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Record number of teams will vie for Cup

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It takes a lot of work to organize a weekend of fun. Canton resident John Vaughn is learning that lesson well during his first year as tournament director of the Canton Cup, one of the largest soccer tournaments in the country.

It's not as if Vaughn didn't already have a lot to do. He's got a family, including three teenage sons, and a demanding career as the part-owner of an engineering consulting and staffing firm in Auburn Hills. But he also has a love for his sons'

sports, as well as for the Canton Cup.

"It's like the old saying goes — if you want something done, give it to a busy person," Vaughn said.

Because he'd been involved in youth baseball and football booster clubs, was the league director for baseball, and ran an in-house soccer league, the 22 active members of the Canton Soccer Club Canton Cup committee asked Vaughn if he could take over as director.

Ever since, he's been working at least 10 hours per week on organizing the tournament. Starting in

April, that amount of time spiked to about 25 hours per week.

"It's a huge endeavor," Vaughn said. "The brunt of the work is done by 22 people. There are countless hours of me being up until 3 a.m. answering e-mails and organizing."

The efforts will pay off this Memorial Day weekend, when a record-setting 450 teams — nearly 20,000 youth soccer players and their families — come to Canton.

"They come from all over — from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Canton, as well as very many from all over

Michigan," Vaughn said.

Vaughn took over as director after the tournament's former director, Greg Demopoulos, stepped down after seven years of directing the event.

"That's longer than anyone else has been director, and I think that can burn a person out," Vaughn said. "He definitely left some big shoes to fill."

Being new can be intimidating, Vaughn said, but it also makes him less resistant to change. So the committee decided to consolidate the tournament from four sites to three by eliminating the high schools' five

soccer fields from the tournament, a move which not only saved the committee \$200 per hour for using the fields, but also saved a lot of time because the three remaining fields are close together.

The teams will play on 24 fields at Independence Park, 12 at Heritage Park and four at Griffin Park.

"All the fields are now in the southwest part of Canton, so it's easier from a logistical perspective," Vaughn said.

The tournament will also this year host a movie night,



Plymouth Lightning's Bridget Myers competed against Northville Premier's Hayley Wandell in their match in the girls under 13 gold class of the 2005 Canton Cup. In this year's event, 450 teams are scheduled to compete.

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Gas leak closes Ford Road Marathon station

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The Marathon gas station at Ford and Sheldon had only been open for a few days when something went very wrong.

Sunday afternoon, Canton dispatchers received a call about the smell of gasoline coming from a storm sewer. Firefighters were sent to investigate and traced the source of the gasoline to the gas station, which had been closed for an extensive remodel, and had reopened no more than a week before the leak was discovered, according to Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher.

"We don't know what caused the leak," Rorabacher said. "I think it's safe to say there was a significant tank failure. You don't get that kind of a leak from a failed coupling."

Western Wayne County's Hazmat team and Canton DPW also responded to the scene to assist. Firefighters, Hazmat team and DPW personnel blocked off the sewers in order to contain the gasoline until tanker trucks arrived to remove the gasoline from the service station's underground tanks.

The owner of the station contacted a local environmental company to complete the cleanup and to mitigate the situation.

EQ, a private company which specializes in environmental cleanups, extracted more than 30,000 gallons of liquid from the ground around the tanks. Of that, 3,200 gallons was gasoline.

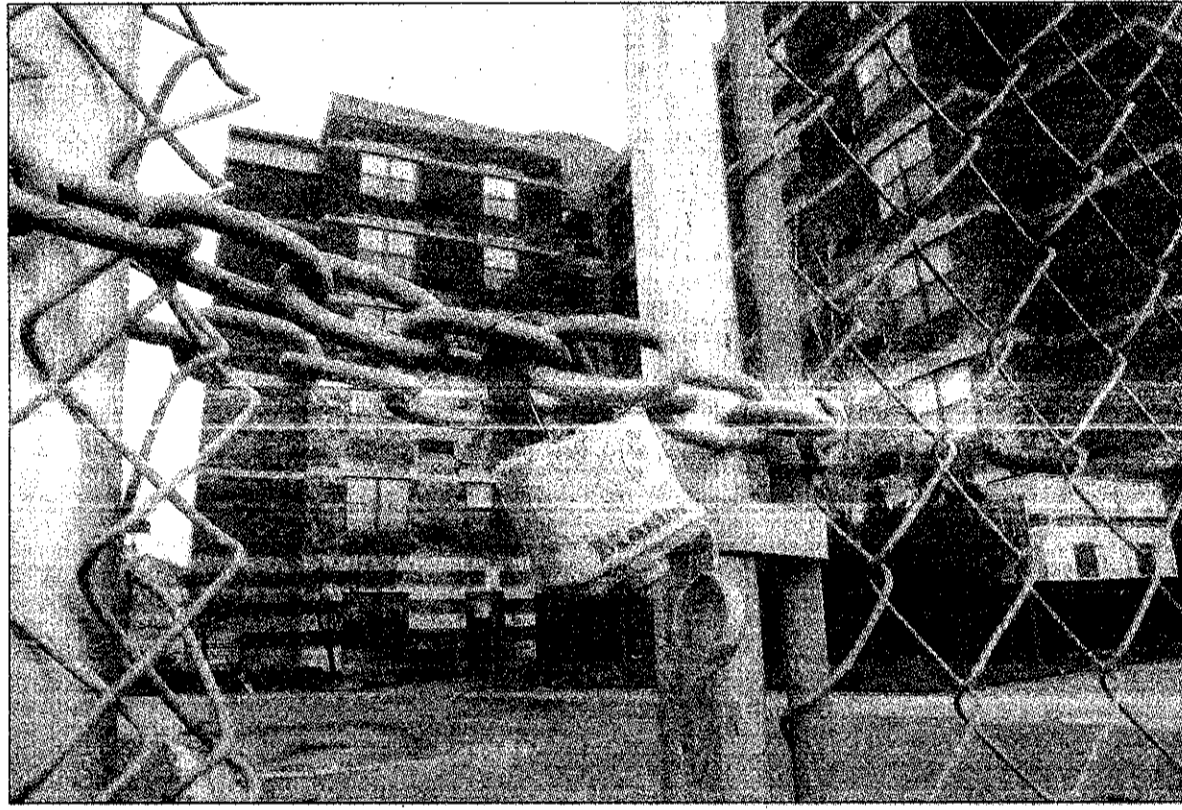
However, very little gasoline got into the storm sewers, Rorabacher said.

"The way these things are designed, tanks are installed within a clay-lined pit in the ground, surrounded by gravel and sand, with concrete on top," Rorabacher said. "The only reason any of the gas got into the storm sewer was due to the significant amount of gas that was leaked out. Basically, the clay liner worked the way it was supposed to."

The State Department of Environmental Quality will assess the situation and determine if any enforcement action is necessary. The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) will also review the situation for any possible enforcement action. The station will remain closed until all of the gasoline has been cleaned up and DEQ tests the system for integrity, after which, the Fire Department will allow the station to reopen. The township will be able to recover personnel costs incurred in this incident.

"The station's owner has been highly cooperative," Rorabacher said. "What he wants to happen more than anything at this point is to be able to reopen. He needs that to happen so that he can make his money back."

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Repairs at Sheldon Place have not yet begun, as its owners are working out details to finance the building's required fixes. The deadline to repair or demolish the building, which has been vacant for nearly five years, is approaching.

Sheldon Place deadline coming up soon

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The deadline to fix or demolish Sheldon Place is fast approaching.

In July it will have been 12 months since the building was sold. One of the conditions of the sale was that its new owners are to have demolished or repaired the building within 12 months of the sale's closure.

The building's new owners, Canton Properties & Developments LLC, are awaiting financing before partners Wally Beydoun and Frank Dabaja pull the repair permits, and estimate that the repairs could take as long as six months.

"We hope that we'll be able to pull the permits by the end of this month," Dabaja said earlier this week. "The open issue is cost. We don't know how much it will be to repair the building and we're working on financing

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Frank Dabaja
Canton Properties and Developments LLC

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Sheldon Place, a six-story residential building at the corner of Ford and Sheldon, has been vacant since it was evacuated in August 2001, when structural deficiencies were discovered. Once home to more than 60 senior citizens, the 56-unit apartment building has been empty since the evacuation.

It has been sold twice, first in March 2005, but when the initial sale fell through, the building went back out for bid. Sam Beydoun, a Dearborn developer who along with business partner

Ali Saab, had the high bid of \$995,000 at a June 28, 2005, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development auction.

Beydoun is Dabaja's business partner at Canton Properties & Developments.

It was a leaky wall that first alerted residents — and later a host of lawyers, engineers and inspectors — to the building's many structural problems. The building was then only three years old, and was owned by Ohio-based National Church Residences and financed (to the tune of \$4.4 million) by HUD.

A study of the building's structural integrity, commissioned by NCR, found that the wall heating and cooling units were not installed properly, control joints were improperly constructed and there was deficient mortar joint construction. The masonry does not have the

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Teachers, district talk pact

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Negotiations on a new contract for nearly 1,100 teachers in the Plymouth-Canton school district are under way, as the two sides attempt to settle a multi-year labor agreement before the start of school Sept. 5.

The current four-year contract for the Plymouth-Canton Education Association expires Aug. 31, just days after teachers report to work for the 2006-07 school year.

The biggest issues, according to both sides, are wages and the calendar for the upcoming school year. Chuck Portelli, P-CEA president, said teachers have received 3-percent wage hikes in three of the past dozen years, the last time in the 2002-03 school year. The wage increases during the rest of the time period have been less.

While the district's finances are expected to come into play during negotiations, Portelli said it shouldn't affect a negotiated wage hike for his members.

"This is a funding issue, and the state hasn't given the district increases," Portelli said. "Every year, for 32 years, I've heard we're going to be out of business. I don't think giving teachers a raise is going to bankrupt the school district."

Ryan said the district needs to be fair to keep good teachers.

"It's easy to just say take a pay freeze, but we want to attract good people for openings and keep people who are doing a good job for us," Supt. Jim Ryan said. "We have to

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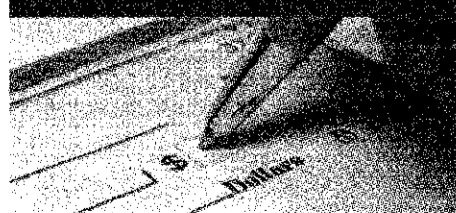
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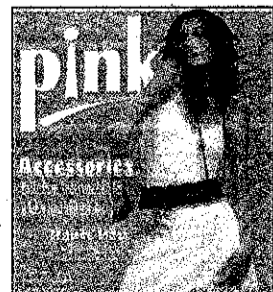
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Coming Sunday



Memorial day ceremony

The Canton Veterans Memorial Association will hold a Memorial Day Service at 11:00 AM, Monday at the Canton Veterans Memorial located in Heritage Park just west of the Township Administration Building.



Conoscenti

A soulful performance

Acclaimed folk music singer and songwriter Don Conoscenti will make a special appearance from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 at the Canton Public Library's Open Mic program. The acoustic musician is known for his live performances, in which he fuses a blend of rock, jazz, blues, folk, funk and country. He has been spotlighted on NPR, World Café and Acoustic Café. Admission is free. For more information about the Open Mic series at the Canton Public Library, visit

is www.cantonpl.org for future dates and times or call the library at (734) 397-0999.

Senior Health and Fitness Day

National Senior Health and Fitness Day (NSHFD) is in its 13th year. Again this year, Canton Leisure Services will participate in the event by sponsoring Senior Health and Fitness Day at Summit on the Park from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on May 31. Seniors age 55 and older will have the opportunity to enjoy free programs and events including health screenings, fitness classes, fitness center tours and a surprise speaker. New to NSHFD is a senior 5K walk which will take place at Heritage Park.

Most of the events are free, but participants are required to register by calling the senior center at (734) 394-5485. Anyone interested in lunch must register by noon on May 30.

More than 1,000 local organizations in all 50 states participate in NSHFD each year. The common goal for this day is to help keep older Americans healthy and fit. Always set for the last Wednesday in May, National Senior Health & Fitness Day is the nation's largest annual health promotion event for older adults.

Art camp

D & M Studios, in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services, presents "Under the Sea," this year's Summer Art Camp theme. D & M Studios is still taking registrations for children -- preschoolers through teenagers. There will be a 15 percent discount for early art camp registration, if the tuition is received by May 31.

Summer art camps will be held at three area locations: D & M Studios at 8691 N. Lilley Road, Summit on the Park at 46000 Summit Parkway, and Frameworks at 833 Penniman Avenue in Plymouth.

For more information on the Summer Art Camps and our ongoing art classes for all ages, please call D & M Studios at (734) 453-3710 or visit the Web site at www.dmartstudio.com.

Dog walk

The 4th Annual Tails & Trails Charity Dog Walk, normally held in September, will be held on Saturday, June 3, at Heritage Park in Canton. Registration/check-in begins at 9 a.m. and the event will begin promptly at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

Along with the new date, the event will also feature new entertainment and a new designated charity: the Humane

Society of Huron Valley. This is a pledge event with 100 percent of the pledge dollars collected by participants going to HSHV.

This annual event is one of the Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club's major fundraisers and allows them to sponsor community programs throughout the year.

Activities for the day will include agility and obedience demonstrations by Canine Training & Sports Center of Canton, a pet care seminar courtesy of Michigan Vet Specialists, vendor booths with pet-related products, food concessions and contests for owner and dog alike to participate in, with lots of prizes to be awarded.

A variety of local rescue groups will also attend. Emcee for the day is Channel 7's Skycaptain Dennis Neubacher.

Registration is \$15 per dog in advance or \$20 the day of the event. Walk-ups are welcome, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged and the first 150 registered dogs will receive a free goody bag. Current vaccination records must be presented at time of check-in.

For more information or to request a registration form, visit www.pckiwaniis.org, e-mail info@pckiwaniis.org or call Carol at (734) 451-3500.

Anyone interested in being a vendor or sponsor should contact the Kiwanis Club for more details or visit their Web site at www.pckiwaniis.org.

River Day celebration set

Canton's annual River Day will be held from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at Flodin Park, located on the southeast corner of Saltz and Morton-Taylor roads. River Day will take place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages, including residents, students and scout troops are encouraged to participate.

This year participants will be able to choose from a number of different activities including guided nature walks, building birdhouses, planting of native plants, shrubs, and bulbs, removing a silt fence, river cleaning efforts, and stream-bank stabilization. The event will also focus on educational topics such as the removal of invasive species and a living science exhibit with live bats will demonstrate how important they are to our environment.

All volunteers will receive a T-shirt, donuts and drinks for breakfast, and a barbecue lunch. Volunteers should come dressed for the weather, and jeans and boots should be worn.

Volunteer registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the parking lot of Flodin Park. Scout troops planning to participate need to call Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150 so the proper number of badges/patches can be ordered.

For more information please call Public Works at 394-5150.

Salon helps fight MS

On June 11, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Blondie & Lefty's Hair Salon, 42013 Ford Road in Canton (Sears Plaza), will be offering haircuts for \$20 and partial foil highlights for \$30, with all proceeds going to the MS Foundation.

They will also have hot dogs and bake goods for sale. Come and help support MS treatment and research.

For more information, call (734) 981-6190, or visit the Web site www.blondieandleftys.com.

Brunch with a board member

Plymouth-Canton Schools Treasurer Rich Ham-Kucharski will host a brunch to meet with constituents of the district from noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 28 at Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth.

He will discuss current district issues, the budget, and any school related topic.

Physical Therapy UPDATE


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EARLY FITNESS LEADS TO LESS CHRONIC PAIN LATER


Teenagers looking to avoid the chronic pain that often afflicts their elders should get into the best possible shape they can now. So say Finnish researchers, who found that adolescent boys with good flexibility and adolescent girls with good endurance strength were less likely to experience chronic pain as adults. Specifically, the men who were most flexible as teenagers were half as likely to experience neck tension as adults. As for the women, those with the greatest endurance strength as teenagers were 34% less likely to have neck tension than women with less

endurance strength as teenagers. Physical activity in teen years also appeared to cut the risk of lower back pain in men. This is another example of how the benefits of exercise are numerous, and important at all stages of life. Should you have questions about exercise, and keeping physically fit all **HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY** at 455-8370 to schedule an appointment. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. We have easy access and parking. New patients are gladly accepted.


P.S. In the above-mentioned study, researchers also found that moderate activity in adolescence appeared to lower the risk of low-back pain in adult women.



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Working in the great outdoors

Expansion mode keeps DPW staffers hopping

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Working outdoors is the best thing about the job, if you ask Mike Karll. Ask him what the worst thing is and he'll tell you that it also happens to be working outdoors.

Karll is one of Canton's 32 Department of Public Works employees. The township is saying a special thanks to its DPW staff during this week, National Public Works Week, May 21-27.

Now the supervisor of public works, Karll started his career with Canton Township 30 years ago. He was just 19 years old, and had tried a few jobs, none of which appealed to him. One day while he was at work at an Ann Arbor heating and cooling company, the former supervisor of public works stopped by his parents' home and asked if Karll might be interested in coming to work for him.

He was. And he did. And since then, he's seen it all, he said.

"We do a little bit of everything here," Karll said. From maintenance and repair of sewer lines and water mains, to burials at the township's three cemeteries, to disaster clean-up, every day holds a new challenge for the public works personnel.

Since the beginning of Karll's tenure with Canton, the township has been in an expansion mode - and often, expansion was rapid.

"For awhile, the big thing for us was always making taps, hooking up customers into the water and sewer," Karll said. During the busiest years, the department would make as many as 1,200 taps in one year. Though it's slowed down a bit, the DPW made 500 last year.

The focus now is on maintenance of the township's sewers and water mains, as well as maintaining water quality,

"There are some things that had not been on the top of the priority list when the community was growing so fast, especially with staffing the way it is and everyone doing more with less," Karll said.

One example is the valve exercising program, in which DPW workers inspect and turn valves on each of the township's 4,500 fire hydrants. Now, those types of jobs can be done regularly, Karll said. Another project has been the gathering of information for the township's Global Information System, GIS. DPW workers located and tagged every manhole cover and hydrant in the township, so that the planning department could place them on a master GIS map.

And, as always, there are the duties of winterizing every fire hydrant every autumn, water main repair, cleaning some 500,000 feet of sewer per year, hydrant repairs, and taking water samples to check for quality, water meter installation and repair, assisting homeowner associations with detention pond maintenance and assisting Wayne County with cutting the grass along the roadways.

"That's the county's responsibility and we don't get any funding for it, but we help when we have time, or when it gets bad enough that residents are calling to complain about tall grass," Karll said.

The DPW is one of three branches of the township's municipal services division, which also includes planning services, and building and inspection services.

Building and Inspection Services ensures that all township standards are met for any building construction project and ensures compliance with other township ordinances. In addition to new building permits, the building division staff issued more than 10,000

permits last year for building, plumbing, mechanical, fire alarm, electrical, signs, fences, decks, pools, and mobile homes. Planning Services is responsible for the long-range planning and zoning of the community. They also act as technical staff to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, and provide Geographic Information System (GIS) services for the township.

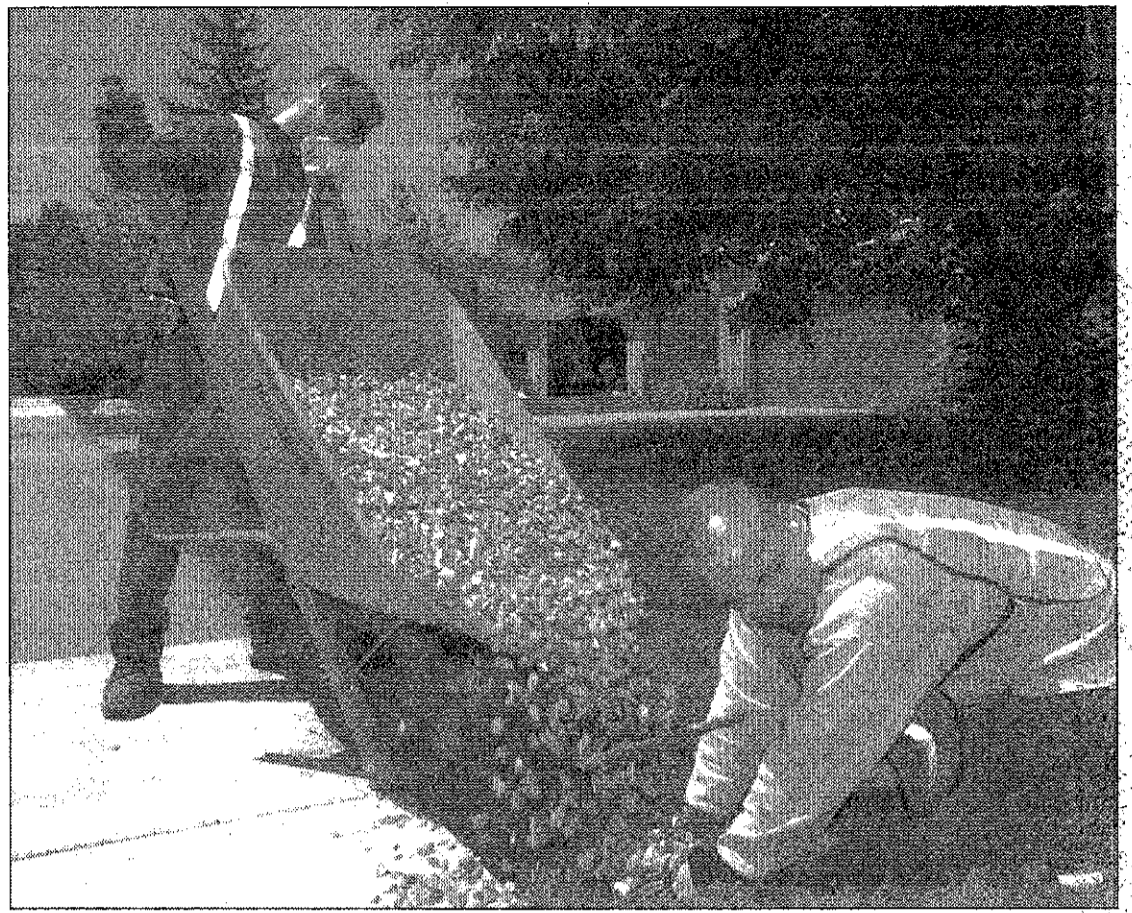
Public Works reviews engineering designs and construction standards on all private and public water, sewer, and road projects. The staff also coordinates the annual sidewalk replacement program and holds annual events such as River Day and Hazardous Household Waste Roundup. Field staff perform the required inspections, maintenance and repairs of the storm water, water, and sewer systems. Fleet maintenance mechanics maintain and repair more than 170 township vehicles as well as numerous pieces of equipment.

"Over the past several decades, the value of the services we provide to our customers has somewhat been taken for granted. This recognition allows us to promote awareness of the importance of clean water, safe roads and buildings, as well as the protection of our natural environment," said Tim Faas, Municipal Services Director.

Being taken for granted is just part of the job, according to Karll.

"If you have a main break and it's 30 below outside, it still has to be fixed," Karll said. "It's not our goal to be taken for granted but it's a good thing that people can count on us without thinking about it. As long as everything is fine they don't know we exist."

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LaShish owner denies terrorist ties

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

In his first statement since being indicted on tax evasion charges and being accused in government filings of being connected to terrorist funding, La Shish owner Talal Chahine denied the claims and said it was a matter of being one of many "of Middle Eastern descent" who have "been wrongfully accused of associations with unsavory organizations."

Court documents filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Detroit claim Chahine has ties to Hizbollah, the Lebanon-based organization considered a terrorist organization by the U.S. government.

Chahine, of Dearborn Heights, and his wife, 39-year-old Elfat El Aouar of Plymouth Township, were indicted on charges they evaded paying taxes on an estimated \$16 million in alleged undisclosed income.

El Aouar was arrested May 18 at her home in Plymouth and arraigned Thursday afternoon. U.S. District Court Magistrate Donald Scheer ordered her released on a \$100,000 unsecured bond which included several restrictions, including 24-hour-a-day house arrest, surrender of her passport and orders not to fly on a plane.

The charges Chahine was connected to terrorists were made in the documents the

government filed Friday in an attempt to keep El Aouar from being released from jail. The filing claims Chahine and El Aouar attended a fund-raiser in Lebanon at which Chahine and Sheikh Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah, Hizbollah's spiritual leader, were the key speakers.

The government claims Chahine and Fadlallah "conferred privately," and that Chahine posed for photos in and around a Hizbollah outpost in Lebanon.

Hizbollah was suspected in high-profile terror attacks in the 1980s, including the suicide bombing of a U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut in 1983.

Prosecutors say Chahine is currently in Lebanon. His attorney, Robert Forrest, did not return phone calls seeking comment. But in a statement released Tuesday through the public relations firm Marx Layne & Company, Chahine said the event in question was actually a speech designed to implore Muslims to "live in peace."

"My company and I have, for many, many years, supported the charitable works of religious groups of all faiths, including the goals and objectives of the American, Jewish and Friends group, which is now part of the Interfaith Roundtable of Metropolitan Detroit," the statement read. "The event reported by the government as being 'suspicious' involved a 2002 fund-

raiser at which I spoke on the duty of Muslims everywhere to perform charitable acts and live in peace with their neighbors.

"This Dearborn-based, non-profit charity holds periodic fund-raisers attended by many business and political leaders of the State of Michigan."

Authorities say Chahine and El Aouar, La Shish's financial manager, skimmed money from the restaurants during a four-year period, 2000-03. The indictment alleges the couple maintained a double set of computerized books, records and balance reports, one actual and one altered.

According to authorities, the altered records artificially reduced the amount of cash actually received by the restaurants. The indictment charges Chahine and El Aouar "oversaw the maintenance of the double set of books, as well as the skimming and concealment of more than \$16 million in cash."

Authorities believe the cash was converted into cashier's checks, which were taken to Lebanon. They also say cash was skimmed by paying company employees all or partly in cash.

Chahine and El Aouar face four counts each of income tax evasion. Each count carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

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Some 20,000 players and family members are expected to descend on Canton for the annual Canton Cup this weekend.

CUP

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with soccer-themed *Kicking and Screaming* being shown outdoors at Heritage Park the evening of May 27.

"Other changes are just cosmetic — like offering more apparel for sale," Vaughn said.

In the end, Vaughn is just hoping to have led the committee to another successful event.

"Believe it or not, when the tournament comes around, and you see all these teams and

you had something to do with putting on an event of this magnitude, there is a lot of pride and accomplishment," he said.

"That's why I do this."

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necessary strength as required by code, vertical reinforcement was not installed properly or was missing, plank floor connections to the outside load-bearing walls were not installed properly and the grouting of concrete masonry units was not consistent to the specifications.

Dabaja's company submitted plans to the building department and planning department, and the plans were approved earlier this month, according to Building Official John Weyer.

The fix will include the addition of steel lintels, which will be installed through the air conditioning units. The

plans also include foundation repairs, sealing and weather proofing, and grouting. The building's interior also requires new drywall, insulation and cosmetic repairs. The township will require Canton Properties & Developments to hire a third-party, on-site engineering and inspection service to supervise and witness all foundation work and structural repairs. The inspector will have to provide to Canton documentation that the work was inspected and witnessed, Weyer said.

"We're just awaiting someone to pick up the repair permit," Weyer said. "And we'll have a preconstruction meeting to coordinate the work, the scope of the work with the contractors."

Dabaja said the repairs should be made within the next six months, but added

HUD did not impose a deadline for the repairs.

"The condition was that HUD required a performance bond, which we paid, and the work has to be done within their time frame," he said. "And it will be."

Immediately following the sale, Dabaja said HUD is requiring the repairs to be completed by the end of September of this year.

Dabaja's company is also developing and building other projects in the township, including Gateway Plaza at Geddes and Canton Center Road. He expects to have permits and begin construction next month. Plans for Cherry Hill Village Plaza were approved by the township last month.

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WHERE THEY RANK

Here's a look at 2005-06 teacher salary comparisons for Wayne County teachers with a master's degree:

District	Salary
Grosse Pointe	\$82,125
Allen Park	\$80,657
River Rouge	\$80,481
Wyandotte	\$80,247
Romulus	\$80,230
Livonia	\$80,150
Lincoln Park	\$80,054
Riverview	\$79,979
South Redford	\$79,773
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Grosse Ile	\$79,323
Westwood	\$79,161
Trenton	\$78,056
Northville	\$77,837
Garden City	\$77,618
Southgate	\$77,229
Woodhaven	\$77,181
Plymouth-Canton	\$76,387
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Flat Rock	\$71,911
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Van Buren	\$67,947
Taylor	\$66,980
Detroit	\$66,575

DISTRICT

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find a way the Board of Education and the union can live with. The hard part is coming together and making it work with the money we get."

A first-year teacher with a BA degree earns \$39,171 annually, with a master's degree increasing that to \$43,092. The top of the scale ranges from \$65,086 to \$76,387 with a master's degree.

At the high-end salary, Plymouth-Canton teachers rank 18th out of 34 Wayne County school districts. Tops is Grosse Pointe at \$82,125, with Detroit teachers ranked near the bottom at \$66,575.

The district and teachers union utilize interest-based bargaining, in which the two sides discuss their differences and attempt to resolve issues, which is much different than the typical bargaining where each side presents a proposal.

"I think negotiations have gotten better (with IBB), we're better skilled at it," Portelli said. "It gives us a better understanding of each other's positions."

"When I go back to my membership and explain why I didn't get something they considered important, I can tell them the rationale on how things were done," he added.

With Plymouth-Canton Schools facing budget cutbacks and a bleak economic future, Ryan said interest-based bargaining allows for discussions on finances.

The good news about the

process is that it lets us talk about our financial challenges, as opposed to just saying we aren't going to give a raise," Ryan said. "It allows us to lay the groundwork on how we're going to deal with that."

Bargaining continues this week with two facilitators. Along with Portelli, the union's bargaining team consists of Dave Wert, P-CEA vice president and Hoben Elementary; Jim Angell of the Michigan Education Association; Mary Abraham, Starkweather Education Center; Nancy Barrows, Miller Elementary; Darin Edick, Salem High School; Mike Guinta, Salem High School; Amy Henrie, Smith Elementary; Chris Moore, Pioneer Middle School; Jennifer Coffman, Discovery Middle School; and Bob Williams, Canton High School. Ryan leads the district's nego-

KEEPING UP

Here's a look at how teacher salary percentage increases have ranged compared to the Consumer Price Index since 1994:

Year	Raise	CPI
1994/95	1.00	2.60
1995/96	3.50	2.80
1996/97	2.00	3.00
1997/98	2.00	2.30
1998/99	2.00	1.60
1999/00	2.50	2.20
2000/01	2.50	3.40
2001/02	2.76	3.20
2002/03	3.00	3.20
2003/04	3.00	1.50
2004/05	2.25	2.30

tiating team that includes assistant superintendents Patricia Brand, Ken Jacobs and Barbara Rodenberg, as well as Ray

Bihun, executive director of human resources.

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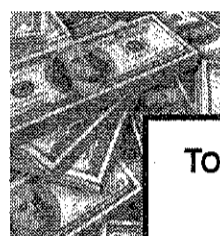
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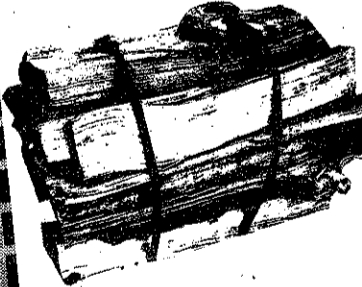
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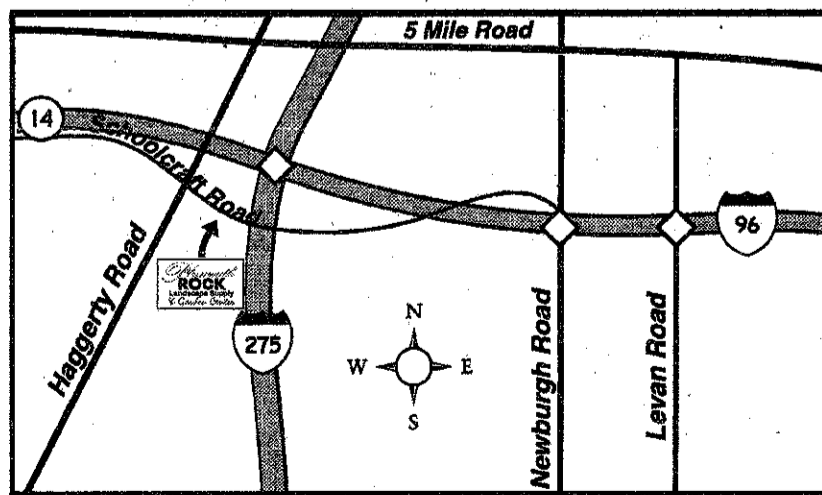
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Margaret Mercedes (Johnson) Karas
Karas, 83, formerly of Livonia, died
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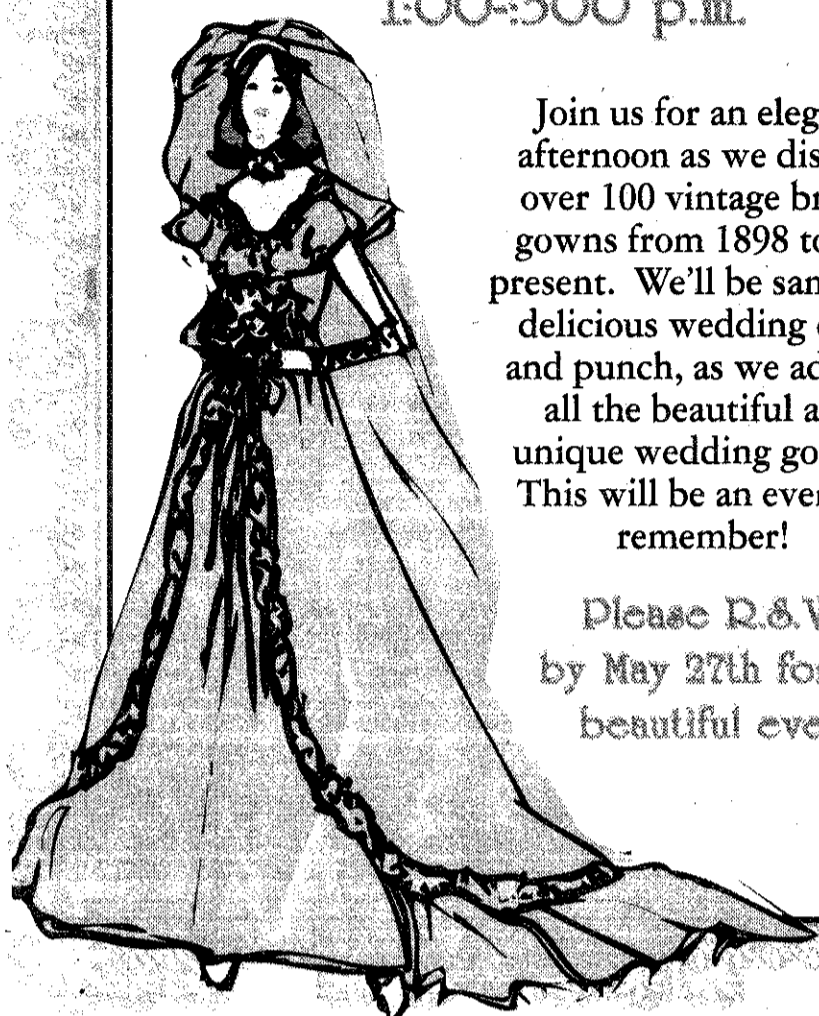
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Robert E. McKnight, M.D.
McKnight, 88, died May 22.

S
Marvin George Schaeffer
Schaeffer, 84, of Farmington Hills, died
May 20.

Richard D. Seibert
Seibert, 57, of Wayne, died May 18.
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Steele, 80, of Bloomfield Township,
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Cancer fighters boost success of Relay for Life

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Canton's John Schwartz is glad to be a cancer survivor at age 81. He was among more than 200 cancer survivors lauded this past weekend at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Canton.

"Oh, it's great," said Schwartz, who helped out at the Canton Public Library tent that was set up at Relay for Life. The library retiree, who earlier operated a greenhouse in Canton, noted it costs a lot to fight cancer and government funds are limited.

He was diagnosed with colon cancer 26 years ago. "I've had cancer three or four times since then," Schwartz said of his prostate and skin cancer diagnoses.

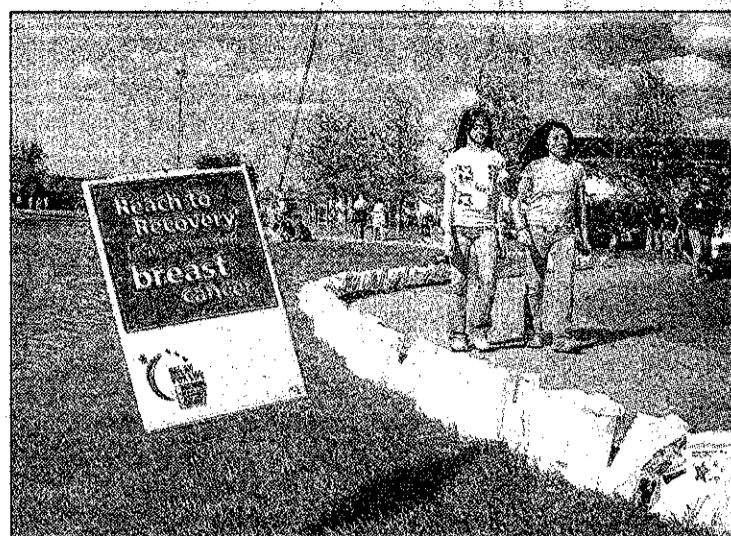
"But he's a tough old bird," said Marcia Barker of Canton, program coordinator at the library.

Heritage Park in Canton was full 10 a.m. Saturday through 10 a.m. Sunday with Relay participants, who, as of Monday, raised \$253,224 with more coming in. A total of 61 teams walked the track continuously. There was also a survivors lap to recognize those who had survived cancer.

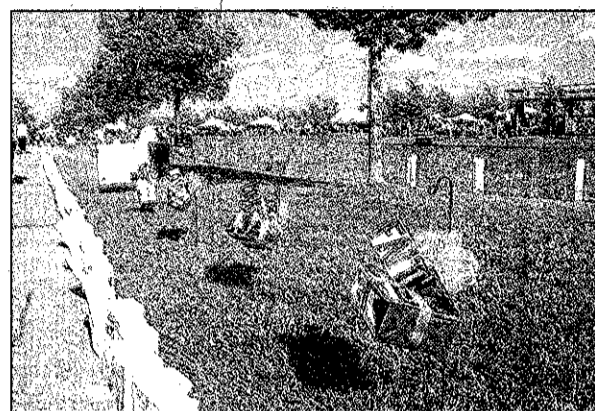
Breast cancer survivor Kate Rosevear of Plymouth Township has gone 21 years since her diagnosis. "I'm doing rather well," said Rosevear, who owns Carlson Wagonlit Travel of Plymouth and Wayne. Her business joined with Plymouth A.M. Rotary and Tanger Center staffers from the Plymouth-Canton Schools in "Cruising for a Cure," the motto on their tent sign.

"It's a sign of hope so many people are getting involved in this," Rosevear said of the annual Relay for Life. She noted breast cancer survival rates are up, and that research funded by the American Cancer Society contributes to that.

"More than anything, it's a celebration of life," said Rosevear, who has lost family members to cancer.



A total of 61 teams walked during Relay for Life last weekend, raising more than \$250,000 for the American Cancer Society.



Candles and symbols of hope lined the track at Heritage Park.

Marcia Barker's husband had leukemia, and she was glad to join forces with the library team. "We sell used books to raise funds for the American Cancer Society," she said. "We get involved because we're a significant part of the community."

"We're just having a great day and we're glad for the weather," she added. Participating helps the library staff become more cohesive, Barker has found. Their Book Cart Drill Team made several rounds on the track Saturday.

There was some rain overnight, but Saturday was sunny and pleasant, boosting the spirits of the Relay participants. Canton resident Susan Rogers was at the Geneva Presbyterian Church tent. She started with Relay when friend

Melissa Arquette, now doing well, was diagnosed with cancer.

"I think it's great," Rogers said of Relay for Life. "What a gorgeous, gorgeous day."

Teams found unique ways to raise money beyond their pledges. The Tanger staffers, for example, had live goldfish as prizes. Not far away was the Field Elementary School tent where fifth-grade teacher Bridget Nichols of Westland was among those hard at work.

"We're doing Crazy Hair and tattoos, stick-on tattoos," said Nichols, who's in charge of the student council at the Canton grade school. Nichols lost an aunt and grandfather to cancer and has another family member fighting it now.

"I'm out here to support the cancer society," she said.

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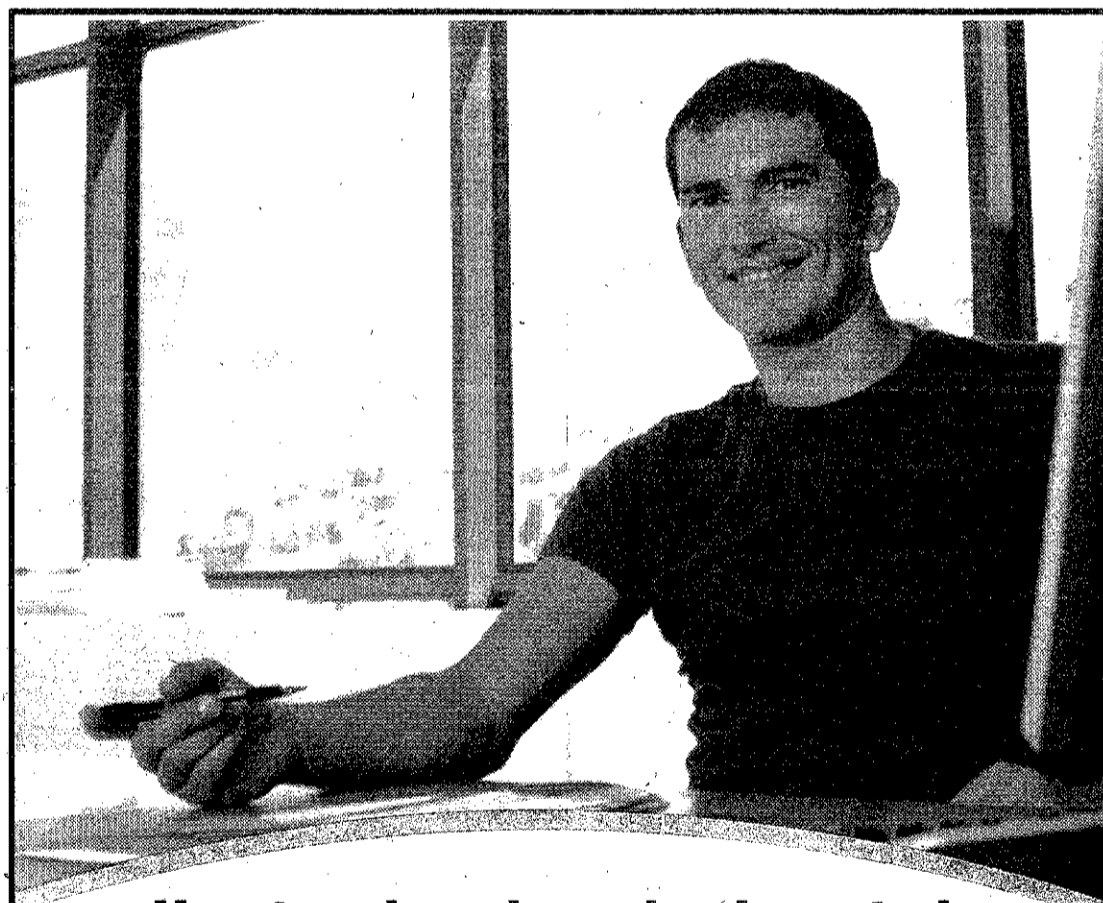
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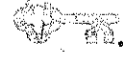
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Wayne County Homeland Security Chief James Buford speaks to attendees at the American Society of Industrial Security's conference at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Planning is key to prevent disasters

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Attendees at the 23rd Annual American Society for Industrial Security Update Training seminar, Detroit Chapter, were counseled that security was their responsibility and that while there's no way to plan for everything, there are ways to be prepared for whatever the worst might be.

ASIS was formed in 1955 to encourage the development of the security profession through education on general and specific security-related topics. There are more than 33,000 members worldwide.

The ASIS seminar, May 17 and 18 in Livonia, was marked by special presentations on all forms of public and private security ranging from large event management (the recent Super Bowl and All Star games) to electronic security inside and outside law enforcement.

The overwhelming message of the two-day event was the importance of planning. Good planning means a better chance of survival in the case of a disaster, man-made or naturally-occurring.

A lot of the flawed thinking about homeland security and disaster planning, said Dan Mendelson, President of Unitex Direct of Walled Lake, surrounds the belief that the government can help.

"Government is too big to answer every disaster that comes up because they can't plan for everything," he said. "Businesses have to have specific plans even though there are limits to what they can do."

A good example of the failure of government, he said, was the levees in New Orleans. Tens of millions of dollars would have saved billions in damages there, but that money was tied up in jurisdictional bickering.

The day's keynote speaker, Wayne County Director of Homeland Security James Buford, said cooperation is the name of the game.

"We have to have the ability to draw together all 43 communities in Wayne County, the Airport Authority and Metroparks — it's important to have our emergency operations plans in order," he said. "It's time to think on a regional scale."

Every community has different strengths, he said. The regional approach to security and emergency response has to

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coordinate emergency teams, haz-mat teams and other first responders so that everyone can respond to incidents as one force. The cooperation has to include all six southeast Michigan counties because help from the federal government is starting to wane.

"We have to know we can lean on each other because Homeland Security dollars are shrinking," Buford said. "The federal government approved \$860 million in 2005 and \$760 this year. It's important that we come together and pool our resources."

In that respect, he said private concerns have a lot to offer. Any of the cities in Michigan have great resources but a company like GM is multinational and understands security on a global scale. He said he looked forward to partnering with companies like that in the future.

Vince Tata is a business development manager for Guardsmark, a private security company with a location in Troy. He said the world of private security has opened up since 9/11.

"A lot of people look at security differently," Tata said. "It's more important than it was in the past. The industry has upgraded pay and benefits to attract better quality employees."

Murray LaPointe, ASIS Detroit Chapter Update chair and Wackenhut Security in Livonia said the business has been big since the World Trade Center came down.

"Revenues have been through the roof in private security," he said. "Government funding is going down and you can't count on them for disaster planning. Business has to take care of itself and there's been a greater grasp of the need for private security."

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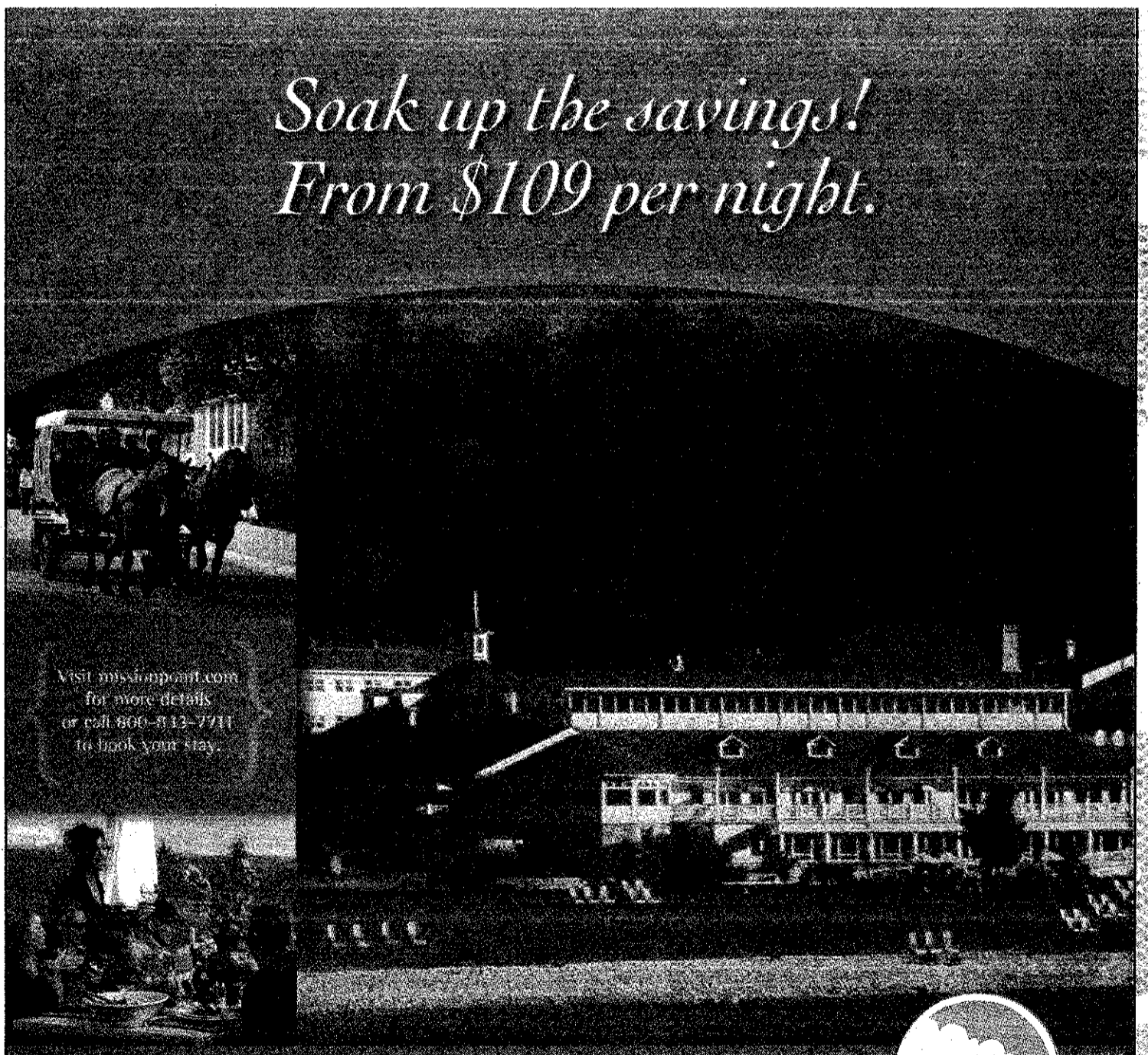


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Couple takes life into their 'own hands' by opening Italian cafe

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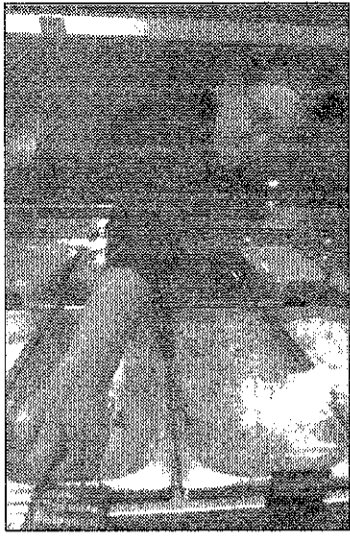
When Asif and Shalini Zafar opened their restaurant, Caffe Italia, on May 3, it was for them not only a celebration of Italian food and drink, but also a celebration of their lives and where they would like their lives to go.

Asif Zafar, an automotive designer for Visteon, and his wife, Shalini, a systems engineer for Pfizer, took the leap - and they hope, control - when they scaled down their careers to part-time work so they could invest time in the restaurant.

"We would like to control our own destinies," Asif Zafar said.

"When you work for Fortune 500 employers, you only have so much control. We said, 'Let's take life into our own hands.'"

The couple lives in Ann Arbor, but they chose Canton as the location for their new



Susan Bolgar really knows her product and can answer any questions about Cafe Italia's sorbetto and gelato.

restaurant because Canton is ready, Zafar said.

"Ann Arbor is flooded with cafes, but I think that Canton needed something like this," he said.

What Caffe Italia brings to

Canton is an authentic Italian ambiance and a small - but well done - menu. The couple's inspiration came from several trips to Italy, Zafar said.

They carry 24 flavors of gelato - a milk-based ice cream, which is as creamy and more dense than its cream-based counterpart.

They also have a lunch menu of panini (grilled sandwiches), soups, salads, as well as coffee and tea drinks, soft drinks, Italian sodas, desserts and frozen fruit drinks.

But what has in the past two weeks been surprising to the Zafars is the way the pizza has earned raves from customers.

Originally intended to be a lunch option, second in popularity to the gelato and coffees, the gourmet pizza has turned out to be a top seller, Zafar said.

The pizza, Zafar said, was added to the menu as an

afterthought, following discussions with neighboring Zap Zone owners who committed to ordering pizza for that company's parties from Caffe Italia. But its popularity has surpassed the Zafars' expectations, and may become the cafe's staple.

An unusual - if little known - twist on the menu at Caffe Italia is that all the meats are halal, and prepared in such a way that they meet Muslim dietary restrictions.

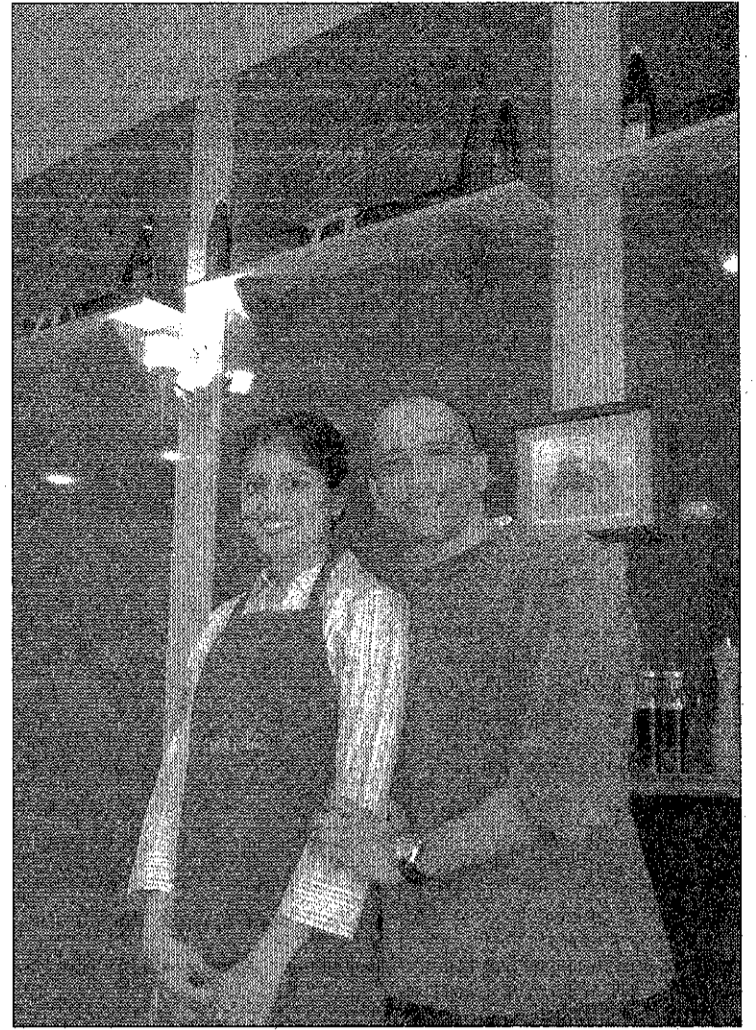
"Most people wouldn't care about that, and wouldn't know because it tastes the same as food that's not prepared that way," Zafar said.

"But if you do care, it's not always easy to find halal foods, so I like to let our customers know."

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Ann Arbor residents Shalini and Asif Zafar chose Canton as the location for their new restaurant because they felt Canton was ready for Cafe Italia.

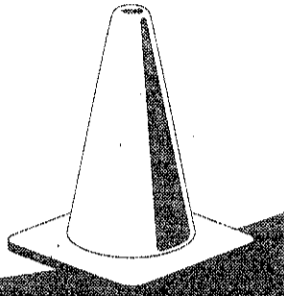
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Local businesses ticketed for selling to minors

Four local businesses either sold alcohol or tobacco to minors during the Canton Police Department's recent special enforcement. The department's Special Enforcement Unit conducted alcohol and tobacco sales checks during the first part of May. Decoy minors attempted to purchase either alcohol or

tobacco at 13 businesses in Canton. The Special Enforcement Unit, which has performed tobacco and alcohol compliance checks at local businesses for the past several years, utilizes a "zero tolerance" enforcement strategy when dealing with violations of tobacco and alcohol sales to minors.

Establishments selling alcohol to a minor receive a misdemeanor citation. Alcohol violations are also reported to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Here is a complete list of the locations recently checked:

- Meijer Gas Station, 45001 Ford Road: Did not sell tobacco.

- Smokers Express, 45156 Ford Road: Did not sell tobacco.
- 7-11, 7171 N. Canton Center Road: Did not sell tobacco.
- Marathon Gas Station, 42438 Warren Road: Did not sell tobacco.
- Country Deli, 7349 N.

- Lilley Road: Sold tobacco to minor.
- BP Gas Station, 8787 N. Sheldon Road: Sold tobacco to minor.
- Oakview Party Store, 42256 Palmer Road: Did not sell alcohol.
- CVS, 42256 Palmer Road: Did not sell alcohol.
- Maria's Bakery, 115 N.

- Haggerty Road: Did not sell alcohol.
- Cracker Barrel, 41741 Ford Road: Did not sell alcohol.
- CVS, 225 N. Sheldon: Did not sell alcohol.
- Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road: Sold alcohol to minor.
- Rite Aid, 180 S. Lilley Road: Sold alcohol to minor.

Medical examiner expecting a deadly weekend

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Medical Examiner Dr. Carl Schmidt worries that the Memorial Day weekend could be deadly for drug users in Wayne County. From Thursday, May 18, to Sunday, May 21, of the 19 people who died of drug overdoses all had fentanyl in their blood. Schmidt says, fentanyl is a very powerful opiate which is potentially fatal. Although typically used as a patch to treat pain in terminal cancer patients over a period of hours, the street drug is mixed with heroin or cocaine and the combination can cause users to stop breathing.

"We started seeing fentanyl in significant numbers of people with drug related deaths in September," said Schmidt. From September 2005 to March 2006, the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office confirmed 106 deaths associated with drug use. All had fentanyl in their blood.

Schmidt is unsure if the death toll will continue to rise since the number of people dying from drug overdoses started to peak only in late March and early April. So far, individuals from Detroit, Lincoln Park, Dearborn Heights, Redford, and Westland have died. According to Schmidt drug use tends to be concentrated in certain areas and includes communities ranging from Flat Rock to Northville.

"Drug users dying in twos and threes has never happened before. Up until late February or March that hadn't happened," said Schmidt. "The total drug deaths for 2005 remained the same for 2004. That's changing this year."

Schmidt warns users and addicts that if they do drugs, they could die. The best solution is to quit. He offers this advice to users and their family members and friends. Schmidt says, drug use is a complex as well as a social issue. "If you're addicted it's very hard to stop."

"The problem with fentanyl is it's taken with other drugs, most often heroin," said Schmidt. "People often shoot drugs and drink alcohol. This is often lethal. Many of the deaths had alcohol in the blood. If you have to do some kind of drug because you're addicted, don't drink."

"Keep in mind the drug you may be buying may not be what it is. All white powders look the same. If you know someone who uses drugs, espe-

cially individuals who have been using drugs for some time, life is focused on where they're going to get their next drugs. You should apprise them of the potential of buying something lethal."

Dr. Cheryl Loewe believes the reason fentanyl is so deadly is because it was designed to be released and absorbed into the skin in 72 hours.

"It's typically administered in a patch form," said Loewe, deputy chief medical examiner for Wayne County. "We feel the gel from the patches is getting into the street drug."

According to Loewe the bodies of individuals dying from drug overdoses are coming into the medical examiner's office without patches. They won't be sure if fentanyl caused the recent deaths until tests that check for the presence of the drug in the blood return in about 4-weeks.

"How the drug is getting into the heroin we don't know," said Loewe. "We have the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency), CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), the narcotics division of the Detroit Police Department, and the Wayne County Sheriff working to pinpoint the geographic areas and the source, how the drug is getting into the mixture."

Like Schmidt, Loewe's recommendations to drug users is to stop.

"There are drugs they can give people with drug addiction, but if they can't quit to be suspicious of any white powder or street drugs because you don't know what is being mixed with it."

For more information about fentanyl, call the Neighborhood Services Crisis Line for Wayne County at (313) 224-7000 or 1-866-289-2641.

According to LaNeice Jones, unit director for the Neighborhood Service Organization, since a press conference was held on the fentanyl deaths last Friday in the Wayne County Medical Examiners Office, they have received around 25 calls on the drug. She's unsure as to whether the callers were from drug users or someone close to them seeking help. Neighborhood Service provides referrals for substance abuse in addition to information on fentanyl.

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OUR VIEWS

Memorial Day deserves its own day

Over the years, Memorial Day has become an anticipated holiday, particularly here in Michigan where it is the unofficial start of summer. And with weather forecasts predicting summer-like temperatures, this coming week-end should make for a great holiday. Many people will use the three-day weekend to get out of town. Some will head up North, while others will attend family picnics or barbecues. There always seems to be something going on Memorial Day weekend.

Sometimes lost in our festivities, however, is the reason for the holiday in the first place – the hundreds of thousands of American soldiers who lost their lives in defense of America. Somehow, in recent years, the day's meaning has been watered down. As a result, the number of Memorial Day parades and other such activities have dropped. Livonia, for example, canceled its Memorial Day parade a couple years ago because of a tight budget, but mostly because of a lack of interest in the event.

Memorial Day has its genesis in 1868, when Union General John A. Logan designated a day to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Within a couple decades, the day – May 30 – was dedicated to the memory of all America's war dead. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a federal holiday, and is now observed on the last Monday in May.

There has been a movement by some veterans groups, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to once again observe Memorial Day on May 30, regardless of where it falls in the week. They argue that changing the date to create a long weekend has altered its meaning. Since 1999, Hawaii Sen. Daniel Inouye has time and again introduced legislation to set a fixed date, but it hasn't gone very far. It is an issue our lawmakers should consider, particularly now that we are losing American soldiers nearly on a daily basis in Iraq.

Since the current war began in March of 2003, 2,454 American troops have been killed in Iraq. No matter what anybody thinks about this particular war – and polls show a majority of Americans now think it was a mistake – there should be no doubts about the commitment to our troops. They are in a tough situation, fighting against a well-trained, determined enemy, and facing the possibility of death on a daily basis. Many have already given everything, while many others have been wounded or maimed.

The freedoms that all Americans so enjoy would not be possible without the sacrifice of its soldiers. The least we could do is make sure they know we appreciate and honor that sacrifice. Even if it gets in the way of a family vacation.

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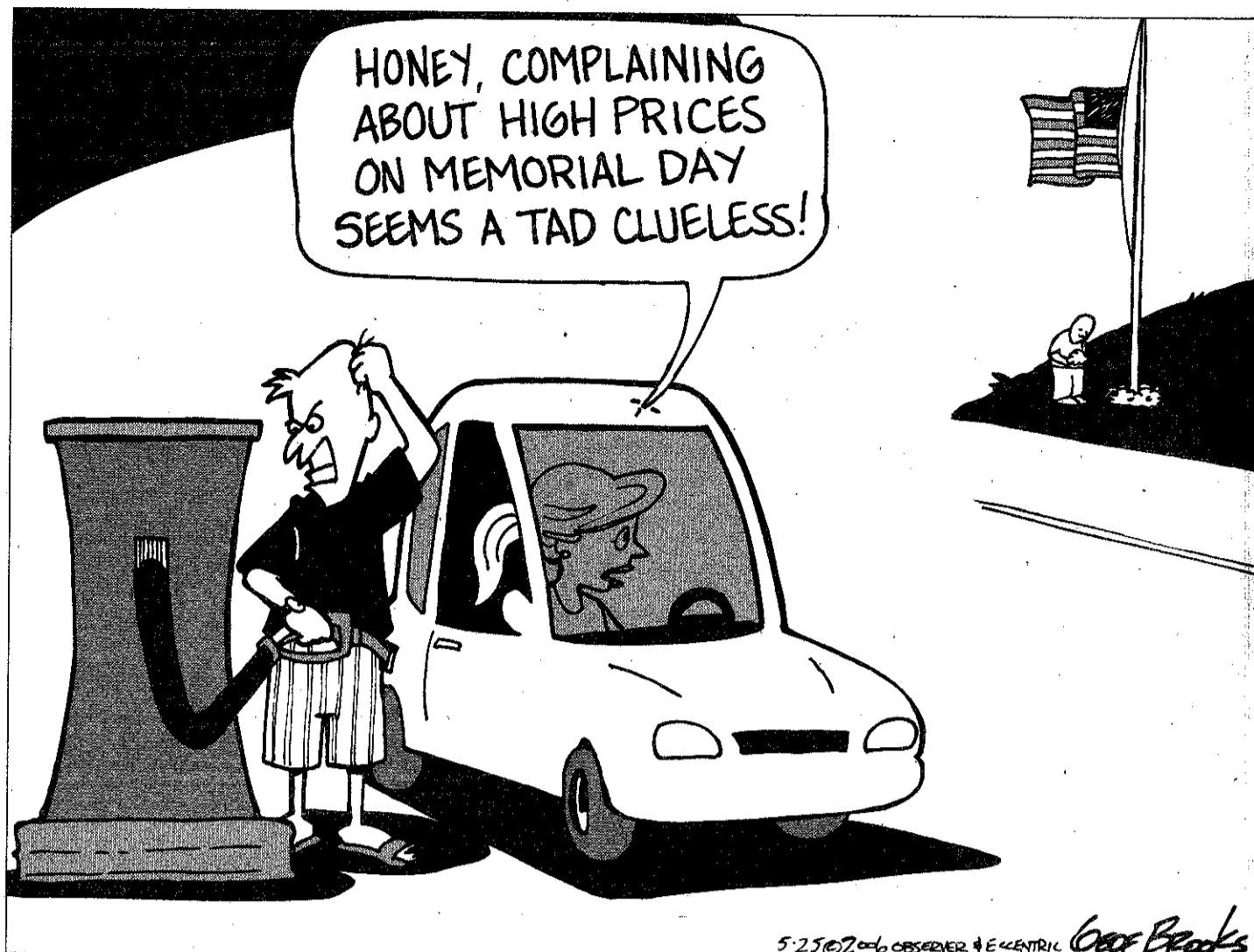
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Michigan residents know all about the special beauty of their state. Now it's time to spread the word to others.

This is a great state to visit and summer beckons.



5-25-06 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC Geoff Brooks

Ballenger bias

After too many years as a statewide kingmaker, Bill Ballenger's ego and published remarks require an intelligent rebuttal.

His remark, "The only thing I can figure is they evidently believe lightning could strike and a tsunami could come and have a Democratic landslide, sweeping one of them to victory," clearly displays his bias, his penchant for "off-the-cuff" remarks and his disregard of the capabilities of the challengers who need to upset the incumbents in the Michigan state Legislature who shepherded our state into the economic doldrums we currently find ourselves in.

Kenneth P. Spitz
Canton

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On behalf of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, I write to thank the many citizens, organizations, and businesses of our school district for their generous support. At the annual Honors Convocations for Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools held last week, over \$6.8 million in scholarships and awards were presented to our hard-working, high achieving students.

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Jim Ryan
superintendent

Sweep them out

I was glad to read about Max Cleland's visit to the Detroit area and his support of Democrat Tony Trupiano to defeat U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter in our district. Cleland couldn't be more right when he says "It's time to clean house." It's my fervent hope that voters of the 11th District will recognize the damage "leaders" like McCotter have done to our country by supporting the war in Iraq. Not only are we less safe, but we have sacrificed the financial security of our country in the process. We have the opportunity to hold Thad McCotter accountable. Let's clean our part of the house in November by sweeping him from office.

Matt Haran
Canton

Anyone can be a critic

It's true that art critics, jurors and curators are not always "right" about quality in art. But their judgments, based on history, are more right than the average laypersons. Like any profession (yes, making art is a work) the people best able to judge are artists and the educated, who have many years of experience and study. Who else to turn to? Should we ask letter writers Alfred Brock or Tom Salapatek if something is good art? I would guess neither are well-educated in art history or aesthetic judgment. It would only be a judgment based on their own personal taste, which we all possess.

LETTERS

I know some abstract art is difficult to understand and will never be popular or understood by all people. But if popularity were the criteria, McDonald's would make the best food in the world and the greatest music would be next week's pop hit. For artists and people who "get it," these Ford Road sculptures are very inspirational, exciting and extremely important to a community's vitality.

Maybe these guys should visit some places with great outdoor art like New York City, Chicago or the grounds of Cranbrook. Or better yet, they might try their hand at making their own. After a few thousand hours of work they might realize to be an art critic is an onerous challenge.

John McLaughlin
Canton

A community of volunteers

While speaking with Ann Conklin at the Relay for Life, I mentioned how impressed I was with the volunteering attitude of the people of Canton. My wife and I are still quite new to Canton but have had the experience of residing in a number of communities in New York State as well as Virginia, and we have never experienced the level of cooperation we have seen here. It is, to say the least, impressive by any standard and we hope it continues to be so. I thought that we who volunteer to aid those in Leisure Services were "involved" in the community, but attendance of the Relay for Life portrays the extremely wide latitude of volunteerism in Canton, and not just volunteers but volunteers with smiles on their faces and "up attitudes." It makes it a pleasure to serve with all those who serve the community in so many capacities.

Ron Depent
Canton

Taking pride in Canton

To be complete a person, one must have healthy mind, body, soul and compassion. Thus, each day we hope to strive for this ideal with an open eye and open mind. We hope to continue to learn and to grow regardless of our chronological age. To be complete as a healthy community, we must have people, economic stability, public facility and safety services as well as public health, educational and cultural services. Most importantly, the community needs to have open-minded progressive leaders and citizens who have total community interests and future at heart.

As a 34-year resident of Canton, I see the Canton Board of Trustees, administration/staff and the dedicated community-minded volunteers of the DDA and the Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage have finally moved Canton one step forward to a more complete community. Canton is now a community where people, business and culture form the tripod foundation for our community's growth and enrichment. This collective dedication is much appreciated. My congratulations and thanks to all those involved. Keep up your good work.

My fellow citizens of Canton, I sincerely wish you and I will take good advantage of what Canton currently has to offer for her people, culture and business. Let us not judge our success only by color of

money but by our potential as total human beings and the synergy of this holistic community. I hope there will be continuing balanced growth for us as individuals and as a community. Let us be humble and jointly enjoy our learning and growing in Canton community together. I take great pride in being a resident of Canton.

Lincoln T. LaCant

Remove Ryan from office

This letter is in response to two letters in the May 18 issue of the *Observer*, from Mr. Thomas and Ms. Gamble. These letters, especially the one from Ms. Gamble, show just how out of touch with reality and our current times the pro-establishment educational monopoly is.

First, Mr. Thomas is correct, the electorate is smart. That is why the bond issues were defeated. Coming up with a new way to sell \$120 million in debt is not going to get the issue passed when we are losing jobs, homes and dreams. Only someone who spent a career cloistered within the shell of an increasingly ineffective school system would think we can put a shine on a Pinto and come out with a Lincoln. Those who profit from our tax dollars thus far have been immune to the ups and downs of our economy. No more.

Second, Ms. Gamble, who revealed her leftist leanings in her tirade against SUVs (the sale of which employs many of our school kids' parents), thinks it is OK to spend more and more of our money when we have less and less to survive on. As for her fervent support of Jim Ryan, I'm still trying to figure that one out. ... A \$6 million deficit, depleted reserve fund, and a failed \$2-plus million dollar real estate flop ... and they still have Ms. Gamble's vote. Curious. It is time for Mr. Ryan to resign or be removed, with no golden parachute at the children's expense. In fact, we ought to see what the value of his pension is, and see how much of that \$2 million we can recoup. Considering that Exxon-Mobil stock is one of the single biggest holdings of the state educational pension fund, there ought to be plenty of cash there. It is a good thing so many are driving those SUVs.

Jason Vorva
candidate for 20th State House District
Plymouth

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"If anything was going to be restrictive, it was going to be the amount of money we had to work with. I personally didn't want to be embarrassed by our first piece of art. I wanted us to do it right."

– Mark Waldbauer, a member of the DDA and public art committee, on a \$52,000 sculpture at Ford and Canton Center roads

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History lesson helps explain the state's east-west divide

The other day, over lunch with friends from Grand Rapids, our talk turned naturally enough to Michigan's great east-west divide.

For there is, whether we want to admit it or not, an enormously deep and intense cultural chasm between the "east" side of the state (running up I-75 from Toledo through Detroit, taking in the entire tri-county area and Flint, Bay City and Saginaw) and the "west" side (roughly everything else.)

This divide is so great my friends worry whether we ever will be able to agree on a common agenda for our state's most important task - restructuring Michigan's economy.

Indeed, they think, with some justice, that the ingrained culture on the east side of Michigan is mostly to blame. Here's how they see the mentality: confrontational rather than collaborative. Dominated by self-serving interest groups, whether labor unions, automobile companies or racial minorities.

They think east side politics are often incoherent, and based on competing interests. Where they can understand what's going on politically, they see it as getting in the way of common sense. They see a labor force that has a poor work ethic and yet insists on being paid too much.

Their critique was so intense, deeply held and distressing, it made me realize we need to try understanding how this gap arose.

The answer starts with focusing on how long-standing economic factors shaped the culture of the east side. First of all, we need to start with the observation that the east side of Michigan has been dominated by the automobile industry for nearly a century. That's hardly new information, of course.

But it is important to understand how the economic structure of the industry helped determine the culture.

At its core, the traditional auto industry for decades as what the economists call an "oligopoly," that is, a basically closed market in which sellers are so few that together they share monopoly profits.

The Big Three auto companies, for example, could for decades pass on a monopolistic price to the American market simply because there was no other competitive choice.

As a result, the Big Three prospered. And so, too, did the suppliers, because the industry's uncompetitive economic structure wasn't confined to the manufacturers. It included the entire supply chain. That's because while Ford, Chrysler and General Motors "competed," the market was largely free from international competition, and everyone could set prices unrealistically high. And so for many years, auto suppliers also enjoyed a good living.

In turn, once the plants were organized, this noncompetitive structure extended to the labor movement, which sought to administer monopoly pricing for labor in the industry through industry-wide "pattern contract" bargaining.

In an ordinarily competitive industry, this would have

been a recipe for mutual suicide. But in an industry that throughout was based on a three-way monopoly, high labor prices were just another cost factor that could be passed on to consumers.

So for decades, the money rolled in. The success of the industry and the high demand for labor eventually led to the mass migration of African-American families from the South to Detroit, starting with the labor shortages during World War II and continuing.

Originally a nearly all-white town with mixed ethnicity, Detroit soon attracted droves of black families that came to enjoy a full-blown middle-class lifestyle, courtesy of the unions and the noncompetitive structure of the auto industry.

Now here's the point of all this historical musing. Over time, the economic underpinnings of the east side of the state had a profound impact on the culture of its communities. They developed an adversarial culture, because the essence of collective bargaining between management and labor is adversarial.

People have too often found it easy to be self-serving and noncollaborative, because whether you're a manufacturer or a supplier or a labor boss in a closed market system, you're jostling to get the biggest possible piece of the economic pie.

They got used to charging high prices, because if you can stick a noncompetitive price for autos to the market (for the manufacturers) or parts (for the suppliers) or labor (for the United Auto Workers union), you don't have to care about how high.

The work ethic suffered, because if the UAW local controls who gets hired and at what price, who needs to work hard to keep his or her job? The politics of race developed as a consequence of Detroit becoming in essence a segregated city surrounded by largely white suburbs.

Now, don't get me wrong. I think that the west side's critique of the east side is somewhat exaggerated, and sometimes just factually incorrect. The west side isn't perfect by any means, and could learn a few things about cultural and intellectual diversity from the eastern part of the state.

Most of the great technological and manufacturing innovations and advances in Michigan history haven't begun in west Michigan, and maybe those folks need to ask themselves why.

But the biggest problems we face are rooted in southeastern Michigan, and the rest of the state has an attitude about the east side that is deeply held and which we need to understand, if we are ever going to bring our state together to move forward.

Eventually, I'd guess the current unraveling of the decades-old and now outdated model of the closed-economy auto industry is going to result in a changed culture on the east side of the state.

But these changes will take a long time - perhaps decades - to have a real impact. And in the meantime, everyone in this state has a lot of work to do together to overcome the chasm that divides us.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economic and education issues in Michigan. He can be reached at ppower@hcnct.com.

Ask yourself, is this trip necessary, and save money

Now that the national media have focused on global warming and all of its ramifications, the public is zeroing in on how to cut gasoline consumption. It appears that nearly everyone has a solution for easing the burden of higher gasoline prices.

Members of Congress recently staged a "news" conference in front of a D.C. gas station showing posted prices at over \$3 a gallon. Some senators

want to give drivers a \$100 check, which would only fill tanks of a SUV.

Others want to create a windfall tax on the oil companies. Still other elected officials want to suspend the federal tax on gasoline - which would only create a larger demand for the precious fuel.

The major problem isn't so much financial but emotional in that individuals feel powerless to resolve the problem. One person or group, even elected officials in Congress, can't control the price of crude oil. (That price is in part influenced by Wall Street hedge fund managers, but that's a topic for another column.) Clearly, the daily changes in crude oil prices aren't related to the cost of producing, refining or selling gasoline. This is evident by the frequent changes in retail gasoline prices, sometimes twice in one day by some local stations.

Ironically, there is a temporary decline in prices (at this writing) whenever Congress starts gabbing about federal controls. (Congress may not be serious about those proposals but members should continue to go through this form of political theater to keep the prices down.)

But individuals can stop relying on others to act and start to do something very simple by themselves without having to get permission from anyone. It's a simple "four mile a day program." My suggestion is based on motorists thinking ahead of their auto trips to save 10 percent of their gasoline consumption.

Let's take a typical motorist who drives 15,000 miles a year. Using my \$4 calculator, I find that comes out to just over 41 miles of driving a day for every day of the year. To reduce gaso-

line consumption by 10 percent, a driver would only have to reduce consumption by four miles a day. It's very simple once you think about it.

Drivers only have to think in simple "multi-tasking" terms and combine several errands into one trip. In addition, they wouldn't have to be rocket scientists to consider other ways to save four miles a day.

For example, instead of driving 15 to 25 miles roundtrip to a theater, just rent a recent video/DVD from a rental business within four to five miles roundtrip.

Planning to go to Kensington Metropark for a summer day? Why not shorten your trip and instead go to a municipal or county park?

Have you ever thought of making a phone call or e-mailing a business or organization instead of driving to their location?

When gas rationing was the law during World War II, the federal government distributed posters and signs throughout local businesses asking customers "Is this trip necessary?" Can an item you want or need be bought the next day and on the way home from work or during another errand instead of running out that evening to buy something that may cost less than the cost of the gasoline to make the trip?

There are plenty of other ways to save four miles a day. Just think about them and put your ideas into action.

Individuals must realize that they aren't prisoners of the current gasoline price problem. Once consumption drops, prices will too. Then what will we have to complain about - not being able to buy Detroit Tigers' playoff game tickets?

Leonard Poger of Westland is a former Observer & Eccentric community editor who is happy to average 25 to 30 miles a gallon (in suburban driving) with his four-year-old Ford Escort.

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Technical school finds home in Redford

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Students who learn by doing and aren't afraid to get their hands dirty are boosting their electronics and mechanical skills at the Michigan Technical Academy in Redford.

The 11-year-old high school, chartered by Central Michigan University, recently moved from Komulus into the former Judson Center on Elmira east of Telegraph. "We were growing by leaps and bounds," said the academy's principal, Roger Sisler.

The refurbished building, plus a new service garage equipped to rival those at car dealerships, more than doubled the school's floor space, to 55,000 square feet.

"With the new facility, we've got a lot more to offer than we did before," said Bryan Monaco of Taylor, director of MTA's automotive technology program, as visitors toured the school recently.

"It's a really awesome school," said freshman Brittany Coleman of Dearborn Heights. "Students get a chance to do some hands-on work."

MTA is for students with technical interests who might not thrive in the typical high school environment, said Sisler, principal since the academy's founding.

"They're not coming here just to be attending high school," but because they are drawn by the curriculum and the opportunity to apply the skills they learn, he said.

Current enrollment at MTA is 265, and officials plan to increase it by 100 for the next school year. The current senior



Computer science teacher Michael Arnold works with ninth-grader Terrance Young at the Michigan Technical Academy in Redford.

class numbers more than 50.

About 10 percent of the students are female. "I've loved working on cars since I was a kid because of my older brothers," said Brittany.

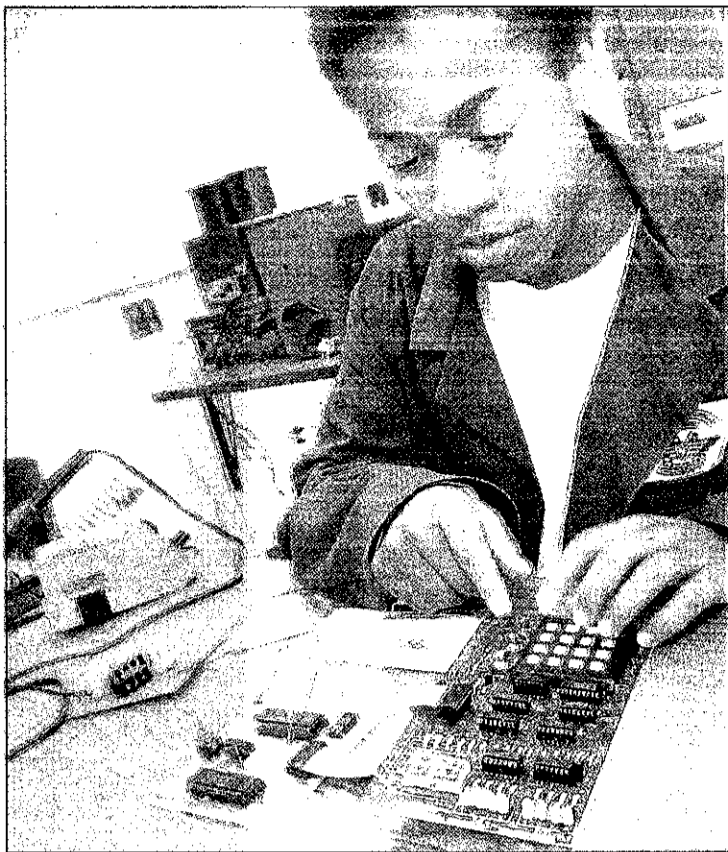
MTA offers core high school requirements such as English, mathematics and science, plus two technical majors: automotive technology and electronics technology.

Sisler plans to offer two more majors - manufacturing technology and building trades - by the start of the 2007-2008 school year. "It completes the circle," he said of the additional majors.

Students say the academy's hands-on approach motivates them.

"It interests me. It keeps my attention," said sophomore Joi Veon Williams of Detroit, taking a break from working on a miniature computer used to program a small robot. Both the computer and the robot were built by students.

Joi said he wants to some day use what he learns at MTA in a medical career.



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Joi Veon Williams, a sophomore at the Michigan Technical Academy, works on a small, student-built computer used to program a robot.

"It's very good. Very in-depth and technical," said senior Garrett Gilbeau, who is planning to join the U.S. Marines, of the MTA program.

Gilbeau is scheduled for basic training at Parris Island, S.C., then for specialized training in Montana. He'll work on Marine Humvees and tanks.

Sisler said the school prepares students for entry-level technical and mechanical work, but that 30 percent of graduates go on to college. A year after graduating, he said, 60 percent are pursuing higher

education in some fashion.

To reach the Michigan Technical Academy, call (313) 537-9311.

Baseball event to raise money for fields of dreams

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Bruce Mugerian of Farmington Hills can't think of a better way of giving back to the community than to volunteer his time to ensure the success of a fund-raiser for the Miracle League of Michigan which gives disabled children the chance to play baseball.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 11 legendary athletes and broadcasters will be on hand to sign autographs and help raise money for the organization. Then at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. children will play on the field especially designed for them at the Southfield Civic Center.

Along with Al Kaline, Mickey Lolich, Jim Northrup, Denny McLain, Frank Tanana, Bill Freehan, Ted Lindsay, Joe Schmidt, Ray Lane, Mickey Redmond, and Mickey Stanley, there will also be several card dealers selling merchandise to collectors.

The city of Southfield is home to Michigan's first baseball field for children with physical and mental disabilities. All of the bases and home plate are painted on the field to

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prevent athletes from falling.

The Miracle League is hoping to expand and provide more fields throughout the state and country. Currently Michigan fields are in the works in Ann Arbor, Holland and Bay City.

"It's an all rubberized field designed for children to get around on with walkers and wheelchairs," said Mugerian, a Farmington Hills resident whose production company is hosting the event with the city of Southfield. Mugerian's brother is autistic. He is coordinating the event with Steve Peck, president of the Miracle League of Michigan, and Jim Northrup who played on the Detroit Tigers' World Championship team in 1968.

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MDOT to shut down project for IKEA opening

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will shut down a pavement resurfacing project along I-275 during the grand opening of IKEA on June 7. MDOT began the resurfacing project on Friday night. The project will consist of cold milling and resurfacing 8.38 miles of existing asphalt road with hot mix asphalt. It will be done in two phases. Phase one will consist of resurfacing southbound I-275 from Ann Arbor Road to Michigan Avenue and northbound I-275 from Cherry Hill Road to Koppernick Road. Phase two will consist of resurfacing southbound I-275 from Michigan Avenue to Ecorse Road and northbound I-275 from Ecorse Road to Cherry Hill Road.

In an effort to minimize the traffic impact, MDOT has coordinated with the contractor, AJAX Paving of Troy, to make sure construction takes place at night from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. seven days a per week. Intermittent lane closures may occur with construction, and motorists will be instructed to follow posted detour signs. Canton officials said they were not aware of the project until construction began putting out orange construction barrels last week. They were concerned the project could hamper the much anticipated opening of IKEA. Even though MDOT officials said Canton had been informed of the project, they decided to shut-down construction while IKEA opens and restart thereafter. MDOT officials hope to have the project completed by mid-July. For more information on this project please call MDOT at (313) 375-2400.

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Ex-cop remembered as dedicated to job, golf

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Ronald Wasmund of Canton Township, who retired after a 25-year career with the Redford Police Department, died May 9 after a long illness.

Wasmund, 56, was remembered as a dedicated officer who enjoyed retirement by golfing and hanging out with friends. He retired in December 1993 as a lieutenant working out of the detective bureau.

"He was diligent about his cases and he had a good knack for conducting interviews and interrogations," said John Buck, the department's deputy chief, who worked with Wasmund in the detective bureau.

Wasmund, a Thurston High School graduate, began his police career as a cadet in 1968, working on the dispatch desk and the department's jail.

He became an officer in 1970, a sergeant in 1989 and a lieutenant assigned to the detective bureau in 1991. He investigated automobile thefts and other larcenies.

During his career, Wasmund won six merit citations, two chief of police awards and two commendations.

His widow, Linda Wasmund, said her husband loved people and sports. He went to Detroit Red Wings hockey games when he could, she said, and for a time the couple had Detroit Lions football season tickets.

Wasmund didn't bring work home with him, Linda Wasmund said.

"He was really very private. Most of the things he worked on I would learn from other people," she said.

Linda Wasmund said she's been getting a lot of support from the police department. "They're like a big family," she said.

The Wasmunds lived in Redford during his police career, then moved to Livonia and, four years ago, to Canton.

In addition to his wife, Wasmund is survived by two daughters, Tammy Zukowski and Kelly Wasmund; one son, Kirk Wasmund; two grandchildren, Joshua Wasmund and Brandon Kukowski; his mother, Tillie Wasmund; and a sister, Debbie Gordon.

Funeral services were at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens.

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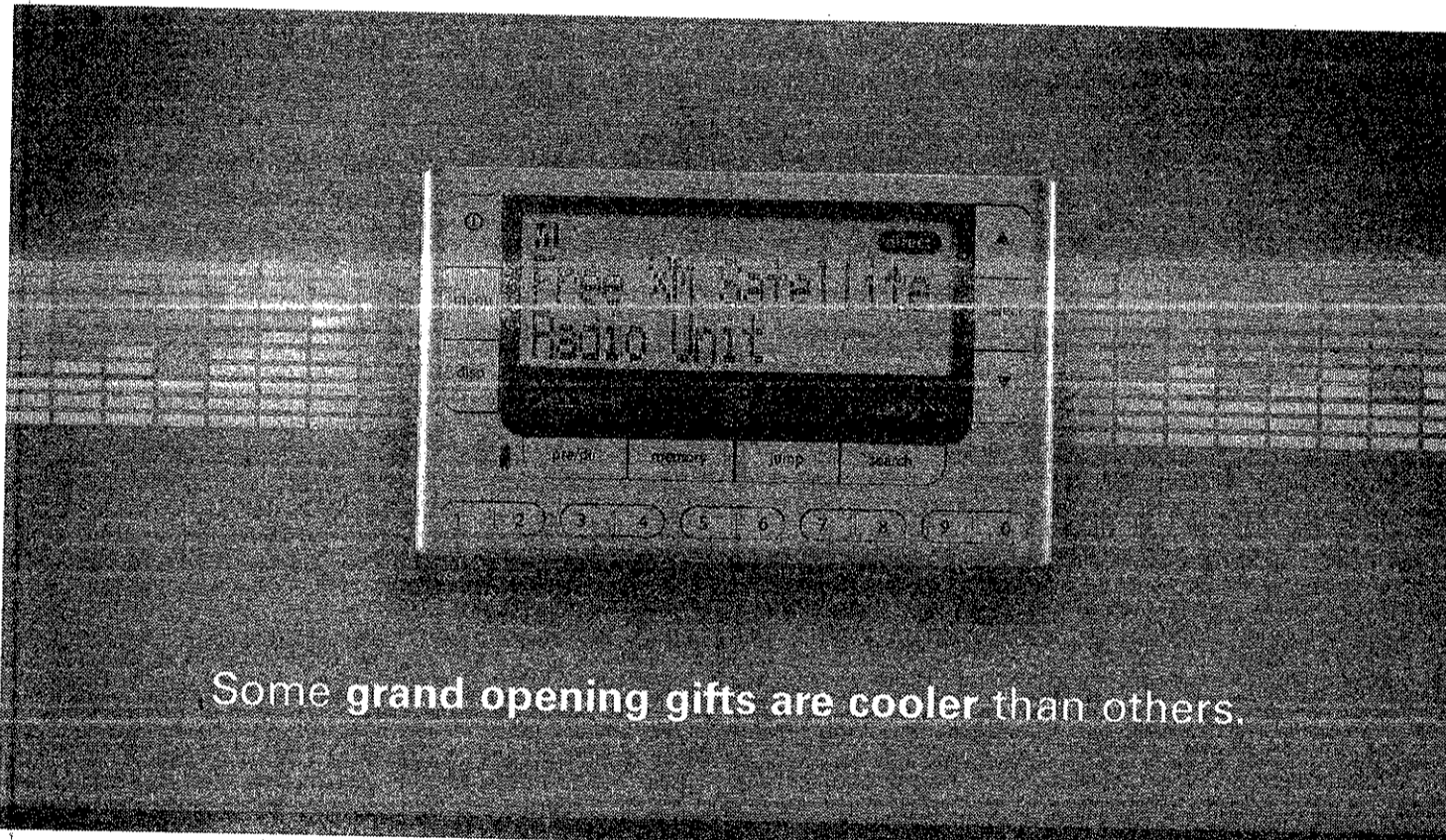
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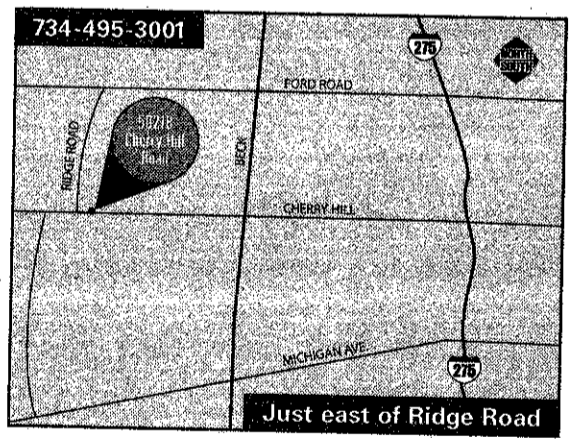
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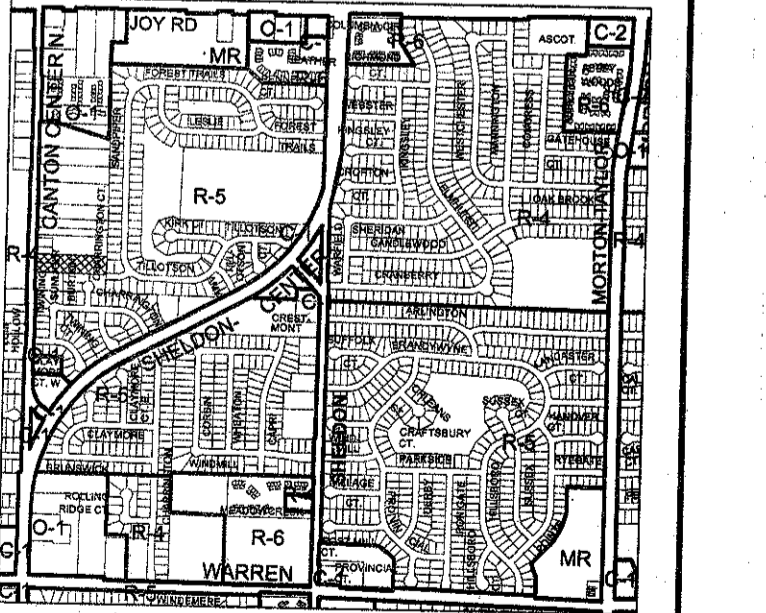
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 5, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

ROSEY'S ROMPER ROOM ADDITION SPECIAL LAND USE
- CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A DAY CARE FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTIONS 11.02B.6 AND 6.02E FOR PARCEL NOS. 010 99 0027 001 AND 010 99 0027 002 (8116 CANTON CENTER N.) Property is located south of Joy Road and east of Canton Center Road.



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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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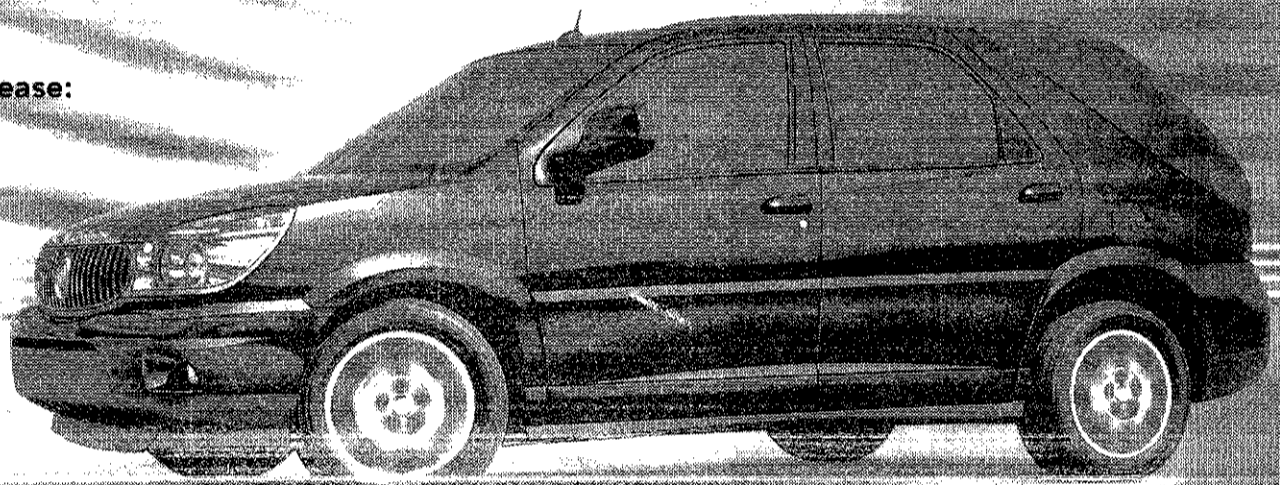
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Taking a bite out of crime

New forensics class helps put science to work

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Investigators at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park discovered a gruesome scene this week.

The bodies of research workers in a chemical lab were missing, though there were signs of murder in a blood-spattered room riddled with bullet holes. Whoever committed the crime set fire to try to cover the fact the researchers were killed before a secret formula was stolen.

It's a 'who dunnit' that will take the expertise of CSI (crime scene investigation) forensics experts to find fingerprints, study the serology (blood patterns), search for trace evidence (fibers and hairs) as well as profiling the killer or killers.

Authorities have assigned more than 400 experts from Plymouth and Canton to the case — high school students who will use the crime scene as their final exam in the first-year forensics class at the Park.

"I really like learning about all the CSI techniques," said Ibr Kholi, 18, a Salem High School senior from Canton Township. "I find it really

interesting on how they solve crimes and get down to who did it."

Science teacher Marcia Lizzio knows television crime shows are a big reason for the success of the program, which already has more than 600 students signed up for next year.

"Without a doubt, that's 100 percent why they're interested," Lizzio said. "But any reason is a great reason for a kid to be interested in science, even if it's pure Hollywood."

Lizzio and her "partner in crime," Bob Williams, set up a bit of Hollywood of their own for the final exam, taking in all the lessons learned during the forensics class which touches on all aspects of crime fighting. Students studied anthropology to learn about skeletal remains, fingerprinting, firearms, DNA and blood samples, as well as the profiling of serial killers.

"Serial killing became one of the kids' favorites," Williams said. "They were very interested in the Jeffrey Dahmers of the world. We studied criminal profiling and how the mind works."

Lizzio was one of only nine teachers from the U.S.,

England and Puerto Rico awarded an opportunity by Pfizer Corp. to study forensics at the Connecticut State Crime Lab, working side-by-side with crime lab specialists, including Dr. Henry Lee, whose 6,000 investigations include the O.J. Simpson murder case.

"I've been doing forensics in my classroom since 1985, way before CSI, because it's fun," said Lizzio, who received several Pfizer grants to support her projects. "Everybody loves a mystery, and the kids love the 'who dunnit.'"

Canton Township Fire Marshal Frank Barrett spent a day behind the varsity football stadium, teaching students about arson investigation.

"It's very difficult to get the perfect fire, a complete burn," Barrett told students, while pouring gasoline into a bowl and setting fire to a make-shift wall. "If you try to set a fire that doesn't have all the elements, it will leave signs for us."

"If you've got a trailer, it's a good indicator it's not an accidental fire," Barrett added.

"Dense black smoke is indicative of petroleum."

Barrett said he's not too concerned he's giving away secrets to train arsonists how to get away with a crime.

"Most arsonists don't think

that deeply," Barrett said. "All they want is a fire and then to escape. They do it for revenge, or for financial gain, that is, insurance policies."

Salem senior Whitney Miles of Canton said the demonstration taught her lots of things.

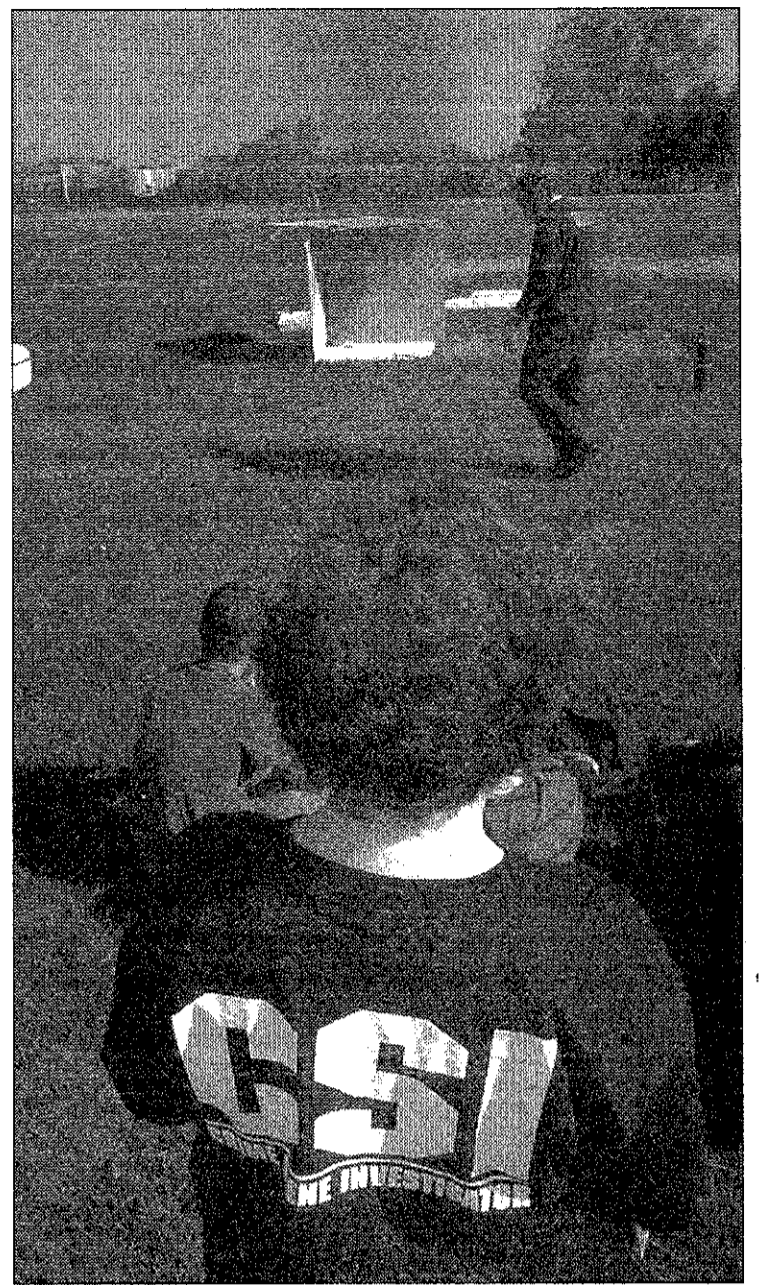
"With all the ways they have of finding out how a fire started, I don't think you can get away with it," Miles said. "I like the whole CSI and how they solve crime scenes. I also learned how you can find invisible fingerprints."

Plymouth High School senior Chet Kelly of Plymouth Township said one of his favorite topics was criminal profiling.

"Most times, there are two types of criminals," Kelly said. "One that is organized, who will use bleach and dispose of the body. The other is unorganized, and just usually leaves the body there."

"This class has been interactive; I've never been bored," he added.

Lizzio admits that designing the lesson plan with Williams is almost like a 'who dunnit' in itself. "When we get together, we don't collaborate, we conspire," she said.



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Forensic Science teacher and CSI buff Marcia Lizzio watches Fire Marshal Frank Barrett burn a simulated room.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 8th, 2006 for the following:

HOUSING REHABILITATIONS 2006

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, from our website at www.canton-mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid title, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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SHURGARD STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 06/02/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

Shurgard Storage of Canton North *2101 Haggerty Rd*Canton* 734-981-0300

3048	Smith	Household Items
3008	Moore	Household Items
4203	Hawes	Household Items
3270	Young	Household Items
4294	Jacobs	Household Items
5054	Curtis	Household Items
6013	Markarian	Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Canton South* 45229 Michigan Ave*Canton* 734-398-5416

4064	Barbara	Household
4274	Bryant	Household
4213	Clements	Household
5329	Lyczak	Household
4025	Osborne	Household

Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313-277-2000

1094	Buckley	Household
1220	Fowler	Household
2304	Costello	Household
2390	Parker	Household
2393	Ochs	Household

Shurgard Storage of Livonia*30300 Plymouth Rd*Livonia*734-522-7811

2021	Lyons	Household Goods
3016	Perrin	Household Goods
3020	Donaldson	Household/Camping Goods
3069	Zonca	Household Goods
3117	Bognar	Household Goods
4044	Whitmore	Household Goods
4067	Smith	Household Goods
4145	Habib	Tools/Construction Items
5084	Shelby	Household Goods
5098	Redding	Household Goods
9001	Stringer	Household Goods
9038	Coleman	Household Goods
9092	Stringer	Household Goods

Shurgard Storage of Taylor*9300 Pelham Rd*Taylor*313-292-2950

6074	Chapman	Grill, furniture, treadmill
3033	Compeau	Household goods
7116	Cook	Carpet Steamer, furniture
5045	Harris	Treadmill
3010	Reno	Household goods
2003	Smith	Appliances, furniture

Shurgard Storage of Westland*36001 Warren* Westland*734-326-6000

4066	Coleman	Household Items
1270	Haynes	Household Items
1255	Mattison	Household Items
1056	Miller	Household Items
6098	Smith	Oldsmobile Achieva

Shurgard Storage of Plymouth *41889 Joy Rd*Canton*734-459-2200

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4011	Smith, Dale	Car/Household
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MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT 1179 STARKWEATHER PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 (734) 459-0053 NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to F.S. 713.78 On June 1, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

VEHICLE	V.L.N.
1990 Lincoln Continental (Silver)	1LNLM9745LY690019
1994 Dodge Shadow (Blue)	1B3AP24D1RN251930
1995 Ford Contour GL (Purple)	3FALP65L1SM109426
1993 Plymouth Sundance (Blue)	1P3XP28K1PN559288
1991 Ford Thunderbird (Blue)	1FAPP6046MH156220
1994 Jeep Wrangler SE/Sport (White)	1J4FY29S3RP402676
1993 Buick LeSabre Limited (Green)	1G4HR53L0PH480821
1992 Ford Excort GLX (Red)	1FAPP11J5N1W187561
1995 Pontiac Bonneville (Red)	1G2HX52K2S4287206
1989 Chevrolet Astro Incomplete	1GBDM15Z7KB217236
1994 Ford Tempo GL (Red)	2FAPP36XXRB121832
1995 Plymouth Neon Sport (Green)	1P3ES62Y5SD295968
1996 VW Passat GLX/Vr6	WVWE83A8TE060352
1998 Ford Escort (Gold)	1FALP10P8WW103514
Car Trailer	None
1987 Cadillac Fleetwood (Blue)	1G6CB5189H4332230

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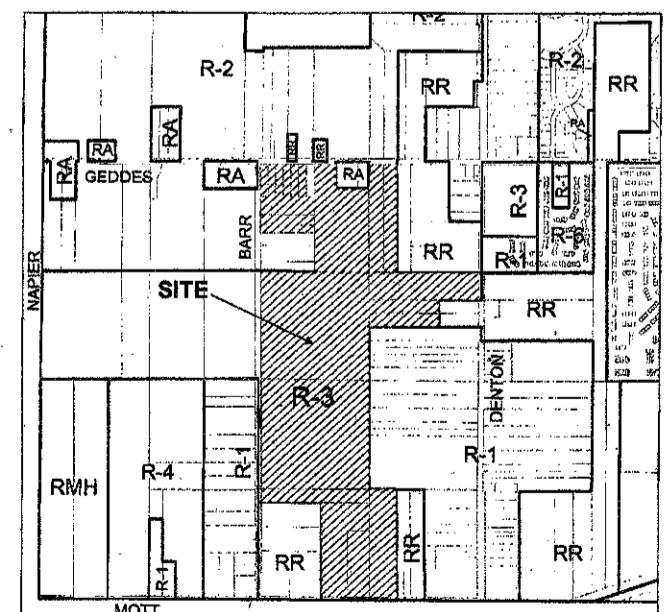
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 19, 2006, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GRANDVIEW ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 121 99 0012 000 (49875 GEDDES), 121 99 0013 000, 121 99 0014 000 (4330 DENTON), 121 99 0015 001 (4400 DENTON), 121 99 0015 002 (4540 DENTON), 121 99 0024 002, 121 99 0025 000, 121 99 0026 000, 121 99 0027 000, 121 99 0028 000, 121 99 0029 000, 121 99 0030 000, 121 99 0032 000, 121 99 0033 000 (4005 BARR), 121 99 0034 000, 121 99 0038 000 (4605 BARR), 124 99 0001 000 (5275 BARR), 124 99 0002 000 (5305 BARR), 124 99 0003 005 (50200 MOTT), 124 99 0004 000 (49900 MOTT), 124 99 0010 000 (49850 MOTT). Property is located south of Geddes and west of Denton Roads. (Second Public Hearing.)



Grandview Estates 121-PDD-006

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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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 **Installation of Windows Media and MPEG4 Broadcast Encoders for West Middle School and the new Workman Elementary School.** Bid documents will be available for pickup on or after May 22, 2006 from the District's technology consultant: Innovate located at 37558 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 or via email at info@innovatetec.com (reference RFB #PC0603). Sealed bids will be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 and must be clearly marked "MPEG-4 ENCODER BID" and received no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at which time they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

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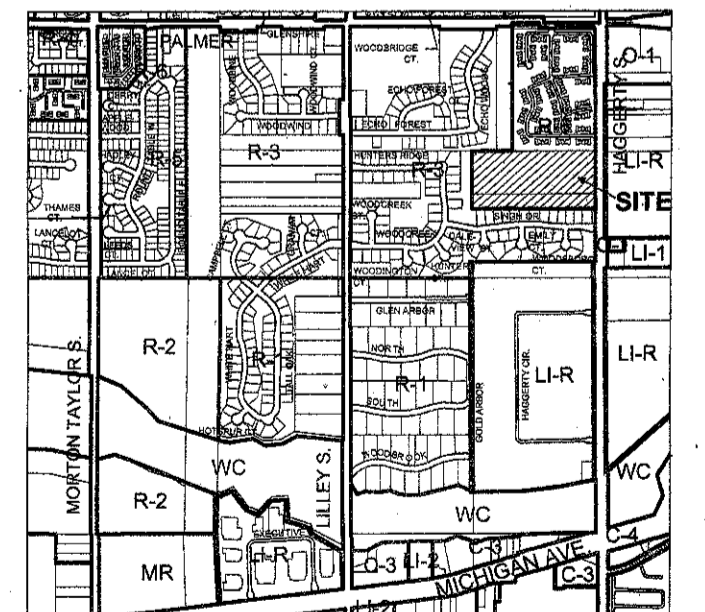
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MONUMENT PRESERVE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 101 99 0005 000 AND 101 99 0006 000. Property is located south of Palmer and west of Haggerty Road. (Second Public Hearing.)



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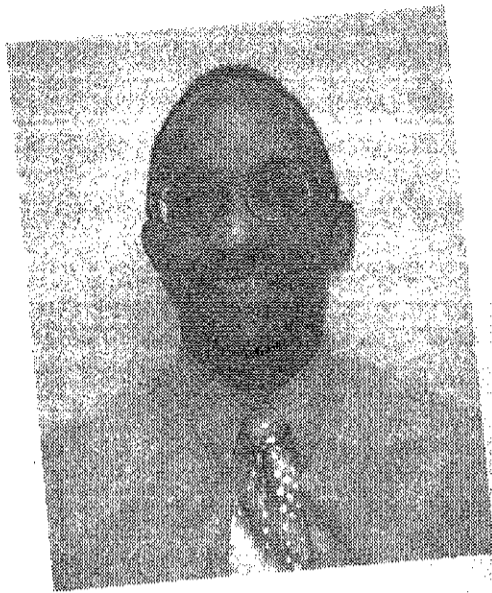
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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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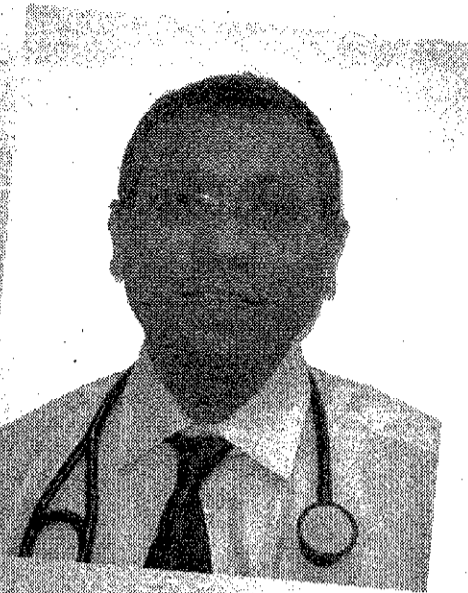
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The International Language collection at the Canton Public Library continues to grow. New materials in Malayalam have recently been added, bringing the total number of languages to more than 50. Also, new shelving and furniture have been installed in the International Languages area, making it easier to find and enjoy selections. The collection contains books in 21 languages, videos in 48 languages and 25 foreign language magazines and newspapers. Additional periodicals can be accessed online. It's another reason why your library card is the smartest card in your wallet. Visit <http://www.cantonpl.org/info/intlbooks.html> for more information.

The library will be closed on May 28 and 29 for Memorial Day. Now @ your Canton Public Library

TEEN PROGRAMS

- Teen Advisory Board: June 3, at 2 p.m.
- Teen Book & Pizza Club: June 3, at noon. *All-American Girl* by Meg Cabot.
- Teen Father's Day Card: June 8, at 4 p.m. Create a unique card for your dad.
- Open Mic: Date Changed to June 3, at 2 p.m. featuring special guest Don Conoscenti.
- Teen Tuesdays: at 3 p.m. Hang out in Teen Place, make a craft, play a game, use the computer.
- Chess Club: Thursdays at

4 p.m. No advanced registration required.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Register for children's programs starting one week in advance by calling (734) 397-0999.
- Fun Night: May 31, at 7 p.m. Kids, ages 5 to 12 years old, and their parents are invited to gather 'round the campfire under the stars and enjoy stories, crafts and games.
- Book Buddies: June 1, at 5 p.m. Our book club for kids, register and get a copy of the book.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Register for adult programs starting one week in advance

- by calling (734) 397-0999. Computer classes are free to library cardholders however, a \$5 no-show fee will be assessed if you do not cancel 24 hours prior to class time.
- MS Word I: June 1, at 9:30 a.m. Instruction on MS Word basics like how to create documents, formatting, printing and saving files.
- Internet I: June 2, at 10 a.m. Learn to navigate the Internet for beginners.
- MS Word II: June 8, at 9:30 a.m. Add tables, insert symbols and learn techniques to make your documents work harder.
- Prevent Crime: June 1, at 7 p.m. Sgt. Scott Hilden from the Canton Police Department gives safety tips.

■ Lunch and a Book Discussion: June 8, at noon. *Pearl Diver* by Jeff Talarigo.

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- **Adult Sound Recording**
- *All the Roadrunning* by Mark Knopfler
- *How We Operate* by Gomez
- *Stadium Arcadium* by Red Hot Chili Peppers

- **Video**
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- Nanny McPhee
- TV Series—
- Northern Exposure

■ The Bob Newhart Show

- Quantum Leap
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- *The World Cup: The Ultimate Guide to the Greatest Sports Spectacle in the World* by Fernando Fiore
- *Treasure Hunt: Inside the Mind of the New Consumer* by Michael J. Silverstein
- *How to Keep Your Tractor Running* by Rick Kubik

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

MHS program
The Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland is offering spay or neutering of cats and vaccinations for \$20 for families with financial difficulties through May 31. The center is at 900 Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road. People must provide proof of financial need, such as documentation from government-funded programs, at the time of their appointment. The proof can include the Family Independence Program, state disability assistance, food assistance WIC program and Medicaid. To make an appointment, call (734) 722-1415.

Hogs for cats, dogs
Motor City Harley-Davidson presents the sixth-annual "HOGS for Cats and Dogs" benefit for the Michigan Humane Society 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Motor City Harley-Davidson, 34900 Grand River in Farmington Hills. An early bird breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. Breakfast and refreshments throughout the day provided by Gus O'Connor's Public House. An observation run departing from Motor City Harley-Davidson is open to all and starts at 10:00 a.m. - last bike in by 3:00 p.m. For more information call the dealership at 248-473-7433. Registration \$10 or \$5 with donation of a wish list item.

Career networking
Franchise specialist Mark Cory, owner and operator of the FranNet-Detroit office, speaks at the OLC Career Networking Group at 7 p.m. Monday, June 5 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth. Admission to the talk is free; the public and persons who are out of work, re-energizing a job search, expecting layoffs or are looking for a new opportunity or for a first job are invited. For information, call Ed Walton, (734) 634-2245 or the church office, (734) 453-0326.

Charity golf
A summer days worth of fun never helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, extension 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities website, www.mtcogolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Diabetes support
The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation, "Diabetes and Neuropathy Pain Management" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 in the hospital's auditorium. Guest speaker is Timothy Wright, M.D., Pain

Management, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge for the meeting, and pre-registration is not required. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 5 Mile and Levan in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961.

Republican women meet
The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club takes place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25 at the Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile in Livonia. Speakers will be state Sen. Laura Toy, state Rep. John Pastor and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox. There is a \$15 charge for the dinner, which includes lasagna, salad, dessert and beverage. Visitors and guests are welcome. For reservations, call (248) 320-5473.

Food choices
St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a presentation on how to make colorful food choices to improve your health, while increasing your energy and improving your mood, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 31 at the Northville Senior Center. Speaker is Registered Dietitian Katie Dooley of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The presentation is free, but registration is required. To register, call the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main, at (248) 349-4140.

Genealogical society
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. June 1, with guest speaker Tom Zielke, Jr., talking about "Preserving the Cemeteries in Marion Township." There's a help session at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. The public is invited. For details, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

St. Mary's classes

- St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is sponsoring a presentation titled, "Menopause and Sleep Apnea: Detection and Treatment," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 7. Speaker will be registered sleep technologist Scott G. Woik, RPSGT, EMT, Sleep Center Coordinator, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge, but registration is requested. For more information or to register, visit www.stmarymercy.org on the Web or call (734) 655-1100.
- St. Mary Mercy hosts a community open house called "Kaleidoscope of Care" 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 4. All events are free and will take place on the hospital grounds at 5 Mile and Levan. On the same day, St. Mary Mercy hosts its annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration, as well as the ground-breaking for the hospital's new cancer center with a reception and speaker noon-1 p.m. in the hospital's South Lobby.

Creative writing workshop
The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop, "Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet?" 3:45-6:15 p.m. Saturday, June 24 in the community room of the Madison Heights Fire Department headquarters, 31313 Brush, Madison Heights. Author Diane Burton offers tips for developing memorable characters which the reader will either root for or hiss at. Admission is \$25 for Michigan Horror Writers members, \$30 for pre-registered attendees, \$35 for registration after June 3 and \$40 for walk-ins. Attendees should submit a sample of their writing with their registration. For more information or to register e-mail Shelby at president@michiganhorror.com.

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Resolution approves creating 13-member mental health board

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

A resolution creating a 13-member Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Board, all appointed by the Wayne County executive, was approved Thursday by the Wayne County Commission.

The resolution was sent to the Michigan Legislature, which would have to approve a change in the state Mental Health Code, which sets the composition of the mental health board.

The proposal would replace the current board configuration of six members appointed by the mayor of Detroit and six appointed by the county executive, on the approval of the county commission. Under the new proposal the additional member would come from the city of Detroit, giving the county's largest city seven members and the rest of the county's 42 communities six members.

The commission resolution represents the first time the body has come out in support of an additional seat for the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency board of directors and for all board members to be appointed by the county.

"The board composition has presented a challenge," said County Executive Robert A. Ficano, in a press release. "Many of the longstanding criticisms about the mental health system actually spring from the board composition. Mental health consumers have needed a resolution on this for decades to ensure accountability when it comes to providing and improving services. I applaud the Commission for voicing its support."

Commissioner Phil Cavanagh (D-Redford) said Tuesday he was the only commission member to vote against the resolution. Cavanagh is the chairman of a commission task force on creating a mental health authority. (Commissioner Kay Beard (D-Westland) was absent and Commissioner Bernard Parker (D-Detroit), a task force member, abstained from voting.) Cavanagh said he would move forward on a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday and commission action the creation of an independent authority, which is being urged by pending state funding legislation. "The enabling resolution will

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not address governance," he said, because the new resolution defines the county's position on that issue. "... The primary enabling issue is to create an authority."

He said there were still many issues to resolve including the status of county workers and whether they would be able to "bump back" to county jobs and financial and budgetary issues.

"But as I understand it, our backs are to the wall. There are so many disincentives if we don't do this," he said.

Bills currently being considered in the Michigan State House and Senate would withhold anywhere from \$30 million to \$50 million for mental health services if the county doesn't form an authority. The county is also in negotiations to preserve millions of dollars in federal funding. Cavanagh said those negotiations would move more quickly if the county created an independent authority.

Teresa Blossom, spokesman for the Mental Health Agency, said Tuesday that Ficano wants to find a "local solution" for on the issue of creating an authority and "is happy to work with the mental health community on a local solution."

The county executive argues that the resolution helps establish accountability by calling for all 13 board members to be appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the commission.

"The Mental Health Agency is a county agency," said Ficano. "The county provides \$17.7 million dollars in local funding, with no contribution from the city of Detroit."

The commission, as part of Thursday's action, noted Gov. Jennifer's Granholm's earlier support for a change in the board composition and urged the Legislature to add the additional seat promptly by revising the.

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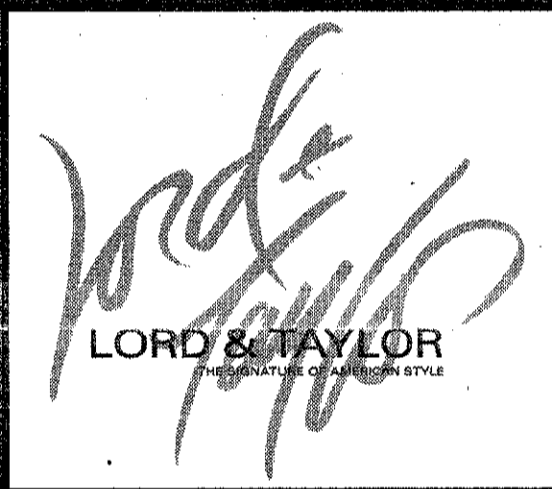
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Bethany more than a Christian social club

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Even though Kathleen McQuillen was divorced in 1982, it was a godsend when she discovered Bethany Suburban West about six years ago. The peer support group changed her life. Today, the Livonia woman is busy planning everything from dances to a Memorial Day picnic for singles. Members meet monthly for breakfast at Leon's Family Dining in Garden City to discuss ideas for activities that will appeal to members.

Bethany Suburban West is one of six chapters which include north and south Oakland County and Rochester. Although under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, it was designed for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. For more information, visit bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org.

"It's open to anyone who has trouble or grief in their life," said

McQuillen of Livonia. "Bethany is a stepping stone to a new lifestyle after divorce, being widowed or separated."

"I go to Schoolcraft College dinner theaters and we made it a Bethany thing. We do cards, dances, a concert in the park in Canton, a pig roast in August, a hay ride in September, an Octoberfest with all the Bethany members. We have people ranging from a freshly divorced with a 2-year-old baby to those in their 70s. We have alumni who have met at Bethany and gotten married. We've had at least three fairly recent marriages."

But Bethany is more than a social club. Volunteers make themselves available to provide support and be there for new members during the transition period to single life.

"We're here to help those in need," said McQuillen. "Going through this you have a sense of isolation, a feeling this has never happened to anyone ever

before but it has. We're all here. We're all ears."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Bethany Suburban West has scheduled several upcoming events including a Memorial Day picnic on Monday, May 29. It is a joint effort by Bethany Suburban West and Single Place Ministry. The cost is \$5 and a dish to pass. For details, call (313) 996-8644 or (248) 349-0911.

A monthly dance takes place 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Admission is \$10 and includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

Another chapter, Bethany South Oakland, holds 7:30 p.m. monthly meetings at St. Columban's Catholic Church, 1775 Melton in Birmingham. The drop-in sessions focus on topics relevant to those going through divorce or separation.

For more information on Bethany South Oakland, call Carol at (248) 541-0007 or Christine at (248) 542-6117

RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

MAY

Lighthouse cafe

7-10 p.m. Friday, May 26, cards, board games, Ping-Pong, specialty coffees, snacks and music, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. \$5. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Spring retreat

Speaker presentations by Bobby Michaels (www.bobbymichaels.com or www.musicianaries.org), special music times and small group discussions with free time to golf, take a side trip to Saugatuck, or enjoy recreational opportunities and bonfires, May 26-28, at Marantha Bible and Conference Center on the shores of Lake Michigan near Grand Rapids. Pre-registration required. Cost is \$185 and includes bus transportation, meals/snacks and accommodation at Marantha. Call Ward Presbyterian Church for details and to register, (248) 374-5920.

Frank Turner

Shares his victory and his love for Christ 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 28, in Harvest Bible Church at the Michigan Theological Seminary, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-7795 or visit www.myharvestbible.org.

Sunday message series

Inspired by The Da Vinci Code 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 28. Is the New Testament credible? June 4, The Questions of Jesus' Identity part one; June 11 part two; June 18, What about Mary Magdalene?, and June 25, Women, Jesus and Christianity, at Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power, between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Call (248) 477-9144 or visit www.fhchurchofgod.org.

Memorial Day picnic

Noon to 5 p.m. Monday, May 29, at Rotary Park on Six Mile, between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia. Cost is \$5 and includes hamburgers and hot dogs (grilled between noon and 2 p.m.), and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass to complement the meal and join us for sun, food, games, fellowship and fun. For information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

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Leadership and self-deception

Lecture series with Rev. Dennis Skiles continues to May 31, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760.

Wine, cheese and theology

Evenings of conversation asking the question, Is there a place for the church in the 21st century? 7 p.m. Wednesdays to May 31, at Church of Our Savior, Presbyterian U.S.A., 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. Rev. Jim Faile leads the discussions. The public is invited. The church holds worship and Sunday School 10 a.m. Sundays. For more information, call (248) 626-7606.

Fall registration

Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academies in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private, Catholic schools grades K-8, are run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Joy Road, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 East Joy Road, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

Worship service

Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, U.S.A., 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 626-7606.

UPCOMING

Praise and worship concert

Featuring a reunion of the praise and worship band Crossfire 7 p.m. Friday, June 2, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Ice cream social follows in Knox Hall. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Flea market

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Call (313) 255-6330.

Monthly dance

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization to provide peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Cost is \$10, includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

Discussions

Study and discuss questions of the current importance to the thoughtful Christian in a complex world 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 4 (The Immigration Debate: What's a Christian to Think?), and June 11 (Should the Ten

Commandments be Displayed in Public?), Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m., church school and adult study forum at 9:30 a.m., nursery care available, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., west of Farmington Road, north of Grand River, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6880/

Dinner and concert

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass 7 p.m., Thursday, June 8 (dinner at 6 p.m., \$6 per person), at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon. Call (734) 455-2300 for tickets and information.

Vacation Bible school

Fiesta! Join us 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 12-16 for 5 fun filled days of high energy, Christ-centered activities, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Fee is \$25, and includes T-shirt. For more information, call David Conrad at (734) 425-5950.

Preschool program

Begins 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, June 12-15, and runs weekly through July 17-20, for ages 3-5, at Mt. Hope Preschool, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Cost is \$80 per week, \$70 for second child, and includes snack. Special rates if parents assist in classroom. Topics include dinosaurs, kids in the kitchen, underwater adventures, on safari, and fun with science. Call (734) 261-9540.

Summer fun

Two sessions from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3:30 p.m. begin June 12 and continue weekly through week of Aug. 21, at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. Each week children will engage in activities including the sciences, math, health, music, arts, and exercise. For ages 4-10 (children who are 3 but have been enrolled in preschool are welcome. Cost is \$60 per week and includes T-shirt, snacks and field trip fees. Call (734) 981-0286.

Sock hop

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization to provide peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 16, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Cost is \$15, includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

Choir concert

Sacred music by the High School Chancel Choir from Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Illinois 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit Birmingham-First Music, a community music outreach organization which is sponsoring the event. Call (248) 644-2040, ext. 136.

Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a'Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Learner's Bible study

7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Donuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Bible study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

School registration

Hosanna-Labor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-2007 school year, at 9600 Leverage, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

Bible study

Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. On Sunday Family Worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

Purpose Driven Life

Members, friends and neighbors of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren during Lent. Small groups will meet at homes in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon on Wednesday evenings during Lent. All faiths are welcome. Call (248) 349-3140 for more information.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. First we enjoy a wonderful lunch together then we fellowship with

some games and stories.

Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday, 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m., at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Scripture from scratch

No previous Bible study required, began 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. The units include the New Testament (April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, and Gospels (May 16, 23, 30 and June 6). Each session includes video presentation, small and large group discussions. Be one of the first 10 to receive the participant's manual for \$5. After that, the cost is \$10. To register, call (734) 425-5950.

Kabbalah classes

Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center, the classes began 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5595 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students. Call (248) 855-6170, ext. 1 or send e-mail to BCT770@aol.com.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia

Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday service 6:15 p.m. - Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and childcare. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

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BEVERLY J. STEELE

(nee. Koeller)
May 21, 2006, age 80, of Bloomfield Twp. Beloved wife of Ira "Joe" for 56 years. Dear mother of Richard J. (Patricia) and Thomas I. (Mary). Grandmother of Joanna, Daniel, Jesse and Chyna. Sister of William Koeller (Muriel) and Marilyn Glenn (Truman). Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral services have been held. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Ste 175, Southfield, MI 48034. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com

MARVIN GEORGE SCHAEFFER,

Age 84, died Saturday, May 20, 2006, peacefully at his home of fifty-five years in Farmington Hills, Michigan. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, the Hon. Margaret G. Schaeffer, retired judge of the 47th District Court; his sons, Paul M. Schaeffer of Waterford, Michigan, and William E. Schaeffer of Battle Mountain, Nevada; his daughters, Christine Skoglund (Dr. Paul) of Waterford, Michigan, and Virginia Schaeffer (Mitch Abrams) of Corvallis, Oregon; his two granddaughters, Madeline and Elise Abrams also of Corvallis; and his sisters-in-law, Dr. Christine Gram of Farmington Hills, Michigan, and the Hon. Cornelia G. Kennedy, Judge, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit. He was born in Rochester, New York, on December 4, 1921. Mr. Schaeffer graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in 1946 and Master of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1948. His education was interrupted from 1942-1946 by his service in the United States Army Signal Corps in the 60th Signal Battalion, first in New Guinea, and then with MacArthur's drive to regain the Philippines. Mr. Schaeffer worked for the Fisher Body Division of General Motors for over 35 years, where he designed electrical circuits and production equipment for cars. He was responsible for many innovative design features. He was the holder of four individual patents and contributed to several others. After retirement in 1984, he continued his avid interest in cars and in travel, visiting all fifty states and all seven continents. His passport includes stamps from many countries including Russia, Malta, Australia, Tunisia, India, Syria, Chile, Nepal, Galapagos Islands (Ecuador), China, Zimbabwe, Panama, South Africa, and Antarctica. His volunteer service included driving Farmington residents to medical appointments for the FISH program. He was a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington where he sang in the choir for over 20 years and served on the Session. A memorial service was held May 24, 2006, at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan, or a charity of your choice.

MARGARET MERCEDES (JOHNSON) KARAS

Was born July 19, 1922 and passed away May 20, 2006. She lived on Brookfield Avenue in Livonia for many years. She is preceded in death by her son, Daniel and loving husband, Burton Karak Johnson. She is survived by her devoted husband, Andrew Karas and her sons and daughters: William Burton (Sally) Johnson, (Joseph) Laura (Johnson) Mullaney, Mary Alice (Johnson) Simpson, Larry (Joyce) Zimba, Mary Johnson, Matthew (Pam) Johnson, and Michael Johnson, also 17 grandchildren and 19 great children. There were also at least 27 foster children welcomed into our home from Catholic Social Services. Margaret was the founder of JM Catering Services in 1953 in Livonia. Gourmet Bakery on Plymouth Rd in Livonia, Karas House of Westland and the predecessor of the Karas House Banquet Facility of Redford, Burton Manor Banquet Facility of Livonia, and Roma Banquets of Garden City. Throughout her busy life of cooking, operating several businesses and raising a family, Margaret still found time to perform a labor of love; making and sending rosaries to missions all over the world from the South Pacific to Africa, Europe and particularly Ireland. She was a member of the following: Business Women's Association of Livonia, Third Order of St. Francis located at Dun Scotus in Southfield, the Michigan Restaurant Association and St. Michael's Roman Catholic Altar Society. Margaret brought excess food from JM Catering Services to "The Mama Meals" soup kitchen operated by Father Tom Lumpkin in Detroit near Tiger Stadium and worked in the kitchen for Father Lumpkin in her spare time. She also taught developmentally challenged girls cooking skills at Our Lady of Providence in Plymouth, Michigan. Her final retirement led her to Palmetto, Florida cooking for "Our Daily Bread" soup kitchen for migrant workers in Bradenton, Florida. Margaret's greatest achievement was the great love of family she instilled in her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a tireless donor of her time and energy to the Felician Sisters of Livonia prior to nuns being allowed to drive, the founding of St. Mary's Hospital, the Capucian Soup-kitchen of Detroit and many more organizations too numerous to mention. She will be missed by many. The motto she taught all of her children was "If you are going to do a job, do it right or don't do it at all." Visitation was held Tuesday May 23. GR Harris Funeral Home. Donations would be appreciated to the following non-profit associations: Hospice of Michigan and Right to Life of Michigan. Interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, 34205 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI

ROBERT E. MCKNIGHT M.D.

Died May 22, 2006, age 88. Beloved husband of Justine. Dear father of Ann Malleis (James), Connie Sfirc (Robert), Diane Vieson and Robin Barry (Kent). Loving grandfather of Patti Brozek (Michael), Robert Malleis, Suzanne Bologna (Jim), Lt. J. G. Leah Malleis, Lara Sfirc (Michael Iurato), Jeffrey Sfirc, Christopher, Scott & Matthew Vieson, Justin, Kaitlyn and Megan Barry. Great-grandfather of Bridget Brozek. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Brother of the late Rev. William McKnight and Jack McKnight. Family will receive friends Wednesday 2-8 PM at A. J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (between 13 - 14 Mile), with Scripture Service Wednesday 7 PM. Funeral Mass Thursday 10 AM at St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln at Lahser. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Disabled Carmelite Nuns or Providence Health Foundation. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Minuteman leader defends U.S. border patrol

BY SUSAN STEINHUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Chris Simcox apologized to his dinner audience on a recent Friday evening for speaking without a jacket, but said he was more comfortable that way having just come from a month patrolling the United States border with Mexico.

The suntanned "blue jeans and T-shirt kind of guy" then proceeded to galvanize his listeners with videos and tales of his group, the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, and its efforts to stop those who attempt to illegally cross the border into the U.S.

"I'm here to represent the nation's largest Neighborhood Watch group," he said. Simcox spoke to the Bloomfield Republican

Women's Club gathering at the Somerset Inn in Troy.

His talk on the problem of "waves of illegal immigrants" and its dangers was well-received despite some harsh comments about the Republican Party.

'TURNING POINT'

Simcox described how he founded the citizen political action group often referred to

as "vigilantes." Members watch the nation's borders and turn over suspected illegal immigrants to the border patrol.

He said that after Sept. 11, 2001, "Bush reminded us that we are all part of homeland security. The price of security is to always be vigilant and report illegal activity to proper authorities. I certainly took President Bush up on his offer."

The former kindergarten teacher said the turning point came for him while hiking in a national park. While taking a water break by a tree he heard footsteps and, to his amazement, "Seventy-five people dressed in black, carrying water bottles," marched by. "This is seven days after Sept. 11."

Going back the next day, he saw 300 people, a line almost a mile long, walking through the national park.



HEATHER ROUSSEAU | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Chris Simcox of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps talks about the problem of illegal immigration.

The third day, he observed a dust cloud with vehicles and men carrying automatic weapons.

That's when he went to a park ranger who told him, "embarrassed, reluctant, that he was very sorry."

"He said he was working on it, but thousands were entering into the U.S., including drug dealers, and there's nothing we can do about it. We have five rangers to cover the whole park. We are outmanned and outgunned."

"I was appalled at what I discovered. It was a turning point in my life. I decided I would do something to help my nation."

Shortly afterward, Simcox took an unexpected opportunity to become assistant editor, then owner, of an Arizona newspaper, the *Tombstone Tumbleweed*. It advertised his plan to form a citizen militia with a front page, boldface headline reading "Enough is enough. Citizen border militia now forming."

"Boy, did it get attention," he said of the national media. It was, however, a "Billy Bob Redneck shooting from the back of the truck image" that was portrayed.

Nevertheless, he said, hundreds of volunteers joined in a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week project to report and turn over illegal immigrants. The group became the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps. Today, there are 29 chapters in 24 states, he said.

A focus is enforcing current immigration laws. In four years, the group has peacefully turned over 6,000 illegal entrants to the border patrol without one incident of violence, he said. The Minuteman members are armed only for self-defense purposes.

Simcox emphasized the group is not against immigration — just illegal immigration.

Simcox said, in fact, that "securing the border is pro-immigrant." One reason is "it will force the government south of the border to improve the quality of life for its citizens."

It would prevent some of the dangers of illegally immigrating, he added.

Simcox emphasized, "We don't blame the victims. We blame the government."

TERRORISM THREAT

Simcox drew applause when he said, "Securing our borders is the first thing we should have done on Sept. 12 to protect our nation. ... We should be disgusted that our government is turning it into a partisan issue."

His opinions, he admitted, have been controversial. And they've earned him a tall FBI file.

Simcox said he is no longer a Republican: "I stand before you as a pragmatic independent." He aims to effect "positive change" with grass-roots involvement.

The Minuteman group is privately funded and well-equipped, he said. "Thanks to donations, we have GPS, night vision, four thermal imaging cameras. The border patrol is quite envious because we have better equipment than they do."

In answer to a question, Simcox said he would like to form a Minuteman chapter in Michigan, especially in light of Michigan's shared border with Canada. He said those interested can go to minuteman-hq.com.

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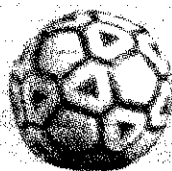
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Plymouth's Amanda Kerr watches her putt roll toward the hole during Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course. Kerr shot a 108 on the par 72 layout to help the Wildcats to a sixth-place finish.

On the brink Salem's Smith barely misses WLAA top spot

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson golfer Chelsea Bathurst's score at Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament nearly matched the temperature, which was impressive considering she was playing in Michigan in late-May and not in Phoenix in mid-July.

Playing in near-perfect 72-degree conditions and under clear skies that were just a shade lighter than the Spartans' golf shirts, Bathurst fired a 77 on the challenging par 72 Pheasant Run Golf Course to earn medalist honors. Salem senior Ashley Smith finished one shot back at 78.

Only 15 of the 70 players managed to break 100 on the well-groomed, but hazard-filled Pheasant Run track.

Bathurst's best-ever round paced the Spartans' 359 total, which tied them at the top with Northville. Stevenson earned the tournament title by winning the tie-breaker, which was the lowest score by each team's fifth golfer. The Spartans' fifth, Priyanka Joshi, shot a 104 to best Northville's fifth, Lauren Kerr, by three shots.

Livonia Churchill (380), Salem (396) and Walled Lake Western (398) finished third through fifth, respectively.

Also scoring for the Spartans were sophomore Laura Sims (92), junior Abbey Wolfe (94) and junior Chrissy McHenry (96).

The Mustangs were led by junior Susan Snyder and senior Jessica

Reuter, both of whom carded 87's. "Chelsea had a career day for us and the rest of the girls played solid like they have all year," said first-year Stevenson coach Jason Delo. "Our strength all season has been our depth. We don't have one superstar player. We have a several very good players."

"We were disappointed we weren't able to qualify for the state meet last week, but this helps make up for it a little bit."

A last-minute repair job proved to be beneficial for Bathurst, who nearly entered Tuesday's round without one of her favorite clubs.

"My three wood broke on Saturday when I was trying to qualify for the Power-Built Tour in Lansing," said Bathurst. "The first place I took it to couldn't fix it in time, but the second place I went to, Pro Golf, put a used shaft on it. I use it quite a bit — especially on the par fives — so I'm glad they were able to fix it."

Bathurst's sizzling round was two holes away from being significantly better.

"I was one-under on the front, but then I had a three-putt bogey on the eighth hole," she recalled. "I was one-over with two holes to play, but then I double-bogeyed 17 and 18. It could have been better, but I'm happy with the way I played."

Bathurst said the highlight of her round was a 40-foot par putt she drained on her fifth hole (the 14th at Pheasant Run).

Smith's second-place round of 78

PLEASE SEE GOLF, B3

Sidelines

Schmitt excels

Canton sophomore Allison Schmitt, 15, earned a roster spot on the USA National Junior swim team last weekend at the Eric Namesnik Memorial Grand Prix Swim Meet held at the University of Michigan.

Schmitt will represent the United States at the Junior Pan-Pacific Swimming Championships in Maui, Hawaii, in early 2007. Competing against a field that will include several Olympic and collegiate athletes, Schmitt placed in the top 16 in four individual events, including a fourth-place finish in the 200-meter freestyle.

Soccer camps

Detroit's newest professional soccer team, the Detroit Ignition, is taking over the popular Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps, which were started four years ago by former professional goalkeeper Bryan "Goose" Finnerty.

Although the camps are being shifted into the Ignition's care, they will still be operated by Finnerty and former teammate and camp director, Droc Callahan. The coaching staff will include former professional and collegiate players who are all licensed trainers with various clubs. The locations of the local camps are as follows:

- June 12-16 - Bicentennial Park in Livonia;
- June 26-30 - Independence Park in Canton;
- July 10-14 - Pioneer Park in Farmington;
- July 17-21 - Independence Park in Canton; and
- Aug. 7-11 - Plymouth Lake Soccer Park in Plymouth.

Each camp will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The \$139 fee includes a free ball and T-shirt. To register, visit www.Goose22.com.

Velocity camps

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For more information on the camps, visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

March leads with talent, positive attitude

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem soccer player Kristin March isn't sure what hurt more: the torn quad muscle she suffered back in April; or having to watch six of the Rocks' early-season games from the sidelines while the injury healed.

From the second she strapped on her first pair of soccer shin guards at the age of 4, March was always a player — a very good one — and never a watcher.

So observing the Rocks' rocky start without being able to do anything about it was excruciatingly painful for the senior captain, at least from a mental standpoint.

"It was definitely frustrating," said March, who has since experienced a 100-percent recovery and is back to her all-over-the-field, aggressive self.



Prep Profile

"Being a captain, I continued to cheer on my team and offer encouragement to the younger players, but it was tough not being able to play."

"The game we tied Walled Lake Western was especially hard. We had always beat Western and I knew that if I could just get out there, I could help. But at that point, I couldn't even kick, let alone run."

SUCCESSFUL RUN

Sometime over the next three weeks, March will cap a stellar four-year run at Salem. Ever since she defied the odds and made the varsity squad as a freshman, March has provided coach Joe Nora with a potent combination of skills, instincts and determination that every high school coach covets.

"Kristin has been a tremendous

asset to this team the past four years," Nora said. "She's one of the best players I've coached. This year has been tough because we have a young team and we haven't won as much as we would have liked, but Kristin has set a great example for the younger players. She always has a great attitude and her effort is always there."

"Kristin is going to be very hard to replace next year."

Nora said he put March to good use during her recovery stage.

"I told her that she could be like an assistant coach on the sidelines, and she ran with it," said Nora. "She's been a great captain."

March has been playing with and against the elite soccer players her age since she was in third grade when she made her first travel team. The pinnacle of her youth soccer



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior Kristin March has been a key member of the Rocks' soccer team since her freshman season when she made her mark as a hard-working mid-fielder.

PLEASE SEE MARCH, B5

Canton's Phillips earns state title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to Corey Phillips and wrestling, the rules may change, but not the results.

Phillips, 17, a standout performer for the Chiefs' wrestling squad the past three seasons, proved his mat versatility on Saturday when he won the 140-pound Greco-Roman state title at the Michigan Wrestling Federation state meet held at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. Unlike high school rules, Greco-Roman regulations prohibit competitors from using their legs to compile points.

That didn't stop Phillips, who defeated Flint Kearsley's Chris Diehl, 6-3 and 6-3, in the day's decisive match.

"Going into the weekend, we thought Diehl would be at a lower weight class, so we felt pretty good about Corey's chances," said Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Corey Phillips earned a roster spot on the prestigious 2006 "Team Michigan" wrestling squad last weekend by winning a junior state title in the Greco-Roman 140-pound division and finishing second in freestyle.

PLEASE SEE PHILLIPS, B4

Salem surprises Chargers, 1-0

Could the Salem softball team be peaking at the right time?

The answer is a resounding yes — at least based on Monday's impressive 1-0 victory over Livonia Churchill, which clinched first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division last week. The win, which came just eight days before the Division 1 District tournament, improved the Rocks' record to 13-17-1 overall and 4-6 in the Lakes.

Salem right-handed wind-miler Melissa Leach limited the hard-hitting Chargers to just three hits and one walk while striking out six. She was backed by a flawless effort from the Rocks' defense.

"It just goes to show you that any given day," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "Churchill had only lost one game in the division until we gave them their second loss. It was a nice win,

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especially knowing that Churchill will be playing for the league championship against Plymouth (on Wednesday).

"I'm happy that we proved we can compete with the best of them and today we did. The girls know they have the potential to be at the top and they proved that today."

Salem scored the game's lone run in the second when Abby Pairitz singled, advanced to second on a passed ball, went to third on Kelly Behr's sacrifice bunt and scored when the Chargers' catcher tried to throw out Christina Parsons on a dropped third strike.

Leach out-duelled Churchill's Bridget Long, who yielded just four hits and three walks. Maureen Bohr (double), Emily Pitcole, Pairitz and Deonna Szawara accounted for the Salem hits.

Chiefs squeeze out win over Wildcats

Senior Justin Latin's perfectly executed suicide squeeze bunt with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning scored Jon Puskar from third and gave Canton a dramatic 5-4 victory over Plymouth Tuesday afternoon.

The triumph improved the Chiefs' record to 17-10 overall and 9-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Senior right-hander Shawn Little went the distance to earn the victory for Canton. Little gave up six hits and struck out three. Plymouth's Bryan Stotz also turned in a complete-game effort, yielding 12 hits and striking out three.

Latin proved to be the Chiefs' catalyst throughout the game, reaching base four out of five times he batted. Latin finished 3-for-4 with a double, RBI and two steals.

Senior Tarik Khasawneh and Puskar, a junior, also reached base four times for the Chiefs. Khasawneh walked three times — he received two intentional passes — and knocked in a run with an infield single in the fourth. Puskar went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI.

Junior Blaine Paden was the only other Canton player to record multiple hits, going 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Nate McManus reached base three times for the Wildcats. McManus walked his first two times up and was hit by a Little pitch his third and final time up. McManus scored a run and notched a stolen base.

Tyler Locklear (triple), Ben Kosmalski, Matt Barrera and Ryan Valle ripped RBI hits for



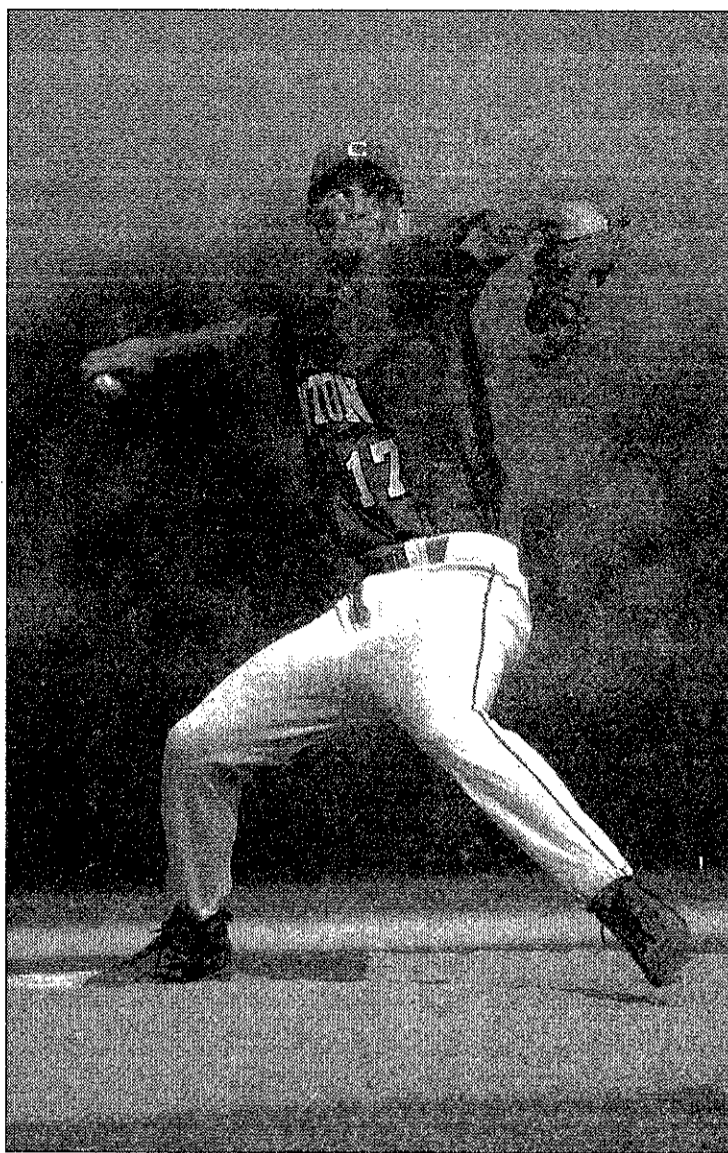
Plymouth's Ryan Valle, pictured above in a game earlier this season, stroked a key RBI single in the top of the seventh inning to pull the Wildcats into a 4-4 tie with Canton. The Chiefs won the game in the bottom of the inning on Justin Latin's suicide squeeze bunt.

Plymouth.

Trailing 4-3, the Wildcats knotted the game in the top of the seventh when Stotz laced a one-out double to right center. He then scored on Valle's single down the right-field line.

Canton countered in its half of the seventh when Puskar, Paden and Brad Barath all singled with one out to load the bases. Latin then dropped a bunt towards first base that allowed Puskar to score easily with the winning run.

CANTON 4, NORTHVILLE 3: The bottom of the Canton batting order gave the top team in the Western Lakes Activities



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Canton senior right-hander Shawn Little, pictured above in a game earlier this season, held Plymouth to six hits and struck out three in the Chiefs' 5-4 victory Tuesday afternoon. Little added a triple in four plate appearances.

Association's Western Division fits Monday afternoon.

The Chiefs' No. 9 hitter, junior center fielder Brad Barath, ripped a bases-loaded, bases-clearing double in the fourth inning to put Canton ahead for good in its 4-3 victory over Northville. It was the first division setback for the Mustangs, who dropped to 23-7 overall and 9-1 in the Western. The Chiefs improved to 16-10 and 8-2, respectively.

Sophomore pitcher Erik Wright worked the first six innings to improve to 4-1.

Junior Kyle Gring shut down the host Mustangs in order in the seventh to pick up a save. Wright allowed two earned runs, four hits and six walks while striking out three.

Chris Woudstra (double), Shawn Little, Tarik Khasawneh, Gring and Jon Puskar had one hit a piece for the winners.

Posler's arm, red-hot bats lead Rocks to 12-10 victory

Salem improved its record to 7-22 overall and 3-7 in Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division with a 12-10 victory over Livonia Churchill.

The Rocks laced out 18 hits to upend the Chargers, who slipped to 15-13 and 4-6, respectively.

Ryan Rowe and Kyle Kelly each had three hits, an RBI and scored two runs for the winners. Dave Leone went 2-for-2, including a double and two runs.

Matt Dykka went 3-for-5 with three RBI to pace Churchill's 10-hit attack.

Salem used four pitchers with starter Joe Posler working the first five innings to earn the victory. He struck out three, walked three and allowed six hits.

Churchill starter Rob Laichalk allowed nine runs on 11 hits in 3.1 innings. He struck out four and walked two before giving way to Matt Luneack, who gave up two runs on five hits over 1.2 innings. Steve Merlo allowed one run in the sixth on two hits.

CANTON AGAPE 16-14, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 2-6: On Tuesday, the Wolverines improved to 8-8 with the decisive double-head-

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er sweep.

Kyle Miller earned the mound victory in the opener, giving up just two hits and one earned run in four innings. Offensively, the winners were paced by Matt Molnar (3-for-3), Jared Miller (two hits, four runs), Kyle Miller (two hits, five RBI), Daniel Walker (two hits) and Tyler Majeski (two hits).

Agape scored four runs in the first, three in both the second and third innings, and six in the fourth. Macomb fell to 2-14.

In the nightcap, Jared Miller earned the mound win after working the game's final 3.1 innings in relief. Miller, the younger brother of Kyle Miller, yielded three runs, four hits and two walks while striking out four.

Brandon Pierson and Walker both ripped three hits for the winners. Kyle Miller contributed two hits and four ribbies.

Tyler Conlin, Ethan Walker, Scott Molnar and Robbie Knight each had one hit for Agape.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Friday, May 26
Clarenceville at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 27
Canton at Novi Detroit CC (DH), 11 a.m.
Salem at EMU Invitational, TBA
PREP SOFTBALL
Friday, May 26
Baptist Park at PCA, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 27
Allen Park at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER

Friday, May 26
Clarenceville at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
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Thursday, May 25
Mich. Hawks vs. W. Mich. Firewomen at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 27
Mich. Hawks vs. Cincinnati Ladyhawks at Lakota West (Ohio) H.S., 7 p.m.
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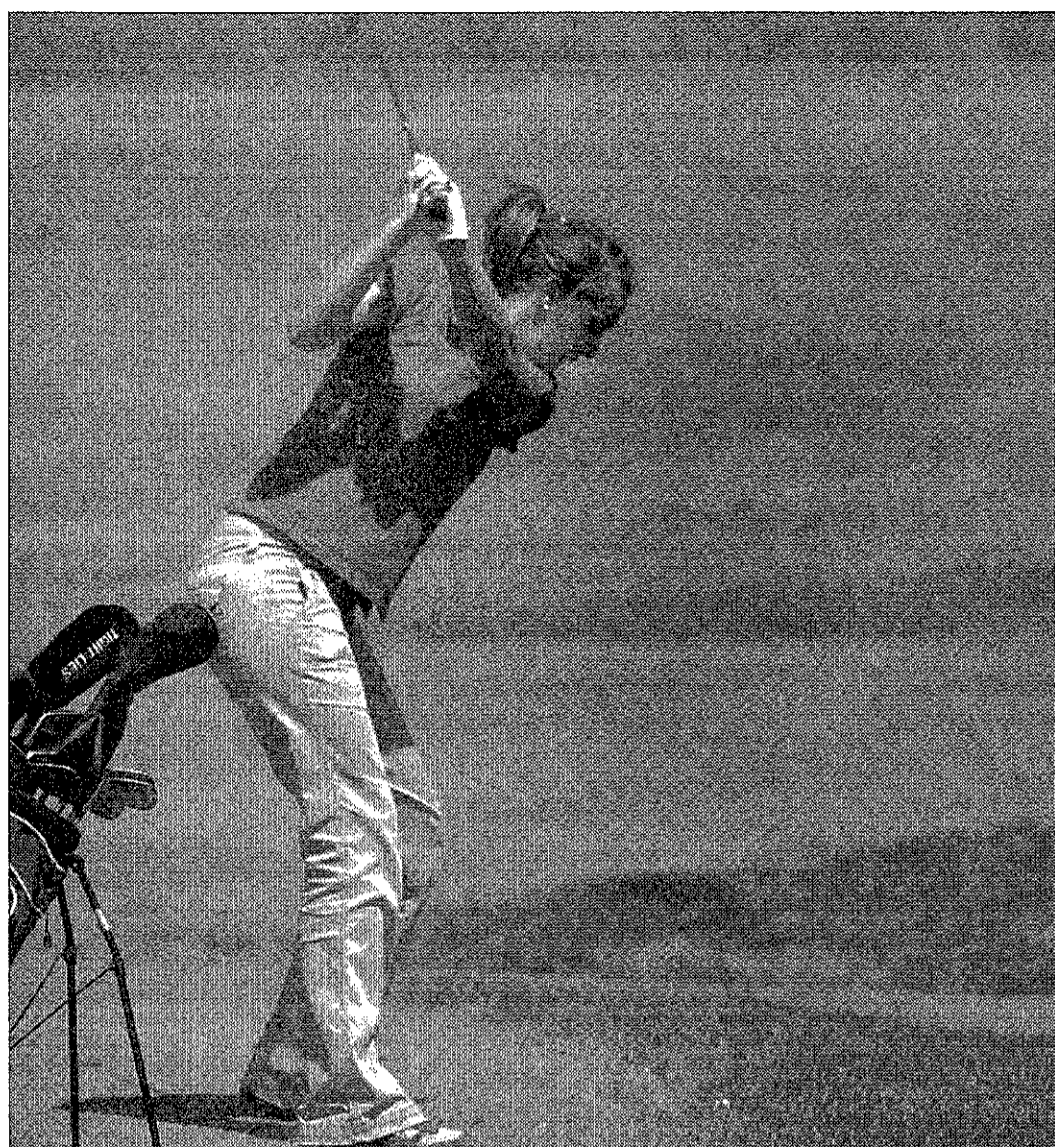
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Canton's Nicole Diss prepares to strike a long iron shot during Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference golf tournament at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course. Diss fired a 122 for the 11th-place Chiefs.

GOLF

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came three years after she was the runner-up in the event as a freshman. The All-State performer has placed in the top 10 at the tournament each of the past four years.

"The conditions were great and I hit the ball well," said Smith, who will compete in the Division 1 state meet next week. "I just had some issues on the greens. I couldn't make a putt."

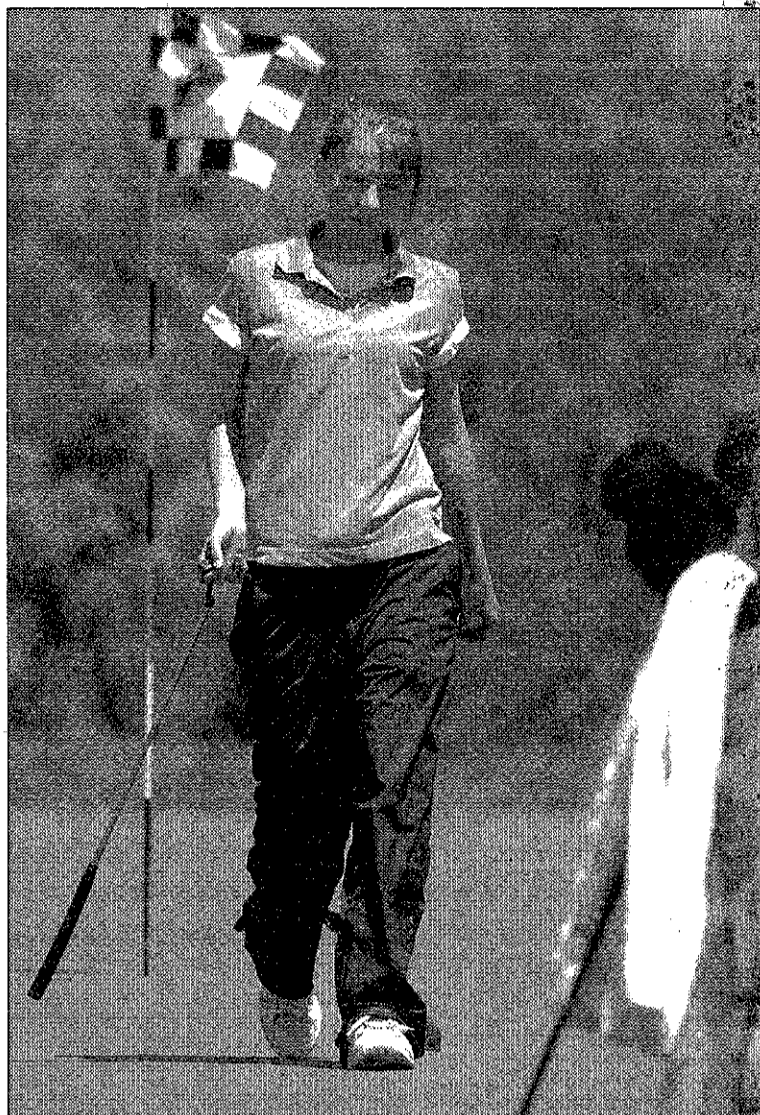
"Overall, I was happy with our scores," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "They matched what we've been shooting all year."

Walled Lake Central's Sarah Johnson, a freshman, finished third overall with an 81. Churchill's Shannon Warner, who came in as one of the pre-tournament favorites, shot 86, three strokes lower than teammate Ashley Bint.

Led by Melissa Miller's 100 and Katy Ingraham's 101, sixth-place Plymouth was consistent, if not spectacular.

"That's the best score we've shot in a tournament this season, so I'm happy about that," said Wildcat coach Chris Moore. "I was especially pleased for senior Katy Ingraham, who had the lowest round of her career."

Canton was paced by Chelsea Osburn's 112.



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Salem's Katie Rzetelny's 104 at Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament was instrumental in the Rocks' fourth-place finish.

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WLAA GOLF RESULTS

WLAA GIRLS GOLF CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT Tuesday at Pheasant Run G.C.

Final team standings: 1. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Northville, 359 (Stevenson wins tie-breaker which is lowest score of both team's fifth golfer); 3. Livonia Churchill, 380; 4. Salem, 396; 5. W.L. Western, 398; 6. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Plymouth, 416; 8. W.L. Central, 429; 9. W.L. Northern, 439; 10. Westland John Glenn, 466; 11. Canton, 478; 12. Wayne Memorial, 498.

Medalist: Chelsea Bathurst (Stevenson), 77. Individual scores (top four scores count toward final standings): Stevenson (369): Chelsea Bathurst, 77; Laura Sims, 92; Abbey Wolfe, 94; Chrissy McHenry, 96; Priyanka Joshi, 104; Lauren Geiger, 108.

Northville (369): Susan Snyder, 87; Jessica Reuter, 87; Kirsten Freisen, 92; Alicia Weber, 93; Lauren Kerr, 107; Taylor Johnson, 117. Churchill (380): Shannon Warner, 86; Ashley Bint, 89; Sarah Walls, 102; Lexi McFarlane, 103; Amanda Dobos, 115; Danielle Lesniak, 121.

Salem (396): Ashley Smith, 78; Katelyn Rzetelny, 104; Anna Ross, 107; Alyssa Mastic, 107; Christine Garland, 117; Emily Patton, 117.

W.L. Western (398): Marni Weinstein, 90; Melanie Wilkerson, 93; Michelle Cha, 106; Megan Purcell, 109; Danielle Miller, 120. Livonia Franklin (416): Mariel Meyers, 98; Keely Mog, 105; Paige Scarpace, 106; Jessica Stchur, 107; Allison Sanborg, 108; Lauren Baily, 117.

Plymouth (416): Melissa Miller, 100; Katy Ingraham, 101; Elaine Lafayette, 107; Amanda Kerr, 108; Patricia Burns, 110; Liz Anderson, 110. W.L. Central (429): Sarah Johnson, 81; Danielle Kello, 109; Alexandra Carrico, 116; Ashley Phillips, 123; Danielle Walker, 129; Kelly Miller, 137.

W.L. Northern (439): Vikki Zolkowsky, 123; Grace Ackerman, 100; Kate Massey, 111; Sarah Holm, 113; Dana Thomas, 115; Alissa Jaster, 116.

Westland John Glenn (466): Jessie Veltir, 106; Jessica Riggs, 117; Taylor Morgan, 119; Courtney McKinney, 124; Carrie Kulkowski, 135; Jamie Young, 140.

Canton (478): Chelsea Osburn, 112; Molly Motley, 117; Nicole Diss, 122; Emily Kenny, 127; Paige McBain, 128; Kara Gregory, 133. Wayne Memorial (498): Berlyn Beaver, 110; Samantha Cruse, 114; Taylor Tuttle, 135; Robbie Tomlin, 139; Ravynn Gilmore, 150.

FINAL WLAA DUAL-MEET STANDINGS

1. Northville, 11-0; 2. Stevenson, 10-1; 3. Churchill, 8-3; 4. (tie) Salem and W.L. Western, 7-4; 6. Plymouth, 6-5; 7. Franklin, 4-7; 8. W.L. Central, 5-6; 9. John Glenn, 3-8; 10. W.L. Northern, 2-8; 11. Canton, 2-9; 12. Wayne, 0-11.

FINAL DIVISION DUAL-MEET STANDINGS Western Division

1. Northville, 5-0; 2. W.L. Western, 3-2; 3. Plymouth, 4-1; 4. Franklin, 3-2; 5. Canton, 1-4; 6. Wayne, 0-5.

Lakes Division

1. Stevenson, 5-0; 2. Churchill, 4-1; 3. Salem, 3-2; 4. W.L. Central, 2-3; 5. John Glenn, 1-4; 6. W.L. Northern, 0-5.

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Chelsea Bathurst (Stevenson), Ashley Smith (Salem), Sarah Johnson (W.L. Central), Shannon Warner (Churchill), Jessica Reuter (Northville), Susan Snyder (Northville).

ALL-DIVISION TEAM

Ashley Bint (Churchill), Marni Weinstein (W.L. Western), Kirsten Freisen (Northville), Laura Sims (Stevenson), Alicia Weber (W.L. Western), Melanie Wilkerson (Northville), Abbey Wolfe (Stevenson), Chrissy McHenry (Stevenson), Mariel Meyers (Franklin), Grace Ackerman (W.L. Northern), Melissa Miller (Plymouth), Katy Ingraham (Plymouth).

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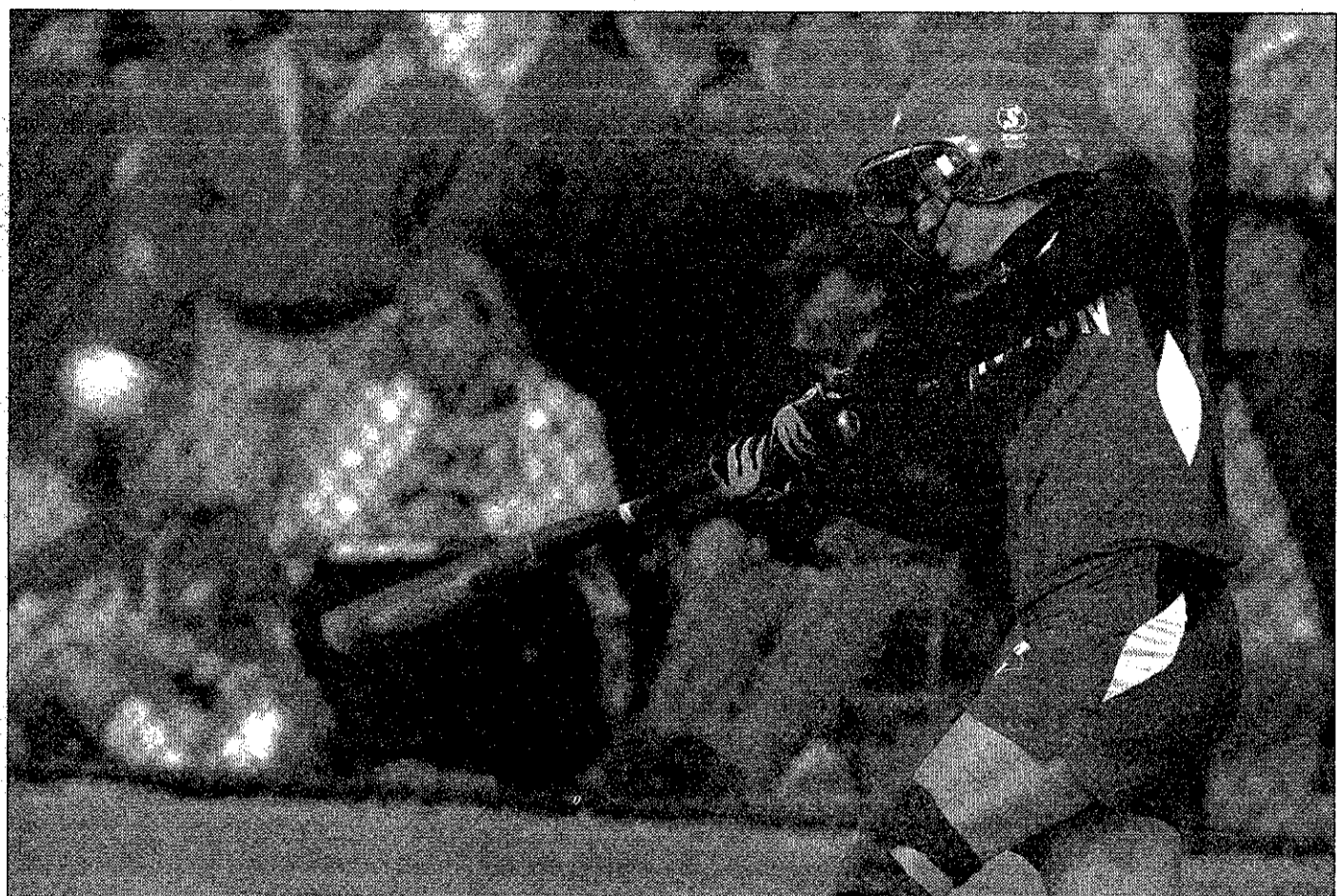
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Power stroke

Canton junior shortstop Lauren Delapaz, pictured above in a game earlier this season, ripped a solo home run in the Chiefs' 2-1 loss to Northville Monday afternoon. The setback dropped the Chiefs into a tie with Plymouth for first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Emma Wise homered for the Mustangs and Jenna Dumbleton was the winning pitcher. No further results were available as of Tuesday night's deadline.

Wildcat sluggers net share of Western Division crown

Plymouth's softball team earned a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title Monday with a 20-0 rout of Wayne Memorial.

Sophomore Meghan Patterson ensured the victory for the Wildcats by throwing a four-inning no-hitter. Patterson struck out four and walked just one batter.

The victory improved Plymouth's records to 22-6-1 overall, 14-2 in the WLAA and 8-2 in the division. Canton also finished 8-2 in the Western after falling to Northville on Monday.

The Wildcats earned the right to play in Wednesday's WLAA title game against Livonia because it has a better league record than the Chiefs. Results of the game will appear in Sunday's Observer.

"We're ecstatic," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield, referring to her team's co-

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championship. "This team plays focused every game no matter who we play. Sometimes teams have a tendency to play at the same level of their competition, but this team is up for every game."

Kim Klonowski was the Wildcats' offensive star against the Zebras, going 4-for-4, including a double, with four runs scored. Other standouts at the plate were Beth Heldmeyer (3-for-4, three runs), Lauren Stemberger (3-for-4, three runs) and Melissa Butzow (2-for-4, two runs).

Plymouth scored early and often, pushing across five runs in the first, three in the second, two in the third and 10 in the fourth.

Wayne was hampered by three fielding errors. The Wildcats were flawless in the field.

Win-or-else scenarios prevail at Districts

Every pitch, every corner kick, every ground ball and every throw-in will take on added significance beginning next week for the area's local high school baseball, softball and soccer teams as District tournaments begin throughout the state.

Below is a list of where and when the local teams will be playing the first round of their post-season action:

SOCCER

Division 1: Canton will be hosting the Division 1, District 6 tournament beginning Tuesday, May 30. The host Chiefs will open Tuesday with a 5 p.m. opener against Westland John Glenn. With a win, the Chiefs will advance to play Ann Arbor Pioneer on Thursday, June 1, at 5 p.m.

The other half of the District 6 bracket includes Wayne Memorial and Ann Arbor Huron, who will square off in a first-round game, and Romulus, which drew a first-round bye.

The District championship game is set for Saturday, June 3, at noon at the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

Division 4: Plymouth Christian Academy, which was ranked eighth in the state in the latest Michigan High School Coaches rankings, will open Tuesday, May 30, at 4:30 p.m. at Southfield Christian.

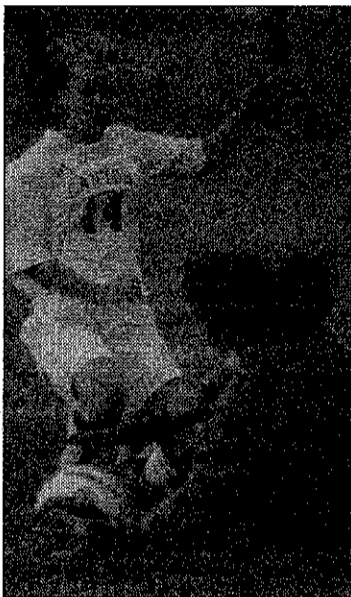
The winner will take on the winner of Tuesday's Ann Arbor Greenhills-Lutheran Westland showdown in the District final which is set for Thursday, June 1 at Greenhills.

SOFTBALL

Division 1: Canton and Salem will square off in a District 27 first-round game on Tuesday, May 30, at 4 p.m. at Canton. The winner will advance to play Novi, which drew a first-round bye, on Saturday, June 3 at 12:30 p.m. at Novi.

The other half of the bracket will pit Northville against South Lyon in a semifinal game. The final contest is set for Saturday, June 3, at 3 p.m.

Division 4: Plymouth Christian Academy will open the District 119 tournament on Saturday, June 3, at noon against Canton Agape Christian at Ann Arbor Greenhills High



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Canton forward Ellen Baracy (left) and Plymouth goalie Brittany Warner will play key roles for their respective teams in the Division 1 District tournaments set to begin next week.

School. A victory would propel either PCA or Agape into the 1:30 p.m. final against the winner of the Lutheran Westland-Greenhills semi-final game.

BASEBALL

Division 1: Canton drew a first-round bye for the District 27 tournament, which will open with a pair of games on Tuesday, May 30. Salem opens Tuesday, May 30, at 4 p.m. against host Novi. A win would earn the Rocks an opportunity to play a semi-final game against Novi Catholic Central Saturday, June 3, at 12:30 p.m.

In the other half of the brackets, Canton will play the winner of Tuesday's Northville-South Lyon game on Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m. at Novi. The championship game is set for June 3 at 3 p.m.

Division 4: Plymouth Christian and Canton Agape both drew first-round byes for the District 119 tournament that is being hosted by Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The Eagles will play the winner of Tuesday's Greenhills-Ypsilanti Calvary Christian game on Saturday, June 3, at 10:30 a.m. Agape will play Lutheran Westland in a semi-final game slated for June 3 at 12:30 p.m. The championship contest is set for June 3 at 2:30 p.m.

PHILLIPS

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"When we found out Diehl was in his weight class, we knew it would be more challenging because he's a two-time All-American."

"When Corey and Diehl wrestled, just about everybody in the arena stopped and watched the match. It was pretty cool."

Phillips' performance earned him a spot on "Team Michigan," a state-wide all-star squad that will travel to Fargo, N.D. in July to compete in the USA Wrestling's most highly touted tournament.

For an encore, Phillips placed second in the state in the freestyle competition. His only

loss came to — you guessed it — Diehl, who triumphed, 1-0 and 6-1.

"It was a great match," Randolph said. "After he lost the first period, Corey had to be more desperate in the second period. He lost, but he wrestled well."

Phillips will need to finish in the top eight in the national meet in July to earn All-American status. He will be bolstered by the presence of Randolph, who was recently named to serve as an assistant coach for "Team Michigan."

"I think he has a good shot at wrestling well at the national meet," Randolph said. "He has to work hard leading up to it this summer, but knowing Corey like I do, I know he will."



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Salem kickers pummel Walled Lake Western, 7-1

Salem's 7-1 victory over Walled Lake Western Monday night was more than a much-needed, late-season win for the Rocks.

It was also a measuring stick to show how much the young and talented team improved throughout the month of May.

"We tied Western 3-3 earlier this year, so winning tonight shows us how far we've come," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We did a lot of the little things that we weren't doing earlier in the year. We were more aggressive offensively and we took smart shots."

The Rocks, who raised their record to 4-8-2, not only took smart shots — they converted them. Salem jumped to a 4-0 halftime lead and never looked back. Senior Tara Duncan scored the first two goals, the first of which came on a penalty kick. Duncan's second goal was assisted by Ashley D'Angelo.

Kim Killion got into the scoring act a short time later when she found the back of the net after securing a pass from Katie Shull.

Shull netted the next three Salem goals — one just before halftime and the next two in the second half. Caryn Kosteva knocked in the winners' final goal of the night.

Kristen Dondzilla (first half) and Jill Slabey (second half) both played well in front of the net for Salem.

"Kristen made a huge save when we were up 2-0 that kind

of set the tone for the rest of the game," Nora said. "Western had a break-away, but she went out and stuffed it right at the top of the 18."

Salem will open the Division 1 District tournament on Tuesday when it travels to Livonia Stevenson to take on the state-ranked Spartans. The game is set to commence at 7 p.m.

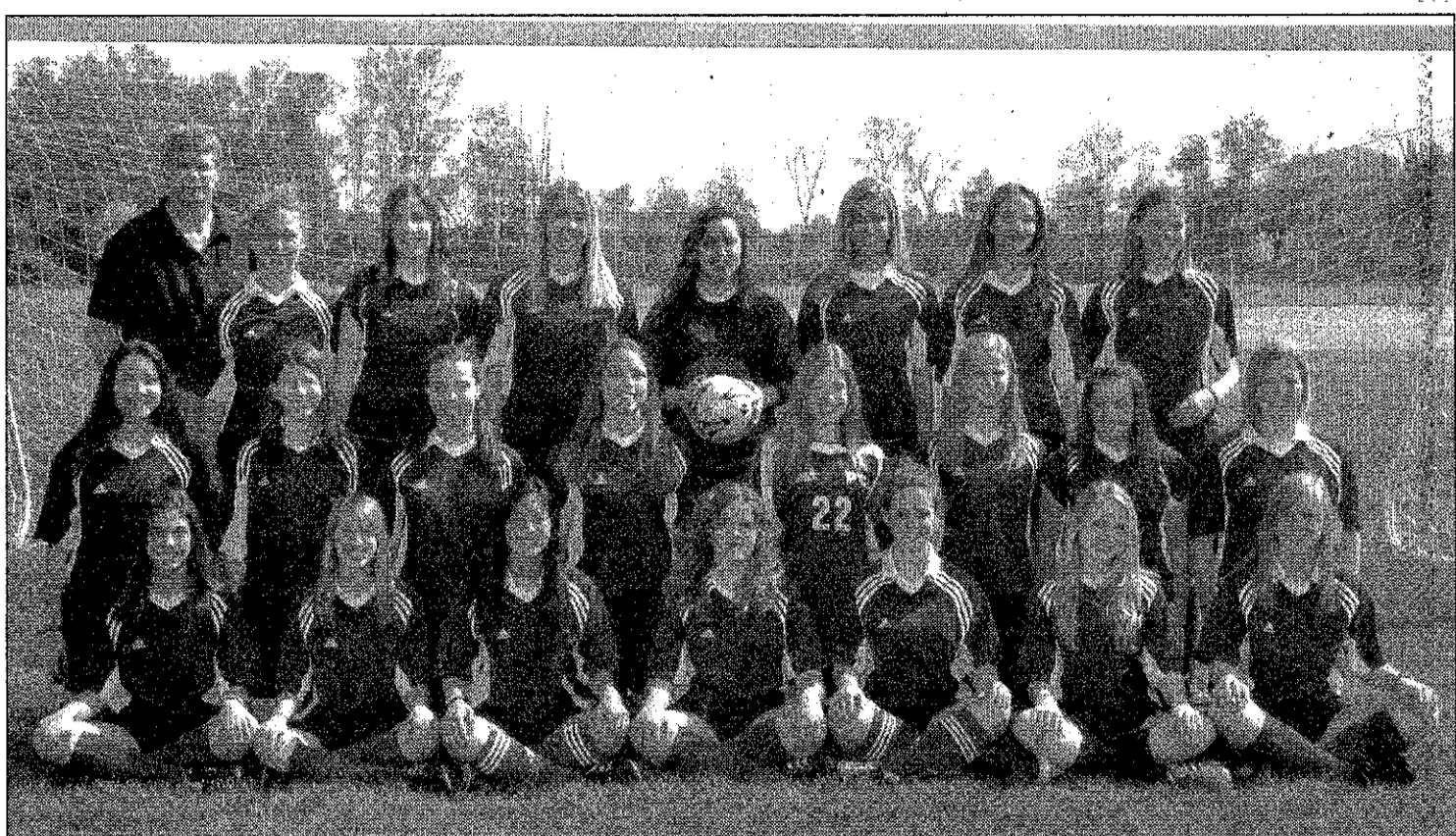
CANTON 1, W.L. CENTRAL 0: On Monday, the Chiefs' Jenn Krajovic converted a penalty kick for the game's lone goal. The victory improved Canton to 10-5-2 overall and 8-3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

CHURCHILL 2, PLYMOUTH 0: Livonia Churchill (11-3-4) regrouped in the second half Monday to beat the visiting Wildcats in a WAAA crossover game between second-place divisional teams.

Alisha Lussiez scored the game-winner from Hannah Otto in the 49th minutes followed by Bailey Brandon's pinpoint shot just outside the box in the 73rd minute from Kayla Johnston.

Churchill goalkeeper Stephanie Turner made a total of six saves en route to the shutout.

"Defensively we got off to a shaky start," Churchill interim coach Brian Zawislak said. "But we were able to communicate better in the back, thanks to players like Lindsay Marlow, and were able to reorganize and regain our composure."



The Plymouth Christian Academy girls soccer team recently clinched its first Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title in school history. The unbeaten Eagles will open the Division 4 District tournament Tuesday against Southfield Christian. Pictured (front row from left) are Meghan Polera, Melissa Rich, Amanda Yu, Bethany Welton, Ashley James, Natalie Matson, Jenna Misch, (second row from left) Josie Santos, Liz Somerick, Sarah Roth, Allyson DeKruyter, Mim Monroe, Abby Lorion, Jalese Debiasi, Karen Cleary, (top row from left) Coach Bob Lorion, LeeAnne Molnar, Brooke Williams, Lauren Beckett, Sara Ross, Katie McDougall, Peggy Abraham and Kimberly Cleary.

PCA 10, CALVARY CHRISTIAN 0: On Tuesday, Abby Lorion tallied three goals and an assist to pace the state-ranked Eagles, who improved to 12-0-1 overall and 11-0-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

PCA was ranked eighth in Division 4 in the latest coaches' poll.

Mim Monroe recorded three saves for the winners, who received strong offensive efforts from Amanda Yu (two goals), Meghan Polera (two goals), Karen Cleary (one goal,

two assists), Brooke Williams (one goal, one assist) and Liz Somerick, who scored her first goal of the season.

Ashley James notched a pair of assists and Katie McDougall recorded one helper.

PCA 1, B'HAM ROEPER 0: Abby Lorion scored on a header

18:26 into the game to give the Eagles the victory.

Brooke Williams was credited with the assist off a corner kick.

Defensively, the Eagles were led by Sarah Roth, Jalese DeBiasi, Kimmy Cleary and Josie Santos.

French leads Warriors to win

Mitch French netted five goals Saturday night to lead the Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse team to a 11-7 victory over Mattawan in a game played at the Plymouth High School junior varsity stadium.

French also contributed two assists to help the Warriors improve their record to 12-4. Mattawan slipped to 10-5.

"It was nice to finally win a game against Mattawan," said PCS coach Mike Costello.

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"They have been around for five years, just like us, so in some ways it's like looking in a mirror. They have a good program with some talented kids."

PCS led 2-1 after one quarter, 5-2 at the half and 6-5 with 12 minutes to play.

"We took their best shot early in the third quarter and

responded," said Costello. "This may have been our best game all year. Mitch French stepped up and Johnny Groat played well. John Savino played hurt and gave us great minutes. Jared Ruark is playing well coming back from injury. Joey Underwood played great on both ends of the field."

"Chris Sorensen played very well, making key stops. It was just a great performance on 'Senior Night.'"

Groat scored two goals for the winners. Single goal-scorers were Alex Caryl, Ryan Gubert, Ruark and Underwood. Ruark, Savino, Gubert and Nick Cote (two) were credited with assists. Groat also won 10-of-11 face-offs.

Both teams got off 35 shots. Mattawan scooped up more groundballs, 41-38. Sorensen had 13 saves.

MARCH

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career came at the age of 12 when she earned one of the few roster spots on an Olympic Development Program team.

"We traveled all over the country and played against the best players in the country," said March. "It was exciting because we got to travel to California, North Carolina, Georgia, all over. I found that the players' styles were different throughout the country. For instance, in Chicago, they played more aggressively than other places. That was a lot of fun."

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The ODP experience paid off when March was promoted to the Rocks' varsity squad as a ninth-grader. And it didn't take her long — just three games — to break into the starting lineup.

"I wasn't really intimidated because I had played during the summer with a few of the other girls on the team," March said. "I'll never forget that year because we won the conference championship."

March said she expected this year to be challenging for the Rocks, who suffered several losses to graduation from the 2005 team.


"We lost 11 seniors last year, so I knew it would be different this year," she said. "We have a very young team, with only six seniors, 10 sophomores and a couple of freshmen. The good thing is we've gotten better as the year has gone on."

THE NEXT LEVEL

March's immense soccer skills have earned her a collegiate scholarship at Ferris State University, where she will begin attending classes in the fall.

"Kristin has the potential to be a great college soccer player," said Nora. "With her skills, the transition from high school to college soccer should be a comfortable one."

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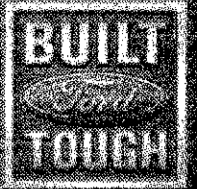
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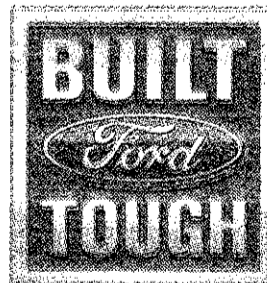
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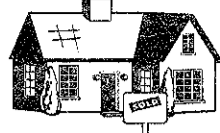
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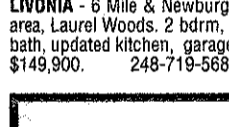
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WORKWISE
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While the nation struggles to improve its educational system, the excruciatingly competitive market by default develops customers who are increasingly astute. Where does this leave the salesperson?

Richard Hodge and Lou Schachter, authors of *The Mind of The Customer* (McGraw Hill, \$29.95), write that the landscape has changed radically from two generations ago, (when) success in sales depended (up)on the strength of personal relationships, or rapport-based selling. Product knowledge then overtook the stage until, in the last decade, salespeople were offering solutions to all (of) the potential business problems related to those purchases. Fast-forward to today's economy and discover that rapport, product knowledge and solutions combined won't secure a sale:

Executives are counting on salespeople to bring them ideas, advice, perspective, information and wisdom, the authors state.

TALL ORDER

This development requires today's salesperson to be busier than ever, especially if you own a business or

professional firm that requires you to sell on top of other duties. You can't just rely upon good selling skills, product knowledge or knowledge of an industry. You must find a way to enter the head of each executive on your list and tell that person something new about the marketplace and how your insight will impact his operation. This initiative requires a significant amount of work.

Ask yourself what your customer wants to accomplish. How can your offering accelerate the process, as Schachter describes it? It's not about selling. It's about helping your customer buy, the books says, by understand(ing) why... and how. This tactic moves you into a customer's business and outside of price competition.

ACCESS

Donna Flagg, principal of New York City's The Krysalis Group L.L.C., a business and management consulting firm, says that many salespeople resist seeking help from people because of the work it requires. Relationship management requires developing a system that enables you to gain and retain knowledge about the customer by managing the information. More than that, she explains, you must know that you're the one driving the process.

You have to pull the customer in close to you by asking when you should follow up and then doing so. Are you holding

back? You may be afraid of controlling the communication, either because you don't know how or think you might be seen as annoying. There could be a hybrid, she states, a fear of being annoying.

People just drop the ball, Flagg comments. Don't relinquish control; adopt a partnering mentality to remove insecurity and the likely belief that you're asking for something.

It's about having access to people who know others who can open the door for you, she continues. All of them continue to open because you've proven yourself beforehand. How do you know when it's time to stop?

EGRESS

You may be asking when to follow up and suggesting a number of weeks or months. You may be asking whether to use e-mail or a telephone call. When the time comes, you may receive no reaction. Flagg says to take note when people stop responding. This is the point at which the customer is not helping you. It's a sign that the partnership you wanted to develop isn't evolving and that you must respond appropriately to the changed situation. If the chain breaks and the person stops responding after three to five times, I take them off the list, she adds.

Stop e-mailing or calling, Flagg



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stresses, and don't let it debilitate you for the future. If you do, it can be devastating by almost reinforcing the belief that you're bothering people. In other words, make your hard work lead to something, such as a new and better prospect.

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SWF, 49, 5'5", full-figured, brown/brown, romantic, lovable, humorous, likes entertaining, traveling, family time. Seeking SM, 40-56, N/S, social drinker ok, who puts God first in his life, for possible LTR. ☎861408

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Roberto Moore's pad looks pretty typical for a 28-year-old single guy. An Xbox console and an ESPN Magazine hog the coffee table. There's a hockey stick mounted on a wall. An open can of Axe deodorant sits atop an electronics cabinet. Junk food abounds, including a half-empty bag of Funyuns. And Mr. Moore, like many Hispanics, is big on his family, evidenced by several photographs on the wall above the TV.

Next door, 30-year-old Jenny Sieverson's living room bespeaks her comfortable income as a pharmaceutical-sales rep, as well as her multiple leisure pursuits. A yoga mat stands rolled up in the corner. A picture she took of a mountain vista hangs on one wall. She's away so much that the only pet she can keep is in the fish bowl on an end table. And Ms. Sieverson tries to eat healthy snacks: A SoBe Lean drink and a Luna bar are among the culinary artifacts spread about.

But these rooms aren't in a GenX apartment complex somewhere -- they're on the second floor of the Organic advertising agency's building on Telegraph Road near Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. And Mr. Moore and Ms. Sieverson aren't even real people: They are personas that Organic and its client, the Chrysler Group, have come up with to represent primary market segments for their new Dodge Caliber and Jeep Compass vehicles.

By creating these fictional but very dimensionalized characters, and even rooms where they live, Chrysler and Organic have given their marketing teams a much better grasp on their target customers than reams of sterile data ever could. Personas allow them to journey into a relational territory where they can understand on an emotional level the most important determinants of real consumers' brand preferences and purchase decisions. And personas give marketers a



The 2007 Dodge Caliber starts at a suggested retail price of \$14,000.

meaningful shorthand for communicating with one another.

We are finding persona rooms to be very useful in developing marketing campaigns for our new product launches, says Christine MacKenzie, Chrysler's executive director of multi-brand events and agency relations. They help Chrysler's brands create more targeted, lifestyle-appropriate communications and to identify the right media opportunities to reach potential buyers.

Personas eased into software design after Alan Cooper -- who had invented Visual Basic and then sold it to Microsoft -- introduced them in 1999 in his groundbreaking book, *The Inmates Are Running the Asylum: Why High Tech Products Drive Us Crazy and How to Restore Sanity*. Soon, product designers at Microsoft were using personas to help design the first version of the MSN Explorer web browser and new Windows products.

In the last few years, major brands and their agencies have introduced personas into the marketing realm. Delta Airlines, for example, created a video of Ted, a persona that represented its primary business customers, and then showed it to their thousands of flight attendants and airport personnel.

Best Buy created personas to represent its five most important segments, including Lisa, a soccer mom, and then used them to create more customer-centric stores. And Universal Studios Orlando has seen online

ticket purchases climb 80% this year after it created personas -- the most important being a mom with two older kids -- toward them.

Personas are starting to go mainstream, says Harley Manning, vice president of Forrester Research, an online-marketing research firm in Cambridge, Mass. They help marketers get inside a customer's head and then convey your insights to a broad base of people in a company in a way that they're going to get it and remember it.

Manning says that personas, and refinements of the technique such as Chrysler's persona rooms, are one great way to attack what might be the biggest issue in marketing these days: Wasted advertising spending. Mass-media advertising is proving less and less effectual for big brands like Chrysler in reaching their true target audiences.

When Compass is introduced this summer, for example, Jeep marketers want to be able to reach young women to tell them about this new vehicle, which is sleeker than its Liberty compact SUV and also a little bigger. And Dodge marketers have been trying from the start to reach young men like Roberto to let them know that the small Caliber, which starts at a suggested retail price of \$14,000, is anything but cute.

The whole idea of personas is to get people like these to buy into your vehicles at the gut level, Manning explains. Chrysler is banking on it.

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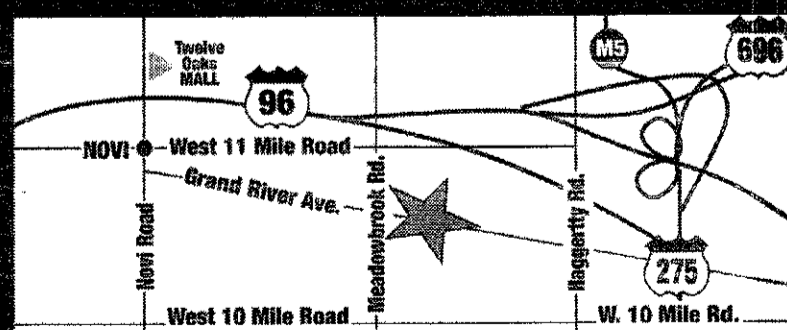
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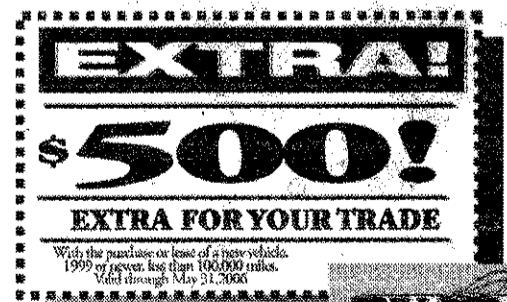
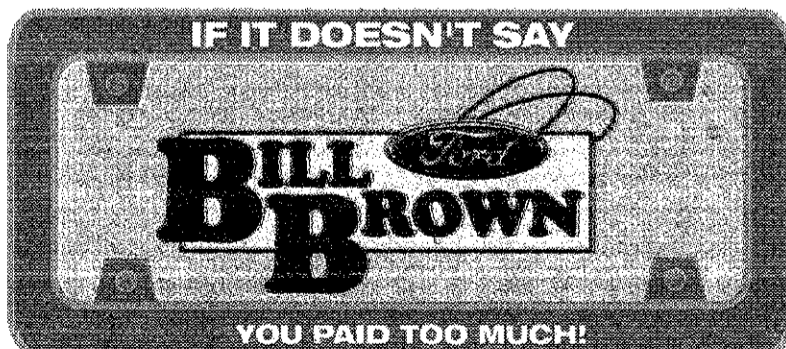
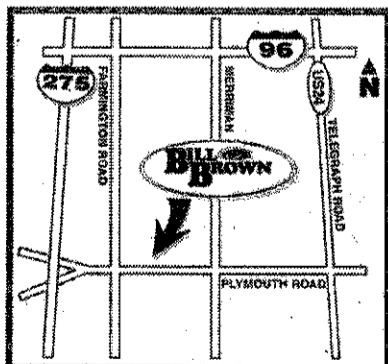
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STAFF WRITER

So you want to buy a gas grill. . .but you don't have a clue. But before you head to one of the big box stores or smaller, family-owned grill stores, you need to answer some questions.

Some of them are basic, while others will require some thought and research.

"You should have an idea of how many people you will be grilling for," said Rob Cackowski, manager of Michigan Fireplace and Barbecue in Troy. "If you're grilling all the time, you should look at (British thermal units), thickness of casting and cooking grids."

THICK CASTING

People should look at the quality of the cast aluminum and quality of stainless steel burners, according to Duane Hartmann, owner of Heat N Sweep in Canton.

"Thick cast aluminum allows the unit to keep the temperatures up during the colder months," Hartmann said. "It allows it to heat up fast and retain the heat."

According to a survey by Weber-Stephens, a majority of Americans (70 percent) fire up their grills at least once a week, and those with gas grills are more likely to grill at least a few times a week. Two-thirds of barbecue owners hosted at least one barbecue last summer.

The seriousness of the barbecuer usually reflects the seriousness of

PLEASE SEE GRILL, D7

Consider these tips when buying a grill

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

It might be the \$1 million question at your household, but maybe it's just a \$500 one.

What kind of grill and how large of a grill do you need?

If you cook for just yourself or two or four of you, you don't need a large grill that burns propane on what may become an unused cooking surface.

If you enjoy entertaining or have a large family, you should consider a grill with a larger cooking surface.

How much money do you want to spend - \$500 or under, \$1,000 or even \$3,000 and up?

You don't have to spend \$1,000 to get one that functions well, though the expensive unit may add to the aesthetics of your patio or back yard.

The less expensive ones won't have a thick casting, but with steady maintenance (that is cleaning the interior at least twice a year) they can still last and function well for a few years.

Cooking technique may not be important to those grillers who just cook hot dogs and hamburgers once in a great, great while.

But for the more serious griller, surface temperatures are important in obtaining enough heat to sear a steak or a salmon fillet, yet create a consistent enough heat without "cold spots" on the surface to grill chicken slowly. Dual burners allow for indirect cooking. That is, you can turn one on high, then turn the other low, and barbecue chicken or pork ribs on the low side. Add water-soaked mesquite or hickory wood chips in a metal box and you've got flavor.

Cast-iron grates allow for a great sear on meats, chicken and fish, but they require maintenance and should be cleaned after each use. They tend to wear out grill brushes, but nothing that a cloth with a good dose of olive oil on it won't clean.

If you don't like cleaning, you can try the CleanBBQ aluminum disposable grill liner. (A package of 20 is available for \$17.95 at Home Depot, Wal-Mart or www.cleanbbq.com.)

Stainless steel grates are a good choice. Porcelain-coated grates are easy to clean, but they can chip.

Side shelves are a wonderful convenience for condiments and sauces, and allow for you to keep a clean plate there for your finished foods. And if you don't like running back and forth between the kitchen and the grill, side burners are a nice option for side dishes.

It's a good idea to get a grill cover. That prevents all that flying dirt and dust from the garage from settling onto the unit.



PLEASE SEE AUTOMOTIVE, D3

Answers to your MP3 questions

Last week, I gushed about the new Napster online music service. Then it occurred to me that not everyone has a solid understanding of how this brave new music world works.

For instance, can't tell an MP3 from an AAC? Not sure which player to buy for the gym? Don't know what streaming audio is? You've come to the right column.

Let's start with streaming audio. Think of your computer as a radio and the Internet as the airwaves.

Listening to streaming audio is the same as tuning into a radio station, except that the music is delivered via your Internet connection.

Want a stellar example? Head to Pandora (pandora.com), click Create New Station, and enter the name of a song or artist.

Then prepare to be blown away while this slick, simple, free service streams exactly the kind of music you like - with no annoying commercials or DJs.

Now, let's talk MP3, AAC and WMA - file formats used to store digital music. Although they're fundamentally similar - basically just different containers for the same contents - they're not interchangeable.

MP3s are universally compatible: They play on just about every player, including iPods. AAC is a proprietary, copy-protected format used by Apple; songs you buy from iTunes are delivered in the AAC format, and can be played only on iPods.

Then there's WMA, short for Windows Media Audio. This is Microsoft's format, the one used by nearly every non-iTunes music store and non-iPod portable player.

MP3 FOR THE G-Y-M

What's the best MP3 player for the gym? As soon as I find it, I'll let you know. Apple's iPod Nano is almost perfect - tiny size, decent capacity, great battery life - but it doesn't support all-you-can-eat subscription services.

Plus, the Nano (like all iPods) lacks an FM tuner, which comes in handy at places like Lifetime Fitness, where TV audio is broadcast on FM frequencies.

Therefore, consider something like the Creative Zen MicroPhoto, which gives you 8GB of storage for \$199 (the similarly priced Nano tops out at 4GB) and includes an FM tuner/recorder, a choice of colors and compatibility with most subscription services.

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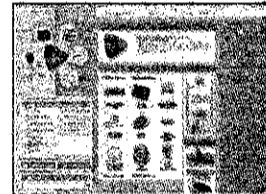


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The \$199 Creative Zen MicroPhoto offers 8GB of storage and an FM tuner, making it a great choice for the gym.



Visit the PlaysForSure Web site to see which portable players are compatible with which online music stores.

Designer driven by automotive style

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

An automobile can represent much more than transportation - power, comfort, excitement.

For Sacha Lakic, automotive style has meant inspiration for his furniture designs. Aerodynamics and the expression of movement are parts of his new Speed Up collection, exclusively for Roche Bobois.

The award-winning designer was in the area last week from Paris, on a U.S. tour. His visit last Monday included stops at Roche Bobois showrooms at the Michigan Design Center (MDC) in Troy and in Novi.

That morning he was at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren to meet with GM's Advanced Design Team.

"I design from my soul," Lakic said at MDC.

Lakic was born in Belgrade. His father was a fashion designer.

Lakic realized he wanted a design career one day when he was 8 years old and saw a Ford Mustang on his way to school. The lines of the metallic green car fascinated him, and he wanted to reproduce the contours in drawing.

The Speed Up line conveys his passion for automobiles. Its dynamic fur-

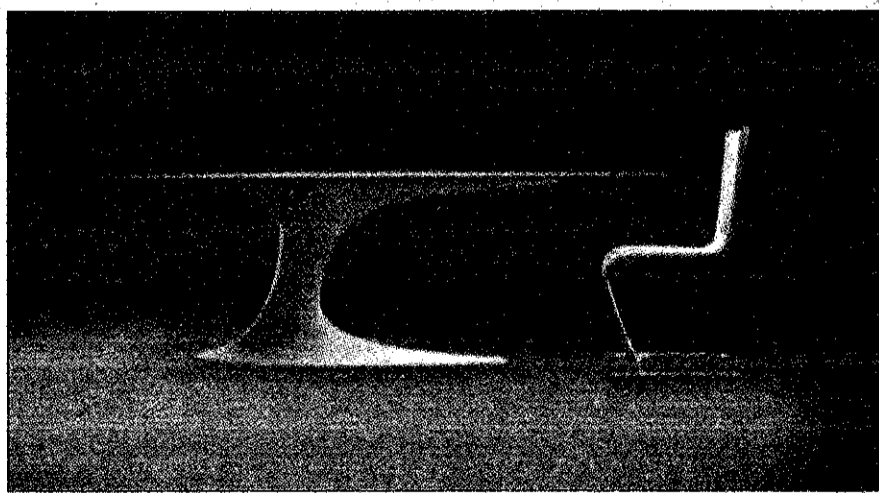


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The Speed Up line by Sacha Lakic includes this elliptical dining table and this chair. Roche Bobois showrooms are in Novi and at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

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HOME CALENDAR

Interior design
Interior design and decor are among the subjects of Continuing Education & Professional Development classes from Schoolcraft College this spring. For more information, call Continuing Education & Professional Development at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu. The schedule includes Learn Interior Redesign in Just 3 Days! and Detailing Your Walls. The interior redesign class will take place on two Thursdays and a Saturday beginning June 1 (cost is \$175, senior cost is \$140; bring a sack lunch to the Saturday session). This class is limited to eight students. Detailing Your Walls will take place for four weeks beginning Thursday, June 8 (cost is \$67, senior cost is \$53.60).

House Tour 2006
Temple Israel Sisterhood will present House Tour 2006, featuring six spectacular homes in Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 tour day. Tickets are available until tour day at the Temple Israel office. Call (248) 661-5700. For information, call Janie Roth at (248) 865-3008, Beverley Wolgin at (248) 626-2657, or Barbara Ben at (248) 855-9792. The event benefits projects of the sisterhood.

Bed skirt
Haberma Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermaFabrics.com or visit www.HabermaFabrics.com. The schedule includes Bed Skirt Seminar (Wednesday, May 31; cost is \$20).

Pewabic Pottery
Pewabic Pottery's 16th annual benefit show and sale, For the House and Garden, will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 3-4, at Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson in Detroit. Admission is free. Showcasing the creativity of more than 70 ceramic artists, the event will feature vessels for plants and flowers, table accessories for indoor and outdoor entertaining, sculptural ceramic pieces, and tile and tile-related items. Tours of the Pottery, demonstrations, museum and gallery exhibitions, and design studio access will be available. A special benefit preview party is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 2, including hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, music by the Sheila Landis Trio and complimentary valet parking. Preview tickets are benefactor, \$250 each or four for \$900; patron, \$150 each or four for \$500; and sponsor, \$75 each or four for \$250. RSVP required.

For information and reservations, call (313) 822-0954 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Interior design
College for Creative Studies Continuing Education summer classes include Elements of Interior Design, eight Saturdays beginning June 3. To register and for more information, call (313) 664-7691 or visit www.ccsad.edu/ce. Taught by Teri Main, this class will include the basic principles of space planning, drafting, color theory and materials and finishes. Students will work toward creating a finished residential room during the course. Cost is \$295, plus \$10 material fee.

Home giveaway
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is raising money by selling raffle tickets for a winner to receive a \$300,000 house in Oxford. Prizes include a \$10,000 shopping spree at Art Van Furniture. The drawing will take place Sunday, June 11, at Bay Village of Waterstone Oxford. Guests can tour the home during open house days 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays now through June 10 and register to win prizes. Art Van Furniture has furnished the home for the tours. For more information or tickets, call St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at (800) 318-5448, or go to www.st.judehome.org.

Help keep your dog from biting

"A Detroit child is in the hospital following a vicious pit bull attack. The story tonight at 11."

It's a common tease used by news teams, making you scared, wondering what that monster did to that child.

Headlines involving pit bull attacks splash spectacularly in print and on screen, so they've become part of the meat and potatoes of local news coverage, along with accidents, fires and double homicides.

It makes you believe the pit bulls are the only ones that can do startling damage. Not true. Any dog of any breed can inflict a serious bite, no matter how cute or how tiny they are, or even if they have a ribbon in their hair.

The American Veterinary Medical Association reported that 500,000 to one MILLION dog bites require medical attention in the United States annually. That's a major U.S. city worth of bites every year.

What's worse, the people who get bitten the most are children. The AVMA estimates that 60 percent of animal bites involve children.

The cute cartoon of a mailman delivering his rounds with a dog hanging off his rear end stops being funny when you realize just how dangerous dogs can be for home service people like postal workers or meter readers.

There's a man I know who is oblivious to the dangers of controlling his pet. He thinks if the dog gets hit by a car or bites someone he'll deal with it then, basically saying if there's a problem it was supposed to happen.

It reminds me of the colonial days, when if your house was struck by lightning they wouldn't put it out. It was God's will that your house was hit and caught on fire. Lightning hasn't hit this man yet, but I try not to stand too close to him.

Along with the damage caused to the victim by the bite, the damage can hit the dog's owners pretty significantly. Lawsuits are common in a dog bite situation.

I searched "Dog Bite Lawyer" on Yahoo, and came back with 1.13 MILLION results. I'm fairly certain they can't all be lawyers, as then there would be more lawyers than the AVMA reports there are medical dog bites.

Still, the point is obvious: There's a huge opportunity for lawsuits when a dog inflicts injury. And if you get sued, your homeowner's insurance will at least be threatened, and

may be lost. Insurance sites I visited agreed that annual losses for claims involving dogs bites are about \$1 BILLION dollars a year, with normal homeowner's and renter's insurance normally covering about \$100,000 per year. One-third of homeowner's insurance claims involve dog bites.

Great. So now one of the great joys in life, owning a dog, turns out to be a precursor for physical, emotional and financial ruin. Even more reason to sit alone in an empty room, where no one can get at us, so we can avoid all the problems.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No, you don't have to become a hermit. The AVMA has several recommendations to help keep your dog from biting, and about what to do if an incident occurs.

The starting point for avoiding dog bites would be to pick the right breed for you. Make sure the dog you select will have a personality that matches your lifestyle.

A big, energetic dog would be a great idea for a family, but could be trouble for an elderly couple who can't deal with the hyperactivity.

Get your pet out among people. We tend to fear what is foreign much more than what we see every day. A dog left in the yard all day every day without attention might become dominant and territorial (meaning the dog might be more aggressive). Ask your vet for ideas before you actually get your pup.

A great place to socialize would be a dog class, as training can help give the dog confidence, and can give you better control in case a situation arises.

Few things help make your animal safer than neutering, as neutered animals tend to be less aggressive. They also tend to be healthier. No, they don't miss being intact.

Health care also makes the AVMA list. Keep your pet healthy, which makes life more pleasant and thus makes the animal more patient.

Keep up to date with vaccines, especially rabies. A dog not current on rabies that bites someone creates a whole new bundle of problems for you legally, and could end up costing your pet his or her life.

The best way to avoid getting bitten would be to use common sense. Don't run from a dog. It will chase you.

If the dog comes up to you, let it sniff while you stay still and calm.

NEVER leave a child alone with a dog, especially a dog you don't know. Children always want to pet any dog they see.

If the dog is with someone, ask first, but still be extremely cautious. Any postal carrier or

veterinarian can tell you the last thing they usually hear before being bitten is "Go ahead and pet him - he doesn't bite."

Laws vary in different communities regarding how dog bites get handled legally, but when a dog bites someone, try to confine the animal immediately. Be careful, as you don't want to get bitten yourself.

Make sure the injured individual gets proper medical care, and supply any information you can regarding vaccination history.

You will want to alert your insurance company if the bite involves your dog, so they can begin to get ready for any possible future action against you (remember, everyone is just one phone book or Web search away from a lawyer).

A dog unvaccinated for rabies will need to be quarantined for 10 days, or might even need to be euthanized, with the head sent to the state for rabies evaluation.

For more information on dealing with this situation, and ways to avoid it, check out www.AVMA.org.

The reason I bring all this up is that I got nailed by a dog this week.

A very sick Rottweiler was presented, and as I examined it, it suddenly moved faster than I've ever seen a dog move, biting a huge chunk off my right thumb. The dog wasn't current on its rabies and was euthanized to have its head evaluated by the state.

Results aren't back yet, so if you notice that subsequent columns have poor spelling and punctuation, forgive me, it's the rabies talking.

I am very lucky, in that there was no nerve damage, just a totally severed digital artery, which made me look like a teenager in a Friday the 13th movie.

If the vaccine had been up to date, we might have had a chance to treat the dog, and I wouldn't be waiting for test results now.

The condition the dog presented made me think his living 10 more days would be unlikely, and certainly uncomfortable.

So make sure to keep your dog up to date on vaccines, and take no chances. Things can happen in a split second that can affect everything for a very long time.

Do things right, and having a dog can truly be one of the great joys of life.

I give it an enthusiastic half a thumb up.

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GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Indian Village
The 33rd annual Indian Village Home and Garden Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 3, in the turn-of-the-century neighborhood on Seminole, Iroquois and Burns, from Jefferson to Mack avenues in Detroit. Six homes, three gardens, one carriage house, five churches and two schools will be open for tours. Advance tickets (\$13 per person) may be bought by mail until Sunday, by sending a check or money order payable to Indian Village Home and Garden Tour (along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope) to Advance Ticket Sales, Historic Indian Village Home and Garden Tour, P.O. Box 14616, Detroit 48214. They are also available online at www.historicindianvillage.org. Tickets will be \$18 per person on tour day and on sale at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church at Jefferson and Burns, Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church at Vernor and Iroquois, and Waldorf School, 2555 Burns at Charlevoix. For recorded information, or a tour

brochure, call (313) 922-1736 or visit www.historicindianvillage.org

Open Days
The Open Days tour is scheduled 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11. It will feature private gardens in Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Pleasant Ridge and Troy, and public gardens at Congregational Church of Birmingham in Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook House & Gardens in Bloomfield Hills and Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. Tickets are \$5 per garden visit, six for \$25. Visit www.gardensconservancy.org or call (888) 842-2442.

Franklin
The 21st annual Franklin Garden Walk is scheduled 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, June 14. The event will feature six private gardens, artists at work in the gardens, a salad luncheon and garden vendors on the green. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 tour day. Visit franklingardenclub.org or call (248) 626-8293.

Sylvan Lake
The third annual Sylvan Lake walk will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday,

June 17. It will feature the Owl House, a 1900s kit home, a house with country art, and three lakefront homes. Tickets are \$10 for groups of 10 or more, \$12 prior to the day of the event, \$15 tour day. They are available at Sylvan Lake City Hall, Blossoms of Birmingham and Detroit Garden Works. Call (248) 681-8624 or (248) 681-2750, or visit www.sylvantour.com

Livonia
Friends for the Development of Greenmead will present its 17th Annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 24, featuring seven gardens and yards of homes throughout Livonia. Proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 the day of the walk. They are available at any Livonia library, the Civic Center Library Gift Shop (the library is on Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road), the Greenmead office (on Eight Mile, just west of Newburgh) and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. Call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4835.

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GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

We'll learn together from experience

As most of you know, we have a new Maytag Neptune washer and dryer installed in our laundry room in the basement right next door to Valorie's Martha Stewart room.

I obligated myself to give you a weekly report, because I've said so many things negative about front loaders, I believe I owe you readers the facts as we see them in our house.

Each week, I'll pass on some our feelings and some that come from readers who call or e-mail me.

We know these machines are extremely quiet compared to our old top loaders.

We know the washer uses so little soap, it makes me wonder how clothes can be classified as clean, but they are. It will get a better test after I come back from northern Canada with my smelly fishing clothes.

I've been getting letters from consumers who love their Neptune washers and never had a speck of trouble with them.

As the appliance dealer who

sold us these machines told us, "The problems have all been resolved, there are no more." WE WILL SEE.

Recent moves by the Whirlpool Company are directed at its new affiliate, the Maytag Company, which means the loss of thousands of employees in the appliance industry.

I've said it before: There will come a day in this country when an overseas manufacturer will come in and gobble up what's left of the industry. I don't think it's too far off in happening.

WARRANTY CHANGE

Going back to what I announced a few weeks ago, the warranty on your new major home appliance isn't what it used to be.

I bet that those of you who bought a new product within the past few months may not even know about the change in warranties. From what I understand, the sales people don't even want to bring up the subject to buyers.

In simple words, if you have a problem with the product after the first year, too bad, there isn't any sort of coverage.

Wait until next year at this time - I'll be getting a ton of mail from consumers who are going to be pretty ticked off because they had to spend

money on repairs that used to be covered.

NOW, more than ever, you have to be thinking about buying an extended service contract. In the next few years just about everyone concerned about appliance repair bills will have an extended service contract of some kind.

Now is the time to be doing your homework on the subject, including what or how much of the product is covered and at what cost and for how long.

I swore for a long time that service contracts were for the wealthy only, and then the price dropped to what I call expensive but reasonable.

I've told you of appliance manufacturers and retailers who made more money on contracts than they did on the sale of products. Be very careful of the pressure that is exerted at the point of sale or a few days later in the mail or on the telephone.

It's no secret that I choose to go the route of enrolling with one of our major utility companies.

TEST

I once needed service on our refrigerator that had a defrost problem. I knew what was wrong but I decided to let someone fix it instead of doing it myself.

I wanted to test the efficien-

cy of this service contract, so I signed up using Valorie's maid-name.

After the service man was done fixing the refrigerator (and I must say he did a darn good job), I told him who I was.

He immediately started looking around the kitchen and I asked what he was looking for. He replied, "A hidden camera." He thought I was doing one of those scam stories with a television station.

In the end, I gave my extended warranty plan a high passing grade.

It is always the intent of this column to help educate you by virtue of not only my opinions but also those of many readers and radio listeners.

If testing a washing machine or testing a service plan is what I have to do, then I'll do it. You'll learn with me and we will be smarter consumers. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

As the appliance dealer who

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nishings feature curved elements, lacquered facades and steel components, and give the feeling of motion. They combine function and fantasy.

An elliptical dining table has a black lacquer glass top. A chair made of very thin plywood ("like a sheet of paper") stands on satin finish-steel legs, and features a triangular hole in the lower back to make it easier to carry.

Storage units - including a buffet or sideboard - feature a neon light divider that symbolizes an axle, and have steel legs. A wave design on the front appears flat or concave, depending on the light in the room.

The units come in 25 different colors. One piece with four interior drawers could serve as a china cabinet, bar or computer desk. The buffet has two sliding doors and one interior drawer. A vertical, column-like style has an adjustable shelf and two doors.

Lakic described the three-seat meridi- enne sofa as having a back "like a big arm that holds you," and a shape that "for me is like a small spaceship."

"You cannot sit (on the sofa) in a formal way," he said. "You . . . sit in a very glamorous way."

MINIMALISM

Lakic keeps his designs simple and minimal, he said.

"I don't try to make something beautiful by adding details. I like to make something beautiful by removing as much as possible."

Lakic used the above chair as an example: It has minimum elements, and the plywood has just enough softness and elasticity.

"It's crazy but it works." The shape of each furnishing is so pure and simplistic it could fit in either a classical or modern interior, he said.

"I think these pieces are like functional sculptures."

Roche Bobois honors a new designer every year, said Greg Eitelman, American Society of Interior Designers, owner (with

'I don't try to make something beautiful by adding details. I like to make something beautiful by removing as much as possible.'

Sacha Lakic

Edgar Hagopian) of Roche Bobois in Novi. "He's brought the esthetics of industrial design to furniture design," Eitelman said of Lakic.

"That's why we brought him to the GM Tech Center." Car designers get ideas from his furniture for their cars, Eitelman said. "He has come full circle."

Lakic's designs involve the latest technology. He acknowledged engineers and others in the "team effort" behind their production.

Lakic has been with Roche Bobois since 1996. His first piece for the company was the Onda bed, which won a prize in Rome. He had just returned from Japan and wanted a design similar to a futon.

The design, with its wavy frame, also suggests a flying carpet. When Lakic was a child, he thought his bed took him to different places during the night.

Besides furniture, Lakic designs bicycles, motorcycles, yachts, knives and watches.

Lakic is working on a three-level, 35-meter-long yacht in Monte Carlo that he called "the SUV of yachts, something you can run around the world . . . Like a tugboat but with a very high luxury level interior."

Another of his projects is the Venturi Fetish, a roadster with a high-performance electric engine. Sales of the Fetish will begin in 2007, he said.

At MDC, Lakic indicated his attraction to automobiles in yet another way: He was interested when Susan Zinger, MDC executive vice president/general manager, told him about the Woodward Dream Cruise. Roche Bobois (www.rochebobois.com):

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Whatever player you buy, make sure there's a lanyard or armband case available. Pockets, assuming your workout clothes even have them, just don't work.

DRACONIAN RIGHTS MANAGEMENT

So you bought some songs from an online store, but they won't play on your MP3 player. Why? Most likely because your player doesn't support the digital rights management (or DRM) protection embedded in the song files.

Ultimately, you want a player that supports DRM WMA files or promises PlaysForSure compatibility (visit playsforsure.com for more information).

Barring that, you can still take advantage of the songs you bought. Just burn them to a CD using the appropriate software, then "rip" that CD to turn the songs into MP3 files that'll work on your player.

There's another, equally important DRM question to consider: What happens if your hard drive dies and takes all your digital downloads along with it?

If you're an iTunes user, you're seriously out of luck. Although you may be able to sweet-talk a customer service rep into helping you out, Apple doesn't allow you to re-download anything you've bought. (You've been warned before - make backups!)

The same unfortunate truth applies to Yahoo Music Unlimited. Napster, on the other hand, lets you retrieve purchased tracks - another point in that service's favor.

The moral of the story: Before you buy songs from any online service, check its replacement policy. And when you do buy tracks, burn them to CDs anyway so you always have physical backups.

Any more questions? You know where to send them.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld*, 5th Edition, and *101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Sale, auction

The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will sponsor a Plant Sale and Silent Auction 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 26, in the tent behind Meadow Brook Hall. Meadow Brook Hall is on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Use the Adams Road entrance. Plants will be donated by garden club members and will feature a large variety of perennials, roses, shrubs, herbs and other garden-related items, including antique chairs used as decorative planters. The public may attend. For more information, call (248) 887-1983 or (248) 608-0485.

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, May 26, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus off Adams in Rochester. The topic will be Gifts From the Garden: What Should I Plant This Summer? Guest speaker will be certified master gardener Jenny Depa-Karl, owner of Sleepy Hollow Herbs, a business she operates from her small farm in Armada. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call (248) 608-0485 or (248) 310-8793, or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Bonsai

Saguaro Plants, 470 W. Five Mile in Whitmore Lake, presents free lectures 1 p.m. Sundays at the nursery. Each lecture lasts about one hour. Dress for the weather. For more information, call (734) 449-4237.

Bonsai Basics, by Saguaro Plants owner Ben Woloskie, will be the topic May 28.

Climbing roses

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public. The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. Each presentation lasts about 1 1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

The schedule includes Climbing Roses: Selection, Growing and Training (1 p.m. Sunday, May 28, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, May 29). Admission is free. Reservations aren't required. The program will include a colorful slide lecture and garden tour. Special emphasis on pruning and training techniques.

Belle Isle

The Belle Isle Botanical Society will have its annual Plant Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at the Belle Isle Greenhouses on Detroit's Belle Isle Park. Proceeds benefit the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory. Perennials, annuals, herbs, miniature roses, geraniums, hostas, houseplants and heirloom tomatoes will be among the offerings. For more information, call (313) 822-2548. For a list of available perennials and heirloom tomatoes, visit www.bib-society.org.

Open house

Specialty Growers, 4330 Golf Club Road in Howell, will host its Memorial Weekend Open House 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 27-28. Owner Karen Bovio will speak about New Plants for 2006 at 1 p.m. Refreshments and door prizes will be featured, and staff members will be on hand to answer gardening questions. For more information, call (517) 546-7742 or visit www.specialtygrowers.net.

Leaf show

The Metro Detroit Hosta Society Leaf

Show and Silent Auction will take place 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Senior Center, 3500 Marais in Royal Oak. The public may attend.

Rose Companions
Stephen Scanniello will present a slide lecture based on his newest book, *Rose Companions*, at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township.

The lecture will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in Room 125 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, south of Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor (phone (734) 647-7600).

Scanniello will sign copies of his books before and after his talk. *Rose Companions* and other rose books (*A Year of Roses*, *Climbing Roses*, *Roses of America*) will be available for sale and signing.

Hosta hybridizers

Hosta Hybridizers will meet 10 a.m. Sunday, June 4, in Room 125 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, south of Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor (phone (734) 647-7600).

Gardening

Gardening classes at The Community House in Birmingham include Practical Gardening Tips (Thursday, May 25; cost is \$22), Highlighting Evening Gardens (Wednesday, May 3; \$22) and Keeping Your Garden Fresh (Wednesday, June 7; \$22).

To register and for more information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Growing roses

English Gardens will host free gardening seminars for the public 7 p.m. Wednesdays in June at its six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900. Growing Beautiful Roses will be the topic June 7. Various types of roses, proper planting procedures, insect and disease control, pruning, fertilizing and winter care will be discussed.

Volunteers sought

Do you live in a condo or apartment and miss gardening? The Royal Oak Garden Club is seeking volunteers (club members only) to tend these Royal Oak community gardens now to October: Gilda's Garden, Community Center Garden, Community Center Iris Garden, Cemetery Garden and the Zoo Garden. Club membership is \$10 per year. Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels at The Community House in Birmingham, 380 S. Bates; Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt; Troy Continuing Education, 201 W. Square Lake Road; Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor; and Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. Special class sessions can be arranged for groups of 15 or more. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michiangardening.com. The schedule includes: Container Gardening, Thursday, May 25, in Livonia (fee is \$42); Garden Design, five Thursdays beginning May 25 in Livonia (\$168); Practical Gardening: So Many Ways to Grow, five sessions beginning Wednesday, May 31, in Livonia (\$168); Attracting Hummingbirds and Butterflies, Thursday, June 1, in Pontiac (\$42); and Garden Conifers, Thursday, June 1, in Livonia (\$42).

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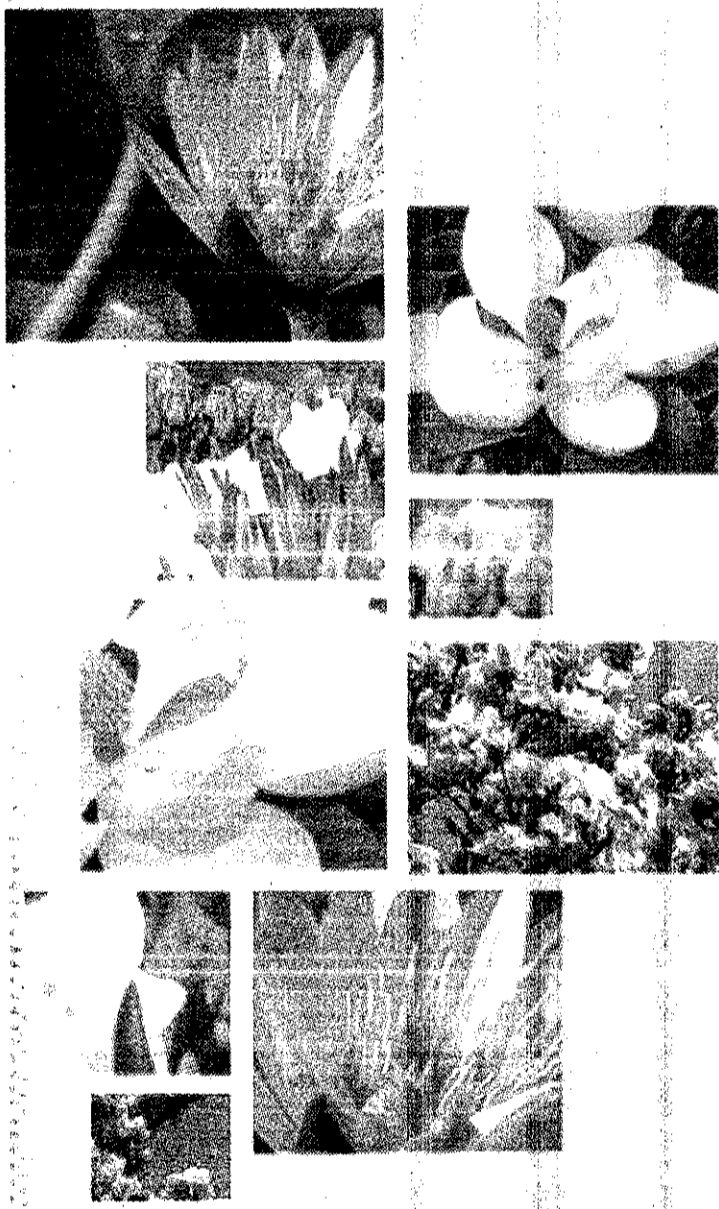
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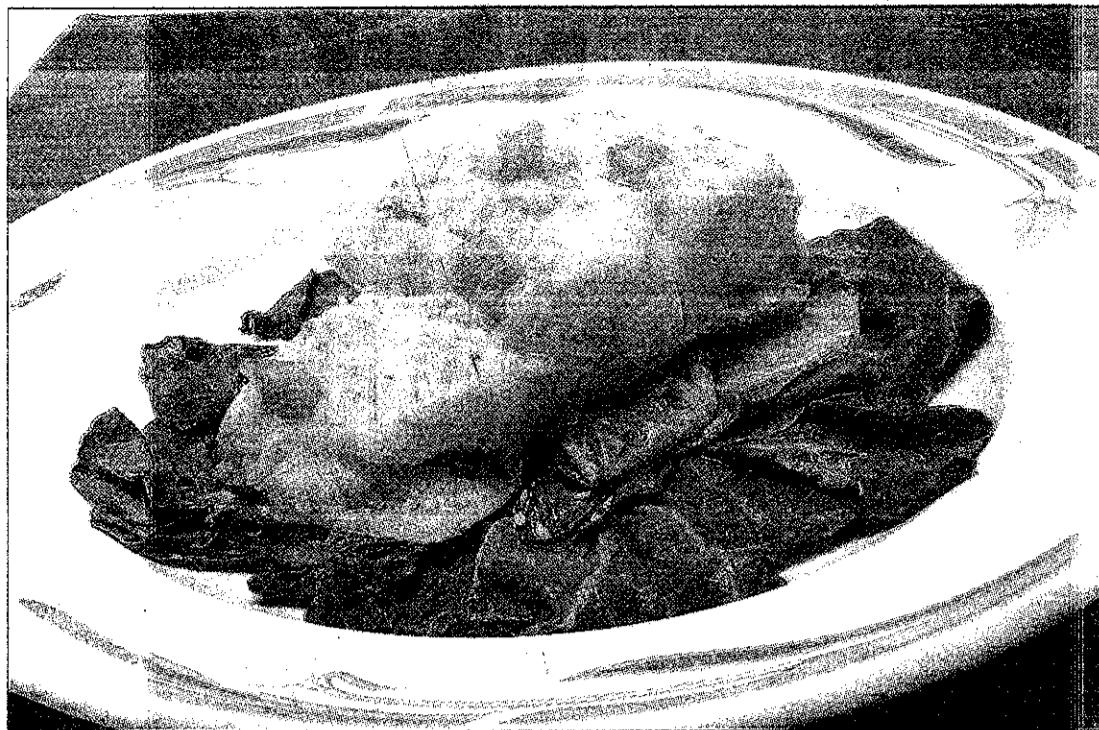
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Steamed sake halibut characterizes Southeast Asian cooking by combining the flavors of that region.

This Southeast Asian dish replaces the fat with flavor

Southeast Asian cooking offers food with deep, rich flavor, but without a lot of fat and sweeteners.

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, a celebration of Asian and Pacific Islanders in the United States. It's a good opportunity to take a look at this healthy, flavorful cuisine.

Southeast Asian cooks use a variety of herbs and other ingredients to maximize the flavor of a dish, instead of relying on salt, sugar and fat as so much Western cooking does.

Southeast Asian cooks aim for a balance among the five basic tastes: sour, bitter, sweet, salty and hot.

Outside the West, a sixth taste element has been recognized for thousands of years. Called by its Japanese name, umami, this component adds mouth feel and depth of flavor to a dish, especially soups and sauces.

Instead of relying simply on salt for saltiness, many Asian cooks use a sauce made of fermented fish, or soybean products like miso, that add a level of richness and some pungency to a dish.

Radish, ginger, garlic, mustard and chilies create some heat and a little "bite."

Herbs like cilantro and dark,

leafy green vegetables like spinach and mustard greens offer the bitter element.

Vinegar and citrus provide the sour component, and a touch of sugar gives balance with a hint of sweetness.

STEAMED SAKE HALIBUT WITH BOK CHOY

- 1/4 cup mirin or sake*
- 1/4 bottled clam juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, peeled and minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 4-ounce halibut fillets
- White pepper
- Chili paste (optional)
- 3 scallions, very finely sliced
- 4 teaspoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/2 pound baby bok choy, separated into leaves
- 2 teaspoons sesame seeds

In skillet large enough to hold steamer, combine the mirin, clam juice, ginger and garlic. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and gently simmer 5 minutes. Meanwhile, sprinkle the fish with pepper to taste. If you like a little spice, rub the fillets with chili paste.

Place a rack or steaming device in the skillet. (If you don't have a rack to fit in a skillet, crumple pieces of aluminum foil, twist them and lay across the

skillet like the bars of a rack to hold the fish above the liquid.)

Place the fish on the steamer rack. Sprinkle onions over fish and spoon soy sauce and sesame oil over that. Cover the skillet and steam until the fish is opaque in the center, about 5 minutes. About halfway through the cooking, place the bok choy leaves on top of the fish.

Meanwhile, heat a small skillet over medium-high heat. Add sesame seeds and heat them until they turn a golden brown, gently shaking the skillet to keep the seeds moving and avoid burning. Immediately transfer seeds to a small bowl to stop the browning process.

Remove steamer from skillet. Arrange bok choy on each of four plates and top with fillets of fish. Pour pan juices over fish and sprinkle with sesame seeds.

*Mirin is a Japanese rice cooking wine; sake is rice wine and, depending on the brand, is typically drier than mirin. Either can be used, based on either convenience or preference. If neither is available, use a mild chicken or vegetable broth.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 261 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 17 g. carbohydrate, 26 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 399 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Free pruning guide from Arbor Day Foundation offers advice on trees

Those who care about trees will find advice on pruning and related topics in the National Arbor Day Foundation's free booklet, *How to Prune Young Shade Trees*.

From pruning in the early years of a tree's life, to learning how to strengthen trees by removing branches, this illustrated, easy-to-follow guide offers timely and practical tips.

For your copy, send your name and address to: How to Prune, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, or go online at www.arborday.org.

"How a tree is pruned in its first few years of life will affect its shape, strength and even lifespan," said Arbor Day Foundation president John Rosenow.

"People who value their trees will learn how to make them safer, more beautiful, healthier and easier to maintain with this guide and its step-by-step illustrations."

Other tips in *How to Prune Young Shade Trees* cover the best ways to make a pruning cut, how to prune for form, and how to maintain a tree's health by removing trouble spots.

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Winery founder goes from pioneer to superstar in Dry Creek Valley

David Stare was raised in Boston, earned his engineering degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's degree in business administration from Northwestern University. He worked as an engineer for a short time, but his interest in wine took him to California.

In 1972, he founded Dry Creek Vineyard at a time when the locals thought he was loco. Only three Dry Creek Valley wineries had managed to survive and many of the old vineyards suffered from neglect.

Overlooking the economic reality that had forced many wineries out of business, Stare set out to establish the first winery in Dry Creek Valley since the end of Prohibition.

Before he began to tear out old orchards and plant vines, he consulted the county farm adviser, who recommended planting pinot noir and gewürztraminer, two varieties that are not found in Dry Creek Valley today.

Stare had visited wineries and vineyards in France's Loire Valley and was taken by the crisp, fresh, grassy character of the Sancerre and Pouilly Fumé produced from sauvignon blanc.



Focus on Wine
Ray and Eleanor Heald

Even though he was advised against it, Stare planted sauvignon blanc near his new winery. As luck would have it, the wine was great and is still the flagship wine at Dry Creek Vineyard.

Today, obviously inspired by Stare's success, there are 25 wineries in Dry Creek Valley and a total of 5,500 acres of vineyards. Fortunately, many of those vineyards are century-old, head-pruned zinfandel vines that escaped being ripped out during Prohibition.

Our first visit to Dry Creek Vineyard was in the summer of 1975. Stare had assembled his neighbors to help him bottle his wine. He sat at a machine that inserted a cork into one bottle at a time, after being filled on a machine that accommodated only six bottles. The filled bottles were placed unlabeled into cardboard cartons to wait for another day when labeling would be done manually.

Stare announced his retirement in early April 2006, but

the great thing about DCV is that the new leadership at the winery, in the person of daughter Kim Stare Wallace and husband Don along with winemaker Bill Knuttel, has not rested on Stare's laurels.

Over the last few years, strategic initiatives have not only improved DCV wines, but given a fresh look to the packaging. The newest chardonnays now boast a Russian River Valley Appellation, rather than Sonoma County, a move that more tightly defines the wine's origin, which requires that 85 percent of the fruit come from the Russian River Valley.

According to Bill Smart, director of communications, "The 2005 Chardonnay is 100 percent Russian River Valley. Small lot fermentation has been implemented, along with whole cluster pressing and prudent use of oak, a move that highlights the pure chardonnay fruit in the wine."

"Our Bordeaux program (cabernet, merlot, cabernet franc, petit verdot and malbec) has moved from Sonoma County to Dry Creek appellation to take advantage of the unique nuances of our home region." DCV has dropped reserve

wines in favor of small lot, single vineyard wines with emphasis on terroir. We applaud this move since there is no U.S. definition for the term reserve and a vineyard name on the label designates a wine's exact origin.

WHAT TO BUY FROM DRY CREEK VINEYARD

■ 2005 Dry Chenin Blanc, Clarksburg \$12. Chenin blanc hails from France's Loire Valley and is the variety used in Vouvray. The DCV Chenin Blanc is a good value and delicious — one of the few chenin blancs still made in California. Flavors of green apple, citrus, lime and grapefruit make it perfect for oysters and Asian cuisine.

■ 2004 Fume Blanc, Dry Creek Valley \$14 is the signature wine of Dry Creek Vineyard. It exhibits bright, crisp grapefruit, melon, lemongrass and lemon-lime flavors. Try it with goat cheese, seafood and fresh oysters.

■ 2004 Chardonnay, Russian River Valley \$18. This is the real deal. Many chardonnays of this quality cost \$30 or more. Aromas of citrus, pear and hazelnut introduce a rich wine that is not overpowering. It boasts balanced oak and great

structure. Try with roast chicken or grilled pork tenderloin.

■ 2003 Merlot, Dry Creek Valley \$18. This is a delicious merlot with aromas of spice from French oak aging as well as plum, cherry and notes of currants. Try it with a grilled steak and sautéed mushrooms.

■ 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Dry Creek Valley \$21 is distinguished by a melange of dark fruits, heightened by brown spice and chocolate notes. A sensational value for cab lovers.

■ 2003 Old Vine Zinfandel is the best blend from the winery's oldest Sonoma County zinfandel vineyards, sporting classic aromas and jammy, dark berry flavors.

■ 2002 Meritage, Dry Creek Valley \$28 is a blend of equal amounts of cabernet sauvignon and merlot with a small percentage of petit verdot and cabernet franc. Black cherry and blackberry flavors are in harmony with silky tannins, finishing long and smooth.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally-respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

WINE PICKS

Think inside the box. Memorial Day is the official start of summer and outdoor eating. Three-liter wine casks (four standard bottles in each box) make outdoor wine service affordable and easy. Of the many available, these are the ones we liked best: Fish Eye Pinot Grigio, \$16; Killer Juice Central Coast Chardonnay, \$20; Glen Ellen Chardonnay, \$14; Fish Eye California Shiraz, \$16; Killer Juice Central Coast Cabernet Sauvignon, \$20; and Glen Ellen California Cabernet Sauvignon, \$14. At \$4 to \$5 per standard 750mL bottle, you can't beat the quality for the price. In this case, think inside the box!

TASTE CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com or fax (734) 591-7279.

Indian Cooking
Incorporate the principles of Ayurveda, an ancient Indian science of health and well-being, at the following classes at 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, Vegetables the Indian Way, (248) 203-3800 or on line at www.communityd.net.

Weight Watchers
Tim Cikra, Weight Watchers's chef, offers tips on how to prepare unique spring entrees at Weight Watchers centers in the Detroit area at the following seminars: noon, Friday, May 26, 28157 Schoolcraft, Livonia; 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., and Tuesday, May 30, 815 E. Big Beaver, Troy. To learn more about Weight Watchers, visit

www.8883florine.com or call 1-888-3-FLOLINE.

Beginning series
Valerie Wilson teaches vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes, learn about tofu, tempeh, seaweed vegetables and miso, 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, \$120 for series, \$30 per class, class is held in Garden City, visit www.macroval.com or call (734) 261-2856.

Middle Eastern cooking
Summer 2006 series of healthy cooking classes by Valerie Wilson, 6-9 p.m., June 14 and 21, \$60 (\$30 each class), and Middle Eastern cooking, 6-9 p.m., Friday, June 23, \$30; class is held in Garden City, visit www.macroval.com for details or call (734) 261-2856.

Thai cooking
Learn to make pad Thai, Chiang Rai eggplant and hot and sour soup, 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 19, instructed by Lawan Chandruang and her husband Adirek, who own Bangkok Bistro in Troy and

Sterling Heights, \$30, The Community House, 380 S.Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Summer salads
Take herbs and vegetables and turn them into salads and learn how to use leftover barbecue in "salad" sandwich ideas, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, instructed by Julie Djurich, The Community House, 380 S.Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

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Summer tasting of wine regions in series of four sessions at 7:30 p.m., instructed by Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna, with the following classes scheduled: sauvignon blancs, Thursday, June 8; ABC (anything by Chardonnay), June 15; Mediterranean Region Wines, June 22; All American wines, June 29, \$28 each session, \$98 for all four, The Community House, 380 S.Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Trout with whole-wheat flour

BY DANA JACOBI
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

The cereal, bread and pasta sections of supermarkets make it apparent that food companies are investing in helping us eat more whole-grain wheat. The aim is to consume three ounces or more of whole grains a day, as recommended by the government last year. Based on the benefits of the nutrients they contain particularly fiber, vitamin E and iron, whole grains have been linked to reducing the risk of heart disease and certain cancers.

Cereals and breads are two of the most common ways people can eat wheat as a whole grain, thanks to many good-tasting choices. Whole-wheat pasta is more challenging because its taste and texture is noticeably different from the refined-grain version, and its cooking time differs as well.

AICR's The New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life gives tips in the introduction to the chapter on grains, such as pairing whole-grain pasta with sauces that have a bold, assertive flavor, like a well-seasoned, family-style "spaghetti sauce." But the cookbook also includes elegant recipes for whole-wheat pasta, including Fettuccine with Figs and Chiles,

and another pairing the pasta with a citrus sauce. (You can also find suggestions in "The Recipe Corner" at AICR's Web site: www.aicr.org).

Most challenging is replacing white flour with whole-wheat in cooking and baking. Start with a simple first step, like using whole-wheat flour for foods that are breaded or floured before sautéing. This Baked Trout recipe shows how comfortably it replaces all-purpose flour to coat the fish. Your family may not even notice a difference, despite the delicate flavor of the trout. Next, replace part of the flour in baked goods with whole-wheat, gradually increasing the amount.

Here is an experiment you might want to try. Buy whole-wheat pastry flour, bread flour, and, if you find it, white whole-wheat flour. (Made from a strain of wheat that is naturally white, it tastes mild because it lacks the substance in the bran that turns other wheat varieties red, and which has the strong flavor many people dislike.) Use each to coat a different piece of fish and notice the difference after cooking.

Whole-wheat pastry or white whole-wheat flour can be partially substituted for all-purpose flour in many breads, quick breads and desserts. For recipes that do this, check out AICR's

cookbook or recipes on its Web site.

BAKED TROUT

- Canola cooking spray
- 1 tablespoon (or more, if needed) whole-wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon freshly-grated lemon zest (optional)
- 4 trout filets, 5-6 ounces each
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat leaf parsley, for garnish
- 1 lemon, cut into 8 thin slices

Preheat the oven to 375° F. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray and set aside.

In a paper or plastic bag, combine the flour, onion powder, and lemon zest by shaking the well-shut bag. One by one, add pieces of trout and shake to lightly coat the fish with the mixture.

Arrange the trout on the prepared baking sheet. Coat the top of the fish with canola or olive oil cooking spray.

Bake, uncovered, until the fish is opaque white at the thickest point, about 20 minutes. Using a wide pancake turner, transfer each filet to a warm dinner plate and sprinkle with some of the parsley. Place 2 lemon slices on each filet, and serve.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 216 calories, 9 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 1 g. carbohydrate, 30 g. protein, less than 1 g. dietary fiber, 74 mg. sodium.

Fix this chicken sandwich for dinner

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Imagine a fast-food chicken cutlet sandwich.

Now imagine a good chicken cutlet sandwich. A crusty bun, crisp green lettuce, slabs of juicy tomato, tart-and-sweet pickles, a rich mustard sauce, and real breaded chicken (no poultry pieces, thank you so much) fried crisp outside and tender inside.

That's what I wanted. And I wanted it at home.

HONEY MUSTARD BREADED CHICKEN SANDWICH

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 cup plain bread crumbs
- 1 boneless, skinless chicken breast

- breast
- 1 cup honey mustard
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 2 sourdough rolls
- 4 medium Boston lettuce leaves
- 1 medium tomato, sliced
- Bread and butter pickle slices

Preheat oven to 200° F. In a shallow bowl, mix the flour, salt, pepper and paprika. Place the bread crumbs in a second shallow bowl. Set both aside.

Carefully cut the chicken breast in half horizontally. Place each half between two sheets of plastic wrap. Using a meat mallet or rolling pin, gently pound each breast until evenly flattened. Unwrap the breasts and dredge each through the flour mixture to evenly coat both sides. Place the halves on a plate.

Using a pastry brush or large spoon, coat both sides of each

cutlet with mustard. Set aside remaining mustard. Dredge each cutlet through the bread crumbs to evenly coat both sides.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over a medium-high flame. Place both cutlets in the skillet and cook for 4 minutes, or until lightly browned. Flip the cutlets and cook an additional 3 minutes, or until cooked through and crisp.

Transfer the cutlets to an ovenproof plate and place in the oven to keep warm.

Return the skillet to the burner. In a small bowl, whisk together remaining mustard, chicken broth and cornstarch, then add to skillet. Bring to a simmer, whisking constantly, and cook until thickened, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat.

To assemble the sandwiches, place two lettuce leaves and half the tomato slices on each bun, then top with a chicken cutlet. Drizzle the chicken with the skillet sauce, then top with pickles. Serve immediately. Makes 2 sandwiches.

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GRILL

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the price tag.

You can spend from \$99 on a Char-Broil at Lowe's up to \$15,000 for a remodeling project in the back yard that includes a barbecue island.

Do you want one that will last just a few years or 10 or 20? You have to decide whether you want side burners or rotisserie burners.

Some people buy grills to last for just a couple of years, others for 30 years. Some want to build a grill island, and others want the latest technology: infrared burners.

Infrared uses less gas, but has higher temperatures up to 1600 degrees Fahrenheit. A rare steak can be finished in 4 minutes.

"Infrared eliminates all the cold spots," Cackowski said.

Michigan Fireplace and Barbecue sells infrared units by Texas Sizzler, Viking and TEC. Prices range from \$500 to \$13,000. Gas grill models from Weber, TEC, Texas Sizzler, Vermont Casting, Viking, Broilmaster and Ducane also are sold there.

Thicker casting can help retain that heat in the winter, too.

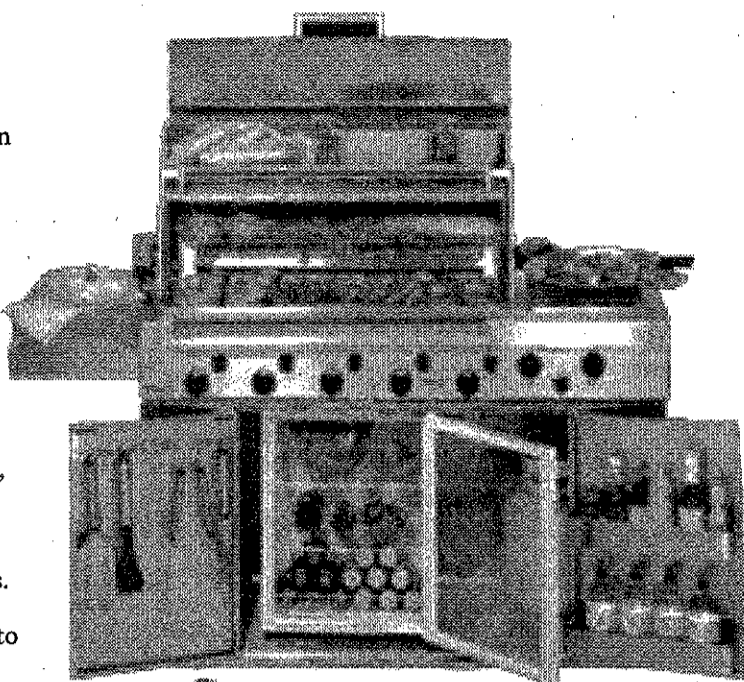
"If you can bend it, it's not that thick," Cackowski said. BTUs are important especially if you are grilling in the winter.

Stainless steel is popular today. Heat N Sweep in Canton sells Vermont Castings, MHP (Modern Home Products) and Broilmaster, all of which Hartmann said are high quality. Units range from \$349 to \$1,600.

Size of the grill depends on how many people they are cooking for.

"Many of them are going to the natural gas, so they don't have to mess with propane," Hartmann said.

Some install a 12-foot



"direct disconnect" gas line so that they can move the grill.

BURN, BABY, BURN

What should a grill do? "You want to see what type of burn pattern it has and if it gives you enough coverage," said Cackowski. "You want enough heat to sear the food."

"Briquettes have flare-ups, but give the foods more of a charred flavor. (Weber's) Flavorizer metal bars reduce flare-ups, but some people are very traditional in barbecuing and they want that charred taste."

Some grills offer nice touches. Broilmaster's heavy duty cooking grids can be flipped and moved to three different levels. The thick aluminum casting and stainless steel burners also are appealing. Weber and other grill makers offer a rotisserie burner, which helps prevent flare-ups, Cackowski said.

More cooks are using wood chips, and many grills now feature accessories like deep fryers, vegetable steamers, griddles and vegetable baskets.

Side burners allow the user to cook everything outside,

but that option isn't for everyone. Some might like to keep a sauce warm or boil vegetables while the meat is barbecuing, others might want to cook the sides inside the kitchen.

Cooking grates also run the gamut - the low end is chrome, followed by porcelain-coated steel, which rusts easily. Cast iron and porcelain-coated cast iron are better, cleaning up easily with a brass brush.

The big stores - The Home Depot, Lowe's, Wal-Mart, Sears and Meijer - all sell grills as does Ace Hardware.

Recent rainy weather hasn't had people in the mood for buying grills, but warmer temperatures will probably bring them out. Does the rain affect sales?

"Absolutely," Hartmann said. "The weather needs to cooperate. It is a weather-related business."

But people aren't hesitant to go all out with barbecues. "It's crazy now," Cackowski said. "It turned out to be quite an industry. People want to spend their time outside during the summer."

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Fire up the barbecue this weekend

PORTERHOUSE STEAK WITH BLEU CHEESE SAUCE

1 porterhouse steak (2 1/2 inches thick or 2 to 2 1/2 pounds)
1/4 cup olive oil
Coarse salt
Freshly cracked black pepper

Bleu Cheese Sauce

1/4 cup minced green onion or shallot
2 tablespoons butter
1 large garlic clove, minced well
1 cup white wine
1 tablespoon flour
1/4 cup milk
1 cup crumbled Bleu Cheese or Roquefort Cheese (about 1/4 pound)
1 1/2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley leaves
Salt and pepper

In a saucepan over low heat, stir the onions and garlic in the butter. After the butter melts, add the wine, and boil until the liquid is reduced to about one tablespoon. With a whisk, mix in flour and cook the mixture while whisking for two to three minutes. Slowly add the milk while whisking and simmer for another 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low, and whisk in Roquefort or Bleu cheese, whisking until it is melted (do not boil). Strain the sauce through a fine sieve into a small serving bowl, stir in parsley, add salt and pepper to taste, then keep warm.

To cook steak, set grids at highest level and preheat grill to medium-high setting. Pat the steak dry with a paper towel, rub with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Place steak on hot grill. Cook six to eight minutes on one side, and grill the second side, again for six to eight minutes. Add sear marks. Cook to desired degree of doneness. Remove steak from grill. Serve with Bleu Cheese or Roquefort sauce. Makes four servings.

Recipe courtesy of Broilmaster.

SOUTHWEST RANCHO CHICKEN

1 large chicken (3 pounds or more)
2 tablespoons oregano
1 tablespoon cumin
1/2 cup lime juice
12 garlic cloves, chopped
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup red cooking wine
1 1/2 cups olive oil
1 onion, finely diced
1/4 cup orange juice
1/2 cup chopped parsley
Salt and pepper to taste

In a blender combine 6 garlic cloves, oregano, cumin, 1/2 cup lime juice, Worcestershire sauce, cooking wine and 1 cup olive oil. Puree until smooth. Cut chicken into quarters or parts. Place chicken pieces in a large sealable plastic bag with marinade. Marinate in refrigerator overnight.

Set grids to medium or high. Preheat grill to medium heat. Grill the chicken for approximately 7 minutes per side or until internal temperature reaches 180° F. Prior to serving, in a small saucepan, heat the remaining 1/4 cup of olive oil, add the remaining six cloves of chopped garlic and onions, and cook until hot. Let cool, and add the remaining lime juice, orange juice and parsley. Drizzle over hot chicken and serve. Makes four servings.

Recipe courtesy of Broilmaster.

Here are two marinade recipes you can use before grilling your favorite foods. Recipes courtesy of *Marinades, Rubs, Brines, Cures & Glazes* by Jim Tarantino, Ten Speed Press, Berkeley, Calif., 2006.

BASIC MARINADE FOR SEAFOOD

3 cloves garlic, pressed
3 to 4 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, mint, cilantro leaves or basil
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
1/2 teaspoon capers (optional)
1 teaspoon coarse-grain salt

1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cups dry white wine, or 1 cup dry vermouth
Grated zest and juice of 2 lemons (about 1/2 cup)
1/2 to 1/3 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

Combine the garlic, parsley, oregano, rosemary, capers, salt, pepper, wine, lemon zest and juice, and Tabasco sauce in a blender or food processor. Cover and process for about 20 to 30 seconds, until all ingredients are blended. While the motor is running, drizzle in the oil a little at a time. Use marinade within 24 hours.

Lime-cilantro marinade:

Replace the lemons with 4 or 5 limes, and replace the herbs with cilantro leaves only.

Use on salmon, tuna, swordfish, red snapper, catfish, sea bass, halibut, scallops or shrimp. Marinate for 2 to 4 hours.

BASIC MARINADE FOR POULTRY

Grated zest and juice of 2 oranges (about 1/2 cup)
Grated zest and juice of 2 lemons (about 1/2 cup)
2 or 3 cloves garlic, chopped
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon coarse-grain or sea salt
1 tablespoon cracked black peppercorns
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 cup canola oil

Combine the orange zest and juice, lemon zest and juice, garlic, parsley, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper, and oregano in a blender or food processor. Process until all ingredients are blended. While the motor is running, drizzle oil into mixture a little at a time. The marinade freezes well with food up to 3 months. Marinate chicken or turkey breasts 3 to 4 hours, chicken wings or thighs, 4 to 6 hours.

Wine dinner helps raise funds for Schoolcraft program

The chefs in Schoolcraft College's Brigade program will produce a memorable meal to help fund a learning trip to Paris.

On Friday, June 2, you can indulge in a six-course meal featuring the wines of the Erbaluce grape from the Italian Piemonte. The student chefs of the post-degree program work under the tutelage of Certified Executive Chef Marcus Haight.

Paired with the Italian wines will be the following dishes: Hors d'oeuvres of petite crab and crawfish cakes, beef brochette, smoked salmon and calamari; celery root soup with truffle essence; lasagna of butternut squash with crisp leeks; sweet onion, pepper and tomato compote tart; roasted filet mignon en croute with onion

and pancetta; and hot raspberry soufflé.

Each course will be accompanied by an appropriate wine, furnished by Skandis Fine Wines, which focuses its imports on rare, indigenous grape varieties. Wines to be served at the dinner are produced in the Piemonte area, the extreme northwest edge of Italy.

The dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the American Harvest Restaurant and costs \$100 per person, plus tax and gratuity. For reservations, call Jill Snyder at (734) 462-4488.

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British fashion invades U.S. with 'AngloMania'

By Samantha Critchell • AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK — The common thread throughout "AngloMania," the new fashion exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, isn't tartan plaid, Savile Row suits or even punk-style slashed T-shirts, though they're all adequately represented. The star of this exhibit is British wit.

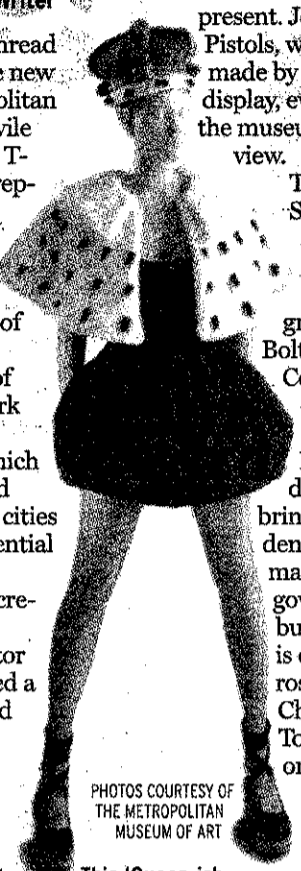
There's just enough humor woven through the Annie Laurie Aitken Galleries to capture the spirit of John Galiano, Alexander McQueen, Vivienne Westwood and other stars of the London fashion scene, whose work jazzes up the English period rooms.

Yes, believe it or not, London — which usually follows Paris, Milan, Italy, and New York in the hierarchy of fashion cities — did and still does have many influential designers.

"London has always had the most creative, most entertaining and most humor in its fashion," said Vogue editor in chief Anna Wintour as she surveyed a vignette called "The Hunt." It featured male mannequins in classic red wool twill, black velvet and white cotton hunting ensembles surrounded by other models in Burberry fox-trimmed trench coats. There's also one model in Galiano's famous 2004 newspaper-print union suit with a fox fur headress.

Aside from the occasional 19th-century frock, "AngloMania's" focus is from 1976 — when punk style moved from King's

Road into the mainstream — through the present. Johnny Rotten of the Sex Pistols, whose wool tartan blazer made by Westwood in 1976 is on display, even recorded a podcast for the museum and attended the preview.



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This 'Queen-ish Ensemble' is from Vivienne Westwood's Harris Tweed collection, winter 1987-88.

The show runs through Sept. 4.

British fashion has a consistent habit of juxtaposing tradition and transgression, said Andrew Bolton, the museum's Costume Institute associate curator.

Exhibits include "The English Garden," a room decorated with the intent of bringing beloved flower gardens indoors. Most of the mannequins are in brocade gowns from the 18th century, but at the center of the room is one in a pink pouf of tulle rosettes — a Hussein Chalayan dress from 2000. To top off the look: a silk, organza, straw and jersey hat with clipped ostrich plumes by Philip Treacy.

In the "Upstairs/Downstairs" scene, one mannequin wears a Charles Frederick Worth gown from 1888 with an 11-foot train. She heads up the

stairs to meet a man dressed in a classic suit, complete with britches, waistcoat and top coat, that would have been worn to the court of Queen Victoria. At the base of the steps are women in Chalayan's deconstructed "hand-me-down" gowns from 2001 that look like they came from Cinderella's closet.

Queen Victoria had a very long-lasting influence on fashion, according to Bolton. She mourned the death of her husband for 40 years, making black the staple of her wardrobe and, therefore, a fashionable color.

Designer Westwood finds much inspiration in the elaborate pageantry that Victoria insisted upon and in the royals themselves. On view in "Empire and Monarchy" is a burgundy mini bubble dress with a fake ermine cape and a tweed crown.

Westwood, wearing the tiny horns atop her head that have become her signature, said she was impressed with the artistry of the exhibit. "Styling historical fashion and modern fashion is a big idea. It's beautiful."

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is located at 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York. Visit www.metmuseum.org for more information.



Britain's punk era is captured in Malcolm McLaren's 'Anarchy in the UK' shirt and Vivienne Westwood's bondage pants, circa 1977.

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Designers Sought for NY Fashion Week
UPS and IMG Fashion is accepting applications for 10 emerging designers to show Spring 2007 collections at Olympus Fashion Week in NYC, Sept. 8-15. Selected designers will show in the UPS Hub, in the Bryant Park tents. To enter, designers must have been in business for at least two years and have sold a minimum of two collections to boutiques and department stores. Send materials, including look books, videos and sketches, by June 1 to: IMG Fashion; Attention: UPS

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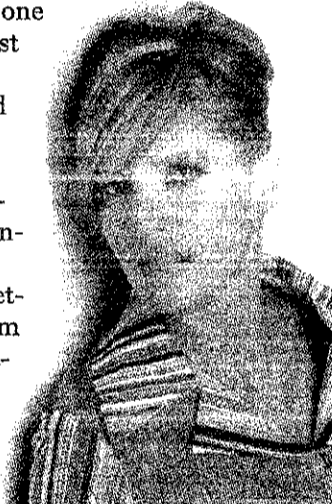
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By Jennifer Graham

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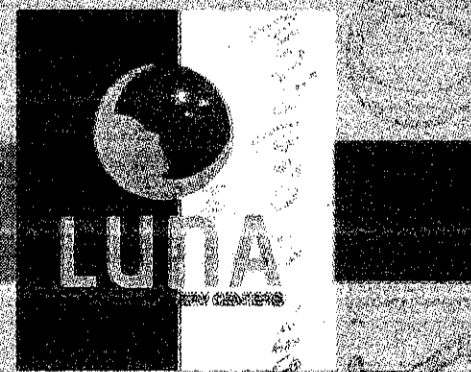
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