

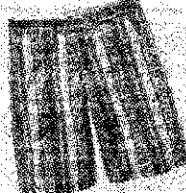


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Canton's Audrey Seilheimer was first in line and made a rock star's entrance to the cheers of IKEA Canton's employees.

Finally!

IKEA throws open doors for throngs of excited shoppers

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The parking lot looked and sounded more like a festival than a store grand opening: Motown music by a live band setting the tone for the thousands of people who were sharing coffee, camping, throwing flying discs in the air, cheering, talking and waiting.

And waiting.

And waiting.

Until, just like that, at 8:45 a.m. (15 minutes earlier than scheduled), IKEA Canton finally opened its doors and the store's first customers entered the Swedish furniture superstore.

Nearly all 400 of the new IKEA Canton store employees lined up at the door, noisemakers in hand, to greet the line of 4,000 customers who had been waiting for hours — or days — outside.

"I can't remember a retail operation in the state of Michigan that has been greeted by as much anticipation," Township Supervisor Tom Yack said during the grand opening ceremony.

Audrey Seilheimer was first inside the store. The Canton resident had been camping in the parking lot for three nights, and as she entered the store at 8:45 a.m. sharp, she ran in a deliberate, theatrical slow-motion

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PLEASE SEE IKEA, A8

Woman thwarts son's kidnapping

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Canton Police are reminding parents to be vigilant in keeping an eye on children, after a mother called police to report someone had tried to abduct her 1-year-old son.

According to Canton Police reports, the woman was holding a garage sale Saturday at her home in the 800 block of Mystic Court. During the sale, her son was playing in the driveway. A man who was at the sale picked up the toddler and began walking away with him.

The mother stopped him and without a struggle took her son from the man's arms, according to Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

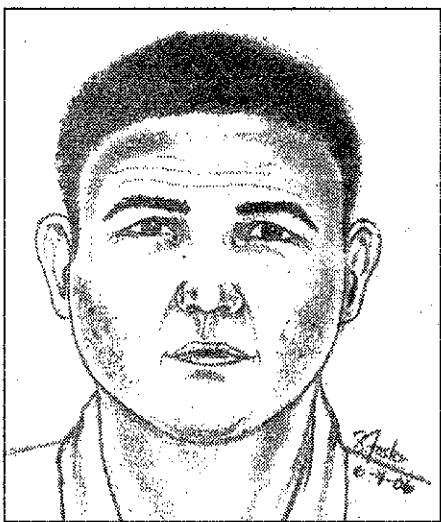
Before the man left he told the mother, "He's cute. I'll be back."

And about five minutes later, the man did return and was walking toward the garage. The mother grabbed her son, and the man walked away, got into a white four-door car and left the neighborhood.

The mother met with a sketch artist later that day, and told her that the man was 40-50 years old, about 5 feet, 4 inches tall, 225 pounds with a stocky build, and is dark skinned, but white. He was wearing a white shirt, blue shorts, sandals and a gold necklace with a small charm.

"The mother has no idea who this man is," Pomorski said. Later in the day, the police asked the mother and a witness to look at a photo lineup, but neither were able to pick out the suspect.

"What we're telling parents now is the same advice we always give," Pomorski said. "Even though you feel most comfortable and safe at your home, in this



The suspect in an attempted abduction in Canton over the weekend is described as 40-50 years old, about 5-feet-4, 225 pounds with a stocky build, and is dark skinned, but white. He was wearing a white shirt, blue shorts, sandals and a gold necklace with a small charm.

day and age you unfortunately have to be vigilant."

Two hours after the incident, a Canton resident reported that she saw the suspect driving around her subdivision near Cherry Hill and Beck at approximately 2 p.m. A Plymouth woman reported that she also saw the suspect driving around her subdivision Sunday, June 4. This woman said she believes that the vehicle may have been a white Plymouth Acclaim, or a similar looking vehicle.

Anybody with information or leads is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

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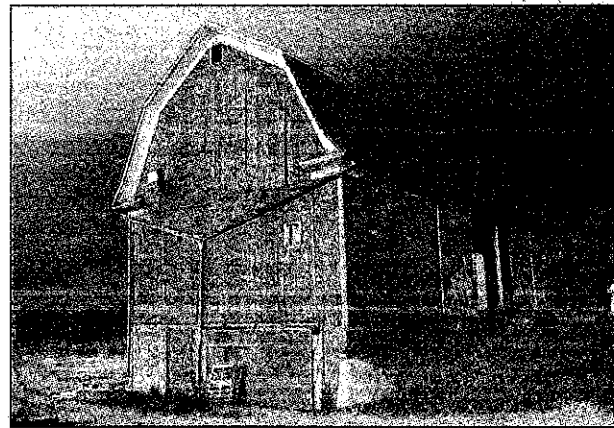
Longtime resident steps in to save historic barn

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The Cady barn has been a fixture near Joy and McClumpha roads in Canton for nearly a century. But the wrecking ball was closing in. Plymouth-Canton Schools wants to build tennis courts where the old barn sits on the P-CEP campus. So the barn, which dates back to the early 20th century, must go.

But it won't be demolition crews taking the barn down after all. It will be a group of Amish craftsmen, who will dismantle the barn and move it to a site in Cherry Hill Village, where it will be reassembled and possibly used for future events celebrating the township's history.

Longtime Canton resident Bob Boyer, who owns



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Although the storm clouds were hovering over the old Cady barn, which was scheduled to be demolished, Canton resident Bob Boyer stepped in and will have it moved to Cherry Hill Village.

Boyer's Meat Processing, has come forward to save the historic barn. Not only did he find the Homer, Michigan-based Amish group that is going to move the barn considerably cheaper than original estimates, but he is also

PLEASE SEE BARN, A4



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Restoring native flora

Elaine Jeris helps Lauren Colone and Abby Cluff of Brownie Troop 561 plant native plants around the edge of the woods at Canton's Flodin Park during Rouge Rescue on Saturday. More than 400 people showed up at the Canton site. For more about the 20th anniversary of Rouge Rescue, which was held throughout the Rouge watershed, please see page A13.

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Coming Sunday

Health section

Schoolcraft chefs help in design of Beaumont surgical center.



Concerts in the park

The Thursday Night Concerts in the Park at Canton's Heritage Park Amphitheater begin this evening at 7:30 p.m. when Trilogy plays it oldies, pop and top 40 hits. The concerts, which will run through Aug. 3, are from 7:30-9 p.m. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or folding chairs to enjoy the music on the amphitheater lawn. Light concessions will be on sale and paddle-boat rides are usually offered for a small fee. All shows are free.

The schedule is as follows:

■ June 22 - Straight Ahead.

The all-female jazz ensemble plays traditional, Latin, and mainstream/contemporary jazz tunes.

■ June 29 - On The Beach.

The group plays pop, rock, and oldies, both covers and original material.

■ July 6 - The Randy Brock Group. Blues and rock.

■ July 13 - Air Margaritaville.

A Jimmy Buffet tribute show.

■ July 20 - Elmo THUMM.

A cappella experience.

■ July 27 - The YellowSub. A tribute show honoring the Beatles.

■ Aug 3 - Dwayne Allen

Harlick. Oldies, rock, pop, and Top 40.

Environmental grant

Lianne M Griffiths, a 2004 graduate of Salem High School, received a \$3,000 grant to conduct student research at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, a biological field station in Hastings, Mi. This spring they awarded fourteen grants through the Undergraduate Research



Griffiths

Grants for the Environment (URGE) program. Griffiths is a junior at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids and an environmental science and biology major. She is the daughter of William and Cynthia Griffiths of Canton.

For her project, she is analyzing the concentrations of copper, zinc, and lead in soils both close to and away from Cloverdale Road. The soil pH will also be analyzed in order to illustrate the relationship of acidity to the metal content. Although all three metals chosen for this study are naturally present in many soils at low concentration, they wish to determine whether human traffic on the road as resulted in increased levels of these metals, due to vehicle emissions, trash, etc.

For more about Pierce Cedar Creek Institute visit www.cedarcreekinstitute.org. Students wishing to learn more about the URGE program should contact their professors and/or advisors.

Summer safety tips

Do you know how to keep your kids safe from Lyme disease? Or prevent sunburn? Learn how to keep your children safe this summer from Nutan Saxena, MD, a board-certified pediatrician with a practice in Canton. Dr. Saxena will address summer issues including water and playground



Saxena

hazards, sun smart and other health topics at the Canton Public Library on June 15 at 7 p.m. Registration for this informative session for parents begins June 8. Call the library at (734) 397-0999. This free program is sponsored by Friends of the Canton Public Library.

Plymouth High reunion

Plymouth High School will hold a joint 40-year reunion class of '65 and '66 on Sept. 9, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge. The event will include live music. The contact for the class of 1965 is Jay Reynolds, who can be reached at jreynolds@comcast.net or (248) 645-9671. Lynn Keil is the class of 1966 contact. She can be reached at LynnKeil@sbcglobal.net or (734) 972-8104.

Burglary prevention seminar

Canton Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit will be hosting a Burglary Prevention/Home Security Seminar on Saturday, June 24. The seminar will be held at the Canton Police Department Training Room from 9-11 a.m.

Sgt. Scott Hilden will be discussing options for homeowners to maximize security of their home with or without a security alarm system. Items such as doors, windows, locks and landscaping will be discussed with safety in mind. Sgt. Hilden will also discuss vacation tips for homeowners that are away for an extended period of time.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call (734) 394-5325 to reserve a seat.

Milliken signing

Michigan's longest-serving governor, William G. Milliken, will be signing copies of his biography, *Michigan's Passionate Moderate*, at the Plymouth Historical Museum 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, June 12. Author David Dempsey will also be present for the book signing.

The public is invited to attend the event. Books will be available for purchase at the book signing. Milliken served as governor from 1969-82. Milliken continues to actively advocate for the state, especially in regard to environmental issues.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located in downtown Plymouth at 155 S. Main. Further information may be obtained by calling (734) 455-8940 or State Rep. John Stewart, (517) 373-3816.

A little help from NASCAR

AAA Michigan will hold an open house for new drivers from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on June 9 at the AAA Canton branch. The event will introduce the public to AAA Driver Training and feature a replica of the number 6 AAA Ford Fusion, driven by Mark Martin at NASCAR Nextel Cup Series races in 2006. The replica is a fully functional race simulator, which is representative of the tracks on which the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series is run.

An advocate of safe driving, Martin has recorded a series of public safety announcements for AAA, advising parents to "set a good example" for their young drivers. AAA Driver Training is currently offered at the branch, located at 2017 Canton Center Road, along with locations in Ann Arbor and Allen Park. The two-hour classroom sessions are conducted two to three times per week.



Guitar camp

Students can learn guitar basics with Henry Bahrou at the Plymouth Community Arts Council June 26-30. Aspiring musicians ages 7 through adult will work on individual skills and a group piece as well as doing regular 'camp' stuff during this 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. camp. At the end of the week, a concert will be given for family and friends. Campers should bring their own guitar and music stand or may rent one from the Arts Council. For more information or to register, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 or stop by 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Space is still available.

AAA instructors are ADTSEA (American Driving and Traffic Safety Education Association) certified. Training for Segment 1 includes 24 hours of classroom instruction and 10 hours of private on-road instruction, with more behind-the-wheel time than what is traditionally offered by most driving schools. Segment 2 includes 6 hours of classroom instruction. Each driver who successfully completes both segments will receive a free AAA Associate membership if the parent or guardian is an existing AAA member. Parents can call (888) 222-7108 for more information or to enroll a prospective driver.

Flea market

The Royal Holiday Park will hold its annual flea market 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 9-10. The sale will take place in the Royal Holiday club house, which is located at 39500 Warren Road in Canton. For more information, contact Barbara Kulp at (734) 459-7934.

Salon helps fight MS

Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, 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.

Race for the Cure

The 2006 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®, set for June 10 at Comerica Park, is a 5K competitive Run, 5K non-competitive Walk, and 1-Mile Walk that attracts participants of all ages and athletic abilities. Its purpose is to educate and build positive awareness about breast cancer and the importance of good breast health. The event celebrates those who have survived the disease, and takes time to remember those who have not. The race raises significant funds for local screening, treatment, and education programs and for research grants awarded throughout the nation by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Since the first local race in 1992, the Komen Detroit Race has raised more than \$9.4 million.

Canton Township employees are forming a team, the Canton Cure-ators, to participate in this year's Race.

Join Canton Cure-ators and be a part of this event at Comerica Park starting at 8 a.m. For more information about the event, visit www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthe-cure, or to join the Canton Cure-ators, contact Pam Popejoy at (734) 394-5126 or ppopejoy@canton-mi.org for more information about joining our team. Deadline for registration is mid-May.

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Symphony is offering a special on entertainment books as part of its annual fund-raiser.

Patrons who buy a 2007 Entertainment Book get a 2006 book for free. The books offer 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events.

The 2006 book can be picked up now at the Plymouth Symphony office, next to the Cozy Café in downtown Plymouth, or call (734) 451-2112 or Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 2007 Entertainment Book will be available in August.

The entertainment book offer is \$20, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

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EXERCISE AND BONE BUILDING

While exercise such as biking and swimming certainly confer many health benefits, they do very little to strengthen bones. Weight-bearing exercise, on the other hand, exerts pressure on the bones which, in turn, stimulates the flow of calcium into the skeleton or retains the mineral there. There are two main types of weight-bearing exercise: resistance workouts (strength training and rowing) and impact workouts (running, walking, and some aerobic exercises). Research conducted at Washington University shows that after nine months of either resistance workouts or impact workouts, 27 previously sedentary women increased their overall bone density by about 2%. Only

the impact exercisers showed an increase in the vulnerable region of the hip that fractures easily.

For several years, we have been helping people overcome disabilities caused by accidents, illnesses and chronic conditions, as well as rehabilitative care after surgery. If you would like further information about today's column, or would like to schedule an appointment for physical therapy care, call the 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. Exercise regimens should include both resistance workouts and impact workouts.

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Women with a mission

Participation in Race for the Cure is all about surviving breast cancer and raising awareness

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Rebecca Evans counts herself among the lucky. Even though she's had breast cancer — not once, but twice — she has been blessed with good friends, a supportive husband, an understanding employer, good health insurance and an unshakable faith in God.

"I'm fortunate. Very fortunate," the Canton wife and mother of two said. "And that's why I race for the cure."

Evans, along with a dozen friends and family members (some of them also breast cancer survivors), will put on running shoes and head June 10 to Comerica Park to participate in the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®.

Evans first took part in the race long before she had cancer. She, along with family members and good friends, raced to honor Evans' sister, Carolee Bee of Garden City, who will celebrate 17 cancer-free years this October.

But once the team of family and friends got there, at the urging of Bee's daughter, Bridget Redder of Commerce Township, they found that the race was more than a fund-raiser.

"It's so overwhelming the first time you go," Bee said. "You see how much support there is out there, and you

know that you're not alone. You're never alone."

In 2002, Evans got the diagnosis herself. She underwent a lumpectomy and radiation therapy, and two years later thought she was probably the healthiest patient her oncologist had.

She was wrong.

Evans was diagnosed a second time with a totally different breast cancer, in the same breast that had been treated before. But this time it was worse. She had a rare, and very invasive, inflammatory breast cancer. This time treatment was more difficult. She had a mastectomy and chemotherapy. She lost her hair. And she was more afraid than she'd ever been.

Still, she worked nearly the entire time she was being treated.

"I worked every day (as a special education paraprofessional at Erikson Elementary), except the days I had chemotherapy, and two weeks at the end of the school year, when I had surgery," Evans said.

One thing Evans wasn't going to do — she wasn't going to stop living her life.

"I just couldn't be one of those angry cancer patients. I had to be positive and live my life," she said.

Friends helped, for sure. For two weeks after her surgery,

her friends and co-workers delivered meals to her house every day. And she credits her faith in God as the reason she's still here.

"I was calm about the whole thing," she said. "I realized I had no control over what was happening and put it all in God's hands."

And then there is her marriage.

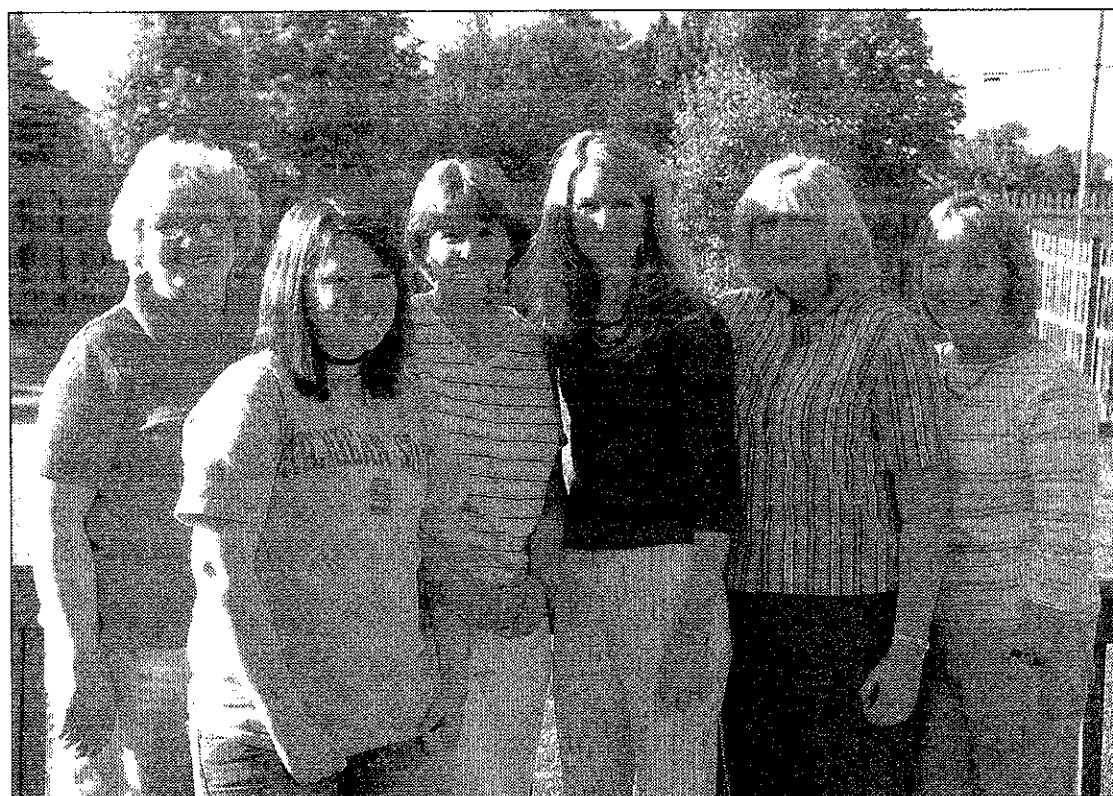
"It was because of my husband that I knew that no matter what, everything was going to be OK. I was going to be OK," Evans said.

Bee nodded in agreement with her sister, still amazed at Evans' strength.

"I wasn't as brave as Becky was. She was just so strong," Bee said.

But that's a survivor for you. A survivor gets up and puts one foot in front of the other, and that's what Bee, Evans and their team, "Women with a Mission," will do Saturday. They'll walk three miles (except for Redder, who will run). The Race for the Cure raises money — lots of it — and awareness about breast cancer, treatment and early detection.

"Breast cancer just isn't the death sentence it used to be," said Evans' and Bee's sister, Nina Perrin, also of Garden City and another member of the team. "When you go on this walk, there are girls in



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From left, Nina Perrin, Katelyn Evans, Carolee Bee, Bridget Redder, Becky Evans of Canton, and Diane Opalinski make up the Women with a Mission team that will participate in the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® Saturday at Comerica Park in Detroit.

their 20s wearing the pink survivor shirts, and there are women in their 80s, and they survived, too. And you see that people really do survive this."

According to the Komen Foundation, some 95 percent of those diagnosed survive breast cancer, as long as the cancer is isolated in the breast.

The Komen Race for the Cure® Series helps raise awareness of the importance of a positive breast health program — annual mammography beginning at age 40, clinical breast exams at least every three years beginning at age 20 and annually at age 40, and

monthly breast self-examinations for all women beginning by age 20.

Most of the money — as much as 75 percent — locally funds breast health education, breast cancer screening and treatment projects. At least 25 percent of the money raised supports the Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant program, which funds breast cancer research.

Some 30,000 people participated last year. The record-breaking result was the Detroit race generating \$1,431,000, which is now providing

\$926,500 in funding to local breast cancer screening, treatment and education programs and \$295,400 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Award and Research Grant Program. The Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®, locally represented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, is metro Detroit's premiere breast cancer fund-raiser and Michigan's largest race.

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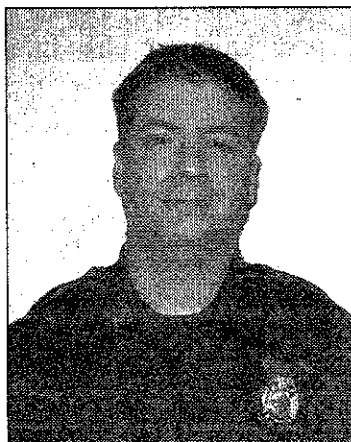
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New firefighter joins ranks

The Canton Fire Department recently hired Michael Salliotte as a firefighter/paramedic, bringing the department up to a full staffing level. Salliotte, a 27-year old Dearborn resident, completed his paramedic license program at Henry Ford Community College in January of this year. Before joining the department Salliotte worked for Novi Fire Department, Concord EMS,

and was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps.

Candidates for the Canton Fire Department go through a rigorous testing process that includes both written and physical agility tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations and an extensive background check. To find out more about opportunities at the department visit www.canton-mi.org.



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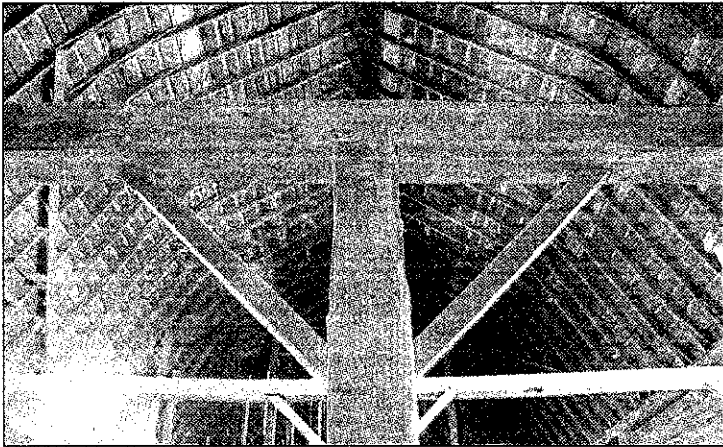
BARN

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footing most of the \$75,000 bill himself. Boyer said he is able to help because of the income he made from selling his property on the town's southwest side to developers. Boyer's interest in saving the barn dates back to when he used to haul livestock out of it years ago. He thinks it will be ideal in Cherry Hill Village near the Bartlett-Travis House for events like the annual Canton Lions Club corn roast, which he also pays to put on.

"What am I going to do with my money? I wanted to do this for the community," said Boyer, who won't say how much of the cost he is covering, only that it is a majority of the total.

The news that the barn is going to be saved was met with great joy by a group of Salem High School students, who have studied the barn this semester. Teacher Darrin Silvester's Michigan history class even made a presentation about the barn's history on May 25, which



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The old barn features post and beam construction.

was attended by more than 70 people according to Silvester.

Junior Joey Podrasky, 17, of Plymouth, was one of the students that made a presentation about the barn. The self-proclaimed "history nut" is happy the barn is being saved, but he only wishes it could stay on the P-CEP campus, where he said it belongs.

"It's probably the best piece of history we've got in this area. It's better that it is being saved than if it were torn down, but it's kind of sad to see it leave," he said.

The only issues standing in the way of the barn's move now are the Amish group obtaining liability insurance, which the district is demanding, and who is going to cover the cost of making the barn handicap accessible and installing a fire sprinkler system if it is needed. Boyer said he will

only cover the cost of moving and reassembling the barn.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the board of trustees will most likely hold a special meeting to discuss if the township should fund the additional costs needed to make the barn a public building.

Regardless of what the board decides, Boyer said the barn will be moved and stored, sometime before the end of July, which is the deadline the district has set for it to be removed.

The one condition he has given the township is that the historic fire engine he paid to restore is stored in the barn once it is moved.

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett, a member of the Historical District Commission that initially tried to raise the money to move the barn, said the community is fortunate to have a resident like Bob Boyer, who is involved with so many local groups and projects.

Bennett is also hoping everything can be settled so the barn can be preserved for future generations, who will know a whole different Canton than many current residents remember.

"You have to know where you came from to know where we're going," she said.

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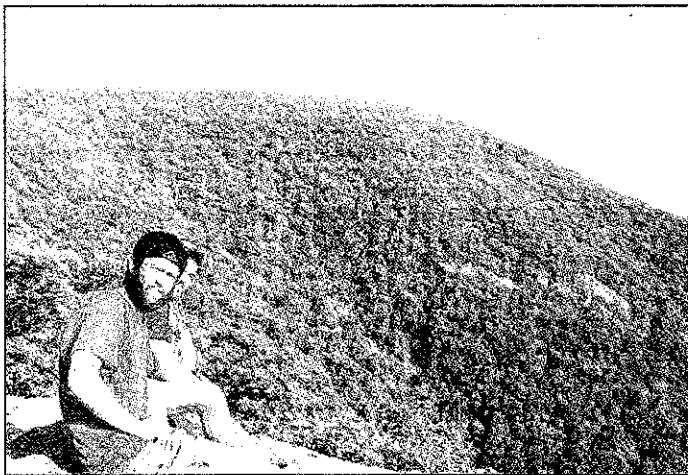
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Ben Wielechowski, of Canton, looks over a precipice along the Appalachian Trail in Virginia.

Local hikers make their way through Virginia mountains

Editor's note: Ben Wielechowski of Canton, Ryan Cosens of Plymouth, Mike Murphy of Livonia, and another friend set off to complete the Appalachian Trail at the end of March. They began their trip at Springer Mountain in Georgia, not far from Atlanta. They expect to complete their trip at the end of August in Maine. Wielechowski, a Salem High graduate, will be giving periodic updates of their progress to the Observer. He provided this update on May 30. For more updates and photos of their trip, visit their Web site, www.the-athike.blogspot.com.



Ryan Cosens of Plymouth (left) and Ben Wielechowski of Canton take a rest during their trek along the Appalachian Trail.

How's it going? Hope the summer hasn't started as warm as it is here in Virginia. We are supposedly reaching 97 degrees this afternoon. We have made it to Waynesboro so far and are headed out into the Shenandoah National Park today. We have traveled 840

miles and it has been quite an experience. We just finished a series of three 3,000 foot ascents -- grueling but fun. The weather is just beginning to change, so we are entering phase two of the trip: Unbearable heat and bugs.

All of our bodies are holding up good, though shin

splints have become a recurring problem for all of us. Oh, and the snakes have come out (even more with the heat). We have observed our first copperhead, one of two poisonous snakes we may encounter out here (and a worthy adversary at that).

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District hopes new survey will help with next bond go-around

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When school board vice president Judy Mardigian greeted the audience at Tuesday's board meeting, she said, "No 6-6-06 jokes."

Then the board opened discussion on a potential bond proposal that, if the May election results are any indication, may have a devil of a time passing.

That's one reason, maybe the major reason, the board agreed to hire Ed Sarpoulus of Epic/MRA, a Lansing-based research firm, to conduct a survey designed to determine why voters turned down both parts of the May bond issue.

Sarpoulus, the veteran pollster who has conducted similar surveys all over the state, told the board Tuesday night the results of the next bond election, which is expected in February, will hinge on one thing: educating the public.

"The first thing a survey would do is tell you how much education is needed on your issues," Sarpoulus said. "Does the public understand your needs? If not ... what's it going to take to educate them? We're finding in most cases where (voters) voted no, it was because they were uneducated (on the issues) or they thought it was asking for too much."

School officials said the survey will likely cost the district between \$10,000-\$15,000. All six board members at Tuesday's meeting (Trustee Carol Saunders was absent) supported moving forward.

"I would welcome this kind of feedback," board Vice President Judy Mardigian said. "I don't think anyone knows why people voted no. I think we have some ideas, but we don't really know."

While the lagging state economy is frequently blamed for the loss of such bond issues, Sarpoulus said post-election surveys in districts like Northville, where two bond proposals totaling nearly \$71 million failed, revealed voters were using the economy to "cover the real reason they voted no."

In Sarpoulus' post-election survey, only 10 percent of respondents said the increase in taxes was a primary reason for voting no, compared to 18 percent who believed the bond

wasn't needed and 16 percent who simply felt the district was asking for too much money.

Sarpoulus said surveys show bond issues have a better chance of passing if they stay within the 1-1.25 mill range. Plymouth-Canton was asking for some \$120 million, which would have raised taxes 1.08 mills had the district decided to levy the entire millage.

School officials had said leading up to the May election they would only levy a total of 0.82 mills if both questions passed. The first question passed in Canton and in the city of Plymouth, but not in Plymouth Township. The second question failed in all six communities the district serves.

But Sarpoulus doesn't think it was necessarily the money.

"On election day, a 'no' vote may not be a 'no' vote, it might be a 'status quo' vote because they didn't understand the need," Sarpoulus said. "You've had success getting things passed here, so when I saw a 'no' vote, I wondered how educated the voters were."

Sarpoulus said he'd like to get the post-mortem on the Plymouth-Canton election done by the end of June, to allow the district to prepare a plan not only for when it would like to come back — Ryan has already suggested it could happen in February — but also what strategy it might use next time.

"You'll want to have your education plan in place before school starts," Sarpoulus told the board. "That way people still remember the election, they remember why they voted how they voted."

The consensus seemed to be the district needs to do a better job of educating people the next time, and the belief is Sarpoulus' survey will help.

"I think at the time we thought we'd done a good job and we certainly tried hard, but apparently we didn't or we would have won," said Nancy Eggenberger, who co-chaired the Vote Yes committee for May's election. "We didn't do as good a job as we should have. We need to find out what the community wants ... hopefully, (the survey) will help us. The more we know, the better off we are."

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Adolescent Day Treatment Center will move

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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As Livonia Public Schools begins to downsize the number of elementary buildings it operates, an Adolescent Day Treatment Center will shift to a new location.

The Kaselemis Center, a program operated by Redford Union Schools, has most recently been housed at 36651 Ann Arbor Trail. The building, referred to as Rosedale School, is owned by Livonia Public Schools. As the district closes seven buildings to restructure its programs, under the Legacy Initiative, the school is set to reopen as a K-4 elementary.

That means a moving day is in the future for students and staff at the Kaselemis Center, which accommodates more than 125 high school-age students who are referred from staff members in their home school districts in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Redford Township and Northville.

"We're moving down the road to Nankin Mills, which is four miles east on Ann Arbor Trail," said Neil Thomas, executive director of special education and early childhood programs for Redford Union School District.

Redford Union will call the building the Kaselemis Center. Even the sign is set to move. District officials are still discussing a formal lease agreement at Nankin Mills.

In the past Redford Union school officials have signed a four-year lease to house their program in the neighboring district.

"Livonia has been very helpful in the site selection," said Thomas. "We've had a chance to go through the building beforehand. It will meet our needs very well. It's a great location in so many ways for a day treatment program."

Supt. Randy Liepa, of Livonia Public Schools, said the district is indeed looking into moving the program to Nankin Mills Elementary. "It's

close to the (Western Wayne) Skill Center," he added.

Though Liepa said nothing has been finalized, he expects to bring the matter before the school board very soon.

In its 29 years of operation, this will mark the adolescent day treatment program's fifth relocation. It began as the Pearson Center, moved to Volney Center, then to Rosedale School (now demolished) in Livonia and to the former Johnson Elementary School.

In 1999 Livonia Public Schools re-opened the former Lowell Junior High School as the new Johnson Elementary. That's when the former Johnson school took on the name Rosedale.

In 2004, Redford Union re-dedicated the Rosedale building as the Gus Kaselemis Center for adolescent day treatment and special education students.

Making the move to Nankin Mills will be tricky, said Thomas.

"Everyone is making the

transition," he said. "They've been packing some of the boxes and moving computers and equipment over."

But Livonia Public Schools, in the middle of a major move itself, will schedule the official moving day for the program.

Thomas noted that moving students from one building to another "is really hard for everybody."

But keeping the program intact is key.

"It's a tremendous program I think," said Thomas. "It's really successful. The new location will allow us to continue to help our students."

Individuals with questions about the program can call Bob Dietiker, director of student services in Livonia Public Schools, at (734) 744-2615 or Neil Thomas in Redford Union Schools at (313) 242-3501. The Kaselemis Center can be reached directly at (734) 422-3717.

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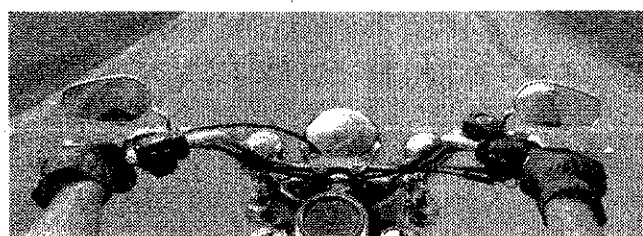
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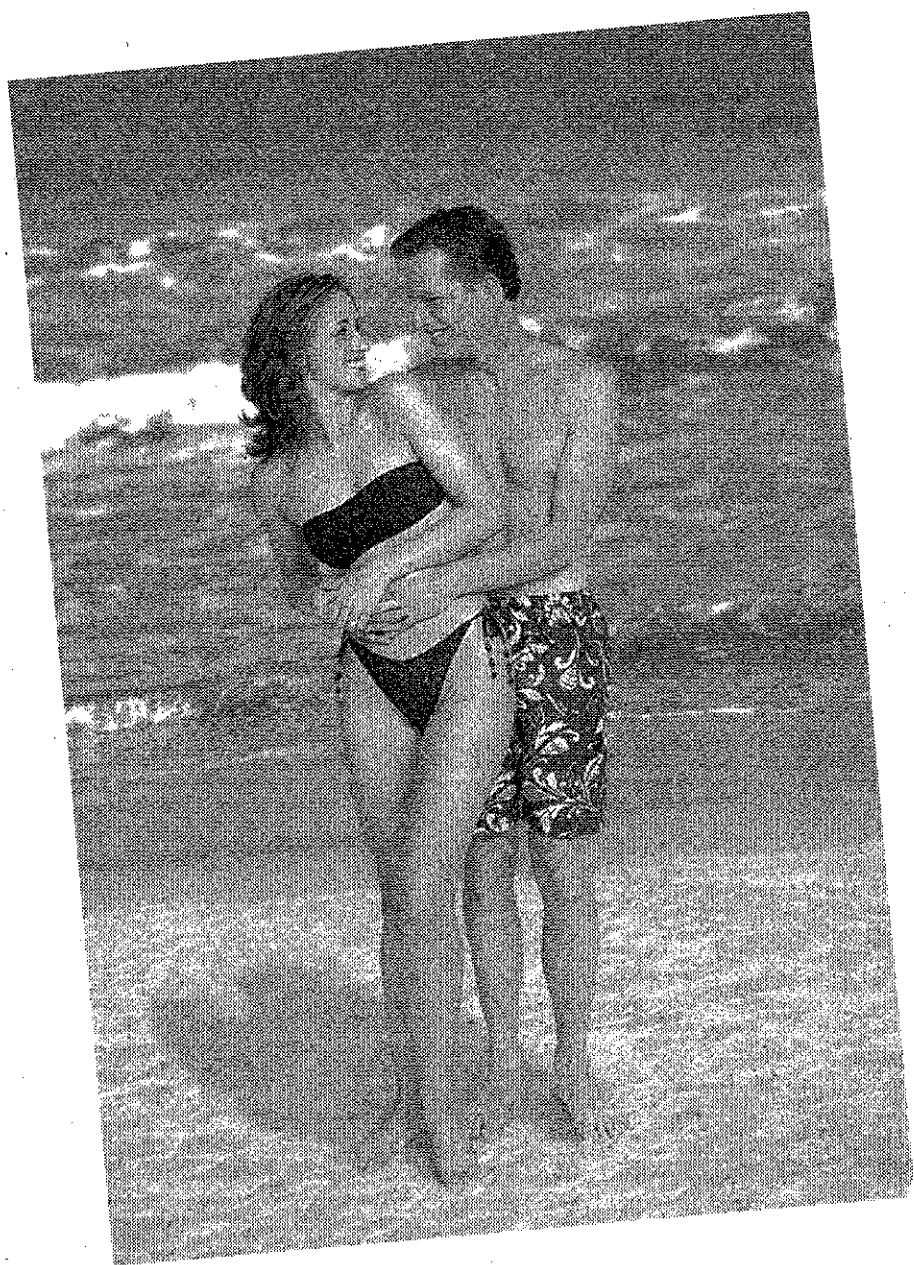
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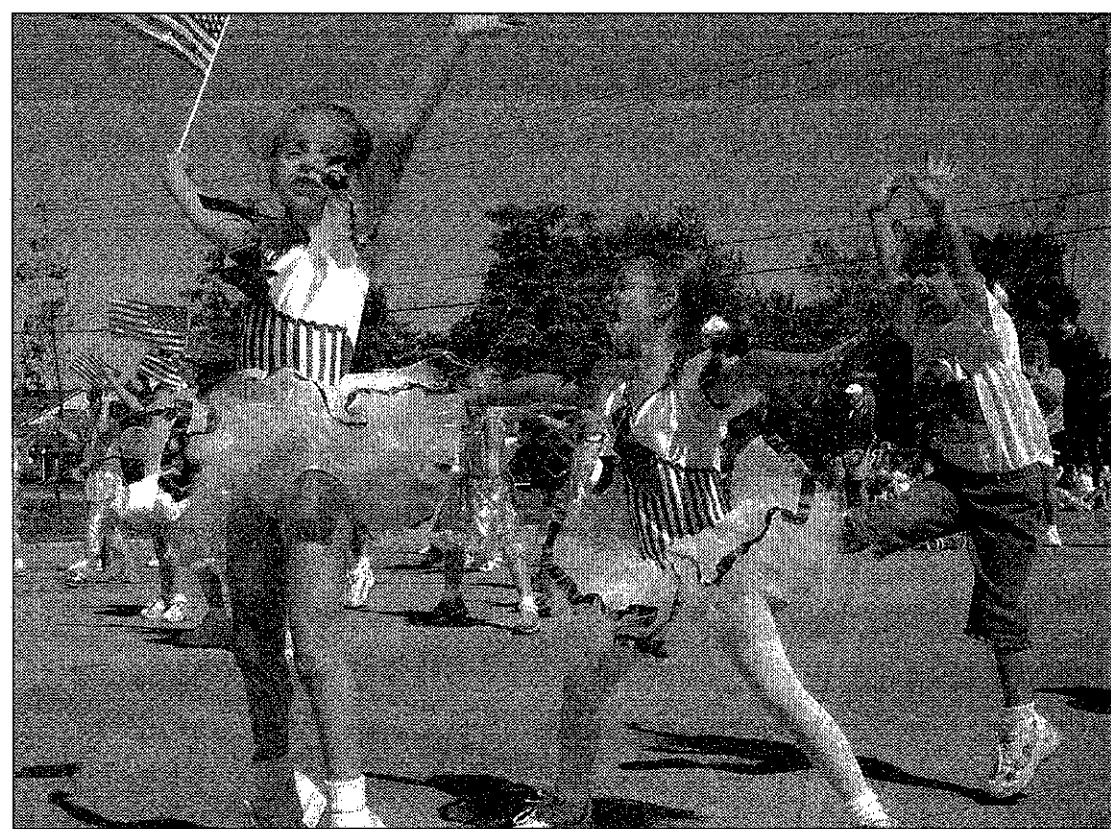
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Liberty Fest parade has evolved from its humble beginnings

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
CORRESPONDENT

Back in 1999, there was no parade in Canton.

Fred Bolden, a Canton resident, loved the festive processions. So he would pack his kids into the car whenever he heard about a nearby parade, and off they would go.

"I thought, 'Man, Canton has 80,000 people and there's no parade,'" he says.

So Bolden approached township officials and asked them why Canton couldn't have one of its own. They gave him the go-ahead, but told him he'd have to work fairly independently.

A year later, with about \$3,000 of his own money, he put together Canton's first parade. It was short, running from the Summit to the Canton Public Library, and "a mess," he says. But the Liberty Fest Parade was born and it has only gotten bigger, better and cheaper (for Bolden, anyway) since. Canton Leisure Services has since contributed both money and manpower, and while Bolden is still a front runner in organizing the event, he is hardly doing it solo.

What started at the Summit moved to Canton Center Road, and is now on Ford Road, where it runs from near Canton Center Road (the starting point is Super Bowl this year) to Lilley.

"There's no exact science to it," says Debbie Zevalink, assistant to Township Supervisor Tom Yack and coordinator of the Liberty Fest Parade.

Almost anyone who wants to be in the parade can be, but the township is cutting back on funds, so there will be fewer paid bands this year, she says. There will be more floats, though, with a total of 10 expected in the parade this year -- seven more than last year. And IKEA will host a float for the first time -- a glass truck with a room of furniture.

In addition to floats, there are unicyclists, dancers, cheerleaders and -- for the first time --



Fred Bolden helped put the first Liberty Fest parade together.

robots. The Plymouth Canton Educational Park will have a robotics team out there. And for the third year, eight members of the Canton Public Library Drill Team will repeat their popular routine that includes dancing around book carts, passing books to each other and shushing the crowd.

Marcia Barker, program coordinator for the library, leads the group.

"We have a good time," she says. "We won best of the parade last year."

The idea for a library drill team was developed by librarians on the west coast, and when Barker heard of it, she thought they should do it too. Participating is so fun, in fact, that there is a waiting list of people who would like to take part.

"The best part is, we hear people yell 'We love the library!'," Barker says.

The variety of acts make the Canton parade special, Zevalink says. "We're trying to provide a diverse parade," she said.

The parade costs around \$3,000 and they are always hoping for sponsors, she notes. Different companies can have floats and carry banners, and the money can be used to sponsor contests such as Best Float or, Best Youth Entry, she says.

Zevalink is also hoping that one day soon a Canton company will sponsor a cold-air

Look for special traffic orders during festival

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro has issued two emergency traffic orders in conjunction with the Canton Liberty Fest, parade and fireworks scheduled for next weekend, June 15-18.

The first order is for Saturday, June 17, from 8:30 -11 a.m., when Ford Road between Canton Center and Lilley will be closed for the Liberty Fest parade.

The second order is for Friday, June 16, at 11 a.m. to Sunday, June 18 at 6 p.m., and states parking will be prohibited along Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer. This order also includes a second notice for Saturday, June 17 between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m., when Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer will be closed to evacuate traffic from the fireworks.

balloon to float just above the ground in the parade since those balloons are so fun to watch.

"We were hoping someone would step forward," she said, admitting those balloons aren't cheap -- they cost about \$2000 to rent.

Still, the parade is a good place to make the community aware of your business. Although attendance is impossible to measure, several hundred residents line the street Saturday morning to watch the annual parade.

Bolden still attends the odd parade elsewhere but admits it's much less often than it used to be. After all, why venture far from home when "we have a nice one."

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Team effort already evident at Workman

Parents, teachers bond during playground build

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Wearing an old pair of blue shorts, a black T-shirt, blue Nike cap and brown work boots — all a bit dirt covered, showing signs of a hard day's work — Jim Burt sat on a concrete slab while taking a break on what would eventually become the K-2 playground at Workman Elementary in Canton Township.

Burt, the principal at Workman, and about 40 parents — mostly dads — teachers and Superintendent Jim Ryan spent Saturday constructing climbers for children who will attend Plymouth-Canton's 16th elementary school when it opens for the first time Sept. 5.

"It's getting people to make a connection with the school," said Burt of the day-long project. "It's not always easy to find to find things for dads to get involved in elementary schools. So, this is the perfect project for something like that."

Jim McManus' third-grader will be attending Workman next year, riding the bus about a mile from their Central Park subdivision home, which will be much shorter than the 25-minute ride to Miller Elementary.

"This goes together very well, like some of that Sauder furniture you buy," said McManus of the playscape. "You drill the hole, everything lines up, you put the bolts in and it goes."

"This is a good way to meet some of the people here, and the

principal," added McManus. "It was nice talking to the superintendent."

Scott Szymusiak was impressed by the team effort put forth in the day's activities.

"It's nice to see the faculty and administrative staff with shovels and doing things," said Szymusiak. "It reinforces the community and everyone working as a team."

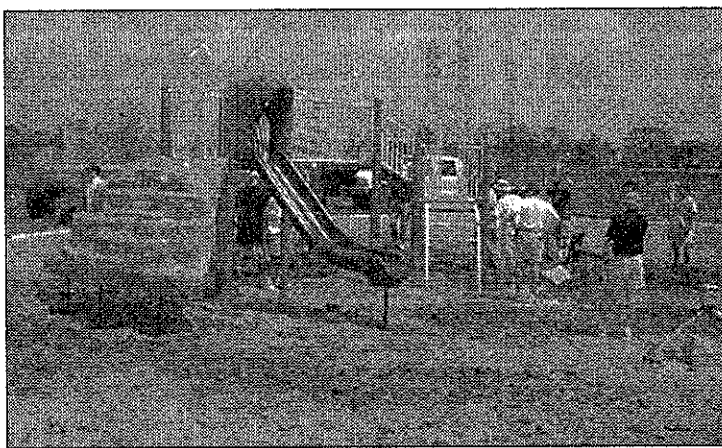
Szymusiak, whose second-grader will be at Workman next year, is excited about Burt as principal.

"Jim Burt hired my wife (fourth-grade teacher Michelle) 10 years ago at Allen Elementary, so I'm more than excited because I know what type of principal he is," said Szymusiak, whose oldest child also attended Allen. "When he was at Allen, he knew every student by name."

Educators Karen Huston, first grade at Isbister, and Dana Jones, second grade at Gallimore, will be teaching at Workman next year, and spent the day on the future playground to soak up the entire atmosphere of opening a new school.

"It's kind of rare for a teacher to get the opportunity to open a new building, so I really want to take advantage and enjoy it," said Jones. "I'm really interested to see how you take a piece of land and turn it into a thriving school community."

"Having a playground here before school starts is a great way to send the message to the



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community that we're excited to have them come here," she said.

Huston remembered opening a new school when she taught in Florida, and said the community build helps bring the Workman family together.

"I know what it's like to bring people together, start new traditions," Huston said. "I came out to meet some of the families. We want them to feel comfortable when they come to the school."

"The kids come up to see what's going on and peak in the windows," she said.

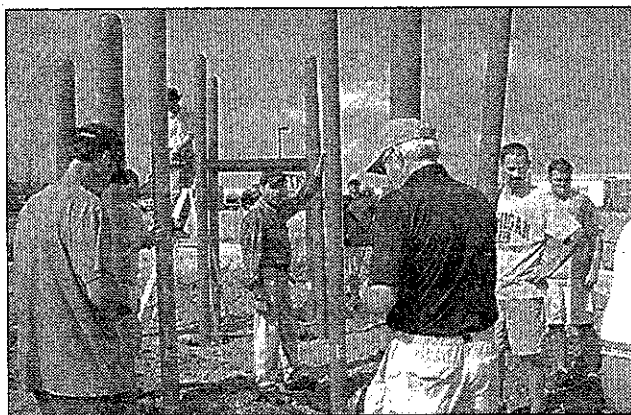
School namesake Tom Workman showed up early to help out, and later in the day delivered a cement mixer to the site for volunteers.

"The whole thing is very exciting for me," Workman said. "I know the anticipation the principal, teachers and kids have. This was a great idea to build the parent-school relationship."

Burt, 56, has been a teacher and administrator in the Plymouth-Canton district for 34 years, opening Miller Elementary as a teacher in 1972. He's been developing a plan to open Workman since March 2005, even while still principal at Eriksson Elementary.

"From a teacher's standpoint, that (opening Miller) was exciting for me," Burt said. "It's different being an experienced educator versus being a wet-behind-the-ears educator at that time. I feel this is an opportunity to pull together all the knowledge I've gained about being an administrator over the years and put it into something brand new."

"I'm not feeling an excessive amount of pressure, but I certainly fully realize people in this area have been waiting for a neighborhood school for a long time, and they have high expectations," he said.



Workman Elementary School principal Jim Burt and about 40 parents, teachers and school superintendent Jim Ryan showed up Saturday to help build climbers for the school's playground.

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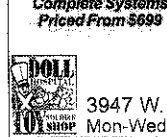
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Four charged in business break-ins

Canton police arraigned four men Tuesday on charges stemming from three June 4 break-ins at several Canton restaurants.

Luis Daniel Maradiegue-Durante, age 23 of Canton, Brian Leveille Green, 18, of Detroit, Michael Cary Montgomery, 28, of Canton, and Kakela Beatrice Montgomery, 30, of Detroit, are charged with breaking and entering a building with intent, a 10-year felony.

In addition, Michael Montgomery is also charged with breaking and entering a building with intent, two counts of larceny in a building, a four-year felony, and possession of a police

scanner during commission of a felony, a two-year felony. Kakela Montgomery has also been charged with accessory after the fact to a felony.

The four suspects were arraigned June 6 by Magistrate Eric Colhurst in 35th District Court in Plymouth. Each suspect was given a \$10,000 cash bond. Preliminary exams have been scheduled for June 16 at 35th District Court.

Police say the crimes occurred at a Jets Pizza and two Subway locations in Canton. Police discovered the four suspects after a night officer on routine patrol heard glass breaking at a nearby shopping mall.

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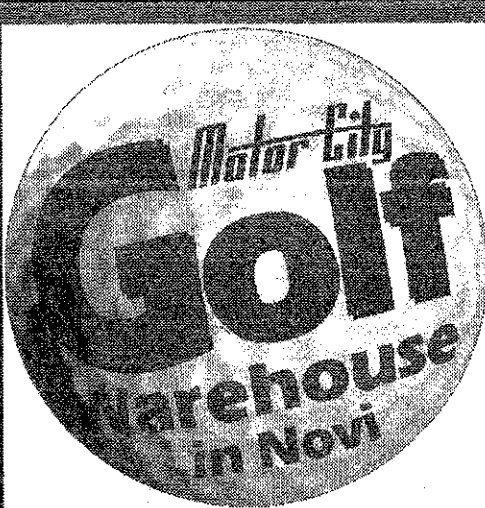
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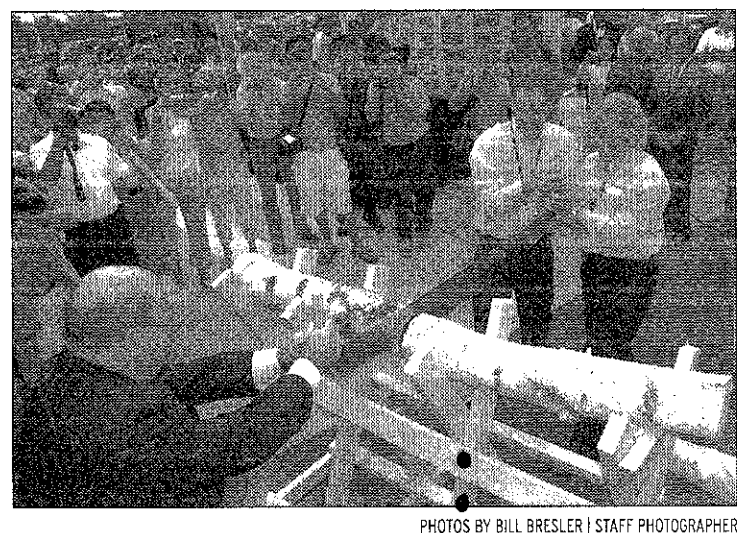
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Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, IKEA store manager Mark McCaslin, and IKEA USA CEO Pernille Lopez saw the birch log to open the new store during Wednesday's grand opening.

IKEA

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style and raised her arms, like a marathon runner crossing the finish line.

"I don't know what I was thinking (when I decided to camp out). But it has been fun," Seilheimer said. The prize for her troubles was a sofa, valued inside the store at \$300, and of course the experience of having spent three nights in a parking lot. She'll post a photo journal online — as soon as she gets a good night's sleep and a long shower — at www.audreyphotos.com.

It was the freebies that brought out thousands of shoppers. The store gave away 5,000 certificates, ranging in value from a free frozen yogurt up to \$250 worth of merchandise. And the first 100 people in line received a free chair.

The last person to earn herself a wristband entitling her to a chair was Marcia Muirhead of Detroit, who arrived at 7 p.m. Tuesday night. She and her daughter waited in line overnight (it was her 16-year-old daughter's last day of school Wednesday, and the teenager opted for shopping), in order to check out IKEA for the first time.

Muirhead's shopping list was short, though.

"I'm really just looking for a mango slicer," she said.

Local business owners hope the rewards will be significant as well.

IKEA Canton is expected to draw some two million shoppers per year to the region, pumping approximately \$13 million annually into the local economy, as well as \$5 million in state sales tax every year.

Just off the IKEA parking lot, Singe Mohe said he has no idea how much the Shell station where he works will be impacted.

He knew that by 6 a.m. Wednesday morning, he'd already brewed 16 pots of coffee — much more than usual — but in the long term, he isn't sure how the store will affect his business.

"We've already been busy with a lot of the store's employees who come in all the time," Mohe said. But that's only 400 workers, not the two million who are expected to drive into Canton to shop IKEA.

Wednesday morning, just 45 minutes after they entered the store, Sarah Youssef of Canton and her friend Sana Syed of Chicago emerged from IKEA. Syed carried a bag full of glasses for her kitchen and other small items, which set her back only \$13.

"Mostly I'm just here getting ideas for my apartment in Ann Arbor," Youssef said. "I'll come back and shop when I'm getting ready to go to school there (at the University of Michigan)



Christine Popoff of Canton helps whip the crowd into a frenzy.



Plymouth resident and IKEA employee Judy Barrett was part of the noisy welcome for IKEA shoppers.

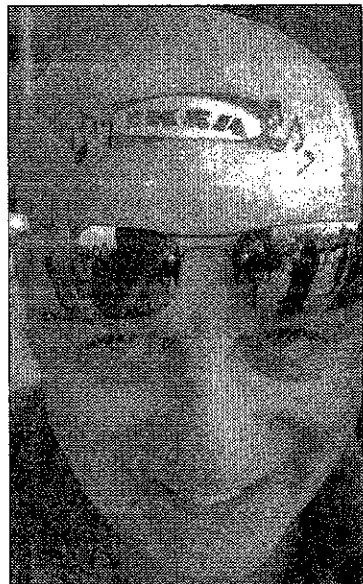
this fall."

And did she get inspiration? You bet.

"I'll definitely come back. There were a lot of things I'll want for my apartment," she said.

IKEA Canton is located at Ford and Haggerty, just off I-275. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

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Marc Dirusso, a disc jockey from Port Huron, entertained shoppers with music. He was amazed by the Canton IKEA hoopla. "I've done county fairs and some crazy things, but nothing like this," he said.



Major Sapp, of T. Turner and the Headliners, dances with Kim Wehrmeister of Ann Arbor during the grand opening ceremony.

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Police need help identifying credit card bandit

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It takes less than two hours for most credit card thieves to start making purchases with the stolen cards, according to Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

It took one credit card thief even less time than that. According to police reports, a woman had reported that her credit card was stolen, along with her purse, from her car when it was parked at the ABC Warehouse parking lot on May 16. The very same day, the credit card was used at a gas station on Ford Road, then at Target, also on Ford Road.

Though credit card theft and fraud are common occurrences, it's rare that police are able to get such high-quality pictures from surveillance cameras, like the ones they



Canton Police need help identifying this man, who allegedly stole a credit card and used it to make several purchases.

were able to get from Target. Police are hoping that someone recognizes the man in the pictures and can help them make an arrest.

The person who used the credit card at Target made a relatively small purchase - between \$300 and \$400, Pomorski said.

"That's pretty common. Anything larger than that can make the credit card company suspicious and they'll shut off the card," he said. He added that very often credit card thieves like to make purchases at gas stations, party stores and

at stores that have self-scan lanes at the checkout.

In addition to the credit card theft on May 16, another woman reported last week that she left her purse at a Ford Road Hallmark gift store. When she returned 45 minutes later, it was gone, and someone had already tried to use her credit card.

Anyone recognizing the suspect in police photos is asked to please contact the Canton Police Detective Bureau at (734) 394-5430.

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Hotels warned about dangers of illegal graduation parties

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Graduation is just around the corner, and Canton Police are asking that Sunday's graduates celebrate at home. Specifically, they're asking Canton hotel owners to refuse to rent rooms to people under the age of 21.

"It's an annual letter around prom and graduation time. It's intended to bring the issue to their attention: Kids get hotel rooms and have parties," said Canton Police Lt. Bob Kerr. "It's up to them and their policy who they rent rooms to, but they need to know they can play a role in underage drinking, or they can play a role in stopping it."

As part of Canton Police Department's preparation for the graduation season, department officials have contacted area hotels to warn them about the dangers of renting rooms to minors and people younger than 21 years old.

Canton has 11 hotels, but that includes places where kids wouldn't necessarily party, like the "longer stay" motels. There

are just seven traditional hotels that could be attractive to kids hoping to host graduation parties, Kerr said.

Hotel managers were notified of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools graduation date this Sunday, and are urged to adopt a "no room rental to persons under the age of 21" policy, especially during the graduation.

It has been the department's past experience that renting rooms to persons under the age of 21 often results in potential problems for both the motel and the police department, according to Kerr. Many times illegal activity occurs - including alcohol being consumed by minors.

Hotel managers were also reminded of alcohol laws and the department's strict enforcement action against any adult who allows persons under twenty-one years of age to consume alcoholic beverages. This includes parents, limousine drivers, hotel and motel owners and other adults.

The police outreach has helped, according to Kerr.

"We used to get more

complaints and incidents at hotels at this time of year, but the hotels seem to be more vigilant lately," he said. "Of course we do get disturbance calls year-round. That's how we're usually brought into the situation - the kids are being loud and disturbing other customers. They basically draw attention to themselves. And then management calls."

And then someone must take responsibility.

"When it comes to responsibility, it all depends on the situation. The kids themselves can be cited," Kerr said.

"Whoever rented the room, if it was an adult, could be liable. Or if it was a parent - they get an open house party ticket. The ordinance is pretty clear about what it is and who's responsible, if they rent the room or supply the alcohol."

Even hotel personnel can be held accountable if they know what is going on, Kerr added.

Penalties require a mandatory court appearance, and a fine of up to \$500 or 90 days in jail.

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Clerk's office looking for election workers

The Canton Township Clerk's Department is now accepting applications for the position of precinct inspector for the 2006 primary election on Aug. 8, 2006 and the general election on Nov. 7, 2006.

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Saving barn will be prized in future

Well, it appears common sense has prevailed – that and one wonderful benefactor.

Just when it looked like the old Cady barn, located on the high school campus, was to be demolished, one of Canton's most generous and engaged residents stepped up to the plate to save the day, and a rare piece of Canton history.

Longtime resident Bob Boyer, who owns Boyer's Meat Processing, decided the barn, which dates back more than a century and contains Civil War-era timbers, was too important to face the wrecking ball. According to Boyer, the barn is only one of three left in Canton, which not all that long ago was the sweet corn capital of Michigan.

The Canton Historical Society had led efforts to raise money to save the barn, which the school district was going to demolish to build some tennis courts for Plymouth High School. But little money was raised, probably due to the poor economy. So the district was set to begin demolishing the barn this month.

Boyer, however, found an Amish outfit out of Homer, Mich., which will dismantle the barn and reassemble it for \$75,000, much less than the original estimates. In addition, he is footing much of the bill himself, though he won't say exactly how much he is contributing to the project – probably because he doesn't want too much of the credit even though he deserves it.

Boyer's intervention should come as no surprise to anyone who knows him. Boyer is one of the most involved residents in the community. He often volunteers his time and money. He is a fixture with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Lions Club. In fact, every summer he personally foots the bill for the Lions Club corn roast, because he believes Canton needs to remember where it came from.

It is somewhat ironic that Boyer's intervention is happening during the same time that IKEA is opening on Ford Road. While IKEA represents the town's future, the barn represents its past. Certainly both are equally important. Boyer understands that, as do the other individuals who worked so hard to save the barn.

Canton is very fortunate to have residents like Bob Boyer.

Flag amendment would desecrate U.S. Constitution

During most years, June 14 comes and goes without much notice. Most people probably don't even realize it is National Flag Day, which ranks somewhere near Columbus Day on the holiday hoopla spectrum.

This year, however, people should take a little more notice of the holiday, which dates back to 1977 – the 100th anniversary of the Continental Congress' adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

The flag itself has become a hot topic lately, at least among politicians always eager to prove their patriotism to the American voter. Last month, a U.S. Senate judiciary subcommittee approved the Flag Desecration Amendment, which would amend the U.S. Constitution to criminalize any "physical desecration" of the American flag. The "flag burning" amendment will now go to the full Senate for a vote. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the amendment by a narrow eight-vote margin last year.

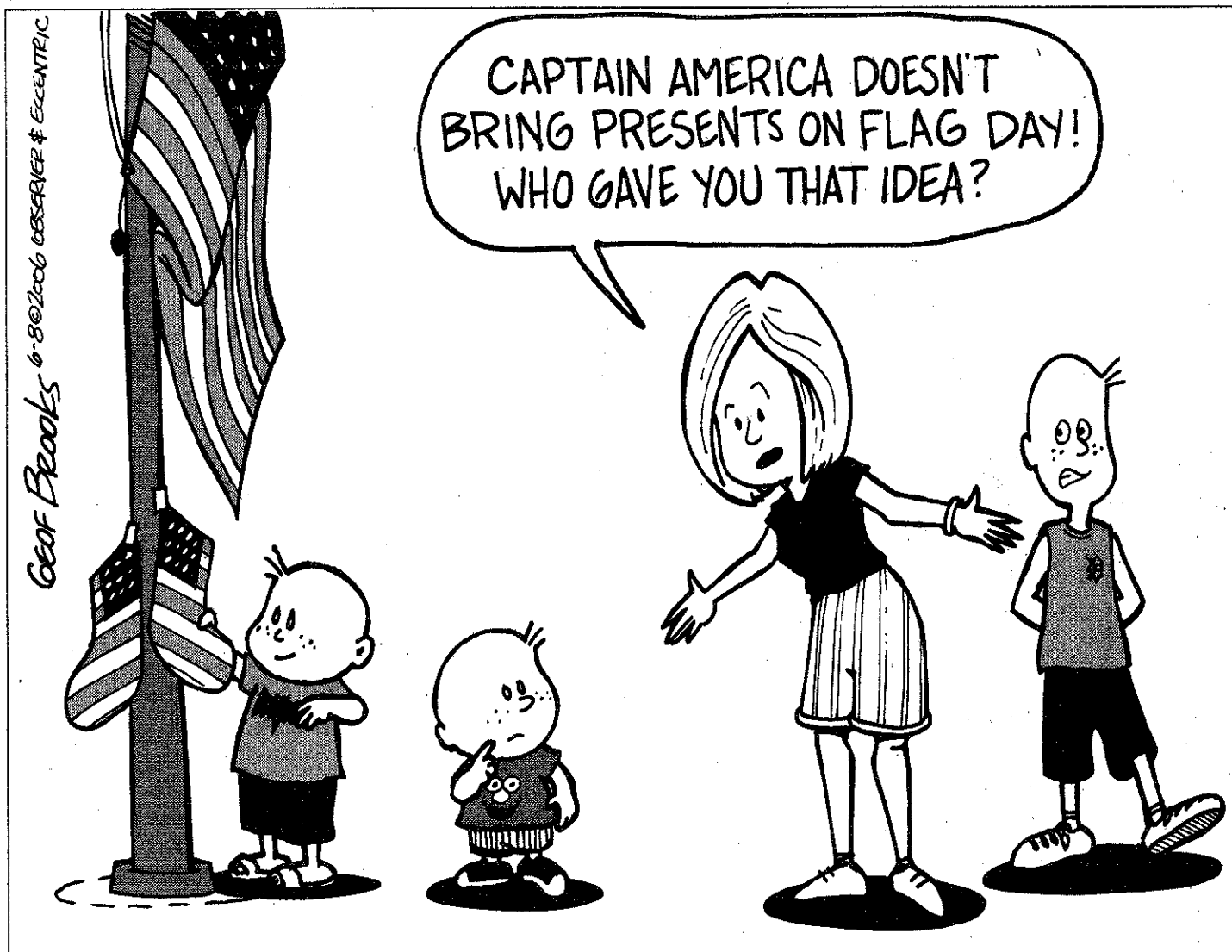
It is difficult not to be cynical about this amendment and its supporters.

There is probably no greater symbol of the freedoms and liberties Americans have revered and enjoyed for more than two centuries than the flag. Freedom of speech and expression are first among those civil rights it represents. Whether anyone likes it or not, burning a flag is a form of expression the Constitution protects and the flag symbolizes.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, which firmly opposes the idea of a flag desecration ban, if the amendment passes it will be the first time since Prohibition that the Constitution was amended to actually restrict American freedoms. The ACLU also points out that most Americans do not support a ban on flag burning if it means changing the Constitution.

But that hasn't deterred politicians like Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., from making it a political issue. But it isn't just Republicans. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a Michigan Democrat who could be facing a tough reelection bid this fall, has gone on record saying she supports a flag desecration amendment.

Stabenow should join Michigan's other senator, Carl Levin, in opposing this misguided assault on the Constitution. If there is anything worse than a person burning an American flag, it is a politician wrapping themselves in the flag to help get them elected.



Why Canton?

After reading your June 1 issue about IKEA opening, it really makes me think about our township officials. Did they ever check out IKEA warehouses elsewhere as to the traffic they will cause everyone that uses all the streets and expressways that we use?

My wife and I first jumped for joy that they were coming to the Kmart property in Canton. I've lived in Canton 40 years, so I guess I should have known, but that's not my job. Township officials should be doing this. From what I hear, there will be two million people annually. My wife and I go to Bob Evans quite a lot and have one hell of a time trying to get back on Ford Road. What's it going to be like with IKEA?

I wish someone from the *Observer* would talk to our officials and ask them how in the world they are going to control IKEA and us from being killed on Ford Road. When I really think about IKEA and what it's going to do for me, I'm lost for words. Sure, they pay taxes. So do we all. I live on Lilley between Cherry Hill and Ford. What a picnic I'll have for the rest of my life. Thanks to our officials that helped this happen.

To me, putting IKEA in this area will be a disaster to Canton. They should be in the center of Metro Airport.

Frank Essa
Canton

American hypocrisy

According to U.S. governmental policy, which is beholden to the interests of the state of Israel, democracy comes with "strings attached." How else does one explain the insanity of the U.S. policy which invested hundreds of millions of dollars promoting the notion of democracy, yet turns around and penalizes the entire Palestinian people by starving them and denying them crucial aid because the U.S. doesn't like the choices they made.

Preaching "democracy" while practicing "hypocrisy" is not the way to win the hearts and minds of a brutalized and oppressed people. The U.S. continues to reward Israel, a state that is in direct defiance of many U.N. resolutions, internationally recognized laws, and conventions, with billions upon billions of its taxpayers' dollars, and yet chooses to collectively punish an entire people for daring to practice what it had been preaching to them.

What is wrong with this picture?

Mike Odettalla
Canton

Radio station thanks

We would like to thank the Plymouth-Canton community for its generous support during our 18th Radio Auction. Through the generosity of donors and sponsors, and the hard work of our students and parent volunteers, we raised nearly \$12,000.

I would especially like to thank New Liberty Bank for its title sponsorship of the auction. This is the third year New Liberty Bank has served as a sponsor for WSDP. Michael Weaver, president, and the staff of the bank deserve credit for their strong support of community events.

I would also like to thank the following businesses, individuals and families for

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sponsoring half-hours during this year's auction: Canton Computers, Rep. Phil LaJoy, Blackwell Ford, Sen. Bruce Patterson, Community Bank of Dearborn, AJM Software, Plymouth A.M. Rotary, Tom Yack, Tom and Linda Kelly, Joanne Lamar, Dairy Queen of Canton, Approved Mortgages, Community Financial, Plymouth-Community Arts Council, Marilyn Gunter, Atchinson Ford, Michael and Laurie Lazorka and Beth Stewart.

As always, businesses from throughout Plymouth and Canton were very generous in donating items. We appreciate your consistent support of 88.1-FM. We would also like to thank all of our listeners who took time to bid on items. Your generosity is an encouragement to our students and me.

We're currently planning for equipment upgrades. We also are providing three scholarship awards to deserving seniors. We're honored to be part of such a generous community.

Thank you!

Bill Keith
station manager, WSDP-FM (88.1)

Disability 'police'

I have had it with the "disability police." My wife has been disabled for 20 years – she has the X-rays, MRIs, lab tests, doctors' reports and vehicle hang-tag to prove it.

She can, however, walk short distances unassisted and so when possible she prefers to leave her cane in the car. For this she endures glares and verbal abuse. Self-appointed guardians of the disabled have stalked her through stores and last night she was chastised in a restroom for being in the handicap stall.

The blunt fact is you cannot divine disability just by appearance. There is no "uniform" for the disabled and so expecting a wheelchair, a cane, braces or a limp is presumptuous and offensive. And I don't exempt the disabled from the guilt of stereotyping. The sanctimonious twit screaming at my wife in the restroom was brandishing two canes.

Interestingly, the severely disabled are far less judgmental about physical appearance. Much of the abuse has come from the less seriously disabled – the "recreationally disabled" – who use their status as a club.

If you suspect abuse, forego the vigilante theatrics and just speak to someone in authority, such as the store manager or a policeman. These people can handle the matter in a professional and nonconfrontational way. And since there is a good chance that you are wrong anyway, you won't risk making an ass of yourself.

G. Martin
Canton

Honor our soldiers

I have just read Brad Kadrich's article on lowering the flag for fallen soldiers and I cannot believe that some people think that it is not the right thing to do. I think that giving your life so that the rest of us can continue to have the freedom that we all at some time or another take for granted deserves at least that.

I have a nephew that spent a year in Iraq and luckily came home safe. I also have a nephew that is getting ready to leave for

Iraq in July and although I am scared for his safety, I am also extremely proud of him.

I see these young men and women as our heroes and if they are putting their lives on the line to protect the freedoms for the rest of us, the least we can do is lower a flag when they and their families have given the ultimate sacrifice.

We need to show their families that we share in their sorrow and that their son, daughter, husband, wife, mother or father is not only mourned by them, but by all of us and that we will not forget the price that they have paid.

I would much rather have a flag lowered for this reason than any other, but this is only my opinion and me using my freedom of speech, the same freedom that they have fought to protect.

Sue Hatfield
Westland

Invest in the future

I fully support Gov. Granholm's efforts to cut "spending" first. Let's face it: The Republican willy-nilly tax scheming has done nothing for Michigan. We have built-in structural economic problems, such as the lack of a good transit system that would get working people to jobs and embarrassingly low high school graduation rates that keep business from investing in our state.

I would go to Lansing and propose legislation that would enact a statewide transportation authority that would answer directly to the Legislature, and a medical insurance program based on what Mitt Romney and the people of Massachusetts did that ensures that all people have access to health insurance. This simple plan spreads the risk fairly and evenly and will make the cost climate for small- and medium-sized business very attractive here in Michigan.

I would also set goals for education to be based on reading comprehension, which is the precise understanding of words and language. A population of highly skilled readers will not only attract business but, more importantly, our people will start and grow business right here in Michigan.

Let's face something else, it takes very little imagination to cut taxes, but hard, clear thinking to invest in the future.

Frank Kalinski
Livonia

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"If I didn't live in Canton, I would probably be more excited."

– Diann Geran, Canton resident, expressing her feelings about the coming of IKEA and her fears about all the new traffic the store will bring to the area

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'Driving while black' must be overcome in Canton/Plymouth

Unless you're a black male over the age of 15, you may have never heard the phrase "driving while black." DWI is short for "driving while intoxicated" and DUI is "driving under the influence." So, DWB is "driving while black." Yes, you can be stopped and pulled over for being black.

My family has lived in Canton Township for three years. When we moved here from Chicago, people said Canton/Plymouth was a great community. I have been stopped several times by the Canton or Plymouth police departments. Like



the Rev. Eugene Blair

everyone who drives a car, there are times when I should have been stopped for a traffic violation and ticketed but got away with it. But I am speaking of those times when I was stopped with a flimsy excuse for "probable cause" in order to run my plates and check my license and insurance.

One evening, a policeman saw me and made a U-turn and came up behind me to pull me over. One of two license plate lights was burned out, which he never would have seen unless he made the U-turn. Yes, the plate was lighted and could be seen by anyone. But I was stopped anyway.

The last time I was stopped by the Canton police, I had my 2-year-old and 6-year-old daughters in the car. I had juskipped them up from school. We noticed a flurry of police activity on Joy Road east of Lilley. I was followed by two police cars and ordered to pull over. I was ordered to put my hands out of the window and get out of the car. I was searched and told that I "matched the description of a black male wearing a hat and sunglasses."

There are the magical words for DWB: "You matched the description." In this case, a black male wearing sunglasses and a hat. How many black males were going down Joy Road with a hat and sunglasses? To absurdity, and I might add the racism, should be obvious. What direction, in what kind of car, hat make or model, what color, what color cloth? The officers had no answers to these questions. My 6-year-old daughter is now very afraid of the police.

The problems go back to the founding slave holding fathers of our nation. Their guiding principle in forming our government was that the people should decide what is right and good for all. So they elected men, and no women, to form a representative government. The government decides what laws need to be passed for the good of the people. And the people, empowered by the law, hire police officers, usually white and male, to protect the people with the laws. This is where it breaks down: the police can decide how, when and where and against whom to enforce the law and its attendant policies of protection. When it comes to

DWB, some have accused the police of the attendant and official or unofficial policy of "racial profiling." Depending on your point of view, we spend a lot of time and energy trying to prove it exists or it does not. If you are a black male over the age of 15, it is a moot point.

The city of Romulus recently locked down several elementary schools while the police searched for a robbery suspect. It was interesting to note that the media interviewed three black males who were stopped in this exercise and none of them "matched the description" of the suspect. Their link to the crime was that they were black males. I assert that they were DWB.

Our culture has forced upon itself the notion that the worst in the African-American race can be representative of the race. Yes, black men kill, maim, murder, and rob. No amount of social theory or cultural philosophy can explain away that reality. If we commit a crime, we should be arrested, prosecuted, and jailed to the fullest extent of the law. But we cannot judge all black men by the worst media examples available. That would be like saying we should judge all white males with shaved heads by Patrick Selepak, who along with his girlfriend, murdered a man, put the frozen body in the back of the victim's pickup truck and drove around with it for a couple of days, not to mention their torture and murder of two other white people.

From the White House to Joy Road in Canton, racism has us all tied in a knot. I read somewhere that metro Detroit is the most segregated area in America. Canton has a lot to offer in the way of schools, community pride, and economic growth and housing. While we like and enjoy living in our community, the ugly dragon of racism is still breathing its fire and threats. My first-grade daughter was called a nigger for the first time in her life in a Canton public school.

As Canton/Plymouth grows and the quality of life here is attractive, perhaps this community can rise above the rest and put into place policies, ideas, commissions, and community groups to kill the dragon before it gets too big to kill. Perhaps we can be different. As a United Methodist minister, I would suggest that the churches are the ones to give leadership to this effort. An ecumenical forum can be devised to call attention to the need for more than physical and tangible material goods, housing and services.

If people, government, and the police do not respect and protect each other equally, are we doomed just to be another white flight suburb of Detroit? Great housing, excellent schools, and economic vitality mean little if, in the words of Martin Luther King Jr., "we cannot learn to live together as brothers we will perish together as fools."

The Rev. Eugene A. Blair, of the Detroit Conference and United Methodist Church in Canton, is a Canton resident.

IKEA shopping trip stays with you - like Willie Wonka's candy

As I stood in line Saturday morning outside IKEA, I felt like Veruca Salt holding the golden ticket. She was the spoiled brat who won the opportunity to tour "the most eccentric and wonderful candy factory of all time" in the 1971 movie *Willie Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*.

While Veruca and her father were only two of 10 people permitted entry into the chocolate factory, my 7-year-old daughter and I were among 15,000



Kimberly Mortson

that made our way through the 300,000-plus square-foot Canton store Saturday. I have been referring to it as the chocolate factory of home furnishings. A Mecca of merchandise for anyone that has living space he or she wants to renovate, ornament or enhance.

The excitement and anticipation of Saturday's "Friends & Family" event escalated as I moved closer to the front door of the monstrous blue and yellow building. IKEA gave away thousands of black and white business card-size tickets as an employee perk for their relatives and acquaintances. It served as a dress rehearsal in preparation for the human avalanche of customers expected on opening day.

As we walked closer to the entrance I could hear IKEA employees cheering and clapping.

A couple hundred people ahead of us started the wave as they clutched blue store maps, tiny IKEA pencils and disposable measuring tapes that yellow polo shirt-wearing staffers handed out by the fistfuls to make shopping that much more productive.

Behind me stood a middle-aged couple from Canton who got their golden ticket from their daughter's friend. They had never been to any one of the 220 stores worldwide and wanted to see what all the hullabaloo was about while they had the chance.

"I don't see what the big deal is," said the husband, a professed nonshopper. "They take your money just like every other store."

I started to laugh like bratty Veruca. "Yes, but they take LESS of your money. That's the beauty of IKEA," I said.

He just chuckled, but I knew better. I had been to the IKEA in Schaumburg, Ill., last year with a girlfriend. I was wise

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to the ways of IKEA and was eager to share my knowledge and adoration for the Swedish retailer.

It only took us 15 minutes to get through the line that snaked across the front of the store and all the way down the Haggerty Road side of the building. While Veruca reveled at the sight of chocolate rivers, giant edible mushrooms and lickable wallpapers, I filled my cart with a \$29 brushed nickel dining room light, an 18-piece set of children's silverware for \$1.49 and a \$7.99 wall-mounted storage bin. A few of my own "golden eggs."

I felt the jubilation the thousands of Canton IKEA shoppers were experiencing as they got their first glimpse of the store, its merchandise and the prices. I saw women using hand-held walkie talkies to give status reports on the contents of their carts, couples taking camera phone pictures of bedroom displays and men tapping stainless steel colanders to make sure they were the real deal.

I ended my spree in line with a couple hundred other patrons feeling exhilarated from our trip through home decorators' heaven. Sandy Aristeo of Canton snacked on one of IKEA's infamous Swedish meatballs in the checkout line behind me.

"I can't wait to come back," said Aristeo in spite of having just spent three hours in the marketplace. "I can only fit so much in my trunk. I decided I'm taking Wednesday off to come back and shop some more."


She was euphoric with that Everlasting Gobstopper of a feeling the store leaves you with. Just like Willy Wonka's candy claimed - it lasts forever. Happy shopping, Canton.

Kimberly Mortson is a Westland resident.

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Rouge Rescue celebrates 20 years of learning about the river

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Bill Craig gathered one of several small work teams Saturday morning at the entrance to Westland's Holliday Nature Preserve to give them their instructions for the day.

As part of the 20th annual Rouge Rescue, this team would be cleaning out fire pits and replacing them with trees. Craig warned them to take a long shower and clean their clothes when they were through doing their part. He warned about mosquitoes, poison ivy, and potential cuts and scratches.

"Anyone gets hurt, stop what you're doing. Safety is No. 1," he said.

Craig and the work team were part of a small army working along the Rouge River and its tributaries to clean out debris, pull weeds, replant native species and learn about the rich ecology of the Rouge watershed.

Craig of Livonia has been a leader in the program to protect and revitalize the Rouge and he's learned some lessons along the way.

"We can't do much with our hands to improve water quality, but we sure can educate people. As site coordinator, we have to do this in a safe way, in

an organized way ..." he said. "Whatever work we get done is a bonus. It really is a feel-good project. It's always here."

CHANGE OF PLANS

In past years, removing log jams was a major part of every Rouge Rescue. Not anymore.

"After a number of years, we became professional log jam removers and people really liked doing that," Craig said. "Then one of my friends from another state, Maine, said why are you taking the wood out of the river, that's important for the fish and insects. He's a fisherman. So it brought to mind the question, 'How come nobody's told us this is a bad thing?'"

Patrick Kobylarz, who lives a short distance from the Holliday Preserve and has volunteered with the Holliday Nature Preserve Association for 20 years, has adjusted to the new focus on junk removal, bank restoration and education.

"The focus has shifted from getting rid of log jams to getting rid of things that don't belong in a nature preserve ... garbage, trash, pulling shopping carts out of the water, removing invasive species like garlic mustard, things that aren't native to the area," he said.

A map at the park entrance shows an area invaded by garlic mustard where a team would be kept busy removing the unwanted plant.

PARK STEWARDS

Kobylarz said the association does maintenance throughout the year, especially since cutbacks by the county.

"The association is kind of acting as stewards on behalf of the Wayne County Parks system, keeping trails maintained, rebuilding foot bridges that have been knocked out," he said.

Beyond acting as park stewards, he said a big part of the Rouge Rescue is getting kids involved and teaching them about environmental stewardship.

Elizabeth Star of Livonia brought her two children,



Schoolcraft Community College student Andy Brown helps remove rocks around the drain pipe at the Canton's Flodin Park.

Caitlin Minnick, 9, and Zachary Minnick, 8, as part of Cub Scout Pack 852's annual participation. This was the second time for Star and her children.

"It's about appreciation for nature, to save what we have here and restore it, to hand it on to future generations," she said.

Jay Gilbert, Westland's community development director, said the Rouge Rescue isn't "glitzy," but it's still important to remind people of the need to preserve the river. And it's been a good partnership between the city and volunteers.

"We get more manpower and coordination by working together," Gilbert said.

WILDLIFE HABITAT

Canton's Flodin Park was a bustle of activity. Children were happily pounding away on nails constructing bird houses, while along Fellows Creek and a small pond children, teenagers and adults were busy pulling weeds and replanting native plants.

Carol Clements, a naturalist with Wayne County Parks and Recreation, held up a large turtle and told a wide-eyed circle of children and adults about the turtle's place in the sometimes invisible animal community that surrounds the Rouge and its tributaries. She presented snakes, toads and frogs,

each with a story of its own.

"We like to focus on bringing awareness to the habitats of the Rouge River," she said. "Not many people realize how much wildlife still lives in the river, so we show animals local to our area and make people realize how important a habitat it has been."

The River Day program at Flodin Park was partially sponsored by the International Transmission Co., which owns the property adjacent to the park and the large power transmission towers. For Grace Rush, marketing and communications associate for ITC, it's a win-win partnership.

"There's a drain that was eroding the banks of Fellows Creek and since that's our property, we partnered with them to remove that drain," she said. "We own the high voltage transmission system in southeastern Michigan. This is mutually beneficial. We try to



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Dan Lugwig digs a hole at Westland's Holliday Nature Preserve so that the volunteers can place a bench along the path.

be good neighbors in the communities where we have equipment."

Nicolle Labelle, 16, Kathryn Poma, 16 and Michael Haar, 17, all of Canton, were having fun but all agreed they enjoyed "helping out."

"I do it every year," Labelle said. "Three years, picking

weeds and pulling stuff out of the river."

Last year, Poma fell in the creek but was back again for her third year.

For many people, rescuing the Rouge has become a regular event.

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Poonam Mata helps her daughter Rayna Mata hammer a nail into a bird house, one of the educational programs at Canton's Flodin Park as part of Rouge Rescue day.

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Basketball Planet set to open

Basketball Planet in Canton opened its doors over the weekend. The new business celebrated the occasion by offering activities for children, giveaways and of course basketball contests with prizes.

The Basketball Planet is located at 7171 N. Haggerty in Canton, MI 48187 (Across from EVOLA MUSIC and 1 block north of IKEA). For more information, call (734) 656-0091. Hours are 9 a.m. - 2 a.m. daily.

ART CAMP

D & M Studios, in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services, presents "Under the Sea," this year's Summer Art Camp theme. The studio is still taking registration for the art day camp, which is open to preschool- to teenage.

Summer art camps will be held at three area locations: D & M Studios at 8691 N. Lilley Road and The Summit at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, and Frameworks at 833 Penniman Ave. in Plymouth. For more information on the Summer Art Camps and ongoing art classes for all ages, please call D & M Studios at (734) 453-3710 or visit www.dmartstudio.com.

KINDERMUSIK SUMMER

Evola Music of Canton is hosting a free preview of summer Kindermusik programs. The open house classes are June 12, and June 15-17, and

visitors can stop by any class for free. Kindermusik at Evola Music offers a complete music program where both children and parents learn through music and movement. Evola offers Kindermusik classes for children ages 0 through 7 years, including the new Sign and Sing and Family Time curriculum.

Evola Music is located at 7170 N. Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 455-4677 or visit online at www.kindermusikatevola.com. Also, Kindermusik is offering free story time sessions this summer. Story time will be held at 9:15 a.m. June 20 at Plymouth Coffee Bean at 884 Penniman in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 454-0178.

CRUISE CONTROL

Canton resident Shawn Tobin has joined national company Cruise Planners. The company specializes in selling discount cruise packages, cabin upgrades and amenities such as on-board credits, wine, and shore excursions. Tobin can offer more than 6,000 group departures, as well as private cruise sales. For more information, contact Shawn Tobin of Cruise Planners at (800) 690-CRUIZ or stobin@cruiseplanners.com

ENGINEERING FIRM HONORED

The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. (MSG) has been selected

as one of Engineering News-Record's (ENR) Top 500 Design Firms of 2006. MSG was named to this leading list of professional firms in the April 24, 2006 issue of ENR. This honor is based upon a national ranking system and puts MSG among the elite design firms in the A/E industry.

ENR's list of the Top 500 Design Firms is a comprehensive package of data and analysis. It contains the ranking by 2005 revenue of the 500 largest engineers, architects and environmental consultants in the U.S. It also contains the previous year's rankings, revenue and percentage of revenue by market.

MSG is a regionally based, full-service consulting firm that has grown to more than 200 professionals across five core disciplines, which include civil, environmental and geotechnical engineering, surveying and construction support. MSG has location in Maumee, Ohio, and Canton, Detroit, Lansing and Monroe, Michigan.

FRESH BREW

There's a new cup of brew available to Canton coffee lovers as Beaner's Coffee opened a new location at the corner of Canton Center and Ford. The coffee house opened at the end of May. It offers a 20-person seating area with a fireplace, as well as cozy quiet areas. Beaner's also offers free wireless Internet access to

customers. During the warmer months, outdoor seating is available.

Beaner's Coffee specializes in gourmet coffee and fine teas. The gourmet coffee house features more than 30 specialty coffee, tea and frozen drinks. Each day, the store brews six special coffees, and carries a broad selection of pastries, fruit, soups and sandwiches.

The new Canton Beaner's Coffee store is located at 45430 Ford Rd. The store is open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

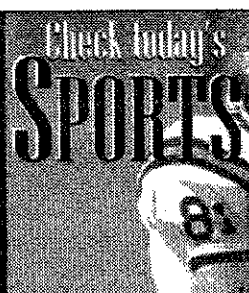
HIP HOP

Central City Dance will hold Hip Hop workshops on July 8 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The beginner and intermediate class for children age 8-14 will be 10 - 10:30 a.m., at a cost of \$20. The intermediate and advanced class, for students age 10-23, will be 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. And adult classes for the "young at heart," age 24 and older, will be 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., and will cost \$15. Dancers will learn the "Freeze," the "Six-Step," as well as some "old school" dance moves. Registration for both the beginner and advanced classes is offered a discounted rate of \$35.

For more information, visit Central City Dance at 8004 Sheldon Center Road before June 30, or call (734) 459-0400.

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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 22nd, 2006 for the following:

PURCHASE OF CONCERT GRAND PIANO - VILLAGE THEATER

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.

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TREE REMOVAL SERVICES - COMMUNITY PROPERTIES

A 5% bid bond will be required with this project. 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.

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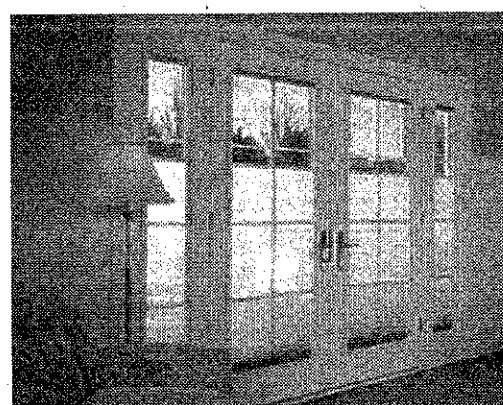
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Dance studio expands, Wayne County shoppers find money-saving options

More than furniture

TEC Furniture customers are welcome to bring an appetite to the store's upcoming Tent Sale. Held June 9-11 at the **Westland Showroom**, 35715 Warren Ave, the sale starts in the parking lot.

Look for the tent, complete with free balloons, hot dogs and drinks. Furniture in the store, and outside under the tent will be sold at marked-down prices. Additional stores inside Westland Shopping Center will also offer special promotions. Stop by TEC Furniture for lunch, festivities and furniture shopping for this annual event.

The right moves

It's official. **Plymouth** resi-

WHAT'S IN STORE

dent **Kristie Wyler** is now the new owner of **Metro Dance**, a local dance studio known for its strong ballet program.

Wyler took over on June 1 and plans to add a few new classes, including ballroom lessons.

"Over the past nine years the previous owners have built an outstanding program that I am proud to continue," she said. "It's a family environment and I'm excited to start."

Wyler brings her extensive teaching background to the position. She has managed a city dance program, coached high school dance teams and worked as a teacher at Metro Dance.

Spring classes kick off this week. Wyler is also part-time

ballroom and gymnastic instructors. Those interested may forward resumes to Kristie@MetroDanceCompany.com.

Metro Dance Company office hours are 4:30-8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The studio is located at 541 S. Mill Street in Plymouth.

For more information on the studio or class offerings, call (734) 207-8970 or visit www.MetroDanceCompany.com.

Drawing crowds

Fans of the Swedish home retailer **IKEA** began lining up outside the **Canton** megastore Monday - all to get an early peek at the low-priced modern home goods.

The retailer expects to draw more than 2 million

shoppers annually, to the store. It's Michigan's first **IKEA**. Employees said the fervor surrounding an **IKEA** opening such as this can dissipate after a few weeks, or hold steady for the first six months.

Those ready to brave the crowds - all in the name of home renovation, will find **IKEA** at 41640 Ford Road, on the corner of Haggerty Road near I-275 in Canton. **Ikea** is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Another Swedish-based company new to Michigan, **H&M** recently opened stores in both **Ann Arbor** and **Sterling Heights**. **H&M**, which first opened its doors in 1947, now sells low-priced trendy clothing and accessories in 22 countries.

The company's philosophy

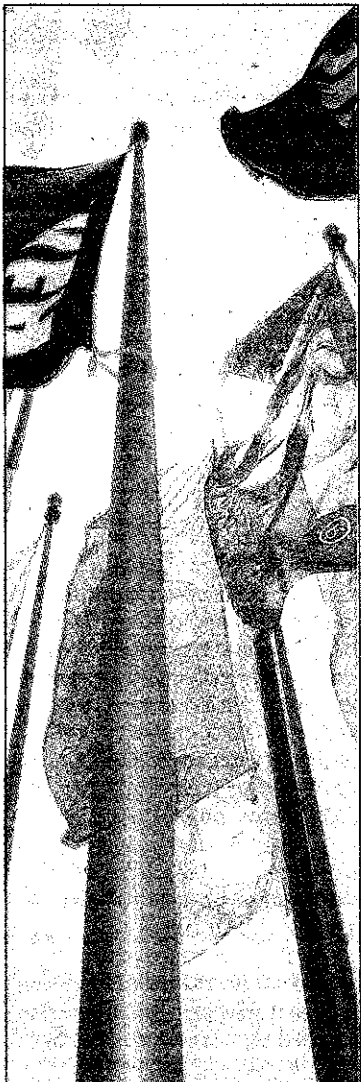
aims to "give the customer unbeatable value by offering fashion and quality at the best price." To achieve this, the European retailer buys in large volumes, and has its own designers, buyers and budget-controllers.

The smaller **Ann Arbor** store, located in the **Sears** corridor of **Briarwood Mall**, 100 **Briarwood Circle**, opened May 12 and stocks primarily women's clothing.

On Friday, June 2, **H&M** fever hit **Lakeside Mall**, 14000 **Lakeside Circle** in **Sterling Heights**. Also located in the mall's **Sears** corridor, this larger Michigan flagship location caters to men, women and children. Linen skirts were priced at \$9.90, while light-weight pajamas will set shoppers back just \$12.

The store was flooded with bargain-hunters on opening weekend. Each received a personalized **H&M** gift - like a duffel bag, journal or lunchbox. Thanks to the Swedes, let the love of shopping return.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@hometownlife.com or call (734) 953-2054.



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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Link It Up!!

Wayne Parks Division and Friends of Wayne County Parks is hosting a public workshop to present the county wide trails and greenways trail information and maps gathered from all of the municipalities in Wayne County. Public officials and **YOU**, our citizens have the opportunity to verify this information, provide further input and identify missing links to develop a comprehensive greenways mapping system. Please come and share you ideas and suggestions for greenways in your community. We are planning for the future and your participation is crucial in our efforts to:

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AROUND TOWN

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.

Ford Day Festival

Wayne County Parks hosts "Ford Days" at Nankin Mills 1-5 p.m. Saturday, June 10. Participants will discover how the mills played an important role in the developing automobile industry and what it was like to live in the early 1900s. A special addition to this year's Ford Day is the Recreation Expo, featuring on-site local community groups that will have information on their summer programs. Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail. The event is free, except for \$40 per person for optional craft and games. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Fibromyalgia workshop

A local authority will be at the Carl Sandburg Library for a free workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, to discuss what can be causing headaches, which he said is "often misdiagnosed and misunderstood." To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Irish Genealogical Society

The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan presents a program on "Beginning Genealogy" with Richard M. Doherty, president of the society, 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17 at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan Avenue in Detroit. Fenced-in parking is available. The lecture will cover What is Genealogy, how to get started, basic forms, sources of genealogy information, key research tools and final hints. For more information, call (248) 879-9352.

Homebuyers' workshop

Ross Mortgage hosts a live on-line Homebuyers Workshop 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, to discuss the ins and outs of financing your next home. Register on-line at www.rossmortgage.com. The workshop is free. For more information, call (248) 547-4700.

Northville garden walk

The Country Garden Club of Northville is inviting everyone to attend their annual garden walk, featuring five gardens in Northville, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. After seeing the flowers, visitors are invited to stop by Mill Race Village, where Cady Inn will be transformed into "The Potting Shed" where complimentary home-made sweets and lemonade will be served. Tickets in advance (\$10) are available and may be purchased after June 12 from Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. For more information, call (734) 591-0360.

Alzheimer's anniversary

This year the Alzheimer's Association celebrates 25 years of service to Michigan residents with a luncheon and awards program at noon June 14 at the VisiTech center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The program will feature recognition of special people and features keynote speaker Orien Reed, a television and radio consumer reporter and volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association. Tickets are \$25, and the public is invited. For tickets or more information, visit the Web site at www.alzgmcc.org or call (800) 272-3900.

Zoo shot party

On Tuesday, June 20, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan and the Detroit Zoo team up to offer "One Zoo of a Shot Party," a convenient place to get children ages 15 and older immunized against bacterial meningitis and/or receive the new tetanus booster that offers increased protection against whooping cough, known medically as pertussis. The program is open to students age 15, high school seniors and college freshmen living in dorms. The meningitis shot costs \$105; the tetanus shot is \$50. The event takes place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the main entrance to the Detroit Zoo; parking is free for those being immunized. For more information, visit www.vna.org or call (248) 967-8755.

Summer school

Summer courses are back in season at the Ann Arbor Art Center, offering favorites such as Drawing Fundamentals, Foundations, Painting 101, Basic and Continuing Watercolor, Exploring Watermedia and three levels of Ceramics. Semester dates run through July 10-Aug. 31 and discounts will be given for early registration by June 26. This summer the Art Center adds five new offerings in the celebration of art appreciation, ceramics, knitting and wine. Not only are these creative journeys, they are adventures in enlightenment. Debbie Kawsky, will share her art historical

knowledge in a new class entitled He Said/She Said: Great Artistic Couples, which explores famous artistic couples like Pablo Picasso and Dora Maar, Edgar Degas and Mary Cassatt, for the shocking behind-the-scenes stories, their relationships, and the production of their most iconic works. Session 1 is Wednesday, July 12 from 7-9 p.m. and Session 2 is Wednesday, July 19, from 7-9 p.m. Kawsky will also instruct two sessions of Art and Scandal. This lecture series will focus on the exciting, yet tumultuous lives of painters and sculptors including Edouard Manet, Vincent Van Gogh, and Camille Claudel whose passion in both their personal relationships and their works of art quickly led to obsession, hatred, and tragedy. Session 1 is Wednesday, July 26, from 7-9 p.m. and Session 2 is Wednesday, Aug. 2, from 7-9 p.m. Simone Jenkins of Morgan & York will offer Artful Tasting: Bubbles and Cheese, a four-week class pairing cheeses and sparkling wines from around the world. The class runs Thursday nights at 6:30-8:30 p.m. from July 13-Aug. 3. Everyone has gone crazy for crocheting, and in the six-week Wearable Works of Art: Knit and Crochet for Pre-Teens and Adult, beginners can learn the basic stitches, materials and construction techniques for creating small projects and then expand to make their own. Wearable Works is taught by Kristen Ham on Tuesday nights 6:30-8:30pm from July 11-Aug. 15 or Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 13-Aug. 17. The Ann Arbor Art Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to engaging the community in the education, exhibition, and exploration of the visual arts. For more information, explore www.annarborartcenter.org, visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty Street in downtown Ann Arbor or contact Janet Torno at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 114.

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, Ext. 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities Eeb site, www.mtcgolf.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 Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961.

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, 3131 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@michigan-horror.com

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

Summer internships

Want to gain valuable knowledge through internship experience while being immersed in a vibrant creative setting? If so, the Ann Arbor Art Center is the place for you. Applications are now being accepted for internships during summer 2006 at the Ann Arbor Art Center. Internships include positions in

Education, Exhibitions, the Gallery Shop, marketing, graphic design, special events, development and operations. All internships at the Ann Arbor Art Center are unpaid. Additional detailed descriptions of all internships available can be found at www.annarborartcenter.org. To apply for an internship, forward all resumes to info@annarborartcenter.org with "Internship" in the subject heading. Alternatively, mail a resume and cover letter to Marsha Chamberlin at the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor 48104 or fax it to 734994-3610.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at

Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Martina at (734) 464-0481.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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ALFRED CHARLES WORTLEY, Jr.

Age 86, May 30, 2006. Retired attorney. Husband of Elizabeth, father of James (Carole) and William Wortley, brother of Dr. John and Dr. Charles Wortley. Memorial service, St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Saturday, June 10, 11am. Interment Good Hart, MI. In lieu of flowers, tributes to the Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell Rd., Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (1-231-347-0991). Arrangements, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 1-248-644-6000

BETTY FITZPATRICK NEUBECK

Age 94, formerly of Plymouth, died June 4, 2006, in Douglas, Wyoming. She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Plymouth. She is survived by her grandchildren, Susan Quiroz, Margaret O'Hara, Julie Fitzpatrick, and Kelly Fitzpatrick Thompson, several great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her husband, Beman G. Neubeck, and her children, Leonard D. Fitzpatrick and Joy Elaine Fitzpatrick. Visitation will be Monday, June 12, from 9 am until time of service at 10 am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Memorials may be given to the New Horizons Rehab Service, 1814 Pond Run, Auburn Hills, MI 48326, or the Fowler Center, Inc., 2315 Harmon Lake Road, Mayville, MI 48744.

CHARLES NORMAN TANTON, JR.

Formerly of Farmington Hills. Died Monday morning, June 5, 2006, in Kalamazoo, MI. Charles was born February 11, 1922 in Detroit, MI, a son of Charles N. and LaVera (Edwards) Tanton. Mr. Tanton served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He graduated from Michigan Technological University and worked for twenty-eight years as a metallurgist for the Ford Motor Company. On June 28, 1945, he was united in marriage with the former Marion Ruth Biasel. Charles and Marion moved from Farmington Hills to The Fountains in Kalamazoo in 2002. Marion preceded Charles in death on August 2, 2005. Surviving are: 3 children, C. Russell (Stephanie) Tanton of Mission Viejo, CA, Patricia (Richard) Hewitt of Portage, MI, and Joanne (Ronald) Flittion of Traverse City, MI; 4 grandchildren, Chuck Hewitt, Angie Hewitt, Tom (Betsy) Flittion and Christy Hewitt; a sister, Kaireen Tanton of Canton; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held 3:00pm, Thursday, June 8, 2006, at The Fountains, 1700 Bronson Way, Kalamazoo, MI. Memorial contributions should be directed to the Kalamazoo Area Parkinson's Support Group. Arrangements were made by Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 622 S. Burdick St. www.langelands.com.

DONALD HOLT MALLOURE

Age 80, died peacefully at home June 4, 2006. Beloved husband of Lucille. Dear father of Joseph (Nancy) Malloure, Susan (Roger) Whitaker, John (Suzanne) Malloure, and Paul (Barbara) Malloure. He was grandfather of thirteen grandchildren and great-grandfather of one. Born in Kennett, Missouri, he served in the U.S. Navy, graduated from U-M in Civil Engineering, and was President of C.A. Hull Co. since 1954. He served on the Board of the Michigan Road Builders Association and was a life member of Birmingham Country Club. A memorial service is planned for the end of the month. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angels' Place or charity of choice.

GERALD SLEDZ

Of Delray Beach, FL, formerly of Northville, passed away May 25th at age 67. Gerald is survived by his wife Gwen and children Anita (Darin) Whitney of Arlington TX, Karen (Randy) Miller of Northville and Ted Sledz of Nashville, TN. Loving Grandfather of Allie, Morgan, Samantha, Matthew and Luke. Gerald is also survived by his three brothers: Bob, Ted and John and one lonely sailboat. Services were held at Ascension Catholic Church in Boca Raton, FL.



J. Ernest (Ernie) Cooper

Age 58, died peacefully on June 1, 2006 at his home in Lathrup Village. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Bonnie; two sons Jordan (Stephanie) of Clawson, and Nathan of Portland, Oregon; his parents, Russell and Helen Cooper of Royal Oak; two brothers, and three grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 8 at 1 p.m. at Farina's Banquet Center, 2485 Coolidge, in Berkeley. The family requests that contributions be made to Common Ground Sanctuary.



DALE M. BOWERMAN

Age 73, of Plymouth, MI and formerly Lake, MI passed away Friday June 2, 2006. Dale was born in McGregor, Michigan, a town named after his great grandfather John McGregor of Scotland. Dale grew up in a farming community and he really did walk miles to a one room schoolhouse. Dale's family moved to Livonia, Michigan during his teen years and he worked at Barnes, Gibson and Raymond for many years. Though he was offered the opportunity for advancement and security within the company, Dale didn't take it. In lieu of an office job, he chose to start his own company, "Dale's Decorators." In 1966, he became a firefighter for the Plymouth Fire Department. For seven years, he was a full time firefighter and a contractor on his off days. In 1970, he was recognized as Plymouth's "Fireman of the Year." He also was president of the firefighters union and active in the "Goodfellows" organization. Dale and his wife were long time members of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. Dale was active in sports at the church and bowled in several leagues. He once qualified to bowl on "Beat the Champ." After retirement, Dale loved gardening, hunting, fishing and gatherings with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dale also acquired a second home in Lake, Michigan and had many friends there. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sylvia Bowerman. Also survived by his children, Dale A. (Shelley) Bowerman of Clarkston, Dianne (John) Magnuson of Plymouth, David (Kay) Bowerman of Novi; grandchildren, Jonathon Bowerman, Rachel (Preston) Phelps, Bonnie (John) Steen, Jeremy Bowerman, Mary Magnuson, Danielle Bowerman, John Magnuson II, Benjamin Bowerman and Jacob Magnuson. Great grandchildren Summer and Gracie Phelps. Sisters, Dorothy (Don) McAllister, Donella (Hank) Zalewski, Dorace (Ted) Neaderbaumer and Dawn McKellar. Preceded in death by his brother Duane. A memorial service will be held at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia on June 17, 2006 at 11am. Memorial contributions may be made to Newburg United Methodist Church or In-House Hospice, 24293 Telegraph Road, Suite 102, Southfield, Michigan 48034. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. (734-453-3333)

JOSEPH L. DODD

Of Davisburg, formerly of Farmington; May 30, 2006 of complications of lung cancer, age 82; husband of Reta (Halsey) for 61 years; Father of Mary Walsh of Canton, Ruth (Dr. John Crossley) Dodd of TX, Reta (Kim) Forshee of Rochester Hills and Melissa (Bruce) Thayer of Belleville; also survived by six grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters. Commander Dodd served as a pilot in the Naval Reserve for 23 years. He served active duty in WWII from 1941-1945. He was a Registered Professional Engineer for the State of MI and retired from Teledyne Continental Motors, Muskegon in 1988. Celebration of Life Service was Saturday, June 3, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends visited last Friday. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Andersonville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of MI. Online guest book @ www.wintfuneralhome.com



MICHAEL G. FURLONG

Age 74, passed away suddenly June 4, 2006. Loving father of Gail (Ed) Montgomery, Pat (Sharon), Mike, Tim (Jessica), Mary (Don) Trefney, Barbi (Jerry) Furlong-Thompson, and Peggy (Sean) English. Preceded in death by his infant son, Sean. Former loving husband of Barbara. Loving grandfather of 20. Dearest brother of Pat Ziembra, Kitty, Eileen Mahoney, Jim, Tom, and the late Daniel. Graduate of the University of Michigan, C.P.A. retired from Livonia Public Schools as Director of Finance. Visitation at the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Wednesday, 5-9pm, and Thursday, noon-9pm with American Legion Stitt Post #232 Service and Scripture Service starting at 6:30pm. Prayers at the funeral home Friday, 9am, followed by Funeral Mass at St. Colette Catholic Church, Livonia, at 10am. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Kidney Foundation. Please sign the online guestbooks at www.rgharris.com

PATRICIA WOOD HATTO

Patricia Wood Hatto, devoted wife, mother and friend to many, died June 5 at age 82. She suffered from congestive heart failure. A long-time resident of Ann Arbor, Patricia was born in Toronto, Ontario, on October 10, 1923. She was one of two daughters born to Gordon and Marjory Brindle, former Canadian citizens who settled in Ann Arbor in the early 1900s. She attended Ann Arbor High School. In 1943, Patricia married Wilbur Wood of Detroit. Between 1951 and 1970 the couple lived in Farmington where they raised two sons, Phillip and Mark. She divorced and returned to Ann Arbor in 1976, working and retiring from Ann Arbor Public Schools. She was very active at Westminster Presbyterian Church, loved by many who came to know her there. In 2003, at age 80, Patricia married Robert Hatto of Ann Arbor. The two had met in high school and became reacquainted shortly before they married. Robert, who was with her when she died, was very devoted and brought her much happiness in the last years of her life. Patricia was preceded in death by her sister, Charlotte Claypoole. She is survived by her husband Robert Hatto, sons Phillip and Mark Wood, and grandsons, Jeremy, Benjamin and David Wood.



LAUREN A. HART

Age 18 of Clarkston, passed away Monday, June 05, 2006 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. She was born to Allen and Katherine Hart on June 3, 1988 in Royal Oak, attended the Clarkston schools, and graduated Cum Laude from Clarkston High School on May 31, 2006. Lauren was very artistic and loved music and band. Some of her artwork was used by the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on ties & scarves that were sold in the gift shop as fund raisers. She particularly enjoyed her Japanese language class in high school. She is survived by her parents, Allen and Katherine Hart, her sister, Sarah Mackenzie Hart, and her brother, Jacob Allen Hart, all of Clarkston; her grandmother, Dorothy J. Hart of Lakeport; her grandfather, Gerald D. Heusted of Lake Orion; two uncles, Scott (Jane) Heusted of Hazel Park and Gregg (Lori) Heusted of Linden; several cousins; and her beloved cat, Whiskers. Lauren was preceded in death by her grandfather, Alden J. Hart, her grandmother, Patricia Boggio, her step-grandfather, Raymond Boggio, and her uncle, Richard Hart. The funeral service will be at 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 8, 2006 in North Lakeport Wesleyan Church. Pastor Drew Mills will officiate. Burial will follow in Burchville Twp. Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Smith Family Funeral Home-North, 1525 Hancock St., Port Huron and on Thursday at the church one hour prior to the service. Contributions may be made in Lauren's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To send condolences and messages of sympathy, visit smithfamilyfuneralhome.com

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JUNE

Crosstalk

With Paul Clough addressing the issues raised by the book and movie, The Da Vinci Code 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, in Knox Hall, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

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.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, June 10, Willow Metro Park, 1-275 south to Ext 11A (South Huron Road), east on Huron Road to park entrance, south to Washago Pond. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920

Relationship workshop

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, authors Ron and Danyelle Jones lead a workshop for singles called "How to Create the Relationship You Really Want in Life," at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. Eleven Mile Road in Warren. Tickets \$50 and can be purchased online at www.renaissanceunity.org. The Jones' workshops continue 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 11 with "Yeah...I'm a Co-Creator...But." Tickets \$20.00. Workbooks (\$15) required and will be available at the Renaissance Unity Store on day of workshop.

Discussions

Study and discuss questions of the current importance to the thoughtful Christian in a complex world 9:30 a.m. Sunday, 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.

Sunday message series

Inspired by The Da Vinci Code 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 11, the second part to The Questions of Jesus' Identity; 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.

Patriotic/pops concert

The Americana concert of familiar American music and favorite patriotic selections 7 p.m. Sunday, June 11, in the sanctuary of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The concert features the Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra and a bluegrass band called Cat n' Fiddle. We will honor our servicemen and women and ask that they come in uniform, if possible. Bring the entire family. Ice cream social follows. Childcare provided through age 4. Call (248) 374-7400.

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.

Benefit concert

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, to sponsor medical mission trip to Togo, West Africa, at Memorial Church of God, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (248) 348-5471 for more information. Concert features Cameron Warne (violin) and Rachael Kerr (piano).

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.

Breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at Leon's, 30149 Ford, across from K-mart, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479

Trading places

Vacation Bible School theme No matter where you are, Jesus makes a world of difference (for kids entering kindergarten through sixth grade, special program for parents also offered, 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at Trinity Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road at Gottfredson, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-9550.

Also featuring Vacation Bible

Extended Day Camp program June 19-23, kids can come as early as 8 a.m., attend VBS, then enjoy a fun filled day with a camp atmosphere with licensed directors noon till 5 p.m. (can stay as late as 6 p.m.). Cost is \$95, advance registration only.

Vacation Bible School

Where adventure meets courage 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, for students entering kindergarten through entering seventh grade, inflatables, crafts and loads of arctic adventures, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Call (248) 374-5975.

Holy Land adventure

Jerusalem Marketplace: Where Jesus Walked to the Cross, is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, north of W. Chicago, east of Inkster, Redford. Register in advance and receive a VBS music CD. Adult helpers welcome. For more information, call (734) 591-6367 or (734) 422-3536.

Treasure Cove

Vacation Bible School, vest treasure hunt ever for ages 3 to sixth grade. Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and snacks (students 7th through 12th grade will enjoy being treasure seekers) 6-8:40 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, north of W. Chicago, east of Inkster, Redford. Register in advance and receive a VBS music CD. Adult helpers welcome. For more information, call (734) 591-6367 or (734) 422-3536.

Treasure Seekers

Vacation Bible School to seek the treasure found in the Bible 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 26-29, also light dinner and adult Bible study, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-7620.

SonTreasure Island

6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30, Family Fun Night 6:30 p.m. June 30, at Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 525-3664.

Treasure seekers

Exploring God's Promise is the theme of the Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 26-29, each day children take part in an actual dig and find treasures that remind them of the Bible story and God's promise for that day, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. To register, call (734) 421-7620.

Vacation Bible School

Treasure Cove theme 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30, for ages 3-11, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge. Call (734) 427-4414 or visit www.holy-crosslivonia.org. The church's summer worship schedule continues to Sept. 3, with a Family Service at 8:30 a.m., Traditional Service at 10 a.m., both with Communion, Adult Study following at 11:15 am, from June 4 to Aug. 27 Wednesday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m., informal setting with Communion.

Scripture studies

7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

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.

UPCOMING

Bible and playtime

For moms and tots 10-11 a.m.

Wednesdays beginning July 12, at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiwawasee (by Middlebelt and 9 mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

Vacation Bible School

Fiesta: Where kids are fired up about Jesus 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 17-21, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$18 for first child, \$15 each additional child. A CD of the week's music may be pre-purchased for \$6. Call (734) 464-0211.

Free event

For students entering fifth through seventh grade, meet new friends, bring old friends, games, ice cream, make no-sew blankets for charity 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 21, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. RSVP to (734) 425-9333.

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 hand-made 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-Tabor 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 BCCT770@aol.com.

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Organizers say 15th Race for the Cure will be best one ever

Race organizers are planning a mix of tradition and cool surprises for this Saturday's Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure at Comerica Park.

Dubbed the "sporting event with a mission," the Detroit race and walk enables everyone in the community to participate in the fight against breast cancer. The national series sponsor is Yoplait.

Detroit's Race is locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Participants can register online through today (June 8) at www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthe-cure or by calling (800) KARMANOS (1-800-527-6266) or on race day 7-8:45 a.m. on race day in front of the big tiger at Comerica Park.

Saturday's events include a 5K women's and men's run, 5K walk, or one-mile walk. People of all ages, athletic abilities, and backgrounds are welcome.

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is named in memory of the Detroit native who married her high school sweetheart, Peter Karmanos, raised three sons, and helped launch a major international business. She died at 46, after an eight-year battle with cancer.

"Last year, a crowd of 30,000 helped us achieve record results," said Maureen Meldrum, chair of the Detroit race. "The Detroit race raised more than \$1.4 million – including \$926,500 in local breast cancer screening, treatment and education programs and nearly \$300,00 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Award and Research Grant Program."

Opening ceremonies recognizing breast cancer survivors and those lost to cancer begins at 8 a.m. Other events begin at 9 a.m.

The Komen Detroit Race for

the Cure is the largest race in Michigan. For more information on the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, visit www.komen.org.

Detroit's Race is presented locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Michigan's first and only independent cancer center and one of the leading cancer research, treatment, and education centers in the United States. The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is named in memory of the Detroit native who married her high school sweetheart, Peter Karmanos, raised three sons, and helped

launch a major international business. She died at 46, after an eight-year battle with cancer. The Institute is the only major cancer center named for a woman.

On tap for this year's race:

- The Team T-shirt Competition. Voting takes place at the Race Expo and also on Race Day by dropping a dollar in a basket corresponding to each T-shirt. Samples of each T-shirt in the competition will be on display.
- The DSW "Sole Mate," awarded to the team with the most inspirational Co-Survivor story. A Co-Survivor is the key supporter(s) of a breast cancer survivor or patient – living or deceased – who is the team's inspiration.
- Huntington Bank is the sponsor of this year's ribbons. More than 10,000 pink ribbons, many containing inspirational/memorial messages, will line the parade route. To volunteer to help hang the rib-



Walkers walk down Woodward during the Race For The Cure in downtown Detroit.

bons, go to <http://www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthe-cure/releases/pinkup.pdf>.

New this year:

- Display from SunChips, the new sponsor of the National Volunteer Recognition Program – "Hope shines on."
- Grammy Award winner Melissa Etheridge's "I Run for Life."
- Warriors in Pink, powered by Ford Motor Co.

Women urged: Get outside

There are still openings for the annual Becoming an Outdoors Woman daylong workshop to be held on Saturday, June 24, at Kensington Metropark.

Beyond BOW Kensington Adventure will include workshops on kayaking, archery and fly fishing (dry land casting) this year, with expert instructors leading the way for the group of 40 women from all around the area.

The event, held 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. rain or shine, is for women who want to learn outdoor recreational activities in a non-threatening environment, said Lynn Marla, BOW coordinator for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"I feel it is very beneficial for women to have the opportunity to learn a new skill in an outdoor setting, among other like-minded women and from skilled instructors that want to help the women succeed," said Marla. To reserve a space, call Cherie Borchardt at (248) 685-

1561 to obtain a registration form. The fee for the daylong program is \$60 and includes all equipment and lunch.

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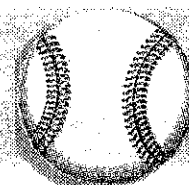
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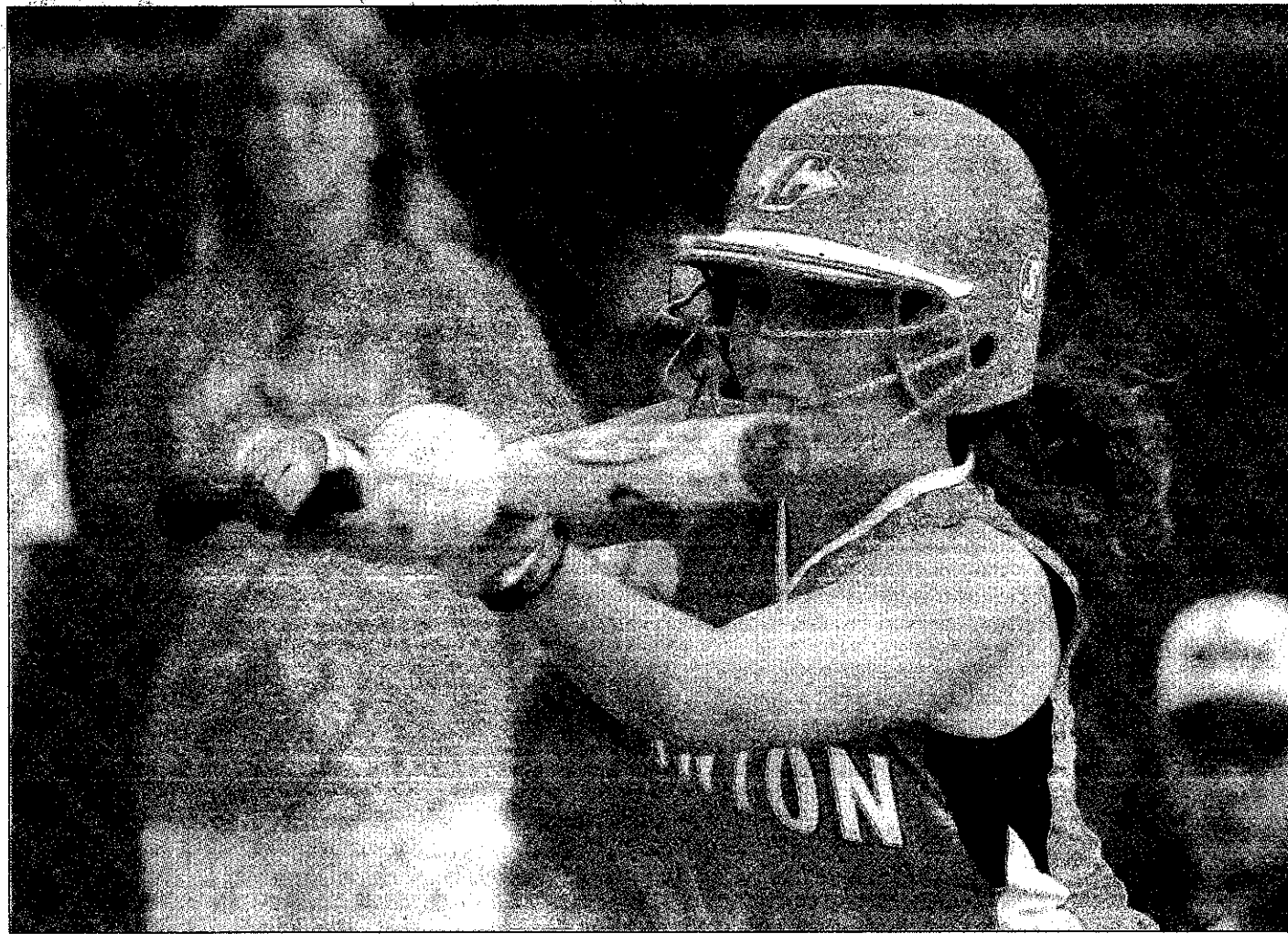
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Division 1 District Softball Finals



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Canton's Rachel Beaudoin drops down a bunt during Saturday's Division 1 District final game against Northville. The Chiefs won, 9-2, to earn a berth in this Saturday's Regional semi-final against Monroe.

Nobody does it wetter

Wave of hits leads Canton to District softball title, 9-2

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton softball team's District final showdown against Northville Saturday afternoon started with rain showers and ended with an ice-water shower.

In between the showers, the Chiefs saturated the scoreboard with runs on the way to a 9-2 dunking of the Mustangs.

A few moments after his team's convincing victory — which was delayed more than an hour due to wet weather — Canton coach Jim Arnold was the victim of a splash-and-run when four of his players dumped two Gatorade coolers filled with ice water over his head.

The resilient coach shook off the drenching much like his team shook off a demoralizing 2-1 loss to the Mustangs on May 22.

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B4



Canton softball coach Jim Arnold takes a direct hit from a Gatorade cooler of ice water delivered by his players. The Chiefs were celebrating a 9-2 victory over Northville in the District championship game played at Novi High School.

Cougars eliminate 'Cats, 3-1

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

When rain forced umpires to halt Saturday's Division 1 softball district final between Garden City and Plymouth, Cougars head coach Barry Patterson couldn't help but get nervous.

After all, his team led 3-0 in the bottom of the fourth and only needed three more outs to make it an official game.

The untimely storm didn't let up. Patterson and the Cougars had to wait until Monday, when they finished off the 3-1 triumph at district host Birmingham Seaholm.

"We had a lot of momentum and I was real worried coming back because they (Wildcats) are a really good ball club," Patterson noted. "They swing the bat all the way through the lineup. ... Plus another half inning and it was going to be an official game, so I didn't want to stop."

With a tally in the fifth, Plymouth (25-7-1) finally put a blemish on the pitching record of Garden City sophomore pitcher Hallie Minch — who nearly pitched a perfect game in Saturday's 1-0 district semifinal win over Livonia Franklin.

The Wildcats scored when junior Kim Klonowski (2-for-4) doubled home junior Madison Dresser, who walked.

But any hopes of a late rally were squashed when Cougars sophomore center-fielder Katie Torok made an excellent running catch for the final out.

Garden City (27-7), who now advances to the Plymouth regional, scored all three runs in the first two innings Saturday against Wildcats' starting pitcher Claire Ostrowski.

Minch doubled, went to third on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore Christina Seward and scored on sophomore Kristina Susalla's ground-ball single to left.

The Mega Red co-champions padded their lead in the second. Junior Dee Clendening registered the first of her three straight hits and

PLEASE SEE COUGARS, B4

Field-event athletes pace Chiefs at D1 meet

See complete Division 1 boys state track meet results on Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Eric Thornton is a quick learner.

He's not a bad high jumper either.

The Canton junior tied for fourth in the high jump at Saturday's Division 1 state meet held at East Kentwood High School. Thornton's effort of 6 feet, 4 inches — which is just one inch less than his height — earned the Chiefs 4.5 points and helped them finished in 30th place for the second consecutive year.

Thornton's accomplishment is remarkable considering the first time he flopped over a bar for the first time was four short months ago.

"Eric was always a basketball player first, but I think he believes in track and field now," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "He started out jumping 5-10, then 6-even, then he leveled out a little bit. But then he got 6-3 and eventually jumped 6-5. We're excited because all of the kids who finished ahead of him at the state meet this year are juniors."

Junior discus thrower Steve Paye also had a standout day for the Chiefs, placing sixth with a heave of 154-2. The Chiefs' other point came from its 1,600-meter relay team of Andy Rossow, Phaltiel Whitlock, Andrew Manuel and Cyrus Azizi, which placed eighth in 3:25.4.

"We knew Steve was going to be up there," said Richardson. "He made it to the final flight with the big throwers, so that was a great accomplishment for Steve. He always gives his best effort, which is all we ask of the guys." The Chiefs' other state qualifiers were pole vaulter Ryan Langdon, who jumped 12-1; Azizi, who ran a 50.64 in the 400-meter dash; and the 800-meter relay foursome of Rossow, Dalton Walser, Manuel and Azizi, who blazed around the track in 1:31.6.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Dana Eldred bundled up during track meets to keep her muscles warm. The tactic worked as the senior was one of the Western Lakes Activities Association's top multi-event performers the past four years.

No hurdle too high for Eldred

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Now that Dana Eldred's distinguished high school track-and-field career at Salem has come to an end, she can safely reveal some of the trade secrets that made her one of the area's most-talented hurdlers and long jumpers the past three years.

For instance, why did Eldred wear more than one sweatshirt while she waited to compete in her events — even when the mercury on the thermometer crawled up into the 70s?

"Some of my teammates thought I was crazy for wearing two or three layers of clothes when it was 75 degrees out," Eldred said, smiling. "But I'd tell them, 'Warm muscles are happy muscles and happy muscles don't pull.'"

Judging by her long list of accomplishments as a four-year letter winner for the Rocks, Eldred's muscles weren't just happy — they were productive. Eldred placed sixth in both the 300- and 400-meter hurdles events at the Division 1 Regional meet held last month. At the Western Lakes Activities Association league meet one week later, the multi-faceted senior placed in both the long jump and 100 hurdles. She also ran a leg on the Rocks' fourth-place 400-meter relay team.

TEAM PLAYER

Eldred's senior-season exploits earned her co-MVP honors with fellow senior Allison Janda. The

PLEASE SEE ELDRED, B2

Sidelines

Hockey schools

Summer is a time for breaks, vacations and having fun. The Plymouth Whalers and Compuware Sports are offering an opportunity to have fun this summer while learning from Whaler players and staff during the Plymouth Whalers Hockey Schools.

Running in one-week segments starting July 10 and running through Aug. 18, Plymouth Whalers Hockey School Director Todd Watson and Whaler players inject fun and enthusiasm to each clinic.

"I think we offer a lot for the money," said Watson. "We'll keep the kids moving throughout the sessions."

Plymouth players scheduled to work the summer hockey schools include Dan Collins, John Vigilante, Ryan McGinnis, Chris Terry, Joe McCann, Jeremy Smith and Tom Sestito.

For more information on the schools, call 453-6400 or visit www.compuwarehockey.com.

PCA hoop camp

The Plymouth Christian Academy Summer Basketball Camp, which will be presented by Perfect Play Inc., will be held June 26-30 in the PCA gymnasium. The camp for boys in grades 3rd through 8th will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The girls camp will follow from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The camp will focus on: offensive and defensive improvement drills (team and individual); fundamental drills; shooting lessons and techniques; scrimmaging and games; goal-setting and personal evaluations; and group devotions and motivational conversations with the pros.

The cost of the camp is \$89, which includes a T-shirt. The deadline to register is June 16.

For additional information, contact Troy Coleman at (734) 341-1336.

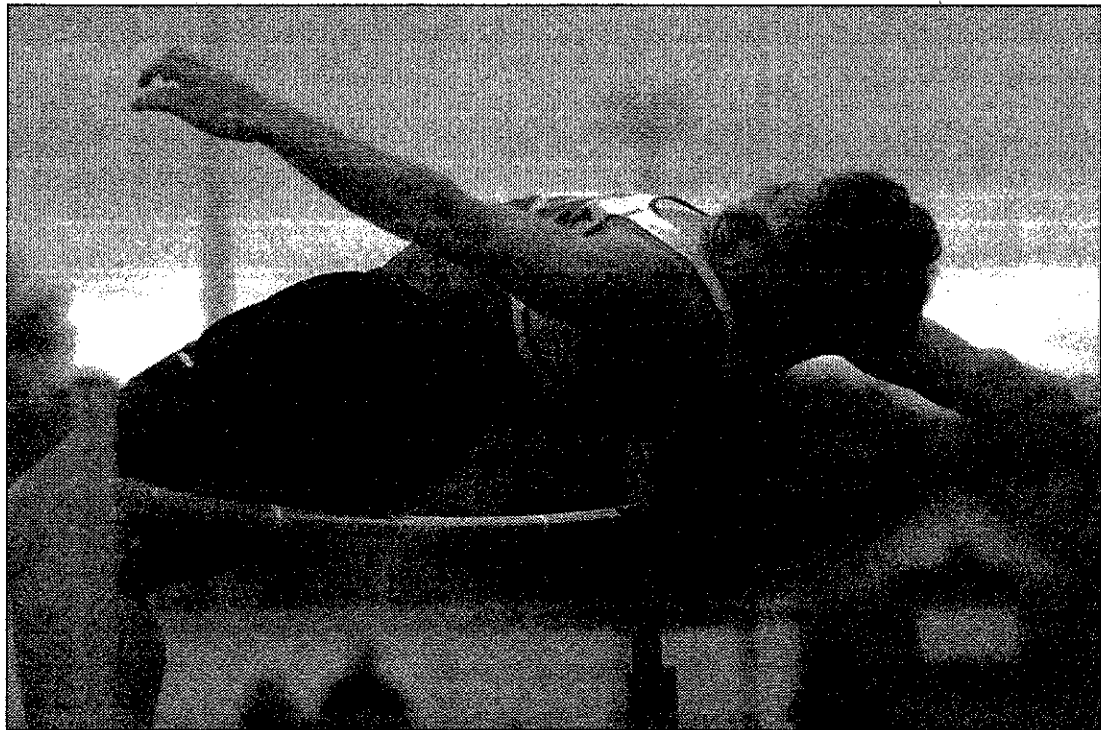
Hawks fall, 3-2

In the United Soccer Leagues action last Saturday, the host Chicago Gaels stormed back for three second-half goals to earn a 3-2 W-League win over the Michigan Hawks in a women's soccer match played at the Lemont (Ill.) Community H.S.

Both teams are now tied for first place with 3-1 records in the Midwest Division of the Central Conference.

Tabitha Lowery's goal in the 75th minute broke a 2-all deadlock and gave the Gaels the victory.

The Hawks jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Salem High grad Marissa Sarkisian (Texas A&M) in the 12th minute followed by Maureen Pawlak from Kristi Swaving in the 40th minute.



Canton's Andy Rossow, pictured above high-jumping in a meet earlier this season, was a member of the Chiefs' eighth-place 1,600-meter relay team at Saturday's Division 1 state meet held at East Kentwood High School. The Chiefs finished 30th for the second-consecutive year.

BOYS TRACK STATE FINALS RESULTS

L.P. DIVISION 1
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
(June 3 at East Kentwood H.S.)

TEAM SCORES — 1. Saline 39.5; 2. Portage Central 30.5; 3. Detroit Mumford 30; 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer 28; 5. Southfield 27.50; 6. Romulus 27; 7. Temperance-Bedford 27; 8. Grand Blanc 25; 9. Detroit Cass Tech 25; 10. Detroit Murray-Wright 20; 11. Rockford 18; 12. East Kentwood 17.5; 13. (tie) Berkley 15; Bay City Central 15; 15. (tie) Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse 14; Romeo 14; Grand Haven 14; 18. (tie) Livonia Stevenson 13; Midland 13; Livonia Churchill 13; 21. Monroe 12.5; 22. Grosse Pointe North 12; 23. (tie) Dearborn 11; Northville 11; Jackson 11; 26. (tie) Pontiac Northern 10; Rochester Adams 10; Warren DeLaSalle 10; 29. Lake Orion 9; 30. Plymouth Canton 8.5; 31. (tie) Grand Ledge 8; Pinckney 8; Detroit Mackenzie 8; 34. White Lake Lakeland 7; 35. (tie) Detroit Pershing 6; Flint Carman-Ainsworth 6; Muskegon 6; Birmingham Brother Rice 6; East Detroit 6; 40. (tie) Milford 5; Midland Dow 5; Novi-Detroit Catholic Central 5; Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 5; 44. Southfield Lathrup 4.5; 45. (tie) Fenton 4; Grandville 4; Swartz Creek 4; Howell 4; Detroit Cooley 4; 50. Portage Northern 3; 51. Brighton 2.5; 52. (tie) Owosso 2; Rochester Stoney Creek 2; Oxford 2; Ann Arbor Huron 2; Lincoln Park 2; Troy 2; Battle Creek Central 2; Ypsilanti Lincoln 2; 60. (tie) Taylor Truman 1; Sterling Heights Stevenson 1; Saginaw Heritage 1; Woodhaven 1; Saginaw Arthur Hill 1.

SHOT PUT — 1. Vince Helmut, Saline, 59-5; 2. Phil Swanson, Grand Haven, 53-4.75; 3. Darris Sawtelle, Birmingham Brother Rice, 52-8.75; 4. Michael Martin, Detroit Catholic Central, 52-5.75; 5. Dan Yonker, Portage Central, 52-3; 6. Brandon Foutz, Grand Blanc, 52-2.75; 7. Cameron Freeman, Owosso, 52-2.75; 8. Mychael King, Midland, 52-1.25.

DISCUS — 1. Vince Helmut, Saline, 180-1; 2. Dan Yonker, Portage Central, 160-4; 3. Derrick Flowers, Flint Carman-Ainsworth, 157-0; 4. Joey Hampton, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, 157-0; 5. Brian Pegels, Howell, 156-2; 6. Steven Paysa, Plymouth Canton, 154-2; 7. Deion Casey, Ypsilanti Lincoln, 153-5; 8. Jordan Rancour, Saginaw Heritage, 149-5.

HIGH JUMP — 1. Keonte Johnson, Pontiac Northern, 6-7; 2. O.T. Brown, Jackson, 6-6; 3. Brandon Kimble, East Kentwood, 6-4; 4. (tie) Mychael White, Southfield Lathrup, 6-4; Eric Thornton, Plymouth Canton, 6-4; 6. (tie) Jay Thompson, Monroe, 6-3; Zach Nichols, Brighton, 6-3; 8. Steve Perini, Sterling Heights Stevenson, 6-3.

LONG JUMP — 1. Michael Stafford, Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, 22-8.5; 2. Jeremy Kline, Rockford, 22-7; 3. Christopher Ubokudom, Southfield, 21-10.75; 4. Eric Williams, Saline, 21-8.5; 5. David Gardner, Swartz Creek, 21-4.5; 6. Keonte Bell, Bay City Central, 21-3.75; 7. Mark Badowsky, Lincoln Park, 21-2.75; 8. Tim Ferris, Portage Central, 21-2.

POLE VAULT — 1. Logan Lynch, Temperance-Bedford, 16-0; (New L.P. Division 1 Finals Meet record, Old record, 15-0, Ryan Santa, Livonia Churchill, 2005); 2. Luke Dinnan, Midland, 14-7; 3. Ryan Santa, Livonia Churchill, 14-4; 4. Mike Yassay, Northville, 14-1; 5. Brandon Secord, Midland, 13-10; 6. Will Utley, Grosse Pointe North, 13-10; 7. Justin Matsumura, East Kentwood, 13-10; 8. Phil Rancourt, East Kentwood, 13-7.

3,200-METER RELAY — 1. Detroit Mumford (Michael Barry, Cedric Everson, Isaiah Ward, Kendrick Price) 7:52.76; 2. Temperance-Bedford, 7:55.63; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7:56.71; 4. Dearborn, 7:56.93; 5. Saline, 7:57.82; 6. Portage Northern, 7:58.01; 7. Rochester Stoney Creek, 7:58.99; 8. Milford, 8:00.16.

10-METER HURDLES — 1. Nicholas McCampbell, Detroit Cass Tech, 14.15; 2. Shane Wells, Romulus, 14.17; 3. James Carter, Detroit Pershing, 14.34; 4. Gary Ferguson, White Lake Lakeland, 14.56; 5. Reggie Bridges, Grandville, 14.80; 6. David Hanss, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 14.86; 7. Nathan Musch, Ann Arbor Huron, 14.91; 8. Deandre Henderson, Grosse Pointe North, 14.97.

100-METER DASH — 1. Dimitri Banks, Detroit Murray-Wright, 10.75; 2. Yury Ratomski, Romeo, 10.91; 3. Worlie Johnson, Muskegon, 11.02; 4. Trenton Robinson, Bay City Central, 11.04; 5. Michael Stafford, Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, 11.09; 6. Tyler Thomas, Jackson, 11.10; 7. Nick Collier, Oxford, 11.11; 8. Lshane Bynum, Taylor Truman, 11.12.

900-METER RELAY — 1. Romulus (Darryl White, Mario Crawford, Donzell Carter, Shane Wells) 12:08.07; 2. Southfield, 12:08.09; 3. Grand Blanc, 12:08.69; 4. East Kentwood, 12:09.06; 5. Rockford, 12:09.53; 6. Bay City Central, 12:09.67; 7. (tie) Saline, 1:30.17; Portage Central, 1:30.17.

1,600-METER RUN — 1. Cole Sanseverino, Monroe, 4:16.85; 2. Peter Christman, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 4:18.34; 3. Jasen Turnbull, Northville, 4:19.22; 4. Robbie Fisher, Grosse Pointe North, 4:20.52; 5. Alex Folk, Temperance-Bedford, 4:21.31; 6. Matthew Rzepka, Livonia Stevenson, 4:21.84; 7. Brandon Grysko, Livonia Churchill, 4:21.96; 8. Stephen Walker, Midland Dow, 4:23.35.

400-METER RELAY — 1. Livonia Stevenson (Nana Adomako, Kevin Murawls, Pat Crossers, Brian Chandler) 42.79; 2. Portage Central, 42.85; 3. Southfield, 42.91; 4. Saline, 43.07; 5. Bay City Central, 43.24; 6. Milford, 43.26; 7. Battle Creek Central, 43.29; 8. Romulus, 43.40.

400-METER DASH — 1. Cedric Everson, Detroit Mumford, 48.74; 2. Darrin Trammell, Detroit Mackenzie, 48.97; 3. Ricky Fleming, Grand Haven, 49.56; 4. Kyle Wilson, East Detroit, 49.91; 5. (tie) Lyndon Johnson, Southfield, 50.01; Kevin Jackson, East Kentwood, 50.01; 7. Derrick Hunter, Southfield, 50.05; 8. David St. Amant, Livonia Churchill, 50.21.

300-METER HURDLES — 1. Nicholas McCampbell, Detroit Cass Tech, 37.43; 2. Shane Wells, Romulus, 38.54; 3. David Hanss, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 38.81; 4. Brandon Bufford, Detroit Cass Tech, 38.97; 5. Demetrius Addison, Detroit Cooley, 39.31; 6. Dante Turner, Grand Blanc, 39.35; 7. John Lee, Troy, 39.47; 8. Emanuel Sledge, Saginaw Arthur Hill, 39.65.

800-METER RUN — 1. Brad Anderson, Rochester Adams, 1:54.21; 2. Paul Vance, Berkley, 1:54.25; 3. Stephen Surducun, Dearborn, 1:54.67; 4. Sam Marvin, Portage Central, 1:54.92; 5. Tyler Patterson, Saline, 1:56.01; 6. Mike Weisbuch, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1:56.22; 7. Ryan Matson, White Lake Lakeland, 1:57.40; 8. Andrew McKeachie, Milford, 1:58.06.

200-METER DASH — 1. Dimitri Banks, Detroit Murray-Wright, 21.4; 2. James Jackson, Grand Ledge, 22.04; 3. Yury Ratomski, Romeo, 22.09; 4. Anthony Alexander, Grand Blanc, 22.14; 5. Dominique Endline, Midland Dow, 22.42; 6. Vince Hendon, Grosse Pointe North, 22.52; 7. James Smith, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 22.56; 8. Kyle Wilson, East Detroit, 22.68.

3,200-METER RUN — 1. Pete Loy, Warren DeLaSalle, 9:27.45; 2. Brendan Marcum, Pinckney, 9:36.26; 3. Rob Shnouksis, Lake Orion, 9:37.21; 4. Loren Ahonen, Temperance-Bedford, 9:39.63; 5. Joe Dimambro, Fenton, 9:39.85; 6. Drew Collette, Lake Orion, 9:39.95; 7. Ross Solanskey, Berkley, 9:40.0; 8. Sam Breen, Brownstown Woodhaven, 9:42.31.

1,600-METER RELAY — 1. Detroit Mumford (Darlen Lewis, Kendrick Price, Isaiah Ward, Cedric Everson) 3:21.41; 2. Grand Blanc, 3:22.53; 3. Rockford, 3:23.82; 4. Berkley, 3:24.02; 5. Livonia Churchill, 3:24.19; 6. Portage Central, 3:25.23; 7. Southfield, 3:25.42; 8. Canton, 3:25.63.

who has worked her way to a 3.75 grade-point average.

Her future plans include pursuing a sports-management degree, possibly at Madonna University.

What advice would Eldred give an incoming freshman who yearns to excel in high school track and field?

"I'd tell them to work as hard as they can at the beginning of their career because it will definitely pay off at the end," said Eldred. "It's not always easy at the start. There are going to be times when they struggle, and they're going to have to run through shin splints and stuff like that. But what I learned is that if you push yourself, it's all worth it."

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awards were presented at Monday night's team banquet at Salem.

"Dana was a great role model for the younger kids," said Salem coach Julie Montgomery. "She was a very dependable leader and captain for us this season. Dana had a lot of enthusiasm for track and I always knew I could count on her for anything, whether it was helping with a team matter or running whatever event we needed her to run."

After two years of running in the shadow of good friend Andrea Lang, who graduated last year, Eldred was pumped about finally getting a chance to be the Rocks' No. 1 hurdler heading into this spring.

However, she soon discovered after pre-season workouts started that fellow senior Brittany Lockhart — one of the team's top sprinters — had taken up hurdling as well during the off-season.

And, like Lang, Lockhart excelled in the event.

"It was hard and kind of frustrating at the beginning of the season," Eldred said, referring to getting relegated to the team's second-best hurdler status again. "But I got over it as the year went on. It was easier to accept, too, because Brittany is so nice."

"Dana never let that get her down, at least as far as I could see," said Montgomery. "She was a great teammate and always stayed positive with the other girls."

ILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FIRST HURDLE: SPEED

Eldred said she had to overcome one glaring obstacle when her competitive track career commenced during the spring of her seventh-grade year at East Middle School.

"I wasn't particularly fast back then," she said, chuckling. "I decided to try hurdles in the seventh grade because it looked fun. I liked it a lot right away, even though I didn't have any form. I just ran and when I got to the hurdle, I jumped."

"After a while, I learned that when you're a hurdler, you have to have a certain mentality. You have to trust yourself that you can make it over the hurdles, especially when it's at the end of the race and you're tired."

When the spring of her ninth-grade year approached, Eldred debated whether to play softball or continue her track career.

"Trying to decide what sport

Dana Eldred has been a solid contributor to the Salem girls track team over the past four years both as a hurdler and long jumper. The senior also served as a captain for the Rocks this season.

to play was a little dilemma for me," she said. "But what it came down to was that I thought I'd be better at track. Looking back, I don't have any regrets."

FAST LEARNER

It didn't take Eldred long to make a mark.

Following a freshman season filled with improving times and heightened confidence, she won her first varsity event at the Bolger-Mangum City Meet as a sophomore.

"I beat a girl in the 100-meter hurdles that I wasn't supposed to be able to beat," Eldred remembered. "She was pretty mad because she didn't think she'd lose to a sophomore."

Academics have been anything but a hurdle for Eldred,

Too-Shay: Rams oust Park Athletic, 7-6

The Michigan Rams is off to a 2-2 start in the Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League following Monday's 7-6 win over Park Athletic at Ford Field.

Ryan Shay, who went 3-for-4 with two RBI, brought home Mike Sacha from third with the bases loaded with a shot to deep right center to win the game for the Rams in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Matt Nickels, Eric Vojtkofsky and Andrew Stafford each added two hits and an RBI for the Rams.

Steve Karchefsky, who worked the final 2.2 innings in relief, got the victory.

Kyle Miller, who gave up the game-winning run and allowed four hits over three innings, took the loss.

Brandon Thompson went 3-for-3 with a double for Park

Athletic (0-4), while former Redford Union High standout Chris Rigley, Dave Cardenas and Josh Ivan added two hits apiece. Cardenas also had two RBIs.

CUBS 5-0, RAMS 3-7: In a double-header Sunday at Ford Field, the Oakland Cubs (2-1) and Michigan Rams (1-2) split.

In the opener, Carl McDevitt went six strong innings, allowing just five hits and no walks in a 5-3 Cubs triumph. McDevitt had six strikeouts and got offensive help from Chris Scott (2-for-3 with three RBI) and Dennis Jones (2-for-3 with a run).

Losing pitcher John Filecchia (Albion College) gave up five runs, two earned on five hits over six innings. He struck out seven and walked one.

Ryan Shay (Bowling Green) went 3-for-4 in the loss, while Scott Cain (Grand Valley State) was 2-for-3 with a double and RBI. Matt Nickels and Andrew Stafford also knocked in runs.

The Rams bounced back to win the nightcap, 7-0, as Ryan Mosher (Wayne State) and former Catholic Central ace Bobby Henderson (Eastern Michigan) combined on a four-hitter.

Mosher went the first 4.1 innings, allowing just three hits and two walks. Henderson, the lefty, went the final 2.2 to pick up the save and allowed just one hit while fanning five.

Mike Sacha (EMU) had two hits in the win, while Kyle Hurr (Michigan State) knocked in a pair of runs.

BULLS 1, RAMS 0: In Friday's season opener, Steve Teno pitched a five-hit shutout as defending 22-and-under division winner Michigan Bulls (1-0) downed the 20-and-under division winner Michigan Rams (0-1).

Teno struck out five and walked three in going the distance.

Losing pitcher Steve Karchefsky, a right-hander from Wabash Valley CC (Ill.), gave up just one hit, but walked five and struck out five in six innings.

The Bulls scored their only run in the first on three walks and a sacrifice fly by Aaron Powell scoring Kyle Rhodes in the fourth.

Powell had the lone hit for the Bulls in the fourth inning.

The Rams failed to score with the bases loaded in the fifth and could not take advantage of two base runners in the sixth.

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Salem's Ashley Smith, pictured in a match from earlier this year, placed seventh at the Division 1 state meet held Friday and Saturday at Forest Akers East Golf Course in East Lansing. The two-time All-State performer carded rounds of 76 and 75 to finish 15 shots behind medalist Shannon Warner of Livonia Churchill.

Smith 7th at state tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Ashley Smith's illustrious high-school golf career ended like it should have Saturday at the Division 1 state tournament in East Lansing — with a birdie.

The Salem senior capped her four-year run as one of the school's all-time best players by shooting a two-round total of 151, which placed her in a tie for seventh place with Grosse Pointe North's Caitlin Bennett. Coincidentally, Smith and Bennett, who were paired for Saturday's second round, will be teammates in the fall on the Grand Valley State University women's golf team.

While Smith's seven-over-par total was impressive, it paled in comparison to medalist Shannon Warner's incredible eight-under 136. The Livonia Churchill sophomore out-distanced runner-up Amy Meier by 11 shots.

Smith was consistent during her two rounds on the challenging Forest Akers East layout, firing a 76 on Friday followed by a 75 on Saturday. The performance likely earned the

two-time All-State performer a third All-State medal, predicted Salem coach Rick Wilson.

"Ashley is probably the best player I've coach since I've been at Salem, and I've had three or four go on and play in college," said Wilson. "What sets Ashley apart from all the rest is that she's a two-time All-State player and will probably be a three-time All-State player after finishing in the top 10 this year. I've never had a player — either boys or girls — do that before."

Wilson said Smith could have finished at least a few places higher if her putter would have been a little more accurate.

"Ashley played solid golf both days, but she left a few putts out there," said Wilson. "She birdied the last hole, which was nice to see. It was a par five and she actually had a 20-footer for eagle. It was a nice way to end a great career."

Along with Warner and Meier, those finishing ahead of Smith were Lake Orion's Darby Peters (147), Grand Blanc's Ashley Bauer (147), Ann Arbor Pioneer's Elise Swartout (150) and Flint Carman-Ainsworth's

GIRLS GOLF STATE FINALS RESULTS

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STATE FINALS
(June 2-3 at Forest Akers East)

TEAM SCORES — 1. Grand Blanc, 326-312-638; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 324-324-648; 3. Farmington Hills Mercy, 324-330-654; 4. Traverse City Central, 323-333-656; 5. Brighton, 337-340-677; 6. Temperance-Bedford, 335-345-680; 7. Rochester, 343-344-687; 8. Clarkston, 340-353-693; 9. Saline, 360-346-706; 10. Northville, 357-350-707; 11. Holt, 357-354-711; 12. Grandville, 369-366-735; 13. East Kentwood, 357-38-737; 14. Rochester Adams, 368-373-741; 15. Troy Athens, 376-393-769.

TOP INDIVIDUALS — 1. Shannon Warner (Livonia Churchill) 69-67-136; 2. (tie) Amy Meier (Rochester) 77-70-147; Darby Peters (Lake Orion) 72-75-147; Ashley Bauer (Grand Blanc) 75-72-147; 5. (tie) Elise Swartout (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 74-76-150; Stephanie Koske (Flint Carman-Ainsworth) 74-76-150; 7. (tie) Caitlin Bennett (Grosse Pointe North) 75-76-151; Ashley Smith (Plymouth Salem) 76-75-151; 9. Britney Hamilton (Lake Orion) 78-74-152; 10. Jackie Schram (Clarkston) 77-77-154.

Stephanie Koske (150).

Grand Blanc won the team competition by 10 shots over second-place Pioneer.

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Oakland Hills has storied tradition

Oakland Hills, in Bloomfield Township, is a club which itself belongs to a very special club: it has hosted, more than once, the U.S. Open.

The modern era 'National Opens' held at Oakland Hills were won by Andy North in 1985 and Steve Jones in 1996. So when the U.S. Open rolls around each June, as it will Father's Day weekend, you can be sure that members at Oakland Hills will linger a bit longer in front of the grillroom television paying closer attention to the championship, this year held at Winged Foot CC, than they would, say, The Memorial Tournament.

The reigning U.S. Open champion is Michael Campbell, a New Zealander, or "Kiwi" if you will, has a Michigan connection. Campbell plays out of an astonishing golf resort called Kauri Cliffs, located in the Bay of Islands area of New Zealand's north island.

Kauri Cliffs, ranked among the world's top-100 golf courses with world class lodging to match, was commissioned by Julian Robertson, an American billionaire who first fancied the facility a private retreat for his family and friends.

But the jaw-dropping views from high above of the gumdrop mountaintops jutting from the Pacific Ocean became a pot of gold at the end of one of the many brilliant rainbows that soar above the course on any given day.

So outrageous is the setting that one would expect King Kong to round the bend at any moment. (Kong's director Peter Jackson, a Kiwi, also shot the Lord of the Rings trilogy in New Zealand, if that gives you an idea of the landscape.)

Open to the public, Kauri Cliffs, designed by a relatively unknown, Orlando-based golf

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architecture firm, retains a very exclusive feel by hosting only 4,000 rounds each year. Imagine Michigan's Arcadia Bluffs GC on steroids and you'll envision Kauri Cliffs.

Robertson, like most billionaires, sought to repeat success, so he went looking to do it again — this time on 4,000 acres of wine country farmland on the opposite side of New Zealand, land that is perched on steep cliff tops 600 feet above the sea and across the bay from the art deco-style village of Napier.

But a worthy sequel is always a challenge to produce, so Robertson went looking for a golf architect who could handle the responsibility that accompanies tinkering with such a raw, natural and untouched landscape. Robertson's search ceased in Michigan when he selected Traverse City-based designed Tom Doak.

Doak, 45, who designed High Pointe, Black Forest, and Lost Dunes in Michigan, had a proven track record with sequels — in 2001 he built Pacific Dunes on the Oregon coast as a follow-up to the acclaimed Bandon Dunes, and ended up, by all accounts, outdoing the original course with one that debuted among America's top 10!

Doak did it again with the sequel course he created for Robertson in New Zealand — Cape Kidnappers Golf Club — which debuted in 2005 among the world top 30.

Doak's style has been described as "minimalist," and Cape Kidnappers is indeed a subtle, pure golf course. The clubhouse is a low rise, converted sheep-shearing shed that is the only man made structure visible from the course.

Make no mistake, though, there is nothing reserved about the Cape Kidnappers experience — this is one of the only golf courses in the world from which you could fall off! Narrow fingers of land jut out into the ocean with rocky, skyscraper sized gaps in between.

Doak resisted what must have been an obvious urge to force golfers to hit shots over these crevices, instead making golfers

effectively walk the plank — sending them out to the ends and back on narrow, thrilling fairways.

"I've always felt I thought more about the average player," said Doak. "I try not to put things out there that are completely frustrating for them. I don't ensure they shoot a good score, but I want to make sure they can get around." Getting around Cape Kidnappers is a bracing, full experience, especially when the wind is whipping through the sheep shed hard enough to create a haunting, whining howl. And the five-mile entry drive through a towering canyon, interrupted only by wandering sheep, is like entering Jurassic Park.

The next Doak delight you'll hear about, Barnbougle Dunes, slithers through the lower-lying Tasmanian coast and is already drawing the hearty down under.

"Coming back to Traverse City from a trip to New Zealand and Australia is like getting whiplash," Doak said with a smile. "I have to adjust to crossing eight time zones and sometimes go from winter to summer."

But Doak is always on the run. Your visit to the home of the U.S. Open Champion, like the one recently taken by Tiger Woods (who even tried New Zealand's unofficial national sport of Bungy Jumping) can be much more leisurely. After golf at Cape Kidnappers, you can enjoy wine tastings at the scores of scenic local vineyards and stroll through beachfront Napier, where a stay in the charming and lively County Hotel is like going back in time.

Because, in the cases of Kauri Cliffs and Cape Kidnappers, there are almost no words to describe the vistas, visit www.golfwinetravel.com to see the astonishing photos for yourself and find out how easy it is to follow Doak's footsteps from Michigan to points beyond, and lift a glass to toast his accomplishments.

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Canton's season ends with high-scoring loss

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton accomplished two things in Saturday's Division 1 District semi-final game against Northville that few teams were able to do this season.

First, the Chiefs clawed all the way back from a six-run deficit.

More impressively, they knocked Mustang starting pitcher Bryce Jenney out of the game in the fourth inning.

Both accomplishments were ultimately wiped out, however, when the Mustangs (24-7) rallied for five runs in the eighth inning to eliminate Canton from the state playoffs, 13-10, in a game played at Novi High School.

"I liked the way the kids competed from the first inning to the very last out," said Canton coach Scott Dickey, whose team finished 19-12. "They never quit and they kept battling."

"It wasn't a good defensive game by either team. We had opportunities to win in the sixth and seventh innings, but we couldn't come up with the big hit. A couple of times we had guys on second and third, but we couldn't squeeze because we had two outs."

Canton junior Kyle Gring made up for a rough outing on the mound with an Albert Pujols-esque day at the plate. Batting in the five hole, the lefty went 3-for-4 and accounted for the Chiefs' first five runs with a two-out, two-run double in the first and a towering three-run home run in the third.

Gring, who tamed the Mustangs' potent bats in a regular-season game in late April, yielded seven runs — four

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earned — and seven hits before being relieved by Shawn Little with one out in the third.

"I liked our match-up with Kyle going in," Dickey said. "But they got to him — or at least their right-handed hitters did. Shawn came in and did a nice job of holding them down so that we could come back."

After giving up one run in the third, Little blanked Northville over the next four innings.

The Mustangs struck first in the top of the first when Charlie Thomas delivered a two-run single, scoring Anthony Hutting and Brett Spencer. Canton retaliated with two runs in its half of the frame when Gring's two-base hit plated Chris Woudstra and Little.

After taking a 3-2 lead in the second, Northville exploded for a five-spot in the third. The biggest hit was a two-run triple by No. 9 hitter Gerard Powell, who turned in a Gring-like linescore of three hits and four ribbies.

Gring ignited the Canton comeback with his three-run homer in the third that soared over the right-field fence with at least 20 feet to spare. The Chiefs narrowed their gap to 8-7 in the fourth on a walk, a fielder's choice and two Northville errors.

Canton appeared to grab its first lead with two outs in the fifth when, with runners on second and third, Woudstra hit a hard grounder down the third base line. Both bases runners crossed the plate, but were sent back when the ball was ruled foul. Woudstra eventually walked, but Spencer, who relieved Jenney in the

fourth, got Little to ground out to short.

The Chiefs knotted the game at 8-8 in the sixth when senior catcher Tarik Khasawneh led off with a walk and advanced to second on Gring's bunt single. After Spencer retired the next two hitters, he walked Blaine Paden and Brad Barath to push home the tying run.

Both pitchers breezed through the seventh inning with no troubles, but the Mustangs erupted for five runs in the first extra frame thanks to two hits, two errors, a walk and a hit batsman.

The scrappy Chiefs brought home a pair of runs in their half of the eighth when Jon Puskar doubled in Gring before eventually scoring himself on a passed ball. They put two more base runners on before Jenney, who was brought back in to pitch the eighth, struck out the final two batters.

Altogether, Canton left 13 runners on base — 10 in scoring position.

The Chiefs' No. 5, 7 and 8 hitters accounted for seven of their eight hits. Other than Gring, Puskar (2-for-5, two doubles) and Paden (2-for-3, double, two walks) were the only other Canton players in the multiple-hit club. Little had the other hit, a third-inning single.

Spencer, who earned the win on the mound, also had a solid game at the dish, going 3-for-4 with three runs scored.

Northville ousted Novi Catholic Central in the district title game and advanced to Saturday's Regional semi-final where they will take on Monroe, which will carry a modest 15-13 mark into the game.

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Glenn's softball team a no-show at District

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

There were supposed to be four teams at Saturday's Division I girls softball district tournament at Birmingham Seaholm, but only three were on the premises.

The Observer learned that Westland John Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart notified the other participating schools on Friday, along with Seaholm site manager Aaron Frank, that the 1-21 Rockets "regretfully and embarrassingly, due to certain circumstances," would not be able to field a team in the district semifinals.

Plymouth High (24-7-1) was awarded a forfeit victory, while Garden City defeated Livonia Franklin in the other semifinal, 1-0.

Because of lightning and rain delays, the district final was not played until Monday with Garden City advancing to the Plymouth regional with a 3-1 victory over the Wildcats.

"It was a little bit weird, that's for sure," said Frank, who is Seaholm's A.D. "All I know is that they (Glenn) said they wouldn't be able to field a team because of graduation that day and some other circumstances."

Glenn, with nearly 2,200 students, does have a JV softball team. The Rockets had five returning seniors on this year's varsity squad.

Neither Swinehart or Glenn varsity coach Linda Willman could be reached for comment on Tuesday.

Willman, who just completed her second season as coach, is 6-53 overall.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Madison Dresser slides hard into third base as Garden City's Tricia York waits for the ball to arrive during Monday afternoon's Division I District softball championship game at Birmingham Seaholm High School. The Cougars won, 3-1, to advance to Saturday's Regional tournament at Plymouth.

Graves is new MU hoop coach

Madonna University Athletics Director Bryan Rizzo announced recently that Carl Graves has been named the new head women's basketball coach at Madonna University. Graves begins his duties, effective immediately.

Graves comes to Madonna from Carleton Airport High School (Carleton, Michigan) where he has served as girls varsity coach for the past six seasons. In his time at Airport, Graves guided his teams to a 88-39 record, including a school record for wins with 19 in 2005.

No stranger to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, Graves played collegiately at Concordia University under then head coach Chip Wilde. While with the Cardinals, Graves was named a 1996 NAIA Academic All-American and Academic All-Conference honoree.

"We are very excited to bring Coach Graves on board as part of the Madonna Family," stated Rizzo. "I think his experience,

work ethic and personality are going to make him an excellent addition to our staff. I believe he is the right person to continue building on the success of our women's basketball program. The future of Madonna Women's basketball is in good hands."

Graves, who holds a masters degree in Social Work and is a school Social Worker in the Monroe County Intermediate School district, is also excited about his new opportunity.

"I am very excited at the opportunity that Mr. Rizzo and Madonna University has given me," Graves told players in their first team meeting Sunday. "I believe there are a lot of positive attributes to build on, and a lot of things to improve on. I am ready for the challenge."

In addition to his time at Airport, Graves has also worked several collegiate coaching camps including; Concordia University, Eastern Michigan University, University of Cincinnati,

University of Kentucky and Rutgers University.

His lone collegiate coaching experience was as an assistant under Wilde at Concordia from 1996-98 where he was responsible for postplay, practice planning, game strategies and camp direction.

Graves' mentor and former coach Chip Wilde called the appointment, "a great day for Carl Graves and even better day for Madonna University."

Graves takes over a Madonna program from Marylou Jansen who resigned March 23rd after 10 years as head coach. He inherits a program that has made two trips to the NAIA National Championships (1997, 2003), has secured three WHAC regular season championships (2001, 2002, 2005) and was the 2003 WHAC tournament champion.

Graves will make his Madonna debut with the 2006-07 Crusaders November 1, 2007 when MU hosts Rochester College.

PLYMOUTH

FROM PAGE B1

Ostrowski hit senior Holly Clendening with a pitch.

Patterson then brought in senior Kaira LaClear and sophomore Karen Greficz to pinch run and both wound up scoring. LaClear scored on Seward's groundout and Greficz came in on a single by junior Kelly Floetke.

That's how it stayed until Monday as the Cougars finished off the Wildcats to win their first district title since 2004.

Minch (five hits, seven

strikeouts) got out of early trouble, striking out batters with the bases loaded in each of the first two innings.

To get to the final, it was just about all Minch. She absolutely shut down Franklin (16-14), striking out 10 and taking a perfect game into the seventh.

The Patriots finally got a baserunner when Heather Jaroh singled with one out.

"She (Minch) was very dominant in that game and she had the game-winning hit, too," Patterson said.

It was scoreless until the top of the seventh, with Minch dueling against Franklin pitcher Kim Topolewski.

Dee Clendening led off with a single and pinch-runner Melissa Demitrivich was sacrificed to second by Holly Clendening. After Torok grounded out, Minch knocked in Demitrivich with a single between third base and shortstop.

It was Minch's second hit of the game. Also collecting two hits for the Cougars was Susalla.

Next up for Garden City is Saturday's regional semifinal against Allen Park at Plymouth. The game is slated for 1 p.m.

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CANTON

FROM PAGE B1

"Coming into this game, I felt we had a good team and that if we played good defense and hit the ball hard, we'd have a good shot at beating (Northville)," said a smiling Arnold, his shirt still dripping from the ice-water shower. "The key for us was determination. The girls wanted to prove they could beat Northville and that they knew how to play this game."

The win earned the Chiefs a berth in Saturday's 10 a.m. Regional semi-final contest at Saline High School against Monroe (26-8). Belleville (17-13-1), which defeated the Chiefs in last year's Regional final, will take on Southgate Anderson in the other semi-final match-up. The championship game is scheduled for 3 p.m.

Sarah Anthony came up huge for the Chiefs — both with her arm and bat. The junior right-hander limited Novi to four hits in Canton's 5-2 semi-final triumph. In the title game, she went 3-for-4 with five RBI at the plate, including a scorching bases-loaded, bases-clearing triple that landed six inches fair down the right-field line.

"I didn't even watch the ball after I hit it," said Anthony, referring to her clutch three-bagger. "I looked at my coach and started running. I kept running until my coach told me to stop."

Anthony's heroics came while she was serving as the Chiefs' flex player, a role that keeps her on the bench when she's not hitting.

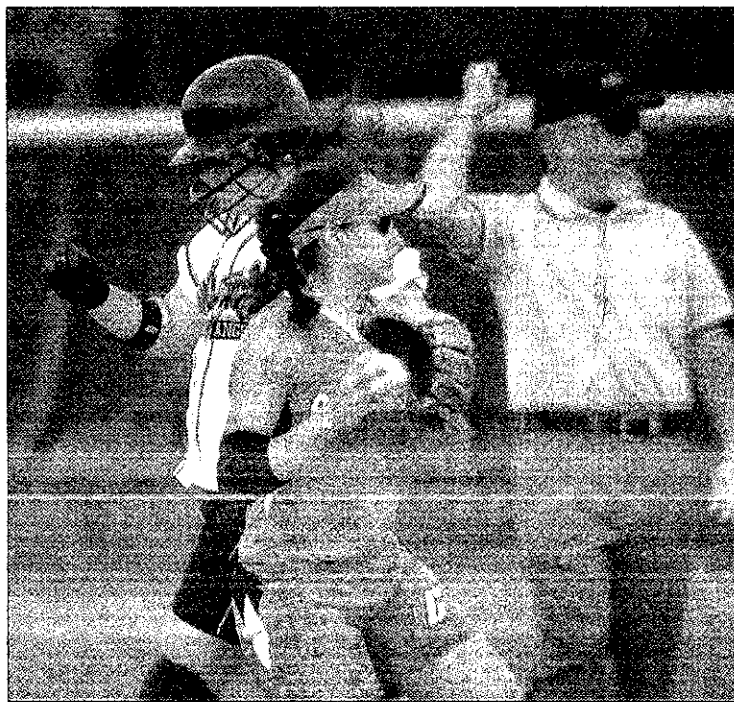
"I yell a lot and cheer for my teammates when I'm on the bench," said Anthony. "That's how I stay into the game."

"Sarah's been hitting the ball real well," said Arnold. "Lately, we've been switching off between her and Stephanie Sadek as our flex player. We got lucky and picked the right one today."

In an effort to offset his team's cold-hitting woes against Northville starting pitcher Jenna Dumbleton on May 22, Arnold shuffled around the top five hitters in his line-up, shifting usual No. 3 hitter Rachel Wade to lead-off and normal clean-up hitter Lauren Delapaz to No. 3. The moves paid dividends immediately as the Chiefs exploded for three runs in the first on Anthony's clutch, two-out triple, which scored Delapaz, Kimmie Keppen and Rachel Beaudoin.

After the Mustangs struck for one run in the second off Canton starting pitcher Hilary Payne, the Chiefs answered with one in the third when Anthony singled in Keppen, who had reached on an infield single.

Canton put the game away in the fifth when it pushed across five runs against Dumbleton.



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Canton shortstop Lauren Delapaz looks at first base after getting a force at second during Saturday's District final victory over Northville.



Canton junior Sarah Anthony was all smiles Saturday afternoon after knocking in five runs in the Chiefs' 9-2 District championship game victory over Northville.

Anthony and senior right-fielder Alyssia Johnson delivered RBI singles in the offensive outburst, which included five hits and two Northville errors.

Payne, a sophomore, scattered nine hits and two walks while striking out eight in her complete-game victory.

The most significant defensive play of the afternoon came in the top of the fourth when center-fielder Beaudoin squeezed a medium-depth flyball off the bat of Christie Badeen then threw a strike to catcher Tiffany Quiroz, who tagged out Sarah Roundsifer, who was attempting to tag up and score from third.

Joining Anthony in the Chiefs' hit parade were Keppen (2-for-2, two walks, three runs), Delapaz (2-for-4, two runs) and Payne (2-for-3, run). Beaudoin reached based three times and scored a pair of runs.

Canton racked up 14 hits against Dumbleton, who went the distance. Northville clean-up hitter Laura Zima paced the Mustangs' offense with two hits and two runs scored.

ON DECK: MONROE

■ **What:** Division I Regional softball semi-final between Canton (27-4-1) and Monroe (26-8).

■ **When:** Saturday, 10 a.m.

■ **Where:** Saline High School, 1300 Campus Parkway, Saline, MI.

■ **What's at stake:** A berth in Regional final against the winner of Saturday's 12:30 game between Belleville and Southgate Anderson.

■ **About the Trojans:** Monroe's top hitter is senior third baseman Jenna Kloster, who hit around .310, according to head coach Vince Rossi. Their top two pitchers are junior Jessica Irwin and senior Nicole Kachar.

■ **Coach's comments:** "We only have one senior starter, so we're a very young team," said Rossi. "The girls started believing in themselves after we beat Taylor Kennedy, 1-0, in a 17-inning game back in May."

■ **Title tilt:** The Regional championship game is set for 3 p.m. at Saline High School. The Regional champion will advance to Tuesday's Quarterfinal round at Chelsea High School.

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AAGR GRID CAMP

The Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Champions Football Camp will be held June 26 and 27 for boys entering 5th through 8th grades in the fall. The camp will be directed by Gabriel Richard head coach Ed Maloney, his staff and former University of Michigan standout Ron Simpkins.

Along with assisting with area camps, Simpkins is the director of the Wayne State Volunteers, Administrators and Coaches Program, which focuses on the development of coaches, administrators and volunteers who work with young athletes in the Detroit area.

The camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. The cost is \$50. All participants will learn skills for all positions and the basic fundamentals of the sport.

For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.fgrhsaa.org.

YMCA HOOP

The Plymouth Family YMCA will be hosting a basketball camp the week of July 24-28. The camp, which will be run by a former collegiate basketball player and current high school coach, will help players become familiar with the ball and develop a love for the game.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon for 6- to 8-year-olds and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for kids between the ages of 9 and 11. Contact the YMCA office (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

BASEBALL CAMP

The Canton Chiefs summer baseball camp still has openings. The camp, which is for

kids aged 7 and up, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 19-23 at the Canton varsity baseball field.

The cost of the camp is \$100. Registration forms for the camp can be obtained at the Web site www.cantonchiefs-baseball.com or by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144.

GIRLS HOOP CAMPS

The Salem and Canton girls basketball teams will be sponsoring two upcoming summer camps.

A camp for girls entering 7th, 8th and 9th grades in the fall of 2006 will be held June 19-23. Seventh-graders will attend the camp from 12:45-2:45 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. The time and site for the eighth- and ninth-graders will be 1-3 p.m. at Canton High School.

A camp for girls entering 4th, 5th and 6th grades will be held June 26-30. The camp for fourth-graders will be held from 12:45-2:45 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. The time and site for the fifth- and sixth-graders will be 1-3 p.m. at Canton High School.

The cost of both camps is \$70.

The coaching staffs for both camps will consist of Salem's Fred Thomann, Bill Mair and Julie Nicastri; and Canton's Brian Samulski, Scott Samulski and Jimmy Reddy. Players from both programs will serve as camp counselors.

For more information, contact Community Education at (734) 416-2937.

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, Droe Callahan. The coaching staff will include former professional and collegiate players who are all licensed trainers with various clubs, including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Brighton and CWW.

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

Velocity Sports Performance, which is located on Michigan Avenue in Canton, will be offering several camps this summer that will be geared toward making athletes faster, stronger, more powerful and more explosive.

The summer schedule includes:

■ **Speed and Agility Camp** - Session 1 will be held June 26-29 and Session 2 will be held July 31 to Aug. 3. Among other things, campers will learn prop-

er running form and mechanics. Each of the four sessions will last two hours.

■ **Football Speed and Agility Camp** - Session 1 will be held July 10-13 and Session 2 will run from July 17-20. The four two-hour sessions, which are for athletes 14 years old and up, will go from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ **Junior Football Speed and Agility Camp** - This four-day camp, available to athletes between the ages of 8 and 13, will run from July 24-27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

YMCA SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Plymouth Family YMCA is currently accepting registrations for its spring soccer program. Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers, referees and anyone else needing more information should call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

Other upcoming YMCA programs include:

■ **Summer baseball** - Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, which costs \$15.

■ **Summer softball** - Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 8 and 11 years old. All leagues are machine pitch. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting on Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one game per week. The cost is

\$68 and all participants must purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

■ **Summer flag football** - Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 6 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting on Saturday, July 8. There is one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants must purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

For more information on the summer youth sports leagues, call (734) 453-2904.

SAND VOLLEYBALL

For the second-consecutive year, a pair of sand volleyball tournaments featuring area high school players will be held this summer in Northville.

Teams from Plymouth, Saline, Ann Arbor, Carleton, Northville and Novi competed in the 2005 Summer Challenge, which drew 14 squads. This year's Summer Challenge varsity events will be held Sunday, June 25, and Sunday, July 23. There will also be a Freshman/Sophomore Challenge on Saturday, July 22.

Details about the tournaments can be found at www.onlywins.com/SandVolleyball.

YOUTH GOLF

Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center will serve as one of 105 national qualifying sites for the 2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt competition. The event, a free golf skills competition for kids between the ages of 7 and 14, will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at Fox Hills.

More than 35,000 youngster throughout the country are

expected to compete in the DC&P. Winners from each local event will have the opportunity to compete in regional championships and possibly represent their hometowns at the national championship in October.

For more information, including a complete schedule and registration form, visit www.TheGolfChannel.com.

TOP 50 GOLF

The popular Top 50 Jr. Golf Tour, which is organized by the non-profit National Golf Scholarship Association, has added 10 events in southeastern Michigan to its 2006 schedule. The tour will offer 27 events throughout Michigan for its participants.

Players compete in the following divisions: girls 15 and under; girls 16 and over; boys 15 and under; and boys 16 and over. The tour offers free golf and scholarship opportunities for its member players.

Registration is now open for local boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. Interested students and parents can visit www.Top50JrTour.com or call (248) 321-9900 for more information.

Among the southeastern Michigan events is a stop at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth on June 22-23.

Each event is comprised of an 18-hole qualifier and an 18-hole tournament. The top 40 players at each qualifier play in the tournament for free. The top 10 finishers at each tournament are exempt into the following tournament and they will play for free. The 2006 tour kicks off June 15-16 at Bay Pointe Country Club in West Bloomfield.



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LESSON ON GOLF

by Jeff Lesson

Buick Golf has announced that Tiger Woods plans to play in the Buick Open scheduled for July 31-August 6th at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc.

This does not mean that Buick is guaranteed of a Tiger appearance in the event, only that he plans to play. Tiger does not normally formally commit to a tournament until the week before, making it difficult to promote his appearance.

The Buick Open has been burned by this before. In 2001, they erected billboards with a picture of Tiger and the words "scheduled to appear" below his name. In fact he was "scheduled to appear" then just as he is now. But when Tiger decided not to play the event in 2001, it created a mess for Buick given what their billboards seemed to promise.

Could Tiger decide to pull out again this year? Yes, but he is likely to play.

Woods enjoys both the course at Warwick Hills and the way he is treated by both the crowds and the staff.

He also does not like playing in tournaments the week before a major. He much rather get to the venue hosting the major early to practice. Knowing this, Buick changed the dates of their event from one to two weeks before the PGA Championship-the last major of the year. Since then, Tiger has played in the Buick Open every year.

Expect that streak to continue this year.

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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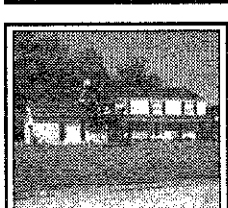
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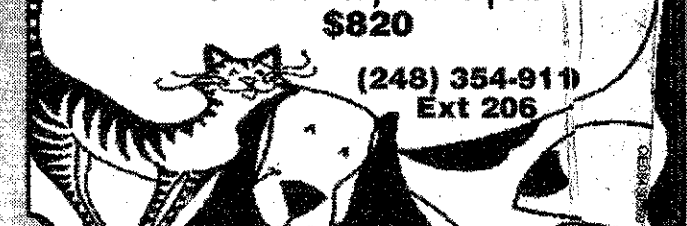
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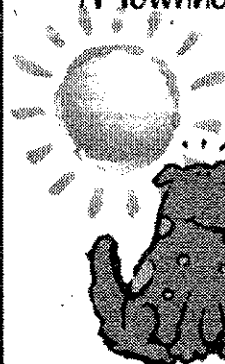
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Many American minorities believe that their heritage undermines their employment

prospects, from being hired or promoted to functioning well on the job. The fact that women and people with disabilities experience difficulties in this process does not, unfortunately, make the problem any less acute. Our national social challenge consists of more than integration of all groups of people. It only begins there.

George Noralez, network consultant at PCS International Inc., in Schaumburg, Ill., sets up networks and firewalls. He is black, from Belize. Noralez maintains that minorities need to outperform job seekers, especially in corporate, where people talk about working through issues of racial inequality, for show. Companies are required to hire a certain number of minorities, who are usually brought in (compensated) at the low end and don't realize it until later, say, in conversation with an HR person.

RECRUITMENT

Kenneth Roldan is CEO of Wesley, Brown & Bartle Co. Inc., a New York City-based executive search firm specializing in minority placement. He is Puerto Rican and the author, with Gary Stern, of *Minority Rules: Turn Your*

Ethnicity into a Competitive Edge (Collins, forthcoming, September, \$22.95). Minority placement has become approximately a billion-dollar industry, he reports, several hundred firms, spanning not just New York but such major markets as San Francisco, Chicago and Cleveland. He mentions that industry leaders such as Korn/Ferry and Heidrick & Struggles have active diversity and inclusion practices responding to client requests. His own firm predated Affirmative Action, back in the 1970s.

Many of the job hunting problems Roldan discusses apply to people of all backgrounds. Lack of education is what the industry is about, he concedes. It's a hidden weapon for people of color. He points out that the small percentage of people of color in executive positions makes it difficult for this population to learn how to job seek. In addition, many search firms with limited experience... won't get the hidden talent.

Roldan encourages people to analyze your specific industry, functional expertise and level you need to aspire to. Then, persist. Specifically, this means:

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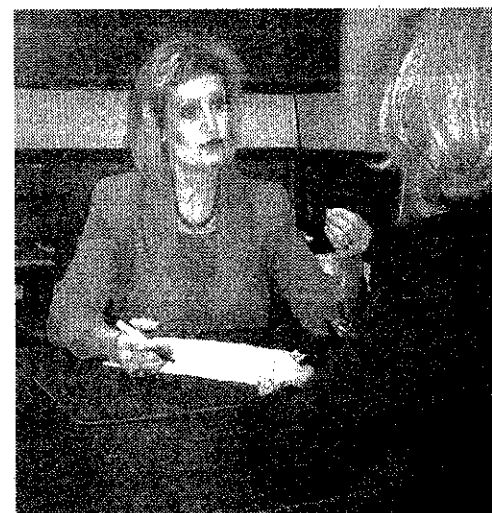
Tolu Adeleye, an African who relocated to Vancouver, B.C., secured good jobs, including that of biotechnology research and development scientist, despite her triple-whammy as a minority, wife and mother of three. Today she is owner and consulting partner of Contemporary Lifestyle Consulting, where she coaches clients in transition. Be flexible and open-minded, she advises, even if a position pays a little less. She points out that a good fit may come with an unexpected title. Explore all options.

Adeleye further recommends networking with HR people attending seminars or courses about various facets of job hunting. They have the potential to connect you with unadvertised jobs in your desired industry, she observes.

Write a report targeted to your industry of interest that may help the executives to better achieve one or more management goals. Send it and request an opportunity to meet for further discussion.

Noralez advises gaining confidence in your skill level and the experience you bring. He says that preparation is extremely important, because you can't necessarily predict interview questions.

Have a base of questions normally asked, he recommends. Then practice, recognizing that your ability to communicate and the skills you bring



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will determine whether you're hired.

Attitude is critical. You have to accept the fact that you'll be turned down, Noralez continues. Sell yourself. Convince the person that you are the one for the job by reflecting willingness and enthusiasm for the job.

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<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>BERKLEY 5 Family yard sale, 1978 Edgewood (btwn Woodward & Coolidge) 6/15-16, 17, 9-4. Clothes infant to 7yrs. Toys, furniture, & more.</p> <p>BEVERLY HILLS Multi-family garage sale. Designer children clothes & toys, household items, pre-washed and good cond. for sale. Thurs-Fri-Sat, Thurs-9-3, Fri-9-5, Sat-9-3. 20306 Ronsdale, off Evergreen, btwn 13 & 14 mi.</p> <p>BEVERLY HILLS- MULTI-FAMILY garage sale. Furniture, kids toys & clothes, baby items, etc. 32761 Friar Tuck Lane, Fri 9-1, Sat 10-3.</p> <p>BEVERLY HILLS/SOUTHFIELD Apostolic Christian Church Rummage sale, 19400 W. 13 Mile Rd., Fri. June 9, Sat. June 10, 9 am - 3 pm.</p> <p>BIG SALE!! Antiques, Equipment, Parts, Tools, Etc. Thurs-Fri-Sat. June 8-9-10. 9-6pm. 7868 Chubb Rd. 1 mi. W. of Napier rd. S. off 6 mi.</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM - Garage Sale, Fri. June 9, 8:30-4. Wicker furniture, great household goods, name brand clothes, much more! Don't miss! 1208 Emmons, W. of Woodward, btwn 14 & 15 Mi.</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM - Sat., June 10, 9-1pm. Tons of kid's stuff, furniture, misc. 463 Bryn Mawr, Cranbrook & Maple, close to Seaholm High School.</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM / TROY Elementary Teacher Sale Sat., June 10, 9-5pm. Teacher materials, books, household, clothes. 2771 Derby, off Coolidge, btwn 15 & 16 Mile.</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM- YARD SALE Sat., June 10, 10-5. Furniture, fashion dolls, toys, CDs, books, Tupperware, new lawn-mower, drill, garden tools, new & gently used clothes, swimwear, cushion, more. 1384 Melton, E. of Woodward, W. of Eton.</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM-Baldwin House Annual Sale 200 Chester, off Maple, downtown Birmingham. Household goods, antiques, collectibles, furniture, clothes. Sat., June 10, 10-4.</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD TWP. Downsizing, Thurs., June 8, 9am-2pm; Fri., June 9, 9am-12pm. 2790 Amberly Rd.</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD CHARIING CROSS ESTATES 16 Homes, Fri. & Sat. June 9 & 10, 9am-4pm. Big Beaver & Kensington or Wattles & Adams.</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD HILLS 936 Dowling Rd., June 8-10, 9am-3pm. Baby items, toys, bikes, maternity clothes, clothing, furniture, GREAT misc.</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD HILLS June 9 & 10, 4158 Wabek Lake Dr., S. of Long Lake, E. of Middlebelt. Enormous household sale. Furniture, 97 Cadillac, clothing, toys, etc.</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD HILLS GROUP SALE, June 8 & 9, Thurs. & Fri., 9am-4pm; Sat., June 10, 9am-noon. 6112 Lantern Lane, Maple & Telegraph, Foxcroft neighborhood. Lots of great stuff!</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD HILLS Fri-Sat. June 9-10, 9-4pm. 2656 Plumbrook, Off Opdyke & S. of Sq. Lake. Furniture, sporting goods, electronics, household items, toys, clothing, etc.</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD TWP Thurs, June 8, 8-4pm, 925 Ardmoor Drive, S. off Quanton. Multi family. Antiques, clothing, kids, garden household.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD TWP. 1949 Quanton, (btwn. Lasher & Woodward). Sat. & Sun. 10-7. Nice furniture, Sets of golf clubs, trampoline, grill.</p> <p>BRIGHTON everything must go! Big estate sale. Office furniture, leather couch & loveseat, double oven, dining room furniture, large screen TV, 2 beds w/ frames, household items & more. Fri., June 9 - Sun., June 11, 8am-5pm, 3763 Van Amburg, N. of Spencer btwn Old US 23 & Pleasant Valley.</p> <p>BRIGHTON - GARAGE SALE Thurs-Sat., 10am-6pm. Baby items, housewares, furniture, 830 Peaceful Court, N. of Grand River, off McClement, btwn Old-23 & Hacker.</p> <p>CANTON - Garage Sale. June 8, 9, 10, 9am-7 Furniture, appliances, decorative accessories, lots of misc. 7782 Haverhill Court North. 734-667-2595</p> <p>CANTON Furniture, dryer, microwaves, households, some baby items. 698 Shana St. off Gloria, E. of Lilley, N. of Cherry Hill. June 9 & 10, 9am-4pm.</p> <p>CANTON FOX MEADOWS S. SUB Thurs, Fri., Sat. June 8, 9, 10, 9am-5pm. Canton Center Rd. btwn. Ford & Hanford.</p> <p>CANTON Garage Sale - 50899 Hanford, Ford & Napier, Fri-Sun., 10am-4pm. Wood-working tools, furniture, garden tools, household items & misc.</p> <p>CANTON Must See! Lazy-Boy furniture, refrigerator, books, toys, movies & more. June 8-9-10, 9-3pm. 41817 Ravenwood</p> <p>CANTON - COBBLESTONE RIDGE SUBDIVISION SALE Thurs-Sat., June 8-10, 8am-5pm. S. off Ford Road, btwn Canton Center & Beck.</p> <p>CANTON - GARAGE SALE Multi-family, 47807 Saltz, S. of Ford, W. of Beck. Baby items, misc. & much more. June 10-11, 9-3pm.</p> <p>COMMERCE Bridge Pointe Sub Sale! N. off Commerce, W. of Bogie Lk. June 8-9-10, 9-4pm. Lots of furniture! Homestead, toys, clothes, etc. Everything Must Go!</p> <p>CANTON: CENTURY FARMS ANNUAL SUB SALE June 8, 9, 10, 9-5pm. N. of Palmer, W. of Haggerty. Household & baby items, toys, tools, clothing, furniture, Honda motorcycles, trailers & carpet remnants</p> <p>CLARKSTON Garage Sale: Fri 9 & 10 @ 9 am - LOTS OF STUFF. Snow Apple off Wauford. 248-620-5524</p> <p>CLAWSON BIG YARD SALE - 135 Highland, between 14 & 15, off Main, Sat. & Sun., 9am-4pm. Good Stuff & lots of it!</p> <p>CANTON: Multi-Family Sale June 8, 9, 10, 9am-4pm. 43576 Hanford Rd. Furniture, toys, children's clothes, household goods.</p> <p>COMMERCE TWP. - BIG SALE New items, clothes, tools, furniture, motorcycles, air conditioner. June 9-12, 9-5pm. 2090 Canal, (zip 48382), W. of Union Lake Rd., S. of Wise.</p> <p>DEARBORN June 9-10-11, Fri-Sun., 8:30-6pm, 23100 Oak, off Outer Dr., btwn. Ford Rd. & Telegraph. Mega liquidation of Antiques, glassware, furniture, collectibles, jewelry, gifts, home dec, records, CD's, Christmas, quilting & craft supplies.</p> <p>DEARBORN HTS. 7827 Amboy Street. Clothing, dresses, furniture, small animal accessories, small figurines. June 10-11, 10-4pm.</p> <p>DEARBORN HTS. 8am-4pm, Fri-Sat-Sun, June 9-10-11, 20248 Powers, Van Born & Pelham area. Furniture, kitchen items, office equip, clothes, toys, bikes & more</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>DEARBORN-MOVING SALE Michigan-Telegraph, 25 yrs. of misc. plus couch & chair. Black/Gray & Mauve, new. Fri-Sat, June 9-10, 9-5pm. 24720 Fairmount. 313-277-3865</p> <p>FARMINGTON 35951 Smithfield, S. of Grand River btwn Drake & Halstead. Thurs-Sat, June 8-10, 9am-5pm. Young adult ladies clothing, household, furniture, misc.</p> <p>FARMINGTON - Massive 3 Family Sale. You name it, we've got it incl. collectibles. 22410 Power Road, Fri.-Sun., June 9-11, 9-4pm.</p> <p>FARMINGTON 32541 Cadillac, Thurs-Sat., 9am-5pm. S. of 9 Mile btwn Merriman & Farmington. Antiques, collectibles, oak icebox, dresser, spinet table, records, dolls, glassware, 70s pinball machine, pottery, household, more.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS Huge Garage Sale! Housewares, tools, lawn equipment, jewelry, pictures and much much more. June 8-9-10, 9-4pm. 32415 Red Clover</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS Rain or Shine! Huge! Household, antique and neat stuff! 31600 Prestain, S. of 11, off Orchard Lake. Thurs-Sat., 9am-5pm. No Early Sales!</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS Sub Garage Sale! June 8, 9, 10, 9am-5pm. Springbrook Sub., S. of 896, S. of 11 Mile, btwn Orchard Lake & Middlebelt.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS 2 houses, Thurs. & Fri., 30215 Stockton, S. of 10 Mile, W. of Middlebelt. Antiques, collectibles, baby clothes</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS RIVER PINES CONDOS SUB SALE June 9 & 10, 9-4pm. S. of 9 Mile at Drake</p> <p>FERNDAL - Group Garage Sale. Sat-Sun., 10-6pm. Air conditioners, household, electronics, etc. 224 Wordsworth, Marshall & Woodward.</p> <p>FERNDAL Huge Sale! Fri., Sat., June 9 & 10, 9-5, 1695 W. Saratoga. Really great stuff! Antiques, furniture, musical equip., clothes & shoes.</p> <p>GARDEN CITY Huge 3 Family Yard Sale. Everything Must Go!! June 9th & 10th. 10-4pm. No Early Birds Please! Baby & children's items, furniture, ride on electric toys, etc. 450 Cardwell Garden City, MI 48135.</p> <p>HUNTINGTON WOODS Huge Sale! Kids clothing, baby clothes, tools, fishing lures, lots of stuff! Fri. & Sat. June 9 & 10, 9am-5pm.</p> <p>LAKE ORION Neighborhood garage sale June 8, 9, 10, Silverbell Oaks sub., located off Silverbell between Lapeer & Adams. Don't Miss it!</p> <p>LAKE ORION - Paint Creek Ridge Annual Sub Sale June 8, 9, 10, Thurs, Fri, Sat. 9am-5pm. Many families, many items. Orion Road, between Thruway Creek & Kern.</p> <p>LATHROP VILLAGE Dual Garage Sales. 27821 Santa Barbara & 18449 San Jose. Furniture, clothes, toys, appliances, ice boat, cameras. June 9-10, 9am-4:30pm.</p> <p>LIVONIA - 14408 Lyons (off Lyndon), btwn Middlebelt & Inkster. June 8-10, 9-4. Clothes, sm. appliances, household, sport goods, more.</p> <p>LIVONIA Clean out bsm! Misc. items, tools, household, & much much more. June 8-9-10, 9-5pm, 33676 Richland. Btwn. Stark & Farmington.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>LIVONIA - Hoosier cupboard, antiques, tools, & more! 15506 Doris, 3 bks. W. of Middlebelt, 1/2 blk. N. of 5 Mile. 9am-5pm, June 8, 9, 10.</p> <p>LIVONIA June 8-9-10, Thurs-Fri, 9-4pm, Sat. 9-1pm. 14532 Susanna, off Lyndon btwn. Schoolcraft & 5 mile. Huge bargains on everything!</p> <p>LIVONIA Huge Sale! Antiques, collectibles, crafts, household, elliptical exerciser, etc. NO JUNK! Sat. & Sun. June 10 & 11, 9am-5pm, 32301 Cambridge, S. of 6 Mile, E. off Hubbard. Worth the drive! (Weather permitting).</p> <p>LIVONIA Thurs, Fri. Sat. 9am-1pm. Tools, furniture, Christmas stuff, much more! 29925 Greenland, W. of Middlebelt, N. of 5 Mile.</p> <p>LIVONIA MULTI-FAMILY, Thurs. June 8-Sat. June 10, 9am-4pm. 30549 Elmira, S. of Plymouth, E. of Merriman. Antiques, household, collectibles, auto parts.</p> <p>LIVONIA 16402 Blue Skies, (6 Mi. & Newburgh), June 8-9-10, 9-5pm. Household items, computers & access, camping gear and much more.</p> <p>LIVONIA Thurs-Sat. June 8-10, 9-6pm. 15067 Blue Skies, 5 mi. & Newburgh. Garage & furniture sale, many collectibles, porcelain dolls, Precious Moments, cookware, dishes & much more.</p> <p>LIVONIA Large 2 family sale. Household items, antiques, furniture, clothing, girls' women's and much more. 38702-38778 Grandon, N. of Joy Rd. W. of Hix. June 8-10, 9am-5pm.</p> <p>LIVONIA GARAGE/YARD SALE! Lots of nice baby & boys' clothes toys. Boy's red Schwinn bike Woman's plus sz clothes. SATURDAY, June 10th, 9am-5pm only! Maplewood St., east of Middlebelt, between 7 and 8 Mile Rd.</p> <p>LIVONIA Multi-Family Garage Sale - 30378 Schoolcraft Rd. Mount Hope Preschool. June 8th-9th, 9am-3pm. Including children's clothes, books & toys. Household items, small furnishings, outdoor items, & much more!</p> <p>LIVONIA Multi-Family Garage Sale. June 8 & 9, 9am-3pm. Located at Mt. Hope Preschool. 30330 Schoolcraft Rd.</p> <p>LIVONIA 37282 Seabrook (S. of 7 Mile, E. of Newburgh, Woodbury Park sub) Thurs, Fri. 9-5, Sat.? Everything must go!</p> <p>LIVONIA 18675 Irving, 2 bks W. of Farmington, southside of 7 Mile. June 8 & 10, 11th, 10am-4pm. Washer/dryer, lawn mower, 1970 Camaro hood, & misc.</p> <p>LIVONIA Area Wide Garage Sale! Devon Aire Sub, Middlebelt, Merriman, Joy, Plymouth. Sat. June 10, 9-5pm.</p> <p>LIVONIA Thurs-Sat., 8am-4pm, 37923 Donald St. Lots of baby & kids items.</p> <p>LIVONIA - HUGE GARAGE SALE - Kid's clothing, tools, other goodies! Fri-Sat. only. 7am-3pm. 15967 Edgewood, N. of 5, E. of Levan.</p> <p>LIVONIA 18643 Westbrook. June 8-10, 9-5. FIVE-FAMILY SALE. Dining table. w/4 chairs, butler's table, patio table, misc. furniture, table linens, sporting goods, luggage, phones, adult clothing, kitchen ware, home decor, misc. household items. Take 7 Mile (W. of Farmington Rd) to Levan, turn S. of Levan, turn E. on the 1st street (Darenella), turn S. of Westbrook to 18643.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>LIVONIA DEER CREEK OVER 30 HOMES SUB SALE Fri. & Sat., June 9 & 10, 9-4pm. Rain or shine. 1/2 Mile W/Farmington Rd., S/8 Mi. or N/7 Mi., W/Gill. Some homes open Thurs. June 8.</p> <p>LIVONIA-MOVING SALE June 9 & 10 8-5pm. Office Equipment, Furniture, Household Items & More 31294 Pickford (Off Merriman btwn. 6 & 7 mi.).</p> <p>MILFORD - Antiques Collectibles & More! GARAGE SALE! Fri. & Sat 9-5. 1385 Valley Crest Ct. Forest Ridge Sub. off Milford Rd.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE 12 Families ON ONE STREET June 8 & 10 9am-3pm. Waterstone Estates-off Ridge Rd. between 6 & 7 Mile. ANTIQUES/Furniture/SCRAP-BOOKING/Kids' Clothes & toys/Little Tykes.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE WHISPERWOOD SUB SALE Fri & Sat. June 9 & 10, 9am-4pm. Btwn. 5 & 6 Mile, E. of Northville Rd., off Bradner.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE HILLS GOLF CLUB Annual Sub-Wide Sale! Thurs-Fri. June 8-9 from 9am-4pm. S. of 6 Mile, E and W of Sheldon.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE THE HILLS OF CRESTWOOD SUB SALE Saturday June 10, 8am-1pm. 6 Mile & Beck Road</p> <p>NORTHVILLE 6-9 & 6/10 Multi-Family Sale. From 9AM-4PM. Located at Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill. 714 Baseline Rd.</p> <p>NOVI Highland Hills Estates Manufactured Home Community Wide Yard Sale & Open House Sat., June 10th 9am-5pm 25606 Seeley Road</p> <p>NOVI SUB SALE Greenwood Oaks, N. of 10 Mile, W. of Beck. June 8, 9, & 10, 9-4</p> <p>NOVI. WILLOWBROOK ALL SUB SALE. Thurs., 6/8-Sat. 6/10, 9am-5pm. N. & S. of 7 Mile, btwn. Haggerty & Meadowbrook. Rain or shine.</p> <p>OAK PARK Garage Sale - 24021 Majestic, S. of 696, N. of 9 Mile, W. Pincrest E. of Coolidge. Sat. Only, June 10, 8am-4pm. Furniture, tools, lawn mower & household.</p> <p>OAK PARK - Moving out of Country! Electronics, kids toys, baby items, girls 0-3, some boys 0-5, furniture and more. Sunday, June 11. 8-8. 25981 Redcliff Place.</p> <p>OAK PARK ALL KINDS OF STUFF! Fri-Sat., 9am-4pm. 14000 blk Vernon, 2nd block E/Coolidge. TONS OF Vintage/Collectible, some antiques: Linens, china, glass, crystal, metalwares, furniture; Thonet chairs, mod loveseat, roll-front dresser, dec sewing cab-machine; 96-8 Civic Ground Effects Bundle, clear chrome headlight, Nintendo 64 bundle, yarns, crafts, much more. Cool, Unusual. Quality. see Craigslist: '14000'</p> <p>OAK PARK 5 family sale! Furniture, jewelry, antiques. 23520 Forest St., N. of 9 Mile, W. of Pincrest. June 10 & 11, Sat. 9-5; Sun., 9-3.</p> <p>OAKLAND TWP. P.E.O. Multi-family sale to fund women's scholarships. 1275 Sunnivoon, N-Dutton, W. Livernois. June 9 & 10, 8-3. Help us help others!</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>OXFORD - Sub-wide sale & one Estate sale! Great Pines Estates, N. off Seymore Lake Rd. E. of Baldwin, Fri. & Sat. 9-4pm. Lots of items!</p> <p>PLYMOUTH June 11 - 12, 9-5pm., 15585 North Haggerty, btwn 5 & 6 Mile, School gym filled with treasures.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH Multi-Family Sale 6/8 - 6/11, 9-5pm. 11145 Chestnut Dr. off Ann Arbor Trail, east of Haggerty.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH Baby/toddler clothes, toys, household items. Rolling Oaks Sub., W. of Beck, N. of North Territorial, 13952 Orchard Ct. Thurs. & Fri., 9:30am-5pm</p> <p>PLYMOUTH Country Club Village Sub. June 9-10, 9am-5pm. Furniture, quality household goods, area rugs, baby items, lots of misc. Multi-family, Fellows Hill & Maple Ridge. (W. of Ridge, S. off Powell).</p> <p>PLYMOUTH Multi-family garage sale! 9am-5pm, Sat. only June 10, 640 Bryon, Corner of Ann Arbor & Main St. Don't Miss This one!</p> <p>PLYMOUTH Antiques Oak Barrel Top Secretary, Lladro figurines, Tiffany style lamps, glassware, vintage toys, household goods, Mad magazines. Don't miss this one. Dealers Welcome. Fri-Sat, June 9-10, 9-4pm. 45804 Denise Ct. N. of Ann Arbor Rd, W. of Canton Center. Participating in Trailwood Annual Sub Sale.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH Tools and childrens toys, June 9-10-11, 8-5pm. 585 Maple, off Dear, Ann Arbor Trail & Plymouth.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH COLONY FARMS CONDO'S June 8, 9, 10, 9-4pm. S. of Ann Arbor Road, W. of Beck.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH - ALL CONDO GARAGE SALE (30 units) Cassidy Place Condominiums (white buildings) on North Territorial (northside) 1 blk. W. of Sheldon. Sat. June 10, starting at 1 pm.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH - COMPLEX SALE 1 day only! Sat. June 10, 10am-5pm (rain date June 11). Sheldon Park Apts., 1477 S. Sheldon Rd., across from CVS, NE corner of Sheldon & Ann Arbor Rd.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH - WEDGEWOOD VILLAGE CONDOS Several Condos. Fri-Sat, June 9-10, 9-5pm. N. off Ann Arbor Road, 1 block W. of Sheldon.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH HILLS PARK-WIDE SALE! June 10, 9am-5pm. On Ridge, N. of North Territorial.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH Huge Moving Sale Everything must go! June 10-11, Sat. 8-2pm, Sun. 9-1pm. 9100 Woodberry, Joy & Beck.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH SUB-WIDE GARAGE SALE Colony Farms Condo Association, W. of Beck, S. of Ann Arbor Road, off Colony Farm Drive. June 8-10. 8-4pm.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH TWP. TRAILWOOD SUB-WIDE GARAGE SALE Fri/Sat June 9 & 10 9AM-5PM, N. of Ann Arbor Rd, East of Sheldon</p> <p>PLYMOUTH TWP. -Yard Sale 9000 Pine Trail Ct. behind Colony Farms, off Joy. Jewelry, Beanie's, furniture, yard tools, floral. June 8-10, 8-4pm.</p> <p>REDFORD - June 8, 9 & 10. 9808 Tecumseh off West Chicago between Beech Daly & Inkster.</p> <p>REDFORD GARAGE/ESTATE SALE - Furniture, household items, tools and more. June 9-10, 8am-4pm. 26077 Elsinore (SW corner of 5 and Beech)</p> <p>REDFORD A lot of items \$50. Huge Sale! Sat.Only, June 10, 9am-2pm. 9586 Rockland, 1 blk. N. of W. Chicago, btwn. Beech & Inkster.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>REDFORD Western View Annual Neighborhood Sale, E. of Telegraph, N. of I-96. 6/9-6/11, 9am-5pm. 20+ participating homes.</p> <p>REDFORD June 8-9-10-11, 9-5:30pm., 14214 Brady, off School-craft, btwn. Beech Daly & Telegraph. Childrens clothing, toys & items, and lots of household amisc.</p> <p>REDFORD - Moving sale, everything must go. Antique furniture, AC units, bikes, record albums, golf clubs & more. 8955 Kinloch, N. of Joy, W. of Beech Daly, Sat. Sun, June 10 & 11, 10-5.</p> <p>ROCHESTER Garage Sale - Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th from 9am-4pm 520 Seventh St. Lots of clothing styles for sale including, maternity, boys and girls infant and toddler clothes and women and men's clothing. Some brand new!! Lots of baby and children's toys and accessories for sale. Collectible trading cards for basketball, baseball, and football. Most from the 80's and 90's. Miscellaneous household items, videos, books, etc. Lots for everyone!</p> <p>W. BLOOMFIELD Vintage treasures! Postcards, collectibles, & marble, wood, leather, metals for crafters. Household, etc. 3180 Parkland, N. of 15 off Middlebelt. Thurs-Sat., 10am-4pm.</p> <p>ROCHESTER HILLS 3227 Avon Manor, S. of Auburn, E. of John R. June 8-10, 9-5pm. Furniture, small appliances, electronic equip., antiques. Downsizing, too much to list!</p> <p>ROCHESTER HILLS Designer furniture, drapes & home decor! June 8 & 9, 9-4pm. 1067 Grandview Dr. (Chickester Sub), N/Tienken, E/Brewster.</p> <p>ROYAL OAK Sat. & Sun, June 10th & 11th, 8am-4pm. 4108 Kent, S. off Normandy, between Crooks and Coolidge. Misc. household items.</p> <p>ROYAL OAK Collectibles, appliances, furniture, and clothes. Thurs., 9-3, N. of 12 Mile. E. off Woodward, 1950 Elmhurst St. No early birds!</p> <p>ROYAL OAK- 3011 N Vermont. Sat. 9-4; Sun. 9-2 (6/10,6/11) Baby equip & clothes; books, household items.</p> <p>SOUTH LYON Huge Multi Family Garage Sale - Children/Adult clothing, Baby, Christmas, Halloween & Household items. June 9 to June 17, 9am-5pm. 9877 Wall Gene, S. Lyon. 1/4 mile west of Pontiac Trail, south off 8 Mile.</p> <p>SOUTHFIELD Thurs-Sat. June 8, 9, 10, 9am-8pm, 16232 Sherfield.</p> <p>SOUTHFIELD Garage-Estate Sale - Everything Must Go! Get Your Bargains Early! Sat. June 10th, 8am-1pm. 30409 Brentwood 1 block E. of Greenfield, S. of 13 Mile Rd.</p> <p>SOUTHFIELD - Greentrees North Sub Sale. South of 13 Mile, East of Evergreen. Thursday 6/8/06 through Sunday 6/11/06 9am to 5pm. Huge Sale. 18 homes. Bikes, jewelry, CD's, TV's, bedroom furniture, wedding accessories (single use), large clothing variety (New and gently used), computer monitor. Lots of gently used baby and toddler gear and baby clothing.</p> <p>TROY Multiple Families Sale. June 9 & 10 9-5pm. 756 & 778 Troywood, W. off Rochester Rd. btwn. 16 & 17 mile.</p> <p>TROY Garage Sale. Fri., June 9, 9-6pm, & Sun. June 11, 11-6pm. Misc. sports, Wings, Pistons. 131 Webb, Wattles/Long Lake, off Livernois. Also June 15-16, 9-6pm.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>TROY Huge Estate/Multi Family Sale - Over 40 years of stuff has got to go! Antiques, glass, lots from the 1950s-1990s; household, holiday, etc. Friday and Saturday, June 9-10; 9:00-4:00; 316 Paragon, N. of Wattles, W. of Livernois.</p> <p>ROCHESTER HILLS - Moving Sale. Desk, dresser, piano, antiques, many items. Fri.-Sat., 9-4pm. 966 Brookwood Lane East, off Tienken.</p> <p>W. BLOOMFIELD Multi-family Moving Sale. 3386 Wards Point. Orchard Lake btwn Commerce & Cass Lake Rd. Sat., 8-4; Sun., 10-4.</p> <p>WALLED LAKE Chestnut Hills Sub Sale! Fri. June 9 & Sat. June 10. 9am-3pm. Off Pontiac Trail, E. of Beck Rd. W. of Maple. No Early Birds!</p> <p>WAYNE - Multiple Home Yard Sales. Sat-Sun., June 10 & 11, 9am-4pm. S. of Michigan Ave. W. of Merriman Road, Carlisle to Hayes to Madison.</p> <p>WEST BLOOMFIELD - Fri-Sat. June 9-10, 9am-7 Household, children's toys, Little Tykes, baby items. 4527 North Ridge Drive, Autumn Woods Sub, off Pontiac Trail, E. Haggerty.</p> <p>WEST BLOOMFIELD 6601 Westbrook Ct. Farmington Rd., S. of Maple. Thurs-Sat., June 8-9-10, 10-3pm. No Junk!!</p> <p>WEST BLOOMFIELD Huge Multi-FAMILY June 8-10, 9am-5pm. Bar stools, wicker, desk, designer clothes, electronics, lamps, books, toys, household. Too much to list! 3515 Wimberly Ct. 2 bks E. of Orchard Lake, S. off Long Lake.</p> <p>WESTLAND - 3 FAMILY SALE - Muchto Great Stuff! June 8, 9, 10. 9am-5pm 39301 Dillingham, S. of Cherry Hill, W. of Hix.</p> <p>WESTLAND Computer, collectibles, bikes, furniture, home items. June 8-9, 10, 10am-4pm. Marquette St., W. of Newburgh.</p> <p>WESTLAND 6912 Bloor, S. of Warren, between Venoy & Wayne. 6/9 & 6/10, 9am - 3pm</p> <p>WESTLAND 3 Family Garage Sale - 38288 N. Jean Ct. 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(6/8-6/11) 10-6pm. 34558 Florence, N. of Cherry Hill, W. of Wildwood.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>WIXOM - Moving to Texas! Getting rid of a lot. Household items & lawn equipment. June 15, 16, 17, 9am-5pm. 1248 Briarwood Ct., Beck & Potter.</p> <p>Moving Sales 7130</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM: Estate/Divorce Sale Fri., June 9, 11am-3pm; Sat., June 10, 9am-12pm. 2095 Yorkshire, E. off Eton, 1 block N. of Maple. Exquisite large furniture items, mirrors, prints, sofa, dining table, 2 bdrm sets. Everything must go!</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD HILLS Moving Sale - Fri. & Sat. June 9 & 10, 9am-4pm. 1974 Bent Tree Trail, S. of Long Lake, between Middlebelt & Franklin, take Wabek Lake Dr. & follow signs. Many items, antique hall tree, slate pool table, bedroom furniture, refrigerator, desk, lamps, kitchen items, framed picture, clothes, many gift items, too much to mention. Priced to sell! Cash Only!</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD TWP Thurs, Fri., Sat., 10am-4pm, 6495 Thicketts, E. of Telegraph, N. of Maple. 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The 2006 Saab 9-3 Convertible

Advertising Feature

Thursday Drive Time



BY DALE BUSS

It's more or less summertime, and with the general privilege of enjoying the season comes along another, very specific one: the thrill of driving and riding in convertibles. And fortunately, I've been able to enjoy one of the world's great convertibles already this season, long before summer returns in earnest.

Actually, I'm happy to say, this is my new favorite car: the Saab 9-3 Aero Convertible. Just a few days of driving around in this sleek, powerful, sexy and yet surprisingly practical automobile finally revealed to me a vehicle that could actually nudge out the Audi TT Roadster as my favorite.

I've held the TT in my highest regard for a few years now. I get to drive one just about annually, and the experience invariably reinforces my conviction that the little pocket rocket is the best combination on the road of power, style, and sizzle.

And I didn't have any particular expectations of the Saab 9-3 convertible. I enjoy and respect Saab automobiles, but as a brand I don't necessarily revere them. So I wasn't sure what to expect from the 9-3. But I sure was happy with what I got.

Put concisely, the 9-3 exceeds every reasonable expectation of a convertible and then adds several pleasant surprises on top of that. Overall, it is visually striking. It performs elegantly and seemingly without effort. It is roomy and convenient. And it turns heads. Let's start outside the car, as much as I'd like to hop in right away. The 9-3 isn't the most remarkable-looking vehicle that you may ever have encountered; its styling per se doesn't necessarily grab you. It's shaped in an understated wedge that creates visual satisfaction but which really leaves plenty of room for the rest of the car to make a statement.

However, when this car is rendered in a color called Electric Blue Metallic, which was the case with the 9-3 I drove, the hue itself bumps up the car's appeal several notches. I got comments all over the place just about the color. I'd like to believe it's because it matched my eyes, but I'm smart enough to know the appeal lay in the unusual deepness and liveliness of the color.

Under the hood lay the most remarkable component



The Saab 9-3 Convertible gets 17 mpg in the city and a bonus of 28 mpg on the highway.

of this vehicle: the 2.8-liter, six-cylinder, 24-valve DOHC engine, a high-output turbo model that cranks out 250 horsepower. This powertrain gave me all the oomph I could handle whenever I needed it, whether it was taking off from a standing start or changing lanes. Gasoline mileage of 17 mpg in the city and 28 mpg on the highway was a bonus.

Just as important, at cruising speeds the engine worked as quietly and effortlessly as any I can remember driving in the several years I've been doing these reviews. Everyone who rode in the car remarked the same way: We were booking, but it seemed like the 9-3 was doing hardly any work at all.

Handling was impressive as well, thanks in large part to the car's sport-tuned suspension and all-season tires on 17-inch alloy wheels. In fact, every aspect of how the car responded to the driving challenge and to the road was simply superlative.

Once you're inside, 9-3 is a delight for the eyes as well. The version I drove had two-tone leather-appointed seating, with a nifty blue stripe running down the middle of the seats that matched the car's exterior color. The other most notable interior feature

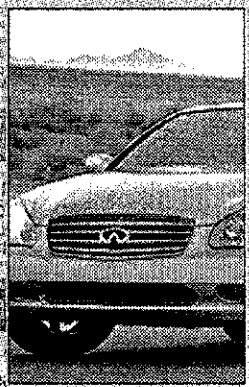
was a 300-watt stereo with a six-CD changer whose audio quality held its own even with the top down and the winds swirling.

Just as significant as how nifty the interior looks is that the Saab 9-3 provides lots of room throughout. You know how some convertibles severely crowd you both front and back? Saab 9-3 blows that stereotype away. Engineers took maximum advantage of the car's wide exterior stance by creating a very ample space in the front of the vehicle, lending the feeling of spaciousness that you'd get with any good-sized sedan. Maybe even more important, 9-3 actually sports a relatively usable back seat. Not only is there room enough back there for two people perhaps even of normal stature, but they could actually sit in the rear without banging their heads on the cloth roof when the top was down.

And that brings me to one of the most noteworthy things about 9-3: Its roof is totally automatic, something I've not experienced on any other convertible. For the mechanically challenged like me, that was maybe the biggest blessing of all.

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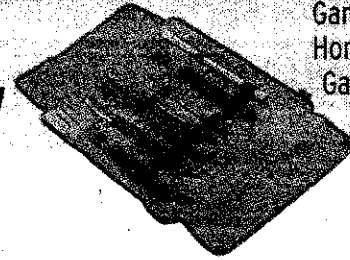
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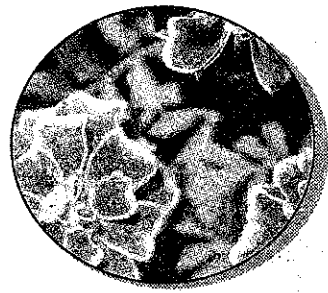
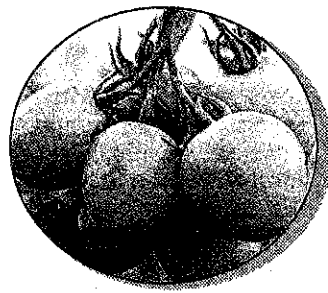
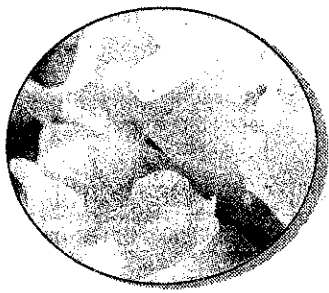
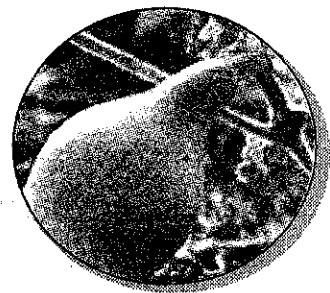


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Better late than never

Go ahead and plant
and watch your
garden grow

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

OK. You've bought your tomato and squash plants, snapdragons and magnolias, and you're struggling to finish planting for this summer season.

It was too cold in May as you scrambled to cover your babies to protect them from the ravages of frost, so you waited.

And then, a few days later, Memorial Day weekend was just too darn hot.

Don't fret.

"You can keep planting," said Jim Slezinski, staff horticulturalist at Goldner Walsh in Pontiac.

"It was always thought that you had to plant everything by Memorial Day, but that's not the case. You can plant right up until the end of June."

So if you are a late bloomer in gardening this year, remember when planting that you need to follow a few basic steps that are obvious, yet easy to forget.

Water your plants daily. That rule is critical.

"Especially if they are newly planted, you should water every day for the first 10 days to two weeks," Slezinski said.

Vegetables especially need regular con-

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Here's a list of quick hits
for your garden:

- Water regularly all of your newly planted flowers and vegetables.
- Don't plant in 90-degree temperatures.
- Control pests.
- Keep on weeding.
- Compost or use slow-release fertilizer in your soil before planting.
- Feed your plants with slow release fertilizer.



Retailers wait for IKEA's impact

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

IKEA will be welcomed by the masses as the company's heralded inaugural store in Michigan opened in Canton on June 7.

That big blue box along I-275 will bring throngs of shoppers to the store.

"It will have a very positive impact in Canton as a development area," said Kenneth Dalto, market consultant and retail analyst with Kenneth J. Dalto & Associates of Farmington Hills.

"IKEA is a destination store, and people will drive for miles to shop there. It will have an impact in bringing high-quality niche retailers to Michigan."

With the success of the big box stores (Wal-Mart, Target, Sam's Club, Costco), Dalto believes more big box stores are in Michigan's future.

Once that happens, some of the furniture stores may be driven out of business in the next two to five years, Dalto believes.

Survival is dependent on either becoming like a big box store or a well-positioned niche, like a gourmet specialty store is in the food market, Dalto said.

"You have to define a market niche or get eaten up," Dalto said.

Many in the furniture business believe that IKEA won't take away loyal customers who look for more personal service.

A few miles north of IKEA in Plymouth, Eric Buzenberg owns Walker Buzenberg.

"They're more of a big box retail store, and it's not really the same as what we do," Buzenberg said.

IKEA specializes in a Scandinavian-style, soft contemporary look, supplying everything from quilt covers and towel racks to accessories for every room in the home. IKEA doesn't sell traditional furniture.

"It's good in a way for the communities of Plymouth and Canton to bring people to this area, who might not otherwise come here and shop here," Buzenberg said.

"But as far as whether we have the same customers, I

don't know if it will be the same as ours. It is good for retailing in the area.

"We're going to give you a more personal experience. Being a smaller retailer you have to give customers that individual service, and train employees how to offer that service."

Buzenberg said he had never been in an IKEA store. His store offers furniture in traditional, transitional and contemporary, so it isn't the exact merchandise.

"We're looking forward to them coming to the area, and getting more people to come to the area. That's what we're hoping for."

Chris Morrisroe, director of communications, Art Van, believes that IKEA's opening will affect business in the furniture industry.

"Every time a company comes into the market, it affects business, and it ties up opportunities at another level," Morrisroe said.

But she's quick to add that Art Van has faced competition before from Crate & Barrel, Target, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club, companies that "whittle away at the furniture business."

As a result, Art Van has worked on updating customer service and following trends, such as this summer's rattan and wicker pieces along with the Sorbet style. That natural element is popular this summer, Morrisroe said.

"Art Van is the No. 1 furniture retailer in Michigan and we intend to stay there," Morrisroe said.

"Ready-to-assemble furniture is not our core business. Full service and quality of our furniture is, and what (IKEA) has is a little different than what we carry."

"They pretty much center on a younger audience, and they're important to us, too. First-time homeowners are important to us, and we run the whole gamut from first-, second-home buyers to everyone on up, who like traditional or contemporary or leather furniture."

"With us, you don't have to go down a million aisles, and we'll deliver to your house."

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These and other disasters can strike your notebook if you're not careful about hotspot security.

For the uninitiated, hotspots are Internet access points you can tap into with your Wi-Fi-equipped notebook computer.

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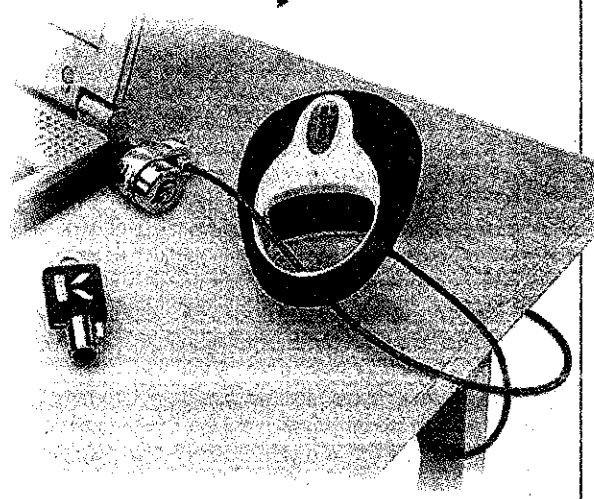
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GARDEN CALENDAR

Daylily sale
The Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society will sponsor its annual summer Daylily Plant Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, rain or shine, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Cash sales only. Admission is free. The huge selection will feature modern daylilies, including gold or contrasting edges, frilly doubles, bold eyes and patterns, spiders and unusual forms that reach 10 inches. Among the color choices will be pink, lavender, purple, rose, red, cream, white, yellow and gold. Come early for best selection. Club members and local hybridizers will be present to answer questions. For more information, visit www.daylilyclub.com, call (248) 363-7517, or e-mail frogsteap1@juno.com.

Hill & Dale Garden Club
The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting, with installation of new officers, 6 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Scawly at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

Junior gardeners
The Hill & Dale Junior Gardener's Workshop, featuring Wise Old Owl, will take place 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Downtown Farmington Library. The workshop is for ages 5-12, parents and younger siblings. Pre-registration is required. Call the library at (248) 553-0300.

Buying plants
Learn how to choose and plant the best trees, shrubs and flowers in Landscape Plants: Buying Wisely, a class at The Community House in Birmingham (Wednesday, June 21; cost is \$22). To register and for more information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. The class will be taught by master gardener Heidi Cook, owner of Liberty Street Gardens, which performs maintenance and design services in and around Farmington.

Seminars
English Gardens hosts 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. Gardening in Container and Other Small Spaces will be the topic June 14. Tips on plant varieties that work well in containers and small garden spaces, and plant care information, will be featured. Perennial gardening will be the topic June 21.

Rose programs
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, seven miles south of Belleville. Each presentation lasts about 1½ hours. Dress for the weather. For information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230. The schedule includes Yesterday's Roses for Today's Gardens (1 p.m. Sunday, June 11, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, June 12) and Insect and Disease Control for Roses (11 a.m. Sunday, June 18, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, June 19). Admission is free. Reservations aren't required. The Yesterday's Roses program will feature a slide lecture and guided garden tour by Nancy Lindley. The Insect and Disease Control presentation will feature a slide lecture and a tour of the Lindleys' garden as they show how to recognize and treat the common insect and disease problems of roses. Bring leaves from your garden in a plastic sandwich bag for problem identification. Special emphasis on natural and cultural controls to prevent and eliminate problems.

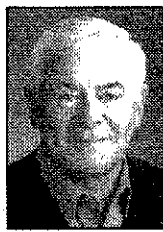
Volunteers sought
Do you live in a condo or apartment and miss gardening? The Royal Oak Garden Club is seeking volunteers (club members only) to tend these Royal Oak community gardens now to October: Gilda's Garden, Community Center Garden, Community Center Iris Garden, Cemetery Garden and the Zoo Garden. 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.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes: Ornamental Grasses and Alternative Lawns, Thursdays, June 15-22, in Livonia (fee is \$72).

Service technicians should find, fix leaks in central air conditioning units

Some of you reading this column won't totally understand the picture I'm trying to create, and some will think that I must be older than sin.

As you know, we are testing a new front load type washing machine at our place and my



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

tester (Valorie) is giving me the test results. We talked the other day about my first experience washing clothes, which goes back to the days of scrub boards and big round aluminum tubs. A scrub brush and a bar of soap — that's how we got clothes clean. We even used the same tub for taking a bath without the scrub brush.

Next came the wringer washer with the hand-cranked rollers to get the water out of the clothes, before you hung them on a clothesline that traveled by pulleys on each end across the width of the back

yard. Then the standard top loader used for the past 40 years, which managed to do the job according to industry standards. It has been quite a circle and we're not even at the end yet.

I'm getting comments from both ends: Valorie with her reports, and readers and radio listeners with unquestionably low patience levels.

I can only go so fast, there are only so many clothes to wash, and I've got a job besides.

Here are the latest test scores on performance and wash ability of the Maytag Neptune washer.

Stains report: The washer did an excellent job of removing the salad dressing from the front of my shirt. Valorie used a thumbprint of detergent as a pre-stain just before putting the item into the washer.

She did the same with the caramel topping that fell off my ice cream sundae and landed on my pants, with the same result.

Valorie believes that this new machine does a better job of removing stains.

She also likes to use the gen-

tle cycle, and tells me the clothes aren't all wrinkled up when they come out of the washer.

The amount of soap to use has been a question mark since we received the machine, because the instruction book doesn't tell you how much except to say, use a little.

I found an instruction sheet from another manufacturer that converts soap usage from the top loader to the front loader.

From what I can gather, use 2 tablespoons of soap for a normal load and 3 tablespoons for a large load.

I have to admit that my argument that soap for front loaders will add an extra expense because it costs more is wrong. The opposite is true. You will definitely save money on soap usage.

As you can tell, things sure have changed since the days of stagecoaches and wringer washing machines. Stay tuned for the next report.

AIR CONDITIONING

I'm getting calls from homeowners who are having problems with their central air con-

ditioning units and telling me that service technicians are charging the units with refrigerant, charging them for the work done and not fixing any apparent leaks.

As a consumer you should be aware that a qualified licensed refrigeration technician who works on HVAC would also have the electronic equipment necessary to find the leak in the system.

It is that person's responsibility to not only find it, but to repair it as well.

Paying to have someone replenish the refrigerant knowing full well that it has to be done again next year is what I call a rip-off.

Let me know if it happens to you. I would be interested. Stay tuned.

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BROIDA

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clicking Security Center.

For even stronger protection, consider installing a program like Zone Alarm (www.zonelabs.com), which also blocks any spyware or viruses that may be hiding on your PC from communicating with the Internet.

The freeware version of the program provides robust security, though you may want to invest in the \$30 Pro version; it adds protection against spyware incursions, identity theft and "unknown" networks.

If you find all this firewall talk daunting and don't want to mess around with complex software, there's a plug-and-play security solution you may find more appealing: Kensington's Personal Firewall for Notebooks (www.kensington.com).

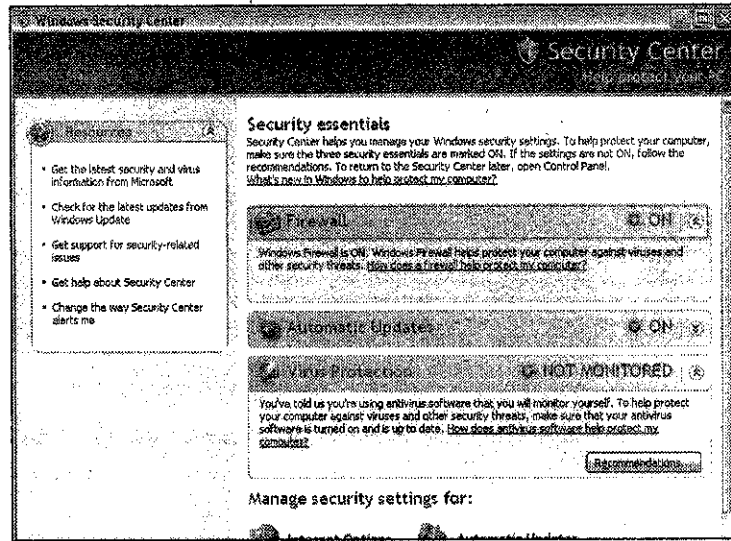
This \$50 gizmo plugs into one of your notebook's USB ports and provides all the advantages of a firewall — without the need to install software.

USE A VPN

VPN, or virtual private network, is one of those terms that sounds more complicated than it is.

When you connect to a public hotspot, all the data that's sent and received from your notebook — e-mails, instant messages, files and the like — floats around the ether for anyone to intercept — even if you're using a firewall.

A VPN is essentially a protected Internet "tunnel" that secures your inbound and out-



Make sure to enable the firewall that's built into Windows XP SP2.

bound communications.

Many offices provide VPNs to employees who work at home or other offsite locations. If yours doesn't, you can create your own by installing IPiG (www.iopus.com).

This software utility (the amusing name is short for iOpus Private Internet Gateway) offers surprisingly strong encryption — 256-bit AES, the same kind used by corporations and government agencies — to keep your data safe.

Nevertheless, it requires almost no configuration — it's either "on" or "off." Even more amazing, the program is free of charge.

PAY FOR IT

Free hotspots tend to have little or no security. However, if you're willing to pay for Wi-Fi access, like the kind offered at most Starbucks stores, you can enjoy fairly bulletproof Internet access.

T-Mobile HotSpot, the pay-to-play service offered at Starbucks, Borders, FedEx Kinko's and other popular spots, relies on special software (T-Mobile Connection Manager, which you must install before getting online) to ensure that your data is encrypted and your connection is private.

LAPTOP LOCKDOWN

There's physical security to worry about as well. Thieves are increasingly on the lookout for unattended notebooks, and in the time it takes you to cross a coffee shop and refill your mug, your machine can disappear.

There are numerous LoJack-style services designed to help police recover stolen notebooks. SyNET nTracker Anti-Theft (synet.biz) is one of them; the \$30 software utility promises to help you track and locate your notebook if it's stolen.

I think it's better to prevent the theft in the first place.

The \$30 Kensington MicroSaver Portable Notebook Lock (www.kensington.com) combines a retractable 4-foot cable with a key-based T-bar lock; it works with any notebook that has a security slot (most models do).

Just wrap the cable around a bolted-down table leg or some other fixed point, and chances are good a thief won't even bother trying to nab your notebook.

USE COMMON SENSE

The last rules of hotspot safety are the same as the rules of everyday Internet safety:

Keep your anti-virus and anti-spyware software up to date; set your operating system to automatically fetch and install the latest security patches; create passwords that are impossible for cracking software to guess (made-up combinations of letters and numbers work best); and when typing these passwords into your PC, remember that you're in public. A sharp-eyed hacker can learn your password just by watching you type.

You take steps to protect your home, your car and your money. A few extra steps is all it takes to enjoy safe, secure Internet access at the world's Wi-Fi hotspots.

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HOME CALENDAR

Detailing walls

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 Detailing Your Walls, which will take place for four weeks beginning Thursday, June 8 (cost is \$67, senior cost is \$53.60).

Needlework and Textile Guild

The Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan will have its annual Potluck Luncheon and Fashion Show at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham. Guests are welcome. Contact Joan Koelsch at (248) 549-4237 or joank4361@wowway.com to reserve a place. The guild meets the second Tuesday of the month at First United Methodist Church. Guests are welcome at all

meetings.

Arts and crafts

Women of Bloomfield's 22nd annual juried Arts and Crafts Show will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at First Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, between Cranbrook and Southfield roads in Birmingham. About 75 artists are expected to participate. The show will also feature a 50/50 raffle, a bake sale and a food booth. All proceeds will be donated to SCAMP summer camp scholarships for spe-

cial needs children and to the Oakland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council for Care House.

Beach bag

Haberman 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@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Kids Beach Bag, for ages 8-11 (Saturdays, June 10-17; cost is \$40).

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Shutters, roller shades have new designs

Connie of Ann Arbor writes: "My family has just moved into a new home and I need to cover the windows with something for privacy, right away. I do not like the typical mini blinds and vertical blinds. They seem so outdated. What is new and different in window coverings?"



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

new and innovative designs to address the homeowner's need for privacy and light control. You are correct that mini

blinds and most vertical blinds are outdated.

One thing that has been highlighted in many of the window coverings publications is the new roller shade.

This isn't the spring-loaded, white vinyl shade of the past. The new shades have gorgeous fabrics and open weaves. They have continuous cords to raise and lower them.

The look can be sleek and contemporary, or in a more traditional home, these shades are just the first layer of a built-up window dressing. They can roll up almost out of sight.

Many manufacturers are producing these new shades, such as Hunter Douglas, Castec and Sheer Weave.

Another option that is getting a lot of hype is really not new at all, but a new take on

an old design. It is shutters. The look is clean and uncluttered, and can transition into almost any design style.

I spoke with Chris Barber, Hunter Douglas shutter specialist, about what's new with shutters.

Chris says that shutters, also known as plantation shutters, are the fastest growing segment of the window covering industry. They have a timeless look and have some real practical value as well.

Shutters allow you to control light, which is a very important element in managing the heating and cooling of your home. You can also control warm summer breezes, as well as the cool autumn winds.

Many companies offer shutters made from hardwood or more modern materials like composite or vinyl.

There are many framing options and louver sizes that will complement your new windows perfectly.

And according to Chris, today's shutters are painted or stained with state-of-the-art methods to produce beautiful furniture-like finishes with a wide array of color choices and styles.

The cost of owning shutters is a much bigger investment than disposable mini blinds. They are an architectural element in the home and truly a long-term investment.

There are many variables and considerations when selecting shutters that will affect the price.

Be sure you have a qualified installer and that accurate measurements are taken for proper fit.

Keep in mind that shutters

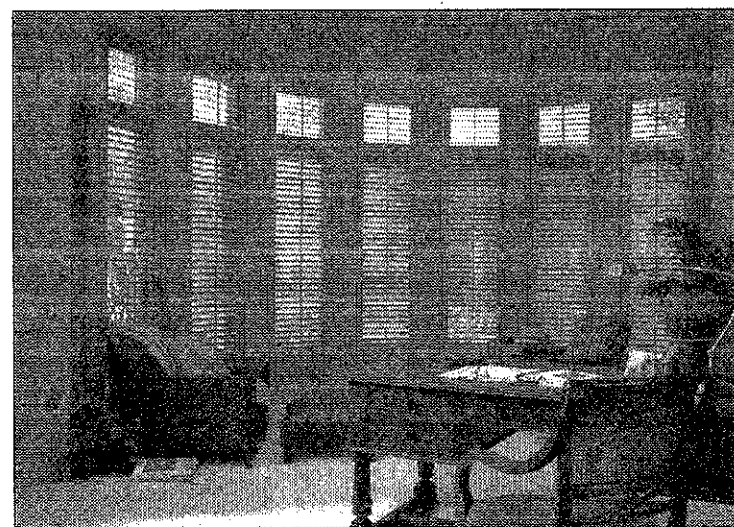


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Shutters, also known as plantation shutters, are the fastest growing segment of the window covering industry. They have a timeless look and are practical, too.

add value to your home. According to Chris, shutters are fine furniture for your windows and I couldn't agree more!

Terri Guastella, an interior designer

and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Huntington Woods

Summer Garden Walk will take place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, in Huntington Woods. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 Sunday. Call (248) 224-3351.

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.gardenconservancy.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, LaRosa Market and Detroit Garden Works. Call (248) 681-8624 or (248) 681-2750, or visit www.sylvantour.com

Farmington

The Farmington Garden Club will host its biannual garden walk, A Garden Party, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 24, rain or shine. Tickets are \$10 and available at Steinkopf Nursery, 20815 Farmington Road. They will be available on the day of the event at the Visitors Center in Heritage Park, off Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Eight private gardens and one public garden will be featured. At the Visitors Center, club members will serve complimentary refreshments and Steinkopf Nursery will sell a wide variety of beautiful plants. A box lunch or salad will be available for a nominal charge between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Call Betti at (248) 442-2742 or visit farmingtongardenclub.com.

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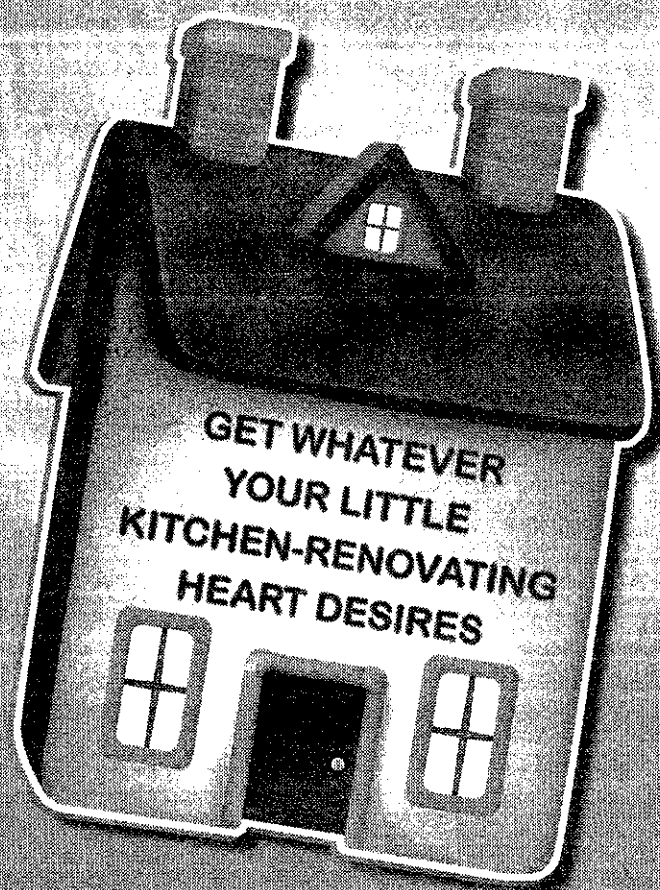
Friends for the Development of Greenmead will present its 17th Annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 24, featuring seven gardens and yards of homes throughout Livonia. Proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 the 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) 425-4855.

Plymouth

The Trailwood Garden Club will present the 11th annual Flowers Are Forever Garden Walk noon to 8 p.m., rain or shine, Tuesday, June 27. Several lovely gardens in Plymouth will be featured. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$7 pre-sale, \$8 the day of the walk, half off for ages 12 and under, free for "little gardeners" carried in arms (strollers aren't permitted in gardens). Raffle tickets are \$1 or three for \$2. Tickets are available at Saxton's Garden Center, (734) 453-6250; at Backyard Birds in Plymouth, (734) 416-0600; and from Marilyn Detmer, (734) 454-4625.

Northville

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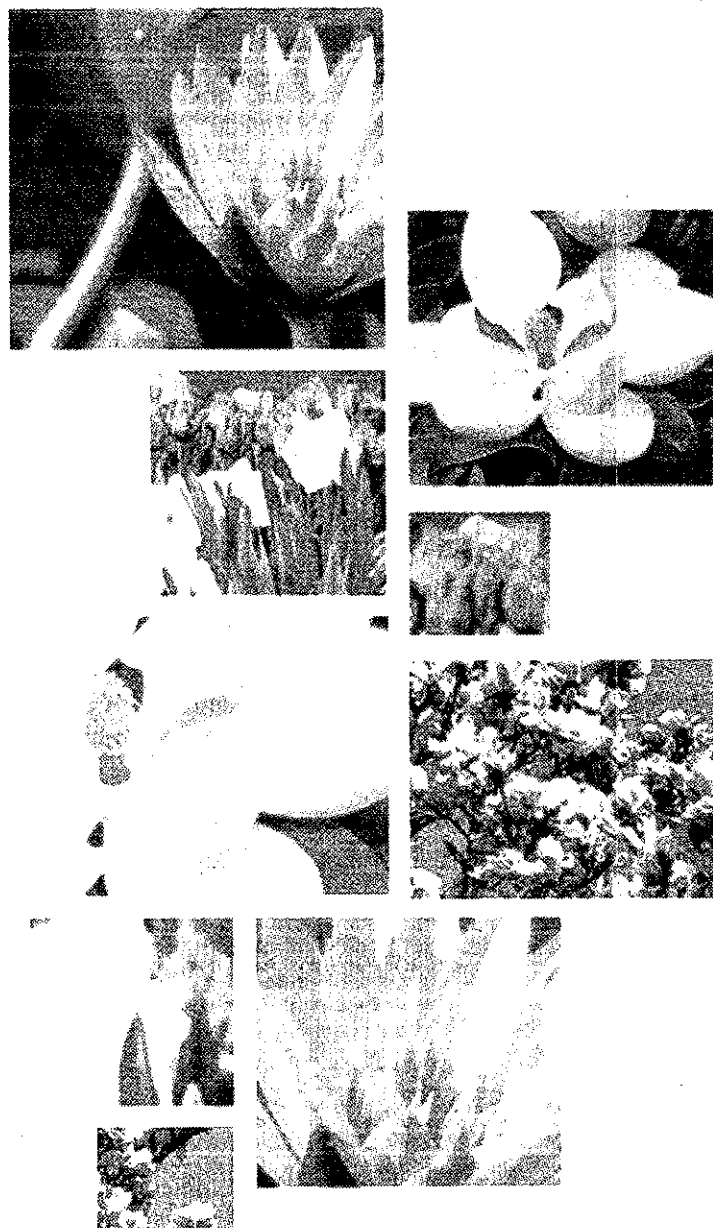
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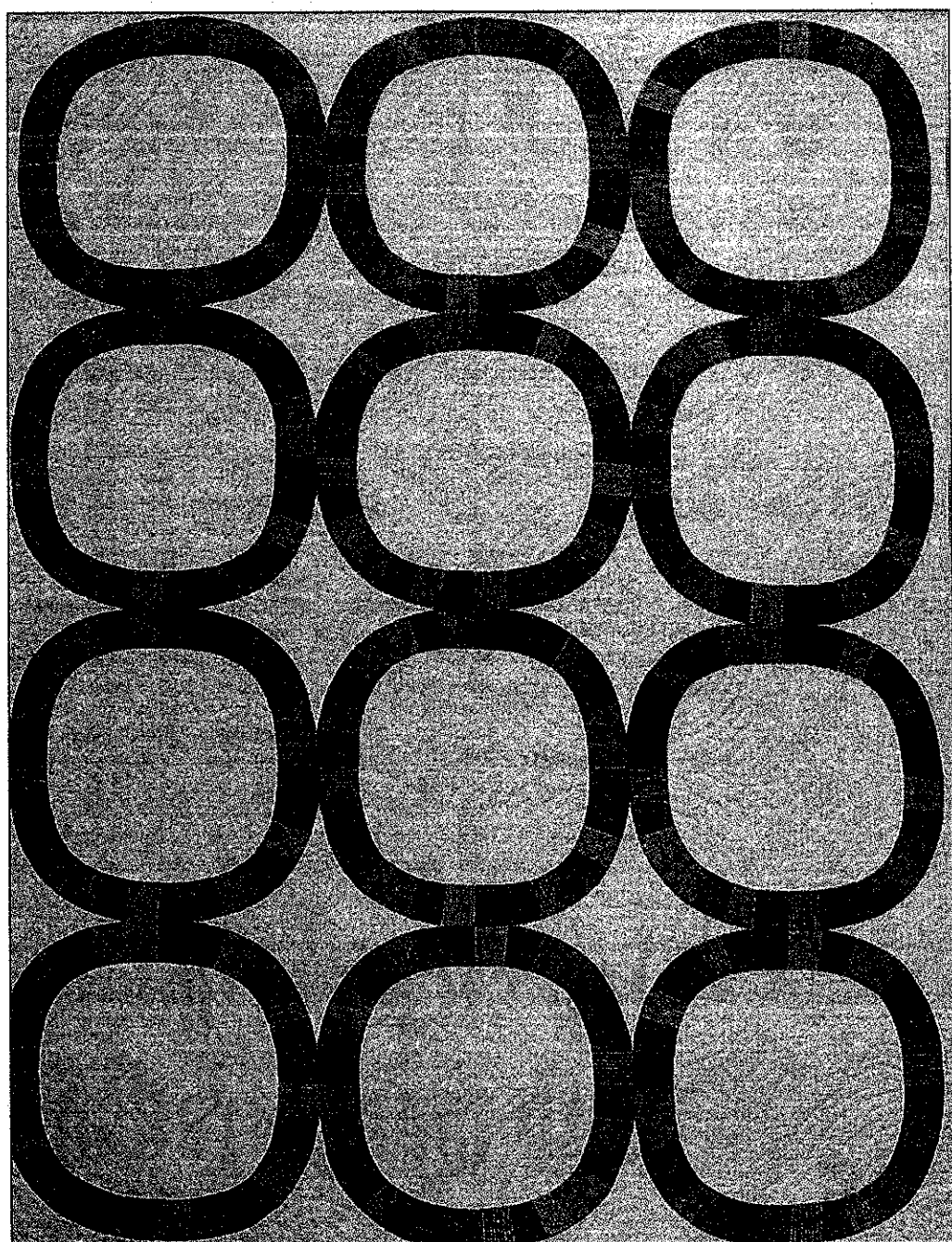
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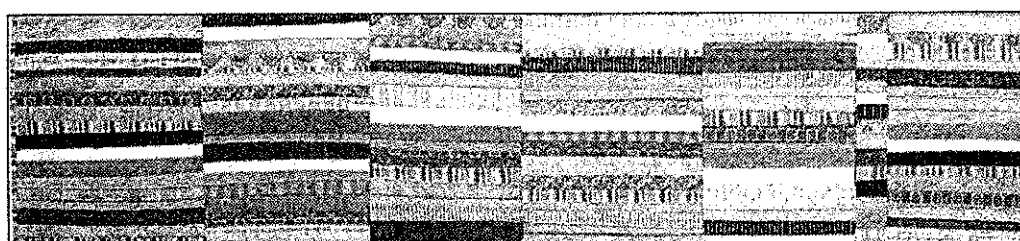
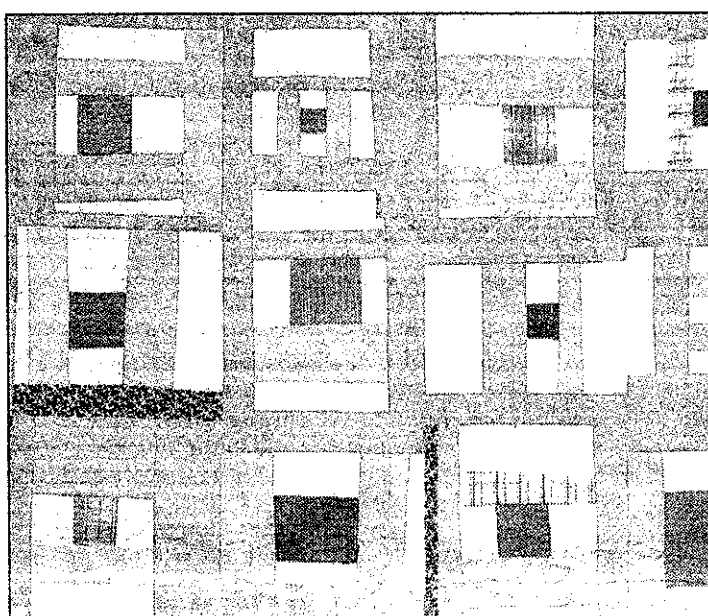
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PLANT

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sistent watering. Watering inconsistently creates cracking in the vegetable, and can result in diseases and a poor taste.

"If the plants are in pots, it's the same way," said Slezinski. "Sometimes you have to water them daily even after the two weeks."

And if the thermometer hits 90 degrees, don't plant, Slezinski said.

"It's better to plant when temperatures are in the 80s and 70s. When it's up in the 90s, it's better to wait for cooler temperatures."

SOIL

There are steps you can take to improve the soil.

Use compost to assist in breaking up the clay ground before planting.

"That has organic nutrients to help the plant absorb water," Slezinski said. "It puts microorganisms to help the plant grow real well."

Cow manure or rotted leaves also can be used, if compost isn't available.

"We like to recommend a slow-release fertilizer (such as Osmocote or Lescro) and put that in the soil," Slezinski said. "There are different formulas - for plants, trees, shrubs or vegetables. All you have to do after that is weed and water."

Preen also can be used to prevent weeds from seeding, but that garden product isn't effective on the roots of weeds that remain in the ground.

Those taproots can be killed with Roundup, but that should be applied at least five days before you plant your flowers and vegetables.

PESTS

Pests can destroy a garden. Cutworms, aphids and scale can be controlled with insecticidal soaps, Slezinski said.

"It's safe to use on vegetables," he said.

Alice Humphrey, who works at Graye's Greenhouse in Plymouth, believes gardeners have most of their planting done by June.

"It's important to keep abreast of insects and diseases," Humphrey said. "With all the damp weather we've had, you should look for fungal problems. It's easier to deal with these problems at an earlier stage."

"You should water the ground, not the



leaves. That's how fungus can get a foothold.

"You should also keep ahead of the weeding. There's a lot going on, and you get busy and pretty soon, you've got a mess."

"If it gets 'leggy,' you should cut it off now." That includes zinnias, cosmos and annuals, Humphrey said.

Connie Graye, Humphrey's sister-in-law and co-worker at the greenhouse, added that spring bulbs should be deadheaded, now that they've bloomed.

Potted plants with bug problems can be moved into shade, Graye said.

"If you have buggy plants, you can buy the good kind of ladybugs (lady beetles) or praying mantis," Graye said.

Lady beetles eat aphids, mealybugs and spider mites, along with soft-scale insects.

Spiders also can help resolve a pest issue on a plant, Graye said.

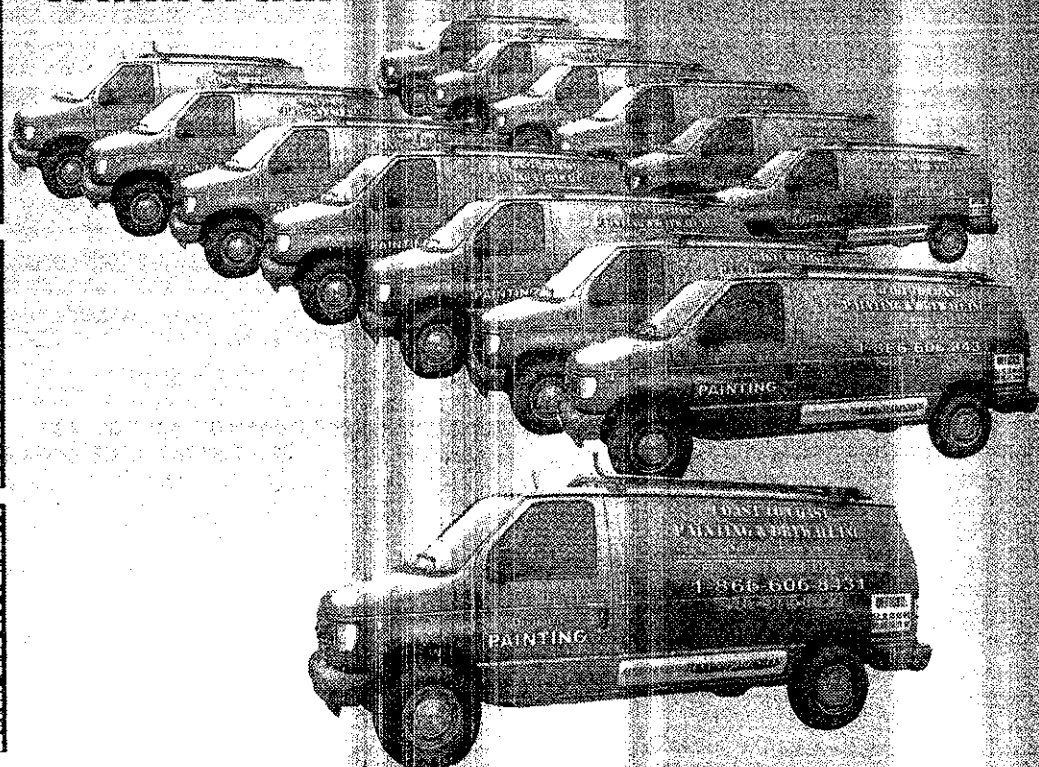
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Because new is news, we're frequently guilty of overlooking wineries with experience and tradition. Not good when a winery has improved its wines or has reinvented itself in tune with modern wine tastes.

One such winery is Sebastiani, where currently, winemaker Mark Lyon is making the best wines that Sebastiani has ever produced.

REINVENTION

Only a few years ago, Sebastiani was producing over 8 million cases of wine per year under three different labels: Vendange, Talus and Sebastiani. Then in 2001, the winery made a striking move, discarding the notion that big is better, selling off its commodity labels, returning to just the family name, and downsizing to a 250,000-case production.

Sebastiani has also made big investments in winery technology, barrels, vineyards, and replanting with modern clones. The thing that pleases most is the reasonable prices for the quality in the bottle.

"We have the best vineyard sourcing in Sonoma County," Lyon explained. "With our 700 vineyard acres plus those under contract we have access to outstanding fruit to make our wines. We've decreased our production in order to focus exclusively on making wines from Sonoma County, and we're doing very concrete things to produce world class winés."

"As a result, we're making more concentrated, complex wines in all four product tiers - Sonoma County Selection, Appellation Selection, Vineyard Selection and Proprietary Wine Selection. It's exciting to be at Sebastiani these days."



Focus on Wines

Ray and Eleanor Heald

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TRADITION

Samuele Sebastiani, who emigrated from Tuscany in 1895, founded the winery in 1904. This was a time when wine was sold directly from the barrel off the back of a horse-drawn wagon. Life was hard, but Samuele was willing to do the necessary work. He was also a generous man who kept his workers employed through both Prohibition and the Depression by canning peaches and constructing buildings around the square in the city of Sonoma.

Today the fourth generation of Samuele's family is stepping up to run the family business. Samuele would be very proud of the rebirth and reorganization that was accomplished in order to take

Sebastiani winery into the 21st century.

WHAT TO BUY FROM SEBASTIANI

■ 2004 Sebastiani Dutton Ranch Chardonnay \$25. Low yielding, small chardonnay grapes, grown on well-drained soils in the cool Green Valley of Sonoma County, produce this rich wine with supple elegance. Apple, pear, peach, toast and buttery aromas and flavors will pair well with clam chowder or fettuccini Alfredo. Great value.

■ 2003 Sebastiani Alexander Valley Merlot \$24, shows that California can make a Bordeaux-style merlot. Black cherry and cranberry with touches of vanilla from French oak lead to an elegant long finish. Pair with lamb, burgers or Italian sausage.

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■ Glenrothes Select Reserve (about \$45/750mL). This marriage of casks from different years showcases dried fruit and vanilla aromas, complemented by hints of brown spices, vanilla notes and a touch of citrus that finishes mellow and creamy.

All products mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area.

berries, tea, olives, cassia and fresh herbs highlight a rich wine that lingers on the palate with cherry and coffee notes. Best with a grilled steak.

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.

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.

International buffets

International buffets: Mediterranean/Middle Eastern, June 8, and Regions of North America, June 15, \$12 per person per meal, 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. in Fifty One O One, Student & Culinary Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, for reservations, call (313) 845-9651

Beginning series

Valerie Wilson teaches vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes, learn about tofu, tempeh, seaweed vegetables and miso, 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays, June 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

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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.

Wine classes

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 but 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.

Top steak grinders with mango relish

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - There is a right way and a wrong way to prepare a mango. I favor the wrong way.

That's because virtually every food expert and cookbook I have consulted advocates using the "right" method, a process I consider stupid, wasteful and dangerous.

But before delving into the ontology of mango preparation, let's talk about the fruit itself.

I concede that getting at the flesh of a mango isn't easy. Most mangoes sold in the United States resemble large green and red eggs with a thick, bitter skin. Inside, tender yellow flesh surrounds (and firmly attaches itself to) a large, oblong pit.

To free the flesh from the skin and pit, most experts suggest cutting the mango into three pieces lengthwise so that the pit is contained in the middle piece. This leaves you with two sections that are flat on one side and rounded on the other. Discard the pit.

Next, use a paring knife to score (in a crosshatch pattern) the flesh of the two remaining sections. Be sure to cut down to, but not through, the skin.

Now flip each section inside out so that the scored mango flesh is jutting outward and the skin side forms a shallow bowl. Still with me? This is where it gets dangerous.

Holding one of the inverted (and slippery) sections in one hand, use the paring knife to carefully cut the cubes of mango flesh (and perhaps your own) from the skin. You won't get it all. Don't bother trying.

You'll now have a pile of oddly shaped mango cubes and will have little choice but to throw out about a third of the fruit.

If you'll pardon the expression, what were those people smoking when they came up with that technique?

So here's my way. Use a vegetable peeler to remove the skin from the entire mango. Go a bit deeper than you normally would, as the skin is thick. Stand the mango end and use a knife to cut the sides away from the pit.

This should leave you with two large chunks of flesh. Now use a paring knife to trim the flesh away from the ends of the mango pit.

It's that easy. You're left with large slabs of mango flesh that can be cubed, sliced or otherwise prepped as you like, and with little to no waste.

To make life even easier, consider investing in one of the new

mango splitters. These great little gadgets resemble those round apple corer-slicers that you push down over the apple.

The mango version carefully cleaves the flesh from the pit. Follow my directions for peeling, then use the mango splitter instead of the knife. Wonderful invention.

Now that you've got your mango flesh, use it to prepare these amazing pepper steak grinders. These pack an intense (but not overwhelming) bite that is mellowed by a simple relish made from mango and shallots. And because these grinders call for ultra-thin, quick-cooking steaks, they can be prepped in just minutes.

PEPPER STEAK GRINDERS WITH MANGO RELISH AND PROVOLONE

Two-foot-long baguette, cut into four sections
Dijon mustard
1 large mango (1/2 mango needed for this recipe)
1 large shallot
3 tablespoons coarsely ground black pepper
2 tablespoons kosher salt
12 thinly sliced eye round steaks (sometimes called steak medallions)
Cooking spray
6 deli slices of provolone cheese, cut in half

Preheat grill or grill pan to high.

Cut each baguette section in half lengthwise. Slather one half of each section with mustard. Set aside. Use a vegetable peeler to remove the skin of the mango, then use a paring knife to cut the flesh away from the pit. Use 1/2 mango for this recipe; reserve remaining mango for other use.

Combine the 1/2 mango and shallot in a food processor and pulse until finely diced. Spread this mango relish over the mustard, dividing it equally among the sections. Set aside.

Combine the pepper and salt in a shallow bowl. Firmly press one side of each steak in the salt and pepper to coat well. If you like, coat the second sides, as well. But be warned, this makes them quite potent.

Lightly coat the grill or grill pan with cooking spray. Grill the steaks for 2 to 3 minutes, or until cooked through. Flip once after about 1 minute.

Lay half a cheese slice on each steak. Close the lid of the grill or cover the pan, turn off the heat and let the steaks sit for 1 minute, or until the cheese melts.

To assemble the grinders, set 3 steaks over the mango mixture on each baguette section, then top with the other half of the section.

Makes 4 servings.

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The variety of fruits in Tropical Pork Salad creates a colorful presentation that suggests a tropical sunset.

Pork, fruit combine for a little tropical flair

Fruit is not just for dessert or snacks. It can be the centerpiece of a savory dish using a modest amount of meat that acts almost like a condiment, yet is adequate in providing needed protein and nutrients. This approach fits health experts' recommendations on diet. Cancer researchers recommend cutting back on meat and increasing consumption of fruits and vegetables to help reduce the risk of cancer, heart disease and other chronic health problems. A diet emphasizing plant-based foods supplies the health-protective phytochemicals that help protect us from serious and chronic health problems. Research on the relationship between nutrition and cancer, for example, shows that specific phytochemicals protect us from particular aspects of the cancer process. And because certain phytochemicals are found only in specific foods, eating a wide variety of vegetables and fruits, as well as other plant-based foods, is the best way to protect

against the many different types of cancer. Lycopene, for example, is only found in red fruits like watermelon, pink grapefruit, and in tomatoes and tomato-based products. It helps protect against prostate cancer, and possibly breast cancer. Another phytochemical, cryptoxanthin, which is linked to a decreased risk of cervical cancer, is abundant in many orange fruits, like mango, tangerines, oranges and papaya. In some cultures, fruit is a common ingredient in main courses. Many Asian cooks, for example, use fruit to contribute a sweet element to the hot-sour-sweet-salty-bitter balance of taste they try to achieve. Vietnamese fish soup, for example, often includes pineapple along with tomatoes and bean sprouts. Fruit is a common ingredient in Chinese sweet-and-sour dishes, and in stir-fried rice, too. Different fruits offer different textures and flavors as well as phytochemicals. Pears and

apples add crunch. Pineapple, berries, oranges and grapes contribute bursts of tangy sweetness. Peaches, nectarines, plums and mangos offer a range of juicy textures. The variety of fruits in the following entree creates a colorful presentation that suggests a tropical sunset. And the flavor of pork nicely complements the rich interplay of flavors.

TROPICAL PORK SALAD

- 2 medium peaches, sliced
- 2 nectarines, sliced
- 1 small mango, peeled and diced
- 2 plums, sliced
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce*
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- Pinch of hot pepper flakes (optional)
- 8 ounces pork tenderloin, trimmed of visible fat, and cut into thin strips
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2-3 drops sesame oil (optional)
- 6 cups mixed salad greens

- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons slivered almonds, toasted

Place prepared fruit in a large bowl.

Combine orange juice, soy sauce, ginger (and hot pepper flakes, if used) in a small pot. Warm over low heat; do not boil. Mix into the fruit and set aside.

Heat the oil(s) in a medium skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add the pork and stir-fry, stirring, 3-5 minutes, until cooked through. Transfer meat to a dish and set aside to cool. Combine fruit/juice mixture with salad greens and toss. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Divide mixture among four dinner plates. Top with pork and sprinkle with toasted almonds. Serve.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 291 calories, 8 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 40 g. carbohydrate, 17 g. protein, 7 g. dietary fiber, 178 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Grilled shrimp tacos make for quick meal

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grilling can be a quick way to get a meal together if you've got the right recipe and ingredients at hand.

Here's a smart recipe that takes only 30 minutes to make and doesn't let taste get overlooked in the rush to the table. Your speedy dish can still be mouthwatering enough to maintain the cook's credibility - and a touch of Mexican style will do that for most people these days.

These grilled shrimp tacos are minimal work to prepare, maximum pleasure to eat. Diners can enjoy the combination of seasonings, the creamy texture, spiked with cumin, garlic and lime, tomatillo salsa (ready-made to save time) and shredded cabbage to give crunch.

The recipe is featured in *Real Simple: Meals Made Easy* (Real Simple Books, 2006, \$24.95). The cookbook is a well-designed and illustrated collection of some 82 recipes, grouped according to their special advantages, in chapters on one-pot meals, no-shop meals and reliable sides, among others.

Tip from Real Simple's editors for this recipe: Skewer your shrimp twice - that way, they'll lie flat on the grill and won't spin when you turn them. First spear the shrimp through the tail, then bend the shrimp and spear it through the head.

You'll need to have wooden skewers at hand, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes. The length of skewers available will vary, and there's no one right size. You might use 12, for example, of the type often bought in a large bag of 50 or so.

The editors don't specify how many shrimp go on each skewer, either, because the number of shrimp in 1 1/2 pounds may vary slightly. In the end it really

Skewer your shrimp twice - that way, they'll lie flat on the grill and won't spin when you turn them.

doesn't matter because you're taking the shrimp and limes off the skewers and placing them onto tortillas. Just alternate lime wedges and shrimp, the editors say.

QUICK RECIPE

GRILLED SHRIMP TACOS

- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 pounds large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 4 limes, quartered
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- Eight 6-inch corn tortillas
- 3 cups shredded green cabbage
- 14- to 16-ounce jar green (tomatillo) salsa

In a small bowl, whisk together the sour cream, mayonnaise, milk and cumin; set aside. In a separate bowl, combine the butter and the garlic.

Heat a grill or broiler. Rinse the shrimp and pat them dry with paper towels. Place the shrimp and lime wedges on the skewers. Brush the shrimp with the garlic butter. Grill or broil until the shrimp are cooked through and the limes are browned, about 3 minutes per side. Season the shrimp with the salt. Transfer to a plate. Grill or broil the tortillas until warmed, about 30 seconds per side. Place them between clean towels to keep warm. To serve, remove the shrimp from the skewers, divide them evenly among the tortillas, and top each with the cabbage, sour cream mixture, and salsa. Serve the lime wedges on the side. Makes 4 servings.



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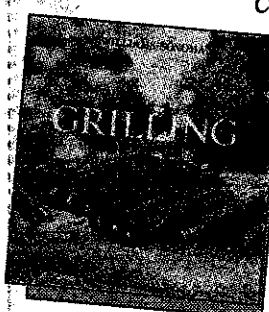
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Gift ideas for your greatest guy

Dad works so hard all year, what he probably wants most this Father's Day is a break. Let him prop his feet up and take a load off this June 18. A little peace and quiet is the best gift you can give, but don't let the day go by without a token of appreciation for everything he does. Here are a few suggestions from PINK:

Grilling Essentials Cookbook

If your dad enjoys cooking family meals out on the deck, the *Williams-Sonoma Collection Revised*

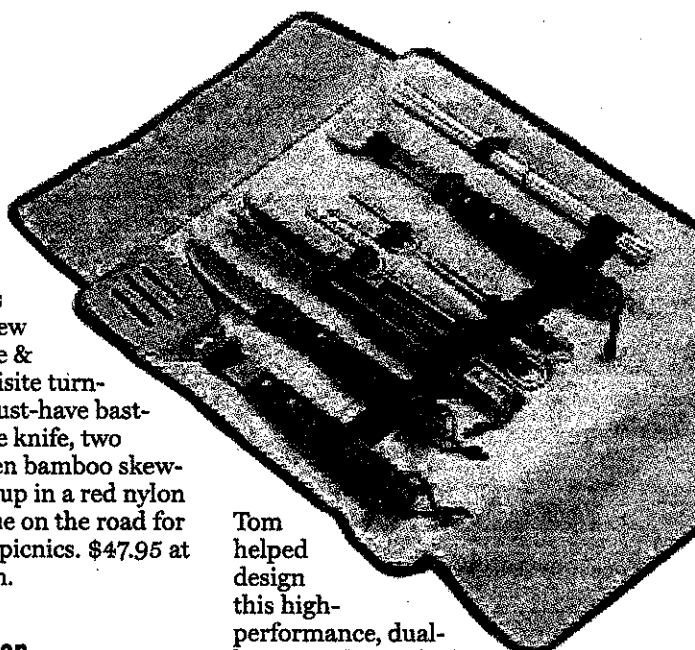


Essentials of Grilling will challenge him to go beyond burgers and franks. This hardcover cookbook includes 130 recipes for meat, poultry, seafood, veg-

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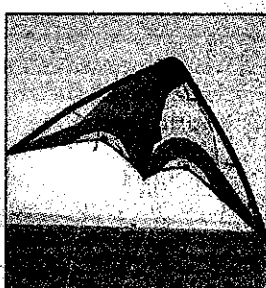
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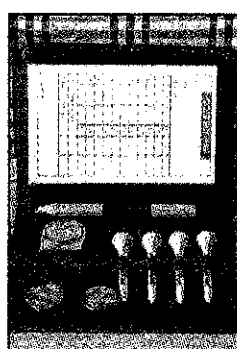
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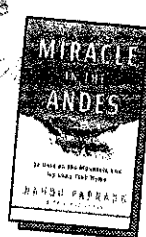
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The reader who sends us the hottest picks will win our Second Annual Reader PINK Picks Contest!

Those picks will be featured in our August 20, 2006 PINK issue, and our deserving reader will receive a \$500 shopping spree at Laurel Park Place, just in time for Fall!

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You must submit at least 12 PINK picks to be eligible. Use this issue's PINK Picks as an example.

Name: _____ Age: _____

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Don't be fashionably late! Get your picks to us by JULY 23rd

