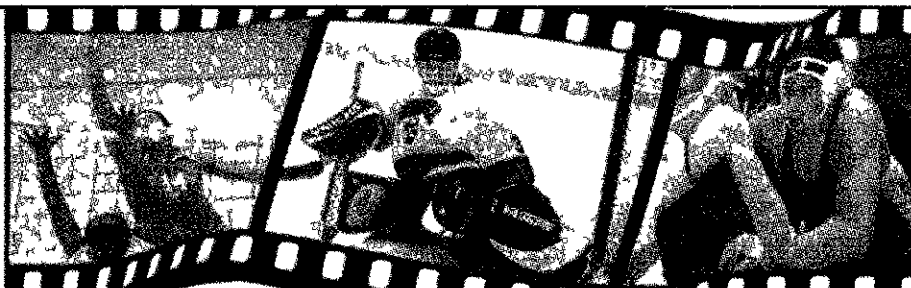




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Pink slips help board cut red ink

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Ryan Nimmerguth was hired to teach physical education at East Middle School last September, it was almost like a homecoming for the Eastern Michigan University graduate.

"It was like a dream come true when I got the job," said Nimmerguth, who grew up in Plymouth Township and is a 2002 graduate of Salem High School. "I coach the Salem junior varsity basketball team. Everything was going good."

That was until Tuesday, when the Board of Education laid off 70 teachers - including Nimmerguth - and two school nurses in preparation for what is expected to be at least \$5.5 million in budget cuts, which could result in 40 teachers off the payroll for the 2007-08 budget year.

"You always fear layoffs when you first get hired," said Nimmerguth, 25, who lives in Plymouth. "And, I guess it came true. I'm trying to stay positive and hope I get called back."

For 24-year-old Katie Kramer, who teaches language arts and social studies at Pioneer Middle School, this is the second time she'll be laid off.

"I love my job, and it's so sad the cuts have to be so drastic this time around," Kramer said. "There are so many really great teachers who will lose their positions, and it will be a great loss for the district."

In March, the Board of Education voted to lay off two administrators - Tom Skint, the district's chief development officer, and Plymouth High School athletic director Terry Sawchuk.

Meanwhile, the current and former members of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association attended Tuesday's meeting to take issue with Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski's suggestion teachers take a one-time 6-percent pay cut to help balance a deficit 2007-08 budget.

Tom Cotner, a Salem math teacher for 34 years and part of the P-CEAs contract bargaining team from 1974-99, including 20 as chief negotiator before retiring in 2005, took aim at Ham-Kucharski for attempting to get re-elected to the board on the backs of teachers.

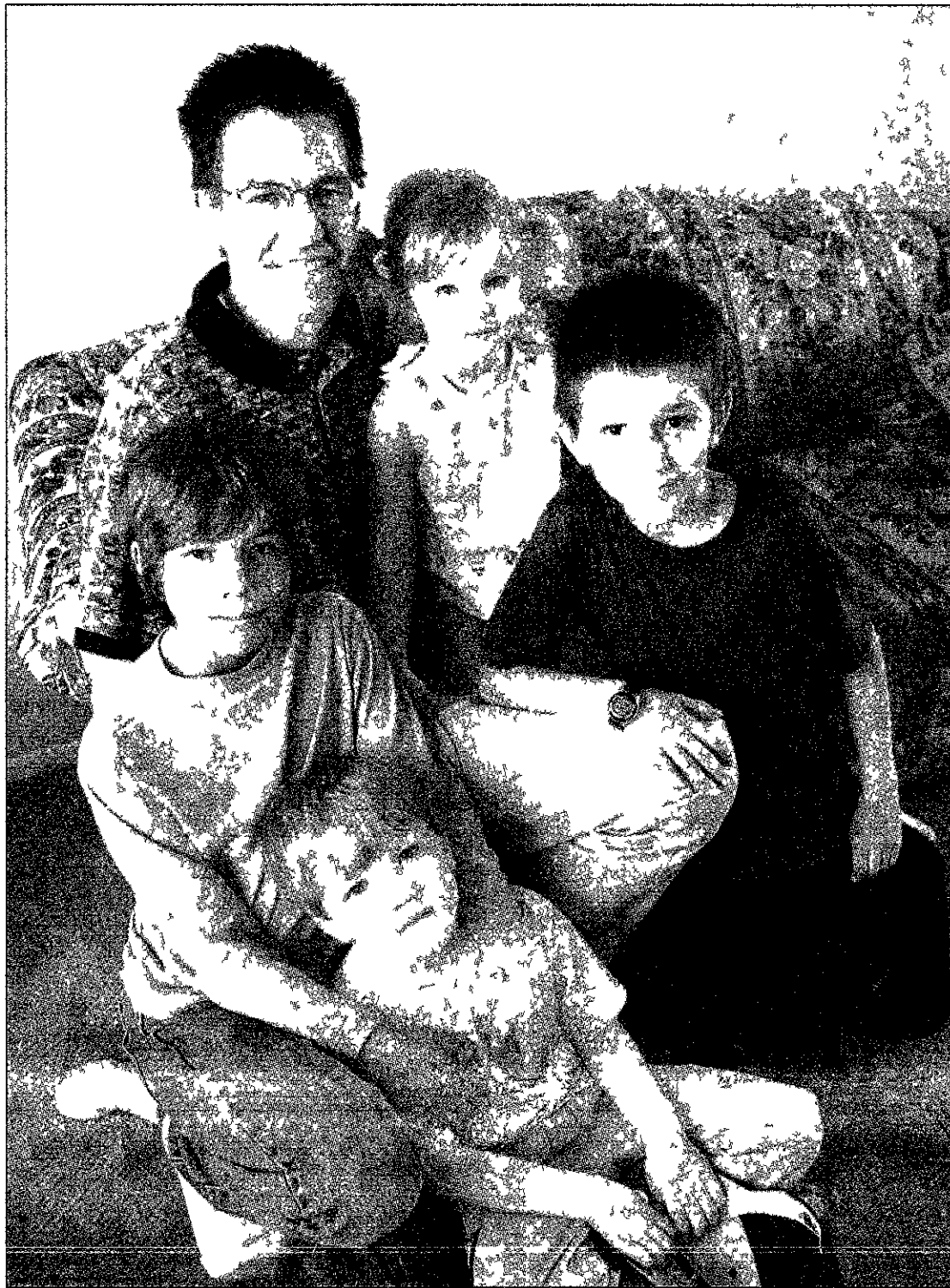
"If we as a school district are to survive the challenges we face, then we must attempt to all work together, rather than do a public hatchet job on the employees of the district to further our own political ambitions," Cotner said. "Twice during my time here, we took pay freezes, and once we gave back a negotiated 3-percent raise for the good of the district."

Ham-Kucharski took issue with the union's response to his call for a pay adjustment, referring to the district's method of interest-based bargaining, where both sides discuss contract issues to reach a resolution.

"I question who is bargaining on behalf of the interests of the students and the 74 staff members we just sent pink slips to, obviously not the union," Ham-Kucharski said.

"All they seem to care about is letting go 6-7 percent of their own staff, so they won't have to take a 6-percent, one-time pay correction. If they did this one thing, we wouldn't be laying off teachers, nurses, an athletic director or a development director that brings money to the district."

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Ed Lyzenga with his kids - John, 11, Daniel, 6, Hannah, 4, and Ben, 9 - are regulars at support meetings sponsored by the New Hope Center for Grief Support.

'Grant'ing hope for help

Foundation allows center to fund program for kids

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER



Ed Lyzenga of Canton thinks New Hope Center for Grief Support's programs have been a huge help in assisting his children following the 2005 death of their mother.

Ed Lyzenga and his four young children have been fixtures at grief support meetings conducted at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township pretty much ever since his wife, Amy, died four months after being diagnosed with cancer in February 2005.

Lyzenga, a chaplain by trade, attends the Circles of Hope

group for young widows and widowers sponsored by the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. His children, now ages 4-11, take part in the New Hope for KIDZ group, designed to give children who've lost a parent a place to go.

"I knew (after Amy's death) my kids were going to need a place," said Ed Lyzenga, a Canton resident. "You go to school, you go to

PLEASE SEE FOUNDATION, A5

Judges reduce stipend

Authority members say cut isn't enough

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Clifford Taylor this week called on the state's appellate judges to give up their state-paid vehicles, calling it a willingness to sacrifice as the appellate court faces a budget shortfall that's expected to include staff layoffs.

At the same time, some members of the 35th District Court Authority - representatives of the five communities which comprise the local court - aren't pleased the three 35th District Court judges haven't done the same thing.

Authority members want to see the line item giving \$600 monthly expense checks totaling \$7,200 a year per judge - which is in addition to their \$139,272 annual salary - eliminated, especially in light of projections the court could soon be operating in the red.

On Wednesday, the three judges agreed to voluntarily give back 20 percent of the stipend. However, some don't see that as enough.

"It's not incumbent upon the local governments to augment their (state-paid) salary with additional money," said Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, a Court Authority member. "It's slush-fund car money, a waste of government money. There might have been a time and day, but it's not today."

Dwyer said the Court Authority, which approves the total budget but not individual line items, approved the budget before he noticed the \$21,600 line item representing the monthly stipends to Chief Judge John MacDonald and Judges Ron Lowe and Michael Gerou.

"I won't be there in December when the budget is passed, but I will do my damndest to make sure the City of Plymouth never again votes for a budget that includes that item," said Dwyer, who is term-limited this year. "With the court trying to tell us they need to cut valuable programs if we don't give them the same amount of money for cars is bad form."

Dwyer, who is the administrator for the

PLEASE SEE JUDGES, A5

Newcomer thinks background will help school board

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Bruce Koldys believes a vote for him in the May 8 Plymouth-Canton school board election is a vote for those who are underrepresented on the Board of Education.

The 53-year-old Canton Township man and his wife don't have children, and it's a segment of the population Koldys believes may be overlooked.

"My demographic is all the people the district needs to reach out to that they didn't in

the last two bond campaigns - people who don't have children, or whose children have moved away," Koldys said. "From a purely economic standpoint, even if you didn't care about children, there are reasons for us to maintain the quality of schools, even for

people who don't have a direct interest."

Koldys, like the other five candidates vying for the two, four-year seats on the board, believes the overriding issue for the next board



Koldys

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Correction

A column by Plymouth Observer editor Brad Kadrich in the Thursday, April 19, Observer ('Athletics shouldn't bear brunt as board eyes budget fixes') should have pointed out school board trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski's ideas for changes in the athletic program were in lieu of getting the 6-percent teacher pay cuts he's proposing

Mother's Day production

In honor of Mother's Day, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill is partnering with

Personae Ensemble to present the production Tales of Motherhood at 2 p.m., May 5 and at 6 p.m., May 6. The production will be staged in the Biltmore Studio for 60 guests per performance. Tickets are \$15 per person and will include light refreshments. Tickets may be purchased online at www.canton-mi.org/village theater or by calling (734) 394-5460.

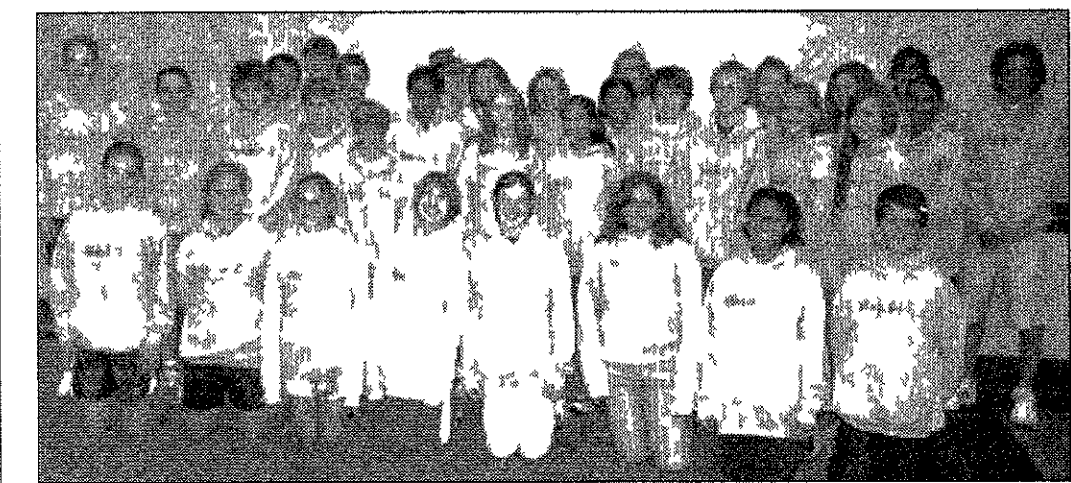
The play is a collection of monologues by mothers of various ages, and explores each woman's interpretation of her experience as a mother and how she believes it has given her a unique opportunity to

bond with other women around the world.

"We are excited about encouraging new works, especially with amazingly talented and experienced actresses such as Heidi Philpsen has assembled for her directorial debut. I hope that mothers will find time for themselves and get some friends together to attend the weekend before their official day. The talk back after of the play will allow the audience to ask questions, make comments, and share their experience with their mother and mothering," says Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin. This new play is being subsidized with monies from The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Inc., a non-profit, 501(c)(3) cultural arts organization established to support arts heritage and culture in the Canton community.

Day of prayer

Residents in Canton will be participating in the annual Meet at City Hall to pray from 12:20-12:40 p.m., May 3 as part of National Day of Prayer. Organizers say they will be praying for a moral rebirth of America. All are welcome to meet at the war memorial



Future leaders of Canton

The 31 eighth grade students from Canton who successfully completed the Youth Leadership Canton programs, took a moment to pose for this photo during their recent graduation ceremony at Summit on the Park. The participants were honored for their achievements during the last six months, which included a nature retreat, a community service day and a public safety day. The program is designed to help the students develop their leadership and citizenship skills. Throughout the season, students also learned the value of teamwork, as well as an understanding of the characteristics of good leadership. For more information about the program, call (734) 394-5188.

directly behind the Canton Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, call (734) 981-3442.

Color Guard workshops

Individuals who are interested in joining the Color Guard for the 2007 Plymouth-Canton Marching Band should plan to attend a four-day workshop prior to auditions on May 7

from 6:30 p.m. The workshop will run Monday, April 30 - Thursday, May 3 from 4-6:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School band room. For more information, contact Color Guard Instructor Jennifer LeSeth at pcmbguard@aol.com.

Caregiver's conference

Several public service programs and local agencies have joined together to provide a caregiver's conference from

5:30-9 p.m., April 30 in the grand ballroom at Summit on the Park in Canton. Information will be provided on respite and home healthcare, housing, medical needs, support groups and public benefits. Conference workshops will cover end-of-life issues, health and legal aid, prescription drugs and living arrangements. The conference is free, but reservations are encouraged by calling the Canton Senior Program at (734) 394-5485.

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Changes in GM 401(k) plans are 'disappointing'

I heard on your radio show that General Motors is making changes to its 401(k) plan. Can you tell me about the changes?

Matt
General Motors is making significant changes to its 401(k) plan. Many funds now available through the Fidelity 401(k) plan are being terminated and replaced with other funds. Some funds that I like such as the Fidelity Export and Multi National Fund, Fidelity Puritan and Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund will no longer be available. General Motors is also changing its lifecycle funds. GM will no longer use Fidelity Freedom Funds and ProMark Funds. All of the lifecycle funds will be managed by Pyramis, another Fidelity company. If you have balances in any fund being terminated, the balances and all subsequent contributions will be automatically switched into a new option as of the close of business June 29. For example, if you are an investor in the Fidelity Equity Income Fund, that money will automatically be moved into the Bernstein Diversified Value Fund. The question for employees is do you automatically let GM move your money or should you do it yourself. My view is you should look at your portfolio and make a decision. I'm not a fan of automatically moving into the default option. On the whole, I'm somewhat disappointed in the restructuring of the General Motor's 401(k) plan. I've been a believer that companies should offer more options to employees, not less. One of the reasons I urge investors to directly transfer their retirement accounts into an IRA when leaving a company is to keep total



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

control of their money. That way you do not run into the situation the employees at General Motors are now experiencing.

I have been reading about how you can invest in a socially responsible manner. Do you have any ideas how to do this?

Sara
Socially responsible investing is becoming more popular and there are many investment alternatives to use. The key is to define socially responsible investing. As an example, some people define socially responsible investing as avoiding companies that sell alcohol, tobacco. While others believe socially responsible investing means dealing in companies with good environmental records. I believe the best way to invest in a socially responsible manner is to use mutual funds. In today's market, there are mutual funds in just about every asset category. An excellent resource is www.socialfunds.com. This site offers a wealth of information regarding socially responsible investing. One mistake many investors make is they make the assumption that if you invest in a socially responsible manner, you are not concerned with performance. That's not the case. Many socially responsible funds have outperformed the average in their category. One last note, look for low-cost

and commission-free funds that will keep more money in your pocket - where it belongs.

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church, wherever, and everyone has two parents (New Hope) was the one place they could go where the other kids were like them."

The Lyzenga children are part of a burgeoning group of youngsters that has grown to the point that New Hope's executive director, Cathy Clough of Plymouth, finally had to find its own coordinator. The problem, not surprisingly with the current state of the economy, was money.

To solve it, Clough did what she finds herself doing more of these days: applying for a grant. And for this one, the Canton Community

Foundation came through, giving New Hope \$2,500 to use for a part-time program coordinator.

Clough had been overseeing the KIDZ group, which has met since 2001.

"As it grew, we got more kids, and we've had to divide into smaller groups to provide more age-appropriate groups," Clough said. "It's gotten too big. The time came when we finally had to hire somebody."

Those who use the program are grateful the funding will allow it to continue meeting Lyzenga's sought help for his children — John, 11, Ben, 9, David, 6, and Hannah, 4 — since a few months after Amy died. They didn't find her cancer until she was already in the late stages, she was diagnosed in October 2004 and died in February 2005.

The end came so quickly it left the family especially devastated.

"She had three or four treatments at U-M, but they couldn't stop it," Ed Lyzenga said. "They did what they could, (but) it happened pretty fast. There's a lot of things we didn't get a chance to talk about."

At first, Lyzenga was touched by the number of people who stepped forward to help. Two women from church stepped forward, especially in the first few months after Amy's death. At first, he acted like what he called a "typical guy," figuring he could get through it alone.

When he decided he couldn't, Lyzenga sought help. Someone had shown him a newspaper story about a widow who had benefitted from New Hope, and a friend

convinced him to check it out.

"Guys tend to say, 'We're gonna be fine,' but I think women are smarter than us, and know they need help," Lyzenga said. "Guys should do the same thing. It's really important to talk about your loss."

Both groups meet twice a month, and the Lyzenga brood rarely misses a meeting. His children have become so accustomed to going they eagerly ask about attending.

"We do all sorts of things," said 11-year-old John, who was only 9 when his mom died. "There are people who can feel the same way I do and we can express our feelings."

It's that kind of work done by New Hope that led the Canton Community Foundation to award the center its \$2,500 grant.

"We had heard about them before, just some of the personal stories about how they're meeting a need I'm not hearing other groups meet, especially supporting children who have lost their parents," said Joan Noricks, executive director of the Canton Community Foundation, who pointed out the CCF awards nearly \$100,000 per year in grants. It was just impressive. To help support that kids' grief program seemed to be a good thing."

Clough said New Hope is having to rely more and more on grants like this one, particularly with the lingering economic problems Michigan is suffering.

"Because we are a nonprofit organization that doesn't charge for any of our services,

grants are extremely important to allow us to offer quality services," Clough said. "The way we fund New Hope is through grants, individual donations, business sponsorships, etc."

"For a while we were relying on donations, but with the economy the way it is today, particularly in Michigan, and with our growth we need more," she added. "This is the direction we've really had to go in the last couple of years."

New Hope's New Hope for KIDZ and Circle of Hope groups meet 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 N. Haggerty between Five Mile and Schoolcraft. There is no fee or pre-registration requirement.

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Washtenaw County Trial Court, said expenses for his seven judges don't come close to the stipend being paid the three 35th District Court judges.

I bet I don't pay \$1,000 in travel, outside conferences," Dwyer said. "I don't think I've ever gotten a travel voucher from a judge. Work comes to the judges, they don't travel as part of their job."

MacDonald said the stipend, which will now be \$480 a month, is used for a variety of expenses.

"It's a judicial allowance that covers a multitude of things, such as mileage, dues, luncheons, a lot of things we go to," MacDonald said. "It's not meant to pay for a car."

"It's always been approved by the community (Court Authority), it's not like we hid it somewhere," he said. "We had discussions with our advisory board, and while the budget for this year has been approved we will take a look at it for the 2008 budget. We'll probably make an adjustment, I'm not opposed to that."

MacDonald, who has been on the 35th District Court bench for 23 years, said when he took the bench in 1985 the stipend was \$200. He admits to generally not spending the entire \$600 each month.

"Not very often," MacDonald said. "It just depends on what month, but I spend a good part of it."

MacDonald said the court is saving money in other areas, such as filling some full-time positions with part-time employees.

"We're very sensitive to the communities and their financial problems," MacDonald said. "Although we have to be frugal with their money, running a court is different from running cities and townships. You can't compare us to business."

MacDonald said two court officers receive \$150 a month to get the mail and go to the bank, and that type of thing.

Gerou declined to comment, while Lowe was unavailable for comment.

In comparison, 18th District Court Administrator David Wiacek said Westland's two judges receive leased vehicles as part of their compensation package.

"They get a leased vehicle in

accordance with city policy, which affords certain department heads and the mayor a vehicle," Wiacek said. "Insurance is paid for, but they are responsible for maintenance and gas."

Wiacek, who notes the court generates \$800,000 for the city, said Judge C. Charles Bokos drives a 2007 Chevy TrailBlazer, while Judge Sandra Cicirelli has a Lincoln MKZ.

In Livonia, where the court produces about \$1 million for the city, 16th District Court Administrator Joseph Mysliwiec said judges there receive a car allowance.

Judges and the court administrator get a \$350 car allowance per month, which is used toward a City of Livonia leased car, Mysliwiec said. "If the lease is more than \$350, the money is taken through payroll deduction."

Mysliwiec said Judge Robert Brzezinski drives a Buick Ramier while Judge Kathleen McCann drives a Lincoln Navigator.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, also a member of the 35th District Court Authority, said his biggest concern is not having accountability on where the

stipend is spent.

"We didn't get a full explanation of what monthly costs would come from that," Yack said. "It's a big number for people who don't really travel much."

"We have to confront the reality of their own forecast, which is over the next three years they will go from positive to negative in terms of spending," he said. "In the meantime, we have encouraged them to look at ways to become more efficient and cost effective. I would fully expect they would implement as many as they can, and one of those should be monthly stipends."

Northville Township Administrator Chip Snider said he plans to keep a close eye on the line item before approving next year's budget.

"There are legitimate judicial conferences, and for those cases we certainly would pay mileage," Snider said. "But, the automatic stipend in the budget needs to be reviewed. I think for the next budget year this will be at the top of the list."

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Lilley Road widening to begin this summer

The Canton Board of Trustees has approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with Wayne County for road improvements to Lilley Road.

The project, which could begin this summer, would include the stretch of Lilley from Ford to Warren roads.

This has been put off for a number of years," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

The work will include widening one portion of the road to four lanes, milling and resurfacing.

Canton will pay about \$40,000 of the project's \$2.3 million price tag.

Although Yack noted that residents will applaud the end result, he's anticipating the "agony" of detours.

"A lot of people (will) look for a new way home," he said.

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Police called to Bunker Hill home several times for fights

A home on the 6800 block of Bunker Hill was buzzing with police activity last week.

On Monday, police were called to the home to address a noise complaint from a homeowner on the opposite street. When officers arrived at the residence, they witnessed the homes 18 year old occupant yelling obscenities in the driveway and instructing someone else to go inside the home.

When approached, police discovered the mans mouth was bleeding. He told officers he had gotten into a fight with a friend, but had since resolved the matter. While one officer spoke with the man in his driveway, another officer asked

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the people inside the home to open the front door but was refused entry.

The homeowner was arrested for disorderly conduct and ticketed.

Two days later on Wednesday, police were called back to home in response to a fight. When they arrived, the 18-year-old homeowner pointed to a vehicle that was leaving the residence. Officers followed and then stopped the vehicle.

The 17-year-old boy in the passenger seat told officers he had gotten into a fight at the Bunker Hill home and called a friend to give him a ride. Officers reported that the teen smelled of alcohol and had slurred speech.

The boy, who was taken to a hospital, admitted that some of the bruising on his face was the result of a fight that took place

a day earlier. When officers returned to the home, they spoke with the 18-year old resident who said he, the boy and three other men were together when the boy accused one of the men of stealing from him.

He didn't know the identities of the three men. The boy then challenged one of the men to a fight and was thrown into a glass table. When officers spoke with the boy for a second time, they reported that he didn't seem to recall his first conversation with the police and admitted to being a drug dealer. He said after he and the three men discussed a robbery, he "got jacked" by the men.

The boy claims the men stole \$55 and a bag of marijuana from him. He told officers he didn't want to press charges against the men.

After refusing a preliminary breath test, the boy was ticketed for alcohol possession and released to his grandmother.

KOLDYS

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will be state funding.

"Funding will be the core issue, and until that's done the district will be forced to keep cutting its programs into the classroom," Koldys said. "When 90 percent (of the budget) is wages and benefits, as a board you eventually have to look there, or the cuts will go directly to the classroom."

Koldys, an instructional technician at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, also has a degree in elementary education.

I firmly believe as class sizes increase, student achievement will fall and so will peripheral programs," Koldys said. "When you start to cut those foundations, it will hold for a while, but will eventually fall."

Koldys said he has 28 years of experience in schools, including having taught as a substitute teacher, worked in building maintenance, teaches community and adult education, and is the president of the

Dearborn Federation of School Employees.

That (union) background has given me the ability to look at everything," Koldys said. "I've actually worked these positions and know what it's like to negotiate under board constraints and I've dealt with state and school employee retirement issues."

As a board member, that background is going to be beneficial to me because I can have an appreciation and know where they're coming from," he added. On the other hand, even with that background, I realize that in order for there to be a permanent solution to this, there's going to be some type of change coming. The state isn't going to find a pot of gold and start funding us like the good old days."

Koldys said the district needs to continue putting the pressure on local legislators to find solutions to the education funding problem.

"When the state deals the cards, we're going to have to play them, and our hand may not be good," Koldys said. "We can try to affect that through political action."

Koldys has only lived within the district boundaries since July. However, he feels a close connection considering his wife grew up in Plymouth and is a 1975 Salem grad, and his many nieces and nephews attend Plymouth-Canton schools. With that, he brushes off the notion he needs more time before running for the school board.

"There are too many lawyers too many want-to-be-politicians," Koldys said.

"I'm someone who has a pure school background. I'm not looking to become superintendent, county commissioner, state representative or anything else. My background can mitigate, completely, the fact I'm new to the community."

Also on the ballot running for the Plymouth-Canton school board are Nancy Eggenberger, Richard Ham-Kucharski, Kurt Heise and Larry Martin. Incumbent Mark Slavens is on the ballot, but this week announced he will step down from the school board May 8 to begin his job as a newly appointed Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court judge.

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Parties pick their favorites in Schoolcraft's election

Partisan – a strong supporter of a faction, party. This is the definition from Webster's New World Dictionary. Merriam Webster adds "especially one exhibiting blind, prejudiced, and unreasoning allegiance."

In this nonpartisan political season of school elections this spring and several local govern-



Hugh Gallagher

ment elections coming this fall, the word "partisan" is being thrown around with heavy sugges-

tions of that Merriam Webster cautionary addition. Political parties have a

long history, probably informally dating back to a time in ancient history when two cavemen disagreed with each other and found others to support their positions. Julius Caesar had his "partisans" and Brutus had his British history is enlivened with Cavaliers and Roundheads, Tories and Whigs, Liberals, Conservatives and Labour.

In the United States after Federalists, Whigs and Know-Nothings we have settled into two major parties since the Civil War and an ever-changing cast (outcast) of minor parties. The two major parties have taken a variety of positions over the years, and while the Republicans have been generally the "conservative" party and Democrats the "liberal" party, those positions have always been in flux.

Anyone who has been attentive to the nonpartisan Schoolcraft board election will realize that the two parties have chosen their favorites. Western Wayne County Republican notables – Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo – have lined up behind Jim Fausone, a Canton attorney with offices in Northville. Notable Democrats – state Rep

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Marc Corriveau, state Sen. Glenn Anderson – are backing Joan Gebhardt, who is an aide to Democratic House Speaker Andy Dillon and has run in past partisan elections as a Democrat.

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What might be at play is ambition for higher political office. U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, former state Sen. Laura Toy and others have served at the college on their way to other things. Fausone has said his interest is in being on the Schoolcraft board and he's not looking any further. Gebhardt says she wants to continue serving on the board but doesn't completely rule out running for another political position at some future date.

The only potentially partisan issue on the horizon is labor negotiations. Gebhardt said in her interview with the *Observer* that she is "a labor person" and Fausone might take a harder line. But that would be highly speculative.

Both seem enthusiastic about the college, supportive of President Conway Jeffress and his drive to connect college programs with real world jobs and mindful of the college's special place in the broader education environment. Nothing particularly rings of standard "party" positions.

Political parties are not the evil that some seem to believe

them to be. Parties allow people with a common perspective on the role of government, the limits of governmental authority, the limits of government taxation and other issues to come together in common cause. Our major American parties, especially since the time of Franklin Roosevelt, have coalesced around these issues but each has members that line up along a range of views.

We are all served by people who exhibit "blind, prejudiced and unreasoning allegiance" to those parties, but we are probably well served by a party system that anchors toward a center and tries to work toward a viable consensus.

It would be hard to find candidates for "nonpartisan" positions who don't have partisan leanings. In that case, they would probably not be a good candidate since they would have chosen to not be involved in the broader political process. What we often have in our local communities is a situation where a person who would naturally be a Democrat or a Republican has to hide his/her party positions because the communities are so dominated by one party or the other.

In the end, partisan or nonpartisan, voters have to decide who will serve intelligently, honorably, honestly and with the best interests of the students at Schoolcraft College. To understand that, voters have to get beyond the party labels and endorsements.

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Economic woes should inspire us to improve our community

Sobering news continues for our region as we recently learned the 66-store Farmer Jack supermarket chain – a metro Detroit fixture for more than 80 years – will likely be sold in piecemeal fashion to several buyers. This likely means the Farmer Jack name will be no more when the dust settles and the deals are completed.

In Livonia, this anticipated deal will impact hundreds of local workers who are employed at the Farmer Jack stores on Five Mile near Newburgh and on Seven Mile near Middlebelt, and a large grocery warehouse that opened in the Inkster-Plymouth area just a few years ago. Many of these workers agreed to a 10-percent pay cut two years ago in an effort to preserve the company and their jobs.

For the many metro Detroiters who grew up shopping for groceries in a Farmer Jack store, this is the latest reminder that our economy and region is permanently changing. This painful transition continues to eliminate some long-standing companies and chips away at some long-believed ideals about loyalty.

Farmer Jack's anticipated demise can be blamed on a number of factors, starting with its parent company, the New Jersey-based Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. A&P bought the company from Paul Borman in 1989 when Farmer Jack had dominated metro Detroit's grocery business for decades. Some will blame the employee unions for their negotiated legacy costs. Some will blame Wal-Mart and Meijer for their superstores that chipped at Farmer Jack's share of the local market over the past decade.

The blame game, however, will not help those who will lose their jobs. This is the latest in a series of local economic struggles that were sparked by the downsizing automotive industry.

This has caused several years of difficulty for many metro Detroit individuals and businesses, but it should also serve as a challenge to all of us to think differently.

For those blue-collar workers looking for new jobs, they must find an avenue to quickly learn new sets of employable skills. This will be especially difficult for an auto worker or manufacturer who has been forced out of a job in his or her 50s or 60s, but they are not prepared to retire.

There is no doubt that change brings an uncomfortable fear of the unknown when one has to make career or major strategic changes. Our region's economic severe downturns will leave us no choice but to encounter that fear and overcome it so we can make necessary

A recent report by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments estimates that the region will lose 25,000 metro Detroit residents for each of the next several years as they flee for other states in the search for work. . . . We all have to be personally creative and determined to curb this tide of people leaving metro Detroit, or we risk permanent damage to this region we call home.

changes in our thinking. This transition is necessary for all of us, individually, and for all of us as a metro Detroit community.

A recent report by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments estimates that the region will lose 25,000 metro Detroit residents for each of the next several years as they flee for other states in the search for work. There are plenty of job opportunities outside of Michigan. For example, there are advertisements running on local radio stations to promote a job fair – that will take place here in metro Detroit – by the Phoenix Police Department, which is looking for new officers to serve their booming Arizona community.

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The days of high school graduates finding steady jobs that support a household are over. To have a chance at a household-support job, we all need college, vocational or other special-skills training after high school, whether you graduate this summer or 30 summers ago. As more people are trained in needed skills, experts said they feel more corporations will develop and expand in this region.

According to Michigan Works, a private employment services company with an office in Livonia, there are thousands of good-paying in Michigan in the health care, accounting and integrated technology industries.

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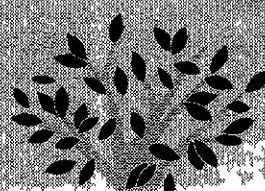
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Sign of the times for WLAA: Merge ahead

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The proposed merger between the Western Lakes Activities Association and the Kensington Valley Conference is just a few crossed 't's' and a couple of dotted 'i's' away from becoming reality.

Following a series of lengthy meetings that included several of the affected schools' athletic directors and administrators, the leagues will join forces and become the 24-school Kensington Lakes Activities Association beginning with the 2008-09 school year.

The final paperwork and official by-laws should be completed within the next two weeks, according to representatives of the new association.

The KLAA will be divided into two conferences, both of which will be split

into two divisions (see accompanying box). The four divisions were shaped in part to reduce the number of lengthy bus rides in an era of rising gas prices and shrinking budgets.

"The initial concept of the merger was driven by finances," said Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman. "It doesn't look like gas prices will be coming down any time soon, so transportation was definitely an issue. Plus, we were concerned about the amount of time the student-athletes were spending on some of the long-distance bus rides."

"This will create a better situation for scheduling games, too. I know we had a very difficult time finding an opponent for our football team to open against this year. The new league will give us more

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South Division: Livonia Churchill (Chargers), Livonia Franklin (Patriots), Plymouth (Wildcats), Canton (Chiefs), Wayne Memorial (Zebras), Westland John Glenn (Rockets)

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Sidelines

Best track times needed

Local prep boys and girls track and field coaches are encouraged to e-mail their team's top performances in each event to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright, who is compiling the times and distances for a "Best of Observerland" listing that is set to start running on Sunday, May 6.

The deadline for the first listing is Wednesday at 9 p.m. Please e-mail the times and distances to ewright@hometownlife.com

Canton Chiefs baseball camp

The 2007 Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp is currently accepting applications. The camp will be held June 18-23 at the Canton varsity baseball facility. The camp will begin each day at 9:30 a.m. and run until 1 p.m.

The camp's \$100 fee includes a T-shirt and lunch each day for the campers. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144 or by visiting the team's Web site: www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com. Space is limited, so interested campers are encouraged to register early.

Soccer signings

Five local high school soccer players have recently signed letters of intent to play at Seton Hill University, which is located in Greensburg, PA.

Coach Dan McCarty's local recruiting class includes Keith Campbell and Parker Laabs from Canton, and Jon Gibson, Tom Bennett and Danny McLaughlin from Salem.

The five local players should get an immediate opportunity to contribute as the team will be graduating 14 seniors, including nine of 11 starters from the 2006 squad.

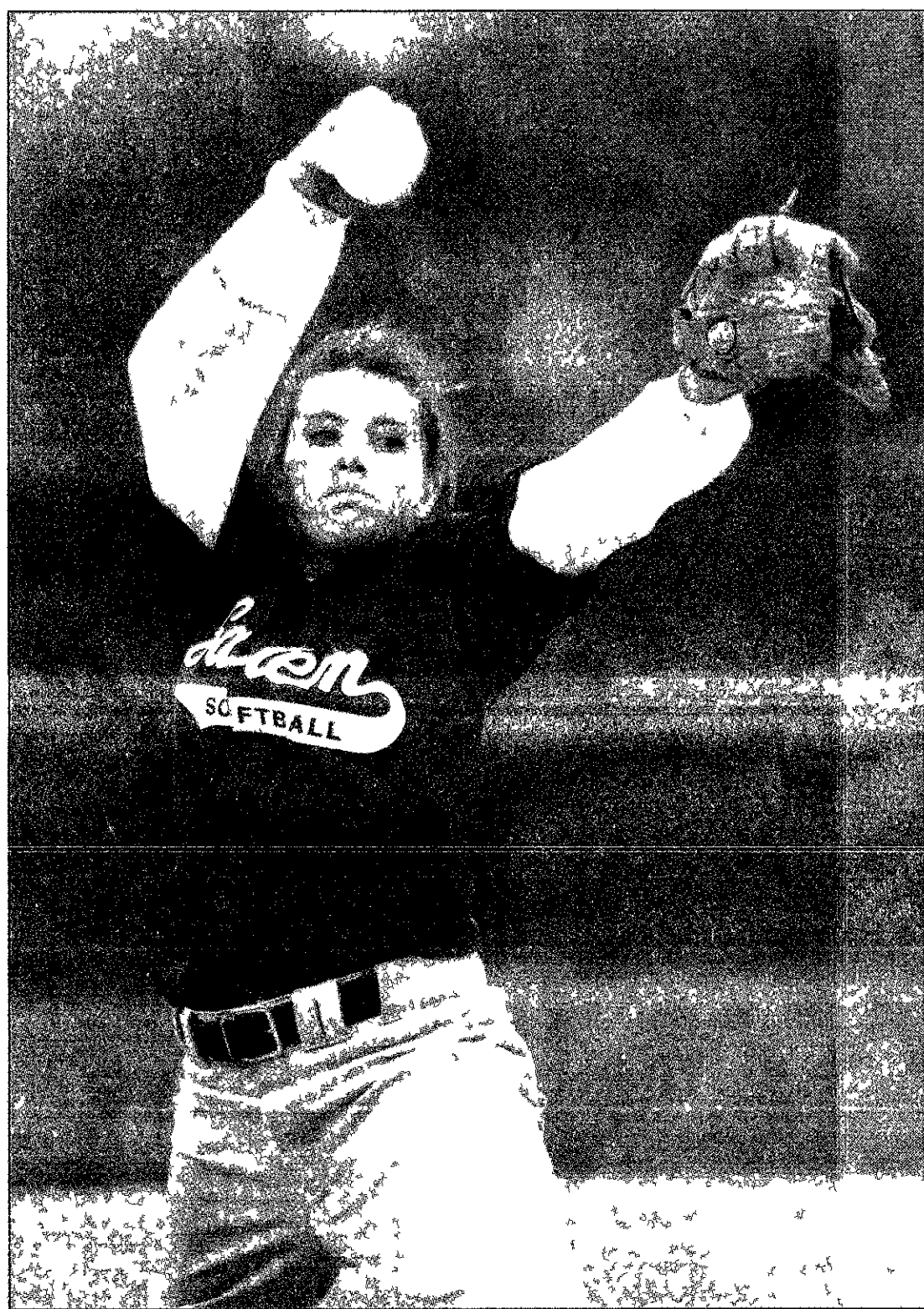
"The new guys coming in will have to play an important role for us this year," said McCarty. "It's the first time we're going to have this many freshmen on the field since we began the program five years ago."

"We are really pleased to have these guys coming into our program. I personally have very high expectations for Keith Campbell. He'll need to come in and be able to handle the center midfield for us right away. Keith is a nice-sized player with a ton of potential. He'll have some big shoes to fill, but I'm confident in his ability."

McCarty pointed to the 6-foot-3 Gibson as an immediate impact player. Laabs could play right away, too, after allowing just nine goals in 15 games last year for the Chiefs.

"Tommy Bennett is a very versatile player who can play anywhere on the field for us, and Danny McLaughlin is a very solid outside back," McCarty concluded.

The five recruits will join former Chief Garrett Fishaw, who graduated from Canton in 2006.



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Salem senior pitcher Melissa Leach was in perfect form Friday afternoon as she quieted the Westland John Glenn bats in the Rocks' 14-1 victory.



Salem's Emily Pitcole successfully lays down a bunt during the Rocks' 14-0 victory over Westland John Glenn Friday afternoon.

Nothing but blue

Rock hitters break dry spell with 14-1 shellacking of Glenn

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's softball team broke out of an early-season slump Friday afternoon — much to the dismay of Westland John Glenn.

The Rocks punished the Rockets' pitchers to the tune of 14 runs in their 14-1 five-inning, mercy rule-shortened contest at Salem. The triumph left Salem with a 2-5 record (1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division). John Glenn is 0-for-2007.

"We're off to a rough start and we know we have to pull it together if we are going to be able to compete here when the season gets down to the District play," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland.

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Salem boys track team finds winning formula

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When victory rains on the Salem boys track team, it pours.

Following a nearly two-year winning drought, the Rocks racked up a pair of triumphs in back-to-back nights this week when they defeated Walled Lake Central in a dual meet on Thursday before taking first place in the 15-team North Farmington Raider Relays on Friday.

"Myself and the returning members of the team worked hard in the off-season recruiting new members for this year's team, and it's paying off now," said Salem coach Kyle Meteyer. "Adding guys like Kevin Cope and Ross Davis really upped the caliber of our team. A lot of our returners are

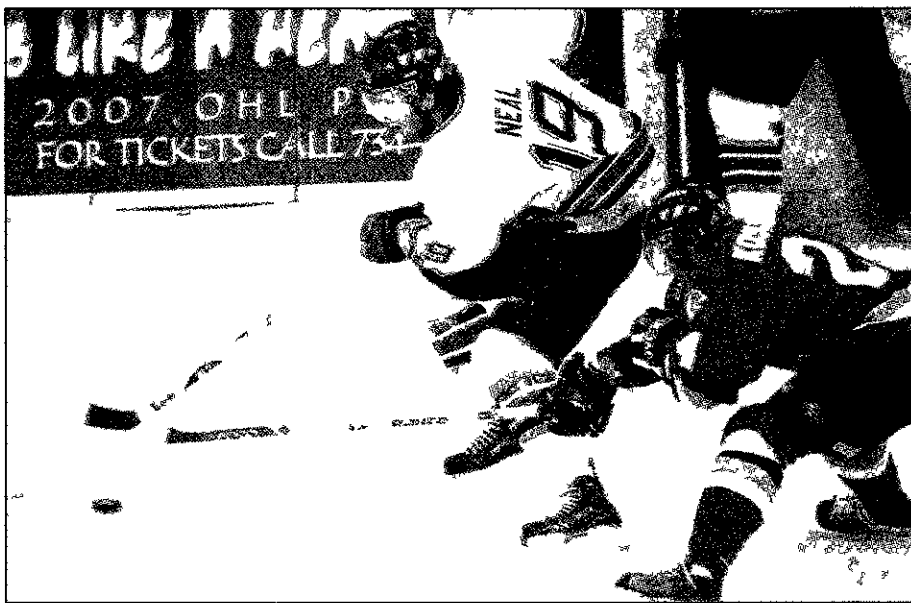
having a great year and the new guys have been like spark plugs."

Salem's championship effort at the Raider Relays was extra-sweet for Meteyer.

"I graduated from North Farmington, so the guy who handed me the (first-place) plaque was my former track coach," said Meteyer. "It was neat because he's the one who turned me on to track."

"We won our first dual meet since 2005 last night and we won our first invitational in quite a while tonight, so it's been a thrilling week."

The Rocks compiled first-place points from their shuttle-hurdle relay team of Baze Efremov, Scott O'Connor, Mike Giles and J.P. Truesdell and their long-jump relay team of Jace Bearden, Adam Kashoro and Efremov.



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Plymouth forward James Neal, pictured above in Tuesday night's 5-2 loss to London, played an instrumental role in the Whalers' 4-1 triumph over the Knights that earned them a berth in the Ontario Hockey League Championship Series set to open this week.

Whalers headed to OHL Finals

The Plymouth Whalers used a familiar script in clinching the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference title and the Wayne Gretzky Trophy before 9,000 at London's John Labatt Centre on Thursday evening: excellent goaltending from Michal Neuvirth, gritty penalty-killing and timely goal-scoring in a 4-1 victory over the Knights.

Plymouth took the best-of-seven-game series in five games over the Knights, winning all three games at the John Labatt Centre. The Whalers move on to OHL's Championship Series for the fifth time in their 17-year history, playing against the winner of the Sudbury-

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Ciotti hurls no-hitter at Wayne Memorial

Plymouth junior right-hander Ally Ciotti hurled a four-inning no-hitter Friday afternoon against visiting Wayne Memorial as the Wildcats thumped the Zebras, 15-0, in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division game played at Plymouth.

Ally did an excellent job, said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. She limited Wayne to 14 at-bats, so she really shut them down. Plymouth scored in all four innings, including a two-run fourth that kicked in the 15-run mercy rule.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was to score in every inning of every game," said Canfield. "We've already scored 78 runs in eight games, so we're on a good pace." The victory upped the Wildcats' record to 6-2 overall and 2-2 in the division.

Wayne fell to 0-4 in the division. Hitting stars for Plymouth were Kim Klonowski (2-for-4, three runs, two RBI), Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-2, two runs), Melissa Butzow (2-for-3, three runs, RBI) and Stacey Klonowski (one hit, two walks, RBI).

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With five sophomores and a freshman, we're young. My pitchers have been doing well, but we have to do a better job at the plate making contact. The girls are staying positive and know what they need to do to step it up, and we will. I have confidence in

them. The Rockets grabbed a short-lived 1-0 lead in the top of the second with an unearned run. The Rocks answered with a vengeance, pushing across nine runs in the bottom of the inning. Abby Pairitz ignited the big inning with an RBI single. Kelly Behr collected two RBI before Pairitz finished what she started with a two-run hit. The Rocks padded their

lead in the fourth when Mary Cox led off with a single, Pairitz walked and Emily Pitcole singled in Cox. Mary Johnson followed with an infield single before Kelly Behr drilled a two-out single that scored Pitcole and Johnson. Pitcole, Behr, Cox and Pairitz all tallied two hits a piece for the winners. Salem starting pitcher Melissa Leach and reliever

Kelly MacDonald limited the Rockets to just one hit. Leach earned the win, striking out two while yielding one hit and two walks in three innings. MacDonald struck out three and walked one in her two innings of work. The Rocks committed just one error.

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options as far as scheduling is concerned." Heinzman said the scheduling and playoff formats for the WLAA should be hammered out within the next two weeks. I like the concept of the

new set-up, said Salem girls basketball coach Fred Thomann. The KVC has always had a lot of high-quality teams, especially in girls basketball, so it will be good from a competition standpoint. It will be interesting to see how they align the playoffs and the post-season. "With the number of high-quality athletic programs

that will be in the league, it should be one of the most competitive associations in the state now — in all sports," said Canton girls basketball coach Brian Samulski. "It's understandable why something like this needed to be done, considering how financially strapped Michigan is these days." The reduction of the number of long bus rides is a

plus, too, as far as Samulski is concerned. "When teams from Plymouth, Canton and Salem play in Walled Lake, we don't get home until 10:30 on some nights," he said. "We'll still have to make trips up there, just not as many."

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Belleville Eastern Conference Final Sudbury led the series, 3-2, heading into Friday night's Game 6 in Sudbury. Neuirth stopped 45 of 46 shots in the victory and stopped 183 of 193 shots over the five-game series for a .953 save percentage. The Whaler penalty killers went 10-for-11 in the game and played shorthanded 3-on-5 four different times in the game, allowing only Sergei Kostitsyn's goal in the first period. The Plymouth power play built in early 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Tom

Sestito (10th of the playoffs) and Dan Collins (5th). Wes Cunningham scored his first post-season goal shorthanded in the second period and Collins added an empty-net lamp-lighter in the final minute of the third period. Sestito gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead at 3:05 of the first period when he tipped Collins' shot from the high slot past London goaltender Steve Mason. Collins gave the Whalers a 2-0 lead when he rifled a shot from the high slot past Mason at 8:19. Kostitsyn cut the Plymouth lead to 2-1 at 11:51 on the power play when he scored from the right wing top shelf under the bar. A pivotal juncture of the

game came when Cunningham scored a short-handed goal at 18:18 of the second period. Andrew Fournier did a lot of the work, skating with the puck from center ice and into the left wing along the boards in the London zone. Cunningham followed up on the play late and was stationed at the hash marks when he accepted Fournier's feed. Mason stopped most of Cunningham's shot, but the puck trickled over the line to give the Whalers a 3-1 lead after 40 minutes of play. London head coach Dale Hunter pulled Mason twice late in the third period in an attempt to get back into the game, but Collins scored on

the empty net with 48 seconds remaining to close the scoring. Plymouth also played in the OHL Championship series in 1994, 1995, 2000 and 2001, winning the Ontario Hockey League title in 1995. The first game of the upcoming OHL Championship series is tentatively set for Friday, May 4 at 7:05 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. Tickets are available by calling (734) 453-8400 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com. The dates for the rest of the OHL Championship Series will be announced within the next couple of days.

Eagles soar over Parkway Christian, 5-0

Their nickname is the Eagles, but the members of the Plymouth Christian Academy girls soccer team are putting goose eggs on the opponents' side of the scoreboard this season.

PCA ran its record to 7-0 Thursday afternoon with a thorough 5-0 whipping of Sterling Heights Parkway Christian. The Eagles, who are ranked No. 7 in Division 4, sit atop the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 4-0 record. Parkway slipped to 1-3 overall and 1-2 in the league. The girls started kind of slow, but they really picked it up in the second half, said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "We dominated the game in the second half. The score would have been worse, but they packed the box with defenders and their goalie (Katie Spellman) was outstanding."

Brooke Williams had a huge game for the winners, netting two goals and an assist. Abby Lorion, Ashley James and Michaela Wheeler also notched goals for the Eagles. Jalese DeBiasi recorded a pair of assists while Sara Ross earned the shutout between the pipes.

A PIONEER 4, CANTON 0: On Friday, the Pioneers proved why they're one of the top ranked teams in Division 1 this year as they posted a shutout over the visiting Chiefs.

"I thought we played our hearts out," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "They never quit. Pioneer has the best team I've seen them have in the past 10 years. They have 13 seniors and they have the capability of playing like the Brightons, Novis and Northvilles of the past few years." Brianne Bellovary played well in net for the Chiefs, according to Tomasso.

The loss dropped Canton to 4-2-1 overall.

CANTON 2, FRANKLIN 0: The Canton girls soccer team continued its string of strong play Wednesday when it notched an impressive victory over Franklin in a game played on the P-CEP turf field.

The Chiefs improved to 4-1-1 with the win and 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

Maggie Maloney had an outstanding game for us tonight, said Canton coach George Tomasso. She was phenomenal. I thought Franklin played very hard, too."

PREP SOCCER

Canton goal-keeper Brianne Bellovary recorded the shutout as she made three saves. Senior captain Becci Houdek broke the scoring ice with a goal eight minutes before halftime. She was assisted by Jennifer McClendon.

The Chiefs tacked on an insurance marker with eight minutes remaining in the game when Megan Staub scored off an assist from Laura Daniels.

SALEM 8, JOHN GLENN 0: On Wednesday at John Glenn, the Rocks surged to a 5-0 halftime lead and never looked back on the way to a WLAA Lakes Division victory. Salem improved to 3-4 overall and 1-4 in the division. Taylor Carlson netted the first Salem goal off a pass from Kelly Adsit.

"Taylor has done a good job kick-starting our offense with early goals this season," said Salem coach Joe Nora.

Adsit added two goals with assists from Jourdin Jaaska and Jill Behrman to make it 3-0 before Rachel Ginzicki scored on a shot from the top of the 18-yard box (assist to Carlson) to up the lead to 4-0.

Lauren Booth capped the first-half scoring when she found the net on a free kick from 40 yards out approximately three minutes before the intermission.

Lauren told me she saw the keeper way out of the goal so she tried to put it over her for a goal," said Nora.

Katie Shull (from Brittany Miller), Lindsey Newton (from Shull) and Kara Winczkowski (from Newton) closed out the scoring for the winners.

"We finished three right away and our confidence grew as the game went on," Nora concluded.

W.L. NORTHERN 2, SALEM 1: On Monday at Northern, the Knights jumped to a 2-0 halftime advantage before holding off the hard-charging Rocks at the end.

"We gave up two early goals as there was a little bit of confusion for us on defense, but the girls figured it out and played the rest of the game very well," said Salem coach Joe Nora.

Kelly Adsit scored tallied the Rocks' lone goal midway through the second half on an assist from Katie Shull.

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Canton, Plymouth gridders to open '07 in 'Showdown'

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton and Plymouth football teams will kick-off their 2007 seasons on a bigger stage than normal Aug. 25 when they participate in an expanded "Big Day Prep Showdown III" at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

The Chiefs, who advanced to the Division 1 semifinals last year, will take on Toledo Central Catholic at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. Plymouth will tangle with Belleville at 2:30 p.m. the same day.

Seven games will be played as part of a two-day format that will commence Friday, Aug. 24, with the following match-ups: Fraser vs. Warren Cousino (2 p.m.), Allen Park

vs. Detroit Finney (5 p.m.), and Westland John Glenn vs. Livonia Franklin (8 p.m.).

Chelsea will battle Ypsilanti at 11:45 a.m. in Saturday's first game. Following the two local teams games, a Milford-Walled Lake Central showdown will cap the weekend with a game set to kickoff at 8 p.m.

The previous two "Big Day Prep Showdowns" consisted of four games on one day.

Our goal for the event has always been to expand to a blend of not only exciting high school football, but also a celebration of the school communities, said Dave Beachnau, the executive director of the Detroit Metro Sports Commission.

The growth in 2007 to seven games on two days along with a new scholar-

ship program continues the evolution to our long-range vision for the event.

"The 2007 Big Day Prep Showdown will again feature an exciting blend of traditional high school powers and emerging programs, including seven 2006 MHSAA playoff teams from four local counties and Ohio."

The new student scholarship award program will award a \$500 scholarship to one student from each of the participating schools. The criteria for the scholarships will be a blend of academic, civic and extra-curricular activity. The scholarships will be awarded in partnership with the Detroit Lions Charities.

This scholarship is an exciting addition to the 2007 Big Day Prep Showdown, said

DMSC chairman Robert Porcher. The vision is to celebrate not only football, but to acknowledge the tremendous academic and civic accomplishments of students from the participating schools who excel in their own pursuits.

Tickets for the Friday games will cost \$6 in advance and \$7 on the day of the event. Advance one-day tickets for the Saturday contests are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students. Children 5 and under will be allowed in free on Saturday. All one-day game-day tickets for the Saturday games are \$10 at the gate and are good for all four games that day.

For more information on the Big Day Prep Showdown III, visit www.bigdaypreps showdown.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BASEBALL

Monday, April 30

Livonia Churchill at Salem 4 p.m.
Canton at Northville 4 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth 4 p.m.
PCA at Clarenceville 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

Canton at Salem 4 p.m.
Parkway Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Salem at Northville 4 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Canton 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

Salem at Livonia Stevenson 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton 4 p.m.
Inter City at PCA 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Monday, April 30

Salem at Livonia Churchill 4 p.m.
Northville at Canton 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin 4 p.m.
PCA at Clarenceville 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

Macomb Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Northville at Salem 4 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Churchill 4 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

Livonia Stevenson at Salem 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton 4 p.m.
PCA at Franklin Road 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, April 30

Livonia Churchill at Salem 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

Macomb Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Salem at Livonia Stevenson 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

Plymouth at D.H. Crestwood 7 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian 4:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Monday, April 30

Salem at W.L. Western 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Livonia Franklin at Salem 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

Salem at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m.

Friday, May 4

Plymouth at Northville 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Salem at Woodhaven
Warrior Invitational 8 a.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Tuesday, May 1

Clarkston at PCS 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

A.A. Pioneer at PCS 8 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Thursday, May 3

Salem at W.L. Northern 3:30 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton 3:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Northville 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Stafford Relays 9 a.m.
Observerland Relays at Farmington H.S. 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson Invitational 10 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Monday, April 30

Canton at Livonia Churchill
at Whispering Willows G.C. 3 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Salem at St. John's G.C. 3 p.m.

Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth
at Hickory Creek G.C. 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

Salem at A.A. Pioneer Invitational
at U of M G.C. 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Wayne Memorial at Canton
at Hilltop G.C. 3 p.m.

Salem at Stevenson at Fox Creek G.C. 3 p.m.

Plymouth at W.L. Western
at Links of Pinewood 3 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

W.L. Western at Salem
at St. John's G.C. 3 p.m.

Friday, May 4

Canton at John Glenn
at Woodlands G.C. 3 p.m.

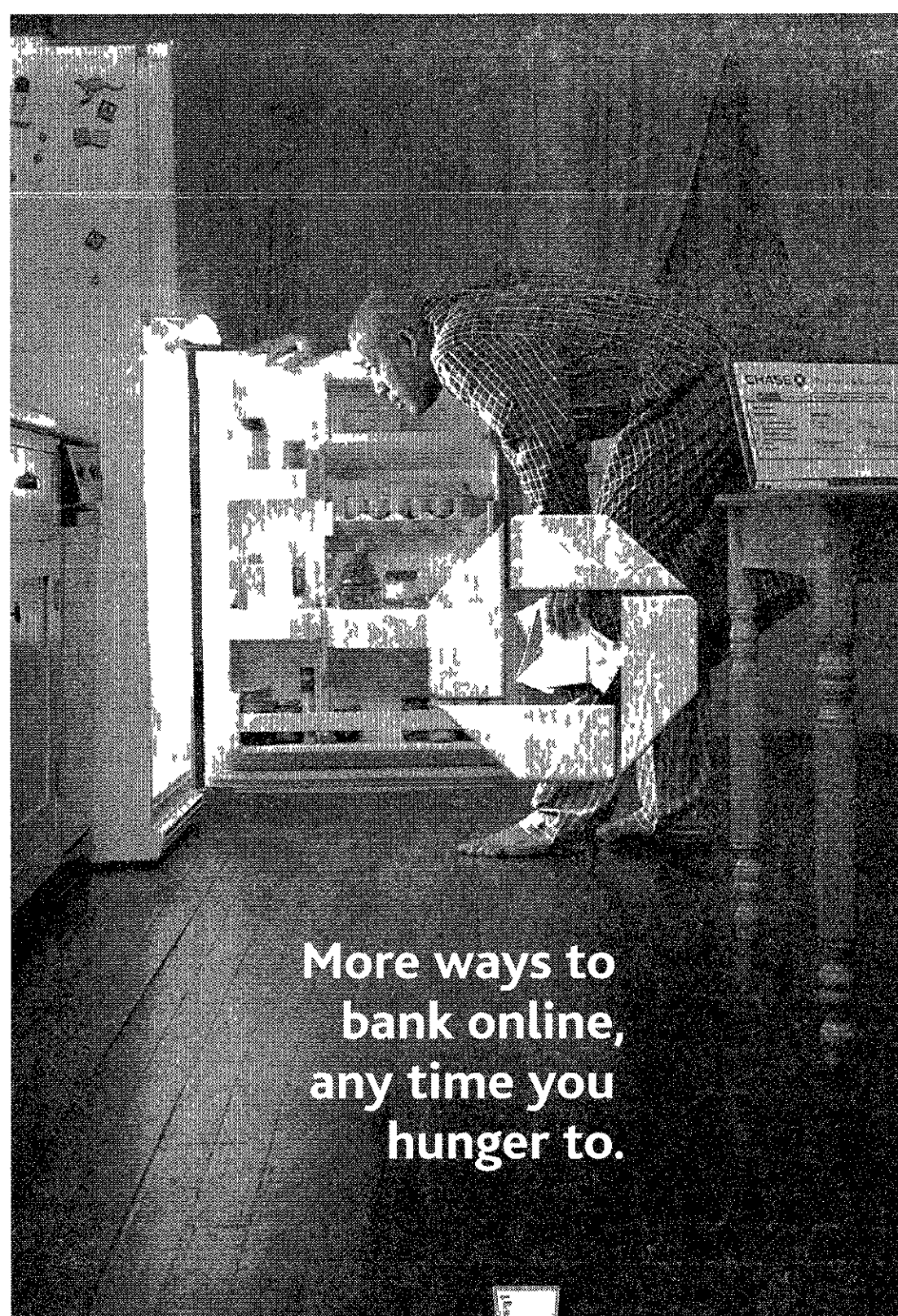
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at Hickory Creek G.C. 3 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all doubleheaders unless noted)
Sunday, April 29
Madonna vs. Concordia
at Hitch Ballpark 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all doubleheaders unless noted)
Sunday, April 29
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Tuesday, May 1
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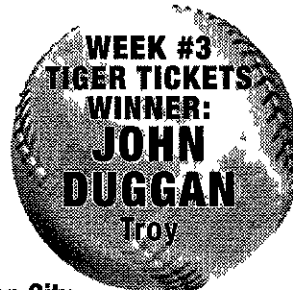
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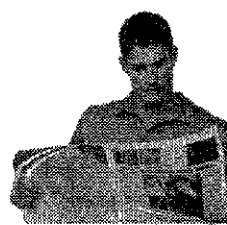
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Salem netters look to make waves in 'Lakes' in '07

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's tennis team has a tough act to follow one year after its most successful season in school history.

Led by a senior-dominated line-up — and sensational then-sophomore Lawrence Washington — the Rocks rolled to an 11-0 regular-season record and Western Lakes Activities Association title in 2006. Washington is back, however, eight seniors graduated from last year's deep and talented squad.

"I like our enthusiasm so far," said coach Bill Nelson. "I like the fact that our young guys are coming in here and working very hard. Our singles line-up should be very strong, but a lot of our doubles guys will be inexperienced."

Washington, a junior, is a great role model for his teammates — both younger and older.

"Lawrence works hard all the time and he plays constantly," said Nelson. "He played three or four times a week over the winter. It will be exciting to see what he can accomplish this season and next."

The Rocks' No. 2 player is senior Neil Bakshi, who lit up the league at No. 4 in 2006 when he went unbeaten. He finished 24-1 overall.

"Neil is a finesse player who has great strokes," said Nelson. "He plays a smart game too."

Sophomore Jake Burnstein, a doubles player last year, has been promoted to No. 3 singles. Sophomore David Benson will round out Salem's singles line-up at No. 4.

David's a strong player who frustrates a lot of his opponents," Nelson said.

Matt Benson, the older brother of David, and junior Tyler Jeleniewski, a rare three-sport athlete, will make up the Rocks' No. 1 doubles tandem.

Matt played No. 4 doubles

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last year and Tyler played in about four to six varsity matches last year, so they both have some experience," said Nelson.

John Bills will form one half of the team's No. 2 doubles team. His partner — as well as the final two doubles slots — are still works in progress.

Ideally, our goal is to repeat as conference champions," said Nelson. "It will be tough, though, because we have so many new guys."

CANTON

Less than a month into the season, the Chiefs are already on the verge of surpassing last year's 3-5-3 record thanks to a deep and solid core of returning and new players.

"I'm definitely optimistic about our team this year," said Canton coach Barb Lehmann. "Overall, our team's work ethic is exemplary and a lot of the guys gave 200 percent effort during the off-season."

Senior Eric Szydlowski will lead the Chiefs from his position as the team's No. 1 singles player.

"Eric's been No. 1 since his sophomore year," said Lehmann. "He's one of those players who truly has a passion for the game. He loves tennis and it shows in the way he plays."

Szydlowski, a co-captain, had racked up a 3-1 record through Wednesday and he took first place in the season-opening Monroe Olson Classic tournament.

Sophomore Justin Liedel will hold down the No. 2 singles spot. A junior varsity performer as a freshman, Liedel worked hard during the off-season to earn a coveted singles slot.

"Justin has improved leaps and bounds since last year," said Lehmann. "He's a very consistent player now."

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SALEM 3
Friday at Salem

No 1 singles Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Ian Petty 6 0 6 0 No 2 Neil Bakshi (S) def Chris Martin 6 1 6 0 No. 3 Erik Koch (LS) def Jake Burnstein 6 0 6 3 No 4 Dave Benson (S) def Leon Vaskov 6 0 6 0

No 1 doubles Mike Greco Pat McHugh (LS) def Tyler Jeleniewski Matt Benson 6 0 6 0 No 2 Justin Collins Ben Bagazinski (LS) def John Bills John Kang 3 6 6 2 6 2 No. 3 Alex Cook Brady Thom (LS) def Yuv Rajeev Andy Fosdick 6 1 6 1 No 4 Chris Orlos Clayton Northey (LS) def Parth Patel Andy Steinman 6 1 6 1

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younger players, too. He works hard and the other players want to keep up with him."

Junior Dan Jeong will play No. 2 for Plymouth. He played toe-to-toe with Zhang during some early-season challenge matches, so there's not much of a drop-off for the Wildcats.

"Dan is a gifted athlete," said Kimball. "He plays basketball, soccer and tennis, and he plays them all well."

A pair of seniors — Clint Korpalski and Brett Kavulich — will man the No. 3 and 4 singles slots, Kimball said. Korpalski played No. 4 last year while Kavulich lettered as one of the Wildcats' No. 1 doubles players.

Senior Steve Schaeffler and sophomore Max Korpalski will join forces to give Plymouth a competitive No. 1 doubles unit. Filling out the doubles spots will be senior Annap Gopal and freshman Patrick Onoro (No. 2), senior Robert Matar and sophomore Tom Eggleston (No. 3) and freshman Patrick Bailey and Andy Mitchell (No. 4).

"All these kids have great attitudes and they're hard workers," Kimball said.

A pair of juniors — Wen Ning and Nick Grimont — will provide depth to the Wildcats attack this season.

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Lineberry is sharp in 'Cat' baseball victory

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a few of our young arms will step up and begin to take control and lead our team."

The Wildcats jumped to a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the second. The Zebras narrowed their deficit to 5-3 with two in the third and one in the fourth before Plymouth cushioned their advantage with a pair of runs in the fourth and four in the fifth.

Lineberry earned the win on the mound as he limited the Zebras to four hits. Ryan Collop suffered the loss for the Zebras as the Wildcats pounded out nine hits.

Plymouth was led at the plate by Matt Barrera (two hits, two RBI), Garrett Reban (two hits, double), Kyle Sanders (two hits, double, RBI), Ronnie Goble (two RBI) and Ben Kosmalski (two RBI).

Michael Green ripped a pair of hits for Wayne.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday May 3, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

Z 07 05 550 Ann	Non Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned R 1 Single Family Residential Applicant: Susan and Matt Jones
Z 07 06 445 W Ann Arbor Tr	Use Variance Requested Continuation of Non Conforming Use Zoned RM 1 Multiple Family Residential Applicant: Carol Hathaway
Z 07 07 821 Penniman	Non Use Variance Requested Second Floor Restaurant Rooftop Seating Zoned B 2 Central Business Applicant: John Callaghan

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Lady Warriors outplay Haslett

On Tuesday, the Plymouth Canton-Salem Lady Warriors lacrosse team knocked off Haslett, 7-4, thanks to two-goal efforts from Edra Burris, Morgan Franke and Lauren Ebersole, and a single goal off the stick of Laura Hahn.

"Offensively, we took it to them the entire game," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "We had many shots deflected by their goalie."

Excelling defensively for the winners were Stephanie Matusiak, Nicol Sheldon, Anele Pietron and Jillian Miller. Goalies Laura Patterson and Nicol Rotell proved to be strong on the last line of

defense for the Warriors, who improved to 3-4.

PCS BOYS SPLIT

On Thursday, the PCS boys lacrosse team dominated host Ypsilanti Lincoln, 12-4, thanks to a five-goal performance from senior attacker Devin Murphy. Jared Ruark also played well for the winners, notching three goals and two assists. Other goal-scorers for PCS were Nick Cote, Connor Martin, Scott Wisniewski and Scott Darel Martin (two). Danny Norris (two) and Cote picked up assists.

The Warriors led 8-1 at the half and 10-2 after three

quarters. They outshot Lincoln 38-24. Junior net minder Justin Scott recorded 10 saves.

On Tuesday, the Warriors dropped a hard-fought 9-7 decision to Northville. The game was tight throughout.

Ruark, Cote and Patrick Downey also found the back of the net twice while Murphy scored a single goal and dished out two assists.

PCS outshot Northville, 20-17, and also won the ground ball battle, 22-21. Scott was solid in front of the net stop-ping 10 shots.

The Mustangs led 4-2 at the half and 7-5 with 15 minutes to play.

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CANTON FOOTBALL EVENTS

■ All returning Canton football players and their parents as well as incoming freshmen and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend a pair of important events set for May 8 at the high school.

At 6:30 p.m., the program's

annual "Spring Slam" will be held in the Canton gym. Current players will perform drills and exercises so that the incoming players will know what to expect.

A "Meet the Coaches" meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Canton High School cafeteria. Canton coaches will provide paperwork, physical

forms and workout-conditioning schedules among other things.

Expectations for all 2007 players will be discussed and there will also be a question-and-answer session. Parents will also have a chance to meet the Booster Club officers and sign up for various volunteer activities.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AND CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF ELECTION
PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL; AND
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TUESDAY, MAY 08, 2007

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth and in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 08, 2007, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time the following will be voted on:

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION	SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TRUSTEE
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There will be elected two (2) members to the Board of Education to a four (4) year term ending June 30, 2011:

RICH HAM KUCHARSKI
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There will be elected three (3) members to the Board of Trustees to a six (6) year term ending June 30, 2013:

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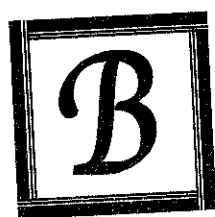
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Weight cycling, aka yo-yo dieting

Weight cycling is the repeated loss and regaining of body weight. When weight cycling is the result of dieting, it's often called "yo-yo" dieting. Weight cycles range from small weight losses and gains between five-10 pounds to large changes in weight of 50 pounds or more.

Some research links weight cycling with certain health risks. To avoid potential risks, most experts recommend that obese adults adopt healthy eating and regular physical activity habits to achieve and maintain healthier weight for life. Non-obese adults should try to maintain their weight through healthy eating and regular physical activity.

A person who repeatedly loses and gains weight should not have more trouble trying to reach and maintain a healthy weight than a person attempting to lose weight for the first time. Most studies show that weight cycling does not affect one's metabolic rate - the rate which the body burns fuel (food for energy).



Linda Aubuchon

Based on these findings, weight cycling should not affect the success of future weight-loss efforts. Metabolism does, however, slow down as a person ages. In addition, older people are often less physically active than when they were younger. Regardless of your age, making regular physical activity as well as healthy eating a part of your life will aid weight loss and improve your health overall.

Weight cycling has not been proven to increase the amount of fat tissue in people who lose and regain weight. Researchers have found that after a weight cycle, those who return to their original weights have the same amount of fat and lean tissue (muscle) as they did prior to weight cycling.

Some people are concerned that weight cycling can put more fat around their abdominal area. People who tend to carry excess fat in the stomach area, often called apple shaped instead of in the hips, thighs and buttocks called pear shaped, are more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure. Studies have not found, however, that after a weight cycle, people have more fat around their stomachs than they did before weight cycling.

Losing and regaining weight may have a negative psychological effect if you let yourself become discouraged or depressed. Weight cycling should not be a reason to feel like a failure. Instead it is a reason to refocus on making long-term changes in your diet and level of physical activity to help you keep off the pounds you lose.

Not every adult who is overweight or obese has the same risk for disease. Whether you are a man or a woman, the amount and the location of your fat and your family history of disease all play a role in determining your disease risk. Experts agree, however, that even a modest weight loss of 10 percent of body weight over a period of six months or more can improve the health of an adult who is overweight or obese.

Further research on the effects of weight cycling is needed. In the meantime, if you are obese or are overweight and suffer from weight-related health problems, try to improve your health by achieving a modest weight loss. Although weight cycling may have some effect on disease risk, the serious health problems resulting from obesity are clearly understood.

If you need to lose weight, you should be ready to commit to lifelong changes in your eating and physical activity behaviors.

Linda Aubuchon is owner of Diet Center of Canton, a provider of personalized weight loss solutions. E-mail comments or questions to Linda@DietCenterofCanton.com or call her at (734) 414 9200.



Nearly 1,000 black military aviators were trained separately during World War II due to racial segregation.

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New Tuskegee Airmen museum to preserve history

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Lucius Theus was flying high on March 29 when President George W. Bush presented the Tuskegee Airmen with the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The 85-year-old Bloomfield Hills resident was part of the ground support personnel that made it possible for the black military airmen to escort strategic bombers on 200 missions over Europe with the 15th Air Force without the loss of a single bomber to enemy aircraft in 1944-45.

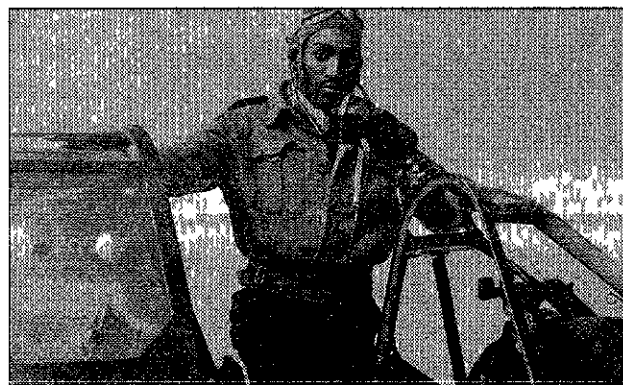
It was Theus' hope that recognition of the 332nd Fighter Group's accomplishments during World War II would inspire future generations of African Americans to seek a career in aviation.

Theus rose to the rank of major general in the U.S. Air Force after entering the Army Air Corps as a private. He went on to graduate from the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program and earned a master of business administration degree from George Washington University. He

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Members of the Tuskegee Airmen pose for a photo in their original museum at Historic Fort Wayne. Major General Lucius Theus is the fifth person from the left in the front row. Lt. Colonel Lawrence Milben is second from the right in the back row.



White bomber pilots referred to Tuskegee Airmen as The Black Redtail Angels because they felt safer flying alongside the crews during missions. The tail assemblies on Tuskegee Airmen planes were painted red.

Barbershoppers to raise spirits with upbeat music concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Don Bohnwagner likes to ham it up with the rest of the guys in the Renaissance Chorus. That's why the barbershop singers always put on such entertaining concerts. This year's show takes place 7 p.m. Saturday May 5, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt in Livonia.

Tickets are \$15, \$13 for students and seniors, and available by calling (734) 453-0574.

The Renaissance Chorus is the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and directed by Scott Casey. Bohnwagner joined the group 25 years ago after singing with the Wayne State University Chorus. He's also sung with the Livonia Civic Chorus and Plymouth Community Chorus (now the BeckRidge Chorale).

During last year's concert, he played FiFi the maid for an old radio show skit about a private eye attempting to solve a murder.

"We try to make it a lot of fun," said Bohnwagner of Farmington Hills. Bohnwagner is the chorus's business manager.

Guests will be sitting at tables. After the concert we'll have an afterglow

where we all let our hair down and sing, and there will be pizza, salad. How long we sing depends on how long the audience wants us to sing. Our quartet, the 3Ds & W, will sing the Red, Red Robin keeps bobbin' along."

The program features a variety of music ranging from love ballads to patriotic and old favorites as well as songs of faith. The members of the award-winning quartet, Wild Card, are special guests.

Mark Pritchard is especially excited about the theme of this year's show - The Imagery That Music Creates. Pritchard is president of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

"We're going to have a slide show that puts up a picture that relates to the song - a Civil War scene for the Battle Hymn of the Republic. We'll have visuals, green hats for the guys singing McNamara's Band," said Pritchard of Garden City.

"It's a cabaret setting for the spring concert. We like to have a forum to show off the music we're working on to show the public the types of barbershop music from ballads to love songs. It's an upbeat time, something that will cheer you up. There's fun and good messages. Sunny Side Up is sort of like your basic optimistic anthem. We're



The Renaissance Chorus hams it up for their spring concert. Pictured on the far right is director Scott Casey.

good for people's spirits. It's certainly good for our spirits as well."

Bohnwagner has stayed with the group for more than two decades because of the camaraderie among chorus members - and the music. This year California Here I Come is sure to set toes a tappin'.

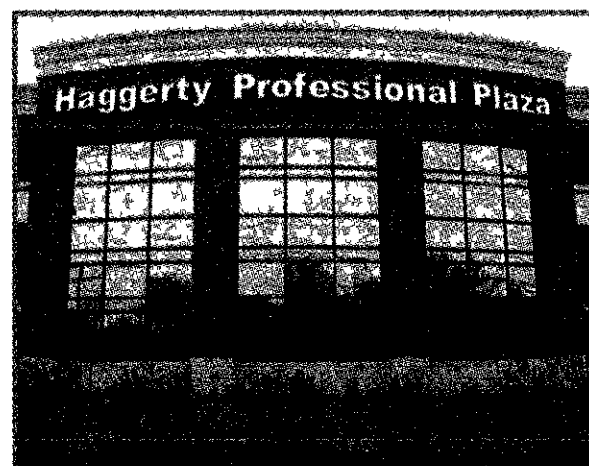
"We have about 25 members in The Renaissance Chorus," said Bohnwagner, who also sings in the Wayne Westland Senior Chorus with Barbara, his wife of nearly 55 years.

"We're not a competitive chorus. We're a nonprofit out there in the community singing. We sing when Santa Claus comes at Christmastime to dif-

ferent malls. We sang at Ikea when it opened in Canton. We come from all different walks of life. We have a plumber, professional photographer, financial adviser for the city of Westland, a retired attorney, physician.

The chorus is always looking for new members who enjoy barbershop music. Guests are always welcome to join the chorus at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior in Westland. For more information, call Bohnwagner at (248) 474-1054 or Pritchard at (734) 422-7468.

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later received an honorary doctor of business administration from Madonna University where he served on the board of directors for many years.

Theus is one of only three members of the African-American World War II fighter group known as Tuskegee Armymen to become a general. On May 11 he'll celebrate the Congressional Gold Medal Award at a benefit to raise money for the Tuskegee Armymen National Historical Museum at the Coleman Young International Airport (formerly

Detroit City Airport). The gala salutes the African American military aviation pioneers and allows their legacy to live on by preserving history in the museum estimated to cost \$26 million.

I was very fortunate indeed to be interested in the whole field of aviation," said Theus. I lived in a small town in the suburbs of Chicago. There were a number of African Americans who wanted to fly but were unable to fly in and out of the airports (due to discrimination) but were able to get farmers' permission to let them land in their fields. It was there I saw them in their fancy leggings and sleek flying machines. I was determined to

have a career in aviation."

Theus applied for aviation flight training and passed the test but somehow his application was lost. Blacks were not allowed to fly in the U.S. military until after the Tuskegee Experiment of World War II due to racial segregation. At the time it was thought African Americans lacked the intelligence, skill, courage, and patriotism to fight alongside whites. On a base in Alabama, the Tuskegee Experiment proved those assumptions wrong.

White bomber pilots regularly requested Tuskegee Armymen to escort them on missions. Whenever enemy aircraft spotted the Red Tails in the sky, they avoided them. The Germans called them Black Birdmen. White bomber pilots referred to Tuskegee Armymen as The Black Redtail Angels because they felt safer flying alongside the black crews in planes with tail assemblies painted red. The 332nd was deactivated when President Harry Truman issued an order to integrate the armed services in 1948. The Army Air Corps became the U.S. Air Force.

"We went to Washington, D.C., to receive the medal but it originated here in the Detroit area with Philip Handleman who worked with Sen. Levin's office to get legislation crafted," said Theus. The Congressional Medal of Honor is one of the

nation's highest honors and we are extremely pleased to have that award presented to us by the President and leaders of Congress. We hope that it stands out to our young people as a shining example of achievement and would say to them that regardless of how uneven they might perceive the playing field, if they're willing to work hard and constantly pursue excellence they can succeed in their chosen field of endeavor. Where else but in America can one do this, come from the bottom and achieve. This is the legacy we'd like to leave. That's what the museum is all about.

Lawrence Millben believes the achievements of the Tuskegee Armymen paved the way for his successful 42-year military career. Millben rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force and served as base commander from 1990 to 1996 at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, the reserve component of the U.S. Air Force. He was the first African American to assume this position. Today Millben is president of the technical advisory committee for Davis Aerospace Technical High School at the former Detroit City Airport. He was the first African American to graduate from Aero Mechanics High School, but afterwards had difficulty finding a job as an aircraft mechanic.

"The Tuskegee Armymen taught me perseverance," said Millben of Detroit. "At Aero Mechanics one of the teachers kept on making me do the assignments over and over again. Then I read an article in Reader's Digest about Tuskegee Armymen. I decided to stay. I learned good enough isn't good enough."

My success is due to what they've done. I stood on the shoulders of the giants that came before me. That's why it's important to continue the legacy, to make people aware of what the Tuskegee Armymen did, what they went through. We need to tell the story so kids understand the doors that opened.

Millben is especially looking forward to the gala where guests will come face to face with history. In addition to Theus, the last living general to come out of Tuskegee, several of the original Armymen will be in attendance.

There's going to be a lot of history in that room," said Millben who serves on the board of governors of the National Tuskegee Armymen and the Tuskegee Armymen National Museum founded at Historic Ft. Wayne in 1982. The Tuskegee Armymen were established in Detroit in 1972 and today have 47 chapters in the U.S. with 44 original Tuskegee Armymen in the Detroit Chapter. The new museum replaces the one at Ft. Wayne.

"We're looking for memorabilia. Veterans die. Their spouses or kids look at it and don't know what it is," said Millben. "We want to show conditions of WWII prevalent at that time, not necessarily Tuskegee Armymen."

"We're trying to show kids there's something besides the corner. In the city their world is a six-block radius. During Black History Month the Tuskegee Armymen bring in 2,000 kids for one week to Wayne County Community College so they can find out what aviation is all about to try to get them interested in aviation."

Funds from the gala will turn two hangars at the former Detroit City Airport into an educational experience. The Tuskegee Armymen already sponsor a scholarship fund for graduating seniors to inspire and assist them in achieving excellence in aviation and related careers. The Young Eagles program takes kids ages 8-17 up in the air on the second Saturday of each month at Coleman Young International Airport.

"We'd like to put in airplanes that Tuskegee Armymen flew. We've already hired an architect, designed a museum that is modern," said Millben. "We want a museum capable of grabbing people's interest on the way in the door. We need interactive equipment. If you go to the science center kids can put their hands on the exhibits."

The black tie gala begins at 6:30 p.m. with a strolling supper at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Tickets are \$150, and available by calling (313) 319-8597.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.tuskegeearmenmuseum.org.

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The 29th annual Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair takes place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in the ballroom of the Michigan Student Union, 530 S. State Street in Ann Arbor. There is a \$5 admission charge which benefits the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan. Nearly 40 book dealers from Michigan and throughout the Midwest will offer fine used, rare and out of print books, maps, post cards, photographs and prints for sale. The William L. Clements Library will hold an auction Saturday, May 5, as a lead-in to the book fair. Preview is 1-4:30 p.m.; the auction starts at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Jay Platt, c/o the West Side Book Shop, 113 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48104; e-mail: jplatt@provide.net or call (734) 995-1891.

Texas Hold 'Em

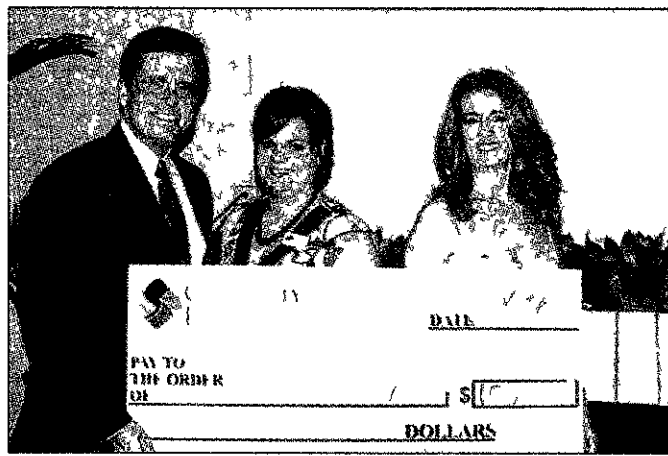
A top prize of \$1,000 is up for grabs in a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament sponsored by Livonia Costco to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. The poker tournament will take place Saturday, May 12, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The tournament fee is \$100 per person, which covers the tournament buy-in, two drink tickets and an array of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. The tournament, which begins at 8:30 p.m., is limited to 120 people with the top four players earning cash prizes: first place will receive \$1,000, second place \$500, third place \$300 and fourth place \$100. Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. To reserve a spot in the tournament, call Costco's Ann Chaioux at (248) 755-1348. She can be contacted via e-mail at w390mkt01@costco.com. Remaining tickets can also be purchased at the door, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Mother/Son magic show

Northville Parks and Recreation sponsors the Mother and Son Magic Show with Jasen Magic, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Genetti's (108 E. Main) in Northville. The magic show runs 10:30-11:20 a.m., followed by lunch until 12:30 p.m. The show is open to children ages 3 and up. No strollers and the family style lunch will include soup, pasta, salad, chicken, brownies and lemonade. Cost is \$14 per person. Pre-register by going to the Northville Parks and Recreation office, 700 W. Baseline in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411.

Soup & Salad

The St. Joseph Women's Guild hosts its annual Soup & Salad Luncheon 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 11, in the Parish Activity Center on Third Street in



Theater donation

TV personality Chuck Gaidica and Tipping Point Theater Executive Director Christina Johnson receive a donation of \$1,000 from Michele Kelly (at right), volunteer board director for Community Financial, which recently donated the money to the Northville theater on behalf of Kelly. The credit union's volunteer board director, The Tipping Point Theater, located in a former factory at 361 E. Cady Street in Northville, is scheduled to launch its first theatrical performance in August 2007.

Trenton. The \$7 fee includes soup, salad, desserts and a beverage. The event also features two 50/50 drawings (don't need to be present to win) and door prizes. For reserved tables of 10 or more or for advance tickets, call (734) 671-1020.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets Thursday, May 3, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell. Speaker Cindy Gorstick, corresponding secretary of the Michigan Genealogical Council, will discuss WWI and WWII Draft Registration Information. The meeting, which starts with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the business portion at 7:30 p.m., will also serve as the group's annual meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

Women remembering Women

A Women Remembering Women evening tea is set for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Best Western Hotel, Laurel Park Suites, 16999 S. Laurel Park Drive in Livonia. The evening is designed for women who have lost mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, aunts, friends or other special women in their lives. The evening includes tea and desserts, a special speaker, educational materials and a special gift. Cost is free. RSVP requested by May 7, but not required. Call (800) 770-9859 and ask for Diana or Sherri.

Golf league

The Livonia Women's Golf League is

hoping to expand with 18-hole women golfers. The league plays at Whispering Willows Golf Course on Newburgh, just south of 8 Mile. Thursday mornings, teeing off at 8 a.m., beginning May 3. Cost is \$25 per week, which includes golf and a cart. Non-residents are encouraged to join. For more information, call Kathy, (248) 476-3991.

Register for St. Genevieve School

St. Genevieve Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. The school, preschool through eighth grade, is accredited by the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools. It's at 28933 Jamison in Livonia, east of Middlebelt, south of Five Mile, and offers full academic curriculum, full and half day preschool and kindergarten, extended day program before and after school, CYO program and more. (734) 425-4420.

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FICTION

- 1 I Heard That Song Before, Mary Higgins Clark
- 2 Nineteen Minutes, Jodi Picoult
- 3 Fresh Disasters, Stuart Woods
- 4 The Reluctant Fundamentalist, Mohsin Harid
- 5 'Obsession,' Jonathan Kellerman

NON-FICTION

- 1 "Einstein, Walter Isaacson
- 2 A Long Way Gone, Ishmael Beah
- 3 Paula Deen: It Ain't All About the Cookin', Paula Deen with Sherry Suib Cohen
- 4 Grace (Eventually), Anne Lamott
- 5 Infidel, Ayaan Hirsi Ali

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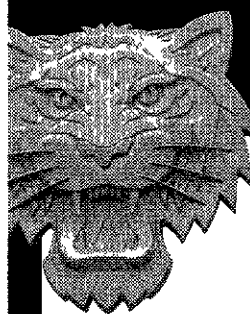
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REUNIONS

Avondale High School

Class of 1957

A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept. 15, 2007, at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Looking for alumni. Call Mary Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann) at (248) 375-5406. Jim Greenless at (248) 642-0290 or Janice Turnbull (Lane) at (248) 627-2447.

Berkley High School

Class of 1987

A 20 year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734) 422-0087 or e-mail info to kim.slasophia@gmail.com. Reunion web site is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.

Birmingham Groves

Class of 1977

A 30 year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Camp Ticonderoga, Troy. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Contact Dan Nelson at (248) 433-3742 or e-mail Groves77reunion@hotmail.com.

Birmingham Seaholm

Class of 1962

A 45 year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant, Troy. For information, www.seaholm62.org. Contact Greg Frontier at gfrontier@aol.com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cafollis@mybluelight.com.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1977

A 30 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 685-8747 or by e-mail haningky@yahoo.com.

Class of 1987

A 20 year reunion Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser

Class of 1976

Golf Scramble and/or casual dinner at Camp Ticonderoga, Friday, June 29, 2007. Reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007, at Pine Lake Country Club. For information, go to www.Lahser1976.com or contact Jackie (McLernon) Bean at (248) 399-9054. Dean Shipman at (313) 701-8544. John Wallbillich at (800) 707-7170 or Jeffery Given at (248) 594-2401.

Burt Elementary and Junior High (Detroit)

Class of 1967

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lagher@prodigy.net

Clarenceville High School

All classes

Sunday, July 29, at Kensington Metro park shelter. T open to all Clarenceville alumni, grads and non grads. Not open to current students unless they are the children of attending alumni. Lunch is potluck (email for division of stuff to bring). For more info, contact clarenceville.alumni.reunion@yahoo.com.

Clawson High School

Class of 1962

A 45 year reunion 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit, Troy, on Crooks Road in Troy. Dinner, dancing and cash bar. Other weekend events will begin on Friday, Sept. 21, and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information, e-mail ClawsonHS62@aol.com or call Mary at (248) 593-6182.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1977

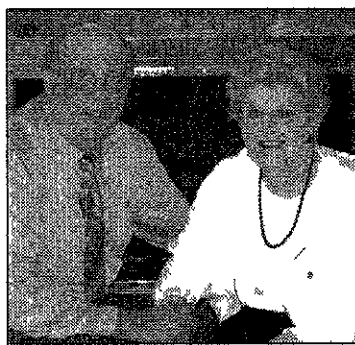
A 30 year reunion on Friday, Aug. 3, to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.

Dearborn Edsel Ford

Class of 1967

A 40 year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313) 336-0192 or e-mail efn567@yahoo.com.

ANNIVERSARIES



Nagles celebrate 50th anniversary

Charles and Sally Nagle of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

They were married April 27, 1957, in Detroit, Michigan. They both graduated from Cooley High School in 1954.

Charles and Sally have made Livonia their home since 1973. Charles was a self-employed painter and is now retired. Sally is a homemaker who enjoys gardening.

The couple have two children: Michael (Jon) Nagle and Kimberly (Kurt) Lipsky, all of Livonia. They have five grandsons and two granddaughters. They enjoy spending time with their family and friends.

ENGAGEMENTS

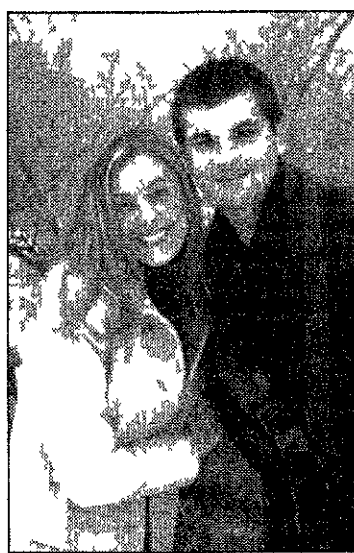
Luttrell-Kowalski

The parents and families of Lauren Luttrell and Dean Kowalski are announcing their engagement.

Lauren and Dean both graduated from Divine Child High School in Dearborn and then went on to receive bachelor degrees in education at Eastern Michigan University.

Lauren is a preschool teacher at The University of Michigan Children's Center for Working Families.

Dean teaches at Emerson Middle School in Livonia. They are planning a late June wedding.



Ellinwood-Wedge

Jane Ellinwood of Waterville, Ohio, and David Ellinwood of Whitehouse, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheena of Maumee, Ohio, to Ronald Wedge, son of Connie Wedge of Livonia and Leshe Wedge of Redford Township.

Sheena attended Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, and graduated from Owens State Community College. She is transferring to Bowling Green State University, where she will study child psychology and early childhood education.

Ron graduated from Redford Union High School. He is



enrolled in the Bowling Green State University Fire School and is a member of the Maumee Fire Department.

A July 7, 2007, wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Brown-Powers

David and Lorraine Brown of Milford announce the engagement of their daughter, Abigail Brown, to Patrick Powers II, the son of Patrick and Paula Powers of Novi, Mich.

Abigail is a graduate of Farmington High School and Madonna University. She returned to Madonna to pursue a teaching degree and will receive her certification in art education in May, 2007.

Patrick is a graduate of Novi High School and has completed his carpentry apprenticeship. He is a member of Detroit



Local 687

Patrick and Abby are planning a July, 2007, wedding.



Colettas celebrate 60th anniversary

Charles and Ava Coletta of Garden City celebrate their 60th anniversary on May 2, 2007.

The couple has nine children, 22 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

They met in Pennsylvania where Alva was working in a restaurant with her mother. Pat worked at the American Legion every weekend where he played music for the club's dances. The group would stop at the restaurant for coffee and something to eat after the job.

Pat served in the Navy. After returning home, he and Alva married.

Pat retired from Garden City Public Schools in 1992. For many years he played saxophone for various events with his band, Moonmist Quartet. Alva was a homemaker raising her nine children and eventually earned her license in cosmetology and works for Avon.

Pat and Alva have been active members of St. Raphael Parish in Garden City for several decades. They enjoy traveling and camping.

Their family extends their love and gratitude and thanks for their examples of love, faith and commitment.

BIRTH

Kylie Mae Carpenter

Brianna Maguire and Matthew Carpenter announce the birth of their daughter, Kylie Mae Carpenter, born on Dec. 15, 2006. Kylie weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Leonard and Karen Maguire of Livonia and Ken and Carol Carpenter of Southgate.

Great-grandmother is Barbara Carpenter of Southgate.



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May 19, 2007. Wayne/Westland Chapter is hosting trip. Some tickets are still available.



CARL THOMAS FRANCAVILLA

Age 80 of Plymouth. April 26, 2007. Beloved husband of Frances. Dear father of Carl (Andrea) Robert (Kathy) Cathy Buchanan and the late Christopher. Loving grandfather of eight. Dear brother of Tony and John and a sister Gloria. Amelagos Owned & operated Independent Carpet One of Westland for many years. Member of Dearborn Country Club. In state Monday 9:00 AM until 9:30 AM funeral mass at Divine Child Catholic Church, 25001 Herbert Weir, (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Dearborn Visitation Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 2:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon and Beck). Plymouth Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. To leave a message of condolence, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

DAVID R. BARTEL

Age 66 of Plymouth. April 25, 2007. Dear brother of Art (Neece) Pasaka Lawrence. Walt (Peg) Christine Penderson and Richard. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday 1pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth Visitation Sunday 2-9pm. To leave a message of condolence, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



DELLA CATHERINE SWIFT

Age 84. Thirty-four year resident of Livonia passed away Thursday, April 19, 2007, in Yucca Valley, California. Beloved wife of the late James F. mother of Michael (Cynthia) Swift of Livonia, MI; Robert (Sheran) Swift of East Highland, CA; and Janet (Fred) Muzzarelli of Yucca Valley, CA, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Survived also by brother Emil (Marion) Tracy of Butler, PA, and sister June Stobbe of McKees Rocks, PA. Della enlisted and was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps for 2 years during WW2. She had a 30-year career in the airline and travel industry. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alzcanal.org/donate.

TIMOTHY REILLY

Of Dearborn Heights. Age 51. April 25, 2007. Dearest brother and friend of Pat (Kim) and Mike (Carroll). Dear uncle of Courtney, Patrick, Lindsay, Katie, Melissa and Eric. Loving companion of Irene for ten years. Instate Monday at St. Albert the Great Church at 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass at 10 a.m. Visitation at Hackett Metcalf Funeral Home, 2640 Monroe Blvd. (near W. Outer Dr.), Dearborn. Sunday 1-9 p.m. with a Rosary at 5 p.m.

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EDWARD F. MALYSZ

Of Kingman, Arizona, formerly of Detroit, passed April 21, 2007, at the age of 82. Devoted husband of Katie, dear dad of Linda Summers, Michael, Thomas, Patrick and Katherine (John) Urda. Grandpa to eight grandchildren and 1 heavenly granddaughter. Great-grandpa of six. Retired from Warren Stamping Plant as a tool & die welder. Celebration of Life Service Saturday 10:00am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Visitation Friday 4-8pm.

GERALD E. CZARNECKI

Age 68. April 24, 2007. Loving husband of Maureen. Father of Sara (Adam), Levitsky, Jeffrey and Matthew. Grandfather of Abigail, Michael, Max and Miranda. Brother of Patricia (Dr. Brian) Miller and John. Visitation Sunday 4-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Monday prayers at the funeral home at 9:45 a.m. proceeding to the Church of Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi, for his funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m.

HELEN B. LOVELESS

Age 80 of Lisbon, MD, died April 18. Graduated from Plymouth High School in 1944 & Albion College in 1948. Survived by husband William, Loveless of 56 years, five sons and two daughters, 18 grandchildren, sisters Lois Merriman of Plymouth, MI, Betty Hunter of Zephyrhills, FL. Preceded in death by brother Robert, Bowden of Harbor Springs, MI.



JOHN A. FRATTO

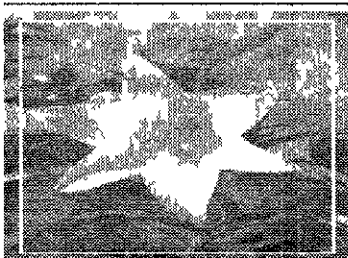
Age 66. April 24, 2007. Beloved father of Cherie (Frank) Bruni and John (Teresa). Grandfather of Jacob, Ben and Joey. Brother of Rosalie, Dean, Antoinette, Nicholson and Bernard. Fratto of California Services were held. Arrangements by Santeu & Son.

PATRICIA ROGERS VOORHIS

Age 60 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN, formerly of Birmingham, MI, passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at her home. Born in Middletown, Ohio, she attended the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Patricia was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Preceded in death by father Robert Rogers and mother Barbara Pennington. Survived by her husband of 41 years, Donald Voorhis, daughters Jenny Mitchell and Susan Jordan of Kirkland, Washington; Sarah Fraley and husband Kevin of Milan, Michigan; grandchildren Hannah, Joseph, Hunter and Miranda. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 AM, June 2, 2007, at the Peoples Presbyterian Church, 210 Smith Ave., Milan, Michigan. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to PPAW Clinic, a non-profit animal shelter, 6869 Morganton Road, Greenback, TN 37742. Chick Funeral Home, Lenox City, is in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM CHARLES GRUND

Age 66. April 26, 2007, of Rochester. Beloved husband of Brenda (Ballard) Grund. Loving father of Nichole Grund, Brandon Grund, Cheryl Kuchneimister (Rock), Billy Grund and Robert Grund (Michelle). Seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Dear son-in-law of Buford and Carlie Ballard. Dear brother-in-law of JoAnn Buchheister (John), dear uncle of Alyssa Buchheister and Dave Sherman (Kim) and friend of too many to count. William owned and operated Brend Contracting in Shelby Township, was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the Clinton River Boat Club, Michigan Contractors Association. MIM loved boating and spending time with his family and friends. William will be deeply missed by many. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Road (between Big Beaver and Wattle Roads), Troy, (248) 689-0700. Funeral Monday 1pm at funeral home, Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills. Memorials to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Online register book at www.priefuneralhome.net.



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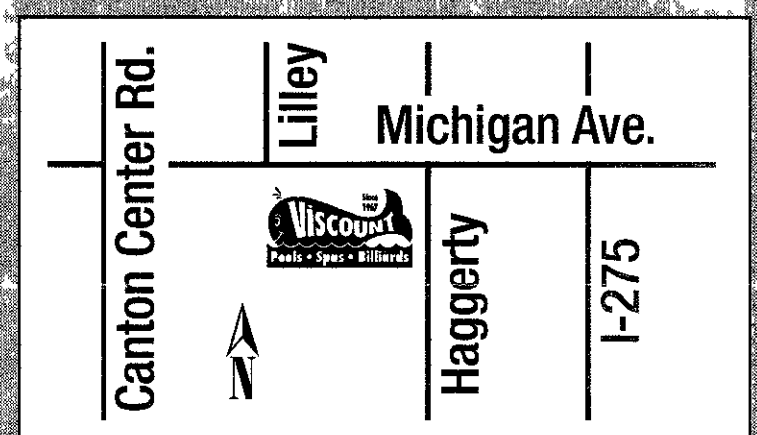
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Survival classes

Learn to cook to prevent cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Can certain foods fuel the growth of cancer? Shawna Broida thinks so. That's why she's teaching a cooking course that focuses not only on surviving cancer but preventing the life-threatening disease.

Whole Foods in West Bloomfield is hosting the eight-week series presented by The Cancer Project, a national organization dedicated to prevention through education and research. The sessions are based on *The Survivor's Handbook: Eating Right for Cancer Survival*, published by the nonprofit in Washington, D.C. The book was written by Dr. Neal Barnard, who's been studying the link between food and diseases such as cancer and diabetes for years. Barnard believes so strongly in the connection he founded the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) in 1985 to promote preventive medicine and conduct clinical research.

LESS FAT

Studies have shown meat and dairy products influence hormones such as estrogen and testosterone, fueling breast and prostate cancers. The Cancer Project advocates a low-fat vegan diet to help reduce the chances for acquiring these diseases and survive if you do. The series covers all of the components of the plan – Fueling Up on Low-fat Foods (May 2), Favoring Fiber (May 9), Discovering Dairy Alternatives (May 16) includes a taste testing of soy milk and rice milk alternatives, Replacing Meat (May 23), Planning Healthy Meals (May 30), Antioxidants and Phytochemicals (June 6), Immune-Boosting Foods (June 13) and Maintaining a Healthy Weight (June 20).

Each class begins with a short video on a specific topic such as meat alternatives, then Broida cooks up four-five recipes. Each student receives a copy of *The Survivor's Handbook* on the first night. For those unable to attend, the book is available online for downloading at www.cancerproject.org or by sending \$14.95 for a hard copy.

Broida suggests eating before classes even though students do taste everything she makes.

Fat is hard on the immune system to fight off cancerous cells, said Broida of Commerce. The Cancer Project believes we can prevent up to 1/3 of cancers and prevent it from reoccurring by



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shawna Broida cooks up a vegetarian stir-fry with a chicken strip substitute at Whole Foods in West Bloomfield.

improving nutrition. People think it's going to be difficult to do, but realize it's something they can do. You can start by trying one vegan dish. The recipes are all easy. If I can make them in 20 minutes here, they can do it at home. And don't think you have to count calories. With this you can eat until you're full.

SNAP TO PREPARE

In less than 15 minutes, Broida cooks up a vegetable stir-fry with a chicken strip substitute and spoons it over brown rice. The Cancer Project plan calls for eating 40 grams of fiber a day to flush hormones and toxins from the system.

It's difficult on a meat-based diet to get enough fiber, said Broida, but with a vegan diet you can have beans at one meal, grains at another.

Broida never dreamed one day she would become a vegetarian, let alone a vegan who doesn't eat dairy products. She grew up on a Milford farm that raised hogs. Broida quit eating meat and potatoes and joined a vegetarian cooperative when she moved to East Lansing to earn an economics degree at Michigan State University.

After college, Broida married and went back to her old ways of eating. Her cholesterol shot up to 230. Broida is only in her 30s and felt that was too young to be taking the medications her

physician suggested. Her sister-in-law is a vegan nurse practitioner and recommended a vegetarian diet. Broida began eating meatless meals and eliminated dairy when she started teaching cooking classes for The Cancer Project. Her cholesterol dropped to 187 in a little over a year. Today she's a stay-at-home mom trying to introduce her children Sarah, 7, and Ethan, 4, to a vegan diet. Her family is not vegan but she's working on it.

My kids do like soy chicken nuggets and veggie burgers but still can't give up grilled cheese sandwiches, said Broida, who's studying nutrition at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. I am encouraged by the fact they like fruits and vegetables.

You have to be flexible. We don't expect every person who comes to class to become vegan. We hope they'll enjoy the recipes and incorporate meatless meals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cancer Project does suggest meat eaters avoid all animal products for three weeks to allow their taste buds to adjust to the new flavors and textures.

Tonight I'm cooking burritos made with whole pinto beans and grilled vegetables, said Broida. My kids haven't embraced

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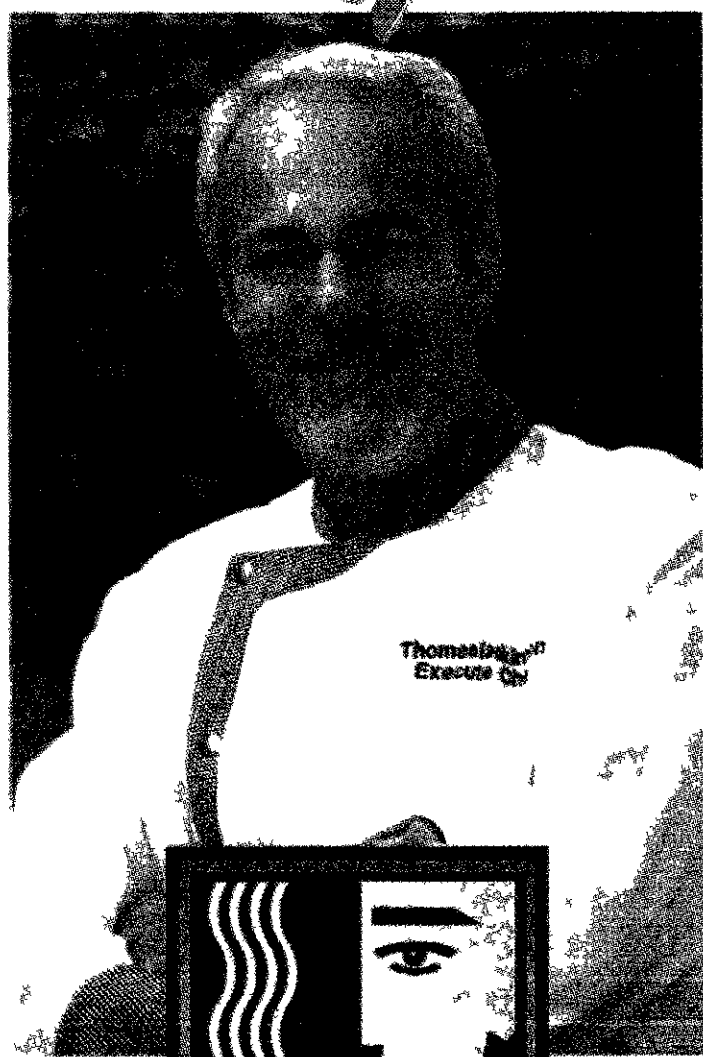
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Shawna Broida dishes up a healthy vegetarian stir fry over brown rice

tofu so I always make a pasta side dish with marinara or pesto sauce. You don't need protein in every meal. Vegetables, grains, beans, and soy all have protein. Calcium can come from kale, leafy greens and beans. Bok choy is a great source of calcium."

Janice and Frank Kierdorf are living proof that diet makes a difference. The couple, who are in their 70s, have no major health problems. Both took Broida's class about one year ago even though they were eating a healthy diet. Their typical breakfast consists of oatmeal or banana and strawberries with cereal and whole grain toast.

"For dinner we might have whole wheat pasta," said Janice Kierdorf of Wixom. "My husband likes all kinds of bean dishes. There are so many different types of wonderful beans."

"Shawna taught us some new ideas for more healthful dinners we could make. We're not vegetarians but because of Shawna we're not eating as much meat."

Fat is definitely the culprit in meat, according to Jennifer Reilly, senior nutritionist for The Cancer Project, an affiliate of PCRM. Reilly helped write *The Survivor's Handbook* with Barnard to accompany the Food for Life Nutrition and Cooking Classes for Cancer Prevention and Survival. About 26 states now offer the series launched in 2001 to help cancer survivors take advantage of the healing power of foods.

"The biggest cancer trigger is fat in the diet," said Reilly, a registered dietitian. "It causes men and women to produce more of their sex hormones. This increases the risk for cancers."

Since the book came out in 2003, the evidence has become even stronger.

"There's more information on the link between dairy intake and ovarian cancer risk, and an even stronger link between dairy intake and prostate cancer," said Reilly. "The classes are unique in that they get to try dishes and find out how healthy they can be. This can be a health prescription as well."

There is no charge for the cancer prevention and survival cooking course beginning 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Whole Foods, 7350 Orchard Lake, at 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Registration is required. Call Renee Mahon at (248) 538-4600.

For more information, visit www.CancerProject.org or call (202) 244-5038.

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Stop smoking for family

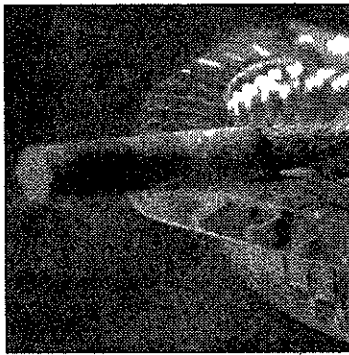
Dan from Westland is a pack a day smoker. He e-mails asking about the potential impact on his family.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Dan, I know your family comes first, that is why you should find a way to kick the habit for good! A new study shows why it is so important to stop. Scientists find that quitting before your kids reach the third grade reduces their chances of smoking by at least 40 percent. That is because kids are most likely to begin smoking between the ages of 8 and 20. The same statistics show that if kids don't see their parents smoking, they won't start. It is a no brainer! Not smoking



is good for you and your family. It really is a matter of life or breath!

Tom from Allen Park e-mails asking which is more important when it comes to exercise, duration or intensity?

Tom, the latest research shows that when it comes to heart health it pays to be intense! Rowing, running, weights, and brisk walking are especially effective. Your best bet is to boost your level of aerobic exercise while throwing weight training into the mix. Researchers tracked 45,000 men aged 40 to 75 for 12 years. Those who ran for an hour or more per day decreased their risk of heart attack by 42 percent or more. Those lifting weights for at least 30 minutes each week cut their risk by 23 percent. Rowing an hour or more a week cut the risk by 18 percent. The findings are startling. Talk to a personal trainer to find the intensity level that is right for you!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

APRIL

Blood drive
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday April 29 at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222 ext. 309.

Irish pub night
To benefit Homes for Autism, 6-9 p.m. Sunday April 29 at Four Green Fields, 13 Mile and Woodward in Northwood Shopping Center. Tickets \$50, includes hors d'oeuvres, two drink tickets, raffle prizes, silent auction, live entertainment. For details, call (248) 588-2111 or send e-mail to info@homesforautism.org.

Autism treatment options
Autism Treatment Options Exist, presented by Dr. Keri Topouzian, D.O., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday April 30 at Farmington Community Library. Treatment options: gut dysfunction, genetic and environmental causes, co-occurring symptoms. Space limited. No charge. Call (248) 489-1573.

UPCOMING

Blair lecture
U.S. speed skater Bonnie Blair talks about her experience with stress, urinary

incontinence, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday May 1 at Detroit Marriott Southfield, 27033 Northwestern. No charge. A buffet dinner will start at 6 p.m. Space is limited. To RSVP, call (866) 421-0473.

Cancer workshop
7-9 p.m. Wednesday May 2 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. No charge, but registration required. Call (734) 223-3938 or send e-mail to info@theclub.org.

Alive '07
Donate Life Coalition of Michigan's presents its ALIVE '07 fund-raiser, live and silent auction and awards presentation, 6-10 p.m. Thursday May 3 at Park West Gallery, 29469 Northwestern Highway between 12 Mile and 13 Mile, Southfield. To obtain an ALIVE '07 invitation or make a monetary contribution, call Peggy Burkhardt at (248) 770-5172. Tickets are \$50. If you purchase a party wagon pack of at least 10 tickets, tickets will cost \$450 total, \$45 each. The invitation is available online at donatelifemichigan.org. To obtain more information about becoming a registered organ donor in Michigan, visit giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

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(NAPSI) — The National Association of Realtors projects that 6.4 million resale home sales will take place this year. If you are one of those homebuyers, you're keenly aware that this will likely be your largest single investment.

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BIA offers programs

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and the Construction Association of Michigan will present the following programs:

■ **A Business Management for Building Professionals** course will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

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Registration fees are \$185 for Remodelers Council members, \$235 for BIA members and \$275 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

MIOSHA seminar

BIA will present a MIOSHA Seminar from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, May 2, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will offer an explanation of the new agency directive for residential construction, builders' responsibility to have fall protection, a review of fall protection criteria and practices, and specific instructions for builders on fall exposure liability.

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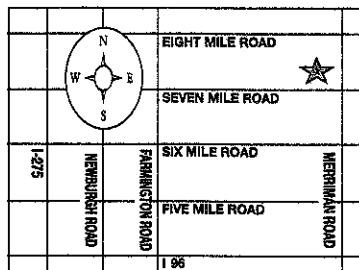
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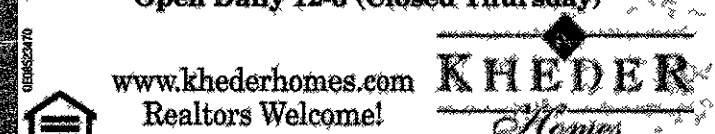
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Green building for building professionals

BIA will sponsor a Green Building for Building Professionals course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8-9, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designation.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance, better indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Registration fees are \$325 for Remodelers Council members, \$350 for BIA members and \$400 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Safety and security

BIA will present a Residential Construction Superintendent (RCS) course — Safety and Security — from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 15, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on how to protect a job site by learning the essential components of a safety program. Participants will examine the most

common OSHA citations and how to prepare for an OSHA inspection, as well as review a superintendent's responsibilities to adequately protect a job site.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Sales and marketing awards

BIAs Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the 8th Annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, at the Community House of Birmingham, 380 South Bates St. in Birmingham.

The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$90 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, non-members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

On-site project management course

BIA will sponsor an On-Site Project Management course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) designation, as well

as Chuck Breidenstein will lead a discussion on site conditions and layout, effective office and client communications, quality control standards, scheduling, and documentation.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Estimating and bid strategies

BIA will present another in its series of Effective Business Management Seminars — Estimating and Bid Strategies for Increased Profitability — from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead the seminar, instructing attendees on the business and strategic side of estimating, including tips on how to calculate and assign the correct margins for your business, strategies for competitive bidding in a tight market and key ratio tracking that will allow you to increase profitability.

Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$60 for BIA members and \$85 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Quality construction for superintendents

BIA will present another of its Advanced Residential Construction Superintendent (ARCS) courses — Building it Right: Quality Construction for Superintendents

(Technical Proficiency Track) — from 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday, May 31, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brundley R. W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2, Inc., will guide attendees to learn to identify the stakeholders of a construction project and the performance expectations that need to be set and measured for each group to ensure product quality, as well as offer technical tips and best practices to improve quality at each stage of a construction project.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Fair housing for maintenance staff

Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 11, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site will lead the seminar, instructing attendees on how Fair Housing applies to maintenance, communication, maintenance to management, documentation, consistency and record keeping, in-apartment and on-site etiquette, service request procedures, what constitutes an emergency and T.E.A.M. building.

Registration fees are \$45 for Property Management Council members, \$55 for AAM and Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004.

Free advice on credit issues

(NAPSI) — Meeting financial goals may be a little easier for homebuyers with some advice from the experts.

Research has shown that some homebuyers hesitate to seek financial guidance because they feel intimidated, are confused by the information they have read or are worried that getting this kind of advice can be expensive.

Getting understandable information can be especially important for home-shoppers who do not qualify for a prime loan because of income, employment history or past credit problems. Such nonprime mortgage holders may benefit from help in understanding and managing their credit profiles.

Such expert advice is offered in a new Steps To Success program from Wells Fargo & Co. Customers with nonprime loans are enrolled once their loan closes. The program includes access to credit education specialists, two easy-to-read credit reports and credit scores, consumer-friendly financial educational assistance, and information about automatic payment products.

The program is available in Spanish and English, and all materials are free.

This includes a magazine called Steps To Success, which features articles on borrowing wisely, how to save, and cleaning up your credit, as well as tips on raising money-savvy kids. For example, a recent article included tips that could help you boost your credit score, which is one factor in interest rates.

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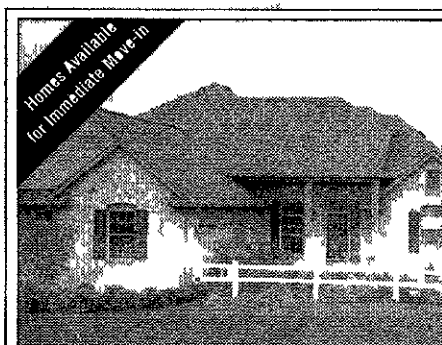
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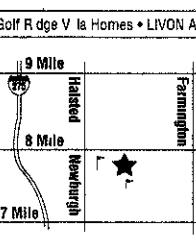


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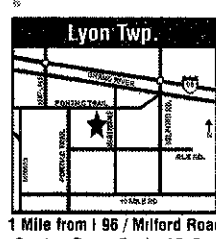
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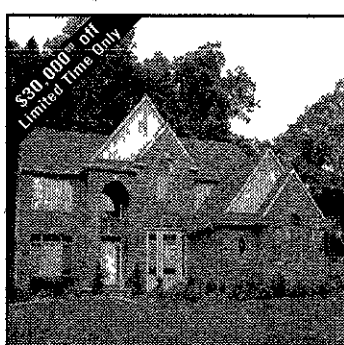
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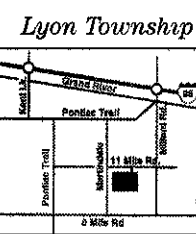
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The 2007 Chevrolet Aveo is part of a breed of new subcompact cars catered to customers who want a cheap reliable car with good fuel economy. Competitors include the Honda Fit, Toyota Yaris, Nissan Versa, Ford Focus and Hyundai Accent.

Like its rivals, the Aveo has a tall roofline and is squeezed into a tiny frame. So its overall shape is a bit awkward, looking narrow and tall. In fact, it is the tallest car in the Chevrolet lineup -- more than 2 inches taller than the Chevy Cobalt, a half inch taller than the Impala and nearly 4 inches taller than the Monte Carlo.

This is actually an increase over last year's model. The Aveo now rides on a 97.6-inch wheelbase, which is 3 inches longer than the 2006 version. The width and height also increased to 1.6 and 0.4 inches, respectively.

The Aveo is Chevrolet's entry level car, made in South Korea by General Motors Corp.'s Daewoo subsidiary and also marketed as a Suzuki Aerio. This is its third year and it got a redesign that includes new exterior sheet metal and a more upscale cabin.

The 2007 Chevrolet Aveo is available as a subcompact sedan or four-door hatchback, the Aveo5. On the Aveo5, there are two trim levels: the \$9,995 priced Special Value and LS.

Aveo sedans come in LS and LT trims. Special Value means not paying a lot and receiving even less. Standard equipment for this trim includes 14-inch steel wheels, manual mirrors and windows, manual locks and a radio with four speakers.

The \$12,575 Aveo LS adds air conditioning and carpeted floor mats, as well as the availability of major options such as cruise control, a sunroof, power windows, keyless entry, CD/MP3 player and 15-inch alloy wheels.

The LT comes standard with almost all of the LS model's optional features, while offering upgraded cloth seat fabric and the availability of options like faux leather upholstery and upgraded audio with an in-dash CD changer and steering wheel-mounted audio controls.

The 2007 Aveo's cabin incorporates what Chevy calls a tall car design to offer ample interior space. That said, head and legroom in the front are suitable for a 6-foot-tall person, as is headroom in the back due to Aveo's arched roofline. However, leg and foot room is limited in back and is more fitting for kids.

To provide a quiet and comfortable ride, Chevrolet



The 2007 Aveo is Chevrolet's offering to the increasingly popular subcompact car segment. But it faces stiff competition from Nissan and Toyota.

engineers enhanced the Aveo's combination of sound dampening technologies and aerodynamics. They used sound insulation materials to help reduce wind, road and engine noise inside the cabin. Even the stainless steel exhaust system was tuned to minimize noise.

You can customize the Aveo's interior by choosing between three two-tone color schemes. There's the metallic grain and satin chrome for charcoal and charcoal deluxe cloth upholstery, the wood grain appearance for neutral cloth and neutral deluxe cloth and the available neutral leatherette to provide a more eye-pleasing cabin.

The Aveo's interior was designed for comfort and convenience, which includes standard tilting front seat headrests, a folding driver's armrest and rear-seat headrests.

Other creature comforts include dual visor vanity mirrors, a sunglass holder on the driver's side headliner, door and seatback storage pockets, and hooks located on headrest posts, that can hold items such as backpacks or shopping bags.

The front seats sit high to make for an easy entry and exit. The Aveo is also built with theater-style rear seating in which the rear seats sit slightly higher than the front seats to provide a commanding view of the road for all passengers.

A fully reclining front passenger seat and a 60/40-split folding rear seat expand Aveo's interior cargo capacity, enabling long items, such as skis, to be carried between the trunk and passenger compartment. The trunk offers 12.4 cubic feet of storage space, 7 percent more than the 2006 Aveo's.

In the safety department, the 2007 Aveo includes standard advanced dual-stage frontal air bags. The dual-stage frontal air bags deploy at different levels, depending on the severity of the crash. Standard seat-mounted side-impact air bags provide additional head and body protection.

These features should earn the Aveo a similar safety rating it got last year. For the 2006 model, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration awarded Aveo a five-star rating in the frontal crash test for both the driver and front passenger and four stars for occupants in side impacts.

The Aveo has other integrated safety features starting with the way it was built. It has a high-strength steel structure design that creates a safety cage around the passenger compartment, which has been engineered to help maintain passenger compartment integrity.

A glaring safety omission is the lack of available stability control, which is offered on most small cars. Having this peace of mind safety is priceless when trying to avoid sliding around Michigan's wintry roads.

The 2007 Aveo is powered by the same engine as last year's model, a 1.6-liter 4-cylinder engine that is good for 103 horsepower. Transmission options also remain the same, with a standard five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic.

The Aveo gets 27 miles per gallon in the city and 37 mpg in highway driving. While these are decent numbers, there is a lot left to be desired when you look at the 2007 Toyota Yaris, which gets 34 mpg city and 39 mpg highway.

Although the Aveo is available at a bargain-bin price, GM throws in a 100,000-mile, five-year Powertrain Limited Warranty, Roadside Assistance and Courtesy Transportation to sweeten the pot.

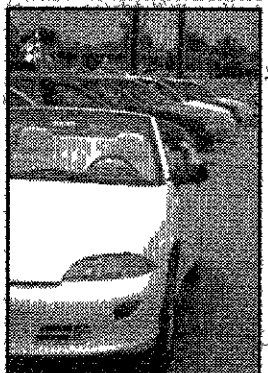
2007 Chevrolet Aveo. Vehicle class: Subcompact car. Power 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 27 city / 37 highway. Where built: Bupyeong, South Korea. Base price: \$12,575.

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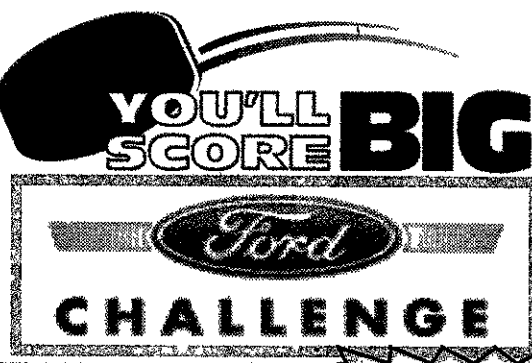
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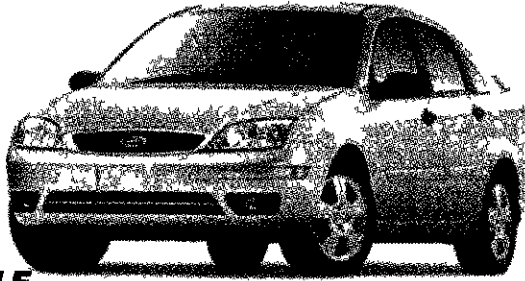


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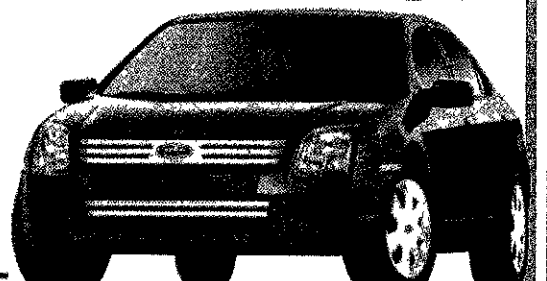
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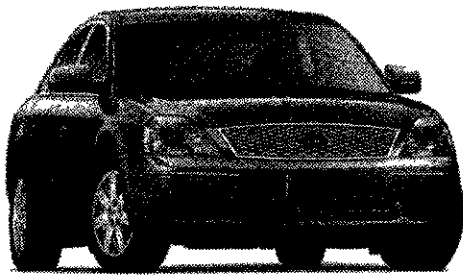
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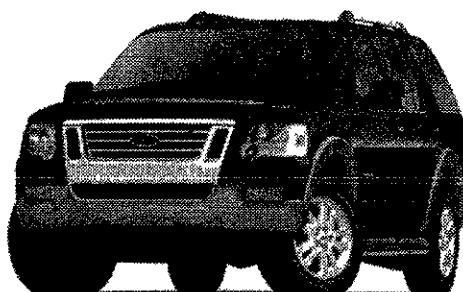
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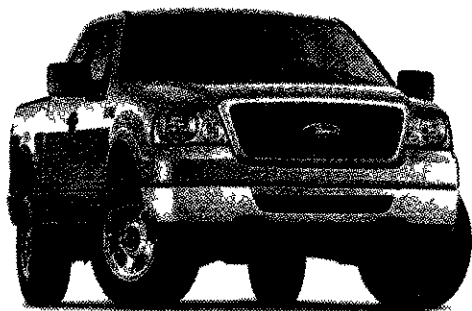
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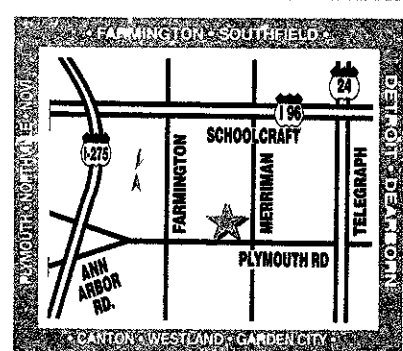
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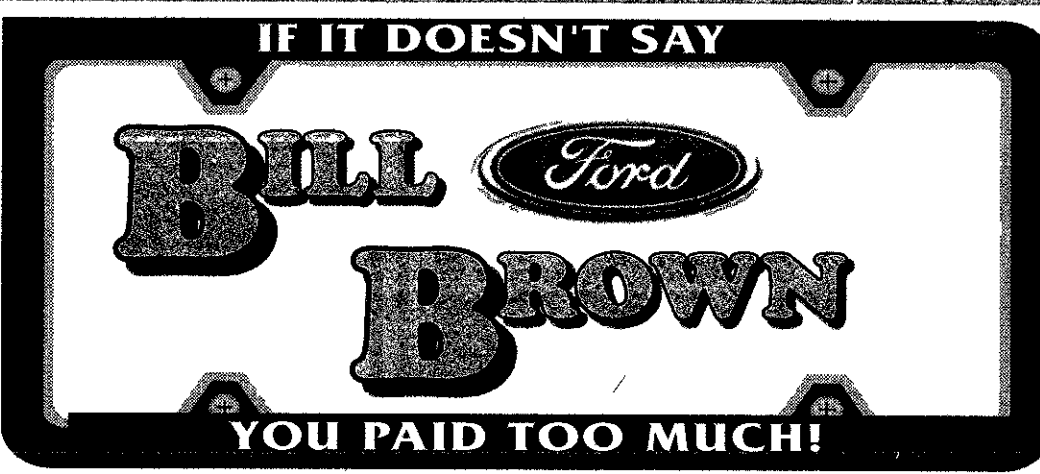
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BY JULIE BROWN
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Workplaces bring people of different generations together and sometimes sparks can fly when older people with more traditional views meet younger Generation X'ers born after the Baby Boom era ended around 1964.

Tracy Danner of Canton is an attorney who practices in Plymouth focusing on real estate and estate planning. The 35-year-old University of Detroit Mercy law school graduate finds that some older clients question her expertise.

"I know that sometimes when I work with older people they get the impression I'm younger than I look," said Danner, who's found those clients over age 60 can have a difficult time dealing with someone who's younger.

Everybody needs to be treated differently, she said. Danner goes over her background a little more with older clients.

Danner's problems haven't been great in law, although she has a friend who looks a lot younger than her age who faced generational challenges in banking.

Sean Cooney of Plymouth, 39, is a vice president of investments for Raymond James in Plymouth. "I have never had that problem," he said. "I have found that the older people (65 and older) know what they don't know and they know they need to work with somebody who's competent."



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Among clients, he finds ages 25-45 most challenging "because they have been exposed to a lot of information. The 45-65 group needs the most help as they're at or approaching retirement and need to get

financial/investment planning in order. Among those boomers a growing percentage see value of professional advice. Cooney has found

"We don't have much of an issue there," he said of conflicts within the office, where he's among the younger

ones in his job. They tend to have a youthful, close-knit office, "even though the environment's very professional."

Cooney believes talk of such generational conflict has been exaggerated, and that differences can be worked

out. He has clients in their 60s/70s who have good professional relationships with people one-two generations younger.

"I think it's definitely overstated," Cooney said. "I think people are generally healthier. People are living longer. They act and look younger, which helps to ease any conflict."

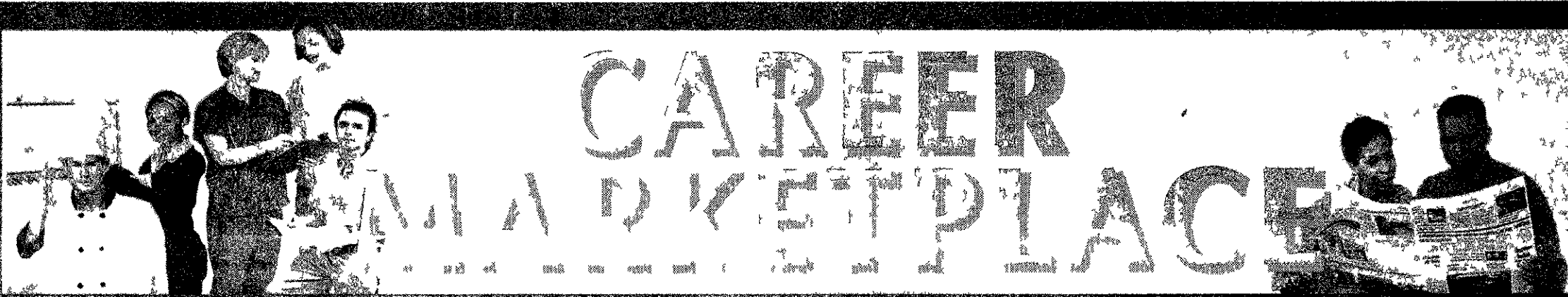
Gerry Sabatini, 53, of Plymouth's a 28-year veteran of the Ford Motor Co., where he's a financial analyst. When he started work, "there seemed to be some resentment among the older workers" of recent college graduates. His colleagues now tend to be MBAs and certified public accountants, and Sabatini senses no resentment.

"Definitely, the younger workers are welcomed today because they bring vitality and a new knowledge base," he said. The younger workers help to train their older counterparts.

"I'm willing to learn, so if someone new is in the office with new skills, I welcome the education," Sabatini finds today's workers have to keep up with new ways of doing things. "You won't be able to grow with the company."

"I actually think it's an exciting time," he added. "I enjoy the challenges and I get along with the younger workers fine." He finds it enjoyable to work together on a project, where the focus is business.

There is no generation gap because the common goal is to improve the company," Sabatini concluded.



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Southfield Insurance company seeks Claims Representative/Insurance Adjuster. Casualty adjuster will be responsible for obtaining and analyzing police reports, medical records, witness statements and witness depositions. Will represent company in some court proceedings. Will supervise outside legal counsel and have an understanding of relevant law. Some legal training and strong writing skills preferred. College degree preferred. Great opportunity for experienced paralegal evening law student or attorney. Fax resume and cover letter to: Claims Manager, 248 539 5784.

Help Wanted-General 5000

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

For infants, toddlers & pre schoolers. Call 248 471 1022.

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Of Plymouth seeking house cleaners. No nights or week ends. Earn \$350+ per week. Car required. 734 455 4570.

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Accepting applications for the position of Communication Specialist (Leisure Services). Salary \$44,070 \$57,302 per year. Job description with complete qualifications and hiring process will be available on the Canton Township website at www.cantonmi.org or may be viewed at the Canton Township Human Resources Division on 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48188. Applications may also be picked up at the Canton Administration Building, Human Resources Division or on the Canton Township website. A Canton Township application form must be completed and filed in the Human Resources Division on or before 4 p.m. May 7, 2007. Faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Help Wanted-General 5000

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Decorative concrete overlay on needs dependable individuals. Troweling exp. s required along with a clean and rubber flooring installers. BEAUTISTONE 734 422 6900.

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Help Wanted-General 5000

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Flexible schedule. Must have van or truck. Great opportunity! ted.cnc@gmail.com

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Make a difference! Support people with disabilities living their life the way they want to. Assist with personal care, meals, taking care of the home, getting places, etc. Many locations many shifts. If you are at least 18 years old, have a valid Michigan's Driver's License & are CLA Inc. trained call our Job Line 734 728 4201. #

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Trained workers. Need current CPR and first aid. Romulus & Westland. 734 788 7854.

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Help Wanted-General 5000

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The Director of Marketing for the Children's DVD category of Starz Home Entertainment is responsible for overseeing and managing all marketing initiatives, strategic development and business planning for all major new children's DVD releases from inception through the life of the product. This includes, but is not limited to, consumer and trade marketing plan development, media planning, promotions, PR package design, sales collateral, building cross-promotion partner relationships, creating and monitoring annual budgets as well as assisting in sales pitches to key retailers. S.B.A. in Marketing or business related field required. 7-10 years marketing or brand management experience required. Preferably in consumer packaged goods or entertainment industries. Masters Degree in Business Administration strongly preferred. Home Entertainment experience in marketing DVD new releases preferred. Experience in kids marketing a plus. Reports directly to the VP of Brand Marketing. Please send resume and cover letter with indication of salary history and salary preferences to: Starzmediajobs@starz.com

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DRIVERS

Great PART TIME JOB! We need responsible delivery drivers who are good with directions. Must have own transportation. We offer great PT hours. Please apply at 28425 Six Mile Rd. Livonia MI 48152. Mon Thurs 2p-4p. No phone calls please.

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Seeking exp d repairman & spotter. Must work with stiffs and be able to hang finish & sand repairs. Exp d foreman also apply. 734 414 0204. l/m

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Motivated reliable licensed fertilizer technician w/ minimum 5 yrs experience. Endorsement 3A & 3B required. Potential advancement and year round employment. (734) 667 2476.

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33 yr mechanical contracting co. is seeking an experienced installation tech w/ good references. clean driving record. cert. fied. Please call (734) 422 5566 or fax 734 422 2406. EOE.

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