school choirs, college choirs and professional soloists," Smith said.

In these tough economic times, event organizers believe the prayer breakfast provides hope and strength from faith, no matter what the denomination individuals practice.

"When you have a city come together, it can weather any storm," McMullen said.

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High fees for mutual funds mean low returns

Q: Dear Rick: I saw a story on 60 Minutes this week that dealt with 401(k) plans and fees. It got me to thinking about my 401(k) plan but also my mutual funds. I've read your articles in the past and I know that you recommend low cost investments. In going through my expenses on my mutual funds, including 12-b1 fees, it seems I'm paying nearly two percent in management fees. Is that too much? What should I do?

A: I did see the 60 Minutes story and it didn't surprise me.

For as long as I've been involved in the financial world I have been talking about excessive fees. Most investors pay little or no attention to fees and they end up paying too much. In today's difficult economy, it is more important than ever that all investors pay attention to fees.

Many investors in salaried deferral programs such as 401(k) plans or 403(b) Plans end up paying excessive fees when they don't have to. For example, people who work for non-profit organizations or school systems generally have more than one investment custodian to choose from. Unfortunately, instead of being proactive they wait to see what salesperson contacts them. The result is they end up with low returns and high fees.

Individuals in the for profit sector of the economy generally have only one plan available within a salary deferral program. A school system may offer seven or eight different investment companies in its salary deferral program but a corporation generally will only have one investment carrier. However, that does not mean an employee has no alternatives. Employees, particularly those who work for small businesses, can request employers to offer low cost options. Particularly, in a small business where the owner is working in the business and contributing to the salary program, it benefits not only the employees, but the owner as well to have low cost options.

A possible strategy for individuals who work for large companies is to have a small group of employees contact their human resource department and request a low-cost 401(k) plan. Companies that have high cost plans generally are unaware that there are other options available. There are many investment custodians who offer low cost plans that are ben-

eficial to the employee and to the company.

If you are paying nearly two percent in management fees it becomes nearly impossible for you to make money and a change is needed.

It is time to sell your investments and look at establishing a new portfolio with lower cost funds. One rule of investing holds true: High fees equal low returns. The question is why do some

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investment companies have substantially higher fees than others? The answer is simple - sales. Almost all mutual fund companies that have high fees do not use

them to manage the portfolio. The money is not used for analysts or for additional research capabilities. It goes to provide incentives to the sales force.

One of the problems in the investment world, identified during the 60 Minutes story, is that fees and costs paid by an investor are not adequately disclosed. Although they are disclosed in the prospectus, most are written by lawyers for lawyers. In other words, it's almost impossible for the average person to comprehend what they are reading. The industry itself likes to keep people uninformed. However, we must

be smarter.

One of my principal rules regarding investing is to never purchase an investment until you know what it costs you to buy, sell and hold.

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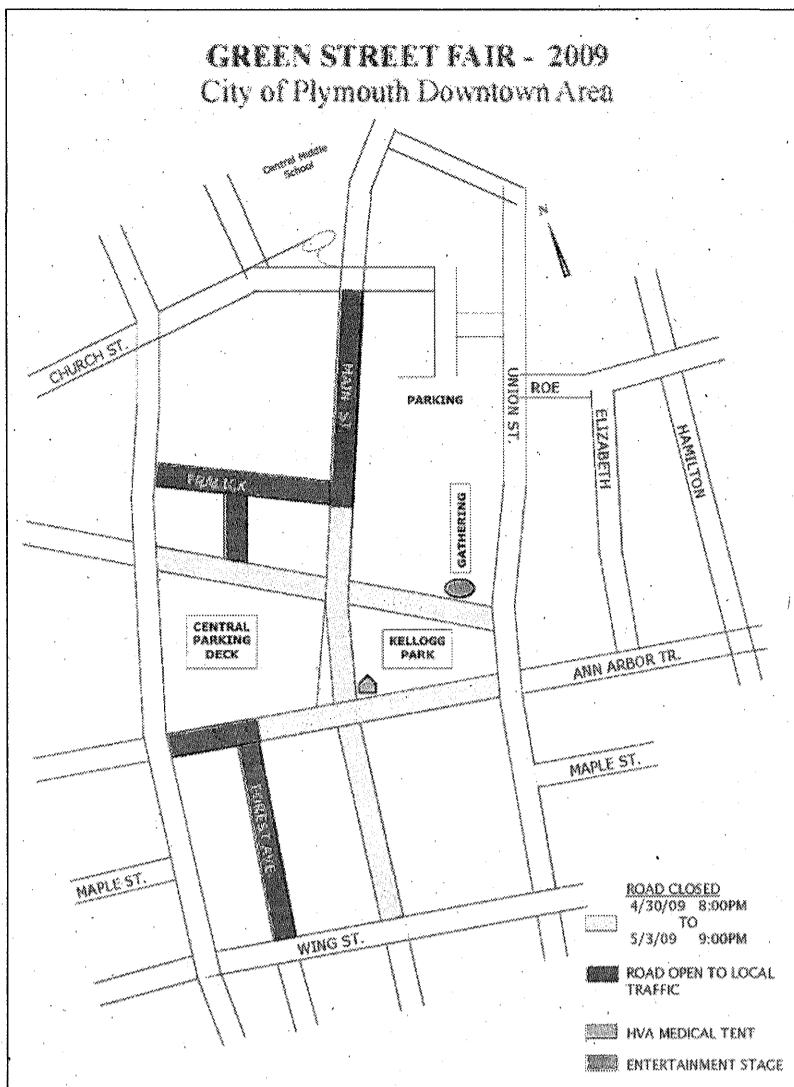
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Park, I think," Rork said. Other highlights include a "Green Speaker" series in The Gathering, where speakers will hold forth on a wide range of topics, and The Eco-Beats Stage, featuring local and regional entertainment including The Saints, Four Finger Five, Zooropa: A U2 Tribute, Luke Winslow-King, Orpheum Bell, Bump, The Macpodz and Serena Ryder. The "Fort Box" will encourage youngsters to build, hang out and devise secret handshakes in this cardboard box clubhouse in Kellogg Park. Rork thinks the expanded schedule and the additions to the attractions will draw an even larger crowd than last year's fair. "It's taken off since last year," she said. "It has really become more mainstream to see eco-friendly products in stores you're already shopping in. This makes it much more fun, to bring this information together in one place. You can learn a lot and you can really enjoy yourself, too. It's going to be really fun."

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Emagine Canton offering free movies to unemployed

The Troy-based Emagine Entertainment, Inc., which owns the Emagine Theatre in Canton, will offer complimentary movie tickets to unemployed workers for four days beginning April 27 at all three of its Michigan locations. Qualifying guests and their immediate family members will receive free movie tickets, soda, and popcorn. Tickets will be available based on the honor system. Any Michigan resident 18 years of age or older and actively seeking employment may simply come to the box office and request Emagine's "Movie Magic Package." Immediate family members who accompany a qualifying individual are also welcome. Tickets will be offered on a first come-first serve basis from Monday, April 27

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APPEALS
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from the township," he said. Though residential appeals this year resulted in a greater residential taxable value reduction than last year, overall, the change in taxable value was 30 percent less than in 2008, when it totaled nearly \$4.7 million. Last year, taxable value reductions totaling more than \$2.3 million were granted on personal property — business and industrial equipment. The number of personal property appeals this year was down significantly, and the appeals granted on personal property resulted a drop in taxable value of just \$232,000. All appeals granted this year translate into a total of just over \$13,000 in tax savings for those who won those appeals. The review boards' work was completed in March.

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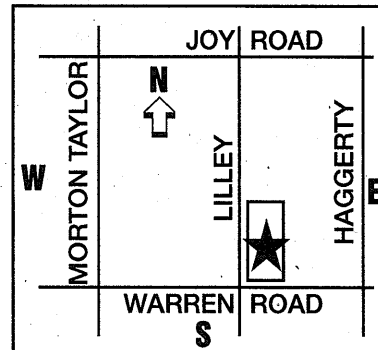
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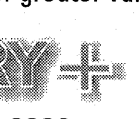
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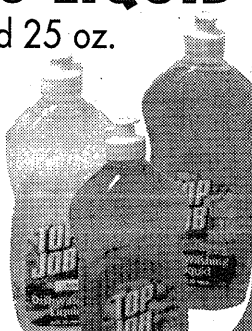
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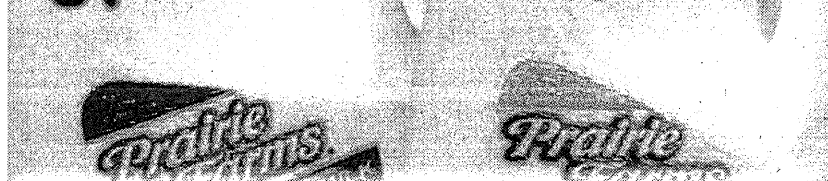
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Rymph's golden goal lifts Canton over 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's doubtful even "Stretch" from "Fantastic Four" fame could have reached Tracy Rymph's game-winning shot in Friday night's soccer match between Plymouth and Canton.

With just under 19 minutes left in a scoreless, epic struggle between cross-campus foes, the Chiefs' senior forward stole the ball from a Wildcat defender at the 20-yard line and dribbled a few yards down the sideline before unleashing a rope that squeezed just over the outstretched fingertips

of Plymouth goalie Marissa Williams and just under the upper-right corner of the cross-bar to provide all the scoring in Canton's 1-0 victory.

The Chiefs improved to 3-1 while Plymouth slipped to 3-2. "Tracy's individual effort and hard work are what created that whole situation," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "She tracked down a ball that was played over her head. She got a touch and then the finish was spectacular. She had the patience and the intelligence to make sure that that ball was on frame over the goalie's head."

"God bless Marissa. She

played a heckuva game. That was just a tough one to save. Marissa gobbled up everything else that came at her tonight."

If not for an incredible play by Williams and Plymouth defender Meehan Hughes, Rymph would have scored moments earlier.

With 21 minutes left, Rymph controlled a loose ball on the door-step of the goal crease, but her close-range shot was somehow denied by Williams, who made the save from the seat of her pants. Hughes alertly touched the ball away from Rymph and cleared it out of harm's way.

The Chiefs had another

near-miss less than two minutes into the second half when Lindsey Winters' free kick from 30 yards out banged off the cross-bar.

The Wildcats' best second-half opportunity unfolded 17 minutes into the second stanza when Kelly Dobbs and McKenzie Hengesh nearly pulled off a perfect give-and-go play, but diving Canton goalie Samantha McPartlin dove on the loose ball a nano-second before Dobbs could route it into the net 15 yards away.

Plymouth's setback came just 24 hours after it dropped a hard-fought 2-1 decision

to state-ranked Livonia Churchill.

"After playing Churchill last night, we came out a little flat tonight," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "It's tough playing two emotional games like this on back-to-back nights. We could have played better, though."

The Chiefs played the first half heading directly into an often gusting southerly breeze.

"Any time there's zeroes on the board after you've played a half into a 40-mile-an-hour wind, you're happy," Tomasso said.

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GAME WRAPS

Lady Warriors triumph, 15-9

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team's depth led the Lady Warriors to a 15-9 victory over Waterford United Wednesday night.

"We manage to rotate all the players dressed for the game, keeping fresh legs on the field," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "It is nice to have games like this where you can try to get better as a team."

The Lady Warriors are currently in a three-way tie for third place in the competitive Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

PCS played well at both ends of the field. Leading the offensive charge were Chelsea Olson (seven goals) and Lauren Olson, who netted six. Lauren Allard and Nicole Rottell added single goals.

Sophomore goalie Meaghan Eldridge anchored the winners' defensive effort, stopping 15 Waterford shots.

"Meaghan did a wonderful job for us," Medley said. "Offensively, I liked what I saw with our players setting up plays and having more of a focus on assists by making the most out of what their defense was giving us."

PCS outshot Waterford, 38-24.

PCA track and field

Plymouth Christian Academy's appearance at last weekend's 14-team Shrine Open track-and-field meet was highlighted by a record-breaking performance by high jumper Jordan Allen.

Allen not only placed first with his 6-foot, 4-inch effort, he broke a meet and school record.

Also placing for the Eagles' boys team was Riley Goenewoud, who earned eighth with a long jump of 16-11 and ninth (out of 56 runners) in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.19. Goenewoud also turned in a stellar effort in the 200, placing 12th in 25.68.

Among those who shone for the Eagles' girls team was Jessica Soblesky, who placed second in the 200 with a time of 29.06.

Coaches: Please report results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at (734) 578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for Thursday editions of the Observer is Tuesday at 11 p.m. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 11 p.m.



ALAN EINSTEIN (NBA/GETTY IMAGES)

Canton native Scott George (far right) is pictured along with other members of "Chip Away at Malaria" during halftime of the Detroit Pistons' April 13 home game against Chicago. The group helped raise \$11,000 that was donated to purchase bed nets that help prevent malaria in Africa. Also pictured are (from left) Ryan Lambert, Lisa Zelenak, Jenna D'Alie, Detroit Piston Will Bynum and Greg Adamson.

Dunleavy & defense lead Chiefs to win

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The biggest play in Wednesday's softball game between Plymouth and Canton didn't show up in the box score.

With the Chiefs leading 1-0 in the bottom of the fifth and a Wildcat on third base, Canton right-fielder Christy Van Esley made a highlight-reel running catch and fired the ball to catcher Jordan Puskar, who in turn rifled the ball to third baseman Shelby Anthony to double the runner off third.

The Chiefs went on to win, 4-0, thanks largely to Van Esley's play and a complete-game six-hitter by junior pitcher Amy Dunleavy.

"It was a line shot and Christy grabbed it right by the foul line in right," said Canton coach Jim Arnold, describing the game-saving play. "To make a running catch and then make the throw that she did, it was quite a play."

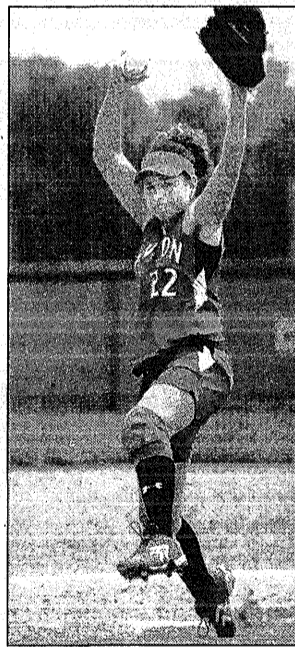
Canton, which registered nine hits, scored single runs in the third and sixth before tacking on a pair of insurance markers in the top of the seventh.

Dunleavy struck out five without walking a batter.

"She's a great competitor, very focused," Arnold said of his No. 1 hurler. "She did a great job of keeping the ball down today."

Sophomore shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer sparked at the plate for the Chiefs, going 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI. Samantha Podorsek and Anthony both ripped a pair of hits. Anthony and Dunleavy delivered Canton's other RBI.

The victory improved Canton to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Plymouth slipped to 3-1.



Canton junior pitcher Amy Dunleavy, pictured in a game last season, hurled a shutout in the Chiefs' victory over Plymouth Wednesday afternoon.

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Saving lives with sports

Canton native dedicates free time to malaria-prevention mission

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What started as a class project has evolved into a life-saving mission for Canton native Scott George and several of his Central Michigan University classmates.

George, who graduated from Canton High school in 2004, is one of the founding members of "Chip Away Malaria", a group of students who have raised over \$35,000 that has been donated to purchase and distribute malaria-preventing bed nets that are delivered to malaria-ravaged villages in Africa.

One \$10 insecticide-treated net can prevent an entire family from contracting malaria for up to four years, revealed George, who said the disease annually kills close to 1 million Africans.

"I first learned about the malaria epidemic during a sports manage-



'This is the most rewarding thing I've done in college and probably in my life so far. To be able to use sports as a vehicle to help out such a great cause is amazing.'

SCOTT GEORGE, a founding member of Chip Away Malaria

ment class in the fall of 2006," reflected George. "We read an article by Rick Reilly, who at the time was a writer for Sports Illustrated. The article described 'Nothing But Nets', an organization that raised money for the nets.

"Myself and several other students thought it would be a great class project if we could raise money for 'Nothing But Nets' by organizing sports-related fundraisers like three-on-three basketball tournaments, dodge-ball tournaments and youth sports clinics. It kind of took off from there."

Earlier this spring, "Chip Away Malaria" and the Detroit Pistons teamed up on a fund-raiser that raised \$11,000 — enough to purchase 1,100 nets.

"The Pistons let us sell discounted game tickets," explained George. "For every one we sold, we got to keep \$10. So every time somebody bought a ticket, they were purchasing a net for a family in Africa."

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graduated — George is in the first year of his post-graduate studies at CMU — the core group has shrunk to eight, he said.

"We all put in a good 10 to 12 hours a week," George said. "Some of us get credit for graduate-assistant work, which helps.

"This is the most rewarding thing I've done in college and probably in my life so far. To be able to use sports as a vehicle to help out such a great cause is amazing.

"Even though there's a lot of money being raised by groups like ours, and there are a lot of nets being purchased, there is still a long way to go. Something I read recently said that every 30 seconds someone dies in Africa from malaria."

George excelled in the classroom and in athletics at Canton. Along with earning varsity letters in basketball, cross country and track and field, he was a member of the National Honor Society.

"I did some volunteer work in high school for the NHS, but nothing like I'm doing now," he said.

Ideally, once he earns his master's degree in sports administration, George would like to work for a professional sports franchise.

However, he's not ruling out turning "Chip Away Malaria" into a career.

"I would love to do this as a job if it worked out," he said.

For more information on "Chip Away Malaria" or to make a donation, visit www.chipawaymalaria.org.

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Plymouth boys LAX team edges Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During the moments leading up to Wednesday night's rivalry game against Canton, Plymouth boys lacrosse coach Mike Costello was hoping his team's in-game play would match its pre-game intensity level.

It did, much to the dismay of the Chiefs.

The Wildcats repelled

a late rally to register a thrilling 11-10 victory over Canton to split the season series with their cross-campus rivals.

Plymouth improved to 4-5 heading into Saturday's home match against Okemos, which is ranked No. 8 in the state.

"It was a great win for our team," said Costello. "Everybody was so excited and pumped to play. They played that way, too, the

entire game."

Plymouth led 4-2 at the half and 10-7 after three quarters.

Connor Martin led the winners' scoring attack with four goals and one assist. Also contributing to Plymouth's cause were Pat Smietacz (two goals, five assists), Ryan Renault (two goals), Brad Finch (goal, assist), Danny Norris (goal), Phill Flesch (goal) and Norm Freda, who

chipped in with an assist.

The Chiefs were paced by Jason Avedesian, who netted four goals. Kyle Dunleavy and Mark Barath both added two net-finders while Bryan Davison and Jake Underwood added singles.

One of the biggest stories that evolved from Plymouth's victory was the play of sophomore goalie Michael Justus, who sparked in his varsity debut,

stopping 11 Canton shots.

"Our two senior goalies were out, so we called Michael up from the junior varsity," said Costello.

"He played great and the team really rallied around him. He played like a veteran."

Canton goalie Sean Walsh also played well, stopping 15 Plymouth shots.

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Local linksters are lining up success for upcoming season

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On paper, Canton's talent-laden boys golf team should be considered a serious threat to win the inaugural Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division.

With four key players returning from last year's 9-2 squad, the Chiefs won't be taken lightly during the post-season either.

"We feel we can compete well in the KLAA South," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "Plymouth and Churchill will probably be our key matches in the new home-and-home format.

"I know our boys are

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eager to qualify for the Regionals so that we can have a chance, as a team, to qualify for the State Finals in June at MSU."

The Chiefs will be led by junior Zach Conrad, who qualified for the state meet as a sophomore. He also earned All-Division and All-Observer honors his 10th-grade season.

Brendan Muir is another Chief junior who Alles is counting on heavily this spring following last year's All-Observer season.

Providing strong play and leadership will be senior co-captains Jeremy



Conrad

Lindlbauer and Andrew Rickerman, both of whom are four-year varsity performers. Rickerman earned All-Division accolades as

young, but the guys know how to score."

The Rocks will be led by senior captain Adam Powers, who earned co-medalist honors at the Farmington Invite after firing an even-par 72.

"Adam has improved every year he's been on our team," said Wilson, referring to the four-year varsity player. "He's not a big guy, but he's been hitting the ball a long way so far this spring."

A pair of twin freshmen — Eric and Brandon Duprey — will give Salem a double dose of depth.

Tommy Halling has also been turning in solid rounds, Wilson added.

The Rocks will also be relying heavily on juniors Aaron Thompson and Alex Murray, as well as senior Chris Leib.

A pair of twin freshmen — Eric and Brandon Duprey — will give Salem a double dose of depth.

SALEM

Judging by their early-season performance, the Rocks will give opponents fits this spring.

Two days after placing third in Tuesday's 21-team Farmington Invitational, Salem nearly upended Northville, the No. 3-ranked team in Division 1, falling 147-151.

"I'm pleased with our start so far," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "We're

NORTHVILLE 147 SALEM 151
Thursday at Fox Hills G.C.
SALEM: Aaron Thompson, 36; Brandon Duprey, 37; Eric Duprey, 39; Adam Powers, 39; Tommy Halling, 39; Jeff Sroka, 47.
NORTHVILLE: Eric Goebel, 35; Trevor Gregg, 36; Tim Kelley, 38; Alex Bernstein, 38; Steve Brown, 38; Wes Gates, 42.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Salem, 0-1; Northville, 1-0.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

PCA football meeting
The Plymouth Christian football program will be holding a registration and information meeting for the upcoming season Monday at 7 p.m. in the school's library. PCA is located at 43065 Joy Rd. in Canton.

The Eagles will have a middle school (grades 6-8) and high school team this season. Players do not have to attend Plymouth Christian Academy to play for the teams.

For more information, contact Lisa Jipping at (734) 453-1151.

Clarification
The outline that accompanied the photo of the Canton Soccer Club's Celtic '93 Black soccer team in Thursday's Observer was erroneous. The team participated in the National Indoor Soccer Championships in February — not last weekend, as the outline read.

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Rock kickers tie up Mustangs, 1-all

Salem's girls soccer team battled perennial powerhouse Northville to a 1-all draw Friday night on the PCEP soccer pitch.

Salem's Lindsey Roy opened the scoring mid-way through the first half when her 30-yard laser of a shot found the back of the net. Roy was assisted by Kristina Klusek.

The Mustangs registered the equalizer approximately six minutes later off a perfectly executed set play.

Both teams had opportunities to score in the final 40 minutes, but couldn't finish.

Senior Tracey Whalen was stellar between the pipes for the Rocks, stopping eight shots.

"It was a real team effort tonight," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Everyone worked very hard to try and disrupt Northville's strong midfield and speedy forwards. I thought we did a great job of pressuring them into turnovers and forcing them backwards."

Lauren Booth had a great game organizing our back line and stepping in to win key loose balls in the middle.

CHURCHILL 2, PLYMOUTH 1: The state-ranked posted a key victory Thursday in the KLAAs South Division at home against the previously unbeaten Wildcats. The win improves the Chargers' overall

record to 4-1 and 3-1 in the KLAAs South. Plymouth falls to 3-1 and 2-1.

Churchill's Darcy DeRoo opened the scoring at the 11-minute mark on a perfectly timed header off a corner kick from Bailey Brandon.

"It was on a rope," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

Brandon then set up Churchill's second goal at the 37-minute mark on a cross to Alyssa Mira.

"Alyssa really got off the mark for the first time this season and really created a lot of chances," Hebestreit said. "And I thought Hannah Otto up-top did a great job of maintaining possession, checking back on balls and controlling the play."

"I thought we controlled the game for the most part. They (Plymouth) got behind us twice and were dangerous both times."

Plymouth's Kelly Dobbs scored at 39 minutes, but the Wildcats couldn't score the equalizer against Churchill goalkeeper Stefanie Turner, who to make only one save.

Goalkeeper Marissa Williams made two key stops for the Wildcats to open the second half.

SALEM 1, SOUTH LYON 0: On Thursday night, the host Rocks edged the Lions thanks to Emily Lundh's goal mid-way

through the first half. Kristina Klusek assisted on the game's lone goal.

"Lindsey Roy won the ball and made a very intelligent slotted pass to Kristina, who crossed to Emily and she finished it nicely," said Salem coach Joe Nora, describing the game-winner.

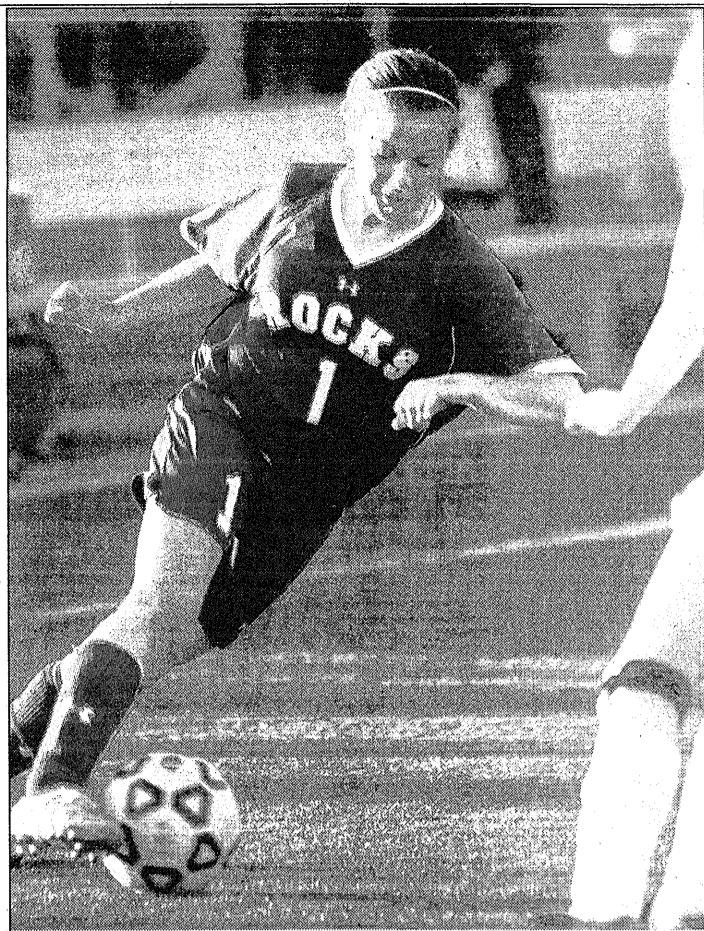
Tabitha Mann earned the shutout between the pipes for the Rocks, stopping all four shots she faced.

"Defensively, we did a better job of stepping up and pressuring tonight," Nora said. "It paid off with more possession and more quality chances on net. It was a great step in the right direction for us as a team. Something we need to continue to do throughout the season."

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: On Thursday, the host Chiefs received two goals from Tracy Rymph, Christy Balewski and Megan Staub and single goals from Leslie Weisz and Melanie Pickert.

Lindsey Winters notched a pair of assists for the winners, who got one helper each from Rymph, Balewski, Jessikah McClendon, Alyssa Cottrell and Kathryn Hurley.

Samantha McPartlin recorded the shutout for the Chiefs, who led 6-0 at the break. The game ended in the 46th minute due to the MHSAA eight-goal mercy rule.



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Salem's Kristina Klusek, pictured during a game earlier this season, contributed an assist on the Rocks' lone goal in their 1-1 draw with Northville Friday night.

GIRLS TENNIS

CANTON 6 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3
Friday at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (L) defeated Janelle Burdiss, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Emily Wisniewski (LF) def. Vicki Chen, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Megan Leung (C) def. Angela Tomassini, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 4:** Rachel Youseff (C) def. Rebecca Fenner, 6-2, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Paige Babala/Kayla Davis (C) def. Crystal Henderson/Jennifer Reillinger, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Katie Noetzel/Jacklyn Hollingsworth (C) def. Stephanie Belcher/Lindsay Fenner, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 3:** Katelyn Montgomery/Taylor Eppler def. Sarah Noffze/Jaclyn Horsell, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 4:** Brittany Vance/Catherine Sanctorum (C) def. Annie McLead/Katherine Zurenko, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Angela Browning/Jaclyn Kurc (LF) def. Michelle Nagy/Jordan Boeve, 6-2, 6-3.
CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 3-0.

PLYMOUTH 7 JOHN GLENN 2
Friday at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Chelsea Craig (P) defeated Latina Yacks, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Jessica Bracey (P) def. Louissa Villaroman, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 3:** Sarah Mitchell (P) def. Jamaina Johnson, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Priya Joshi (P) def. Katy Harris, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Sabrina Laurence/Shannon McFadden (JG) def. Gina Matar/Radhika Patel, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Desiree Clenney/Brooke Zywick (JG) def. Katie Binger/Lindsey Stemberger, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; **No. 3:** Allison Santori/Lauren Jeong (P) def. Brittany Harris/Misha Martinez, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Julia Fratila/Annie Mackenzie (P) def. Nhem Bernard/Montana Graszak, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 5:** Britta Swanson/Kayla Griffey (P) def. Rachel Alhoilina/Chelsea Ouellette, 6-0, 6-0.
PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 2-2.

NORTHVILLE 9 SALEM 0
Friday at Salem
No. 1 singles: Haley Johnston (N) defeated Allie Carpenter, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Tanya Joseph (N) def. Lisa Hursin, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Joanne Weber (N) def. Anna Norman, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Erin Doud (N) def. Morgan Spencer, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Laura Taylor/Ursula Cauffiel (N) def. Rachel Norman/Ariel Rojo, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Abby Grajek/Sabrina Masciulli (N) def. Kerry MacDonald/Alex Lamb, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 3:** Maudie Smith/Amy Bernstein (N) def. Victoria Brotz/Kayla Zabowski, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Valerie Juan/Mackenzie Powers (N) def. Ashley Davis/Katie Fletcher, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 5:** Cali Darish/Jenna Grazik (N) def. Emma VanHoof/Bethany Haller, 6-2, 6-1.

CANTON 9 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0
Thursday at Canton
No. 1 singles: Janelle Burdiss (C) defeated Morgan Greig, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 2:** Vicki Chen (C) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Megan Leung (C) def. Jessica Gush, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Rachel Youseff (C) def. Xiyang Wang, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Paige Babala/Kayla Davis (C) def. Kara Windsor/Madelynn Bevil, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 2:** Katie Noetzel/Jaclyn Hollingsworth (C) def. Nancy Watson/Kelsi Thomas, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Brittany Vance/Catherine Sanctorum (C) def. Alicia Evans/Calee Parendo, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Michelle Nagy/Jordan Boeve (C) def. Melinda Powers/Megan McGregor, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 5:** Maggie DePento/Nikita Bhatnagar (C) def. Victoria Baker/Samantha Collins, 6-4, 6-1.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 2-0.

SALEM 8 SOUTH LYON 1
Thursday at South Lyon
No. 1 singles: Allie Carpenter (S) defeated Erin Hawkins, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; **No. 2:** Linda Ling (S) def. Magan Penkevich, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Anna Norman



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Salem No. 1 tennis player Allie Carpenter, practicing serves, and her teammates were looking to pull an upset of state-ranked Northville Friday afternoon. However, the Mustangs prevailed, 9-0.

(S) def. Emily Rosochacki, 7-6(1), 6-3; **No. 4:** Morgan Spencer (S) def. Jessica Bemiss, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6(6).

No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman/Ariel Rojo (S) def. Sally Baresn/Leah McGuire, 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 2:** Kerry MacDonald/Alex Lamb (S) def. Patty McAllister/Brittany Johnson, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 3:** Stephanie Mushna-Andrea Cogo (SL) def. Victoria Brotz/Kayla Zabowski, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 4:** Ashley Davis/Mallory Rojo (S) def. Maia Clark/Janelle Matuch, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 5:** Emma VanHoof/Bethany Haller (S) def. Emily Bohm/Annemarie Pavlock, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5 PLYMOUTH 4
Thursday at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Katlyn Foster (LC) defeated Chelsea Craig, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Nicole Kruse (LC) def. Jessica Bracey, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 3:** Kelly Houghan (LC) def. Sarah Mitchell, 5-7, 7-6(5), 6-3; **No. 4:** Priya Joshi (P) def. Kristi Fata, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Val Rose/Kristi Walker (LC) def. Gina Matar/Radhika Patel, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 2:** Katie Binger/Lindsey Stemberger (P) def. Courtney Bennett/Nikki Fata, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 3:** Lauren Jeong/Allison Santori (P) def. Allison Gale/Jessica McClain, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 4:** Claire Marchesano/Annie Mackenzie (P) def. Caitlin Griffith/Maria Paul, 6-2, 7-5; **No. 5:** Shreea Handa/Lauren Pata (LC) def. Kayla Griffey/Julia Fratila, 7-6(4), 6-4.
PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 1-2.

UPCOMING SCHEDULES

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 27
Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 28
Parkway Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29
John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 30
PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 1
South Lyon East at Canton, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn (DH), 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 2
Canton at Lumen Christi (DH), 11 a.m.
Plymouth at Milford, 11 a.m.
PCA at Lutheran Westland Tournament, TBA
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, April 28
John Glenn at Plymouth at PCEP JV Stadium, 3:30 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
PCA at Lutheran Westland, TBA
Canton at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 2
Observerland Relays at Churchill H.S., 3 p.m.
Plymouth, Salem girls at W.L. Western Stafford Relays, 9 a.m.
Canton girls at Stevenson Invitational, 10 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Monday, April 27
Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28
Macomb Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29
Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 1
Stevenson at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn (DH), 4 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at PCA (DH), 4:30 p.m.
South Lyon East at Canton (DH), 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 2
Salem Invitational, TBA
PCA at Lutheran Westland Tourney, TBA
GIRLS TENNIS
Monday, April 27
Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29
Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at Novi, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 1
Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Salem, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 2
Plymouth at Woodhaven Invite, TBA
Salem at Pioneer Quad, 8 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Monday, April 27
Livonia Churchill at Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29
Plymouth at Canton at

Hilltop, 3 p.m.
Novi at Salem at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
Thursday, April 30
Salem at Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.
Friday, May 1
Canton at Wayne at Woodlands G.C., 3 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
Salem at D.G.C. at Detroit Golf Club, 9 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Tuesday, April 28
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
PCA at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 30
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
PCA at Rosper, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 1
W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Washtenaw Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Monday, April 27
Novi at Canton, TBA
Plymouth at Northville at Cooke School, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Salem at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 2
Ypsi Lincoln at Canton, 1 p.m.
Plymouth at DLSM Invitational, 1 p.m.

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Strong pitching completes Rocks' sweep

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's pitching staff turned in a "K"-complete performance during Friday's double-header against visiting Livonia Churchill.

The Rocks two starting pitchers — Joe Posler in game one and Dave Hales in the nightcap — both tossed complete games while racking up a total of 17 K's along the way as Salem swept the Chargers 7-2 and 10-0 on a warm, windy afternoon.

The second game was stopped after five innings due to the MHSAA's 10-run mercy rule.

The two triumphs improved Salem's record to 7-4 overall and 4-1 in the KLAAs Central Division. Churchill falls to 5-4-1 and 3-2 in the KLAAs South.

"I thought Joe and Dave both pitched really well," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "The second game only went five innings, but Dave could have gone all the way if it had gone seven because he was well within his pitch count."

"It's always nice when you strike out 17 like did today because that's 17 less plays you have to make in the field."

Salem senior catcher Dave Loos is taking advantage of a promotion up the Rocks' batting order. Loos continued his torrid hitting, going a combined 5-for-8 in the twinbill with two RBI.

"I'm not sure how long Dave's hitting streak is, but it seems like he gets two or three hits every game for us," said Rumberger. "He's catching well, too."

Posler struck out 10 and yielded just four hits in the opener. Ben Matigian suffered the setback for Churchill.

Salem broke a 1-all deadlock in the fourth with three runs before adding one in the fifth and two in the sixth. The Chargers scored once in the seventh.

Joining Loos in the game one hit parade were Sam Ott, who contributed a double and two RBI, and Andrew Grabowski, who did the same.

Hales turned in a striking encore in the second game, scattering five hits while whiffing seven. Loos (2-for-4, two RBI), Ott (2-for-4, two RBI), Posler (3-for-3, one RBI) and Grabowski (third home run of the season) all make major contributions at the dish.

Salem scored at least one run in each of the five innings. Its big frames were the three-run first and fifth.

The Rocks committed just two errors in the two games.

Chiefs, Spartans split

Junior Jeff Sorenson proved Friday he has a flair for the dramatic, clubbing the game-winning homer in the top of the seventh inning while earning the victory in relief as Livonia Stevenson won the all-important opener of a baseball double-header over host Canton, 5-4.

Sorenson went 3-for-4 and knocked in two runs. He then came on for starter Mike Tuttle, throwing 1.1 scoreless innings of relief while striking out two and not allowing a hit as the Spartans improved to 5-0 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Teammate Jake Wilson went 2-for-3, including a 2-run homer in the sixth to give Stevenson a 4-2 lead before Canton rallied to tie it with two unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Canton starter Dan Staples went the first 5.1 innings, allowing four runs. He fanned five before reliever Andrew Tidwell, who took the loss, gave up one run on three hits in 1.2 innings.

Dan Stoney went 2-for-3 with an RBI as Canton fell to 3-3 in the KLAAs South Division.

The Chiefs won the nightcap, 14-7, as Carter Staffeld went

2-for-2 with three RBI and two runs scored. Nick Tomilenko added two hits and two RBI, while Ben Staley was the winning pitcher in relief going the final 2.2 innings in the game halted by darkness after five.

Wilson had two hits and two RBI, while Sorenson added two hits and an RBI.

Stevenson is 6-3 overall, while Canton is 7-4.

CANTON 1, PLYMOUTH 0: On Wednesday at Plymouth, junior left-hander Kevin Delapaz outdueled Wildcat sophomore southpaw Mike Nadratowski. Delapaz improved to 4-0 by limiting the 'Cats to one hit over five innings while striking out six.

Nadratowski tossed a two-hitter, striking out eight.

The game's lone run came in the fifth when Canton's Joe Galanty singled in Dan Stoney from second. Nick Tomilenko had the only other Canton hit.

Travis Mewton delivered the only Plymouth hit.

The win boosted the Chiefs' record to 7-3 overall and 3-2 in the KLAAs.

SALEM 15, NOVI 5: On Wednesday at Salem, the Rocks broke open a tight game by pushing across four runs in the fourth and six in the fifth. Salem improved to 5-4 overall and 3-1 in the KLAAs. The Wildcats slipped to 5-4 and 2-2, respectively.

Chris Kordick earned the win with two innings of scoreless relief. Kordick yielded just one hit while striking out three.

The winners' hitting attack was sparked by Dave Loos (2-for-3, home run, three RBI), Sam Ott (2-for-2, two doubles, three RBI), Kyle Powell (2-for-2, two RBI) and Joe Posler, who contributed three hits and one RBI.

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Chorus makes spring concert fun

It's amazing what people will do to have fun. Ken Heim joined the Livonia Civic Chorus 10 years ago so he would have somewhere to sing besides the shower. He never dreamed he would be dressing up as a frog for the spring show. Heim isn't playing any amphibian though. The Westland man dons the green suit as Kermit for Earth Tones, the chorus' concert Saturday-Sunday, May 2-3, at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

A mild-mannered retired teacher who taught at Thurston High School in Redford, Heim performs *Bein' Green* in keeping with the theme which revolves around saving our planet. He just hopes he can remember all of his lines as the Livonia Civic Chorus memorizes all of their music. For this concert that means 16 songs including *Colors of the Wind* from *Pocahontas*, *Over the Rainbow*, *Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In*, *Blue Skies*, *For Good* from *Wicked*, and *What a Wonderful World*.

"I enjoy it. I'm not really a ham but don't mind being in front of people and doing some things," said Heim. "I'm just glad it's Kermit and not something else."

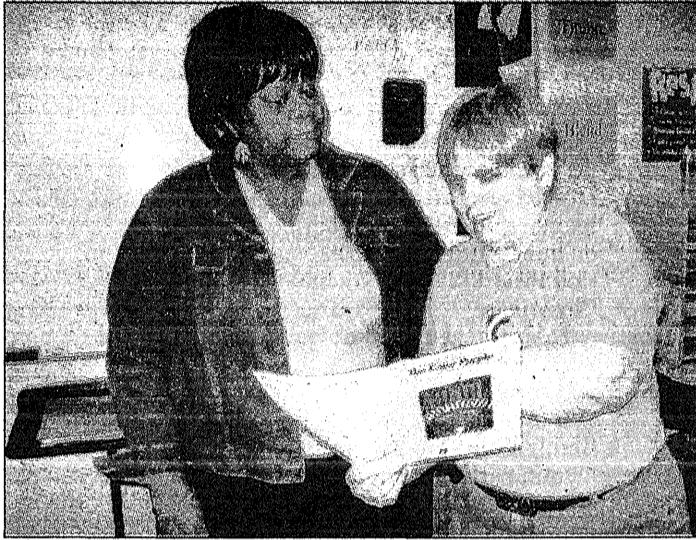
Peggy Gaskill and rest of the members are never quite sure what director Donna Gleason will ask of them and that keeps the chorus exciting. Gaskill joined two years ago after semi-retiring as an educational consultant. The Livonia Civic Chorus rehearses weekly for the concerts they present at the holidays and in spring with accompaniment by Rimma Stolbov. Established in 1965, the chorus has 50 members this season. Proceeds from the shows go to scholarships for high school and college students pursuing musical studies.

"Donna is a fearless lead-



PHOTOS BY PEGGY GASKILL

Livonia Civic Chorus member Sharon Jones helps Kermit (Ken Heim) try on his frog costume for 'Bein' Green,' one of the songs performed at the group's spring concert May 2-3, at Clarenceville High School.



Livonia Civic Chorus director Donna Gleason (right) looks over 'The Color Purple' with soloist Marilyn Bell-Maxwell.

er. We do a lot of the silly things we do because she talks us into it," said Gaskill of Livonia. "She looks for themes with social relevance but also hope that people who come enjoy these songs and do a little toe-tapping with us."

Like Gaskill, Gleason had always wanted to be part of a community choir. She directed the music ministry at Redford Baptist Church for 22 years.

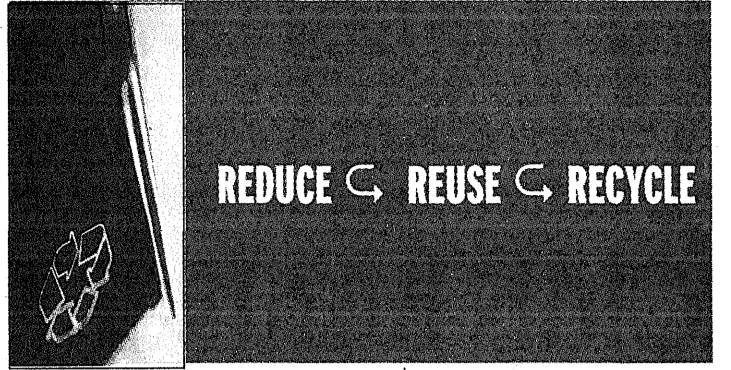
"Being able to sing together as a group and enjoy music is an important outlet for people. If it weren't for church and community choruses people would never get a chance to sing," said Gleason, a Farmington Hills resident. Gleason started off as an accompanist for the Livonia Civic Chorus and took over directing six years ago. She works as an accompanist at Walled Lake Western High School where she serves as

vocal director of musicals and has a knack for moving productions along. It's apparent Gleason put a lot of thought into the spring Livonia Civic Chorus program.

"I came up with the concept of songs about going green because that's what everybody is talking about these days. Everybody is concerned about the environment and saving the earth. I try very hard not to do the same old same old. We usually do something in a foreign language. This time it's a Celtic song and we have slides to go with that to show just how beautiful our world is."

Curtain times for the Livonia Civic Chorus concerts are 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 children/seniors, and available at the door or by calling (248) 543-2946. For more information about the chorus, visit www.livoniacivicchorus.org.

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Club hunts for hidden treasures

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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It was a beautiful day for treasure hunting a week ago Thursday in Rotary Park in Livonia. More than a dozen people of all ages scurried around with metal detectors in search of coins and tokens at the event staged by Michigan Treasure Hunters.

The club usually attracts around 100 members to its monthly meeting at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. The next meeting should draw an even larger crowd with the group's annual open house Tuesday, April 28. The fun starts at 7:30 p.m.

Members vie to win awards for the best finds at every meeting including the upcoming open house.

"It's a family-oriented club with activities throughout the year including an annual fall hunt in Milan," said Dave Picard, chairman of the board and a Livonia resident. "The April meeting is a big meeting when members display their finds throughout the year. The winners of different categories are broken down into jewelry, coins, tokens and relics. Last year, one woman found a \$33,000 diamond ring. I was a relic winner for finding a 10,000-year-old fossil. You might find a Roy Rogers cap gun, old metal toys and trucks. It's basically a fun thing."

When Al Temple founded the club 36 years ago, only 11 treasure hunters showed up at the first meeting. Today, the club has 120-130 members. Metal detectors can be as inexpensive as \$100, making the hobby affordable. Members also sell reasonably priced used equipment at meetings.

"I thought, wouldn't it be nice to find things and talk with other people about how much fun it was," said Temple, 80. "We put on a display at Livonia Mall and as a result had 63 people at the next meeting."

In recent years, many of the members learned about the club from the Web site, www.michigan-



The Michigan Treasure Hunters club gathers at Rotary Park in Livonia a week ago Thursday for a seeded hunt.



Joanne Rundell searches for treasure. Behind her, Lynn Walker digs after hearing a signal or beep through her headphones.

treasurehunters.com.

Joanne Rundell joined 18 years ago. Members are still talking about her finding an 18K and platinum butterfly brooch valued at \$5,000.

"I thought it was junk but brushed off the dirt and uncovered 61 diamonds plus rubies and emeralds," said Rundell. "It's thought to be probably from 1834."

The club brings in authorities monthly to educate members about their finds. Some specialize in collecting certain items.

"We just had an authority on the Civil War," said Picard. "We've had Detroit Police Dive and Rescue ...

an authority on dog licenses."

PART OF HISTORY

Voice after voice chimes in about the fun and history involved with the hobby.

"We've made a lot of people into historians," said Sherry Klisz of Livonia, who shares her love of detecting with husband Tom. "The meetings are interesting. You would not believe what comes out of there."

Mark Branton holds up a cast iron soldier from World War II.

"The kids used to play with these," said Branton. "When you find something and don't know what it is you Google it. We find bullets, buckles. When we find beer cans, pull tabs we take those away."

The club's motto is to leave the area cleaner than when they found it. Except for a few areas of disturbed sod, park visitors would never guess a seeded hunt had occurred.

"We have taken hunts once a month when we plant silver coins and tokens in the ground," said Picard.

"You can go into most state parks but we don't detect in cemeteries or hallowed ground," said Sherry Klisz. "We have certain standards."

"A lot of good service comes out of this, too," added Tom Klisz. "If someone loses something, they contact us. It's a service we do."

GOOD WORKS

The nonprofit club is "big on community service." At Christmas, they purchase Toys for Tots and in September hold a hunt to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation. One of their members died from kidney disease. All of the merchandise is donated.

Kayla Branton, Mark's 14-year-old daughter, joined a couple of years ago. She is a student at Stevenson High School and is busy with the track team but still found time to come to the Thursday hunt.

"At first I had to come because I didn't have a baby sitter but then I got into it," said Kayla Branton of Livonia. "There's a bunch of people you know and share a hobby."

"We even have a legally blind member that regularly goes on hunts outdoors with us," said Picard. "It's fun. It's like Christmas."

This was the first hunt for Alex Ferguson, 14, a Stevenson student. "I thought it would be fun being able to find things no one else can find," said Ferguson.

John Parker, 13, regularly attends the hunts with uncle Dwayne Seyuin of Redford.

"I wanted to show him there's other sports out there, different types of hunting, and it's good exercise," said Seyuin. "I think we make a difference. We go on playgrounds and find nails and things that kids cut themselves on. We're doing a good service to keep kids safe."

Michigan Treasure Hunters meet 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. To contact the club, write Michigan Treasure Hunters, P.O. Box 510237, Livonia, MI 48151-6237.

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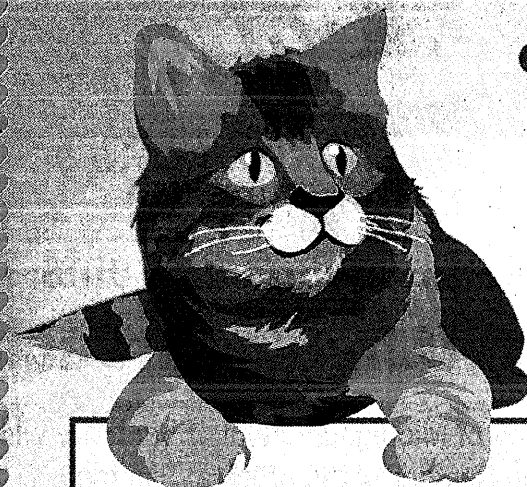
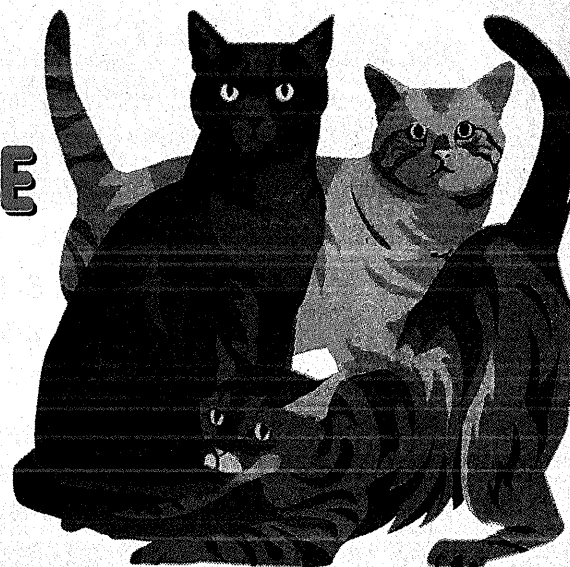
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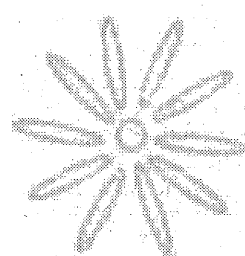
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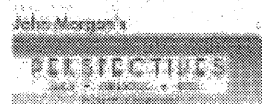
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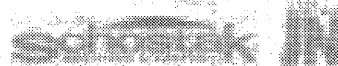
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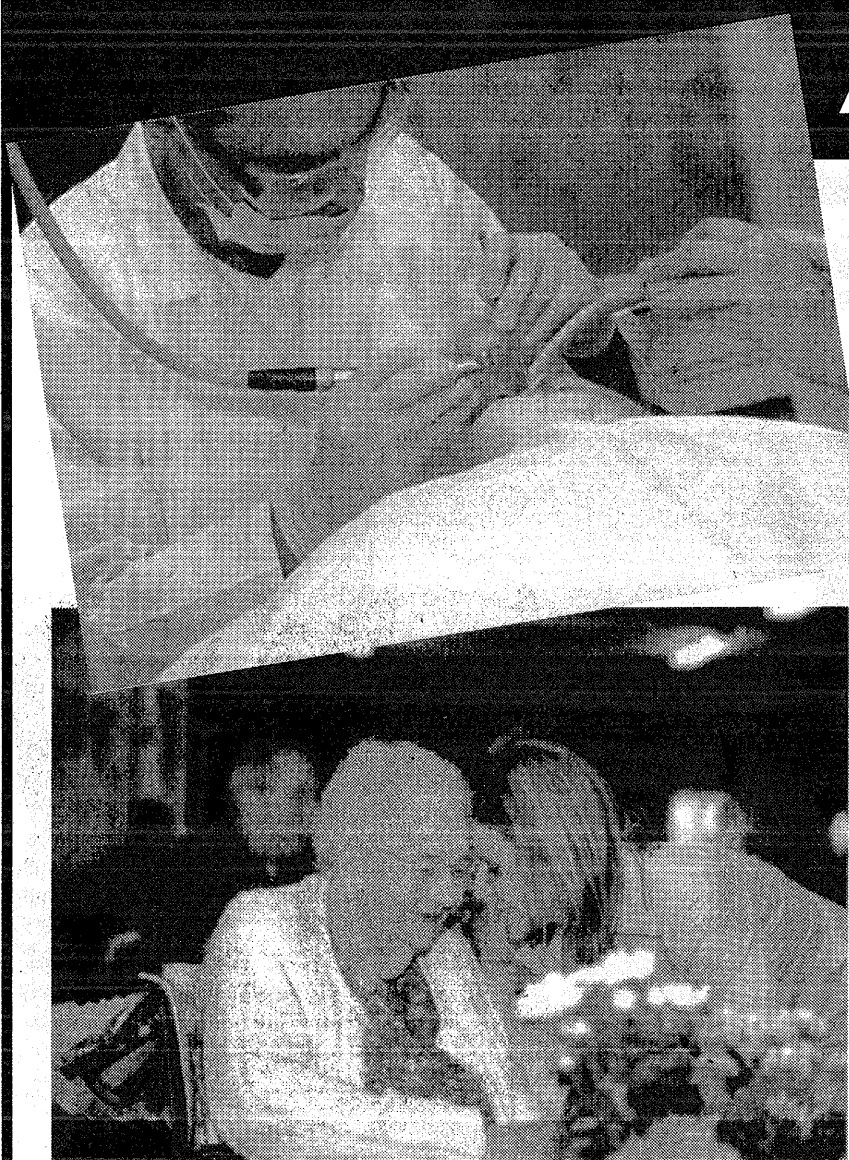
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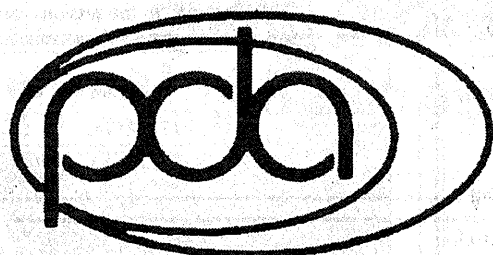
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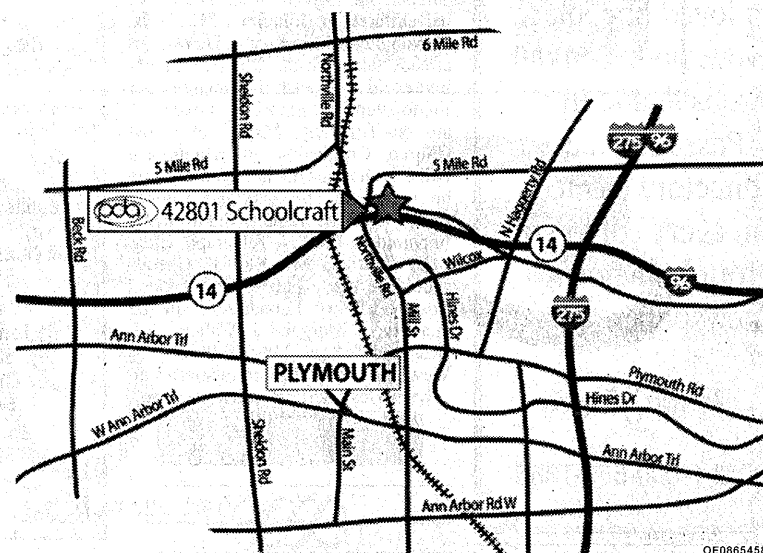
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At the DIA
Chris Giftos, a New York florist, will lecture and demonstrate flower arranging at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 29, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, in downtown Detroit. A luncheon will follow his presentation. Giftos retired as director of special events and chief floral designer at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art after 33 years of creating floral arrangements for special events at the prestigious museum.

During his career as a master floral artist, he created arrangements for princes, movie stars and famous philanthropists. In addition to creating floral masterpieces, Giftos will sign copies of "The Art of Floral Arranging," the latest book in which he is highlighted. Books will be available for purchase at 10:30 a.m. Tickets for the lecture and demonstration are \$25. The lecture, demonstration, and luncheon tickets are \$50. For reservations, call (313) 833-4005 or go to dia.org. For more information, call (313) 833-7967.

Plant sale
The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum

(MBGNA) will hold its 29th Annual Spring Plant Sale 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9, and noon to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 10, at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Nearly 25,000 pots of perennials, native plants, accent annuals, climbing vines, herbs, scented geraniums, edible offerings such as strawberries, rhubarb, onion and shallots sets, seed potatoes, and other plant varieties will be sold. MBGNA members may attend a party and plant sale from 3-7 p.m., Friday, May 8. Local garden experts and MBGNA staff will offer free demonstrations. Visit www.mbgna.umich.edu or call (734) 647-7600.

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Golson-Brazier

Cristie Elizabeth Golson and Tim Brazier, both of Livonia, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Art and Gloria Cook of Lexington, S.C. and Carter and Beth Golson of Indian Trail, N.C. She's a graduate student at Madonna University and is employed by Coram HealthCare, Novi.

Her fiancé, son of Normie Brazier of Westland, is employed by Outback Steakhouse, Ann Arbor.

No wedding date has been set.



Golson-Brazier

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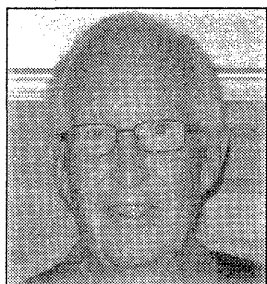
Mark and Alicia Hosch

Mark Jared and Alicia Elizabeth (Graves) Hosch of Canton will celebrate their first anniversary next month.

The couple married May 31, 2008 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, in Livonia.

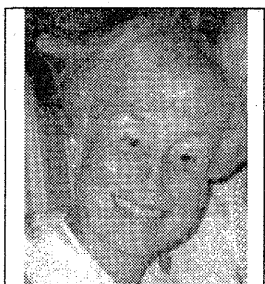
They enjoy watching their son, Bryce Graves, play hockey. They also golf, ski and enjoy nature together as a family.

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ARVID (BILL) WILLIAM JOHNSON

1/19/1928 - 4/21/09. Age 81, of Beverly Hills, MI. Beloved husband of Anita (Deutsch). Father of Russell (Gin) Johansson, Mark Johnson and Kristine Seymour. Loving grandfather of Alex, Kayann, Lauren, Austin and Mary. Brother of Arlette (Bob) Stock and Darlene (Harry) Bolz. Arvid was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 19, 1928. He served in the Navy in 1946-1948. He moved to Michigan in 1952 and lived in Farmington and later Beverly Hills. He was a partner in the sales agency of Frank J. Brady and Associates and later formed AWJ and Associates. He was President and CEO of Specialty Screw Corporation of Rockford, IL. He was a long standing member of the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills, MI and a member in the Thorn Ministry at St. Brendans Catholic Church in Clearwater, FL. He served on the board of Goodwill Industries of Detroit. He was a Senior member at the Detroit Athletic club and a Lifetime Member at Meadowbrook Country Club. Visitation at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills Sunday, 4/26 3:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills 4/27, 11:00 a.m. Donations may be made to: Goodwill Industries of Detroit or Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bloomfield, MI.



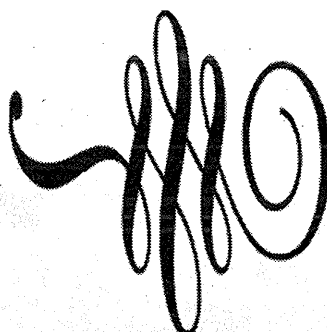
MARGARET JEAN WALTERS

Of Columbia, South Carolina passed away on April 14, 2009. Margie had moved to South Carolina in 2005 after dividing her busy life between Naples, Florida and Orchard Lake, Michigan. Cherished daughter of Stuart and Florence Cogsdill, Margie was born on July 20, 1920 at Keifer Hospital in Detroit. After attending Jefferson Jr. High and Miss Newman's School in Detroit during the heart of the Great Depression, Margie attended Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA, receiving a B.A. in Economics & Sociology in 1942. The fact that Margie did not see since birth was never a factor in the high expectations that her parents placed before her. A handicap was not allowed as an excuse. Their demands of excellence became her personal standards in business, marriage, family-life, volunteerism and friendship. Margie was married to Gene Alexander White of Grosse Pointe in the summer of 1942. Gene pre-deceased her in 1973. After WWII, the couple lived on Meyers Road in Detroit and Pine Lake in Oakland County eventually settling on Glenhurst Road in Birmingham. Between 1947 and 1960, four children were adopted; Stuart White (Suzanne) of Ann Arbor, Cynthia Perthou (Peter) of Blythehood, SC, Gordon White (Sonya) of Blythehood, SC and Marilyn Gaither (Todd) of Elgin, SC. Additionally, Margie is survived by her sister, Kathryn Fife (Robert) of Chapel Hill, NC; three nieces, Pam Bird (David) of West Bloomfield, MI, Katie Edelstein (David) of Bellingham, WA and Mariann Knapp (Randy) of Lyndon, WA along with one nephew, Robert S. Fife (Mimi) of Madison, CT. Margie has five grandchildren; Megan Roether (Brian) of Plymouth, MI, Caleb B. White of Hilton Head Island, SC, Stuart Neil White of Blythehood, SC, Margaret Ann Gaither of Elgin, SC and Alex Gaither of Elgin, SC. She has one great-grandchild, Josephine Margaret Roether of Plymouth, MI. Margie was the President of The Junior League in Birmingham from 1956-58. She was a Board member of the Oakland County Child Guidance Clinic from 1955-60 and a Board member at Brookside School from 1959-62. The Detroit Rotary Club awarded her their "Exceptional Woman of the Year" award in 1962. From 1965-67, Margie was a Founder and Board member of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Teen Center. She served on the Cranbrook School New Horizon Board from 1974-76 and was Small Business Chair of the Detroit Symphony Fund Drive from 1971-74. Additionally, she was a Board member of The Boys Clubs of Detroit from 1974-76 and a member of The Vestry at Christ Church Cranbrook. Margie became the Chairperson of the family company, Cogsdill Tool Products in 1974, serving in that capacity until 1992. The tool company was moved from Detroit to Farmington Hills and finally to Camden, SC in 1977. Her chairpersonship was marked with acute attention to business detail and a phrase she loved to use with regard to management, "Hold their feet to the fire!" In 1978, Margie married William Walters, the next president of the family company. Their love for each other and their business leadership was a terrific combination that endured until his death in 1992. Margie left her Orchard Lake home in 2003, moving to Bloomfield Hills and eventually to Naples, FL when retirement beckoned. As her world became smaller, she moved closer to three of her children in Columbia, SC. Burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit has already taken place. Margie's family invites all who wish to remember her life to attend a Memorial Service at 11 am on Thursday, May 7 at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Donations in her memory can be made to The Oakland County Library For The Visually & Physically Impaired at 1200 N. Telegraph, Bldg. 14E, Pontiac, MI, 48341. Checks should be made out to the "Oakland County Library Foundation", in the memory of Margaret J. Walters. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



TERRI Y. (LOGAN) TREST

Age 59, died February 10, 2009 in a multiple-vehicle accident in Reeves County, Texas. A memorial service is scheduled 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9th at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Southaven, MS. Terri was born in Memphis. She was a graduate of Horn Lake High School, Northwest Community College and USM. She was employed at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, Michigan where she worked with children and where she attended Trinity Episcopal Church. She and her husband of 36 years recently retired to Foley, Alabama. She will be missed by many. She is survived by her husband William J. (Jim) Trest, Jr., daughters Heather Trest of Florida, and Kristin Trest of Arizona, mother Jimmie Logan, and brother Boyd "Bubba" Logan, Jr., sisters Gina Kestler and Donna Harper and many beloved nieces and nephews. She will be interred by the family at the Biloxi National Cemetery.



LOUISE WISER

Died April 24, 2009, age 94, at the Medlodge of Yale, in Yale, Michigan. Beloved wife of the late Stanley Wiser. Louise is survived by son, Wesley (Pat) Wiser, and daughter-in-law Carol Wiser. She was predeceased by son, Robert. Also survived by ten grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, and two sisters-in-law. Visitation Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt Road (South of 6 Mile) on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Services Monday at 1 p.m. Share a memory at www.mannsfuneralhome.com

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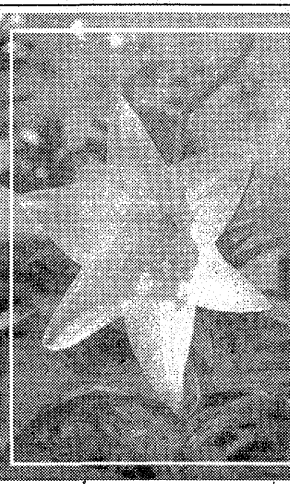
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HELEN M. O'CONNOR

Age 92, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2009. Beloved wife of the late James O'Connor. Loving mother of Mary Eddy (James). Grandmother of Suzanne Tempelhof (Michael) and Allison Barbary (Scott). Memorial Mass will be held on May 2nd at Holy Name Church, West Roxbury, MA. Memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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The 14th annual Michigan International Women's Show will offer food, fashion and fun Thursday-Sunday, April 30-May 3, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

"Girlfriends, sisters, mothers and daughters will get the jump on the new spring looks and lifestyles," said Beth Anderson, show manager of Southern Shows. "We have all the best in shopping, make overs, cooking demonstrations, entertainment and much more."

Justin Martin from *High School Musical 3: Senior Year* who plays Donny, the sophomore ball boy on the basketball team at East High, will answer questions and sign autographs on Saturday.

Gabrielle "Gabby" Reece, Women's Beach Volleyball League star and one of ESPN world's sexiest athletes, will share her health and fitness tips to help women make practical choices for on-the-go, active lifestyles. Reece has appeared on *The Rachael Ray Show* and has been featured in *Shape* magazine.

Author and Junkmaster Sue Whitney will explain her junking secrets through the practice of reduce, reuse, recycle, and repurpose for finding and transforming junk furnishings and accessories into treasured items. Whitney's presentation

will be sponsored by Salvation Army, which will have a boutique featuring collectibles and fashion wear for sale in addition to having staff members modeling clothing items on the runway on Saturday.

Cooking Light magazine's Executive Chef Billy Strykowski will share his passion for food and entertaining on Friday by creating his low calorie, full-flavored recipes for slow cooking in a crock pot, cooking on a budget and fun, fast and delicious dinners. A free magazine will be given to the first 1,000 showgoers.

Swimwear designer Carol Wior will divulge "Swimsuits, Slim Secrets" at the Fashion Stage with tips to enhance and maximize any woman's figure and tricks to hide flaws.

Free health screenings for total cholesterol level, blood pressure reading, bone density testing, glucose level and other tests will be available at the AARP/Walgreens Wellness exhibit along with health education materials.

Product sampling, beauty treatments and mini-makeovers with Artistry skin care and cosmetics also will be available.

Executive Chef Paul Penney from Aussie in the Kitchen, a personal chef service, will share techniques and recipes dur-

ing his demonstrations on the Cooking Stage.

The latest developments in women's health, cardiology and pediatrics will be available at the DMC Pavilion sponsored by Detroit Medical Center. Doctors from all areas of medicine will be on hand to answer individual health related questions during their Doctors Are In session on Saturday.

Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Show hours are 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9; youth 6-12 pay \$5 and children 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Advance tickets, which include a one-year subscription to *Ladies Home Journal*, are \$8 online.

Showgoers can bring clothing and household goods to the Salvation Army's donation site set up at Rock Financial Showplace's main entrance and receive a tax receipt and \$2 off on-site adult admission purchase.

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Sun's coming up: Hills native on national tour for 'Annie'

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's no doubt Jillian Wallach is a Star To Be.

The Farmington Hills native is part of the national touring cast of *Annie*, which visits the Fisher Theatre in Detroit May 5-10.

Wallach grew up in Farmington Hills, graduating from North Farmington High School in 2004.

She continued her studies at the competitive American Musical and Dramatic Academy, a conservatory in New York City.

These days, Wallach, daughter of Stacy and Howard, is touring throughout the U.S. and Canada playing the character Star To Be in *Annie*.

"It's a dream come true," said mom Stacy. "We've been to so many shows at the Fisher through the years."

When Jillian was younger and involved in performing, her parents would picture her being on stage at the Fisher some day.

Jillian, calling from the road en route to a performance, agreed. "I'm so excited," she said of appearing at the Fisher. "It's going to be a great week."

"It's quite exciting to get a national tour at this age," Stacy Wallach said.

Wallach, 22, is a source of pride for her parents, as is sister Shelby, 20, a sophomore at Michigan State

University. Like her sister, Shelby was in high school productions but now likes to watch Jillian from the audience.

A big group from the family, as well as North Farmington High School, will attend opening night and other Detroit *Annie* performances. Howard and Stacy Wallach have traveled quite a bit to see Jillian in other shows, including North Carolina and Minneapolis, Minn., for *Annie*.

"She's worked since she graduated. She's been fortunate," Stacy Wallach said.

In addition to Star To Be, Jillian also understudies seven other roles. Star To Be in the adult cast gives her a featured solo in the first act, as well as being in the ensemble the entire show.

At North Farmington High, Sue and Dean Cobb were her theater mentors, along with choreographer Lucy Koviak. At Dunckel Middle School, Kathy Seremet was a big help.

"Kathy recognized her voice in middle school and really helped put her on the path," Stacy Wallach said.

Jillian Wallach is glad her family and former teachers will see her in Detroit. "I've always said I wouldn't be where I am today without those people," she said. "They get to see me perform."

This is her seventh or eighth professional show, and she plans to return to New York, where she has an apartment, "and get the next gig." She's been traveling with *Annie* since October 2008 and will finish up in June with a possible extension.



Peter Coombs 2008

PETER COOMBS

The national cast of 'Annie,' coming to the Fisher Theatre May 5-10.

It was tough for the senior Wallachs to leave Jillian in New York City at age 18, as her former classmates were buying freshman textbooks.

"She has never had a Plan B," her mom said. "This has been all she ever wanted to do." Dean Cobb

encouraged that in high school, and the Wallach family is grateful.

"She made auditioning her job," said Stacy, adding her daughter also takes classes and vocal coaching. Jillian sang at the Michigan Opera Theatre in *Carmen* at age 9 following a school performance

that led to an audition there.

Jillian Wallach said there are 26 in the *Annie* cast, including the youngsters who play the orphans. There are traveling chaperones who accompany the children, as well as an orchestra and others. A crew travels on a separate bus, with

about 50 people altogether.

"She's always known what she wanted to do," said her mom. Jillian's goal is to be on Broadway.

To find out more, visit Jillian Wallach's blog, www.starttoeontour.blogspot.com. For ticket information, visit Annieontour.com.

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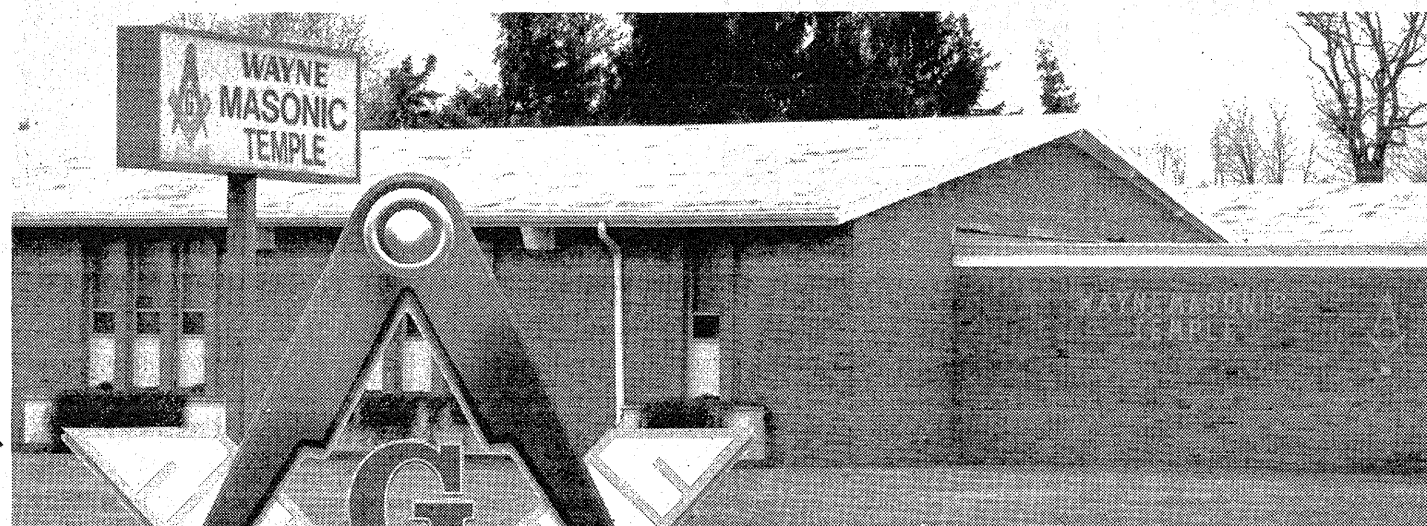


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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-2009-03
SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, CHAPTER 93, SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS; TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM RADIUS OF A CUL-DE-SAC TURNAROUND; TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM DIAMETER OF TURNAROUNDS FOR CUL-DE-SACS AND LOOP STREETS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. SECTION 93.420.H. CUL-DE-SAC STREETS.

93.420.H. Cul-de-sac Streets.

This section provides that cul-de-sacs shall terminate with an adequate turnaround with a minimum radius of 60 feet of right-of-way.

SECTION 2. SECTION 93.430.A. STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY ROADWAY WIDTHS.

This section provides the following:

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This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

This section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

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

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk

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ROLLER SPORT EXHIBITIONS

Riverside Arena Skating Club presents, An Evening of Champions, Speed and Artistic Roller Sport Exhibitions on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at the arena, 36635 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Admission is \$5 per person, children 5 years and under free. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Show begins at 5:45 p.m.

PLYMOUTH STAMP SHOW

The 40th annual show with more than 40 dealers from the U.S. and Canada continues 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Plymouth Central Middle School at Church and Main, Plymouth. Admission is free for the show sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp club. For details, visit www.plymouthshow.com.

TOMMY AUDITIONS

Destination Theatre announces open auditions for The Who's rock opera, Tommy, 5-8 p.m. Sunday, April 26, and 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 27, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton. Call backs 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 28. Children's auditions 6-7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28. Show dates are July 23-25, and July 31 to Aug. 1-2. Visit destinationtheatre.org for details.

The theater group is looking for individuals who can sing, dance and/or act to fill lead and ensemble roles. Those auditioning should be age 18 or older. Young boys and girls auditioning for the Young Tommy role must be age 8 to 13 and accompanied by an adult.

GO GREEN

The Green Street Fair comes to Plymouth noon to 7 p.m. Friday, May 1; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 3. The fair was founded to help educate the public about the benefits of organic and eco-friendly products and services and features green companies, artisans, entertainers and speakers.

For more information, visit greenstreetfair.com or call (734) 259-2983.

CONCERT OF FINALISTS

The 15th annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students reached its final stage as 10 finalists were selected out of 30 entries received from schools throughout the state. The young singers compete in the Concert of the Finalists 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Italian American Cultural Society's Banquet & Conference Center.

The public is invited. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$7 senior citizens and high school students, and may be purchased in advance at the Italian Cultural Society's office or at the door on the day of the concert. For information, call (586) 228-3030, e-mail iacs@iacsonline.net, or The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan at (734) 455-8895 or e-mail Verdiopera@comcast.net.

The competition is sponsored by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society, and the Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation which is sponsoring the prizes.

This year's competition began last November when the Verdi Opera invited high school vocal music students to submit CD recordings of two Italian songs or opera arias of their choice. At the concert, each of the finalists will be required to sing their two selections from memory, with a piano accompanist. Each finalist will receive prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. The finalists are Mary Baron and Daniel DuComb, Cranbrook-Kingswood, Bloomfield Hills; Michael Fragale, Haslett High School; Mary Garner, Zachary Niedzwiecki, Kate Sumner and Erik Wilson, Traverse City West; Chelsea Helm, West Bloomfield; Elizabeth Hoard, Grand Ledge, and

Skylar Rose, Interlochen Arts Academy. The judges include Karen VanderKloot DiChiera, Director of Community Programs, Michigan Opera Theatre; George Shirley, renowned tenor of the Metropolitan Opera and a former Director of the Vocal Arts Division of the University of Michigan School of Music; and Steven Henrikson, a well-known opera performer, teacher, clinician, and adjudicator for the last four decades.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage and help the development of young talented vocalists, and to promote the appreciation of music and the Italian language.

KIDS BLACK TIE GALA

Kids Now Learning and Development Center, a non-profit learning and development center in the Wayne/Westland school district, will be selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000 cash giveaway at its For the Kids Black Tie Gala Sunday, July 26, at the Barrister House Banquet Facility of St. Clair Shores (the winner does not have to be present to claim prize). The tickets for the drawing will be sold at \$125.00 per person. Proceeds benefit the children of the center which plans to build a new playground this summer. For more information, visit www.kidsnowlearning.org or call (734) 457-2397.

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, e-mail lchomin@hometownlife.com.

Birmingham Groves

Class of 1969
40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or grovesclassof69@aol.com for more information.

Brighton High School

Class of 1989
Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Cass Technical High School

Class of 1959
50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow

Country Club in Southfield. Visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Clarenceville High School

All Class Reunion

Sunday, August 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. until close at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno Rd., Milford at South Martindale. Shelter T. Potluck lunch at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and its BYOB on adult beverages, non-glass. To help cut cost, please feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns too. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system whether you are a graduate or non-graduate. Teachers, staff and faculty both past and present are also welcome. For more information, contact Walter E. Ragland II at wragland2@hotmail.com or (269) 720-5679.

Dearborn Heights Riverside

Class of 1967

A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

Detroit Blessed Sacrament

Class of 1952

Planning a high school reunion on June 27, 2009. Looking for classmates. Call Shirley Boots at (734) 525-8746.

Detroit St. Bridg

Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit schools

Planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960 in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or e-mail to Marlene Kutnick Yamron hahatdc@yahoo.com. The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

Detroit Mumford

Class of 1959

50th Reunion Aug. 1, 2009, at Somerset Inn, Troy. For more information, visit www.mumford1959.myevent.com or call (248) 788-7008.

Henry Ford II

Class of 1982

Looking for classmates to attend a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek MetroPark. A reunion also is planned for 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, ford21982@aol.com or visit www.classreport.org.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of one 2009 Ford F-450 Chassis Cab Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48154, on or before 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2009. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

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

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS
OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING
POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping a new parks and recreation building and site improvements and appurtenances related thereto.

BOND DETAILS

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty-five (25) in number, with fixed or variable interest rates to be determined at public or negotiated sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable statutory and constitutional limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Joseph Bridgman, CMC
Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS
OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
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POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM
THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,150,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, constructing, and installing water supply and sewage disposal system capital improvements, including replacing and upgrading existing sanitary sewer lines and manholes, together with all related appurtenances and attachments.

BOND DETAILS

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty-five (25) in number, with fixed or variable interest rates to be determined at public or negotiated sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board.

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THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable statutory and constitutional limitations. It is anticipated that all or a substantial portion of the bonds and the interest thereon will be payable from the collection of revenues derived from the operation of the Township's water supply and sewage disposal system.

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Historic Botsford Inn to reclaim its past

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

For generations the Botsford Inn was the site area families chose to celebrate special events, but long before that the historic building played an important role in the development of Farmington.

From the time it was built in 1836, the white clapboard structure hosted decades of travelers on the Grand River Trail established by Native Americans.

Local historian Brian Golden talked about the inn that once welcomed stage coaches on the Plank Toll Road between Detroit and Howell during a luncheon at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia earlier this month.

Botsford Hospital purchased the inn in 1999 and removed additions made over the years, but left the original structure untouched. Plans call for turning the inn into a meeting place once again. This time patients and their families would receive support services there while going through cancer treatment.

"Native Americans were the reason the inn came into existence," said Golden as he showed the map of roadways that ran along Grand River, Shiawassee and Orchard Lake, the three main trails. "The trails are why people came to Oakland County. The trails connected farm to farm, village to village, but were dirt. In the 1850s the Plank Road Act allowed the laying of boards or planks over the road that went through downtown Farmington and you paid a toll to use the roads."

Golden told the story of the two brothers, Orrin and Allen Weston, who built the structure and eventually opened a tavern and a place to stay for the night. In the 1840s builder Stephen Jennings came along and renovated the structure and named it the Sixteen Mile House. It became the Botsford Inn in 1860 when Milton Botsford, a Quaker, arrived from upstate New York and purchased it. Botsford's son Franklin eventually took over until Henry Ford bought the inn in 1924. The hospital is restoring the rose garden Clara Ford loved so cancer patients can enjoy the serenity while undergoing treatment.

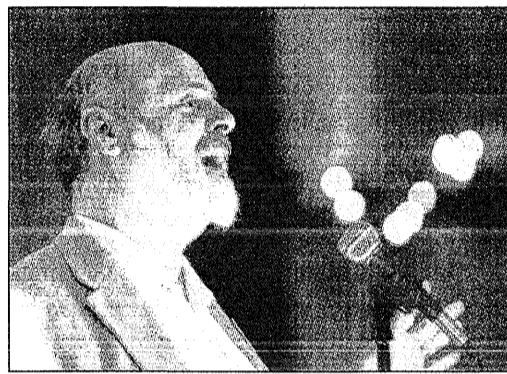
OAK DANCE FLOOR

"Henry Ford used to court Clara at the Botsford Inn regularly. She was from Redford and they'd go dancing there. He had a soft spot for it," said Golden, director of the Heritage & History Center in Farmington.



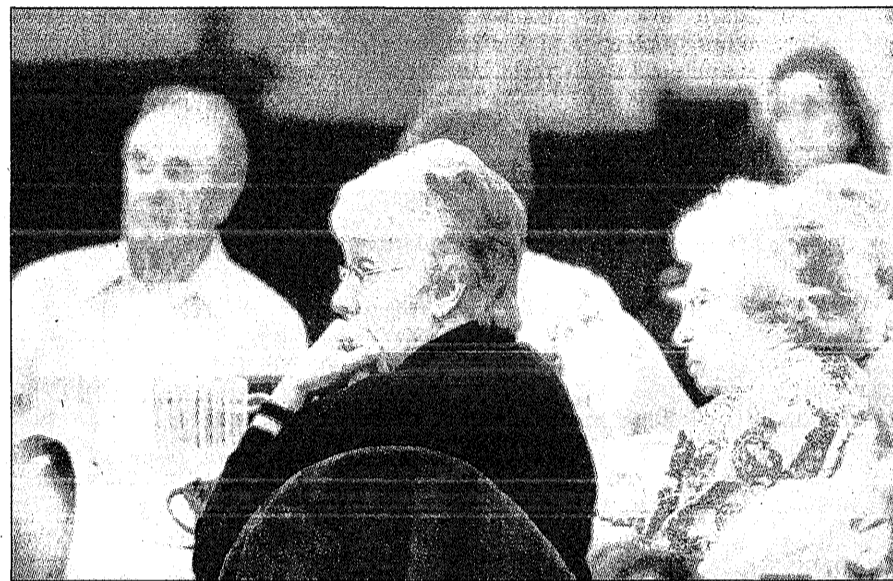
PHOTO BY STACY BRAND

Restoration work on the exterior of the Botsford Inn is nearly complete. Here a workman preps the window area before installing shutters.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Above, Local historian Brian Golden talks about the history of the Botsford Inn during a luncheon at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. At right, the audience listens to Brian Golden's presentation on the history of the Botsford Inn during a luncheon at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hills and author of several books including *Farmington: A Pictorial History*. "Ford added an addition and spring-loaded oak floors to absorb the shock of dancers in the ballroom. The inn had two doors and still does. The left was into the hotel for prim and proper ladies and gentlemen. The right was for common people like farmers who lived in the area and came to the tavern for meals."

When Ford died in 1946, the building was sold to John Anhut who passed it down to his son John Jr. who sold it to Botsford Hospital in 1999. At that time antiques and furnishings from the inn were put into storage.

"Anything identified as an antique was kept, bottles, glasses, photos, paintings but are going to require conservation," said Lynn Anderson, Botsford's marketing manager. "Conservators came in when hospital bought

it. Some furnishings came from the Fairlane Estate and the University of Michigan-Dearborn didn't care to keep them. We didn't want to get rid of anything of value. The biggest part is raising money."

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

Enough funds were raised to pay for the \$1 million restoration of the inn's exterior. Marla Kaminsky hopes individuals with memories of the gathering place will contribute to the effort of

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Walking routine helps Michigan woman shed 162 pounds

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jodi Davis lost 162 pounds in 16 months, simply by walking it off.

Now, the Coloma resident is encouraging others to lose weight, one step at a time.

Davis was morbidly obese, on her way to topping out at 300 pounds in her early 30s. Now, the mother of three is trim and athletic, and working to help others change their lives.

"I'm a walking spokesperson, health advocate, however you want to describe me," Davis said during a recent interview with the *Observer & Eccentric*. "Today I was called skinny. I like that."

Davis pulled her jacket aside to reveal a Blue Cross Blue Shield pedometer clipped to her waistband.

"Five thousand steps so far today, and that's just from shopping!" she quipped.

The standard walking goal for health and fitness is 10,000 steps a day, which Davis said is easily achievable with small yet persistent lifestyle changes.

Davis was always heavy, but after having children her weight crept into the danger zone. She spent her days putting her family's needs before her own, and after the kids were tucked in bed, she'd settle on the couch for me-time, which consisted of late-night, high-fat snacks.

She remained in denial until a relative died of weight-related problems.

"When I went to the funeral and saw her son standing by her



Jodi Davis shed 162 pounds in 16 months by walking. Now, she encourages others to take their first steps toward healthy living.

casket, without a mom, I thought 'that could be my kids,' Davis said. "She never had a second chance. I did."

So, Davis laced up her tennis shoes and started walking. She began slowly, but the benefits came fast. Davis started to feel better and her clothes got looser.

She has walked a mile and a half, at a brisk pace, almost every day since.

"My motto is 'no excuses.' If it's raining, get an umbrella. If it's cold, get a coat. If I'm tired, oh well," she said. "I'm an average,

typical, ordinary person just like you. If I can do it, anyone can."

Davis changed her eating habits as well.

She still has fast food from time to time, but orders a single burger instead of a super size combo.

She sometimes snacks at night, but has traded chips and dip for pretzels with mustard or popcorn. She also eats smaller

portions.

"One bite tastes the same as 20," she said. "It's a mind set."

After slimming down, Davis wrote a letter to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan CEO and President Daniel Loepp and a partnership began.

Davis now blogs for the BCBS WalkyTalk website, and tours with the Blues Cruiser to meet the public and encourage them to lead healthier lives.

People relate to her message of lifestyle change because she never uses the words 'diet' or 'exercise.'

"For a fat person, 'exercise' is being seen in spandex, being laughed at, huffing and puffing," she said. "But walking gets you out of the house, reduces stress, oh, and if you walk with a friend you can walk forever."

Davis plans to participate in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's National Walk at Lunch Day on April 29.

The workplace walking program encourages people to take time during their lunch break to start walking toward better health. Most Americans' schedules are built around their workdays, so NW@LD is designed to fit into — not compete with — their daily routine.

BCBSM employees throughout the state will participate in the event, and others are encouraged to form their NW@LD teams.

For more information on NW@LD, and to read Jodi Davis' blog, visit www.walkytalk.com.

BENEFITS OF WALKING

- Studies show walking 30 minutes a day, five days a week, lowers the risk for heart attack, stroke, breast cancer and diabetes.

- Walking helps control weight and improve muscle tone.

- Walking one mile burns about 100 calories — the same as jogging one mile (it just takes longer!)

- Walking is free, doesn't require any special equipment and can be done just about anytime, anywhere.

- The goal for healthy living is 10,000 steps a day.

NATIONAL WALK AT LUNCH DAY

When: Wednesday, April 29

What: NW@LD is designed to launch a daily walking routine that helps improve the health of Michigan's workforce.

Where: Wherever you work, take a break and walk at lunch. Encourage co-workers to join you.

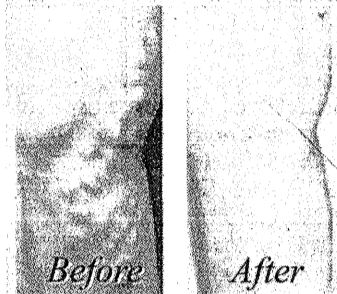
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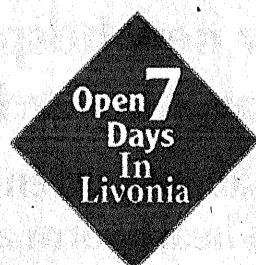
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Job hunting drains you emotionally with its stresses and uncertain time-frame. Job hunting in an economy of bad news causes intense feelings of powerlessness and helplessness. Psychiatrist Judith Orloff, author of "Emotional Freedom" (Harmony, \$24.95), points out that your situation becomes more hopeful by "connecting with something larger." How do you do this? She advises:

- scaling your anxieties down and making positive changes right now, even if they're small;
- moving forward with "consistent, reliable counsel;" and
- reducing stress by finding something positive.

ROUTINE
Some job hunters all over the country are trying to regain balance. Jorge Hernandez of Miami had 18 years of experience developing strategies in marketing and operations that increased profitability and enhanced customer satisfaction for Fortune 500 companies. His last position evaporated after six months because of the downturn. He plans to replace it with a similar one in another Fortune 500 company.

In his first month of job searching, Hernandez structured his day like his as an executive. "My only hobby," he says, "is to look for another job," a solid 50-hour per week investment. He studies for his Ph.D. in management at night.

"I've forgotten about frustrations about the downturn in the U.S. economy," he reports. "One has to do that. I remember past successes and talk to my wife and close friends about highlights of my career just to refresh myself." He also works out two hours per day: "Exercising takes you to another place for at least a few hours." He probably wouldn't do well without this structure, because, he concedes, this is the first time in his life he's had even 30 days off.

"I spend more time with my wife and son, who's six," he says. "It's brought us closer as a family. We walk about an hour a day. Sean and I play basketball, which is fantastic. I've learned things about him that usually I don't have the time to learn -- things he does at school, what he likes and doesn't like, what his expectations are." These connections mean the world to Hernandez.

Sarah Wenstrand of Sacramento, who most recently worked in sales and marketing for a nutritional supplements company for three and one-half years, was her husband's caregiver until the end, then took time off to travel before she started job hunting in March, 2008. "I'm looking for a job or contract work within health care and want to combine my arts background, my 12 years in caregiving and creativity," she says. She spends much of her time volunteering for non-profits and donates blood. "I

know how vital it is for people," she comments.

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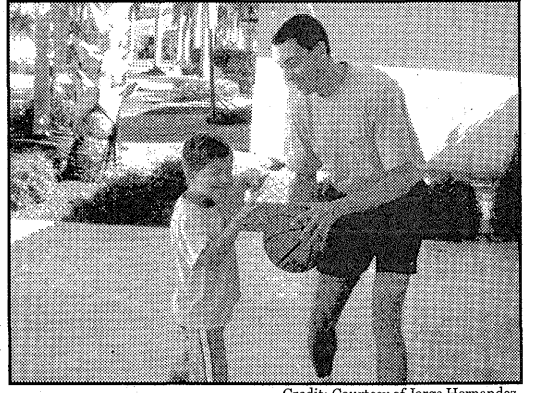
Both Hernandez and Wenstrand remind themselves that they have financial resources -- Hernandez, a nest egg; Wenstrand, some subsidized income from her late husband's military service. Not all job seekers have that security blanket to stave off anxiety.

Mark Horvath, who confesses to "looking for anything," lost his job as a non-profit communications manager in October. He then had a temporary assignment supporting a homeless shelter, which ended March 15.

"To me," he explains, "the world is going crazy. I'm powerless over the economy. If I think about it, I go insane. I've made the world small. I can't help the people in New York, but I can help the people right in front of me. I do the best I can to help others, and when I focus on them, there's no way I can fail. And then my problems seem small."

John Bordeaux of Lorton, Va., lost his job as chief knowledge officer for a federal contractor in January, although he was notified in November. He wants to continue working in systems development and integration in the public sector, especially in national security, where problems need to be solved. He uses several strategies to keep from catastrophizing.

"I focus on my family and longer-term goals," he explains. "I spend time with friends who are universally convinced... that I will succeed. I also mark the calendar. I know the date I would have to 'walk into the sea.' It's a joke among friends and family, but by talking about it and not letting it fester inside, it becomes less frightening."



Jorge Hernandez of Miami finds balance while job hunting, in part by playing basketball with his son Sean, who is six. This is one of the activities he's integrated into his schedule as he looks for his next position in marketing and operations at a Fortune 500 company.

Bordeaux's engagement in social media is paying off in the form of consulting while he continues his search. He landed a five-month full-time retainer fee consulting for a firm in San Francisco and other prospects. "I've established billable time for the bulk of 2009," he says, "and I'm excited about the future again."

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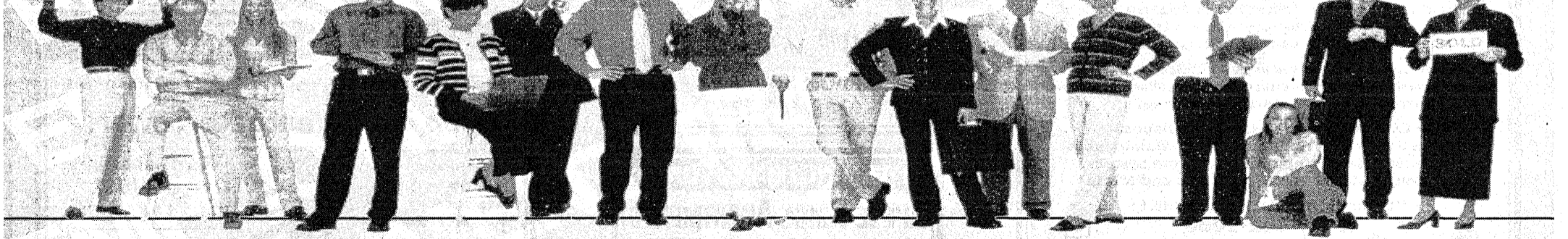
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7110
Garage Sales

CANTON SUB-WIDE SALE!
APR 30, MAY 1 & 2
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Cherry Knoll Sub (47 homes). Many great treasures! NE corner of Cherry Hill & Beck.

7160
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7830
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LIVONIA - 38629 Tuscany
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7180
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WASHER/DRYER - \$200 for both, Whirlpool Gas Stove, like new, \$300. Frigidaire, 18 cu. ft. fridge, \$200. Window A/C, 8,000 BTU, \$50. Call: (734) 772-4549

7890
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Garage Sales

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7130
Moving Sales

REDFORD Apr. 30-May 2, 8:30-5pm. Boys clothing, size 0-18. Baby gear, hardware & yard items, insulation equip. 9335 Beech Daly, btwn W. Chicago & Joy Rd.

7460
Hospital/Medical Equipment

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7500
Miscellaneous For Sale

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- Big burger
 - Globe substitute
 - Whirlpool locale
 - Rock-band need
 - Tijuana youngster
 - Milk source
 - Pharaoh's tomb
 - Not robust
 - Drone
 - Nefertiti's god
 - Silica mineral
 - Orchestra members
 - All uncles
 - Superstar
 - Ouch!
 - Diligent insect
 - Garden bulb
 - Kind of jump
 - Aloha st.
 - Seat of Irish kings
 - Influences
 - Exactness

- Major Hoople
- "do for now"
- Cassius Clay
- Ho-hum feeling
- Selected, as by a pro team
- Peace gesture
- Long-term babysitter
- AAA suggestion
- Aurora, to Plato
- Meadow feature
- Somber evergreen

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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 - Paramedic's skill
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 - Highwayman
 - Bottle cap
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 - Luau fare

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- Muddy the waters
- German import
- Old cattle town
- Wild fear
- PC key
- Fragrant flower
- Godzilla's city
- Kind of watch
- Black bird
- Eurasian mountains
- "Play it again,"
- Ballerina's attire
- Street urchin
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THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

1	7	9	5	8	6	2	8	3
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7	4	2	7	8	9	3	1	6
8	9	1	9	6	4	7	2	8
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1	6	4	3	2	1	2	7	8
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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In the past, the HUMMER H3's off-road capability has been undermined by its underperforming 5-cylinder engine.

But the smallest HUMMER SUV of today has a 300-horsepower V8 engine and it provides enough muscle to match its rugged image. With this heavy horsepower comes great towing capacity. The Alpha's maximum tow rating is 6,000 pounds. Wow!

General Motors' fuel mileage estimates for the Alpha are 13 miles per gallon in the city and 16 mpg on the highway. Oddly, this isn't too far off from the standard inline-5's numbers of 14 mpg city, 18 highway.

The Hummer H3 Alpha can be had for about \$40K.

In addition to the V8 engine, the H3 Alpha also includes the Luxury equipment package, the Chrome Appearance package, 16-inch chrome wheels and special Alpha identification, including a tailgate badge, horn pad badge and embroidered front headrests with the "Alpha" insignia.

For customers who want a more accessorized appearance, the Alpha model can be combined with the H3X content, which includes bright roof crossbars, chrome fuel door, a body-color grille and unique spare tire cover, tires, wheels and center cap and a brush guard.

The seats are comfortable, though shorter drivers may need to sit on a telephone book to see the road. Rear-seat

passengers have more than enough legroom, but if they are tall they may hit their head on the low-hung roof. HUMMER engineers did more than simply throw a V8 into the H3's engine compartment. A number of changes had to be made to accommodate its power plant, which made its debut on the 2008 model.

The H3's frame was modified to accept the V8 engine and a special oil pan was designed to ensure constant oil pressure when driving on steep grades -- something HUMMERS are famous for doing.

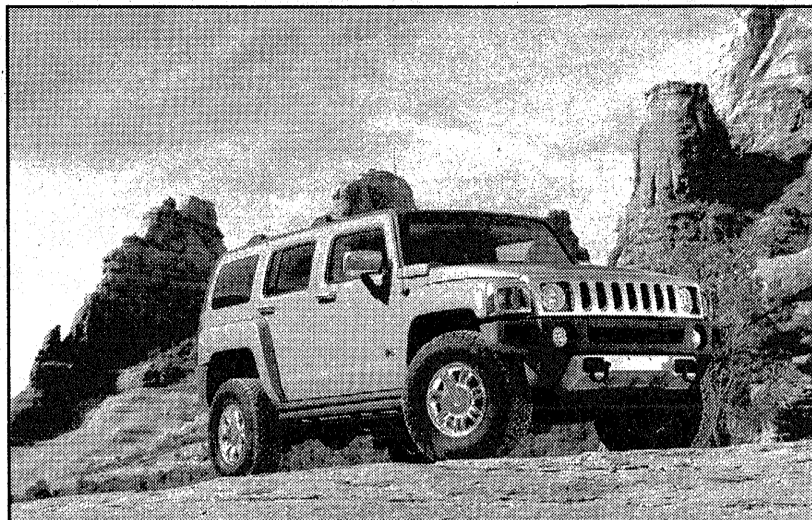
The engine compartment was also modified to accommodate the V8, and a new steering system is used on all H3 models to deliver improved off-road reliability.

All of the chassis and suspension changes were tested on off-road trails in Moab, Utah, the Rubicon Trail and other challenging off-road venues to make sure the H3 didn't lose any of its all-terrain prowess.

All H3 models pack HUMMER's trademark capability into a midsize package. Compared to the H2, the H3 is 16.9 inches shorter in length, 6 inches shorter in height and 6.5 inches narrower.

Since it is roughly the same length as a midsize family sedan, the H3 comfortably navigates city traffic, not just outdoor settings.

While its heavy curb weight can be felt



The 2008 Hummer H3 Alpha provides a great drive both on and off the road. The smaller version of the H2 has all of the same styling cues -- the industrial grille, the massive wheel flares and the rectangular windows.

going around corners, it remains stable, with little body roll. The ride is smooth and comfortable, far from the brand's military heritage.

Just like the regular H3, the Alpha delivers great rock crawling and climbing performance. The capability is provided by an electronically controlled four-wheel-drive system and suspension tuning tailored for off-road performance.

Among its off-road highlights, the H3 can ford 24-inch streams at a 5-mph pace, climb 16-inch vertical steps and rocks, make its way through deep sand and over sandy surfaces.

The H3's smaller size provides advantages, such as a 37-foot turning circle that is about the same as a typical compact car. This is ideal for parking-lot maneuvers and tight turns when off-roading.

The 9-inch ground clearance and 33-inch tires make it possible to clear large obstacles in off-road driving. It can even drive into a hole and back out again, without getting hung up in the front or rear.

Safety features that come standard on the H3 Alpha include anti-lock brakes, traction control, front- and side-impact

airbags for the driver and front-seat passenger, and a tire-pressure monitoring system.

In National Highway Transportation Safety Administration crash tests, the H3 scored a perfect five stars for the driver and four stars for the front passenger in frontal impacts. Side-impact testing by that agency resulted in five stars for both front and rear.

A side-hinged cargo door provides easy access to the rear area.

HUMMER has listened to its customers and provided a V8 model of the H3 with the Alpha, but it may go unnoticed as everyone is straying away from gas-guzzling SUVs.

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HUMMER H3 ALPHA
Vehicle class: SUV.
Power: V8 engine.
Mileage: 13 city / 16 highway.
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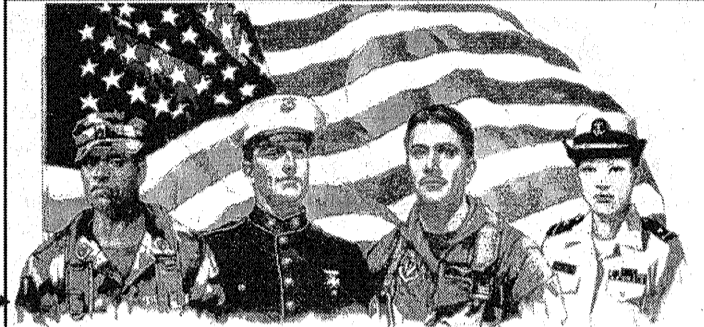
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	36mo... \$234*	

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31 MPG

PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$19,480	60mo... \$192*	PURCHASE
NOW \$14,366*	48mo... \$209*	\$225* PER MO.
	36mo... \$220*	

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Stk. #90116



33 MPG

PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$21,255	60mo... \$203*	PURCHASE
NOW \$13,660*	48mo... \$225*	\$189* PER MO.
	36mo... \$249*	

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24 MPG

PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$28,875	60mo... \$289*	PURCHASE
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PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
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	36mo... \$399*	

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PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$27,085	60mo... \$299*	PURCHASE
NOW \$18,999*	48mo... \$333*	\$317* PER MO.
	36mo... \$385*	

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PURCHASE	LEASES	72 MONTH
Was \$31,650	60mo... \$347*	PURCHASE
NOW \$22,250*	48mo... \$396*	\$368* PER MO.
	36mo... \$459*	

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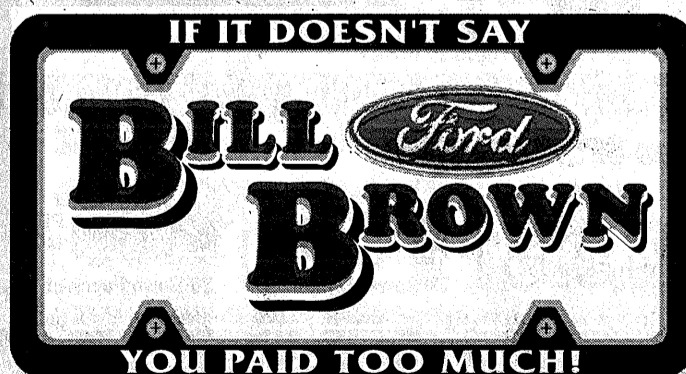
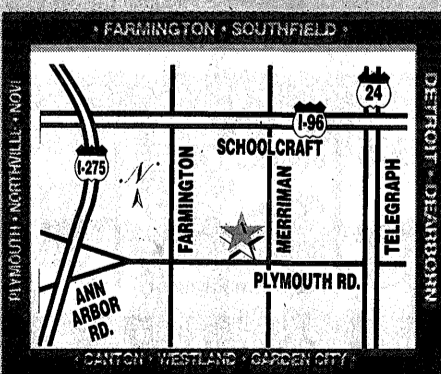
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