

Art appreciation: Sisters Susan and Paula Smith browse the art show. Susan, holding 8 month old niece Anne-Marie Treharne, is an art teacher at Mercy.

### Mercy students work out feelings about Sept. 11 through art exhibit

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Mercy High School students
used an art exhibit held
recently at the Farmington
Hills school as a way to deal
with the devastation, complexity and "why" of Sept. 11.
"It was a way to work out
some of those feelings," said
Sister Marie Henderson, head
of the art department. "There
was so much going on during
that time."
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Meaghan Heires, a junior,
painted a large angel looking
down on New York, City.
"I was playing 'around and
ketching." Heires said. "The
assignment was to make Sept.
Il a positive image. It led me
to this."

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Considering the basic concept of protection, Heires thought of guardian angels. She made a dress similar to one worn by an angel at the

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Browser: Jillian Bonahoom looks at Mercy senior Erin Gould's ar work.

Rennissance Festival, "I put it on and had my sister take pic-tures of me. I used multiple positions and picked the one which came out best."

She doesn't know whether she will make art her life's work, but Hoires knows she can never be separated from it. Her mother is an artist. Judy Stephens, a junior, took photographs of 50 people she knows and called it "Fifty Faces of America."

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Stephens also traveled to New York with her parents after Sept. 11 and compared what the skyline looks like now with how it looked when the twin towers of the World Trade Center were still standing. Her family made a trip there last year, too.
"It was really sad," Stephens said of Ground Zero. "It was like a big space, a big hole." Her photos shows people painting messages on banners as well as fences around Wall Street. "No one is allowed to drive down the street past the Stock Exchange anymore,"

# Classy 'Red Hat' ladies celebrate life after 50

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among more than 60 in Michigan and hundreds in the United States and internationally. Their inspiration is Jenny Joseph's poem, "Warning," written in 1961.

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"It was friend to friend," said lillian Selke of Farmington. The chapter, which held its first outing at Mrs. Lovill's, is

dent, is the local chapter's Queen Mother.

What qualifies her to play that role? "They said so," Hewitt quipped. The others laughed.

"You have to like to eat our and have fun," Hewitt said.

The group plans to tour the Jiffy Mix factory in Chelsea, go to Frankenmuth and visit the Big Boy factory in Warren yet this year.

Canton resident Betty Show said at a national convention in Chicago in April, two women who were geriatric specialists and who did not know each other—one from the east coast and the other from the west costs—were studying the benefits of groups like this would help people grow old gracefully. "Show said.

For more information, visit www.redhatsociety. com

## **Greyhound rescue**

#### Owners speak at Lanigan Career Day

"No more racetracks."
That's the view cespoused by four women — all volunteers — who spoke to Lanigan Elementary students recently during a Career Day presentation.
Teri Kroll, a Redford Township resident, Sue Fisher of Trenton, Colleen Greene, Brownstown Township, and Suzanne Kimmerly, an Auburn Hills resident, brought their rescued greyhound pets and a deep, open and adaptes and a deep, open and adapter and a deep. pets and a deep, open and adament opposition to greyhound

They are part of a group called Retired Greyhounds as Pets, known as "Regap." About 20 different occupations

About 20 different occupations and avocations were represented at Career Day. Organizers were staff members Jan Tobe. Karla Walkley, Steve Vercellino, and Principal Marva Turner.

The greyhound owners said

**■** The greyhound owners said greyhounds suffer abuse at racetracks and wanted the children to know the consequences of greyhound racing.

greyhounds suffer abuse at race-tracks and wanted the children to know the consequences of greyhound racing. Each had adopted one or more former rac-ing greyhounds.

"While they are at the track they sleep in very small cages," Kroll said "Sometimes they sleep on shredded paper."

She pointed out the missing fur on one dog. "That's from sit-ting on a hard cage and not hav-ing anything soft, 'Kroll said.

She contrasted the confort of some students' dogs who sleep on comfy couches and soft beds.

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Sometimes retired greyhounds are adopted but often not, and are put to sleep, she said.

They are considered livestock, not dogs, Fisher said.
Florida has more racing greyhound tracks than anywhere in the United States, Kroll said.
Florida has 18 tracks. It takes, 1,000 dogs for every track When you go to Florida make surnobody ever goes to a race track. If you go to a race track, the race track makes money and they stay open and race more. We want to stop racing. We want these dogs to be like regular dogs.

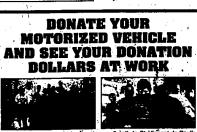
Greyhounds can see a half

these dogs to be like regular ogs." "Greyhounds can see a half mile away," Greene said, "Never let a greyhound off a leash." The students enjoyed the visit. 'Il like the dogs because they were cute, 'said Amy Rechken-mer, a kindergartener. For more information on Regap call 1-800-Go Hound or visit waw rescueders whomals com.

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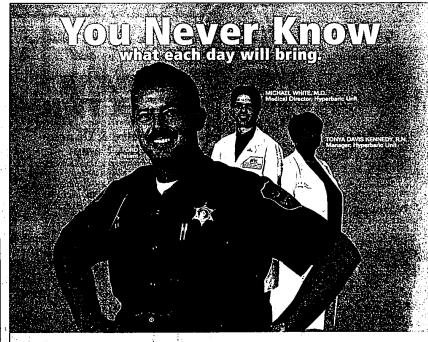


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